3D numerical analysis of anti-slide pile resistance effect and coupling effect of soil-pile interaction

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Abstract. The phenomenon of the soil arch effect of anti-slide pile be discussed. Anti-slide pile resistance effect and soil-pile interaction being analyzed by three-dimensional numerical software FLAC3D With engineering examples as the background to establish numerical model, and considering the pile soil contact surface element properties. Demonstrates the reliability of numerical model by compared to the displacement of sliding zone area monitoring and scene of the field observation data analysis anti-slide pile resistance slide effect. After anti-slide pile construction, displacement and shear stress nephogram mutagenesis as oblique type of "L" shape cloud, anti-slide pile resistance slip effect is obvious. Can used the effect of soil-pile interaction effective prevention and control of landslides that was formed by anti-slide pile and soil formation, to optimize the design of the anti-slide pile when the anti-slide pile design, provides a feasible analysis method for the study of landslide prevention and control effect that has the same engineering geological conditions.

Introduction

Landslide is a common geological disasters is more outstanding in the three gorges reservoir's areas, heavy rains and reservoir water level and other factors contributed to this disaster occurs, often cause serious losses. slide-resistant pile is an effective resistance sliding structure that pile body area is large and using the interaction of pile, sliding body and sliding bed to resistance sliping[1]. When the sliding body after pile act on the pile, soil arch effect was formed because of the differences physical properties between two kinds of medium pile and soil led to the "tight" wedge effect between the soil particles[2]. Can used the effect of soil-pile interaction effective prevention and control of landslides that was formed by anti-slide pile and soil formation. The thrust after the landslide out-of-level, in the spatial distribution, coupling analysis of piles-soil in three dimensional space that Considering the interaction among piles, sliding body and sliding bed was rare in the literature[3-17], this paper analysis of the three-dimensional space's anti-slide pile resistance effect and coupling effect of soil-pile interaction by uses the three-dimensional numerical analysis software FLAC3D.

Engineering example and 3D numerical model

Three-dimensional numerical model take majiagou 1# landslide that in three gorges reservoir area for example, 1# landslide is located in the left bank of the Yangtze river, about 2.1 km away from the Yangtze river estuary, its leading edge is below the 135m water level, leading edge forming a steep slope due to river erosion, is in unstable condition, Has to governance the anti-slide measures(fig 1).

Selected the central axis section in 1# landslide for numerical calculation model. consider effect between pile and soil, pile and pile, so selection four piles that in the central of landslide and the construction has been finished to analyze the anti-slide pile resistance effect and coupling effect of soil-pile interaction. Pile length is 18m pile spacing section is 2m×3m×5m (fig 2). The model using ansys software pretreatment, local fine mesh in the study area of pile and soil and slippery body sliding zone location, after that import the model to FLAC3D software, the model totals has 117544 units and 118917 nodes. In the simulation of the actual situation of pile - soil interaction should be considered
with slip between pile and soil contact, therefore, set the pile soil contact surface between the two (fig 3).

Pile-soil contact surface parameters is a key, Potyondy and Acer's research shows that the value of the anti-slide pile and soil friction angle between soil's 0.6~0.7 times, cohesive force value is adjacent soil's 0.7~0.8 times is more appropriate. The normal stiffness and shear stiffness take the "hard" equivalent stiffness of the adjacent area around 10 times: \( K_n \) and \( K_s \) can use the following formula \(^{[18]}\):

\[
K_n = K_s = 10 \max \left( \frac{K + 4G}{3} / \Delta z_{\text{min}} \right)
\]

Where: \( K_n \) and \( K_s \) is the normal stiffness and shear stiffness\( (\text{MPa}) \), \( \Delta z_{\text{min}} \) is the minimal size in the connection area on contact surface normal, dimensionless. Obtained the pile soil contact surface parameters (table 1, where \( \phi \) is friction angle \( \varphi \) is cohesive force):

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<th>contact surface type</th>
<th>( K_n ) (GPa)</th>
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<th>( \phi ) (°)</th>
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<td>30.928</td>
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The calculating model's bottom surface, left and right sides, pre and post side be fixed, the top surface be freed. The result of calculation's accuracy is related to the model's parameters of each medium, rock and earth mass be used for the mohr coulomb model, anti-slide pile serve as the elastic model, the parameters obtained by laboratory test.

Three-dimensional numerical analysis

Set up a series of monitoring stations in the sliding surface location to calculation and analysis, using 3D numerical model to demonstrates the reliability, contrast the Landslide model that not using anti-slide pile or using anti-slide pile. The results according to the calculation are as follows:

**Horizontal displacement analysis**

The local of natural slope landsiade's trailing edge have 10cm displacement. The maximum of the displacement is 15 cm (fig 4) in the landslide body that located in the landslide leading edge. After the anti-slide pile construction, it can be seen from the contour map the displacement of the landslide trailing edge is less than 6cm(fig 5), the displacement of the landslide gradually to increase that in front
of anti-slide pile. The maximum displacement is 12cm that located in the landslide leading edge, which accord with on-site field investigation in March 2011 (fig 6). The Landslide trailing edge 's crack about 5 to 7cm, the maximum of middle and lower's crack is 15cm, illustrates the calculation result of the landslide model that after anti-slide pile construction is believable. After anti-slide pile construction, displacement nephogram mutagenesis oblique type of "L" shape cloud, anti-slide pile resistance slip effect is obvious. The displacement of landslide is smaller than the pile not construction, the Contour map of displacement mutagenesis as oblique type of "L" shape, that means the resistance slip effect of anti-slide pile is obvious.

![A The trailing edge's crack](image1)

![b The middle and lower's crack](image2)

Fig.5 The measurement of crack figure after anti-slide pile construction

Fig.6 Contour map of shear stress in nature  Fig.8 Contour map of shear stress after anti-slide pile construction

Shear stress analysis

From the shear stress nephogram (fig 7), the maximum shear stress of the slip band is 0.45MPa, maximum shear stress of the landslide mass is 6.6MPa that located at the bottom of the ridge. After anti-slide pile construction, the maximum shear stress of slip band is less than 0.2MPa, the shear stress increase around anti-slide pile. The Contour map of shear stress mutagenesis as oblique type of "L" shape too, that means the resistance slip effect of anti-slide pile is obvious. set up a series of monitoring points in the slip band position of that two models, the monitoring point set between 3# and 4# pile in order to facilitate analysis the changes of soil's displacement and stress between piles.

![Fig.7 Horizontal displacement analysis of sliding zone’s monitoring stations](image3)

![Fig.10 Shear stress analysis of sliding zone’s monitoring stations](image4)

Monitoring result analysis

Set up a series of monitoring points in the slip band position of that two models, the monitoring point set between 3# and 4# pile in order to facilitate analysis the changes of soil's displacement and stress between piles. The anti-slide pile's position is between 240~243m in the x direction. By the
fig 9, anti-slide pile has obvious resistance slide effect, it's makes the X direction displacement decreases obviously, especially near the pile, from 90mm that the pile pre-construction changed to under 10mm when the pile after-construction. the shear stress value changed small in the landslide leading edge whatever the pile construction or not, after the pile construction the shear stress value of soil nearby the pile is increased 6 times than there without pile, in the Landslide trailing edge the shear stress value of the pile after-construction is higher that pre-construction, analysis that the pile play a important part in resistance slide effect, Lead to the soil that after pile resistance sliding, the pile and soil "coupling" resistance slip.

Summary

(1). Taking majiagou 1# landslide as an example, establish numerical model, and considering the pile-soil contact surface properties, set up a series of monitoring point in sliding zone Analysis of the anti-slide pile resistance slide effect, compared to the wild field observation data demonstrates the reliability of numerical model.

(2). After the anti-slide pile construction, the maximum displacement of the landslide is smaller than before, the contour map of displacement and shear stress mutagenesis as oblique type of "L" shape, that means the resistance slip effect of anti-slide pile is obvious.

(3). Monitoring results shows, anti-slide pile has obvious resistance slide effect, make the X direction displacement decreases obviously, especially near the pile, the pile and soil "coupling" resistance slip.

(4). Can use the three-dimensional numerical analysis software FLAC3D to analysis the anti-slide pile resistance effect and coupling effect of soil-pile interaction, provides a feasible analysis method for the study of landslide prevention and control effect that has the same engineering geological conditions.

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