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Notes 28



In this set of notes we use the cavity model and the method of eigenfunction expansion to solve for the input impedance of the rectangular patch antenna.



$$x_0^e = x_0 + \Delta L$$
$$y_0^e = y_0 + \Delta W$$

The coordinates (x_0, y_0) are measured from the corner of the physical patch.

Assume no *z* variation (the probe current is constant in the *z* direction.)

 ΔL is from Hammerstad's formula ΔW is from Wheeler's formula

We first derive the Helmholtz equation for E_z .

$$\nabla \times \underline{H} = \underline{J}^{i} + j\omega\varepsilon_{l}^{eff}\underline{E}$$
$$\nabla \times \underline{E} = -j\omega\mu\underline{H}$$

Substituting Faradays law into Ampere's law, we have

$$-\frac{1}{j\omega\mu}\nabla\times(\nabla\times\underline{E}) = \underline{J}^{i} + j\omega\varepsilon_{l}^{eff}\underline{E}$$
$$\nabla\times(\nabla\times\underline{E}) = -j\omega\mu\underline{J}^{i} + k_{e}^{2}\underline{E}$$
$$\nabla(\nabla\cdot\underline{E}) - \nabla^{2}\underline{E} = -j\omega\mu\underline{J}^{i} + k_{e}^{2}\underline{E}$$
$$\nabla^{2}\underline{E} + k_{e}^{2}\underline{E} = j\omega\mu\underline{J}^{i}$$

Hence

$$\nabla^2 E_z + k_e^2 E_z = j\omega\mu J_z^i$$

Denote

$$\psi(x, y) = E_z(x, y)$$

Then

$$\nabla^2 \psi + k_e^2 \psi = f(x, y)$$

where

$$f(x, y) = j\omega\mu J_z^i(x, y)$$

Eigenfunction Expansion

Introduce "eigenfunctions"

$$\psi_{mn}(x,y)$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi_{mn}(x,y) = -\lambda_{mn}^2 \psi_{mn}(x,y)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_{mn}}{\partial n} = 0 \Big|_C \qquad -\lambda_{mn}^2 = \text{eigenvalue}$$

For rectangular patch we have, from separation of variables,

$$\psi_{mn}(x,y) = \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L_e}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{W_e}\right)$$
$$\lambda_{mn}^2 = \left[\left(\frac{m\pi}{L_e}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{W_e}\right)^2\right]$$

Assume an "eigenfunction expansion"

$$\psi(x, y) = \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \psi_{mn}(x, y)$$

This must satisfy
$$\nabla^2 \psi + k_e^2 \psi = f(x, y)$$

Hence

$$\sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \nabla^2 \psi_{mn} + k_e^2 \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \psi_{mn} = f(x, y)$$

Using the properties of the eigenfunctions, we have

$$\sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \left(k_e^2 - \lambda_{mn}^2 \right) \psi_{mn}(x, y) = f(x, y)$$

Multiply by $\psi_{m'n'}(x, y)$ and integrate.

Note that the eigenfunctions are orthogonal, so that

$$\int_{S} \psi_{mn}(x, y) \psi_{m'n'}(x, y) dS = 0 \qquad (m, n) \neq (m', n')$$

Denote

$$\langle \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn} \rangle = \int_{S} \psi_{mn}^2(x, y) dS$$

Note: Here the bracket notation denote inner product, not reaction.

We then have

$$A_{mn}\left(k_{e}^{2}-\lambda_{mn}^{2}
ight) < \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn} > = < f, \psi_{mn} >$$

Hence, we have $A_{mn} = \frac{\langle f, \psi_{mn} \rangle}{\langle \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn} \rangle} \left(\frac{1}{k_e^2 - \lambda_{mn}^2}\right)$

For the patch we then have $f(x, y) = j\omega\mu J_z^i(x, y)$

$$A_{mn} = j\omega\mu \left(\frac{\langle J_z^i, \psi_{mn} \rangle}{\langle \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn} \rangle}\right) \left(\frac{1}{k_e^2 - \lambda_{mn}^2}\right)$$

The field inside the patch cavity is then given by

$$E_z(x,y) = \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \psi_{mn}(x,y)$$

To calculate the input impedance, we first calculate the complex power going into the patch as

$$P_{in} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{V} E_{z}(x, y) J_{z}^{i^{*}} dV$$

= $-\frac{1}{2} h \int_{S} E_{z}(x, y) J_{z}^{i^{*}} dS$
= $-\frac{1}{2} h \int_{S} \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \psi_{mn} J_{z}^{i^{*}} dS$

or

$$P_{in} = -\frac{1}{2}h\sum_{m,n} A_{mn} < \psi_{mn}, J_{z}^{i*} >$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}h\sum_{m,n} j\omega\mu \left(\frac{<\psi_{mn}, J_{z}^{i}>}{<\psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn}>}\right) \left(\frac{1}{k_{e}^{2} - \lambda_{mn}^{2}}\right) < \psi_{mn}, J_{z}^{i*} >$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}h\sum_{m,n} j\omega\mu \left(\frac{|<\psi_{mn}, J_{z}^{i}>|^{2}}{<\psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn}>}\right) \left(\frac{1}{k_{e}^{2} - \lambda_{mn}^{2}}\right)$$

Also,
$$P_{in} = \frac{1}{2} Z_{in} \left| I_{in} \right|^2$$

so
$$Z_{in} = \frac{2P_{in}}{\left|I_{in}\right|^2}$$

Hence we have

$$Z_{in} = -j\omega\mu h \frac{1}{|I_{in}|^2} \sum_{m,n} \left(\frac{|\langle \psi_{mn}, J_z^i \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn} \rangle} \right) \left(\frac{1}{k_e^2 - \lambda_{mn}^2} \right)$$

where
$$\sum_{m,n} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}$$

Rectangular patch:

$$\psi_{mn} = \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L_e}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{W_e}\right)$$
$$\lambda_{mn}^2 = \left(\frac{m\pi}{L_e}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{W_e}\right)^2$$
$$k_e = k_0 \sqrt{\varepsilon_{rl}^{eff}}$$

where
$$\mathcal{E}_{rl}^{eff} = \mathcal{E}_{r}' \left(1 - j l_{eff} \right)$$

We need:

$$\langle \Psi_{mn}, \Psi_{mn} \rangle = \int_{0}^{L_{e}} \cos^{2} \left(\frac{m\pi x}{L_{e}} \right) dx \int_{0}^{W_{e}} \cos^{2} \left(\frac{n\pi y}{W_{e}} \right) dy$$

SO

$$\langle \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn} \rangle = \left(\frac{W_e}{2}\right) \left(\frac{L_e}{2}\right) (1 + \delta_{m0}) (1 + \delta_{n0})$$

$$\delta_{m0} = \begin{cases} 1, \ m = 0\\ 0, \ m \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

To calculate $\langle \Psi_{mn}, J_z^i \rangle$, assume a strip model as shown below.

Maxwell Current

For a "Maxwell" strip current assumption, we have:

$$J_{sz} = \frac{I_{in}}{\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{W_p}{2}\right)^2 - \left(y - y_0^e\right)^2}}, \quad y \in \left(y_0^e - \frac{W_p}{2}, y_0^e + \frac{W_p}{2}\right)$$

$$W_p = 4a_p$$

Note: The total probe current is I_{in} .

Uniform Current

For a uniform strip current assumption, we have:

$$J_{sz} = \frac{I_{in}}{W_p}, \quad y \in \left(y_0^e - \frac{W_p}{2}, y_0^e + \frac{W_p}{2}\right)$$

$$W_p = a_p e^{\frac{3}{2}} \doteq 4.482 a_p$$

Note: The total probe current is I_{in} .

Uniform Model

Assume uniform strip current model:

Uniform Model (cont.)

Hence

$$\left\langle \psi_{mn}, J_{z}^{i} \right\rangle = I_{in} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x_{0}^{e}}{L_{e}}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y_{0}^{e}}{W_{e}}\right) \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{n\pi W_{p}}{2W_{e}}\right)$$

Note: It is the sinc
$$\left(\frac{n\pi W_p}{2W_e}\right)$$
 term that causes the series for Z_{in} to converge.

Note: We cannot assume a probe of zero radius, or else the series will not converge – the input reactance will be infinite.

Summary

$$Z_{in} = -j\omega\mu h \frac{1}{|I_{in}|^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{|\langle \psi_{mn}, J_z^i \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn} \rangle} \right) \left(\frac{1}{k_e^2 - \lambda_{mn}^2} \right)$$

where

$$\langle \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn} \rangle = \left(\frac{W_e}{2}\right) \left(\frac{L_e}{2}\right) (1 + \delta_{m0}) (1 + \delta_{n0})$$

$$\left\langle \psi_{mn}, J_{z}^{i} \right\rangle = I_{in} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x_{0}^{e}}{L_{e}}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y_{0}^{e}}{W_{e}}\right) \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{n\pi W_{p}}{2W_{e}}\right)$$

$$W_p = a_p e^{\frac{3}{2}} \doteq 4.482 a_p$$

 $\lambda_{mn} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{L_e}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{W_e}\right)^2}$

$$k_e = k_0 \sqrt{\varepsilon_{rl}^{eff}} \qquad \varepsilon_{rl}^{eff} = \varepsilon_r' \left(1 - j l_{eff} \right) \qquad l_{eff} = 1 / Q$$

Probe Inductance

$$Z_{in} = -j\omega\mu h \frac{1}{|I_{in}|^2} \sum_{m,n} \left(\frac{|\langle \psi_{mn}, J_z^i \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn} \rangle} \right) \left(\frac{1}{k_e^2 - \lambda_{mn}^2} \right)$$

Note that

(1,0) = term that corresponds to the dominant patch mode current (impedance of RLC circuit).

Hence

$$jX_{p} = -j\omega\mu h \frac{1}{\left|I_{in}\right|^{2}} \sum_{\substack{(m,n)\\\neq(1,0)}} \left(\frac{\left|\left\langle\psi_{mn},J_{z}^{i}\right\rangle\right|^{2}}{\left\langle\psi_{mn},\psi_{mn}\right\rangle}\right) \left(\frac{1}{k_{e}^{2} - \lambda_{mn}^{2}}\right)$$

RLC Model

We can write

$$Z_{in} = \sum_{m,n} Z_{in}^{m,n}$$

where

$$Z_{in}^{m,n} = -j\omega \left(\frac{P_{mn}}{k_e^2 - \lambda_{mn}^2}\right)$$

$$P_{mn} = \mu h \frac{1}{\left|I_{in}\right|^{2}} \frac{\left|\left\langle \psi_{mn}, J_{z}^{i}\right\rangle\right|^{2}}{\left\langle \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn}\right\rangle}$$

(These coefficients are not a function of frequency or the current.)

Eigenvalue equation:
$$\nabla^2 \psi_{mn} + \lambda_{mn}^2 \psi_{mn} = 0$$

Assume an ideal *resonator* formed by a hypothetical lossless substrate ε_r' .

Fields allowed at *resonance frequencies*: $k = k_{mn} = k_0^{mn} \sqrt{\varepsilon'_r}$

Note: *k* is real here.

 $k \equiv \omega \sqrt{\mu \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r'}$



 k_{mn} = wavenumber of resonant patch mode (m, n) for a lossless substrate

Helmholtz equation:
$$\nabla^2 \psi_{mn} + k_{mn}^2 \psi_{mn} = 0$$

Comparing, we have the conclusion that

$$\lambda_{mn} = k_{mn}$$

This is the physical interpretation of the eigenvalues.

We can then write

$$Z_{in}^{m,n} = -j\omega \left(\frac{P_{mn}}{k_e^2 - k_{mn}^2} \right)$$
$$= -j\omega \left(\frac{P_{mn}}{k^2 \left(1 - jl_{eff} \right) - k_{mn}^2} \right)$$
$$= -j\omega \left(\frac{P_{mn}}{\left(k^2 - k_{mn}^2 \right) - jk^2 l_{eff}} \right)$$
$$= \omega \frac{P_{mn}}{k^2 l_{eff} + j \left(k^2 - k_{mn}^2 \right)}$$

Note :

$$k_e^2 = \omega^2 \mu \varepsilon_l^{eff}$$
$$= \omega^2 \mu \varepsilon' (1 - j l_{eff})$$
$$= k^2 (1 - j l_{eff})$$



Next, use:



Also, define

$$R_{mn} \equiv \left(\frac{P_{mn}}{k_{mn}^2 l_{eff}}\right) \omega_{mn}$$
$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{P_{mn}}{k_{mn}^2 l_{eff}}\right) \omega = \left(\frac{P_{mn}}{k_{mn}^2 l_{eff}}\right) \omega_{mn} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{mn}}\right) = R_{mn} f_{rmn}$$

Then

$$Z_{in}^{m,n} = R_{mn} \left(\frac{f_{rmn}}{f_{rmn}^2 + jQ(f_{rmn}^2 - 1)} \right)$$

or



For
$$f_{rmn}^2 \approx 1$$
 , we have

$$Z_{in}^{m,n} \approx \frac{R_{mn}}{1 + jQ\left(f_{rmn} - \frac{1}{f_{rmn}}\right)}$$

(RLC equation)

This justifies the RLC model near resonance.

(0,0) Mode

Note that for the (0,0) mode
$$\mathcal{O}_{00} = 0$$
 Recall : $\lambda_{mn} = k_{mn} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{L_e}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{W_e}\right)^2}$

$$Z_{in}^{m,n} = \omega \frac{P_{mn}}{k^2 l_{eff} + j(k^2 - k_{mn}^2)} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad Z_{in}^{0,0} = \omega \frac{P_{00}}{j(k^2 - jk^2 l_{eff})}$$

or
$$Z_{in}^{0,0} \approx \frac{1}{j\omega \left(\frac{\mu \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r'}{P_{00}}\right)}$$
 (Assume $l_{eff} = l_{eff}^{0,0} \ll 1$)

Also, we have

$$P_{mn} = \mu h \frac{1}{|I_{in}|^2} \frac{\left| \left\langle \psi_{mn}, J_z^i \right\rangle \right|^2}{\left\langle \psi_{mn}, \psi_{mn} \right\rangle} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad P_{00} = \mu h \frac{1}{|I_{in}|^2} \frac{|I_{in}|^2}{L_e W_e} = \frac{\mu h}{L_e W_e}$$

Hence



or

$$Z_{in}^{0,0} \approx \frac{1}{j\omega \left(\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r' \frac{L_e W_e}{h}\right)} = \frac{1}{j\omega C}$$

As expected, the (0,0) mode acts as a parallel-plate capacitor.

For any other *nonresonant* mode $(m,n) \neq (1,0)$ or (0,0)





Circuit model:



Note: This circuit model is accurate as long as we are near the resonance of the (1,0) circuit.

Lumping all of the nonresonant circuits together, we have:



This gives us the CAD model for the patch.



In this appendix we derive the equivalent radius approximation for a flat strip.

Start by considering a conductor of arbitrary cross section.



We wish to find the effective radius *a* of the round wire that best models the object.

Approach: Equate complex power being radiated by the two objects.



From notes 4:

$$E_z = -\eta k \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) J_0(ka) H_0^{(2)}(k\rho), \ \rho \ge a$$

$$P_{rad} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{C_0} E_z J_{sz}^* dl = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} E_z J_{sz}^* a \, d\phi = -\frac{1}{2} E_z J_{sz}^* a \left(2\pi\right)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left(-\eta k \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) J_0(ka) H_0^{(2)}(ka)\right) \left(\frac{1}{2\pi a}\right)^* a \left(2\pi\right)$$

$$P_{rad} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(-\eta k \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) J_0(ka) H_0^{(2)}(ka) \right) \left(\frac{1}{2\pi a} \right)^* a \left(2\pi \right)$$

Use $\eta k = \omega \mu$

$$P_{rad} = \frac{1}{8} \omega \mu J_0(ka) H_0^{(2)}(ka)$$

Assume that the radius is small compared with a wavelength.

$$P_{rad} \approx -j\frac{1}{8}\omega\mu Y_0(ka)$$

Next, use

$$Y_0(x) \sim \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\ln\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \gamma \right], \quad \gamma = 0.5772156$$

We then have

$$P_{rad} \approx -j\frac{1}{8}\omega\mu\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\left[\ln\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) + \gamma\right]\right)$$

or

$$P_{rad} \approx -j \frac{1}{4\pi} \omega \mu \left[\ln \left(\frac{ka}{2} \right) + \gamma \right]$$

Next, we consider the arbitrary object.

Arbitrary object:

 \mathcal{E}, μ



Assume :
$$I_0 = 1 \text{ A}$$

$$P_{rad} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{C} J_{sz}^{*}(l) E_{z}(l) dl$$

where

$$E_{z}(l) = \int_{C} J_{sz}(l') \left[-\eta k \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) H_{0}^{(2)}(kR) \right] dl' \qquad R = \left| \underline{r} - \underline{r'} \right|$$

$$P_{rad} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{C} J_{sz}^{*}\left(l\right) \int_{C} J_{sz}\left(l'\right) \left[-\eta k \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) H_{0}^{(2)}(kR)\right] dl' dl$$

Denote $J_{sz}(l) = f(l)$ Assume : $I_0 = 1$ A

$$P_{rad} = \frac{1}{8} \omega \mu \int_{CC} f(l') f^*(l) H_0^{(2)}(kR) dl' dl$$

SO

$$P_{rad} \approx \frac{1}{8} \omega \mu \iint_{CC} f(l') f^*(l) \left(-j \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\ln\left(\frac{kR}{2}\right) + \gamma \right] \right) dl' dl$$

$$P_{rad} \approx \frac{1}{8} \omega \mu \iint_{CC} f(l') f^*(l) \left(-j \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\ln \left(\frac{kR}{2} \right) + \gamma \right] \right) dl' dl$$

Note that

$$\int_{C} f(l') dl' = 1 \quad (1A \text{ on object})$$

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so that

$$P_{rad} \approx \frac{1}{8} \omega \mu \iint_{CC} f(l') f^*(l) \left(-j \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\ln\left(\frac{kR}{2}\right) \right] \right) dl' dl - j\gamma \left(\frac{1}{4\pi} \omega \mu\right)$$

Equate the two complex powers:

$$P_{rad} \approx -j \frac{1}{4\pi} \omega \mu \left[\ln \left(\frac{ka}{2} \right) + \gamma \right]$$

$$P_{rad} \approx -j\frac{1}{4\pi}\omega\mu \iint_{CC} f(l') f^*(l) \ln\left(\frac{kR}{2}\right) dl' dl - j\gamma\left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\omega\mu\right)$$

$$-j\frac{1}{4\pi}\omega\mu\left[\ln\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right)+\gamma\right] = -j\frac{1}{4\pi}\omega\mu\int_{CC}f(l')f^*(l)\ln\left(\frac{kR}{2}\right)dl'dl - j\gamma\left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\omega\mu\right)$$

or

$$-j\frac{1}{4\pi}\omega\mu\ln\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) = -j\frac{1}{4\pi}\omega\mu\int_{CC}f(l')f^*(l)\ln\left(\frac{kR}{2}\right)dl'dl$$

$$-j\frac{1}{4\pi}\omega\mu\ln\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) = -j\frac{1}{4\pi}\omega\mu\int_{CC}f(l')f^*(l)\ln\left(\frac{kR}{2}\right)dl'dl$$

or

$$\ln\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) = \iint_{CC} f(l') f^*(l) \ln\left(\frac{kR}{2}\right) dl' dl$$

or

$$\ln(k) + \ln a - \ln 2 = \iint_{CC} f(l') f^*(l) (\ln k + \ln R - \ln 2) dl' dl$$

or

$$\ln a = \iint_{CC} f(l') f^*(l) \ln R \, dl' \, dl$$

The general result (applicable to any arbitrary object) is thus

$$\ln a = \iint_{C C} f(l') f^*(l) \ln R(l,l') dl' dl$$

We next evaluate this for a flat strip.



$$J_{sz}\left(x\right) = f\left(x\right)$$

$$\ln a = \int_{-w/2}^{w/2} \int_{-w/2}^{w/2} f(x') f^*(x) \ln |x - x'| dx' dx$$



$$\ln a = \frac{1}{w^2} \int_{-w/2}^{w/2} \int_{-w/2}^{w/2} \ln |x - x'| dx' dx$$

Use

$$s = x / w$$
$$t = x' / w$$

We then have

$$\ln a = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \ln \left(w | s - t | \right) dt \, ds$$

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Therefore, we have

$$\ln a = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \ln \left(\left| s - t \right| \right) dt \, ds + \ln w \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} dt \, ds$$

or

$$\ln a = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \ln \left(\left| s - t \right| \right) dt \, ds + \ln w$$

$$\ln a = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \ln(|s-t|) dt \, ds + \ln w$$

Define

$$I_2 \equiv \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \ln(|s-t|) dt \, ds$$

We then have

$$\ln a = I_2 + \ln w$$

or

$$a = e^{I_2} w$$

or

$$w = e^{-I_2}a$$

We have

$$I_2 \equiv \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \ln(|s-t|) dt \, ds = -\frac{3}{2}$$

We then have

$$w = e^{3/2}a$$

Maxwell current model:



$$J_{sz}(x) = \frac{1/\pi}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 - x^2}}$$

(This corresponds to 1A.)

$$\ln a = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-w/2 - w/2}^{w/2} \int_{\sqrt{\left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 - x^2}}^{w/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 - x^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 - x'^2}} \ln |x - x'| dx' dx$$

Use

$$s = x / w$$
$$t = x' / w$$

$$\ln a = \frac{w^2}{\pi^2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 - \left(ws\right)^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 - \left(wt\right)^2}} \ln\left(w|s-t|\right) ds dt$$

$$\ln a = \frac{w^2}{\pi^2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 - \left(ws\right)^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 - \left(wt\right)^2}} \ln\left(w|s-t|\right) ds dt$$



This (separable) double integral equals 1.



$$\ln a = \ln w + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - s^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - t^2}} \ln\left(\left|s - t\right|\right) ds dt$$

Define

$$I_{2} \equiv \frac{1}{\pi^{2}} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2} - s^{2}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2} - t^{2}}} \ln\left(\left|s - t\right|\right) ds dt$$

We then have

$$\ln a = I_2 + \ln w$$

or

or

$$a = e^{I_2} w$$

$$w = e^{-I_2}a$$

We have

$$I_2 \equiv \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - s^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - t^2}} \ln\left(\left|s - t\right|\right) ds dt = -\ln 4$$

We then have

$$w = e^{-(-\ln 4)}a$$

or

$$w = 4a$$