Scattering From Arbitrarily Shaped Microstrip Patch Antennas

David G. Shively, Manohar D. Deshpande, and Capers R. Cockrell
Scattering From Arbitrarily Shaped Microstrip Patch Antennas

David G. Shively
Joint Research Program Office
Electronics Integration Directorate
Communications Electronics Command
Langley Research Center
Hampton, Virginia

Manohar D. Deshpande
ViGYAN, Inc.
Hampton, Virginia

Capers R. Cockrell
Langley Research Center
Hampton, Virginia
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The authors would like to thank Kenna K. Macauley, Mason & Hanger Services Inc., for preparing the figures for this manuscript, and Erik Vedeler, Guidance and Control Division, for assisting with the measurements. Our appreciation is also extended to Dr. James T. Aberle, Arizona State University, for supplying the data for figures 3 and 4.
Abstract

The scattering properties of arbitrarily shaped microstrip patch antennas are examined. The electric field integral equation for a current element on a grounded dielectric slab is developed for a rectangular geometry based on Galerkin's technique with subdomain rooftop basis functions. A shape function is introduced that allows a rectangular grid approximation to the arbitrarily shaped patch. The incident field on the patch is expressed as a function of incidence angle $\theta_i, \phi_i$. The resulting system of equations is then solved for the unknown current modes on the patch, and the electromagnetic scattering is calculated for a given angle. Comparisons are made with other calculated results as well as with measurements.

Introduction

In the early 1980's, the moment method technique was developed for analyzing microstrip patch antennas by using the spectral domain Green's function. This technique accurately accounts for dielectric thickness, dielectric losses, and surface wave losses and can be extended to include the effects of a cover layer with a different dielectric constant on top of the antenna. Because of its spectral nature, the technique can be easily extended to model an infinite array of patches by the examination of only a single unit cell.

Early papers on this subject include those by Bailey and Deshpande (refs. 1 to 3) and Pozar (ref. 4). In those papers the authors used both subdomain and entire-domain basis functions to model the current on the patch. Results such as bandwidth, input impedance, and resonant frequency were presented for rectangular patches. The use of subdomain basis functions yields more flexibility in the modeling of the patch current, whereas the use of entire-domain basis functions yields a smaller number of unknowns in the solution. For this reason, many subsequent analyses involve entire-domain basis functions that are limited to canonical shapes such as rectangles, circles, and ellipses. Using entire-domain basis functions, Pozar and Schaubert (ref. 5) extended the method from a single patch to an infinite array of patches. Aberle and Pozar (refs. 6 and 7) analyzed circular microstrip patch antennas, in both single and array geometries, using entire-domain basis functions. Bailey and Deshpande (ref. 8) also used entire-domain basis functions in their study of elliptical and circular patches. Aberle and Pozar (refs. 9 and 10) have improved on the original idealized probe feed model by including attachment modes of current that accurately model the current singularity at the probe feed point.

Recently, much work has been published regarding the scattering properties of microstrip antennas on various types of substrate geometries. Virtually all this work has been done with entire-domain basis functions for the current on the patch. Newman and Forrai (ref. 11) have analyzed the electromagnetic scattering from a rectangular patch. Jackson (ref. 12) extended this research to include a superstrate covering the antenna. Pozar (ref. 13) examined a patch on a uniaxial substrate. Aberle, Pozar, and Birtcher (ref. 14) included the improved probe feed model for analyzing the scattering from circular patches.

Some work has been published concerning the use of subdomain basis functions for modeling the current on the patch antenna. Most of this work was done in the spatial domain and cannot be extended to infinite arrays as in the spectral domain approach. Hall and Mosig (refs. 15 and 16) have analyzed rectangular microstrip antennas using a mixed-potential integral equation with subdomain rooftop basis functions. Mosig (ref. 17) has also used this approach
to analyze patch antennas of arbitrary shape. Michalski and Zheng (ref. 18) have used a similar formulation with triangular-surface patch basis functions, which are similar to finite element techniques, to model patches of arbitrary shape. Martinson and Kuester (ref. 19) have used a network approach along the edge of the patch to examine different shapes. As with the spatial domain method, this approach is not easily extended to array geometries. Hansen and Janhsen (ref. 20) have outlined a spectral domain approach that uses subdomain basis functions for modeling rectangular patches with a microstrip line-feed network.

This paper describes spectral domain analyses of arbitrarily shaped microstrip patch antennas in which subdomain basis functions are used to model the patch current. To simplify the analyses, the antenna feed will not be considered. The antenna is considered to be open circuited from the feed network (i.e., the feed impedance is infinite). Results are presented in the form of scattering as a function of frequency for a few representative shapes. Comparisons are made with measured data and with results from other analysis techniques.

Symbols

\[ d \] thickness of the dielectric slab

\[ E_b \] electric field radiated by a current element on the patch

\[ E_\theta \] \( \hat{\theta} \) component of the electric field

\[ E_\phi \] \( \hat{\phi} \) component of the electric field

\[ E^{\text{inc}}_{\text{tan}} \] tangential components of the incident electric field

\[ E^{\text{scat}}_{\text{tan}} \] tangential components of the scattered electric field

\[ F^{mn} \] Fourier transform of current mode \( mn \)

\[ G \] dyadic Green’s function

\[ G_{ab}(x, y, z) \] component of the spatial domain Green’s function

\[ G_{ab}(K_x, K_y, z) \] component of the spectral domain Green’s function

\[ f^{mn} \] amplitude of mode \( mn \)

\[ J \] surface current on the microstrip patch antenna

\[ j = \sqrt{-1} \]

\[ K, \alpha \] variables of integration in cylindrical coordinates

\[ K_0 \] propagation constant for free space, \( 2\pi/\lambda_0 \)

\[ K_x \] spectral domain transformation variable for the \( x \)-direction

\[ K_y \] spectral domain transformation variable for the \( y \)-direction

\[ K_1 \] propagation constant for the dielectric slab in the \( z \)-direction

\[ K_2 \] propagation constant for free space in the \( z \)-direction

\[ L_x \] dimension of the patch in the \( x \)-direction

\[ L_y \] dimension of the patch in the \( y \)-direction

\[ M \] number of subdivisions in the \( x \)-direction

\[ N \] number of subdivisions in the \( y \)-direction
The geometry of a rectangular microstrip patch antenna is shown in figure 1. The patch is on a grounded dielectric slab of infinite extent. The dielectric slab has a relative permittivity $\varepsilon_r$ and thickness $d$. Assuming that the patch is perfectly conducting, the boundary condition on the patch is given by

$$E_{\text{inc}} = -E_{\text{scat}}$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

The incident field is the field at the patch location attributable either to an incident plane wave or a probe or stripline feed. The scattered field is found from the currents excited on the patch as

$$E_{\text{scat}}(x,y,z) = \iiint \vec{G}(x,y,z|x_0,y_0,z_0) \cdot J(x_0,y_0,z_0) \, dx_0 \, dy_0 \, dz_0$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

where $\vec{G}$ is the dyadic Green's function for a current element on a grounded dielectric slab and $J$ is the electric current density for the unknown vector on the patch. The dyadic Green's function can be written as

$$\vec{G} = \hat{x}G_{xx}\hat{x} + \hat{x}G_{xy}\hat{y} + \hat{x}G_{xz}\hat{z} + \hat{y}G_{yx}\hat{x} + \hat{y}G_{yy}\hat{y} + \hat{y}G_{yz}\hat{z} + \hat{z}G_{zx}\hat{x} + \hat{z}G_{zy}\hat{y} + \hat{z}G_{zz}\hat{z}$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)
where
\[ G_{ab} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}_{ab}(K_x, K_y, x_o) \exp[jK_x(x-x_o)] \exp[jK_y(y-y_o)] \, dK_x \, dK_y \] (4)

and \( a \) and \( b \) can be \( x, y, \) or \( z \). Note that the components for the Green's function \( \tilde{G}_{ab} \) are known in the spectral domain and must be transformed back to the \( x, y \) domain; hence, the two infinite integrals in equation (4) are required.

The components of the Green's function are given by

\[ \tilde{G}_{xx}(K_x, K_y, d|d) = -\frac{jZ_o}{K_o} \frac{K_1K_2K_{2c}^2T_e + K_0^2K_{2o}^2T_m}{\beta^2T_mT_e} \sin(K_1d) \] (5)

\[ \tilde{G}_{xy}(K_x, K_y, d|d) = -\frac{jZ_o}{K_o} \frac{K_xK_y(K_{2o}^2T_m - K_1K_2T_e)}{\beta^2T_mT_e} \sin(K_1d) \] (6)

\[ \tilde{G}_{yx}(K_x, K_y, d|d) = \tilde{G}_{xy}(K_x, K_y, d|d) \] (7)

\[ \tilde{G}_{yy}(K_x, K_y, d|d) = -\frac{jZ_o}{K_o} \frac{K_1K_2K_{2c}^2T_e + K_0^2K_{2o}^2T_m}{\beta^2T_mT_e} \sin(K_1d) \] (8)

\[ \tilde{G}_{zx} = -\frac{jZ_o}{K_o} \frac{K_xK_1}{T_m} \sin(K_1d) \] (9)

\[ \tilde{G}_{zy} = -\frac{jZ_o}{K_o} \frac{K_yK_1}{T_m} \sin(K_1d) \] (10)

where

\[ T_m = \varepsilon_r K_2 \cos(K_1d) + jK_1 \sin(K_1d) \] (11)

\[ T_e = K_1 \cos(K_1d) + jK_2 \sin(K_1d) \] (12)

\[ K_1 = \sqrt{\varepsilon_r K_{2o}^2 - \beta^2} \quad \text{Im}(K_1) \leq 0 \] (13)

\[ K_2 = \sqrt{K_{2o}^2 - \beta^2} \quad \text{Im}(K_2) \leq 0 \] (14)

\[ \beta = \sqrt{K_x^2 + K_y^2} \] (15)

The remaining terms of the Green's function are not needed in this analysis. Details of the derivation of the Green's function can be found in reference 3. Additional forms of the Green's function that include the effects of a dielectric cover layer above the antenna are available in reference 10.
The current density $J$ is modeled as a summation of piecewise linear subdomain basis functions known as rooftop basis functions. This approach contrasts with use of the entire-domain basis functions that span the entire patch. Entire-domain basis functions, such as sines and cosines, are useful for analyzing rectangular or circular patches, but become cumbersome for other shapes. Mathematically, the subdomain basis functions for the components of the current are described as

$$J_x(x, y) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{n=1}^{N+1} I_{mn}^x \Lambda_m(x) \Pi_n(y)$$

$$J_y(x, y) = \sum_{m=1}^{M+1} \sum_{n=1}^{N} I_{mn}^y \Lambda_n(y) \Pi_m(x)$$

where the functions $\Lambda$ and $\Pi$ are “triangle” and “pulse” and are expressed as

$$\Lambda_m(x) = \begin{cases} 
1 + (x - x_m) / \Delta x & (x_m - \Delta x) \leq x \leq x_m \\
1 - (x - x_m) / \Delta x & x_m \leq x \leq (x_m + \Delta x) \\
0 & \text{Otherwise}
\end{cases}$$

$$\Pi_n(y) = \begin{cases} 
1 & (y_n - \Delta y) \leq y \leq y_n \\
0 & \text{Otherwise}
\end{cases}$$

where $\Delta x = 2L_x/(M + 1)$ and $\Delta y = 2L_y/(N + 1)$.

When equations (2) and (4) are combined, the order of integration may be changed and the basis functions that represent the patch current density may be taken into the transform domain. These current density functions for the spectral domain are given by

$$\tilde{J}_x (K_x, K_y) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{n=1}^{N+1} I_{mn}^x F_{mn}^x (K_x, K_y)$$

$$\tilde{J}_y (K_x, K_y) = \sum_{m=1}^{M+1} \sum_{n=1}^{N} I_{mn}^y F_{mn}^y (K_x, K_y)$$

where

$$F_{mn}^x (K_x, K_y) = \Delta x \Delta y \left[ \frac{\sin (K_y \Delta y/2)}{K_y \Delta y/2} \right] \left[ \frac{\sin (K_x \Delta x/2)}{K_x \Delta x/2} \right]^2 \exp[-jK_x x_m - jK_y y_n + jK_y (\Delta y/2)]$$

$$F_{mn}^y (K_x, K_y) = \Delta x \Delta y \left[ \frac{\sin (K_y \Delta y/2)}{K_y \Delta y/2} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{\sin (K_x \Delta x/2)}{K_x \Delta x/2} \right] \exp[-jK_x x_m - jK_y y_n + jK_x (\Delta x/2)]$$

Galerkin’s method can be applied to the resulting equations to test them with the same set of basis functions. The solution yields a set of simultaneous equations that can be solved with standard techniques. Symbolically, this approach is represented as

$$\int_{S} J^{pq} \cdot E_{\text{inc}}^{\text{tan}} \, dxdy = - \int_{S} J^{pq} \cdot E_{\text{tan}}^{\text{scat}} \, dxdy$$  (24)
Note that the integration is over \( x \) and \( y \) instead of \( x_0 \) and \( y_0 \). On the right side of equation (24) the \( x, y \) integration may be performed. The resulting Fourier transforms are similar to those described in equations (22) and (23). These equations can be shown in matrix notation as

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
V_x^{pq} \\
V_y^{pq}
\end{bmatrix} = 
\begin{bmatrix}
Z_{xx}^{pqmn} & Z_{xy}^{pqmn} \\
Z_{yx}^{pqmn} & Z_{yy}^{pqmn}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
F_x^{mn} \\
F_y^{mn}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(25)

where the impedance matrix terms are given by

\[
Z_{xx}^{pqmn} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}_{xx}(K_x, K_y, d|d) \ F_{xx}^{mn}(K_x, K_y) \ F_x^{pq}(-K_x, -K_y) \ dK_x dK_y
\]

(26)

\[
Z_{xy}^{pqmn} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}_{xy}(K_x, K_y, d|d) \ F_{xy}^{mn}(K_x, K_y) \ F_x^{pq}(-K_x, -K_y) \ dK_x dK_y
\]

(27)

\[
Z_{yx}^{pqmn} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}_{yx}(K_x, K_y, d|d) \ F_{yx}^{mn}(K_x, K_y) \ F_y^{pq}(-K_x, -K_y) \ dK_x dK_y
\]

(28)

\[
Z_{yy}^{pqmn} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}_{yy}(K_x, K_y, d|d) \ F_{yy}^{mn}(K_x, K_y) \ F_y^{pq}(-K_x, -K_y) \ dK_x dK_y
\]

(29)

The integrations in equations (26) (29) must be done numerically but can be simplified with the following change of variables:

\[
K_x = K \cos \alpha \quad K_y = K \sin \alpha
\]

(30)

With this change of variables, the integrals are changed to the form

\[
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [ \ ] dK_x dK_y = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} [ \ ] K dK d\alpha
\]

(31)

The integration from 0 to \( 2\pi \) may be further reduced to an integration from 0 to \( \pi/2 \) based on the even and odd properties of the integrand. Each of the four submatrices in the impedance matrix is of Toeplitz form, so only the first row of each submatrix needs to be calculated by numerical integration. The remaining terms can be filled in with these terms. Furthermore, because the impedance matrix terms \( Z_{xy}^{pqmn} = Z_{yx}^{mnpq} \), even more computer time is saved.

To examine the scattering from a microstrip patch antenna, the left side of equation (25) must be evaluated. Each member of the excitation vector can be written as

\[
V^{pq} = \iint_S J^{pq} \cdot E^{\text{inc}} \ dx dy
\]

(32)

which is the incident field reacted with each \( pq \) current mode on the patch. After we use reciprocity, equation (32) can be rewritten as

\[
V^{pq} = \frac{-4\pi E^{pq} \cdot E_0}{j\omega \mu_0}
\]

(33)
In equation (33), $E_0$ is the vector amplitude of the incident plane wave, $E^{pq}$ is the far-field radiation from vector current mode $pq$ on the patch, and $-4\pi/j\omega \mu_0$ is the required strength of an infinitesimal dipole source to produce a unit amplitude plane wave. The incident plane wave is from the direction $\theta^i, \phi^i$ in spherical coordinates with components $E_\theta$ and $E_\phi$. Typical scattering results are of the form

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = 4\pi r^2 |E^{\text{scat}}_\theta|^2 \quad (34)$$

which is the $\theta$ polarized backscatter from a unit amplitude $\theta$ polarized incident field.

The fields radiated by a current mode on the patch can be found from the Green’s function (see eq. (5)). The field at the point $x, y, z$ from an $\mathbf{x}$ directed source located at the point $x_0, y_0, d$ is given by

$$E_\mathbf{x}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G_{\mathbf{x}x} \exp [jK_x (x - x_0)] \exp [jK_y (y - y_0)] \exp [-jK_z (z - d)] dK_x dK_y \quad (35)$$

where $b$ can be either $x$, $y$, or $z$. Likewise, the values $x, y, z$ from a $\mathbf{y}$ directed source at point $x_0, y_0, d$ are given by

$$E_\mathbf{y}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G_{\mathbf{y}y} \exp [jK_x (x - x_0)] \exp [jK_y (y - y_0)] \exp [-jK_z (z - d)] dK_x dK_y \quad (36)$$

and again $b$ can be either $x$, $y$, or $z$. These equations can be evaluated by the method of stationary phase and integrated over the extent of each basis function to give the fields radiated by that basis function in the presence of the grounded dielectric slab (ref. 13). After this evaluation has been done and the resulting equations are converted to spherical coordinates, the far-field components due to a single $\mathbf{x}$ directed current mode are

$$E^{mn}_\mathbf{x}(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{Z_o}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\exp (-jK_o r)}{r} \right] \exp (jK_2 d) \cos \theta \frac{K_1 K_o \cos \phi \sin (K_1 d)}{T_m} F^{mn}_x (K_x, K_y) \quad (37)$$

$$E^{mn}_\mathbf{y}(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{Z_o}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\exp (-jK_o r)}{r} \right] \exp (jK_2 d) \cos \theta \frac{-K_2^2 \sin \phi \sin (K_1 d)}{T_e} F^{mn}_y (K_x, K_y) \quad (38)$$

where $K_x$ and $K_y$ are evaluated at the stationary phase points

$$\begin{cases} K_x = -K_o \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ K_y = -K_o \sin \theta \sin \phi \end{cases} \quad (39)$$

Similarly, the fields radiated by a single $\mathbf{y}$ directed current mode are given by

$$E^{mn}_\mathbf{y}(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{Z_o}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\exp (-jK_o r)}{r} \right] \exp (jK_2 d) \cos \theta \frac{K_1 K_o \cos \phi \sin (K_1 d)}{T_m} F^{mn}_y (K_x, K_y) \quad (40)$$

$$E^{mn}_\mathbf{y}(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{Z_o}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\exp (-jK_o r)}{r} \right] \exp (jK_2 d) \cos \theta \frac{K_2^2 \cos \phi \sin (K_1 d)}{T_e} F^{mn}_y (K_x, K_y) \quad (41)$$

where $K_x$ and $K_y$ are the same as in equation (39). By using equations (37) to (41) in equation (33), we can determine the left side of equation (25).

After the impedance matrix and the excitation vector have been calculated, the simultaneous equations can be solved for the unknown current coefficients. Then, the scattered fields can be
calculated by a summation of the radiated fields from each mode on the patch. If the patch is rectangular, this process is straightforward. However, if the patch is some other shape, additional steps are needed to model it properly.

Consider the irregular patch shown in figure 1. To predict the scattering from this patch, first enclose it within a rectangle. The impedance matrix and excitation vector can be calculated for this rectangular patch. A shape function is introduced that is equal to 1 for each mode that has its center point inside the irregularly shaped patch and equal to 0 if the center point of the mode is outside the irregularly shaped patch. The set of simultaneous equations can also be modified to consider only the modes for which the shape function is equal to 1. Thus, the boundary of the irregularly shaped patch is approximated by a rectangular grid or “stair step.” As the number of subdivisions increases, the approximation to the true boundary of the patch improves. However, as the number of subdivisions increases, the time required to compute and solve the impedance matrix increases as well.

Results

Computer programs have been written to solve the matrix equation (25). These programs are listed in the appendix. The first program computes the elements of the impedance matrix by numerical integration. As mentioned previously, only the first row of each submatrix is calculated. The rest can be filled in by rearranging the first row. Also, because the $Z_{xy}$ and $Z_{yx}$ submatrices are related, only the $Z_{xy}$ submatrix is calculated. The impedance matrix is then stored in a data file. The second program reads in the impedance matrix from the file and calculates the excitation vector for the given angle of incidence. The system of equations is solved and the electromagnetic scattering is calculated at the same angle. If scattering information is required over a band of frequencies, the third computer program reads in and arranges impedance matrices for several frequencies and computes the scattering at a given incidence angle as a function of frequency. It is necessary to compute only the impedance matrix at a few widely spaced frequencies because the impedance matrix terms are slow to change as a function of frequency. The impedance matrix for other frequencies can be found by an interpolation of each impedance matrix element. Newman and Forrai (ref. 11) have used this approach successfully with entire-domain basis functions.

To ensure that the computer programs are correct, comparisons are shown in figure 2 for the calculated and measured data presented by Newman and Forrai (ref. 11) and the calculated results from the subdomain technique. Because both the entire-domain basis functions used in reference 11 and the subdomain basis functions described here model the patch shape accurately, the calculated results from each technique should agree. The number of subdivisions here was chosen to be $M = N = 12$, which is adequate for modeling the patch across the frequency band. If frequency were further increased, more patch subdivisions would be necessary. Figure 2 shows the impedance matrix that was calculated through numerical integration at frequency steps of 400 MHz and that was interpolated at frequencies between these steps. A quadratic interpolation technique was used here as well as for the following results. Close agreement between the calculated results can be seen in figure 2; the only slight differences are at the peaks of the curves. Also, a slight offset in frequency is noted between the two calculations. However, this offset is not uncommon when two techniques are compared and is likely attributable to minor differences in the computer codes. The measured results shown in figure 2 agree well with the calculated results in some areas and disagree in others. Again, a slight frequency shift is noted when compared with the calculated results; this shift may indicate physical tolerances of the patch size, substrate thickness, or substrate dielectric parameters. At some points, the measured data agree better with the data from the subdomain technique; at other points, the measured data agree better with those from the entire-domain technique. In some areas, the
measured data do not agree with any calculated results; rapid fluctuations of the measured data in these instances suggest a problem with the measurement or calibration of the radar data.

Next, the shape function was included in the computer programs and two different circular microstrip patch antennas were modeled. In figure 3 calculated results for a circular patch modeled with subdomain basis functions are compared with results calculated by Aberle and Pozar (ref. 6) with entire-domain basis functions. The impedance matrix case for the subdomain basis function was calculated at 500-MHz steps and was interpolated elsewhere. For entire-domain basis functions, the patch boundary is a perfect circle; for the subdomain basis functions, the patch boundary only approximates a circle. As before, a slight frequency shift is noted between the two approaches. This shift can be attributed to slight differences between the two computer codes and the subdomain approximation of a circular boundary. The frequency shift increases as the frequency increases and is expected, as the difference between the true and approximated boundary is larger electrically as frequency increases. If the frequency shift is ignored, the two results are similar across the frequency band, especially from 2 to 4.5 GHz. Approximation of a circular boundary in the subdomain calculation may explain the slight differences in the relative power levels.

A second circular patch was modeled and compared with results from entire-domain calculations and with measured data. The entire-domain calculations and the measured data were supplied by Aberle, Pozar, and Birtcher (ref. 14) and are shown in figure 4. The agreement is fairly good between the subdomain, entire-domain, and measured data. Again, a slight frequency shift in the data is noted, as are slight differences in the values at the resonant peaks. For both patches, the number of subdivisions was chosen to be $M = N = 12$. More subdivisions were used for the latter patch to improve the agreement, but little improvement was noted.

Two other shapes, an equilateral triangle and a trapezoid, have been modeled with subdomain basis functions. As before, the impedance matrices were calculated at 500-MHz steps and were interpolated at other frequencies. For these two shapes no entire-domain basis function results have been reported. The measured data were collected in the Experimental Test Range at the Langley Research Center.

The calculated and measured results for the triangular microstrip patch antenna are shown in figure 5. As before, the number of subdivisions was chosen to be $M = N = 12$. As in all previous cases, a slight frequency shift is evident in the data and the peak values of the data are slightly different. The same rapid fluctuations in the measured data as in figure 2 are observed from 9 to 13 GHz; these fluctuations are caused by imperfections in the measurement and calibration process. The measured versus calculated results for the trapezoidal microstrip patch are shown in figure 6. Because the trapezoid is larger than the earlier examples, the number of subdivisions of the patch was changed to $M = 10$ and $N = 20$. Other combinations of $M$ and $N$ were tried with little change in the results.

The results in this case are not as good as in the previous cases. The shift in frequency between the calculated and measured data shown in figure 6 is larger than those in the previous cases. The relative power levels, however, are quite close for most peaks, although a large difference is evident at approximately 7.3 GHz. Rapid fluctuations in the measured data at that point suggest a measurement problem as the cause of the discrepancy.

Conclusions

A subdomain moment method technique has been developed to examine the scattering properties of microstrip patch antennas. Antennas of virtually any shape may now be analyzed with this technique merely by changing the shape function that defines the outer antenna boundary. Results were presented for rectangular, circular, triangular, and trapezoidal microstrip patch antennas. In all cases, slight shifts in frequency between subdomain, entire-domain, and measured
data were noted, as were slight differences in power level at the response peaks. The sub-
domain calculations have, however, predicted the correct general scattering from all the patches
examined.

NASA Langley Research Center
Hampton, VA 23681-0001
September 30, 1992
Appendix

Computer Programs That Solve Matrix Equation (25)

Evaluation of $Z_{xx}$, $Z_{yy}$, and $Z_{xy}$ Submatrices

The following program computes the first row of the $Z_{xx}$, $Z_{yy}$, and $Z_{xy}$ submatrices by numerical integration. The remaining terms of the impedance matrix are then filled and the matrix is stored in a data file.

```plaintext
cccccc Patch Impedance Matrix
cccccc Subdomain Basis Functions
cccccc
program IMPEDANCE
parameter(mm=12,nn=12,mmp1=(mm+1),nnpl=(nn+1))
parameter(nmax1=(mm+npl),nmax2=(mmpl*nn),nmax=(nmax1+nmax2))
real x(mmpl),y(nnpl),Lx,Ly,dx,dy,dx2,dy2,Dxy,d
real Ko,fr,pi,pi2,sl,s2,epo,muo
real B2,A2,DELTLY2,FACTY2,FACTY1,SY2
real alpha,ca,sa,delyr,delyi,YIi,YI2,ANG(60)
integer NQ2,NUM,NS(60),Con(3)
complex cj,er,Ke,tempx,tempy,P(60),FYl
complex Gxx,Gxy,Gyy,sxx,sxy,syy,Txx,Tyy,Txy
complex K,K1,K2,Tm,Te,N1,N2,D1,D2,C1,sd
complex ZZ(nmax,nmax),DELTLY1
complex zxx(mmpl,nnpl,mmp1,nnpl),zxy(mmpl,nnpl,mmp1,nnpl)
complex zyx(mmpl,nnpl,mmp1,nnpl),zyy(mmpl,nnpl,mmp1,nnpl)
complex axx(mmpl,nnpl),axy(mmpl,nnpl),ayy(mmpl,nnpl)
complex bxz(mmpl,nnpl),bxy(mmpl,nnpl),byy(mmpl,nnpl)
DIMENSION U(3),U2(10),R1(3),R2(10),U(13),R(13)
EQUIVALENCE (U1(1),U(1)),(U2(1),U(4)),(R1(1),R(1)),(R2(1),R(4))
DATA U1/.11270166537925,.5,.5,.88729833462074/,U2/.01304673574141,.06174683165550,.16029521585048,.28330230293537,.42556283050918,.574423716949081,.71669769706462,.83970478414951,.93253168334493,.986953326425858/,R1/.27777777777777,.44444444444444,.27777777777777/,R2/.403333567215434,.07472567457529,.10954318125799,.13463359654999,.14577621235737,.1477621235737,.13463359654999,.10954318125799,.074762567457529,.033333567215434/

cccccc ALL DIMENSIONS IN METERS
cccccc
cj=(0.0,1.0)
p1=2.0*asin(1.0)
p2= pi/2.0
epo= 8.854E-12
muo= pi*(4.0E-07)
er= cmplx(2.2,-0.0022)
fr= 6.0E+09
Ko= 2.0*pi*fr*sqrt(muo*epo)
Ke= 2.0*pi*fr*csqrt(muo*epo*er)
d= 0.00159
Lx= 0.023
```

11
Ly = 0.023
dx = (2.0*Lx)/(float(mmp1))
dy = (2.0*Ly)/(float(nnpl))
dx2 = dx/2.0
dy2 = dy/2.0
Dxy = dx*dx*dy*dy

do 3 i = l, mmp1
   x(i) = -Lx + (float(i)*dx)
3 continue

do 5 i = l, nnpl
   y(i) = -Ly + (float(i)*dy)
5 continue

write(6,10)Ko, Ke, Lx, Ly

10 format ('Ko=', f7.3, ' Ke=', f7.3, f7.3, ' Lx=', f9.6, ' Ly=', f9.6)
zxx = (0.0, 0.0)
zxy = (0.0, 0.0)
zyx = (0.0, 0.0)
zyy = (0.0, 0.0)
axx = (0.0, 0.0)
axy = (0.0, 0.0)
ayy = (0.0, 0.0)

cccccc
cccccc Calculate Integrals for the Z matrix
cccccc
cccccc Define Limits for K integration
cccccc
P(1) = (0.0, 0.0)
P(2) = cmplx((0.1*Ko), (0.1*Ko))
P(3) = cmplx((1.0*Ko), (0.1*Ko))
P(4) = cmplx((1.1*real(Ke)), (0.1*Ko))
P(5) = cmplx((1.1*real(Ke)), (0.0))
P(6) = cmplx((1.5*real(Ke)), 0.0)
P(7) = cmplx((4.0*real(Ke)), 0.0)
P(8) = cmplx((5.0*real(Ke)), 0.0)
do 11 n = 9, 60
   P(n) = float(n-8)*6000.0
11 continue

NS = 50
NS(1) = 10
NS(2) = 20
NS(3) = 20
NS(4) = 10
NS(5) = 10
NS(6) = 40
NS(7) = 20
NS(8) = 100

cccccc
cccccc THETA Integration first
cccccc
B2 = pi2
A2 = 0.0

12
NQ2=6
DELTY2= (B2-A2)/FLOAT(NQ2)

C*FIND INITIAL VALUE FOR THETA INTERVAL.
DO 200 II=1,NQ2
  YI2 = float(II - 1)
  FY2 = A2 + (YI2*DELTY2)

CEVALUATE FUNCTIONS AT 10 POINTS PER THETA INTERVAL.
DO 180 L2=1,10
  FACTY2=R(3+L2)
  alpha=FY2 + (U(3+L2)*DELTY2)
  ca=cos(alpha)
  sa=sin(alpha)

C
C NOW START K INTEGRATION
C
Con=0
Txx=(0.0,0.0)
Txy=(0.0,0.0)
Tyy=(0.0,0.0)
DO 150 IS=1,59
  bxx=(0.0,0.0)
  bxy=(0.0,0.0)
  byy=(0.0,0.0)
  DELTYI= (P(IS+1)-P(IS))/FLOAT(NS(IS))
C*FIND INITIAL VALUE FOR K INTERVAL.
DO 100 JJ=1,NS(IS)
  YIj = float(JJ - i)
  FYj = P(IS) + (YIj*DELTYI)
CEVALUATE FUNCTIONS AT 10 POINTS PER K INTERVAL.
DO 80 L1=1,10
  FACTY1=R(3+L1)
C
C Find K and evaluate Green's functions
C
K=FY1 + (U(3+L1)*DELTY1)
K1=csqrt((Ke**2)-(K**2))
if (aimag(K1).gt.0.0) K1 = conjg(K1)
K2=csqrt((Ko**2)-(K**2))
if (aimag(K2).gt.0.0) K2 = conjg(K2)
sd=csin(K1*d)
Te= (K1*ccos(K1*d)) + (cj*K2*csin(K1*d))
Tm= (er*K2*ccos(K1*d)) + (cj*K1*csin(K1*d))
C1= ((cj*377.0*sd)/(Ko*Te*Tm))
Gxx= (-C1) * ((K1*K2*ca*ca*Te) + (Ko*Ko*sa*sa*Tm))
Gyy= (-C1) * ((K1*K2*sa*sa*Te) + (Ko*Ko*ca*ca*Tm))
Gxy= C1 * ((Ko*Ko*ca*sa*Tm) - (K1*K2*ca*sa*Te))

C
C Evaluate Basis functions for each mode
C
D1= dx2*K*ca
N1= csin(D1)/D1
\[ D_2 = dy^2 \cdot K \cdot sa \]

\[ N_2 = \frac{csin(D_2)}{D_2} \]

- Multiply by \( K \) for polar integration

\[ sxx = Gxx \cdot K \cdot FACTY1 \cdot Dxy \cdot (N1^{*4}) \cdot (N2^{*2}) \]

\[ sxy = Gxy \cdot K \cdot FACTY1 \cdot Dxy \cdot (N1^{*3}) \cdot (N2^{*3}) \]

\[ syy = Gyy \cdot K \cdot FACTY1 \cdot Dxy \cdot (N1^{*2}) \cdot (N2^{*4}) \]

- SET \( p \) and \( q = i \) and then vary \( m \) and \( n \)

\[
\text{do 15 } m = i, \text{mmpl} \\
\text{tempx} = \cos(K \cdot ca \cdot (x(m) - x(1))) \\
\text{do 12 } n = 1, \text{nnpl} \\
\text{tempy} = \cos(K \cdot sa \cdot (y(n) - y(1))) \\
\text{bxx}(m,n) = (sxx \cdot \text{tempx} \cdot \text{tempy}) + \text{bxx}(m,n) \\
\text{byy}(m,n) = (syy \cdot \text{tempx} \cdot \text{tempy}) + \text{byy}(m,n) \\
\text{12 continue} \\
\text{15 continue} \\
\]

- Take abs() of dx and dy terms and do the sign later

\[
\text{do 25 } m = 1, \text{mmpl} \\
\text{tempx} = \sin(K \cdot ca \cdot \text{abs}(x(1) - (x(m) - dx2))) \\
\text{do 20 } n = 1, \text{nnpl} \\
\text{tempy} = \sin(K \cdot sa \cdot \text{abs}(y(1) - dy2 - y(n))) \\
\text{bxy}(m,n) = (-1.0 \cdot sxy \cdot \text{tempx} \cdot \text{tempy}) + \text{bxy}(m,n) \\
\text{20 continue} \\
\text{25 continue} \\
\]

\[ \text{cccwrite}(6,75)K,(sxx/FACTY1) \]

\[ 75 \text{format(f12.5,f12.5,f15.12,f15.12)} \]

\[ 80 \text{continue} \]

\[ 100 \text{continue} \]

\[ Txx = (\text{bxx}(1,1) \cdot \text{DELTY1}) + Txx \]

\[ Txy = (\text{bxy}(1,1) \cdot \text{DELTY1}) + Txy \]

\[ Tyy = (\text{byy}(1,1) \cdot \text{DELTY1}) + Tyy \]

\[ axx = (\text{bxx} \cdot \text{DELTY1} \cdot \text{FACTY2}) + axx \]

\[ axy = (\text{bxy} \cdot \text{DELTY1} \cdot \text{FACTY2}) + axy \]

\[ ayy = (\text{byy} \cdot \text{DELTY1} \cdot \text{FACTY2}) + ayy \]

\[ \text{cccwrite}(6,120)P(IS+1),(\text{bxx}(1,1) \cdot \text{DELTY1}),Txx \]

\[ 120 \text{format(f10.2,f10.2,f13.10,f13.10,f13.10,f13.10)} \]

- if (\text{cabs(bxx}(1,1) \cdot \text{DELTY1}).lt.(0.02*\text{cabs(Txx)})) \text{Con(1)=1} \\
- if (\text{cabs(bxy}(1,1) \cdot \text{DELTY1}).lt.(0.02*\text{cabs(Txy)})) \text{Con(2)=1} \\
- if (\text{cabs(byy}(1,1) \cdot \text{DELTY1}).lt.(0.02*\text{cabs(Tyy)})) \text{Con(3)=1} \\
- if ((\text{Con(1).eq.1).and.}(\text{Con(2).eq.1).and.}(\text{Con(3).eq.1) \\
\&.and.}(\text{IS.gt.16)} \text{goto 170} \\
\]

\[ 150 \text{continue} \]

\[ 170 \text{continue} \]

\[ \text{cccwrite}(6,175)(\alpha*180.0/pi),P(IS+1) \]

\[ 175 \text{format(f12.2,f12.2,f12.2)} \]

\[ 180 \text{continue} \]
200 continue
202 format(f8.3,f8.3,f8.3,f8.3,f8.3,f8.3)

C
C Multiply by 4 for 1 quadrant integration
C Divide by 2pi*2pi for inverse Fourier transform
C Multiply by -1 for E in = - E scat
C
   axx= ((-1.0/(pi*pi))_axx*DELTY2)
   axy= ((-1.0/(pi*pi))_axy*DELTY2)
   ayy= ((-1.0/(pi*pi))_ayy*DELTY2)
C
C Now arrange the other matrices
C
   do 310 ip=1,mm
   do 310 iq=1,nnp1
      irow= ((ip-1)*nnp1) + iq
   do 300 m=1,mm
   do 300 n=1,nnp1
      icol= ((m-1)*nnp1) + n
      if ((ip.eq.1).and.(iq.eq.1)) then
         zxx(ip,iq,m,n)= axx(m,n)
      else
         mp=iabs(ip-m)+1
         nz=iabs(iq-n)+1
         zxx(ip,iq,m,n)= axx(mp,nq)
      endif
      ZZ(irow,icol)= zxx(ip,iq,m,n)
   300 continue
   310 continue
C
   do 360 ip=1,mm
   do 360 iq=1,nnp1
      irow= ((ip-1)*nnp1) + iq
   do 350 m=1,mmpl
   do 350 n=1,nn
      icol= ((m-1)*nn) + n + nmax1
      s1=sign(1.0,(x(ip)-(x(m)-dx2)))
      s2=sign(1.0,(y(iq)-dy2-y(n)))
      if ((ip.eq.1).and.(iq.eq.1)) then
         zxy(ip,iq,m,n)= axy(m,n)*s1*s2
      else
         mp=iabs(ip-m)+1
         if (m.lt.ip) mp=mp+1
         nz=iabs(iq-n)+1
         if (n.lt.iq) nz=nq-1
         zxy(ip,iq,m,n)= axy(mp,nq)*s1*s2
      endif
      ZZ(irow,icol)= zxy(ip,iq,m,n)
      zyx(m,n,ip,iq)=zxy(ip,iq,m,n)
   350 continue
   360 continue
C
do 380 ip=1,mmpl

do 380 iq=1,nn

irow= ((ip-l)*nn) + iq + nmaxl

do 375 m=1,mm

do 375 n=1,nnpl

icol= ((m-l)*nnpl) + n

ZZ(irow,icol)= zyx(ip,iq,m,n)

375 continue

380 continue

C
do 400 ip=1,mmpl

do 400 iq=1,nn

irow= ((ip-l)*nn) + iq + nmaxl

do 400 m=1,mmpl

do 400 n=1,nn

icol= ((m-l)*nnpl) + n + nmaxl

if ((ip.eq.l).and.(iq.eq.l)) then

zyy(ip,iq,m,n)= ayy(m,n)

else

mp=iabs(ip-m)+l

nq=iabs(iq-n)+l

zyy(ip,iq,m,n)= ayy(mp,nq)

endif

ZZ(irow,icol)= zyy(ip,iq,m,n)

400 continue

C

ccc  do 1200 m=1,nmax

ccc  do 1200 n=1,nmax

ccc  write(6,1100)m,n,ZZ(m,n)

ccc  1100 format(i4,i4,f12.8,f12.8)

ccc  1200 continue

open(12,FILE='IMP',STATUS='NEW',FORM='UNFORMATTED')

write(12)fr,Lx,dx,Ly,dy,d,Ko,Ke,er,x,y

write(12)ZZ

close(12)

2000 stop

end

ccc

Solution for a Given Incidence Angle

The following program reads an impedance matrix data file, computes the excitation vector, and computes backscatter for a given incidence angle. The shape function is introduced and only those modes with a shape function equal to 1 are retained in the solution.

cccc Microstrip Patch Matrix Inversion Code

parameter (mm=12,nn=12,mmpl=(mm+1),nnpl=(nn+1))

parameter (nmax1=(mm*nnpl),nmax2=(mmpl*nn),nmax=(nmax1+nmax2))

real Lx,dx,dy,Ko,fr,x(mmpl),y(nnpl),px,py

real pi,dx2,dy2,Theta,Phi,Kx,Ky,K2,F1,F2

integer ipvt(nmax),Sx(mm,nnpl),Sy(mmpl,nn)
complex er, Ke, axx, bxx, res, Rs, Di, Et, Ep, Ph
complex cj, K1, Tm, Te, Ptx, Pty, Ppx, Ppy, Etx, Ety, Ep, Epy
complex fac(nmax, nmax), wk(nmax)
complex ZZ(nmax, nmax), V(nmax), Vx(nmax1), Vy(nmax2)
complex ZZN(nmax, nmax), VN(nmax), Vmid, Jmid
complex J(nmax)
character*8 fn

equivalence (Vx(1), V(1)), (Vy(1), V(nmax1+1))

DIMENSION Ul(3), U2(10), R1(3), R2(10), U(13), R(13)

EQUIVALENCE (U1(1), U(1)), (U2(1), U(4)), (R1(1), R(1)), (R2(1), R(4))

DATA U1/.11270166537925, .5, .88729833462074/, U2/.01304673574141, .061746831665550, .16029521585048, .28330230293537, .42556283050918, .574423716949081, .71669769706462, .83970478414951, .93253168334449, .986953326425858/, R1/.27777777777777, .44444444444444, .27777777777777/, R2/.03333567215434, .07472567457529, .1095431825799, .1346335965499,.1451776211235737, .14776211235737, .1346335965499, .1095431825799, .074762567457529, .03333567215434/

C
read(5, 1) fn
1 format(A)
onopen(12, file=fn, status='OLD', form='UNFORMATTED')
read(12) fr, Lx, dx, Ly, dy, d, Ko, Ke, er, x, y
read(12) ZZ
close(12)
write(6, 2) fr, Lx, Ly, d, Ko, Ke, er
2 format(e10.3, f10.6, f10.6, f10.6, 5f10.4)
dx2 = dx/2.0
dy2 = dy/2.0
pi = 2.0*asin(1.0)
cj = (0.0, 1.0)

CCCCC

Find Vx and Vy excitation for angle Theta and Phi

Theta = 60.1* (pi/180.0)
Phi = 0.1*(pi/180.0)
Et = 1.0
Ep = 0.0
Kx = - Ko*sin(Theta)*cos(Phi)
Ky = -Ko*sin(Theta)*sin(Phi)
K1 = csqrt((Ke**2)-(Kx**2)-(Ky**2))
if (aimag(K1).gt.0.0) K1 = conjg(K1)
K2 = Ko*cos(Theta)
Tm = (er*K2*ccos(K1*d)) + (cj*K1*csin(K1*d))
Te = (K1*ccos(K1*d)) + (cj*K2*csin(K1*d))
Ptx = (K1*Ko*cos(Phi)*csin(K1*d))/Tm
Pty = (K1*Ko*sin(Phi)*csin(K1*d))/Tm
Ppx = -(Ko*Ko*sin(Phi)*csin(K1*d))/Te
Ppy = (Ko*Ko*cos(Phi)*csin(K1*d))/Te

cccccc
Di = -(4.0*pi)/(cj*2.0*pi*fr*pi*(4.0E-07))
Ettx = (377.0/(2.0*pi))*cexp(cj*K2*d)*cos(Theta)*Ptx

17
\[ E_t = \frac{377.0}{2.0\pi} \exp(cjK2d) \cos(\Theta)Pty \]
\[ E_p = \frac{377.0}{2.0\pi} \exp(cjK2d) \cos(\Theta)Ppx \]
\[ E_p = \frac{377.0}{2.0\pi} \exp(cjK2d) \cos(\Theta)Ppy \]

\[ F1 = dx\,dy \left( \frac{\sin(Kydy2)}{Kydy2} \right) \left( \frac{\sin(Kxdx2)}{Kxdx2} \right)^2 \]
\[ F2 = dx\,dy \left( \frac{\sin(Kxdx2)}{Kxdx2} \right) \left( \frac{\sin(Kydy2)}{Kydy2} \right)^2 \]

\[ \text{do 4 ip=1,mm} \]
\[ \text{do 3 iq=1,nnp1} \]
\[ irow = ((ip-1)\,nnp1) + iq \]
\[ Ph = \exp(cj((-Kx*x(ip))+(-Ky*y(iq))+(Ky*dy2))) \]
\[ Vx(irow) = D1 \ast ((Etx*Et)+(Epx*Ep)) \ast F1*Ph \]
\[ \text{if ((ip.eq.6).and.(iq.eq.7)) Vmid=Vx(irow)} \]

\[ \text{ccc write}(6,10)ip,iq,Vx(irow) \]

\[ \text{3 continue} \]
\[ \text{4 continue} \]
\[ \text{do 7 ip=1,mmm1} \]
\[ \text{do 6 iq=1,nn} \]
\[ irow = ((ip-1)\,nn) + iq \]
\[ Ph = \exp(cj((-Kx*x(ip))+(-Ky*y(iq))+(Kx*dx2))) \]
\[Vy(irow) = D1 \ast ((Ety*Et)+(Epy*Ep)) \ast F2*Ph \]

\[ \text{ccc write}(6,10)ip,iq,Vy(irow) \]

\[ \text{6 continue} \]
\[ \text{7 continue} \]
\[ \text{10 format(i3,i3,f12.8,f12.8)} \]

\[ \text{cccc} \]
\[ \text{cccc Now define shape function} \]
\[ \text{cccc} \]
\[ Sx = 1 \]
\[ Sy = 1 \]
\[ \text{do 550 m=1,mm} \]
\[ \text{do 540 n=1,nnp1} \]
\[ \text{dist=sqrt((x(m)**2)+(y(n)-dy2)**2))} \]
\[ \text{if (dist.gt.0.023) Sx(m,n)=0} \]

\[ 540 \text{continue} \]
\[ 550 \text{continue} \]
\[ \text{do 580 m=1,mmm1} \]
\[ \text{do 570 n=1,nn} \]
\[ \text{dist=sqrt(((x(m)-dx2)**2)+(y(n)**2))} \]
\[ \text{if (dist.gt.0.023) Sy(m,n)=0} \]

\[ 570 \text{continue} \]
\[ 580 \text{continue} \]
\[ \text{write}(6,605)((Sx(m,n),m=1,mm),n=nnp1,1,-1) \]
\[ 605 \text{ format(12I1)} \]
\[ \text{write}(6,606)((Sy(m,n),m=1,mmm1),n=nn,1,-1) \]
\[ 606 \text{ format(13I1)} \]
\[ \text{irownew}=0 \]
\[ \text{do 650 ip=1,mm} \]
\[ \text{do 640 iq=1,nnp1} \]
\[ \text{icolnew}=0 \]
\[ \text{if (Sx(ip,iq).eq.0) goto 640} \]
\[ \text{irow= ((ip-1)*nnp1) + iq} \]

18
irownew = irownew + 1
VN(irownew) = V(irow)
do 620 m = 1, mm
   do 610 n = 1, nnpl
      if (Sx(m, n).eq.0) goto 610
      icol = ((m-1)*nnpl) + n
      icolnew = icolnew + 1
      ZZN(irownew, icolnew) = ZZN(irow, icol)
   610 continue
   620 continue
   do 630 m = 1, mmp1
      do 625 n = 1, nn
         if (Sy(m, n).eq.0) goto 625
         icol = ((m-1)*nn) + n + nmax1
         icolnew = icolnew + 1
         ZZN(irownew, icolnew) = ZZN(irow, icol)
      625 continue
   630 continue
   640 continue
   do 650 ip = 1, mmp1
      do 645 iq = 1, nn
         icolnew = 0
         if (Sy(ip, iq).eq.0) goto 645
         irow = ((ip-1)*nn) + iq + nmax1
         irownew = irownew + 1
         VN(irownew) = V(irow)
do 660 m = 1, mm
   650 continue
   660 continue
   do 670 m = 1, mmp1
      do 665 n = 1, nn
         if (Sy(m, n).eq.0) goto 665
         icol = ((m-1)*nn) + n + nmax1
         icolnew = icolnew + 1
         ZZN(irownew, icolnew) = ZZN(irow, icol)
      665 continue
   670 continue
   680 continue
   690 continue
   700 continue
   J=(0.0,0.0)
   write(6,720)irownew, icolnew
5720 format(4I4)
   750 call 12acg(irownew, ZZN, nmax, VN, 1, J, fac, ipvt, wk)
ccccc  do 890 m = 1, mm
cccccc  do 900 n = 1, nnpl
cccccc if (Sx(m,n).eq.0) goto 890
cccccc mn=((m-1)*nn)+n
cccccc write(6,800)m,n,Jx(mn),cabs(Jx(mn))
     800 format(i3,i3,f12.8,f12.8,f12.8)
     890 continue
     900 continue
cccccc do 1000 m=1,mm
cccccc do 990 n=1,nn
cccccc if (Sy(m,n).eq.0) goto 990
cccccc mn=((m-1)*nn)+n
cccccc write(6,950)m,n,Jy(mn),cabs(Jy(mn))
     950 format(i3,i3,f12.8,f12.8,f12.8)
     990 continue
     1000 continue
CCCCC
CCCCC Now find RCS at angle (Theta,Phi)
CCCCC
    irow=0
    Et=(0.0,0.0)
    Ep=(0.0,0.0)
    do 1100 ip=1,mm
    do 1050 iq=1,nn
        if (Sx(ip,iq).eq.0) goto 1050
        irow= irow+1
        if (((ip.eq.6).and.(iq.eq.7)) Jmid=J(irow)
        Ph= cexp(cj*((-Kx*x(ip))+(-Ky*y(iq))+(Kx*dx2)))
        Et= Et+(J(irow)*Etx*Fl*Ph)
        Ep= Ep+(J(irow)*Epx*Fl*Ph)
    1050 continue
    1100 continue
    do 1200 ip=1,mm
    do 1150 iq=1,nn
        if (Sy(ip,iq).eq.0) goto 1150
        irow= irow+1
        Ph= cexp(cj*((-Kx*x(ip))+(-Ky*y(iq))+(Kx*dx2)))
        Et= Et+(J(irow)*Ety*F2*Ph)
        Ep= Ep+(J(irow)*Epy*F2*Ph)
    1150 continue
    1200 continue
    1300 format(i3,i3,f12.8,f12.8)
    RCS= 4.0*pi*cabs(Et)*cabs(Et)
    RCS= 10.0*alog10(RCS)
    write(6,1500)('Fr=',fr/(1.0E+09)),RCS,(Jmid/Vmid)
    1400 format('Fr=',f6.2,' RCS = ',f12.6,' dBsm')
    1500 format(f8.4,f12.6,2x,e12.6,2x,e12.6)
    2000 continue
stop
end
Solution for a Given Incidence Angle as a Function of Frequency

The following program reads impedance matrix data files and computes backscatter at a given incidence angle as a function of frequency. Quadratic interpolation is used to find the impedance matrix if the frequency of interest is between that of two data files. The shape function is included to ensure that only the appropriate modes are retained in the solution.

```
program BANDWIDTH
parameter (mm=12,nn=12,mmpl=(mm+1),nnpl=(nn+1))
parameter (nmax1=(mm*nnpl),nmax2=(mmpl*nn),nmax=(nmax1+nmax2))
parameter (NF=9)
real Lx,dx,ly,dy,Ko,fr,x(mmpl),y(nnpl)
real pi,dx2,dy2,Theta,Phi,Kx,Ky,K2,F1,F2
real f(NF),Zr(NF,nmax),Zi(NF,nmax),epo,muo
real temp(nmax,nmax),tempi(nmax,nmax),px1,px2,py1,py2
real deltx,dely,ax,axy,axty,factx,Tq,Tp,Tm1,Tm2
integer ipvt(nmax),Sx(mm,nnpl),Sy(mmpl,nn)
complex er,Ke,Di,Et,Ep,Ph
complex cj,K1,Tm,Te,Ptx,Pty,Ppx,Ppy,Etx,Ety,Ppx,Epy
complex fac(nmax,nmax),wk(nmax),ass,bxx,res
complex ZZ(nmax,nmax),V(nmax),RR(nmax,nmax)
complex J(nmax),JN
complex ZZ(nmax,nmax),VN(nmax),Jmid,Vmid
character*12 fn
DIMENSION U1(IO),U2(IO),R1(10),R2(10),U(13),R(13)
EQUIVALENCE (U1(1),U(1)),(U2(1),U(4)),(R1(1),R(1)),(R2(1),R(4))
DATA U1/11270166537925,5,88729833462074,.,U2/.01304673574141,06
1746831665550,16025621585048,28330230293537,4255628305018,5744
23716949081,71669769706462,83970478414951,93253168334449,986953
326425888,/.R1/.27777777777777,444444444444,27777777777777,.R2/.10
4093333567215434,07472657465729,10954318125799,13463335965499,14
5776211235737,14776211235737,13463335965499,10954318125799,0747
62567457529,03333567215434/

C

20 IF=1,NF
if (IF.eq.1) fn='IMP6.0'
if (IF.eq.2) fn='IMP6.5'
if (IF.eq.3) fn='IMP7.0'
if (IF.eq.4) fn='IMP7.5'
if (IF.eq.5) fn='IMP8.0'
if (IF.eq.6) fn='IMP8.5'
if (IF.eq.7) fn='IMP9.0'
if (IF.eq.8) fn='IMP9.5'
if (IF.eq.9) fn='IMP10.0'
if (IF.eq.10) fn='IMP10.5'
if (IF.eq.11) fn='IMP11.0'
if (IF.eq.12) fn='IMP11.5'
if (IF.eq.13) fn='IMP12.0'
if (IF.eq.14) fn='IMP12.5'
if (IF.eq.15) fn='IMP13.0'
if (IF.eq.16) fn='IMP13.5'
```
if (IF.eq.17) fn='IMPl4.0'
open(12,file=fn,status='OLD',form='UNFORMATTED')
read(12)fr,Lx,dx,Ly,dy,d,Ko,Ke,er,x,y
read(12)ZZ
close(12)
f(IF)= fr
do 10 m=1,nmax
  do 10 n=1,nmax
    ZR(IF,m,n) = real(ZZ(m,n))
    ZI(IF,m,n) = aimag(ZZ(m,n))
 10 continue
20 continue
  dx2=dx/2.0
  dy2=dy/2.0
  pi= 2.0*asin(1.0)
  cj= (0.0,1.0)
  epo= 8.854E-12
  muo= pi*(4.0E-07)
CCCC
CCCCC Start Freq. Loop
CCCC
  do 2000 IF=2000,6000,25
    fr= (float(IF)/1000.0)*(1.0E+09)
    Ko= 2.0*pi*fr*sqrt(epo*muo)
    Ke= 2.0*pi*fr*csqrt(er*epo*muo)
    ipt= -i
    call inter(NF,NF,f,nmax,ZR,2,fr,tempr,ipt,ierr)
    ipt= -i
    call inter(NF,NF,f,nmax,ZI,2,fr,tempi,ipt,ierr)
    ZZ = cmplx(tempr,tempi)
CCCC
CCCCC Find Vx and Vy excitation for angle Theta and Phi
CCCC
  Theta= 60.0*(pi/180.0)
  Phi= 0.01*(pi/180.0)
  Et= 1.0
  Ep= 0.0
  Kx= -Ko*sin(Theta)*cos(Phi)
  Ky= -Ko*sin(Theta)*sin(Phi)
  K1= csqrt(cmplx(Ke**2)-(Kx**2)-(Ky**2))
  if (aimag(K1).gt.0.0) K1= conjg(K1)
  K2= Ko*cos(Theta)
  Tm= (er*K2*ccos(K1*d)) + (cj*K1*csin(K1*d))
  Te= (K1*ccos(K1*d)) + (cj*K2*csin(K1*d))
  Ptx= (K1*Ko*cos(Phi)*csin(K1*d))/Tm
  Pty= (K1*Ko*sin(Phi)*csin(K1*d))/Tm
  Ppx= -(Ko*Ko*sin(Phi)*csin(K1*d))/Te
  Ppy= (Ko*Ko*cos(Phi)*csin(K1*d))/Te
cccc
  Di = -(4.0*pi)/(cj*2.0*pi*fr*muo)
  Etx= (377.0/(2.0*pi))*cexp(cj*K2*d)*cos(Theta)*Ptx
Ety = (377.0/(2.0*pi))*cexp(cj*K2*d)*cos(Theta)*Pty
Epx = (377.0/(2.0*pi))*cexp(cj*K2*d)*cos(Theta)*Ppx
Epy = (377.0/(2.0*pi))*cexp(cj*K2*d)*cos(Theta)*Ppy

\[
\begin{align*}
F1 &= dx*dy*(\sin(Ky*dy2)/(Ky*dy2))**2 \\
F2 &= dx*dy*(\sin(Kx*dx2)/(Kx*dx2))**2
\end{align*}
\]

do 455 ip=l,mm
  do 454 iq=l,nnpl
    irow = ((ip-l)*nnpl) + iq
    Ph = cexp(cj*((-Kx_x(ip))+(-Ky*y(iq))+(Ky_dy2)))
    V(irow) = Di • ((Etx_Et)+(Epx_Ep)) *Fl_Ph
    if ((ip.eq.6).and.(iq.eq.7)) Vmid=V(irow)
  write(6,470)ip,iq,V(irow)
454 continue
455 continue

\[
\begin{align*}
F1 &= dx*dy*(\sin(Kx*dx2)/(Kx*dx2))**2 \\
F2 &= dx*dy*(\sin(Ky*dy2)/(Ky*dy2))**2
\end{align*}
\]

do 465 ip=i,mmpl
  do 460 iq=l,nn
    irow = ((ip-1)*nn) + iq + nmaxl
    Ph = cexp(cj*((-Kx*x(ip))+(-Ky_y(iq))+(Kx*dx2)))
    V(irow) = Di • ((Ety*Et)+(Epy_Ep)) *F2_Ph
    if ((ip.eq.6).and.(iq.eq.6)) Vmid=V(irow)
  write(6,470)ip,iq,V(irow)
460 continue
465 continue
470 format(i3,i3,f12.8,f12.8)

Now define shape function

\[
\begin{align*}
Sx &= l \\
Sy &= l
\end{align*}
\]

do 550 m=l,mm
  do 540 n=l,nnpl
    dist=sqrt((x(m)**2)+((y(n)-dy2)**2))
    if (dist.gt.0.023) Sx(m,n)=0
 540 continue
550 continue

do 570 m=l,mmpl
  do 580 n=l,nn
    dist=sqrt(((x(m)-dx2)**2)+(y(n)**2))
    if (dist.gt.0.023) Sy(m,n)=0
 580 continue
570 continue
580 continue

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{if (IF.eq.2000)} & \quad \text{write(6,605)((Sx(m,n),m=l,mm),n=nnpl,1,-1)} \\
\text{if (IF.eq.2000)} & \quad \text{write(6,606)((Sy(m,n),m=l,mmpl),n=nn,1,-1)}
\end{align*}
\]

605 format(12II)
606 format(13II)
irownew=0
  do 640 ip=1,mm
    do 640 iq=1,nnpl
      icolnew=0
      if (Sx(ip,iq).eq.0) goto 640
 640 continue
irow = ((ip-1)*nnpl) + iq
icolnew = icolnew + 1
VN(irownew) = V(irow)
do 620 m = 1, mm
   do 610 n = 1, nnpl
      if (Sx(m,n).eq.0) goto 610
      icol = ((m-1)*nnpl) + n
      icolnew = icolnew + 1
      ZZN(irownew, icolnew) = ZZ(irow, icol)
   610 continue
   620 continue
do 630 m = 1, mmpl
   do 628 n = 1, nn
      if (Sy(m,n).eq.0) goto 625
      icol = ((m-1)*nn) + n + nmaxl
      icolnew = icolnew + 1
      ZZN(irownew, icolnew) = ZZ(irow, icol)
   625 continue
   630 continue
640 continue
650 continue
do 700 ip = 1, mmpl
   do 690 iq = 1, nn
      icolnew = 0
      if (Sy(ip,iq).eq.0) goto 690
      icol = ((ip-1)*nn) + iq + nmax1
      irow = ((ip-1)*nnpl) + iq
      irownew = irownew + 1
      VN(irownew) = V(irow)
do 660 m = 1, mmpl
   do 670 n = 1, nn
      if (Sx(m,n).eq.0) goto 670
      icol = ((m-1)*nnpl) + n
      icolnew = icolnew + 1
      ZZN(irownew, icolnew) = ZZ(irow, icol)
   670 continue
   660 continue
680 continue
690 continue
700 continue
J = (0.0, 0.0, 0.0)
call 12acg(irownew, ZZN, nmax, VN, 1, J, fac, ipvt, wk)
CCCCC
CCCCC Now find RCS at angle (Theta, Phi)
CCCCC
irow=0
Et=(0.0,0.0)
Ep=(0.0,0.0)
do 1100 ip=1,mm
  do 1050 iq=1,nnpl
    if (Sx(ip,iq).eq.0) goto 1050
    irow= irow+1
    cccc write(6,1040)float(ip),float(iq),cabs(J(irow))
  1040 format(f8.2,f8.2,f14.5)
    if ((ip.eq.6).and.(iq.eq.7)) Jmid=J(irow)
    Ph= cexp(cj*(-Kx*x(ip))+(-Ky*y(iq))+(Ky*dy2))
    Et= Et+(J(irow)*Etx*F1*Ph)
    Ep= Ep+(J(irow)*Epx*F1*Ph)
  1050 continue
  1100 continue
  do 1150 iq=1,nn
  1150 continue
  do 1200 ip=1,mmpl
    if (Sy(ip,iq).eq.0) goto 1150
    irow= irow+1
    cccc write(6,1040)float(ip),float(iq),cabs(J(irow))
  1040 format(f8.2,f8.2,f14.5)
    if ((ip.eq.6).and.(iq.eq.6)) Jmid=J(irow)
    Ph= cexp(cj*(-Kx*x(ip))+(-Ky*y(iq))+(Kx*dx2))
    Et= Et+(J(irow)*Ety*F2*Ph)
    Ep= Ep+(J(irow)*Epy*F2*Ph)
  1150 continue
  1200 continue
  1300 format(i3,i3,f12.8,f12.8)
    RCS = 4.0*pi*cabs(Et)*cabs(Et)
  cccc RCS = 4.0*pi*cabs(Ep)*cabs(Ep)
    RCS= 10.0*alog10(RCS)
    JN=Jmid/Vmid
    write(6,1500)(fr/(1.0E+09)),RCS,JN
  1400 format('Fr=',f6.2,' RCS = ',f12.6,' dBsm')
  1500 format(f8.4,f12.6,2x,e12.6,2x,e12.6)
  cccc write(6,1600)Vmid,Jmid
  1600 format(4e14.6)
  2000 continue
  stop
  end
  cccc
References


Figure 1. Geometry of an arbitrarily shaped microstrip patch antenna.

(a) Patch on a grounded slab of infinite extent.

(b) Cross section of patch.
Figure 2. Comparison between subdomain, entire-domain, and measured scattering from a rectangular microstrip patch antenna. $L_x = 1.88$ cm; $L_y = 1.30$ cm; $d = 0.158$ cm; $\varepsilon_r = 2.17$; Loss tangent = 0.001; $\theta^i, \phi^i = 60^\circ, 45^\circ$. 
Figure 3. Comparison between subdomain and entire-domain calculated scattering from a circular microstrip patch antenna. Patch radius = 2.30 cm; $d = 0.159$ cm; $\varepsilon_r = 2.20$; Loss tangent = 0.0009; $\theta^i$, $\phi^i = 60^\circ$, $0^\circ$. 
Figure 4. Comparison between subdomain; entire-domain, and measured scattering from a circular microstrip patch antenna. Patch radius = 0.71 cm; $d = 0.07874$ cm; $\varepsilon_r = 2.20$; Loss tangent = 0.0009; $\theta^i, \phi^i = 63^\circ, 0^\circ$. 
Figure 5. Comparison between subdomain and measured scattering from an equilateral triangle microstrip patch antenna. Triangle side = 1.4 cm; \( d = 0.07874 \text{ cm} \); \( \varepsilon_r = 2.33 \); Loss tangent = 0.001; \( \theta_i, \phi_i = 60^\circ, 180^\circ \).
Figure 6. Comparison between subdomain and measured scattering from a trapezoidal microstrip patch antenna. \( L_x = 0.7 \text{ cm}; L_y = 1.4 \text{ cm}; d = 0.07874 \text{ cm}; \varepsilon_r = 2.33; \) Loss tangent = 0.001; \( \theta^i, \phi^i = 60^\circ, 180^\circ \).
### Title and Subtitle
Scattering From Arbitrarily Shaped Microstrip Patch Antennas

### Authors
David G. Shively, Manohar D. Deshpande, and Capers R. Cockrell

### Performing Organization Name(s) and Address(es)
- NASA Langley Research Center
  Hampton, VA 23681-0001
- Joint Research Program Office
  Communications Electronics Command
  Hampton, VA 23681-0001

### Sponsor/Monitoring Agency Name(s) and Address(es)
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
  Washington, DC 20546-0001
- U.S. Army Communications Electronics Command
  Fort Monmouth, NJ 07703-5603

### Abstract
The scattering properties of arbitrarily shaped microstrip patch antennas are examined. The electric field integral equation for a current element on a grounded dielectric slab is developed for a rectangular geometry based on Galerkin's technique with subdomain rooftop basis functions. A shape function is introduced that allows a rectangular grid approximation to the arbitrarily shaped patch. The incident field on the patch is expressed as a function of incidence angle $\theta_i, \phi_i$. The resulting system of equations is then solved for the unknown current modes on the patch, and the electromagnetic scattering is calculated for a given angle. Comparisons are made with other calculated results as well as with measurements.