# Wave speeds in periodic elastic layers 

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The spatially periodic system of elastic layers is considered. The displacement $u_{i}$ in the elementary cell consists of the displacements corresponding to the wave propagating to the left and the wave propagating to the right. The displacement $u_{i+1}$ in the neighbouring cell is defined by $u_{i}$ and the transition matrix $M$. It is shown that a parameter $\varphi$ may be defined leading to the (essential for further calculations) relation $M(\varphi)^{n}=M(n \varphi)$. This relation allows us to define the phase speed. The phase speed is real for small frequencies, but for large frequencies it may be complex.

Rozpatruje się periodyczny w przestrzeni ośrodek warstwowy. Przemieszczenie $u_{i}$ w komórce elementarnej jest sumą przemieszczenia odpowiadającego fali propagujacej się w prawo i fali propagującej się w lewo. Przemieszczenie $u_{i+1}$ w sąsiedniej komórce elementarnej określone jest przez $u_{i}$ i macierz przejścia $M$. Pokazano, że można zdefiniować pewien parametr $\varphi$ taki, że macierz przejścia $M=M(\varphi)$ ma 'stotną dla obliczeń własność $M(\varphi)^{n}=M(n \varphi)$. Ta własność, zupełnie taka sama jak własność liczb zespolonych, pozwala na łatwą interpretację rezultatów oraz na zdefiniowanie prędkości fazowej w układzie warstwowym. Prędkość fazowa w układzie warstwowym dla małych częstości jest rzeczywista, dla innych częstości może być zespolona.

Рассматривается периодическая в пространстве, слоистая среда. Перемещение $u_{i}$ в элементарной ячейке является суммой перемещения отвечающего волне распрост раняющейся вправо и волны распрост раняющейся влево. Перемещение $u_{i+1}$ в соседней элемент арной ячейке определено через $u_{i}$ и матрицу перехода $M$. ІІоказано, что можно определить некоторый параметр $\varphi$, такой, что матрица перехода $M=M(\varphi)$ имеет существенное для расчетов свойст во $M(\varphi)^{n}=M(n \varphi)$. Это свойство, вполне же такое самое как свойст во комплексных чисел, позволяет легко инт ерпрет ировать результаты и определить фазовую скорость в слоистой системе. Фазовая скорость в слоистой системе для мальх частот является действительной, для других частот может быть комптексной.

The systems of layers were dealt with in many papers, e.g. in the already classical ones [1-9]. In the present paper essential is the introduction of a new parameter $\varphi$ and representation of the transition matrix $M(\varphi)$ in the form satisfying the identity $M(\varphi)^{n}=M(n \varphi)$. This allows us to define the phase speed in the composite.

## 1. Reflection and transmission

Consider the system of homogeneous elastic layers, Fig. 1. The layer situated between $x_{k}$ and $x_{k+1}$ is denoted by $L_{k}$. The Lamé constants and density of the layer $L_{k}$ are denoted by $\lambda_{k}, \mu_{k}, \rho_{k}, k=1,2,3, \ldots$. In the direction $x$
perpendicular to the layers propagates the sinusoidal wave of frequency $\omega$. Due to the reflections, the wave propagating in the opposite direction appears. The total displacement in the layer $L_{k}$ is

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{k}=A_{k} \exp i \omega\left[t-\left(x-x_{k}\right) / c_{k}\right]+B_{k} \exp i \omega\left[t+\left(x-x_{k}\right) / c_{k}\right] \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $t$ is time, $x_{k} \leqslant x \leqslant x_{k+1}$, and $c_{k}$ is the wave speed in the $k$-th layer

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{k}^{2}=\left(\lambda_{k}+2 \mu_{k}\right) / \rho_{k} \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$



Fig. 1.

The displacement $u_{k}$ consists of two parts. The first part in Eq. (1.1) represents the wave of amplitude $A_{k}$ running in the $x$ direction. The second part represents the wave of amplitude $B_{k}$ running in the $-x$ direction. The displacement $u_{k}$ satisfies the equation of motion

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{k}^{2} u_{k, x x}=u_{k, t t} \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

The physical displacement is the real part of the complex-valued function $u_{k}(x, t)$.

At the boundary between the layers both the displacement and the stress vector are continuous. This fact leads to the relations

$$
\begin{align*}
A_{k-1} \exp \left(-i \alpha_{k}\right)+B_{k-1} \exp \left(i \alpha_{k}\right) & =A_{k}+B_{k}  \tag{1.4}\\
x_{k}\left[-A_{k-1} \exp \left(-i \alpha_{k}\right)+B_{k-1} \exp \left(i \alpha_{k}\right)\right] & =-A_{k}+B_{k}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha_{k}=\omega\left(x_{k}-x_{k-1}\right) / c_{k-1}, \quad x_{k}=\left(\rho_{k-1} c_{k-1}\right) /\left(\rho_{k} c_{k}\right) \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equation (1.4) may be solved for $A_{k}, B_{k}$ to yield

$$
\begin{gather*}
{\left[\begin{array}{l}
A_{k} \\
B_{k}
\end{array}\right]=M_{k}\left[\begin{array}{c}
A_{k-1} \\
B_{k-1}
\end{array}\right],}  \tag{1.6}\\
M_{k}=\frac{1}{2}\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\left(1+\chi_{k}\right) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{k}\right) & \left(1-\chi_{k}\right) \exp \left(i \alpha_{k}\right) \\
\left(1-x_{k}\right) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{k}\right) & \left(1+x_{k}\right) \exp \left(i \alpha_{k}\right)
\end{array}\right] . \tag{1.7}
\end{gather*}
$$

The transition matrix $M_{k}$ allows us to express $A_{k}, B_{k}$ by $A_{k-1}, B_{k-1}$. The determinant of $M_{k}$ depends on $\chi_{k}$ but not on $\alpha_{k}$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{det} M_{k}=x_{k} \tag{1.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 2. Periodic layers

Consider now the case when a set of layers is repeated periodically in space. The elementary cell may consist of an arbitrary number of layers. The simplest cell consist of two layers only, Fig. 2. Denote

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\begin{align*}
& \varkappa=\left(\rho_{a} c_{a}\right) /\left(\rho_{b} c_{b}\right), \quad \alpha_{a}=\omega d_{a} / c_{a}, \quad \alpha_{b}=\omega d_{b} / c_{b} ;  \tag{2.1}\\
& M_{a}=\frac{1}{2}\left[\begin{array}{ll}
(1+x) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{a}\right) & (1-x) \exp \left(i \alpha_{a}\right) \\
(1-x) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{a}\right) & (1+x) \exp \left(i \alpha_{a}\right)
\end{array}\right] \text {, }  \tag{2.2}\\
& M_{b}=\frac{1}{2}\left[\begin{array}{ll}
(1+1 / \chi) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{b}\right) & (1-1 / x) \exp \left(i \alpha_{b}\right) \\
(1-1 / \chi) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{b}\right) & (1+1 / x) \exp \left(i \alpha_{b}\right)
\end{array}\right] .
\end{align*}
$$

Fig. 2.

Therefore

$$
\begin{array}{lllll}
x_{k}=x, & c_{k}=c_{a}, & \alpha_{k}=\alpha_{a}, & M_{k}=M_{a} & \text { for } k=0,2,4, \ldots \\
x_{k}=1 / x & c_{k}=c_{b}, & \alpha_{k}=\alpha_{b}, & M_{k}=M_{b} & \text { for } k=1,2,5, \ldots
\end{array}
$$

In the above formulae $M_{a}$ is the transition matrix from $a$ to $b$, and $M_{b}$ the transition matrix from $b$ to $a$.

The purpose of the further analysis is to calculate the average wave speed in the set of layers. Concentrate first on the displacements in the layers of type $a$. In accord with Eq. (1.6), for each intiger $n$ there is

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
A_{2 n}  \tag{2.3}\\
B_{2 n}
\end{array}\right]=M^{n}\left[\begin{array}{l}
A_{0} \\
B_{0}
\end{array}\right], \quad M=M_{b} M_{a}, \quad n=1,2,3, \ldots,
$$

where $M$ is the transition matrix for one cell. From Eq. (2.2) it follows that this transition matrix has the following components:

$$
\begin{align*}
& 4 M_{11}=(2+\chi+1 / x) \exp i\left(-\alpha_{a}-\alpha_{b}\right)+(2-\chi-1 / \chi) \exp i\left(-\alpha_{a}+\alpha_{b}\right),  \tag{2.4}\\
& 4 M_{21}=(\varkappa-1 / x) \exp i\left(-\alpha_{a}-\alpha_{b}\right)-(\chi-1 / x) \exp i\left(-\alpha_{a}+\alpha_{b}\right),
\end{align*}
$$

Note that the matrix $M$ is non-Hermitean since $M_{11}$ is not real. The matrix with the symmetry (2.5) will be further called $W$-symmetric. The product of two $W$-symmetric matrices is $W$-symmetric. The matrix $M$ is the periodic function of $\alpha_{\alpha}$ and $\alpha_{b}$.

For $x=2, d_{a}=2 d_{b}$ some displacement profiles are given in Figs. 3-6. For $\alpha_{\alpha}=\alpha_{b}=0.1$ (Fig. 3), $\alpha_{\alpha}=\alpha_{b}=0.5$ (Fig. 4) and $\alpha_{\alpha}=\alpha_{b}=1$ (Fig. 5), the


Fig. 3.


displacement remains small in each cell. For $\alpha_{a}=\alpha_{b}=1.4$ (Fig. 6) the displacement grows exponentially with $n$.


Fig. 6.
Consider first the case when $\omega$ is sufficiently small. Then $\operatorname{Re} M_{11}<1$ and, in accord with the derivation given in the Appendix, the matrix $M$ may be written in the form

$$
M=\left[\begin{array}{lr}
\cos \varphi-i E \sin \varphi & (C+i D) \sin \varphi  \tag{2.6}\\
(C-i D) \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi+i E \sin \varphi
\end{array}\right],
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi=\arccos H, \quad H=\operatorname{Re} M_{11}, \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
E^{2}-C^{2}-D^{2}=1, \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\varphi, E, C, D$ are real parameters. The important identity holds
(2.9) $\quad M^{n}=\left[\begin{array}{lr}\cos n \varphi-i E \sin n \varphi & (C+i D) \sin n \varphi \\ (C-i D) \sin n \varphi & \cos n \varphi+i E \sin n \varphi\end{array}\right], \quad n=1,2, \ldots$

Figure 7 shows, for fixed $\varkappa$, the values of $\alpha_{\alpha}, \alpha_{b}$ for which $-1<H<1$ and $\varphi$ is real. For fixed $x$ the region between the curves corresponds to $H<-1$.


Fig. 7.

The smaller is $\chi$, the larger is the region for which $\varphi$ is real. Because of the periodicity of $M$, the picture repeats for larger values of $\alpha_{\alpha}, \alpha_{b}$. For $\chi=2$ the regions are shown in Fig. 8.

Calculate the displacement at the beginning of each layer of the kind $a$, therefore at the discrete set of points

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{n}=n\left(d_{a}+d_{b}\right), \quad n=1,2,3, \ldots \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

In accord with Eqs. (1.1), (2.3) and (2.9), we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
u\left(x_{n}, t\right)=\left\{\left[M_{11}(n \varphi)+M_{21}(n \varphi)\right]\right. & A_{0}  \tag{2.11}\\
& \left.+\left[M_{12}(n \varphi)+M_{22}(n \varphi)\right] B_{0}\right\} \exp i \omega t
\end{align*}
$$

or, in terms of the parameters $\varphi, C, D, E$,

$$
\begin{align*}
u\left(x_{n}, t\right)=\{[\cos n \varphi+(C & -i E-i D) \sin n \varphi] A_{0}  \tag{2.12}\\
& \left.+[\cos n \varphi+(C+i E+i D) \sin n \varphi] B_{0}\right\} \exp i \omega t .
\end{align*}
$$



Fig. 8.

The physical displacement is the real part of $u$ as given by the Eq. (2.12)

$$
\begin{align*}
\operatorname{Re}(u)=\left(A_{0}+B_{0}\right)(\cos n \varphi+C \sin n \varphi) & \cos \omega t  \tag{2.13}\\
& +\left(A_{0}-B_{0}\right)(E+D) \sin n \varphi \sin \omega t .
\end{align*}
$$

Simple trigonometric transformations lead to the formula

$$
\begin{align*}
\operatorname{Re}(u) & =w_{R}+w_{L} \\
2 w_{R} & =A_{0}[(1+E+D) \cos (\omega t-n \varphi)-C \sin (\omega t-n \varphi)] \\
& \quad+B_{0}[(1-E-D) \cos (\omega t-n \varphi)-C \sin (\omega t-n \varphi)]  \tag{2.14}\\
2 w_{L}= & A_{0}[(1-E-D) \cos (\omega t+n \varphi)+C \sin (\omega t+n \varphi)] \\
& \quad+B_{0}[(1+E+D) \cos (\omega t+n \varphi)+C \sin (\omega t+n \varphi)] .
\end{align*}
$$

The waves with the phase $(\omega t-n \varphi)$ run to the right, and the waves with the phase $(\omega t+n \varphi)$ run to the left. Note that the amplitudes of all waves are constant and do not depend on $n$, in contrast to the amplitudes $A_{k}, B_{k}$
in Eq. (2.3) which are functions of $n$. The arguments of the trigonometric functions (phase) do depend on $n$. Using Eq. (2.10) we obtain the formulae for phases $f_{R}$ and $f_{L}$ of the waves running to the right and the left

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{R}=\omega t-\varphi x_{n}\left(d_{a}+d_{b}\right)^{-1}, \quad f_{L}=\omega t+\varphi x_{n}\left(d_{a}+d_{b}\right)^{-1} \tag{2.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

or, in accord with Eq. (2.1), the formulae

$$
\begin{align*}
f_{R} & =\omega\left[t-\varphi x_{n}\left(\alpha_{a} c_{a}+\alpha_{b} c_{b}\right)^{-1}\right],  \tag{2.16}\\
f_{L} & =\omega\left[t+\varphi x_{n}\left(\alpha_{a} c_{a}+\alpha_{b} c_{b}\right)^{-1}\right] .
\end{align*}
$$

Both formulae hold for the discrete set of points $x=n\left(d_{a}+d_{b}\right)$ and arbitrary $t$. It follows that the phase speed $c$ of the waves $w_{R}$ and $w_{L}$ is given by the formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
c=\left(\alpha_{a} c_{a}+\alpha_{b} c_{b}\right) / \varphi \tag{2.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

or, using Eq. (2.8), in the explicit form

$$
\begin{equation*}
c=\left(\alpha_{a} c_{a}+\alpha_{b} c_{b}\right) / \arccos \left(\operatorname{Re} M_{11}\right) \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is seen from Eq. (2.4) that $\varphi=\varphi(\omega)$. Therefore, in accord with the above formula, we obtain $c=c(\omega)$ and the system of layers is dispersive. By differentiation of $c$ with respect to $\omega$ the group speed $c_{g}=d c / d \omega$ may be obtained. Note that for the homogeneous system $x=1$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Re} M_{11}=\cos \left(\alpha_{a}+\alpha_{b}\right), \quad \varphi=\alpha_{a}+\alpha_{b}, \quad c=\frac{\alpha_{a} c_{a}+\alpha_{b} c_{b}}{\alpha_{a}+\alpha_{b}} \tag{2.19}
\end{equation*}
$$

In this case the speed $c$ does not depend on $\omega$ and the system is non-dispersive. The curves $c(\omega)$ for some speed ratios will be shown in the next Section.

In the above calculations only the points $x=x_{2 k}$ were taken into account. The question arises what speed is obtained for other points. We shall show that Eq. (2.18) holds for other points too. Take $x=x_{2 k}+p$, where $p$ is fixed, $0<p<d_{a}$, and consider the periodic system consisting of three layers, Fig. 9. The three layers are introduced purely formally. Physically this system does not differ from the two-layered system considered above. The layers of thickness $p$ and $d_{a}-p$ are of the material $a$ and the layer of thickness $d_{b}$ of the material $b$. Denoting

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma=\omega \frac{P}{c_{a}} \tag{2.20}
\end{equation*}
$$



Fig. 9.
we obtain the transition matrix $M^{*}$ in the form of a product of three matrices

$$
M^{*}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\exp i\left(-\alpha_{a}+\gamma\right) & 0  \tag{2.21}\\
0 & \exp i\left(\alpha_{a}+\gamma\right)
\end{array}\right],
$$

$$
\left[\begin{array}{ll}
(1+1 / \chi) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{b}\right) & (1-1 / x) \exp \left(i \alpha_{b}\right) \\
(1-1 / \chi) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{b}\right) & (1+1 / x) \exp \left(i \alpha_{b}\right)
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
(1+x) \exp (-i \gamma)(1-\chi) \exp (i \gamma) \\
(1-\chi) \exp (-i \gamma)(1+\chi) \exp (i \gamma)
\end{array}\right] .
$$

After calculating the product we obtain $M_{11}^{*}=M_{11}$ what leads to

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi^{*}=\varphi . \tag{2.22}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows that the phase speed $c^{*}$ equals $c$ for each point situated in the layer $a$. On the other hand, $\operatorname{Re} M_{11}$ as given by $\mathrm{Eq}(2.4)$, is invariant with respect to the interchange $a \rightarrow b$. Summarizing: the phase speed $c$ is the same for each point of the elementary cell.

Above we have assumed $-1<\operatorname{Re} M_{11}<1$. If these inequalities do not hold, we face other cases described in the Appendix. Then in the formula (2.12), instead of the trigonometric functions $\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi$, the hyperbolic functions $\operatorname{ch} \varphi, \operatorname{sh} \varphi$ appear. This leads to the exponential growth or exponential decay of the displacements. In this case the phase speed $c$ is complex-valued. The frequency $\omega_{1}$ for which $\operatorname{Re} M_{11}=1$ or -1 will be called critical. For small $\omega$ the speed $c$ is always real.

## 3. Average speeds

Before analyzing the formula (2.18) for the phase speed, let us define two other speeds. The wave travelling with speed $c_{a}$ in the layer $L_{a}$ and speed $c_{b}$ in the layer $L_{b}$ covers the distance $d_{a}+d_{b}$ in the time interval $d_{a} / c_{a}+d_{b} / c_{b}$. The first average speed $c_{1}$ is defined by the relation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(d_{a}+d_{b}\right) / c_{1}=d_{a} / c_{a}+d_{b} / c_{b} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

From Eq. (2.1) it follows

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{1}=\left(\alpha_{a} c_{a}+\alpha_{b} c_{b}\right) /\left(\alpha_{a}+\alpha_{b}\right) \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Define next the second average speed $c_{2}$. Denote by $\rho$ and $E$ the density and Young modulus of the hypothetic homogeneous material possessing the same mass and rigidity as the system of layers. Due to a tensile stress $\sigma$ in the $x$-direction, the unit cell and the homogeneous material have the same elongation. Therefore $\rho$ and $E$ are defined by the relations (cf. Fig. 10)


Fig. 10.

$$
\begin{gather*}
\rho\left(d_{a}+d_{b}\right)=\rho_{a} d_{a}+\rho_{b} d_{b}, \\
\left(d_{a}+d_{b}\right) \sigma / E=d_{a} \sigma / E_{a}+d_{b} \sigma / E_{b} \tag{3.3}
\end{gather*}
$$

which lead to

$$
\begin{align*}
& \rho=\left(\rho_{a} d_{a}+\rho_{b} d_{b}\right) /\left(d_{a}+d_{b}\right)  \tag{3.4}\\
& E=\left(d_{a}+d_{b}\right) /\left(d_{a} / E_{a}+d_{b} / E_{b}\right)
\end{align*}
$$

In the homogeneous material the Young modulus is the product of the density and the squared propagation speed. Define the squared speed $c_{2}$ as the ratio $E / \rho$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{2}^{2}=\frac{\left(d_{a}+d_{b}\right)^{2}}{\left(d_{a} / E_{a}+d_{b} / E_{b}\right)\left(\rho_{a} d_{a}+\rho_{b} d_{b}\right)} \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Basing on Eq. (2.1) this formula may be transformed to the two equivalent formulae

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{2}^{2}=\frac{\left(\alpha_{a} c_{a}+\alpha_{b} c_{b}\right)^{2}}{\alpha_{a}^{2}+\alpha_{b}^{2}+(x+1 / \varkappa) \alpha_{a} \alpha_{b}} \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{2}^{2}=c_{1}^{2} \frac{\left(\alpha_{a}+\alpha_{b}\right)^{2}}{\alpha_{a}^{2}+\alpha_{b}^{2}+(\kappa+1 / \kappa) \alpha_{a} \alpha_{b}} . \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since for each $x$ we have $(x+1 / x) \geqslant 2$, it follows from Eq. (3.8) that $c_{2} \leqslant c_{1}$.
Analyze now the formula (2.17) for the phase speed $c$. Calculate first the speed $c$ for small $\alpha_{\alpha}, \alpha_{b}$ i.e. for small frequency $\omega$. In accord with Eq. (2.4) we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& M_{11}=\left[(2+\chi+1 / \chi) \cos \omega\left(d_{a} / c_{a}+d_{b} / c_{b}\right)\right. \\
& \left.\quad+(2-1 / \chi) \cos \omega\left(d_{a} / c_{a}-d_{b} / c_{b}\right)\right] / 4 \\
& \approx 1-\frac{\omega^{2}}{2}\left[\left(\frac{d_{a}}{c_{a}}\right)^{2}+\left(\frac{d_{b}}{c_{b}}\right)^{2}+\left(x+\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{d_{a} d_{b}}{c_{a} c_{b}}\right] \tag{3.9}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\varphi \approx\left[\alpha_{a}^{2}+\alpha_{b}^{2}+\left(x+\frac{1}{x}\right) \alpha_{a} \alpha_{b}\right]^{1 / 2}
$$

Substitution of the last result into Eq. (2.17) yields the approximate relation

$$
\begin{equation*}
c \approx\left(\alpha_{a} c_{a}+\alpha_{b} c_{b}\right)\left[\alpha_{a}^{2}+\alpha_{b}^{2}+\left(x+\frac{1}{\chi}\right) \alpha_{a} \alpha_{b}\right]^{-1 / 2} \tag{3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Comparison with Eq. (3.7) leads to the conclusion that for $\omega \Rightarrow 0$ also $c \Rightarrow 0$. In view of the periodicity of $M$, the same result holds for other $\omega$, provided $\alpha_{a} \Rightarrow 2 \pi n_{1}, \alpha_{b} \Rightarrow 2 \pi n_{2}$, where $n_{1}, n_{2}$ are integers.


Fig. 11.

Figure 11 gives the functions $c / c_{0}$ for $x=2$ and $x=16$ for several ratios $s=\alpha_{b} / \alpha_{a}$. For each $s$, ratio $c / c_{o}$ is a decreasing function of $\omega$. At $\alpha_{a}=0$ there is $c=c_{2}$. The function being monotonically decreasing for each frequency $\omega$ we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
c \leqslant c_{2} . \tag{3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Due to the periodicity it was assumed that $\varphi \leqslant 2 \pi$.
The above analysis concerned the case when the elementary cell consisted of two layers only. It is straightforward to generalize the results to any number $N$ of layers in the primitive cell. The transition matrices for the layers are then

$$
\begin{align*}
& M_{a_{k}}=\frac{1}{2}\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\left(1+x_{a_{k}}\right) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{a_{k}}\right) & \left(1-x_{a_{k}}\right) \exp \left(i \alpha_{a_{k}}\right) \\
\left(1-x_{a_{k}}\right) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{a_{k}}\right) & \left(1+x_{a_{k}}\right) \exp \left(i \alpha_{a_{k}}{ }_{k}\right.
\end{array}\right],  \tag{3.12}\\
& \operatorname{det} M_{a_{k}}=x_{a_{k}}, \quad k=1,2,3, \ldots, N-1 \text {, }  \tag{3.13}\\
& M_{a_{N}}=\frac{1}{2}\left[\begin{array}{ll}
(1+\xi) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{a_{N}}\right) & (1-\xi) \exp \left(i \alpha_{a_{N}}\right) \\
(1-\xi) \exp \left(-i \alpha_{a_{N}}\right) & (1+\xi) \exp \left(i \alpha_{a_{N}}\right)
\end{array}\right],  \tag{3.14}\\
& \begin{aligned}
\xi & =1 /\left(\chi_{a_{1}} \chi_{a_{2}} \ldots \chi_{a_{N-1}}\right), \\
\operatorname{det} M_{a_{N}} & =1 /\left(\alpha_{a_{1}} \chi_{a_{2}} \ldots \chi_{a_{N-1}}\right) .
\end{aligned} \tag{3.15}
\end{align*}
$$

The transition matrix (3.14) has a special form because it describes the transition back to the first material. Note that each of the above matrices is $W$-symmetric, therefore their product is $W$-symmetric. Moreover, their determinant equals 1 due to Eqs. (3.15). It follows that the product of the $N$ matrices (312), (3.14) satisfies Eq. (2.5), therefore the parameter $\varphi$ may be introduced. The qualitative results obtained for two layers in the primitive cell hold for arbitrary number of layers in this cell.

## Appendix

Consider the $2 \times 2$ complex-valued matrix $M$ satisfying the relations

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{21}=\overline{M_{12}}, \quad M_{22}=\overline{M_{11}}, \tag{A.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{det} M=1 \text {. } \tag{A.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The matrix with symmetry (A.1) will be called $W$-symmetric. The product of two $W$-symmetric matrices is $W$-symmetric. In general, the $W$-symmetric matrix is non-Hermitean.

Three cases are possible: either $-1<\operatorname{Re} M_{11}<1$, or $\operatorname{Re} M_{11} \geqslant 1$, or $\operatorname{Re} M_{11} \leqslant-1$. Consider first

$$
\begin{equation*}
-1<\operatorname{Re} M_{11}<1 . \tag{A.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Without loosing the generality assume the range $0<\varphi<\pi$ and write the matrix $M$ in the following form:

$$
M=\left[\begin{array}{lr}
\cos \varphi-i E \sin \varphi & (C+i D) \sin \varphi  \tag{A.4}\\
(C-i D) \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi+i E \sin \varphi
\end{array}\right],
$$

where the real parameters $\varphi, E, C, D$ are uniquely determined by the relations

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi=\arccos \left(\operatorname{Re} M_{11}\right), \tag{A.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
E \sin \varphi=\operatorname{Im} M_{22}, \quad C \sin \varphi=\operatorname{Re} M_{12}, \quad D \sin \varphi=\operatorname{Im} M_{12} . \tag{A.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

The relation (A.2) leads to

$$
\begin{equation*}
E^{2}-C^{2}-D^{2}=1 \tag{A.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

By mathematical induction we prove now the formula

$$
M^{n}=\left[\begin{array}{lr}
\cos n \varphi-i E \sin n \varphi & (C+i D) \sin n \varphi  \tag{A.8}\\
(C-i D) \sin n \varphi & \cos n \varphi+i E \sin n \varphi
\end{array}\right] .
$$

Multiplying by $M$ we get

$$
\begin{gather*}
M_{11}^{n+1}=\cos n \varphi \cos \varphi-\left(E^{2}-C^{2}-D^{2}\right) \sin n \varphi \sin \varphi-i E \sin (n+1) \varphi, \\
M_{21}^{n+1}=(C-i D) \sin (n+1) \varphi, \quad M_{22}^{n+1}=M_{11}^{n+1}, \quad M_{12}^{n+1}=M^{n+1} . \tag{A.9}
\end{gather*}
$$

Taking now into account Eqs. (A.7), we obtain

$$
M^{n+1}=\left[\begin{array}{lr}
\cos (n+1) \varphi-i E \sin (n+1) \varphi & C+i D) \sin (n+1) \varphi  \tag{A.10}\\
(C-i D) \sin (n+1) \varphi & \cos (n+1) \varphi+i E \sin (n+1) \varphi
\end{array}\right],
$$

what is exactly the formula (A.8) for the power $(n+1)$. The fact that (A.8) holds for $n=1$ completes the proof.

In the cases $\operatorname{Re} M_{11}>1$ and $\operatorname{Re} M_{11}<-1$ the above results may be used provided we allow for complex-valued $\varphi$. In the practical calculations, however, it is more convenient to introduce the hyperbolic functions and real parameter $\psi$, and to re-define the other constants.

Consider first
(A.11)

$$
\operatorname{Re} M_{11}>1 .
$$

Defining

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi=\operatorname{Arch}\left(\operatorname{Re} M_{11}\right), \tag{A.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

we can represent $M$ in the form

$$
M=\left[\begin{array}{lc}
\operatorname{ch} \psi-i E \operatorname{sh} \psi & (C+i D) \operatorname{sh} \psi  \tag{A.13}\\
(C-i D) \operatorname{sh} \psi & \operatorname{ch} \psi+i E \operatorname{sh} \psi
\end{array}\right],
$$

where the constants $E, C, D$ (other than in the trigonometric case) are defined by the relations
(A.14) $\quad E \operatorname{sh} \psi=\operatorname{Im} M_{22}, \quad C \operatorname{sh} \psi=\operatorname{Re} M_{12}, \quad D \operatorname{sh} \psi=\operatorname{Im} M_{12}$.

The condition det $M=1$ leads to

$$
\begin{equation*}
-E^{2}+C^{2}+D^{2}=1 \tag{A.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

By the mathematical induction, exactly in the same manner as in the trigonometric case, it may be shown that

$$
M^{n}=\left[\begin{array}{lr}
\operatorname{ch} n \psi-i E \operatorname{shn} \psi & (C+i D) \operatorname{shn} \psi  \tag{A.16}\\
(C-i D) \operatorname{sh} n \psi & \operatorname{ch} n \psi+i E \operatorname{sh} n \psi
\end{array}\right] .
$$

For

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Re} M_{11}<-1, \tag{A.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi=\operatorname{Arch}\left(-M_{11}\right), \tag{A.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

we have the following form of the matrix $M$ :

$$
M=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\operatorname{ch} \psi-i E \operatorname{sh} \psi & (C+i D) \operatorname{sh} \psi  \tag{A.1}\\
(C-i D) \operatorname{sh} \psi & \operatorname{ch} \psi+i E \operatorname{sh} \psi
\end{array}\right],
$$

where the real parameters $E, C, D$ are uniquely defined by the relations

$$
\begin{equation*}
-E \operatorname{sh} \psi=\operatorname{Im} M_{22}, \quad-C \operatorname{sh} \psi=\operatorname{Re} M_{12}, \quad-D \operatorname{sh} \psi=\operatorname{Im} M_{12} \tag{A.20}
\end{equation*}
$$

From det $M=1$ it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
-E^{2}+C^{2}+D^{2}=1, \tag{A.21}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
M=(-1)^{n}\left[\begin{array}{lr}
\operatorname{ch} n \psi-i E \operatorname{shn} \psi & (C+i D) \operatorname{sh} n \psi  \tag{A.22}\\
(C-i D) \operatorname{sh} n \psi & \operatorname{ch} n \psi+i E \operatorname{sh} n \psi
\end{array}\right] .
$$

The cases $\operatorname{Re} M_{11}=1$ and $\operatorname{Re} M_{11}<-1$ are not included in the formula (A.3) because then $E$ tends to infinity. Elementary calculations show that for $\operatorname{Re} M_{11}=1$ we obtain

$$
M=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
1-i E & C+i D  \tag{A.23}\\
C-i D & 1+i E
\end{array}\right], \quad M^{n}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
1-i n E & n(C+D) \\
n(C-i D) & 1+i n E
\end{array}\right],
$$

and for $\operatorname{Re} M_{11}=-1$

$$
M=-\left[\begin{array}{cc}
1-i E & C+i D  \tag{A.24}\\
C-i D & 1+i E
\end{array}\right], \quad M^{n}=(-1)^{n}\left[\begin{array}{cc}
1-i n E & n(C+D) \\
n(C-i D) & 1+i n E
\end{array}\right] .
$$

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