

## Reflection and transmission of $P$ and $SV$ waves at the interface between two monoclinic elastic half-spaces

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### Abstract

Reflection and transmission of quasi- $P$  ( $qP$ ) and quasi- $SV$  ( $qSV$ ) waves at the interface between two monoclinic elastic half-spaces is discussed. Closed-form expressions for the reflection and transmission coefficients are derived. A method of computing these coefficients is indicated. The present analysis corrects some fundamental errors appearing in a recent paper on the reflection and transmission of  $qP$  waves at the interface between two monoclinic media.

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### Introduction

Musgrave<sup>1</sup> discussed the reflection and transmission of elastic waves at a plane boundary between two anisotropic media of hexagonal type. Dayley and Hron<sup>2</sup> investigated the case when the media involved are transversely isotropic. Keith and Crampin<sup>3</sup> derived a formulation for computing the energy division among  $qP$ ,  $qSV$  and  $qSH$  waves generated by plane waves incident on a plane boundary between generally anisotropic media. A comprehensive account was presented for the case of isotropic/orthotropic interface.

A monoclinic medium possesses one plane of elastic symmetry. For wave propagation in the plane of symmetry,  $SH$  motion is decoupled from the  $P$ - $SV$  motion. While the particle motion of  $SH$  waves is purely transverse, it is neither purely longitudinal nor purely transverse in the case of  $P$ - $SV$  waves. In a recent paper, Chattopadhyay and Saha<sup>4</sup> discussed the reflection of  $qP$  waves at the interface between two monoclinic half-spaces. Since the authors assume that  $qP$  waves are purely longitudinal and  $qSV$  waves purely transverse, most of the results of this paper, including the expressions for the reflection and transmission coefficients, are erroneous (see also Singh<sup>5</sup>). The aim of the present study is to derive closed-form algebraic expressions for the reflection and transmission coefficients when plane waves of  $qP$  or  $qSV$  type are incident at the plane boundary between two monoclinic elastic half-spaces. A method of computing the reflection and transmission coefficients is indicated. Numerical results will be presented in a subsequent publication.

### Plane Waves in a Monoclinic Elastic Medium

Consider a homogeneous anisotropic elastic medium of monoclinic type. It has one plane of elastic symmetry and its elastic properties are defined by thirteen elastic moduli. Taking the plane of symmetry as the  $x_2x_3$ -plane, the generalized Hooke's law can be expressed in the form

$$\tau_{11} = c_{11} e_{11} + c_{12} e_{22} + c_{13} e_{33} + 2c_{14} e_{23}, \quad (1a)$$

$$\tau_{22} = c_{12} e_{11} + c_{22} e_{22} + c_{23} e_{33} + 2e_{24} e_{23}, \quad (1b)$$

$$\tau_{33} = c_{13} e_{11} + c_{23} e_{22} + c_{33} e_{33} + 2c_{34} e_{23}, \quad (1c)$$

$$\tau_{23} = c_{14} e_{11} + c_{24} e_{22} + c_{34} e_{33} + 2c_{44} e_{23}, \quad (1d)$$

$$\tau_{13} = 2(c_{55} e_{13} + c_{56} e_{12}), \quad (1e)$$

$$\tau_{12} = 2(c_{56} e_{13} + c_{66} e_{12}), \quad (1f)$$

where  $\tau_{ij}$  is the stress tensor and  $e_{ij}$  the strain tensor. Further,

$$2e_{ij} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}, \quad (2)$$

$u_i$  being the displacement vector.

For plane waves propagating in the  $x_2x_3$ -plane

$$u_i = u_i(x_2, x_3, t), \quad \partial/\partial x_1 \equiv 0. \quad (3)$$

The equations of motion without body forces are

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \tau_{ij} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial t^2} \quad (i = 1, 2, 3), \quad (4)$$

using the summation convention. From eqn. (1) to (4), we obtain the equations of motion in terms of the displacements in the form

$$c_{66} \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x_2^2} + 2c_{56} \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3} + c_{55} \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x_3^2} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial t^2}, \quad (5)$$

$$c_{22} \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x_2^2} + c_{44} \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x_3^2} + c_{24} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2^2} + c_{34} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_3^2} + 2c_{24} \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3} + (c_{23} + c_{44}) \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial t^2}, \quad (6)$$

$$c_{24} \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x_2^2} + c_{34} \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x_3^2} + c_{44} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2^2} + c_{33} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_3^2} + 2c_{34} \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3} + (c_{23} + c_{44}) \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_3}{\partial t^2}. \quad (7)$$

From eqn. (5) to (7), it is obvious that the  $u_1$  motion representing  $SH$  waves is decoupled from the  $(u_2, u_3)$  motion representing  $qP$  and  $qSV$  waves.

Let  $p(0, p_2, p_3)$  denote the unit propagation vector,  $c$  the phase velocity and  $k$  the wave number of plane waves propagating in the  $x_2x_3$ -plane. We seek plane wave solutions of the equations of motion (6) and (7) of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} d_2 \\ d_3 \end{pmatrix} \exp [ik(ct - x_2 p_2 - x_3 p_3)], \quad (8)$$

where  $d(0, d_2, d_3)$  is the unit displacement vector, also known as the polarization vector. Inserting the expressions for  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  in the equations of motion (6) and (7), we obtain

$$(U - \rho c^2) d_2 + V d_3 = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$V d_2 + (Z - \rho c^2) d_3 = 0, \quad (10)$$

where

$$U(p_2, p_3) = c_{22} p_2^2 + c_{44} p_3^2 + 2c_{24} p_2 p_3,$$

$$V(p_2, p_3) = c_{24} p_2^2 + c_{34} p_3^2 + (c_{23} + c_{44}) p_2 p_3, \quad (11)$$

$$Z(p_2, p_3) = c_{44} p_2^2 + c_{33} p_3^2 + 2c_{34} p_2 p_3.$$

Eqn. (9) and (10) yield

$$d_2 / d_3 = V / (\rho c^2 - U) \neq (\rho c^2 - Z) / V. \quad (12)$$

Therefore,  $\rho c^2$  satisfies the quadratic equation

$$\rho^2 c^4 - (U + Z) \rho c^2 + (UZ - V^2) = 0, \quad (13)$$

with solutions

$$2\rho c^2(p_2, p_3) = (U + Z) \pm [(U - Z)^2 + 4V^2]^{1/2}. \quad (14)$$

The upper sign in eqn. (14) is for  $qP$  waves and the lower sign is for  $qSV$  waves.

It has been shown by Singh<sup>5</sup> that eqn. (8) will represent a pure longitudinal or transverse wave if

$$\begin{aligned} c_{24} p_2^4 + (c_{23} - c_{22} + 2c_{44}) p_2^3 p_3 - 3(c_{24} - c_{34}) p_2^2 p_3^2 \\ - (c_{23} - c_{33} + 2c_{44}) p_2 p_3^3 - c_{34} p_3^4 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

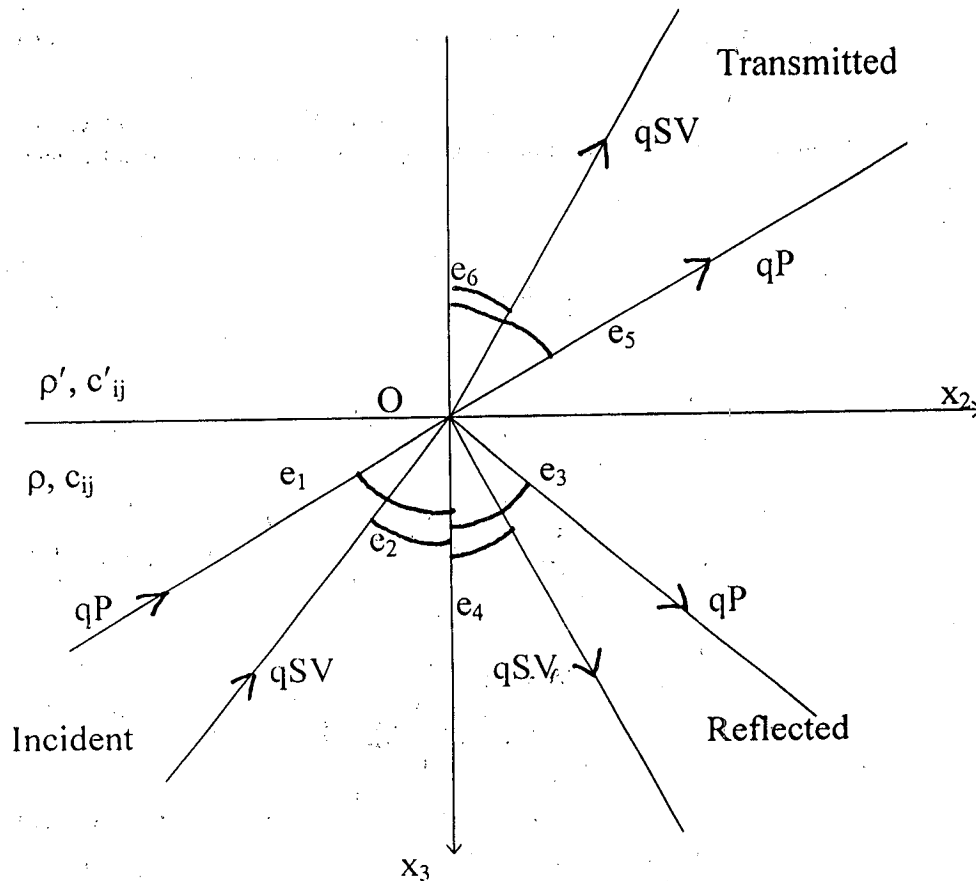


Fig. 1 - Reflection and transmission of  $qP$  and  $qSV$  waves at the plane interface ( $x_3 = 0$ ) between two monoclinic half-spaces.

Eqn. (15) gives the directions of propagation for which  $P$  waves are purely longitudinal and  $SV$  waves purely transverse.

### Reflection and Transmission of $qP$ and $qSV$ Waves

Consider a homogeneous, monoclinic, elastic half-space occupying the region  $x_3 > 0$  in welded contact with another homogeneous, monoclinic, elastic half-space  $x_3 < 0$  (Fig. 1). The identical plane of elastic symmetry of the two media is taken as the  $x_2x_3$  - plane. Plane  $qP$  or  $qSV$  waves are incident at the interface  $x_3 = 0$  from the half-space  $x_3 > 0$ . We consider plane strain problem for which

$$u_1 = 0, \quad u_2 = u_2(x_2, x_3, t), \quad u_3 = u_3(x_2, x_3, t). \quad (16)$$

Incident  $qP$  or  $qSV$  waves will generate reflected  $qP$  and  $qSV$  waves in the half-space  $x_3 > 0$  and transmitted  $qP$  and  $qSV$  waves in the half-space  $x_3 < 0$ . The total displacement field is given by

$$u_2 = \sum_{j=1}^4 A_j e^{iP_j}, \quad u_3 = \sum_{j=1}^4 B_j e^{iP_j} \quad (17)$$

for  $x_3 > 0$ , and

$$u_2' = \sum_{j=5}^6 A_j e^{iP_j}, \quad u_3' = \sum_{j=5}^6 B_j e^{iP_j} \quad (18)$$

for  $x_3 < 0$ , where

$$P_j = \omega [t - (x_2 \sin e_j - x_3 \cos e_j) / c_j], \quad (j = 1, 2, 5, 6; \text{ no summation}) \quad (19)$$

$$P_j = \omega [t - (x_2 \sin e_j + x_3 \cos e_j) / c_j], \quad (j = 3, 4) \quad (20)$$

$\omega$  being the angular frequency. We distinguish quantities corresponding to various waves by using the subscript (1) for incident  $qP$  waves, (2) for incident  $qSV$  waves, (3) for reflected  $qP$  waves, (4) for reflected  $qSV$  waves, (5) for transmitted  $qP$  waves and (6) for transmitted  $qSV$  waves. Thus, for example, for the incident  $qP$  waves,  $c_1$  denotes the phase velocity,  $e_1$  the angle of incidence,  $P_1(x_2, x_3, t)$  the phase factor,  $A_1$  the amplitude factor of the  $u_2$  component of the displacement and  $B_1$  that of the  $u_3$  component. The displacement components in the half-space  $x_3 < 0$  are denoted by  $u_2'$  and  $u_3'$ .

Since each of the incident  $qP$ , incident  $qSV$ , reflected  $qP$ , reflected  $qSV$ , transmitted  $qP$  and transmitted  $qSV$  waves must satisfy the equations of motion, we have, as in eqn. (12) and (14),

$$A_i = F_i B_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, 6), \quad (21)$$

where

$$F_i = V_i / (\rho c_i^2 - U_i) = (\rho c_i^2 - Z_i) / V_i, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4), \quad (22a)$$

$$F_i = V_i / (\rho' c_i^2 - U_i) = (\rho' c_i^2 - Z_i) / V_i, \quad (i = 5, 6), \quad (22b)$$

$$2\rho c_i^2 = (U_i + Z_i) + [(U_i - Z_i)^2 + 4V_i^2]^{1/2}, \quad (i = 1, 3), \quad (23a)$$

$$2\rho c_i^2 = (U_i + Z_i) - [(U_i - Z_i)^2 + 4V_i^2]^{1/2}, \quad (i = 2, 4) \quad (23b)$$

$$2\rho' c_5^2 = U_5 + Z_5 + [(U_5 - Z_5)^2 + 4V_5^2]^{1/2}, \quad (24a)$$

$$2\rho' c_6^2 = U_6 + Z_6 - [(U_6 - Z_6)^2 + 4V_6^2]^{1/2}. \quad (24b)$$

The expressions for  $U_i$ ,  $V_i$  and  $Z_i$  are obtained from the expressions for  $U$ ,  $V$  and  $Z$  given in eqn. (11) on substituting suitable values for  $(p_2, p_3)$ . For incident  $qP$  waves,  $p_2 = \sin e_1$ ,  $p_3 = -\cos e_1$ ; for incident  $qSV$  waves,  $p_2 = \sin e_2$ ,  $p_3 = -\cos e_2$ ; for reflected  $qP$  waves,  $p_2 = \sin e_3$ ,  $p_3 = \cos e_3$ ; for reflected  $qSV$  waves,  $p_2 = \sin e_4$ ,  $p_3 = \cos e_4$ ; for transmitted  $qP$  waves,  $p_2 = \sin e_5$ ,  $p_3 = -\cos e_5$ ; and, for transmitted  $qSV$  waves,  $p_2 = \sin e_6$ ,  $p_3 = -\cos e_6$  (see Fig. 1). We thus obtain

$$U_1 = c_{22} \sin^2 e_1 + c_{44} \cos^2 e_1 - 2c_{24} \sin e_1 \cos e_1,$$

$$V_1 = c_{24} \sin^2 e_1 + c_{34} \cos^2 e_1 - (c_{23} + c_{44}) \sin e_1 \cos e_1,$$

$$Z_1 = c_{44} \sin^2 e_1 + c_{33} \cos^2 e_1 - 2c_{34} \sin e_1 \cos e_1; \quad (25)$$

$$U_3 = c_{22} \sin^2 e_3 + c_{44} \cos^2 e_3 + 2c_{24} \sin e_3 \cos e_3,$$

$$V_3 = c_{24} \sin^2 e_3 + c_{34} \cos^2 e_3 + (c_{23} + c_{44}) \sin e_3 \cos e_3,$$

$$Z_3 = c_{44} \sin^2 e_3 + c_{33} \cos^2 e_3 + 2c_{34} \sin e_3 \cos e_3; \quad (26)$$

$$U_5 = c'_{22} \sin^2 e_5 + c'_{44} \cos^2 e_5 - 2c'_{24} \sin e_5 \cos e_5,$$

$$V_5 = c'_{24} \sin^2 e_5 + c'_{34} \cos^2 e_5 - (c'_{23} + c'_{44}) \sin e_5 \cos e_5,$$

$$Z_5 = c'_{44} \sin^2 e_5 + c'_{33} \cos^2 e_5 - 2c'_{34} \sin e_5 \cos e_5. \quad (27)$$

$(U_2, V_2, Z_2)$  are obtained from  $(U_1, V_1, Z_1)$  on replacing  $e_1$  by  $e_2$ ,  $(U_4, V_4, Z_4)$  are obtained from  $(U_3, V_3, Z_3)$  on replacing  $e_3$  by  $e_4$  and  $(U_6, V_6, Z_6)$  are obtained from  $(U_5, V_5, Z_5)$  on replacing  $e_5$  by  $e_6$ .

The total displacement field given by eqn. (17) and (18) must satisfy the boundary conditions,

$$u_2 = u'_2, u_3 = u'_3, \tau_{23} = \tau'_{23}, \tau_{33} = \tau'_{33} \text{ at } x_3 = 0. \quad (28)$$

Since the boundary conditions (28) are to be satisfied for all values of  $x_2$ , we must have

$$P_1(x_2, 0) = P_2(x_2, 0) = P_3(x_2, 0) = P_4(x_2, 0) = P_5(x_2, 0) = P_6(x_2, 0). \quad (29)$$

Eqn. (19), (20) and (29) imply

$$\frac{\sin e_1}{c_1(e_1)} = \frac{\sin e_2}{c_2(e_2)} = \frac{\sin e_3}{c_3(e_3)} = \frac{\sin e_4}{c_4(e_4)} = \frac{\sin e_5}{c_5(e_5)} = \frac{\sin e_6}{c_6(e_6)} = 1/c_a, \quad (30)$$

where  $c_a$  is the apparent phase velocity. This is the form of Snell's law for monoclinic media.

From eqn. (3a), (25) and (26), we note that even if  $e_1 = e_3$ ,  $c_1 \neq c_3$ . Therefore, from eqn. (30), the angle of reflection of  $qP$  waves is not equal to the angle of incidence of  $qP$  waves. Similarly, the angle of reflection of  $qSV$  waves is not equal to the angle of



incidence of  $qSV$  waves. Chattopadhyay and Saha<sup>4</sup> assume that the angle of reflection of  $qP$  ( $qSV$ ) waves is equal to the angle of incidence of  $qP$  ( $qSV$ ) waves. Therefore, the reflection and the transmission coefficients obtained by Chattopadhyay and Saha<sup>4</sup> are not correct.

Using the relations (21), (29) and (30) the boundary conditions (28) yield

$$B_1 + B_2 + B_3 + B_4 - B_5 - B_6 = 0, \quad (31a)$$

$$F_1 B_1 + F_2 B_2 + F_3 B_3 + F_4 B_4 - F_5 B_5 - F_6 B_6 = 0, \quad (31b)$$

$$a_1 B_1 + a_2 B_2 + a_3 B_3 + a_4 B_4 - a_5 B_5 - a_6 B_6 = 0, \quad (31c)$$

$$b_1 B_1 + b_2 B_2 + b_3 B_3 + b_4 B_4 - b_5 B_5 - b_6 B_6 = 0, \quad (31d)$$

where

$$a_1 = c_{24} F_1 + c_{44} - (c_{44} F_1 + c_{34}) \cot e_1,$$

$$a_2 = c_{24} F_2 + c_{44} - (c_{44} F_2 + c_{34}) \cot e_2,$$

$$a_3 = c_{24} F_3 + c_{44} + (c_{44} F_3 + c_{34}) \cot e_3,$$

$$a_4 = c_{24} F_4 + c_{44} + (c_{44} F_4 + c_{34}) \cot e_4,$$

$$a_5 = c'_{24} F_5 + c'_{44} - (c'_{44} F_5 + c'_{34}) \cot e_5,$$

$$a_6 = c'_{24} F_6 + c'_{44} - (c'_{44} F_6 + c'_{34}) \cot e_6,$$

$$b_1 = c_{23} F_1 + c_{34} - (c_{34} F_1 + c_{33}) \cot e_1,$$

$$b_2 = c_{23} F_2 + c_{34} - (c_{34} F_2 + c_{33}) \cot e_2,$$

$$b_3 = c_{23} F_3 + c_{34} + (c_{34} F_3 + c_{33}) \cot e_3,$$

$$b_4 = c_{23}F_4 + c_{34} + (c_{34}F_4 + c_{33}) \cot e_4,$$

$$b_5 = c'_{23}F_5 + c'_{34} - (c'_{34}F_5 + c'_{33}) \cot e_5,$$

$$b_6 = c'_{23}F_6 + c'_{34} - (c'_{34}F_6 + c'_{33}) \cot e_6.$$

*Incident qP waves :*

In the case of incident *qP* waves,  $A_2 = B_2 = 0$  and  $A_1, B_1$  are supposed to be known. Eqn. (31a, b, c, d) then constitute a set of four simultaneous equations in four unknowns, namely,  $B_3, B_4, B_5$  and  $B_6$ . These equations can be solved by Cramer's rule. We find

$$B_i / B_1 = \Delta_i^p / \Delta \quad (i = 3, 4, 5, 6), \quad (32)$$

where  $\Delta$  and  $\Delta_i^p$  are defined in Appendix A. Using eqn. (21), we find

$$\frac{A_i}{A_1} = \frac{F_i}{F_1} \left( \frac{B_i}{B_1} \right) = \frac{F_i}{F_1} \left( \frac{\Delta_i^p}{\Delta} \right) \quad (i = 3, 4, 5, 6; \text{no summation over } i). \quad (33)$$

*Incident qSV waves :*

For incident *qSV* waves,  $A_1 = B_1 = 0$  and  $A_2, B_2$  are supposed to be known. The amplitude ratios are found to be

$$B_i / B_2 = \Delta_i^s / \Delta, \quad (34)$$

$$\frac{A_i}{A_2} = \frac{F_i}{F_2} \left( \frac{B_i}{B_2} \right) = \frac{F_i}{F_2} \left( \frac{\Delta_i^s}{\Delta} \right) \quad (i = 3, 4, 5, 6), \quad (35)$$

where  $\Delta_i^s$  are defined in Appendix A.

*Isotropic half-spaces :*

For an isotropic medium,

$$c_{11} = c_{22} = c_{33} = \lambda + 2\mu,$$

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

$$c_{14} = c_{24} = c_{34} = c_{56} = 0, \quad (36)$$

where  $\lambda, \mu$  are the Lamé parameters. Using these values for  $c_{ij}$  and similar values for  $c'_{ij}$  we obtain

$$c_1 = c_3 = [(\lambda + 2\mu) / \rho]^{1/2} = \alpha, \quad c_2 = c_4 = (\mu / \rho)^{1/2} = \beta,$$

$$c_5 = [(\lambda' + 2\mu') / \rho']^{1/2} = \alpha', \quad c_6 = (\mu' / \rho')^{1/2} = \beta',$$

$$e_1 = e_3 = e, \quad e_2 = e_4 = f, \quad e_5 = e', \quad e_6 = f',$$

$$\frac{\sin e}{\alpha} = \frac{\sin f}{\beta} = \frac{\sin e'}{\alpha'} = \frac{\sin f'}{\beta'},$$

$$F_1 = -F_3 = -\tan e, \quad F_2 = -F_4 = \cot f, \quad F_5 = -\tan e', \quad F_6 = \cot f',$$

$$a_1 = a_3 = 2\mu, \quad a_2 = a_4 = -\mu \cos 2f / \sin^2 f, \quad a_5 = 2\mu', \quad a_6 = -\mu' \cos 2f' / \sin^2 f',$$

$$b_1 = -b_3 = -2\mu (\alpha/\beta)^2 \cos 2f / \sin 2e,$$

$$b_2 = -b_4 = -2\mu \cot f, \quad b_5 = -2\mu' (\alpha'/\beta')^2 \cos 2f' / \sin 2e', \quad b_6 = -2\mu' \cot f' \quad (37)$$

Putting these values in eqn. (31a, b, c, d), we get results equivalent to the corresponding results given by Ben-Menahem and Singh<sup>6</sup> (eqn. (3.54) and (3.56)) for isotropic media.

### Discussion and Conclusions

The reflection and transmission coefficients given by Chattopadhyay and Saha<sup>4</sup> for  $qP$  waves incident at the plane boundary between two monoclinic elastic half-spaces are incorrect because of two erroneous assumptions made by these authors, namely,  $qP$  waves are longitudinal ( $qSV$  waves are transverse) and the angle of reflection of  $qP$  ( $qSV$ ) waves

is equal to the angle of incidence of  $qP$  ( $qSV$ ) waves. In the present study, we have obtained the correct reflection and transmission coefficients by solving the problem *ab initio*.

Eqn. (32) and (33) give the amplitude ratios when plane  $qP$  waves are incident at the plane boundary between two monoclinic elastic half-spaces. In these equations,  $A_i / A_1$  are the amplitude ratios for the horizontal component of the displacement and  $B_i / B_1$  are the amplitude ratios for the vertical component of the displacement. Similarly, eqn. (34) and (35) give the amplitude ratios for incident  $qSV$  waves. From eqn. (17) and (21), we note that, for example, the total displacement of the incident  $qP$  waves is

$$(A_1^2 + B_1^2)^{1/2} e^{iP_1} = (1 + F_1^2)^{1/2} B_1 e^{iP_1}.$$

Therefore, the reflection coefficients can be expressed in the form

$$R_{PP} = \left( \frac{1 + F_3^2}{1 + F_1^2} \right)^{1/2} \cdot \frac{B_3}{B_1}, \quad R_{PS} = \left( \frac{1 + F_4^2}{1 + F_1^2} \right)^{1/2} \cdot \frac{B_4}{B_1} \quad (38)$$

for incident  $qP$  waves, and

$$R_{SP} = \left( \frac{1 + F_3^2}{1 + F_2^2} \right)^{1/2} \cdot \frac{B_3}{B_2}, \quad R_{SS} = \left( \frac{1 + F_4^2}{1 + F_2^2} \right)^{1/2} \cdot \frac{B_4}{B_2} \quad (39)$$

for incident  $qSV$  waves. Similar expressions can be written for the transmission coefficients. The reflection and transmission coefficients are in terms of the six angles  $e_i$  and the six velocities  $c_i$  ( $e_i$ ),  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ . For an incident  $qP$  wave,  $e_1$  and, therefore,  $c_1$  ( $e_1$ ) is supposed to be known. One has to compute  $e_i$  ( $i = 3, 4, 5, 6$ ) for given  $e_1$ . The velocities  $c_i$  ( $e_i$ ) can then be computed from explicit algebraic formulae. We give below the procedure for computing  $e_i$  for given  $e_1$  in the case of incident  $qP$  waves and for given  $e_2$  in the case of incident  $qSV$  waves.

The Snell's law for a monoclinic medium is given by eqn. (30) in which the apparent velocity  $c_a$  can be written as  $c_a = c/p_2$ , where  $p$  ( $0, p_2, p_3$ ) is the propagation vector. We define dimensionless apparent velocity  $c$  through the relation

$$\bar{c} = c_d/\beta = c/(p_2\beta), \quad (40)$$

where  $\beta = (c_{44}/\rho)^{1/2}$ . Eqn. (13) then becomes

$$\bar{c}^4 - (\bar{U} + \bar{Z})\bar{c}^2 + (\bar{U}\bar{Z} - \bar{V}^2) = 0, \quad (41)$$

where

$$\bar{U} = U/(c_{44}p_2^2) = p^2 + 2\bar{c}_{24}p + \bar{c}_{22},$$

$$\bar{V} = V/(c_{44}p_2^2) = \bar{c}_{34}p^2 + (1 + \bar{c}_{23})p + \bar{c}_{24},$$

$$\bar{Z} = Z/(c_{44}p_2^2) = \bar{c}_{33}p^2 + 2\bar{c}_{33}p + 1,$$

$$p = p_3/p_2, \quad \bar{c}_{ij} = c_{ij}/c_{44}. \quad (42)$$

For incident  $qP$  waves,  $p = -\cot e_1$ ; for incident  $qSV$  waves,  $p = -\cot e_2$ ; for reflected  $qP$  waves,  $p = \cot e_3$ ; for reflected  $qSV$  waves,  $p = \cot e_4$ ; for transmitted  $qP$  waves,  $p = -\cot e_5$ ; for transmitted  $qSV$  waves,  $p = -\cot e_6$ . For a given  $p$ , eqn. (41) can be solved for  $\bar{c}^2$ , the two roots corresponding to  $qP$  and  $qSV$  waves. However, for a given  $\bar{c}$ , eqn. (41) is a bi-quadratic in  $p$ , corresponding to incident  $qP$ , incident  $qSV$ , reflected  $qP$  and reflected  $qSV$ . The positive roots corresponding to the reflected waves and the negative roots corresponding to the incident waves. On inserting the expressions for  $\bar{U}$ ,  $\bar{Z}$  and  $\bar{V}$  from eqn. (42) into eqn. (41), the bi-quadratic in  $p$  becomes

$$g_0p^4 + g_1p^3 + g_2p^2 + g_3p + g_4 = 0, \quad (43)$$

where  $g_0 = \bar{c}_{33} - \bar{c}_{34}^2$ ,

$$g_1 = 2(\bar{c}_{24}\bar{c}_{33} - \bar{c}_{23}\bar{c}_{34}),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_2 &= 1 + \bar{c}_{22} \bar{c}_{33} + 2 \bar{c}_{24} \bar{c}_{34} - (1 + \bar{c}_{23})^2 - (1 + \bar{c}_{33}) \bar{c}^2, \\
 g_3 &= 2[\bar{c}_{22} \bar{c}_{34} - \bar{c}_{23} \bar{c}_{24} - (\bar{c}_{24} + \bar{c}_{34}) \bar{c}^2], \\
 g_4 &= \bar{c}^4 - (1 + \bar{c}_{22}) \bar{c}^2 + \bar{c}_{22} - \bar{c}_{24}^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

If we define  $q = 1/p = p_2/p_3$ , the bi-quadratic transforms to

$$g_4 q^4 + g_3 q^3 + g_2 q^2 + g_1 q + g_0 = 0. \tag{45}$$

For angles of incidence, for which both reflected  $qP$  and reflected  $qSV$  waves exist, eqn. (45) will possess two positive roots, the smaller positive root (say  $q_4$ ) corresponding to reflected  $SV$  and the larger positive root ( $q_3$ ) corresponding to reflected  $qP$ . Further,

$$e_3 = \tan^{-1}(q_3), \quad e_4 = \tan^{-1}(q_4). \tag{46}$$

A similar procedure can be set up for finding  $e_5$  and  $e_6$ .

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## Appendix A

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ F_3 & F_4 & -F_5 & -F_6 \\ a_3 & a_4 & -a_5 & -a_6 \\ b_3 & b_4 & -b_5 & -b_6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_3^P = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -F_1 & F_4 & -F_5 & -F_6 \\ -a_1 & a_4 & -a_5 & -a_6 \\ -b_1 & b_4 & -b_5 & -b_6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_4^P = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ F_3 & -F_1 & -F_5 & -F_6 \\ a_3 & -a_1 & -a_5 & -a_6 \\ b_3 & -b_1 & -b_5 & -b_6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_5^P = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ F_3 & F_4 & -F_1 & -F_6 \\ a_3 & a_4 & -a_1 & -a_6 \\ b_3 & b_4 & -b_1 & -b_6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_6^P = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ F_3 & F_4 & -F_5 & -F_1 \\ a_3 & a_4 & -a_5 & -a_1 \\ b_3 & b_4 & -b_5 & -b_1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\Delta_3^S$  is obtained from  $\Delta_3^P$  on replacing the elements  $\{-1, -F_1, -a_1, -b_1\}$  in the first column by the elements  $\{-1, -F_2, -a_2, -b_2\}$ .  $\Delta_i^S$  ( $i = 4, 5, 6$ ) are similarly defined.

