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Overview

In this set of notes we extend the spectral-domain method to analyze infinite periodic structures.

Two typical examples of infinite periodic problems:

- Scattering from a frequency selective surface (FSS)
- Input impedance of a microstrip phased array

FSS Geometry



FSS Geometry (cont.)





Note: We are following "plane-wave" convention for k_{x0} and k_{y0} , and "transmission-line" convention for k_{z0} .

Microstrip Phased Array Geometry

Probe current *mn*: $I_{mn} = I_{00} e^{-j(k_{x0}ma + k_{y0}nb)}$ ZProbe \mathcal{Y} Wm, nа Metal patch Dielectric layer b Ground plane \mathcal{X}

The wavenumbers k_{x0} and k_{y0} are impressed by the feed network.

Microstrip Phased Array Geometry (cont.)





Floquet's Theorem

Fundamental observation:

If the structure is infinite and periodic, and the excitation is periodic except for a phase shift, then all the currents and radiated fields will also be periodic except for a phase shift.

This is sometimes referred to as "Floquet's theorem."



Floquet's Theorem (cont.)

From Floquet's theorem:

$$\underline{J}_{s}^{mn}\left(\underline{r}\right) = \underline{J}_{s}^{00}\left(\underline{r}-\underline{r}_{mn}\right)e^{-j\underline{k}_{t\,00}\cdot\underline{r}_{mn}}$$

$$\underline{k}_{t00} = \underline{\hat{x}} k_{x0} + \underline{\hat{y}} k_0$$
$$\underline{r}_{mn} = \underline{\hat{x}} (ma) + \underline{\hat{y}} (nb)$$

 $e^{-j\underline{k}_{t00}\cdot\underline{r}_{mn}} = e^{-j(k_{x0}ma+k_{y0}nb)}$

(vector that points to the center of patch (m,n))



Floquet's Theorem (cont.)

If we know the current of field at any point within the (0,0) unit cell, we know the current and field everywhere.

 $A = ab = area of unit cell S_0$



Floquet Waves

Let ψ denote any component of the surface current or the field (at a fixed value of z).



Floquet Waves (cont.)

$$\psi(x, y) = e^{-j(k_{x0}x + k_{y0}y)} P(x, y)$$

From Fourier-series theory, we know that the 2D periodic function *P* can be represented as:

$$P(x,y) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} A_{pq} e^{-j\left(\frac{2\pi p}{a}x + \frac{2\pi q}{b}y\right)}$$

Hence, we have:

$$\psi(x,y) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} A_{pq} e^{-j\left(\left(k_{x0} + \frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)x + \left(k_{y0} + \frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)y\right)}$$

Floquet Waves (cont.)

Hence, any surface current or field component can be expanded in a set of Floquet waves:

$$\psi(x, y) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} A_{pq} e^{-j(k_{xp}x + k_{yq}y)}$$
$$k_{xp} \equiv k_{x0} + \frac{2\pi p}{a}$$
$$k_{yq} \equiv k_{y0} + \frac{2\pi q}{b}$$

 $(k_{xp}, k_{yq}) =$ wavenumbers of (p, q) Floquet wave

$$\underline{k}_{tpq} = \underline{\hat{x}} \, \underline{k}_{xp} + \underline{\hat{y}} \, \underline{k}_{yq}$$
$$\underline{k}_{tpq} = \left(\underline{\hat{x}} k_{x0} + \underline{\hat{y}} k_{y0}\right) + \left[\left(\frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)\underline{\hat{x}} + \left(\frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)\underline{\hat{y}}\right]$$

Incident part

Periodic part

Note:

$$\underline{k}_{tpq} \cdot \underline{r} = k_{xp} x + k_{yq} y$$

where $\underline{r} = \underline{\hat{x}}x + \hat{y}y$

Floquet Waves (cont.)

Note: Each Floquet wave repeats from one unit cell to the next, except for a phase shift that corresponds to that of the *incident wave*.

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{pq} \left(x + a, y \right) &= e^{-j \left(k_{xp} \left(x + a \right) + k_{yq} y \right)} \\ &= e^{-j \left(k_{xp} a \right)} e^{-j \left(k_{xp} x + k_{yq} y \right)} \\ &= e^{-j \left(k_{x0} + \frac{2\pi p}{a} \right)^{a}} e^{-j \left(k_{xp} x + k_{yq} y \right)} \\ &= e^{-j \left(k_{x0} a \right)} e^{-j \left(\frac{2\pi p}{a} a \right)} e^{-j \left(k_{xp} x + k_{yq} y \right)} \\ &= e^{-j \left(k_{x0} a \right)} e^{-j \left(2\pi p \right)} e^{-j \left(k_{xp} x + k_{yq} y \right)} \\ &= e^{-j \left(k_{x0} a \right)} \Psi_{pq} \left(x, y \right) \end{split}$$

Hence, we have:

$$\psi_{pq}\left(x+a,y\right) = e^{-j(k_{x0}a)}\psi_{pq}\left(x,y\right)$$

Similarly,

$$\psi_{pq}\left(x,y+b\right) = e^{-j\left(k_{y0}b\right)}\psi_{pq}\left(x,y\right)$$

Periodic SDI

The surface current on the periodic structure is next represented in terms of Floquet waves:

To solve for the unknown coefficients, multiply both sides by $e^{j\underline{k}_{tp'q'}\cdot\underline{r}}$ and integrate over the (0,0) unit cell S₀:

$$\int_{S_0} \underline{J}_s(x, y) e^{j\underline{k}_{tp'q'} \cdot \underline{r}} dS = \int_{S_0} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{a}_{pq} e^{-j\underline{k}_{tpq} \cdot \underline{r}} e^{j\underline{k}_{tp'q'} \cdot \underline{r}} dS$$
$$= \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{S_0} \underline{a}_{pq} e^{-j\left(\frac{2\pi}{a}(p-p')x + \frac{2\pi}{b}(q-q')y\right)} dS$$

Use orthogonality: $\int_{S_0} \underline{J}_s(x, y) e^{j\underline{k}_{p'q'} \cdot \underline{r}} dS = \underline{a}_{p'q'} A \qquad A = ab = \text{area of unit cell } S_0$

Hence, we have:

$$\underline{a}_{pq} = \frac{1}{A} \int_{S_0} \underline{J}_s(x, y) e^{j\underline{k}_{tpq} \cdot \underline{r}} dS$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\underline{a}_{pq} = \frac{1}{A} \int_{S_0} \underline{J}_s(x, y) e^{j(k_{xp}x + k_{yq}y)} dS$$
$$= \frac{1}{A} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{J}_s^{00}(x, y) e^{j(k_{xp}x + k_{yq}y)} dS$$
$$= \frac{1}{A} \underbrace{\tilde{J}}_s^{00}(k_{xp}, k_{yq})$$

The current \underline{J}_{s}^{00} is the current on the (0,0) patch.

We then have:

$$\underline{a}_{pq} = \frac{1}{A} \underline{\tilde{J}}_{s}^{00} \left(k_{xp}, k_{yq} \right)$$

Hence the current on the 2D periodic structure can be represented as

$$\underline{J}_{s}(x,y) = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{\tilde{J}}_{s}^{00}(k_{xp},k_{yq}) e^{-j\underline{k}_{tpq}\cdot\underline{r}}$$

We now calculate the Fourier transform of the 2D periodic current $\underline{J}_s(x, y)$ (this is what we need in the SDI method):

$$F\left[e^{-j\underline{k}_{tpq}\cdot\underline{r}}\right] = F\left[e^{-jk_{xp}x}e^{-jk_{yq}y}\right]$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[e^{-jk_{xp}x}e^{-jk_{yq}y}\right]e^{+j\left(k_{x}x+k_{y}y\right)}dxdy$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}e^{-jk_{xp}x}e^{+jk_{x}x}dx\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}e^{-jk_{yq}y}e^{+jk_{y}y}dy$$
$$= 2\pi\delta\left(k_{x}-k_{xp}\right)2\pi\delta\left(k_{y}-k_{yq}\right)$$

Hence, we have:

$$\underline{\tilde{J}}_{s}\left(k_{x},k_{y}\right) = \frac{1}{A}\sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty}\sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty}\underline{\tilde{J}}_{s}^{00}\left(k_{xp},k_{yq}\right)2\pi\delta\left(k_{x}-k_{xp}\right)2\pi\delta\left(k_{y}-k_{yq}\right)$$

Next, we calculate the field produced by the periodic patch currents:

$$\underline{\tilde{E}}\left(k_{x},k_{y},z\right) = \underline{\tilde{G}}\left(k_{x},k_{y};z,z'\right) \cdot \underline{\tilde{J}}_{s}\left(k_{x},k_{y}\right)$$

$$\underline{E}(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{\tilde{G}}(k_x,k_y;z,z') \cdot \underline{\tilde{J}}_s(k_x,k_y) e^{-j(k_xx+k_yy)} dk_x dk_y$$

Hence, we have:

$$\underline{E}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{\tilde{G}}(k_x, k_y; z, z') \cdot \left[\frac{1}{A} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{\tilde{J}}_s^{00}(k_{xp}, k_{yq}) 2\pi \delta(k_x - k_{xp}) 2\pi \delta(k_y - k_{yq}) \right]$$
$$e^{-j(k_x x + k_y y)} dk_x dk_y$$

Therefore, integrating over the delta functions, we have:

$$\underline{E}(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\tilde{G}}(k_{xp},k_{yq};z,z') \cdot \underbrace{\tilde{J}}_{s}^{00}(k_{xp},k_{yq}) e^{-j(k_{xp}x+k_{yq}y)}$$

The field is thus in the form of a double summation of Floquet waves.

Compare:

Single element (non-periodic):

$$\underline{E}(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\tilde{G}}_{-\infty} \left(k_x, k_y; z, z'\right) \cdot \underbrace{\tilde{J}}_{s}\left(k_x, k_y\right) e^{-j\left(k_x x + k_y y\right)} dk_x dk_y$$

Infinite periodic array of phased elements:

$$\underline{E}(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} \underline{\widetilde{G}}(k_{xp},k_{yq};z,z') \cdot \underline{\widetilde{J}}_{s}^{00}(k_{xp},k_{yq}) e^{-j(k_{xp}x+k_{yq}y)}$$

Note:
$$\underline{\tilde{J}}_{s}^{00}\left(k_{x},k_{y}\right)_{\text{phased array}} = \underline{\tilde{J}}_{s}\left(k_{x},k_{y}\right)_{\text{single patch}}$$

Conclusion:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}F\left(k_{x},k_{y}\right)dk_{x}dk_{y}\rightarrow\frac{\left(2\pi\right)^{2}}{A}\sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty}\sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty}F\left(k_{xp},k_{yq}\right)$$

where

$$k_{xp} \equiv k_{x0} + \frac{2\pi p}{a}$$
$$k_{yq} \equiv k_{y0} + \frac{2\pi q}{b}$$

The double integral is replaced by a double sum, and a factor $(2\pi)^2 / A$ is introduced.

Sample points in the (k_x, k_y) plane



Microstrip Patch Phased Array



Microstrip Patch Phased Array

Phased Array (cont.)

Single patch:

$$E_{x}(x, y, 0) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} -\frac{1}{k_{t}^{2}} \left[\frac{k_{x}^{2}}{D_{m}(k_{t})} + \frac{k_{y}^{2}}{D_{e}(k_{t})} \right] \tilde{J}_{sx}(k_{x}, k_{y}) e^{-j(k_{x}x+k_{y}y)} dk_{x} dk_{y}$$

$$J_{sx}(x,y) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)$$
$$\tilde{J}_{sx}(k_x,k_y) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}LW\right) \operatorname{sinc}\left(k_y\frac{W}{2}\right) \left[\frac{\cos\left(k_x\frac{L}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 - \left(k_x\frac{L}{2}\right)^2}\right]$$

$$D^{\text{TM}}(k_t) = Y_0^{\text{TM}} - jY_1^{\text{TM}} \cot(k_{z1}h)$$
$$D^{\text{TE}}(k_t) = Y_0^{\text{TE}} - jY_1^{\text{TE}} \cot(k_{z1}h)$$

Phased Array (cont.)

2D phased array of patches:

$$E_{x}(x, y, 0) = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} -\frac{1}{k_{tpq}^{2}} \left[\frac{k_{xp}^{2}}{D_{m}(k_{tpq})} + \frac{k_{yq}^{2}}{D_{e}(k_{tpq})} \right] \tilde{J}_{sx}^{00}(k_{xp}, k_{yq}) e^{-j(k_{xp}x + k_{yq}y)}$$

where

$$J_{sx}^{00}(x,y) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)$$
$$\tilde{J}_{sx}^{00}(k_{xp},k_{yq}) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}LW\right)\operatorname{sinc}\left(k_{yq}\frac{W}{2}\right)\left[\frac{\cos\left(k_{xp}\frac{L}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{2} - \left(k_{xp}\frac{L}{2}\right)^{2}}\right]$$

$$k_{tpq} = \sqrt{k_{xp}^2 + k_{yq}^2}$$

Phased Array (cont.)

The field is of the following form:

$$E_{x}(x, y, 0) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} A_{pq} e^{-j(k_{xp}x + k_{yq}y)}$$
$$= \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} A_{pq} e^{-j\underline{k}_{tpq}} \cdot \underline{r}$$
$$= \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} A_{pq} \psi_{pq}(x, y)$$

where

$$\underline{k}_{tpq} = \underline{\hat{x}}k_{xp} + \underline{\hat{y}}k_{yq} = \left(\underline{\hat{x}}k_{x0} + \underline{\hat{y}}k_{y0}\right) + \left[\left(\frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)\underline{\hat{x}} + \left(\frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)\underline{\hat{y}}\right]$$

The field is thus represented as a "sum of Floquet waves."

Scan Blindness in a Phased Array

This occurs when one of the sample points (p,q) lies on the surface-wave circle (shown for (-2, 0)).



The scan blindness condition is:

$$k_{tpq} = \left| \underline{k}_{tpq} \right| = \beta_{TM_0} \text{ (for some } (p,q))$$

The field produced by an *impressed* set of infinite periodic phased surface-current sources will be infinite.

Physical interpretation: All of the surface-wave fields excited from the patches add up <u>in phase</u> in the direction of the transverse phasing vector:



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Hence, we have in this direction ($\phi = \phi_{pq}$), that

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{AF}_{sw} &= \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \ e^{+j\left(k_{xp}x_m + k_{yq}y_n\right)} \\ &= \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \ e^{+j\left(k_{xp}\left(x_0 + ma\right) + k_{yq}\left(y_0 + nb\right)\right)} \\ &= e^{+jk_{xp}x_0} \ e^{+jk_{yq}y_0} \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \ e^{+j\left(k_{xp}ma + k_{yq}nb\right)} \\ &= e^{+jk_{xp}x_0} \ e^{+jk_{yq}y_0} \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \ e^{+j\left(\left(k_{x0} + \frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)ma + \left(k_{y0} + \frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)nb\right)} \\ &= e^{+jk_{xp}x_0} \ e^{+jk_{yq}y_0} \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \ e^{+j\left(k_{x0}ma + k_{y0}nb\right)} \ e^{+j\left(\frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)ma} \ e^{+j\left(\frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)nb} \\ &= e^{+jk_{xp}x_0} \ e^{+jk_{yq}y_0} \sum_{m,n} A_{mn} \ e^{+j\left(k_{x0}ma + k_{y0}nb\right)} \ e^{+j\left(2\pi pm\right)} \ e^{+j\left(2\pi qn\right)} \\ &e^{+jk_{xp}x_0} \ e^{+jk_{yq}y_0} \sum_{m,n} A_{00} \ e^{-j\left(k_{x0}ma + k_{y0}nb\right)} \ e^{+j\left(k_{x0}ma + k_{y0}nb\right)} \end{split}$$







 TM_0 surface wave

In the direction $\phi = \phi_{pq}$, the surface fields from each patch add up in phase.

$$\cos\phi_{pq} = \left(\frac{k_{xp}}{\beta_{\mathrm{TM}_0}}\right)$$

$$AF_{sw} = N \Big(A_{00} e^{+jk_{xp}x_0} e^{+jk_{yq}y_0} \Big)$$

Note: There is also a surface-wave element pattern as well, with the field decaying as $1/\rho^{1/2}$, but this is ignored here.

N elements

Example







E-plane scan

Grating Lobes

Grating lobes occur when one or more of the higher-order Floquet waves <u>propagates</u> in space.
For a finite-size array, this corresponds to a secondary beam (grating lobe) that gets radiated.



Grating Lobes (cont.)

 $k_{tpq} < k_0 \ (\text{for some } (p,q) \neq (0,0))$



Pozar Circle Diagram

V Define $u \equiv k_{x0} = k_0 \sin \theta_0 \cos \phi_0$ $v \equiv k_{v0} = k_0 \sin \theta_0 \sin \phi_0$ Visible space circle kosindo Radial distance in *uv* plane: ϕ_0 $u^2 + v^2 = k_0^2 \sin^2 \theta_0$ k_0 $\Rightarrow \quad \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} = k_0 \sin \theta_0$ Angle in *uv* plane: E-plane scan $\tan \phi_{uv} = v / u = \tan \phi_0$

 $\Rightarrow \phi_{\mu\nu} = \phi_0$

H-plane scan

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Pozar Circle Diagram (cont.) Grating Lobes

$$k_{tpq} < k_0$$
 for $(u, v) \in v$ is ble space circle

So, we require that

$$k_{xp}^2 + k_{yq}^2 < k_0^2$$
 for $u^2 + v^2 < k_0^2$

(A grating lobe then appears from the (p,q) Floquet wave.)

The first inequality gives us:

$$\left(k_{x0} + \frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)^2 + \left(k_{y0} + \frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)^2 < k_0^2$$

or

$$\left(k_0 \sin \theta_0 \cos \phi_0 + \frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)^2 + \left(k_0 \sin \theta_0 \sin \phi_0 + \frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)^2 < k_0^2$$

or

$$\left(u + \frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)^2 + \left(v + \frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)^2 < k_0^2$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\left(u - \left(-\frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)\right)^2 + \left(v - \left(-\frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)\right)^2 < k_0^2$$

or

 $(u-u_p)^2 + (v-v_q)^2 < k_0^2$ (We are inside a shifted (p,q) visible space circle.)

$$u_p \equiv -\frac{2\pi p}{a}, \quad v_q \equiv -\frac{2\pi q}{b}$$

(This is the center of the (p,q) circle.)

Summary of grating lobe condition:

$$(u - u_p)^2 + (v - v_q)^2 < k_0^2$$
$$u^2 + v^2 < k_0^2$$

Part of the *interior* of the (p,q) circle is also inside the visible space circle.



This diagram shows when grating lobes occur in the principal scan planes.



To avoid grating lobes for all scan angles, we require:

$$u_{-1} > 2k_0$$

 $v_{-1} > 2k_0$

(The circles do not overlap.)

Therefore, we have:

or

$$\frac{2\pi}{a} > 2k_0$$
$$\frac{2\pi}{b} > 2k_0$$

Hence, to avoid grating lobes we have:

Scan Blindness

$$k_{tpq} = \beta_{TM_0}$$
 for $(u, v) \in visible space circle$

So, we require that

$$k_{xp}^2 + k_{yq}^2 = \beta_{TM_0}^2$$
 for $u^2 + v^2 < k_0^2$

The equation gives us

$$\left(k_{x0} + \frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)^{2} + \left(k_{y0} + \frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)^{2} = \beta_{\text{TM}_{0}}^{2}$$

or

$$\left(k_0 \sin \theta_0 \cos \phi_0 + \frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)^2 + \left(k_0 \sin \theta_0 \sin \phi_0 + \frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)^2 = \beta_{\mathrm{TM}_0}^2$$

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$$\left(u + \frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)^2 + \left(v + \frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)^2 = \beta_{\mathrm{TM}_0}^2$$

We then have:

$$\left(u - \left(-\frac{2\pi p}{a}\right)\right)^2 + \left(v - \left(-\frac{2\pi q}{b}\right)\right)^2 = \beta_{\mathrm{TM}_0}^2$$

or

$$\left(u-u_{p}\right)^{2}+\left(v-v_{q}\right)^{2}=\beta_{\mathrm{TM}_{0}}^{2}$$

where



Summary of scan blindness condition:

$$(u - u_p)^2 + (v - v_q)^2 = \beta_{TM_0}^2$$
$$u^2 + v^2 < k_0^2$$

Part of the *boundary* of the (p,q) circle is inside the visible space circle.



To avoid scan blindness for all scan angles, we require:

$$u_{-1} > \beta_{TM_0} + k_0$$

 $v_{-1} > \beta_{TM_0} + k_0$

Therefore, we have:

$$\frac{2\pi}{a} > \beta_{\mathrm{TM}_0} + k_0$$
$$\frac{2\pi}{b} > \beta_{\mathrm{TM}_0} + k_0$$

or

$$\frac{2\pi}{k_0 a} > \beta_{\text{TM}_0} / k_0 + 1$$
$$\frac{2\pi}{k_0 b} > \beta_{\text{TM}_0} / k_0 + 1$$

(The circles do not overlap.)

Hence

