

Scattering From an Impedance Object at the Edge of a Perfectly Conducting Wedge

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Abstract—In this study, scattering from impedance bodies positioned at the edge of a perfectly electrically conducting wedge is investigated. In the treatment of the problem, eigenfunction expansion in terms of spherical vector wave functions is employed. A complete dyadic Green's function for the spherical impedance boss at the edge is developed. It is observed that the scattering is highly enhanced by the edge guided waves. Additionally, using T-matrix method, the solution is extended to the general case of irregularly shaped scatterers. The T-matrix solution is verified by applying it to the case of a spherical scatterer and results are compared with the dyadic Green's function solution.

Index Terms—Dyadic Green's function, electromagnetic scattering, spherical vector wave functions, T-matrix, wedge scattering.

I. INTRODUCTION

THIS paper is mainly concerned with the development of an analytical solution for scattering from an impedance object at the edge of a perfectly conducting wedge. Scattering from several configurations of spherical and irregularly shaped objects are considered which will serve to provide a basis to extend the scope of current high-frequency techniques for scatterers at the edge. In addition, this work is a first step toward an analytical solution for scattering from a rough or corrugated edge.

In the literature, the problem of cylinder-tipped half plane is first considered by Keller in which the Geometrical Theory of Diffraction (GTD) solution is presented [1]. Shortcomings of the Keller's theory in the transition regions were overcome by incorporating higher order terms in the solution, hence, continuous fields at the boundaries are obtained [2]. For the general case of cylinder-tipped wedge, using GTD approach, an asymptotic expression of Green's function is obtained in [3]. Scattering from slotted and corrugated wedges which are of importance in analyzing aperture antennas and radar targets are investigated in [4]–[9]. For canonical problems, series solutions in terms of eigenfunctions are presented [7]–[9]. For irregularly shaped slot configurations, based on application of equivalence

principle, the problem is divided into distinct exterior and interior domains. Exterior problem is concerned with wedge scattering which is formulated using UTD or Green's function expansion. Interior problem of cavity is treated by employing finite element method [4]–[6]. Published works mostly refer to configurations which conform to cylindrical coordinates and do not consider the scattering from structures at the edge. However, scattering from perfectly conducting wedge is considered in [10] where dyadic Green's function (DGF) in terms of spherical vector wave functions are obtained. This dyadic Green's function is essential for analyzing the scattering from objects near the edge, since it gives accurate results in the paraxial region. In addition it can be used with the T-matrix method to analyze the scattering from irregularly shaped objects on the edge.

For the problem of rough edge diffraction, solutions using asymptotic physical optics approach are presented in [11], [12]. These solutions are limited to the knife edge case and away from shadow boundaries.

In this work, we present an analytical solution in terms of the T-matrix for an irregularly shaped impedance object positioned at the edge of a perfectly electrically conducting (PEC) wedge. This solution is valid almost everywhere for various wedge angles. Also, the T-matrix solution is independent of the source. This analytical solution will provide a physical insight to the scattering mechanism and it can be extended for multiple scatterers in order to simulate a rough edge.

In Section I the scattering problem is stated. Analysis is carried out in three steps. First, dyadic Green's function for the spherical impedance boss at the edge is formulated in terms of spherical vector wave functions in Section II. This exact solution is then used to verify the T-matrix method for irregularly shaped scatterers which is developed in Section III. In Section IV, numerical results are presented for T-matrix where the solution is verified by comparing it with the dyadic Green's function solution. Concluding remarks are presented in Section V. Throughout this paper an $e^{j\omega t}$ time convention is used and suppressed.

II. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Geometry of the problem is shown in Fig. 1. A perfectly electrically conducting (PEC) wedge with exterior angle γ is considered which extends infinitely in the z direction. One side of the wedge lies on the xz plane. An irregularly shaped impedance scatterer is positioned at the edge of the PEC wedge. Position vectors, $\vec{R} = r\hat{r}$ and $\vec{R}' = r'\hat{r}'$, denote the observation and the source locations, respectively. In the treatment of this problem, interaction of the scatterer and the wedge should be included.

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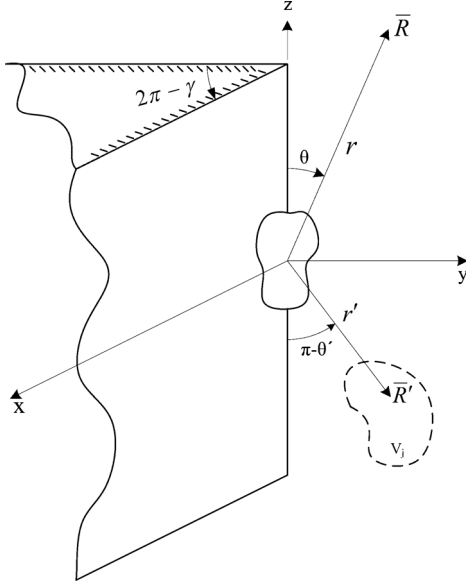


Fig. 1. An irregularly shaped scatterer at the edge of a wedge.

First step is to analyze the scattering from a single spherical scatterer at the edge which is considered in the following section.

III. DYADIC GREEN'S FUNCTION OF A SPHERICAL IMPEDANCE BOSS AT THE EDGE

A. Statement of the Problem

The geometry of the problem is shown in Fig. 2. A spherical impedance boss with radius a is centered at the edge of the PEC wedge. S_W and S_B denotes the surface of the wedge and the boss, respectively, and Σ is an imaginary spherical surface which extends to infinity. These surfaces enclose the volume V and \hat{n} is the unit normal vector directed into the volume.

Electric field dyadic Green's function of the wedge and boss, $\bar{\Gamma}_{WB}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}')$, satisfies the dyadic differential equation in volume V

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \bar{\Gamma}_{WB}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') - k_0^2 \bar{\Gamma}_{WB}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') = -\bar{I} \delta(\bar{R} - \bar{R}') \quad (1)$$

where \bar{I} is the unit dyad, $\delta(\bar{R} - \bar{R}')$ is the Dirac delta function and k_0 is the wave number in the free space. The dyadic Green's function must satisfy the following boundary condition on the surface of the wedge, S_W

$$\hat{n} \times \bar{\Gamma}_{WB}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') = 0 \text{ on } S_W. \quad (2)$$

where \hat{n} is the unit normal vector. Standard impedance boundary condition is also imposed on the surface of the boss S_B [13]

$$\hat{n} \times \hat{n} \times \bar{\Gamma}_{WB}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') = \kappa \hat{n} \times \nabla \times \bar{\Gamma}_{WB}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') \text{ on } S_B \quad (3)$$

where

$$\kappa = \frac{\eta}{jk_0 Z_0} \quad (4)$$

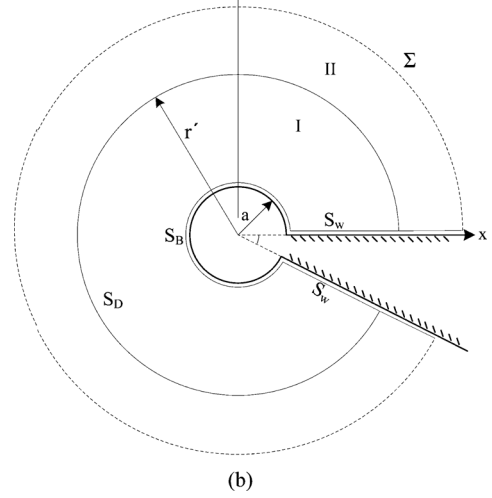
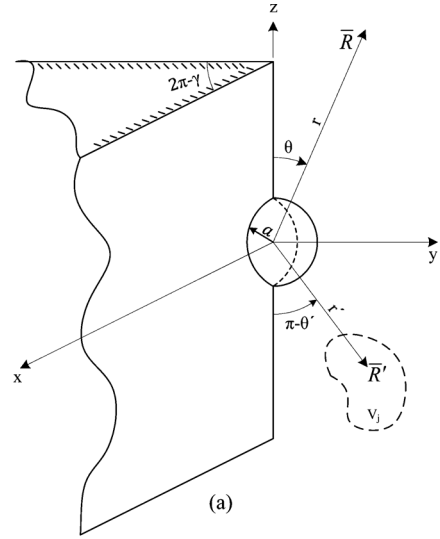


Fig. 2. (a) Geometry of a spherical boss at the edge (b) The cross sectional view.

and η is the surface impedance of the boss and Z_0 is the characteristic impedance of the free space. Furthermore, dyadic Green's function must satisfy the edge condition [14] at edge ($\theta = 0$) and the radiation condition on Σ .

The following relation can be established between dyadic Green's function and the electric field, $\bar{E}(\bar{R})$, due to a volumetric current density $\bar{J}_v(\bar{R}')$

$$\bar{E}(\bar{R}) = jk_0 Z_0 \int_{V_j} \bar{\Gamma}_{WB}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') \cdot \bar{J}_v(\bar{R}') dv. \quad (5)$$

where V_j is the volume of the source.

B. Construction of the Dyadic Green's Function

Derivation of the dyadic Green's function can be simplified by defining the vector Green's function

$$\bar{G}_u(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') = \bar{\Gamma}_{WB}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') \cdot \hat{u} \quad (6)$$

where \hat{u} is a unit vector in an arbitrary direction. Vector Green's function satisfies the vector wave equation, and the following boundary conditions:

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \bar{G}_u(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') - k_0^2 \bar{G}_u(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') = -\hat{u} \delta(\bar{R} - \bar{R}'), \quad (7)$$

$$\hat{n} \times \bar{G}_u(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') \Big|_{\bar{R} \text{ on } S_W} = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\hat{n} \times \hat{n} \times \bar{G}_u(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') \Big|_{\bar{R} \text{ on } S_B} = \kappa \hat{n} \times \nabla \times \bar{G}_u(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') \Big|_{\bar{R} \text{ on } S_B}. \quad (9)$$

$\bar{G}_u(\bar{R}, \bar{R}')$ may be considered as the field due to a vector point source $\hat{u} \delta(\bar{R} - \bar{R}')$ located at \bar{R}' . After determining $\bar{G}_u(\bar{R}, \bar{R}')$, dyadic Green's function can be found by using (6).

Singularity introduced by the impulse function serves to divide the Volume V into two source free regions of I and II. Volume V is divided by the spherical surface S_D at $r = r'$ where the source point is located. At the dividing surface the Green's function is continuous but its derivatives are discontinuous in order to satisfy the singularity introduced by the impulse function.

In the source free regions, Green's function can be expanded in terms of solenoidal spherical vector wave functions presented in [10]. Solenoidal vector wave functions $\bar{M}_{e\mu n}$ and $\bar{N}_{o\mu n}$, are defined in Appendix A.

Vector Green's function is expanded using unknown coefficients as follows:

$$\bar{G}_u^I = \sum_q a_q(\bar{R}') \bar{M}_{e\mu n}^I(k_0 \bar{R}) + b_q(\bar{R}') \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^I(k_0 \bar{R}) \quad (10)$$

$$\bar{G}_u^{II} = \sum_q c_q(\bar{R}') \bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{II}(k_0 \bar{R}) + d_q(\bar{R}') \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{II}(k_0 \bar{R}) \quad (11)$$

where \bar{G}_u^I and \bar{G}_u^{II} are the valid Green's functions in the region I and region II, respectively. q is the compact summation index representing μ and n .

To satisfy the boundary conditions on the surface of the wedge \bar{M} functions are chosen as even and \bar{N} functions are chosen as odd represented as \bar{M}_{eq} and \bar{N}_{oq} , respectively. Moreover, eigenvalues for μ are defined as

$$\mu = \frac{m\pi}{\gamma} \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (12)$$

Imposing the boundary condition of (9) on \bar{G}_u^I , its radial functions are found as

$$z_{\mu+n}^{(IM)}(k_0 r) = j_{\mu+n}(k_0 r) + \alpha_{\mu n}(k_0 a) h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}(k_0 r) \quad (13)$$

$$z_{\mu+n}^{(IN)}(k_0 r) = j_{\mu+n}(k_0 r) + \beta_{\mu n}(k_0 a) h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}(k_0 r) \quad (14)$$

where

$$\alpha_{\mu n}(k_0 a) = -\frac{k_0 \kappa j'_{\mu+n}(k_0 a) + \left(\frac{\kappa}{a} - 1\right) j_{\mu+n}(k_0 a)}{k_0 \kappa h_{\mu+n}^{(2)'}(k_0 a) + \left(\frac{\kappa}{a} - 1\right) h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}(k_0 a)} \quad (15)$$

$$\beta_{\mu n}(k_0 a) = -\frac{k_0 j'_{\mu+n}(k_0 a) + \left(\frac{1}{a} + k_0^2 \kappa\right) j_{\mu+n}(k_0 a)}{k_0 h_{\mu+n}^{(2)'}(k_0 a) + \left(\frac{1}{a} + k_0^2 \kappa\right) h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}(k_0 a)} \quad (16)$$

and $j_{\mu+n}$ and $h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}$ denote the spherical Bessel and spherical Hankel functions of the second kind, respectively. Primes denote the derivative of the function with respect to its argument.

In region II, radiation condition must be satisfied. Hence, radial functions are chosen as Hankel functions of the second kind which are denoted with superscript (4). The resulting Green's function in region I and region II can be written as

$$\bar{G}_u^I = \sum_q a_q(\bar{R}') \bar{M}_{eq}^{(IM)}(k_0 \bar{R}) + b_q(\bar{R}') \bar{N}_{oq}^{(IN)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \quad (17)$$

$$\bar{G}_u^{II} = \sum_q c_q(\bar{R}') \bar{M}_{eq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) + d_q(\bar{R}') \bar{N}_{oq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \quad (18)$$

where $\bar{M}_{eq}^{(IM)}$ and $\bar{N}_{oq}^{(IN)}$ can be written using (13) and (14) as

$$\bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(IM)}(k_0 \bar{R}) = \bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}) + \alpha_{\mu n}(k_0 a) \bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \quad (19)$$

$$\bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(IN)}(k_0 \bar{R}) = \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}) + \beta_{\mu n}(k_0 a) \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}). \quad (20)$$

To solve for unknown coefficients, Green's second identity is applied over the region I and region II. By imposing the boundary conditions and employing the orthogonality of the spherical vector wave functions given in [10], a_q , b_q , c_q and d_q can be determined as follows:

$$a_q(R') = \frac{\pi j}{2k_0} \frac{\bar{M}_{eq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \cdot \hat{u}}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)} \quad (21)$$

$$b_q(R') = \frac{\pi j}{2k_0} \frac{\bar{N}_{oq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \cdot \hat{u}}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)} \quad (22)$$

$$c_q(R') = \frac{\pi j}{2k_0} \frac{\bar{M}_{eq}^{(IM)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \cdot \hat{u}}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)} \quad (23)$$

$$d_q(\bar{R}') = \frac{\pi j}{2k_0} \frac{\bar{N}_{oq}^{(IN)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \cdot \hat{u}}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)}. \quad (24)$$

In (22)–(24),

$$Q_{\mu n} = \frac{\epsilon_m \pi \gamma n!}{2(2\mu+2n+1)\Gamma(2\mu+n+1)}. \quad (25)$$

where

$$\epsilon_m = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } m = 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } m \neq 0. \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

Substituting the unknowns coefficients in (17) and (18), vector Green's function can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{G}_u^I(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') &= \frac{j\pi}{2k_0} \sum_q \frac{1}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)} \\ &\times \left[\bar{M}_{eq}^{(IM)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{M}_{eq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right. \\ &\left. + \bar{N}_{oq}^{(IN)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{N}_{oq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \cdot \hat{u} \quad (27) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{G}_u^{II}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') &= \frac{j\pi}{2k_0} \sum_q \frac{1}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)} \\ &\times \left[\bar{M}_{eq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{M}_{eq}^{(IM)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right. \\ &\left. + \bar{N}_{oq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{N}_{oq}^{(IN)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \cdot \hat{u}. \quad (28) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_{WB}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') = \frac{\hat{r}\hat{r}}{k_0^2} \delta(\bar{R} - \bar{R}') + \frac{j\pi}{2k_0} \begin{cases} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(IM)}(k_0 \bar{R}') + \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(IN)}(k_0 \bar{R}')}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)} & r \geq r' \\ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(IM)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') + \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(IN)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}')}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)} & r \leq r' \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

$$\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_W(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') = \frac{\hat{r}\hat{r}}{k_0^2} \delta(\bar{R} - \bar{R}') + \frac{j\pi}{2k_0} \begin{cases} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') + \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}')}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)} & r \geq r' \\ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') + \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}')}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)} & r \leq r' \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

$$\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_B(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{\alpha_{\mu n}(k_0 a) \bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \bar{M}_{e\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) + \beta_{\mu n}(k_0 a) \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \bar{N}_{o\mu n}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R})}{Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)} \right\} \quad (31)$$

Now, by comparing (27) and (28) with (6) complete dyadic Green's function for the impedance boss and the wedge is obtained in (29), shown at the top of the page. Note that since we have used solenoidal vector wave functions, in order to achieve valid results in source region, general source correction term introduced by Pathak [15] is added.

The dyadic Green's function given in (29) can be decomposed using (19) and (20) as follows:

$$\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_{WB}(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') = \bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_W(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') + \bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_B(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') \quad (32)$$

where $\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_W$ and $\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_B$ are given in (30) and (31), respectively, shown at the top of the page. $\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_W$ is the dyadic Green's function of the PEC wedge which is identical to the expression given in [10]. $\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_B$ is defined as the dyadic Green's function of the boss which includes the added terms due to the presence of the spherical boss.

Convergence of the dyadic Green's function of the wedge is investigated in [10] where a computation criterion is developed for the far-field of an infinitesimal dipole positioned at a finite distance, r' , from the wedge. The terms for which the orders of the Bessel function do not exceed twice their argument, $\mu + n < 2k_0 r'$, are retained in the summation. The same criterion is observed to be valid for the dyadic Green's function of the wedge and boss, $\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_{WB}$, since summations are over the same spherical Bessel functions.

IV. T-MATRIX FOR IRREGULARLY-SHAPED SCATTERER AT THE EDGE

In this section general case of an irregularly-shaped scatterer is considered in which the geometry is given in Fig. 1. For the treatment of the problem T-matrix method is utilized [16], [17]. This method is a well suited numerical method to calculate the scattered field from non-spherical and non-circular objects.

Starting point for the T-matrix method is applying the Green's second identity alongside with the appropriate Green's function over a portion of space and assume a null field inside the volume. Scattered fields and the incident field will be expanded in terms of proper vector wave functions and then their coefficients will be related through T-matrix. In the classical formulation, incident field is expanded using free space Green's function but for our problem dyadic Green's function of the wedge will be used. Therefore, incident field is defined as the field in the presence of the wedge with scatterer removed. As a result, incident field is given as

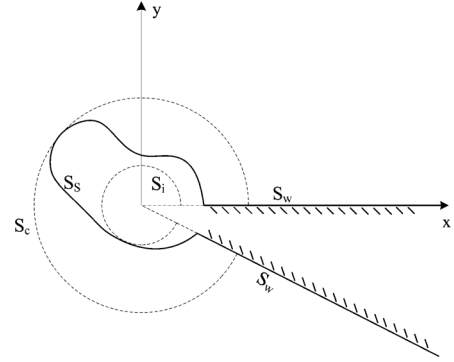


Fig. 3. x-y cross section of an irregularly shaped object placed at the edge of a wedge.

$$\bar{E}^i(\bar{R}) = jk_0 Z_0 \int_{V_j} \bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_W(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') \cdot \bar{J}_v(\bar{R}') dv \quad (33)$$

where $\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_W$ is the dyadic Green's function of the wedge given in (30) and $\bar{J}_v(\bar{R}')$ is the volumetric current distribution confined to V_j . The total field can be represented as

$$\bar{E} = \bar{E}^i + \bar{E}^s \quad (34)$$

where \bar{E}^s is the scattered field due to presence of the impedance scatterer.

Cross section of the geometry on the x-y plane is given in Fig. 3 where the origin is defined inside the scatterer. Surface of the scatterer is denoted as S_s and two imaginary surfaces of inscribing and circumscribing segment spheres are depicted which are denoted as S_i and S_c , respectively.

Applying the Green's second identity for $\bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_W$ and $\bar{E}(\bar{R})$, one could obtain

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \bar{R} \text{ outside } S_s \\ \bar{R} \text{ inside } S_s \end{array} \right\} \bar{E}(\bar{R}) \Big\} = \bar{E}^i(\bar{R}) + \int_S \left\{ [\hat{n}' \times \bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_W(\bar{R}, \bar{R}')] \cdot [\nabla' \times \bar{E}(\bar{R}')] - [\hat{n}' \times \bar{E}(\bar{R}')] \cdot [\nabla' \times \bar{\bar{\Gamma}}_W(\bar{R}, \bar{R}')] \right\} ds' \quad (35)$$

where S consists of S_s , S_w , and Σ . It can be seen that, in the exterior region, (35) gives the scattered field in terms of the sur-

face integrals, and in the interior region fields expressed by the surface integrals are canceled out by the incident field. Due to the boundary condition on the surface of the wedge, integration on S_W will vanish. Integration on Σ will also result in zero because of the plane wave behavior of the fields in the far-field. Hence the integration will be evaluated just on the surface of the scatterer.

For the field points inside the inscribed sphere S_i , incident field can be written as

$$\bar{E}^i(\bar{R}) = \sum_q R_q \left[a_q \bar{M}_{eq}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}) + b_q \bar{N}_{oq}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \right] \quad (36)$$

where

$$R_q = \frac{j\pi}{2k_0(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)Q_{\mu n}}. \quad (37)$$

and q is the compact index representing μ and n . Since the field should be regular at the origin, spherical Bessel functions denoted by superscript (1) are used. Scattered field outside the circumscribing sphere, S_c , is defined as

$$\bar{E}^s(\bar{R}) = \sum_p R_p \left[e_p \bar{M}_{ep}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) + f_p \bar{N}_{op}^{(4)} \right] \quad (38)$$

in which Hankel functions, denoted by superscript (4), are chosen to satisfy the radiation condition.

If we consider \bar{R} on S_i which is a segment sphere centered at the origin totally inside the scatterer, and \bar{R}' on S_s , coefficients of the incident field and the surface field on S_s can be related. We can expand the electric field on the surface of the scatterer as follows:

$$\bar{E}(\bar{R}') = \sum_\nu \left[c_\nu \bar{M}_{e\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') + d_\nu \bar{N}_{o\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \quad (39)$$

where the regular functions are chosen due to the continuity of the fields. On the surface of the scatterer, impedance boundary condition is applied

$$\hat{n} \times \hat{n} \times \bar{E}(\bar{R}) = \kappa \hat{n} \times \nabla \times \bar{E}(\bar{R}). \quad (40)$$

Using (35) and the orthogonality of the vector wave functions over the inscribing sphere, one could obtain the following matrix relation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_q \\ b_q \end{bmatrix} = -[Q] \begin{bmatrix} c_\nu \\ d_\nu \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} J_{q\nu} & I_{q\nu} \\ L_{q\nu} & K_{q\nu} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\nu \\ d_\nu \end{bmatrix} \quad (41)$$

where

$$J_{q\nu} = \int_{S_s} \left[\bar{M}_{e\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \times \bar{A}_q^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \cdot \hat{n}' ds' \quad (42)$$

$$I_{q\nu} = \int_{S_s} \left[\bar{N}_{o\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \times \bar{A}_q^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \cdot \hat{n}' ds' \quad (43)$$

$$L_{q\nu} = \int_{S_s} \left[\bar{M}_{e\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \times \bar{B}_q^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \cdot \hat{n}' ds' \quad (44)$$

$$K_{q\nu} = \int_{S_s} \left[\bar{N}_{o\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \times \bar{B}_q^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \cdot \hat{n}' ds'. \quad (45)$$

and

$$\bar{A}_q^{(t)}(\bar{R}') = \frac{jk_0 Z_0}{\eta} \left[\hat{n}' \times \bar{M}_{eq}^{(t)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] - k_0 \bar{N}_{eq}^{(t)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \quad (46)$$

$$\bar{B}_q^{(t)}(\bar{R}') = \frac{jk_0 Z_0}{\eta} \left[\hat{n}' \times \bar{N}_{oq}^{(t)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] - k_0 \bar{M}_{oq}^{(t)}(k_0 \bar{R}'). \quad (47)$$

To establish the relation between the surface fields on S_s and the scattered field, we consider \bar{R} is on S_c which is a segment sphere centered at the origin totally outside of the scatterer, and \bar{R}' on S_s . Again using (35) and (40) and orthogonality of vector wave functions over circumscribing sphere, we can obtain the following matrix relation between the unknown coefficients of the scattered field and the surface fields

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_p \\ f_p \end{bmatrix} = -[Q_e] \begin{bmatrix} c_\nu \\ d_\nu \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} J'_{p\nu} & I'_{p\nu} \\ L'_{p\nu} & K'_{p\nu} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\nu \\ d_\nu \end{bmatrix} \quad (48)$$

where

$$J'_{p\nu} = \int_{S_s} \left[\bar{M}_{e\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \times \bar{A}_p^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \cdot \hat{n}' ds' \quad (49)$$

$$I'_{p\nu} = \int_{S_s} \left[\bar{N}_{o\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \times \bar{A}_p^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \cdot \hat{n}' ds' \quad (50)$$

$$L'_{p\nu} = \int_{S_s} \left[\bar{M}_{e\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \times \bar{B}_p^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \cdot \hat{n}' ds' \quad (51)$$

$$K'_{p\nu} = \int_{S_s} \left[\bar{N}_{o\nu}^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \times \bar{B}_p^{(1)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \right] \cdot \hat{n}' ds'. \quad (52)$$

Using (41) and (48), we can relate the scattered field coefficients to the incident field coefficients in matrix form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_p \\ f_p \end{bmatrix} = [T] \begin{bmatrix} a_q \\ b_q \end{bmatrix} \quad (53)$$

where the T-matrix is defined as

$$[T] = -[Q_e][Q]^{-1}. \quad (54)$$

Equation (53) shows the relation between the scattered field coefficients and the incident field coefficients which can be calculated using (33) and (36) as

$$a_q = jk_0 Z_0 \int_{V_j} \bar{M}_{eq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \cdot \bar{J}_v(\bar{R}') dv' \quad (55)$$

$$b_q = jk_0 Z_0 \int_{V_j} \bar{N}_{oq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \cdot \bar{J}_v(\bar{R}') dv'. \quad (56)$$

In addition to the size of the scatterer, convergence of the T-matrix depends on the choice of the origin of coordinates and the ratio of the radii of circumscribing and inscribing spheres

which is discussed in [18]. For elongated bodies, as ratio of the radii of circumscribing and inscribing spheres increase, truncation size increases.

V. NUMERICAL RESULTS

We analytically verify T-matrix method by employing it for a spherical impedance boss centered at the edge. Then, results are compared with the one obtained from the dyadic Green's function solution. To this aim, a spherical scatterer centered at the origin with radius a is considered. Since the surface is spherical, orthogonality of auxiliary vector wave functions can be utilized. For this geometry, Q-matrix elements are calculated as

$$J_{qv} = k_0 j_{\mu+n}(k_0 r) \left\{ \frac{1}{\kappa} k_0 h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}(k_0 r) - \frac{k_0}{r} \frac{d}{dr} [r h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}(k_0 r)] \right\} \Big|_{r=a} - \frac{2Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)}{\pi} \delta_{\mu\mu'} \delta_{nn'} \quad (57)$$

$$I_{qv} = 0 \quad (58)$$

$$L_{qv} = 0 \quad (59)$$

$$K_{qv} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} [r j_{\mu+n}(k_0 r)] \left\{ \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} [r h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}(k_0 r)] + k_0^2 h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}(k_0 r) \right\} \Big|_{r=a} - \frac{2Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)}{\pi} \delta_{\mu\mu'} \delta_{nn'} \quad (60)$$

and for $[Q_e]$ is found to be

$$J'_{qv} = k_0 j_{\mu+n}(k_0 r) \left\{ \frac{1}{\kappa} k_0 j_{\mu+n}(k_0 r) - \frac{k_0}{r} \frac{d}{dr} [r j_{\mu+n}(k_0 r)] \right\} \Big|_{r=a} - \frac{2Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)}{\pi} \delta_{\mu\mu'} \delta_{nn'} \quad (61)$$

$$I'_{qv} = 0 \quad (62)$$

$$L'_{qv} = 0 \quad (63)$$

$$K'_{qv} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} [r j_{\mu+n}(k_0 r)] \left\{ \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} [r j_{\mu+n}(k_0 r)] + k_0^2 j_{\mu+n}(k_0 r) \right\} \Big|_{r=a} - \frac{2Q_{\mu n}(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)}{\pi} \delta_{\mu\mu'} \delta_{nn'}. \quad (64)$$

It is seen that both $[Q]$ and $[Q_e]$ are diagonal matrices, consequently, according to (54), T-matrix is diagonal too. Substituting these elements in (53) and performing the matrix operations we obtain

$$e_q = - \frac{k_0 \kappa j'_{\mu+n}(k_0 a) + \left(\frac{\kappa}{a} - 1\right) j_{\mu+n}(k_0 a)}{k_0 \kappa h_{\mu+n}^{(2)'}(k_0 a) + \left(\frac{\kappa}{a} - 1\right) h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}(k_0 a)} a_q \quad (65)$$

$$f_q = - \frac{k_0 j'_{\mu+n}(k_0 a) + \left(\frac{1}{a} + k_0^2 \kappa\right) j_{\mu+n}(k_0 a)}{k_0 h_{\mu+n}^{(2)'}(k_0 a) + \left(\frac{1}{a} + k_0^2 \kappa\right) h_{\mu+n}^{(2)}(k_0 a)} b_q. \quad (66)$$

Coefficients relating e_q to a_q in (65) are identical to $\alpha_{\mu n}(k_0 a)$ which is given in (15). Similarly, coefficients in (66) are same

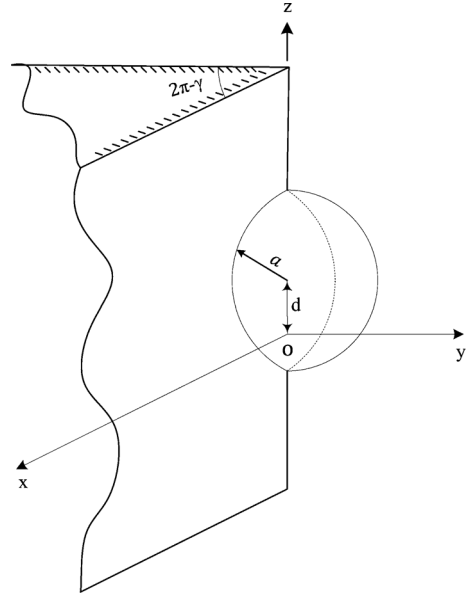


Fig. 4. Geometry of the spherical boss on the edge where the origin of coordinates is shifted by d away from the center of the spherical boss.

as $\beta_{\mu n}(k_0 a)$ defined in (16). Scattered field coefficients can be found by substituting (55) and (56) in (65) and (66). The resulting scattered field is

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{E}^s(\bar{R}) = j k_0 Z_0 \sum_q \frac{j\pi}{2k_0(\mu+n)(\mu+n+1)Q_{\mu n}} \\ \cdot \left[\alpha_{\mu n}(k_0 a) \bar{M}_{eq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \int_{V_j} \bar{M}_{eq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \cdot \bar{J}_v(\bar{R}') dv' \right. \\ \left. + \beta_{\mu n}(k_0 a) \bar{N}_{oq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}) \int_{V_j} \bar{N}_{oq}^{(4)}(k_0 \bar{R}') \cdot \bar{J}_v(\bar{R}') dv' \right] \quad (67) \end{aligned}$$

which is identical to

$$\bar{E}^s(\bar{R}) = j k_0 Z_0 \int_{V_j} \bar{\Gamma}_B(\bar{R}, \bar{R}') \cdot \bar{J}_v(\bar{R}') dv'. \quad (68)$$

This result indicates that the T-matrix method and the dyadic Green's function solution are in perfect agreement for a spherical scatterer.

To verify the T-matrix, once more the spherical scatterer can be used but this time its center is placed at a distance d from the origin. In this case there is no spherical symmetry with respect to the origin, consequently, off-diagonal components of the $[Q]$ and $[Q_e]$ are non zero. Also, the summation is truncated as $m = 0, 1, \dots, M$ and $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$. We compare the monostatic scattered field obtained from T-matrix solution with the DGF solution. Since the observation and source points are in the far-field of the scatterer and also the wedge is infinitely long in the z -direction, moving the origin on the z -axis will just introduce a constant phase shift. As a result, two approaches must give the same result if the origin is moved away from the center of the spherical scatterer. This procedure has been proposed by Waterman to illustrate the validity of the T-matrix solution [16].

TABLE I
CONVERGENCE OF T-MATRIX FOR SPHERICAL BOSS WITH $a = \lambda/4$, $d = 0.1\lambda$

M	N	$\left \frac{ E_{\theta\theta}^{DGF} - E_{\theta\theta}^{T-matrix} }{ E_{\theta\theta}^{DGF} } \right $	$\left \frac{ E_{\phi\phi}^{DGF} - E_{\phi\phi}^{T-matrix} }{ E_{\phi\phi}^{DGF} } \right $
8	8	0.0089	0.0093
8	7	0.0114	0.0097
7	8	0.0783	0.0370
7	7	0.0808	0.0321

Geometry of the problem is depicted in Fig. 4 where a spherical boss of radius $a = 0.25\lambda$ with surface impedance $\eta = 1.5Z_0$ positioned on the edge of on an half-plane ($\gamma = 2\pi$) is considered. The origin of coordinates is shifted by $d = 0.1\lambda$ away from the center of the sphere. Source is a infinitesimal dipole positioned in the far-field of the scatterer at a fixed elevation angle θ_0 .

Monostatic scattered field is plotted for fixed elevation angle θ_0 , and ϕ is varied from 0° – 360° . Note that scattered field only includes the contribution of the spherical boss only. Therefore, in the dyadic Green's function solution only $\bar{\Gamma}_B$ is considered. In the calculation of the Q and Q_e matrix elements, integrals are non zero only for $m = m'$, due the azimuthal symmetry of the geometry. Truncation size for Q and Q_e matrices are $M = 8$ and $N = 8$. Using this truncation size, maximum relative error of the T-matrix for the monostatic scattered field with respect to DGF solution is under 1%. Maximum relative error for monostatic scattering pattern is tabulated for various truncation sizes in Table I. Total computation time, using a desktop computer with Intel Core i5-2500 @ 3.3 GHz processor, is 1.88 hours and total allocated memory is 348 MB.

Fig. 5 shows the monostatic scattering pattern for $\theta_0 = 1^\circ$. In this case, both source and observation points are in the paraxial region and $n = 0$, $m = 1$ is the dominant mode in this region. Therefore, $E_{\theta\theta}^s$ varies as $\cos^2(\phi/2)$ and $E_{\phi\phi}^s$ varies as $\sin^2(\phi/2)$, approximately. Fig. 6 shows the mono-static scattering pattern for $\theta_0 = 80^\circ$. We can observe that electric field intensity has dropped significantly compared with the paraxial case since the effect of edge guided waves diminishes as we move away from the edge. Furthermore, higher order modes are also excited.

According to Figs. 5 and 6, the T-matrix and the dyadic Green's function solutions are in perfect agreement.

T-matrix is also applied to a prolate spheroid for which the minor axis is $a = 0.25\lambda$ and the ratio of major axis to minor axis is $c/a = 1.25$. Impedance of the scatterer is considered as $\eta = 1.5Z_0$. Monostatic scattering pattern for a point source positioned in the far-field of the scatterer at elevation angle $\theta_0 = 45^\circ$ is plotted in Fig. 7.

Table II shows the convergence of monostatic scattered field for the prolate spheroid geometry. According to Table II, relative error is below 1% where the reference solution has the truncation size of $M = 10$, $N = 10$.

In order to observe the effect of the surface impedance of the scatterer, monostatic scattering pattern is plotted for a spherical sphere of radius $a = 0.25\lambda$ with impedances of $\eta/Z_0 = 0, 1.5, 2$. Note that, $\eta = 0$ represents the PEC scatterer. It can

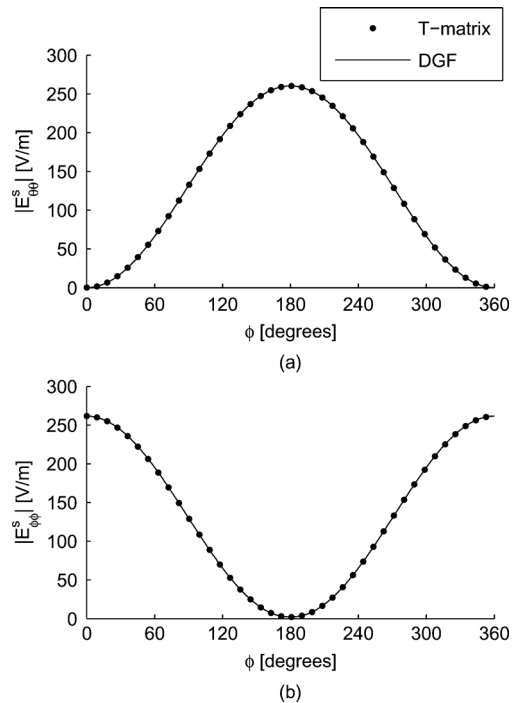


Fig. 5. Monostatic scattering pattern for the spherical boss with $a = 0.25\lambda$ and $d = 0.1\lambda$ at elevation angle $\theta_0 = 1^\circ$ (a) $\hat{\theta}\hat{\theta}$ polarization (b) $\hat{\phi}\hat{\phi}$ polarization.

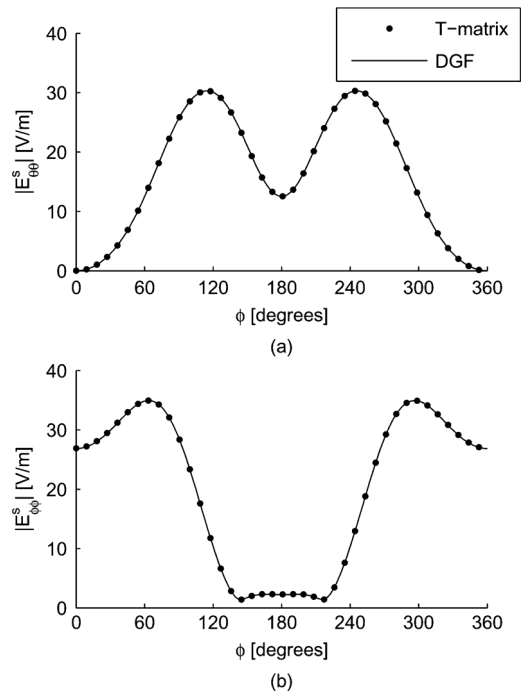


Fig. 6. Monostatic scattering pattern for the spherical boss with $a = 0.25\lambda$ and $d = 0.1\lambda$ at elevation angle $\theta_0 = 80^\circ$ (a) $\hat{\theta}\hat{\theta}$ polarization (b) $\hat{\phi}\hat{\phi}$ polarization.

be observed that surface impedance of the scatterer also affects the scattered field amplitude. As the impedance mismatch between the scatterer and the free space increases, the maximum value of the scattered field increases. However, scattering pattern also varies with respect to the impedance of the scatterer.

VI. CONCLUSION

In this work, scattering from impedance object at the edge of a perfectly conducting wedge is investigated. For the simple case of a spherical boss, dyadic Green's function is developed. Then,

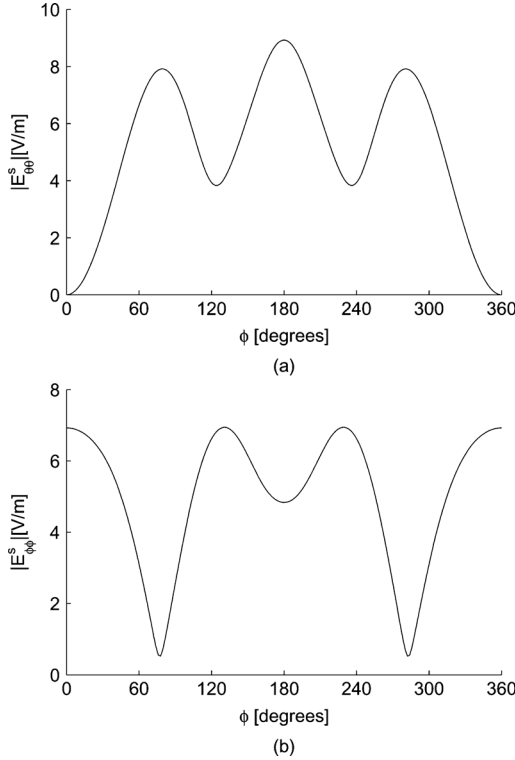


Fig. 7. Monostatic scattering pattern for the prolate spheroid with $a = 0.25\lambda$ and $c/a = 1.25$ at elevation angle $\theta_0 = 45^\circ$ (a) $\hat{\theta}\hat{\theta}$ polarization (b) $\hat{\phi}\hat{\phi}$ polarization.

TABLE II
CONVERGENCE OF T-MATRIX FOR PROLATE SPHEROID
WITH $a = \lambda/4$, $c/a = 0.1\lambda$

M	N	$\left \frac{ E_{\theta\theta}^{ref} - E_{\theta\theta} }{ E_{\theta\theta}^{ref} } \right $	$\left \frac{ E_{\phi\phi}^{ref} - E_{\phi\phi} }{ E_{\phi\phi}^{ref} } \right $
10	9	4.66×10^{-4}	2.84×10^{-4}
10	8	5.51×10^{-4}	8.39×10^{-4}
9	10	0.0038	0.0010
9	9	0.0037	0.0011
9	8	0.0038	0.0014

for the single irregularly shaped scatterer, T-matrix formulation was introduced. This method is applied to a spherical scatterer and the solution is compared with the dyadic Green's function solution. Perfect agreement between two methods is achieved for two cases of a spherical scatterer at the origin and the origin shifted away from the center of the sphere. According to the obtained scattering patterns, electric field intensity is highly enhanced due to the edge guided waves. Therefore, scattered field intensity is high in the paraxial region where source is positioned close to the edge. As we move away from the paraxial region, field intensity drops significantly. In addition, scattering patterns for several surface impedance values are presented and according to this numerical results it can be concluded that as the impedance mismatch between the scatterer and the free space increases, maximum field intensity also increases.

As a future work, this solution can be asymptotically evaluated in order to improve higher order propagation models for

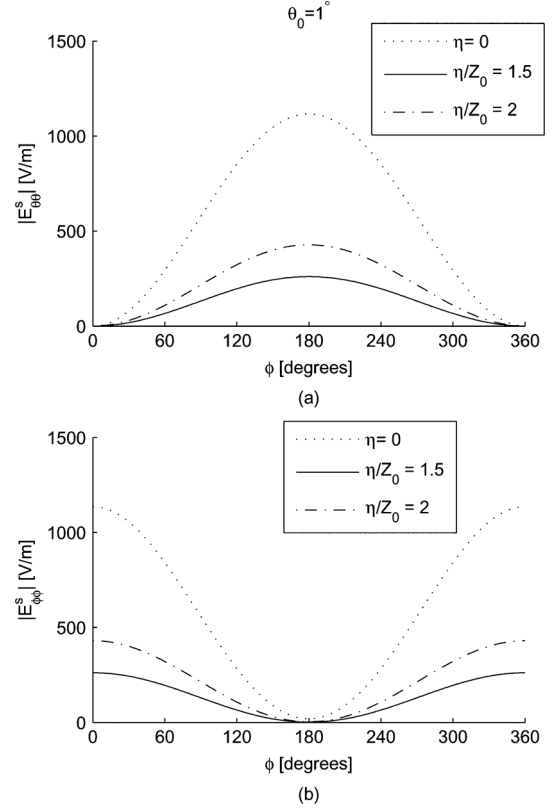


Fig. 8. Monostatic scattering pattern for the impedance spherical scatterer with radius $a = 0.25\lambda$ and $\eta/Z_0 = 0, 1.5, 2$ at elevation angle $\theta_0 = 1^\circ$ (a) $\hat{\theta}\hat{\theta}$ polarization (b) $\hat{\phi}\hat{\phi}$ polarization.

terrain profiles [19]–[22]. In addition, contribution of the scatterer to the edge currents can be calculated by evaluating the scattered field in the paraxial region to be used as a benchmark solution for equivalent edge current approaches [23], [24].

APPENDIX A SPHERICAL VECTOR WAVE FUNCTIONS

Solenoidal spherical vector wave functions are defined as follows:

$$\bar{M}_{\epsilon\mu n}^{(t)}(k\bar{R}) = kz_{\mu+n}^{(t)}(kr)\bar{m}_{\epsilon\mu n}(\theta, \phi), \quad (69)$$

$$\bar{N}_{\epsilon\mu n}^{(t)}(k\bar{R}) = \frac{1}{r}z_{\mu+n}^{(t)}(kr)\bar{l}_{\epsilon\mu n}(\theta, \phi) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{d}{dr}\left[rz_{\mu+n}^{(t)}(kr)\right]\bar{n}_{\epsilon\mu n}(\theta, \phi) \quad (70)$$

where $z_{\mu+n}^{(t)}(kr)$ is the radial function representing spherical Bessel and Hankel functions and e and o subscripts represents the even and odd functions. $\bar{m}_{\epsilon\mu n}(\theta, \phi)$, $\bar{n}_{\epsilon\mu n}(\theta, \phi)$ and $\bar{l}_{\epsilon\mu n}(\theta, \phi)$ are the auxiliary vector wave function. They are simply defined by factoring out the radial dependence

$$\bar{m}_{\epsilon\mu n}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{\mp\mu \sin(\mu\phi)T_{\mu+n}^{-\mu}(\cos\theta)}{\sin\theta}\hat{\theta} - \frac{\cos(\mu\phi)}{\sin(\mu\phi)}\frac{d}{d\theta}\left[T_{\mu+n}^{-\mu}(\cos\theta)\right]\hat{\phi} \quad (71)$$

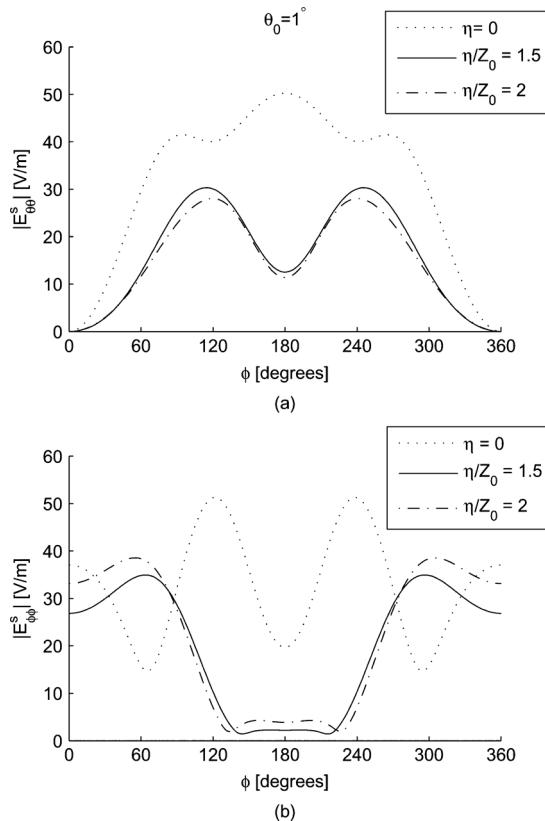


Fig. 9. Monostatic scattering pattern for the shifted sphere with radius $a = 0.25\lambda$ and $\eta/Z_0 = 0, 1.5, 2$ at elevation angle $\theta_0 = 80^\circ$ (a) $\hat{\theta}\hat{\theta}$ polarization (b) $\hat{\phi}\hat{\phi}$ polarization.

$$\bar{n}_\circ^\epsilon \mu_n(\theta, \phi) = \hat{r} \times \bar{n}_\circ^\epsilon \mu_n(\theta, \phi) \quad (72)$$

$$= \frac{\cos(\mu\phi)}{\sin(\mu\phi)} \frac{d}{d\theta} [T_{\mu+n}^{-\mu}(\cos\theta)] \hat{\theta} \mp \frac{\mu \sin(\mu\phi) T_{\mu+n}^{-\mu}(\cos\theta)}{\sin\theta} \hat{\phi} \quad (73)$$

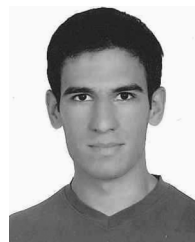
$$\bar{l}_\circ^\epsilon \mu_n(\theta, \phi) = (\mu+n)(\mu+n+1) \frac{\cos(\mu\phi)}{\sin(\mu\phi)} T_{\mu+n}^{-\mu}(\cos\theta) \hat{r} \quad (74)$$

where $T_{\mu+n}^{-\mu}(\cos\theta)$ is the Ferrer's type associated Legendre function where the sum of the index and order is an integer n . Hence, the function is regular when $\theta \rightarrow 0$. Detailed analysis and orthogonality relations of vector wave functions are given in [10].

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