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Two Dimensional Green's Function for a Half Space Geometry due to Two Different Non-Integer Dimensional Spaces

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Abstract—A two-dimensional Green's function for a half space geometry, comprising planar interface only due to two different non-integer dimensional spaces, has been derived. Medium hosting the time harmonic electric line source and planar interface is homogeneous and isotropic. Radiated field is written in terms of unknown spectrum of plane waves. Unknown spectrum functions are determined using the related boundary conditions. It has been shown that although wavenumbers of two half spaces are same, due to difference of dimensions of the two half spaces, reflection and transmission occur. When dimensions of both half spaces are taken equal to two, derived expressions yield field radiated by a line source in an unbounded homogeneous medium with integer dimensional space.

1. INTRODUCTION

The concept and axiomatic basis for non-integer dimensional (NID) spaces was introduced by Strillinger [1]. However, recently derived solutions of the Helmholtz's equation in NID spaces by Zubair et al. [2–7] have attracted the attention of researchers. Now concept of NID space is employed to study variety of problems related to electromagnetics. Reflection/transmission problems [8, 9], electrostatics, quasistatic and their application to plasmonic [10–12], Green's function [13, 14], plasma [15], chiral metamaterial [16], scattering from buried cylinder [17], quantum-mechanics [18], Newtonian physics [19] and gravitational physics [20] in NID space were treated using these solutions. Continuous model for fractal medium, anisotropic fractal medium, flow of fractal fluids, vector calculus, fractal electrodynamics in NID spaces or using NID approach were studied by Tarasov [21–27]. According to Tarasov [28], non-integer dimensional space allows to describe fractal media in the frame work of continuum model. Here, expressions for Green's function reported in [29] are derived for NID interface.

In all previous discussions available in published literature, NID-space geometries with interface were considered, but the interface, in each case, is due to two different mediums. In addition, one or both sides of the interface were NID. In present discussion, it has been assumed that the cause of interface is only the difference of values of dimension of the NID spaces whereas wavenumber of the two half spaces is same. The purpose of current discussion is to derive a two-dimensional Green's function for half space, occurring due to difference in values of the dimension of two NID spaces when mediums of the two half spaces have same wavenumber. The derived Green's functions may be used in the study of buried object detection. Theoretical formulation of the problem is given in Section 2 while numerical results are reported in Section 3.

2. FORMULATION

Consider an NID half-space geometry with planar interface located at $y = b$ as shown in Figure 1. Both half spaces of the geometry are filled with the medium having same wavenumber but different

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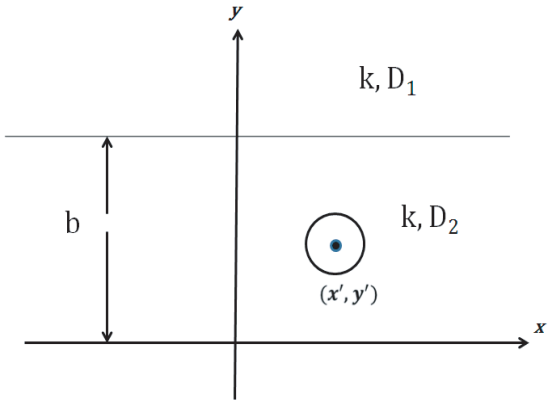

Figure 1. Geometry of the problem. A fractal-fractal interface is considered.

dimensions. Wavenumber of the medium is $k = \omega\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}$. That is, medium is homogeneous, lossless and isotropic. Region $y > b$ is termed upper half-space, and region $y < b$ is called lower half-space. Both half spaces are taken as non-integer dimension along y-direction of the Cartesian coordinate system. Non-integer dimensions of upper half-space and lower half-space are denoted as D_1 and D_2, respectively.

A line source carrying time harmonic electric current is located at (x', y') in lower NID half space. The geometry is divided into three regions. Upper half-space is called region I, $y' < y < b$ termed region II, and $y < y'$ termed region III. In three regions of the geometry, unknown fields radiated by the line source may be written in terms of the spectrum of uniform plane waves.

Electric field in terms of spectrum of plane waves for each region may be written as [14, 17]

$$E_{1z}(x,y;x',y') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k_x)\exp(ik_x x)(k_y y)^{n_1} H_{n_1}^{(1)}(k_y y)dk_x, \quad y > b \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{2z}(x,y;x',y') &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B(k_x)\exp(ik_x x)(k_y y)^{n_2} H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y y)dk_x \\ &\quad + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} C(k_x)\exp(ik_x x)(k_y y)^{n_2} H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y)dk_x, \quad y' < y < b \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$E_{3z}(x,y;x',y') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} D(k_x)\exp(ik_x x)(k_y y)^{n_2} H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y)dk_x, \quad y < y' \tag{3}$$

where $A(\cdot)$, $B(\cdot)$, $C(\cdot)$ and $D(\cdot)$ are unknown spectrum functions to be determined. y-component of the wave vector is $k_y = \sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2}$. $H_{n_1}^{(1)}(\cdot)$ is the Hankel function of first kind and non-integer order. $H_{n_2}^{(2)}(\cdot)$ is the Hankel function of second kind and non-integer order. Non-integer order of the Hankel function is $n_i = \frac{3-D_i}{2}$, $i = 1, 2$ with $1 < D_i \leq 2$.

Corresponding magnetic field may be obtained using the Ampere's Maxwell curl postulate. In order to apply the boundary conditions, tangential component of the magnetic field is also required. It is obvious from the geometry that x-component of the magnetic field is tangential to the interface. Component of magnetic field tangential to the interface is given below

$$\begin{aligned} H_{1x}(x,y;x',y') &= -\frac{i}{\omega\mu}\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{i}{\omega\mu}\frac{1}{2}\frac{D_1 - 2}{y}E_z \\ &= -\frac{i}{\omega\mu}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k_y A(k_x)\exp(ik_x x)(k_y y)^{n_1} H_{n_{1h}}^{(1)}(k_y y)dk_x \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{2x}(x,y;x',y') &= -\frac{i}{\omega\mu}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k_y B(k_x)\exp(ik_x x)(k_y y)^{n_2} H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k_y y)dk_x \\ &\quad + \frac{i}{\omega\mu}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k_y C(k_x)\exp(ik_x x)(k_y y)^{n_2} H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y y)dk_x \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$H_{3x}(x,y;x',y') = \frac{i}{\omega\mu}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k_y D(k_x)\exp(ik_x x)(k_y y)^{n_2} H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y y)dk_x \tag{6}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{n_{1h}}^{(1)}(k_y y) &= H_{n_1-1}^{(1)}(k_y y) - \frac{1}{2}\frac{D_1-1}{k_y y}H_{n_1}^{(1)}(k_y y)\\
H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k_y y) &= H_{n_2-1}^{(1)}(k_y y) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{D_2-1}{k_y y}H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y y)\\
H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y y) &= H_{n_2-1}^{(2)}(k_y y) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{D_2-1}{k_y y}H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y)
\end{aligned}$$

There are two interfaces in the geometry located at $y = b$ and $y = y'$. Boundary conditions at interface $y = b$ are

$$E_{1z}(x,b;x',y') = E_{2z}(x,b;x',y') \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{\partial E_{1z}(x,y;x',y')}{\partial y} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{D_1-2}{y}E_{1z}\bigg|_{y=b} = \frac{\partial E_{2z}(x,y;x',y')}{\partial y} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{D_2-2}{y}E_{2z}\bigg|_{y=b} \tag{8}$$

At interface $y = y'$ where line source is located, fields must satisfy following conditions

$$E_{2z}(x,b;x',y') = E_{3z}(x,b;x',y') \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{\partial E_{1z}(x,y;x',y')}{\partial y}\bigg|_{y=y'} - \frac{\partial E_{2z}(x,y;x',y')}{\partial y}\bigg|_{y=y'} = i\omega\mu I_0\delta(x-x') \tag{10}$$

Using above boundary conditions, unknown spectrum functions can be determined.

Unknown spectrum functions $A(\cdot)$, $B(\cdot)$, $C(\cdot)$ and $D(\cdot)$ are given below

$$\begin{aligned}
A(k_x) &= \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{2\pi}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x')}{k_y(k_y y')^{n_2}}\frac{H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y')}{H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y y')H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y y') - H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y')H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k_y y')}\\
&\quad\times\frac{(k_y b)^{n_2}}{(k_y b)^{n_1}}\frac{H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y b)H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k_y b) - H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y b)H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y b)}{-H_{n_1}^{(1)}(k_y b)H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y b) + H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y b)H_{n_{1h}}^{(1)}(k_y b)}\\
B(k_x) &= \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{2\pi}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x')}{k_y(k_y y')^{n_2}}\frac{H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y')}{H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y y')H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y y') - H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y')H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k_y y')}\\
C(k_x) &= \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{2\pi}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x')}{k_y(k_y y')^{n_2}}\frac{H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y')}{H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y y')H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y y') - H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y')H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k_y y')}\\
&\quad\times\frac{H_{n_1}^{(1)}(k_y b)H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k_y b) - H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y b)H_{n_{1h}}^{(1)}(k_y b)}{-H_{n_1}^{(1)}(k_y b)H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y b) + H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y b)H_{n_{1h}}^{(1)}(k_y b)}\\
D(k_x) &= \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{2\pi}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x')}{k_y(k_y y')^{n_2}}\frac{H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y y')}{H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y y')H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y y') - H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y')H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k_y y')} + C(k_x)
\end{aligned}$$

In the next section, spectrum functions have been derived from the above results when both half spaces are of integer dimension. Then special cases of the above geometry have been derived by assuming that one of the two half spaces is of non-integer dimension.

2.1. Special Cases

In order to verify the accuracy of the derived expression for spectrum functions, consider the case when both half spaces have integer dimension of same value. For this $D_1 = D_2 = 2$, $n_1 = n_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ and

$n_{1h} = n_{2h} = -\frac{1}{2}$. The resulting expressions for unknown coefficients are [See Appendix of 17]

$$\begin{aligned}
A(k_x) &= -\frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{4\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x' - ik_y y')}{k_y} \\
B(k_x) &= -\frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{4\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x' - ik_y y')}{k_y} \\
C(k_x) &= 0 \\
D(k_x) &= -\frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{4\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x' + ik_y y')}{k_y}
\end{aligned}$$

These are well known results for a line source located in unbounded integer dimensional space having wavenumber k. Now consider the two interesting cases, in each case only one half space is of non-integer dimension.

2.1.1. Case 1: Upper Half-Space is NID

In this case the upper half-space is NID whereas the lower half-space is of integer dimension. Therefore $D_2 = 2$, $n_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $n_{2h} = -\frac{1}{2}$. The resulting expressions for unknown coefficients become

$$\begin{aligned}
A(k_x) &= -\frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{2\pi}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x' - ik_y y')}{(k_y b)^{n_1}}\frac{\exp(ik_y b)}{-ik_y H^{(1)}_{n_1}(k_y b) + k_y H^{(1)}_{n_{1h}}(k_y b)} \\
B(k_x) &= -\frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{4\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x' - ik_y y')}{k_y} \\
C(k_x) &= \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{4\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x' - ik_y y')}{k_y}\frac{H^{(1)}_{n_1}(k_y b) + iH^{(1)}_{n_{1h}}(k_y b)}{H^{(1)}_{n_1}(k_y b) - iH^{(1)}_{n_{1h}}(k_y b)}\exp(2ik_y b) \\
D(k_x) &= -\frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{4\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x' + ik_y y')}{k_y} + C(k_x)
\end{aligned}$$

2.1.2. Case 2: Lower Half-space is NID

In this case the lower half-space is of non-integer dimension whereas the upper half-space is of integer dimension. Therefore, $D_1 = 2$, $n_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $n_{1h} = -\frac{1}{2}$ are taken. The resulting expressions for unknown coefficients become

$$\begin{aligned}
A(k_x) &= -\frac{\omega\mu I_0}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x' - ik_y b)}{k_y (k_y y')^{n_2}} \times \frac{H^{(2)}_{n_2}(k_y y')}{H^{(1)}_{n_2}(k_y y')H^{(2)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y y') - H^{(2)}_{n_2}(k_y y')H^{(1)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y y')} \\
&\quad \times (k_y b)^{n_2}\frac{H^{(2)}_{n_2}(k_y b)H^{(1)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y b) - H^{(1)}_{n_2}(k_y b)H^{(2)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y b)}{-H^{(2)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y b) + iH^{(2)}_{n_2}(k_y b)} \\
B(k_x) &= \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{2\pi}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x')}{k_y (k_y y')^{n_2}}\frac{H^{(2)}_{n_2}(k_y y')}{H^{(1)}_{n_2}(k_y y')H^{(2)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y y') - H^{(2)}_{n_2}(k_y y')H^{(1)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y y')} \\
C(k_x) &= \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{2\pi}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x')}{k_y (k_y y')^{n_2}}\frac{H^{(2)}_{n_2}(k_y y')}{H^{(1)}_{n_2}(k_y y')H^{(2)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y y') - H^{(2)}_{n_2}(k_y y')H^{(1)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y y')} \\
&\quad \times \frac{H^{(1)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y b) - iH^{(1)}_{n_2}(k_y b)}{-H^{(2)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y b) + iH^{(2)}_{n_2}(k_y b)} \\
D(k_x) &= \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{2\pi}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x')}{k_y (k_y y')^{n_2}}\frac{-H^{(1)}_{n_2}(k_y y')}{H^{(1)}_{n_2}(k_y y')H^{(2)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y y') - H^{(2)}_{n_2}(k_y y')H^{(1)}_{n_{2h}}(k_y y')} + C(k_x)
\end{aligned}$$

2.2. Asymptotic Analysis

In this section, far-zone field expression is derived taking large value of the observation distance. Field expression for region I taking only lower half-space as NID is given below

$$E_{1z} = \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{4\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{\exp(-ik_x x' - ik_y b)}{k_y (k_y y')^{n_2}} \times \frac{H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y')}{H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y y')H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y y') - H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y y')H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k_y y')}$$
$$\times (k_y b)^{n_2}\frac{H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y b)H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k_y b) - H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k_y b)H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y b)}{-H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k_y b) + iH_{n_2}^{(2)}(k_y b)}\exp\{ik_x x + ik_y y\}dk_x \quad (11)$$

Setting

$$x' = \rho'\cos\phi', \quad y' = \rho'\sin\phi'$$
$$k_x = k\cos\theta, \quad k_y = k\sin\theta$$
$$x = \rho\cos\phi, \quad y = \rho\sin\phi$$

Stationary point is located at $\theta = \phi$. Applying the method of stationary phase [30] by taking $k\rho \to \infty$ yields

$$E_{1z}(\rho,\phi;\rho',\phi') \sim \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{2\sqrt{2\pi}}\frac{\exp(ik\rho - i\pi/4)}{\sqrt{k\rho}}\frac{\exp(-ik\rho'\cos\phi'\cos\phi - ikb\sin\phi)}{(k\rho'\sin\phi'\sin\phi)^{n_2}}$$
$$\times\frac{H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k\rho'\sin\phi'\sin\phi)}{H_{n_2}^{(1)}(k\rho'\sin\phi'\sin\phi)H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(k\rho'\sin\phi'\sin\phi) - H_{n_2}^{(2)}(k\rho'\sin\phi'\sin\phi)H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(k\rho'\sin\phi'\sin\phi)}$$
$$\times(kb\sin\phi)^{n_2}\frac{H_{n_2}^{(2)}(kb\sin\phi)H_{n_{2h}}^{(1)}(kb\sin\phi) - H_{n_2}^{(1)}(kb\sin\phi)H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(kb\sin\phi)}{-H_{n_{2h}}^{(2)}(kb\sin\phi) + iH_{n_2}^{(2)}(kb\sin\phi)} \quad (12)$$

Field expression for region below the line source, taking only upper half-space as NID, is given below

$$E_{3z} = \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{4\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\left[\frac{1}{k_y}\exp\left\{ik_x(x-x') - ik_y(y+y')\right\}\right.$$
$$\left.+\frac{H_{n1}^{(1)}(k_y b) + iH_{n1h}^{(1)}(k_y b)}{H_{n1}^{(1)}(k_y b) - iH_{n1h}^{(1)}(k_y b)}\frac{1}{k_y}\exp(i2k_y b)\exp\left\{ik_x(x-x') - ik_y(y-y')\right\}\right]dk_x \quad (13)$$

Stationary point is located at $\theta = -\phi$. Applying the method of stationary phase [30] by taking $k\rho \to \infty$ yields

$$E_{3z}(\rho,\phi;\rho',\phi') \sim \frac{i\omega\mu I_0}{2\sqrt{2\pi}}\frac{\exp(ik\rho - i\pi/4)}{\sqrt{k\rho}}\left[\exp\left\{-ik\rho'\cos(\phi-\phi')\right\}\right.$$
$$\left.+\frac{H_{n1}^{(1)}(-kb\sin\phi) + iH_{n1h}^{(1)}(-kb\sin\phi)}{H_{n1}^{(1)}(-kb\sin\phi) - iH_{n1h}^{(1)}(-kb\sin\phi)}\exp(-i2kb\sin\phi)\exp\left\{-ik\rho'\cos(\phi+\phi')\right\}\right] \quad (14)$$

where $\pi < \phi < 2\pi$.

3. NUMERICAL RESULTS

To validate the expression, it can be assumed that $D_1 = D_2$. The expressions are reduced to well-known case of a line source radiating in a dielectric medium as discussed in Section 2.2. Asymptotic solution of the problem has been given in Equation (12) while lower half space is considered NID. Figure 2 shows the radiation pattern for different values of D_2. It can be observed that NID has significant effect on pattern even if dielectric properties of the two fractals are same. As $D_2 \to 2$, the pattern shows little variations (almost flat) for all the angles, and it approaches that of line source radiating in a dielectric medium for $D_2 = 2$. Figure 3 shows the radiation pattern for different values of b. It increases as the

value of b increases, i.e., the separation between interface and the source increases which results in small reflection by interface, and the radiation in region I increases. It has been checked that radiation does not increase beyond limits and must satisfy radiation condition. Moreover, it is a complex function of b and D_2 described by Equation (12). To further analyze, the radiation pattern as a function of b for different values of D_2 is shown in Figure 4. It decreases as D_2 increases and becomes constant for

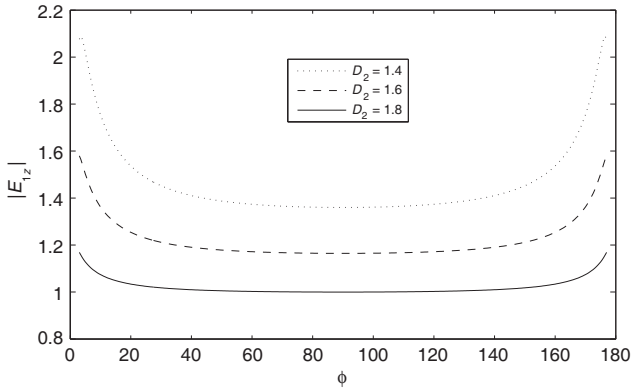

Figure 2. Radiation pattern in region I for different values of D_1 where $b = 0.4$.

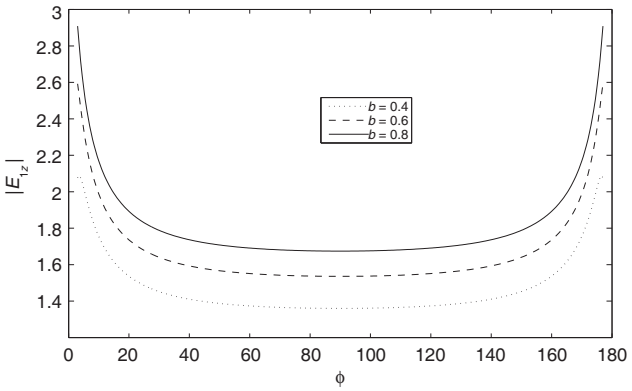

Figure 3. Radiation pattern in region I for different values of b, where $D_2 = 1.4$.

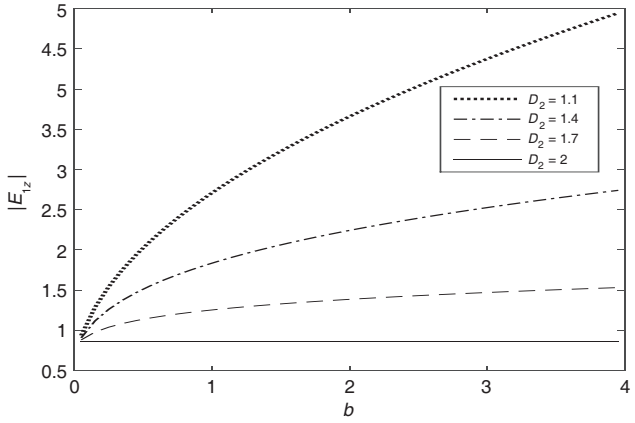

Figure 4. Radiation pattern in region I as a function of b for different values of D_2.

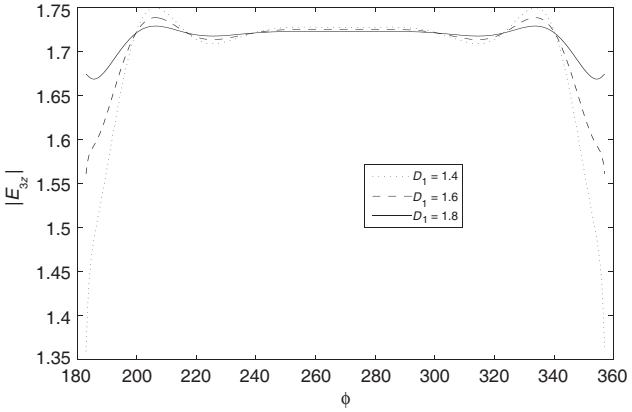

Figure 5. Radiation pattern in region III for different values of D_1 where $b = 0.4$.

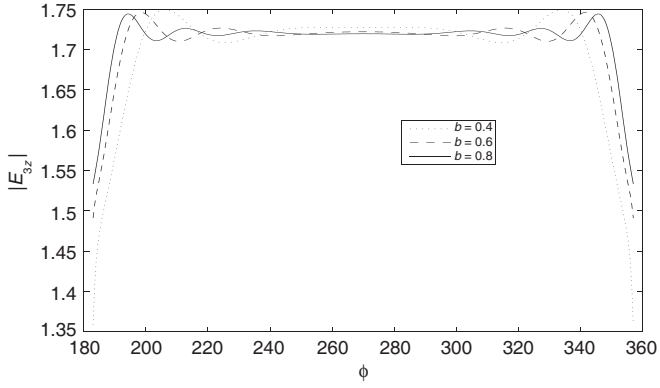

Figure 6. Radiation pattern in region III for different values of b, where $D_1 = 1.4$.

integer dimensions $D_2 = 2$. For all the simulation, it is assumed that $\rho' = 0.2$, $\phi' = 30^\circ$, and $\epsilon_r = 4$.

Asymptotic solution of the problem can also be obtained by taking the upper half space as NID. It has been given in Equation (14). Figure 5 shows the radiation pattern for different values of D_1. Again for $D_1 \to 2$, the pattern shows very small variations for all the angles, and it approaches that of line source radiating in a dielectric medium for $D_1 = 2$. Radiation pattern for different values of b is shown in Figure 6. It can be observed that the location of interface has some role to play in the case of fractals.

4. CONCLUSION

Half space geometry resulting from two different NID-spaces is studied when it is excited by a current carrying line source. Reflected and transmitted fields due to NID-interface are determined using the boundary conditions on fields. Well-known results, line source in an unbounded integer dimensional space, are reproduced as a special case. Although wavenumbers of the two half spaces are the same, difference of dimensions of the two half spaces yields reflection of the radiated field from the interface.

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