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Introduction

The 8-magnitude deadly earthquake which struck Wenchuan county, Sichuan province in China on May 12, 2008, caused lots of geological disasters, such as landslide and collapse [1-3]. Research found that excavation damage slopes were mountain disaster-prone areas and intensive outbreak areas under the action of seismic load [4]. As one of main types of mountain disasters in Wenchuan earthquake stricken areas, deformation damage of soil slopes was significantly influenced by excavation damage. Statistics showed that, in researched 136 typical landslides and collapse disasters occurred in the earthquake-hit areas, there were total of 17 soil landslides and collapse disasters, 10 of which occurred at highway excavation damage slopes. Soil slope excavation damage is a problem that we often encountered in mountainous area construction. Therefore, research the deformation mechanism of excavation damage soil slope under seismic load has great practical and theoretical significance which provide the theory basis for the soil excavation slope disaster prevention and control.

In past decades, foreign and domestic researchers have made lots of researches on the response and stability of slopes under the action of seismic load and mainly focused on the research on rock slopes [3], however, excavation damage was not taken as an influence factor to analyze the stability of slope under the action of seismic load. Xie Hongqiang and other researchers researched the dynamic response and stability of slopes of compound accumulation bodies under a strong earthquake [5], but still did not take the excavation damage effect into consideration.

Generally, there are few researches on influence of excavation on soil slope deformation damage mechanism under the action of seismic load. Therefore, taking the Shui caoping landslide as an example, the numerical simulation model of a slope was established. With anys finite element program, the soil slope deformation damage in unexcavated and excavated conditions under the action of seismic load was compared and analyzed to study the influence of excavation on soil slope deformation damage under the action of seismic load.

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