Propagation of Love Waves in a Non-Homogeneous Stratum of **Finite Depth Sandwitched Between Two Semi-Infinite Isotropic Media**

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Summary - The possibility of propagation of Love-waves in a non-homogeneous internal stratum internal stratum of finite depth sandwitched between two semi-infinite isotropic media has been studied in this paper. The density and rigidity both are considered to be variable, density being taken

as
$$
\varrho_2 = \frac{\varrho_0}{(1 + \alpha z)} \quad \text{and rigidity} \quad \mu_2 = \frac{\mu_0}{(1 + \alpha z)^3}
$$

 ϱ_0 and μ_0 are constants. The velocity $\beta = c_2$ is taken here as constant $=\sqrt{\mu_2/\varrho_2} = \sqrt{\mu_0/\varrho_0}$. It is found that the phase velocity c exists between the limit $c_2 < c \leq (1.121 \ c_2)$. The variability of *KH* (where K, the wave number and H, the depth of the internal medium) with the change of c/c_2 and C/c_2 (where C is the group velocity) is shown graphically.

Introduction

DUTTA [1] 2) showed that the Love-type of wave in a non-homogeneous internal stratum of finite depth lying between two semi-infinite isotropic media exists for a sufficiently large value of KH (where K , the wave number and H , the depth of sandwitched layer) in three different cases:

(i) when
$$
\mu_2 \alpha \cosh^2 \frac{z}{\lambda}
$$
, $\varrho_2 \alpha \cosh^2 \frac{z}{\lambda}$

(ii) when
$$
\mu_2 \alpha \left(1 + \frac{z}{\lambda}\right)^2
$$
, $\varrho_2 \alpha \left(1 + \frac{z}{\lambda}\right)^2$

(iii) when $\mu_2 \propto e^{mz}$, $\rho_2 \propto e^{mz}$.

In the previous paper author [2] discussed the problem regarding Love-type of wave in a non-homogeneous intermediate layer lying between two semi-infinite media, when the rigidity of the medium varies as e^{2pz} , density being constant, distortional

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velocity also varies as e^{pz} . He showed that for $c > c_1 < c_3$ Love-type wave is possible, where c_1 and c_3 are the distortional wave velocity in the upper and lower media respectively.

DUTTA [3] studied the problem of propagation of Love-waves in a non-homogeneous thin layer lying over a semi-infinite medium. In that paper he considered the rigidity $\mu_2 = \mu_0/(1 + \alpha z)$ and density $\varrho_2 = \varrho_0/(1 + \alpha z)$, μ_0 and ϱ_0 are constants and showed that the existence of Love-type of wave in possible.

In this paper taking the variation of rigidity and density same i.e. $\mu_2 = \mu_0/(1 + \alpha z)$, $\rho_2 = \rho_0/(1 + \alpha z)$ (where μ_0 and ϱ_0 are constants) a problem is studied in the case of a non-homogeneous stratum sandwitched between two semi-infinite media.

Mathematical derivation

I $7 = \Omega$ $\theta_2 = \frac{\theta_0}{(1+\alpha x)}$ $\mu_2 = \frac{\mu_\theta}{(1+\alpha z)}$ \overline{I} $\int_{Z=-\infty}^{Z=-\pi}$ π

Let us assume that the medium I is extended from $z=0$ to $z=\infty$, the medium II is extended from $z=0$ to $z=-H$ and the medium III is extended from $z=-H$ to $z=-\infty$ (Figure 1).

The component of displacement (u, v, w) in a plane wave travelling in the direction x increasing in any medium may be assumed to be the real part of $(0, V, 0) e^{ik(x-ct)}$, where V is a function of z only. For Love-wave we consider $u = w = 0$.

The Equation of motion is (EwING, JARDETZKY and PRESS [4])

$$
\rho \frac{\delta^2 v}{\delta t^2} = \frac{\delta p_{xy}}{\delta x} + \frac{\delta p_{yz}}{\delta z}.
$$
 (1)

for Love wave we assume that all displacements are independent of y-coordinates.

The non-zero stress-strain relations are

$$
p_{xy} = \mu \frac{\delta v}{\delta x} \quad \text{and} \quad p_{yz} = \mu \frac{\delta v}{\delta z}.
$$
 (2)

(EwING, JARDETZKY and PRESS [4]).

Let v_i ($j=1, 3$) be the displacement components in medium I and III respectively. Putting (2) in (1) we have,

$$
\frac{\delta}{\delta x} \left(\frac{\delta v_j}{\delta x} \right) + \frac{\delta}{\delta z} \left(\frac{\delta v_j}{\delta z} \right) = \frac{\varrho_j}{\mu_j} \frac{\delta^2 v_j}{\delta t^2}, \quad (j = 1, 3)
$$
\n(3)

where (μ_j, ϱ_j) , $(j=1, 3)$ are the constant rigidity and density of medium I and III respectively.

Let
$$
v_j = V_j e^{ik(x-ct)}, (j = 1, 3)
$$
 (4)

where V_i , $(j=1, 3)$ are functions of z only, the equation (3) reduces to

$$
\frac{d^2V_1}{dz^2} - s_1^2 V_1 = 0
$$
 (5)

$$
\frac{d^2V_3}{dz^2} - s_3^2V_3 = 0\tag{6}
$$

 $s_1 = k \left\{ 1 - \frac{c^2}{c_1^2} \right\}^{1/2}$ and $s_3 = k \left\{ 1 - \frac{c^2}{c_3^2} \right\}^{1/2}$. (7)

The solutions of the equations (5) and (6) suitable for the problem are

$$
V_1 = C_1 e^{-s_1 z} \quad \text{and} \quad V_3 = D_1 e^{s_3 z} \tag{8}
$$

where C_1 and D_1 are constants.

The equation of motion in the second medium is

$$
\frac{\delta}{\delta x} \left(\mu_2 \frac{\delta v_2}{\delta x} \right) + \frac{\delta}{\delta z} \left(\mu_2 \frac{\delta v_2}{\delta z} \right) = \varrho_2 \frac{\delta^2 v_2}{\delta t^2}
$$
\n(9)

where v_2 is the displacement component in the second medium, ϱ_2 , μ_2 the density and the rigidity of the material of the second medium, being function of z only and c_2 is constant.

Equation (9) can be written as

$$
\mu_2 \frac{\delta^2 v_2}{\partial x^2} + \mu_2 \frac{\delta^2 v_2}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\delta \mu_2}{\delta z} \cdot \frac{\delta v_2}{\delta z} = \varrho_2 \frac{\delta^2 v_2}{\delta t^2}.
$$
 (10)

Putting $v^2 = V_2^{(ik(x-ct))}$ in (10)

$$
\frac{d^2V_2}{dz^2} + \frac{1}{\mu_2} \cdot \frac{d\mu_2}{dz} \cdot \frac{dV_2}{dz} - k^2 \left(1 - \frac{\varrho_2 c^2}{\mu_2}\right) V_2 = 0.
$$
 (11)

Again putting

$$
\mu_2 = \frac{\mu_0}{(1 + \alpha z)}, \quad \varrho_2 = \frac{\varrho_0}{(1 + \alpha z)} \quad \text{and} \quad V_2 = \frac{V^1 (1 + \alpha z)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{\mu_0}}
$$

for the medium II, the equation (11) reduces to

$$
\frac{d^2V^1}{dz^2} + \left[k^2\left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1\right) - \frac{3\alpha^2}{4(1+\alpha z)}\right]V^1 = 0.
$$
 (12)

Putting $1 + \alpha z = \xi$, (12) can be reduced to

$$
\frac{d^2V^1}{d\xi^2} + \left[\frac{k^2}{\alpha^2}\left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1\right) - \frac{3}{4\xi^2}\right]V^1 = 0.
$$

Hence the solution is

$$
V^{1} = A^{1} \sqrt{\xi} J_{1}(r \xi) + B^{1} \sqrt{\xi} Y_{1}(r \xi)
$$

where

$$
r = \frac{k}{\alpha} \left(\frac{c^{2}}{c_{2}^{2}} - 1\right)^{1/2}
$$
 (13)

substituting the value of V^1 in (13) we have

$$
\frac{\sqrt{\mu_0}}{(1+\alpha z)^{1/2}} V_2 = A^1 (1+\alpha z)^{1/2} J_1 \{r(1+\alpha z)\} + B^1 (1+\alpha z)^{1/2} Y_1 \{r(1+\alpha z)\}
$$

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$$
V_2 = A(1+\alpha z) J_1 \{r(1+\alpha z)\} + B(1+\alpha z) Y_1 \{r(1+\alpha z)\}
$$

\nwhere
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$$
A = \frac{A^1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \text{ and } B = \frac{B^1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \qquad (14)
$$

 $\sqrt{\mu_0}$ $\sqrt{\mu_0}$

 A^1 , B^1 being constants.

The boundary conditions are

$$
V_2 = V_1 \text{ at } z = 0
$$

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$$
V_2 = V_3 \text{ at } z = -H
$$

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$$
\mu_1 = \frac{dV_1}{dz} = \mu_2 \frac{dV_2}{dz} \text{ at } z = 0
$$

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$$
\mu_2 = \frac{dV_2}{dz} = \mu_3 \frac{dV_3}{dz} \text{ at } z = -H.
$$
\n(15)

From the boundary conditions, we have,

$$
A J_1(r) + B Y_1(r) = C_1
$$

(1 - α H) $[A J_1\{r(1 - \alpha H)\} + B Y_1\{r(1 - \alpha H)\}] = D_1 e^{-s_3 H}$
 $\mu_0 r \alpha [A J_0(r) + B Y_0(r)] = -\mu_1 s_1 C_1$

and $\mu_0 r \alpha [A J_0 \{r(1 - \alpha H)\} + B Y_0 \{r(1 - \alpha H)\}] = \mu_3 s_3 D_1 e^{-s_3 H}.$

Eliminating A, B, C_1 and D_1 from the above equations and putting the value of r, we get the frequency equation

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$$
\mu_0 \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} J_0 \left\{ \frac{k}{\alpha} \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \right\} + \mu_1 \left(1 - \frac{c^2}{c_1^2} \right)^{1/2} J_1 \left\{ \frac{k}{\alpha} \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \right\}
$$
\n
$$
\mu_0 \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} J_0 \left\{ \frac{k}{\alpha} \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} (1 - \alpha H) - \mu_3 (1 - \alpha H) \left(1 - \frac{c^2}{c_3^2} \right)^{1/2} J_1 \left\{ \frac{k}{\alpha} \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} (1 - \alpha H) \right\}
$$
\n
$$
\mu_0 \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} Y_0 \left\{ \frac{k}{\alpha} \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \right\} + \mu_1 \left(1 - \frac{c^2}{c_1^2} \right)^{1/2} Y_1 \left\{ \frac{k}{\alpha} \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \right\}
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{\mu_0 \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} Y_0 \left\{ \frac{k}{\alpha} \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} (1 - \alpha H) \right\} - \mu_3 (1 - \alpha H) \left(1 - \frac{c^2}{c_3^2} \right)^{1/2} Y_1 \left\{ \frac{k}{\alpha} \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} (1 - \alpha H) \right\}
$$

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The numerical calculations are performed by the help of 'The Table of Functions' (JAHNKE and EMDE [5]) and we take the following particular values

> $c_1 = 3.363$, $c_3 = 4.362$, $c_2 = 3.00$ $\alpha H = .5$ $\mu_1 = 2.997$, $\mu_0 = 2.385$, $\mu_3 = 6.469$

and plot the graph of KH against c/c_2 and C/c_2 .

Figure 2

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