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Analytical-Numerical Approach for the Solution of the Diffraction by a Resistive Strip — Part II: The Case of E Polarization

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The problem of diffraction by resistive and impedance strips has received much attention recently [1] since these structures are important in the radar cross section (RCS) reduction of targets. In Part I [2] of this two-part paper, we have analyzed the plane wave diffraction by a resistive strip for the H polarization using the analytical-numerical approach [3]. In this second part, we shall treat the diffraction by the same geometry for the E-polarized plane wave incidence based on the method similar to that employed in Part I. The time factor is assumed to be $e^{-i\omega t}$ and suppressed in the following.

The geometry of the resistive strip is shown in Fig. 1, where $E_z^i [= e^{-ik(x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta)}]$ is the incident field with k being the free-space wavenumber. The total field satisfies the boundary condition [4]

$$E_z(x,+0) = E_z(x,-0) = -\frac{\zeta Z}{2} [H_z(x,+0) - H_z(x,-0)]$$
 (1)

for |x| < a, where ζ is the resistivity and Z is the intrinsic impedance of free space. The scattered field E_z^s ($\equiv E_z - E_z^1$) has the integral representation

$$E_z^s(x,y) = \frac{1}{4i} \int_{-a}^a J_E(x') H_0^{(1)}(k\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + y^2}) dx', \quad (2)$$

where $H_0^{(1)}(\cdot)$ denotes the Hankel function of the first kind and $J_E(\cdot)$ is the unknown current density function. In view of the edge condition [4] for a resistive halfplane, we may express the current density function in terms of the Gegenbauer polynomial $C_n^{1/2}(\cdot)$ as

$$J_E(\eta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} J_n^E C_n^{1/2}(\eta), \quad |\eta| < 1, \tag{3}$$

where $\eta = x/a$, and J_n^E for $n = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$ are the unknown coefficients. These coefficients are determined numerically by solving the infinite system of linear algebraic equations (SLAE)

$$-\zeta J_m^E = \gamma_m^E + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_{mn}^E J_n^E, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \cdots,$$
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where γ_m^E and A_{mn}^E are known coefficients. Applying the saddle point method in (2) and using (3) together with the solution of (4), the far field asymptotic expression of E_s^S will be derived.

Figure 2 shows a numerical example of the normalized total scattering cross section (SCS) $\sigma/4a$ as a function of normalized frequency ka for $\theta = 90^{\circ}$, $\zeta = 0.1 - i0.27$. The results of a perfectly conducting strip ($\zeta = 0$) have also been included to investigate the effect of

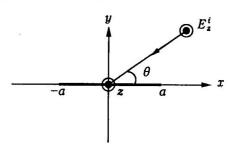


Fig. 1. Geometry of the problem.

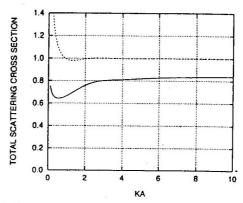


Fig. 2. Frequency dependences of the total scattering cross section $\sigma/4a$ for $\theta = 90^{\circ}$. $\dots : \zeta = 0.1 - i0.27; \dots : \zeta = 0.$

resistivity. We observe that the total SCS is reduced for the case of a resistive strip over the whole frequency range shown in the figure. Comparing the results in Fig. 2 with the corresponding ones for the H polarization [2], the SCS reduction due to the resistivity at low frequencies is more significant in the E-polarized case than in the H polarization.

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