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NUMERICAL RESULTS FOR MODIFIED IMAGE THEORY QUASI-STATIC RANGE SUBSURFACE-TO-SUBSURFACE AND SUBSURFACE-TO-AIR PROPAGATION EQUATIONS

INTRODUCTION

During the past few years, considerable interest has been shown in determining the quasi-static field components of antennas located above or buried beneath the earth's surface. The quasi-static range is defined as the range where the measurement distance is much less than a free-space wavelength. Quasi-static range results are useful for submarine radio communication and detection as well as for the buried-miner problem. They are also helpful to geophysicists engaged in determining the electrical properties of the earth.

Some work has been done¹⁻⁵ on determining the quasi-static fields from various subsurface sources when the measurement distance R = $(\rho^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$ is comparable to the earth skin depth δ . However, the resulting field strength expressions are very complicated because they involve products of modified Bessel functions of different argument. Computing the field component expressions is lengthy and difficult, but some numerical results have been obtained. One method of obtaining these results has been discussed by Atzinger, Pensa, and Pigott.⁶ Numerical integration techniques have also been employed.⁷,⁸

Recently,⁹ by utilizing techniques of finitely conducting earth image theory, the authors have derived approximate expressions for the general quasi-static range electromagnetic fields produced by various subsurface antennas. It is the purpose of this report to provide some numerical calculations of these approximate field component expressions. The image-theory expressions are also compared with the more exact numerical integration results.

Physically, the essence of the finitely conducting earth-image theory technique is to replace the finitely conducting earth by a perfectly conducting earth located at the (complex) depth d/2, where $d = 2/\gamma = \delta(1-i)$. Analytically, this corresponds to replacing the algebraic reflection coefficient $(u-\lambda)/(u+\lambda)$ in the exact integral equations by $exp(-\lambda d)$, where λ is the variable of integration.

For antennas located at or above the earth's surface, the general image theory approximation is valid throughout the quasi-static range.^{10,11} However, if one or both antennas are buried, the previously derived¹⁰ surface-to-surface and surface-to-air image-theory

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results, multiplied by the exponential attenuation-with-depth factor $\exp[\gamma(z + h)]$ or $\exp(\gamma h)$, generally will be valid only for R > 3|z + h|, where h and z, respectively, are the depth of the source and receiving antennas.

Therefore, we modified further the exact subsurface-to-subsurface and subsurface-to-air integral equations and obtained fairly simple field-strength equations⁹ for the general quasi-static range, which reduce to previously derived results when $R >> \delta$ and when $R << \delta$ and $|z + h| << \delta$.

For the purposes of this report, we will consider a horizontal electric dipole (HED) source that is oriented in the x-direction and located at depth $h(h \le 0)$ with respect to a cylindrical coordinate system (ρ, ϕ, z) . The dipole is assumed to be of infinitesimal length l and carry a constant current I. The earth occupies the lower half-space (z < 0) and the air occupies the upper half-space (z > 0). Displacement currents are neglected in both the ground and the air. The magnetic permeability of the earth is assumed to equal the permeability of free space μ_0 . Meter-kilogram-second (MKS) units are employed and a suppressed time factor of exp(iwt) is assumed.

HORIZONTAL ELECTRIC DIPOLE (HED) FIELD COMPONENT EXPRESSIONS

The appropriate modified image-theory equations for HED subsurfaceto-air-propagation (h < 0, z > 0) are given on page 6 of the previous report⁹ and are as follows:

$$E_{\rho} \sim \frac{I \ell \cos \phi e^{\gamma a h}}{2 \pi \sigma K_{1}^{3}} \left\{ 1 + b - \frac{3 b (z - b h)^{2}}{K_{1}^{2}} - \gamma a (z - b h) \right\}, \quad (1)$$

$$E_{\phi} \sim \frac{I\ell \sin \phi e^{\gamma ah}}{2\pi\sigma K_1^3} \left\{ 1 + \frac{2K_1^2}{d^2} \left(1 - \frac{K_1}{K_2} \right) \right\} , \qquad (2)$$

$$E_{z} \sim \frac{I\ell \cos \phi e^{\gamma ah}}{4\pi\sigma} \left\{ \frac{6\rho \left(z - bh\right)}{K_{1}^{5}} - \frac{4}{\rho d^{2}} \left[\frac{\left(z - bh\right)}{K_{1}} - \frac{\left(d + z - bh\right)}{K_{2}} \right] \right\}, (3)$$

$$H_{\rho} \sim \frac{I\ell \sin \phi e^{\gamma ah}}{4\pi} \left[\frac{(d + z - bh)}{K_{2}^{3}} - \frac{(z - bh)}{K_{1}^{3}} + \frac{1}{\rho^{2}} \left[\frac{(d + z - bh)}{K_{2}} - \frac{(z - bh)}{K_{1}} \right] \right],$$
(4)

$$H_{\phi} \sim - \frac{I\ell \cos \phi e^{\gamma ah}}{4\pi\rho^2} \left\{ \frac{(d + z - bh)}{K_2} - \frac{(z - bh)}{K_1} \right\}, \quad (5)$$

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$$H_{z} \sim \frac{I \ell \rho \sin \phi e^{\gamma a h}}{4 \pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{\kappa_{1}^{3}} - \frac{1}{\kappa_{2}^{3}} \right\} , \qquad (6)$$

where

$$K_1^2 = \rho^2 + (z - bh)^2$$
 and $K_2^2 = \rho^2 + (d + z - bh)^2$,
 $a = 0$ and $b = 1$ for R << δ and $|h| << \delta$,
 $a = 0.4$ and $b = 0.96$ for R/ δ less than approximately 1,
 $a = 0.96$ and $b = 0.4$ for R/ δ between approximately 1 and 10, and
 $a = 1.0$ and $b = 0$ for R > $|3b|$.

The appropriate modified image theory equations for HED subsurfaceto-subsurface propagation (h < 0, z < 0), given on pages 13 and 14 of the previous report, 9 are

$$E_{\rho} \sim \frac{I\ell \cos \phi}{4\pi\sigma} \left\{ \frac{e^{-\gamma R_0}}{R_0^3} \left[\left(\frac{3\rho^2}{R_0^2} - 1 \right) \left((1 + \gamma R_0) \right) - \gamma^2 (z - h)^2 \right] - \frac{e^{-\gamma R_1}}{R_1^3} \left[\left(\frac{3\rho^2}{R_1^2} - 1 \right) \left((1 + \gamma R_1) \right) - \gamma^2 (z + h)^2 \right] + \frac{2e^{\gamma a}(z+h)}{K_3^3} \left[1 + b - \frac{3b^3(z + h)^2}{K_3^2} + \gamma ab(z + h) \right] \right\}$$
(7)

$$E_{\phi} \sim \frac{I \ell \sin \phi}{4\pi \sigma} \left\{ \frac{e^{-\gamma R_0}}{R_0^3} \left(1 + \gamma R_0 + \gamma^2 R_0^2 \right) - \frac{e^{-\gamma R_1}}{R_1^3} \left(1 + \gamma R_1 + \gamma^2 R_1^2 \right) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2e^{\gamma a(z+h)}}{K_3^3} \left[1 + \frac{2K_3^2}{d^2} \left(1 - \frac{K_3}{K_4} \right) \right] \right\} , \qquad (8)$$

$$E_{z} \sim \frac{I \ell \cos \phi}{4 \pi \sigma} \left[\frac{\rho(z - h)}{R_{0}^{5}} (3 + 3\gamma R_{0} + \gamma^{2} R_{0}^{2}) e^{-\gamma R_{0}} + \frac{\rho(z + h)}{R_{1}^{5}} (3 + 3\gamma R_{1} + \gamma^{2} R_{1}^{2}) e^{-\gamma R_{1}} \right], \qquad (9)$$

$$H_{\rho} \sim \frac{I\ell \sin \phi}{4\pi} \left\{ - \frac{(z - h)}{R_0^3} (1 + \gamma R_0) e^{-\gamma R_0} + e^{\gamma a(z+h)} \left[\frac{d - b(z + h)}{K_4 \rho^2} + \frac{b(z + h)}{K_3 \rho^2} + \frac{d - b(z + h)}{K_4^3} \right] \right\} , (10)$$

$$H_{\phi} \sim - \frac{I\ell \cos \phi}{4\pi} \left\{ \frac{(z - h)}{R_{0}^{3}} (1 + \gamma R_{0}) e^{-\gamma R_{0}} + \frac{(z + h)}{R_{1}^{3}} (1 + \gamma R_{1}) e^{-\gamma R_{1}} + \frac{e^{\gamma a(z+h)}}{\rho^{2}} \left[\frac{d - b(z + h)}{K_{4}} + \frac{b(z + h)}{K_{3}} \right] \right\}, \qquad (11)$$

and

$$H_{z} \sim \frac{I \ell \rho \sin \phi}{4\pi} \left\{ \frac{e^{-\gamma R_{0}}}{R_{0}^{3}} (1 + \gamma R_{0}) - \frac{e^{-\gamma R_{1}}}{R_{1}^{3}} (1 + \gamma R_{1}) + e^{\gamma a (z+h)} \left[\frac{1}{K_{3}^{3}} - \frac{1}{K_{4}^{3}} \right] \right\}.$$
(12)

where

$$\begin{split} & K_3^2 = \rho^2 + [b(z+h]^2 \text{ and } K_4^2 = \rho^2 + [d-b(z+h)]^2 , \\ & R_0^2 = \rho^2 + (z-h)^2 \text{ and } R_1^2 = \rho^2 + (z+h)^2 , \\ & a = 0 \text{ and } b = 1 \text{ for } R_1/\delta <<1, \\ & a = 0.4 \text{ and } b = 0.96 \text{ for } R_1/\delta \text{ less than approximately } 1, \\ & a = 0.96 \text{ and } b = 0.4 \text{ for } R_1/\delta \text{ between approximately } 1 \text{ and } 10, \text{ and } \\ & a = 1 \text{ and } b = 0 \text{ for } \rho > 3 | z + h | . \end{split}$$

NUMERICAL RESULTS

Note that we have defined loosely the variables a and b. That is, we let a = 0.96 and b = 0.4 for R_1/δ between approximately 1 and 10, and a = 0.4 and b = 0.96 for R_1/δ less than approximately 1. The specific crossover point for each field-strength component will depend not only on R_1/δ but also on $|z + h|/\delta$.

Because the resulting field-strength formulas can be calculated easily on a desk-top calculator, the field strengths can be determined by using both values of a and b, thus numerically determining the crossover point. Alternatively, we could set the two expressions (involving different values of a and b) equal and solve for the crossover point.

Comparisons of modified image theory and numerical integration results for the electric and magnetic fields in air (or earth) produced by a buried HED are presented in figures 1 through 28, which follow page 8. The normalized amplitude of each component (E' or H') is plotted versus ρ/δ for various values of H(= h/δ) and Z(= z/δ), where

$$H^{*} = \frac{4\pi\delta^{2}H}{I\ell} \qquad \text{and} \qquad E^{*} = \frac{4\pi\sigma\delta^{3}E}{I\ell} \qquad (13)$$

The normalization factor (0 dB) is the numerical integration value of each component at $\rho/\delta = 0.1$.

Presented in figures 1 and 2 are comparisons of the modified image theory and numerical integration results for the magnetic fields at a height of one skin depth (Z = 1.0) produced by an HED buried at a depth of one skin depth (H = -1.0). From figure 1, we see that the crossover point for this example is $\rho/\delta = 1.5$ (R/ $\delta = 1.8$). That is, if 0.1 < $\rho/\delta < 1.5$, then a = 0.4 and b = 0.96, whereas if 1.5 < $\rho/\delta < 10$, then a = 0.96 and b = 0.4. A comparison (figure 2) of the composite modified image-theory results with the numerical integration results shows

that the modified image-theory calculations are within approximately 1 dB of the numerical integration results over the complete range of ρ/δ (0.1 to 10). In fact, the modified image theory even predicts the H_o component amplitude dip at the right place ($\rho/\delta \sim 1.5$).

Comparisons of the modified image-theory and numerical integration results for the electric fields at a height of one skin depth produced by an HED buried at two skin depths (H = -2.0) are presented in figures 3 through 5. From figure 3, we see that the a = 0.96, b = 0.4 curve is in better agreement with the numerical integration result throughout the range of ρ/δ plotted. For values of $\rho/\delta > 3$, a much better fit to the numerical integration result can be obtained by letting a = 1 and b = 0. Alternatively, one could employ the quasi-near range formulas given in table 3.13 of Kraichman.¹²

From figure 4, we see that the a = 0.96, b = 0.4 curve is in good agreement with the numerical integration result for $\rho/\delta = 0.1$ to 10. However, for the E_z^+ component (figure 5), the crossover point is at $\rho/\delta \sim 1.5$. That is, if $0.1 < \rho/\delta < 1.5$, then a = 0.4 and b = 0.96, whereas if $1.5 < \rho/\delta < 10$, then a = 0.96 and b = 0.4.

Presented in figures 6 through 8 are comparisons of the modified image-theory and numerical integration results for the electric fields at a height of two skin depths produced by an HED buried at one skin depth. From these figures we observe that the a = 0.96, b = 0.4 curve is in excellent agreement with the numerical integration result throughout the range of ρ/δ considered (0.1 to 10).

It should be noted that because of reciprocity, the normalized electric field plots presented in figures 3 through 8 are also valid for air-to-subsurface propagation if Z and H are interchanged. That is, figures 3 and 4 also represent the horizontal electric field at a depth of two skin depth produced by a horizontal electric dipole located at a height of one skin depth, while figure 5 represents the horizontal electric field at a depth of two skin depths produced by a vertical electric dipole (VED) source at a height of one skin depth. For further details, see reference 9.

Comparisons of the modified image theory and numerical integration results for the magnetic fields at a height of two skin depths produced by an HED buried at one skin depth are presented in figures 9 through 11. From figure 9, we see that the crossover point for the H_{ρ}^{*} component is at $\rho/\delta \sim 2.2$. That is, if $0.1 < \rho/\delta < 2.2$, then a = 0.4 and b = 0.96, whereas if $2.2 < \rho/\delta < 10$, then a = 0.96 and b = 0.4. For the H_{ϕ}^{*} component (figure 10), the a = 0.96, b = 0.4 curve is in excellent agreement with the numerical integration result throughout the range of ρ/δ considered. From figure 11, we see that the crossover point for the H_z component is at $\rho/\delta \sim 1.5$.

Presented in figures 12 through 14 are comparisons of the modified image theory and numerical integration results for the magnetic fields at a height of one skin depth produced by a buried HED at a depth of two skin depths. From these figures, we see that the crossover point is $\rho/\delta \sim 2$ for the H_p component (figure 12), $\rho/\delta \sim 0.8$ for the H_p component (figure 13), and $\rho/\delta \sim 1.7$ for the H_z component (figure 14).

It should be noted that because of reciprocity, the normalized magnetic field plots presented in figures 9 through 14 are also valid for air-to-subsurface propagation if Z and H are interchanged. That is, figures 9 and 10 also represent the horizontal electric field at a depth of one skin depth produced by a horizontal magnetic dipole (HMD) source located at a height of two skin depths while figure 11 represents the horizontal electric field at a depth of one skin depth produced by a vertical magnetic dipole (VMD) source located at a height of two skin depths. For further details, see reference 9.

Comparisons of the modified image theory and numerical integration results for the electric and magnetic fields at a depth of one skin depth produced by an HED located at the earth's surface (H=0) are given in figures 15 through 19. From these figures, we see that the crossover point is $\rho/\delta \sim 1.5$ for the E_{ρ} component (figure 15), $\rho/\delta \sim 1.0$ for the E_{ϕ} component (figure 16), $\rho/\delta \sim 1.5$ for the H_{ρ} component (figure 17), $\rho/\delta \sim 1.0$ for the H_{ϕ} component (figure 18), and $\rho/\delta \sim 1.0$ for the H_{z} component (figure 19). It should be noted that for $\rho/\delta > 3$, an even better fit to the numerical integration results can be obtained by setting a = 1.0 and b = 0. Alternatively, one could employ the quasinear range formulas given in table 3.16 of Kraichman.¹²

Referring to equations (7) through (11), we see that, for the E_{ρ}^{\prime} , E_{ϕ}^{\prime} , and H_{z}^{\prime} components, identical results will be obtained for the H=0, Z=-1 and H=-1, Z=0 cases. However, for the H_{ρ} and H_{ϕ} components, this will not be the case. This fact is further illustrated in figures 20 and 21, which present comparisons of the modified image-theory and numerical integration results for the horizontal magnetic fields at the surface (Z=0) produced by a HED buried at a depth of one skin depth (H=-1). From figure 20, we see that the a = 0.96, b = 0.4 H_{\rho}^{\prime} curve is in fair agreement with the numerical integration result for 0.1 < $\rho/\delta < 3$ and in very good agreement for $\rho/\delta > 3$. Referring to figure 21, we see that the crossover point for the H_{ϕ} component is at $\rho/\delta \sim 1.5$. That is, if $0.1 < \rho/\delta < 1.5$, then a = 0.4 and t = 0.96, whereas if $1.5 < \rho/\delta < 10$, then a = 0.96 and b = 0.4.

Presented in figures 22 and 23 are comparisons of the modified image theory and numerical integration results for the horizontal magnetic fields at a depth of one skin depth produced by a HED buried at one skin depth. From these figures we see that the crossover point for both components occurs at $\rho/\delta \sim 1.0$. It should be noted, however, that

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for the H_{ϕ} component (figure 23), the a = 0.96, b = 0.4 curve is in good agreement with the numerical integration result throughout the range of ρ/δ considered.

Comparisons of the modified image theory and numerical integration results for the electric and magnetic fields at a depth of two skin depths, produced by an HED located at the earth's surface, are presented in figures 24 through 28. From these figures we see that the crossover point is at $\rho/\delta \sim 1$ to 1.5 for all five components. The agreement between the modified image theory and numerical integration results is very good for the H_p and H_φ components (figures 26 and 27) and fair for the E_p, E_φ, and H_z components (figures 24, 25, and 28). The modified image theory fails to predict the E_p amplitude dip at $\rho/\delta \sim 2.5$ (figure 24), although it did predict the E_p amplitude dip for the H=0, Z=-1 case (figure 15). For both the E_φ and H_z components (figures 25 and 28), the a=0.4, b=0.96 curve is in good agreement with the numerical integration result from 0.1 < ρ/δ < 3. For ρ/δ > 3, better results can be obtained by setting a=1.0 and b=0.

Because of reciprocity, the normalized electric and magnetic field plots presented in figures 15 through 28 are also valid for subsurface (or surface) to subsurface (or surface) propagation if Z and H are interchanged. That is, figures 15 and 16 also represent the horizontal electric fields at the surface produced by an HED buried at one skin depth; figures 17 and 18 also represent the horizontal electric fields at the surface produced by an HMD buried at one skin depth; and figure 19 also depicts the horizontal electric field at the surface produced by a buried VMD located at H=-1. Reference 9 contains further details.

CONCLUSIONS

Numerical results have been presented for the previously derived⁹ HED modified image-theory quasi-static range subsurface-to-subsurface and subsurface-to-air propagation approximate field component expressions. It has been shown that, for the most part, the modified imagetheory approximations are in good agreement with the more exact numerical integration results.

These modified image theory results will be useful for submarine radio communication and detection as well as for the buried miner problem. They also may be helpful to geophysicists engaged in determining the electrical properties of the earth.



Figure 1. Comparison of Modified Image Theory and Numerical Integration Results for the Magnetic Fields in Air Produced by a Buried HED (H = -1.0, Z = 1.0)

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Figure 3. Comparison of Modified Image Theory and Numerical Integration Results for the E_{ρ} Component in Air Produced by a Buried HED (H = -2.0, Z = 1.0)









Figure 5. Comparison of Modified Image Theory and Numerical Integration Results for the E_z Component in Air Produced by a Buried HED (H = -2.0, Z = 1.0)









Figure 7. Comparison of Modified Image Theory and Numerical Integration Results for the E_{ϕ}^{*} Component in Air Produced by a Buried HED (H = -1.0, Z = 2.0)









Figure 9. Comparison of Modified Image Theory and Numerical Integration Results for the H_{ρ}^{*} Component in Air Produced by a Buried HED (H = -1.0, Z = 2.0)









Figure 11. Comparison of Modified Image Theory and Numerical Integration Results for the H_Z^* Component in Air Produced by a Buried HED (H = -1.0, Z = 2.0)









































Figure 21. Comparison of Modified Image Theory and Numerical Integration Results for the H $_{\phi}$ Component in Earth Produced by a Buried HED (H = -1.0, Z = 0)















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