

Wave Trapping by Dual Porous Barriers Near a Wall in the Presence of Bottom Undulation

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Abstract: Trapping of oblique surface gravity waves by dual porous barriers near a wall is studied in the presence of step type varying bottom bed that is connected on both sides by water of uniform depths. The porous barriers are assumed to be fixed at a certain distance in front of a vertical rigid wall. Using linear water wave theory and Darcy's law for flow past porous structure, the physical problem is converted into a boundary value problem. Using eigenfunction expansion in the uniform bottom bed region and modified mild-slope equation in the varying bottom bed region, the mathematical problem is handled for solution. Moreover, certain jump conditions are used to account for mass conservation at slope discontinuities in the bottom bed profile. To understand the effect of dual porous barriers in creating tranquility zone and minimum load on the sea wall, reflection coefficient, wave forces acting on the barrier and the wall, and surface wave elevation are computed and analyzed for different values of depth ratio, porous-effect parameter, incident wave angle, gap between the barriers and wall and slope length of undulated bottom. The study reveals that with moderate porosity and suitable gap between barriers and sea wall, using dual barriers an effective wave trapping system can be developed which will exert less wave force on the barriers and the rigid wall. The proposed wave trapping system is likely to be of immense help for protecting various facilities/infrastructures in coastal environment.

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1 Introduction

Gravity wave transformation due to change in bottom topography is of fundamental importance in the understanding of wave energy distribution in continental shelves and is a key issue in coastal zone management. Due to global warming, there is a rise in the occurrences of storm surges which adversely affect coastal regions. As a part of the development of warning system for disaster mitigation, several measures are taken to predict the effect of wave transformation in coastal regions. Among various coastal processes associated with wave transformation due to variation in bottom bed geometry, combined effect of

refraction and diffraction of waves is well attributed by the mild-slope type models which are also known as depth-integrated equations. The mild-slope model is based on the assumption that bottom slope is mild and was first derived by Berkhoff (1972) using vertical averaging procedure which was re-derived by Smith and Sprinks (1975) using Green's second identity in a lucid manner. However, Berkhoff's equation neglects the terms concerned with higher order bottom effects namely square of the bottom slope and bottom curvature with the mild-slope assumption. Using variational principle and retaining these neglected terms Chamberlain and Porter (1995) derived a new depth-integrated equation, known as the Modified Mild-Slope Equation (MMSE). It was shown that the effects of both the curvature and slope-squared terms are important in understanding combined refraction and diffraction. Further, Porter and Staziker (1995) extended the MMSE to include the influence of any number of evanescent modes and provided expressions to be used at the bottom slope discontinuities to ensure mass conservation at those points. The MMSE with mass conserving jump conditions works very well for bottom slopes up to 1. Also, in the case of sinusoidal ripple beds, results from MMSE were verified by the experimental data of Davies and Heathershaw (1984) and found favorable agreement. A good treatment of mild-slope equations can be found in Porter (2003). An extensive literature on mild-slope models and the development of boundary element method for solving mild-slope equations can also be obtained from Cerrato *et al.* (2016). In addition, the MMSE was extended to study water wave scattering by floating structures over uneven bottom such as a floating ice-sheet which has been modeled as an elastic plate (see Porter and Porter (2004)), a flexible membrane (see Manam and Kaligatla, 2012; Kaligatla and Manam, 2016).

Of late, study on wave interaction with coastal structures such as breakwaters has received considerable progress because of their direct impact on various coastal activities including shore protection, creation of tranquility zones in ports and harbors, environmental protection, recreation and military operations. Especially, for reduction of wave reflection and load on coastal infrastructures, wave absorbing structures such as porous structures have often been used due

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to their ability in dissipating wave energy. Models involving porous structures fixed near sea walls have been proposed for creating tranquility zones near harbors/ports/bays. Use of such breakwaters with dissipation characteristics is much acceptable due to their well performance in reducing wave loads on rigid sea walls.

Michael *et al.* (1998) analyzed interaction between waves and surface-piercing partial vertical slotted barrier by using eigenfunction expansion method. The excellent review of Chwang and Chan (1998) illustrates the theory for waves past porous structures as well as the use of those structures as wavemakers and as breakwaters to reduce resonance in harbors. Sahoo *et al.* (2000b) investigated the role of thin partial porous barrier in various vertical positions in trapping and generation of waves in semi-infinite fluid region by using the method of eigen function expansion and the least square method while the problem was again considered by Sahoo *et al.* (2000a) for oblique waves. Huang *et al.* (2011) reviewed the recent progress on the hydraulic performance and wave loadings of perforated/slotted coastal structures. Koley *et al.* (2014) considered a wave trapping system consisting of porous barriers of finite width kept in front of a sea wall and solved the problem by applying eigen function expansion method and multi-domain boundary-element method. Apart from the use of single barriers, there is a significant interest in the use of dual barriers which can act as an effective breakwater system for protecting marine facilities. Liu and Li (2011) investigated the effectiveness of dual barriers which consists of pervious barrier in the seaside and rigid impervious barrier in the shoreward as a wave absorber. Karmakar *et al.* (2013) studied the performance of multiple surface-piercing permeable membrane wave barriers and have shown the occurrence of Bragg resonance in reflection coefficient. Karmakar and Soares (2014) studied scattering of water waves by multiple bottom-standing flexible porous wave barriers and found that the transmitted wave height can be reduced significantly due to the presence of multiple barriers. Mondal and Gayen (2015) investigated wave interaction with dual circular porous plates in deep water using hyper singular integral equation technique. Recently, Mandal *et al.* (2015) analyzed wave scattering by multiple porous flexible barriers, arranged in uniform depth of water, by applying wide-spacing approximation method.

However, when waves reach from open sea to shoreline, they bring with them and remove sand and other debris. Clay or mud and small rocks deposited by waves result in silting up of deep water channels/harbours which is often act as a hindrance in the navigational passage. One of the simplest ways for overcoming this awkward situation is achieved by introducing a step down in sea bottom bed near the bay/harbor mouth (see Billingham and King (2000)). The consideration of step down bottoms in the design of wave trapping models motivates to study its effect on waves that are incident on step while interacting with coastal structures. Suh and Park (1995) developed a model for

predicting wave reflection from a perforated-wall caisson breakwater mounted on rubble mound foundation. They employed Galerkin eigen function method of Massel (1993) which is associated with depth-integrated model and studied reflection of oblique waves from that structure. Applying the matched eigen function expansion method Bhattacharjee and Guedes Soares (2011) studied diffraction of obliquely incident waves by a floating rigid structure near a wall with a bottom of vertical step. Das and Bora (2014) considered a model consisting of a porous structure on multi-step type bottom before a sea wall and analyzed oblique wave damping by the porous structure. Some of the recent developments on wave-structure interaction problems involving step type bottom can be found in Dhillon *et al.* (2016). But, a bottom with varying step is more realistic than a bottom with vertical step(s). Behera *et al.* (2015) developed a wave trapping model involving a sea bottom with varying step and a thin porous barrier placed near a sea wall. In the wave trapping problem studied in this paper, emphasis was given to find the criteria for creating a tranquility zone with minimum load on the sea wall. They used MMSE with interfacial matching conditions of Porter and Staziker (1995) in the varying bottom region and obtained reflection coefficient of waves, force on the barrier and wall. Behera *et al.* (2016) studied the oblique wave scattering by a bottom-standing or surface-piercing flexible porous barrier in water of finite depth having bottom undulation using the methods of least-squares and multi-mode approximation associated with the modified mild-slope equation. In most of the studies in the literature concerned with wave trapping by porous barrier near a wall, emphasis was given on the role of single porous barrier of varied configurations for creating minimum load on the barrier and the sea wall.

In the present study, oblique wave trapping by a pair of porous barriers located near a rigid wall is analyzed in the presence of undulated bottom bed. The physical problem is studied under the assumption of small amplitude water wave theory and Darcy's law is used to analyze wave past porous structures whilst, modified mild-slope equation is used to deal with the uneven bottom bed. In the uniform water depth regions, velocity potentials are expanded using the eigen function expansions. On the other hand, in the region of variable bottom, the modified mild-slope model is used to obtain the velocity potentials. Then, the solution of the MMSE is matched with the velocity potentials in the uniform bed regions to obtain a system of equations for the determination of unknown physical quantities. Moreover, mass conserving jump conditions are applied to account for slope discontinuity in bottom bed profile. Various physical quantities such as reflection coefficient and wave forces on the wall and the porous barriers, and surface wave elevation are computed and analyzed to understand the roles of depth ratio, angle of incidence, structural porosity, length of varying bottom, gap between the barriers and wall for an effective wave trapping system.

2 Formulation of the boundary value problem

In this Section, oblique wave trapping by a pair of thin porous barriers is formulated in the Cartesian coordinate system in the presence of varying bottom topography. The physical problem is studied under the assumption of the linearized water wave theory and the porous barrier is assumed to have fine pores. The problem is considered in the three dimensional Cartesian co-ordinate system with x - y plane being the mean free surface in the horizontal direction and negative z -axis being in the vertically downward direction. The problem is formulated assuming that the fluid is inviscid and incompressible and the flow is irrotational and simple harmonic in time. The fluid domain is divided into five sub-regions based on the geometry of the problem as shown in Fig. 1. Two thin porous barriers having fine pores are considered and are fixed vertically from bottom to free surface at finite distances in front of a rigid wall. In this arrangement, first barrier is the one which is close to the undulated bed whilst, the second barrier is the one which is close to rigid wall. Moreover, the distance between the two barriers is assumed to be L_1 and the gap between the second barrier and the wall is assumed to be L as in the Fig. 1. Assuming the bottom bed is uniform in y -direction, the varying bottom bed profile is represented by $z = -h(x)$ and it is connected by two unequal uniform bottom levels $z = -h_1$ and $z = -h_2$ with $h_1 > h_2$. For simplicity, the open sea $-\infty < x < 0$, $-\infty < y < \infty$ is of uniform depth $z = -h_1$. The wave motion is assumed to be simple harmonic in time with angular frequency ω and the incident wave make an angle θ with x -axis. All these fluid and wave assumptions ensure the existence of the velocity potentials ϕ_j , in the form $\Phi_j(x, y, z, t) = \text{Re}\{\phi_j(x, z)e^{-i(\beta_y y + \omega t)}\}$ with $\beta_y = \beta_0 \sin \theta$ and β_0 being the wavenumber of incident wave in the region 1. It may be noted that subscripts $j=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ represent the fluid regions shown in Fig. 1. Under the above assumptions, the spatial velocity potentials $\phi_j(x, z)$ for $j=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ satisfy the Helmholtz equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} - \beta_y^2\right)\phi_j = 0 \tag{1}$$

The free surface boundary condition is

$$\frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial z} - K\phi_j = 0, \text{ on } z = 0, \text{ for } j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \tag{2}$$

where $K = \omega^2 / g$ and g is the gravitational constant.

The boundary condition on the uniform bottoms are given by

$$\frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial z} = 0 \text{ on } z = -h_j \text{ for } j = 1, 3, 4, 5 \tag{3}$$

and the boundary condition for the varying bottom is written as

$$\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} + \frac{dh}{dx} \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} = 0 \text{ on } z = -h(x), 0 \leq x \leq L_3 \tag{4}$$

On the rigid vertical wall, the no flow condition in the horizontal direction yields

$$\frac{\partial \phi_5}{\partial x} = 0 \text{ at } x = L_3 + L_2 + L_1 + L \tag{5}$$

The boundary conditions on the porous barriers at $x = L_3 + L_2$ and $x = L_3 + L_2 + L_1$ are given by (as in Behera *et al.*, 2015)

$$\frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi_4}{\partial x} \text{ and } \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial x} = i\beta_0 G_1(\phi_3 - \phi_4) \text{ for } -h_2 \leq z \leq 0, j = 3, 4 \tag{6}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \phi_4}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi_5}{\partial x} \text{ and } \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial x} = i\beta_0 G_2(\phi_4 - \phi_5) \text{ for } -h_2 \leq z \leq 0, j = 4, 5 \tag{7}$$

respectively, where G_1 and G_2 are complex porous effect parameters. In general, according to Yu (1995) the complex porous effect parameters have been defined as

$$G_1 = \frac{\varepsilon_1(f_1 + is_1)}{\beta_0 d_1(f_1^2 + s_1^2)}, \quad G_2 = \frac{\varepsilon_2(f_2 + is_2)}{\beta_0 d_2(f_2^2 + s_2^2)} \tag{8}$$

with $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ are the porosity of the barriers, f_1, f_2 are the resistance coefficients, s_1, s_2 are the inertial coefficients, d_1, d_2 the thickness of the porous barriers. The real and imaginary parts of the complex porous-effect parameters in G_1 and G_2 correspond to the linearized resistance effect of the porous medium against the flow and inertia effect of the fluid inside the porous medium, respectively. The inertial coefficients s_1, s_2 may simply be taken as unity (see Li *et al.*, 2006; Suh *et al.*, 2011). The values of the resistance coefficients f_1, f_2 must be estimated through experiments. An empirical formula for this resistance coefficient was provided by Suh *et al.* (2011). The transparency of the porous structure may be increased by increasing both the parts of the

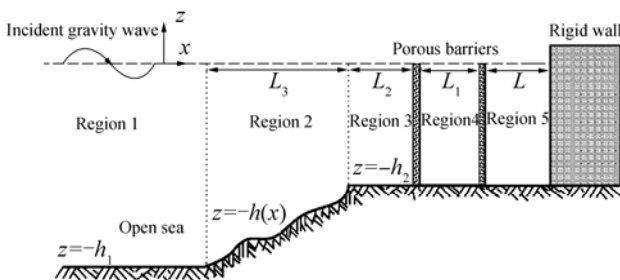


Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of wave trapping system involving dual porous barriers

porous parameter. The porous-effect parameter can be considered as a real number (Chwang, 1983) when the resistance effect of the porous medium dominates the inertial effect.

Finally, the radiation condition is given by

$$\phi_1 = \left(A_0 e^{ip_0 x} + R_0 e^{-ip_0 x} \right) \frac{\cosh \beta_0(z + h_1)}{\cosh \beta_0 h_1} \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow -\infty \quad (9)$$

where A_0 is prescribed incident wave amplitude and R_0 is corresponding reflected wave amplitude that is to be determined and $p_0 = \beta_0 \cos \theta$.

3 Method of solution

For the solution of the physical problem described above, method of eigen function expansion is applied in each subdomain and solutions are matched at the interface boundaries. Since the bottom is varying in the finite interval $(0, L_3)$ and is uniform outside this interval, MMSE is employed in $(0, L_3)$. The bottom profile is assumed to be continuously differentiable function in $(0, L_3)$ and is allowed to have slope discontinuities at $x=0$ and $x=L_3$. The solution of the MMSE is matched with the solutions in the uniform bottom regions at these slope discontinuous points. Moreover, mass conserving jump conditions as in Porter and Staziker (1995) are used at these points. In region 1, the unknown velocity potential ϕ_1 is written as

$$\phi_1(x, z) = A_0 e^{ip_0 x} f_0(\beta_0, z) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R_n e^{-ip_n x} f_n(\beta_n, z)$$

where $f_n(\beta_n, z) = \cosh \beta_n(z + h_1) / \cosh \beta_n h_1$ (10)

with $p_n = \sqrt{\beta_n^2 - \beta_y^2}$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

The constant A_0 is a known amplitude of an incident wave and R_0 being an unknown amplitude of the corresponding reflected wave that is to be determined along with the unknowns R_n . Here, β_0 is the positive real root and β_n for $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ are the purely imaginary roots of the dispersion equation $\beta \tanh \beta h_1 = K$ in β . These roots can be found numerically. In region 2, the velocity potential ϕ_2 is written as

$$\phi_2(x, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi_n(x) Z_n(h, z) \quad (11)$$

where $\psi_n(x)$ are unknown functions and

$$Z_n = \cosh k_n(z + h) / \cosh k_n h$$

The wave number k_0 is a positive real root and k_1, k_2, k_3, \dots are purely imaginary roots of the dispersion equation $k \tanh kh = K$ in k . In contrast to the uniform bottom case, here the roots $k_0, k_1, k_2, k_3, \dots$ are functions of x as they depend on the bottom function $h(x)$. The eigenfunctions Z_n are borrowed from the flat bottom solution and k_n is being considered as function of x . This is the key assumption for the development of mild-slope equations. It is to be noted that Eq. (11) is an approximation for the velocity potential $\phi_2(x, z)$. In the

regions 3, 4 and 5, the velocity potentials ϕ_3, ϕ_4 and ϕ_5 are expressed as

$$\phi_3(x, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (B_n e^{iq_n x} + C_n e^{-iq_n x}) g_n(\gamma_n, z) \quad (12)$$

$$\phi_4(x, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (D_n e^{iq_n x} + E_n e^{-iq_n x}) g_n(\gamma_n, z) \quad (13)$$

and $\phi_5(x, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n \cos q_n(x - x_1) g_n(\gamma_n, z) \quad (14)$

respectively, where $g_n(\gamma_n, z) = \cosh \gamma_n(z + h_2) / \cosh \gamma_n h_2$ with $q_n = \sqrt{\gamma_n^2 - \beta_y^2}$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, B_n, C_n, D_n, E_n, M_n are unknown constants, $x_1 = L_3 + L_2 + L_1 + L$, γ_0 is a positive real root and $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \dots$ are purely imaginary roots of the dispersion equation $\gamma \tanh \gamma h_2 = K$ in γ . Hereafter, the expansions of the velocity potentials will be truncated after finite number of terms and the number of terms will be chosen suitable taking the convergence of the solution into account.

A differential equation for the unknown function $\psi_n(x)$ in (11) is derived here by using the method of Green's second identity suggested by Smith and Sprinks (1975). The Green's identity for the functions ϕ_2 and Z_m , yields

$$\int_{-h}^0 \left(\phi_2 \frac{\partial^2 Z_m}{\partial z^2} - Z_m \frac{\partial^2 \phi_2}{\partial z^2} \right) dz = \left[\phi_2 \frac{\partial Z_m}{\partial z} - Z_m \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} \right]_{z=-h}^{z=0} \quad (15)$$

It may be noted that the function Z_m satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 Z_m}{\partial z^2} - k_m^2 Z_m &= 0, \quad -h < z < 0; \quad \frac{\partial Z_m}{\partial z} - K Z_m = 0, \quad z = 0; \\ \frac{\partial Z_m}{\partial z} &= 0, \quad z = -h \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

On utilizing Eqs. (1), (2), (4) and (16) in the expression (15), we get

$$\int_{-h}^0 \left(k_m^2 Z_m \phi_2 + Z_m \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi_2}{\partial x^2} - \beta_y^2 \phi_2 \right] \right) dz = - \left[Z_m \frac{dh}{dx} \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial x} \right]_{z=-h} \quad (17)$$

The approximation (11) for ϕ_2 can be sought and then Eq. (17) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^N \left\{ \left(k_m^2 \psi_n + \frac{d^2 \psi_n}{dx^2} - \beta_y^2 \psi_n \right) \int_{-h}^0 Z_m Z_n dz + \right. \\ \left. \psi_n \int_{-h}^0 Z_m \frac{\partial^2 Z_n}{\partial x^2} dz + 2h' \int_{-h}^0 Z_m \frac{\partial Z_n}{\partial h} dz \frac{d\psi_n}{dx} + \right. \\ \left. \left[Z_m Z_n h' \frac{d\psi_n}{dx} + \psi_n (h')^2 Z_m \frac{\partial Z_n}{\partial h} \right]_{z=-h} \right\} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where h' and h'' are first and second order derivatives of h respectively. This equation can further be simplified by applying the following identity which is derived by Leibniz rule.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-h}^0 Z_m Z_n \frac{d\psi_n}{dx} dz - \int_{-h}^0 Z_n \frac{\partial Z_m}{\partial h} dz h' \frac{d\psi_n}{dx} = \\ h' \int_{-h}^0 Z_m \frac{\partial Z_n}{\partial h} dz \frac{d\psi_n}{dx} + \int_{-h}^0 Z_m Z_n dz \frac{d^2 \psi_n}{dx^2} + \\ h' [Z_m Z_n]_{z=-h} \frac{d\psi_n}{dx} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Finally, using the orthogonal property $\int_{-h}^0 Z_m Z_n dz = 0, m \neq n$ and after some manipulations Eq. (18) can be brought into a simpler form (as in Behera *et al.* (2015))

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left(a_m \frac{d\psi_m}{dx} \right) + (k_m^2 - \beta_y^2) a_m \psi_m + \\ \sum_{n=0}^N \left[(b_{nm} - b_{mn}) h' \frac{d\psi_n}{dx} + \{ b_{nm} h'' + c_{nm} (h')^2 \} \psi_n \right] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_m(h) &= \int_{-h}^0 Z_m^2 dz, \quad b_{nm}(h) = \int_{-h}^0 Z_m \frac{\partial Z_n}{\partial h} dz, \\ c_{nm}(h) &= \frac{db_{nm}}{dh} - \int_{-h}^0 \frac{\partial Z_m}{\partial h} \frac{\partial Z_n}{\partial h} dz, \quad \text{for } m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N. \end{aligned}$$

Eq. (20) can be solved numerically for the functions $\psi_n(x)$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$) in region 2 for different bottom profiles $h(x)$. It may be observed that when $\theta = 0^\circ$ Eq. (20) reduces to the equation (4.11) of Porter and Staziker (1995). Next, at the interface boundaries $x=0$ and $x=L_3$, continuity of pressure yields

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \psi_0(x) &= A_0 e^{ip_0 x} + R_0 e^{-ip_0 x} \\ \psi_n(x) &= R_n e^{-ip_n x} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{at } x=0 \text{ for } n=1, 2, \dots, N \quad (21)$$

and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \psi_0(x) &= B_0 e^{iq_0 x} + C_0 e^{-iq_0 x} \\ \psi_n(x) &= B_n e^{iq_n x} + C_n e^{-iq_n x} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{at } x=L_3 \text{ for } n=1, 2, \dots, N \quad (22)$$

Further, to ensure the conservation of mass across the interface boundaries at $x=0$ and L_3 , using expressions for $\psi_n(x)$ in Eqs. (21) and (22), the jump conditions in terms of ψ_n are derived as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a_0 \frac{d\psi_0}{dx} + ip_0 a_0 \psi_0 + h' \sum_{m=0}^N b_{m0} \psi_m &= 2ip_0 a_0 A_0 \\ a_n \frac{d\psi_n}{dx} + ip_n a_n \psi_n + h' \sum_{m=0}^N b_{mn} \psi_m &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (23)$$

at $x=0^+, n=1, 2, \dots, N$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a_0 \frac{d\psi_0}{dx} - iq_0 a_0 \psi_0 + h' \sum_{m=0}^N b_{m0} \psi_m &= -2iq_0 a_0 C_0 e^{-iq_0 x} \\ a_n \frac{d\psi_n}{dx} - iq_n a_n \psi_n + h' \sum_{m=0}^N b_{mn} \psi_m &= -2iq_n a_n C_n e^{-iq_n x} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (24)$$

at $x=L_3^-, n=1, 2, \dots, N$

Finally, the expansions in Eqs. (12)-(14) are used in the conditions in Eqs. (6) and (7) which yield

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^N \left\{ iq_n B_n e^{iq_n x} - iq_n C_n e^{-iq_n x} - \right. \\ \left. iq_n D_n e^{iq_n x} + iq_n E_n e^{-iq_n x} \right\} J_{mn} = 0, \\ \sum_{n=0}^N \left\{ [i(q_n - \beta_0 G_1) B_n + i\beta_0 G_1 D_n] e^{iq_n x} + \right. \\ \left. [-i(q_n + \beta_0 G_1) C_n + i\beta_0 G_1 E_n] e^{-iq_n x} \right\} J_{mn} = 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (25)$$

at $x=L_2 + L_3$

and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^N \left\{ iq_n D_n e^{iq_n x} - iq_n E_n e^{-iq_n x} + \right. \\ \left. q_n M_n \sin q_n (x - x_1) \right\} J_{mn} = 0, \\ \sum_{n=0}^N \left\{ i\beta_0 G_2 (D_n e^{iq_n x} + E_n e^{-iq_n x}) + \right. \\ \left. M_n [q_n \sin q_n (x - x_1) - \right. \\ \left. i\beta_0 G_2 \cos q_n (x - x_1)] \right\} J_{mn} = 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (26)$$

at $x=L_1 + L_2 + L_3$

where

$$J_{mn} = \int_{-h}^0 g_m g_n dz, \quad \text{for } m, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Eq. (20) provides a system of $N+1$ second order coupled linear ordinary differential equations. In the present paper, for numerical results we have used only one mild-slope equation related to propagating wave mode which is referred as the single mode approximation in literature as in Chamberlain and Porter (1995). For a large class of mild-slope models, the single mode approximation gives reasonable accuracy for realistic physical problems. For example, Bennets *et al.* (2009) observed that higher modes have negligible contribution in the study of interaction of flexural gravity waves with periodic geometry in a floating ice sheet. As the mild-slope equation in ψ_0 is of second order, its general solution has two unknown constants K_1, K_2 (say). Thus, the unknown constants $B_0, C_0, D_0, E_0, M_0, R_0$ along with K_1 and K_2 can be determined by solving numerically Eqs. (21)-(26).

4 Numerical results

In this Section, numerical results are presented to analyze the role of dual barriers in trapping surface gravity waves. In order to solve the modified mild-slope equation numerically, the in-built function NDSolve is employed in *Mathematica*. For numerical results, a fixed wave length of plane gravity wave $\lambda_1 = 2\pi / \beta_0$ in region 1 is used to represent physical parameters in non-dimensional form. Moreover, time period $T=8$ s. and the acceleration due to gravity $g=9.81$ m/s² are used throughout the computation. Reflection coefficient K_r , horizontal wave forces acting on the porous barriers and the rigid wall are defined as

$$K_r = |R_0 / A_0| \quad (27)$$

$$C_f = i\rho\omega \int_{-h_2}^0 \{ \phi_4(x, z) - \phi_3(x, z) \} \Big|_{x=(L_3+L_2)} dz \quad (28)$$

$$C_g = i\rho\omega \int_{-h_2}^0 \{ \phi_5(x, z) - \phi_4(x, z) \} \Big|_{x=(L_3+L_2+L_1)} dz \quad (29)$$

$$C_w = i\rho\omega \int_{-h_2}^0 \phi_3(x,z) \Big|_{x=x_1} dz \quad (30)$$

where C_f , C_g and C_w are the forces acting on the first and second barriers and on the wall respectively. Further, the non-dimensional forms of the horizontal wave forces on the porous barriers and rigid wall are denoted as F_1 , F_2 and F_w and are given by

$$F_1 = \frac{|C_f|}{\rho gh_1^2}, \quad F_2 = \frac{|C_g|}{\rho gh_1^2} \quad \text{and} \quad F_w = \frac{|C_w|}{\rho gh_1^2} \quad (31)$$

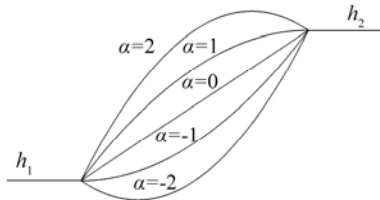


Fig. 2 Bottom profiles for different values of α

Here, the bed profiles shown in Fig. 2 are considered using the bed function $h(x)$ as

$$h(x) = h_1 - (h_1 - h_2) \left\{ 1 - \alpha(1 - x/L_3)^2 + (\alpha - 1)(1 - x/L_3) \right\} \quad 0 < x < L_3 \quad (32)$$

where $\alpha = 0$ corresponds to a plane sloping step type bed, $\alpha \geq 1$ corresponds to a protrusion above the depth h_2 , and for $-1 \leq \alpha < 0$ corresponds to concave bed whilst, an increase in depression in bed profile will occur for $\alpha < -1$. The above physical quantities are calculated for these bed profiles that are chosen from Porter and Porter (2000).

In Figs. 3(a) and (b), results of the present problem are compared with Figs. 2 and 4 of Twu and Lin (1990) pertaining to wave trapping by two porous barriers and a wall in the presence of uniform bottom. Results of Twu and Lin (1990) are recovered by choosing h_2/h_1 almost one in computation as a limiting case. The parameter values $\alpha = 0$, $\theta = 0^\circ$, $L/\lambda_1 = 0.25$, $L_3/\lambda_1 = 1.0$ are fixed for both the figures. Fig. 3(a) depicts the reflection coefficient K_r versus the non-dimensional distance L_1/λ_1 between two porous barriers for different values of depth ratio h_2/h_1 .

For each value of the depth ratio h_2/h_1 reflection coefficient is periodic as in Twu and Lin (1990) and it increases significantly for smaller values of h_2/h_1 . Moreover, phase shift in the reflection coefficient is observed when h_2/h_1 decreases from one and the points L_1/λ_1 at which minimum reflection occurs increase as the depth ratio h_2/h_1 decreases due to the presence of step type varying bottom. Fig. 3(b) shows reflection coefficient versus porous effect parameter G where $G_1 = G$, $G_2 = 2G$ for different values of depth ratio h_2/h_1 . In water of uniform depth, Twu and Lin (1990) showed that when the distance between the wall and porous barrier is half of the distance between two porous barriers, whether $G_1 = G$, $G_2 = 2G$ or $G_1 = 2G$, $G_2 = G$ there was no change in the reflection coefficient and full wave was trapped at $G = 1.5$. However, this is not the case in the

presence of varying bottom and the minimum in reflection increases as the depth ratio h_2/h_1 decreases. In Fig. 3(b) it can be seen that higher reflection of wave occurs for larger absolute values of G and smaller values of depth ratio h_2/h_1 .

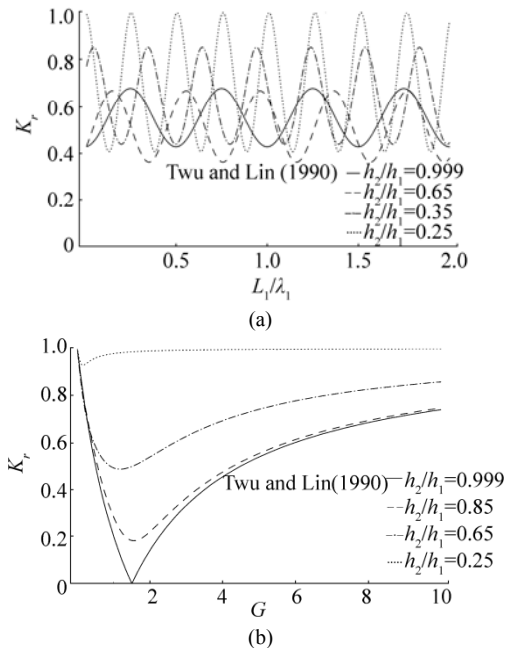


Fig. 3 Reflection coefficient K_r versus (a) L_1/λ_1 with $G=5$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$ and (b) porous effect parameter G where $G_1=G$, $G_2=2G$ with $L_1/\lambda_1=0.5$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.5$ for different values of depth ratio h_2/h_1

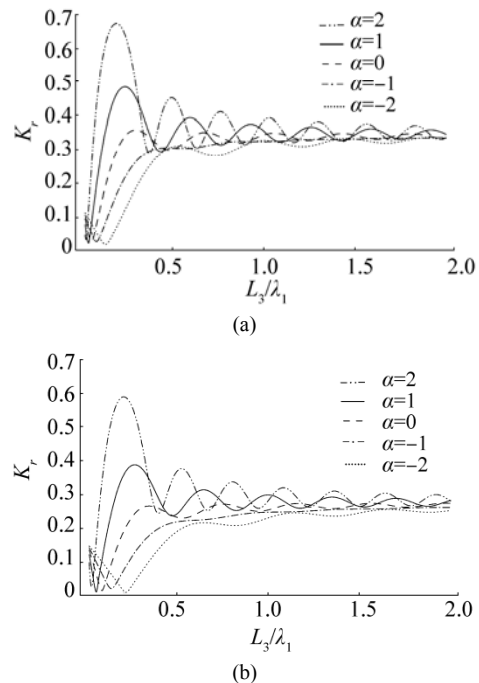


Fig. 4 Reflection coefficient K_r versus L_3/λ_1 for different values of α and for (a) $\theta=0^\circ$ and (b) $\theta=30^\circ$ with $G_1=1+i$, $G_2=1+i$, $h_2/h_1=0.25$, $L/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_1/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$

The reflection coefficient K_r is plotted versus the non-dimensional horizontal length of the varying bed L_3/λ_1 for various values of bed shape parameter α for normally incident waves in Fig. 4(a) and for oblique incident waves with $\theta=30^\circ$ in Fig. 4(b). In general, wave reflection is more in case of normally incident waves compared to obliquely incident waves. Moreover, wave reflection is highest in case of $\alpha > 1$ and lowest for bed having depression with $\alpha < -1$.

Further, wave reflection is very small for smaller values of L_3/λ_1 which attains an oscillatory steady state as L_3/λ_1 increases. However, the amplitude in the oscillatory pattern decreases for larger values of L_3/λ_1 . A comparison with Fig. 3 of Behera *et al.* (2015) reveals that there is a significant reduction in wave reflection in case of wave trapping by two barriers compared to that of the single barrier.

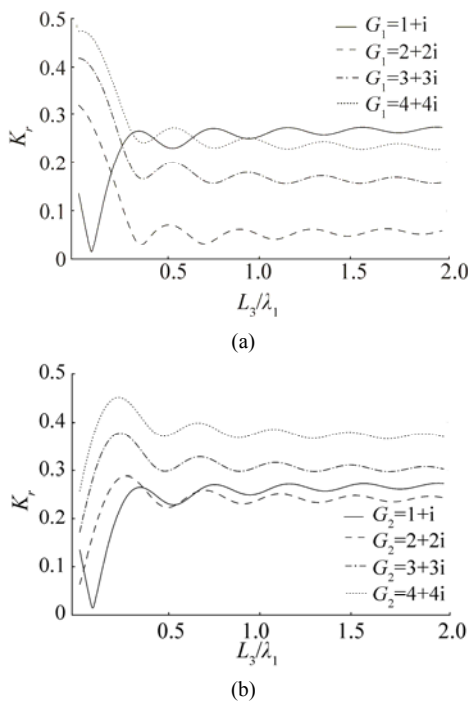


Fig. 5 Reflection coefficient K_r versus L_3/λ_1 for different values of (a) G_1 while $G_2=1+i$ is fixed and (b) G_2 while $G_1=1+i$ is fixed, with $\theta=30^\circ$, $\alpha=0$, $h_2/h_1=0.25$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_1/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L/\lambda_1=0.4$

In the subsequent discussion, the results are computed and analyzed for plane sloping bed which corresponds to $\alpha=0$. Figs. 5(a) and (b) show the variations of the reflection coefficient versus the non-dimensional horizontal length of the varying bed L_3/λ_1 for different values of the porous-effect parameters of the barriers. Both the figures reveal that with an increase in the absolute value of the porous-effect parameter of the first barrier, there is a significant reduction in wave reflection compared to the second barrier. However, for smaller values of L_3/λ_1 , wave reflection is more for first barrier compared to the second barrier. Further, minimum wave reflection is observed for $G_1=2+2i$ and $G_2=1+i$ for the

first barrier and for $G_1=1+i$ and $G_2=2+2i$ for the second barrier.

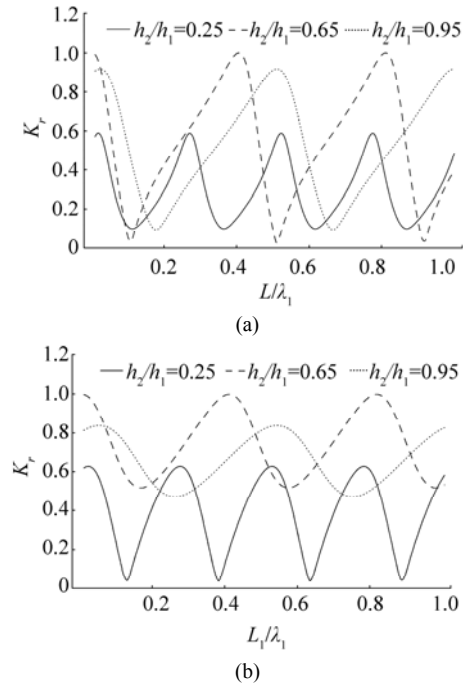


Fig. 6 Reflection coefficient K_r versus (a) L_2/λ_1 for fixed $L_1/\lambda_1=0.4$ and (b) L_1/λ_1 for fixed $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$ and for different values of h_2/h_1 with $G_1=2+2i$, $G_2=1+i$, $\theta=0^\circ$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_3/\lambda_1=1$

Fig. 6(a) shows the variations of the reflection coefficient versus the non-dimensional distance L_2/λ_1 between the second barrier and the rigid wall for different values of depth ratio h_2/h_1 . Fig. 6(a) demonstrates that wave reflection follows an oscillatory periodic pattern as the distance L_2/λ_1 increases. However, as depth ratio h_2/h_1 increases, the amplitude of the oscillatory pattern in wave reflection increases. The increase in amplitude may be due to the fact that effect of wave transformation due to increase in the depth ratio h_2/h_1 is decreasing significantly. Further, there is a phase shift in the oscillatory pattern of wave reflection due to an increase in depth ratio h_2/h_1 . Fig. 6(b) shows the variations of the reflection coefficient versus the non-dimensional distance L_1/λ_1 between the two barriers for different values of depth ratio h_2/h_1 . Fig. 6(b) illustrates that for higher values of depth ratio h_2/h_1 , minimum reflection increases significantly as depth ratio h_2/h_1 increases. Moreover, as the distance between the barriers increases, wave reflection follows an oscillatory periodic pattern which is similar to that observed in Fig. 6(a). Both the figures reveal that with an increase in depth ratio h_2/h_1 , number of optima in wave reflection decreases for fixed gap length between the barriers as well as the barrier and the rigid wall.

Fig. 7 shows the variations of the reflection coefficient versus the non-dimensional distance L/λ_1 between second barrier and the rigid wall for different values of porous-effect

parameters. Both the figures reveal that the reflection coefficient follows a periodic oscillatory pattern as the distance between the second barrier and the wall increases which is similar to Fig. 6. A comparison between Figs. 7(a) and 7(b) shows that more wave energy is reflected with an increase in the absolute value of the porous-effect parameter G_2 of the barrier close to the rigid wall which demonstrates that more wave energy is trapped due to the barrier close to the undulated bed. Further, Fig. 7(b) reveals that a major increase in the maximum values of wave reflection occur due to the change in the porosity of the second barrier.

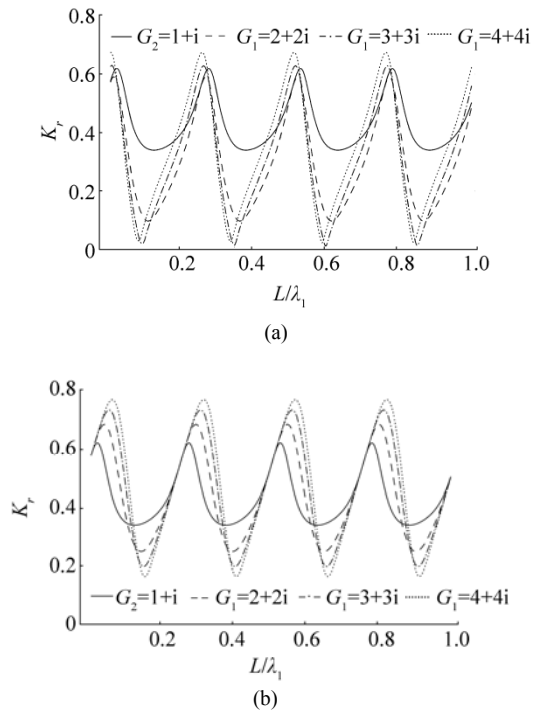


Fig. 7 Variations of reflection coefficient K_r versus L/λ_1 for (a) different values of G_1 while $G_2=1+i$ is fixed and (b) different values of G_2 while $G_1=1+i$ is fixed, with $h_2/h_1=0.25$, $\theta=0^\circ$, $L_1/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_3/\lambda_1=1$

Fig. 8 demonstrates the variations of the reflection coefficient versus the non-dimensional distance L_1/λ_1 between the two barriers for different values of porous-effect parameters. These figures depict that wave reflection follows an oscillatory periodic pattern as the non-dimensional distance L_1/λ_1 increases which is similar to the observation made in Fig.7. Fig. 8(a) reveals that with an increase in the absolute value of the porous-effect parameter G_1 of the first barrier, wave reflection decreases considerably. On the other hand, a reverse trend in wave reflection is observed with an increase in the absolute value of the porous-effect parameter G_2 of the second barrier. A comparison between Figs. 8(a) and 8(b) illustrates that the first barrier having higher porosity plays a significant role in trapping most of the wave energy.

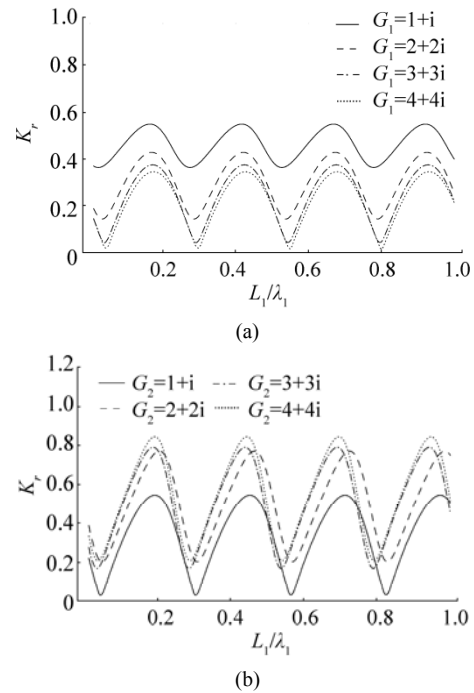


Fig. 8 Variations of reflection coefficient K_r versus L_1/λ_1 for (a) different values of G_1 while $G_2=1+i$ is fixed and (b) different values of G_2 while $G_1=2+2i$ is fixed, with $h_2/h_1=0.25$, $\theta=0^\circ$, $L/\lambda_1=0.3$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_3/\lambda_1=1$

Fig. 9 illustrates the variations of the reflection coefficient as a function of angle of incident θ . Particularly, Fig. 9(a) demonstrates K_r for varying depth ratio h_2/h_1 while Figs. 9(b) and 9(c) represent K_r for varying porous-effect parameter. Fig. 9(a) depicts that there exist two minima in reflection when $h_2/h_1=0.25$ and a sharp variation in reflection is arising at larger incident wave angles in the range $80^\circ - 90^\circ$. This is due to linear slopping bed with small depth ratio values. However, the sharp variation is diminishing remarkably as the depth ratio h_2/h_1 is tending to one. As a result, the two minima in wave reflection reduces to a single minimum. Also, it is observed that in the case of almost flat bottom, minimum in wave reflection occurs for smaller angles between 0° and 15° . In Figs. 9(b) and 9(c), effect of variation of porous-effect parameter on wave reflection is explored for smaller depth ratio $h_2/h_1=0.25$. Both the figures illustrate that due to the presence of two barriers, there exist two minima in the reflection coefficients for two different angles of incidence for certain values of porous-effect parameters and often zero minimum in reflection is also observed. Fig. 9(b) reveals that with an increase in the absolute value of the porous-effect parameter G_1 of the first barrier, one of the minima in reflection occurs for smaller angle of incidence. This shift in reflection may be due to a change in phase of the incident and reflected waves as the absolute value of the porous-effect parameter increases. On the other hand, Fig. 9(c) depicts that with an increase in the absolute value of the porous-effect parameter G_2 of the second barrier, one of the minima is disappearing which may be due to dissipation of incident wave energy by the porous barriers.

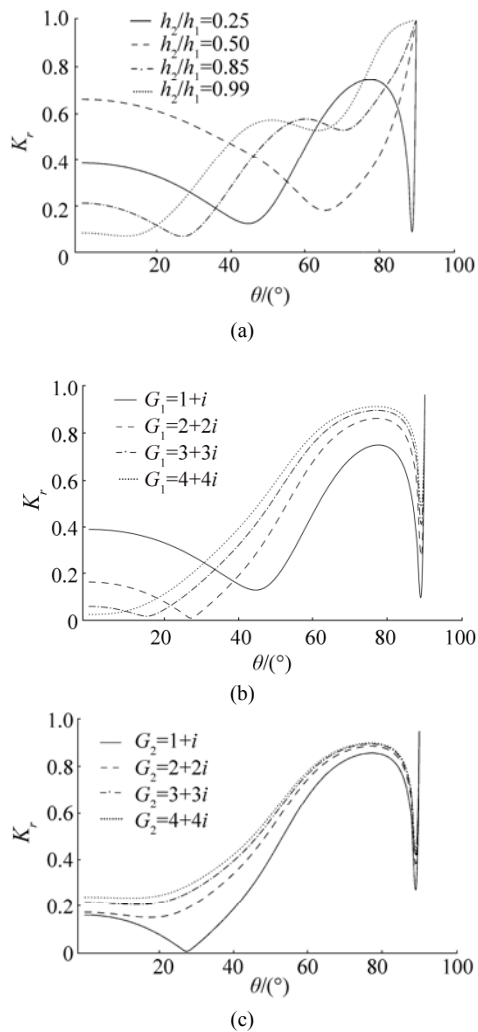


Fig. 9 Variation of reflection coefficient K_r versus the angle of incidence θ for (a) different values of depth ratio $h_2/h_1=0.25$ with $G_1=1+i$ and $G_2=1+i$, (b) different values of G_1 with $G_2=1+i$ and (c) different values of G_2 with $G_1=2+2i$. Various fixed parameters are $h_2/h_1=0.25$, $L/\lambda_1=0.3$, $L_1/\lambda_1=0.3$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_3/\lambda_1=1$

In Figs. 10(a) and (b), reflection coefficients versus angle of incidence θ are plotted for different values of non-dimensional distance L/λ_1 between the second barrier and the wall, and L_1/λ_1 between the two porous barriers respectively. It is observed that with an increase in L/λ_1 , there is a right shift in the minima with an increase in θ and the minimum in wave reflection which occurs for higher angle of incidence diminishes. A similar pattern is also observed in Fig. 10(b) when the non-dimensional distance L_1/λ_1 between the porous barriers increases. Thus, both the figures demonstrate that the minima close to the higher angle of incidence diminishes with an increase in the gap between the barriers, or the barrier and wall. However, when the gap between the barriers increases more waves will be trapped in comparison to the increase in the distance

between the second barrier and the wall for smaller angle of incidence.

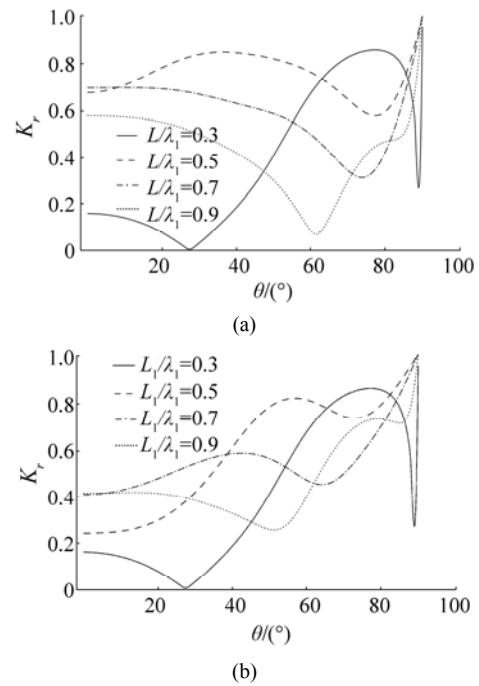


Fig. 10 Reflection coefficient K_r versus the angle incidence θ for (a) different values of L/λ_1 while $L_1/\lambda_1=0.3$ is fixed and (b) different values of L_1/λ_1 while $L/\lambda_1=0.3$ is fixed, with $G_1=2+2i$, $G_2=1+i$, $h_2/h_1=0.25$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_3/\lambda_1=1$

Figs. 11(a) and (b) show the variations of horizontal wave force acting on the rigid wall F_w versus the non-dimensional distance L/λ_1 between the second barrier and the wall for different values of porous-effect parameters. In Fig. 11(a), as the absolute value of the porous-effect parameter of the first barrier G_1 increases, horizontal forces acting on the wall increase which is similar to that of wave trapping by single barrier as in Behera *et al.* (2015). However, wave forces acting on the wall in the presence of single barrier demonstrates that there is a significant reduction in wave forces acting on the wall due to the presence of double barrier as most of the wave energy will be dissipated by the porous structures. Figs. 11(a) and 11(b) show that less wave force is exerted on the wall due to the rise in the absolute value of the porous-effect parameter of the second barrier G_2 compared to that of the first barrier. However, certain phase shift in the optima of the oscillatory pattern of the wave forces are observed with the increase in the absolute value of G_2 . A comparison of Figs. 7(b) and 11(b) demonstrates that minimum wave reflection is associated with the maximum force exerted on the rigid wall which is similar to wave trapping by single barrier.

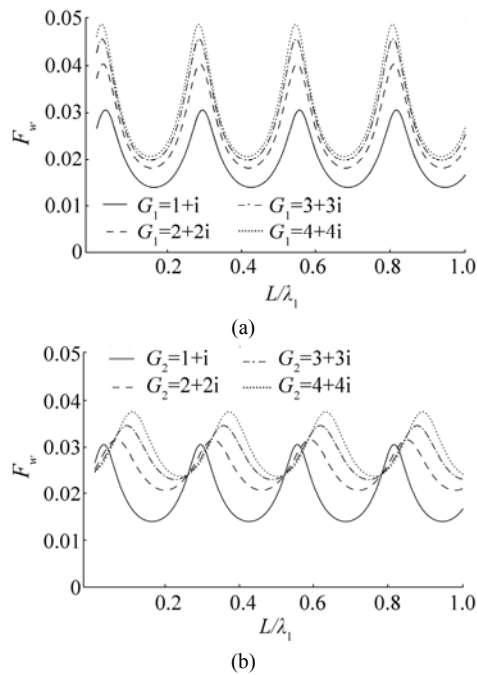


Fig. 11 Variations of force on the wall F_w versus the frequency parameter L/λ_1 for (a) different values of G_1 while $G_2=1+i$ is fixed and (b) different values of G_2 while $G_1=1+i$ is fixed with $h_2/h_1=0.25$, $\theta=30^\circ$, $L_1/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_3/\lambda_1=1$

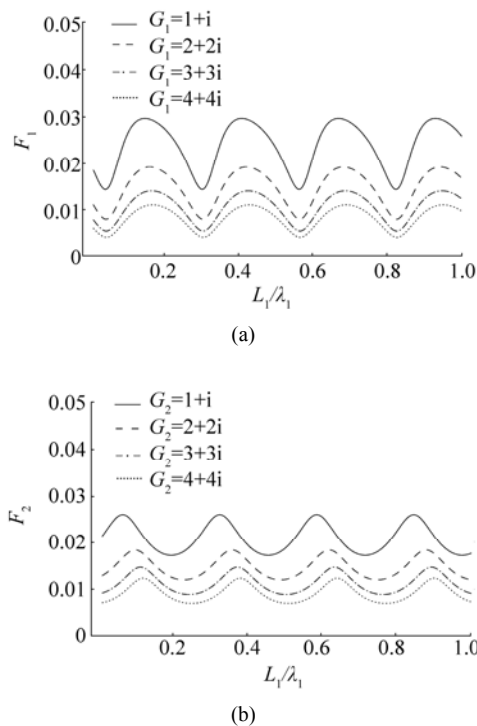


Fig. 12 (a) Variations of force F_1 on the first barrier versus L_1/λ_1 for different values of G_1 with $G_2=1+i$ and (b) variations of force F_2 on the second barrier versus L_1/λ_1 for different values of G_2 with $G_1=1+i$, whilst $h_2/h_1=0.25$, $\theta=30^\circ$, $L_1/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$, $L_3/\lambda_1=1$

Figs. 12(a, b) show the variations of horizontal wave

forces acting on the barriers versus the non-dimensional distance L_1/λ_1 between the barriers for different values of porous-effect parameters. Wave forces on the barrier change in an oscillatory manner with an increase in the gap between the barriers. Moreover, with an increase in the absolute values of porous-effect parameters, wave forces on the barrier decrease due to the increase in wave energy dissipation and transmission of more energy through the porous structures. A comparison with Fig. 11 reveals that maxima in wave force on the porous barriers is associated with minima in wave forces on the rigid wall and vice versa. Further, a comparison with Fig. 7 depicts that maximum wave reflection by the barrier is associated with maximum wave forces on the barriers. Thus, by suitable positioning of the barriers between the wall the undulated bottom, wave load on the wall can be reduced and a tranquility zone can be created.

Surface wave elevation in non-dimensional form $\text{Re}\{\eta\}/A_0$ is plotted in Fig. 13 versus horizontal length x/λ_1 for different values of porous effect parameter G . In general for smaller values of the complex porous-effect parameter $|G|$, amplitude in free surface elevation is less which is due to dissipation of a major part of the incident wave energy by the porous barriers. Further, certain increase in wave amplitude is observed in the undulated bed region compared to the open water region due to decrease in water depth. Moreover, for moderate value of the complex porous-effect parameter $|G|$ wave amplitude in the confined zones between the barriers, and the second barrier and the rigid wall are smaller than that of the open water region. On the other hand, wave amplitude is high in wave trapping zones for higher values of the complex porous-effect parameter $|G|$ which is due to more transmission through the porous barriers. Moreover, due to discontinuity in pressure on both sides of the porous barriers, certain discontinuity in surface wave elevation is observed across the porous barriers. Thus, Fig. 13 illustrates that more wave energy has been trapped for larger porosity of the barriers.

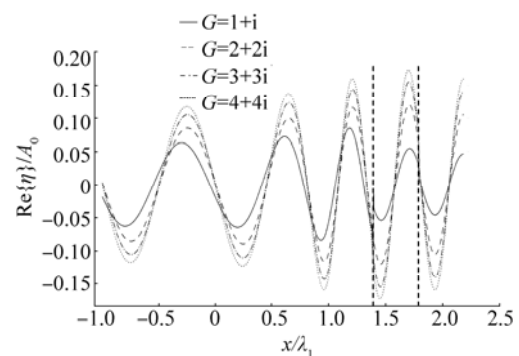


Fig. 13 Variations of surface elevation $\text{Re}\{\eta\}/A_0$ versus x/λ_1 for different values of $G(G_1=G_2=G)$ with $h_2/h_1=0.25$, $\theta=0^\circ$, $L_3/\lambda_1=1$, $L_1/\lambda_1=L_2/\lambda_1=L_3/\lambda_1=0.4$ and $\alpha=0$

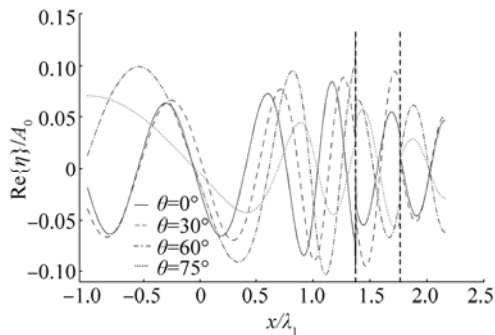


Fig. 14 Variations of surface elevation $\text{Re}\{\eta\}/A_0$ versus x/λ_1 for different values of θ with $h_2/h_1=0.25$, $G_1=G_2=1+i$, $L_3/\lambda_1=1$, $L/\lambda_1=L_1/\lambda_1=L_2/\lambda_1=0.4$ and $\alpha=0$

Fig. 14 shows the free surface elevation against horizontal length x/λ_1 for different values of incident wave angle θ for $G_1=G_2=1+i$. The general pattern in wave amplitude is similar to that observed in Fig. 13. However, for large values of incident angle wave amplitude is less within the confined zones than that in the open water regions due to loss of energy by the porous structures.

5 Conclusions

In the present manuscript, oblique wave trapping by dual porous barriers located near a rigid wall is studied in the presence of undulated bottom bed of varied configurations. The mathematical boundary value problem is handled for solution using the eigenfunction expansion method for the uniform bed region and modified mild-slope approximation for the undulated bed region. For understanding the effectiveness of dual porous barriers and steps of varied configurations in creating an effective wave trapping system, the reflection coefficient, free surface elevation, and wave load on porous barriers and rigid wall are computed and analyzed for various wave and structural parameters. The study reveals that wave reflection increases with an increase in the variation in water depth as the wave propagate from deep water region to shallower depth. Further, wave reflection vary significantly due to change in bottom profile for smaller horizontal length of bottom undulation. For oblique incident waves, reflection is less compared to that of the normalized incident wave and there is a significant reduction in wave reflection due to the presence of dual porous barriers. Moreover, in the presence of dual barriers, minimum wave reflection can occur for two different angles of incidence and one of the minima will be diminishing for higher porosity. It is observed that for moderate structural porosity, by adjusting the gap between the dual porous barriers and gap between the barrier and the rigid wall, an efficient wave trapping system can be developed which will exert negligible wave force on the rigid porous barriers and the rigid wall. The concept and methodology can be extended to analyze wave scattering/trapping by an array of porous barriers having bottom undulation and the study will be of

immense support to marine scientists/engineers engaged in the design of coastal structures for shore protection and creation of tranquility zones in marine environment in an effective manner.

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