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The Behavior of Shear Waves in the Composite Multi-Material Structure with the Periodic Asymmetric Surfaces

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Abstract: The behavior of surface horizontally polarized shear waves (SH waves) in the composite multi-material structure with a periodic irregular surface and interface is investigated analytically in the present study. To unravel the enshrouded features of the SH-wave propagation in a multi-layer structure, we consider a model of three distinct composite materials. In the schematic of the problem, the guiding layer (M-I) contains fluid-saturated porous materials of finite thickness, the intermediate layer (M-II) contains fiber-reinforced composites, and the substrate contains the functionally graded orthotropic materials (M-III). The free surface of M-I and the upper interface of the medium are considered to be irregular on a periodic basis, but the interface of M-II and M-III is supposed to be regular. The dispersion relation is obtained analytically and demonstrated graphically for the phase velocity versus the wave number to analyze the propagation behavior of the SH-wave propagation in the proposed structure. The acquired results resemble the typical Love wave results, confirming the validity of the present work. The current work provides a comprehensive evaluation of the impact of regular and irregular boundaries of the composite materials on the phase velocity of the SH waves. It is notable that the behavior of the reinforced parameters, initial stress, and porosity on the phase velocity is consistent in both scenarios. More than the irregularity of the free surface, the periodic irregularity of the interface had an impact on the phase velocity. The obtained results are useful to understand the compositions of the materials on the mountain surface.

Keywords: shear waves; porous material; orthotropic material; reinforced material; periodic irregularity; initial stress



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1. Introduction

The Earth is a spherical frame made of composite materials having irregular surfaces and high initial stresses under finite dimensions and boundaries (Wang et al. [1]). The Earth's composition is remarkably complex and is inaccessible through actual digging (Kakar [2]). Instead, seismic wave propagation techniques are the most reliable and economic to explore the internal design of the Earth. In order to examine the composition of the interior of the Earth, seismologists have proposed numerous geophysical models under the several variations in its material properties, e.g., heterogeneity, discontinuity, magnetoelastic, reinforcement, the porosity of the porous medium, etc. Thus, seismic wave propagation in the spherical frame of the Earth in a multi-layered structure is the prime interest of the researchers (Love [3]).

The behavior of elastic wave propagation in the Earth's medium was discussed in theoretical seismology by numerous researchers due to its theoretical and practical applications in earthquake engineering, civil engineering, geodynamics, geophysics, geology, etc. The constructions of bridges and buildings are challenging on periodic irregular surfaces

(e.g., mountain surfaces) due to earthquakes and heavy landslides (Bharti et al. [4]). Our findings may reveal how seismic waves behave on irregular surfaces which can be useful for civil engineers. Furthermore, the behavior of shear waves in multi-layered composite structures may be used to investigate potential minerals (viz., carbonates, mercury, graphite, oxides, natural gas, petrol, etc.) that may be useful to our society in their everyday lives.

Numerous researchers have attempted wave propagation techniques in several Earth models to understand the compositions of the Earth's interior. A polymer reinforced by parallel glass or graphite fibers is a frequent example of a transversely isotropic material with one axis of symmetry. Due to the anisotropy of the Earth's crust, shear-wave propagation in fiber-reinforced composites under all the possible circumstances (viz., several types of heterogeneity, impulsive forces, initial stress, several types of irregular boundaries, the thickness of the materials, etc.) were investigated in [5–8]. Orthotropic materials have material characteristics at a certain position that differ along three orthogonal axes, each of which possesses twofold rotational symmetry in material science and solid mechanics. Consequently, the propagation of shear waves through orthotropic materials unfolds the hidden characteristics of the wave propagation behavior. Numerous studies on Love wave propagation in layered-substrate structures with orthotropic materials are available in [9–11]. Elastic wave propagation in the fluid-saturated porous medium was investigated in [12–19]. Many researchers have investigated elastic wave propagation in the Earth media under several irregular continuity conditions. Kumar et al. [20] created a multi-layered Earth model with uneven boundaries to investigate the influence of defective boundaries and fluid-saturated porous half-space on SH-wave propagation; Singh and Sahu [21] investigated the effect of the magnetism of the Earth on SH-wave propagation under the consideration of the irregular boundaries. Furthermore, Alam et al. [22] derived the frequency relation of horizontally polarized shear waves in the magnetoelastic Earth model with irregular boundaries, and Mahmoodian et al. [23] used the potential method to analyze the propagation behavior of the seismic surface waves in a fluid-saturated porous medium. Maity et al. [24] proposed an electromechanical-based schematic with an irregular interface to examine the hidden characteristics of Love-type wave propagation in piezoelectric porous composite materials.

It is recognized that research on the propagation of shear waves in multi-layered Earth structures with uneven boundaries is still insufficient. Apart from the existing research, a multi-layered Earth structure of three distinct materials (porous–reinforced–orthotropic) with periodic irregular boundaries is proposed to investigate the characteristics of the SH-wave propagation. The current research looks at how the porosity, reinforcement, periodic irregularity, and initial stress affect the phase velocity of the shear wave. The dispersion relation is derived analytically and reduced into the conventional form of the shear-wave dispersion. A comparative analysis (numerically and graphically) of the behavior of the phase velocity of the SH-wave propagation in regular and irregular boundaries is investigated under the influence of the reinforced parameters, porosity, and initial stress. The outcomes of the present study reveal that in both cases (regular and irregular boundaries), the initial stress, porosity, and reinforced characteristics reduce the phase velocity of the shear waves in distinct ways.

2. Geometrical and Mathematical Formulations of the Problem

The dynamics of SH-wave propagation depend on the type of irregularity present at the surface and the interface. To observe the phase velocity under the influence of the discontinuous boundaries, we considered a periodic irregularity at the free surface ($z = \lambda_1(x) - h_1$) and at the interface, ($z = \lambda_2(x) - h_2$) of the medium (as shown in Figure 1). The periodic irregularity $\lambda_j(x)$ may express as the Fourier series expression as provided by Singh [25] as

$$\lambda_j(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\lambda_n^j e^{inkx} + \lambda_{-n}^j e^{-inkx} \right), \quad j = 1, 2. \quad (1)$$

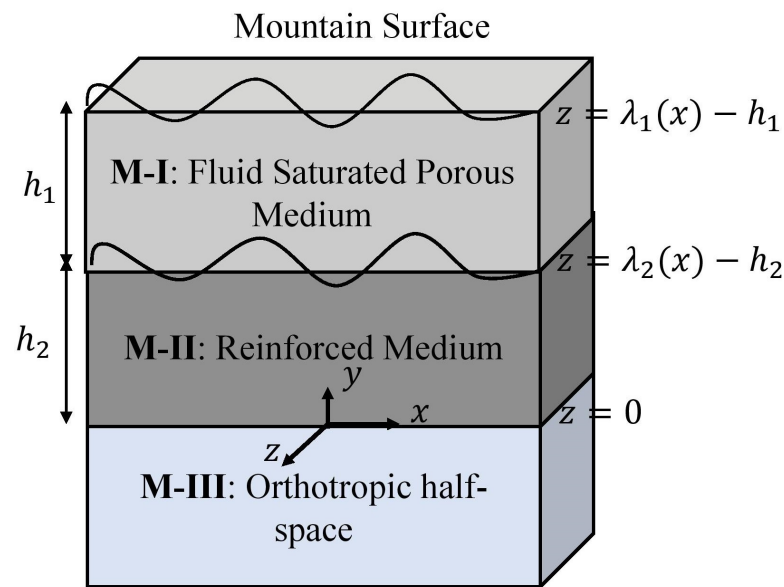


Figure 1. Schematic of the problem.

Here, λ_n^i and λ_{-n}^i are Euler coefficients, n is the order of series, k is the wave number, and $i = \sqrt{-1}$. The composite materials are used as the medium of the wave propagation under irregular boundaries. The dynamics of the wave propagation is described by the Cartesian coordinates system, originating at the second interface of the medium. The wave propagation is taken along the x -direction and the z -axis is taken along the depth of the mediums. The mechanical displacement may derive along the y -direction. Hence, the non-vanishing quantities which represent the motion are functions of x , z , and t only. The approximate thickness of the porous layer and reinforced medium is taken as h_1 and h_2 , respectively, and the orthotropic materials are used in the semi-infinite medium ($z \rightarrow \infty$).

3. Mechanics of Wave Propagation and Governing Equations of Motion

We assumed x -axis as the direction of wave propagation. Hence, the displacement of composite materials will be observed in y -direction only. That is, $u_n = u_n(x, z, t) = 0$, $v_n = v_n(x, z, t)$, $w_n = w_n(x, z, t) = 0$; here, u , v , and w are displacement components along x , y , and z -directions, respectively, and $n = 1, 2, 3$ stands for M-I, M-II, M-III. The non-vanishing governing equations of motion for porous medium under the effect of initial stress are given by Vaishnav [9] as

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{21}^{(1)}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{22}^{(1)}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{23}^{(1)}}{\partial z} - P_1 \left(\frac{\partial w_z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\rho_{11} v_1 + \rho_{12} V_y), \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\rho_{11} v_1 + \rho_{22} V_y). \quad (3)$$

Assuming that the liquid and solid components of porous materials do not move in relation to one another, we assumed that the mass coefficients that represent the inertial effects of moving fluids are directly proportional to the shear moduli of the solid and fluid components of the medium. The mass coefficients are ρ_{11} , ρ_{12} , and ρ_{22} , and the densities of the solid and fluid parts are represented by ρ_s and ρ_f , respectively. The combined density of the porous medium is $\rho_1 = \rho_s + f(\rho_f - \rho_s)$ with the relations $\rho_{11} = (1 - f)\rho_s - \rho_{12}$ and $\rho_{12} = f\rho_f - \rho_{22}$ and restrictions $\rho_{11} > 0$, $\rho_{12} \leq 0$, $\rho_{22} > 0$, and $\rho_{11}\rho_{22} - \rho_{12}^2 > 0$.

The non-vanishing wave equation in a reinforced medium may be expressed as [7]

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{21}^{(2)}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{22}^{(2)}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{23}^{(2)}}{\partial z} = \rho_2 \frac{\partial^2 v_2}{\partial t^2}, \quad (4)$$

and the governing equation of motion for the orthotropic medium is [9]

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{21}^{(3)}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{22}^{(3)}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{23}^{(3)}}{\partial z} = \rho_3 \frac{\partial^2 v_3}{\partial t^2}. \tag{5}$$

Stress–Strain Relations for Composite Materials

The stress–strain relation for the water-saturated anisotropic porous medium is given as follows [7]:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_{11}^{(1)} &= (\alpha + P_1)e_{11} + (\alpha - 2N_1 + P_1)e_{22} + (\beta + P_1)e_{33} + CE, \\ \sigma_{22}^{(1)} &= (\alpha - 2N_1)e_{11} + \alpha e_{22} + \beta e_{33} + CE, \\ \sigma_{33}^{(1)} &= \beta e_{11} + \beta e_{22} + \gamma e_{33} + CE, \\ \sigma_{12}^{(1)} &= 2N_1 e_{12}, \\ \sigma_{23}^{(1)} &= 2L_1 e_{23}, \\ \sigma_{13}^{(1)} &= 2L_1 e_{31}, \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{6}$$

here, $e_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$, $\sigma_{ij}^{(1)}$ represents the strain and stress components of the superficial layer, respectively, and $E = \frac{\partial U_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial U_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial U_z}{\partial z}$. α, β, γ are elastic constants of the porous material; N_1, L_1 are shear moduli of the anisotropic porous material in x - and z -directions, respectively; and $C > 0$ denotes the strength of the relationship between the volume changes in solids and liquids. The physical meaning of the notations is mentioned in Table 1.

Table 1. Symbols and physical meaning of parameters of composite materials.

Symbol	Physical Meaning	Materials
$\sigma_{ij}^{(n)}$	stress components	$n = 1, 2, 3$, for M-I, M-II, and M-III
u_n, v_n, w_n	displacement components	$n = 1, 2, 3$ in M-I M-II and M-III
U_1, V_1, W_1	displacement components	liquid porous
ρ_{11}	density	liquid porous
ρ_{12}	density	solid porous
ρ_2, ρ_3	densities	reinforce and orthotropic materials
$s = -fp$	f is the porosity and p is the fluid pressure	liquid porous
ω_z	angular frequency	solid porous
P_1	hydrostatic stress	porous layer

The stress–strain relation in the reinforced medium is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{ij}^{(2)} &= \bar{\lambda} e_{kk} \delta_{ij} + 2\mu_T e_{ij} + \bar{\alpha} (a_k a_m e_{km} \delta_{ij} + e_{kk} a_i a_j) + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T) (a_i a_k e_{kj} + a_j a_k e_{ki}) \\ &\quad + \bar{\beta} a_k a_m e_{km} a_i a_j, \end{aligned}$$

for all $i, j, k, m = 1, 2, 3$. Here, $\sigma_{ij}^{(2)}$ are stress components of M-II; $\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}$ are elastic constants of the reinforced medium; e_{ij} are strain components; δ_{ij} = Kronecker delta; $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3) =$ preferred direction of reinforcement such that $a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 = 1$; μ_L and μ_T are the transverse and longitudinal shear moduli in the preferred direction.

For SH-waves propagation along x -direction, the non-vanishing stress-strain relations in reinforced layer are

$$\sigma_{12}^{(2)} = 2\mu_T e_{12} + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)(a_1 a_k e_{k2}), \quad \sigma_{22}^{(2)} = 0, \quad \sigma_{23}^{(2)} = 2\mu_T e_{23} + 2(\mu_L - \mu_T)(a_3 a_k e_{k2}). \quad (7)$$

There are three mutually orthogonal planes of symmetry in an orthotropic material due to its anisotropic nature. For the orthotropic medium, the stress-strain relation is given by Wang [1] as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11}^{(3)} \\ \sigma_{22}^{(3)} \\ \sigma_{33}^{(3)} \\ \tau_{23} \\ \tau_{13} \\ \tau_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_{12} & c_{22} & c_{23} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_{13} & c_{23} & c_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ \varepsilon_{33} \\ \gamma_{23} \\ \gamma_{13} \\ \gamma_{12} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

where $\sigma_{11}^{(3)}$, $\sigma_{22}^{(3)}$, and $\sigma_{33}^{(3)}$ are normal stresses; τ_{23} , τ_{13} , and τ_{12} are shear stresses; ε_{11} , ε_{22} , and ε_{33} are normal strains; γ_{23} , γ_{13} , and γ_{12} are shear strain; c_{ij} are elasticity constants of orthotropic medium. The relationship of Young’s moduli (E_j) and Poisson’s ratio (ν_{ij}) is $\nu_{ij}/E_i = \nu_{ji}/E_j$. Hence, the elasticity constants c_{ij} may express as

$$c_{11} = \frac{E_1(\nu_{23}\nu_{31} - 1)}{\nu_{12}(\nu_{21} + \nu_{23}\nu_{31}) + \nu_{23}\nu_{31} + \nu_{13}(\nu_{31} + \nu_{21}\nu_{32}) - 1},$$

$$c_{12} = -\frac{E_1(\nu_{21} + \nu_{23}\nu_{31})}{\nu_{12}(\nu_{21} + \nu_{23}\nu_{31}) + \nu_{23}\nu_{31} + \nu_{13}(\nu_{31} + \nu_{21}\nu_{32}) - 1},$$

$$c_{13} = -\frac{E_1(\nu_{31} + \nu_{21}\nu_{32})}{\nu_{12}(\nu_{21} + \nu_{23}\nu_{31}) + \nu_{23}\nu_{31} + \nu_{13}(\nu_{31} + \nu_{21}\nu_{32}) - 1},$$

$$c_{22} = \frac{E_2(\nu_{13}\nu_{31} - 1)}{\nu_{12}(\nu_{21} + \nu_{23}\nu_{31}) + \nu_{23}\nu_{31} + \nu_{13}(\nu_{31} + \nu_{21}\nu_{32}) - 1},$$

$$c_{23} = -\frac{E_2(\nu_{32} + \nu_{12}\nu_{31})}{\nu_{12}(\nu_{21} + \nu_{23}\nu_{31}) + \nu_{23}\nu_{31} + \nu_{13}(\nu_{31} + \nu_{21}\nu_{32}) - 1},$$

$$c_{33} = \frac{E_3(\nu_{12}\nu_{21} - 1)}{\nu_{12}(\nu_{21} + \nu_{23}\nu_{31}) + \nu_{23}\nu_{31} + \nu_{13}(\nu_{31} + \nu_{21}\nu_{32}) - 1},$$

$$c_{44} = G_{23}, \quad c_{55} = G_{13}, \quad c_{66} = G_{12},$$

where G_{ij} represents the shear moduli of M-III.

The strain-displacement relationship for an orthotropic semi-infinite medium are

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = -\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}, \quad \varepsilon_{yy} = -\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}, \quad \varepsilon_{zz} = -\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = -\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}, \quad \gamma_{yz} = -\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z}, \quad \gamma_{xz} = -\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \quad (9)$$

where u_x , u_y , and u_z are displacement components of the orthotropic materials along the axis of the Cartesian coordinate system.

4. Displacement of Composite Materials

The displacement components along y -direction in solid and liquid porous materials are assumed as $v_1(x, z, t)$ and $V_1(x, z, t)$, respectively, and $v_2(x, z, t)$ and $v_3(x, z, t)$ represent the displacement components in the reinforced and orthotropic layers. The general solution of equations of motion (Equations (2)–(5)) will be the resultant displacement in respective mediums. Using stress–strain relation (Equation (6)) and standard SH-waves conditions into Equations (2) and (3), we obtain

$$\left(N_1 - \frac{P_1}{2}\right) \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial x^2} + L_1 \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial z^2} = \rho_1 \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial t^2}, \tag{10}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2(\rho_{12}v_1 + \rho_{22}V_1)}{\partial t^2} = 0, \tag{11}$$

and $\rho_{12}v_1 + \rho_{22}V_1 = D''$, hence $V_1 = (D'' - \rho_{12}v_1)/\rho_{22}$, $\rho_1 = \rho_{11} - \frac{\rho_{12}^2}{\rho_{22}}$, $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}(\rho_{11}v_1 + \rho_{12}V_1) = \rho_1 \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial t^2}$.

Using stress–strain relation (Equation (7)) of reinforced materials and SH-waves propagation conditions into Equation (4), we have

$$P \frac{\partial^2 v_2}{\partial x^2} + 2Q \frac{\partial^2 v_2}{\partial x \partial z} + R \frac{\partial^2 v_2}{\partial z^2} = \rho_2 \frac{\partial^2 v_2}{\partial t^2}, \tag{12}$$

where $P = \mu_T + (\mu_L - \mu_T)a_1^2$, $Q = a_1a_3(\mu_L - \mu_T)$, $R = \mu_T + (\mu_L - \mu_T)a_3^2$.

Using stress–strain relation (Equation (8)) of orthotropic medium and standard SH-waves conditions into Equation (5), we obtain

$$c_{66} \frac{\partial^2 v_3}{\partial x^2} + c_{44} \frac{\partial^2 v_3}{\partial z^2} = \rho_3 \frac{\partial^2 v_3}{\partial t^2}. \tag{13}$$

Assuming the solution of (10)–(13) as

$$v_1 = F(z)e^{ik(x-ct)}, \tag{14}$$

$$v_2 = G(z)e^{ik(x-ct)}, \tag{15}$$

$$v_3 = H(z)e^{ik(x-ct)}, \tag{16}$$

where F , G , and H are the functions of z only, and $e^{ik(x-ct)}$ is a function of x and t with wave number k , phase velocity c and $i = \sqrt{-1}$. Substituting Equations (14)–(16) into Equations (10), (12), and (13), respectively, we obtain

$$\frac{d^2F(z)}{dz^2} + S_1^2F(z) = 0, \tag{17}$$

$$P \frac{d^2G(z)}{dz^2} + 2ikQ \frac{dG(z)}{dz} + k^2(\rho_2c^2 - P)G(z) = 0, \tag{18}$$

$$\frac{d^2H(z)}{dz^2} - S_3^2H(z) = 0. \tag{19}$$

$$\text{where } S_1 = k \sqrt{\frac{[c^2 d' - (N - \frac{P_1}{2})]}{L}} = k \sqrt{gd \left[\frac{c^2}{c_1^2} - \frac{1 - \zeta'}{d} \right]}, S_3 = k \sqrt{\frac{c_{66}}{c_{44}} - \frac{c^2}{c_3^2}}, g = \frac{N_1}{L_1},$$

$\zeta' = \frac{P_1}{2L_1}$, $c_1^2 = \frac{N_1}{\rho_1}$, and k is the wave number. d represents the porosity of the incompressible porous layer. A porous medium may classify as the following:

- i. For the non-porous solid, the porosity(d) of the medium approaches 1.
- ii. For the fluid form of the porous medium, $d \rightarrow 0$.
- iii. For the poroelastic medium, the range of the porosity is $0 < d < 1$.

The phase velocity of porous medium is $c_1 = \sqrt{L_1/\rho_1}$ is the phase velocity of the M-I and $c_3 = \sqrt{c_{44}/\rho_3}$ is the phase velocity of the M-III. The general solution of the Equations (17)–(19) was obtained analytically as

$$F(z) = A_1 \cos S_1 z + A_2 \sin S_1 z, \quad (20)$$

$$G(z) = A_3 e^{ikS_2 z} + A_4 e^{ikS_2' z}, \quad (21)$$

$$H(z) = A_5 e^{-S_3 z} + A_6 e^{S_3 z}, \quad (22)$$

where $S_2 = \frac{1}{R}(-Q + M_1)$, $S_2' = -\frac{1}{R}(Q + M_1)$, $M_1 = \sqrt{Q^2 + R(\rho_2 c^2 - P)}$, and A_1 to A_6 are arbitrary constants.

The displacement v_1 of the medium M-I is derived as

$$v_1 = (A_1 \cos(S_1 z) + A_2 \sin(S_1 z)) e^{ik(x-ct)}. \quad (23)$$

The displacement v_2 of the medium M-II is derived as

$$v_2 = \left(A_3 e^{ikS_2 z} + A_4 e^{ikS_2' z} \right) e^{ik(x-ct)}. \quad (24)$$

The bounded ($z \rightarrow \infty$) displacement $v_3(x, z, t)$ in orthotropic stratum is calculated as

$$v_3 = \left(A_5 e^{-S_3 z} \right) e^{ik(x-ct)}. \quad (25)$$

5. Continuity Conditions

The continuity conditions on the geometry of the problem are as follows:

1. The upper surface ($z = \lambda_1(x) - h_1$) of the superficial layer (M-I) is stress free, i.e.,

$$\sigma_{23}^{(1)} - \lambda_1' \sigma_{12}^{(1)} = 0. \quad (26)$$

2. The stress components of the porous medium (M-I) and reinforced medium (M-II) are continuous at the contact interface $z = \lambda_2(x) - h_2$, i.e.,

$$\sigma_{23}^{(1)} - \lambda_1' \sigma_{12}^{(1)} = \sigma_{23}^{(2)} - \lambda_2' \sigma_{12}^{(2)}. \quad (27)$$

3. At the first interface ($z = \lambda_2(x) - h_2$) of the medium, the components of mechanical displacement are continuous, i.e.,

$$v_1(x, z, t) = v_2(x, z, t) \quad (28)$$

4. The stress components of M-II and M-III are continuous at the contact interface $z = 0$, i.e.,

$$\sigma_{12}^{(2)} + \sigma_{23}^{(2)} = \sigma_{23}^{(3)}. \quad (29)$$

5. The displacement components of M-II and M-III are continuous at the contact interface $z = 0$, i.e.,

$$v_2(x, z, t) = v_3(x, z, t) \tag{30}$$

6. Generalized Dispersion Relation

The equations of phase velocity for the propagation of SH waves in composite materials structure under the mountain surfaces may derive by applying continuity conditions on the displacement Equations (23)–(25).

The phase velocity equations at the irregular surface $z = \lambda_1(x) - h_1$ are obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} & -\left(L_1 S_1 \sin(S_1(\lambda_1(x) - h_1)) - ik\lambda_1' N_1 \cos(S_1(\lambda_1(x) - h_1))\right) A_1 \\ & + \left(L_1 S_1 \cos(S_1(\lambda_1(x) - h_1)) - ik\lambda_1' N_1 \sin(S_1(\lambda_1(x) - h_1))\right) A_2 = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

at the interface $z = \lambda_2(x) - h_2$, the phase velocity equations may obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} & -\left(L_1 S_1 \sin(S_1(\lambda_2(x) - h_2)) - ik\lambda_2' N_1 \cos(S_1(\lambda_2(x) - h_2))\right) A_1 \\ & + \left(L_1 S_1 \cos(S_1(\lambda_2(x) - h_2)) - ik\lambda_2' N_1 \sin(S_1(\lambda_2(x) - h_2))\right) A_2 \\ & = \left\{ (R - \lambda_2' Q) S_2 + (Q - \lambda_2' P) \right\} ik e^{ikS_2(\lambda_2(x) - h_2)} A_3 \\ & + \left\{ (R - \lambda_2' Q) S_2' + (Q - \lambda_2' P) \right\} ik e^{ikS_2'(\lambda_2(x) - h_2)} A_4, \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos(S_1(\lambda_2(x) - h_2)) A_1 + \sin(S_1(\lambda_2(x) - h_2)) A_2 - e^{ikS_2(\lambda_2(x) - h_2)} A_3 \\ & - e^{ikS_2'(\lambda_2(x) - h_2)} A_4 = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

The phase velocity relations on the points lying on the common interface ($z = 0$) of M-II and M-III may be derived as

$$ik(RS_2 + Q)A_3 + ik(RS_2' + Q)A_4 + c_{44}S_3A_5 = 0 \tag{34}$$

$$A_3 + A_4 - A_5 = 0. \tag{35}$$

For the generalized dispersion relation of SH waves in the composite structure under the mountain surfaces, we are required to find the non-trivial solution of the above system of linear equations, i.e.,

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

where a_{ij} are coefficients of A_j , $i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. Therefore, we derived the dispersion relation as

$$i \left[e^{ikM_1(\lambda_2(x) - h_2)/R} + e^{-ikM_1(\lambda_2(x) - h_2)/R} \right] \left[\mu_T N_1^2 \bar{M}_1 \lambda_1' \lambda_2' - \mu_T L_1^2 S_1^2 M_1 \bar{M}_1 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\mu_T^2 N_1 M_1 \bar{M}_1 \lambda_1' \bar{M}_3 + L_1 c_{44} \mu_T S_1 S_3 M_1 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4 + i \{ \mu_T M_1 L_1 S_1 N_1 \lambda_2' \bar{M}_2 \\
 & - \mu_T M_1 L_1 S_1 N_1 \lambda_1' \bar{M}_2 - \mu_T M_1 L_1 S_1 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4 - c_{44} S_3 \lambda_1' N_1 \bar{M}_1 \bar{M}_3 \} \\
 & + [e^{ikM_1(\lambda_2(x)-h_2)/R} - e^{-ikM_1(\lambda_2(x)-h_2)/R}] [L_1^2 c_{44} S_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 - c_{44} N_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 \lambda_1' \lambda_2' \\
 & + \mu_T c_{44} N_1 S_3 \lambda_1' \bar{M}_1 \bar{M}_3 + L_1 \mu_T^2 S_1 M_1^2 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4 + i \{ c_{44} S_3 L_1 N_1 S_1 \lambda_1' \bar{M}_2 \\
 & - c_{44} S_3 L_1 N_1 S_1 \lambda_2' \bar{M}_2 + L_1 S_1 c_{44} S_3 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4 - \mu_T^2 M_1^2 N_1 \lambda_1' \bar{M}_1 \bar{M}_3 \}] = 0. \tag{36}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equation (36) represents the complex form of generalized dispersion relation in the multi-layered structure under the mountain surfaces. So, the wave number must be a complex value. By equating the real part of the Equation (36), the dispersion relation of SH-waves propagation may be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & i [e^{ikM_1(\lambda_2(x)-h_2)/R} + e^{-ikM_1(\lambda_2(x)-h_2)/R}] [\mu_T N_1^2 \bar{M}_1 \lambda_1' \lambda_2' - \mu_T L_1^2 S_1^2 M_1 \bar{M}_1 \\
 & - \mu_T^2 N_1 M_1 \bar{M}_1 \lambda_1' \bar{M}_3 + L_1 c_{44} \mu_T S_1 S_3 M_1 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4] \\
 & + [e^{ikM_1(\lambda_2(x)-h_2)/R} - e^{-ikM_1(\lambda_2(x)-h_2)/R}] [L_1^2 c_{44} S_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 - c_{44} N_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 \lambda_1' \lambda_2' \\
 & + \mu_T c_{44} N_1 S_3 \lambda_1' \bar{M}_1 \bar{M}_3 + L_1 \mu_T^2 S_1 M_1^2 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4] = 0. \tag{37}
 \end{aligned}$$

The compact form of the obtained generalized dispersion relation (Equation (37)) may be written as

$$\tan[k\chi] = -\frac{\chi_1}{\chi_2}, \tag{38}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \chi &= \frac{(\lambda_2 - h_2) M_1}{M_2}, \\
 \chi_1 &= \mu_T N_1^2 \bar{M}_1 \lambda_1' \lambda_2' - \mu_T L_1^2 S_1^2 M_1 \bar{M}_1 - \mu_T^2 N_1 M_1 \bar{M}_1 \lambda_1' \bar{M}_3 + L_1 c_{44} \mu_T S_1 S_3 M_1 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4, \\
 \chi_2 &= L_1^2 c_{44} S_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 - c_{44} N_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 \lambda_1' \lambda_2' + \mu_T c_{44} N_1 S_3 \lambda_1' \bar{M}_1 \bar{M}_3 + L_1 \mu_T^2 S_1 M_1^2 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4, \\
 M_1 &= \sqrt{a_1^2 a_3^2 \left(\frac{\mu_L}{\mu_T} - 1 \right)^2 + \left(1 + \left(\frac{\mu_L}{\mu_T} - 1 \right) a_3^2 \right) \left(\frac{c^2}{c_2^2} - \left(\frac{\mu_L}{\mu_T} - 1 \right) a_1^2 \right)}, \\
 M_2 &= 1 + \left(\frac{\mu_L}{\mu_T} - 1 \right) a_3^2, \\
 \bar{M}_1 &= \sin \left\{ S_1 \left(kh_1 \frac{\epsilon_1}{h_1} \cos \left(eh_1 \frac{x}{h_1} \right) - kh_2 \frac{\epsilon_2}{h_2} \cos \left(eh_2 \frac{x}{h_2} \right) + kh_2 - kh_1 \right) \right\}, \\
 \bar{M}_2 &= \cos \left\{ S_1 \left(kh_1 \frac{\epsilon_1}{h_1} \cos \left(eh_1 \frac{x}{h_1} \right) - kh_2 \frac{\epsilon_2}{h_2} \cos \left(eh_2 \frac{x}{h_2} \right) + kh_2 - kh_1 \right) \right\}, \\
 \bar{M}_3 &= \frac{a_1^2 a_3^2 \left(\frac{\mu_L}{\mu_T} - 1 \right)^2 - \left(1 + \frac{\mu_L}{\mu_T} - 1 \right) a_1^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{\mu_L}{\mu_T} - 1 \right) a_3^2 \right)}{M_2}, \\
 \bar{M}_4 &= 1 - \frac{\lambda_2' a_1 a_3 \left(\frac{\mu_L}{\mu_T} - 1 \right)}{1 + \left(\frac{\mu_L}{\mu_T} - 1 \right) a_3^2},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda'_1 = -\epsilon h_1 \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{h_1} \right) \sin\left(\epsilon h_1 \frac{x}{h_1}\right),$$

$$\lambda'_2 = -\epsilon h_2 \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{h_2} \right) \sin\left(\epsilon h_2 \frac{x}{h_2}\right).$$

7. Particular Cases

7.1. Case-1

In this case, suppose the porous surface is regular and the contact interface of M-I and M-II is periodic, i.e., $\lambda_1 = 0$, $\lambda'_1 = 0$, $\lambda_2 = \zeta_2 \cos \epsilon x$, and $\lambda'_2 = -\zeta_2 \epsilon \sin \epsilon x$. The generalized dispersion equation reduced to

$$\tan[k\chi] = -\frac{-\mu_T L_1^2 S_1^2 M_1 \bar{M}_1 + L_1 c_{44} \mu_T S_1 S_3 M_1 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4}{L_1^2 c_{44} S_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 + L_1 \mu_T^2 S_1 M_1^2 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4} \tag{39}$$

Equation (39) represents the relation between the frequency and the phase velocity of SH waves. Equation (39) depends on the initial stress and porosity of the superficial layer (M-I), reinforcement of the intermediate layer (M-II), depth of M-I and M-II, and amplitude of the first periodic irregular interface. For the existence of SH-waves propagation, the phase velocity of the wave must satisfy $c_1 \leq c_2 \leq c \leq c_3$.

Subcase-1.1

If the M-I is stress free ($\frac{P_1}{2L_1}$), non-porous ($d \rightarrow 1$), and isotropic ($N_1 = L_1 = \mu_1$), then the dispersion relation (39) converts to

$$\tan[k\chi] = -\frac{-\mu_T \mu_1^2 \bar{S}_1^2 M_1 \bar{M}_1 + \mu_1 c_{44} \mu_T \bar{S}_1 S_3 M_1 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4}{\mu_1^2 c_{44} \bar{S}_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 + \mu_1 \mu_T^2 \bar{S}_1 M_1^2 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4} \tag{40}$$

where

$$\bar{M}_1 = \sin \left\{ \bar{S}_1 \left(-kh_2 \frac{\epsilon_2}{h_2} \cos\left(\epsilon h_2 \frac{x}{h_2}\right) + kh_2 - kh_1 \right) \right\},$$

$$\bar{M}_1 = \cos \left\{ \bar{S}_1 \left(-kh_2 \frac{\epsilon_2}{h_2} \cos\left(\epsilon h_2 \frac{x}{h_2}\right) + kh_2 - kh_1 \right) \right\},$$

$$\bar{S}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{c^2}{c_1^2} - 1}.$$

7.2. Case-2

If the first interface is continuous (i.e., $z = -h_2$) and upper surface of M-I is periodic irregular, i.e., $\lambda_2 = 0$, $\lambda'_2 = 0$, $\lambda_1 = \zeta_2 \cos \epsilon x$, and $\lambda'_1 = -\zeta_1 \epsilon \sin \epsilon x$, then Equation (41) takes the form

$$\tan \left[-kh_2 \frac{M_1}{M_2} \right] = -\frac{-\mu_T L_1^2 S_1^2 M_1 \bar{M}_1 - \mu_T^2 N_1 M_1 \bar{M}_1 \lambda'_1 \bar{M}_3 + L_1 c_{44} \mu_T S_1 S_3 M_1 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4}{L_1^2 c_{44} S_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 + \mu_T c_{44} N_1 S_3 \lambda'_1 \bar{M}_1 \bar{M}_3 + L_1 \mu_T^2 S_1 M_1^2 \bar{M}_2 \bar{M}_4} \tag{41}$$

Equation (41) depends on the amplitude of the reinforcement and a periodic irregular porous surface.

7.3. Case-3

If the free surface and first interface are continuous, i.e., $\lambda_1 = 0$ and $\lambda_2 = 0$, $\lambda'_1 = 0$ and $\lambda'_2 = 0$. Then, Equation (41) reduces to

$$\tan \left[-kh_2 \frac{M_1}{M_2} \right] = - \frac{-\mu_T L_1^2 S_1^2 M_1 \bar{M}_1 + L_1 c_{44} \mu_T S_1 S_3 M_1 \bar{M}_2}{L_1^2 c_{44} S_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 + L_1 \mu_T^2 S_1 M_1^2 \bar{M}_2} \quad (42)$$

7.3.1. Subcase-3.1

If the M-I is initial stress free ($P_1/2L_1 = 0$), isotropic ($N_1 = L_1 = \mu_1$), and non-porous ($d \rightarrow 1$)-type material; M-II is isotropic ($\mu_L = \mu_T = \mu_2$), non-reinforced ($a_1^2 = 0$ and $a_3^2 = 0$); and M-III is isotropic ($c_{66} = c_{44} = \mu_3$), then the dispersion relation (Equation (38)) becomes

$$\tan \left[-kh_2 \sqrt{\frac{c_2^2}{c_2^2} - 1} \right] = - \frac{-\mu_2 \mu_1^2 S_1^2 \sqrt{\frac{c_2^2}{c_2^2} - 1} \bar{M}_1 + \mu_1 \mu_3 \mu_2 S_1 S_3 M_1 \bar{M}_2}{\mu_1^2 \mu_3 S_1^2 S_3 \bar{M}_1 + \mu_1 \mu_2^2 S_1 \left(\frac{c_2^2}{c_2^2} - 1 \right) \bar{M}_2} \quad (43)$$

7.3.2. Subcase-3.2

The classical dispersion relation of the Love wave may obtain from Equation (43) by taking $h_1 \rightarrow 0$ and $\mu_1 \rightarrow 0$. From generalized dispersion relation in particular cases, the standard dispersion relation of Love wave is obtained from (38) as

$$\tan \left[kh_2 \sqrt{\frac{c_2^2}{c_2^2} - 1} \right] = \frac{\mu_3 \sqrt{1 - \frac{c_2^2}{c_3^2}}}{\mu_2 \sqrt{\frac{c_2^2}{c_2^2} - 1}}. \quad (44)$$

Love [3] derived the standard dispersion relation for the propagation of the Love wave. Love waves may propagate in the presence of a superficial layer (homogeneous isotropic medium) and half-space (homogeneous isotropic).

8. Numerical Computations and Discussions

The present study investigates the behavior of shear waves in the multi-layered structure of composite materials. We obtained the frequency relation of the SH wave analytically to reveal the hidden properties of the SH-wave propagation in the multi-materials structure. The resulting frequency relation matches the classical form of the Love wave propagation very well, which verifies the current work. The essential numerical values for the graphical depiction of the frequency relation are taken from Table 2. The relationship between the phase velocity and the frequency of the wave is demonstrated in this section under various affecting parameters.

Table 2. General data for composite materials (Gubbins 1999).

Materials	Elastic Constant	Value
Porous	Rigidities	$N_1 = 0.2774 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$ $L_1 = 0.1387 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$
	Density	$\rho_{11} = 1.926137 \times 10^3 \text{ Kg/m}^3$
	Density	$\rho_{22} = 0.215337 \times 10^3 \text{ Kg/m}^3$
	Porosity	$d = 0.01$
Reinforced	Rigidities	$\mu_L = 0.707 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$ $\mu_T = 0.35 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$
Orthotropic	Density	$\rho_2 = 1.6 \times 10^3 \text{ Kg/m}^3$
	Rigidities	$c_{66} = 3.99 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$ $c_{44} = 5.82 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$
	Density	$\rho_3 = 1.6 \times 10^3 \text{ Kg/m}^3$
	Young's moduli	$E_1 = 33.83 \text{ GPa}$ $E_2 = 47.64 \text{ GPa}, E_3 = 49.09 \text{ GPa}$
	Shear moduli	$G_{12} = 15.8 \text{ GPa}$ $G_{13} = 16.2 \text{ GPa}$ $G_{23} = 19.4 \text{ GPa}$
	Poisson's ratios	$\nu_{12} = 0.11 \text{ GPa}$ $\nu_{13} = 0.05 \text{ GPa}$ $\nu_{23} = 0.21 \text{ GPa}$

8.1. Effect of the Initial Stress in Both Cases

The impact of the initial stress parameter ($P_1/2L_1$) associated with the fiber-reinforced materials (M-II) on the phase velocity of the SH waves is examined under regular and irregular boundaries. The influence of said parameter under regular and irregular boundaries is depicted in Figure 2a,b, respectively. The phase velocity of the SH wave decreases due to the high initial stress of the fiber-reinforced medium under regular and irregular boundaries. It is observed that, for the wide range of the frequency, the initial stress has a substantial effect on the phase velocity curves, whereas a moderate effect of said parameter is noticed for the low frequency of the SH wave in both circumstances. The effect of the initial stress is more significant for the low-frequency range with irregular boundaries than with regular boundaries, as shown in Figure 2b. The stress–strain curve's slope increases with an increase in the initial stress from a zero condition because the added initial stress closes the gaps between the components. An estimated presentation of the rock material will not happen until then. Therefore, during the SH-wave propagation under regular and irregular boundaries, the impact of the initial stress may not be ignored.

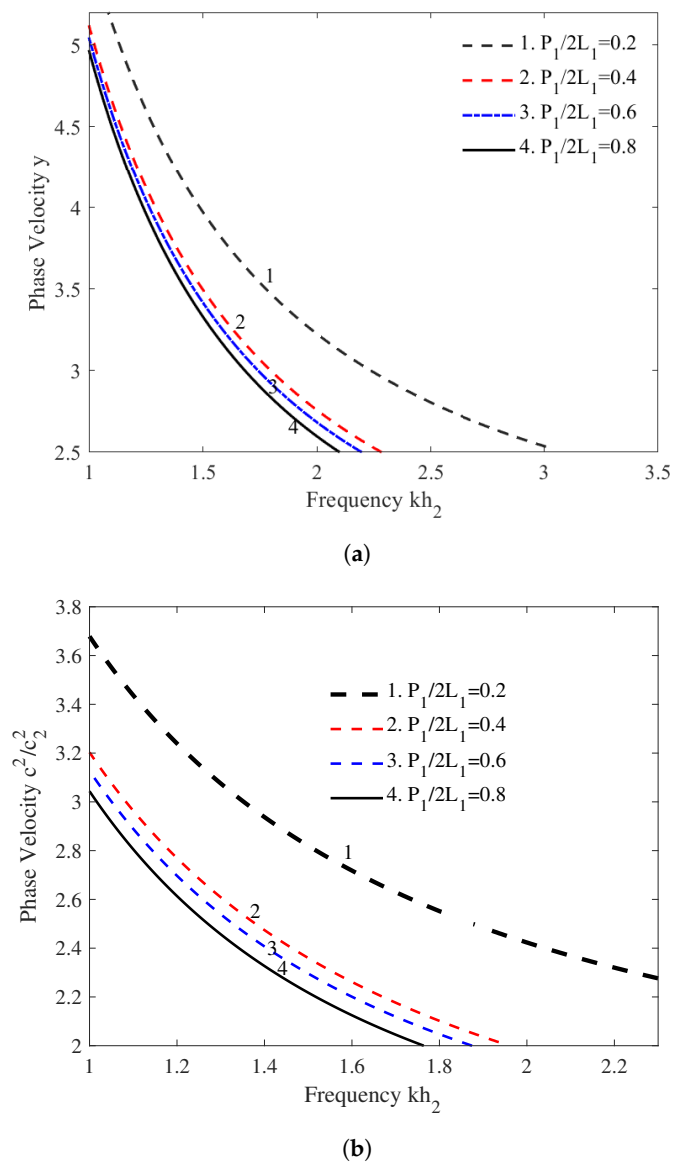
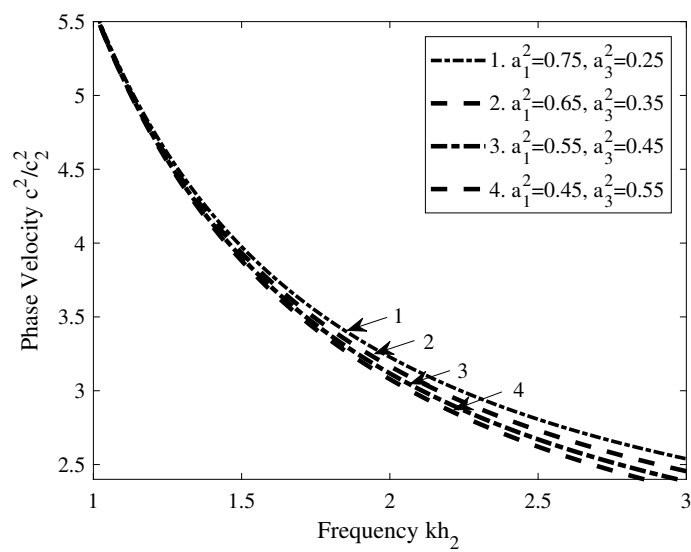


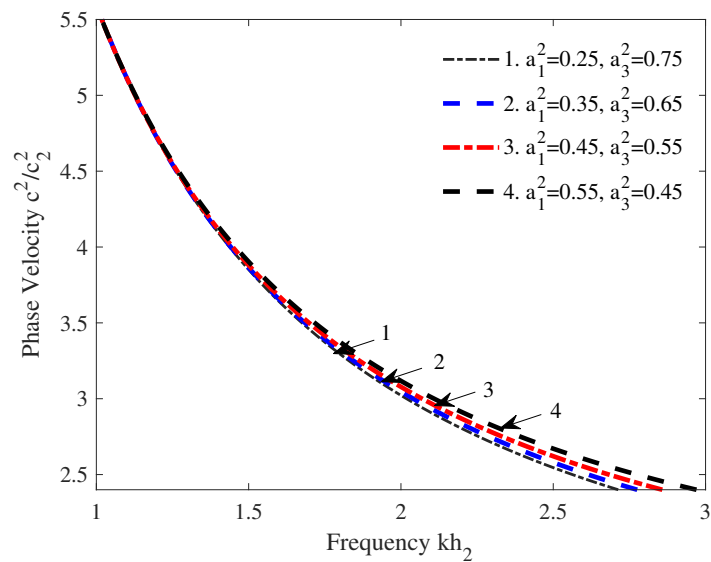
Figure 2. Influence of the parameter $P_1/2L_1$ associated with the fiber-reinforced medium. (a) Influence of the parameter $P_1/2L_1$ under regular boundaries. (b) Influence of the parameter $P_1/2L_1$ under irregular boundaries.

8.2. Effect of the Reinforced Parameters in Both Cases

An intermediate layer of the proposed Earth schematic contains fiber-reinforced materials for $h_1 < z < h_2$. The effect of the reinforced parameters a_1 and a_3 with the reinforcement condition $a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 = 1$ ($a_2 = 0$) on the phase velocity of the SH wave under regular boundaries are depicted in Figure 3a,b, and under irregular boundaries, the effect of said parameters are demonstrated in Figure 4a,b, respectively. The phase velocity of the SH wave increases as the values of the parameters a_1^2 and a_3^2 increase, whereas the phase velocity of the SH wave decreases as the values of the parameters a_1^2 and a_3^2 decrease in both conditions, as shown in Figure 3a,b and Figure 4a,b, respectively. It is observed that the influence of the reinforced parameters on the phase velocity of the shear wave remains analogous in both cases.

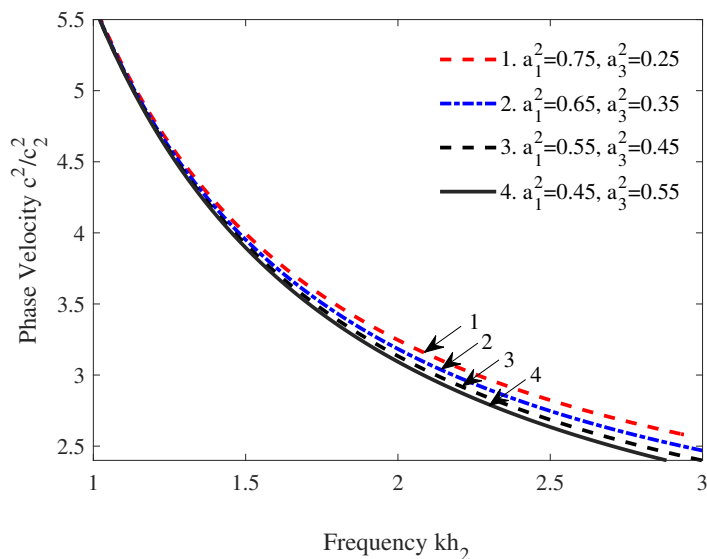


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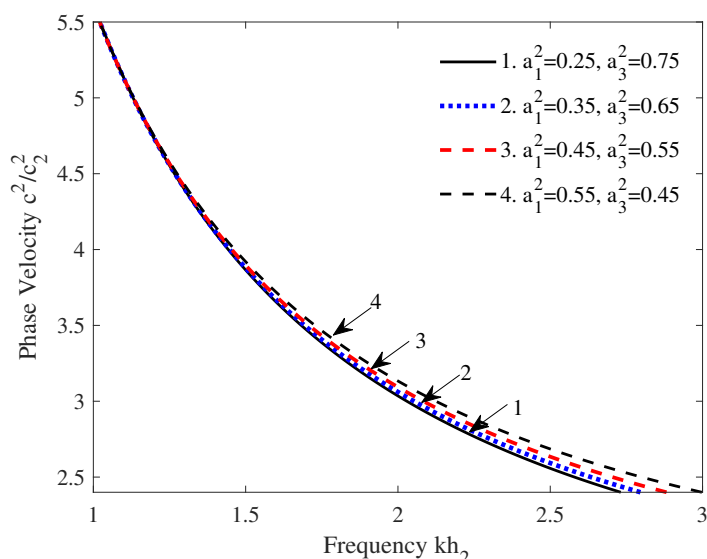


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Figure 3. Effect of the reinforced parameters on the phase velocity of SH wave. (a) Effect of the reinforced parameters under regular boundaries. (b) Effect of the reinforced parameters under regular boundaries.



(a)



(b)

Figure 4. Effect of the reinforced parameters on the phase velocity of SH wave. (a) Effect of the reinforced parameters under irregular boundaries. (b) Effect of the reinforced parameters under irregular boundaries.

8.3. Effect of the Porosity in Both Cases

Figure 5a,b manifest the impact of the porosity under regular and irregular boundaries on the phase velocity curves. The guiding layer of the schematic contains the porous materials for $z = h_1$. The impact of the porosity on the phase velocity of the SH wave is examined by plotting four different curves of the dispersion relation for the different values of the porosity parameter ($d_1 = 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05$) in both cases. In the case of the regular boundaries, the irregularity parameters $x/h_1, x/h_2, \epsilon/h_1,$ and ϵ/h_2 are taken as zero, and in the case of the irregular boundaries, the values of these parameters are taken as $x/h_1 = 0.02, x/h_2 = 0.10, \epsilon/h_1 = 1.2,$ and $\epsilon/h_2 = 1.2$. It has been shown that the porosity of the porous medium has a considerable effect for the frequency range $kh_2 > 2$ and a very low effect for the frequency range $kh_2 < 2$. Hence, the porosity of the medium does not affect the phase velocity of the SH wave significantly, but it decreases the phase velocity of the SH wave slightly in both cases.

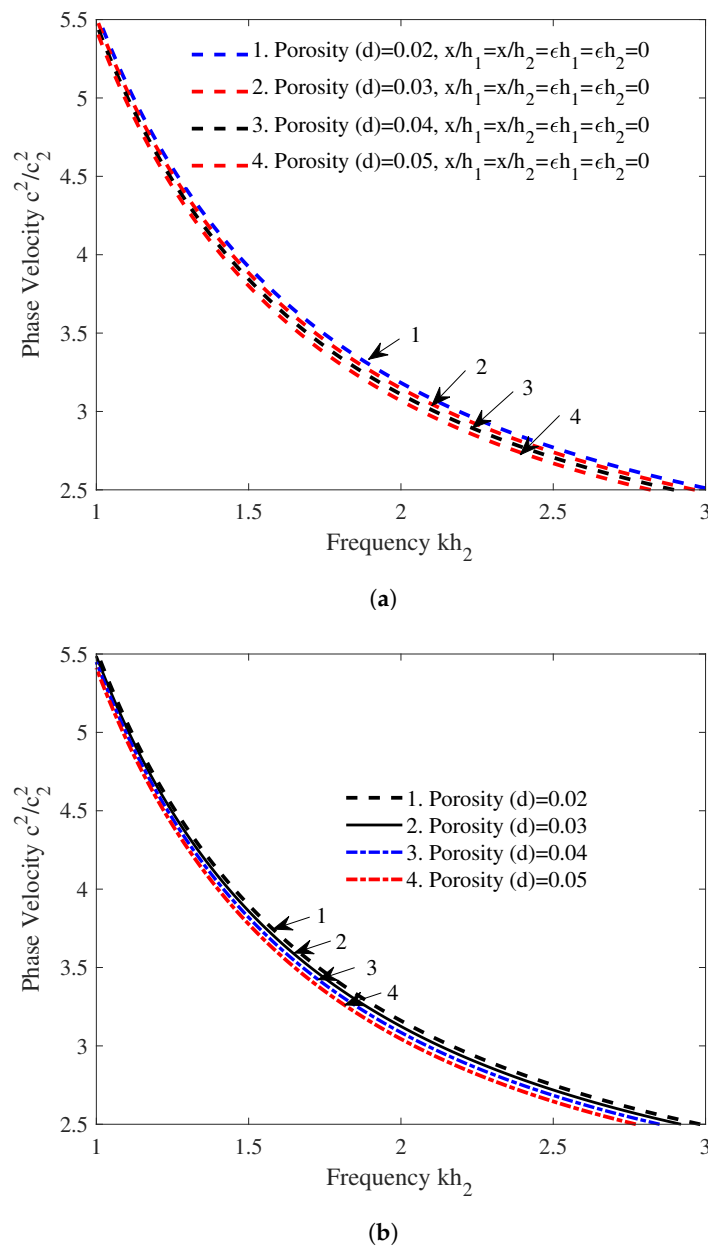
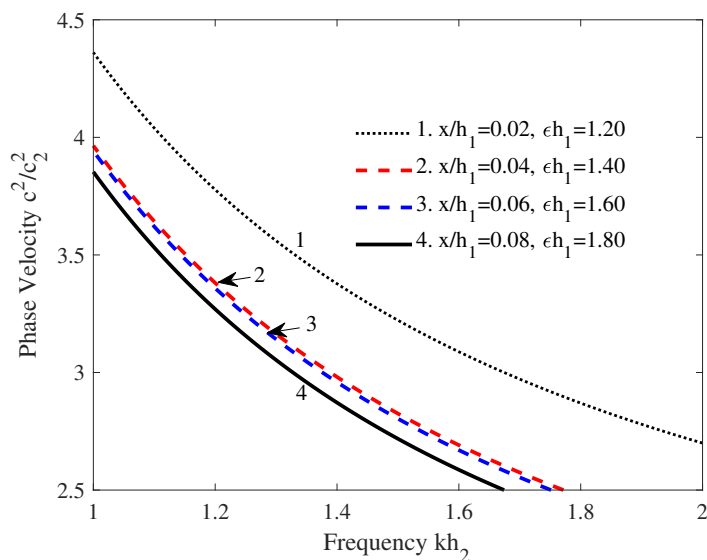


Figure 5. Effect of the porosity of the guiding layer on the phase velocity of SH wave. (a) Effect of the porosity of the guiding layer under regular boundaries. (b) Effect of the porosity of the guiding layer under irregular boundaries.

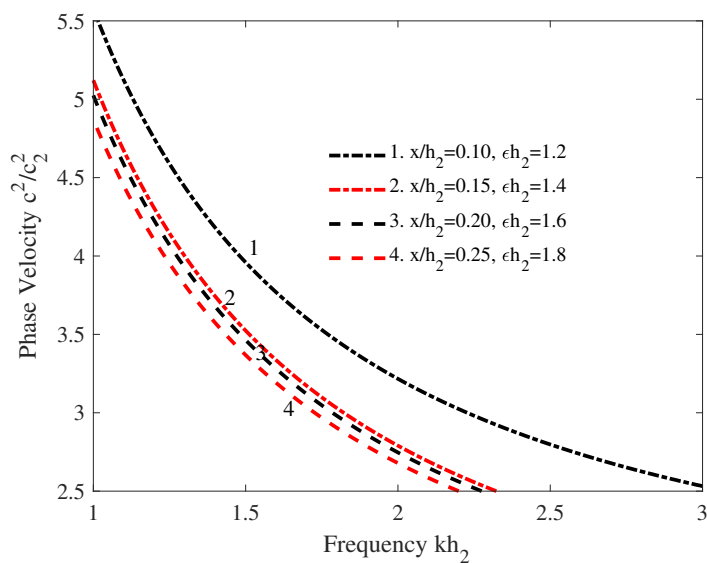
8.4. Effect of the Irregularity Parameters

We considered the periodic irregularity at the free surface of the guiding layer and at the interface of M-I and M-II that may be represented by the parameters x/h_1 , ϵh_1 , and x/h_2 , ϵh_2 , respectively. The direct effect of these parameters on the phase velocity of the shear wave is manifested in Figure 6a,b. The discontinuity in the multi-layered composite materials structure decreases the phase velocity of the SH wave significantly with respect to the wave numbers. The first two curves of Figure 6 show the diverse behavior of the phase velocity of the SH wave due to the periodicity of the irregular medium, whereas this effect is moderate for the other curves of Figure 6. Within the high range of the frequency, the impact of the irregularity on the phase velocity is quite strong; nevertheless, for the lower range, it behaves as expected. Hence, this study recommended that the consideration of the irregularity at the free surface, as well as the interface of the

two mediums during the SH-wave propagation, will provide accurate information about the interior structure of the Earth for possible natural minerals.



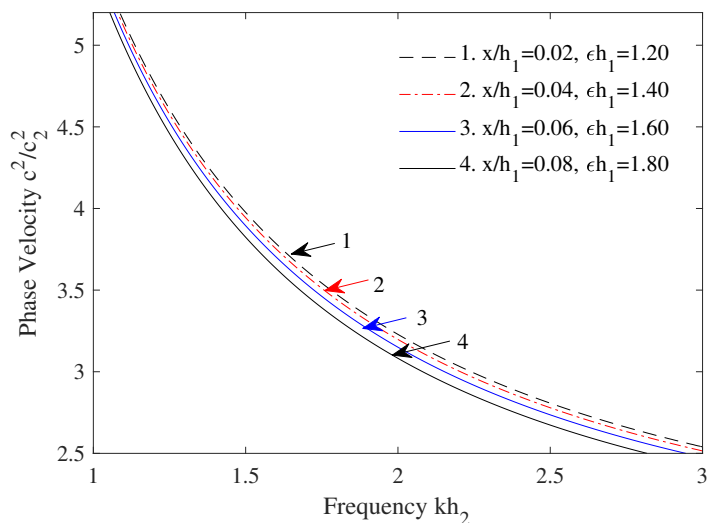
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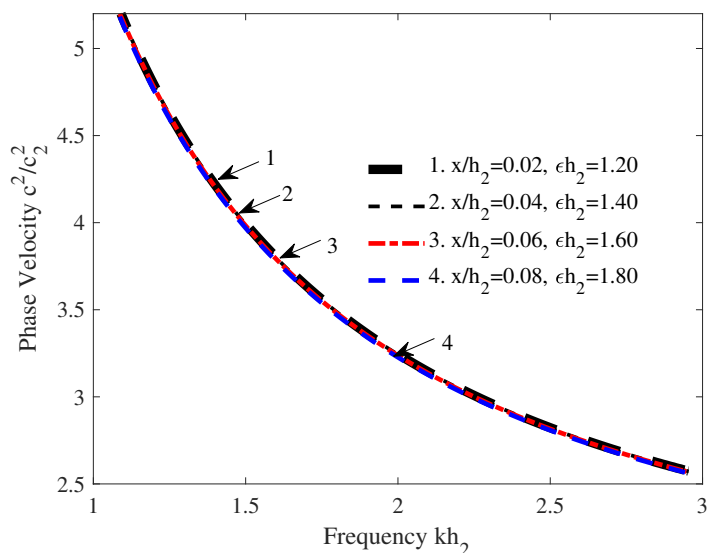
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Figure 6. Influence of periodic irregularity on the phase velocity of the shear wave. (a) Influence of the irregular free surface on the phase velocity. (b) Influence of the irregular interface on the phase velocity.

Figure 7a depicts the effect of an irregular free surface when the interface of M-I and M-II is regular, whereas Figure 7b manifests the influence of an irregular interface of M-I and M-II in the case of a regular surface of the guiding layer. In this scenario, a symmetric behavior of the phase velocity curves is observed. However, asymmetric behavior is noticed in Figure 6a,b. Due to multiple irregular borders in the propagation medium, the phase velocity of the SH wave was affected significantly, whereas the effect of the irregularity is moderate in the presence of a single irregular border.



(a)



(b)

Figure 7. Effect of the irregularity on the phase velocity of SH wave. (a) Effect of the irregular interface of M-I and M-II in absence of the irregularity of the free surface. (b) Influence of the irregular interface in the case of regular free surface.

9. Conclusions

The present study derived the dispersion relation of the SH-waves propagation in a composite materials structure under mountain and plain surfaces. Anisotropic materials are used in the composite structure to investigate the influence of the porosity, initial stress, reinforcement, and periodic irregularity on the phase velocity of SH waves. The influence of these parameters is discussed in both cases.

The findings of the current investigation can be summarized as follows:

1. The SH-waves velocity decreases in an incompressible porous medium due to the presence of the initial stress $P_1/2L_1$ in both cases.
2. It is observed that the phase velocity curves are continuous for $1 < kh_2 < 3$, but the curves are discontinuous for $1.8 < kh_2 < 1.95$. It concludes that the initial stress $P_1/2L_1$ has more impact under the mountain surfaces.

3. The influence of the irregularity (free surface) parameters (x/h_1 and ϵh_1) is more significant under the consideration of the irregularity of the interface. However, the influence is moderate in the absence of the irregularity (interface) parameters (x/h_2 and ϵh_2).
4. The influence of the irregularity (interface) parameters (x/h_2 and ϵh_2) has more impact in the presence of the irregular surface, and it is negligible in the absence of the irregularity (surface) parameters (x/h_1 and ϵh_1).
5. The phase velocity of the SH waves increases as the value of the reinforce parameter (a_1^2) increases. However, the phase velocity decreases as the value of the reinforce parameter a_3^2 increases. The effect of the parameters a_1^2 and a_3^2 remains constant for both cases (mountain and plain surfaces).
6. The phase velocity decreases as the value of the porosity (d) increases. It has been noticed that the effect of the porosity remains constant for both cases.

Furthermore, the derived dispersion relation is deduced into the conventional form of the Love wave dispersion (Love (1911)). Hence, it is essential to consider the periodic irregularity (at the surface and interface of the composite materials structure) when evaluating the SH-waves propagation in a composite materials structure.

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