Chapter 6. Wind-Generated waves

6.1 Waves at Sea

local wind wave (short-crested) + swell (long-crested)



fully developed sea: unlimited fetch and duration of wind; wind energy input is balanced by energy dissipation due to wave breaking.

growing sea: limited fetch and duration of wind (most cases in nature)

6.2 Wind-Wave Generation and Decay

• Phillips (1957): initial stage

Turbulent wind energy is transferred to water by pressure fluctuation.



 $H(t) \propto t$ (linear growth of waves)

• Miles (1957): developing stage

After some waves are developed, eddies are formed at troughs.



 $H(t) \propto e^{\alpha t}$ (exponential growth of waves)

Assume that wave growth = sum of linear + exponential growth, and find coefficients using field dat

• Hasselmann (1962)

wave interactions \rightarrow energy transfer to lower frequencies



Growth of wind waves depends on

- 1) fetch length, F
- 2) wind speed, W
- 3) duration of wind, t_d
- 4) fetch width, B
- 5) water depth, d





Figure 6.1. Idealized wave growth and decay for a constant wind velocity.

If $t_d > F / C_g$, fetch-limited, H, T = f(W, F)

If $t_d = x_A / C_g < F / C_g$, duration-limited, $H, T = f(W, t_d)$

6.3 Wave Record Analysis for Height and Period

Zero-crossing method:



 H_n = average of the highest n% of the wave heights

e.g.
$$H_{10} = H_{1/10} = \frac{1}{N/10} \sum_{i=1}^{N/10} H_i$$

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in text more common expression

$$\begin{split} H_{33} &= H_{1/3} = \frac{1}{N/3} \sum_{i=1}^{N/3} H_i \equiv H_s \quad \text{(significant wave height)} \\ H_{100} &= \overline{H} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} H_i \\ H_{rms} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} H_i^2} \quad \text{(root-mean-squared wave height)} \\ T_s &= T_{H_{1/3}} = \frac{1}{N/3} \sum_{i=1}^{N/3} T_{H_i}; \quad T_{H_i} = \text{period of the wave of height of} \quad H_i \end{split}$$

Wave height distribution

Find probability density function, p(H), by plotting histogram of wave height:



m waves out of N have

$$H - \frac{\Delta H}{2} < H_i < H + \frac{\Delta H}{2}$$
$$p(H)\Delta H = \frac{m}{N}$$

 $\int_0^{\infty} p(H) dH = 1$ for probability density function

Longuet-Higgins: p(H) is given by a Rayleigh distribution

$$p(H) = \frac{2H}{H_{rms}^2} e^{-(H/H_{rms})^2}$$

cumulative probability, $P(H) = \text{probability}(H' \le H) = \int_0^H p(H) dH = 1 - e^{-(H/H_{ms})^2}$

exceedance probability = probability $(H' > H) = 1 - P(H) = e^{-(H/H_{ms})^2}$



$$\overline{H} = \int_0^\infty Hp(H)dH = 0.886H_{rms}$$
$$H_s = ?$$



Fig. 6.5: line $a \rightarrow \text{exceedance prob.} \left(\frac{H'}{H_{rms}} > \frac{H}{H_{rms}} \right)$

Note: *P* in the *y*-axis of Fig. 6.5 must be 1-P

line $b \rightarrow$ average of the highest n% waves



 $H_{\rm max} = 0.707 H_s \sqrt{\ln N} \cong 2.0 H_s$: used for design of offshore structures

Wave period distribution

Joint probability of H and T





where T_s = significant wave period from zero-crossing method T_p = peak period from spectral analysis.

6.4 Wave Spectral Characteristics

Irregular waves = superposition of many sinusoidal waves of different frequency, amplitude, phase, and direction



Using directional spectrum analysis, we obtain directional spectrum, $S(f, \theta)$.

Assuming single wave direction, we obtain frequency spectrum, S(f).



For a sinusoidal wave, energy per unit surface area or energy density is

$$\overline{E} = \frac{1}{8} \rho g H^2$$

Since $\rho g = \text{constant}$, we can write

$$S(f,\theta)dfd\theta = \sum_{f}^{f+df} \sum_{\theta}^{\theta+d\theta} \frac{H^{2}}{8}; \quad H = H(f,\theta)$$
$$S(f)df = \sum_{f}^{f+df} \frac{H^{2}}{8}; \quad H = H(f)$$



$$\overline{E}_{p} = \frac{1}{T_{*}} \int_{0}^{T_{*}} dE_{p}$$

$$= \frac{1}{T_{*}} \int_{0}^{T_{*}} \frac{\rho g}{2} (d+\eta)^{2} dt$$

$$= \frac{\rho g}{2T_{*}} \int_{0}^{T_{*}} (d^{2} + 2d\eta + \eta^{2}) dt$$

$$= \frac{\rho g}{2} d^{2} + \frac{\rho g}{2T_{*}} \int_{0}^{T_{*}} \eta^{2} dt$$

where $T_* =$ length of wave measurement. Considering the potential energy due to waves,

$$\overline{E}_p = \frac{\rho g}{2T_*} \int_0^{T_*} \eta^2 dt$$

Since $\overline{E}_p = \overline{E}_k$, the total energy density is

$$\overline{E} = 2\overline{E}_p = \frac{\rho g}{T_*} \int_0^{T_*} \eta^2 dt = \rho g \overline{\eta^2}$$

where the over-bar of $\overline{\eta^2}$ denotes time-average. Note that $\overline{\eta^2}$ is the variance of η . The definition of variance is $Var(x) = E[(x - \mu)^2]$. In our case, the mean, μ is zero.

For a discretely sampled η ,

$$\overline{E} = \frac{\rho g}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \eta_i^2$$

where N = number of samples in T_* .

Recalling

$$H_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} H_i^2}$$

we get

$$H_{rms}^{2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} H_{i}^{2}$$

$$\frac{\rho g}{8} H_{rms}^{2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\rho g}{8} H_{i}^{2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} E_{i} = \overline{E}$$

$$\therefore \ \overline{E} = \frac{\rho g}{8} H_{rms}^{2} = \frac{\rho g}{16} H_{s}^{2}$$

From Eq. (6.8)

$$S(f)df = \sum_{f}^{f+df} \frac{H^2}{8}$$
$$\overline{E} = \sum_{\text{all } f} \frac{\rho g}{8} H^2 = \rho g \int_0^\infty S(f) df \equiv \rho g m_0$$

where m_0 = zeroth moment of spectrum. The *n*th moment is given by

$$m_n = \int_0^\infty f^n S(f) df$$

Since $\overline{E} = \rho g \overline{\eta^2}$, $\overline{\eta^2} = m_0$. Also, since $\overline{E} = \frac{\rho g}{16} H_s^2$, $H_s = 4\sqrt{m_0} \equiv H_{m0}$

In deep water, $H_s \cong H_{m0}$. As kd decreases, $H_s > H_{m0}$ (see Fig. 6.7)

6.5 Wave Spectral Models

General form of frequency spectrum: $S(f) = \frac{A}{f^5} e^{-B/f^4}$

where A, B = empirical constants

Bretschneider spectrum

$$S(T) = \frac{3.44T^{3}\overline{H}^{2}}{\overline{T}^{4}}e^{-0.675(T/\overline{T})^{4}}$$

Using $S(f) = S(T)T^2$ and T = 1/f,

$$S(f) = \frac{3.44T^5 \overline{H}^2}{\overline{T}^4} e^{-0.675(T/\overline{T})^4}$$
$$= \frac{3.44\overline{H}^2}{\overline{T}^4 f^5} e^{-0.675\overline{T}^{-4}/f^4}$$

Bretschneider-Mitsuyasu spectrum (applicable to finite depth)

$$S(f) = 0.205H_s^2 T_s (T_s f)^{-5} \exp\left[-0.75(T_s f)^{-4}\right]$$

Pierson-Moskowitz spectrum (for fully developed seas)

$$S(f) = \frac{\alpha g^2}{(2\pi)^4 f^5} e^{-0.74(g/2\pi W f)^4}$$

where $\alpha = 8.1 \times 10^{-3}$ and W = wind speed at 19.5 m above SWL $\cong (1.05 \sim 1.1)W_{10}$

JONSWAP spectrum (growing seas in deep water)

Based on data of JOint North Sea WAve Project



where γ = peak enhancement factor (typical value = 3.3), and

$$\sigma = \begin{cases} 0.07 & \text{for } f < f_p \\ 0.09 & \text{for } f \ge f_p \end{cases}$$

JONSWAP spectrum with $\gamma = 1.0$ = Pierson-Moskowitz spectrum



TMA spectrum (includes effect of finite water depth)

$$S_{TMA} = S_J \Phi(f, d)$$

where $\Phi(f,d)$ = Kitaigordskii shape function for finite depth effect:

$$\Phi(f,d) = \begin{cases} 0.5\omega_d^2 & \text{for } \omega_d < 1\\ 1 - 0.5(2 - \omega_d)^2 & \text{for } 1 \le \omega_d \le 2\\ 1 & \text{for } \omega_d > 2 \end{cases}$$

where $\omega_d = 2\pi f (d/g)^{1/2}$



Figure 6.9. Correction factor for TMA spectrum.

Directional wave spectra

Frequency spectrum assumes waves with many different frequencies but a single direction. The real waves consist of many component waves with different frequencies and directions. Therefore, we need directional wave spectra.

 $S(f,\theta) = S(f)G(f;\theta)$

where $G(f;\theta)$ = directional spreading function, which represents directional distribution of wave energy. In general, $G(f;\theta)$ varies with frequency, f:

small $f \rightarrow$ long-period waves \rightarrow narrow spreading large $f \rightarrow$ short-period waves \rightarrow wide spreading

We take

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} G(f;\theta) d\theta = 1$$

so that $G(f;\theta)$ represents relative magnitude of directional spreading of wave energy.

$$\therefore \text{ total energy} = \int_0^\infty \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S(f,\theta) d\theta df$$
$$= \int_0^\infty \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S(f) G(f;\theta) d\theta df$$
$$= \int_0^\infty S(f) df$$

Cosine square function:



Mitsuyasu-type function:

$$G(f;\theta) = G(s)\cos^{2s}\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right); \quad G(s) = \frac{2^{2s-1}}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma^{2}(s+1)}{\Gamma(2s+1)}$$
$$s = \begin{cases} s_{\max}(f/f_{p})^{5} & \text{for } f < f_{p} \\ s_{\max}(f/f_{p})^{-2.5} & \text{for } f > f_{p} \end{cases}$$

 $s = s_{\text{max}}$ at $f = f_p$, and s decreases as $|f - f_p|$ increases.

Swell \rightarrow larger $s_{\text{max}} \rightarrow$ narrow spreading

Wind wave \rightarrow smaller $s_{\max} \rightarrow$ wide spreading

6.6 Wave Prediction – SMB Method

↑ Sverdrup, Munk, Bretschneider

Consider a box storm:



By dimensional analysis,

 $\frac{gH_s}{W^2}, \frac{gT_s}{2\pi W} = f\left(\frac{gF}{W^2}, \frac{gt_d}{W}\right)$

Using Fig. 6.10,

$$\frac{gF}{W^2} \rightarrow H_s, T_s \quad (1)$$
$$\frac{gt_d}{W} \rightarrow H_s, T_s \quad (2)$$

Choose the smaller values of (1) and (2). If (1) is smaller, it is fetch-limited condition. If (2) is smaller, duration-limited condition.

For a typhoon, use Eqs. (6.37) and (6.38):

 $R = \text{radius to maximum wind speed } (W_R)$ $\Delta p = p_a - p_e = \text{strength of typhoon}$ $V_F = \text{forward speed of typhoon}$ $\alpha \cong 1 \text{ for slow moving typhoon}$

6.7 Wave Prediction - Spectral Models

 $S(f) = \frac{A}{f^5} e^{-B/f^4} \quad \leftarrow \text{ general form}$ $A, B = \text{empirical constants} = f(W, F, t_d)$

Given
$$W, F, t_d \to S(f) \to H_s \cong H_{m0} = 4\sqrt{m_0}; \quad m_0 = \int_0^\infty S(f) df$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial f} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad f = f_p \to \text{find} \quad f_p \to T_p \to T_s = 0.95T_p$$

SPM: $W, F, t_d \rightarrow (\text{w/o calculation of } S(f)) \rightarrow H_{m0}, T_p$ for JONSWAP spectrum

$$W_{A} = 0.71W^{1.23}$$

$$\frac{gH_{m0}}{W_{A}^{2}} = 0.0016 \left(\frac{gF}{W_{A}^{2}}\right)^{0.5} \quad (6.40)$$

$$\frac{gT_p}{W_A} = 0.286 \left(\frac{gF}{W_A^2}\right)^{0.33}$$
(6.41)

$$\frac{gt_{d}'}{W_{A}} = 68.8 \left(\frac{gF}{W_{A}^{2}}\right)^{0.66}$$
 (6.42)

where $t_d' =$ minimum duration for fetch-limited condition, whereas $t_d =$ actual duration.

If $t_d \ge t_d'$, fetch-limited \rightarrow Use Eqs. (6.40), (6.41)

If $t_d < t_d'$, duration-limited \rightarrow Calculate F using $t_d' = t_d$ with Eq. (6.42) \rightarrow Use Eqs. (6.40), (6.41) with new F.

6.8 Numerical Wave Prediction Models (read text)

6.9 Extreme Wave Analysis

Return period (再現期間)?

Ex) H_s of 50 year return period = significant wave height which can occur once in every 50 years on the average.

How can we estimate H_s of 50 year return period with limited data (e.g. 2 year data)?

Return period analysis using Gumbel distribution

- 1) H_s was measured every hour for 2 years.
- 2) Select daily maximum H_s .

number of data, $N = 365 \times 2 = 730$,

- r = time interval in years = $\frac{1}{365} = 0.00274$
- 3) Rearrange H_s in descending order from $H_s(1)$ to $H_s(N)$.
- 4) Compute cumulative probability, $P(H_s)$ for each H_s .



5) Plot H_s vs $-\ln\{-\ln[P(H_s)]\}$ \rightarrow Find β, γ for best fit.

Gumbel distribution: $P(H) = \exp\left\{-\exp\left[-\left(\frac{H-\gamma}{\beta}\right)\right]\right\}$ $H = -\beta \ln\left\{-\ln[P(H)]\right\} + \gamma$

6) Calculate $P(H_s)|_{T_r}$ by using

$$\frac{r}{T_r} = 1 - P(H_s) \rightarrow P(H_s) \Big|_{T_r=50} = 1 - \frac{r}{T_r} = 1 - \frac{0.00274}{50} = 0.9999452$$

7) Calculate H_s ($T_r = 50$ yr) by

$$H_{s}\Big|_{T_{r}=50} = -\beta \ln\{-\ln(0.9999452)\} + \gamma$$

Use similar procedures for other distributions (see Table 6.1)

Encounter probability:

 $E = 1 - e^{-T/T_r}$ ← 재현기간 T_r 인 사건이 기간 T 동안에 발생할 확률