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### **Abstract:**

In this study, the frequency domain dynamic response of a pile embedded in a porous medium and subjected to SH seismic waves is investigated. The surrounding porous medium of the pile is described by Biot's theory, while the pile embedded in the porous medium is treated as a beam and described by a beam vibration theory. Using the Hankel transformation method, the fundamental solution for a half-space porous medium subjected to a horizontal circular patch load is established. According to the fictitious pile methodology, the second kind of Fredholm integral equation for the pile is established in terms of the obtained fundamental solution and free wave field. The solution of the integral equation yields the dynamic response of the pile to plane SH waves. Numerical results indicate that the parameters of the porous medium, the pile and the incident wave have considerable influences on the dynamic response of the pile and the porous medium.

### **Keywords:**

Biot's theory; pile; SH waves; Fredholm integral equation; porous media.

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# 1. Introduction<sup>1</sup>

Pile foundations have been commonly used when the strength of soil base is insufficient to support the load from the superstructures. To make the static force or settlement experienced by the pile foundation satisfy practical requirements, various approaches have been developed for static pile foundation design (Broms, 1964; Muki and Sternberg, 1970; Butterfield and Banerjee, 1971; Poulos and Davis, 1980;). Besides static loads from superstructures, the dynamic load due to seismic waves is also a key factor to take into account when performing pile foundation design. In some cases, seismic waves can generate dramatic damage to pile foundations (Youd and Bartlett, 1964; Karkee and Kishida, 1997). Consequently, the calculation of the dynamic response of pile foundations to seismic waves is crucial for earthquake and civil engineering.

To date, several methodologies have been proposed to calculate the dynamic response of pile foundations subjected to seismic waves (Takemiya and Yamada, 1981; Sen et al., 1985; Mamoon and Banerjee, 1990; Fan et al., 1991). Both continuum and Winkler-type models have been used to investigate the dynamic response of pile foundations to seismic waves. However, existing models for the dynamic analysis of pile foundations subjected to seismic waves have been limited to the single phase case, i.e., the surrounding media of the pile foundations are treated as single phase media. In fact, some pile foundations are embedded in saturated porous media, for example, saturated soil or saturated rock. Obviously, the single phase model is not appropriate for the design of pile foundations embedded in saturated porous media. The main drawback of the single phase model lies in that it can not predict the influence of permeability of porous media on the dynamic response of pile foundations. Also, evaluation of pore pressure increment during the passage of seismic waves is beyond the applicability of the single phase model. However, pore pressure near pile foundation due to seismic waves is crucial for understanding and exploring mechanisms of the liquefaction of the soil surrounding pile foundations. Experimental and analytical analyses show that pore pressure increment near pile foundations due to seismic waves plays a significant role in the liquefaction of the soil surrounding pile foundations (Berill and Yasuda, 2002; Tokimatsu and Suzuki, 2004). To the best of the authors' knowledge, existing investigations concerning the dynamic response of the pile foundation embedded in porous media are essentially restricted to pile foundations subjected to a harmonic top load (Zeng and Rajapakse, 1999; Lu, 2002;

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Wang et al., 2003). For dynamic response of a pile foundation embedded in porous media to seismic waves, no research has been carried out so far.

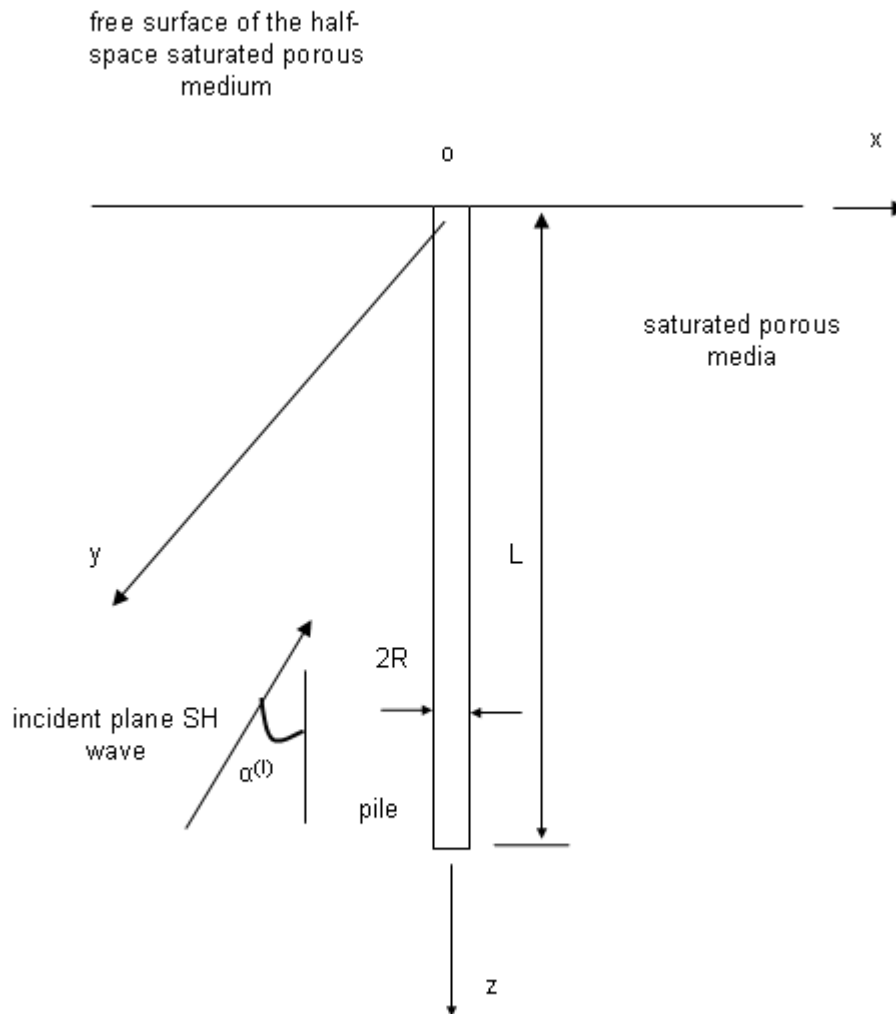


Figure 1: A pile embedded in a half-space porous medium and subjected to a plane SH wave

The aim of this study is to investigate the frequency domain dynamic response of a pile embedded in a porous medium subjected to plane SH seismic waves (Figure 1). The saturated porous medium surrounding the pile is described by Biot's poro-elastic theory [16-19], while the pile embedded in the porous medium is treated as a beam and described by a beam vibration theory. By using the Fourier transformation method and introducing two

scalar potentials and one vector potential for the porous medium, the governing equations for Biot's theory are reduced to three Helmholtz equations. Using the Hankel transformation method, the fundamental solution for a half-space porous medium subjected to a horizontal circular uniform patch load is established. According to the fictitious pile methodology, the current pile-soil interaction problem is decomposed into an extended half-space porous medium and a fictitious pile (Muki and Stenberg, 1970). The rotary angle of the pile axis and the extended half space at z-axis is used to construct the compatibility condition between the pile and the half space. The second kind of Fredholm integral equation for the pile subjected to SH waves is constructed in terms of the obtained fundamental solution and the compatibility condition between the half-space and the fictitious pile. Numerical solution of the integral equation yields the dynamic response of the pile to the traveling SH wave. A parametric study for the dynamic response of the pile in porous medium is performed.

## 2. Theoretical Formulations

### 2.1 Governing equations for porous media

In this study, the porous medium surrounding the pile is described by Biot's theory (Biot, 1941; 1956a, b; 1962). The constitutive equations for homogeneous porous medium can be expressed as (Biot, 1941; 1956a, b; 1962)

$$\sigma_{ij} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{ij} + \lambda\delta_{ij}e - \alpha\delta_{ij}p, \quad (1a)$$

$$p = -\alpha Me + M\mathcal{G}, \quad (1b)$$

$$e = u_{i,i}, \quad (1c)$$

$$\mathcal{G} = -w_{i,i}, \quad (1d)$$

where  $u_i$  and  $w_i$  denote the average solid displacement and the fluid displacement relative to the solid frame;  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  and  $e$  are the strain tensor and the dilatation of the solid skeleton;  $\mathcal{G}$  is the fluid volume variation of a unit reference porous medium;  $\sigma_{ij}$  is the stress of bulk material;  $p$  is the excess pore fluid pressure and  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker delta,  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are Lamé constants of the solid skeleton;  $\alpha$  and  $M$  are Biot parameters (Biot, 1941) accounting for the compressibility of the saturated porous medium. Note that  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1, 0 \leq M < \infty$ , and  $M \rightarrow 0$  for completely dry materials, while  $\alpha \rightarrow 1, M \rightarrow \infty$  for materials with

incompressible constituents. The expression for the fluid discharge in  $i$ -th ( $i = x, y, z$ ) direction has the following form

$$q_i = \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial t}. \quad (2)$$

The equation of motion for the bulk material and the pore fluid are expressed in terms of the displacements  $u_i$  and  $w_i$

$$\mu u_{i,jj} + (\lambda + \mu) u_{j,ji} - \alpha p_i = \rho_b \ddot{u}_i + \rho_f \ddot{w}_i, \quad (3a)$$

$$-p_i = \rho_f \ddot{u}_i + m \ddot{w}_i + \frac{\eta}{k} K(t) * \dot{w}_i, \quad (3b)$$

where  $\rho_b, \rho_f$  denote the bulk density of the porous medium and the density of the pore fluid,  $\rho_b = (1 - \phi)\rho_s + \phi\rho_f$ ,  $\rho_s$  is the density of the solid skeleton and  $\phi$  is the porosity of the porous medium;  $m = a_\infty \rho_f / \phi$  and  $a_\infty$  is tortuosity;  $\eta$  and  $k$  represent the viscosity of the pore fluid and the permeability of the porous medium, respectively and  $K(t)$  is a time dependent viscosity correction factor which describes the transition behavior from viscosity dominated flow in the low frequency range towards inertia dominated flow at high frequency range (Biot, 1956a, Johnson et al., 1987; Pride et al., 1993); a superimposed dot on a variable denotes the derivative with respect to time and a star between two variables denotes time convolution.

When deriving the general solutions for Biot's equations, the Fourier transformation with respect to time and frequency are involved. In this paper, the Fourier transformation for time and frequency is defined as follows (Sneddon, 1951)

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt, \quad (4a)$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega, \quad (4b)$$

where  $t$  and  $\omega$  denote time and frequency, respectively.

To eliminate time derivatives in (1)-(3), the Fourier transformation with respect to time is performed on (1)-(3). As a result, all the governing equations are transformed into the



frequency domain. Accordingly, the following derivations will be developed in the frequency domain.

In terms of the Helmholtz decomposition method, in Cartesian coordinate system, the solid displacement has the following decomposition

$$\hat{u}_i = \hat{\phi}_{,i} + e_{ijk} \hat{\psi}_{k,j}, \quad (5)$$

where a caret denotes the Fourier transformation with respect to time,  $\hat{\phi}$  and  $\hat{\psi}_k$  ( $k = 1, 2, 3$ ) are the scalar and vector potential for the porous medium and  $e_{ijk}$  is the Levi-Civita symbol. Moreover, in the Cartesian coordinate system, the vector potential  $\hat{\psi}_k$  ( $k = 1, 2, 3$ ) satisfies the following gauge condition

$$\hat{\psi}_{i,i} = 0. \quad (6)$$

Since two kinds of  $P$  waves ( $P_1$  wave and  $P_2$  wave) exist in the porous medium, the displacement in (5) can be further represented by (Zimmeman and Stern, 1993)

$$\hat{u}_i = \hat{\phi}_{,i} + e_{ijk} \hat{\psi}_{k,j} = \hat{\phi}_{f,i} + \hat{\phi}_{s,i} + e_{ijk} \hat{\psi}_{k,j}, \quad (7)$$

where  $\hat{\phi}_f$  and  $\hat{\phi}_s$  denote scalar potentials corresponding to  $P_1$  wave and  $P_2$  wave, respectively.

According to the analysis of Bonnet (Bonnet, 1987), although two displacement vectors are used in Biot's theory, four independent variables exist in a two-phase porous medium. Consequently, the pore pressure has the following expression

$$\hat{p} = A_f \hat{\phi}_{f,ii} + A_s \hat{\phi}_{s,ii}, \quad (8)$$

where  $A_f$  and  $A_s$  are two constants to be determined by the governing equations of Biot's theory.

Using the frequency domain expressions of (1b), (3b) and (7), (8) as well as (3a), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [(\lambda + 2\mu - \beta_2 A_f) \hat{\phi}_{f,jj} + \beta_3 \hat{\phi}_f]_{,i} + [(\lambda + 2\mu - \beta_2 A_s) \hat{\phi}_{s,jj} + \beta_3 \hat{\phi}_s]_{,i} \\ & + e_{iml} [\mu \hat{\psi}_{l,jj} + \beta_3 \hat{\psi}_l]_{,m} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $\beta_3 = \rho \omega^2 - \rho_f^2 \omega^4 / \beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2 = \alpha - \rho_f \omega^2 / \beta_1$ ,  $\beta_1 = m \omega^2 - i \eta \omega \hat{K}(\omega) / k$ . Fulfillment of (9) requires each expression in the square braces of (9) vanishes independently, which leads to

$$(\lambda + 2\mu - \beta_2 A_f) \hat{\phi}_{f,ij} + \beta_3 \hat{\phi}_f = 0, \quad (10a)$$

$$(\lambda + 2\mu - \beta_2 A_s) \hat{\phi}_{s,ij} + \beta_3 \hat{\phi}_s = 0, \quad (10b)$$

$$\mu \hat{\psi}_{i,jj} + \beta_3 \hat{\psi}_i = 0. \quad (10c)$$

Similarly, using equation (1b), (1c), (1d) and (3b), one has

$$\hat{p}_{,ii} + \frac{\beta_1}{M} \hat{p} + (\alpha \beta_1 - \rho_f \omega^2) \hat{u}_{i,i} = 0, \quad (11)$$

then, substitution of (7) and (8) into (11) leads to

$$[A_f \hat{\phi}_{f,ii} + (\beta_5 A_f - \beta_4) \hat{\phi}_f]_{,ij} + [A_s \hat{\phi}_{s,ii} + (\beta_5 A_s - \beta_4) \hat{\phi}_s]_{,ij} = 0. \quad (12)$$

Again, fulfillment of the above equation leads to the following expressions

$$A_f \hat{\phi}_{f,ii} + (\beta_5 A_f - \beta_4) \hat{\phi}_f = 0, \quad (13a)$$

$$A_s \hat{\phi}_{s,ii} + (\beta_5 A_s - \beta_4) \hat{\phi}_s = 0, \quad (13b)$$

where  $\beta_4 = \rho_f \omega^2 - \alpha \beta_1$ ,  $\beta_5 = \beta_1 / M$ .

Using (10a), (10b), (13a) and (13b), we have

$$A_{f,s}^2 + \frac{\beta_3 - (\lambda + 2\mu)\beta_5 - \beta_2 \beta_4}{\beta_2 \beta_5} A_{f,s} + \frac{(\lambda + 2\mu)\beta_4}{\beta_2 \beta_5} = 0, \quad (14)$$

from which, the values of  $A_f, A_s$  can be determined.

Equations (10) and (13) can be reduced to Helmholtz equations by introducing the following quantities,

$$k_f^2 = \frac{\beta_3}{\lambda + 2\mu - \beta_2 A_f} = \frac{\beta_5 A_f - \beta_4}{A_f}, \quad (15a)$$

$$k_s^2 = \frac{\beta_3}{\lambda + 2\mu - \beta_2 A_s} = \frac{\beta_5 A_s - \beta_4}{A_s}, \quad (15b)$$

$$k_t^2 = \frac{\beta_3}{\mu}, \quad (15c)$$

which have the form

$$\nabla^2 \hat{\phi}_f + k_f^2 \hat{\phi}_f = 0 \quad (16a)$$

$$\nabla^2 \hat{\phi}_s + k_s^2 \hat{\phi}_s = 0 \quad (16b)$$

$$\nabla^2 \hat{\psi} + k_t^2 \hat{\psi} = 0 \quad (16c)$$

where  $k_f, k_s, k_t$  are the complex wave number for the P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub> and S wave of the porous medium. To guarantee the attenuation of the body waves,  $\text{Im}(k_f), \text{Im}(k_s), \text{Im}(k_t)$  should be non-positive. Also, since the speed of the P<sub>1</sub> wave is larger than that of the P<sub>2</sub> wave, as a result, the inequality  $\text{Re}(k_f) \leq \text{Re}(k_s)$  should always hold.

Equation (16) determines the three potentials for the porous medium. After determining the potentials for the porous medium, the frequency domain displacements, stresses and pore pressure are given by (7), (1) and (8). The relative displacement between the solid skeleton and pore fluid can be derived by (3b) and has the following form

$$\hat{w}_i = \frac{1}{\beta_1} \hat{p}_{,i} - \frac{\rho_f \omega^2}{\beta_1} \hat{u}_i \quad (17)$$

## 2.2 Fundamental solution for a half-space porous medium subjected to a horizontal circular patch load

In Section 2.1, the governing equations for Biot's theory have been reduced to Helmholtz equations for two scalar potentials and one vector potential [i.e., (16)]. In this section, the fundamental solution for a half-space porous medium subjected to a uniform horizontal patch load over a circular domain with radius  $R$  (see Figure 2) will be established. The resultant of the patch load is assumed to be unity. Since the half space considered here is a symmetric configuration, it is more convenient to consider our problem in a cylindrical coordinate system  $(r, \theta, z)$ . In the cylindrical coordinate system, the vector potential  $\hat{\psi}$  for the solid

skeleton and pore fluid displacements can be reduced to two scalar potentials  $\hat{\chi}$  and  $\hat{\eta}$  (Achenbach, 1973). The potentials,  $\hat{\phi}_f$ ,  $\hat{\phi}_s$ ,  $\hat{\chi}$  and  $\hat{\eta}$ , therefore, satisfy the following Helmholtz equations in the cylindrical coordinate system  $(r, \theta, z)$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}\right) \hat{\phi}_f + k_f^2 \hat{\phi}_f = 0, \quad (18a)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}\right) \hat{\phi}_s + k_s^2 \hat{\phi}_s = 0, \quad (18b)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}\right) \hat{\chi} + k_i^2 \hat{\chi} = 0, \quad (18c)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}\right) \hat{\eta} + k_i^2 \hat{\eta} = 0 \quad (18d)$$

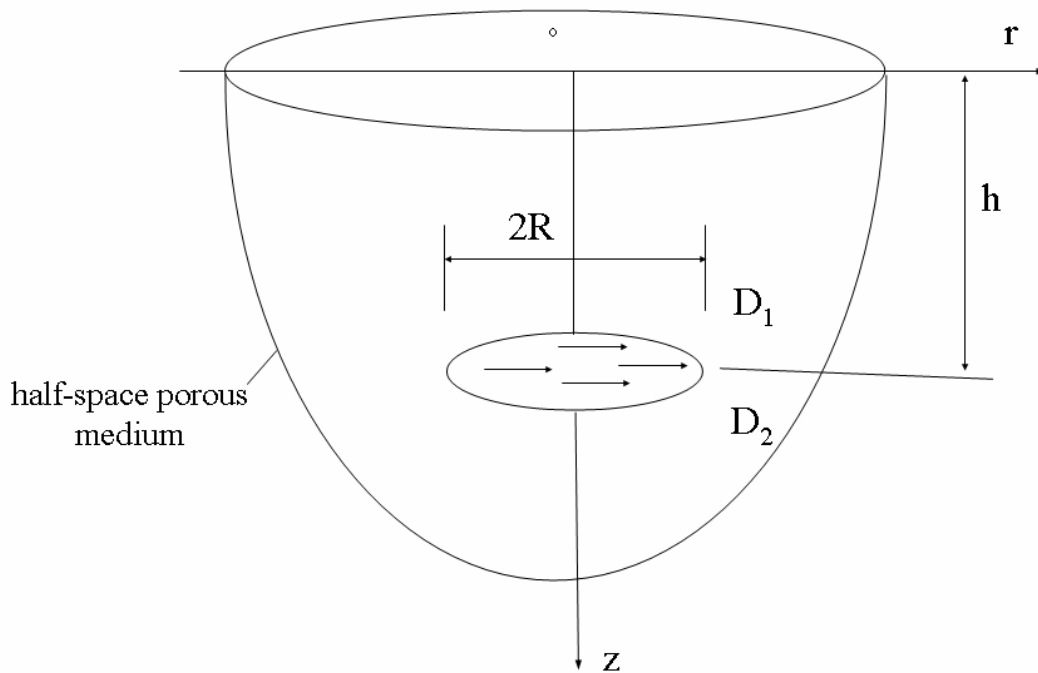


Figure 2 Horizontal uniform circular patch load applied inside a poroelastic half-space.

The displacements can be expressed in terms of the potentials in cylindrical coordinate system  $(r, \theta, z)$  as

$$\hat{u}_r = \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_f}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_s}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \hat{\chi}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\eta}}{\partial r \partial z}, \quad (19a)$$

$$\hat{u}_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_f}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_s}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial \hat{\chi}}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\eta}}{\partial \theta \partial z}, \quad (19b)$$

$$\hat{u}_z = \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_f}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}_s}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial \hat{\eta}}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\eta}}{\partial \theta^2}, \quad (19c)$$

$$\hat{w}_r = \frac{1}{\beta_1} \frac{\partial \hat{p}}{\partial r} - \frac{\rho_f \omega^2}{\beta_1} \hat{u}_r, \quad (19d)$$

$$\hat{w}_\theta = \frac{1}{\beta_1 r} \frac{\partial \hat{p}}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\rho_f \omega^2}{\beta_1} \hat{u}_\theta, \quad (19e)$$

$$\hat{w}_z = \frac{1}{\beta_1} \frac{\partial \hat{p}}{\partial z} - \frac{\rho_f \omega^2}{\beta_1} \hat{u}_z. \quad (19f)$$

Note that the pore pressure is given by Equation (8), while the stresses of the porous medium are determined via Equation (1a) using the expressions of the displacements as well as the pore pressure.

For an arbitrary force applied at the interior of a half-space porous medium, the potentials, displacements and stresses as well as the pore pressure can be expanded into the following series form (Muki, 1960)

$$\hat{\phi}_f(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{\phi}_{fm}(r, z, \omega) \cos(m\theta), \quad (20a)$$

$$\hat{\phi}_s(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{\phi}_{sm}(r, z, \omega) \cos(m\theta), \quad (20b)$$

$$\hat{\eta}(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{\eta}_m(r, z, \omega) \cos(m\theta), \quad (20c)$$

$$\hat{\chi}(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{\chi}_m(r, z, \omega) \sin(m\theta), \quad (20d)$$

$$\hat{u}_r(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{u}_{rm}(r, z, \omega) \cos(m\theta), \quad (21a)$$

$$\hat{u}_\theta(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{u}_{\theta m}(r, z, \omega) \sin(m\theta), \quad (21b)$$

$$\hat{u}_z(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{u}_{zm}(r, z, \omega) \cos(m\theta), \quad (21c)$$

$$\hat{p}(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{p}_m(r, z, \omega) \cos(m\theta), \quad (22)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{zz}(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_{zzm}(r, z, \omega) \cos(m\theta), \quad (23a)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{zr}(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_{zrm}(r, z, \omega) \cos(m\theta), \quad (23b)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{z\theta}(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_{z\theta m}(r, z, \omega) \sin(m\theta), \quad (23c)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{rr}(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_{rrm}(r, z, \omega) \cos(m\theta), \quad (23d)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\theta\theta}(r, \theta, z, \omega) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}_{\theta\theta m}(r, z, \omega) \cos(m\theta) \quad (23e)$$

where subscript  $m$  denotes the order of the term in the series.

When deriving general solutions for the porous medium in the cylindrical coordinate system  $(r, \theta, z)$ , the Hankel integral transformation is employed. The  $m$ -th order Hankel transformation is defined as follows (Sneddon, 1951)

$$\bar{f}^{(m)}(\zeta) = \int_0^{+\infty} r f(r) J_m(\zeta r) dr, \quad (24a)$$

$$f(r) = \int_0^{+\infty} \zeta \bar{f}^{(m)}(\zeta) J_m(\zeta r) d\zeta, \quad (24b)$$

where  $J_m(\bullet)$  denotes the  $m$ -th order first kind of Bessel function and a bar above a variable denotes the Hankel transformation.

Substituting  $m$ -th component of the potentials  $\hat{\phi}_f$ ,  $\hat{\phi}_s$ ,  $\hat{\eta}$ ,  $\hat{\chi}$  in equation (20) into (18) and performing  $m$ -th order Hankel transformation with respect to radial coordinate  $r$  on the resulting equations, the following expressions for the potential components  $\tilde{\varphi}_{fm}$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_{sm}$ ,  $\tilde{\eta}_m$ ,  $\tilde{\chi}_m$  in the frequency-wave number domain are obtained

$$\tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)} = \overline{\hat{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)}}(\xi, z, \omega) = A_m(\xi, \omega)e^{\gamma_f z} + B_m(\xi, \omega)e^{-\gamma_f z}, \quad (25a)$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)} = \overline{\hat{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)}}(\xi, z, \omega) = C_m(\xi, \omega)e^{\gamma_s z} + D_m(\xi, \omega)e^{-\gamma_s z}, \quad (25b)$$

$$\tilde{\chi}_m^{(m)} = \overline{\hat{\chi}_m^{(m)}}(\xi, z, \omega) = E_m(\xi, \omega)e^{\gamma_s z} + F_m(\xi, \omega)e^{-\gamma_s z}, \quad (25c)$$

$$\tilde{\eta}_m^{(m)} = \overline{\hat{\eta}_m^{(m)}}(\xi, z, \omega) = G_m(\xi, \omega)e^{\gamma_s z} + H_m(\xi, \omega)e^{-\gamma_s z}, \quad (25d)$$

where a tilde represents the combination of the Fourier transformation and the Hankel transformation, while the superscript  $m$  denotes the  $m$ -th order Hankel transformation. In (25),  $\xi$  denotes the horizontal wave number,  $\gamma_f = \sqrt{\xi^2 - k_f^2}$ ,  $\gamma_s = \sqrt{\xi^2 - k_s^2}$ ,  $\gamma_t = \sqrt{\xi^2 - k_t^2}$  and  $A_m(\xi, \omega)$ ,  $B_m(\xi, \omega)$ ,  $C_m(\xi, \omega)$ ,  $D_m(\xi, \omega)$ ,  $E_m(\xi, \omega)$ ,  $F_m(\xi, \omega)$ ,  $G_m(\xi, \omega)$ ,  $H_m(\xi, \omega)$  are arbitrary constants to be determined by the boundary conditions and continuity conditions at the horizontal plane passing through the patch load. Note that the real part of  $\gamma_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = f, s, t$  in (25) should be always non-negative.

Similarly, applying the Hankel transformation to equations (19) and (21)-(23), the  $m$ -th component displacements, stresses and the pore pressure in the frequency wave-number domain may be expressed as follows

$$\tilde{u}_{rm}^{(m+1)} + \tilde{u}_{\theta m}^{(m+1)} = -\xi \tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)} - \xi \tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)} + \xi \tilde{\chi}_m^{(m)} - \xi \frac{d\tilde{\eta}_m^{(m)}}{dz}, \quad (26a)$$

$$\tilde{u}_{rm}^{(m-1)} - \tilde{u}_{\theta m}^{(m-1)} = \xi \tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)} + \xi \tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)} + \xi \tilde{\chi}_m^{(m)} + \xi \frac{d\tilde{\eta}_m^{(m)}}{dz}, \quad (26b)$$

$$\tilde{u}_{zm}^{(m)} = \frac{d\tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)}}{dz} + \frac{d\tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)}}{dz} + \xi^2 \tilde{\eta}_m^{(m)}, \quad (26c)$$

$$\tilde{p}_m^{(m)} = -A_f k_f^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)} - A_s k_s^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)}, \quad (26d)$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{zm}^{(m)} = 2\mu \frac{d\tilde{u}_{zm}^{(m)}}{dz} + \lambda \left[ \left( \frac{d^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)}}{dz^2} - \xi^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)} \right) + \left( \frac{d^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)}}{dz^2} - \xi^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)} \right) \right] - \alpha \tilde{p}_m^{(m)}, \quad (26e)$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{zm}^{(m+1)} + \tilde{\sigma}_{z\theta m}^{(m+1)} = \mu \left( \frac{d\tilde{u}_{rm}^{(m+1)}}{dz} + \frac{d\tilde{u}_{\theta m}^{(m+1)}}{dz} \right) - \mu \xi \tilde{u}_{zm}^{(m)}, \quad (26f)$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{zm}^{(m-1)} - \tilde{\sigma}_{z\theta m}^{(m-1)} = \mu \left( \frac{d\tilde{u}_{rm}^{(m-1)}}{dz} - \frac{d\tilde{u}_{\theta m}^{(m-1)}}{dz} \right) + \mu \xi \tilde{u}_{zm}^{(m)}, \quad (26g)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Sigma}_{rm}^{(m)} = \mu \xi (\tilde{u}_{rm}^{(m+1)} + \tilde{u}_{\theta m}^{(m+1)}) - \mu \xi (\tilde{u}_{rm}^{(m-1)} - \tilde{u}_{\theta m}^{(m-1)}) + \lambda \left[ \left( \frac{d^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)}}{dz^2} - \xi^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \left( \frac{d^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)}}{dz^2} - \xi^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)} \right) \right] - \alpha \tilde{p}_m^{(m)}, \end{aligned} \quad (26h)$$

$$\tilde{\Sigma}_{r\theta m}^{(m)} = \frac{1}{2} \mu \xi [(\tilde{u}_{rm}^{(m+1)} + \tilde{u}_{\theta m}^{(m+1)}) + (\tilde{u}_{rm}^{(m-1)} - \tilde{u}_{\theta m}^{(m-1)})], \quad (26i)$$

$$\tilde{\Sigma}_{\theta m}^{(m)} = \lambda \left[ \left( \frac{d^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)}}{dz^2} - \xi^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{fm}^{(m)} \right) + \left( \frac{d^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)}}{dz^2} - \xi^2 \tilde{\varphi}_{sm}^{(m)} \right) \right] - \alpha \tilde{p}_m^{(m)} \quad (26j)$$

where superscripts  $m$ ,  $m+1$  and  $m-1$  denote the Hankel transformation order and

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{rrm} = \hat{\sigma}_{rrm} + 2\mu(\hat{u}_{rm}/r + m\hat{u}_{\theta m}/r), \quad \hat{\Sigma}_{\theta\theta m} = \hat{\sigma}_{\theta\theta m} - 2\mu(\hat{u}_{rm}/r + m\hat{u}_{\theta m}/r),$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{r\theta m} = \hat{\sigma}_{r\theta m} + 2\mu(\hat{u}_{\theta m}/r + m\hat{u}_{rm}/r).$$

It is noted that for the fundamental solution of a half-space subjected to a horizontal patch load, the corresponding solution only involves one term in the series solutions (20)-(23): it only contains  $m=1$  term and all the other terms vanish. For the problem in Figure 2, along the horizontal plane of the circular patch load, the porous half space is divided into two domains: D1 and D2. At the surface of the D1, appropriate boundary conditions should be imposed. At the interface between D1 and D2, corresponding continuity conditions should be satisfied by the solutions in D1 and D2 domain.

The following boundary conditions hold at the surface of D1,

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{zz1}^{(1)}(\xi, 0, \omega) = 0, \quad \tilde{\sigma}_{zr1}^{(2)}(\xi, 0, \omega) + \tilde{\sigma}_{z\theta1}^{(2)}(\xi, 0, \omega) = 0, \quad \tilde{\sigma}_{zr1}^{(0)}(\xi, 0, \omega) - \tilde{\sigma}_{z\theta1}^{(0)}(\xi, 0, \omega) = 0,$$

$$\tilde{p}_1^{(1)}(\xi, 0, \omega) = 0 \text{ (permeable surface)}, \quad \tilde{w}_{z1}^{(1)}(\xi, 0, \omega) = 0 \text{ (impermeable surface)} \quad (27)$$



At the horizontal plane passing through the circular uniform patch load, the continuity conditions have the following form

$$\tilde{u}_{r1}^{(2)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) + \tilde{u}_{\theta 1}^{(2)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) = \tilde{u}_{r1}^{(2)}(\xi, h^+, \omega) + \tilde{u}_{\theta 1}^{(2)}(\xi, h^+, \omega),$$

$$\tilde{u}_{r1}^{(0)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) - \tilde{u}_{\theta 1}^{(0)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) = \tilde{u}_{r1}^{(0)}(\xi, h^+, \omega) - \tilde{u}_{\theta 1}^{(0)}(\xi, h^+, \omega),$$

$$\tilde{u}_{z1}^{(1)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) = \tilde{u}_{z1}^{(1)}(\xi, h^+, \omega), \tilde{w}_{z1}^{(1)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) = \tilde{w}_{z1}^{(1)}(\xi, h^+, \omega),$$

$$\tilde{p}_1^{(1)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) = \tilde{p}_1^{(1)}(\xi, h^+, \omega), \tilde{\sigma}_{zz1}^{(1)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) = \tilde{\sigma}_{zz1}^{(1)}(\xi, h^+, \omega),$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{r1}^{(2)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) + \tilde{\sigma}_{z\theta 1}^{(2)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) = \tilde{\sigma}_{r1}^{(2)}(\xi, h^+, \omega) + \tilde{\sigma}_{z\theta 1}^{(2)}(\xi, h^+, \omega),$$

$$[\tilde{\sigma}_{r1}^{(0)}(\xi, h^+, \omega) - \tilde{\sigma}_{z\theta 1}^{(0)}(\xi, h^+, \omega)] - [\tilde{\sigma}_{r1}^{(0)}(\xi, h^-, \omega) - \tilde{\sigma}_{z\theta 1}^{(0)}(\xi, h^-, \omega)] = -\frac{2J_1(R\xi)}{\pi R \xi} \quad (28)$$

where arguments  $h^-$  and  $h^+$  of the above variables imply the related variables tend to the load plane from the D1 and D2 domain, respectively. The general solutions for the potentials in the domains D1 and D2 are given by equation (25). It is noted that eight arbitrary constants are involved in the D1 domain. However, to guarantee the bounded solutions in the D2 domain, the positive exponential terms should vanish. Consequently, only four arbitrary constants are involved. In terms of the expressions of the potentials, the expressions for the displacements, stresses as well as pore pressure can be calculated in a straightforward way using (26). Using the expressions for the displacements, stresses as well as pore pressure, the twelve unknown constants for the D1 and D2 domain can be calculated by twelve linear algebraic equations (27) and (28).

After determination of twelve unknown constants by (27), (28), the expression for the displacements, stresses and pore pressure in the frequency wave-number domain are available. In this study, we are only concerned with the frequency domain solution. It follows from (24) that the frequency domain solution can be obtained by performing inverse Hankel transformation on the frequency wave-number domain solution. Note that due to the drag force between the solid skeleton and pore fluid, the porous medium described by Biot's theory is dissipative. Consequently, the Raleigh wave equation involved in expressions of displacements, stresses and pore pressure of the porous medium only has complex roots. Thus, the integration axis- $\xi$  is free of any singularity and consequently the inverse Hankel

transformation can be fulfilled by a direct numerical integration without paying special attention to the complex singularities.

### *2.3 Construction of the second kind of Fredholm integral equation for the pile subjected to SH waves*

We now derive the second kind of Fredholm integral equation for a pile embedded in the half-space porous medium. Suppose the pile is subjected to a harmonic plane SH wave propagating inside the half-space and the normal of the wave front is parallel to  $yoz$  plane (Figure 1). The pile and the surrounding porous medium are assumed to be fully bonded. In terms of the methodology of Muki (1970) and Pak and Jennings (1987), the present problem (Figure 1) is decomposed into two sub-problems: an extended saturated half-space porous medium and a fictitious beam (Figure 3). As mentioned previously, the response of the half-space porous medium is governed by Biot's theory, while the pile is described by a 1D beam vibration theory. Since Halpern and Christiano (Halpern and Christiano, 1986) found that a negligible difference exists between the vertical compliances and load transfer mechanism of impermeable and fully permeable rigid plates on a poroelastic half-space in the low-frequency range, it is reasonable to assume that the influence of the exact hydraulic boundary condition at the contact pile-soil surface is not significant on the response. Consequently, the hydraulic boundary condition on the pile-soil interface is neglected in this study.

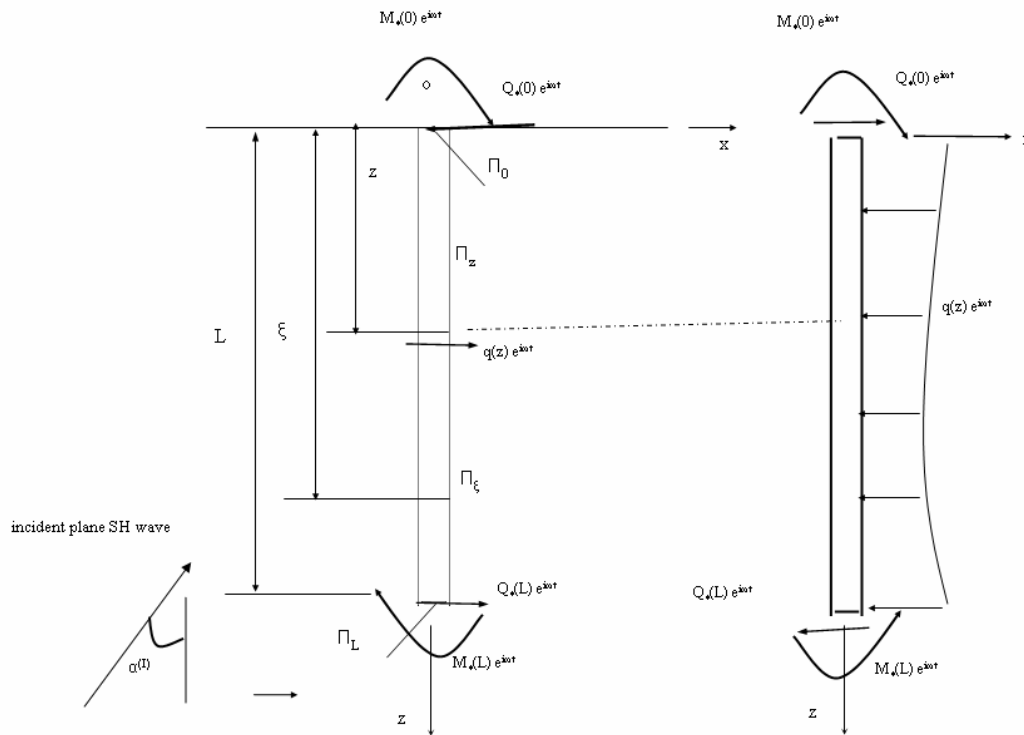


Figure 3 Calculation model for a single pile embedded in a poroelastic half-space and subjected to a plane SH wave.

According to Muki (1970) and Pak and Jennings (1987), the Young's modulus and the density of the fictitious are

$$E_{p^*} = E_p - E_s, \quad \rho_{p^*} = \rho_p - \rho_b \quad (29)$$

where  $E_p$  and  $E_s$  are Young's modulus for the pile and the half-space porous medium,  $\rho_p, \rho_b$  are the densities for the pile and the half-space, while  $E_{p^*}$  and  $\rho_{p^*}$  are the Young's modulus and the density for the fictitious pile.

Let the shear force and the moment for the fictitious pile to be  $Q_*(z)e^{i\omega t}$  and  $M_*(z)e^{i\omega t}$ , respectively. Moreover, suppose the horizontal load along the fictitious pile is  $q(z)e^{i\omega t}$ . The top and bottom of the fictitious pile are subjected to the following shear forces and moments:  $Q_*(0)e^{i\omega t}$ ,  $M_*(0)e^{i\omega t}$  and  $Q_*(L)e^{i\omega t}$ ,  $M_*(L)e^{i\omega t}$ , respectively (Figure 3). According to Newton's third law, the half-space porous medium are subjected to the following forces: over

circular domain  $\Pi_z$ ,  $q(z)e^{i\omega t}$  is uniformly distributed (Figure 3); at the circular domain  $\Pi_0$ , the half space is subjected to  $Q_*(0)e^{i\omega t}, M_*(0)e^{i\omega t}$  (Figure 3); at  $\Pi_L$ , the half space is subjected to shear force  $Q_*(L)e^{i\omega t}$  and moment  $M_*(L)e^{i\omega t}$ .

Following Pak's analysis (Pak and Jennings, 1987), for piles with larger length and radius ratio, the following equations hold

$$M_*(0) = 0, M_*(L) = 0. \quad (30)$$

The above equations simplify numerical calculation significantly. For the fictitious pile, the displacement, the distributed horizontal force,  $q(z)e^{i\omega t}$ , shear force and moment fulfill the following constraints

$$q(z) = -\frac{dQ_*(z)}{dz} + \rho_{p^*}A\omega^2u_p(z), \quad (31a)$$

$$\frac{dM_*(z)}{dz} = Q_*(z), \quad (31b)$$

where  $A$  is the area of the pile cross section,  $\omega$  is the frequency of the incident wave. Note that for simplicity, the common time factor  $e^{i\omega t}$  is omitted in the above equation and it will be omitted in the remainder of the paper.

In the beam theory, the moment, the horizontal displacement and the rotary angle of the pile axis with respect to  $z$  axis are as follows

$$M_*(z) = \int_0^z Q_*(\xi)d\xi, \quad (32a)$$

$$\theta_p(z) = \frac{1}{E_{p^*}I} \int_0^z (z-\xi)Q_*(\xi)d\xi + \theta_0, \quad (32b)$$

$$u_p(z) = \frac{1}{2E_{p^*}I} \int_0^z (z-\xi)^2 Q_*(\xi)d\xi + \theta_0 z + u_p(0), \quad (32c)$$

where  $\theta_0$  and  $u_p(0)$  are the rotary angle and the horizontal displacement at the pile top,  $I$  is the second moment of the pile cross section. Note that when deriving (32), the inertia term in (31a) is assumed to be negligible. This assumption is reasonable, because the difference between the density of the pile and the half space porous medium is small and also seismic wave is one kind of low frequency wave.

As mentioned above, it is assumed that the pile and half space are fully bonded. The equality of the rotary angle of the pile axis and the counterpart quantity of the extended half space at z-axis is used as the compatibility condition between the pile and the porous medium (Figure 3):

$$\theta_p(z) = \theta_s(z) \quad , 0 < z < L, \quad (33)$$

where  $\theta_p(z)$  and  $\theta_s(z)$  represent the rotary angle of the fictitious pile axis and the rotary angle of the half-space along z axis, respectively.

The rotary angle of the half-space porous medium along the z axis is composed of two parts: the first part is due to the free wave field, while the second part is due to the force exerted to the half space by the fictitious pile (Figure 3). As a result, if taking into account (30), the rotary angle of the half-space porous medium along the z axis has the following expression

$$\theta_s(z) = \theta_f(z) - Q_*(0)\phi_q(0, z) + Q_*(L)\phi_q(L, z) + \int_0^L q(\xi)\phi_q(\xi, z)d\xi, \quad (34)$$

where  $\theta_f(z)$  is the free field rotary angle at the z axis,  $\phi_q(\xi, z)$  represents the rotary angle at point z due to the unit patch load at  $\Pi_\xi$ . For an incident wave with incident angle  $\alpha^{(l)}$  and displacement amplitude  $A^{(l)}$  (Figure 1), the free field displacement has the form

$$u_x^{(f)}(y, z)e^{i\omega t} = A^{(l)}[e^{-ik_t(y \sin \alpha^{(l)} - z \cos \alpha^{(l)})} + e^{-ik_t(y \sin \alpha^{(l)} + z \cos \alpha^{(l)})}]e^{i\omega t}, \quad (35)$$

where shear wave number  $k_t$  is given by (15). Obviously, the above free field fulfills the free surface condition.

Differentiating (35) with respect to z, the free field rotary angle of the porous medium along z axis is obtained

$$\theta_f(z) = \frac{\partial u_x^{(f)}(0, z)}{\partial z} = 2k_t \cos \alpha^{(l)} A^{(l)} \sin(k_t z \sin \alpha^{(l)}). \quad (36)$$

Using (31) and integrating (34) by part, the following relation is obtained

$$\theta_s(z) = \theta_f(z) + Q_*(z)[\phi_q(z^+, z) - \phi_q(z^-, z)]$$

$$+ \int_0^L Q_*(\xi) \frac{\partial \phi_q(\xi, z)}{\partial \xi} d\xi + \rho_{p^*} A \omega^2 \int_0^L u_p(\xi) \phi_q(\xi, z) d\xi, \quad (37)$$

where  $\phi_q(z^-, z), \phi_q(z^+, z)$  denote the rotary angle of the porous medium at  $z$  when the patch load  $\Pi_\xi$  approaches  $\Pi_z$  from above and below, respectively. It is worth noting that  $\phi_q(z^-, z), \phi_q(z^+, z)$  depend on coordinate  $z$ . However, the difference  $\phi_q(z^-, z) - \phi_q(z^+, z)$  is independent of coordinate  $z$ . As mentioned previously,  $\Pi_{z^+}, \Pi_{z^-}$  are subjected to uniform patch load with unit resultant, consequently, the following relation holds

$$\sigma_{zx}(z^+, z) - \sigma_{zx}(z^-, z) = \frac{1}{A}, \quad (38)$$

According to the constitutive relation of the porous medium, one has

$$\gamma_{zx}(z^+, z) - \gamma_{zx}(z^-, z) = \frac{1}{\mu A}. \quad (39)$$

As vertical displacement  $u_z$  does not experience any variation when the uniform patch load moves from  $z^-$  to  $z^+$ , consequently, the following relation holds

$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z}(z^+, z) - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z}(z^-, z) = \frac{1}{\mu A}, \quad (40)$$

where  $\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z}$  is equal to the rotary angle of the half space porous medium at the  $z$  axis.

Using equations (32), (33) and (37), the following second kind of Fredholm integral equation is obtained

$$Q_*(z)[\phi_q(z^+, z) - \phi_q(z^-, z)] + \int_0^L Q_*(\xi) \frac{\partial \phi_q(\xi, z)}{\partial \xi} d\xi - \frac{1}{E_{p^*} I} \int_0^z (z - \xi) Q_*(\xi) d\xi + \rho_{p^*} A \omega^2 \int_0^L f_1(\xi) \phi_q(\xi, z) d\xi + \theta_0 f_2(z) + u_p(0) f_3(z) = -\theta_f(z), \quad (41)$$

where

$$f_1(\xi) = \frac{1}{2E_{p^*} I} \int_0^\xi Q_*(\eta) (\xi - \eta)^2 d\eta, \quad (42a)$$

$$f_2(z) = \rho_{p^*} A \omega^2 \int_0^z \xi \phi_q(\xi, z) d\xi - 1, \quad (42b)$$

$$f_3(z) = \rho_{p^*} A \omega^2 \int_0^z \phi_q(\xi, z) d\xi, \quad (42c)$$

where  $u_p(0)$  is the horizontal displacement at the pile top, which can be represented by  $Q_*(z)$  and  $\theta_0$ . For the extended half space, the displacement of the center of  $\Pi_z$  along  $x$  direction has the following expression

$$u_s(z) = u_s^{(f)}(z) + \int_0^L Q_*(\xi) \frac{\partial k_q(\xi, z)}{\partial \xi} d\xi + \rho_{p^*} A \omega^2 \int_0^L u_p(\xi) k_q(\xi, z) d\xi, \quad (43)$$

where  $k_q(\xi, z)$  denotes the horizontal displacement at the center of  $\Pi_z$  due to the unit uniform load at  $\Pi_\xi$ . Substituting (32c) into the above equation and assuming  $u_s(0) = u_p(0)$ , one obtains

$$u_p(0) = \frac{1}{\delta} [u_s^{(f)}(0) + \int_0^L Q_*(\xi) \frac{\partial k_q(\xi, 0)}{\partial \xi} d\xi + \rho_{p^*} A \omega^2 \int_0^L f_1(\xi) k_q(\xi, 0) d\xi + \theta_0 \rho_{p^*} A \omega^2 \int_0^L \xi k_q(\xi, 0) d\xi], \quad (44)$$

where  $\delta = 1 - \rho_{p^*} A \omega^2 \int_0^L k_q(\xi, 0) d\xi$ .

Using (30), (32), we have the following relation

$$\int_0^L Q_*(\xi) d\xi = 0. \quad (45)$$

Using integral equation (41) and supplementary equations (44), (45), the shear force, the top rotary angle  $\theta_0$  and the top displacement  $u_p(0)$  of the fictitious pile can be calculated. The shear force, moment of the real pile and the pore pressure along the real pile side can be evaluated simply by using the obtained shear force, the top rotary angle and the top displacement of the fictitious pile. The shear force of the real pile is equal to the

superposition of the shear force of the fictitious pile and the shear force experienced by the circular domain  $\Pi_z$

$$Q(z) = Q^{(f)}(z) + Q_*(z) - Q_*(0)f_q(0, z) + Q_*(L)f_q(L, z) + \int_0^L q(\xi)f_q(\xi, z)d\xi, \quad (46)$$

where  $f_q(\xi, z)$  represents the shear force applied on  $\Pi_z$  due to a uniform patch load at  $\Pi_\xi$ .

Inserting (31a) and (32c) into above equation and integrating above equation by part yields the following equation

$$Q(z) = Q^{(f)}(z) + \rho_{p^*}A\omega^2 \int_0^L f_1(\xi) f_q(\xi, z)d\xi + \int_0^L Q_*(\xi) \frac{\partial f_q(\xi, z)}{\partial \xi} d\xi +$$

$$[\rho_{p^*}A\omega^2 \int_0^L \xi f_q(\xi, z)d\xi] \theta_0 + [\rho_{p^*}A\omega^2 \int_0^L f_q(\xi, z)d\xi] u_p(0) \quad (47)$$

Note that when deriving the above equation, the relation  $f_q(z^+, z) - f_q(z^-, z) = -1.0$  is used.

Likewise, pore pressure at the pile side can be evaluated by the following equation

$$p(z) = \int_0^L Q_*(\xi) \frac{\partial p_q(\xi, z)}{\partial \xi} d\xi + \rho_{p^*}A\omega^2 \int_0^L f_1(\xi) p_q(\xi, z)d\xi$$

$$+ [\rho_{p^*}A\omega^2 \int_0^L \xi p_q(\xi, z)d\xi] \theta_0 + [\rho_{p^*}A\omega^2 \int_0^L p_q(\xi, z)d\xi] u_p(0) \quad (48)$$

where  $p_q(\xi, z)$  is the pore pressure at the circumference of  $\Pi_z$  due to a unit patch load at  $\Pi_\xi$ . Note that as the dilatations of the fluid and the solid vanish when subjected to SH waves, consequently, the free field has no contribution to the pore pressure at the pile side. The moment of the real pile is the superposition of the moment of the fictitious pile and the moment experienced by section  $\Pi_z$ . Alternatively, the moment of the real pile can be evaluated by integrating the shear force of the real pile.

## 2.4 Numerical Scheme

The integral equation (41) can be discretised by  $n$  uniformly distributed discrete points. Consequently, there are  $n$  discrete unknown fictitious shear forces. Besides, the top



displacement  $u_p(0)$  and rotary angle  $\theta_0$  of the fictitious pile are also unknown. Hence, the total number of unknown parameters is  $n+2$ . Discretization of the integral equation (41) will generate  $n$  algebraic equations. The  $n$  algebraic equations together with supplementary equations (44) and (45) determine the numerical solutions for the  $n+2$  unknowns. The methodology for solving integral equation (41) was detailed by Boonsrang and Pisidhi (1981) and Lu (2000). The numerical stability of the approach for solving this kind of integral equation is demonstrated by Boonsrang and Pisidhi (1981) and Lu (2000).

### 3. Results and Discussions

#### 3.1 Comparison of the results of a porous medium with a single phase elastic medium

In this example, the difference between the porous medium and single phase elastic medium is considered. The displacement, rotary angle and shear force of a pile surrounded by a porous medium and a single phase medium are calculated. The incident angle of the incident plane SH wave is equal to  $60^\circ$  (Figure 1), and the incident SH wave is tuned to make free field rotary angle of the medium at the bottom of the pile have unit value. The frequency of the incident SH wave is 100 Hz. The radius  $R$  of the pile is 0.25 m, while the length and radius ratio of the pile equals to 80. The Young's modulus of the pile equals to  $E_p = 1.0 \times 10^{10}$  Pa. The parameters are taken as follows for the porous medium

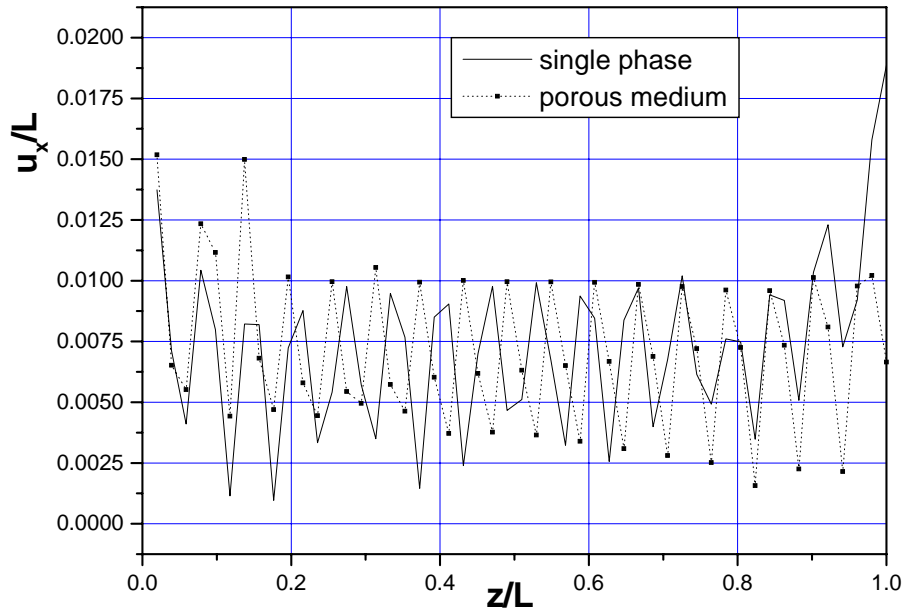
$$\mu = 3.0 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}, \lambda = 1.0 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}, \rho_s = 2.5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3, \rho_f = 1.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3,$$

$$K_m = 10.0 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}, K_f = 2.5 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}, \phi = 0.3, \eta = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pa.s}, k = 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2 \quad (49)$$

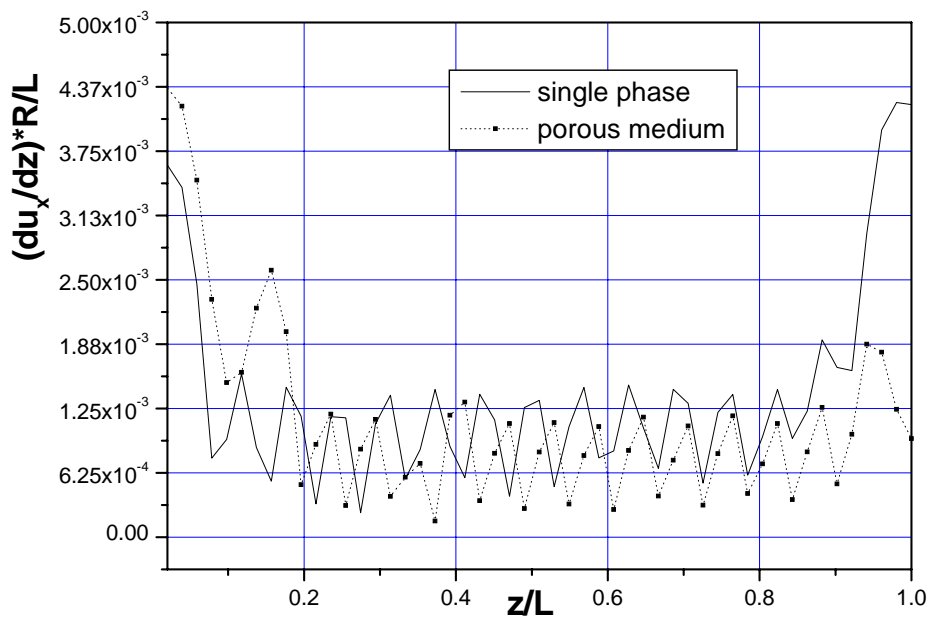
where  $K_m$  and  $K_f$  are the bulk modulus for the material of the solid skeleton and the pore fluid. The parameters  $\alpha, M$  involved in the constitutive relation of the porous medium (1) can be evaluated by the Gassmann's equation (Gassmann, 1951) and unjacketed and undrained test of Biot's theory (Biot, 1957). If we assume that the unjacketed modulus of the porous medium is equal to the material bulk modulus of the solid skeleton, then, in terms of Biot's theory (Biot, 1962),  $\alpha, M$  have the following expressions

$$\alpha = \frac{K_m - K}{K_m}, M = \frac{(K_G - K)K_m^2}{K^2 - 2KK_m + K_m^2}, \quad (50)$$

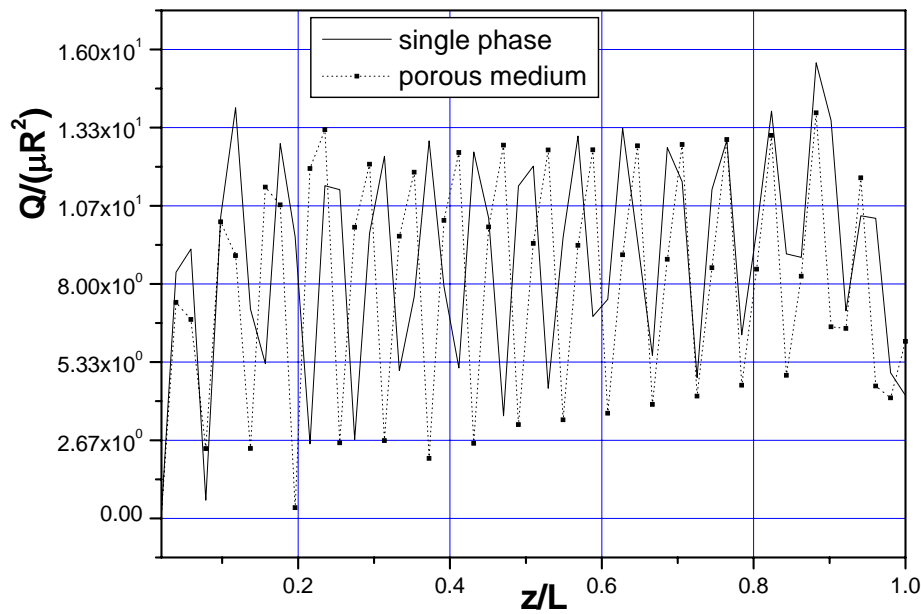
where  $K = \lambda + 2\mu/3$  and  $K_G$  is undrained bulk modulus of the porous medium which can be determined by Gassmann's equation (Gassmann, 1951) by using  $K$ ,  $K_m$ ,  $K_f$  as well as the porosity of the porous medium. Consequently, according to Gassmann's equation (Gassmann, 1951), for the above porous medium,  $\alpha, M$  assume 0.997 and  $5.2715 \times 10^9$  Pa, respectively. On the other hand, if let parameters  $M, \rho_f, b, \alpha, \phi$  tend to zero, then, the porous medium here is reduced to a single phase elastic medium. In calculation, the pile is discretized into 50 segments. It is noted that when calculating fundamental solutions for the single phase medium, to avoid real Rayleigh equation root, 2 percent of the imaginary part is added to the modulus  $\lambda, \mu$  (Luco and Apsel, 1983). Physically, it will bring about non-causal numerical results. However, it is negligible due to the small imaginary part of the modulus. The displacement, rotary angle and shear force of the pile for the two cases are presented in Figures 4. It follows from Figure 4 that at the upper part of the pile, the displacement and the rotary angle of the porous medium case are larger than those of the elastic single phase case, whereas at the bottom part of the pile, the displacement and the rotary angle of the porous medium case are smaller than those of the elastic single phase case. Figure 4 (c) shows the maximum of the shear force of the single phase case is larger than the porous medium case.



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure 4 Comparison of the response of a pile embedded in a porous medium and a single phase medium: (a) horizontal displacement of the pile axis  $u_x/L$  for porous medium and single phase medium; (b) the rotary angle of the pile axis  $(du_x/dz)R/L$  for porous medium and single phase medium; (c) the shear force of the pile  $Q/(\mu R^2)$  for porous medium and single phase medium.

### 3.2 The influence of the permeability

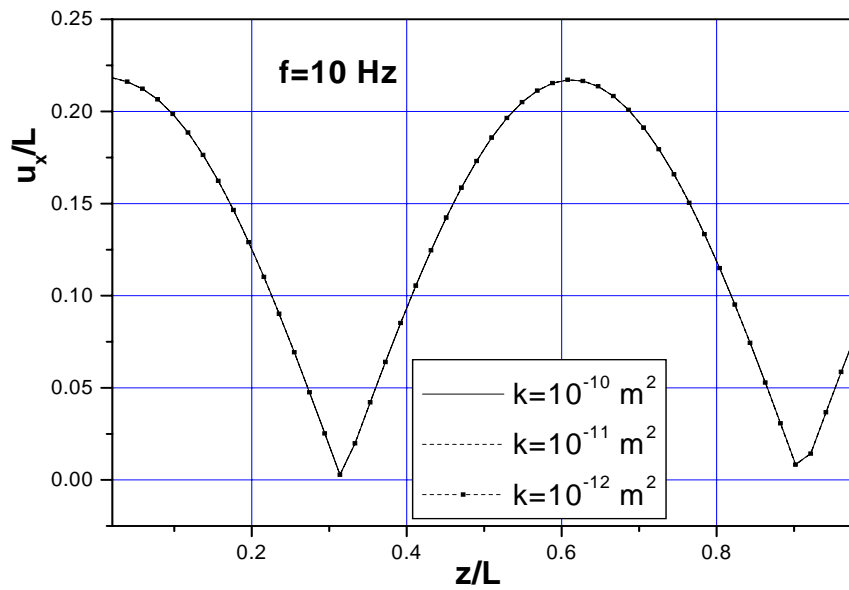
In this example, the influence of permeability of the porous medium on the dynamic response of the pile will be examined. The displacement, rotary angle and shear force of the pile as well as the pore pressure at the side of the pile for permeability  $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2$ ,  $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2$ ,  $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2$  are calculated. The incident angle of the incident plane SH wave is equal to  $60^\circ$  (Figure 1), and the incident SH wave is tuned to make free field rotary angle of the porous medium at the bottom of the pile have unit value. The frequency of the incident SH wave takes 10 Hz, 100 Hz and 1000 Hz, respectively. The radius  $R$  of the pile is 0.25 m, while the length and radius ratio of the pile equals to 80. The Young's modulus of the pile is equal to  $E_p = 1.0 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$ . For the porous medium surrounding the pile, the parameters are taken as follows

$$\mu = 3.0 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}, \quad \lambda = 1.0 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}, \quad \rho_s = 2.5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3, \quad \rho_f = 1.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3,$$

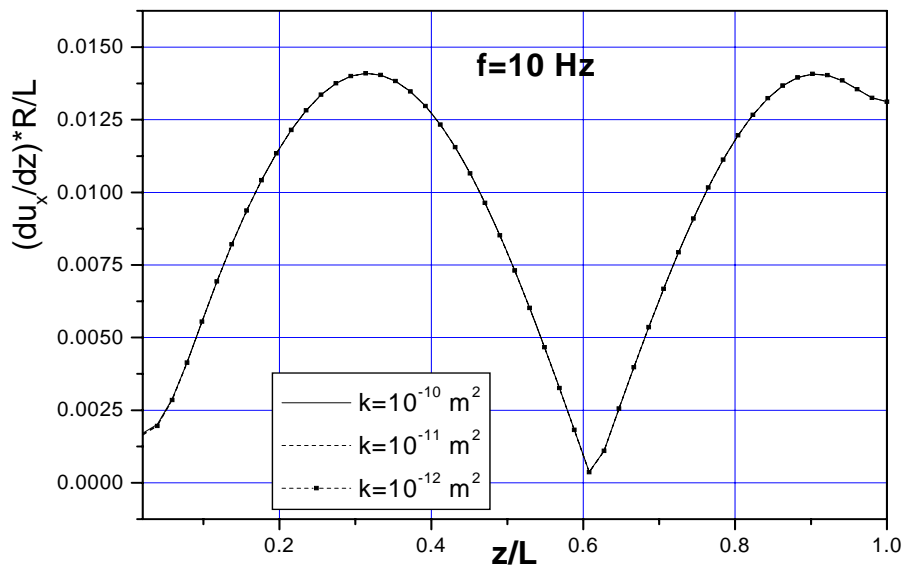
$$K_m = 5.0 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}, \quad K_f = 2.5 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}, \quad \phi = 0.3, \quad \eta = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pa.s}, \quad (51)$$

where  $K_m$  and  $K_f$  are the bulk modulus for the material of the solid skeleton and the pore fluid. According to Gassmann's equation (Gassmann, 1956) and Biot's theory (Biot, 1956b), the parameters  $\alpha, M$  take 0.994 and  $3.8640 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$ , respectively. In calculation, the pile is discretized into 50 segments. The displacement, rotary angle of the pile axis, shear force of the pile and pore pressure along the pile side are plotted in Figures 5-7.

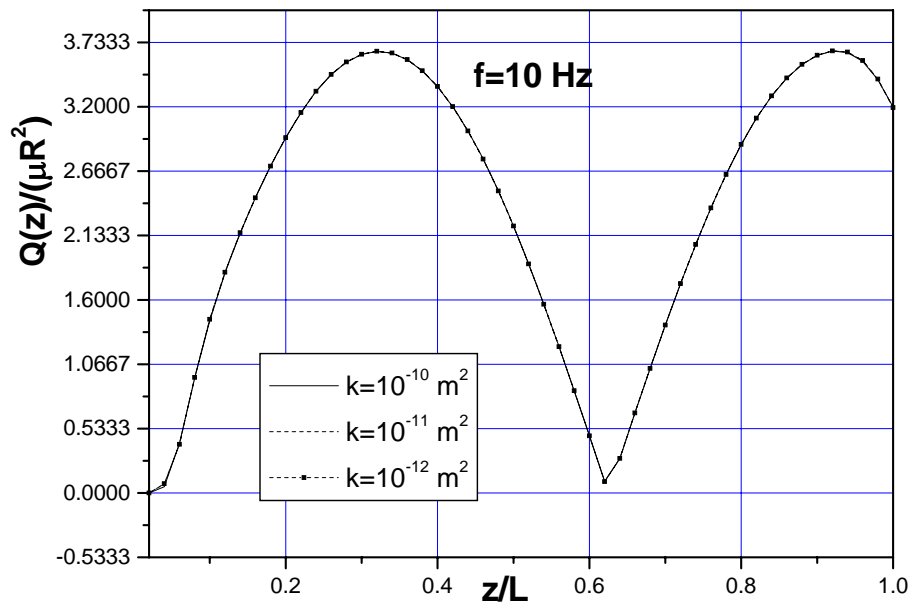
Figure 5 shows for incident wave with frequency 10 Hz, except the pore pressure, the displacement, the rotary angle and the shear force of the pile do not have large difference for the three cases  $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2$ ,  $1.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2$ ,  $1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2$ . However, with decreasing permeability, the pore pressure increases dramatically, in particular at the domains near the top and the bottom of the pile. For incident wave with frequency 100 Hz, the amplitudes of displacement, rotary angle, shear force and pore pressure increase with decreasing permeability. Nevertheless, the differences of displacement, rotary angle, shear force between the two cases  $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2$  and  $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2$  are difficult to observed. For 1000 Hz incident wave, the rotary angle of the pile increases with decreasing permeability. The amplitudes of displacement, shear force and pore pressure of the case  $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2$  are the largest among the three cases, while those for  $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2$  is the second largest and the case  $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2$  are the smallest. Moreover, with increasing frequency, the displacement and the rotary angle of the pile decrease. Besides, for the incident wave with frequency  $f=100 \text{ Hz}$ , the shear force and pore pressure are the largest among the three cases.



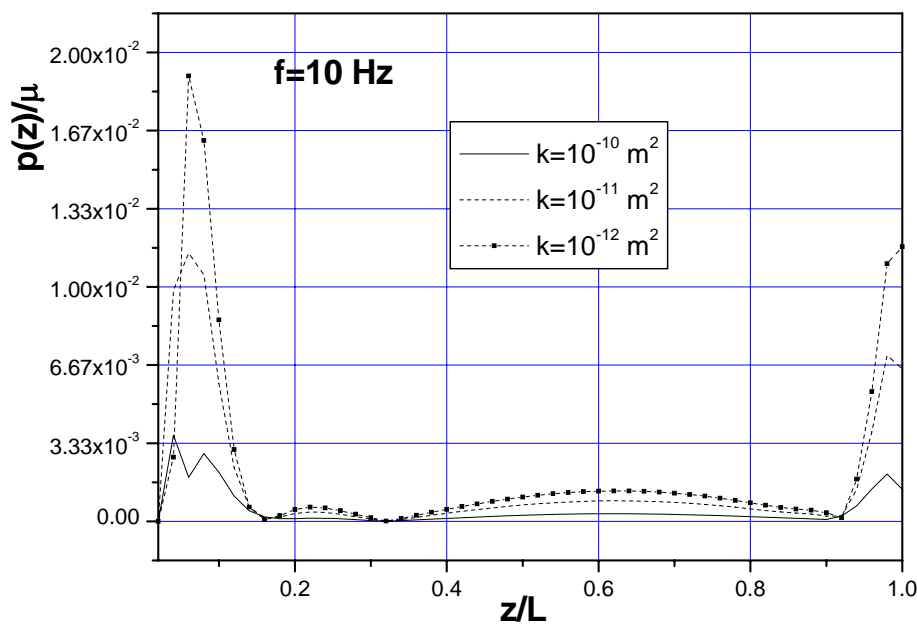
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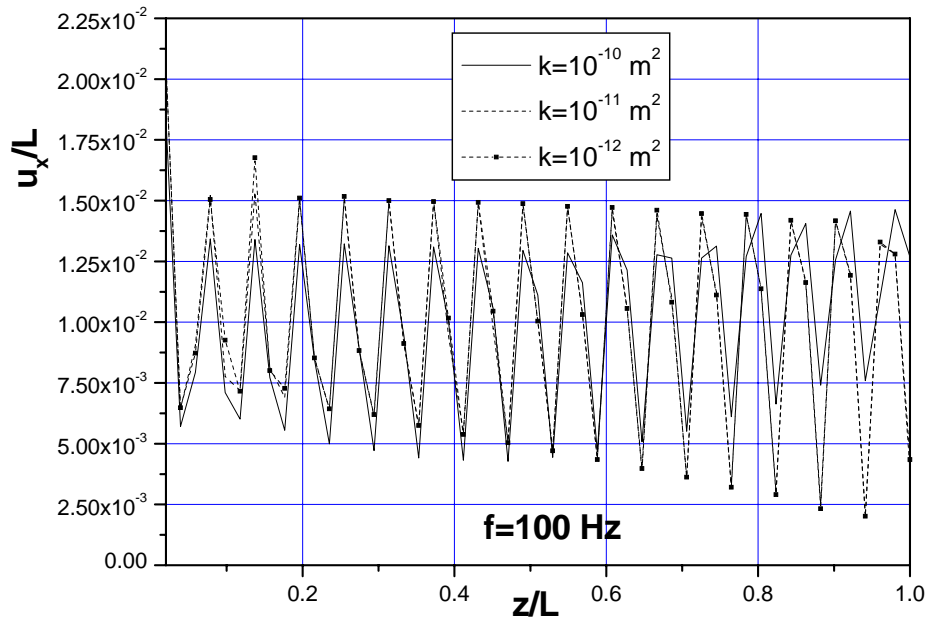


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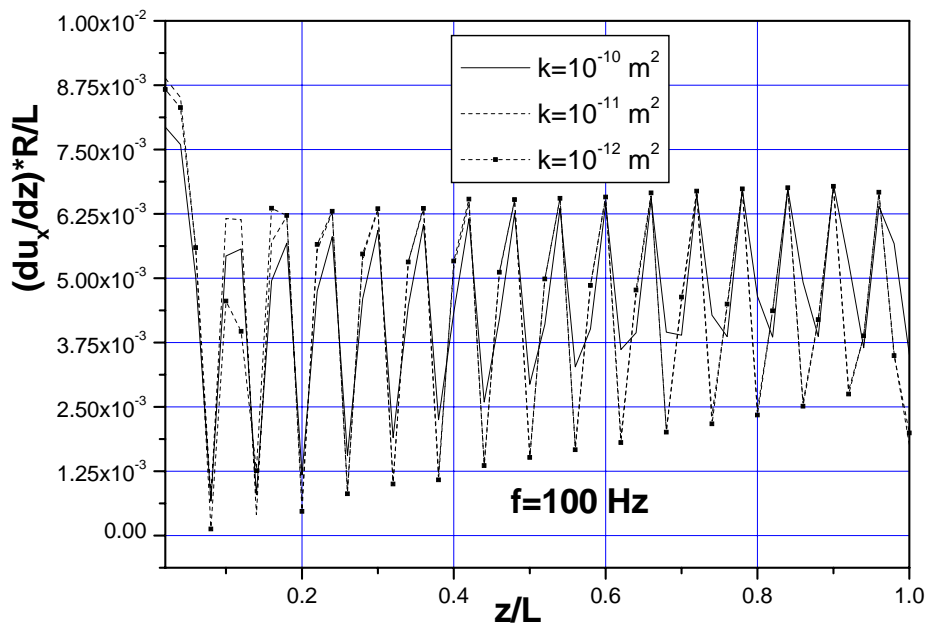


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Figure 5 The influence of the permeability ( $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} m^2, 1.0 \times 10^{-11} m^2, 1.0 \times 10^{-12} m^2$ ) on the dynamic response of a pile subjected to a plane SH wave with frequency equal to 10 Hz: (a) horizontal displacement of the pile axis  $u_x/L$ ; (b) the rotary angle of the pile axis  $(du_x/dz)R/L$ ; (c) the shear force of the pile  $Q/(\mu R^2)$ ; (d) the pore pressure along the side of the pile  $p/\mu$ .

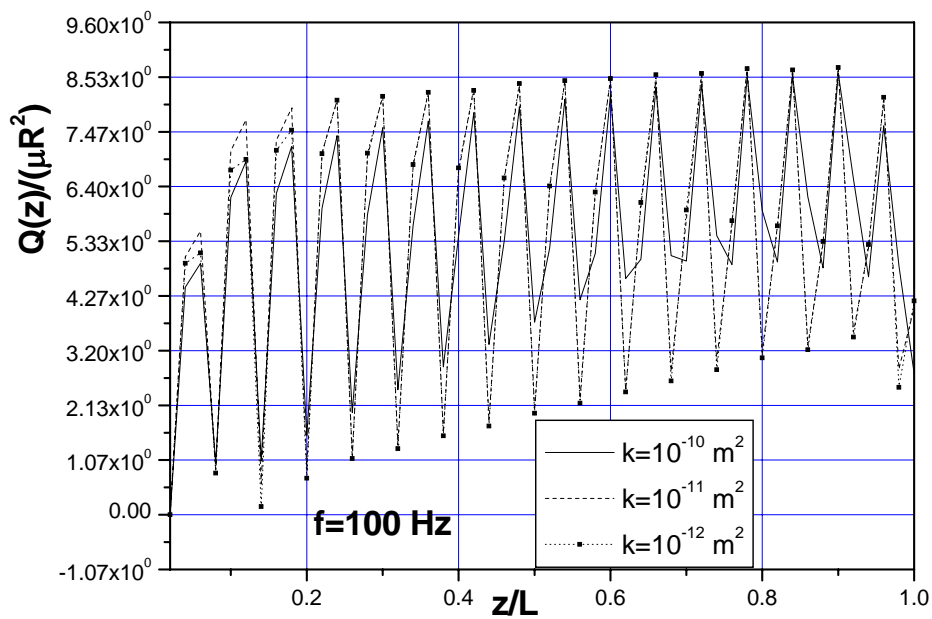


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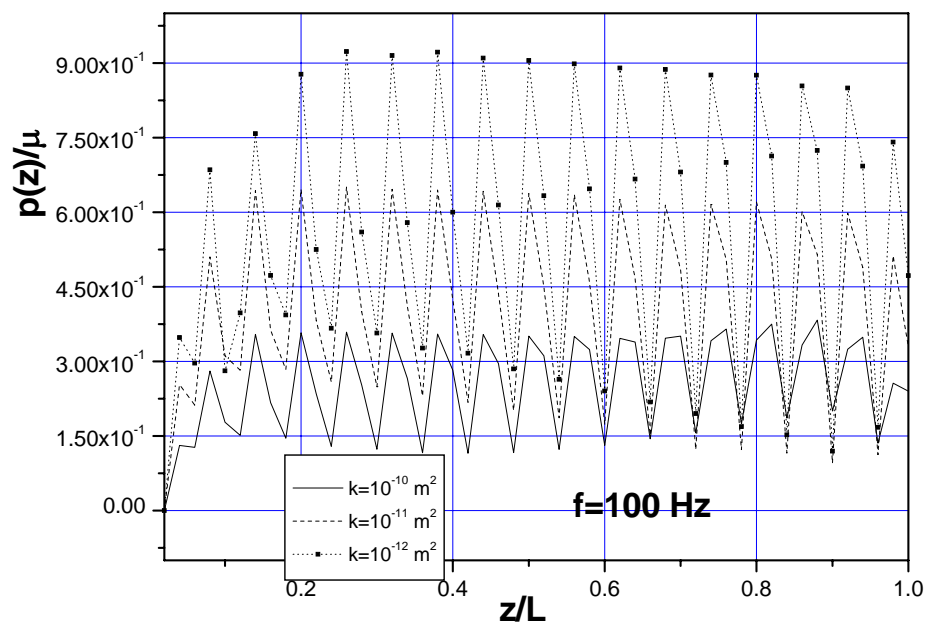


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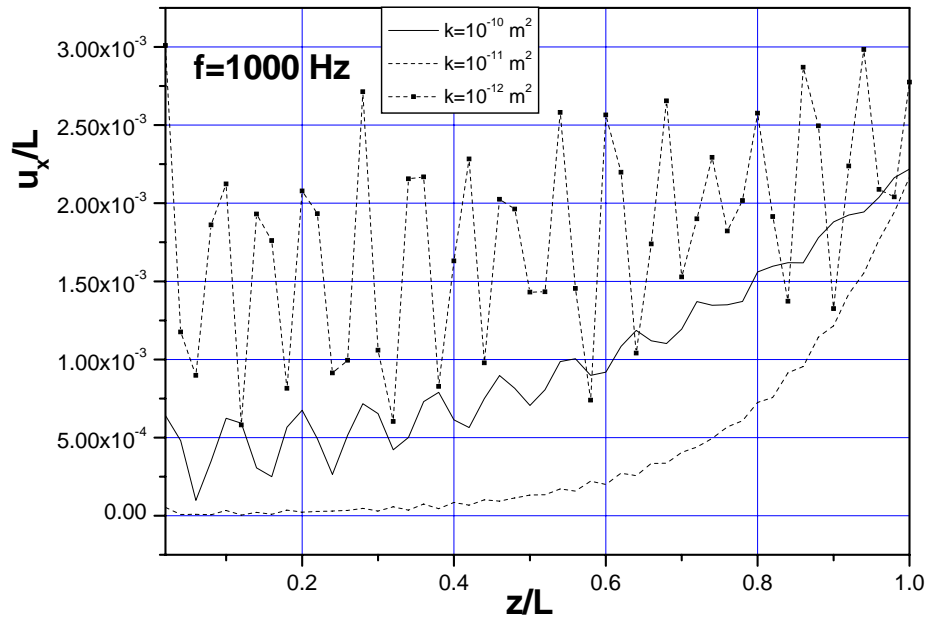


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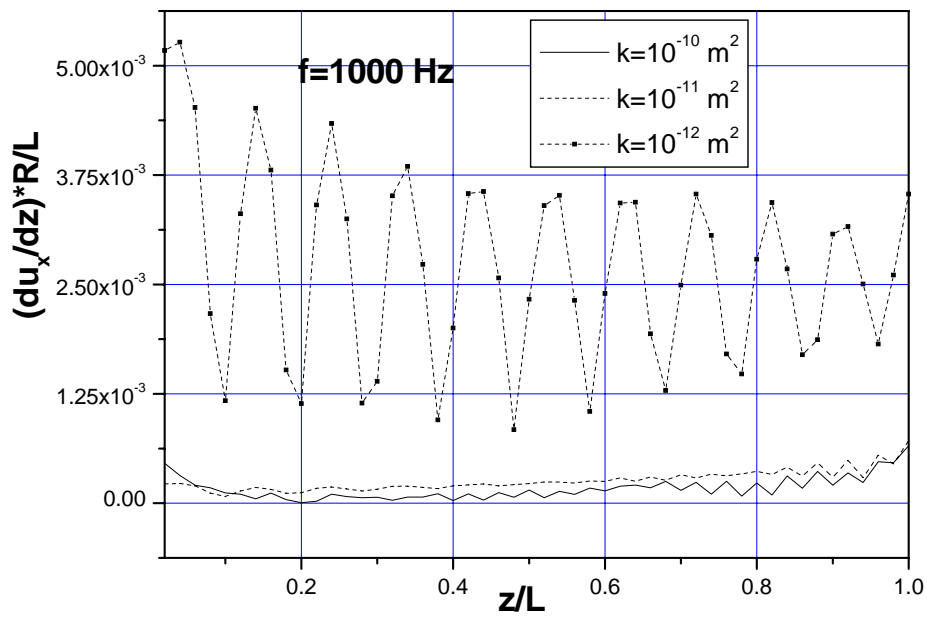


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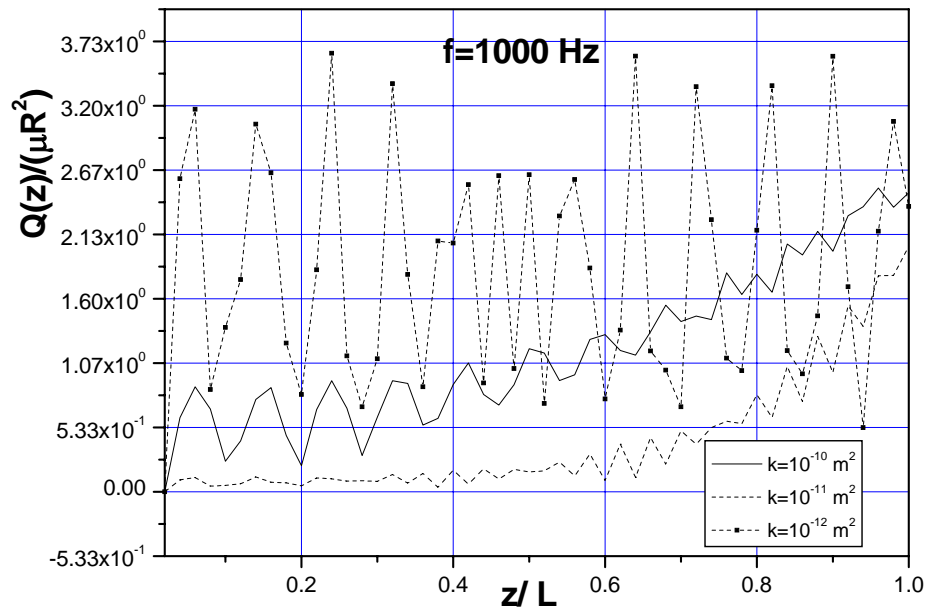
Figure 6 The influence of the permeability ( $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} m^2, 1.0 \times 10^{-11} m^2, 1.0 \times 10^{-12} m^2$ ) on the dynamic response of a pile subjected to a plane SH wave with frequency equal to 100 Hz: (a) horizontal displacement of the pile axis  $u_x/L$ ; (b) the rotary angle of the pile axis  $(du_x/dz)R/L$ ; (c) the shear force of the pile  $Q/(\mu R^2)$ ; (d) the pore pressure along the side of the pile  $p/\mu$ .



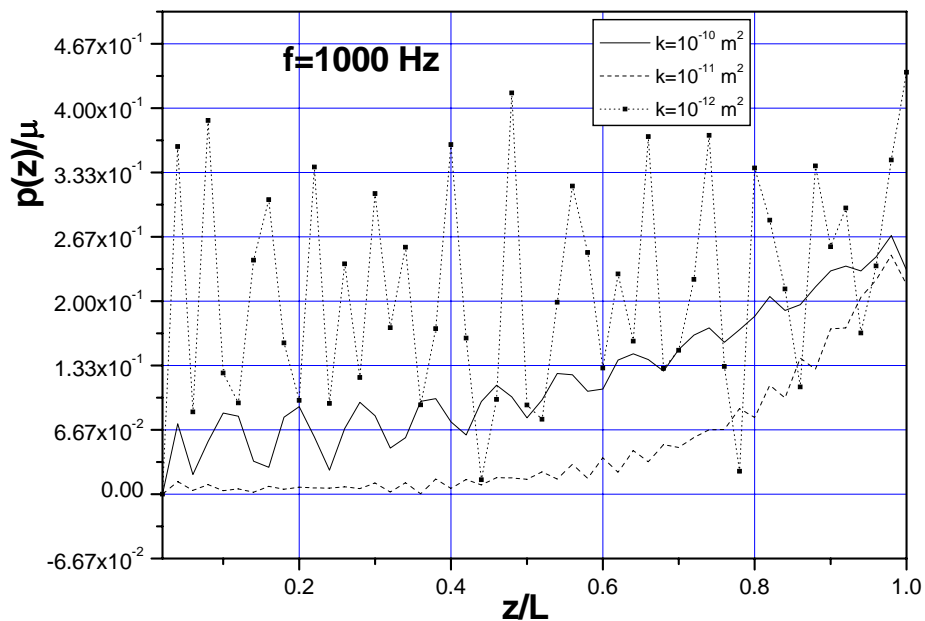
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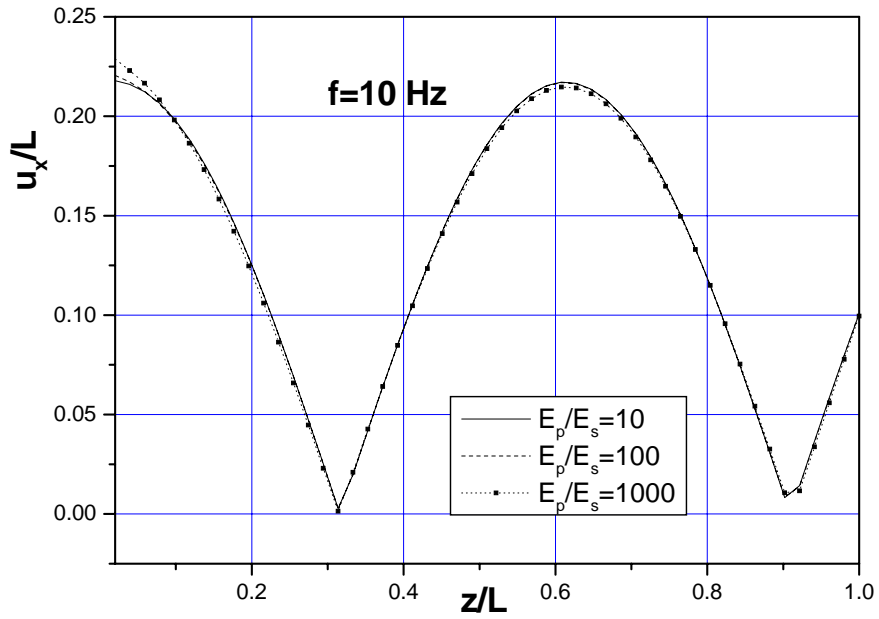
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Figure 7 The influence of the permeability ( $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} m^2, 1.0 \times 10^{-11} m^2, 1.0 \times 10^{-12} m^2$ ) on the dynamic response of a pile subjected to a plane SH wave with frequency equal to 1000Hz: (a) horizontal displacement of the pile axis  $u_x/L$ ; (b) the rotary angle of the pile axis  $(du_x/dz)R/L$ ; (c) the shear force of the pile  $Q/(\mu R^2)$ ; (d) the pore pressure along the side of the pile  $p/\mu$ .

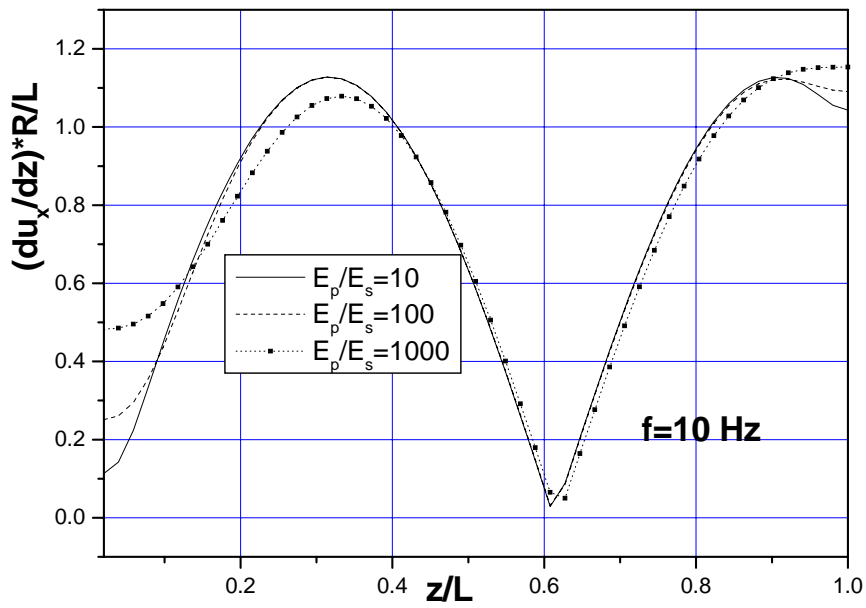
### 3.3 Effect of modulus ratio between the pile and the porous medium

In this example, the effect of the modulus ratio between the pile and the porous medium on the dynamic response of the pile will be investigated. The displacement, rotary angle and shear force along the pile axis as well as the pore pressure at side of the pile for the three cases  $E_p/E_s = 10$ ,  $E_p/E_s = 100$ ,  $E_p/E_s = 1000$  are calculated. The incident angle of the incident plane SH wave is equal to  $60^\circ$  (Fig.1), and the incident SH wave is tuned to make free field rotary angle of the porous medium at the bottom of the pile have unit value. The frequency of the incident SH wave takes 10 Hz, 100 Hz and 1000 Hz, respectively. The permeability of the porous medium equals to  $k = 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2$ . All the other parameters for the porous medium and the pile take the same values as Example 3.2. Likewise, in calculation, the pile is discretized into 50 segments. The displacement, rotary angle, the shear force and the pore pressure along the side of the pile are given in Figures 8-10.

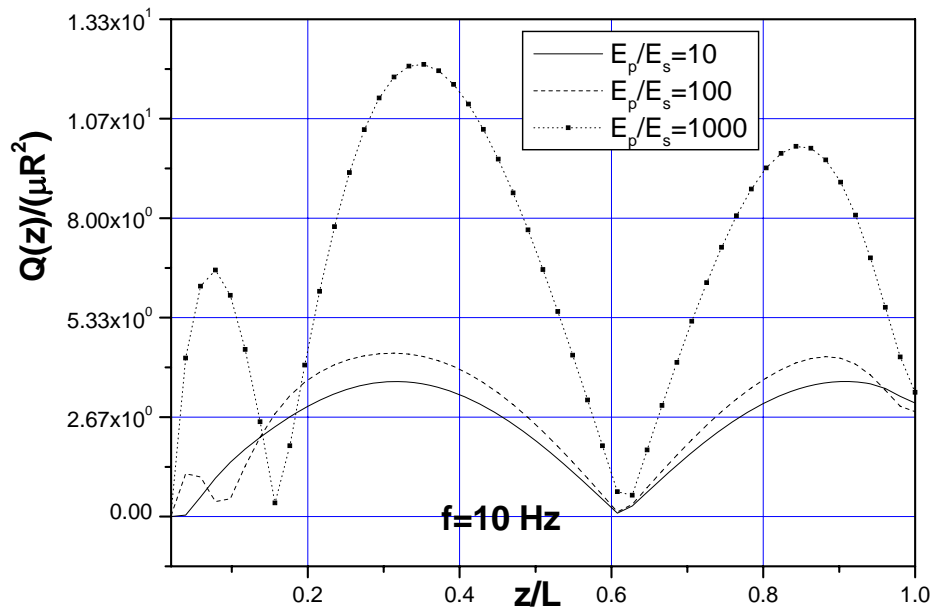
For  $f=10$  Hz incident wave, the displacement, rotary angle of the pile axis only have slight difference for the three cases:  $E_p/E_s = 10$ ,  $E_p/E_s = 100$ ,  $E_p/E_s = 1000$ . However, with increasing  $E_p/E_s$ , the shear force and the pore pressure increase significantly. For an incident wave with frequency  $f=100$  Hz, the displacement and rotary angle along the pile axis decrease with increasing  $E_p/E_s$ . Conversely, the shear force and the pore pressure increase with increasing  $E_p/E_s$ . For SH wave with a frequency  $f=1000$  Hz, the difference of the horizontal displacement between the three cases is minor, whereas the rotary angle decreases greatly with increasing  $E_p/E_s$ . With increasing  $E_p/E_s$ , the shear force and the pore pressure along the pile side decrease slightly. For SH incident wave with different frequency, again we see the same tendency as in section 3.2: with increasing frequency, the displacement and the rotary angle of the pile decrease; when the incident frequency  $f=100$  Hz, the shear force and pore pressure are the largest among the three cases.



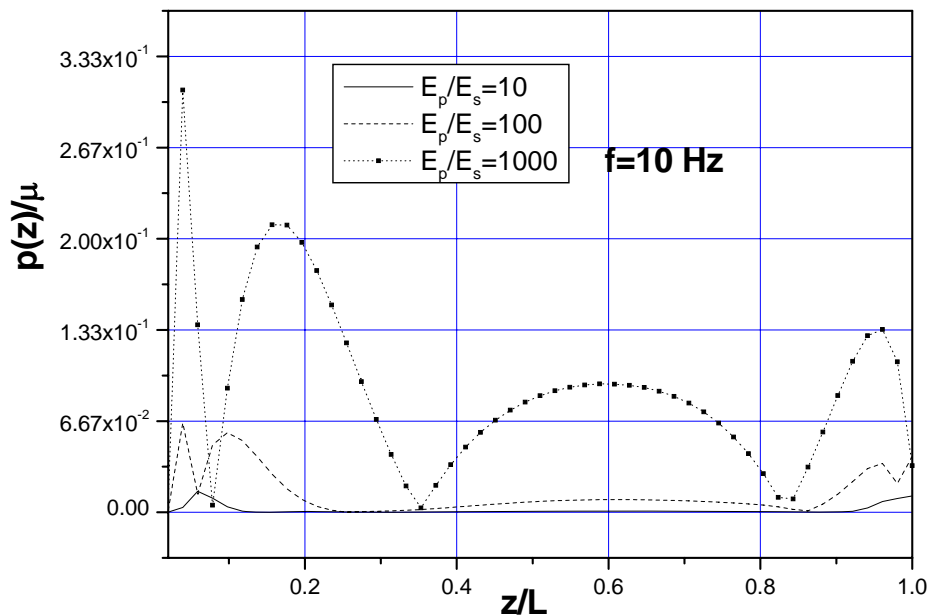
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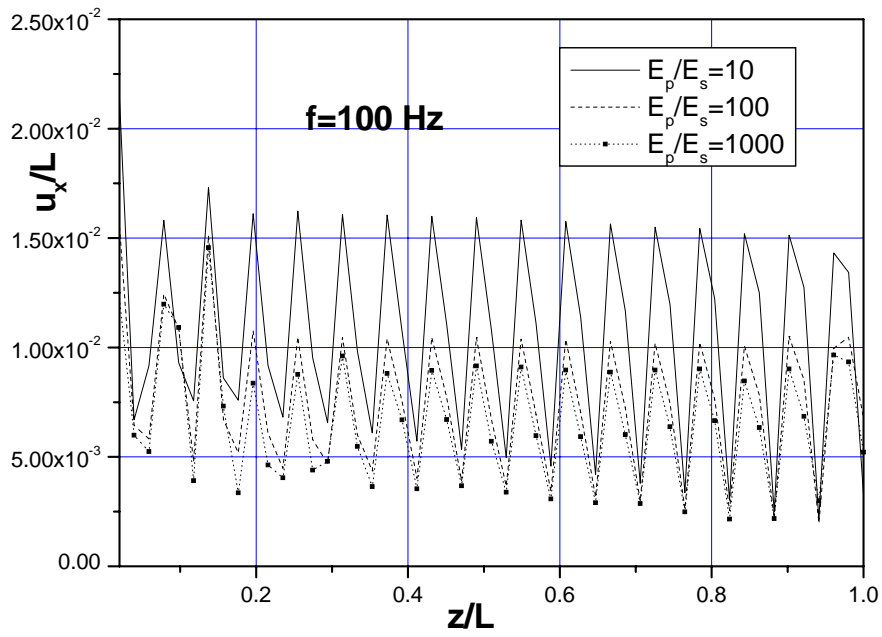


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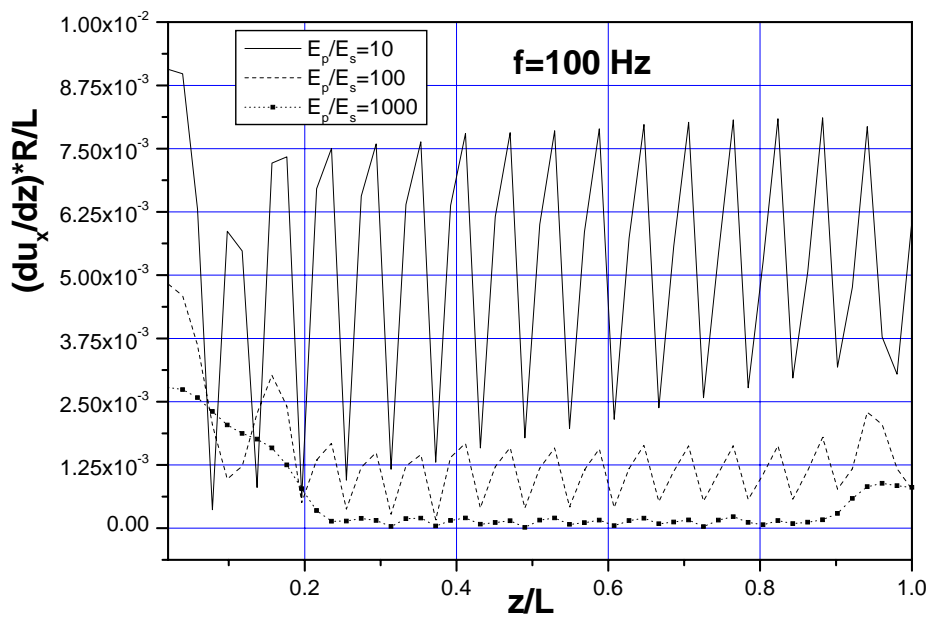


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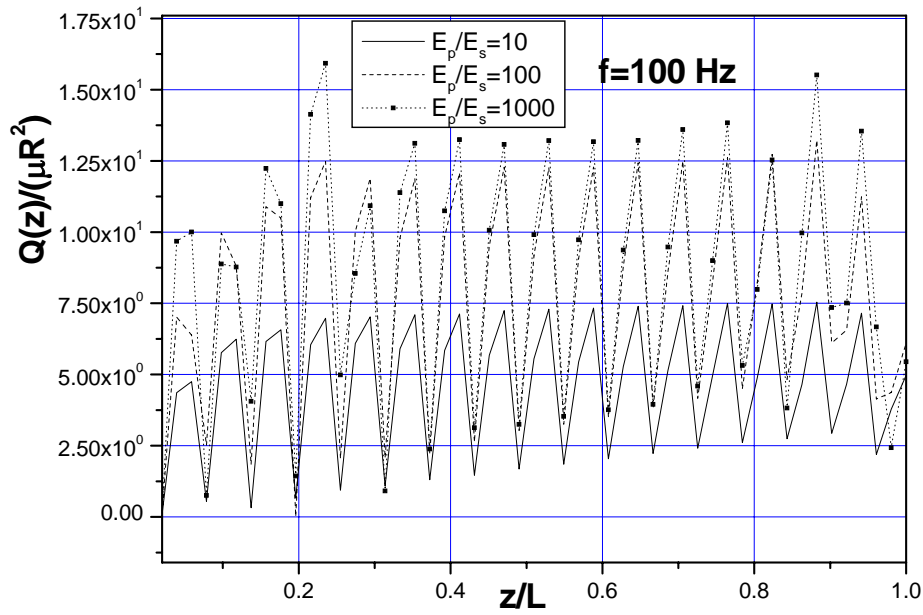
Figure 8 The influence of the modulus ratio between the pile and the porous medium ( $E_p/E_s = 10, 100, 1000$ ) on the dynamic response of a pile subjected to a plane SH wave with frequency equal to 10Hz: (a) horizontal displacement of the pile axis  $u_x/L$ ; (b) the rotary angle of the pile axis  $(du_x/dz)R/L$ ; (c) the shear force of the pile  $Q/(\mu R^2)$ ; (d) the pore pressure along the side of the pile  $p/\mu$ .



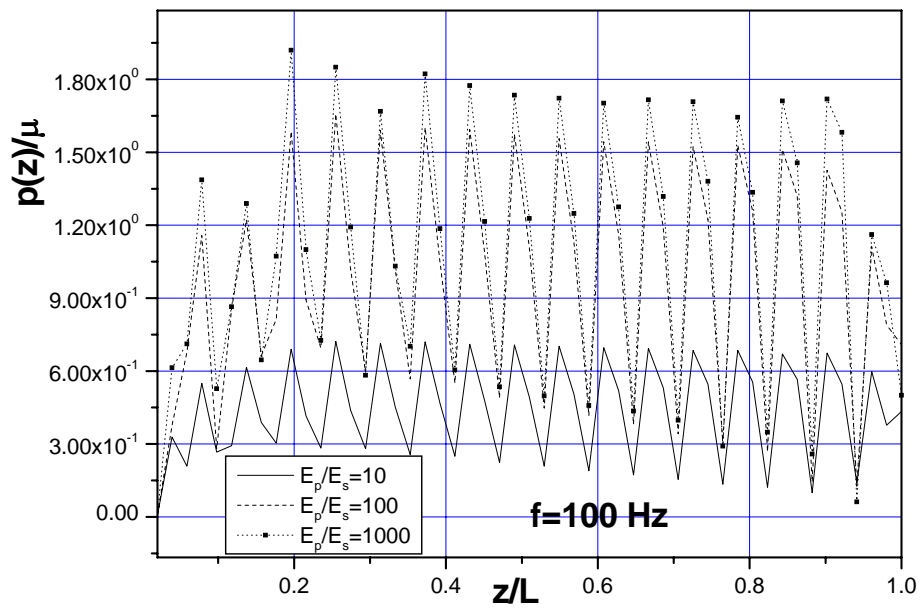
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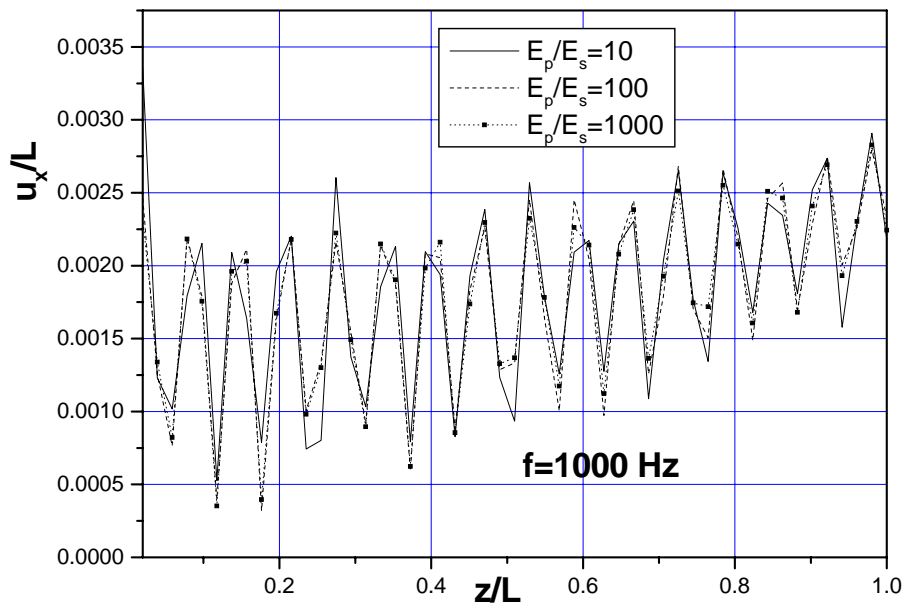
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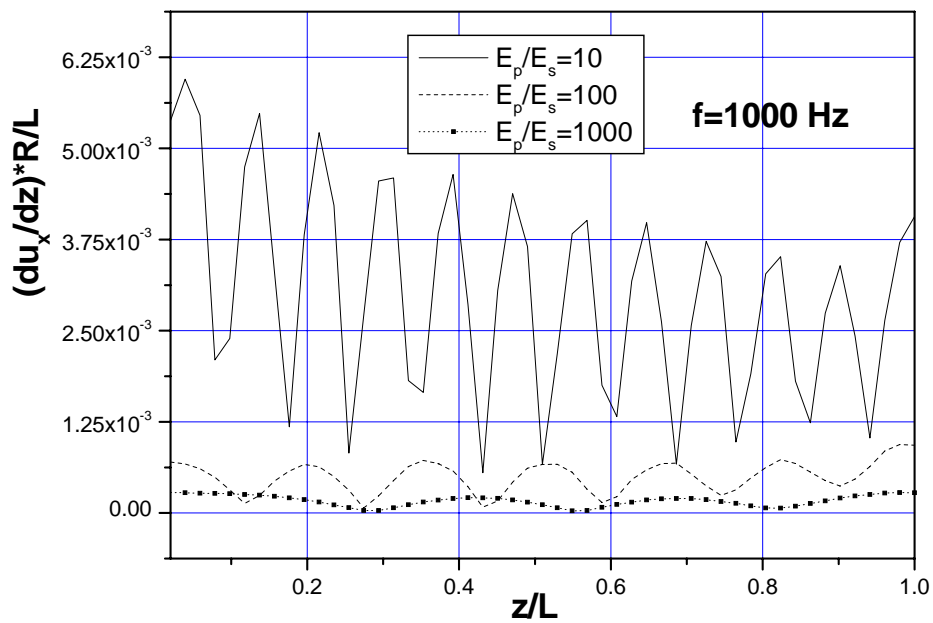
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Figure 9 The influence of the modulus ratio between the pile and the porous medium ( $E_p/E_s = 10, 100, 1000$ ) on the dynamic response of a pile subjected to a plane SH wave with frequency equal to 100 Hz: (a) horizontal displacement of the pile axis  $u_x/L$ ; (b) the rotary angle of the pile axis  $(du_x/dz)R/L$ ; (c) the shear force of the pile  $Q/(\mu R^2)$ ; (d) the pore pressure along the side of the pile  $p/\mu$ .

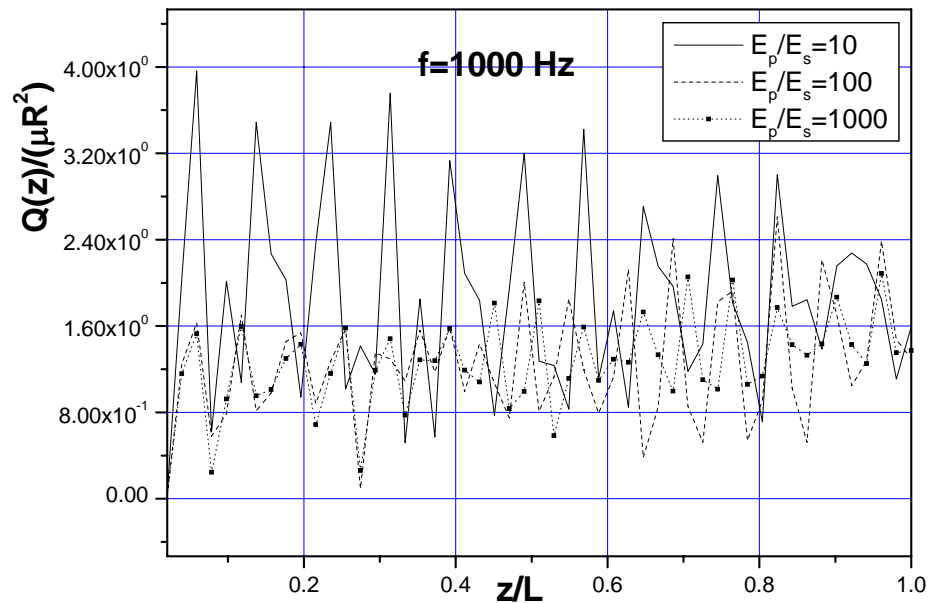




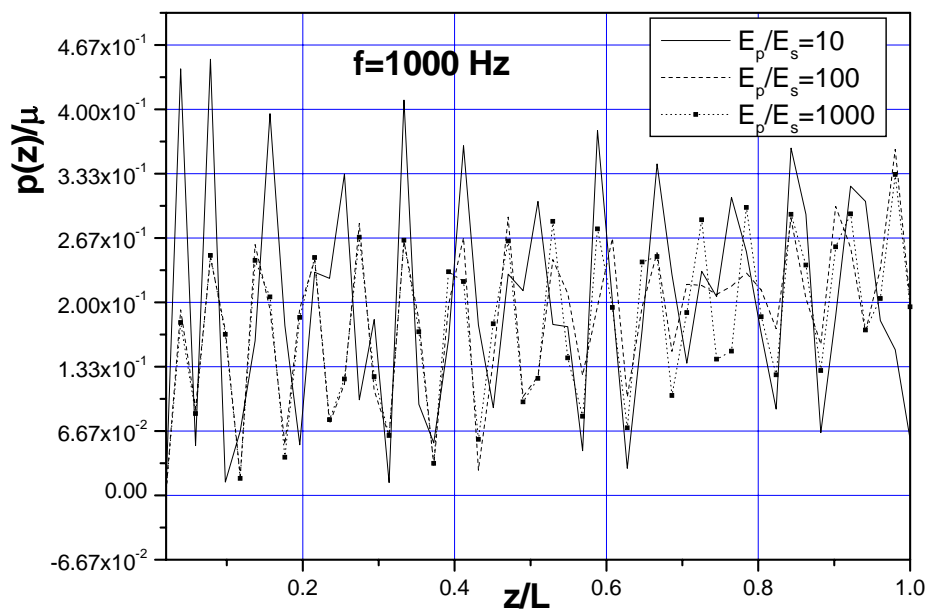
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Figure 10 The influence of the modulus ratio between the pile and the porous medium ( $E_p/E_s = 10, 100, 1000$ ) on the dynamic response of a pile subjected to a plane SH wave with frequency equal to 1000Hz: (a) horizontal displacement of the pile axis  $u_x/L$ ; (b) the rotary angle of the pile axis  $(du_x/dz)R/L$ ; (c) the shear force of the pile  $Q/(\mu R^2)$ ; (d) the pore pressure along the side of the pile  $p/\mu$ .

## 4. Conclusions

In this study, employing Biot's theory and integral equation method, the frequency domain dynamic response of a pile to plane SH waves is investigated. Central to our investigation is the establishment of the fundamental solutions and construction of the second kind Fredholm integral equation for the pile. The fundamental solutions involved in the integral equation are established using the Fourier and the Hankel integral transformation methods, while equality of the rotary angle of the pile axis and z-axis of the porous medium is used as the compatibility condition between the pile and the porous medium. Based on the researches of the present paper, the following conclusion can be drawn.

- [1] The analysis and numerical calculation of the paper shows that Fredholm integral equation and fictitious pile methodology can be used in the investigation of a pile embedded in a porous medium and subjected to plane seismic waves. Our calculation shows a considerable difference on the pile response between the single phase model and the porous medium model. Consequently, for saturated soil, rock or sand, to achieve more reasonable results, it is better option to use the saturated porous medium model.
- [2] Numerical results show that the permeability of the porous medium, the modulus ratio between the pile and the porous medium and the frequency of the incident wave all have a direct influence on the dynamic response of the pile. Generally, lower frequency seismic waves tend to generate larger displacement and smaller shear force and pore pressure, while higher frequency seismic waves tend to generate smaller displacement. In our examples, the largest shear force and pore pressure are produced by an incident wave with 100 Hz frequency.
- [3] The presented methodology can be extended to calculate the time domain response of piles embedded in a porous medium and subjected to SH waves. Using the superposition principle, pile group problems can also be solved by the proposed approach. The scattering of P and SV or Rayleigh waves by a pile or pile group embedded in a porous medium can also be resolved by the suggested approach.

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