$$f_{D} = C_{D} \frac{1}{2} \rho g D H^{2} \left\{ \frac{gT}{4L^{2}} \left\{ \frac{\cosh \left[2\pi \left(z+d\right)/L\right]}{\cosh \left[2\pi d/L\right]} \right\}^{2} \right\} \cos \left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) \left[\cos \left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right)\right] (7-26)$$

Equations (7-25) and (7-26) show that the two force components vary with elevation on the pile z and with time t. The inertia force f_i is maximum for $\sin(-2\pi t/T) = 1$, or for t = -T/4 for Airy wave theory. Since t = 0 corresponds to the wave crest passing the pile, the inertia force attains its maximum value T/4 sec *before* passage of the wave crest. The maximum value of the drag force component f_D coincides with passage of the wave crest when t = 0.

Variation in magnitude of the maximum inertia force per unit length of pile with elevation along the pile is, from equation (7-25), identical to the variation of particle acceleration with depth. The maximum value is largest at the surface z = 0 and decreases with depth. The same is true for the drag force component f_D ; however, the decrease with depth is more rapid since the attenuation factor, $\cosh [2\pi(z + d)/L]/\cosh[2\pi d/L]$, is squared. For a quick estimate of the variation of the two force components relative to their respective maxima, the curve labeled $K = 1/\cosh[2\pi d/L]$ in Figure 7-68 can be used. The ratio of the force at the bottom to the force at the surface is equal to K for the inertia forces, and to K^2 for the drag forces.

The design wave will usually be too high for Airy theory to provide an accurate description of the flow field. Nonlinear theories in Chapter 2 showed that wavelength and elevation of wave crest above stillwater level depend on wave steepness and the *wave height water depth* ratio. The influence of steepness on crest elevation η and wavelength is presented graphically in Figures 7-69 and 7-70. The use of these figures is illustrated by the following examples.

GIVEN: Depth d = 4.5 m (14.8 ft), wave height H = 3.0 m (9.8 ft), and wave period T = 10 s.

FIND: Crest elevation above stillwater level, wavelength, and relative variation of force components along the pile.

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