

VIBRATIONS OF STRUCTURES CONTAINING LIQUIDS HYDROELASTIC/SLOSHING INTERACTIONS AND COMPRESSIBILITY EFFECTS

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ABSTRACT

In a first step, we present the low frequency vibratory analysis of fluid–structure interactions in an elastic tank partially filled with an incompressible inviscid liquid. The originality of this work is to give an exact expression of the gravity interface operator whereas other standard hydroelastic formulations treat this effect through approximations. The properties of this so-called elastogravity operator is studied from theoretical and numerical point of view. The computational model quantifies the effect of coupling between the liquid sloshing and the hydroelastic deformations of the structure.

In a second step, various variational formulations for the linear vibrations of bounded fluid–structure systems, taking into account possible gravity/acoustic interactions are investigated and discussed. The system consists of a tank partially filled with an inviscid liquid. Two situations corresponding to the cases of a *homogeneous* and a *non-homogeneous* liquid are considered. In this respect, the basic equations describing the interactions between acoustic and gravity waves are derived and appropriate variational formulations are constructed.

In a third step, we investigate and discuss, from *theoretical point of view*, various reduced order variational formulations for modal analysis of linear vibrations of bounded fluid–structure systems with free surface, taking into account possible gravity/compressibility interactions, in a *non-homogeneous* fluid situation. Those formulations are based on component mode synthesis techniques and various modal reduction schemes are then obtained.

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