



## NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION COURSES

# EARTHQUAKE SEISMOLOGY

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**Module 12 : Numerical Problems in Seismology**

**Lecture 05: Numerical Problems - Part II**

# CONCEPTS COVERED

- Numerical Problems - Part-II

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**Problem 1.** Consider a SH wave coming in at an angle of 60 degrees, and some energy travels as a head wave along the interface. At what depth is the amplitude of the head wave 1/e of that at  $z=0$ ?

- a) for a 1 Hz wave?  
 b) for a .1 Hz wave?

The  $z$ -component of the wave is

$$-k_z \left(1 - \frac{c_x^2}{\beta_2^2}\right)^{1/2}$$

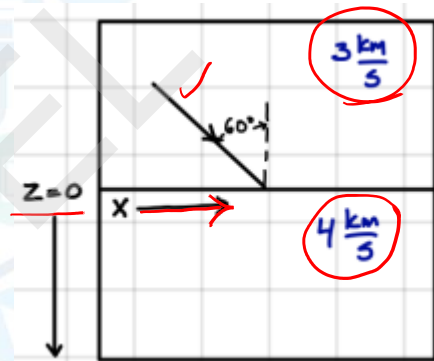
$$p = \frac{\sin 60}{v_1} = 0.2887$$

$$\eta = \frac{\cos 60}{v_1} = 0.1667$$

$$\underline{1 \text{ Hz}}: \omega = 2\pi \nu = 2\pi$$

$$k_x = \omega p = 1.8138 \text{ km}^{-1}$$

$$k_z = \omega \eta = 1.0472 \text{ km}^{-1}$$



$$\underline{0.1 \text{ Hz}}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi\nu = 0.2\pi$$

$$k_x = \omega p = 0.1814 \text{ km}^{-1}$$

$$k_z = \omega q = 0.1047 \text{ km}^{-1}$$

$$c_x = \frac{1}{p} = 3.4641$$

Amplitude will be at  $\left(\frac{1}{e}\right)$  when  $-k_x \left(1 - \frac{c_x^2}{\beta_2^2}\right)^{1/2} z = -1$

$$\underline{z = 1.1 \text{ km for } 1 \text{ Hz}}$$

$$= 11.0 \text{ km for } 0.1 \text{ Hz}$$



**Problem 2.** For a Rayleigh wave, calculate the depth at which  $u_x = 0$  as a function of  $\lambda$  ( $k_x = 2\pi/\lambda$ ).

$$u_x = Ak_x \left[ \frac{\exp(-0.85k_x z)}{e^{-0.85k_x z}} - 0.58 \frac{\exp(-0.39k_x z)}{e^{-0.39k_x z}} \right] = 0$$

for this to hold at all  $z$  :  $e^{-0.85k_x z} = 0.58 e^{-0.39k_x z}$

$$-0.85k_x z = \ln(0.58) + (-0.39k_x z)$$

$$z = \frac{\ln(0.58)}{-0.46k_x} = \frac{\ln(0.58) \cdot \lambda_x}{2\pi(-0.46)}$$

$$z = 0.1885 \lambda_x$$



**Problem 3.** Show how the moment tensor for a vertical dipole can be decomposed into an isotropic source and a CLVD.

An isotropic source has the same eigen values, which means the same values along it's diagonal.

A CLVD source has one dipole that is -2 times the magnitude of the others.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{iso}/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_{iso}/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_{iso}/3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} M_c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2M_c \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we have a system of equations to solve

$$\frac{M_{iso}}{3} + M_c = 0 \Rightarrow M_c = -\frac{1}{3} M_{iso}$$

$$\frac{M_{iso}}{3} - 2M_c = M_{22}$$

$$\frac{M_{iso}}{3} - 2\left(-\frac{1}{3}M_{iso}\right) = M_{22}$$

$$M_{iso} = M_{22}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{22}/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_{22}/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_{22}/3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -M_{22}/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -M_{22}/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2M_{22}/3 \end{bmatrix}$$



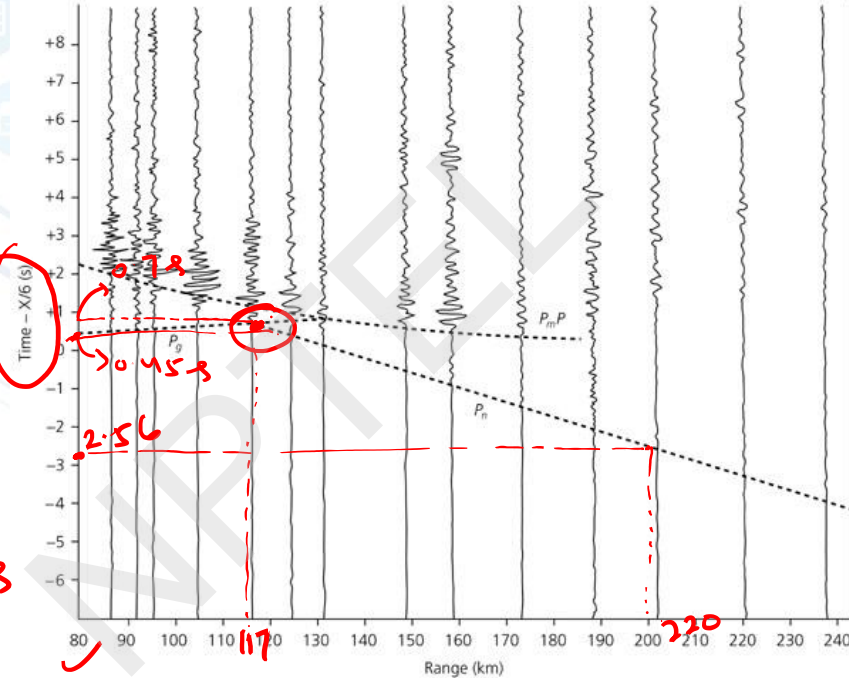
**Problem 4.** A Love wave has a backazimuth of 270. On what channel of the seismometer would the energy be on (E,N,Z)?





Figure 3.2-5: Example of seismograms from a refraction profile.

**Problem 5.** Use the data from the refraction experiment in the figure to find the crust and mantle velocities and the crustal thickness. Remember that this is a reduced travel time plot.



1) For crustal velocity, use  
 $1/g$   
 At  $x = 117$ ,  $t_{red} = 0.78$   
 At  $x = 20$ ,  $t_{red} = 0.458$

$$t_{\text{total}} = t + \frac{x}{c} \Rightarrow t = t_{\text{total}} + \frac{x}{c}$$

$$t_1 = 0.45 + \frac{80}{c} = 13.7833 \text{ s } \checkmark$$

$$t_2 = 0.7 + \frac{117}{c} = 20.2000 \text{ s } \checkmark$$

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{t_2 - t_1}{x_2 - x_1} = 0.2292 \text{ s/km}$$

$$\text{crystal vel.} = \frac{1}{\text{slope}} = 4.36 \text{ km/s}$$



for mantle, use  $P_m$

$$\text{At } x=117 \quad t_{\text{red}} = 0.7$$

$$\text{At } x=220 \quad t_{\text{red}} = -2.55$$

$$t_1 = 0.7 + \frac{117}{6} = 20.200 \text{ s}$$

$$t_2 = -2.55 + \frac{220}{6} = 34.1167 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{slope} = 0.1357 \text{ s/km}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{v}{P_m} = 7.4 \text{ km/s} \right]$$

for crustal thickness.

$$x_d = 2h_0 \left( \frac{v_1 + v_0}{v_1 - v_0} \right) \sqrt{2}$$

$$x_d = 117 \text{ km}$$

$$\boxed{h_0 = 29.7 \text{ km}}$$



**Problem 6.** Stein & Wyssession, Page 118, Problem 33. Find the displacements for  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  in the manner done for in Eqns 2.9.12 and 2.9.13.

Note that modes are typically referred to in this format:  $T_{\ell}^m$  so here  $n=0$ ,  $\ell=3$ ,  $m=0$

$T(\alpha, \theta, \phi)$  is

$$T_{\ell}^m = \left( 0, \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial Y_{\ell}^m(\theta, \phi)}{\partial \phi}, -\frac{\partial Y_{\ell}^m(\theta, \phi)}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

$$Y_{\ell}^m(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^m \left( \left( \frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi} \right) \frac{(\ell-m)!}{(\ell+m)!} \right)^{1/2} P_{\ell}^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}$$

so for  $m=0$  &  $\ell=3$

$$Y_3^0(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^0 \left[ \left( \frac{7}{4\pi} \right) \frac{3!}{3!} \right]^{1/2} P_3^0(\cos \theta) e^{i \cdot 0 \cdot \phi}$$

$$Y_3^0(\theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\frac{7}{4\pi}} P_3^0(\cos\theta)$$

$P_3^0$

$$u_\theta \propto \frac{1}{\sin\theta} P_3^0(\cos\theta) (im) e^{im}$$

$$m=0 \quad u_\theta = 0 \quad P_l^m(x) = \left[ \frac{(1-x^2)^{m/2}}{2^l l!} \right] \left[ \frac{d^{l+m}}{dx^{l+m}} (x^2-1)^l \right]$$

$$P_3^0(x) = \left[ \frac{(1-x^2)^0}{2^3 3!} \right] \left[ \frac{d^3}{dx^3} (x^2-1)^3 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (5x^3 - 2x)$$



substitute  $\cos\theta$  in for  $x$

$$P_3^0(\cos\theta) = \frac{1}{2} [5(\cos\theta)^3 - 3\cos\theta]$$

$$u_\phi = -\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \gamma_3^0 \checkmark$$

$$\gamma_3^0 = \sqrt{\frac{7}{4\pi}} P_3^0(\cos\theta) = \sqrt{\frac{7}{4\pi}} \frac{1}{2} [5(\cos\theta)^3 - 3\cos\theta]$$

$$u_\phi = -\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \sqrt{\frac{7}{16\pi}} [5(\cos\theta)^3 - 3\cos\theta]$$

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{7}{16\pi}} [15\cos^2\theta \sin\theta - 3\cos\theta]$$




$$\vec{T}_e^m = (0, 0, -\sqrt{\frac{7}{16\pi}} [15 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - 3 \cos \theta])$$



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