

Scattering Coefficient and Kirchhoff Approximation

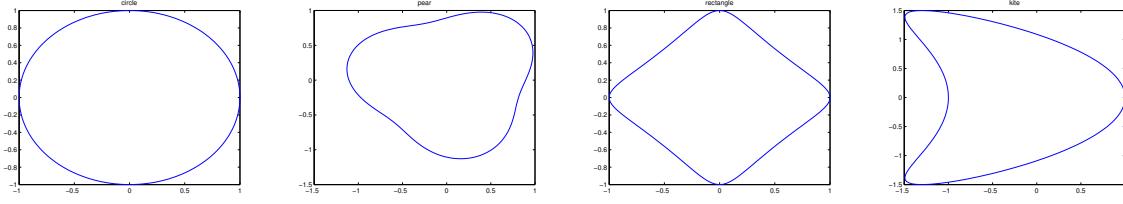


Figure 1.

1. Introduction

we introduce the concept of the scattering coefficient for incident plane waves.

Definition 1.1 For any unit vector $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^2$, let $v^i = e^{\mathbf{i}kx \cdot \eta}$ be the incident wave and $v^s = v^s(x, \eta)$ be the radiation solution of the Helmholtz equation:

$$\Delta v^s + k^2 v^s = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \bar{D}, \quad v^s = -e^{\mathbf{i}kx \cdot \eta} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D.$$

The scattering coefficient $R(x, \eta)$ for $x \in \Gamma_D$ is defined by the relation

$$\frac{\partial(v^s + v^i)}{\partial \nu} = \mathbf{i}k R(x, \eta) e^{\mathbf{i}kx \cdot \eta} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D.$$

In the case of Kirchhoff high frequency approximation and the mathematical justification for strictly convex obstacles, the scattering coefficient can be approximated by

$$R(x, \eta) = \begin{cases} 2\nu(x) \cdot \eta & \text{If } x \in \partial D_\eta^- := \{x \in \Gamma_D : \nu(x) \cdot \eta < 0\}, \\ 0 & \text{If } x \in \partial D_\eta^+ := \{x \in \Gamma_D : \nu(x) \cdot \eta > 0\}. \end{cases}$$

Here ∂D_η^- and ∂D_η^+ are respectively the illuminating and shadow region for the incident wave $e^{\mathbf{i}kx \cdot \eta}$.

2. Numerical Tests

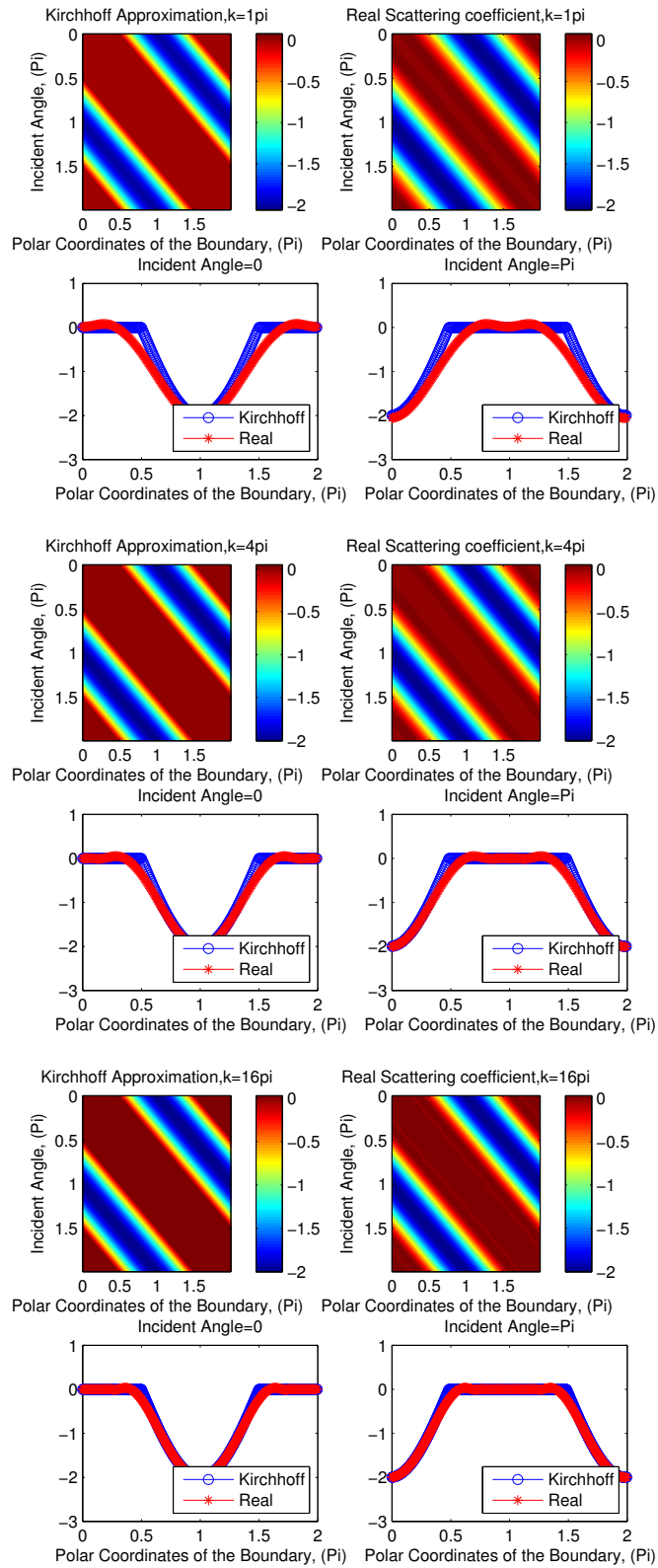


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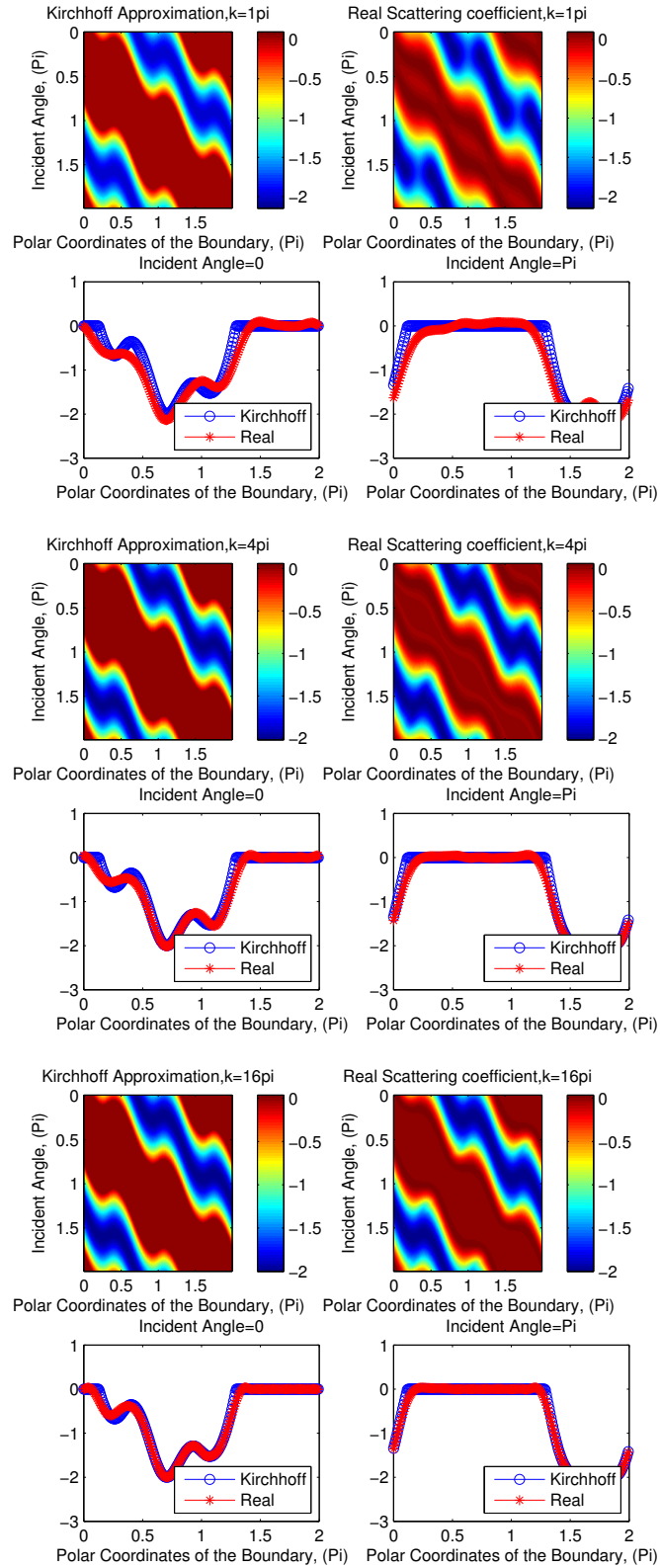


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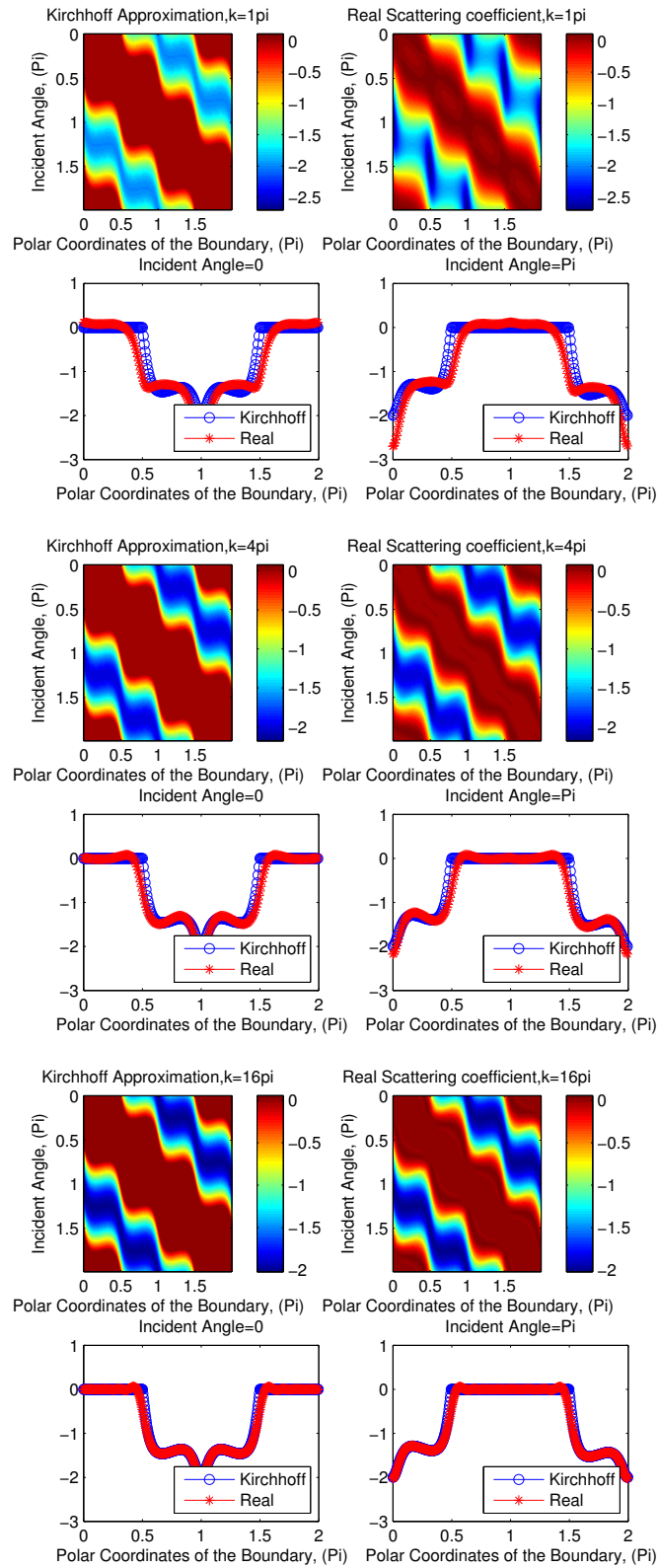


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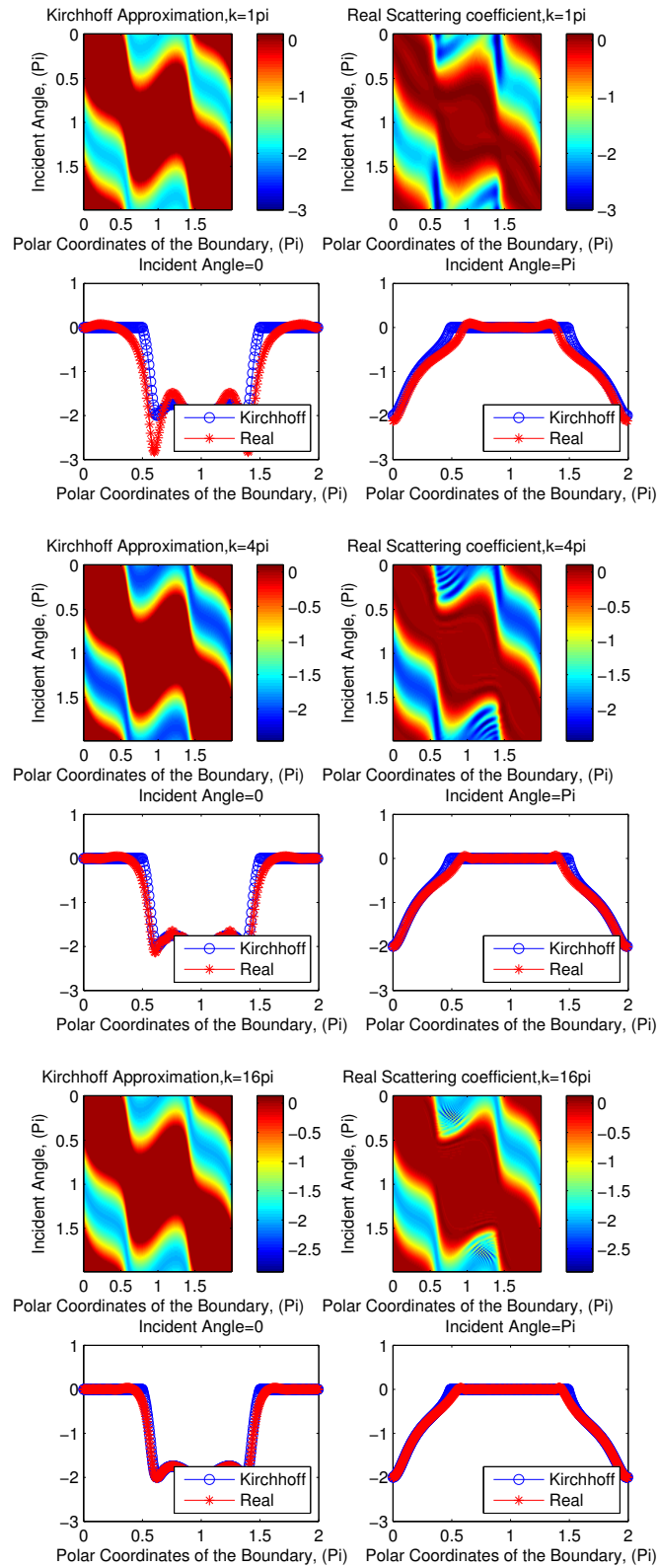


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