

Antenna Theory
2nd Midterm Exam
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Answer the following 3 questions. Questions have equal weight. Any reasonable assumptions necessary to solve the problems will be accepted.

1. It is required to produce an endfire antenna pattern with a single null at $\pi/2$. Assuming you are free to use any number of elements:

- a. What is the minimum number of elements needed and what are the relative currents (amplitude and phase) in the elements.
- b. How can you solve the same problem assuming you must use 5 elements.

2. An antenna array must produce a main beam and two, smaller side lobes as follows:

$$f(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1, & \frac{\pi}{3} \leq \theta \leq \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ 0.5, & \frac{\pi}{6} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \\ 0.5, & \frac{2\pi}{3} \leq \theta \leq \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

The linear array has a total length of 50λ . Using the Woodward-Lawson method, find:

- a. The number of elements required (you may assume that the total length of the antenna array is the same as the equivalent line source that would produce the same pattern)
- b. The excitation coefficients of the elements

3. Synthesize a sector pattern with the following requirements:

$$f(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1, & \frac{\pi}{3} \leq \theta \leq \frac{2\pi}{3} \\ , & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Use the Fourier transform method, assume there are 20 elements in the array and the elements are spaced 0.6λ apart.

Find the current (excitation) coefficients for the elements.