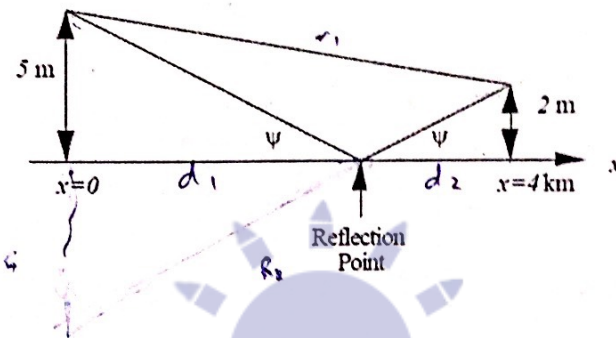


Q1 (10 pts.) A radar antenna is mounted on a 5 m mast and tracks a point target at 4 km. The target is 2 m above the surface and the wavelength is 0.2 m. (a) Find the location of the reflection point on the x axis and the grazing angle  $\psi$ . (b) Calculate the path gain factor  $F$  in dB. (c) Plot the received power relative to free space as a function of the target height between 0 and 60 m. (Assume flat earth and reflection coefficient of  $\Gamma = -1$ .)



(a)

$$\frac{5}{d_1} = \frac{2}{d_2}$$

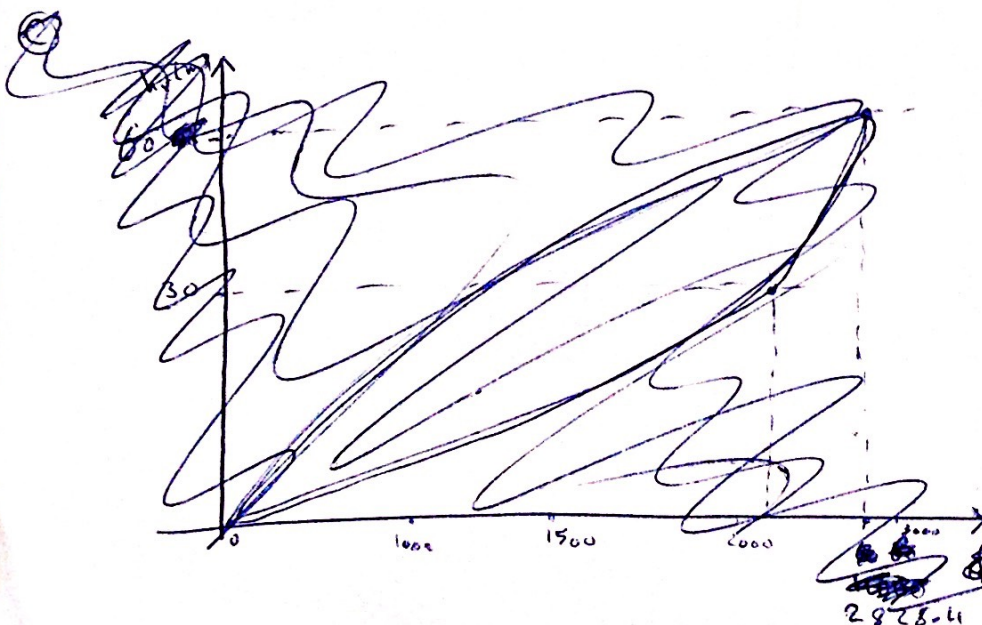
$$d_2 = 4000 - d_1$$

$$2d_1 = 20000 - 5d_1 \Rightarrow d_1 = \frac{20000}{7} = 2857.1\text{ m}$$

$$\tan \psi = \frac{5}{d_1} \Rightarrow \psi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{5}{2857.1} \right) = 0.1^\circ$$

(b)  $F = 2 \sin \left( \frac{\Delta \phi}{2} \right)$ ,  $\Delta \phi = \frac{2\pi h_t h_r}{d} = \frac{4\pi h_t h_r}{\lambda d} = \frac{4\pi \times 5 \times 2}{0.2 \times 4000} = 0.157$

$$\Rightarrow F = 0.157 \Rightarrow F(\text{dB}) = 10 \log \left( \frac{0.157}{2} \right) = -8\text{ dB}$$



$$h_r = \frac{\lambda d}{2\pi h_t} \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{2r_f} \right)$$

plot on the back

Q2 (7 pts.) A communication link operates at 8 MHz with low gain antennas near the ground. The following parameters hold:  $P_t = 5 \text{ W}$ ;  $G_t = G_r = 1$ ; ground parameters:  $\epsilon_r = 12$  and  $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ S/m}$ .

- (a) Find the received power at the maximum flat Earth range.  
(b) Find the received power at half the distance in part (a).

(a)  $d_{\max} (\text{for flat earth}) = \frac{50}{(f_{\text{MHz}})^{1/3}} = 25 \text{ miles} = 40225 \text{ m}$

$$P = \frac{\beta_0 d}{2\sqrt{\epsilon_r^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma}{\omega\epsilon_0}\right)^2}} = \frac{2\pi \times 40225}{\frac{2c}{f} \times \sqrt{(12)^2 + \left(\frac{5 \times 10^{-3}}{2\pi f \epsilon_0}\right)^2}} = 204.9$$

$\Rightarrow |A_s| \approx 0.002$  (from graph)

$$P_{\text{rec}} = 4 P_{\text{ro}} |A_s|^2 = 4 \times 5 \times 1 \times 1 \times \left(\frac{c}{4\pi d}\right)^2 \times (0.002)^2 = 4.04 \times 10^{-13} \text{ W} = -123.6 \text{ dBW}$$

(b)  $d = \frac{d_{\max}}{2} = 20112.5$

$$P_{\text{new}} = P_{\text{old}} \times \frac{20112.5}{40225} = 102.45$$

$|A_s| \approx 0.004$  (from graph)

$$P_{\text{rec}} = 4 \times 5 \times 1 \times 1 \times \left(\frac{c}{4\pi d}\right)^2 \times (0.004)^2 = 7.64 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W} = -111.5 \text{ dB}$$

**Q3 (8 pts.)** A communication broadcasting system is to be established covering a distance of 6000 km using reflection from the ionosphere in two skips each 3000 km long. Assume the reflection takes place at a height of 300 km, and the electron density at this height is  $5 \times 10^{11}/\text{m}^3$ :

- (a) Find the angle of incidence  $\psi_i$  and the launch angle  $\Delta$  that should be used.  
 (b) What is the maximum usable frequency?

( $R = 6370 \text{ km}$ ,  $R_e = 4/3R$ )

(a)  $\Theta = \frac{\text{d skip} / 2}{R_e} = \frac{1500}{\frac{4}{3} \times 6370} = 0.18 \text{ rad} \approx 10.3^\circ$

$\frac{1 + h'/R_e - \cos \Theta}{\sin \Theta} = \frac{1}{\tan \psi_i} \rightarrow \psi_i = 73.95^\circ$

$\Delta = \pi - \psi_i - \Theta = 95.75^\circ$

(b)  $MUF = 9 \sqrt{N_{\text{max}}} \cdot \sec \psi_i$   
 $= 9 \times \sqrt{5 \times 10^{11}} \times \sec(73.95^\circ) = 23.18 \text{ MHz}$

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