

A Hybrid Representation of the Green's Function in an Overmoded Rectangular Cavity

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A hybrid ray-mode representation of the Green's function in a rectangular cavity is developed using the finite Poisson summation formula. In order to obtain a numerically efficient scheme for computing the field generated by a point source in a large rectangular cavity, the conventional modal representation of the Green's function is modified in such a way that all the modes near resonance are retained while the truncated remainder of the mode series is expressed in terms of a weighted contribution of rays. For an electrically large cavity, the contribution of rays from distant images becomes small; therefore the ray sum can be approximated by one or two dominant terms without a loss of numerical accuracy. To illustrate the accuracy and the computational simplification of this ray-mode representation, numerical examples are included with the conventional mode series (summed at the expense of long computation time) serving as a reference.

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