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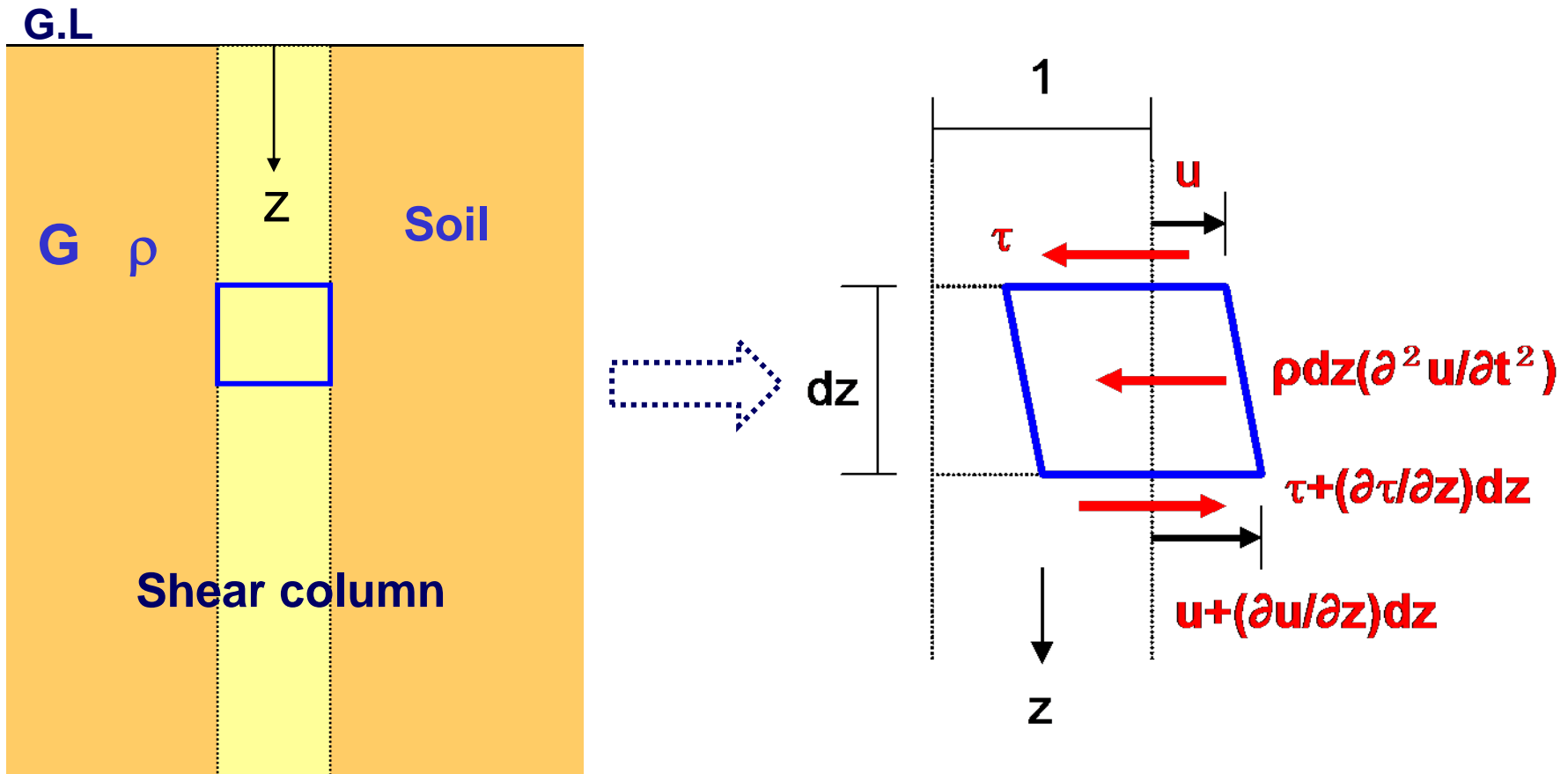
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Consider a shear column with unit cross-section area, and it has G of shear modulus and ρ of mass density.



(1) Eq. of Motion

$$-\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} dz + \left(\tau + \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} dz \right) - \tau = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore \rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} \quad (2)$$

Shear stress τ is given by:

$$\tau = G \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \quad (3)$$

Putting Eq.(3) into Eq.(2):

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = G \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \quad (4)$$

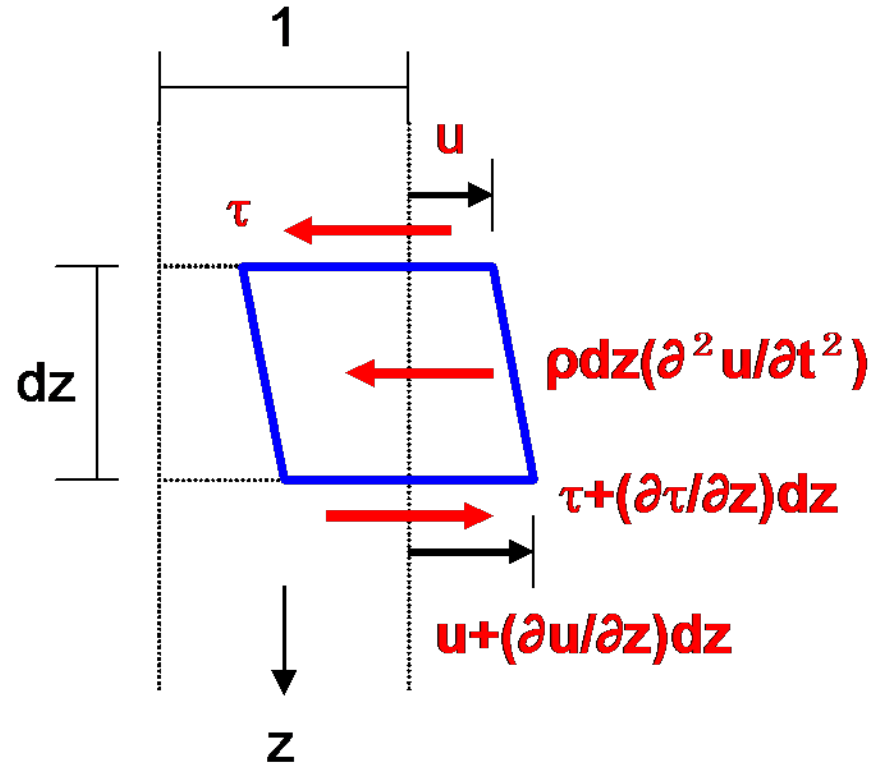


Fig-1 Shear Column

Eq.(4) is an equation of motion for one-dimensional shear wave propagation.

(2) Solution of Eq.(4)

The velocity V of shear wave (S-wave) is expressed by:

$$V = \sqrt{G/\rho} \quad (5)$$

Using V , Eq.(4) can be transferred to:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = V^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \quad (6)$$

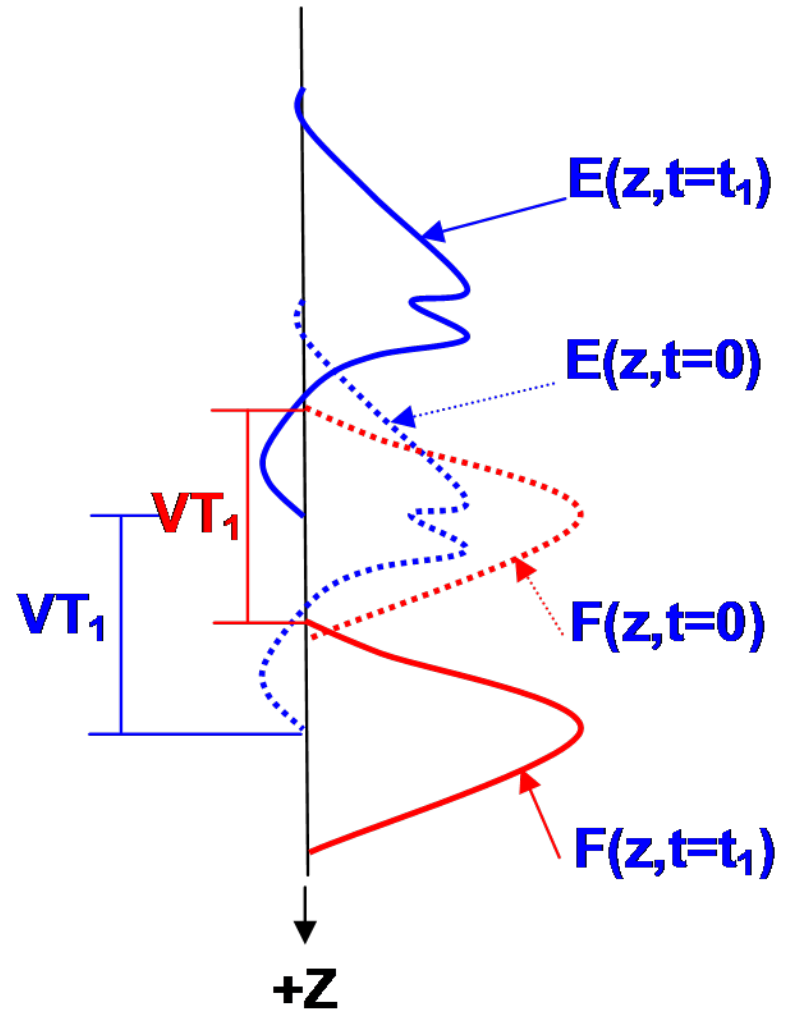
The solution of Eq.(6) is given by:

$$u(z, t) = E\left(t + \frac{z}{V}\right) + F\left(t - \frac{z}{V}\right) \quad (7)$$

where, $E(t+z/V)$ and $F(t-z/V)$ are arbitrary functions.

$E(t+z/V)$ indicates the displacement due to a backward propagating wave which propagates in the negative z direction.

while $F(t-z/V)$ due to a forward propagating wave propagating in the positive z direction.



Wave propagation from $t=0$ to $t=t_1$

Putting : $\zeta = t + \frac{z}{V}$, $\eta = t - \frac{z}{V}$ (8)

then, $u(z,t) = E(\zeta) + F(\eta)$ (9)

The shear stress τ is also expressed by:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau(z,t) &= G \frac{\partial u(z,t)}{\partial z} = G \left\{ \frac{\partial E(t+z/V)}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial F(t-z/V)}{\partial z} \right\} \\ &= G \left\{ \frac{\partial E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial F(\eta)}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial z} \right\} = G \frac{1}{V} \left\{ \frac{\partial E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta} - \frac{\partial F(\eta)}{\partial \eta} \right\}\end{aligned}$$
 (10)

The coefficient G/V denotes impedance:

$$\frac{G}{V} = \frac{\rho V^2}{V} = \rho V \quad : \text{Impedance}$$
 (11)

Eq.(10) is expressed by:

$$\tau(z,t) = \rho V \left\{ \frac{\partial E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta} - \frac{\partial F(\eta)}{\partial \eta} \right\}$$
 (12)

[problem-1] Proof that Eq.(7) is the solution of Eq.(6).

(proof)

$$\frac{\partial u(z,t)}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial F(\eta)}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{V} \left\{ \frac{\partial E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta} - \frac{\partial F(\eta)}{\partial \eta} \right\} \quad (a)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(z,t)}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{V} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta^2} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 F(\eta)}{\partial \eta^2} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial z} \right\} = \frac{1}{V^2} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F(\eta)}{\partial \eta^2} \right\} \quad (b)$$

$$\frac{\partial u(z,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F(\eta)}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta} + \frac{\partial F(\eta)}{\partial \eta} \quad (c)$$

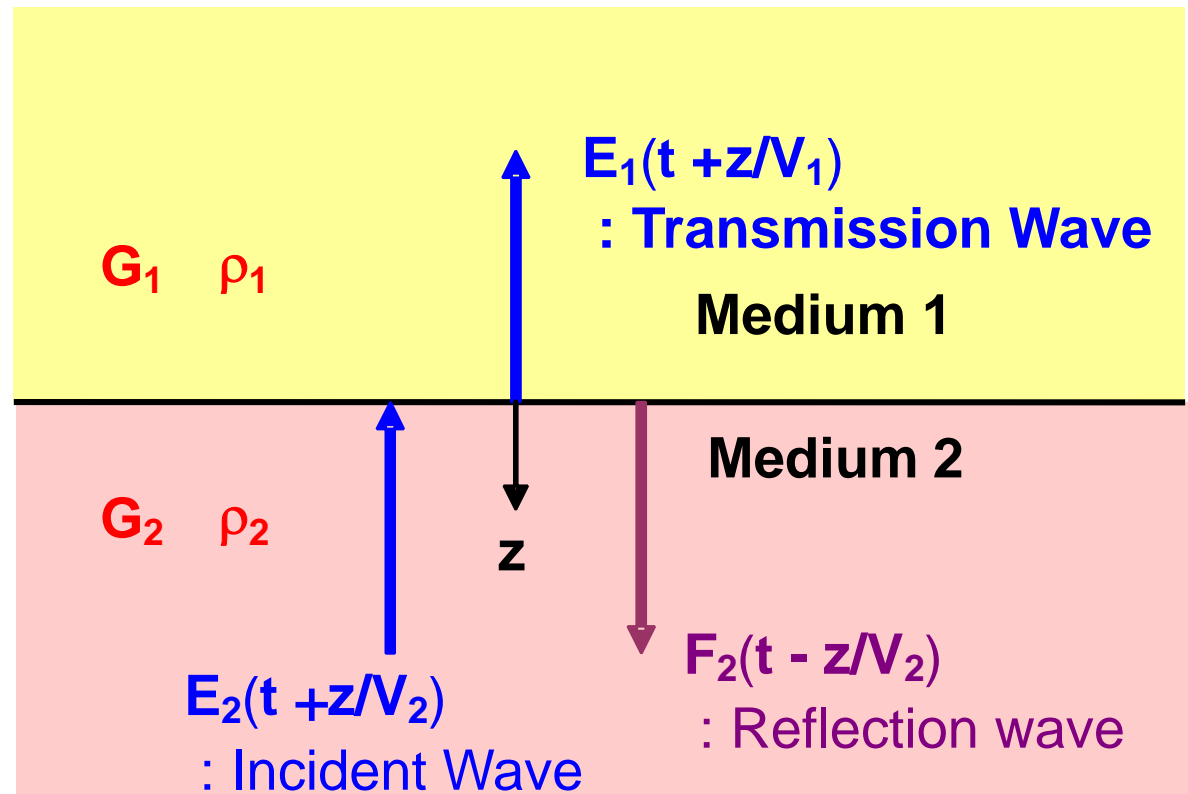
$$\frac{\partial^2 u(z,t)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta^2} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 F(\eta)}{\partial \eta^2} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F(\eta)}{\partial \eta^2} \quad (d)$$

Substituting Eq.(b) and Eq.(d) into Eq.(6):

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - V^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \left[\frac{\partial^2 E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F(\eta)}{\partial \eta^2} \right] - \left[V^2 \frac{1}{V^2} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 E(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F(\eta)}{\partial \eta^2} \right\} \right] = 0 \quad (e)$$

(3) Transmission and Reflection

Consider the wave propagation in two semi-infinite media as shown in the figure.



When the wave $E_2(t + z/V_2)$ propagates upward and reaches at the interface ($z=0$) between two media, this wave is divided into the **transmission wave** $E_1(t + z/V_1)$ and the **reflection wave** $F_2(t - z/V_2)$.

The displacement and shear stress in medium 1:

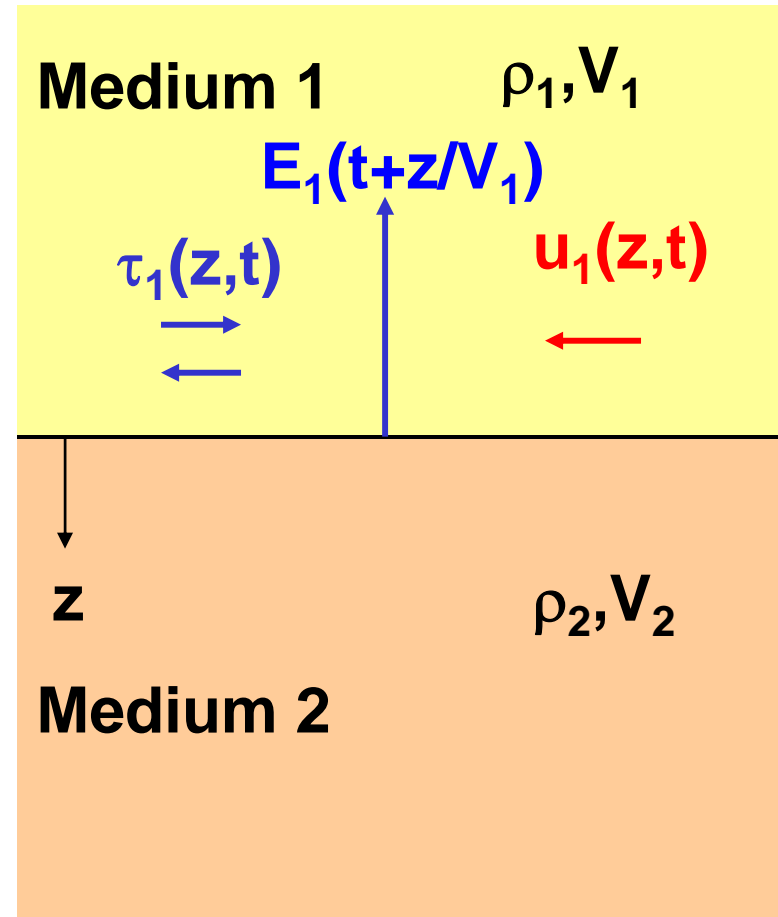
$$u_1(z,t) = E_1(t + z/V_1) = E_1(\zeta_1) \quad (13)$$

$$\tau_1(z,t) = G_1 \frac{\partial u_1(z,t)}{\partial z} = G_1 \frac{\partial E_1(\zeta_1)}{\partial \zeta_1} \frac{\partial \zeta_1}{\partial z} = \frac{G_1}{V_1} \frac{\partial E_1(\zeta_1)}{\partial \zeta_1}$$

$$= \frac{\rho_1 V_1^2}{V_1} \frac{\partial E_1(\zeta_1)}{\partial \zeta_1} = \rho_1 V_1 \frac{\partial E_1(\zeta_1)}{\partial \zeta_1} \quad (14)$$

where,

$$\zeta_1 = t + z/V_1 \quad (15)$$



Similarly, for medium 2:

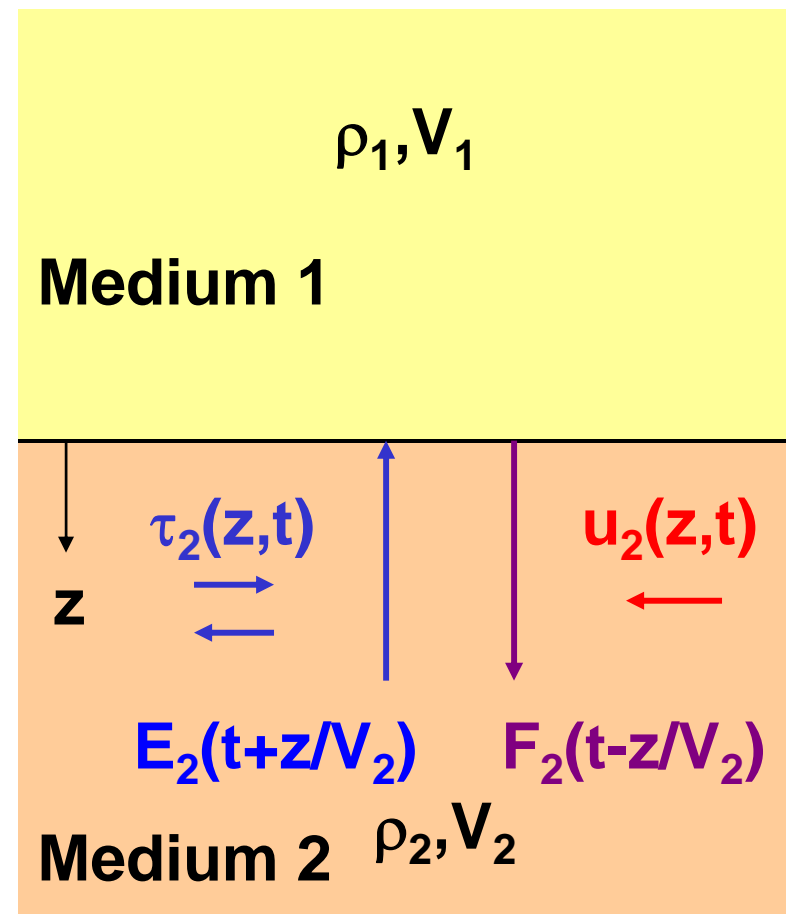
$$u_2(z,t) = E_2(t + z/V_2) + F_2(t - z/V_2) = E_2(\zeta_2) + F_2(\eta_2) \quad (16)$$

$$\tau_2(z,t) = \rho_2 V_2 \left\{ \frac{\partial E_2(\zeta_2)}{\partial \zeta_2} - \frac{\partial F_2(\eta_2)}{\partial \eta_2} \right\} \quad (17)$$

where,

$$\zeta_2 = t + z/V_2 \quad (18)$$

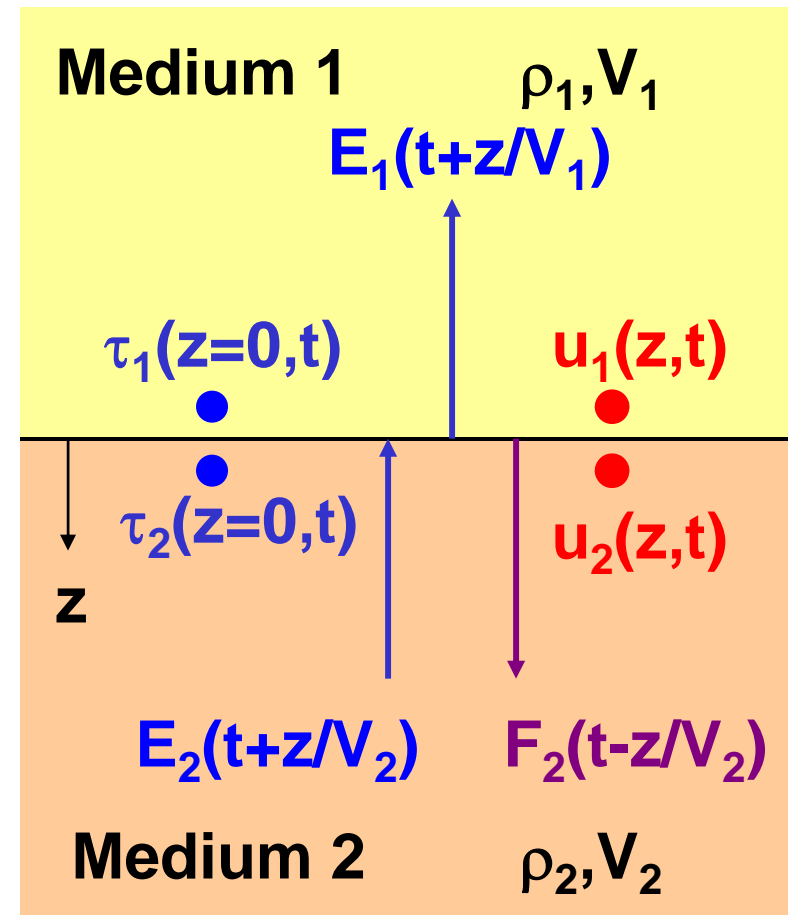
$$\eta_2 = t - z/V_2 \quad (19)$$



The boundary conditions at the interface($z=0$):

$$u_1(z = 0, t) = u_2(z = 0, t) \quad (20)$$

$$\tau_1(z = 0, t) = \tau_2(z = 0, t) \quad (21)$$



Substituting Eq.(13): $u_1(z,t) = E_1(\zeta_1)$

and Eq.(16) : $u_2(z,t) = E_2(\zeta_2) + F_2(\eta_2)$

into Eq.(20): $u_1(z = 0, t) = u_2(z = 0, t)$

We obtain: $E_1(t) = E_2(t) + F_2(t)$ (22)

Similarly, putting Eq.(14): $\tau_1(z,t) = \rho_1 V_1 \frac{\partial E_1(\zeta_1)}{\partial \zeta_1}$

and Eq.(17) : $\tau_2(z,t) = \rho_2 V_2 \left\{ \frac{\partial E_2(\zeta_2)}{\partial \zeta_2} - \frac{\partial F_2(\eta_2)}{\partial \eta_2} \right\}$

into Eq.(21): $\tau_1(z = 0, t) = \tau_2(z = 0, t)$

Then, $\rho_1 V_1 \left[\frac{\partial E_1(\zeta_1)}{\partial \zeta_1} \right]_{z=0} = \rho_2 V_2 \left[\frac{\partial E_2(\zeta_2)}{\partial \zeta_2} - \frac{\partial F_2(\eta_2)}{\partial \eta_2} \right]_{z=0}$

$\therefore \rho_1 V_1 \frac{\partial E_1(t)}{\partial t} = \rho_2 V_2 \left\{ \frac{\partial E_2(t)}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial F_2(t)}{\partial t} \right\}$ (23)

Defining the impedance ratio α as:

$$\alpha = \frac{\rho_1 V_1}{\rho_2 V_2} \quad (24)$$

then, Eq.(23): $\rho_1 V_1 \frac{\partial E_1(t)}{\partial t} = \rho_2 V_2 \left\{ \frac{\partial E_2(t)}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial F_2(t)}{\partial t} \right\}$

leads to:

$$\alpha \frac{\partial E_1(t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E_2(t)}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial F_2(t)}{\partial t} \quad (25)$$

Integrating Eq.(25) gives :

$$\alpha E_1(t) = E_2(t) - F_2(t) \quad (26)$$

Adding Eq.(22): $E_1(t) = E_2(t) + F_2(t)$

to Eq.(26): $\alpha E_1(t) = E_2(t) - F_2(t)$

then,

$$(1 + \alpha)E_1(t) = 2E_2(t) \quad (27)$$

$$\therefore E_1(t) = \frac{2}{1 + \alpha} E_2(t) \quad (28)$$

Substituting Eq.(28) into Eq.(26): $\alpha E_1(t) = E_2(t) - F_2(t)$

then,

$$F_2(t) = E_2(t) - \alpha E_1(t) = \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha}{1 + \alpha}\right) E_2(t) = \frac{1 - \alpha}{1 + \alpha} E_2(t) \quad (29)$$

Define the **transmission T and **reflection coefficient R** as:**

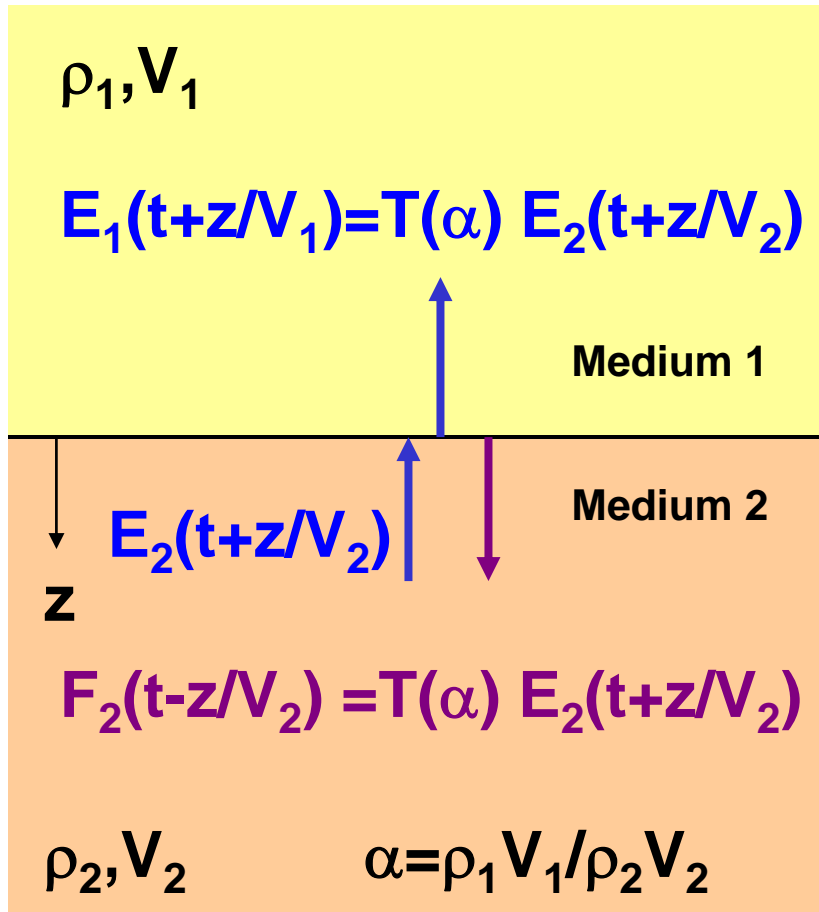
Transmission coefficient : $T = \frac{2}{1 + \alpha} \quad (30)$

Reflection coefficient : $R = \frac{1 - \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \quad (31)$

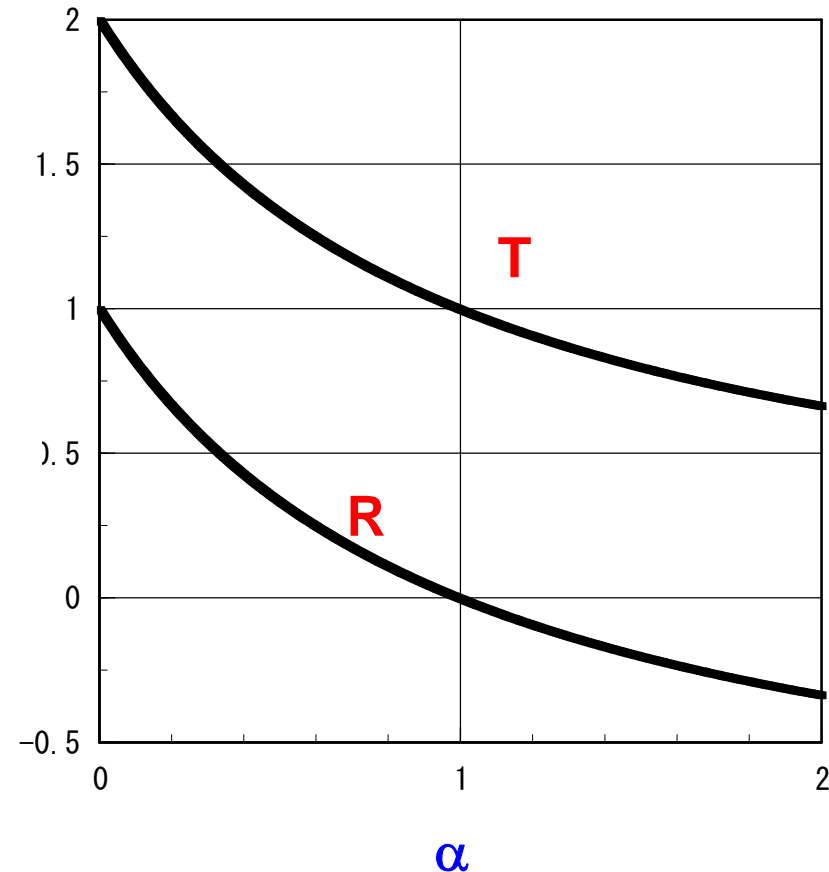
Using T and R , the transmission wave $E_1(t+z/V_1)$ and the reflection wave $F_2(t-z/V_2)$ are given by:

$$E_1(t+z/V_1) = T(\alpha)E_2(t+z/V_2) \quad (32)$$

$$F_2(t-z/V_2) = R(\alpha)E_2(t+z/V_2) \quad (33)$$

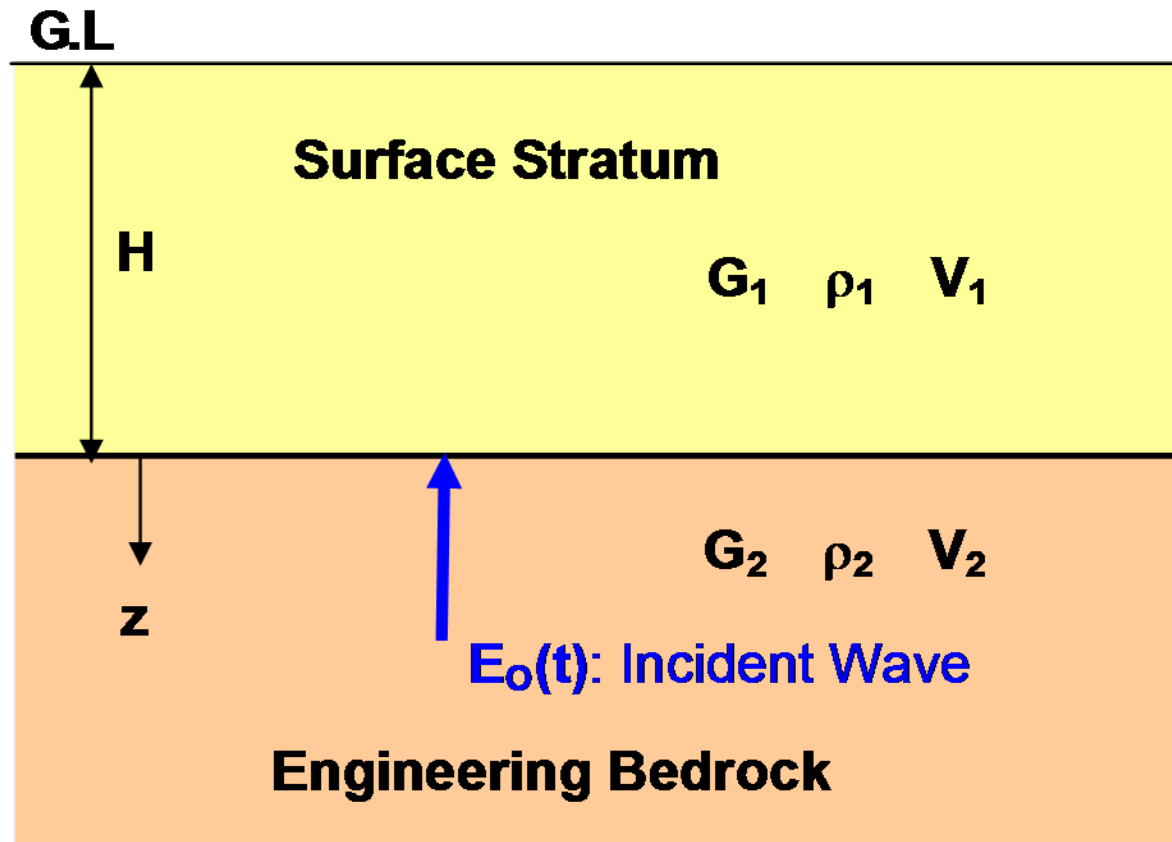


T and R



(4) Amplification of a surface stratum on the engineering bedrock

We consider the SH wave propagation in a surface stratum on the engineering bedrock, when the SH wave $E_o(t)$ incidents.



The equation of the motion is given by Eq.(6):

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \quad (6)$$

Putting:

$$u(z,t) = U(z)e^{i\omega t} \quad (34)$$

in which ω denotes circular frequency(rad./sec).

Substituting Eq.(34) into Eq.(6):

$$\frac{d^2 U(z)}{dz^2} + \left(\frac{\omega}{v}\right)^2 U(z) = 0 \quad (35)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 U(z)}{dz^2} + \kappa^2 U(z) = 0 \quad (36)$$

where,

$$\kappa = \frac{\omega}{v} \quad \text{:wave number(rad.s/m)} \quad (37)$$

The solution of Eq.(36) : $\frac{d^2U(z)}{dz^2} + \kappa^2U(z) = 0$

is given by:

$$U(z) = E \cdot e^{i\kappa z} + F \cdot e^{-i\kappa z} \quad (38)$$

where E and F are arbitrary constants.

Substituting Eq.(38) into Eq.(34): $u(z,t) = U(z)e^{i\omega t}$

the displacement $u(z,t)$ can be expressed by:

$$u(z,t) = E \cdot e^{i(\omega t + \kappa z)} + F \cdot e^{i(\omega t - \kappa z)} \quad (39)$$

The first term indicates the wave propagating in the negative z direction, while the second term in the positive z direction. E and F express the amplitude of the waves.

Hereafter, the time term $e^{i\omega t}$ is not written.

The shear stress $\tau(z)$ is expressed by:

$$\tau(z) = G \frac{dU(z)}{dz} = G \cdot i\kappa (E \cdot e^{i\kappa z} - F \cdot e^{-i\kappa z}) \quad (40)$$

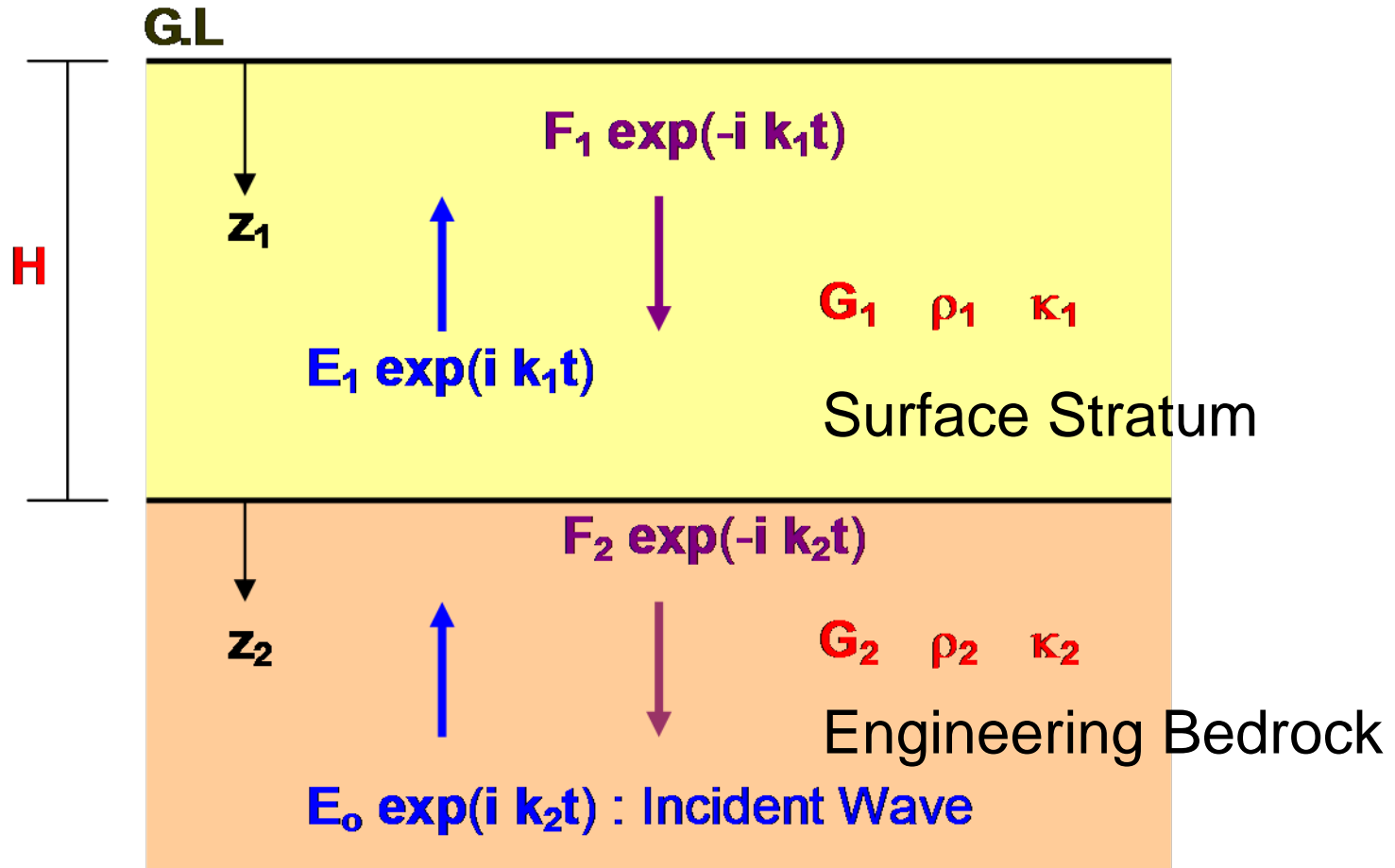
The coefficient of this equation is:

$$G\kappa = \rho V^2 \frac{\omega}{V} = (\rho V)\omega \quad (41)$$

The expression of the shear stress $\tau(z)$ is transformed into:

$$\tau(z) = i(\rho V)\omega (E \cdot e^{i\kappa z} - F \cdot e^{-i\kappa z}) \quad (42)$$

Consider the wave propagation in two layered strata as shown, when the SH wave $E_o \exp(i\kappa_2 t)$ incidents on the interface between the surface stratum and the engineering bedrock.



The displacement and shear stress in both strata are given by:

(1) for the surface stratum:

$$U_1(z_1) = E_1 \cdot e^{i\kappa_1 z_1} + F_1 \cdot e^{-i\kappa_1 z_1} \quad (43)$$

$$\tau_1(z_1) = i(\rho_1 V_1) \omega (E_1 \cdot e^{i\kappa_1 z_1} - F_1 \cdot e^{-i\kappa_1 z_1}) \quad (44)$$

(2) for the engineering bedrock:

$$U_2(z_2) = E_0 \cdot e^{i\kappa_2 z_2} + F_2 \cdot e^{-i\kappa_2 z_2} \quad (45)$$

$$\tau_2(z_2) = i(\rho_2 V_2) \omega (E_0 \cdot e^{i\kappa_2 z_2} - F_2 \cdot e^{-i\kappa_2 z_2}) \quad (46)$$

The subscripts **1** and **2** indicate the surface stratum and the engineering bedrock, respectively.

The shear stress at the ground surface ($z_1=0$) becomes zero.

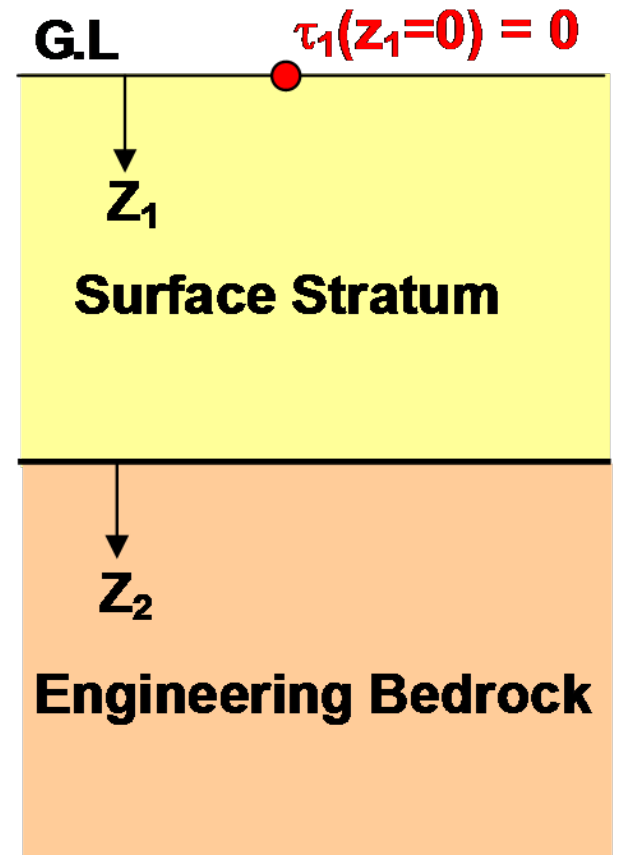
$$\tau_1(z_1 = 0) = i(\rho_1 V_1) \omega (E_1 - F_1) = 0 \quad (47)$$

$$\therefore E_1 = F_1 \quad (48)$$

Therefore, the displacement and the shear stress in the surface stratum are:

$$U_1(z_1) = E_1(e^{i\kappa_1 z_1} + e^{-i\kappa_1 z_1}) \quad (49)$$

$$\tau_1(z_1) = i(\rho_1 V_1) \omega E_1(e^{i\kappa_1 z_1} - e^{-i\kappa_1 z_1}) \quad (50)$$



The boundary conditions are given at the interface between the surface stratum and the engineering bedrock.

$$U_2(z_2 = 0) = U_1(z_1 = H) \quad (51)$$

$$\tau_2(z_2 = 0) = \tau_1(z_1 = H) \quad (52)$$

Substituting Eq.(45) and Eq.(49) into Eq.(51):

$$E_0 + F_2 = E_1(e^{i\kappa_1 H} + e^{-i\kappa_1 H}) \quad (53)$$

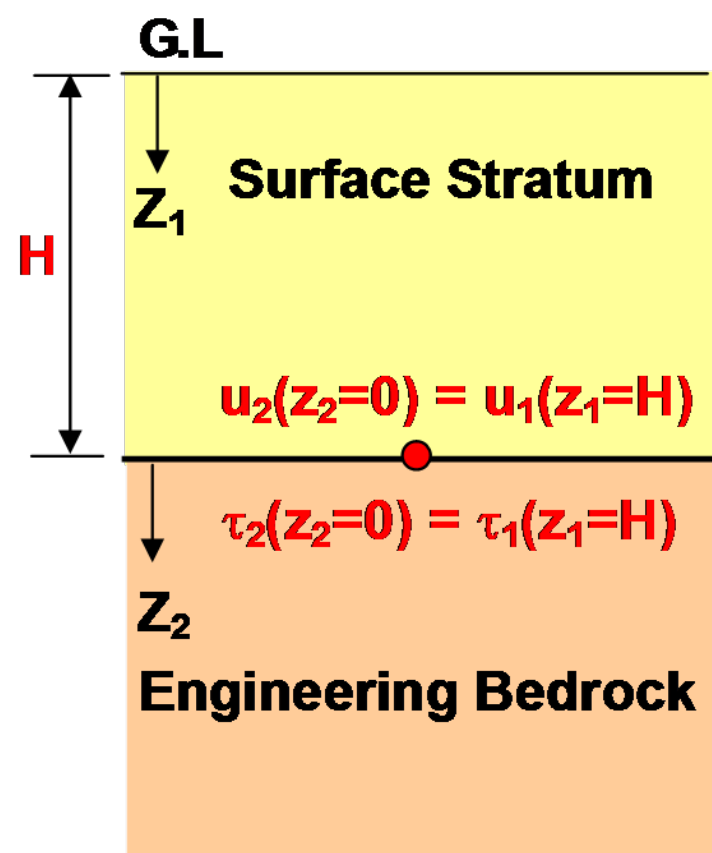
Putting Eq.(46) and Eq.(50) into Eq.(52):

$$i(\rho_2 V_2)\omega(E_0 - F_2) = i(\rho_1 V_1)\omega E_1(e^{i\kappa_1 H} - e^{-i\kappa_1 H}) \quad (54)$$

$$\therefore E_0 - F_2 = \frac{\rho_1 V_1}{\rho_2 V_2} E_1(e^{i\kappa_1 H} - e^{-i\kappa_1 H}) = \alpha E_1(e^{i\kappa_1 H} - e^{-i\kappa_1 H}) \quad (55)$$

where,

$$\alpha = \frac{\rho_1 V_1}{\rho_2 V_2} \quad (56)$$



$$\text{Eq.(53) : } E_0 + F_2 = E_1(e^{i\kappa_1 H} + e^{-i\kappa_1 H}) \quad (53)$$

$$\text{plus Eq.(55) : } E_0 - F_2 = \alpha E_1(e^{i\kappa_1 H} - e^{-i\kappa_1 H}) \quad (55)$$

gives,

$$2E_0 = E_1\{(1 + \alpha)e^{i\kappa_1 H} + (1 - \alpha)e^{-i\kappa_1 H}\} \quad (57)$$

$$\therefore E_1 = \frac{2E_0}{(1 + \alpha)e^{i\kappa_1 H} + (1 - \alpha)e^{-i\kappa_1 H}} \quad (58)$$

$$\text{From Eq.(53): } E_0 + F_2 = E_1(e^{i\kappa_1 H} + e^{-i\kappa_1 H})$$

$$F_2 = E_1(e^{i\kappa_1 H} + e^{-i\kappa_1 H}) - E_0$$

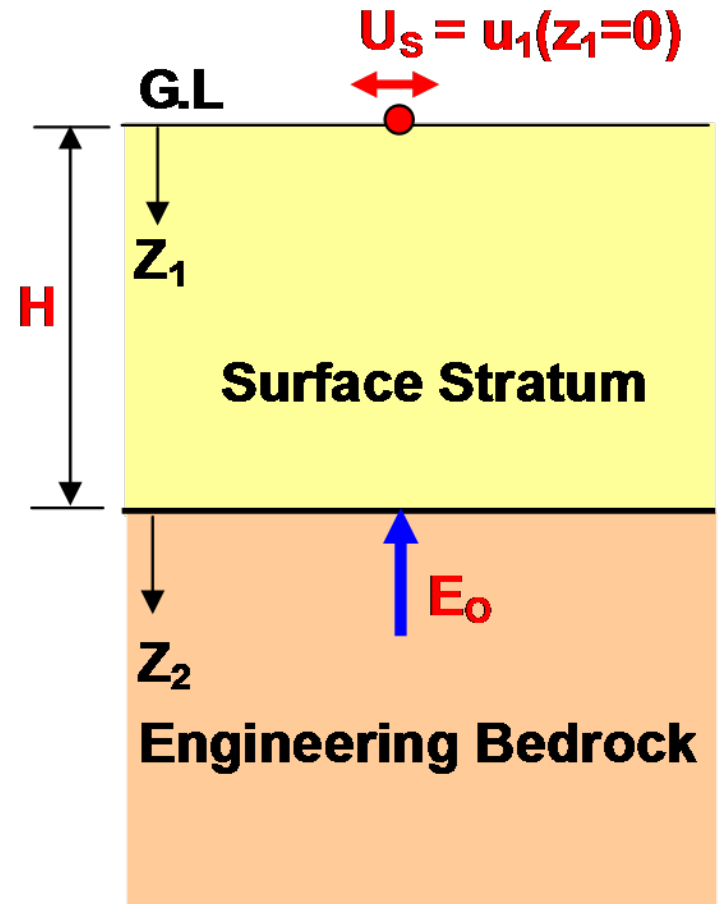
Putting Eq.(58) into the above equation,

$$\begin{aligned}
F_2 &= \frac{2E_o(e^{i\kappa_1 H} + e^{-i\kappa_1 H})}{(1+\alpha)e^{i\kappa_1 H} + (1-\alpha)e^{-i\kappa_1 H}} - E_o \\
&= \frac{E_o[2(e^{i\kappa_1 H} + e^{-i\kappa_1 H}) - (1+\alpha)e^{i\kappa_1 H} - (1-\alpha)e^{-i\kappa_1 H}]}{(1+\alpha)e^{i\kappa_1 H} + (1-\alpha)e^{-i\kappa_1 H}} \\
&= \frac{E_o[(1-\alpha)e^{i\kappa_1 H} + (1+\alpha)e^{-i\kappa_1 H}]}{(1+\alpha)e^{i\kappa_1 H} + (1-\alpha)e^{-i\kappa_1 H}} \quad (59)
\end{aligned}$$

The displacement U_S at the ground surface:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_S &= U_1(z_1 = 0) = 2E_1 \\
 &= \frac{4E_0}{(1 + \alpha)e^{i\kappa_1 H} + (1 - \alpha)e^{-i\kappa_1 H}} \\
 &= \frac{4E_0}{(e^{i\kappa_1 H} + e^{-i\kappa_1 H}) + \alpha(e^{i\kappa_1 H} - e^{-i\kappa_1 H})} \\
 &= \frac{4E_0}{2\cos(\kappa_1 H) + i2\alpha \sin(\kappa_1 H)} \\
 &= \frac{2E_0}{\cos(\kappa_1 H) + i\alpha \sin(\kappa_1 H)} \quad (60)
 \end{aligned}$$

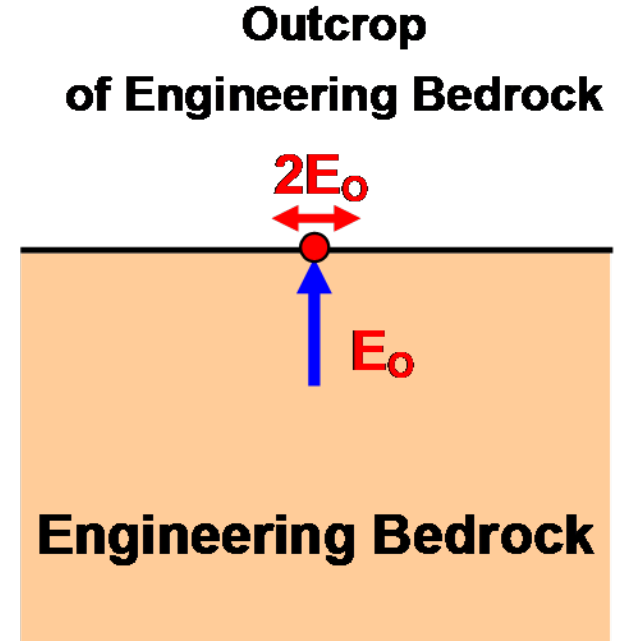
$$\therefore \frac{U_S}{2E_0} = \frac{1}{\cos(\kappa_1 H) + i\alpha \sin(\kappa_1 H)} \quad (61)$$



Absolute value of $U_s/(2E_o)$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{abs.}\left(\frac{U_s}{2E_o}\right) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos^2(\kappa_1 H) + \alpha^2 \sin^2(\kappa_1 H)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos^2\left(\frac{\omega H}{V_1}\right) + \alpha^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\omega H}{V_1}\right)}} \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

$2E_o$ is the displacement of the engineering bedrock, when the surface stratum is removed and the engineering bedrock is in outcrop.

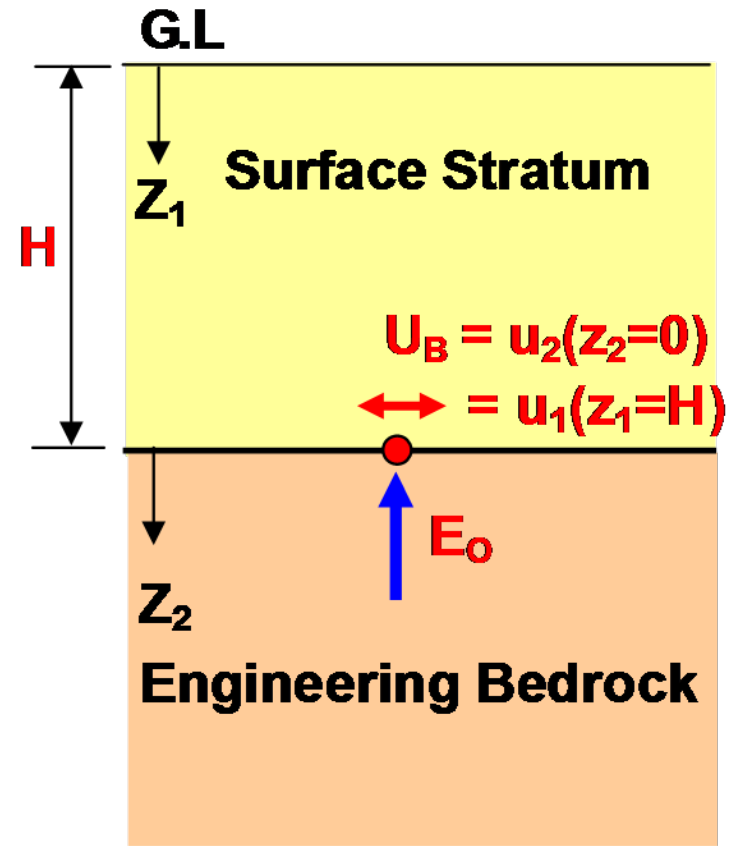


Similarly, the displacement at the interface is given by:

$$U_B = U_2(z_2 = 0) = E_o + F_2$$

$$= \frac{2E_o \cos(\kappa_1 H)}{\cos(\kappa_1 H) + i\alpha \sin(\kappa_1 H)}$$

$$\therefore U_B = \frac{2E_o}{1 + i\alpha \tan(\kappa_1 H)} \quad (63)$$



Absolute value of $U_B/(2E_o)$ is:

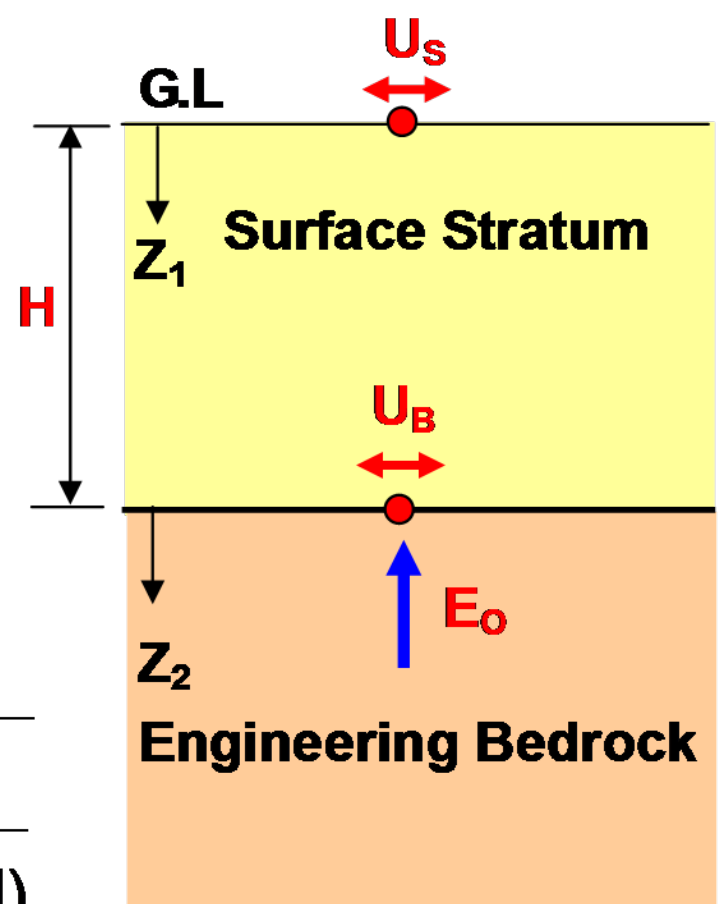
$$\text{Abs.}\left(\frac{U_B}{2E_o}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2 \tan^2(\kappa_1 H)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2 \tan^2\left(\frac{\omega H}{V_1}\right)}} \quad (64)$$

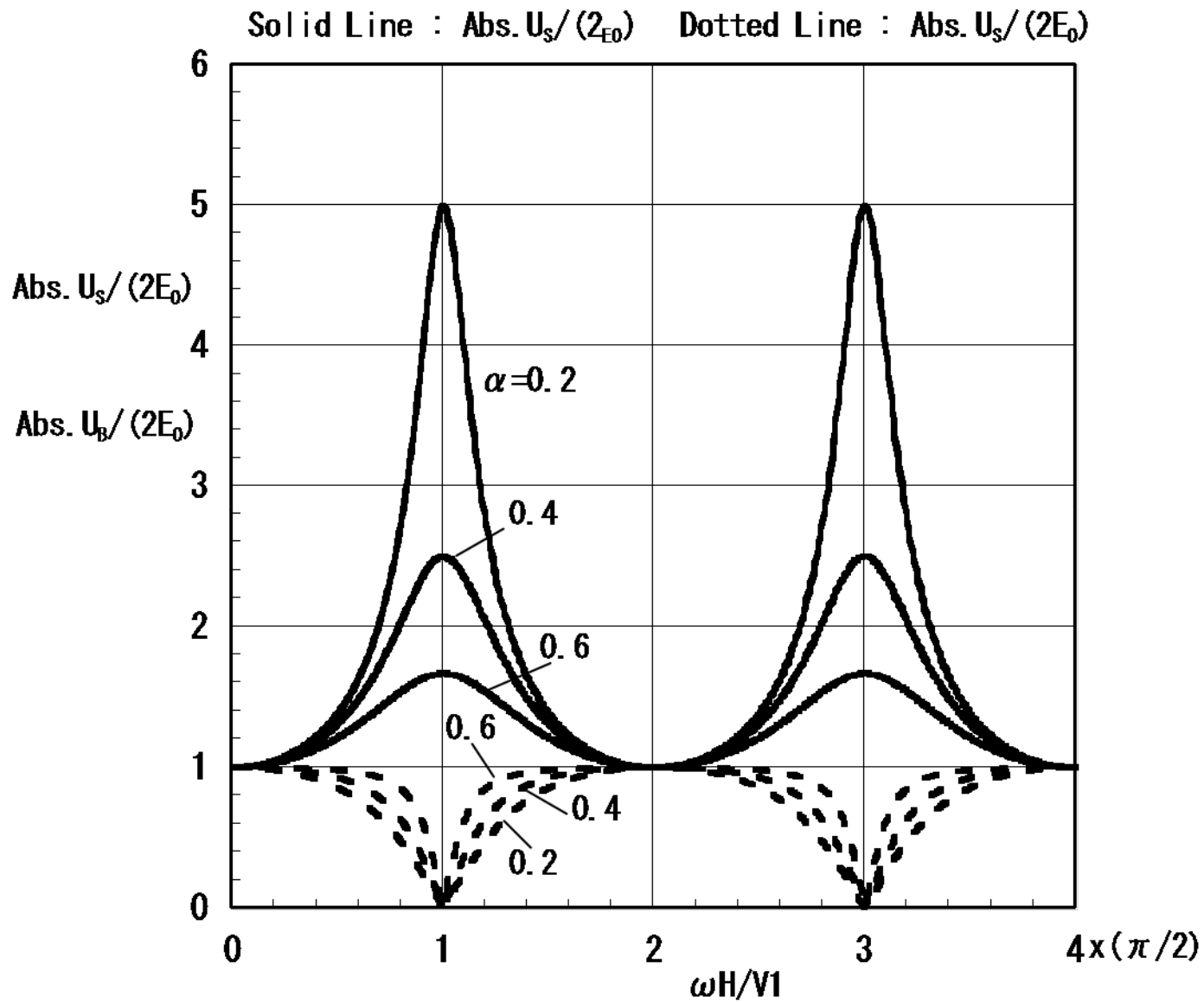
The ratio of U_S to U_B is :

$$\frac{U_S}{U_B} = \frac{1 + i\alpha \tan(\kappa_1 H)}{\cos(\kappa_1 H) + i\alpha \sin(\kappa_1 H)} \quad (65)$$

And the absolute value is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Abs.}\left(\frac{U_S}{U_B}\right) &= \sqrt{\frac{1 + \alpha^2 \tan^2(\kappa_1 H)}{\cos^2(\kappa_1 H) + \alpha^2 \sin^2(\kappa_1 H)}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1 + \alpha^2 \tan^2\left(\frac{\omega H}{V_1}\right)}{\cos^2\left(\frac{\omega H}{V_1}\right) + \alpha^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\omega H}{V_1}\right)}} \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$





Abs. $(U_s / 2E_0)$ and Abs. $(U_B / 2E_0)$

The first natural circular frequency:

$$\omega_1 H / V_1 = \pi / 2$$

$$4 \quad \omega_1 = (\pi / 2) (V_1 / H)$$

The second natural circular frequency:

$$\omega_2 = 3 \omega_1$$

The first natural period T_1 and frequency f_1 :

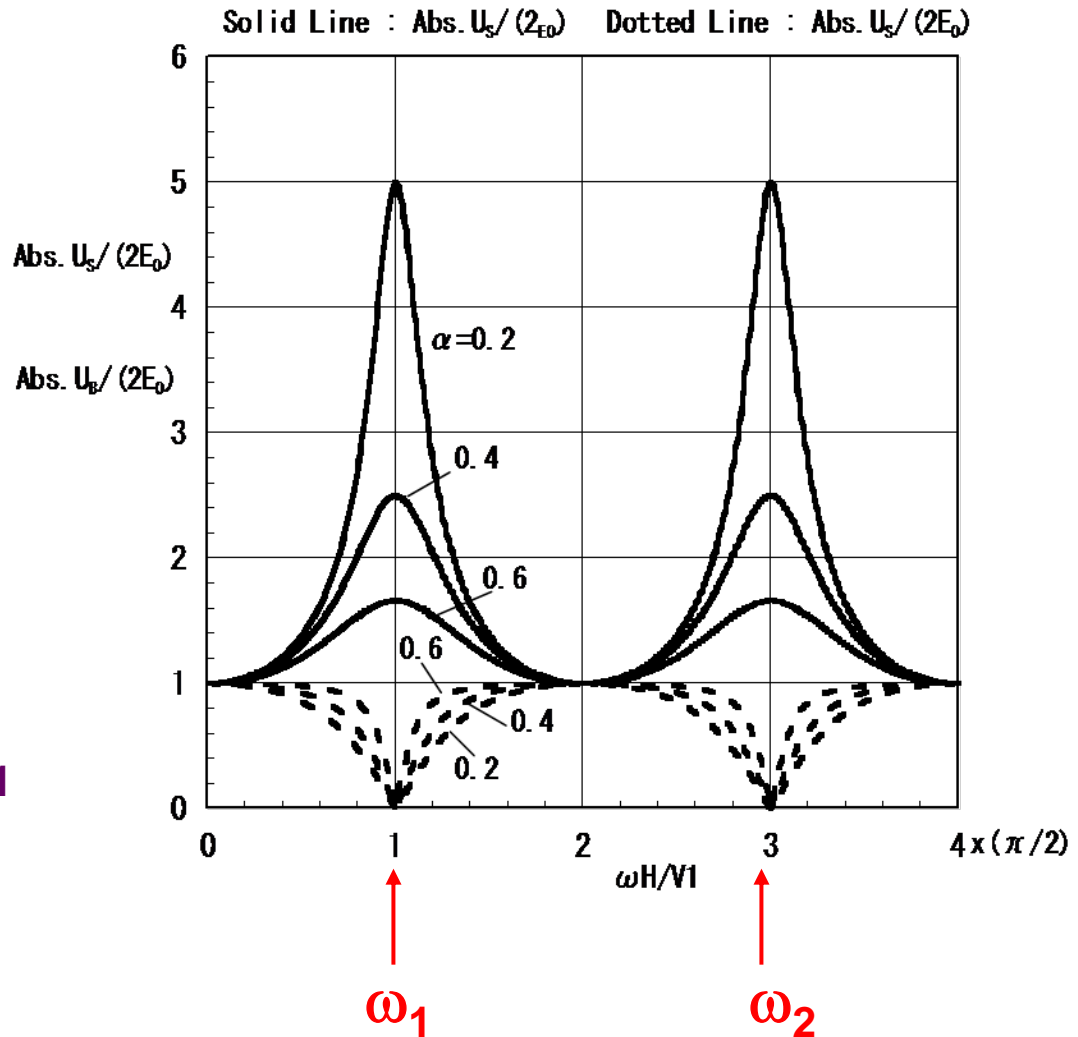
$$T_1 = 2\pi / \omega_1 = (4H) / V_1$$

$$f_1 = 1 / T_1 = V_1 / (4H)$$

The second natural period T_2 and frequency f_2 :

$$T_2 = T_1 / 3$$

$$f_2 = 3f_1$$

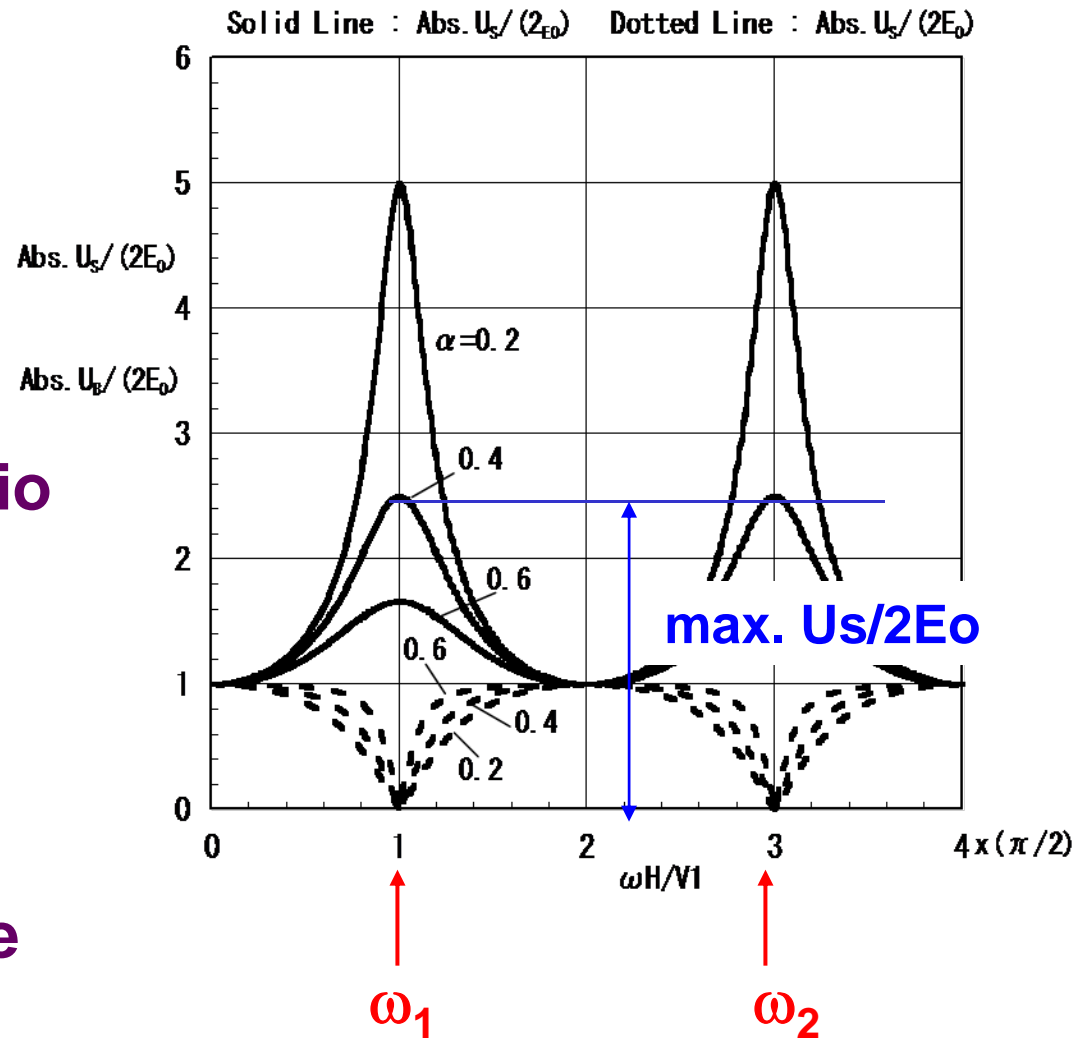


Abs. $U_s/2E_0$ at the natural frequency is:

$$1/\alpha$$

When the impedance ratio α is smaller, the amplification at the natural frequency becomes larger.

That is, when the surface stratum is much softer than the engineering bedrock, the amplification becomes much larger.



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