ANTENNAS AND WAVE PROPAGATION

Course Code: 13EC1116

Pre requisites: EM waves and Transmission lines.

Course Educational Objectives:

✦ To introduce the fundamental principles of antenna theory and to apply them to the analysis, design and measurements of antennas
✦ To study various types of antennas
✦ To introduce the influence of earth’s atmosphere on radio waves.

Course Outcomes:
The student will be able to

✦ Identify the importance of antenna parameters for applications in various spectral bands.
✦ use Maxwell’s equations to calculate fields from dynamic charge/current distributions
✦ Identify the characteristics of radio wave propagation

UNIT-I (15 Lectures)

ANTENNA BASICS:
Introduction, Radiation Mechanism, Antenna Parameters—Radiation Patterns, Patterns in Principle Planes, Main Lobe and Side Lobes, Beam widths, Beam Area, Radiation Intensity, Beam Efficiency, Directivity, Gain and Resolution, Antenna Apertures, Aperture Efficiency, Effective Height, Antenna Theorems—Applicability and Proofs for equivalence of directional characteristics.

RADIATION FROM WIRES:
Retarded Potentials, Small Electric Dipole, Quarter wave Monopole and Half wave Dipole Radiation characteristics
UNIT-II (10 Lectures)

ANTENNA ARRAYS:
Two element array, Principle of Pattern Multiplication, N element Uniform Linear Arrays - Broadside, End fire Arrays, EFA with Increased directivity, Binomial Arrays, Methods of Array synthesis- Tchebyscheff Distribution and Fourier Transform Method.

UNIT-III (9 Lectures)

HF, VHF AND UHF ANTENNAS:

UNIT-IV (11 Lectures)

MICROWAVE ANTENNAS:
Reflector Antennas: Flat Sheet and Corner Reflectors, Paraboloidal Reflectors, Cassegrain Feeds.
Slot antennas-Babinets principle, Microstrip antennas, Horn antennas, Lens antennas (Qualitative treatment only)

ANTENNA MEASUREMENT THEORY:
Antenna Measurements-Patterns Required, Set Up, Distance Criterion, Directivity and Gain Measurements (Comparison, Absolute and 3Antenna Methods).

UNIT-V (15 Lectures)

WAVE PROPAGATION:
Concepts of Propagation- frequency ranges and types of propagations. Ground Wave propagation - characteristics, Parameters, Wave Tilt, Flat and Spherical Earth Considerations, Sky Wave Propagation-Formation of Ionospheric Layers and their characteristics, Mechanism of Reflection and Refraction, Critical Frequency, MUF & Skip Distance Calculations for flat and spherical earth cases, Optimum Frequency, Virtual Height, Ionospheric Abnormalities, Ionospheric Absorption, Fundamental Equation for Free-Space Propagation, Basic Transmission Loss Calculations, Space

**TEXT BOOKS:**


**REFERENCES:**