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# **HIGHLY PRECISE APPROXIMATION OF FREE SURFACE GREEN FUNCTION AND ITS HIGH ORDER DERIVATIVES BASED ON REFINED SUBDOMAINS**

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#### **Summary**

The infinite depth free surface Green function (GF) and its high order derivatives for diffraction and radiation of water waves are considered. Especially second order derivatives are essential requirements in high-order panel method. In this paper, concerning the classical representation, composed of a semi-infinite integral involving a Bessel function and a Cauchy singularity, not only the GF and its first order derivatives but also second order derivatives are derived from four kinds of analytical series expansion and refined division of whole calculation domain. The approximations of special functions, particularly the hypergeometric function and the algorithmic applicability with different subdomains are implemented. As a result, the computation accuracy can reach  $10^{-9}$  in whole domain compared with conventional methods based on direct numerical integration. Furthermore, numerical efficiency is almost equivalent to that with the classical method.

*Key words: Green function; high-order derivatives; refined subdomains; series expansion*

## **1. Introduction**

The wave loads on fixed structures and the oscillatory motions of vessels free to response to the waves are common problems to be solved in ocean engineering. For ideal flow-field and based on sufficiently small motion assumption, the free surface GF is of remarkable significance in solving those problems with boundary element method.

As to frequency domain, there are generally different categories of Green function according to whether or not the harmonically time dependent unit source beneath a free surface is translating, and whether the water depth is finite or infinite. It should be noted that one concentrates on only the frequency domain infinite depth GF without translating. The evaluation of free surface GF and its derivatives is a complicated mathematical issue, especially the second order derivatives, which are very necessary in high-order panel method.

Free surface GF was known to us because of the work of John [1]. There are several different style of mathematical representations [2] for GF. Noblesse [3] advocated the two parts of the GF, which were the so-called near-field and far-field representations. On the basis of that, linear table interpolation fast method was proposed by Ponizy et al. [4], which gave a precision of  $10^{-5}$ . In 2017, Wu et al. [5] further proposed simple approximations to the local flow components of GF and its first order derivatives without discussion about the calculation error.

As to a representation which was in terms of a semi-infinite integral involving a Bessel function and a Cauchy singularity, Newman [6] developed the classical fast combined method with analytical series expansions and multi-dimensional polynomial approximations, which was applied in the notable hydrodynamic analysis code-WAMIT finally. Consequently, Wang [7] outlined a refined method with refined forty eight subdomains and Chebyshev polynomial giving the 10-5 precision, Zhou et al. [8] implemented a method which minimized the number of the above subdomains to twenty five. Method with Gaussian integral proposed by Yao et al. [9] reached  $10^{-6}$ . In 2016, new series expansions for different subdomains are proposed by Duan et al. [14], therefore, a method with five subdomains was proposed to evaluate the second order derivatives of GF. However, their studies may be more reasonable if they had considered better divisions of the domain, and the calculation of special functions, which would affect the computational accuracy and efficiency finally. As to the other representations of GF, in 2004, Peter et al. [10] proposed the eigenfunction expansion method in which the truncation terms number should reach not less than 60 in order to obtain  $10^{-6}$  precision. In 2011, Elia et al. [11] advocated a semi-analytical method that divided the integral into two terms, an adaptive quadrature was used for the regular term, and the singular term was completed by an approximation function. Clement [12] introduced the pioneering method using classical fourthorder Runge–Kutta method to solve a second-order ordinary differential equation of frequencydomain GF. Similarly, in 2015, Shen et al. [13] proposed another method combing Numerov type method with Power-series method to solve this second-order ordinary differential equation. To the best of the authors' knowledge, however, most of the above methods can give the accuracy of  $10^{-5}$  to  $10^{-6}$ , and few investigations have been done on the second order derivatives of GF, which are the prerequisite of high-order panel method.

In this paper, one focuses on investigating the classical representation of free surface GF, composed of a semi-infinite integral involving a Bessel function and a Cauchy singularity. One outlines four kinds of representations of series expansion and furthermore acquires the refined subdomains of the whole calculation domain of physical importance. Compared with conventional direct methods based on numerical integration, which are implemented with Romberg integral method to achieve double precision result, the new method for the calculation of GF and its high order derivatives can give the precision of  $10^{-9}$  in every single point of calculation domain. Furthermore, the numerical efficiency is almost equivalent to that derived from the classical method [6]. All the functional parts, including all the special function, are coded in Intel visual Fortran 2013 version, which is portable on many machines.

## **2. Green function and its derivatives**

Firstly one considers a pulsing source point  $q(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$ , an image point  $\bar{q}(\xi, \eta, -\zeta)$  of the source point relative to the free surface, and a field point  $p(x, y, z)$  as Fig. 1 showing. The source point and the field point both are lying in the negative half-plane.  $|Z|$  is the vertical distance between field point and image source point. *r* is the horizontal distance between these two points,  $R_{pq}$  is the distance between them,  $R_{pq}$  is the distance between field point and image source point.

Where 
$$
|Z| = |z + \zeta|
$$
,  $r = \sqrt{(x - \zeta)^2 + (y - \eta)^2}$ .  $R_{pq} = \sqrt{r^2 + (z - \zeta)^2}$ ,  $R_{pq} = \sqrt{r^2 + Z^2}$ 

The following expression [1] is the complex GF of infinite depth water in frequency<br>
in<br>  $G_{\infty}(p,q) = \frac{1}{R_{\infty}} + P.V. \int_0^{\infty} \frac{k + k_0}{k - k_0} e^{kz} J_0(kr) dk \mp 2i\pi k_0 e^{k_0 z} J_0(k_0 r)$  (1) domain

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$$
(1)

Where  $k_0 = \omega^2$  $k_0 = \omega^2/g$  is wave number,  $\omega$  is wave frequency, g is the gravitational acceleration,  $J_0$  is zero-order Bessel function of the first kind, P.V.  $\int$  means principal value of the integral.  $-2i\pi k_0e^{k_0Z}J_0(k_0r)$  is related to time exponential item  $e^{i\omega t}$ ,  $+2i\pi k_0e^{k_0Z}J_0(k_0r)$  is related to time exponential item  $e^{-i\omega t}$ .



**Fig.** 1 Layout and notations of field and source point

Substituting the identity  $\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + 7^2}} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{kZ} J_0(kr)$ 1 **1**  $\int_0^\infty kZ$ *p q*  $e^{kL} J_0(kr) dk$  $R_{r\bar{a}}$   $\sqrt{r^2+Z}$  $=-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}$ the identity  $\frac{1}{R_{p\bar{q}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + Z^2}} = \int_0^\infty e^{kZ} J_0(kr) dk$  into Equation (1), yields,<br>  $G_\infty(p,q) = \frac{1}{R_{pq}} + \frac{1}{R} + 2\int_0^\infty \frac{k_0}{k - k_0} e^{kZ} J_0(kr) dk \mp 2i\pi k_0 e^{k_0 Z} J_0(k_0 r)$ 

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$$
(2)

Defining  $X = k_0 r$ ,  $Y = -k_0 Z$ ,  $t = k / k_0$ .

Then these two coordinates of *X* and *Y* may take on all positive values, one quadrant of a two-

dimensional plane should be considered. The equation (2) may be written in the form  
\n
$$
G_{\infty}(p,q) = \frac{1}{R_{pq}} + \frac{1}{R_{pq}} + k_0 F(X,Y) \mp 2i\pi k_0 e^{-Y} J_0(X)
$$
\n(3)

Where

$$
F(X,Y) = 2\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t-1} e^{-Yt} J_0(Xt) dt
$$
\n(4)

The elementary singularity  $1/R_{pq} + 1/R_{pq}$  and imaginary part  $2\pi i k_0 e^{-Y} J_0(X)$  can be implemented maturely with numerical or analytic method. So the issue has been translated from the evaluation of  $G_{\infty}(p,q)$  and its derivatives to those of  $F(X,Y)$ .

Taking further treatment to infinite integration [6, 8] of equation, yields,  
\n
$$
F(X,Y) = -2\int_0^Y \left(X^2 + t^2\right)^{-1/2} e^{t-Y} dt - \pi e^{-Y} \left[H_0(X) + Y_0(X)\right]
$$
\n(5)

From equation (5), one can derive the following first and second order partial derivatives of function  $F(X, Y)$  with respect to independent variable X and Y:

$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial X} = -2e^{-Y} + \pi e^{-Y} \left[ H_1(X) + Y_1(X) \right] + 2X \int_0^Y \left( X^2 + t^2 \right)^{-3/2} e^{t-Y} dt \tag{6}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial Y} = -\frac{2}{R} - F(X,Y) \tag{7}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial X^2} = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-Y} \left[ \frac{2X}{3\pi} + Y_0(X) - Y_2(X) + H_0(X) - H_2(X) \right]
$$
  
+2
$$
\int_0^Y \left( X^2 + t^2 \right)^{-5/2} (t^2 - 2X^2) e^{t-Y} dt
$$
 (8)

$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial Y^2} = \frac{2Y}{R^3} + \frac{2}{R} + F(X,Y) \tag{9}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial X \partial Y} = \frac{2X}{R^3} - \frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial X}
$$
(10)

Where  $R^2 = X^2 + Y^2$ ,  $H_n(X)$  is the n-th order Struve function,  $J_n(X)$  is the n-th order Bessel function of the first type,  $Y_n(X)$  is the n-th order Bessel function of the second type.

Here one can find that  $\partial F(X,Y)/\partial Y$  and  $\partial^2 F(X,Y)/\partial Y^2$ ,  $\partial^2 F(X,Y)/\partial X \partial Y$  are related to  $F(X,Y)$ ,  $\partial F(X,Y)/\partial X$  respectively. So if the calculation of GF and its derivatives are based on Equation (5), the calculation emphasis is the evaluation of  $F(X,Y)$ ,  $\partial F(X,Y)/\partial X$ ,  $\partial^2 F(X,Y) / \partial X^2$  .

Besides, the special function of Struve function, Bessel function of first order and Bessel function of second order have the following identity [15] which will be implemented in the latter manipulation.

$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial X} = -2e^{-Y} + \pi e^{-Y} [H_1(X) + Y_1(X)] + 2X \int_0^x (X^2 + t^2)^{-3/2} e^{t-y} dt
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial Y} = -\frac{2}{R} - F(X,Y)
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial Y^2} = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-Y} \left[ \frac{2X}{3\pi} + Y_0(X) - Y_2(X) + H_0(X) - H_2(X) \right]
$$
  
\n
$$
+2 \int_0^x (X^2 + t^2)^{-5/2} (t^2 - 2X^2) e^{-Y} dt
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial Y^2} = \frac{2Y}{R^3} + \frac{2}{R} + F(X,Y)
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial X \partial Y} = \frac{2X}{R^3} - \frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial X}
$$
  
\n
$$
= X^2 + Y^2, H_n(X) \text{ is the n-th order Struve function, } J_n(X) \text{ is the n-th order F\nthe first type,  $Y_n(X)$  is the n-th order Bessel function of the second type.  
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\partial X^2.
$$
  
\n
$$
= x^2 + (X^2) - Y_0(X); Y_0^{(1)}(X) = -Y_1(X); Y_1^{(1)}(X) = \frac{1}{2}[Y_0(X) - Y_2(X)]
$$
  
\n
$$
= Y_2(X) = \frac{2Y_1(X)}{X} - Y_0(X); Y_0^{(1)}(X) = -Y_1(X); Y_1^{(1)}(X) = \frac{1}{2}[Y_0(X) - Y_2(X)]
$$
  
\n
$$
H_1^{(1)}(X) = \frac{2X_1}{X} + H_0
$$
$$
$$
$$
$$

 $Y_n^{(m)}(X)$  is the m-th order derivatives of Bessel function of the second type.  $H_n^{(m)}(X)$  is the m-th order derivatives of Struve function.  $J_n^{(m)}(X)$  is the m-th order derivatives of Bessel function of the first type.

Furthermore, without loss of generality and ambiguity, here one assumes that the  $F(X, Y)$ represents the GF in the latter discussion.

#### **3. Series Expansion Method**

The division of the whole domain of physical importance is the important precondition of numerical evaluation of GF, in this paper which is derived from different kinds of Series Expansion Method (SEM). In this part, considering the different location of *X* and *Y* in the *XY*

two-dimensional plane, one primarily outlines four different kinds of SEM. On the basis of these kinds of SEM, the refined boundary of the whole domain is discussed in the latter part.

## 3.1 SEM1

When X is relatively small beside Y axis,  $J_0(Xt)$  can be expanded as the following identity in even powers of *Xt* :

$$
J_0(Xt) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \left(\frac{Xt}{2}\right)^{2n}
$$

Substituting the above equation into equation (4), and after successive partial integration, yields,

$$
F(X,Y) = 2\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \left(\frac{X}{2}\right)^{2n} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{2n}}{t-1} e^{-Yt} dt
$$
  
=  $-2e^{-Y} E i(Y) + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} \left(\frac{X}{2}\right)^{2n} \left[\sum_{m=1}^{2n} \frac{(m-1)!}{Y^m} - e^{-Y} E i(Y)\right]$  (11)

 $Ei(Y)$  is the exponential integral function. From equation (11), one can obtain the following partial derivatives of function  $F(X, Y)$  with respect to X and Y.

$$
F(X,Y) = -2e^{-Y}Ei(Y) + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \left(-\frac{X^2}{4}\right)^n \left[\sum_{m=1}^{2n} \frac{(m-1)!}{Y^m} - e^{-Y}Ei(Y)\right]
$$
(12)

$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial X} = -X \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n!)^2} \left( -\frac{X^2}{4} \right)^{n-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{2n} \frac{(m-1)!}{Y^m} - e^{-Y} Ei(Y) \right]
$$
\n
$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial Y} = 2 \left[ e^{-Y} Ei(Y) - Y^{-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \left( -\frac{X^2}{4} \right)^n \left( \sum_{m=1}^{2n} \frac{m!}{Y^{m+1}} + Y^{-1} - e^{-Y} Ei(Y) \right) \right]
$$
\n(13)

$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial Y} = -X \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n!)^2} \left( -\frac{x}{4} \right) \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{Y^m} - e^{-Y} Ei(Y) \right]
$$
(13)  

$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial Y} = 2 \left[ e^{-Y} Ei(Y) - Y^{-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \left( -\frac{X^2}{4} \right)^n \left( \sum_{m=1}^{2n} \frac{m!}{Y^{m+1}} + Y^{-1} - e^{-Y} Ei(Y) \right) \right]
$$
(14)

$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial X^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-n(2n-1)}{(n!)^2} \left( -\frac{X^2}{4} \right)^{n-1} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{2n} \frac{(m-1)!}{Y^m} - e^{-Y} Ei(Y) \right]
$$
\n
$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial Y^2} = 2 \left( -e^{-Y} Ei(Y) + Y^{-1} + Y^{-2} \right) +
$$
\n(15)

$$
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$$
  

$$
2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \left(-\frac{X^2}{4}\right)^n \left(\sum_{m=1}^{2n} \frac{(m+1)!}{Y^{m+2}} + Y^{-1} + Y^{-2} - e^{-Y}Ei(Y)\right)
$$
 (16)

$$
2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \left( -\frac{X}{4} \right) \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(m+1)!}{Y^{m+2}} + Y^{-1} + Y^{-2} - e^{-Y} Ei(Y) \right)
$$
  

$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial X \partial Y} = X \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n!)^2} \left( -\frac{X^2}{4} \right)^{n-1} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{2n} \frac{m!}{Y^{m+1}} + Y^{-1} - e^{-Y} Ei(Y) \right)
$$
(17)

Here, all these equations are consist of a double infinite series with positive powers of *X* and negative powers of Y, one can implement equations  $(12)$   $\sim$   $(17)$  to approximate the GF  $F(X, Y)$  and its derivatives.

### 3.2 SEM2

To some extent, this SEM works when *X* and *Y* is moderate value, relative to the other

3 SEM. The following identity exists [14]:  

$$
\int_0^Y \left(X^2 + t^2\right)^{-1/2} e^t dt = \frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial}{X} \int_0^Y \left(X^2 + t^2\right)^{1/2} e^t dt
$$
(18)

So the evaluation will be very convenient if one can makes the integral part of equation (5)~(10) to be expressed with  $(X^2 + t^2)^{1/2}$  or  $(X^2 + t^2)^{-1/2}$ . So (6) and (8) can be transformed as follows.

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$$
(t = X \tan \varphi)
$$
 and partial integration, after some tedious manipulations, yields,  
\n
$$
X \int_0^Y \left( X^2 + t^2 \right)^{-3/2} e^{t-Y} dt = \frac{Y}{XR} - \frac{R}{X} + e^{-Y} + \frac{1}{X} \int_0^Y \left( X^2 + t^2 \right)^{1/2} e^{t-Y} dt
$$

Substituting the above equation into equation (6), thus,

$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial X} = \pi e^{-Y} \left[ H_1(X) + Y_1(X) \right] + \frac{2Y}{XR} - \frac{2R}{X} + \frac{2}{X} \int_0^Y \left( X^2 + t^2 \right)^{1/2} e^{t-Y} dt \tag{19}
$$

The same careful manipulations can be taken with equation (8), it becomes

$$
2\int_0^Y \left(X^2+t^2\right)^{-5/2} (t^2-2X^2)e^{t-Y} dt
$$
  
= 
$$
2\left(\frac{Y^3}{X^2R^3}-\frac{2Y}{X^2R}\right)+\frac{2}{X^2}\left[\int_0^Y tX^2\left(X^2+t^2\right)^{-3/2} e^{t-Y} dt+\int_0^Y t\left(X^2+t^2\right)^{-1/2} e^{t-Y} dt\right]
$$
  
= 
$$
2\left(\frac{Y^3}{X^2R^3}-\frac{2Y}{X^2R}\right)+\frac{2Y^2}{X^2R}+\frac{2e^{-Y}}{X^2}\left[\int_0^Y X^2\left(X^2+t^2\right)^{-1/2} e^t dt-\int_0^Y \left(X^2+t^2\right)^{1/2} e^t dt\right]
$$

Substituting the above equation into equation (8), thus,

$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial X^2} = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-Y} \left[ \frac{2X}{3\pi} + Y_0(X) - Y_2(X) + H_0(X) - H_2(X) \right]
$$
  
+2 $\left( \frac{Y^3}{X^2 R^3} - \frac{2Y}{X^2 R} \right) + \frac{2Y^2}{X^2 R} + \frac{2e^{-Y}}{X^2} \left[ \int_0^Y X^2 (X^2 + t^2)^{-1/2} e^t dt - \int_0^Y (X^2 + t^2)^{1/2} e^t dt \right]$ \n(20)

So one arrives at the required expression about  $F(X, Y)$ ,  $\partial F(X, Y)/\partial X$ , and  $\partial^2 F(X,Y)/\partial X^2$  containing  $(X^2+t^2)^{1/2}$  or  $(X^2+t^2)^{1/2}$ . In this SEM, kernel of the issue is the evaluation of the equation (5), (19) and (20). Furthermore, one introduces the following identity:

> $\left(X^2 + t^2\right)^{1/2}$  $\sqrt{u^2 + t^2}$  $(X^{2}+t^{2})^{1/2}=\int_{0}^{X}\frac{u}{\sqrt{2-x^{2}}}du+|t|^{2}$  $\frac{u}{u^2+t}$  $+t^2\bigg)^{1/2} = \int_0^x \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2+2}} du + |t|$  $\int_0^{\pi} \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2+1}}$

Then after some manipulations, yields,

$$
\int_0^Y \left( X^2 + t^2 \right)^{1/2} e^t dt = \int_0^Y e^t dt \int_0^X \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + t^2}} du + Y e^Y - e^Y + 1
$$



**Fig.** 2 Four integral parts of *u-t* two-dimensional plane

For the convenient evaluation of the above equation, One introduces the coordinate substitution  $u = r \cos \theta$ ,  $t = r \sin \theta$ , the integral range about X and Y that is divided into the following four parts [14], is illustrated as fig. 2.

$$
\sum_{i} \begin{cases} r \in (0, X) \\ \theta \in (0, \theta_0) \end{cases} \qquad \sum_{i} \begin{cases} r \in (X, R) \\ \theta \in (\arccos X / r, \theta_0) \end{cases}
$$

$$
\sum_{i} \begin{cases} r \in (0, Y) \\ \theta \in (\theta_0, \pi / 2) \end{cases} \qquad \sum_{i} \begin{cases} r \in (Y, R) \\ \theta \in (\theta_0, \arcsin Y / r) \end{cases}
$$

Where  $\theta_0 = \arcsin Y/X$ .

After some manipulations of integration on the four parts, one obtains

$$
e^{-Y} \int_0^Y \left( X^2 + t^2 \right)^{1/2} e^t dt = e^{-Y} \left( \iint_{\sum_1} + \iint_{\sum_2} + \iint_{\sum_3} + \iint_{\sum_4} \right) \frac{ue^t}{\sqrt{u^2 + t^2}} du dt +
$$
  
\n
$$
e^{-Y} \left( Y e^Y - e^Y + 1 \right) = R - X e^{-Y} - e^{-Y} \int_X^R e^{\sqrt{r^2 - X^2}} dr
$$
\n(21)

One makes substitution  $t = r/X$  to the integral part of the above equation, and implements the Taylor expansion to  $e^{\sqrt{t^2-1}}$  in  $t^2-1=0$ , thus

$$
e^{-Y}\int_{X}^{R}e^{\sqrt{r^2-X^2}}dr = e^{-Y}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{X^{n+1}}{n!}\int_{1}^{R/X}\left(t^2-1\right)^{n/2}dt
$$
\n(22)

Then utilizing the definition of Gauss hypergeometric function  ${}_2F_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}(a,b,c,z)$  [15], one finds

$$
\int_{1}^{R/X} \left(t^2 - 1\right)^{n/2} dt = \text{Re}\left\{\frac{i^{-n}}{2} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{n}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right)} + \frac{2R}{X} {}_{2}F_{1}\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{R^2}{X^2}\right) \right] \right\}
$$
(23)

Where  $\Gamma(z)$  is the Gamma function. Meanwhile, one introduces the following two identities.

$$
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^{-n} X^{n+1} \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{n}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right) n!} = \sqrt{\pi} X \left(H_{-1}(X) - J_1(X)i\right)
$$
\n(24)

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$$
H_{-1}(X) = \frac{2}{\pi} - H_1(X)
$$
\n(25)

Substituting equation (23) (22) (24) (25) into (21), one has

$$
\int_0^Y \left(X^2 + t^2\right)^{1/2} e^{t-Y} dt = R - \frac{\pi X}{2} e^{-Y} H_1(X)
$$
  

$$
-e^{-Y} R \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{X^n}{n!} \text{Re}\left[i^{-n} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{R^2}{X^2}\right)\right]
$$
 (26)

Considering equations (18) (26) and the following identity

H<sub>-1</sub>(X) = 
$$
\frac{1}{\pi}
$$
 - H<sub>1</sub>(X)  
\nequation (23) (22) (24) (25) into (21), one has  
\n
$$
\int_0^x (X^2 + t^2)^{1/2} e^{-r} dt = R - \frac{\pi X}{2} e^{-r} H_1(X)
$$
\n
$$
-e^{-r} R \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{X^n}{n!} Re \left[ i^{-n} {}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{R^2}{X^2} \right) \right]
$$
\nequations (18) (26) and the following identity  
\n
$$
\frac{\partial (XH_1(X))}{\partial z} = XH_0(X)
$$
\n
$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial z} {}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, z \right) = \frac{(1-z)^{n/2} - {}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, z \right)}{2z}
$$
\ncareful manipulations, one has  
\n
$$
\int_0^x (X^2 + t^2)^{-1/2} e^{t-r} dt = R - X e^{-r} - e^{-r} \int_x^R e^{\sqrt{t^2 - x^2}} dr = -\frac{R}{X^2} e^{-r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)X^n}{n!} Re \left[ i^{-n} {}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{R^2}{X^2} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{(1+i)^2} e^{-r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)X^n}{n!} Re \left[ i^{-n} {}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{R^2}{X^2} \right) \right]
$$
\n
$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial X} = -\pi e^{-Y} I_0(X) - \frac{2R}{X^2} + \frac{2R}{X^2} e^{-r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)X^n}{n!} Re \left[ i^{-n} {}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{R^2}{X^2} \right) \right]
$$
\n

After some careful manipulations, one has

$$
\int_0^Y \left(X^2 + t^2\right)^{-1/2} e^{t-Y} dt = R - X e^{-Y} - e^{-Y} \int_X^R e^{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}} dr = \frac{1}{R} + \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-Y} H_0(X)
$$
  

$$
-\frac{R}{X^2} e^{-Y} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(n+1)X^n}{n!} \text{Re}\left[i^{-n} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{R^2}{X^2}\right)\right] + \frac{Y^2}{RX^2}
$$
 (27)

Substituting equation (26) into (19), (27) into (5), (26) (27) into  $(20)$  respectively and using the relation of special functions presented earlier, one gets

$$
F(X,Y) = -\pi e^{-Y} Y_0(X) - \frac{2R}{X^2} + \frac{2R}{X^2} e^{-Y} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)X^n}{n!} \text{Re}\left[i^{-n} {}_{2}F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{R^2}{X^2}\right)\right]
$$
\n(28)

$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial X} = \pi e^{-Y} Y_1(X) + \frac{2Y}{XR} - 2e^{-Y} R \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{X^{n-1}}{n!} \text{Re} \left[ i^{-n} {}_{2}F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{R^2}{X^2}\right) \right]
$$
\n
$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial X^2} = \pi e^{-Y} \left[ Y_0(X) - \frac{Y_1(X)}{X!} \right] + 2 \left( \frac{Y^3}{X!} \right)^2 - \frac{2Y}{X!} \left( \frac{Y^2}{X!} \right)^2
$$
\n(29)

$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial X^2} = \pi e^{-Y} \left[ Y_0(X) - \frac{Y_1(X)}{X} \right] + 2 \left( \frac{Y^3}{X^2 R^3} - \frac{2Y}{X^2 R} \right) + \frac{2Y^2}{X^2 R}
$$
\n
$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial X^2} = \pi e^{-Y} \left[ Y_0(X) - \frac{Y_1(X)}{X} \right] + 2 \left( \frac{Y^3}{X^2 R^3} - \frac{2Y}{X^2 R} \right) + \frac{2Y^2}{X^2 R}
$$
\n
$$
- \frac{2R}{X^2} e^{-Y} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{X^n}{(n-1)!} \text{Re} \left[ i^{-n} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{R^2}{X^2} \right) \right]
$$
\n(30)

Finally, one arrives at the required expressions (28) (29) (30) (7) (9) (10) with which the evaluation can be implemented.

3.3 SEM3

When X is not very small and  $X/Y$  is less than 2, one implements the Taylor expansion to  $(X^2 + t^2)^{-1/2}$  in  $t^2 = 0$ , thus

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$$
\left[X^{2}+t^{2}\right]^{-1/2}=\frac{1}{X}+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{(-1)^{n}\left(2n-1\right)!!}{2^{n}n!X^{2n+1}}t^{2n}
$$

Substituting the above equation into the integral part of (5), and exchanging the order of integration and summation, yields<br>  $\int_{0}^{Y} (X^2 + t^2)^{-1/2} e^{t-Y} dt = \frac{1}{N} \int_{0}^{Y} e^{t-Y} dt + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{n!} \int_{0}^{Y} t^{2n}$ integration and summation, yields

g the above equation into the integral part of (5), and exchanging the order of  
and summation, yields  

$$
\int_0^Y \left(X^2 + t^2\right)^{-1/2} e^{t-Y} dt = \frac{1}{X} \int_0^Y e^{t-Y} dt + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{2^n n! X^{2n+1}} \int_0^Y t^{2n} e^{t-Y} dv
$$

$$
= \frac{1 - e^{-Y}}{X} + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{2^n n! X^{2n+1}} C_n(Y)
$$
(31)

Where  $C_n(Y) = \int_0^1 t^2 dx$  $C_n(Y) = \int_0^Y t^{2n} e^{t-Y} dv$ 

Successive partial integration of the right integrals of  $C_n(Y)$  yields the recursion formula

$$
C_n(Y) = Y^{2n} - 2nY^{2n-1} + 2n(2n-1)C_{n-1}(Y)
$$

Where  $C_0(Y) = 1 - e^{-Y}$ .

Substituting equation (31) into (5), one has

$$
F(X,Y) = -\pi e^{-Y} \left[ H_0(X) + Y_0(X) \right] - \frac{2\left(1 - e^{-Y}\right)}{X} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(-1\right)^n (2n-1)!!}{2^n n! X^{2n+1}} C_n(Y) \tag{32}
$$

From equation (32), one can achieves the derivatives of function  $F(X, Y)$  with respect to X and *Y*, and simplifies those equations with the former special function identity, thus

$$
\left[ X^{2} + t^{2} \right]^{-4/2} = \frac{1}{X} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} (2n-1)!!}{2^{n} n! X^{2n+1}} t^{2n}
$$
\nthe above equation into the integral part of (5), and exchanging the order of  
\nand summation, yields\n
$$
\int_{0}^{x} (X^{2} + t^{2})^{-1/2} e^{-r^{2}} dt = \frac{1}{X} \int_{0}^{y} e^{-r^{2}} dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} (2n-1)!!}{2^{n} n! X^{2n+1}} \int_{0}^{y} t^{2n} e^{-r^{2}} dv
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{1 - e^{-x}}{X} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} (2n-1)!!}{2^{n} n! X^{2n+1}} C_{n} (Y)
$$
\n
$$
Y = \int_{0}^{t} t^{2n} e^{-r^{2}} dv
$$
\npartial)^{partial (31) 
$$
= \frac{1 - e^{-x}}{X} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} (2n-1)!!}{2^{n} n! X^{2n+1}} C_{n} (Y)
$$
\n
$$
Y = \int_{0}^{t} t^{2n} e^{-r^{2}} dv
$$
\npartial)^{partial (32) 
$$
Y = Y^{2n} - 2nY^{2n-1} + 2n (2n-1) C_{n-1} (Y)
$$
\n
$$
Y = 1 - e^{-Y}.
$$
\nequation (31) into (5), one has\n
$$
F(X, Y) = -\pi e^{-Y} [H_{0}(X) + V_{0}(X)] - \frac{2(1 - e^{-Y})}{X} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} (2n-1)!!}{2^{n} n! X^{2n+1}} C_{n} (Y)
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{\partial F(X, Y)}{\partial X} = \pi e^{-Y} \left[ H_{1}(X) + Y_{1}(X) - \frac{2}{\pi} \right] + \frac{2(1 - e^{-Y})}{X^{2}} + \frac{2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n} (2n-1)!!}{2^{n} n! X^{2n+2}}} C_{n} (Y)
$$

Finally, the evaluation can be implemented with the required expressions (32) (33) (34)  $(7)$   $)(9)$   $(10)$ .

## 3.4 SEM4

When X and Y are all not very small, One makes substitutions  $u = t/Y$ ,  $v = u - 1$  to the integral part of (5), thus

$$
\int_0^Y \left(X^2 + t^2\right)^{-1/2} e^{t-Y} dt = \int_{-1}^0 \left[\frac{R^2}{Y^2} + \left(v^2 + 2v\right)\right]^{-1/2} e^{vY} dv \tag{35}
$$

Then implementing the Taylor expansion to  $\frac{K}{v^2} + (v^2 + 2v)$ <sup>2</sup>  $\left(2^2+2^2\right)$  $\frac{R^2}{Y^2} + (v^2 + 2v)$  $R^2$  (2 0)  $\left[ \frac{R}{Y^2} + (v^2 + 2v) \right]$  in  $v^2 + 2v = 0$ , one has

$$
\left[\frac{R^2}{Y^2} + \left(\nu^2 + 2\nu\right)\right]^{-1/2} = \frac{Y}{R} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{2^n n!} \left(\frac{Y}{R}\right)^{2n+1} \left(\nu^2 + 2\nu\right)^n
$$

summation, yields  $2n+1$ 

Substituting the above equation into (35), and exchanging the order of integration and summation, yields\n
$$
\int_0^Y \left(X^2 + t^2\right)^{-1/2} e^{t-Y} dt = \frac{Y}{R} \int_{-1}^0 e^{vY} dv + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{2^n n!} \left(\frac{Y}{R}\right)^{2n+1} \int_{-1}^0 \left(v^2 + 2v\right)^n e^{vY} dv
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{1 - e^{-Y}}{R} + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{2^n n!} \left(\frac{Y}{R}\right)^{2n+1} B_n(Y)
$$
\n(36)

Where  $B_n(Y) = \int_{1}^{0} (v^2 + 2v)^{7}$  $B_n(Y) = \int_{-1}^{0} (v^2 + 2v)^n e^{vY} dv$ 

Successive partial integration of the right integrals of  $B_n(Y)$  yields the recursion formula

$$
B_n(Y) = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{Y}e^{-Y} + \frac{2n(2n-1)}{Y^2}B_{n-1}(Y) + \frac{4n(n-1)}{Y^2}B_{n-2}(Y)
$$
  
Where  $B_0(Y) = \frac{1-e^{-Y}}{Y}$ ;  $B_1(Y) = \left(\frac{1}{Y} - \frac{2}{Y^3}\right)e^{-Y} - 2\left(\frac{1}{Y^2} - \frac{1}{Y^3}\right)$ 

Substituting equation (36) into (5), yields

equation (36) into (5), yields  
\n
$$
F(X,Y) = -\pi e^{-Y} \left[ H_0(X) + Y_0(X) \right] - \frac{2(1-e^{-Y})}{R} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n-1)!!}{2^n n!} \left( \frac{Y}{R} \right)^{2n+1} B_n(Y)
$$
\n(37)

Similar to the subdomain 3, one has  
\n
$$
\frac{\partial F(X,Y)}{\partial X} = \pi e^{-Y} \left( H_1(X) + Y_1(X) - \frac{2}{\pi} \right) + \frac{2X (1 - e^{-Y})}{R^3} +
$$
\n
$$
\frac{2X}{Y^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+1)!!}{2^n n!} \left( \frac{Y}{R} \right)^{2n+3} B_n(Y)
$$
\n
$$
\frac{\partial^2 F(X,Y)}{\partial X^2} = \pi e^{-Y} \left[ H_0(X) - \frac{H_1(X)}{X} + Y_0(X) - \frac{Y_1(X)}{X} \right] + \left( \frac{2}{R^3} - \frac{6X^2}{R^5} \right) (1 - e^{-Y})
$$
\n
$$
+ \frac{2}{Y^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+1)!!}{2^n n!} \left( \frac{Y}{R} \right)^{2n+3} \left( 1 - \frac{X^2 (2n+3)}{R^2} \right) B_n(Y)
$$
\n(39)

Finally, one obtains the required expressions (37) (38) (39) (7) (9) (10) with which the evaluation can be implemented.

#### **4. Numerical Results and Discussion**

From final identities of all the above four kinds of SEM, one concludes that there are two evaluating emphases to be accomplished. One is accurate and efficient approximations of those special functions, which are  $Y_0(X)$ ,  $Y_1(X)$ ,  $J_0(X)$ ,  $J_1(X)$ ,  $H_0(X)$ ,  $H_1(X)$ ,  $Ei(Y)$ ,  $_2F_1(a,b,c,z)$ , the other is the exact division of the whole domain of physical importance.

For convenient comparison, there are four kinds of different methods. The first kind method [14] is called  $M_1$ , which will be used to the comparison of computational precision.  $M_2$ stands for the classical fast method [6]. The third method derived from equations  $(5)$   $(6)$   $(7)$   $(8)$  $(9)$  (10), called M<sub>pre</sub>, is the direct numerical method, which can provide double precision result employing Romberg integral method. The last method from this paper is called M<sub>new</sub>. One benchmarks the corresponding numerical errors of  $M_1$  and  $M_{new}$  against the  $M_{pre}$  results, with the representations  $E_1=|M_1-M_{pre}|$  and  $E_{new}=|M_{new}-M_{pre}|$ .

The notations  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_{pre}$  and  $T_{new}$  represent the computational time of  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  and  $M_{pre}$ , Mnew respectively. Although *X* and *Y* may take on all positive values, without loss of generality one assumes that for error analysis, calculation range of *X* and *Y* is up to 40, in which the step length of *X* and *Y* is 0.2, and that for efficiency analysis, calculation interval of *X* and *Y* is (0, 500] with variable step lengths, which are 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8 respectively. The constant range of *X-Y* plane with changeable step length is corresponding to one certain wetted surface with different number of discrete panel elements. The following numerical calculations were performed on a desktop computer (Microsoft Windows 7, 64 bit, Intel Core i5-5200 2.2 GHz/ 4 core, 4 GB implementation memory).

4.1 A note on the approximations of special functions

Efficient approximations of  $Y_0(X)$ ,  $Y_1(X)$ ,  $J_0(X)$ ,  $J_1(X)$  are derived from rational functions [16], which are theoretically accurate to at least 18 significant decimal digits. The fast calculation method about  $H_0(X)$ ,  $H_1(X)$  is proposed by Zhang et al. [17], with precision up to  $10^{-15}$ . The rational Chebyshev approximation [18] of  $Ei(Y)$  has maximal relative errors as low as from  $8 \times 10^{-19}$  to  $2 \times 10^{-21}$ . Relative to the above special functions, numerical computation of the Gauss hypergeometric function  ${}_{2}F_{1}(a,b,c,z)$  is a challenging task [19][20]. Here one introduces a fast and accurate computation method of this function [19].

Furthermore, the computational efforts of all these special functions are also acceptable, outlined in Table 1 (the consumed time is for one time, which is the average computational efforts from  $10<sup>5</sup>$  times calculation of the special function). It can be found that the calculation of Gauss hypergeometric function is a little time-consuming, compared with those of other special functions.

Special function	Consumed time/s/once	Special function	Consumed time/s/once
$2F_1$	$1.42 \times 10^{-5}$		$3.00\times10^{-7}$
Ei	$2.00 \times 10^{-7}$		$2.00\times10^{-7}$
Jn	$1.00 \times 10^{-7}$	Ho	$4.00 \times 10^{-7}$
	$1.00 \times 10^{-7}$		$3.00 \times 10^{-7}$

**Table 1** Computational efforts of special functions

#### 4.2 The refined division of four subdomains

Generally, exact division of the domain is closely related to the calculation precision and efficiency under appropriate SEM. In this paper, the algorithmic applicability with different (*X*, *Y*) and constant truncated number of each SEM is outlined on the *X-Y* two-dimensional plane. Furthermore, the exact division and different truncated number of SEM is derived from the balance between calculation precision and efficiency.

Firstly, one derives the representative numerical  $E_{new}$  of  $F(X, Y)$  with constant truncated numbers (N<sub>1</sub>=15, N<sub>2</sub>=35, N<sub>3</sub>=13, N<sub>4</sub>=15 respectively) of each SEM.

From Fig 3(1), it can be clearly found that SEM1 is available when *Y*/*X* is more than 2.0 in one quadrant of the two-dimensional *X-Y* plane. Fig. 3(2) illustrates that the approximation of the square region (when *X* is less than 10 and *Y* is less than 11) can be derived from SEM2. Fig. 3(3) shows that SEM3 is suitable when *X*/*Y* is more than 2.0 and X is more than 6.5. From Fig. 3(4) one can conclude that SEM4 can be applied to the whole zone except when *X* is less than 11.0 and *Y* is less than 31.0.



**Fig. 3** Algorithmic applicability of each SEM with constant truncated number

However, from the computational efficiency of special functions presented earlier, one believes that efficiency sorting order of these four SEM is: SEM1 $\approx$  SEM3> SEM4> SEM2, as to exact division of the whole domain, the above coarse result is far from enough. Consequently based on the general consideration for three aspects, which are the efficiency difference between these SEM, the computational error control of transitional region (especially the exact boundary of the SEM2), the balance between the calculation precision and efficiency of the whole domain, one outlines the refined boundary and truncated number of infinite series for each SEM as follows.



**Fig. 4** Refined boundary and truncated number of infinite series for each SEM.

In Fig. 4 of *X* and *Y* coordinate plane, the D<sub>i</sub> is shorted for subdomain i (i=1, 2, 3, 4), N<sub>i</sub> stands for the truncated number of infinite series for subdomain i  $(i=1, 2, 3, 4)$ . The boundaries of the whole calculating domain are *Y*/*X*=2, *Y*=15, *X*=9.5, *X*=6.5, and *X*/*Y*=2. With the desired accuracy as the precondition, for the sake of efficiency,  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ ,  $D_4$  is re-divided into different zones. It must be pointed out that this introduction of the re-division for  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  and  $D_4$  with different truncated number did not increase computational efforts in practice compared those derived from selection of evaluation algorithm.

 $D_1$  is re-divided into two zones with different truncated number of infinite series, its following boundary is *Y*=14 and *Y*=17, with truncated number  $N_1$ =15 and  $N_1$ =19 respectively.  $D_2$  is re-divided into four zones with different truncated number of infinite series, its following boundary is *Y*=6 and x=4.5, *Y*=8 and *X*=7.5, and *Y*=11. The truncated number of these four zones are  $N_2$ =26,  $N_2$ =30,  $N_2$ =36, and  $N_4$ =42 respectively. D<sub>4</sub> is re-divided into two zones with boundary  $X=14$ , the truncated number of these two zones are  $N_4=20$ ,  $N_4=15$  respectively.

4.3 Numerical results of Green function and its derivatives





with  $M_1$  **Fig.** 6 Numerical  $E_{\text{new}}$  of  $F(X, Y)$  with  $M_{\text{new}}$ 

Fig. 5 shows numerical  $E_1$  for  $F(X, Y)$  with  $M_1$ . One finds that  $M_1$  can obtain the accuracy of  $10^{-9}$  in some area, not covering the whole domain. The precision of some sizeable areas is about  $10^{-6}$ ~ $10^{-8}$ . The numerical results also shows that there are actually some areas with the precision of  $10^{-2}$ ~ $10^{-5}$ , to some extent, which is not sufficiently accurate for computational application, such as for the wave-induced motions, forces, and resistance [21]. However, Fig. 6 gives numerical  $E_{\text{new}}$  for  $F(X, Y)$ . It can be obviously concluded that precision of all the evaluating points with different *X* and *Y* from the whole domain can reach at least 10<sup>-9</sup>, which is due to the proper SEM, the highly precise approximation of special function and refined subdomain division. The same results can be found in Table 2, which is the comparison of numerical results between  $M_1$  and  $M_{\text{new}}$ .

X	Y	$E_1$	$E_{\text{new}}$	X	Y	$E_1$	E <sub>new</sub>
0.8	0.8	$0.00 \times 10^{0}$	$0.00 \times 10^{0}$	8.2	13	$3.34 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.34 \times 10^{-10}$
0.8	5	$8.99 \times 10^{-15}$	$0.00\times10^{0}$	8.2	15	$3.67 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.67\times10^{\text{-}10}$
0.8	10	$5.57 \times 10^{-12}$	$0.00 \times 10^{0}$	8.2	18	$1.68 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.50 \times 10^{-10}$
0.8	13	$1.85 \times 10^{-8}$	$0.00\times10^{0}$	21	0.8	$1.06 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.06 \times 10^{-12}$
0.8	15	$1.10 \times 10^{-6}$	$0.00 \times 10^{0}$	21	5	$1.60 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.58 \times 10^{-14}$
0.8	18	$1.29 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.00 \times 10^{0}$	21	10	$1.94 \times 10^{-15}$	$0.00 \times 10^{0}$
8.2	0.8	$1.00 \times 10^{-13}$	$6.99 \times 10^{-15}$	21	13	$0.00\times10^{0}$	$5.09 \times 10^{-15}$
8.2	5	$1.17 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.24 \times 10^{-12}$	21	15	$0.00\times10^{0}$	$2.11 \times 10^{-14}$
8.2	10	$4.14 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-11}$	21	18	$1.62 \times 10^{-9}$	$8.62 \times 10^{-14}$

**Table 2** Comparison of numerical error for  $F(X, Y)$  between  $M_1$  and  $M_{new}$ 





**Fig. 8** Numerical E<sub>new</sub> of  $\partial^2 F(X, Y) / \partial X^2$ 

As a result, Fig. 7 and 8 show that evaluations of the first and second order derivatives of GF can also obtain a precision of  $10^{-9}$  at least under  $M_{\text{new}}$  presented earlier. Furthermore, one can rationally expect satisfactory calculation results of GF other derivatives due to the relationship of equations  $(6)$   $(7)$   $(8)$   $(9)$   $(10)$ .

In addition, the computation time is also acceptable. Efficiency of the new method is compared with that of the rest three methods. From Table 3, one finds that  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_{\text{new}}$  have the same order of magnitude, which are much less than  $T_{pre}$  derived from the direct integration. Except from  $T_{pre}$ ,  $T_{new}$  is more approximate to  $T_2$ .

Step Length	$T_1/s$	$T_2/s$	$T_{pre}/s$	$T_{new}/s$
0.10	9.03	7.01	585.61	8.41
0.15	3.86	2.88	259.28	3.79
0.20	2.27	1.66	143.02	2.18
0.30	0.96	0.76	64.72	0.90
0.40	0.54	0.42	35.56	0.51
0.50	0.36	0.26	22.80	0.35
0.60	0.25	0.20	15.87	0.23
0.70	0.17	0.14	11.72	0.16
0.80	0.15	0.11	8.95	0.14

**Table 3** Comparison of the computational efforts between four methods







 $\partial F(X,Y)/\partial X$ 



(4)  $\partial^2 F(X,Y)/\partial X^2$ 





Fig. 9 shows that along the *X* direction, which is also the propagation direction of the surface wave, the variation trend generally meets the cyclical variation law with continued amplitude attenuation, and that along the *Y* direction, which is the increasing direction of water depth, wave amplitude sharply attenuates to zero. The above law accords with the actual physical phenomenon.

# 4.4 Application to a floating hemisphere





**Fig. 10** The wetted surface of the hemisphere **Fig. 11** Different location of X and Y of the assumed situation

$D_i$	$\boldsymbol{X}$	Y	$\partial F(X,Y)/\partial X_{\text{new}}$	$\partial F(X,Y)/\partial X_{pre}$	$\partial^2 F(X,Y)/\partial X_{\text{new}}^2$	$\partial^2 F(X,Y)/\partial X_{\text{pre}}^2$
DI	0.69	4.63	0.02494874147	0.02494874147	-0.01459808394	$-0.01459808394$
	1.69	6.75	0.01965759843	0.01965759843	0.14871920744	0.14871920744
	1.22	3.5	0.07086810313	0.07086810313	$-0.08560264733$	$-0.08560264725$
	3.92	9.47	0.01060699083	0.01060699083	0.00094282431	0.00094282431
	4.85	7.73	0.01853267444	0.01853267442	0.03592574647	0.03592574647
D2	3.53	3.5	0.16494598775	0.16494598775	0.00928292079	0.00928292079
	6.98	9.47	0.01069571687	0.01069571687	0.06461107428	0.06461107428
	3.56	1.18	0.94613454029	0.94613454029	0.01544230344	0.01544230344
	12.13	4.63	0.00670053215	0.00670053215	$-0.00146967274$	$-0.00146967287$
D <sub>3</sub>	8.14	2.35	-0.04549872003	$-0.04549872003$	$-0.01566467737$	$-0.01566467737$
	23.79	2.35	0.05423060139	0.05423060144	$-0.00042957506$	$-0.00042957507$
	19.42	8.64	0.00406975411	0.00406975411	$-0.00038566806$	$-0.00038566806$
D <sub>4</sub>	10.52	7.73	0.01147046297	0.01147046297	$-0.00144538009$	$-0.00144538008$
	13.58	10.87	0.00573333490	0.00573333490	$-0.00040810851$	$-0.00040810851$
	16.4	8.64	0.00575424116	0.00575424116	$-0.00048625128$	$-0.00048625128$
	11.66	11.42	0.00614036471	0.00614036471	$-0.00038105601$	$-0.00038105601$

**Table 4** Comparison of the hemisphere results

The above-described numerical method of evaluating GF is tested here through a floating hemisphere with radius of 25 meters (see Fig. 10). The wetted surface of this hemisphere is represented by an ensemble of connected four-sided panels. A panel degenerates to a triangle when the coordinates of two vertices coincide. Total number of panel is 1008. The centroid of each panel is used as field point or source point. Here one investigates GF between a fixed field point located at (-19.71,-0.98,-2.93) and all the points regarded as unit sources. So 1007 times calculations need to be solved except for the situation when the field point coincides with the source point. In addition, considering the range of the subdomains, it is reasonable to assume wave number equals to 0.8. Then the resulting (*X*, *Y)* is outlined in Fig. 11.

One chooses four points from *XY* plane in each subdomains to make the verification. Table 4 depicts these results obtained by  $M_{\text{new}}$  and  $M_{\text{pre}}$ . As to the hemisphere, it can be concluded that evaluations of the first and second order derivatives of GF can obtain a precision of  $10<sup>-9</sup>$  at least from all the listed data with accuracy of 11 decimal digits.

#### **5. Conclusion**

This paper explored in detail the classical representation of free surface GF, composed of a semi-infinite integral involving a Bessel function and a Cauchy singularity. For the evaluation of the function itself and its high order derivatives, only four kinds of analytical series expansion was developed, and the involved special functions, especially the hypergeometric function were evaluated with high precision and efficiency. In addition, one put forward the refined subdomains of the whole domain. The numerical results showed that the new method could acquire a high degree of precision and an acceptable and practical efficiency.

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