

Level 2 EM question 10 2002/3

The standard expression for the electric field at a large distance r and at an angle θ from the axis of a half-wave dipole carrying a peak current I_0 is

$$\underline{E}(r, t) = \frac{jc\mu_0 I_0}{2\pi r} \left[\frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos\theta\right)}{\sin\theta} \right] e^{j\omega(t-r/c)} \hat{\underline{\theta}}.$$

At a distance of 15 km and at an angle $\pi/6$ above the equatorial plane the amplitude of the electric field is found to be $1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Vm}^{-1}$. What is the value of the peak current in the dipole? Estimate the total time averaged power radiated by this half-wave dipole.