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Abstract

This paper concerns the propagation of plane harmonic waves in an infinite fiber-reinforced elastic medium. The composite material is represented by an equivalent homogeneous transversely isotropic matter whose preferred directions coincide with the orientations of the fibers. The fibers are assumed to wobble periodically about a dominant direction, all fibers being parallel to each other. This wobbliness endows the material with a structural periodicity which generates dispersion at various frequencies and instability for various frequency bands. The zones of instability are analyzed in some detail.

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