

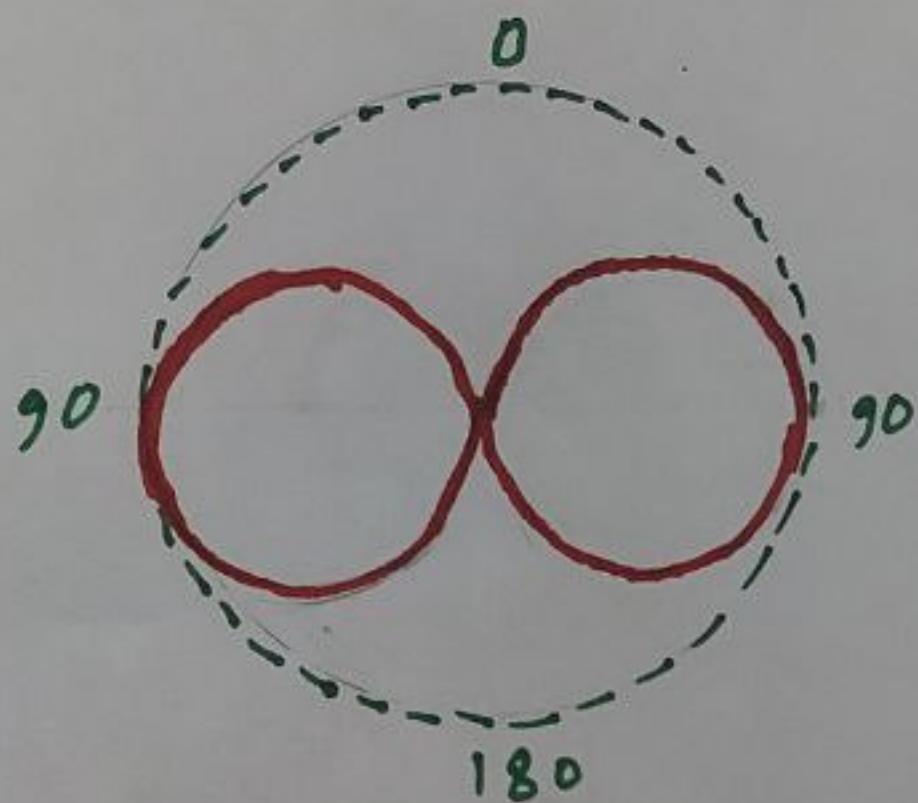
Directivity (D)

It is the ability of an antenna to focus energy in a particular direction in transmitting or receiving.

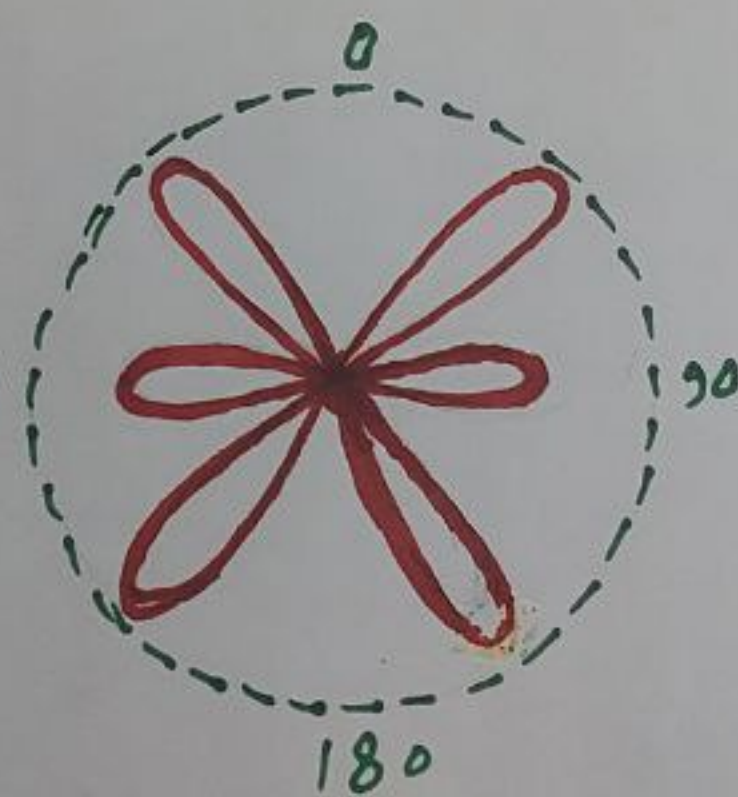
- The parameter that measures the degree of directivity of an antenna radiation pattern is known as gain.

- The lowest directivity is one, which it is satisfied if an antenna radiates in all directions (isotropic antenna)

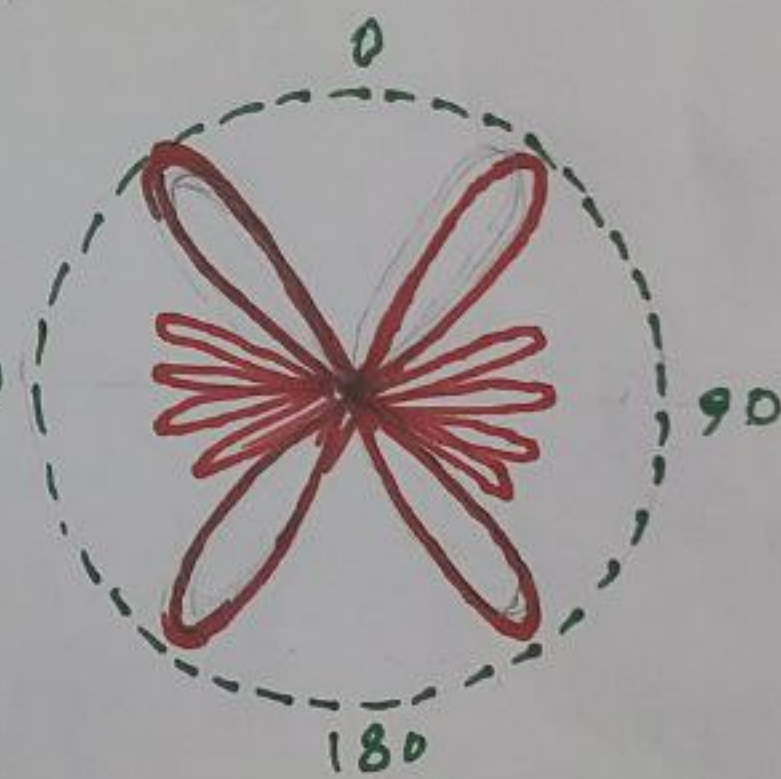
- Antenna with large directivity (large dimension) tends to create one or more narrow beams of radiation.



Short dipole
 $d \ll \lambda, D = 1.5$



longer dipole
 $d = 3\lambda, D = 3$



Long dipole
 $d = 9\lambda, D = 6$

- Directivity is dimensionless.

- Directivity in dB = $10 \log_{10}(D)$

(A) If the direction is specified (given)

So, directivity in general, is the ratio of radiation intensity in a given direction from the antenna to the radiation intensity averaged over all directions

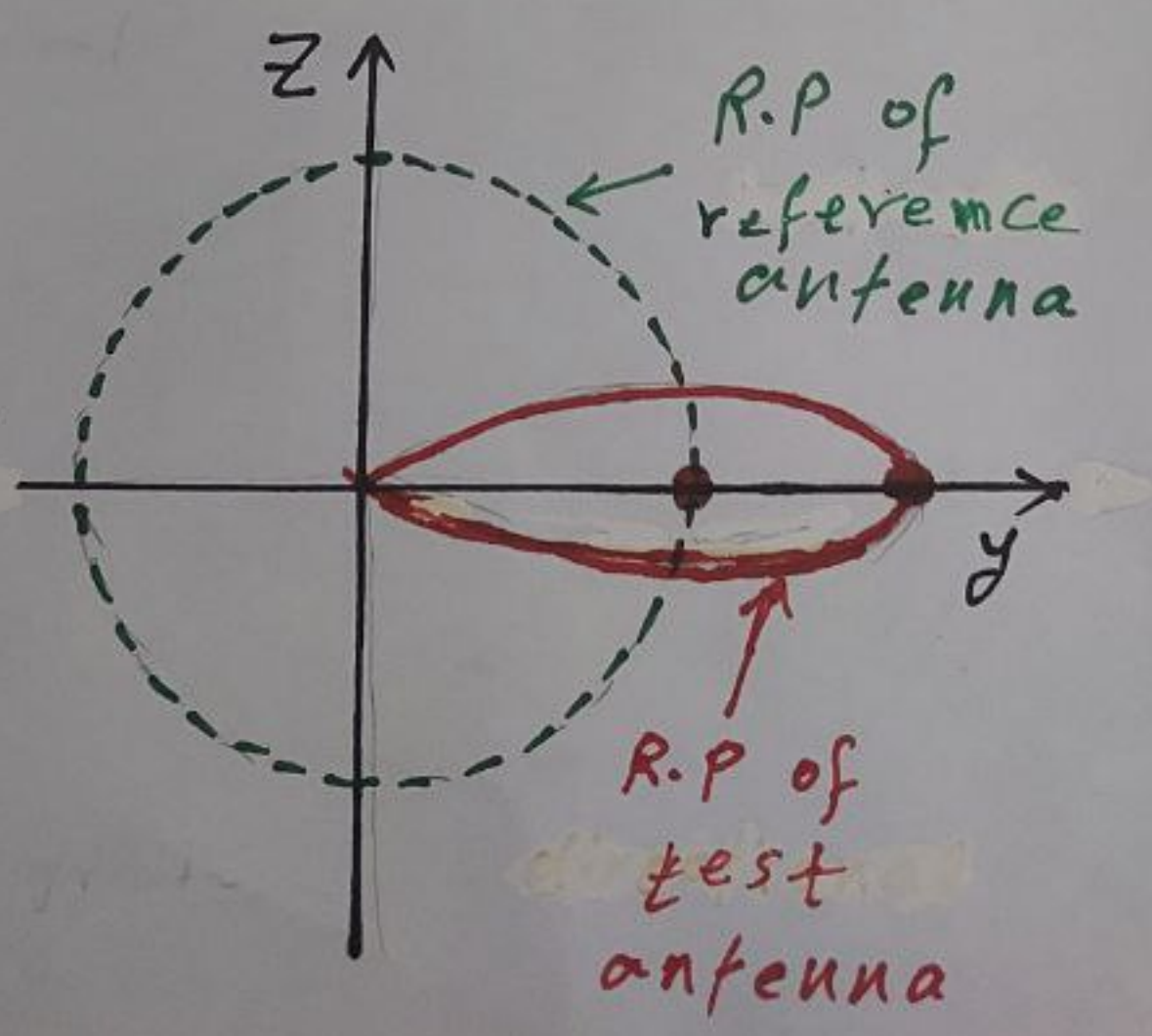
$$D = \frac{U_{\text{given direct.}}}{U_{\text{averaged}}}$$

In addition, if there are two antennas, one from them is known directionality, then, directivity is the ratio of radiation intensity of test antenna in a given direction to radiation intensity of reference antenna,

$$D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{U(\theta, \phi)_{\text{test}}}{U(\theta, \phi)_{\text{reference}}} \quad (\text{dimensionless})$$

So, directivity depends on 2

- ① test antenna
- ② reference antenna
- ③ Particular direction (θ, ϕ)



When the reference antenna is an isotropic antenna, then

$$D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{U(\theta, \phi)_{\text{test}}}{U(\theta, \phi)_{\text{iso}}}, \text{ where}$$

$U(\theta, \phi)_{\text{iso}}$ is rad.-intensity of isotropic antenna = U_0 , so

$$U_0 = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{\Omega} = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{4\pi} \Rightarrow$$

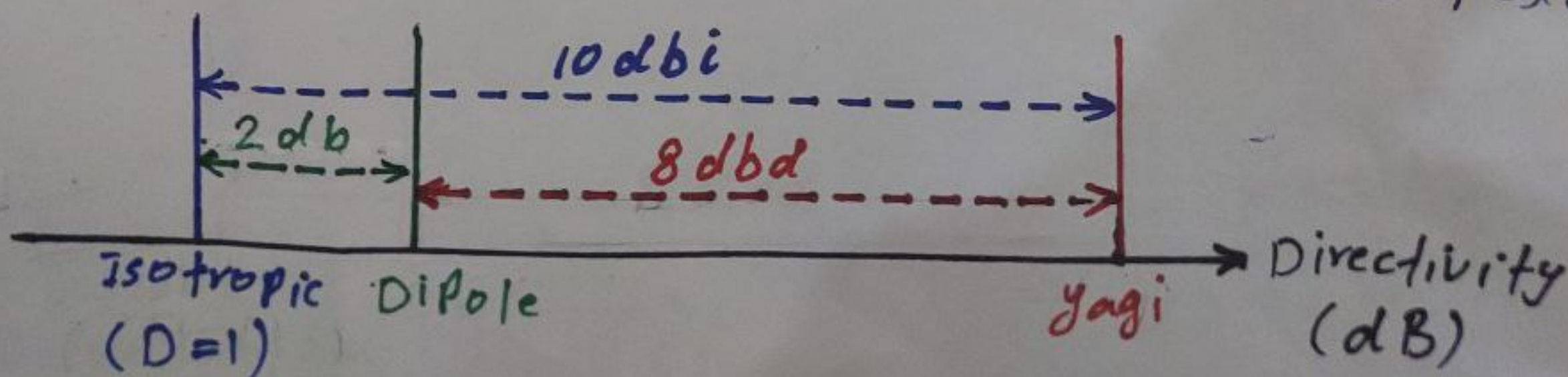
$$\therefore D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{U(\theta, \phi)_{\text{test}}}{P_{\text{rad}}/4\pi} \Rightarrow$$

$$D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{4\pi \cdot U(\theta, \phi)_{\text{test}}}{P_{\text{rad}}}$$

note-1 In practical, the directivity of test antenna is always more than the directivity of isotropic antenna

$$U_{\text{test}} > U_0 \Rightarrow D > 1$$

note-2 $D = 2 \text{ dBi} \Rightarrow$ directivity relative to isotropic
 $D = 8 \text{ dbd} \Rightarrow$ directivity relative to an ideal dipole



(B) If the direction is not specified (not given).
then, the directivity is always in the maximum radiation. so, the directivity is,

The ratio of radiation intensity in maximum direction to the radiation intensity of isotropic antenna, and D_{max} will be defined as D_0 .

$$\Rightarrow D_0 = \frac{U_{max}}{U_0} = \frac{U_{max}}{P_{rad}/4\pi} = \frac{4\pi U_{max}}{P_{rad}} \text{ --- (1)}$$

where, $D_0 = D_{max}$ = maximum directivity

U_0 = radiation intensity of isotropic antenna

U_{max} = max. radiation intensity (watts/sr)

U = radiation intensity (watts/sr)

P_{rad} = Power radiated (watts)

$$\therefore U = B_0 F(\theta, \phi) \text{ --- (2)}$$

where B_0 constant

then, for maximum value

$$U_{max} = B_0 F(\theta, \phi)_{max} \Rightarrow$$

$$U_{max} = B_0 F_{max}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\therefore P_{\text{rad}} = \oint U(\theta, \phi) d\Omega = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} U \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

by substituting (2) in (3) \Rightarrow

$$P_{\text{rad}} = B_0 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} F(\theta, \phi) \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

so,

$$D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{4\pi U}{P_{\text{rad}}} = \frac{B_0 4\pi F(\theta, \phi)}{B_0 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} F(\theta, \phi) \sin\theta d\theta d\phi} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\Rightarrow D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{4\pi}{\Omega} \quad \text{--- (6) where } \int \int \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = \Omega$$

but this equation (eq. 6) can be used just for isotropic antenna

For maximum directivity,

$$D(\theta, \phi) = \frac{4\pi U}{P_{\text{rad}}} \xrightarrow{\text{becomes}} D_0(\theta, \phi) = \frac{4\pi U_{\text{max}}}{P_{\text{rad}}}$$

$$= \frac{B_0 4\pi F_{\text{max}}(\theta, \phi)}{B_0 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} F(\theta, \phi) \sin\theta d\theta d\phi}$$

$$\ast \frac{\frac{1}{F_{\text{max}}(\theta, \phi)}}{\frac{1}{F_{\text{max}}(\theta, \phi)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_0 = \frac{4\pi}{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} P_n(\theta, \phi) \sin\theta d\theta d\phi}$$

$$\frac{B_0 F(\theta, \phi)}{B_0 F_{\text{max}}(\theta, \phi)} = \frac{U}{U_{\text{max}}} = \frac{P_n}{P_{\text{max}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_0 = \frac{4\pi}{\Omega_A}$$

and this explains the relation between directivity & beam area

(C) Approximate expression for directivity

$$\therefore D_0 = \frac{4\pi}{\Omega_A} \quad \& \quad \Omega_A \approx \theta_E \cdot \theta_H$$

where θ_E : HPBW in E-Plane

θ_H : HPBW in H-Plane

So,

$$D_0 = \frac{4\pi}{\Omega_A} \approx \frac{4\pi}{\theta_E \cdot \theta_H}$$

$$4\pi \text{ (sr)} = 4\pi * \left(\frac{180}{\pi}\right)^2 = 41253^\square$$

$$\Rightarrow D_0 \approx \frac{41253^\square}{\theta_E^\circ \cdot \theta_H^\circ}$$

where \square is square degree

Note-1 From eq $D_0 \approx \frac{4\pi}{\Omega_A}$,

smaller the beam area, larger directivity

Note-2 From eq Ω_A in $D_0 \approx \frac{4\pi}{\Omega_A}$, large directivity, when HPBW is small because

$$\Omega_A \approx \theta_E \cdot \theta_H$$

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what is the directivity for isotropic antenna?

Solution: $D_0 = \frac{4\pi}{\Omega_A}$

where $\Omega_A = \iint P_n d\Omega$

$\therefore P_n = \frac{U}{U_{max}} = 1$

because it radiates equally in all directions

So,

$\Omega_A = \iint 1 d\Omega = 4\pi$

$\Rightarrow D_0 = \frac{4\pi}{\Omega_A} = \frac{4\pi}{4\pi} = 1$

or directly,

$D = D_0 = \frac{4\pi}{\Omega} = \frac{4\pi}{4\pi} = 1$