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Mosaic-skeleton format in method of moments for large-scale scattering problems

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Electrodynamics problem

We consider the three-dimensional scattering problem of a monochromatic electromagnetic wave by a system of perfectly conducting surfaces (closed or open) Σ .

$$\text{rot } \mathbf{E} = i\omega\mu\mathbf{H}, \quad \text{rot } \mathbf{H} = -i\omega\varepsilon\mathbf{E},$$

We also assume that that radiation sources producing the incident field, which can have the form of a plane wave

$$\mathbf{E}_{inc} = \mathbf{p}e^{ik(\mathbf{v},\mathbf{x})}, \quad \mathbf{H}_{inc} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E}_{inc}}{i\omega\mu}, \quad (1)$$

here \mathbf{v} – unit vector of the incident wave direction, \mathbf{p} – unit vector of the wave polarization, $\mathbf{v} \perp \mathbf{p}$, k is the wave number defined by the formula

$$k = \omega\sqrt{\varepsilon_0\mu_0}$$

On the surface of an ideal conductor the condition of absence of the tangent component of the total electric field is fulfilled:

$$\mathbf{n}(x) \times \mathbf{E}(x) = 0, \quad x \in \Sigma. \quad (2)$$

Integral equation

According to [1] an electric field is sought in the form

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_{inc} + \frac{i}{\omega\varepsilon_0}\mathcal{K}[\Sigma, \mathbf{j}],$$

where \mathcal{K} denotes the operator

$$\mathcal{K}[\Sigma, \mathbf{g}](x) = \text{rot rot} \int_{\Sigma} \mathbf{g}(y) F(x-y) d\sigma_y, \quad F(x-y) = \frac{e^{ik|x-y|}}{4\pi|x-y|}.$$

We will search for unknown vector fields \mathbf{j} – tangential vector field on the surface of Σ , then the boundary condition can be rewritten as a surface integral integral equation:

$$\mathbf{n} \times \left(\mathbf{E}_{inc} + \frac{i}{\omega\varepsilon_0}\mathcal{K}[\Sigma, \mathbf{j}] \right) = 0, \quad x \in \Sigma. \quad (3)$$

An important characteristic of the scattered electromagnetic field in the far field is the radar cross section (RCS). With known currents \mathbf{j} , the RCS can be calculated by the formula

$$\sigma(\tau) = \frac{4\pi}{|\mathbf{E}_0|^2} \left| \int_{\Sigma} e^{-ik(\tau,y)} \frac{i\mathbf{k}^2}{\omega\varepsilon_0} (\mathbf{j} - \tau(\mathbf{j}, \tau)) dy \right|. \quad (4)$$

Numerical method

The surface of an ideal conductor is approximated by a system of triangular cells σ_i , the approximation of the unknown currents \mathbf{j} is sought as a linear combination of RWG basis functions [2]:

$$\mathbf{j}(x) = \sum_{i=1, N_v} j_i \mathbf{v}_i(x). \quad (5)$$

Here $\mathbf{v}_i(x)$ is a basis function bound to an internal edge that is common to some two cells.

The system of integral equations (3) is solved numerically by the Bubnov-Galerkin method using the basis functions presented above. As (3) is

hypersingular integral equation, for calculating matrix elements an equivalent formula with weak singularity is used:

$$(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathcal{K}[\Sigma, \mathbf{v}_j])_{\Sigma} = \int \int_{\sigma_i^{1,2} \sigma_j^{1,2}} (k^2 \mathbf{v}_i(x) \cdot \mathbf{v}_j(y) - D_i D_j) F(x-y) d\sigma_y d\sigma_x \quad (6)$$

Weak singularity in (6) calculated analytically (see [1]), remaining part of formula evaluated numerically with adaptive numerical integration.

With dense matrix of linear equation, mosaic-skeleton approximation and GMRES iterative solver with multiple right sides is used. Thus, numerical method has such approximations as:

- Mesh with diameter d as approximation of initial geometry with
- Adaptive numerical integration as matrix elements approximation
- Mosaic skeleton format as approximation of whole matrix
- GMRES as iterative solver with linear system.

Experiments

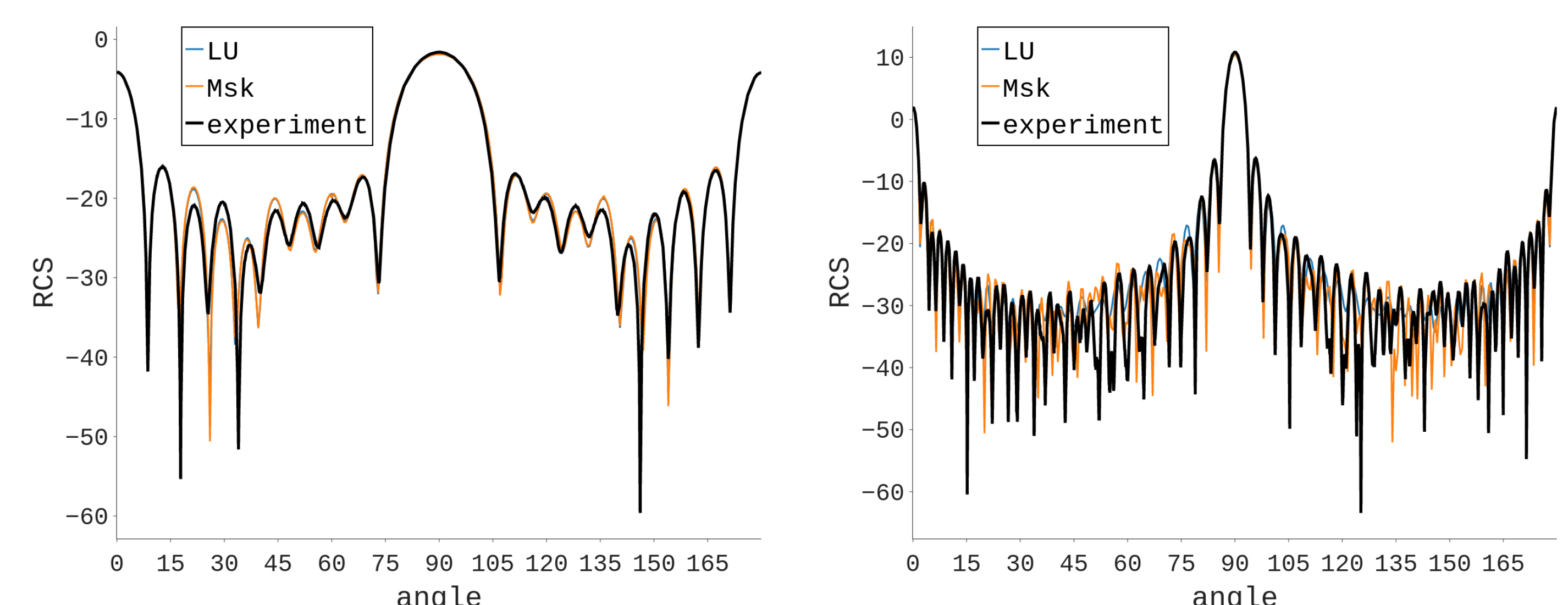
Numerical experiments were performed on metal cylinder with $r=7.5\text{cm}$ and $h=25\text{cm}$, backscattering RCS is considered. Thus, linear system were solved for multiple right sides (360 and 720 for 2-4 and 4-8 GHz respectively). Both horizontal and vertical polarization were modeled with the similar time, compression and error/residual results.

W, Ghz	size	kd	full matrix, s	LU, s	compress	approx, s	GMRES, s	RCS rtol
2	21k	0.3	201	16	10%	83	94	4e-3
4	40k	0.43	975	118	5.8%	222	581	1e-2
8	85k	0.6	4133	1025	3.7%	580	3980	1e-2
16	85k	1.25	4322	1000	5%	754	11000	0.17

Table 1: comparison of MSk+GMRES and LU full matrix solver

w	kd	rtol	compress	time	w	kd	rtol	compress	time
4	0.43	1e-2	4.3%	193s	8	0.87	1e-2	5%	226s
		1e-3	5.8%	222s			1e-3	6.8%	265s
		1e-4	7.6%	260s			1e-4	9%	313s
		1e-5	10%	625s			1e-5	11.8%	557s

Table 2: MSk compression on fixed mesh



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