





Analysis of Wideband Scattering from Antenna Based on RFGG-FG-FFT with Cube Polynomial Inter/Extrapolation Method

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Abstract: This paper presents an efficient real-coefficient fitting both Green's function and its gradient with Fast Fourier Transform (RFGG-FG-FFT) with cube polynomial inter/extrapolation method (CPIE), which is established for the analysis of scattering from antenna over a wide frequency. To improve the computation efficiency, the CPIE is utilized. In order to reduce memory requirements and accelerate matrix vector multiplication, the RFGG-FG-FFT is adopted. The accuracy, correctness and efficiency of the new method are researched on some examples. Compared with the direct method, the examples show that the new method is superior in broadband without loss of accuracy.

Keywords: impedance matrix; MoM; RFG-FFT; cube polynomial inter/extrapolation method (CPIE)



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1. Introduction

The method of moments (MoM) [1] are competent candidates for various electromagnetic radiation and scattering problems of the objects. In the MoM, the surface integral equation (SIE) is usually convenient to be applied. In addition, the MoM consumes a lot of memory required and CPU time, when the scale of solution is large. To date, a large number of the fast algorithms have been developed to accelerate the solving large-size electromagnetic problems [2,3], such as the fast Fourier transform (FFT) based algorithms (P-FFT, AIM, FGG-FG-FFT, IE-FFT, etc. [4–12]) and the fast multipole method based algorithms [13,14], etc.

In addition to these acceleration technologies, researchers also focus on improving the computational efficiency. Even if skeletonization [15] and adaptive cross approximation algorithm [16,17], etc. are used, broadband scattering calculation still requires a lot of time. Some interpolation techniques, such as fast kernel-independent modeling [18], asymptotic waveform evaluation (AWE) [4,19], skeleton based broadband algorithm [20], reduced basis method (RBM) [21,22], interpolation method [23], model-based parameter estimation (MBPE) [24], and Clenshaw-Lord-type Pade-Chebyshev approximation [25], etc. have been developed with a view to improve the efficiency of computation.

To quickly solve the problem of the broadband electromagnetic scattering, the RFGG-FG-FFT combined with the CPIE is proposed in this paper. In this way, the broadband electromagnetic scattering of objects can be calculated with only one grid generation. The CPIE is used to avoid the replicative calculations of near field impedance elements. The RFGG-FG-FFT not only reduces memory requirements but also speeds up matrix vector multiplications.

2. Method of Moments of Electromagnetic Field

According to the boundary condition, the magnetic field integral equation (MFIE) and electric field integral equation (EFIE) are established as:

$$\vec{E}^{in}(\vec{r})|_{\text{tan}} = j\omega\mu \int_{S} [\vec{J}_{S}(\vec{r}') + \frac{1}{k^{2}}\nabla(\nabla'\vec{J}_{S})]G(\vec{r},\vec{r}')d\vec{r}'|_{\text{tan}}$$
(1)

$$\hat{n} \times \vec{H}^{in} = \frac{\vec{J}_{S}(\vec{r}')}{2} - \hat{n} \times P.V. \int_{S} \vec{J}_{S}(\vec{r}') \times \nabla G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') d\vec{r}'$$
(2)

where *P.V.* is Cauchy Principal value integral in Equation (2) *k* and η are wave number and wave impedance, $G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ is Green's function in the free space. \vec{J}_S represent current densities on surface.

In order to solve Equations (1) and (2), triangular patches are used to discrete the surface. The RWG basis functions [1] are defined on triangular patches. Hence the current vector *I* can be expressed into

$$I \approx \sum_{n=1}^{N} I_n \vec{J}_n \left(\vec{r}\right)$$
(3)

where $\vec{J}_n(\vec{r})$ and *N* are the basis function and the number of unknowns, respectively. I_n is current coefficient vector. The following conclusions can be drawn from the Galerkin test:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} Z_{1n} I_n = V_1,$$

$$\cdots$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} Z_{Nn} I_n = V_N,$$
(4)

where Z_{mn} , $(m = 1, 2, \dots, N)$ means impedance matrix. V_m is excitation vector. The specific form of Z_{mn} is as follows

$$Z_{mn}^{EFIE} = jk\eta \int_{S_m} ds \vec{J}_m(\vec{r}) \cdot \int_{S_n} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \vec{J}_n(\vec{r}') ds' - j\frac{\eta}{k} \int_{S_m} ds \left[\nabla \cdot \vec{J}_m(\vec{r})\right] \cdot \int_{S_n} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \left[\nabla \cdot \vec{J}_n(\vec{r}')\right] ds'$$
(5)

$$Z_{mn}^{MFIE} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S_m} \vec{J}_m(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{J}_n(\vec{r}) ds + \int_{S_m} ds \left[\hat{n} \times \vec{J}_m(\vec{r}) \right] \cdot \int_{S_n} \nabla G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \times \vec{J}_n(\vec{r}') ds'$$
(6)

where, $\vec{J}_m(\vec{r})$ indicate the testing functions. S_m and S_n are their support sets.

3. Interpolation Technique of MoM Matrix

According to the previous statement, Equation (4) are actually functions of frequency point *f*:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} Z_{mn}(f) I_n(f) = V_m(f), m = 1, 2, \cdots, N$$
(7)

If the wideband response is of interest, it will take more time to solve EFIE and MFIE at each f using the MoM. $[f_l, f_h]$ is the frequency variation range. The object is discretized at the highest frequency f_h using triangular meshes. λ_h is the wavelength. $Z_{mn}(f)$ of EFIE and MFIE are:

$$Z_{mn}^{E}(f_{r}) = \int_{S_{m}(\lambda_{h})} ds \int_{S_{n}(\lambda_{h})} ds' \left[\overrightarrow{J}_{m}(\overrightarrow{r}) \cdot \overrightarrow{J}_{n}(\overrightarrow{r}')k_{r} - \nabla_{h} \cdot \overrightarrow{J}_{m}(\overrightarrow{r})\nabla'_{h} \cdot \overrightarrow{J}_{n}(\overrightarrow{r}')\frac{1}{k_{r}} \right] \frac{e^{-jk_{r}R}}{R} \frac{j\eta\lambda_{h}^{2}}{4\pi}$$
(8)

$$Z_{mn}^{M}(f_{r}) = \left[\int_{S_{m}(\lambda_{h})} ds \vec{J}_{m}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{J}_{n}(\vec{r}) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S_{m}(\lambda_{h})} ds \vec{J}_{m}(\vec{r}) \cdot \hat{n} \times \int_{S_{n}(\lambda_{h})} ds' \nabla_{h} \frac{e^{-jk_{r}R}}{R} \times \vec{J}_{n}(\vec{r}') \right] \frac{\eta \lambda_{h}^{2}}{2}$$
(9)

where $k_r = 2\pi f_r$, $f_r = f/f_h$. Therefore, the range of f_r is $[f_l, /f_h, 1]$. The following changes:

$$z_{mn}^{K}(f_r) := \frac{Z_{mn}^{K}(f_r)}{\lambda_h^2}$$
(10)

where, the superscript *K* represents *E*, *M*, *C*.

The phase term e^{-jk_rR} can cause the fluctuation. The matrix elements are corrected by:

$$\tilde{z}_{mn}^{K}(f_{r}) = \begin{cases} z_{mn}^{K}(f_{r})f_{r}e^{jk_{r}R_{mn}} & S_{m} \cap S_{n} = 0\\ z_{mn}^{K}(f_{r})f_{r} & S_{m} \cap S_{n} \neq 0 \end{cases}$$
(11)

 S_m and S_n are triangles, and the relationship between them can be found in [23]. Thereby, $\tilde{z}_{mn}^K(f_r)$ becomes a quadratic polynomial.

The cubic polynomial interpolation/extrapolation method is mainly adopted to generate the corrected matrix at $y_v = f_v/f_h(f_v \in [f_l, f_h]; v = 0, 1, 2, 3)$, where f_v are the optimal points. The specific formula for each f_r is as follows [23]:

$$\tilde{z}_{mn}^{S}(f_{r}) = \sum_{v=0}^{3} \tilde{z}_{mn}^{S}(y_{v})\phi_{v}(f_{r})$$
(12)

where,

$$\phi_k(t) = \prod_{l=0, l \neq k}^{l=3} \left(\frac{t - t_l}{t_k - t_l} \right)$$
(13)

4. RFGG-FG-FFT Algorithm

The impedance matrix Z^C consists of the near field interactions Z^{C-near} and the farfield interactions Z^{C-far} [6,10]. In general, $\gamma \in [0, 1]$ is selected as 0.5. In this way, CFIE can avoid internal resonance, thus ensuring high accuracy and small matrix condition number.

$$Z^{C} \approx (Z_{MoM}^{C-near} - Z_{FFT}^{C-far}) + Z_{FFT}^{C-far} = [\gamma(Z_{MoM}^{E-near} - Z_{FFT}^{E-far}) + (1-\gamma)(Z_{MoM}^{M-near} - Z_{FFT}^{M-far})] + \gamma Z_{FFT}^{E-far} + (1-\gamma)Z_{FFT}^{M-far}$$
(14)

In Equation (14) Z_{MoM}^{C-near} is near field interaction part computed by MoM, Z_{FFT}^{C-far} is the approximation by FFT-based algorithm in near field. $Z_{MoM}^{C-near} - Z_{FFT}^{C-far}$ is precorrected matrix. Z_{MoM}^{C-near} and Z_{FFT}^{C-far} are stored as sparse matrices. Z_{FFT}^{E-far} and Z_{FFT}^{M-far} are the calculated by FFT-based algorithm expressed as:

$$Z_{FFT}^{E-far} = jk\eta_0 \prod \cdot G \cdot \prod^T - j\frac{\eta_0}{k} \prod_d \cdot G \cdot \prod_d^T$$
(15)

$$Z_{FFT}^{M-far} = \prod_{g} \cdot G \prod^{T}$$
(16)

where $\prod_{d} \prod_{g}$ and \prod_{g} are sparse coefficient transformation matrices. *G* are triple Toeplitz matrices (called numerical Green functions) formed by Green functions between spatial grid points. Superscript *T* represents the transpose of a matrix. In this way, FFT can accelerate the matrix vector products of each iteration.

Let *M* be expansion order, C_m be fitting cube. C_m consists of $(M + 1)^3$ grid nodes. The center of C_m is c_m . h_x , h_y , h_z are Cartesian grid spacing in three coordinate directions. \tilde{S}_m is testing spherical surface, which's center is c_m and radius is $R_m = r_m + 0.05\lambda$. r_m is the minimum radius of sphere surrounding C_m . $\{\vec{p}\}$ are testing points located on \tilde{S}_m . Therefore, $G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ and $\nabla G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ can be expressed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} RG(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) \\ IG(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{\vec{v} \in C_m} \pi_{\vec{v}, C_m}^{\vec{q}} \begin{bmatrix} RG(\vec{p}, \vec{v}) \\ IG(\vec{p}, \vec{v}) \end{bmatrix}$$
(17)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla RG(\vec{p}, \overleftarrow{q}) \\ \nabla IG(\vec{p}, \overleftarrow{q}) \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{\vec{v} \in C_m} \vec{\varsigma}_{\vec{v}, C_m} \begin{bmatrix} RG(\vec{p}, \vec{v}) \\ IG(\vec{p}, \vec{v}) \end{bmatrix}$$
(18)

where, $\{\pi_{\vec{v},C_m}^{\vec{r}}\}_{u=1}^{N_c}$ and $\{\vec{c},\vec{v},C_m\}_{u=1}^{N_c}$ are fitting coefficients. The real and imaginary part of $G(\circ)$ are $RG(\circ)$ and $IG(\circ)$.

5. Numerical Results

The applicability and correctness of the RFGG-FG-FFT with cube polynomial inter/extrapolation method will be tested by analyzing the scattering problems in this section. All the computation is carried out on M = 2 and $h_x = h_y = h_z = h$, where M denotes the expansion order and h denotes the Cartesian grid spacing.

5.1. A PEC Cube with Four Monopole Antennas

The wideband EM scattering from 15 GHz to 30 GHz of a PEC cube $(4\lambda_h \times 4\lambda_h \times 4\lambda_h)$ with four monopole antennas shown in Figure 1 is analyzed. $\Delta f = 1$ GHz is selected as the frequency interval. The cube with four monopole antennas is discretized with 23,044 triangular patches resulting into 34,566 RWG basis functions.



Figure 1. A PEC Cube with four monopole antennas.

Figures 2 and 3 show the bistatic RCS of the PEC cube with four monopole antennas obtained by direct RFGG–FG–FFT, the proposed method, FGG–FG–FFT. It can be also noted that direct RFGG-FG-FFT, the proposed method and FGG-FG-FFT gave identical numerical results. Hence, it indicates that the results of the proposed method, the direct RFGG-FG-FFT and FGG-FG-FFT are almost indistinguishable. In Table 1, the time costs of near field calculation at 24 GHz are given by direct RFGG-FG-FFT and the proposed method. The proposed method took 1307 s CPU time to obtain the results of the cube with four monopole antennas in the frequency domain, whereas the direct RFGG-FG-FFT took 2723 s. This comparison clearly shows that the proposed method can obtain the RCS simultaneous versus frequency more quickly.



Figure 2. Comparisons of the bistatic RCS of PEC Cube with four monopole antennas at 17 GHz.



Figure 3. Comparisons of the bistatic RCS of PEC Cube with four monopole antennas at 26 GHz.

Table 1. CPU time required for the example at 24 GHz.

Ex.	Computing Method	CPU Time Cost of Z ^{near} (s)	CPU Time Cost of the Near Part in Z ^{far} (s)
A PEC Cube with four monopole antennas	Direct RFGG-FG-FFT	103	0.5
	The proposed method	5	0.5
	FGG-FG-FFT	123	0.7
A complex combination object of monopole antenna arrays and cuboid	Direct RFGG-FG-FFT	2320	46
	The proposed method	84	44
	FGG-FG-FFT	2718	63

5.2. A Complex Combination Object of Monopole Antenna Arrays and Cuboid

As shown in Figure 4, a complex combination object of monopole antenna arrays and cuboid is considered. The object is discretized with 30,988 triangular patches to generate



N = 46,482 RWG basis functions. The wideband EM scattering over 15 GHz to 30 GHz is analyzed. $\Delta f = 1$ GHz is used as the interval.

Figure 4. A complex combination object of monopole antenna arrays and cuboid.

The results are compared with the bistatic RCS at 19 GHz and 28 GHz is shown in Figures 5 and 6. Figure 7 shows the broadband RCS curve with scattering angle $(\theta^s, \phi^s) = (130^o, 0^o)$ obtained by using the RFGG-FG-FFT with cube polynomial inter/extrapolat- ion method, direct RFGG-FG-FFT and FGG-FG-FFT. The results obtained by three algorithms shows that they have fine consistency. It is obvious that the three sets of results agree well. Table 1 lists the CPU time costs by three methods at 24 GHz. Therefore, it can be found that the proposed method significantly enhances the computing efficiency. The CPU time required for direct RFGG-FG-FFT and the proposed method are 961 and 510 min, respectively.



Figure 5. The bistatic RCS of complex combination object at 19 GHz.



Figure 6. The bistatic RCS of complex combination object at 28 GHz.



Figure 7. Wide frequency band RCS of complex combination object.

6. Conclusions

This paper proposes an effective method combining RFGG-FG-FFT with cube polynomial inter/extrapolation method for the broadband scattering of antennas. The cube polynomial inter/extrapolation method is introduced into RFGG-FG-FFT to reduce the generation time of near-field matrix. Thus, the calculation efficiency of each frequency point calculated by RFGG-FG-FFT is improved. Specifically, the calculations of the proposed scheme are very consistent with those of direct RFGG-FG-FFT and FGG-FG-FFT. It is worth pointing out that it is a meaningful future research to solve wideband and wide-angle scattering problems rapidly by adopting integral equations.

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