

ECE 4370: Antenna Engineering

Solutions to TEST 2 (Fall 2017)

1. Small-Scale Fading

- (a) The -90 dBm threshold occurs in the linear scale at 1×10^{-9} millWatts.

$$\frac{1}{P_{av}} \int_0^{1 \times 10^{-9}} \exp\left(-\frac{p}{P_{av}}\right) dp = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1 \times 10^{-9}}{P_{av}}\right) = .01$$

implying that P_{av} is -70 dBm.

- (b) You could use three separate antennas in a space diversity scheme. If they were separated by enough space, the total propability of simultaneous fade for all three channels is 1×10^{-6} .
2. **Antenna Arrays:** Place 4 elements along the x-axis, separated by $\lambda/2$ and with a linear phase taper of $\pi/3$. The maximum occurs when the denominator is minimized such that $\cos \phi = -1/3$ or $\phi = 109.5^\circ$ and 250.5° .

3. Propagation Modeling:

- (a) With 1 tree, 1 outer wall, and two inner walls, the Seidel-Rappaport model results in a received power of -68.7 dBm.
- (b) The same received power in part (a) would be predicted by the path loss exponent model for $n = 4.59$.

4. Antenna Types:

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| 1. V-Dipole | h | 5. Uniform Linear Array | f |
| 2. Open Waveguide | c | 6. Pyramidal Horn | g |
| 3. Vivaldi Antenna | a | 7. Log-Periodic | e |
| 4. Yagi-Uda Array | b | 8. Uniform Planar Array | d |

5. Helical Design: Design equations mandate:

$$G_{\text{peak}} = 15N \frac{C^2 S}{\lambda^3} \geq 12.6 \quad \text{HPBW} = \frac{52\lambda^{3/2}}{C\sqrt{NS}} \geq 20^\circ \quad \text{AR} \geq \frac{2N}{2N+1} \geq 1.35 \quad \alpha = \tan^{-1}(S/C) = 13^\circ$$

Thus, $C = \lambda = 6$ cm, $S = 1.3$ cm, N must be at least 30 to achieve the beamwidth criterion. With this many turns, the AR will only be 0.07 dB – near-perfect circular polarization.