

# Development of a Computer Program for Calculating the Transmission-Line Constants of Cables Installed in a Tunnel Taking the Skin and Proximity Effects into Account

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**Abstract**--Accurately calculating the transmission-line constants of overhead lines and underground cables is important for various types of power system simulations. The transmission-line constants of cables installed in a tunnel must be calculated taking the skin and proximity effects into account. This paper presents the development of a computer program for calculating the transmission-line constants of cables installed in a tunnel taking the skin and proximity effects into account. In the developed program, the impedance and admittance are calculated by the MoM-SO and MoM, respectively. The developed program is used to calculate the transmission-line constants of three-phase cables which are closely spaced in a tunnel.

**Keywords:** cables installed in a tunnel, impedance, admittance, skin effect, proximity effect, electromagnetic transient analysis.

## I. INTRODUCTION

ACCURATELY calculating the transmission-line constants of overhead lines and underground cables is important for various types of power system simulations such as electromagnetic transient, power flow, and transient stability simulations. When the phase conductors of a transmission line are widely spaced, the proximity effect can be ignored, and analytical formulas [1]-[5] are available. In [5], the results of the transmission-line constants and propagation characteristics of cables installed in a finite pipe or tunnel directly buried in ground soil is presented. However, cables installed in a tunnel are, in general, closely spaced. Therefore, the current distribution in the cables is influenced by the proximity effect. Considering this point, the transmission-line constants of cables installed in a tunnel must be calculated taking the skin and proximity effects into account.

This paper presents the development of a computer program for calculating the transmission-line constants of cables installed in a tunnel taking the skin and proximity effects into account. In the developed program, the impedance considering the skin and proximity effects is calculated by the MoM-SO

(method of moments with a surface admittance operator) [6]-[8] proposed by Patel et al. In the MoM-SO, the current distribution in a conductor is represented by the surface admittance operator [9], and it is discretized and solved by the MoM (method of moments). Differently from the finite-element methods (FEM) [10]-[12] and the conductor subdivision methods [13]-[15] which can also calculate the impedance considering the skin and proximity effects at high frequencies, the MoM-SO allows to replace each conductor by equivalent surface currents and expresses the currents by the Fourier series expansions with respect to the azimuthal angle of that conductor. The FEM and conductor subdivision methods are computationally expensive, since a fine mesh is required in order to precisely represent the skin and proximity effects. On the other hand, the MoM-SO requires only a few Fourier components in order to achieve the same degree of accuracy as those of the FEM and conductor subdivision methods.

In the developed program, the admittance is calculated by the MoM [16]-[18]. In the MoM, conductors and dielectric insulation media are replaced by equivalent surface charges, which are expressed in terms of a few Fourier components in the same way as the MoM-SO. By use of the MoM, the developed program is able to efficiently calculate the admittance considering the proximity effect between metallic sheaths, which are coated with insulating sheaths. In this way, the inhomogeneous media introduced by the insulating sheaths and the surrounding air can be precisely dealt with.

In this paper, the aforementioned methods are described. Then, the developed program is used to calculate the transmission-line constants of three-phase cables which are closely spaced in a tunnel. The calculation results of the frequency responses of the series impedance, modal attenuation constants and modal velocities obtained by the developed program are compared with the results considering the skin effect only (without the proximity effect). The results show that the transmission-line constants of cables installed in a tunnel are influenced by the proximity effect.

## II. NUMERICAL ALGORITHM OF THE MoM-SO FOR CALCULATING THE IMPEDANCE MATRIX

### A. Fundamentals of the MoM-SO

In the developed program, the impedance matrix is calculated by the MoM-SO [6]-[8] which is briefly reviewed in this paper. Consider  $m_1$  parallel solid cylindrical conductors

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The equation (2) is solved numerically by the MoM using the Fourier series expansions, and the following algebraic equation can be obtained

$$\mathbf{E} = j\omega\mu_0\mathbf{G}\mathbf{J} + \mathbf{U}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{J} \quad (19)$$

where the matrix  $\mathbf{G}$  is obtained by the discretization of Green's function and given by

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}^{(1,1)} & \cdots & \mathbf{G}^{(1,m_c)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{G}^{(m_c,1)} & \cdots & \mathbf{G}^{(m_c,m_c)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{G}^{(p,q)} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}_{-N_p,-N_q}^{(p,q)} & \cdots & \mathbf{G}_{-N_p,N_q}^{(p,q)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{G}_{N_p,-N_q}^{(p,q)} & \cdots & \mathbf{G}_{N_p,N_q}^{(p,q)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G_{n',n}^{(p,q)} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} G(\mathbf{r}_p(\theta), \mathbf{r}_q(\theta')) e^{j(n\theta' - n'\theta)} d\theta d\theta' \quad (21)$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  is an  $N$  by  $m_c$  matrix. In the  $p$ th column, if the  $p$ th conductor is solid ( $p = 1, 2, \dots, m_1$ ), the row corresponding to the position of  $J_0^{(p)}$  in (9) is "1". If the  $p$ th conductor is hollow ( $p = m_1 + 1, m_1 + 2, \dots, m_c$ ), the row corresponding to the position of  $J_0^{(p)}$  and  $J_0^{(p+m_2)}$  in (9) is "1". All other entries of  $\mathbf{U}$  are zeros. From (7) and (19), the impedance matrix  $\mathbf{Z}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{Z} = \left[ \mathbf{U}^T (\mathbf{1} - j\omega\mu_0\mathbf{Y}_s\mathbf{G})^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_s\mathbf{U} \right]^{-1} \quad (22)$$

### B. Representation of a tunnel [8]

Fig. 3 shows the cross section of a solid conductor and a hollow conductor installed in a tunnel which is buried in ground soil. In the MoM-SO, the conductors and the surface of the tunnel are replaced by the surrounding medium and equivalent currents shown in Fig. 4. If the  $m_c$  conductors explained in Section II-A are installed in the tunnel, the electric field equation (2) is rewritten as follows:

$$E_z^{(p)} = -j\omega\hat{A}_z^{(p)} - j\omega A_z^{(p)} - \frac{\partial V^{(p)}}{\partial z} \quad (23)$$

where vector potential  $\hat{A}_z^{(p)}$  is given by the equivalent current  $\hat{J}_s$  and the solution of the Helmholtz equation. The integral equation (23) is solved numerically by the MoM using the Fourier series expansions and following algebraic equation can be obtained

$$\mathbf{E} = j\omega\mu_0(-\mathbf{H}\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{J}) + \mathbf{U}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{J} \quad (24)$$

In (24), the matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are described in detail in [8]. From (7) and (24), the impedance matrix  $\mathbf{Z}$  of the conductors in the tunnel is given by

$$\mathbf{Z} = \left[ \mathbf{U}^T (\mathbf{1} - j\omega\mu_0\mathbf{Y}_s\mathbf{\Psi})^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_s\mathbf{U} \right]^{-1} \quad (25)$$

$$\mathbf{\Psi} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{C} + \mu_0\mathbf{G}_c \quad (26)$$

## III. NUMERICAL ALGORITHM OF THE MoM FOR CALCULATING THE ADMITTANCE MATRIX

The admittance matrix between metallic sheaths considering the proximity effect is calculated by the MoM [16]-[18] which

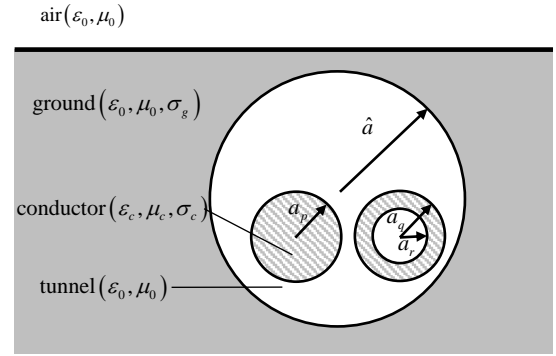


Fig. 3. Solid and hollow conductors installed in a tunnel.

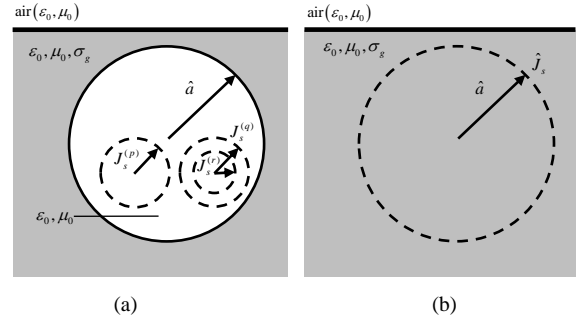


Fig. 4. (a) Solid and hollow conductors and (b) surface of the tunnel which are replaced by the surrounding medium and equivalent currents.

is briefly reviewed in this paper. Fig. 5 shows a solid conductor which is coated with an insulating sheath whose permittivity is  $\epsilon_p$ . Note that, since the charge on the outer surface of the metallic sheath does not interfere with the charges on inner surface of the metallic sheath and on the surface of the core, the metallic sheath shown in Fig. 5 is represented by the solid conductor. The capacitance matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  of  $m$  parallel conductors whose cross section is shown Fig.5 is obtained from the inverse of the potential coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ .  $\mathbf{P}$  satisfies the following equation:

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{Q}_f \quad (27)$$

where  $\mathbf{V}$  is a vector of voltages, and  $\mathbf{Q}_f$  is a vector of total free charges on the surface of the conductors. In the MoM, the  $p$ th conductor and insulating sheath are replaced by the surrounding medium and equivalent charges  $Q_p$  and  $Q_p^*$ , respectively, shown in Fig. 6.  $Q_p$  is the total charge on the surface of the  $p$ th conductor, and  $Q_p^*$  is the total bound charge on the surface of the  $p$ th insulating sheath. The total free charge of the  $p$ th conductor is obtained from  $Q_p$  and  $Q_p^*$  on two surfaces as

$$Q_{fp} = Q_p + Q_p^* \quad (28)$$

The potential at an arbitrary point from the center of the  $p$ th conductor is given by

$$\phi^{(p)}(\rho, \theta) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{q=1}^m \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{(q)}(\theta') G(\mathbf{r}_p(\rho, \theta), \mathbf{r}_q(a_q, \theta')) a_q d\theta' + \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{*(q)}(\theta') G(\mathbf{r}_p(\rho, \theta), \mathbf{r}_q(b_q, \theta')) b_q d\theta' \right] \quad (29)$$

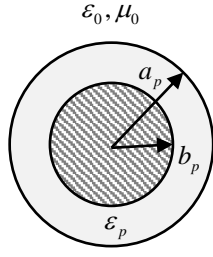


Fig. 5. Solid conductor which is coated with insulating sheath.

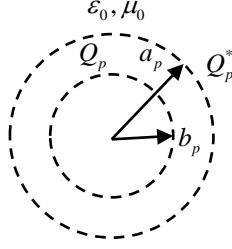


Fig. 6. Solid conductor and insulating sheath which are replaced by the surrounding medium and equivalent charges.

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| \quad (30)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_p(\rho, \theta) = (x_p + \rho \cos \theta_p, y_p + \rho \sin \theta_p) \quad (31)$$

where  $\sigma^{(p)}$  and  $\sigma^{*(p)}$  are charge distribution on surface of the  $p$ th conductor and insulating sheath. The voltage of  $p$ th conductor is given by:

$$V_p = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{q=1}^m \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{(q)}(\theta') G(\mathbf{r}_p(a_p, \theta), \mathbf{r}_q(a_q, \theta')) a_q d\theta' \right. \\ \left. + \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{*(q)}(\theta') G(\mathbf{r}_p(a_p, \theta), \mathbf{r}_q(b_q, \theta')) b_q d\theta' \right] \quad (32)$$

Substituting (27) into (32) gives the following equation is obtained:

$$\sum_{q=1}^m P_{pq} Q_q = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{q=1}^m \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{(q)}(\theta') G(\mathbf{r}(a_p, \theta), \mathbf{r}(a_q, \theta')) a_q d\theta' \right. \\ \left. + \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{*(q)}(\theta') G(\mathbf{r}(a_p, \theta), \mathbf{r}(b_q, \theta')) b_q d\theta' \right] \quad (33)$$

Since the electric flux density is must be continuous on interfaces between the insulating sheaths and the air, the following equations are obtained:

$$\epsilon_p E_{in}^{(p)} - \epsilon_0 E_{out}^{(p)} = 0 \\ E_{in}^{(p)} = -\left[ \frac{\partial \phi_{in}^{(p)}}{\partial \rho} \right]_{\rho=b_p} \quad E_{out}^{(p)} = -\left[ \frac{\partial \phi_{out}^{(p)}}{\partial \rho} \right]_{\rho=b_p} \quad (34)$$

where  $\phi_{in}$  is the potential on  $b_p < \rho$ , and  $\phi_{out}$  is the potential on  $b_p \geq \rho$ . In the MoM,  $\sigma^{(p)}$ ,  $\sigma^{*(p)}$ , and  $\phi^{(p)}$  are expressed by the Fourier series expansions in the same way as the MoM-SO. They are given as follows:

$$\sigma^{(p)}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi a_p} \sum_{n=-N_p}^{N_p} \sigma_n^{(p)} e^{jn\theta} \\ \sigma^{*(p)}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi b_p} \sum_{n=-N_p}^{N_p} \sigma_n^{*(p)} e^{jn\theta} \\ \phi^{(p)}(\theta) = \sum_{n=-N_p}^{N_p} \phi_n^{(p)} e^{jn\theta} \quad (35)$$

From (33), (34), and (35), the following algebraic equation is given by

$$\mathbf{U} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{Q}_f = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{G}^* \\ \tilde{\mathbf{G}} & \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}^* \end{bmatrix} \quad (36)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \left[ \sigma_{-N_1}^{(1)} \cdots \sigma_{N_1}^{(1)} \cdots \sigma_{-N_p}^{(p)} \cdots \sigma_{N_p}^{(p)} \cdots \sigma_{-N_m}^{(m)} \cdots \sigma_{N_m}^{(m)} \right]^T \quad (37)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^* = \left[ \sigma_{-N_1}^{*(1)} \cdots \sigma_{N_1}^{*(1)} \cdots \sigma_{-N_p}^{*(p)} \cdots \sigma_{N_p}^{*(p)} \cdots \sigma_{-N_m}^{*(m)} \cdots \sigma_{N_m}^{*(m)} \right]^T$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^*$  are the vectors of the Fourier components. They have a size  $N$  which is given by

$$N = \sum_{p=1}^m (2N_p + 1) \quad (38)$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  is an  $2N$  by  $m$  matrix. In the  $p$ th column, the row corresponding to the position of  $\sigma_0^{(p)}$  and  $\sigma_0^{*(p)}$  in (37) is "1". All other entries of  $\mathbf{U}$  are zeros. The Green's function matrix  $\mathbf{G}$ ,  $\mathbf{G}^*$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^*$  are given by

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} G^{(1,1)} & \cdots & G^{(1,m)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ G^{(m,1)} & \cdots & G^{(m,m)} \end{bmatrix}_{\rho=a_p} \quad (39)$$

$$\mathbf{G}^* = \begin{bmatrix} G^{*(1,1)} & \cdots & G^{*(1,m)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ G^{*(m,1)} & \cdots & G^{*(m,m)} \end{bmatrix}_{\rho=a_p}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( -\epsilon_p \mathbf{G} \Big|_{\rho < b_p} + \epsilon_0 \mathbf{G} \Big|_{\rho \geq b_p} \right) \Big|_{\rho=b_p} \quad (41)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^* = \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( -\epsilon_p \mathbf{G}^* \Big|_{\rho < b_p} + \epsilon_0 \mathbf{G}^* \Big|_{\rho \geq b_p} \right) \Big|_{\rho=b_p} \quad (42)$$

$$G_{n',n}^{(p,q)} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} G(\mathbf{r}(\rho, \theta), \mathbf{r}(a_q, \theta')) e^{j(n\theta' - n'\theta)} d\theta d\theta' \quad (43)$$

$$G_{n',n}^{(p,q')} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} G(\mathbf{r}(\rho, \theta), \mathbf{r}(b_q, \theta')) e^{j(n\theta' - n'\theta)} d\theta d\theta' \quad (44)$$

From (36), the capacitance matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  can be obtained:

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} = -\epsilon_0 \mathbf{U}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{G}^* \\ \tilde{\mathbf{G}} & \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^* \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \mathbf{U} \quad (45)$$

Finally, the admittance matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{Y} = j\omega \mathbf{C} \quad (46)$$

Note that the admittance matrix considering a tunnel can be obtained by replacing the surface of the tunnel with the equivalent charge which is expressed by the Fourier series expansions.

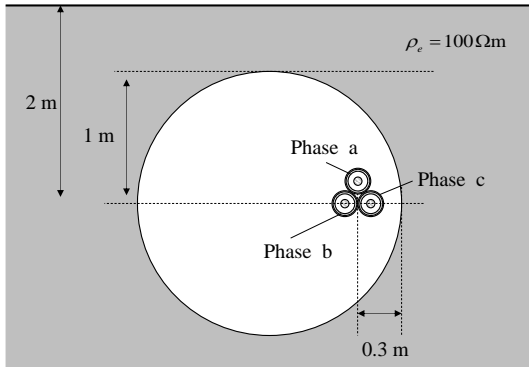
#### IV. NUMERICAL RESULTS

In the developed program, the transmission-line constants of cables installed in a tunnel are obtained by the following steps: (i) Reading the cable arrangement data; (ii) Calculating the impedance and admittance; (iii) Calculating the modal

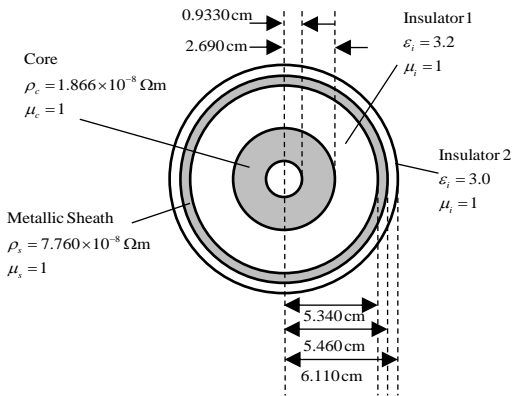
constants from the impedance and admittance. Fig. 7 shows three-phase cables installed in a tunnel which is buried in ground soil. The impedance and admittance are calculated by the developed program with the truncation order  $N_p = 0$  and  $N_p = 8$ . When the truncation order is set to  $N_p = 0$ , the calculation results considering the skin effect only (without the proximity effect) can be obtained.

Fig. 8 shows the frequency response of the self-resistance and self-inductance of phase *a*, and Fig. 9 shows those of the positive-sequence resistance and inductance (the metallic sheaths are opened). Note that the positive-sequence impedance is defined as the ratio of positive-sequence voltages and currents. The current distribution considering the skin and proximity effects ( $N_p = 8$ ) is smaller than that considering the skin effect only ( $N_p = 0$ ). Thus, there are the deviation between the results with  $N_p = 8$  and those with  $N_p = 0$ . Note that, since the ground-return impedance, which is larger than the conductor-internal impedance, is hardly influenced by the proximity effect, the deviation in Fig. 8 is small.

Fig. 10 shows the frequency responses of the modal attenuation constants and modal velocities. The admittance is independent on frequency and is strongly influenced by the proximity effect, since the charges are distributed on the outer surface of the metallic sheaths. Therefore, the modal constants shown in Fig. 10 are influenced by the proximity effect even in low frequency region.

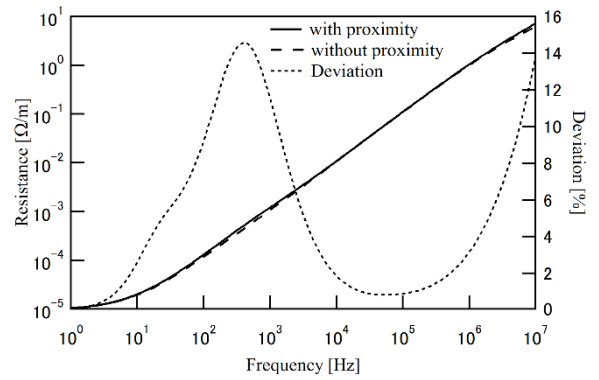


(a) Arrangement.

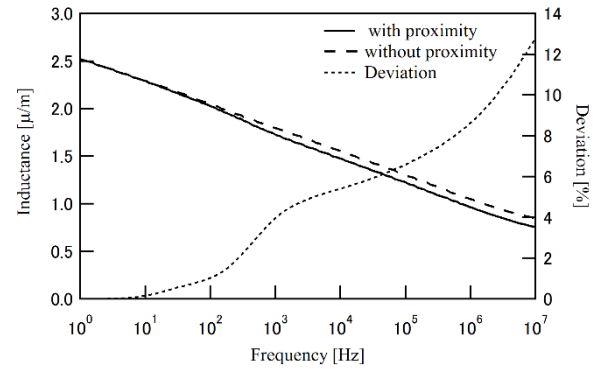


(b) Cross section of each cable.

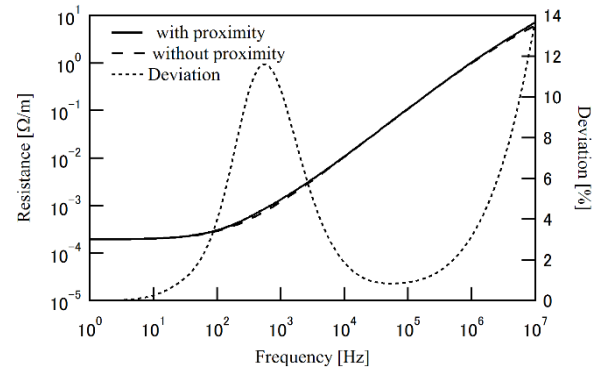
Fig. 7. Three-phase cables installed in a tunnel.



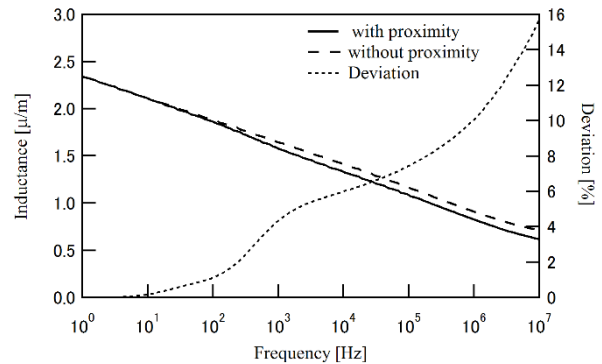
(a) Resistance of the core.



(b) Inductance of the core.

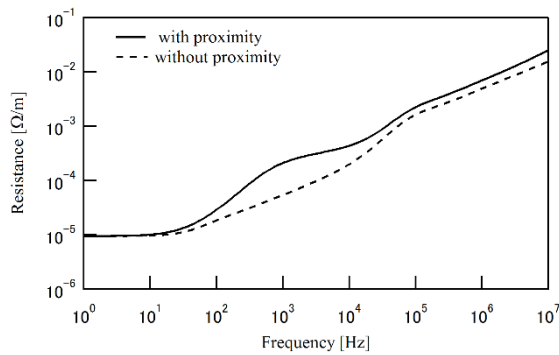


(c) Resistance of the sheath.

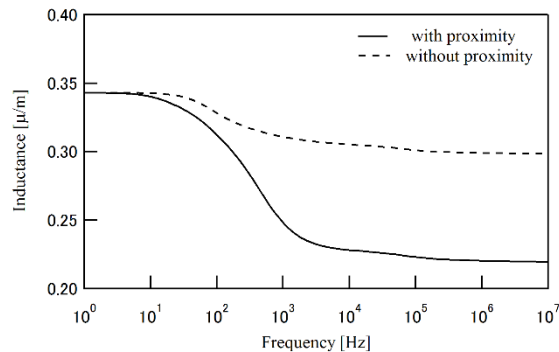


(d) Inductance of the sheath

Fig. 8. Calculated results of the self-impedance.

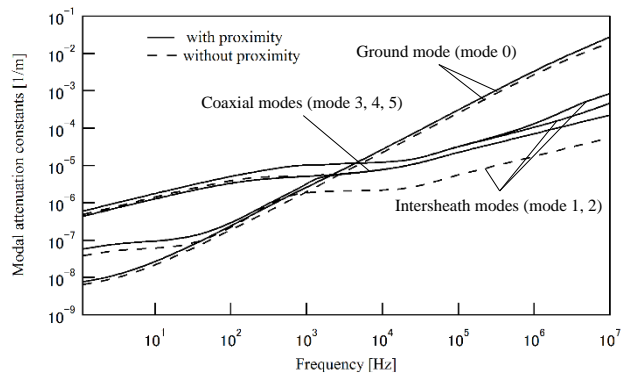


(a) Positive-sequence resistance.

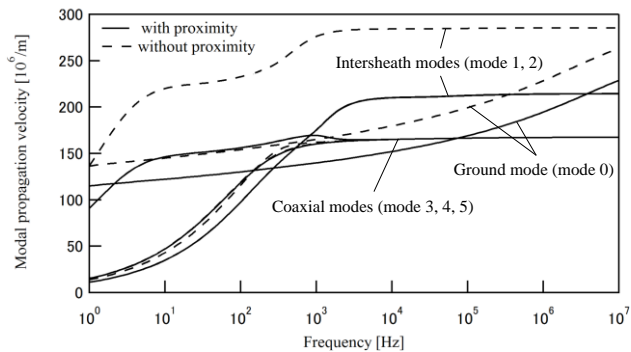


(b) Positive-sequence inductance.

Fig. 9. Calculated results of positive-sequence impedance.



(a) Modal attenuation constants



(b) Modal velocities

Fig. 10. Calculated results of modal constants.

## V. CONCLUSION

This paper presents the development of a computer program for calculating the transmission-line constants of cables installed in a tunnel taking the skin and proximity effects into account. The developed program is used to calculate the transmission-line constants of three-phase cables which are closely spaced in a tunnel. The results show that the transmission-line constants of cables installed in a tunnel are influenced by the proximity effect.

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