

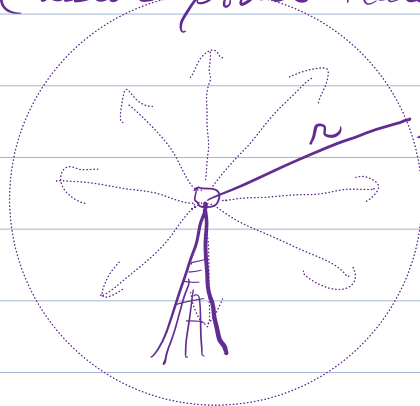
99.9 - The Hawk

The radio station broadcasts at 99.9 MHz with a power of 50,000 Watts. What is the wavelength of the radio waves? What are the maximum electric and magnetic fields at a distance of 1.25 kilometers from the station? (Assume the power radiates evenly in all directions.)

(a) $\lambda = ?$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{99.9 \times 10^6 / \text{s}} \approx 3.00 \text{ m}$$

(b) what are the amplitudes of the electric and magnetic fields 1.25 km away?
(assume power radiates in all directions)



surface area = $4\pi r^2$

$$I = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{50,000 \text{ W}}{4\pi (1250 \text{ m})^2}$$

$$I = 0.00255 \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c E^2 \Rightarrow E = \sqrt{\frac{2I}{\epsilon_0 c}}$$

$$E = \sqrt{\frac{2 (0.00255 \text{ W/m}^2)}{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{C}^2}{\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2} \cdot 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}} \approx 1.39 \text{ V/m}$$

$$B = \frac{E}{c} = \frac{1.39 \text{ V/m}}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} = 4.62 \times 10^{-9} \text{ T}$$