

Quasi-Static Approximation for Numerical Computation of Plasmon Eigenfrequencies in Nanoparticles

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Abstract

General physical properties of electrostatic (plasmon) resonances in nanoparticles are presented. Direct calculation of the resonance values of the permittivity of nanoparticles, and subsequently their resonance frequencies, through a boundary element method is discussed. An efficient numerical approach for the calculation of resonance frequencies of a spherical nanoparticle is developed and illustrated, which is compared with theoretical results. Results of numerical approach for a spherical nanoparticle in free space and on a silicon dioxide substrate are presented and discussed.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

The interaction between light and matter has been an essential aspect of various scientific studies. This interaction has been the subject of study by various brilliant scientists, many of whom have produced impressive results.

In the past, many believed that the wavelength of light sets a fundamental threshold on the area of light's focus, as propagating waves cannot be focused down to a spot smaller than or approximately half of their wavelength [1]. Nevertheless, new developments have come to show that light is not restricted to freely propagating waves. Electromagnetic fields oscillating at optical frequencies can also exist in the form of transient waves bound to the surface of an object that contains quasi-free charge carriers, such as electrons in precious metals. The near field radiation of an object is not subject to the same diffraction limit as the far field radiation, and can be confined to dimensions as small as the atomic scale. Therefore, the purpose of nano-optics is to explore an effective method of directing optical energy into evanescent waves on metallic nanoparticles. Part of the power of surface plasmonics is they don't decay away from the surface, which is what "evanescent" means.

1.1 Surface Plasmons

Surface plasmons are quantized oscillations at an interface between two materials: a material with negative permittivity and free charge carriers, typically a metal, and a material with positive permittivity involving a collective oscillation of surface charges [2].

The first documented observation of a surface plasmon by R. Wood dates back to 1902 [3, 4]. Wood beamed an iridescent light on a metallic diffraction grating and observed narrow dark bands in the spectrum, which became known as anomalies [5]. L. Rayleigh [6] provided a physical interpretation of this occurrence, which was later refined by Fano [7, 5]. Fano concluded that these anomalies were associated with excitation of electromagnetic surface waves on the surface of the diffraction grating [3]. Extending on the work of Pines and Bohm, Ritchie [8] predicted existence of surface plasmons oscillation in 1957 [2], and Stern and Ferrell [9] coined the term "surface plasmon" [10]. Powell and Swan [11, 12] experimentally proved Ritchie's predictions a few years later [10]. In 1968 Otto [13], Kretschmann and Raether [14] documented excitation of surface plasmons [15].

Experimental progress in assessing the optical phenomena resulting from electromagnetic response of metals has led to the fast-growing research field of plasmonics.

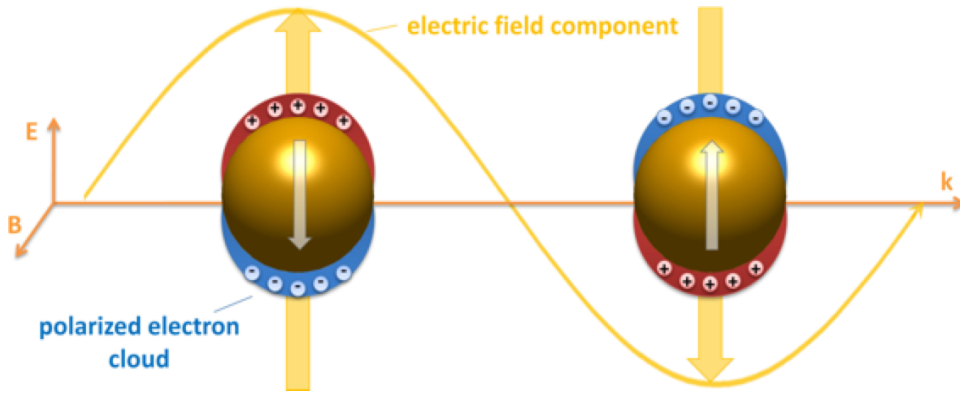


Figure 1.1: Excitation of particle’s plasmons, adopted from [15]. Electric field caused by incoming electromagnetic waves. The yellow balls are nano-particles, typically metallic.

1.2 Plasmonics

The primary objective in plasmonics, which has played an enormous role in the field of nanophotonics, is to explore the interaction of electromagnetic fields with nanoparticles whose dimensions are smaller than their wavelength. This phenomenon is a result of the interaction between electromagnetic radiation and conduction electrons in small, mostly metallic, nanostructures. This in turn results in an enhanced optical near field of sub-wavelength dimension. Although surface plasmon polaritons and localized surface plasmons, the two main components of plasmonics, have been consistently mentioned in the scientific literature since the early twentieth century, the field of plasmonics has only recently witnessed great progression in research and application [16].

When incident light hits a metal nanoparticle, the electrons in the particle move to one side, as a result of electric field polarization, leaving behind positive charges on the opposite side, see Figure 1.1. Subsequently, because of attraction between negative and positive charges, the electron cloud oscillates from side to side at a certain frequency. If the frequency of incident electromagnetic wave matches one of the resonance frequencies of the particle, extensive oscillation of all of the free electrons in the metal will be produced. In turn, large electric fields are produced in the particle, influencing the electrons and reinforcing the oscillations. This excitation produced by oscillating charges inside the particle coupled with oscillating electromagnetic fields immediately outside the particle is commonly known as a plasmon resonance or localized surface plasmon [1].

Conduction electrons move rapidly on the order of femtoseconds (femtoseconds is 10^{-15} seconds) when an electric field is applied to a metal. This movement is rapid relative to the frequencies of microwaves and radio waves. Thus, metals can be viewed as perfect conductors. In metal objects whose dimensions are larger than the wavelength of a given electromagnetic wave, the incident light would not excite plasmons with high efficiency [1]. However, in nanoscale objects whose dimensions are smaller than the wavelength of electromagnetic waves, the coupling between light and plasmon resonance can be very strong. Hence, metal nanoparticles have the capability of pushing optics fully into the nanometer size range and, in turn, allowing ordinary light fields to generate strong evanescent waves that are confined on the nanoscale [1]. These materials have been nearly the exclusive subject of plasmonics research as they support high quality plasmon resonances at optical frequencies. The greater the number of electrons involved in a plasmon oscillation, the

greater the electrostatic restoring force, and the greater the resonance frequency.

When comparing various materials, losses in silver and gold are considered relatively low. In fact, silver has the lowest losses, and consequently the strongest plasmon resonances, of all known materials. Gold, on the other hand, is more stable chemically and physically than silver, and hence it is used more often [1].

Certain aspects of promising growth in the field of plasmonics are responsible for its current development, such as promise in the development of new super fast computer chips, new possibilities for treating cancer, ultra-sensitive molecular detectors and the ability of making things invisible with negative-refraction materials. Besides the aforementioned, the capability to manipulate and control light on the nanometer scale opens up a wide range of possibilities in terms of application of plasmonics that include data storage, optical data processing, quantum optics, optoelectronics, photovoltaics and quantum information processing [15].

1.3 Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance

The total excitation including both the charge motion and the associated electromagnetic field is called a Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance (LSPR) for the closed surface of a small particle. The curved surface of the particle applies a restoring force on the driven electrons resulting in the plasmon resonance and subsequently field amplification inside and in the near-field region outside the particle [17]. LSPRs have the ability to guide and enrich light fields. They are usually confined to length scales that are smaller than the diffraction limit, and hence are suitable for localization and enhancement of electromagnetic fields. LSPR has been a topic of study for many years, particularly considering the role that such excitation plays in scanning transmission electron microscopy, near field optical spectroscopy [10], and biosensor applications. More historical overview for the use of the phenomenon for biosensor applications is given in [5]. In recent years, the role of localized surface plasmons in nanostructures has become a topic of interest. Localized plasmons in nanostructures, as well as carbon based structures, can be excited through interaction with light. Hence, they can be detected in the form of pronounced optical resonances [17].

The resonances occur in nanoparticles at frequencies for which the following two conditions are satisfied: 1) the particle permittivity is negative, this is also due to a positive permittivity outside the particle. It is the interface that allows the plasmons to exist and not decay. Also, 2) the free-space wavelengths of electromagnetic radiation in the visible range are large in comparison with the nanoparticle's dimensions. The latter condition implies that these resonances are electrostatic in nature [18]. That means electrostatic resonance may occur only when the particle's permittivity is a function of frequency and its real part has negative values for some range of frequencies. For metals, this frequency range is below the plasma frequencies, a time-scale in plasma physics [5]. Each material has a unique plasma frequency that is determined by the volume density of electrons in the bulk of the material. For good conductors such as silver and gold, plasma frequencies are in the range of the visible frequency range, and this explains why silver and gold nanoparticles are usually employed in plasmon resonance studies and applications. However, for nanoparticles of various shapes, there may exist multiple resonant frequencies, which are determined by the geometrical factors [5].

The primary objective of this thesis is to study efficient numerical algorithms for calculating the permittivity values for which resonant frequencies occur on nanoparticles. We achieve this by transforming the partial differential equation describing the problem into an integral eigenvalue equation. The latter can be used to compute the resonance frequencies.

The first numerical simulation of this kind was accomplished by Ouyang and Isaacson [18]. The field has witnessed enormous progress after the publication of I. Mayergoyz, D. Fredkin and Z. Zhang's paper [5, 2, 19]. In their work, they referred to the process as "Electrostatic (plasmon) resonance in nanoparticles".

The numerical method used here is called the Boundary Element Method (BEM). BEM is a numerical method for solving linear partial differential equations encountered in mathematical physics and engineering [20]. The basic idea is to express the solution in terms of boundary distributions of fundamental solutions of the differential equation. The fundamental solutions are the Green's functions expressing the field due to a localized source. Then, we compute the densities of the distributions that satisfy the boundary conditions.

1.4 Electrostatic Approximation

The traditional approach in the literature in examining the electronic plasma resonance in nanoparticles neglects all losses and computes resonance frequencies for lossless systems [18]. This approach is based on a presumption that the nature of resonances in metallic nanoparticles is electrostatic, as in the case of interfaces, see [16]. These resonances take place at frequencies for which the particle permittivity is negative and the dimensions of the nanoparticle are much smaller than the wavelength. When the dielectric permittivity of metallic nanoparticles is negative, Poisson's equation for electrostatics combined with boundary conditions for our system has only the trivial solution, with frequencies corresponding to the above negative values are the resonance frequencies [5]. Because the surface plasmons are restrained to the surface, there is no decay away from it, meaning Laplace's equation is still valid. The metallic nanoparticles behave at optical frequencies as particles with dispersion. This means that the permittivity depends on frequency, and its real part assumes a negative value for some range of frequencies. In Appendix A, we show a simple derivation of the so-called Drude model for a frequency-dependent permittivity of a metal. This range of frequencies in metal particles is below the plasma frequencies. On the other hand, gold and silver nanoparticles, which are good conductors, provide a good sample for the observation of electrostatic, or plasmonic resonance as their frequencies are in the visible light frequency range [5]. To give more details we have to start from Maxwell's equations.

1.4.1 Maxwell's Equations

The interaction of metals with electromagnetic fields can be fully described by Maxwell's equations. Maxwell's equations are a set of fundamental equations governing all microscopic and macroscopic electromagnetic phenomena. In the differential form, they are written as:

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \vec{J}, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho, \quad (1.3)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0. \quad (1.4)$$

These equations are known individually as Faraday's law (1.14), Ampere's circuital law (1.15), and Gauss' law (1.3) and (1.4) for electricity and magnetism, respectively. These equations link the four fields i.e. \vec{E} (the electric field), \vec{H} (the magnetic field), \vec{D} (electric flux density), and \vec{B} (magnetic flux density), with the external electric charge and current densities ρ and \vec{J} .

Besides Maxwell's equations, the field vectors \vec{E} and \vec{H} are coupled with their respective flux densities by material constitutive relations, and can be linked via the polarization \vec{P} and magnetization \vec{M} by:

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}, \quad (1.5)$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{B} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} - \vec{M}, \quad (1.6)$$

where ϵ_0 and μ_0 are the dielectric permittivity and magnetic permeability of vacuum, respectively. In vacuum without external charge, we write these equations as:

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}, \quad (1.7)$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B}. \quad (1.8)$$

Placing (1.7) in (1.3) with $\rho = 0$ we get:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0. \quad (1.9)$$

Doing the same steps but this time by placing (1.7), (1.8) and (1.9) in (1.15), and setting $\vec{J} = 0$, we obtain

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}. \quad (1.10)$$

Taking the curl of (1.14) and substituting equation (1.10) in the right hand side, we get the wave equation for \vec{E}

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{E} = 0, \quad (1.11)$$

where $\frac{1}{c^2} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0$ and c is the speed of light in vacuum. Taking the Fourier transform with respect to the spatial coordinates and time, the fields can be turned into individual plane-wave components of wave vector \vec{K} and angular frequency ω :

$$\left(\vec{K}^2 - \frac{c^2}{\omega^2} \right) \vec{E} = 0. \quad (1.12)$$

With the definitions $K = \lambda/(2\pi)$ and $\omega = 2\pi\nu$, we can say

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{\nu}, \quad (1.13)$$

where λ is the wavelength of light in the surrounding medium and ν is its frequency. Then if the wavelength is much bigger than, the diameter of the particle d , $\lambda \gg d$, Maxwell's equations can be simplified using the quasi-static approximation.

1.4.2 Quasi-static Approximation

The idea of the quasi-static approximation is that the particle is much smaller than the wavelength of light in the surrounding medium. The phase of the harmonically oscillating electromagnetic field is practically constant over the particle volume, so that one can calculate the spatial field distribution by assuming the simplified problem of a particle in an electrostatic field. Thus, the magnetic field is not important and can be neglected by assuming that the speed of light in (1.10) is infinite. Thus, we can rewrite Maxwell's equations (1.14) - (1.4) as

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0, \quad (1.14)$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = 0, \quad (1.15)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho, \quad (1.16)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0. \quad (1.17)$$

Using $\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$, we can calculate the electric field by finding the solution of Poisson equation for the electric potential

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = -\nabla\Phi(\vec{r}, t). \quad (1.18)$$

In using (1.5) for a material with dielectric constant ϵ , we have

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon\vec{E} = -\epsilon\nabla\Phi. \quad (1.19)$$

Using equation (1.16) the Poisson equation is written as

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon\nabla\Phi) = -\rho. \quad (1.20)$$

In this thesis, I shall concentrate on solutions of the Poisson equation when there are no external sources of electric field, i.e. $\rho = 0$ in (1.20). We can use the resulting Laplace's equation because plasmon resonance occurs with no external charges added to the system. The resulting Laplace equation is going to be solved by implementing boundary conditions on a particle that is characterized by a frequency-dependent dielectric function $\epsilon(\omega)$. In this way, I shall deduce an eigenvalue problem that will give a set of frequencies ω for which the particle supports self-sustained oscillations of its charge carriers called plasmons.

1.5 Structure of the Thesis

This thesis is divided into three main parts. In Chapter 2, we will discuss two techniques for formulation of a Boundary Integral Equation (BIE). will provide a detailed derivation of BIE for a particle in free-space and half-space. At the beginning of Chapter 3 a short historical overview of BEM is given, from the first use to the modern perception. Then, we will present an implementation of BEM to the problem described in Chapter 2. In Chapter 4, we show the result of applying BEM with two different approaches.

1.5.1 Measurement Units

We have used International System of Units (SI) throughout the thesis.

Chapter 2

Boundary Integral Equation

There are two methods with which one can formulate elliptic boundary value problems as boundary integral equations (BIEs). The indirect method is expressed in terms of non-physical single and double layer potentials. The unknown density functions, that have been defined on the surface, are then determined by the given boundary data. The direct method involves the modeling of actual physical variables where the given boundary data is inserted into Green's representation formula, which in turn is solved for the unknown boundary data. Both versions involve the integration of Green's function for the operator modeling the behavior of the medium that is being treated, and both are especially well-suited for the study of infinite domains. The principle of the indirect method consists in first determining the unknown density function as a solution of a boundary integral equation by means of the given boundary conditions. Then we can insert it into the associated potentials, which gives us the solution of the boundary value problem. For more details about the two techniques see [21, 22].

2.1 Direct Formulation

As discussed the direct formulation of BIE requires the implementation of the electrostatic potential $\Phi(\vec{r})$ and Green's function of the Poisson's equation in Green's identity. Steps of how to construct the direct formulation are presented in this section. Consider a closed domain V with boundary S , and consider the Poisson equation

$$\nabla^2\Phi(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon}\rho(\vec{r}); \quad \vec{r} \in V. \quad (2.1)$$

The solution $\Phi(\vec{r})$ of (2.1) represents the potential produced at a point \vec{r} in a domain V due to a source of electric charge with volume density $\rho(\vec{r})$ distributed over V . We will only consider the Laplace equation for which $\rho(\vec{r}) = 0$, that is

$$\nabla^2\Phi(\vec{r}) = 0; \quad \vec{r} \in V, \quad (2.2)$$

where ∇^2 is the Laplacian operator in three dimensions defined as

$$\nabla^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}. \quad (2.3)$$

To compute the solution of (2.2) we require boundary conditions, as follows

- Dirichlet boundary conditions;

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = g(\vec{r}), \quad \vec{r} \in S, \quad (2.4)$$

where g is a given function.

- Neumann boundary conditions;

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \hat{n}}(\vec{r}) \equiv \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi(\vec{r}) = h(\vec{r}), \quad \vec{r} \in S, \quad (2.5)$$

where \hat{n} is the outward unit normal at S and $h(\vec{r})$ is a given function.

- Mixed boundary conditions;

$$\begin{cases} \Phi(\vec{r}) = g(\vec{r}), & \vec{r} \in S_1, \\ \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \hat{n}} = h(\vec{r}), & \vec{r} \in S_2, \end{cases}$$

where g and h are given functions defined on disjoint parts S_1 and S_2 of the boundary, such that $S = S_1 \cup S_2$.

We cannot convert the ordinary differential equations (ODEs) or PDEs into BIEs without the fundamental solutions [21]. The fundamental solution of the Laplace equation is the solution of the singularly forced Poisson equation. Green's functions of Laplace equation in three dimensions form a particular class of harmonic functions that are singular at an arbitrary point $\vec{r}' = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$. Hence, by definition Green's functions satisfy the singularly forced Poisson equation

$$\nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') = 0, \quad \forall \vec{r}, \vec{r}' \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad (2.6)$$

where

- $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$ is the variable "field point".
- $\vec{r}' = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is the fixed location of "singular point" or pole.
- \mathbb{R}^3 indicates the full three dimensions space.
- $\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$ is the Dirac delta function in three dimensions that represents a unit source at the source point \vec{r}' .
- ϵ is the permittivity of the medium.

The Dirac delta function $\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$ satisfies the following properties [20]:

1. $\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$ vanishes everywhere except at the point $x = x_0, y = y_0, z = z_0$, where it becomes infinite.
2. $\int_V \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') dV = \begin{cases} 1, & \vec{r}' \in V, \\ 0, & \vec{r}' \notin V. \end{cases}$

$$3. \int_V \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \Phi(\vec{r}) dV = \begin{cases} \Phi(\vec{r}'), & \vec{r}' \in V, \\ 0, & \vec{r}' \notin V. \end{cases}$$

The direct boundary integral equation (DBIE) can be found through the Green's second identity, shown below [23]. Let V be a domain with boundary surface S and \hat{n} is the outward unit normal. Moreover, let $f(x, y, z)$ and $g(x, y, z)$ be two twice continuously differentiable scalar functions of position in V

$$\iiint_V (f \nabla^2 g - g \nabla^2 f) dV = \iint_S (f \nabla g - g \nabla f) \cdot \hat{n} dS. \quad (2.7)$$

Now we apply it to our problem in (2.2) to get

$$\iiint_V (G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) - \Phi(\vec{r}) \nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')) dV = \iint_S \left(G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \hat{n}}(\vec{r}) - \Phi(\vec{r}) \frac{\partial G}{\partial \hat{n}}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \right) dS. \quad (2.8)$$

Applying equations (2.2) and (2.6), interchanging the roles of r and r' , using the Maxwell's symmetry of the Green's function, and using the property (3) we obtain

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \iint_S \left(G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \hat{n}'}(\vec{r}') - \Phi(\vec{r}') \frac{\partial G}{\partial \hat{n}'}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \right) dS'. \quad (2.9)$$

Since the Green's function $G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ is singular at the point \vec{r}' , we will construct a volume V_c that is bounded by a closed surface D inside the domain V , isolating the point \vec{r}' . This is required to obtain a uniquely defined electric field within the source region. Then the new domain of integration is now $V - V_c$ with boundary $S + D$. For simplicity we can write the potential $\Phi(\vec{r})$ with evaluation inside, outside and on the boundary as [20, 21, 24];

$$C(\vec{r}) \Phi(\vec{r}) = \iint_S \left(G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \hat{n}'}(\vec{r}') - \Phi(\vec{r}') \frac{\partial G}{\partial \hat{n}'}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \right) dS', \quad (2.10)$$

where the coefficient $C(\vec{r})$ is given by

$$C(\vec{r}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \vec{r} \in V, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \vec{r} \in S, \\ 0, & \vec{r} \notin V \cup S, \end{cases} \quad (2.11)$$

with

$$\iint_S \frac{\partial G}{\partial \hat{n}'}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') dS' = \begin{cases} 1, & \vec{r} \in V_c, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \vec{r} \in D, \\ 0, & \vec{r} \notin V_c \cup D, \end{cases} \quad (2.12)$$

2.2 Indirect Formulation

In the indirect formulation one can use the fundamental solutions (Green's function) to construct BIEs straightforwardly without using the Green's identities. Indirect boundary

integral equations (IBIEs) are defined in terms of single and double layer potentials. IBIE defines density functions on the surface of the domain. These density functions have no direct physical meanings. We introduce the following definitions of the single and double layer potential respectively [21]:

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \iint_S G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \sigma(\vec{r}') dS(\vec{r}'), \quad \forall \vec{r} \in V \quad (2.13)$$

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \iint_S \frac{\partial G}{\partial \hat{n}'}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \mu(\vec{r}') dS(\vec{r}'), \quad \forall \vec{r} \in V, \quad (2.14)$$

where σ and μ are the surface densities of charges and point dipoles, respectively, which are distributed across the boundary S . In the following, we shall only be working with the expression in Eq. (2.13).

We are interested here in IBIEs, for which we can use the fundamental solutions (Green's functions) to construct BIEs directly, without using Green's identities. BIE formulation for Green's functions for free space and half space is represented here in detail. In the next section we represent the problem of the thesis topic and give a brief background of the physics involved with the topic.

2.3 Boundary Integral Equation Formulation for the Free-space Green's Function

If the size of metallic nanoparticles is much smaller than the wavelength of the electromagnetic field of the incident light, we can employ the quasistatic approximation [19, 18]. It means our solutions are given by the Poisson or Laplace equation for electrostatic potential $\Phi(\vec{r})$, where \vec{r} is a point in \mathbb{R}^3 , rather than the Helmholtz equation for the scalar and vector potentials of the wave equation, but keeps the full frequency-dependent dielectric function in the evaluation of the boundary condition [19].

Let a nanoparticle occupy volume $V_- \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ with boundary S separating it from $V_+ = \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus V_-$, and consider it to be a dielectric object of arbitrary shape with relative permittivity ϵ_- . We are interested in ϵ_- for which a source free electromagnetic field exists. For a metallic particle in the air, we have

$$\epsilon_+ = 1, \quad (2.15)$$

$$\epsilon_- = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}, \quad (2.16)$$

where ω_p is a given constant called plasma frequency for the material and ω is an unknown frequency, see Appendix (A).

Suppose \vec{r}_Q and \vec{r}_M are two points on the boundary S and suppose \hat{n} is the outer unit normal vector at \vec{r}_Q as shown in the Figures 2.1 and 2.2. An electric potential $\Phi(\vec{r})$ can be introduced. This potential must satisfy a boundary value problem where the Laplace equation

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) = 0 \quad (2.17)$$

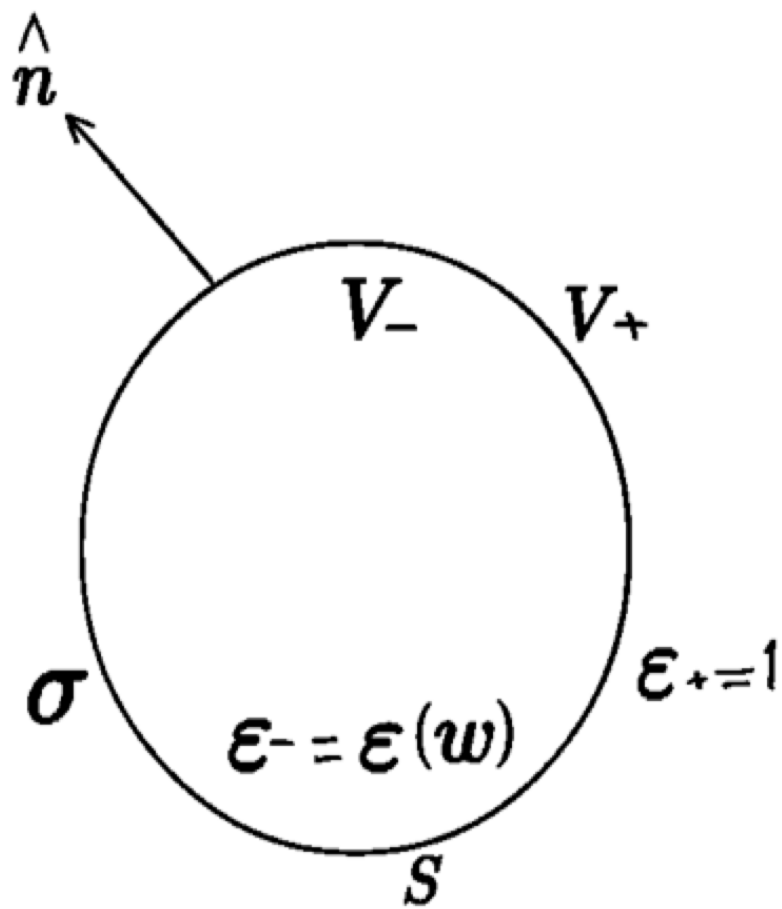


Figure 2.1: The dielectric nanoparticle bounded by surface S

is to be solved in $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus S$ with the condition $\Phi(\vec{r}) \rightarrow 0$ as $\|\vec{r}\| \rightarrow \infty$. Let

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \begin{cases} \Phi_-(\vec{r}) & \text{if } \vec{r} \in V_-, \\ \Phi_+(\vec{r}) & \text{if } \vec{r} \in V_+. \end{cases}$$

Boundary conditions at points $\vec{r}_Q \in S$ are

$$\Phi_+(\vec{r}_Q) = \Phi_-(\vec{r}_Q) \quad (2.18)$$

$$\epsilon_+ \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi_+(\vec{r}_Q) = \epsilon_- \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi_-(\vec{r}_Q) \quad (2.19)$$

The quantity $\epsilon \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi$ is called the potential flux. Conditions (2.18) and (2.19) imply that the potential and the potential flux are continuous across the boundary S . To find resonant frequencies ω , we will derive an eigenvalue problem for ϵ_- by using an integral equation for the solution of (2.17) that satisfies the boundary conditions (2.18) and (2.19).

2.3.1 The Free-space Green's Function

The Green's function is based on the solution of the partial differential equation (PDE) subject to a singular forcing (the electric field arising from a point charge, or displacement field arising from a point forcing). Typically, the solution is infinite at the point of application of the singular load. We will derive the Green's function for the Poisson equation (1.20) in free space, where $\epsilon = \epsilon_0$. From the definition of the Green's function, we have

$$\nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \frac{-1}{\epsilon_0} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}'), \quad (2.20)$$

where $\vec{r}, \vec{r}' \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and the gradient taken at point \vec{r} . The Dirac delta function $\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$ represents a unit source at the source point \vec{r}' , and $G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ represents the response at the field point \vec{r} that is due to that source [21].

Let r represent the radial distance

$$r = \|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'\| = \sqrt{(x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + (z - z')^2}, \quad (2.21)$$

and assume that $G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ only depends on r away from the source ($r \neq 0$), i.e. $G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = G(\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'\|) = G(r)$ and since the forcing function is zero ($\nabla^2 G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = 0$), then (2.20) yields [25]

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dG}{dr} \right) = 0, \quad \text{for } r \neq 0. \quad (2.22)$$

The general solution of (2.22)

$$G(r) = \frac{c_1}{r} + c_2. \quad (2.23)$$

We will determine the constants that account for the singularity at the source by integrating equation (2.20) and using the Gauss' theorem around a small sphere of radius r centered at the origin

$$\iiint \nabla^2 G \, dV = \frac{-1}{\epsilon_0},$$

$$\iiint \nabla \cdot (\nabla G) dV = \iint \nabla G \cdot \hat{n} dS = \frac{-1}{\epsilon_0}.$$

The Green's function normal $\nabla G \cdot \hat{n}$ is $\frac{\partial G}{\partial r}$. On the sphere the radius is constant, so that

$$4\pi r^2 \frac{\partial G}{\partial r} = \frac{-1}{\epsilon_0},$$

since the surface area of a sphere is $4\pi r^2$. Taking the limit of an infinitesimally small sphere, we can express the singularity condition as [25]

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r^2 \frac{\partial G}{\partial r} = \frac{-1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}. \quad (2.24)$$

Comparing (2.23) and (2.24), we have

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}.$$

c_2 is an arbitrary constant. For convenience, we let $c_2 = 0$ [25], giving

$$G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}. \quad (2.25)$$

Hence, infinite space Green's functions are singular at the concentrated source.

Now, we define $\sigma(\vec{r}_Q)$ as the surface density of charges on S . It is an unknown function that is distributed over the boundary S of the particle and only depends on \vec{r}_Q . We can derive a solution of (2.17) using IBEM. As we discussed previously, we need to define a single-layer potential [21] as

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \iint_S G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_M) \sigma(\vec{r}_M) dS_M, \quad (2.26)$$

$\sigma(\vec{r}_M)$ is surface density, where \vec{r}_M is a point on S . From equation (2.25) we obtain:

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iint_S \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}_M)}{\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_M\|} dS_M, \quad (2.27)$$

where dS_M is an infinitesimal surface element around the point \vec{r}_M , whereas \vec{r} may be in either V_+ or V_- and may approach S from either side. It is clear that this potential Φ satisfies equation (2.17) and the boundary condition (2.18).

Next, we recall that the normal components of electric field of surface electric charges are given by

$$\hat{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi_{\pm}(\vec{r}_Q) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi(\vec{r}_{\pm}), \quad (2.28)$$

where $\vec{r}_{\pm} = \vec{r}_Q \pm h\hat{n}$ as in Figure 2.2, h is the height between \vec{r}_+ , \vec{r}_Q , and \vec{r}_- .

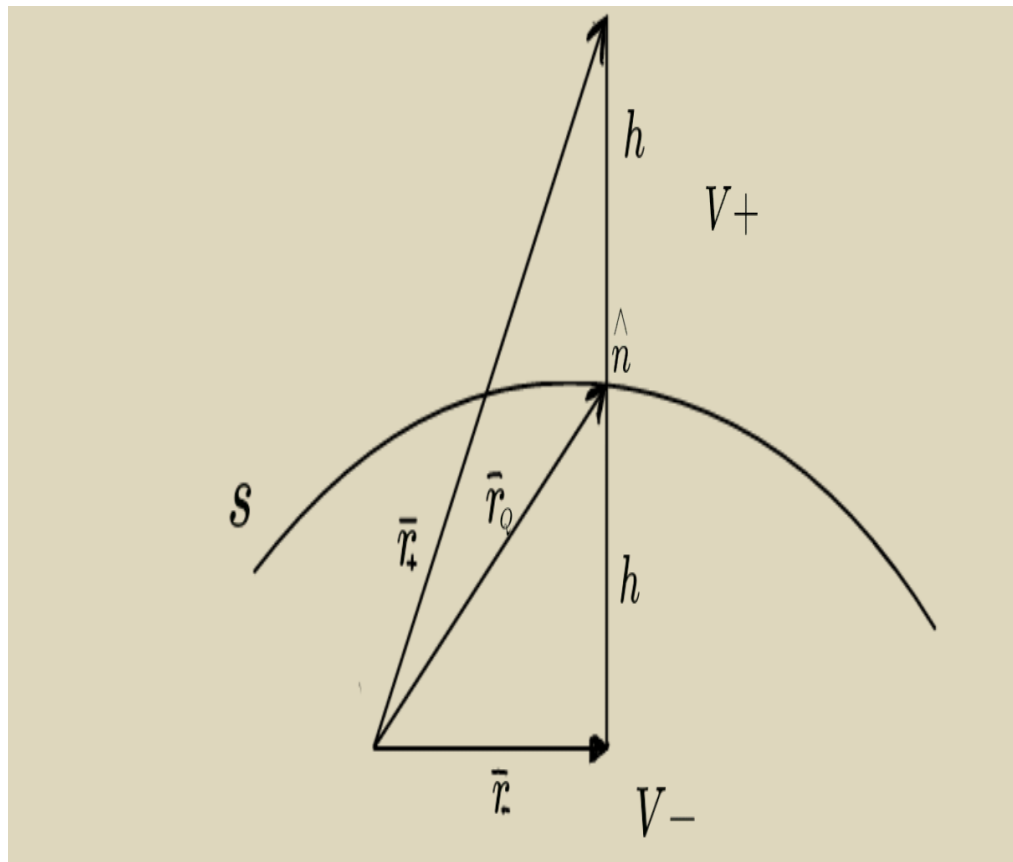


Figure 2.2: A diagram explaining the limiting procedure outlined in equation (2.28)

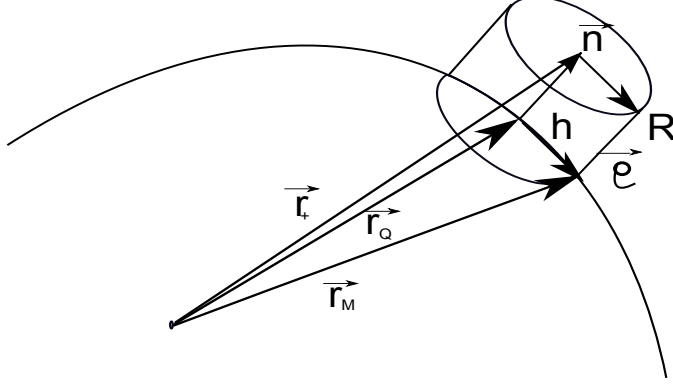


Figure 2.3: A diagram explaining the pill-box integration procedure outlined in equation (2.32)

It can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi_{\pm}(\vec{r}_Q) &= \iint_S \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \hat{n} \cdot \nabla G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_M) \Big|_{\vec{r}=\vec{r}_Q \pm h\hat{n}} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) dS_M \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \iint_S \hat{n}_Q \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M}{\|\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M\|^3} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) dS_M \mp \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \sigma(\vec{r}_Q).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.29}$$

By using

$$\nabla_{\vec{r}} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'\|^3} \tag{2.30}$$

and letting $\vec{r}' = \vec{r}_M$, $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_Q \pm h\hat{n}$, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{n} \cdot \nabla_{\vec{r}} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}_M) \Big|_{\vec{r}=\vec{r}_Q \pm h\hat{n}} &= -\hat{n} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M \pm h\hat{n}}{\|\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M \pm h\hat{n}\|^3} \\
 &\approx -\hat{n}_Q \cdot \frac{\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M}{\|\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M\|^3} \mp \frac{h}{\|\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M \pm h\hat{n}\|^3}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.31}$$

Now, consider a pill-box region of radius R on surface S centered at point \vec{r}_Q . By defining $\varrho = \|\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M\| < R$, and assuming that R is sufficiently small, one can show that the second term in equation (2.31) behaves as Dirac Delta function of ϱ in the limit $h \rightarrow 0$. Then, the second term in the integral at the first line in equation (2.29), may be integrated using polar coordinates with $dS_M = 2\pi\varrho d\varrho$ so that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_S \frac{\mp h}{\|\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M' \pm h\hat{n}\|^3} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) dS_M &\approx \mp \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}_Q)}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \iint_{\Delta S} \frac{h}{\|\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M \pm h\hat{n}\|^3} dS_M \\
&= \mp \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}_Q)}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 2\pi \int_0^R \frac{h}{(\varrho^2 + h^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \varrho d\varrho \\
&= \mp 2\pi \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}_Q)}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h \left(\frac{1}{h} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R^2 + h^2}} \right) \\
&= \mp \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \sigma(\vec{r}_Q), \tag{2.32}
\end{aligned}$$

where ΔS is the pill-box lower and upper top surface area.

Finally, substituting equation (2.29) into (2.19) gives an eigenvalue integral equation for $\sigma(\vec{r}_Q)$ with λ being an eigenvalue,

$$\sigma(\vec{r}_Q) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \iint_S \sigma(\vec{r}_M) \frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} dS_M, \tag{2.33}$$

where $\vec{r}_{MQ} = \vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M$, and using the ϵ_- and ϵ_+ from (2.15) and (2.16)

$$\lambda = \frac{\epsilon_- - \epsilon_+}{\epsilon_- + \epsilon_+} = \frac{-\frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}}{2 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}}. \tag{2.34}$$

2.4 Boundary Integral Equation Formulation for the Half-space Green's Function

Here we wish to model a situation when the nanoparticle is placed close to a planar surface of a substrate, as often occurs in experiments. Hence, we need to derive Green's function for Poisson equation in the presence of two semi-infinite dielectric regions.

We consider planar boundary \tilde{S} between two regions with relative dielectric constants ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 using the cylindrical coordinates (\vec{r}, z) with $\vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, so that

$$\epsilon_r(z) = \begin{cases} \epsilon_1 & \text{if } z > 0, \\ \epsilon_2 & \text{if } z < 0. \end{cases}$$

Now, we need to define Green's function for the situation in Figure 2.4, so

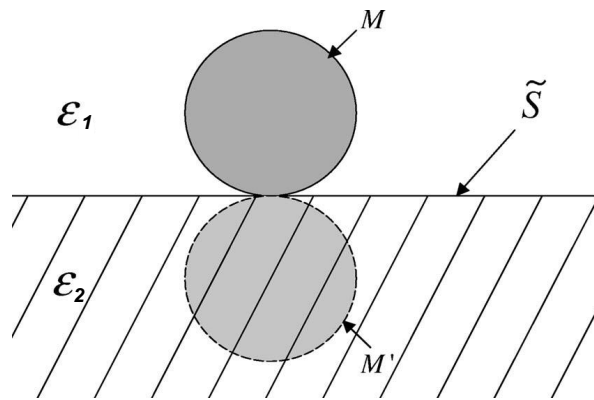


Figure 2.4: Nanoparticle on substrate. The dashed particle is the mirror image of the actual particle on the substrate[18].

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon_r(z) \nabla \Phi) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho, \quad (2.35)$$

where $\rho(\vec{r}, z)$ is the external charge distribution fully localized in region 1 ($z > 0$). We will solve Poisson equation (2.35) for potential $\Phi(\vec{r}, z)$ by assuming

$$\Phi(\vec{r}, z) = \begin{cases} \Phi_1(\vec{r}, z) & \text{if } z > 0, \\ \Phi_2(\vec{r}, z) & \text{if } z < 0, \end{cases}$$

subject to the boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_1(\vec{r}, 0) &= \Phi_2(\vec{r}, 0), \\ \epsilon_1 \frac{\partial \Phi_1(\vec{r}, 0)}{\partial z} &= \epsilon_2 \frac{\partial \Phi_2(\vec{r}, 0)}{\partial z}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.36)$$

as well as $\Phi_1(\vec{r}, z) \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$, $\Phi_2(\vec{r}, z) \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow -\infty$.

We define Fourier transform in the plane parallel to the boundary,

$$\Phi_j(\vec{r}, z) = \int e^{i\vec{g} \cdot \vec{r}} \tilde{\Phi}_j(\vec{g}, z) \frac{d^2 \vec{g}}{4\pi^2},$$

where $j = 1, 2$, and

$$\rho(\vec{r}, z) = \int e^{i\vec{g} \cdot \vec{r}} \tilde{\rho}(\vec{g}, z) \frac{d^2 \vec{g}}{4\pi^2}.$$

Now, we get to solve two Helmholtz equations

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Phi}_1''(z) - g^2 \tilde{\Phi}_1(z) &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_0} \tilde{\rho}(z) \\ \tilde{\Phi}_2''(z) - g^2 \tilde{\Phi}_2(z) &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.37)$$

where we adopt a shorthand notation $\tilde{\Phi}_j''(z) \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \tilde{\Phi}_j(\vec{g}, z)$ and $\tilde{\rho}(z) \equiv \tilde{\rho}(\vec{g}, z)$. Equations (2.37) are subject to the same boundary conditions as in (2.36).

Then, we express Green's function as

$$G(\vec{r} - \vec{r}', z, z') = \int e^{i\vec{g} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')} \tilde{G}(z, z') \frac{d^2 \vec{g}}{4\pi^2}, \quad (2.38)$$

where

$$\tilde{G}(z, z') \equiv \tilde{G}(\vec{g}; z, z') = \begin{cases} \tilde{G}_1(z, z') & \text{if } z > 0 \\ \tilde{G}_2(z, z') & \text{if } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

satisfying

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{G}_1}{\partial z^2} - g^2 \tilde{G}_1 = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_0} \delta(z - z') \quad (2.39)$$

for source at $z' > 0$ and

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{G}_2}{\partial z^2} - g^2 \tilde{G}_2 = 0, \quad (2.40)$$

subject to boundary conditions $\tilde{G}_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$, $\tilde{G}_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow -\infty$, as well as

$$\tilde{G}_1(0, z') = \tilde{G}_2(0, z'), \quad (2.41)$$

$$\epsilon_1 \frac{\partial \tilde{G}_1}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} = \epsilon_2 \frac{\partial \tilde{G}_2}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0}. \quad (2.42)$$

Assuming

$$\tilde{G}_1(z, z') = \begin{cases} \tilde{G}_>(z, z') & \text{if } 0 \leq z' < z, \\ \tilde{G}_<(z, z') & \text{if } 0 \leq z < z', \end{cases} \quad (2.43)$$

with the matching conditions due to continuity and the jump at $z = z'$,

$$\tilde{G}_>(z', z') = \tilde{G}_<(z', z'), \quad (2.44)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{G}_>}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=z'} - \frac{\partial \tilde{G}_<}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=z'} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_0}, \quad (2.45)$$

we may write

$$\tilde{G}_>(z, z') = A(z')e^{-gz} + \beta(z')e^{gz}, \quad (2.46)$$

where $\beta(z') = 0$ to ensure $\tilde{G}_> \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\tilde{G}_<(z, z') = B(z')e^{gz} + C(z')e^{-gz}, \quad (2.47)$$

and

$$\tilde{G}_2(z, z') = D(z')e^{gz} + \ell(z')e^{-gz}, \quad (2.48)$$

where $\ell(z') = 0$ to ensure $\tilde{G}_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow -\infty$.

We need to find A, B, C, D . From (2.41)

$$B + C = D. \quad (2.49)$$

From (2.42)

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_1 \frac{\partial \tilde{G}_<}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} &= g\epsilon_1(B(z') - C(z')), \\ \epsilon_2 \frac{\partial \tilde{G}_2}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=0} &= g\epsilon_2 D(z'), \\ \epsilon_1(B - C) &= \epsilon_2 D. \end{aligned} \quad (2.50)$$

From (2.44) and (2.45)

$$Ae^{-gz'} = Be^{gz'} + Ce^{-gz'}, \quad (2.51)$$

$$-g(Ae^{-gz'}) - g(Be^{gz'} - Ce^{-gz'}) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_0}. \quad (2.52)$$

From (2.49-2.52) we find

$$A = \frac{1}{2g\epsilon_1\epsilon_0} \left(e^{gz'} + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} e^{-gz'} \right), \quad (2.53)$$

$$B = \frac{e^{-gz'}}{2g\epsilon_1\epsilon_0}, \quad (2.54)$$

$$C = \frac{2\pi}{g\epsilon_1} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} e^{-gz'} \right). \quad (2.55)$$

Next, substitute A, B and C in equations (2.46),(2.47)

$$\tilde{G}_>(z, z') = \frac{1}{2g\epsilon_1\epsilon_0} \left(e^{-g(z-z')} + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} e^{-g(z+z')} \right), \quad (2.56)$$

$$\tilde{G}_<(z, z') = \frac{1}{2g\epsilon_1\epsilon_0} \left(e^{g(z-z')} + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} e^{-g(z+z')} \right), \quad (2.57)$$

$$(2.58)$$

giving

$$\tilde{G}_1(z, z') = \frac{1}{2g\epsilon_1\epsilon_0} \left(e^{-g|z-z'|} + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} e^{-g(z+z')} \right), \quad (2.59)$$

where $z > 0, z' > 0$. Noting that

$$\int \frac{1}{g} e^{i\vec{g}\cdot\vec{r}} e^{-g|z|} \frac{d^2\vec{g}}{4\pi^2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\|\vec{r}\|^2 + z^2}},$$

we obtain

$$G_1(\vec{r} - \vec{r}', z, z') = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')^2 + (z - z')^2}} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_1} \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')^2 + (z + z')^2}} \right]. \quad (2.60)$$

Let $\epsilon_1 = 1$ and $\epsilon_2 = \epsilon$ be relative permittivity of the substrate, and exchanging \vec{r} and \vec{r}' with \vec{r}_Q and \vec{r}_M respectively. Then

$$G_1(\vec{r}_Q, \vec{r}_M) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{r_{MQ}} - \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \frac{1}{r_{M'Q}} \right), \quad (2.61)$$

where $r_{M'Q} = \|\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_{M'}\|$ and M' is the image of M with respect to the substrate plane \tilde{S} . After that, we can modify equation (2.33) for a nanoparticle in the region 1 as follows

$$\sigma(\vec{r}_Q) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \iint_S \sigma(\vec{r}_M) \hat{n}_Q \cdot \nabla_{\vec{r}_Q} [G_1(\vec{r}_Q, \vec{r}_M)] dS_M, \quad (2.62)$$

where λ is given by formula (2.34).

We need to apply the boundary condition (2.19) in order to derive the boundary integral equation for the half space Green's function. We start from the potential equation and use

the Green's function in equation (2.61)

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oint_S \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}_M)}{\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_M\|} dS_M - \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \oint_S \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}_M)}{\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{M'}\|} dS_M. \quad (2.63)$$

The boundary conditions are applied in multiple steps for simplicity

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{n} \cdot \nabla \Phi_{\pm}(\vec{r}) \Big|_{\vec{r} \rightarrow \vec{r}_Q \in S} &= -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \oint_S \hat{n} \cdot \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_M}{\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_M\|^3} \Big|_{\vec{r} = \vec{r}_Q \pm h\hat{n}} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) dS_M \\ &+ \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \oint_S \hat{n} \cdot \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{M'}}{\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{M'}\|^3} \Big|_{\vec{r} = \vec{r}_Q \pm h\hat{n}} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) dS_M. \end{aligned}$$

The first part of the left hand side have been derived earlier (see equation (2.29)). Now applying equation (2.19) we get

$$(\epsilon_+ - \epsilon_-) \frac{-1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \oint_S \hat{n}_Q \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M}{\|\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_M\|^3} - \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \frac{\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_{M'}}{\|\vec{r}_Q - \vec{r}_{M'}\|^3} \right) \sigma(\vec{r}_M) dS_M - \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} (\epsilon_+ - \epsilon_-) \sigma(\vec{r}_Q) = 0 \quad (2.64)$$

We can modify and write this equation as

$$\sigma(\vec{r}_Q) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \oint_S \sigma(\vec{r}_M) \left(\frac{\hat{n}_Q \cdot \vec{r}_{MQ}}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} - \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \frac{\hat{n}_Q \cdot \vec{r}_{M'Q}}{\|\vec{r}_{M'Q}\|^3} \right) dS_M, \quad (2.65)$$

where λ is given by formula (2.34). This eigenvalue equation will be solved computationally in great detail in the following chapter.

2.5 Mie Theory of Plasmon Eigenfrequencies of a Sphere

One reliable technique that has been consistently used for the study of the interaction of light with small particles is the Mie Theory. Named after Gustav Mie, the theory provides an analytical solution for light scattering from spherical particles [15]. The derivation of Mie's formal solution can be found in [26, 27].

We will calculate the plasmon eigenfrequencies ω for a metallic sphere of radius R in vacuum. This can be done analytically by using spherical harmonics $Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$, (for more details see Appendix A.2). Here, $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ and $\varphi \in [0, 2\pi)$ are the angles that define the spherical coordinates (r, θ, φ) . A detailed explanation and rigorous definition of these functions can be found in [28]. We expand the Green's function $G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ for the Poisson equation in the spherical coordinates for points $\vec{r} = (r, \theta, \varphi)$ and $\vec{r}' = (r', \theta', \varphi')$

$$G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \frac{1}{\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'\|} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{r_{<}^l}{r_{>}^{l+1}} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi'), \quad (2.66)$$

where $r_{>} = \max(r, r')$ and $r_{<} = \min(r, r')$ [28]. Substituting (2.66) into (2.27) with $\vec{r}' =$

$\vec{r}_M = (R, \theta', \varphi')$ and letting $dS_M = R^2 \sin \theta' d\theta' d\varphi'$, we can express the potential Φ as

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \begin{cases} \Phi_+(\vec{r}) & \text{if } r > R, \\ \Phi_-(\vec{r}) & \text{if } r < R, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\Phi_+(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{R^{l+2}}{r^{l+1}} \sigma_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi), \quad (2.67)$$

$$\Phi_-(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{r^l}{R^{l-1}} \sigma_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \quad (2.68)$$

with

$$\sigma_{lm} = \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma(\theta', \varphi') Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') \sin \theta' d\theta' d\varphi' \quad (2.69)$$

being the coefficients in an expansion of the surface charge density $\sigma(\vec{r}_M) = \sigma(\theta', \varphi')$ in terms of spherical harmonics, see equations (2.75) and (2.76) below.

Equations (2.67) and (2.68) show that the potential is continuous across the spherical surface $r = R$, and from the boundary condition (2.19) we get

$$-\epsilon_+ \frac{\partial \Phi_+}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} (l+1) \sigma_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \quad (2.70)$$

and

$$\epsilon_- \frac{\partial \Phi_-}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} l \sigma_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi). \quad (2.71)$$

Combining these two equations

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} [l\epsilon_- + (l+1)\epsilon_+] \sigma_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) = 0, \quad (2.72)$$

yields

$$[l\epsilon_- + (l+1)\epsilon_+] = 0 \quad \forall l, \quad (2.73)$$

which, for $\epsilon_+ = 1$ and $\epsilon_- = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$, gives the set of plasmon frequencies

$$\omega_l = \omega_p \sqrt{\frac{l}{2l+1}}, \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.74)$$

Notice that the frequency ω_l of the l -th eigenmode is $(2l+1)$ -fold degenerate. This degeneracy is a consequence of a high symmetry on a sphere [28].

It is instructive to test equation (2.33) for a sphere of radius R . We should therefore

expand the charge density as

$$\sigma(\vec{r}_Q) = \sigma(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \sigma_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi), \quad (2.75)$$

$$\sigma(\vec{r}_M) = \sigma(\theta', \varphi') = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \sigma_{l'm'} Y_{l'm'}(\theta', \varphi'). \quad (2.76)$$

Noting that

$$\frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \Big|_{r \rightarrow R, r' = R} \quad (2.77)$$

with $G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ given in (2.66), a question arises whether to use the form with $r > r' = R$ or $r < r' = R$. We define it via the arithmetic mean,

$$\frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \Big|_{r \rightarrow R^+, r' = R} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} G(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \Big|_{r \rightarrow R^-, r' = R}. \quad (2.78)$$

Breaking this equation for simplicity, when $r' = R$, $r > R$:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{R^l}{r^{l+1}} \Big|_{r=R} = \frac{-(l+1)}{R^2},$$

and again when $r' = R$, $r < R$:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{r^l}{R^{l+1}} \Big|_{r=R} = \frac{l}{R^2}.$$

Now we can solve (2.78) straightforwardly

$$\frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} = -\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \frac{l-(l+1)}{2R^2} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi'). \quad (2.79)$$

Substituting (2.76) and (2.79), and using the normalisation and orthogonality relation of spherical harmonics

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi Y_{lm}^*(\theta', \varphi') Y_{l'm'}(\theta', \varphi') \sin \theta' d\theta' d\varphi' = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'},$$

in the right-hand side of equation (2.33) yields

$$\sigma(\vec{r}_Q) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \sigma_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \frac{\lambda}{2l+1}. \quad (2.80)$$

Comparing this result with equation (2.75), one derives an eigenvalue equation

$$\lambda = 2l + 1, \quad (2.81)$$

which is consistent with equation (2.34) upon using equation (2.74). In the discussion of

our computational results for a spherical nanoparticle in the following section, we shall present results for the eigenvalues of λ and compare them with the values in equation (2.81) that result from the Mie theory.

Chapter 3

Boundary Element Method

3.1 Introduction

The boundary element method (BEM) is a numerical method for solving differential equations formulated through the use of boundary integral equations (BIEs) and produces a system of linear algebraic equations with a full matrix [21]. BEM, which involves some discretization, is also known as the boundary integral equation method (BIEM) or, in computational electromagnetics, method of moments (MoM), though the latter is not always tantamount to BEM. This method is most suitable for linear, elliptic and homogenous partial differential equations addressing boundary-value problems in the case that a homogenous source is absent [20]. One unique aspect of BEM is that only the boundary of the problem needs to be discretized [29]. This is the main benefit that BEM formulation introduces; it does not require the computation of requisite functions throughout the domain of the solution but rather just the boundary of the domain. Hence, once the unknown boundary distribution is determined, the solution can be generated straightforwardly [20]. In other words, only the curve boundaries for two-dimensional problems and the surfaces for three-dimensional problems need to be discretized when using BEM. This aspect of BEM makes it stand out from other numerical methods such as the finite element method (FEM) and finite difference method (FDM), as it makes BEM more appropriate for exterior problems. BEM can also effectively solve problems with singularities or discontinuities that occur in the domain. Another benefit of the boundary element method is the fact that the boundary's functions and its normal derivatives are solved for simultaneously and with the same degree of accuracy [24].

For instance, for an infinite domain two-dimensional problem one can notice the differences in discretization of the domain between FEM and BEM see Figure 3.1 and Figure 3.2. In order to use FEM the domain has to be meshed to some distance from the circle. The disadvantage of doing so is the question how big the distance should be and consequently how large the mesh will be. Thus, the method would consume time computing approximations in meshing the part of the domain, which is not what we are interested in. In order to apply BEM to the same problem, we just need to discretize the boundary of the domain. In short, in BEM the domain discretization is a computationally inexpensive problem. The method works well on an infinite or semi-infinite domain, whereas in FEM the infinite or semi-infinite domain is a computationally expensive problem and the method works better in finite domains.

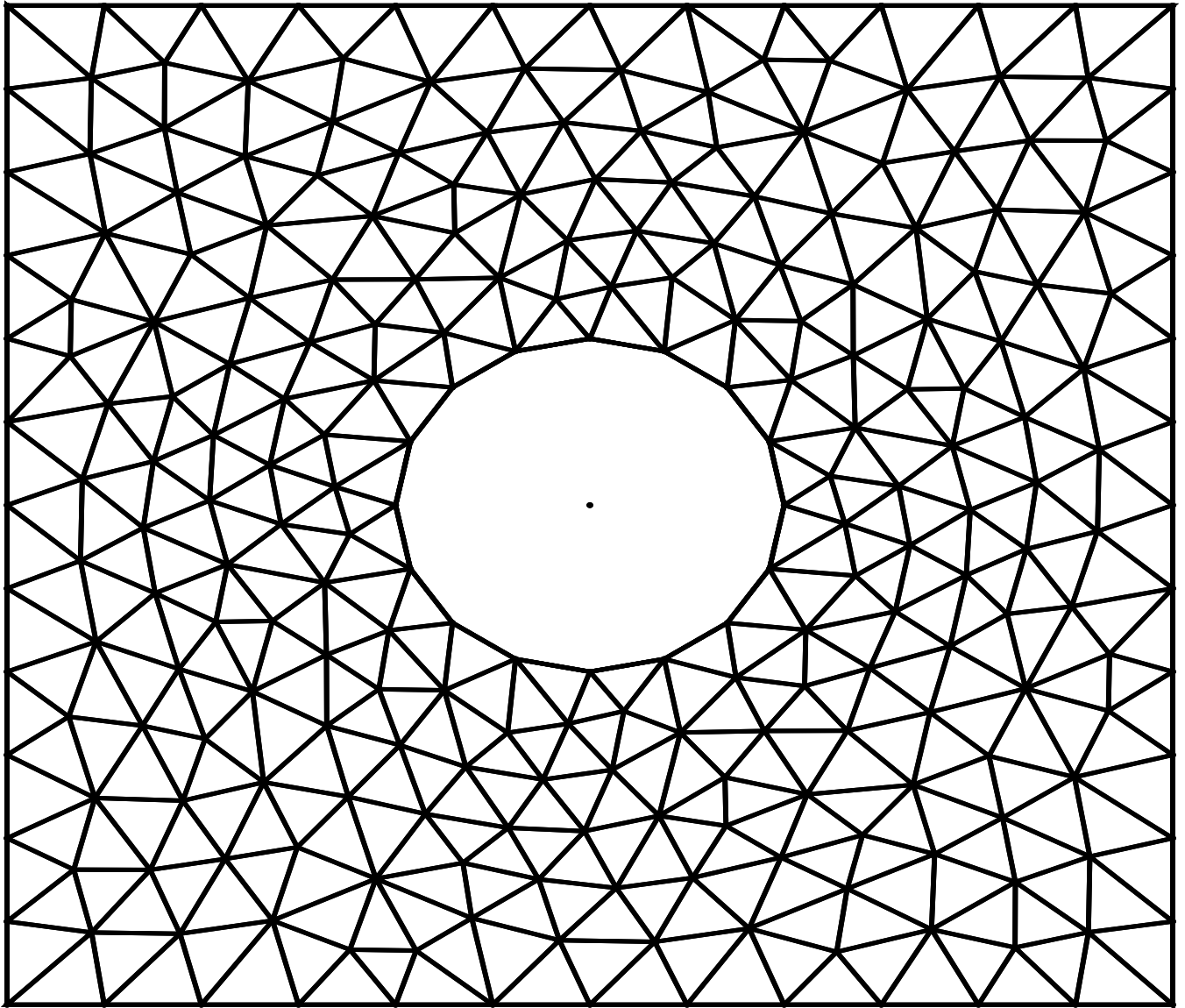
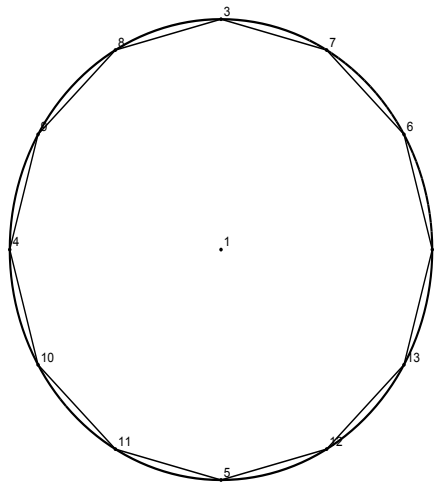


Figure 3.1: A two dimensional problem with a domain that extends to infinity. In the FEM, a mesh is generated for a finite area in the domain. One issue is how large should this area be, it is not possible to extend in the computation the mesh to infinity. Therefore, a finite area has to be selected. In contrast, in the BEM only the inner circle is discretized see Figure 3.2.



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Figure 3.2: A two dimensional problem with a domain that extends to infinity. In this problem the interior of the circle is not included. One feature of BEM is that only the boundary of the circle needs to be discretized. This is in contrast to FEM see Figure 3.1. Therefore BEM has an advantage over FEM with respect to mesh discretization.

One major setback in using BEM is that it can only be applied to partial differential equations whose fundamental solution is known. These fundamental solutions are not readily available for all PDEs [30]. The lack of some of the required fundamental solutions has contributed to the slow progress of BEM in its early years. Nevertheless, in more recent times, BEM has witnessed major progress as fundamental solutions have become well understood. For instance, the Laplace equation and other boundary value problems (BVPs), whose fundamental solutions are known, can be formulated as boundary integral equations. Hence, once all the data becomes available through boundary integral equations, the solution to a BVP can be obtained by applying Green’s identity [24].

The use of BEMs goes back to the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In 1886, Somigliana used direct BEM formulation to present a displacement and stresses integral equation. The first indirect BEM formulation was in 1903 by Fredholm [24]. The first major development in application of BEM was reported in the 1960s when a two-dimensional problem was formulated into boundary integral equations that were discretized and solved by Jawsonek and Symm [24]. Their formulation could not be labeled direct BEM due to the fact that the functions had to be differentiated or integrated to attain physical quantities. The first direct formulation was put in use by Rizzo who also used BEM to discretize integral equations in a two-dimensional elastostatic problem [21]. Boundary integral equations were first put to use to solve three-dimensional problems by Cruse [24]. Although boundary integral equations had been utilized by various scholars in the 1960s, the term boundary element method was only introduced for the first time in 1978 by CA Brebbia.

3.2 Discretization

BEM implementation includes discretization of the surface surrounding a chosen control volume in three dimensions into flat or curved elements, presenting local approximations for the unknown functions in the local surface coordinates and, lastly, generating and solving systems of linear equations for the coefficients of the local expansions.

The integral equation (2.33) expresses the value of the density function $\sigma(\vec{r}_Q)$ at any point \vec{r}_Q in terms of its values and a normal derivative at the boundary. A discretisation of this equation leads to the BEM system of algebraic equations. The physical boundary S is partitioned into N parts S_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$, see Figure 3.3. We have used standard unstructured triangular meshing; other meshing systems can be used (e.g., quadrilateral or mixed), however triangles are generally beneficial when fitting a mesh to a complex geometry. Each partition is represented by flat triangular elements, each defined by a group of element nodes. The collection of the elements defines an unstructured surface grid defined by the global grid nodes.

We approximate the distributions σ with constants over each element. For high-order methods one needs to involve linear, quadratic, or higher order polynomial expansions of the surface functions over the individual boundary elements.

Meshes have been generated using GMSH [31], an open source finite element mesh generator. GMSH transforms a geometry (.geo) file into a mesh (.msh) file containing an unstructured triangular mesh. Then, a MATLAB code that we wrote reads the mesh cre-

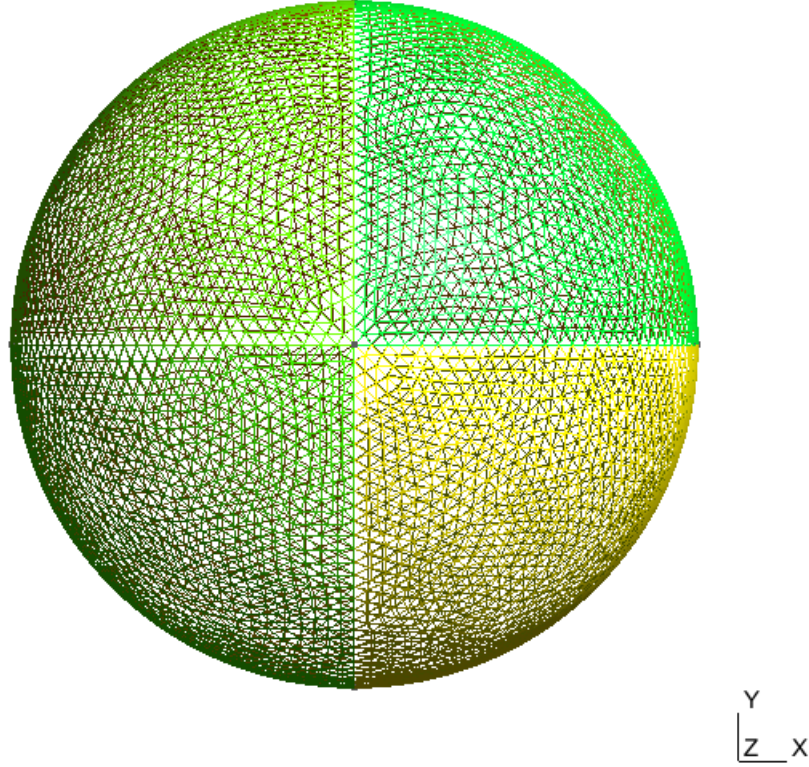


Figure 3.3: Mesh for center of the sphere connected to the centroid of the triangle under consideration. For this example, let us call the resulting vector \mathbf{r}_1 , We compute the following quantity.

ated by GMSH and generates a data structure representing mappings between the elements and vertices.

3.3 Implementation of BEM for the Free-space Green's Function

Here we represent an implementation study for the free space BIE described in the previous chapter. Using equation (2.33), let us partition S into N small pieces S_M and rewrite it as

$$\sigma(\vec{r}_Q) \approx \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sum_{M=1}^N \int_{S_M} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) \frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} dS_M. \quad (3.1)$$

We assume that points \vec{r}_Q and \vec{r}_M are the centroid points of triangles S_Q and S_M respectively and we approximate both the $\sigma(\vec{r}_M)$ and the kernel $(\frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3})$ with constant functions over each triangle. Points \vec{r}_Q and \vec{r}_M are also used as collocation points, that is,

the points where the integral equation is applied. The BEM is then applied at the Q -th point and integration over S is estimated by the sum of the integrations on all N triangles. We have changed the notation here to write the problem in matrix form and to match our code, from Q and M to i and j , respectively, and we replaced \vec{r} with \mathbf{r} . For instance, we replaced $\sigma(\vec{r}_Q)$ and $\sigma(\vec{r}_M)$ with σ_i and σ_j , respectively, with an understanding that σ_i is an approximate of $\sigma(\vec{r}_Q)$. We denote the area of the triangle S_j by ΔS_j . Hence, we obtain approximately

$$\sigma_i = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_j \frac{(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \cdot \mathbf{n}_i}{\|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j\|^3} \Delta S_j, \quad (3.2)$$

We can write the sum in (3.2) as

$$\sigma_i = F_{i,j} \Delta S_j \sigma_j, \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$F_{i,j} = \frac{(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \cdot \mathbf{n}_i}{\|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j\|^3}. \quad (3.4)$$

Combining the vectors for $i = 1, \dots, N$, we can rewrite (3.2) in a matrix form as

$$\sigma = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \mathbf{A} \sigma, \quad (3.5)$$

where

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_N \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{1,1} \cdot \Delta S_1 & F_{1,2} \cdot \Delta S_2 & \cdots & F_{1,N} \cdot \Delta S_N \\ F_{2,1} \cdot \Delta S_1 & F_{2,2} \cdot \Delta S_2 & \cdots & F_{2,N} \cdot \Delta S_N \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ F_{N,1} \cdot \Delta S_1 & F_{N,2} \cdot \Delta S_2 & \cdots & F_{N,N} \cdot \Delta S_N \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3.6)$$

3.3.1 Non-Singular Triangles

If the kernel is non-singular over the surface of a triangle, which are the elements of \mathbf{A} when $i \neq j$, the integral (3.1) can be computed in straightforward manner. To do so, we need to compute the outward normal \mathbf{n}_i and the area of triangles ΔS_j . Let us assume that S_j is described by vertices (x_1, y_1, z_1) , (x_2, y_2, z_2) , and (x_3, y_3, z_3) , see Figure 3.4. Then, \mathbf{n} can be computed as

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2}{\|\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2\|}, \quad (3.7)$$

where $\vec{v}_1 = (x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1)$, $\vec{v}_2 = (x_3 - x_1, y_3 - y_1, z_3 - z_1)$ are vectors along the sides of the triangle which the normal is computed. However, this formula gives both inward and outward unit normals. This problem is difficult to resolve in general. Here, we

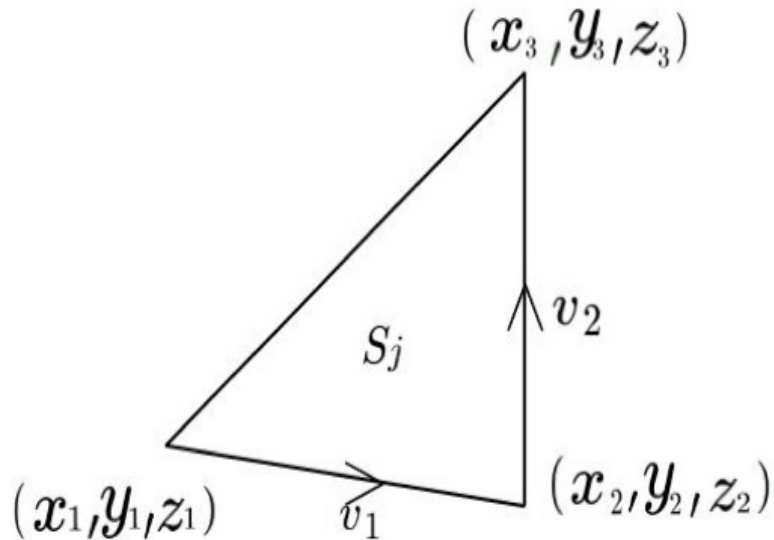


Figure 3.4: An element (triangle) S_j described by its vertices. The figure shows how the vectors used in computing the normal vector \mathbf{n} .

adopt the following approach.

$$a = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}_1 \quad (3.8)$$

we pick a point inside of our physical solid, e.g. \mathbf{r}_1 which is a centroid point of the same triangle. If $a > 0$ then \mathbf{n} is the outward normal, otherwise we set $\mathbf{n} = -\mathbf{n}$. The area of triangle ΔS_j is given by

$$\Delta S_j = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2\|. \quad (3.9)$$

Next, using these two formulas, we can solve straightforwardly equation (3.2) for non singular triangles. Part of the code for the outward-pointing unit normal and the area of triangle is given below:

```
% x1,y1,z1... these are vertices from
%the mesh file for the surface triangles

vec1 = [x1-x2;
        y1-y2;
        z1-z2];

vec2 = [x1-x3;
        y1-y3;
        z1-z3];

cross_prod = cross(vec1,vec2);

n = cross_prod/norm(cross_prod,2);
a = dot(n,r_1);
if a < 0
    n = -n;
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end

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cross_prod = cross(vec1,vec2);
area_value_1(k) = 0.5*norm(cross_prod,2);
```

3.3.2 Singular Triangles

An issue arises when \mathbf{r}_i and \mathbf{r}_j are in the same triangle, which results in singularities because of the way the kernel is formulated. This happens only from the free space Green's function. Since the issue is when the two points are in the same triangle, the denominator in (3.2) is equal to zero so the function $F_{i,i}$ is undefined, that is, the singularity occurs along the diagonal of the matrix \mathbf{A} . One way to solve this is by simply setting the diagonal elements of the matrix \mathbf{A} equal to zero [20]. For simplicity, we called this approximation Approach A.

$$\mathbf{A}_{i,i} = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

3.3.3 Approach B

I. Mayergoys *et al* [18] showed an efficient approach to approximate the diagonal elements. This approach is presented here; we called it Approach B. We begin by defining solid angle as a dimensionless unit angle in three dimensional space that an object subtended by a point creates. It is the area on the surface of a sphere divided by the radius squared of that sphere; for more details see [32]. In Figure 3.5 we show three different cases of the solid angle, and since we are using BEM we will consider only Case 1 in future derivations. Referring to equation (2.33) and from the definition of the solid angle, see Figure 3.6 for more details, notice that

$$d\omega = \frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} dS_Q, \quad (3.11)$$

is an infinitesimal solid angle that the surface element dS_Q at point \vec{r}_Q occupies when viewed from point \vec{r}_M . When both points \vec{r}_M and \vec{r}_Q are on a closed surface S , and we integrate with respect to \vec{r}_Q to get

$$\oint_S \frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} dS_Q = 2\pi. \quad (3.12)$$

On the other hand, one can see that $\lambda = 1$ is an eigenvalue; however, it is clear from equation (2.34) that this eigenvalue corresponds to $\epsilon_- \rightarrow -\infty$ and $\omega \rightarrow 0$, which corresponds to static polarization of the nanoparticle.. Thus, this eigenvalue is irrelevant to the topic of this thesis. From equation (3.12) and by integrating both sides of equation (2.33) with respect to dS_Q , and knowing that $\lambda \neq 1$ for plasmon resonance we get

$$\oint_S \sigma(\vec{r}_M) dS_M = 0. \quad (3.13)$$

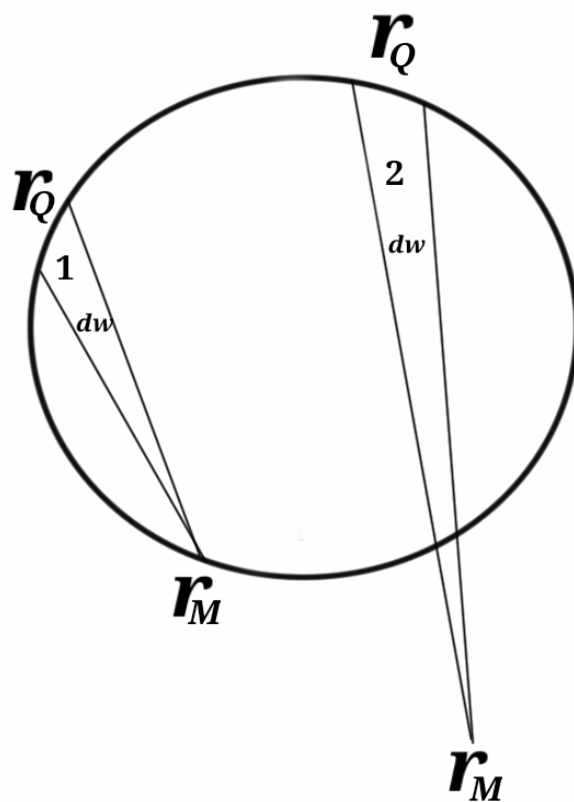


Figure 3.5: A diagram explaining the solid angle $d\omega$ that the surface element dS_Q at the point \vec{r}_Q occupies when viewed from the point \vec{r}_M . Cases 1,2 respond to different views of the solid angle, Case 1 for two points on the surface of a sphere, and Case 2 for a point on the surface viewed by an outside point.

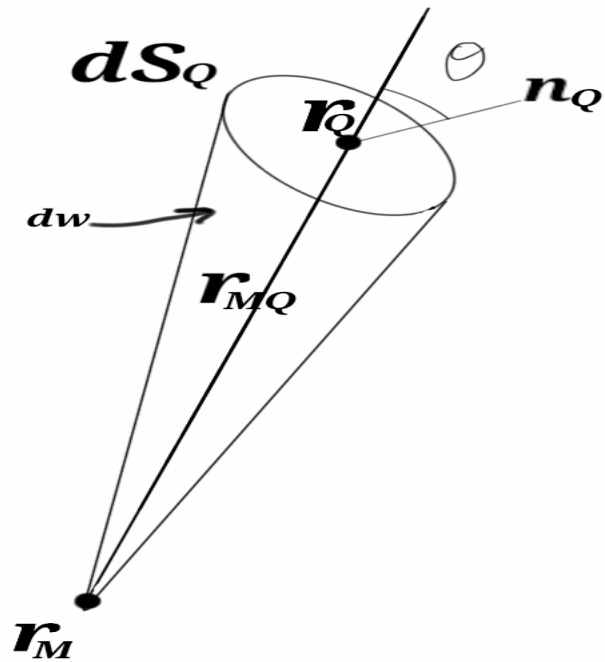


Figure 3.6: A diagram explaining the solid angle $d\omega$ that the surface element dS_Q at the point \vec{r}_Q occupies when viewed from the point \vec{r}_M .

Note that, physically, this means that the total charge is zero. Now, we integrate equation (3.1) over the surface element S_i and change the order of integration in the right hand side integral

$$\int_{S_i} \sigma(\vec{r}_Q) dS_Q = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{S_j} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) \left[\int_{S_i} \frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} dS_Q \right] dS_M. \quad (3.14)$$

We define solid angle occupied by the surface element S_i when viewed from point \vec{r}_M

$$\omega_i(M) = \int_{S_i} \frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} dS_Q. \quad (3.15)$$

(3.14) can be presented as follows:

$$\int_{S_i} \sigma(\vec{r}_Q) dS_Q = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{S_j} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) \omega_i(M) dS_M. \quad (3.16)$$

By introducing new variables

$$X_i = \int_{S_i} \sigma(\vec{r}_Q) dS_Q, \quad (3.17)$$

integrals in the right-hand side of equation (3.16) can be approximated using the mean value theorem as follows:

$$\int_{S_j} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) \omega_i(M) dS_M \approx \omega_i(M_j) \int_{S_j} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) dS_M = \omega_{ij} X_j. \quad (3.18)$$

where M_j is some middle point of surface element S_j . Since the solid angles $\omega_i(M)$ are smooth functions of M and the kernel in equation (2.33) is singular, the approximation (3.18) is more accurate than the direct discretization of the integral in equation (2.33). By substituting formulas (3.17) and (3.18) into (3.16), we find

$$X_i = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^N \omega_{ij} X_j. \quad (3.19)$$

The fundamental advantage of discretization of (3.19) is that the evaluation of singular integrals in calculations of ω_{ii} can be avoided completely by using the following equation. From (3.12) and (3.15), we find

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \omega_{ij} = 2\pi. \quad (3.20)$$

Thus, we can write

$$\omega_{ii} \approx 2\pi - \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^N \omega_{ij}. \quad (3.21)$$

3.4 Implementation of BEM for the Half-space Green's Function

In this section we represent the implementation of BEM for the half-space Green's function. We follow the same steps we did in previous section. From equation (2.65) let us partition S into N small pieces S_j and rewrite it as follows:

$$\sigma(\vec{r}_Q) \approx \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{S_j} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) \left(\frac{\hat{n}_Q \cdot \vec{r}_{MQ}}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3} - \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \frac{\hat{n}_Q \cdot \vec{r}_{M'Q}}{\|\vec{r}_{M'Q}\|^3} \right) dS_M. \quad (3.22)$$

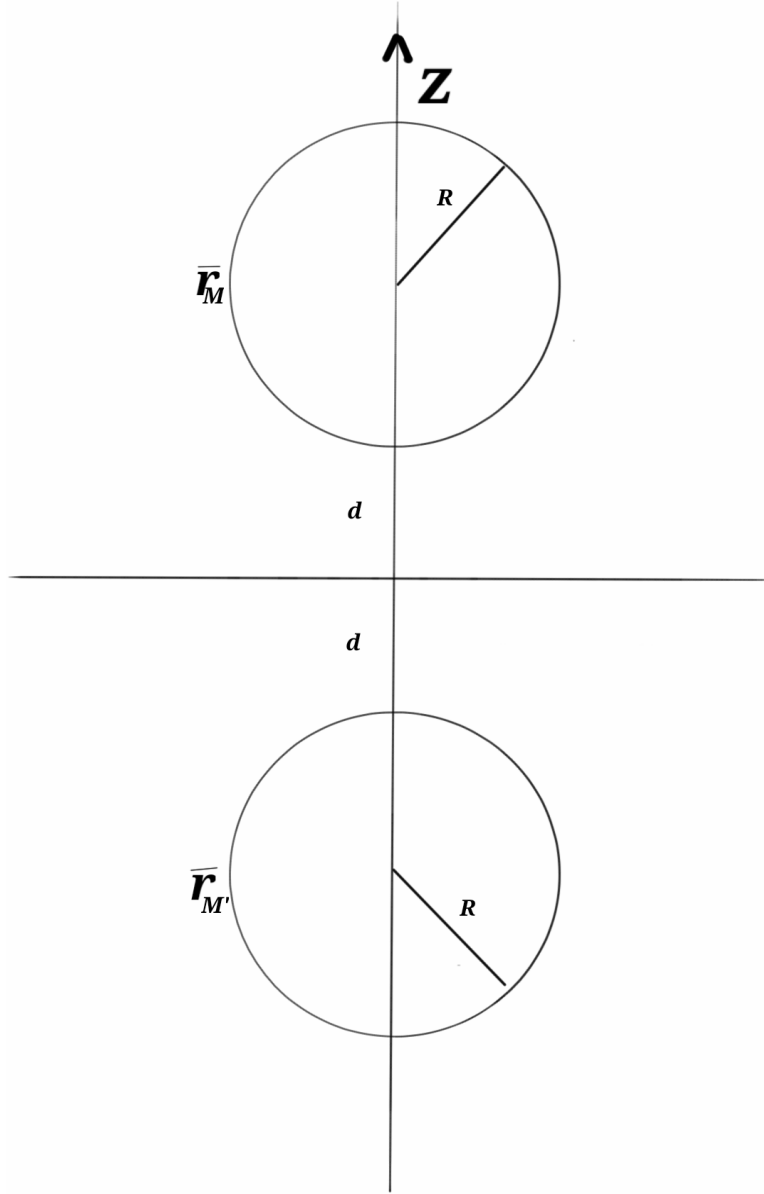


Figure 3.7: A diagram explaining the nanoparticles on substrate outlined in Section(2.4). As shown $\vec{r}_Q = (x_Q, y_Q, z_Q)$ and $\vec{r}_M = (x_M, y_M, z_M)$ are two points on the boundary S , $\vec{r}_{M'} = (x_M, y_M, -2d - 2z_M) \notin S$ is an image of \vec{r}_M and d is the distance between the center of the nanoparticle and the surface \tilde{S} of the substrate.

Again we used the same assumption that points \vec{r}_Q and \vec{r}_M are the centroid points of each small triangle S_j and we first approximate both the $\sigma(\vec{r}_M)$ and the kernel $(\frac{\vec{r}_{MQ} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{MQ}\|^3})$ with constant functions over each triangle. The element containing the j -th point is denoted S_j . These points are also used as the collocation points, that is, the points where the integral equation is applied. The BEM is then applied at the i -th point and integration over S is estimated by the sum of the integrations on all N triangles. Using the previously defined

convention for notation, we obtain from (3.22)

$$\sigma_i = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_j \left[\frac{(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \cdot \mathbf{n}_i}{\|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j\|^3} - \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \frac{\mathbf{n}_i \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}'_j)}{\|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}'_j\|^3} \right] \Delta S_j, \quad (3.23)$$

where $\mathbf{r}_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$, $\mathbf{r}_j = (x_j, y_j, z_j)$ and $\mathbf{r}'_j = (x_j, y_j, -2d - z_j)$, while d is the distance between the center of the nanoparticle and the origin as described in Figure 3.7. We can write the sum by combining the vectors for i in (3.23) as a matrix \mathbf{A}

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{1,1} \cdot \Delta S_1 & F_{1,2} \cdot \Delta S_2 & \cdots & F_{1,N} \cdot \Delta S_N \\ F_{2,1} \cdot \Delta S_1 & F_{2,2} \cdot \Delta S_2 & \cdots & F_{2,N} \cdot \Delta S_N \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ F_{N,1} \cdot \Delta S_1 & F_{N,2} \cdot \Delta S_2 & \cdots & F_{N,N} \cdot \Delta S_N \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.24)$$

where

$$F_{i,j} = \frac{(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \cdot \mathbf{n}_i}{\|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j\|^3} - \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \frac{\mathbf{n}_i \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}'_j)}{\|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}'_j\|^3}. \quad (3.25)$$

Now, we write (3.23) in a matrix form as

$$\sigma = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \mathbf{A} \sigma, \quad (3.26)$$

where

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_N \end{pmatrix}.$$

Notice here that $F_{i,j}$ contains two parts, the first is the same as that we solved formally. Thus, we treat it the same way using approach B for the singularity terms. However, the second part of $F_{i,j}$ is non-singular for all the N . Following the same steps we integrate equation (3.22) over S_i

$$\int_{S_i} \sigma(\vec{r}_Q) dS_Q = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{S_j} \sigma(\vec{r}_M) \left[\omega_i(M) - \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \omega(M') \right] dS_M, \quad (3.27)$$

where $\omega_i(M)$ is (3.15) and

$$\omega_i(M') = \int_{S_i} \frac{\vec{r}_{M'Q} \cdot \hat{n}_Q}{\|\vec{r}_{M'Q}\|^3} dS_Q, \quad (3.28)$$

is the solid angle subtended by the surface element S_i when viewed from the point M' that is the mirror image of the point M in the substrate surface plane. We can write

$$X_i = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^N \left[\omega_{ij} - \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon + 1} \omega'_{ij} \right] X_j, \quad (3.29)$$

where X_i and X_j defined in equation (3.17) and equation (3.18) respectively.

3.5 Eigenvalues' Sensitivity and Accuracy

Equation (3.5) is an eigenvalue problem type of equation. In general we are looking for a solution that satisfies

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda I) \mathbf{X} = 0, \quad (3.30)$$

where I is the identity matrix, \mathbf{A} is a square matrix and \mathbf{X} is a nonzero vector. There are many approaches to find the eigenvalues. we have used here the MATLAB function *eig* to find the eigenvalues. The sensitivity of the eigenvalues of a matrix depends on perturbations. We are interested to know how sensitive are our calculations of the eigenvalues, presented here some derivations of that. These derivations have been done before in numerous of texts, (for more information and rigorous derivations see [33]). Rewriting (3.30) as

$$\lambda = \mathbf{X}_{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}. \quad (3.31)$$

Let $\epsilon_{machine}$ denote the roundoff error cause by the perturbations

$$\lambda + \tilde{\lambda} = \mathbf{X}_{-1} (\mathbf{A} + \epsilon_{machine}) \mathbf{X}. \quad (3.32)$$

Yields

$$\tilde{\lambda} = \mathbf{X}_{-1} \epsilon_{machine} \mathbf{X}, \quad (3.33)$$

Taking matrix norms

$$\|\tilde{\lambda}\| \leq \|\mathbf{X}_{-1}\| \|\epsilon_{machine}\| \|\mathbf{X}\| = K(\mathbf{X}) \|\epsilon_{machine}\|, \quad (3.34)$$

where $K(\mathbf{X})$ is the matrix condition number. This condition number of \mathbf{X} which is the matrix of eigenvectors not the condition of \mathbf{A} nor of $\tilde{\lambda}$. Thus, this analysis does not say much about the sensitivity of eigenvalues. In order to investigate the sensitivity of an individual eigenvalue, we should involves the left eigenvectors y . With some simple derivations, one can define the eigenvalue condition number [33] as

$$k(\lambda_j, \mathbf{A}) = \|y\| \|x\|. \quad (3.35)$$

Since $\|x\| \leq \|\mathbf{X}\|$ and $\|y\| \leq \|\mathbf{X}\|$, we have

$$k(\lambda_j, \mathbf{A}) = K(\mathbf{X}). \quad (3.36)$$

The condition number of the eigenvector matrix is an upper bound for the individual eigenvalue condition numbers.

Chapter 4

Computational results

The two approaches described in the previous chapter have been tested on an example of spherical particle for which the analytical solution using the Mie theory may be used as a benchmark comparison data.

4.1 Eigenvalues for Nanosphere Particle in Free Space

The mesh used in calculation is shown in Figure 3.3, while the results of numerical computations are presented in Tables 4.1,4.2. We have used a unit sphere discretized into three different meshes; one with 792 triangles ($N = 792$), the second with 3168 triangles ($N = 3168$) and the third with 12672 triangles ($N = 12672$). As we previously discussed, the mesh was created using the free software GMSH. We have used unstructured flat triangular mesh. Then, we have performed computation using the two approaches combined with the GMSH data file using MATLAB.

We demonstrate sample tables of computation results for both approaches. For approach B, the complete results on 792-triangle mesh are compared with the first 792 eigenvalues on 3168-triangle mesh (shown in Appendix C). In Table 4.1, we present some of the results of the Approach A computation using the three discretization of the unit sphere. The initial mesh consists of 792 flat triangles. It is refined once by splitting each triangle into 4 (see Figure 4.1) to obtain a $N = 3168$ element mesh. This process is repeated one more time to produce $N = 12672$ element mesh. Note that the new vertices introduced in B are located on the surface of the particle and not on the old edge. In this approach we set the value of singular integrals to be zero, i.e. the diagonal elements in matrix \mathbf{A} is 0. The computed result for this approach is not accurate. We also observe that the error is large for larger eigenvalues. Increasing the number of triangles has helped to reduce the error but it remains large.

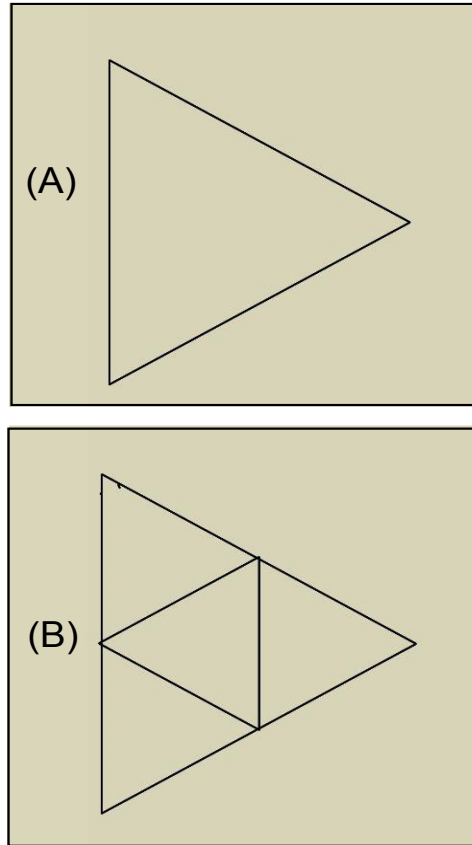


Figure 4.1: Mesh refinement by triangle splitting. (B) is a refinement of (A).

| Eigenvalues for a single nanosphere | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Mode number | Exact Values | N = 792 | N = 3168 | N = 12672 |
| 1 | 3 | 3.379 | 3.185 | 3.091 |
| 2 | 3 | 3.384 | 3.187 | 3.092 |
| 3 | 3 | 3.386 | 3.188 | 3.092 |
| 4 | 5 | 6.126 | 5.526 | 5.254 |
| 5 | 5 | 6.139 | 5.53 | 5.255 |
| 6 | 5 | 6.199 | 5.55 | 5.268 |
| 7 | 5 | 6.223 | 5.557 | 5.266 |
| 8 | 5 | 6.234 | 5.561 | 5.263 |
| 9 | 7 | 9.438 | 8.082 | 7.51 |
| 10 | 7 | 9.471 | 8.09 | 7.513 |
| 11 | 7 | 9.486 | 8.095 | 7.515 |
| 12 | 7 | 9.579 | 8.12 | 7.541 |
| 13 | 7 | 9.644 | 8.142 | 7.533 |
| 14 | 7 | 9.644 | 8.143 | 7.533 |
| 15 | 7 | 9.725 | 8.164 | 7.524 |
| 16 | 9 | 13.31 | 10.83 | 9.847 |
| 17 | 9 | 13.52 | 10.89 | 9.919 |
| 18 | 9 | 13.6 | 10.91 | 9.908 |
| 19 | 9 | 13.63 | 10.91 | 9.9 |
| 20 | 9 | 13.71 | 10.94 | 9.893 |
| 21 | 9 | 13.8 | 10.96 | 9.885 |
| 22 | 9 | 13.86 | 10.98 | 9.869 |
| 23 | 9 | 13.97 | 11 | 9.877 |
| 24 | 9 | 14.08 | 11.03 | 9.874 |
| 25 | 11 | 18.02 | 13.85 | 12.29 |
| 26 | 11 | 18.33 | 13.92 | 12.41 |
| 27 | 11 | 18.46 | 13.95 | 12.31 |
| 28 | 11 | 18.51 | 13.96 | 12.32 |
| 29 | 11 | 18.72 | 14.02 | 12.33 |
| 30 | 11 | 18.84 | 14.04 | 12.37 |
| 31 | 11 | 19.06 | 14.06 | 12.35 |
| 32 | 11 | 19.06 | 14.09 | 12.35 |
| 33 | 11 | 19.34 | 14.15 | 12.36 |
| 34 | 11 | 19.57 | 14.18 | 12.39 |
| 35 | 11 | 19.71 | 14.22 | 12.4 |
| 36 | 13 | 23.96 | 17.17 | 14.84 |
| 37 | 13 | 24.02 | 17.19 | 14.85 |
| 38 | 13 | 24.26 | 17.26 | 14.87 |
| 39 | 13 | 24.47 | 17.32 | 15.03 |
| 40 | 13 | 24.96 | 17.37 | 14.89 |

Table 4.1: computational results with approach A



Figure 4.2: Eigenvalues chart comparing exact values with computational values obtained on three meshes.

In Table 4.2 and Figure 4.2, we present the results of approach B computation using the same three meshes. In this approach we have approximated the singularity of the diagonal elements by replacing them with the outcome of summing each of the row values and subtracting them from 2π (see equation (3.21)), as was discussed in Chapter 3. The computation results for this approach are a significantly improvement from Approach A. We can see that the error is reduced; even for large eigenvalues the approach is still close to the theoretical value. In Section 3.5 we introduced the condition number of eigenvalues and round-off errors. For simplicity, we rewrite it again here as

$$\epsilon_j \leq k(\lambda_j, A)\epsilon_{machine}, \quad (4.1)$$

knowing that $\epsilon_{machine} \approx 10^{-16}$ and using MATLAB function *condeig* we found the condition number for each computed eigenvalue (see Table 4.3). We notice from Table 4.3 that the condition numbers for eigenvalues are between 1.01 and 39.8. Substituting these numbers in (4.1) we observe that the roundoff error effects on the accuracy of the eigenvalues is negligible.

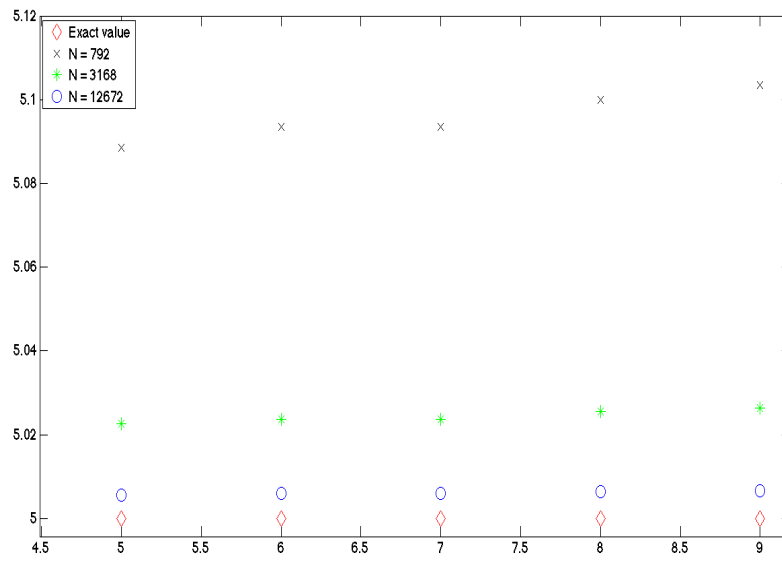
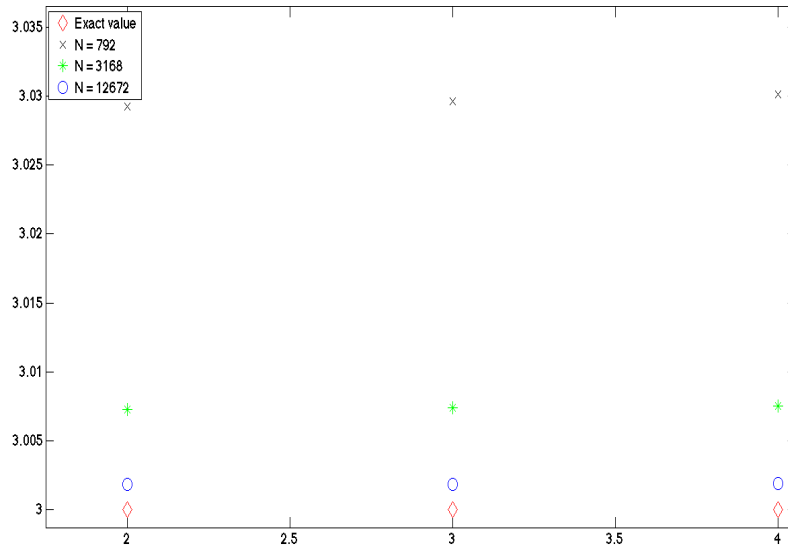
| Eigenvalues for a single nanosphere | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Mode number | Exact Values | N = 792 | N = 3168 | N = 12672 |
| 1 | 3 | 3.027 | 3.007 | 3.002 |
| 2 | 3 | 3.029 | 3.007 | 3.002 |
| 3 | 3 | 3.03 | 3.008 | 3.002 |
| 4 | 5 | 5.06 | 5.017 | 5.004 |
| 5 | 5 | 5.065 | 5.018 | 5.005 |
| 6 | 5 | 5.101 | 5.026 | 5.007 |
| 7 | 5 | 5.111 | 5.029 | 5.007 |
| 8 | 5 | 5.116 | 5.03 | 5.008 |
| 9 | 7 | 7.114 | 7.034 | 7.009 |
| 10 | 7 | 7.13 | 7.038 | 7.01 |
| 11 | 7 | 7.132 | 7.038 | 7.01 |
| 12 | 7 | 7.173 | 7.049 | 7.013 |
| 13 | 7 | 7.188 | 7.053 | 7.014 |
| 14 | 7 | 7.218 | 7.061 | 7.016 |
| 15 | 7 | 7.249 | 7.067 | 7.017 |
| 16 | 9 | 9.069 | 9.032 | 9.009 |
| 17 | 9 | 9.163 | 9.06 | 9.016 |
| 18 | 9 | 9.173 | 9.06 | 9.017 |
| 19 | 9 | 9.227 | 9.072 | 9.019 |
| 20 | 9 | 9.276 | 9.085 | 9.023 |
| 21 | 9 | 9.295 | 9.091 | 9.024 |
| 22 | 9 | 9.306 | 9.091 | 9.024 |
| 23 | 9 | 9.355 | 9.104 | 9.027 |
| 24 | 9 | 9.429 | 9.123 | 9.032 |
| 25 | 11 | 10.98 | 11.03 | 11.01 |
| 26 | 11 | 11.08 | 11.06 | 11.02 |
| 27 | 11 | 11.13 | 11.07 | 11.02 |
| 28 | 11 | 11.17 | 11.08 | 11.02 |
| 29 | 11 | 11.24 | 11.1 | 11.03 |
| 30 | 11 | 11.3 | 11.11 | 11.03 |
| 31 | 11 | 11.36 | 11.13 | 11.04 |
| 32 | 11 | 11.44 | 11.14 | 11.04 |
| 33 | 11 | 11.49 | 11.16 | 11.04 |
| 34 | 11 | 11.55 | 11.18 | 11.05 |
| 35 | 11 | 11.59 | 11.19 | 11.05 |
| 36 | 13 | 12.83 | 13.02 | 13.01 |
| 37 | 13 | 12.91 | 13.03 | 13.01 |
| 38 | 13 | 12.97 | 13.07 | 13.03 |
| 39 | 13 | 13.04 | 13.09 | 13.03 |
| 40 | 13 | 13.16 | 13.12 | 13.04 |

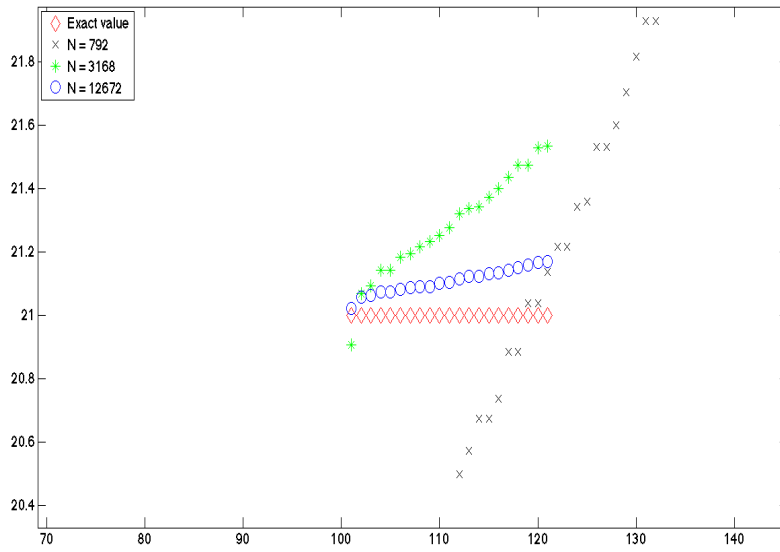
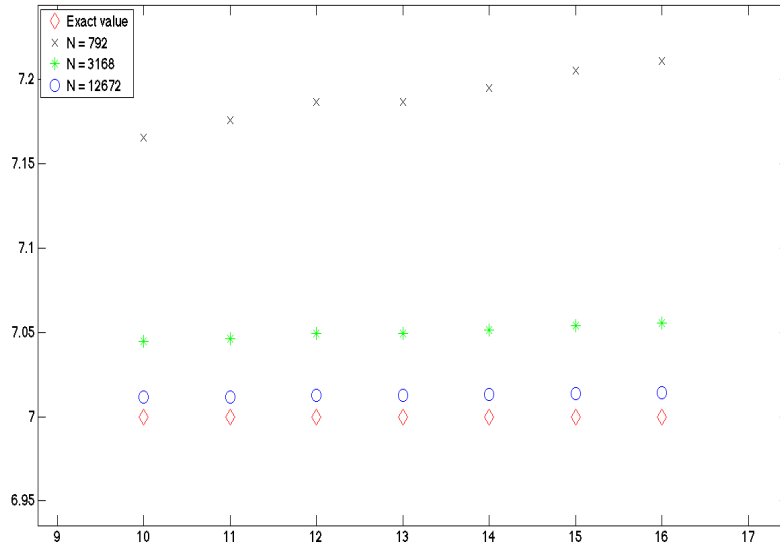
Table 4.2: Computational results with approach B

| Condition Number for Eigenvalues | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1.00673902 | 1.03292932 | 1.07758881 | 1.14201104 | 1.19705258 | 1.29095884 | 1.39202776 | 1.51784516 | 1.64977518 | 1.95828602 | 2.40569357 |
| 1.00692859 | 1.03325419 | 1.07795778 | 1.14324975 | 1.20050211 | 1.29211972 | 1.39328927 | 1.51808638 | 1.65233243 | 1.96766315 | 2.42124847 |
| 1.0075649 | 1.03333735 | 1.07913977 | 1.14344019 | 1.20148468 | 1.29308192 | 1.39358018 | 1.52645992 | 1.65715029 | 1.96766315 | 2.42124847 |
| 1.00779526 | 1.03352013 | 1.07991819 | 1.14452217 | 1.20347434 | 1.29651164 | 1.39971423 | 1.52988481 | 1.67964111 | 1.97673312 | 2.43731648 |
| 1.0085808 | 1.03397913 | 1.08047929 | 1.14474195 | 1.20587712 | 1.29799945 | 1.40021295 | 1.53188385 | 1.68079677 | 1.97973764 | 2.43740726 |
| 1.00883994 | 1.03418726 | 1.08087791 | 1.14575815 | 1.20804994 | 1.30022283 | 1.40330432 | 1.53425116 | 1.68079677 | 1.98120411 | 2.4587735 |
| 1.0088658 | 1.03451685 | 1.08193777 | 1.14591746 | 1.20837951 | 1.30041936 | 1.40358846 | 1.53457676 | 1.68118465 | 1.98120411 | 2.4587735 |
| 1.00914612 | 1.03479669 | 1.08209783 | 1.14592693 | 1.21076265 | 1.30119947 | 1.40371487 | 1.53618918 | 1.6840756 | 1.99306608 | 2.49788152 |
| 1.00920627 | 1.03561292 | 1.08221815 | 1.14593921 | 1.21120451 | 1.30184755 | 1.40595006 | 1.53638187 | 1.68695315 | 1.99831949 | 2.50240708 |
| 1.00956591 | 1.03567172 | 1.085055 | 1.14610801 | 1.21450355 | 1.30416135 | 1.40747534 | 1.53667101 | 1.68695315 | 1.99831949 | 2.52932978 |
| 1.00991139 | 1.03571653 | 1.08565968 | 1.14622306 | 1.2158966 | 1.30639381 | 1.41343792 | 1.53667101 | 1.69154332 | 2.00486864 | 2.54101611 |
| 1.01059843 | 1.03657622 | 1.08622167 | 1.14666787 | 1.21756033 | 1.30646243 | 1.41343792 | 1.54172417 | 1.69181016 | 2.02637767 | 2.55201168 |
| 1.01079178 | 1.0390522 | 1.08674065 | 1.14674283 | 1.21803845 | 1.30784071 | 1.41356448 | 1.54218132 | 1.69520062 | 2.02946431 | 2.55719452 |
| 1.01130328 | 1.03963201 | 1.08680127 | 1.14688369 | 1.21956114 | 1.30823787 | 1.4145052 | 1.54879778 | 1.70272642 | 2.03088948 | 2.5788281 |
| 1.01180125 | 1.03985176 | 1.08757114 | 1.14867201 | 1.21969004 | 1.30968272 | 1.41499352 | 1.54958754 | 1.70459666 | 2.03910667 | 2.60266163 |
| 1.01230374 | 1.04118676 | 1.08766403 | 1.149369601 | 1.22328247 | 1.31035432 | 1.41559259 | 1.55126763 | 1.70566086 | 2.04200457 | 2.6154705 |
| 1.0128117 | 1.04260156 | 1.08823835 | 1.15062817 | 1.22515895 | 1.31406612 | 1.41560619 | 1.55162976 | 1.70947215 | 2.04707772 | 2.61773208 |
| 1.01363923 | 1.04329367 | 1.08854934 | 1.15149194 | 1.22828965 | 1.31503999 | 1.41932495 | 1.55513715 | 1.71258251 | 2.04773971 | 2.62312042 |
| 1.01369194 | 1.04474154 | 1.08858881 | 1.15152845 | 1.22847388 | 1.31538846 | 1.42141979 | 1.56059316 | 1.71503288 | 2.0526173 | 2.62312042 |
| 1.01397064 | 1.04717769 | 1.09305972 | 1.15456498 | 1.22985604 | 1.31580703 | 1.42534238 | 1.56238799 | 1.7208923 | 2.05411441 | 2.62496216 |
| 1.01418393 | 1.04767237 | 1.09336596 | 1.1547424 | 1.23274516 | 1.31629631 | 1.42534238 | 1.56423111 | 1.72139249 | 2.06225669 | 2.62789021 |
| 1.01418422 | 1.04798252 | 1.09478381 | 1.15488242 | 1.23444275 | 1.3164519 | 1.42653636 | 1.56493294 | 1.73265145 | 2.06225669 | 2.71176186 |
| 1.0142307 | 1.04798252 | 1.09490238 | 1.15764691 | 1.23464313 | 1.31662359 | 1.42938037 | 1.56493294 | 1.73701262 | 2.07135928 | 2.71192752 |
| 1.01436996 | 1.04821655 | 1.0949623 | 1.15795398 | 1.23488966 | 1.31697881 | 1.43468718 | 1.56770803 | 1.73763411 | 2.08211781 | 2.71192752 |
| 1.01472491 | 1.04827511 | 1.09824179 | 1.15838727 | 1.23488966 | 1.3175793 | 1.43762503 | 1.56770803 | 1.7403136 | 2.08670488 | 2.74659329 |
| 1.01475479 | 1.04937464 | 1.10023955 | 1.15990879 | 1.23534148 | 1.31883771 | 1.44073113 | 1.56796565 | 1.74281811 | 2.09023365 | 2.75632399 |
| 1.01521297 | 1.0496056 | 1.10275061 | 1.16123705 | 1.23549174 | 1.32162518 | 1.44777602 | 1.5705128 | 1.7448668 | 2.09617137 | 2.75724707 |
| 1.01561757 | 1.05041571 | 1.10323692 | 1.16281196 | 1.23741275 | 1.32162518 | 1.44993278 | 1.57273894 | 1.74487078 | 2.10296598 | 2.75724707 |
| 1.01572773 | 1.05160549 | 1.10342047 | 1.16307987 | 1.23762428 | 1.32338422 | 1.45233442 | 1.57343054 | 1.75134427 | 2.11449586 | 2.7777314 |
| 1.01594323 | 1.05209647 | 1.10381802 | 1.16433462 | 1.23934286 | 1.32574698 | 1.45329831 | 1.57343054 | 1.75134427 | 2.1180679 | 2.77923851 |
| 1.01595977 | 1.05310872 | 1.10481345 | 1.16433462 | 1.24025964 | 1.32660051 | 1.45636399 | 1.57579043 | 1.76155536 | 2.1180679 | 2.804757 |
| 1.01634775 | 1.05318029 | 1.10487816 | 1.16441021 | 1.24039694 | 1.32667052 | 1.4580404 | 1.57608133 | 1.7666112 | 2.12463467 | 2.83236941 |
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| 1.01782848 | 1.05696884 | 1.10823694 | 1.16724039 | 1.24520868 | 1.33370888 | 1.46576365 | 1.58225048 | 1.79987655 | 2.15858978 | 2.89593804 |
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| 1.0201208 | 1.05879876 | 1.11392806 | 1.16901001 | 1.25375392 | 1.33675755 | 1.4729945 | 1.59594707 | 1.81423656 | 2.18057777 | 2.96744718 |
| 1.02128722 | 1.05936357 | 1.11482597 | 1.16936333 | 1.25390664 | 1.33675755 | 1.47485606 | 1.59594707 | 1.81827485 | 2.18057777 | 2.96744718 |
| 1.02144772 | 1.05968641 | 1.11704708 | 1.16992819 | 1.25428056 | 1.33814598 | 1.47538217 | 1.59862179 | 1.82175154 | 2.192787 | 2.98603833 |
| 1.02156354 | 1.06023202 | 1.11735773 | 1.17141468 | 1.25549021 | 1.34053722 | 1.47538217 | 1.59862179 | 1.82669387 | 2.20391878 | 2.98603833 |
| 1.02169862 | 1.06053153 | 1.11833969 | 1.17146849 | 1.25549021 | 1.34405008 | 1.48532263 | 1.61485299 | 1.83728339 | 2.20555574 | 2.9890829 |
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| 1.02948216 | 1.06834607 | 1.13183615 | 1.1828219 | 1.28361721 | 1.37601299 | 1.50366421 | 1.64358301 | 1.89974612 | 2.31450508 | 3.51315742 |
| 1.02976808 | 1.06914253 | 1.13510054 | 1.18550846 | 1.28398178 | 1.3771405 | 1.50688766 | 1.64539954 | 1.9079099 | 2.31450508 | 3.58941143 |
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| 3.88389098 | 4.09792011 | 4.62399619 | 4.84187918 | 5.62363843 | 5.98262363 | 6.80916747 | 10.0841813 | 11.7285863 | 17.9146046 | 25.7542282 |
| 3.95378328 | 4.2940296 | 4.69353784 | 4.84187918 | 5.66722959 | 6.22850163 | 7.57740065 | 11.1753591 | 11.7285863 | 18.2754321 | 39.7694848 |
| 4.07278761 | 4.31843372 | 4.82882133 | 4.8574514 | 5.77812583 | 6.36112093 | 8.62456201 | 11.1753591 | 14.1780679 | 18.2754321 | 39.7694848 |

Table 4.3: Condition numbers for eigenvalues, from top to bottom and from left to right.

In Figure 4.3, we show some of the computational results for all the meshes we also plot. The results are based on the mesh $N = 12672$ and corresponding exact values. The results





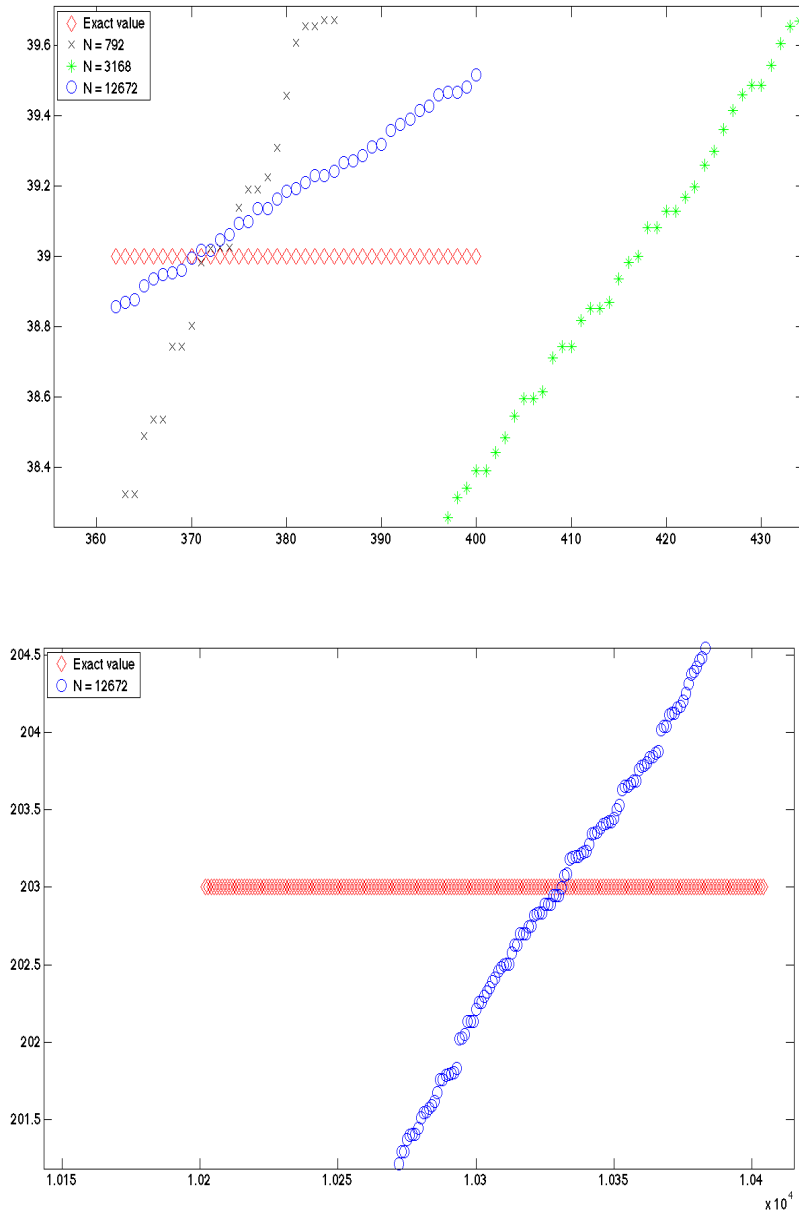


Figure 4.3: Eigenvalues for nanosphere in free space; comparison of results of exact values and computational values on three meshes. The exact values are $\lambda = 3, 5, 7, 21, 39, 203$. We see that the results on the mesh with $N = 12672$ are more accurate than the others.

In this thesis we seek the values of ω , writing equation (2.34) in terms of ω

$$\omega = \omega_p \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\right)}, \quad (4.2)$$

where ω_p as defined previously, is a given constant called the plasma frequency for the material, for gold and silver given in the Appendix A. λ is the eigenvalue discussed above, we notice from the equation (4.2) that for small eigenvalues, for which accurate computational results were presented, the error of the frequency ω is much smaller. Moreover, for high eigenvalues where the error increases, the resulting frequency yields an insignificant error.

4.2 Eigenvectors for Nanosphere Particle in Free Space

In this section we show the surface charge densities plotted on the same discretized sphere we used to compute eigenvalues on. From equation (3.5), the surface charge densities are the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalues we presented in the previous section. We have used the eigenvectors on the mesh with $N = 12672$ and compared them with the associated Legendre polynomials in Table 4.4. The color coding is chosen so that the extreme red shows regions on the sphere with the largest positive components of the eigenvector σ and the extreme blue shows regions with the largest negative elements of that vector. Physically, those colors correspond to the regions with an excess density of electrons and the regions depleted of electrons, similar to those in Figure 1.1. In Figure 4.4 we show the surface charge densities σ_1 , σ_2 , and σ_3 corresponding to the eigenvalues $\lambda = 3$ compared with the associated Legendre polynomials P_1^0 and P_1^1 . We see that the computed eigenvectors are quite similar to the associated Legendre polynomials, apart from different orientations. We recall that the Mie theory implies that the three eigenvectors with $l = 1$ are degenerate with respect to arbitrarily chosen axes of symmetry. Here we see that the computed eigenvectors are no longer degenerate because of slight differences in their corresponding computed eigenvalues, and that removal of degeneracy is reflected in different orientations of the axes in the first three spheres in Figure 4.4.

The surface charge densities σ_4 , σ_5 , σ_6 , σ_7 , and σ_8 corresponding to the eigenvalues $\lambda = 5$ are presented in Figure 4.5 and compared with the associated Legendre polynomials P_2^0 and P_2^1 and P_2^2 .

| | |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| $l = 0$ | $P_0^0 = 1$ |
| $l = 1$ | $P_1^0 = \cos(\theta)$ |
| | $P_1^1 = \sin(\theta)$ |
| $l = 2$ | $P_2^0 = \frac{1}{2}(3 \cos^2(\theta) - 1)$ |
| | $P_2^1 = 3 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)$ |
| | $P_2^2 = 3 \sin^2(\theta)$ |

Table 4.4: Associated Legendre polynomials P_l^m

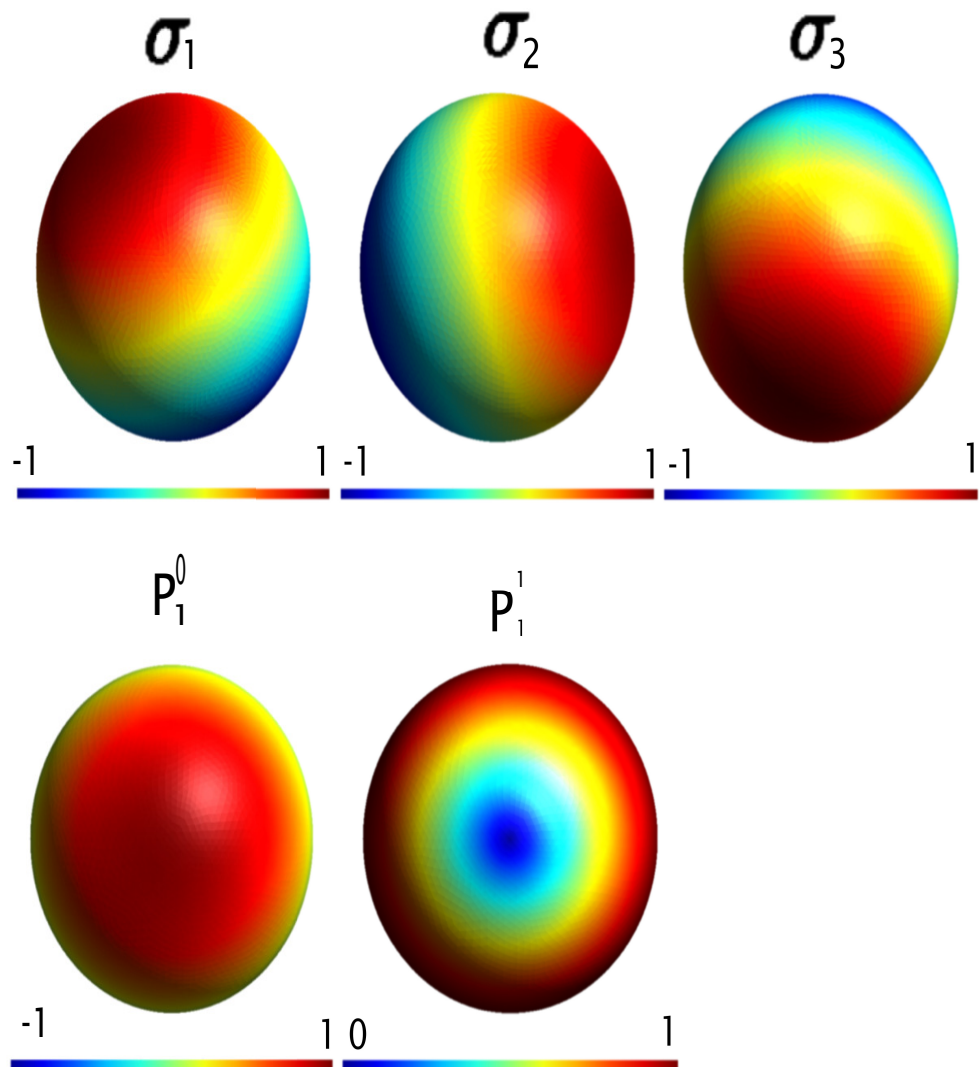


Figure 4.4: Starting from the upper left the first three figures represent the surface charge densities σ_1 , σ_2 , and σ_3 , respectively, that correspond to the eigenvectors of the eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 3$, $\lambda_2 = 3$, and $\lambda_3 = 3$. Next, the last two figures represent the associated Legendre polynomials P_1^0 and P_1^1 .

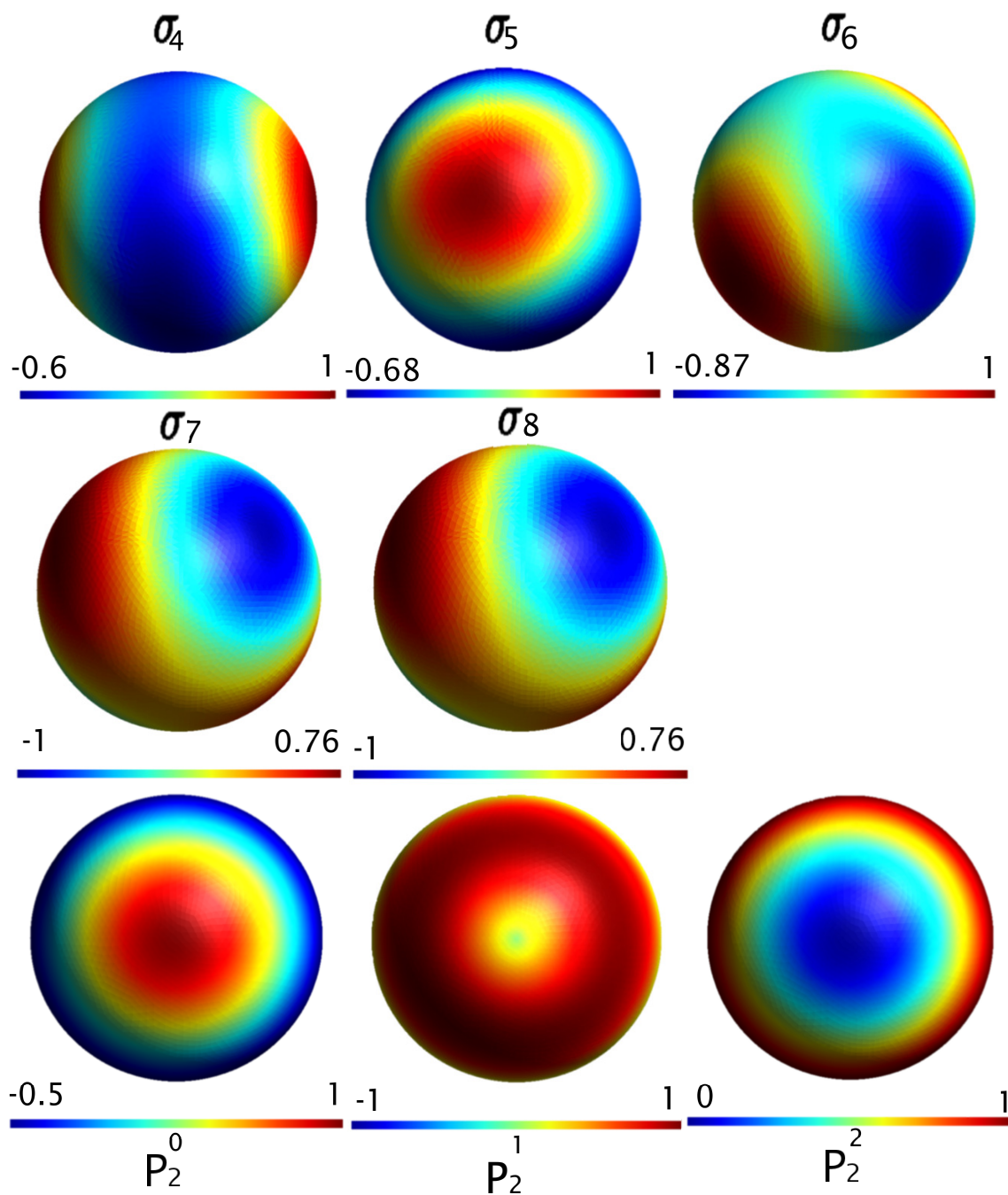


Figure 4.5: Starting from the upper left the first five figures represent the surface charge densities σ_4 , σ_5 , σ_6 , σ_7 , and σ_8 , respectively which correspond to the eigenvectors of the eigenvalues λ_4 to λ_8 . Next, the last three figures represent the associated Legendre polynomials P_2^0 and P_2^1 and P_2^2 .

4.3 Nanosphere Particle Located on a Dielectric Substrate Computed Eigenvalues

In this section we present the results for the eigenvalue problem described in detail in Section 3.4. To do so, we need to know the value of ϵ in equation (3.29). We consider the

nanospherical particle on silicon dioxide substrates (SiO_2) which is of high technological interest; for more detail see [34]. For this case, $\epsilon = 3.9$, which is the relative permittivity for SiO_2 . We choose the distance from the center of the sphere to the substrate to be equal to its radius, so that the sphere "sits" on the substrate. A sample of the results of numerical computations are presented in Table 4.5. Again, we have used a unit sphere discretized into the meshes used in Section 4.1. We used the approach B to create the first part of equation (3.29), which we have approximated the singularity comes from that part of the diagonal elements by replacing them with outcome of summing each row value and subtract them from 2π . In Figure 4.6, we show the eigenvalues chart for nanoparticles on SiO_2 , which shows the results of three computational values of three meshes. The results of $N = 792$ are the base of the comparison.

| Number | N = 792 | N = 3168 | N = 12672 |
|--------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | 0.449 | 0.114 | 0.028 |
| 2 | 0.462 | 0.114 | 0.028 |
| 3 | 0.469 | 0.115 | 0.028 |
| 4 | 0.477 | 0.116 | 0.029 |
| 5 | 0.482 | 0.117 | 0.029 |
| 6 | 0.489 | 0.119 | 0.029 |
| 7 | 0.507 | 0.123 | 0.03 |
| 8 | 0.547 | 0.133 | 0.033 |
| 9 | 1.023 | 0.801 | 0.2 |
| 10 | 2.043 | 0.812 | 0.201 |
| 11 | 2.182 | 0.827 | 0.205 |
| 12 | 2.201 | 0.844 | 0.211 |
| 13 | 2.678 | 0.852 | 0.211 |
| 14 | 2.735 | 0.871 | 0.216 |
| 15 | 2.759 | 0.913 | 0.228 |
| 16 | 2.879 | 0.994 | 0.251 |
| 17 | 2.993 | 1.033 | 0.419 |
| 18 | 3.072 | 1.591 | 0.433 |
| 19 | 3.241 | 1.652 | 0.436 |
| 20 | 3.432 | 1.685 | 0.447 |
| 21 | 3.829 | 1.748 | 0.46 |
| 22 | 3.913 | 1.886 | 0.464 |
| 23 | 4.217 | 1.902 | 0.484 |
| 24 | 4.259 | 1.952 | 0.519 |
| 25 | 4.439 | 1.993 | 0.546 |
| 26 | 4.881 | 1.999 | 0.562 |
| 27 | 5.038 | 2.148 | 0.567 |
| 28 | 5.136 | 2.178 | 0.579 |
| 29 | 5.231 | 2.287 | 0.58 |
| 30 | 5.381 | 2.333 | 0.596 |
| 31 | 5.569 | 2.339 | 0.617 |
| 32 | 5.788 | 2.435 | 0.639 |
| 33 | 5.912 | 2.492 | 1.002 |
| 34 | 6.286 | 2.55 | 1.359 |
| 35 | 6.434 | 2.665 | 1.39 |
| 36 | 6.59 | 2.773 | 1.422 |
| 37 | 6.774 | 3.008 | 1.435 |
| 38 | 6.822 | 3.028 | 1.447 |
| 39 | 6.962 | 3.25 | 1.515 |
| 40 | 7.275 | 3.301 | 1.56 |

Table 4.5: Eigenvalues for a single nanosphere on SiO_2 .

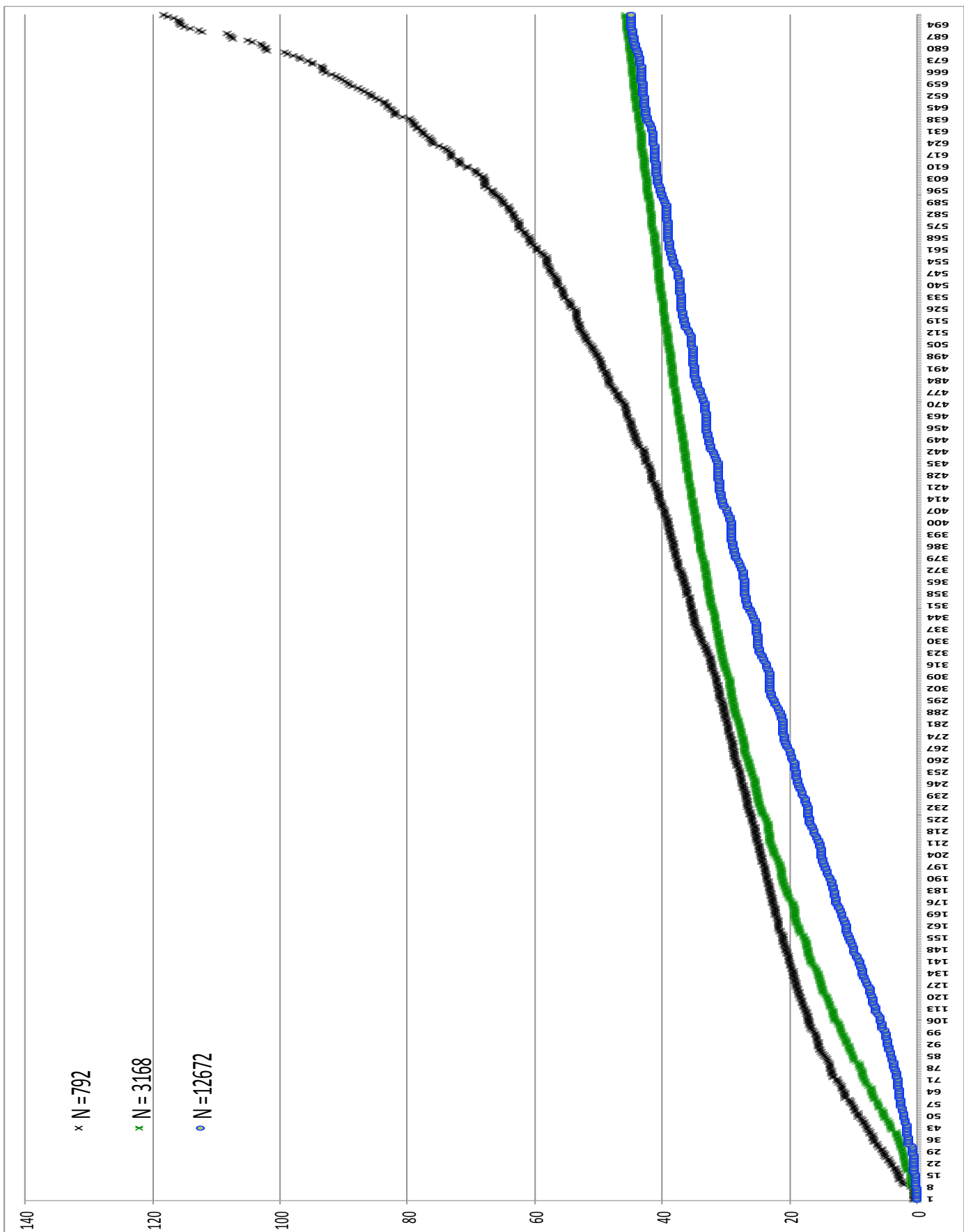
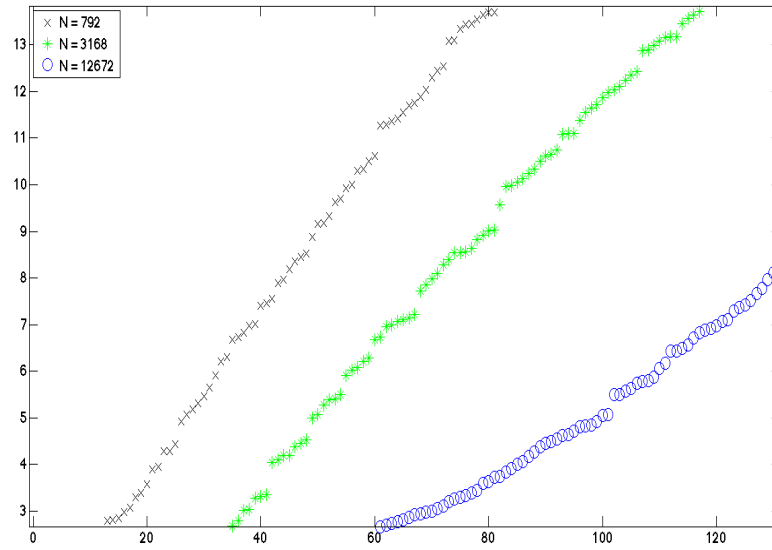
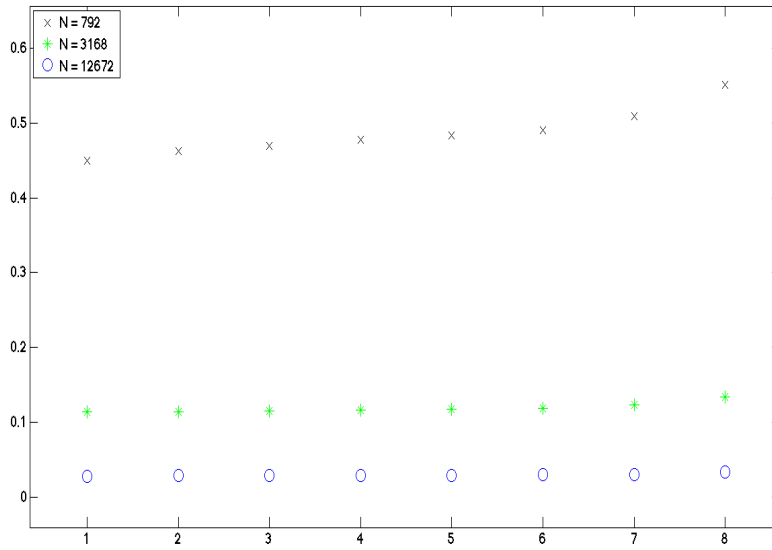
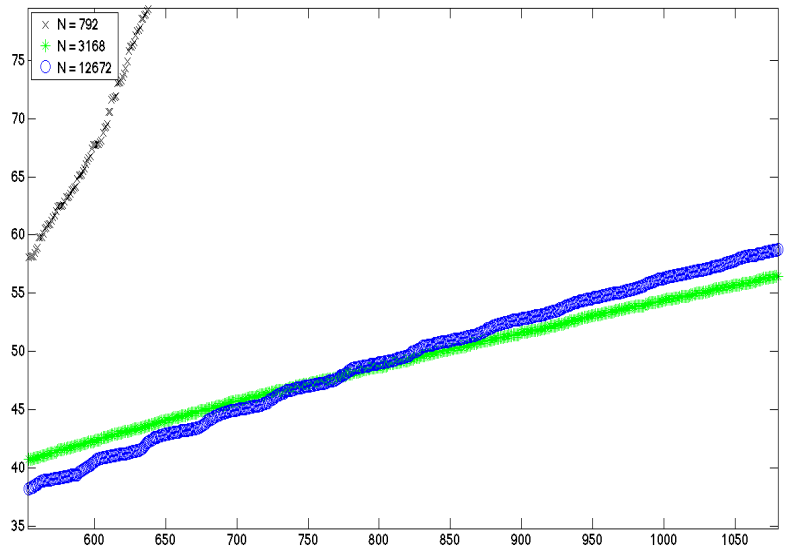
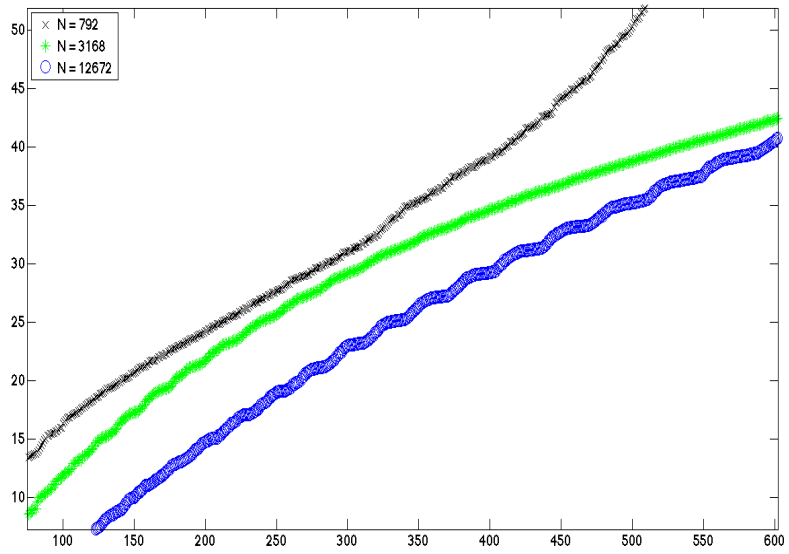


Figure 4.6: Eigenvalues chart for nanoparticle on a SiO_2 , which shows the results of three computational values of three meshes.





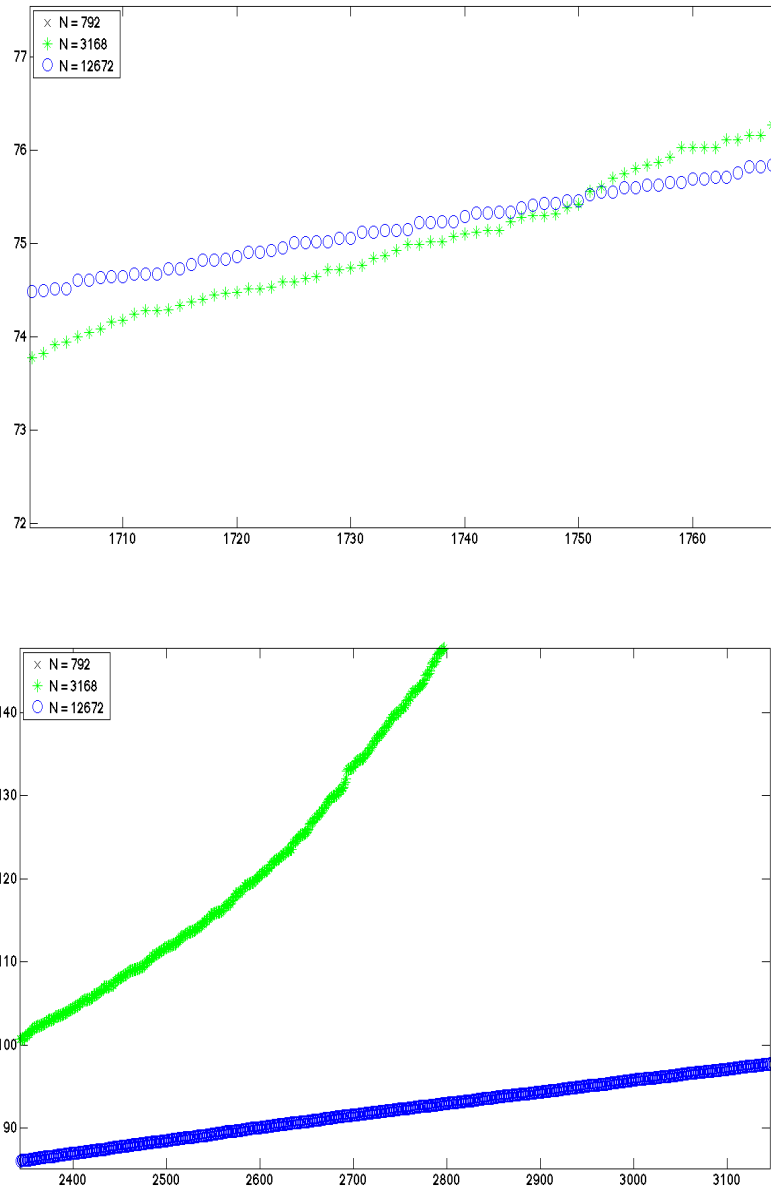


Figure 4.7: Eigenvalues for nanoparticle on a SiO_2 substrate. It shows that the results for $N = 12672$ are more accurate than the others even with higher eigenvalues.

Figure 4.7 shows the results for three meshes and explains how accurate the results are with $N = 12672$. We notice that the results with $N = 3168$ are still near the results with $N = 12672$ when the eigenvalues are small. However, with higher eigenvalues we notice the divergence between the meshes. The figure shows the results with $N = 792$ far from the other results. It shows how accurate the results with $N = 12672$ for higher eigenvalues.

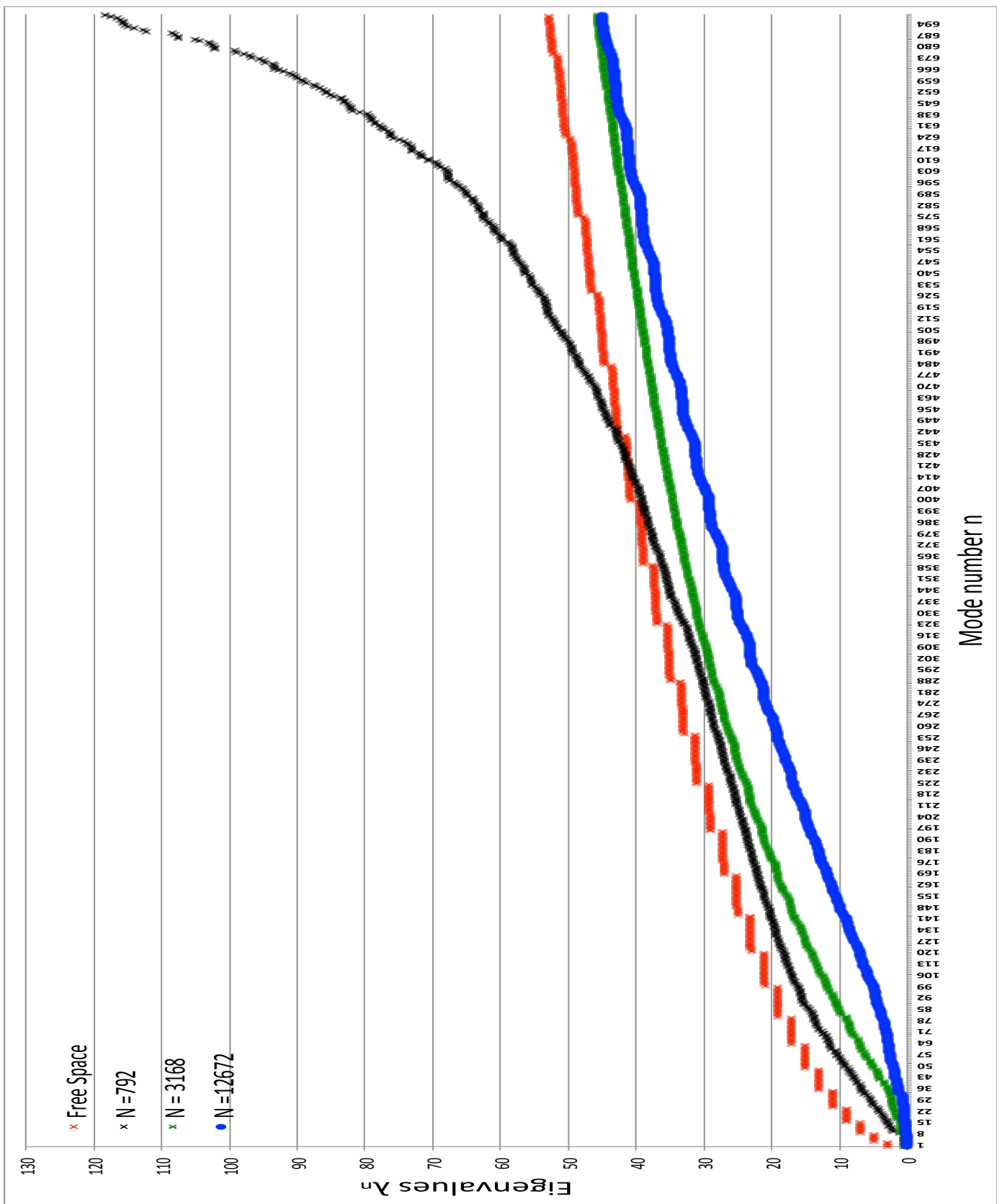


Figure 4.8: Eigenvalues chart for nanoparticle on a SiO_2 , which shows the results of three computational values of three meshes. The results with $N = 12672$ compared with the results with the same number of elements from the free space case.

Figure 4.8, we compare the computational results for $N = 12672$ from Figure 4.2 with the corresponding case in Figure 4.6, we see a considerable reduction of the eigenvalues λ for a sphere on a substrate in comparison to a free space case. Referring to equation (4.2), this means that the resonant frequencies for electron oscillations on the sphere will be reduced by the presence of a substrate, which partially screens the Coulomb interactions that drive those oscillations.

4.4 Limitation of the Approximation

The computations have been performed on a laptop with a 2.3 GHz Intel Core i7 processor and 8 GB of RAM running OSX. The matrix storage for the computation of a nanosphere in free space, the matrix storage for the computation of a nanosphere on half-space, and the memory limitation of a storage for both are described in Table 4.6. We notice from the previous two sections that the accuracy of eigenvalues depends on the size of the mesh, however, because of memory limitation, we were not able to generate larger meshes.

| Memory calculation | Nansphere in free space | Nanosphere on substrate | Mac OSX |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Memory storage | 2.78 GB | 4.79 GB | 8 GB |
| The maximum for N | 32162 | 16081 | 8 GB |

Table 4.6: Memory limitation

Chapter 5

Conclusion

In this work, we have given a brief historical overview of surface plasmons and localized surface plasmons (LSPR). We have listed some applications for LSPR and we have discussed some aspects of the optical properties of metallic nanoparticles. Using Maxwell's equations, we gave a theoretical description of plasmonics in metallic nanoparticles. After that, we have introduced the BEM historically and we have discussed two popular methods to derive the BIEs. We have discussed a BEM for calculating resonance frequencies of nanoparticles of arbitrary shapes.

We have presented an adaptable simulation tool for numerical solution of the considered systems. An effective BEM for the calculation of resonance frequency is demonstrated through comprehensive computational results for the nanospherical particle that are compared with exact solutions (Mie theory) for spheres. We have shown difference meshes sizes and compared the results with the exact solution. This done for particle on a free space and half space. However, the half space is not compared to the exact solution. We have shown the surface charge densities on the computed sphere addressed compared with the Associated Legendre polynomials.

Our implementation is effective, as it is able to quickly compute numerical solutions. However, we showed the limitation of the approximation and described that to have a better approximation we need more memory to save the huge matrix of the problem concerned. As discussed, the results of small meshes as $N = 792$ are not accurate enough as it diverges from the exact values even for small eigenvalues. The results of a four-time larger mesh are significantly improve the smaller one for small eigenvalues but still diverges for the large eigenvalues. The mesh of $N = 12672$ is noticeably accurate the others for all eigenvalues up to the limit of the mesh.

In future, there are numerous improvements that can be done. For instance, we could apply high order BEM to the same problem we discussed here. In terms of optical point of view it would be exciting to investigate different shapes of nanoparticles such as ellipsoid and two spheres. For the half space it would be interesting to implement our method on other substrates such as metal.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A

Utilities

In this chapter we demonstrate some mathematical background that has been used throughout this thesis.

A.1 Drude Dielectric Function in Metal

Paul Drude proposed important models to describe the reaction between a metallic particle and an electromagnetic field. For more details and historical development of the model see [15]. From the quasi-static approximation which has been discussed formally and by taking the Fourier transform with respect to time only, one can rewrite the Maxwell's equations as follows:

$$\nabla \cdot \tilde{\vec{D}}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \tilde{\rho}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$\tilde{\vec{E}}(\vec{r}, \omega) = -\nabla \tilde{\Phi}. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

The constitutive relation is

$$\tilde{\vec{D}}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \epsilon(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot \tilde{\vec{E}}(\vec{r}, \omega), \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where the dielectric constant is $\epsilon(\vec{r}, \omega) = \epsilon_0 \cdot \epsilon_r(\vec{r}, \omega)$, ϵ_0 is the dielectric permittivity of vacuum and ϵ_r is the relative dielectric constant which can be written as

$$\epsilon_r(\vec{r}, \omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \vec{r} \notin V, \\ \epsilon_D(\omega) & \vec{r} \in V. \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

ϵ_D is Drude dielectric function in metal. This equation (A.3) can be written as

$$\tilde{\vec{D}}(\omega) = \epsilon_0 \tilde{\vec{E}}(\omega) + \tilde{\vec{P}}(\omega). \quad (\text{A.5})$$

In the time domain $\vec{P}(t)$, which is the density of dipole moments, may be defined as

$$\vec{P}(t) = ne\vec{\chi}(t), \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where n is the density of mobile quasi-free electrons, $e\vec{\chi}(t)$ is the dipole moment per electron and e is the electron charge.

Now from Newton's law of motion of a damped oscillator the differential equation for the position of electrons that are moving between heavier, relatively immobile background ions is given by

$$m \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\chi}}{\partial t^2} + \gamma \frac{\partial \vec{\chi}}{\partial t} = e \vec{E}, \quad (\text{A.7})$$

where m is electron mass and γ describes a phenomenological damping term. Using the Fourier transform with respect to time only and knowing $\vec{E}(t) = \tilde{\vec{E}} e^{-i\omega t}$, one can rewrite Eq. (A.7) as

$$(-m\omega^2 - i\gamma\omega) \tilde{\chi}(\omega) = e \tilde{\vec{E}}(\omega), \quad (\text{A.8})$$

which yields

$$\tilde{\chi}(\omega) = -\frac{e}{m} \frac{\tilde{\vec{E}}(\omega)}{\omega^2 + i\frac{\omega}{\tau}}, \quad (\text{A.9})$$

where $\tau = \frac{m}{\gamma}$ is the relaxation time of the quasi-free electron. Substituting (A.9) in (A.6) but in the frequency domain we get

$$\tilde{\vec{P}}(\omega) = ne \tilde{\chi}(\omega) = -\frac{ne^2}{m} \frac{\tilde{\vec{E}}(\omega)}{\omega^2 + i\frac{\omega}{\tau}}. \quad (\text{A.10})$$

From equation (A.5) and by using (A.10):

$$\tilde{\vec{D}}(\omega) = \epsilon_0 \left(1 - \frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \frac{1}{\omega^2 + i\frac{\omega}{\tau}} \right) \tilde{\vec{E}}(\omega). \quad (\text{A.11})$$

For a loss-less system, $\tau \rightarrow \infty$, and we can write the dielectric function of Drude as

$$\epsilon_D(\omega) = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}, \quad (\text{A.12})$$

where $\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m}}$ is the plasma frequency of the material containing quasi-free electrons. For instance, the plasma frequency written as

$$\omega_p = 2\pi\nu_p, \quad (\text{A.13})$$

Knowing that for gold $\nu_p = 2.183 \times 10^{15} s^{-1}$ and $\nu_p = 2.18 \times 10^{15} s^{-1}$ for silver, ν_p have been adopted from [35].

A.2 Laplace equation in spherical coordinates

We want to find the general solution for the Laplace equation

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad (\text{A.14})$$

for the potential $\Phi(\mathbf{r})$. In spherical coordinates $\mathbf{r} = (r, \theta, \phi)$, where $0 \leq r < \infty$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ and $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$ the Laplacian operator can be written as

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right].$$

Using the method of separation of variables and assuming $\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = R(r) Y(\theta, \phi)$ gives the so-called radial equation as

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) = \lambda \quad (\text{A.15})$$

and

$$\frac{1}{Y} \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial \phi^2} \right] = -\lambda, \quad (\text{A.16})$$

where λ is the first separation constant. The latter equation can be simplified under the assumption that Y has the form $Y(\theta, \phi) = \Theta(\theta) P(\phi)$, giving two equations,

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{d\Theta}{d\theta} \right) + \lambda \sin^2 \theta = m^2 \quad (\text{A.17})$$

and

$$\frac{1}{P} \frac{d^2 P}{d\phi^2} = -m^2, \quad (\text{A.18})$$

where m is the second separation variable.

By imposing the periodic boundary condition on the solution of the last equation, $P(\phi) = P(\phi + 2\pi)$, we express its solutions in complex form as $P_m(\phi) = A e^{im\phi}$, where $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$. The solutions of the differential equation for function $\Theta(\theta)$ can be shown to be convergent on the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ only if $\lambda = l(l+1)$, where $l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$, whereas m is subject to the constraint

$$-l \leq m \leq l.$$

This solution can be expressed in terms of the so-called Associated Legendre polynomials as $\Theta_{ml}(\theta) = B P_l^m(x)$ where $x \equiv \cos(\theta) \in [-1, 1]$. We can write the solution of (A.17) and (A.18) into so-called spherical harmonics $Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$, which are written with the normalization constant as

$$Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = \Theta_{ml}(\theta) P_m(\phi) = (-1)^{\frac{m+|m|}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}. \quad (\text{A.19})$$

Since the factor $e^{im\phi}$ in the above function only expresses the axial symmetry of our problem, nontrivial dependence on angle θ is given through Associated Legendre polynomials, with several examples given in Table 4.4.

We note that the radial equation now becomes

$$r^2 \frac{d^2 R}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{dR}{dr} - l(l+1)R = 0,$$

which can be solved with the assumption $R(r) = r^p$ giving a quadratic equation for the parameter p of the form $p^2 + p - l(l + 1) = 0$ with the solutions $p = -l - 1$ and $p = l$. Hence, the general solution of the radial part can be written as $R(r) = Cr^{-l-1} + Dr^l$, where $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Here, the constants C and D may be selected to prevent the divergence of the radial solution as $r \rightarrow 0$ or $r \rightarrow \infty$, depending on the context.

Finally, we can write the general solution for (A.14) in spherical coordinates in terms of spherical harmonics as

$$\Phi(r, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l [C_{lm}r^{-l-1} + D_{lm}r^l] Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi). \quad (\text{A.20})$$

Appendix B

MATLAB Codes Used for Computation

We exhibit here some MATLAB's codes that have been used in the calculations throughout this thesis.

B.1 MATLAB Code for Constructing the Matrix for Free-space

The following code is for constructing the matrix. The inputs with the vertices received from GMSH file generate an output, which is a huge matrix of dimension $N \times N$ because in this code N represent the number of triangles.

```
% This function for constructing the matrix
function [ new_f ] = compute_new_f_last(tri)
number_of_triangles = length(tri);
new_f = zeros(number_of_triangles, number_of_triangles);
areas = area_value32(tri);

for k = 1:number_of_triangles

    x1 = tri(k,2);
    y1 = tri(k,3);
    z1 = tri(k,4);

    x2 = tri(k,5);
    y2 = tri(k,6);
    z2 = tri(k,7);

    x3 = tri(k,8);
    y3 = tri(k,9);
    z3 = tri(k,10);
```

```

r_1 = [(x1+x2+x3)/3;
        (y1+y2+y3)/3;
        (z1+z2+z3)/3];

vec1 = [x1-x2;
        y1-y2;
        z1-z2];

vec2 = [x1-x3;
        y1-y3;
        z1-z3];

cross_prod = cross(vec1,vec2);

n = cross_prod/norm(cross_prod,2);
%Since the radius is one I will consider the real normal
%is equal to the centroid
a = dot(n,r_1);
if a < 0

    n = -n;

end

for l = 1:number_of_triangles
    if (k ~= 1)
        x4 = tri(1,2);
        y4 = tri(1,3);
        z4 = tri(1,4);

        x5 = tri(1,5);
        y5 = tri(1,6);
        z5 = tri(1,7);

        x6 = tri(1,8);
        y6 = tri(1,9);
        z6 = tri(1,10);

        r_2 = [(x4+x5+x6)/3;
                (y4+y5+y6)/3;
                (z4+z5+z6)/3];

        c = r_1 - r_2;
    end
end

```

```

        new_f(k,1) = dot(n,(c/(norm(c))^3))*areas(1);

    else
        new_f(1,k) = 0;
    end
end
end

end

```

B.2 MATLAB Code for Constructing the Matrix for Half-space

The following code is for constructing the matrix. The inputs with the vertices received from GMSH file generate an output, which is a huge matrix of dimension $N \times N$ because in this code N represent the number of triangles.

```

function [ halfspace ] = compute_halfspace(tri )

display('half space Section - start')

number_of_triangles = length(tri);
halfspace = zeros(number_of_triangles, number_of_triangles);
areas = area_value32(tri);
tic;

for k = 1:number_of_triangles

    x1 = tri(k,2);
    y1 = tri(k,3);
    z1 = tri(k,4);

    x2 = tri(k,5);
    y2 = tri(k,6);
    z2 = tri(k,7);

    x3 = tri(k,8);
    y3 = tri(k,9);
    z3 = tri(k,10);

    r_1 = [(x1+x2+x3)/3;
           (y1+y2+y3)/3;
           (z1+z2+z3)/3];

```

```

vec1 = [x1-x2;
        y1-y2;
        z1-z2];

vec2 = [x1-x3;
        y1-y3;
        z1-z3];

cross_prod = cross(vec1,vec2);

n = cross_prod/norm(cross_prod,2);
%since the radius is one i will consider the real normal
%is equal to the centroid
a = dot(n,r_1);
if a < 0
    %display ('fixing normal')
    n = -n;
end

for l = 1:number_of_triangles

    x4 = tri(l,2);
    y4 = tri(l,3);
    z4 = tri(l,4);

    x5 = tri(l,5);
    y5 = tri(l,6);
    z5 = tri(l,7);

    x6 = tri(l,8);
    y6 = tri(l,9);
    z6 = tri(l,10);

    %here we fix the half space part

    d = 1;

    r_2 = [(x4+x5+x6)/3;
           (y4+y5+y6)/3;
           (-2*d)-((z4+z5+z6)/3)];

    c = r_1 - r_2;

```

```
halfspace(k,1) = (2.9/4.9)*dot(n,(c/(norm(c))^3))*areas(1);  
end  
  
end  
  
t_halfspace = toc  
display('half space Section - End')
```

Appendix C

Computational Results

In this chapter we present the full results for approach B for $N = 792$ and compare them with those of $N = 3268$ and $N = 12672$.

| N = 792 | | | N = 3168 | | | N=12672 | | | N = 792 | | | N = 3168 | | | N=12672 | | |
|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|-----|-----|-----------|-------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|---------|--|--|
| l | λ | Error | λ | Error | λ | Error | Mie | l | λ | Error | λ | Error | λ | Error | Mie | | |
| 1 | 3.029 | 0.029 | 3.007 | 0.007 | 3.002 | 0.002 | 3 | 67 | 16.81 | 0.188 | 17.16 | 0.156 | 17.05 | 0.053 | 17 | | |
| 2 | 3.03 | 0.03 | 3.007 | 0.007 | 3.002 | 0.002 | 3 | 68 | 16.87 | 0.134 | 17.17 | 0.174 | 17.06 | 0.058 | 17 | | |
| 3 | 3.03 | 0.03 | 3.008 | 0.008 | 3.002 | 0.002 | 3 | 69 | 16.9 | 0.101 | 17.2 | 0.196 | 17.06 | 0.065 | 17 | | |
| 4 | 5.089 | 0.089 | 5.023 | 0.023 | 5.006 | 0.006 | 5 | 70 | 17.06 | 0.064 | 17.21 | 0.215 | 17.07 | 0.07 | 17 | | |
| 5 | 5.094 | 0.094 | 5.024 | 0.024 | 5.006 | 0.006 | 5 | 71 | 17.06 | 0.064 | 17.22 | 0.224 | 17.07 | 0.072 | 17 | | |
| 6 | 5.094 | 0.094 | 5.024 | 0.024 | 5.006 | 0.006 | 5 | 72 | 17.17 | 0.174 | 17.23 | 0.235 | 17.07 | 0.073 | 17 | | |
| 7 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 5.026 | 0.026 | 5.006 | 0.006 | 5 | 73 | 17.24 | 0.241 | 17.25 | 0.252 | 17.08 | 0.078 | 17 | | |
| 8 | 5.103 | 0.103 | 5.026 | 0.026 | 5.007 | 0.007 | 5 | 74 | 17.27 | 0.266 | 17.28 | 0.277 | 17.08 | 0.084 | 17 | | |
| 9 | 7.166 | 0.166 | 7.044 | 0.044 | 7.011 | 0.011 | 7 | 75 | 17.38 | 0.385 | 17.29 | 0.288 | 17.09 | 0.085 | 17 | | |
| 10 | 7.176 | 0.176 | 7.046 | 0.046 | 7.012 | 0.012 | 7 | 76 | 17.41 | 0.414 | 17.29 | 0.288 | 17.09 | 0.088 | 17 | | |
| 11 | 7.187 | 0.187 | 7.049 | 0.049 | 7.013 | 0.013 | 7 | 77 | 17.52 | 0.52 | 17.31 | 0.307 | 17.09 | 0.091 | 17 | | |
| 12 | 7.187 | 0.187 | 7.049 | 0.049 | 7.013 | 0.013 | 7 | 78 | 17.65 | 0.654 | 17.34 | 0.345 | 17.1 | 0.1 | 17 | | |
| 13 | 7.195 | 0.195 | 7.052 | 0.052 | 7.013 | 0.013 | 7 | 79 | 17.69 | 0.686 | 17.36 | 0.36 | 17.1 | 0.103 | 17 | | |
| 14 | 7.205 | 0.205 | 7.054 | 0.054 | 7.014 | 0.014 | 7 | 80 | 17.69 | 0.686 | 17.36 | 0.36 | 17.11 | 0.106 | 17 | | |
| 15 | 7.211 | 0.211 | 7.056 | 0.056 | 7.014 | 0.014 | 7 | 81 | 18.03 | 0.969 | 19.06 | 0.055 | 19.04 | 0.042 | 19 | | |
| 16 | 9.234 | 0.234 | 9.067 | 0.067 | 9.017 | 0.017 | 9 | 82 | 18.12 | 0.877 | 19.08 | 0.081 | 19.04 | 0.043 | 19 | | |
| 17 | 9.259 | 0.259 | 9.073 | 0.073 | 9.019 | 0.019 | 9 | 83 | 18.22 | 0.779 | 19.11 | 0.107 | 19.05 | 0.053 | 19 | | |
| 18 | 9.267 | 0.267 | 9.077 | 0.077 | 9.02 | 0.02 | 9 | 84 | 18.29 | 0.706 | 19.16 | 0.163 | 19.07 | 0.067 | 19 | | |
| 19 | 9.285 | 0.285 | 9.08 | 0.08 | 9.021 | 0.021 | 9 | 85 | 18.42 | 0.583 | 19.18 | 0.179 | 19.07 | 0.067 | 19 | | |
| 20 | 9.285 | 0.285 | 9.08 | 0.08 | 9.021 | 0.021 | 9 | 86 | 18.42 | 0.583 | 19.19 | 0.192 | 19.07 | 0.07 | 19 | | |
| 21 | 9.301 | 0.301 | 9.081 | 0.081 | 9.021 | 0.021 | 9 | 87 | 18.53 | 0.472 | 19.21 | 0.21 | 19.08 | 0.076 | 19 | | |
| 22 | 9.301 | 0.301 | 9.089 | 0.089 | 9.023 | 0.023 | 9 | 88 | 18.69 | 0.312 | 19.25 | 0.254 | 19.09 | 0.087 | 19 | | |
| 23 | 9.346 | 0.346 | 9.095 | 0.095 | 9.025 | 0.025 | 9 | 89 | 18.74 | 0.264 | 19.25 | 0.254 | 19.09 | 0.089 | 19 | | |
| 24 | 9.375 | 0.375 | 9.105 | 0.105 | 9.027 | 0.027 | 9 | 90 | 18.79 | 0.205 | 19.28 | 0.279 | 19.09 | 0.093 | 19 | | |
| 25 | 11.23 | 0.231 | 11.09 | 0.086 | 11.02 | 0.024 | 11 | 91 | 18.9 | 0.103 | 19.29 | 0.286 | 19.1 | 0.097 | 19 | | |
| 26 | 11.29 | 0.289 | 11.1 | 0.1 | 11.03 | 0.027 | 11 | 92 | 19.02 | 0.017 | 19.31 | 0.312 | 19.1 | 0.101 | 19 | | |
| 27 | 11.31 | 0.31 | 11.1 | 0.1 | 11.03 | 0.027 | 11 | 93 | 19.02 | 0.017 | 19.33 | 0.328 | 19.1 | 0.104 | 19 | | |
| 28 | 11.31 | 0.31 | 11.11 | 0.106 | 11.03 | 0.029 | 11 | 94 | 19.12 | 0.119 | 19.35 | 0.347 | 19.11 | 0.11 | 19 | | |
| 29 | 11.34 | 0.342 | 11.11 | 0.109 | 11.03 | 0.03 | 11 | 95 | 19.12 | 0.119 | 19.35 | 0.347 | 19.11 | 0.11 | 19 | | |
| 30 | 11.39 | 0.391 | 11.12 | 0.12 | 11.03 | 0.032 | 11 | 96 | 19.29 | 0.29 | 19.37 | 0.374 | 19.12 | 0.116 | 19 | | |
| 31 | 11.41 | 0.412 | 11.12 | 0.123 | 11.03 | 0.033 | 11 | 97 | 19.37 | 0.366 | 19.38 | 0.384 | 19.12 | 0.122 | 19 | | |
| 32 | 11.44 | 0.438 | 11.13 | 0.132 | 11.04 | 0.035 | 11 | 98 | 19.41 | 0.413 | 19.44 | 0.439 | 19.13 | 0.132 | 19 | | |
| 33 | 11.49 | 0.494 | 11.14 | 0.143 | 11.04 | 0.038 | 11 | 99 | 19.44 | 0.44 | 19.48 | 0.476 | 19.14 | 0.144 | 19 | | |
| 34 | 11.49 | 0.494 | 11.15 | 0.148 | 11.04 | 0.039 | 11 | 100 | 19.59 | 1.409 | 20.91 | 0.093 | 21.02 | 0.02 | 21 | | |
| 35 | 11.57 | 0.566 | 11.16 | 0.165 | 11.04 | 0.043 | 11 | 101 | 19.59 | 1.409 | 21.07 | 0.067 | 21.06 | 0.057 | 21 | | |
| 36 | 13.19 | 0.192 | 13.1 | 0.097 | 13.03 | 0.028 | 13 | 102 | 19.8 | 1.203 | 21.09 | 0.093 | 21.06 | 0.063 | 21 | | |
| 37 | 13.24 | 0.235 | 13.11 | 0.114 | 13.03 | 0.033 | 13 | 103 | 19.85 | 1.15 | 21.14 | 0.143 | 21.07 | 0.072 | 21 | | |
| 38 | 13.29 | 0.291 | 13.13 | 0.126 | 13.04 | 0.036 | 13 | 104 | 19.95 | 1.052 | 21.14 | 0.143 | 21.07 | 0.072 | 21 | | |
| 39 | 13.29 | 0.291 | 13.13 | 0.131 | 13.04 | 0.038 | 13 | 105 | 20.1 | 0.901 | 21.18 | 0.181 | 21.08 | 0.083 | 21 | | |
| 40 | 13.38 | 0.375 | 13.15 | 0.148 | 13.04 | 0.042 | 13 | 106 | 20.12 | 0.883 | 21.19 | 0.193 | 21.09 | 0.086 | 21 | | |
| 41 | 13.4 | 0.403 | 13.16 | 0.156 | 13.04 | 0.043 | 13 | 107 | 20.2 | 0.798 | 21.22 | 0.216 | 21.09 | 0.09 | 21 | | |
| 42 | 13.45 | 0.452 | 13.16 | 0.159 | 13.04 | 0.045 | 13 | 108 | 20.22 | 0.779 | 21.23 | 0.232 | 21.09 | 0.09 | 21 | | |
| 43 | 13.5 | 0.5 | 13.18 | 0.183 | 13.05 | 0.051 | 13 | 109 | 20.22 | 0.779 | 21.25 | 0.252 | 21.1 | 0.099 | 21 | | |
| 44 | 13.5 | 0.5 | 13.18 | 0.183 | 13.05 | 0.051 | 13 | 110 | 20.31 | 0.688 | 21.28 | 0.276 | 21.1 | 0.103 | 21 | | |
| 45 | 13.55 | 0.554 | 13.19 | 0.192 | 13.05 | 0.052 | 13 | 111 | 20.5 | 0.502 | 21.32 | 0.32 | 21.12 | 0.115 | 21 | | |
| 46 | 13.59 | 0.59 | 13.2 | 0.201 | 13.05 | 0.054 | 13 | 112 | 20.57 | 0.427 | 21.34 | 0.335 | 21.12 | 0.122 | 21 | | |
| 47 | 13.62 | 0.624 | 13.2 | 0.201 | 13.06 | 0.056 | 13 | 113 | 20.67 | 0.327 | 21.34 | 0.342 | 21.12 | 0.122 | 21 | | |
| 48 | 13.65 | 0.654 | 13.21 | 0.215 | 13.06 | 0.059 | 13 | 114 | 20.67 | 0.327 | 21.37 | 0.371 | 21.13 | 0.129 | 21 | | |
| 49 | 14.97 | 0.026 | 15.09 | 0.087 | 15.03 | 0.029 | 15 | 115 | 20.74 | 0.263 | 21.4 | 0.398 | 21.13 | 0.133 | 21 | | |
| 50 | 15.07 | 0.071 | 15.14 | 0.136 | 15.04 | 0.043 | 15 | 116 | 20.88 | 0.117 | 21.44 | 0.435 | 21.14 | 0.141 | 21 | | |
| 51 | 15.13 | 0.132 | 15.14 | 0.14 | 15.04 | 0.043 | 15 | 117 | 20.88 | 0.117 | 21.47 | 0.473 | 21.15 | 0.151 | 21 | | |
| 52 | 15.22 | 0.221 | 15.17 | 0.166 | 15.05 | 0.05 | 15 | 118 | 21.04 | 0.038 | 21.47 | 0.473 | 21.16 | 0.158 | 21 | | |
| 53 | 15.24 | 0.244 | 15.17 | 0.171 | 15.05 | 0.05 | 15 | 119 | 21.04 | 0.038 | 21.53 | 0.527 | 21.17 | 0.166 | 21 | | |
| 54 | 15.26 | 0.257 | 15.19 | 0.191 | 15.06 | 0.055 | 15 | 120 | 21.14 | 0.137 | 21.53 | 0.534 | 21.17 | 0.169 | 21 | | |
| 55 | 15.3 | 0.305 | 15.19 | 0.191 | 15.06 | 0.058 | 15 | 121 | 21.22 | 1.785 | 22.88 | 0.121 | 23.03 | 0.029 | 23 | | |
| 56 | 15.4 | 0.395 | 15.2 | 0.198 | 15.06 | 0.06 | 15 | 122 | 21.22 | 1.785 | 22.96 | 0.041 | 23.04 | 0.043 | 23 | | |
| 57 | 15.41 | 0.411 | 15.22 | 0.218 | 15.06 | 0.063 | 15 | 123 | 21.34 | 1.657 | 23.06 | 0.058 | 23.06 | 0.062 | 23 | | |
| 58 | 15.46 | 0.457 | 15.23 | 0.226 | 15.07 | 0.066 | 15 | 124 | 21.36 | 1.641 | 23.06 | 0.058 | 23.07 | 0.07 | 23 | | |
| 59 | 15.52 | 0.524 | 15.23 | 0.235 | 15.07 | 0.066 | 15 | 125 | 21.53 | 1.469 | 23.07 | 0.07 | 23.07 | 0.075 | 23 | | |
| 60 | 15.56 | 0.564 | 15.25 | 0.251 | 15.07 | 0.072 | 15 | 126 | 21.53 | 1.469 | 23.11 | 0.108 | 23.08 | 0.076 | 23 | | |
| 61 | 15.64 | 0.643 | 15.25 | 0.251 | 15.07 | 0.072 | 15 | 127 | 21.6 | 1.4 | 23.12 | 0.125 | 23.09 | 0.085 | 23 | | |
| 62 | 15.71 | 0.707 | 15.27 | 0.267 | 15.08 | 0.075 | 15 | 128 | 21.7 | 1.295 | 23.15 | 0.149 | 23.09 | 0.091 | 23 | | |
| 63 | 15.77 | 0.775 | 15.3 | 0.304 | 15.08 | 0.084 | 15 | 129 | 21.82 | 1.183 | 23.16 | 0.164 | 23.09 | 0.093 | 23 | | |
| 64 | 16.57 | 0.427 | 17.1 | 0.101 | 17.04 | 0.042 | 17 | 130 | 21.93 | 1.072 | 23.2 | 0.203 | 23.11 | 0.108 | 23 | | |
| 65 | 16.66 | 0.338 | 17.12 | 0.124 | 17.05 | 0.047 | 17 | 131 | 21.93 | 1.072 | 23.27 | 0.271 | 23.12 | 0.121 | 23 | | |
| 66 | 16.71 | 0.295 | 17.15 | 0.148 | 17.05 | 0.051 | 17 | 132 | 21.98 | 1.022 | 23.3 | 0.297 | 23.12 | 0.125 | 23 | | |

Table C.1: Computational Results for N=792, 3168 and 12672

| N = 792 | | | N = 3168 | | N=12672 | | | N = 792 | | | N = 3168 | | N=12672 | | |
|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----|
| l | λ | Error | λ | Error | λ | Error | Mie | l | λ | Error | λ | Error | λ | Error | Mie |
| 133 | 21.98 | 1.022 | 23.31 | 0.308 | 23.13 | 0.128 | 23 | 199 | 26.59 | 2.414 | 28.7 | 0.304 | 29.06 | 0.059 | 29 |
| 134 | 22.13 | 0.867 | 23.36 | 0.363 | 23.14 | 0.144 | 23 | 200 | 26.65 | 2.354 | 28.72 | 0.28 | 29.08 | 0.08 | 29 |
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| 271 | 31.15 | 1.851 | 32.67 | 0.326 | 33.16 | 0.163 | 33 | 337 | 36.5 | 0.5 | 35.9 | 1.104 | 37.1 | 0.101 | 37 |
| 272 | 31.15 | 1.851 | 32.76 | 0.243 | 33.18 | 0.18 | 33 | 338 | 36.69 | 0.307 | 35.9 | 1.104 | 37.15 | 0.147 | 37 |
| 273 | 31.18 | 1.819 | 32.81 | 0.187 | 33.2 | 0.201 | 33 | 339 | 36.77 | 0.233 | 36 | 1.003 | 37.15 | 0.147 | 37 |
| 274 | 31.36 | 1.639 | 32.84 | 0.164 | 33.21 | 0.21 | 33 | 340 | 36.83 | 0.165 | 36.01 | 0.992 | 37.17 | 0.166 | 37 |
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| 397 | 41.13 | 2.132 | 38.31 | 0.685 | 39.47 | 0.467 | 39 | 463 | 48.3 | 5.297 | 40.77 | 2.234 | 43.2 | 0.195 | 43 |
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| 399 | 41.17 | 2.168 | 38.39 | 0.609 | 39.52 | 0.517 | 39 | 465 | 48.41 | 5.41 | 40.78 | 2.219 | 43.22 | 0.217 | 43 |
| 400 | 41.42 | 0.423 | 38.39 | 2.609 | 40.74 | 0.262 | 41 | 466 | 48.41 | 5.41 | 40.79 | 2.206 | 43.23 | 0.231 | 43 |
| 401 | 41.57 | 0.57 | 38.44 | 2.557 | 40.8 | 0.2 | 41 | 467 | 48.55 | 5.548 | 40.79 | 2.206 | 43.25 | 0.246 | 43 |
| 402 | 41.61 | 0.607 | 38.48 | 2.516 | 40.85 | 0.146 | 41 | 468 | 48.57 | 5.567 | 40.92 | 2.085 | 43.25 | 0.246 | 43 |
| 403 | 41.61 | 0.607 | 38.55 | 2.452 | 40.87 | 0.127 | 41 | 469 | 48.79 | 5.789 | 40.92 | 2.085 | 43.27 | 0.266 | 43 |
| 404 | 41.68 | 0.684 | 38.6 | 2.405 | 40.89 | 0.11 | 41 | 470 | 48.79 | 5.789 | 40.97 | 2.031 | 43.33 | 0.329 | 43 |
| 405 | 41.76 | 0.759 | 38.6 | 2.405 | 40.91 | 0.091 | 41 | 471 | 48.9 | 5.898 | 40.98 | 2.024 | 43.33 | 0.329 | 43 |
| 406 | 41.9 | 0.898 | 38.62 | 2.384 | 40.91 | 0.091 | 41 | 472 | 49.3 | 6.301 | 40.98 | 2.024 | 43.35 | 0.355 | 43 |
| 407 | 41.9 | 0.898 | 38.71 | 2.287 | 40.95 | 0.048 | 41 | 473 | 49.39 | 6.391 | 41.06 | 1.938 | 43.39 | 0.386 | 43 |
| 408 | 41.92 | 0.919 | 38.74 | 2.256 | 40.95 | 0.048 | 41 | 474 | 49.5 | 6.499 | 41.06 | 1.938 | 43.4 | 0.4 | 43 |
| 409 | 41.98 | 0.983 | 38.74 | 2.256 | 40.96 | 0.038 | 41 | 475 | 49.53 | 6.529 | 41.14 | 1.862 | 43.42 | 0.419 | 43 |
| 410 | 42.08 | 1.084 | 38.82 | 2.182 | 40.98 | 0.016 | 41 | 476 | 49.67 | 6.674 | 41.2 | 1.797 | 43.43 | 0.426 | 43 |
| 411 | 42.22 | 1.22 | 38.85 | 2.147 | 41.02 | 0.023 | 41 | 477 | 49.92 | 6.921 | 41.2 | 1.797 | 43.46 | 0.46 | 43 |
| 412 | 42.59 | 1.595 | 38.85 | 2.147 | 41.02 | 0.023 | 41 | 478 | 50.2 | 7.203 | 41.24 | 1.761 | 43.46 | 0.46 | 43 |
| 413 | 42.64 | 1.641 | 38.87 | 2.129 | 41.05 | 0.047 | 41 | 479 | 50.31 | 7.31 | 41.32 | 1.682 | 43.48 | 0.478 | 43 |
| 414 | 42.78 | 1.784 | 38.94 | 2.064 | 41.07 | 0.066 | 41 | 480 | 50.46 | 7.459 | 41.32 | 1.681 | 43.51 | 0.507 | 43 |
| 415 | 42.78 | 1.784 | 38.98 | 2.016 | 41.08 | 0.076 | 41 | 481 | 50.57 | 7.565 | 41.32 | 1.681 | 43.53 | 0.534 | 43 |
| 416 | 42.86 | 1.861 | 39 | 1.999 | 41.08 | 0.08 | 41 | 482 | 50.77 | 7.767 | 41.34 | 1.659 | 43.57 | 0.572 | 43 |
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| 418 | 42.86 | 1.864 | 39.08 | 1.918 | 41.15 | 0.152 | 41 | 484 | 50.99 | 5.987 | 41.52 | 3.481 | 44.58 | 0.423 | 45 |
| 419 | 42.86 | 1.864 | 39.13 | 1.87 | 41.16 | 0.164 | 41 | 485 | 51.14 | 6.141 | 41.52 | 3.481 | 44.67 | 0.329 | 45 |
| 420 | 43.01 | 2.007 | 39.13 | 1.87 | 41.18 | 0.178 | 41 | 486 | 51.45 | 6.455 | 41.53 | 3.475 | 44.69 | 0.306 | 45 |
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| 422 | 43.4 | 2.4 | 39.2 | 1.803 | 41.21 | 0.208 | 41 | 488 | 51.78 | 6.776 | 41.55 | 3.45 | 44.78 | 0.221 | 45 |
| 423 | 43.6 | 2.596 | 39.26 | 1.741 | 41.23 | 0.228 | 41 | 489 | 51.86 | 6.863 | 41.64 | 3.363 | 44.81 | 0.19 | 45 |
| 424 | 43.6 | 2.596 | 39.3 | 1.701 | 41.25 | 0.25 | 41 | 490 | 52.07 | 7.074 | 41.64 | 3.363 | 44.84 | 0.165 | 45 |
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| 426 | 43.98 | 2.976 | 39.41 | 1.585 | 41.29 | 0.293 | 41 | 492 | 52.22 | 7.222 | 41.72 | 3.277 | 44.86 | 0.136 | 45 |
| 427 | 44.08 | 3.083 | 39.46 | 1.54 | 41.31 | 0.305 | 41 | 493 | 52.45 | 7.449 | 41.75 | 3.246 | 44.89 | 0.108 | 45 |
| 428 | 44.28 | 3.283 | 39.49 | 1.512 | 41.32 | 0.323 | 41 | 494 | 52.53 | 7.53 | 41.83 | 3.173 | 44.91 | 0.089 | 45 |
| 429 | 44.37 | 3.369 | 39.49 | 1.512 | 41.33 | 0.329 | 41 | 495 | 52.98 | 7.981 | 41.83 | 3.173 | 44.91 | 0.089 | 45 |
| 430 | 44.37 | 3.372 | 39.54 | 1.457 | 41.35 | 0.354 | 41 | 496 | 53.01 | 8.007 | 41.9 | 3.099 | 44.94 | 0.062 | 45 |
| 431 | 44.47 | 3.474 | 39.61 | 1.393 | 41.39 | 0.391 | 41 | 497 | 53.02 | 8.018 | 41.9 | 3.099 | 44.97 | 0.034 | 45 |
| 432 | 44.57 | 3.573 | 39.65 | 1.345 | 41.41 | 0.412 | 41 | 498 | 53.02 | 8.022 | 41.94 | 3.06 | 44.97 | 0.034 | 45 |
| 433 | 44.71 | 3.709 | 39.67 | 1.329 | 41.43 | 0.427 | 41 | 499 | 53.18 | 8.178 | 41.97 | 3.026 | 45 | 5E-04 | 45 |
| 434 | 44.93 | 3.93 | 39.67 | 1.329 | 41.43 | 0.427 | 41 | 500 | 53.18 | 8.183 | 41.99 | 3.011 | 45.02 | 0.025 | 45 |
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| 436 | 44.94 | 3.936 | 39.79 | 1.208 | 41.45 | 0.45 | 41 | 502 | 53.41 | 8.407 | 42.09 | 2.91 | 45.05 | 0.053 | 45 |
| 437 | 44.95 | 3.948 | 39.79 | 1.208 | 41.5 | 0.503 | 41 | 503 | 53.41 | 8.407 | 42.15 | 2.847 | 45.06 | 0.056 | 45 |
| 438 | 44.95 | 3.948 | 39.84 | 1.156 | 41.52 | 0.518 | 41 | 504 | 53.42 | 8.425 | 42.15 | 2.847 | 45.06 | 0.056 | 45 |
| 439 | 45.15 | 4.152 | 39.93 | 1.07 | 41.53 | 0.531 | 41 | 505 | 53.5 | 8.505 | 42.2 | 2.805 | 45.11 | 0.113 | 45 |
| 440 | 45.28 | 4.277 | 39.93 | 1.07 | 41.57 | 0.567 | 41 | 506 | 53.51 | 8.507 | 42.2 | 2.805 | 45.14 | 0.137 | 45 |
| 441 | 45.38 | 2.385 | 39.98 | 3.021 | 42.69 | 0.307 | 43 | 507 | 53.56 | 8.561 | 42.26 | 2.744 | 45.14 | 0.14 | 45 |
| 442 | 45.6 | 2.601 | 39.98 | 3.021 | 42.78 | 0.224 | 43 | 508 | 54.04 | 9.041 | 42.26 | 2.736 | 45.14 | 0.14 | 45 |
| 443 | 45.61 | 2.612 | 40.01 | 2.987 | 42.78 | 0.224 | 43 | 509 | 54.29 | 9.292 | 42.39 | 2.614 | 45.17 | 0.175 | 45 |
| 444 | 45.66 | 2.659 | 40.09 | 2.907 | 42.83 | 0.172 | 43 | 510 | 54.32 | 9.318 | 42.39 | 2.614 | 45.23 | 0.228 | 45 |
| 445 | 45.79 | 2.791 | 40.11 | 2.889 | 42.83 | 0.166 | 43 | 511 | 54.32 | 9.318 | 42.4 | 2.597 | 45.24 | 0.244 | 45 |
| 446 | 45.79 | 2.791 | 40.13 | 2.872 | 42.83 | 0.166 | 43 | 512 | 54.49 | 9.491 | 42.4 | 2.597 | 45.24 | 0.244 | 45 |
| 447 | 45.81 | 2.812 | 40.24 | 2.764 | 42.86 | 0.144 | 43 | 513 | 54.58 | 9.58 | 42.46 | 2.536 | 45.27 | 0.265 | 45 |
| 448 | 45.93 | 2.931 | 40.24 | 2.764 | 42.9 | 0.102 | 43 | 514 | 54.96 | 9.963 | 42.5 | 2.504 | 45.29 | 0.293 | 45 |
| 449 | 46.01 | 3.009 | 40.24 | 2.759 | 42.9 | 0.102 | 43 | 515 | 55.33 | 10.33 | 42.53 | 2.466 | 45.33 | 0.332 | 45 |
| 450 | 46.03 | 3.034 | 40.24 | 2.755 | 42.95 | 0.051 | 43 | 516 | 55.39 | 10.39 | 42.6 | 2.397 | 45.35 | 0.348 | 45 |
| 451 | 46.22 | 3.219 | 40.24 | 2.755 | 42.97 | 0.035 | 43 | 517 | 55.45 | 10.45 | 42.6 | 2.397 | 45.37 | 0.371 | 45 |
| 452 | 46.39 | 3.394 | 40.34 | 2.66 | 42.97 | 0.035 | 43 | 518 | 55.51 | 10.51 | 42.68 | 2.322 | 45.38 | 0.384 | 45 |
| 453 | 46.61 | 3.607 | 40.43 | 2.568 | 42.98 | 0.021 | 43 | 519 | 55.51 | 10.51 | 42.68 | 2.322 | 45.4 | 0.404 | 45 |
| 454 | 46.74 | 3.744 | 40.44 | 2.556 | 43.01 | 0.007 | 43 | 520 | 55.79 | 10.79 | 42.68 | 2.322 | 45.43 | 0.427 | 45 |
| 455 | 46.95 | 3.946 | 40.45 | 2.555 | 43.02 | 0.015 | 43 | 521 | 56.16 | 11.16 | 42.76 | 2.241 | 45.43 | 0.43 | 45 |
| 456 | 47.04 | 4.044 | 40.45 | 2.555 | 43.04 | 0.04 | 43 | 522 | 56.28 | 11.28 | 42.76 | 2.241 | 45.44 | 0.44 | 45 |
| 457 | 47.39 | 4.387 | 40.53 | 2.469 | 43.06 | 0.065 | 43 | 523 | 56.44 | 11.44 | 42.83 | 2.17 | 45.45 | 0.452 | 45 |
| 458 | 47.45 | 4.455 | 40.57 | 2.431 | 43.06 | 0.065 | 43 | 524 | 56.53 | 11.53 | 42.83 | 2.17 | 45.52 | 0.519 | 45 |
| 459 | 47.53 | 4.534 | 40.61 | 2.389 | 43.12 | 0.117 | 43 | 525 | 56.53 | 11.53 | 42.86 | 2.135 | 45.53 | 0.535 | 45 |
| 460 | 47.66 | 4.665 | 40.64 | 2.364 | 43.13 | 0.133 | 43 | 526 | 56.55 | 11.55 | 42.9 | 2.102 | 45.57 | 0.568 | 45 |
| 461 | 48.03 | 5.032 | 40.68 | 2.32 | 43.15 | 0.148 | 43 | 527 | 56.84 | 11.84 | 42.95 | 2.047 | 45.62 | 0.616 | 45 |
| 462 | 48.19 | 5.192 | 40.68 | 2.32 | 43.17 | 0.173 | 43 | 528 | 56.99 | 11.99 | 43 | 1.996 | 45.68 | 0.681 | 45 |

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| 530 | 57.36 | 10.36 | 43.07 | 3.925 | 46.55 | 0.453 | 47 | 596 | 69.52 | 20.52 | 45.2 | 3.797 | 48.99 | 0.014 | 49 |
| 531 | 57.62 | 10.62 | 43.08 | 3.917 | 46.64 | 0.359 | 47 | 597 | 70.49 | 21.49 | 45.26 | 3.739 | 48.99 | 0.013 | 49 |
| 532 | 57.73 | 10.73 | 43.08 | 3.917 | 46.68 | 0.325 | 47 | 598 | 70.54 | 21.54 | 45.29 | 3.711 | 48.99 | 0.013 | 49 |
| 533 | 57.74 | 10.74 | 43.12 | 3.884 | 46.69 | 0.305 | 47 | 599 | 70.54 | 21.54 | 45.29 | 3.711 | 49.04 | 0.042 | 49 |
| 534 | 57.97 | 10.97 | 43.15 | 3.846 | 46.73 | 0.269 | 47 | 600 | 71.06 | 22.06 | 45.38 | 3.621 | 49.07 | 0.068 | 49 |
| 535 | 58.14 | 11.14 | 43.21 | 3.792 | 46.73 | 0.269 | 47 | 601 | 71.73 | 22.73 | 45.38 | 3.621 | 49.09 | 0.087 | 49 |
| 536 | 58.14 | 11.14 | 43.21 | 3.792 | 46.76 | 0.238 | 47 | 602 | 71.82 | 22.82 | 45.47 | 3.533 | 49.09 | 0.087 | 49 |
| 537 | 58.17 | 11.17 | 43.23 | 3.765 | 46.81 | 0.192 | 47 | 603 | 71.9 | 22.9 | 45.51 | 3.49 | 49.1 | 0.102 | 49 |
| 538 | 58.2 | 11.2 | 43.23 | 3.765 | 46.81 | 0.192 | 47 | 604 | 72.53 | 23.53 | 45.51 | 3.49 | 49.14 | 0.144 | 49 |
| 539 | 58.2 | 11.2 | 43.34 | 3.657 | 46.81 | 0.188 | 47 | 605 | 73.03 | 24.03 | 45.56 | 3.444 | 49.14 | 0.144 | 49 |
| 540 | 58.39 | 11.39 | 43.34 | 3.657 | 46.83 | 0.167 | 47 | 606 | 73.08 | 24.08 | 45.56 | 3.444 | 49.19 | 0.19 | 49 |
| 541 | 58.39 | 11.39 | 43.4 | 3.6 | 46.87 | 0.128 | 47 | 607 | 73.09 | 24.09 | 45.64 | 3.359 | 49.21 | 0.21 | 49 |
| 542 | 58.49 | 11.49 | 43.44 | 3.564 | 46.9 | 0.103 | 47 | 608 | 73.23 | 24.23 | 45.64 | 3.359 | 49.23 | 0.233 | 49 |
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| 545 | 59.78 | 12.78 | 43.55 | 3.446 | 46.97 | 0.03 | 47 | 611 | 73.86 | 24.86 | 45.73 | 3.27 | 49.29 | 0.294 | 49 |
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| l | λ | Error | λ | Error | λ | Error | Mie | l | λ | Error | λ | Error | λ | Error | λ | Error | Mie | | | |
| 661 | 93.55 | 42.55 | 47.17 | 3.829 | 51.25 | 0.251 | 51 | 727 | 178.9 | 125.9 | 49.16 | 3.839 | 53.65 | 0.647 | 53 | | | | | |
| 662 | 94.82 | 43.82 | 47.25 | 3.753 | 51.26 | 0.259 | 51 | 728 | 182.8 | 129.8 | 49.16 | 3.839 | 53.67 | 0.675 | 53 | | | | | |
| 663 | 94.88 | 43.88 | 47.3 | 3.703 | 51.31 | 0.313 | 51 | 729 | 183.5 | 128.5 | 49.16 | 5.836 | 54.01 | 0.989 | 55 | | | | | |
| 664 | 96.64 | 45.64 | 47.3 | 3.703 | 51.34 | 0.345 | 51 | 730 | 200.5 | 145.5 | 49.19 | 5.814 | 54.09 | 0.909 | 55 | | | | | |
| 665 | 96.96 | 45.96 | 47.31 | 3.686 | 51.34 | 0.345 | 51 | 731 | 203.6 | 148.6 | 49.19 | 5.814 | 54.18 | 0.822 | 55 | | | | | |
| 666 | 97.07 | 46.07 | 47.32 | 3.683 | 51.36 | 0.357 | 51 | 732 | 204.3 | 149.3 | 49.24 | 5.762 | 54.19 | 0.811 | 55 | | | | | |
| 667 | 97.91 | 46.91 | 47.32 | 3.683 | 51.42 | 0.415 | 51 | 733 | 209.5 | 154.5 | 49.24 | 5.762 | 54.25 | 0.752 | 55 | | | | | |
| 668 | 99.24 | 48.24 | 47.42 | 3.583 | 51.42 | 0.415 | 51 | 734 | 209.8 | 154.8 | 49.32 | 5.677 | 54.28 | 0.718 | 55 | | | | | |
| 669 | 102.1 | 51.08 | 47.42 | 3.583 | 51.46 | 0.456 | 51 | 735 | 219.9 | 164.9 | 49.36 | 5.638 | 54.34 | 0.661 | 55 | | | | | |
| 670 | 102.2 | 51.24 | 47.43 | 3.575 | 51.49 | 0.487 | 51 | 736 | 223.2 | 168.2 | 49.36 | 5.638 | 54.36 | 0.643 | 55 | | | | | |
| 671 | 102.4 | 51.36 | 47.46 | 3.539 | 51.54 | 0.536 | 51 | 737 | 227.2 | 172.2 | 49.37 | 5.632 | 54.39 | 0.614 | 55 | | | | | |
| 672 | 102.9 | 51.88 | 47.46 | 3.539 | 51.55 | 0.552 | 51 | 738 | 233.3 | 178.3 | 49.37 | 5.632 | 54.39 | 0.614 | 55 | | | | | |
| 673 | 102.9 | 51.93 | 47.55 | 3.453 | 51.59 | 0.593 | 51 | 739 | 237.7 | 182.7 | 49.45 | 5.548 | 54.48 | 0.525 | 55 | | | | | |
| 674 | 104.4 | 53.37 | 47.57 | 3.431 | 51.63 | 0.626 | 51 | 740 | 238.2 | 183.2 | 49.47 | 5.533 | 54.48 | 0.525 | 55 | | | | | |
| 675 | 105 | 54.05 | 47.61 | 3.391 | 51.66 | 0.659 | 51 | 741 | 238.4 | 183.4 | 49.47 | 5.533 | 54.49 | 0.514 | 55 | | | | | |
| 676 | 107.6 | 54.59 | 47.61 | 5.391 | 52.17 | 0.826 | 53 | 742 | 239.7 | 184.7 | 49.55 | 5.449 | 54.5 | 0.499 | 55 | | | | | |
| 677 | 107.9 | 54.92 | 47.65 | 5.35 | 52.3 | 0.695 | 53 | 743 | 250.9 | 195.9 | 49.57 | 5.432 | 54.55 | 0.447 | 55 | | | | | |
| 678 | 108 | 54.97 | 47.68 | 5.319 | 52.32 | 0.68 | 53 | 744 | 257.7 | 202.7 | 49.63 | 5.369 | 54.55 | 0.447 | 55 | | | | | |
| 679 | 108.4 | 55.42 | 47.68 | 5.319 | 52.36 | 0.642 | 53 | 745 | 259.4 | 204.4 | 49.68 | 5.324 | 54.58 | 0.421 | 55 | | | | | |
| 680 | 112.3 | 59.28 | 47.72 | 5.283 | 52.41 | 0.586 | 53 | 746 | 263.9 | 208.9 | 49.68 | 5.324 | 54.6 | 0.401 | 55 | | | | | |
| 681 | 112.6 | 59.61 | 47.79 | 5.214 | 52.41 | 0.586 | 53 | 747 | 275 | 220 | 49.73 | 5.273 | 54.6 | 0.401 | 55 | | | | | |
| 682 | 114.1 | 61.12 | 47.79 | 5.214 | 52.45 | 0.548 | 53 | 748 | 275.1 | 220.1 | 49.73 | 5.273 | 54.64 | 0.357 | 55 | | | | | |
| 683 | 115 | 62.02 | 47.84 | 5.159 | 52.5 | 0.495 | 53 | 749 | 276 | 221 | 49.78 | 5.219 | 54.64 | 0.357 | 55 | | | | | |
| 684 | 115.4 | 62.43 | 47.87 | 5.126 | 52.51 | 0.488 | 53 | 750 | 276.2 | 221.2 | 49.78 | 5.219 | 54.7 | 0.299 | 55 | | | | | |
| 685 | 115.7 | 62.7 | 47.94 | 5.059 | 52.51 | 0.488 | 53 | 751 | 278.1 | 223.1 | 49.85 | 5.153 | 54.7 | 0.299 | 55 | | | | | |
| 686 | 116 | 62.99 | 47.94 | 5.059 | 52.55 | 0.45 | 53 | 752 | 280.6 | 225.6 | 49.85 | 5.153 | 54.74 | 0.263 | 55 | | | | | |
| 687 | 116.6 | 63.6 | 47.95 | 5.053 | 52.55 | 0.45 | 53 | 753 | 283.3 | 228.3 | 49.87 | 5.126 | 54.78 | 0.218 | 55 | | | | | |
| 688 | 117.5 | 64.48 | 47.97 | 5.032 | 52.62 | 0.378 | 53 | 754 | 289 | 234 | 49.87 | 5.126 | 54.82 | 0.181 | 55 | | | | | |
| 689 | 117.5 | 64.53 | 48.04 | 4.964 | 52.62 | 0.378 | 53 | 755 | 313.9 | 258.9 | 49.93 | 5.07 | 54.83 | 0.168 | 55 | | | | | |
| 690 | 118.8 | 65.82 | 48.05 | 4.949 | 52.65 | 0.348 | 53 | 756 | 331.3 | 276.3 | 50 | 4.996 | 54.83 | 0.168 | 55 | | | | | |
| 691 | 120.4 | 67.38 | 48.11 | 4.885 | 52.67 | 0.332 | 53 | 757 | 339.3 | 284.3 | 50 | 4.996 | 54.86 | 0.139 | 55 | | | | | |
| 692 | 120.7 | 67.72 | 48.11 | 4.885 | 52.72 | 0.284 | 53 | 758 | 352.1 | 297.1 | 50.01 | 4.99 | 54.9 | 0.1 | 55 | | | | | |
| 693 | 121.4 | 68.42 | 48.14 | 4.862 | 52.72 | 0.284 | 53 | 759 | 398.7 | 343.7 | 50.12 | 4.876 | 54.92 | 0.079 | 55 | | | | | |
| 694 | 123.4 | 70.36 | 48.2 | 4.801 | 52.72 | 0.28 | 53 | 760 | 406.1 | 351.1 | 50.12 | 4.876 | 54.93 | 0.075 | 55 | | | | | |
| 695 | 124.1 | 71.14 | 48.21 | 4.786 | 52.76 | 0.24 | 53 | 761 | 415.3 | 360.3 | 50.15 | 4.852 | 54.99 | 0.014 | 55 | | | | | |
| 696 | 124.6 | 71.62 | 48.21 | 4.786 | 52.82 | 0.185 | 53 | 762 | 416.5 | 361.5 | 50.15 | 4.852 | 54.99 | 0.014 | 55 | | | | | |
| 697 | 125 | 71.99 | 48.29 | 4.715 | 52.82 | 0.185 | 53 | 763 | 450.1 | 395.1 | 50.18 | 4.816 | 55 | 0.003 | 55 | | | | | |
| 698 | 125.5 | 72.5 | 48.29 | 4.713 | 52.83 | 0.174 | 53 | 764 | 477.3 | 422.3 | 50.18 | 4.816 | 55.07 | 0.072 | 55 | | | | | |
| 699 | 126.8 | 73.81 | 48.29 | 4.713 | 52.87 | 0.134 | 53 | 765 | 516.7 | 461.7 | 50.24 | 4.757 | 55.07 | 0.072 | 55 | | | | | |
| 700 | 128.4 | 75.42 | 48.33 | 4.674 | 52.91 | 0.086 | 53 | 766 | 533.2 | 478.2 | 50.24 | 4.757 | 55.08 | 0.084 | 55 | | | | | |
| 701 | 131.4 | 78.44 | 48.4 | 4.605 | 52.93 | 0.07 | 53 | 767 | 574 | 519 | 50.27 | 4.733 | 55.12 | 0.12 | 55 | | | | | |
| 702 | 131.4 | 78.44 | 48.4 | 4.605 | 52.93 | 0.07 | 53 | 768 | 578.8 | 523.8 | 50.27 | 4.733 | 55.16 | 0.161 | 55 | | | | | |
| 703 | 132.7 | 79.75 | 48.42 | 4.581 | 52.95 | 0.053 | 53 | 769 | 588.4 | 533.4 | 50.36 | 4.642 | 55.17 | 0.171 | 55 | | | | | |
| 704 | 135.4 | 82.39 | 48.51 | 4.494 | 52.99 | 0.014 | 53 | 770 | 588.6 | 533.6 | 50.36 | 4.642 | 55.17 | 0.171 | 55 | | | | | |
| 705 | 135.5 | 82.54 | 48.52 | 4.485 | 53.01 | 0.01 | 53 | 771 | 611.9 | 556.9 | 50.4 | 4.599 | 55.23 | 0.226 | 55 | | | | | |
| 706 | 137.5 | 84.52 | 48.55 | 4.453 | 53.01 | 0.01 | 53 | 772 | 643.4 | 588.4 | 50.4 | 4.599 | 55.23 | 0.226 | 55 | | | | | |
| 707 | 139.7 | 86.71 | 48.55 | 4.453 | 53.05 | 0.055 | 53 | 773 | 744 | 689 | 50.41 | 4.591 | 55.27 | 0.272 | 55 | | | | | |
| 708 | 141 | 87.95 | 48.58 | 4.416 | 53.07 | 0.067 | 53 | 774 | 839 | 784 | 50.49 | 4.513 | 55.27 | 0.272 | 55 | | | | | |
| 709 | 143.7 | 90.65 | 48.63 | 4.369 | 53.08 | 0.083 | 53 | 775 | 842.3 | 787.3 | 50.51 | 4.486 | 55.36 | 0.356 | 55 | | | | | |
| 710 | 151.1 | 98.13 | 48.65 | 4.353 | 53.1 | 0.103 | 53 | 776 | 857.3 | 802.3 | 50.51 | 4.486 | 55.36 | 0.356 | 55 | | | | | |
| 711 | 151.7 | 98.73 | 48.65 | 4.353 | 53.13 | 0.13 | 53 | 777 | 896.8 | 841.8 | 50.56 | 4.438 | 55.4 | 0.396 | 55 | | | | | |
| 712 | 152.2 | 99.2 | 48.68 | 4.323 | 53.18 | 0.183 | 53 | 778 | 974.2 | 919.2 | 50.61 | 4.394 | 55.41 | 0.413 | 55 | | | | | |
| 713 | 152.5 | 99.5 | 48.72 | 4.284 | 53.18 | 0.183 | 53 | 779 | 1026 | 971.5 | 50.66 | 4.342 | 55.42 | 0.423 | 55 | | | | | |
| 714 | 153.4 | 100.4 | 48.73 | 4.269 | 53.21 | 0.209 | 53 | 780 | 1054 | 998.9 | 50.66 | 4.342 | 55.48 | 0.48 | 55 | | | | | |
| 715 | 153.5 | 100.5 | 48.73 | 4.269 | 53.24 | 0.236 | 53 | 781 | 1078 | 1023 | 50.76 | 4.237 | 55.49 | 0.492 | 55 | | | | | |
| 716 | 153.7 | 100.7 | 48.74 | 4.257 | 53.26 | 0.256 | 53 | 782 | 1114 | 1059 | 50.78 | 4.216 | 55.56 | 0.555 | 55 | | | | | |
| 717 | 156 | 103 | 48.74 | 4.257 | 53.3 | 0.296 | 53 | 783 | 1371 | 1316 | 50.78 | 4.216 | 55.63 | 0.633 | 55 | | | | | |
| 718 | 157.7 | 104.7 | 48.87 | 4.129 | 53.32 | 0.318 | 53 | 784 | 1734 | 1677 | 50.79 | 6.212 | 55.66 | 1.336 | 57 | | | | | |
| 719 | 157.7 | 104.7 | 48.87 | 4.129 | 53.35 | 0.346 | 53 | 785 | 1805 | 1748 | 50.81 | 6.19 | 55.85 | 1.146 | 57 | | | | | |
| 720 | 165.1 | 112.1 | 48.91 | 4.089 | 53.35 | 0.346 | 53 | 786 | 2152 | 2095 | 50.81 | 6.19 | 56 | 1 | 57 | | | | | |
| 721 | 167.9 | 114.9 | 48.91 | 4.089 | 53.38 | 0.383 | 53 | 787 | 3170 | 3113 | 50.87 | 6.13 | 56.08 | 0.918 | 57 | | | | | |
| 722 | 170.7 | 117.7 | 48.92 | 4.082 | 53.45 | 0.448 | 53 | 788 | 8795 | 8738 | 50.91 | 6.093 | 56.08 | 0.918 | 57 | | | | | |
| 723 | 172.5 | 119.5 | 48.98 | 4.023 | 53.47 | 0.47 | 53 | 789 | 10030 | 9973 | 50.92 | 6.083 | 56.11 | 0.891 | 57 | | | | | |
| 724 | 173 | 120 | 49.02 | 3.978 | 53.53 | 0.531 | 53 | 790 | 36450 | 36393 | 50.96 | 6.036 | 56.16 | 0.841 | 57 | | | | | |
| 725 | 174.1 | 121.1 | 49.1 | 3.898 | 53.53 | 0.531 | 53 | 791 | 48095 | 48038 | 50.96 | 6.035 | 56.2 | 0.805 | 57 | | | | | |
| 726 | 176.2 | 123.2 | 49.12 | 3.882 | 53.6 | 0.603 | 53 | 792 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | | |