





## **Catenary Risers: Global Analysis**

## Static Problem general equations

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## **Catenary lines**







## **Effective Tension Concept**



$$p_{ext}(s) = \rho_a g \Big( H - y(s) \Big)$$





## General Kirshoff-Clebsh-Love Equations (KCL equations)

Curved bars – large displacements, small deformations

$$\frac{dT}{ds} - Q_v \kappa_w + Q_w \kappa_v + f_u = 0$$
  
$$\frac{dQ_v}{ds} - Q_w \kappa_u + T\kappa_w + f_v = 0$$
  
$$\frac{dQ_w}{ds} - T\kappa_v + Q_v \kappa_u + f_w = 0$$
  
$$\frac{dM_u}{ds} - M_v \kappa_w + M_w \kappa_v + K_u = 0$$
  
$$\frac{dM_v}{ds} - M_w \kappa_u + M_u \kappa_w - Q_w + K_v = 0$$
  
$$\frac{dM_w}{ds} - M_u \kappa_v + M_v \kappa_u + Q_v + K_w = 0$$







## Euler angles and Curvature analogy

$$\kappa_{u} = \frac{d\psi}{ds} + \frac{d\phi}{ds}\cos\theta$$
$$\kappa_{v} = \frac{d\theta}{ds}\sin\psi - \frac{d\phi}{ds}\sin\theta\cos\psi$$
$$\kappa_{w} = \frac{d\theta}{ds}\cos\psi + \frac{d\phi}{ds}\sin\theta\sin\psi$$







## **Rigid Body Dynamic Equations**

$$\frac{d\mathbf{Q}}{ds} + \mathbf{c} \wedge \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{ds} + \mathbf{c} \wedge \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{c} = (\kappa_u, \kappa_v, \kappa_w)$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = (T, Q_v, Q_w)$$
$$\mathbf{M} = (M_u, M_v, M_w)$$
$$\mathbf{f} = (f_u, f_v, f_w)$$
$$\mathbf{K} = (K_u, K_v, K_w)$$

### Mathematically analogous

- **Q** momentum
- **M** angular momentum
- c angular velocity vector
- **K** Moment of external forces wrt an arbitrary point O
- **u** velocity of point O











If stiffness independent on s:

If plane case, no twisting:

If distributed loads absent:

If a constant pitch helix case:





If distributed moment loading absent:

$$\left(K_{u};K_{v};K_{w}\right)=\left(0;0;0\right)$$

$$\frac{dT}{ds} = Q_{v}\kappa_{w} - Q_{w}\kappa_{v} - f_{u}$$

$$B_{u} \frac{d\kappa_{u}}{ds} - (B_{v} - B_{w})\kappa_{v}\kappa_{w} = 0$$

$$B_{v} \frac{d^{2}\kappa_{v}}{ds^{2}} - (B_{w} - B_{u})\frac{d}{ds}(\kappa_{w}\kappa_{u}) - T\kappa_{v} + Q_{v}\kappa_{u} + f_{w} = 0$$

$$B_{w} \frac{d^{2}\kappa_{w}}{ds^{2}} - (B_{u} - B_{v})\frac{d}{ds}(\kappa_{u}\kappa_{v}) + Q_{w}\kappa_{u} - T\kappa_{w} - f_{v} = 0$$
If symmetric section:
$$B_{v} = B_{w} = B_{f} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \kappa_{u} = \tau_{0}, \text{ constant}$$

$$\frac{dT}{ds} = Q_{v}\kappa_{w} - Q_{w}\kappa_{v} - f_{u}$$

$$\kappa_{u} = \tau_{0}$$

$$B_{f} \frac{d^{2}\kappa_{v}}{ds^{2}} - (B_{f} - B_{u})\tau_{0}\frac{d\kappa_{w}}{ds} - T\kappa_{v} + Q_{v}\tau_{0} + f_{w} = 0$$

$$B_{f} \frac{d^{2}\kappa_{w}}{ds^{2}} - (B_{u} - B_{f})\tau_{0}\frac{d\kappa_{v}}{ds} + Q_{w}\tau_{0} - T\kappa_{w} - f_{v} = 0$$





Symmetric sections:

necessary (though not suficient) condition for null twist is the the applied twisting load be null. In this case:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{ds} &= Q_v \kappa_w - Q_w \kappa_v - f_u \\ \kappa_u &= 0 \\ B_f \frac{d^2 \kappa_v}{ds^2} - T \kappa_v + f_w = 0 \\ B_f \frac{d^2 \kappa_w}{ds^2} - T \kappa_w - f_v = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Though relevant to instability analysis under twist (see Ramos & Pesce, 2003; Gay neto & Martins, 2011), torsion will be left aside from now on !





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## Catenary lines







# The static equilibrium equations can be reduced to a single nonlinear ordinary differential equation:

Taking 
$$f_v = f_n = -q \cos \theta + h_n(s)$$
  
 $f_u = f_t = -q \sin \theta + h_t(s)$ 

#### Where

- *h* stands for hydrodynamic forces and
- *q* is the immersed weight

It follows, after a long algebraic effort (Love; see also Pesce, 1997),

$$B\frac{d^{2}\theta}{ds^{2}}\sec\theta + qs - \int_{s} \left(h_{n}\sec\theta + \sec^{2}\theta\left(\frac{d\theta}{ds}\right)\int_{s} (h_{n}sen\theta - h_{t}\cos\theta)d\xi\right)ds = T_{0}\tan\theta - Q_{0}$$



## Absence of ocean current



In this case, the integral term is identically null:

$$B\frac{d^2\theta}{ds^2}\sec\theta + qs = T_0\tan\theta - Q_0$$

If bending stiffness effect is neglected leads to the Catenary Equation

$$\tan \theta_c(s_c) = \frac{qs_c}{T_{0c}}$$





#### The catenary curvature is then given by:

$$\chi_{c}(s_{c}) = \frac{d\theta_{c}}{ds_{c}} = \frac{q}{T_{0c}} \cos^{2}\theta_{c}(s_{c}) = \frac{q}{T_{0c}} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{qs_{c}}{T_{0c}}\right)^{2}}$$

Tension is:

$$\frac{dT_c}{ds_c} = q \operatorname{sen} \theta_c \quad \longrightarrow \quad T_c(s_c) = T_{0c} \operatorname{sec} \theta_c$$

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$$T_y = T_c(s_c) \operatorname{sen} \theta_c = T_{0c} \tan \theta_c = qs_c$$

$$T_x = T_c(s_c) \cos \theta_c = T_{0c}; \text{ constante}$$

#### The horizontal component of tension is constant along the catenary line!



#### Cartesian coordinates



From:  $\frac{dx}{ds} = \cos\theta; \quad \frac{dy}{ds} = sen\theta; \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \tan\theta$ and

$$\frac{d}{ds_c} \left( T_c(s_c) \operatorname{sen} \theta_c \right) = \frac{dT_c}{ds_c} \operatorname{sen} \theta_c + T_c(s_c) \cos \theta_c \frac{d\theta_c}{ds_c} = q \operatorname{sen}^2 \theta_c + q \cos^2 \theta_c = q$$

follows:

$$\frac{d^2 y_c}{dx_c^2} - \frac{q}{T_{0c}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{dy_c}{dx_c}\right)^2\right)^{1/2} = 0$$

Whose solution is the wellknown catenary equation:

$$y_{c}(x) = \frac{T_{0c}}{q} \cosh\left(\frac{q}{T_{0}}x_{c} + C_{1}\right) + C_{2}$$





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$$y_c = dy_c/dx_c = 0$$
 at  $x_c = 0$ 

Leading to:

$$y_c(x) = \frac{T_{0c}}{q} \left\{ \cosh\left(\frac{q}{T_0} x_c\right) - 1 \right\}$$

**Parametric Equations** 

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#### Back to the catenary curvature function:

$$\chi_{c}(s_{c}) = \frac{d\theta_{c}}{ds_{c}} = \frac{q}{T_{0c}} \cos^{2}\theta_{c}(s_{c}) = \frac{q}{T_{0c}} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{qs_{c}}{T_{0c}}\right)^{2}}$$

And observing that

$$\chi_c(0) = \chi_{0c} = \frac{q}{T_{0c}}$$

is the curvature at TDP:

• 
$$\chi_c(s) = \chi_{0c} \cos^2 \theta_c(s_c) = \chi_{0c} \frac{1}{1 + (\chi_{0c} s_c)^2}$$

$$\chi_c(s) \cong \chi_{0c} \left( 1 - \left( \chi_{0c} s_c \right)^2 \right); \quad \chi_{0c} s_c \ll 1$$





#### Other useful relations:

$$L_c = \frac{T_{0c}}{q} \tan \Theta_c^t$$

$$H = \int_{0}^{H} dy_{c} = \frac{T_{0c}}{q} \int_{0}^{\theta_{c}^{t}} \operatorname{sen} \theta_{c} \operatorname{sec}^{2} \theta_{c} d\theta_{c} = \frac{T_{0c}}{q} \left( \operatorname{sec} \theta_{c}^{t} - 1 \right)$$

$$\cos \theta_{c}^{t} = \left(\frac{qH}{T_{0c}} + 1\right)^{-1}$$

$$\sin \theta_{c}^{t} = \left(\left(1 + \frac{qH}{T_{0c}}\right)^{2} - 1\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{qH}{T_{0c}} + 1\right)^{-1}$$

$$L_{c} = \frac{T_{0c}}{q} \left(\left(1 + \frac{qH}{T_{0c}}\right)^{2} - 1\right)^{1/2}$$





### Catenary with a TDP on a horizontal bottom No current

Nondimensional curves; parameterized wrt angle at upper end







 $\theta_{cL} = 1.0; 1.25; 1.5 \text{rad}$ 













- Effective tension is a fundamental concept in submerged lines.
- The classic Kirschoff-Clebsh-Love equilibrium equations are a essential tool in catenary riser analysis.
- In the planar problem Love equations can be reduced to a single second-order ODE in  $\theta(s)$ .
- This equation must be solved iteratively, since the hydrodynamic forces depend on the sought equilibrium configuration.
- In the absence of current KCL equations reduce to the well known catenary equation.





### Appendix: The planar static problem under current







### Curvature at TDP

• Under or not current forces curvature at TDP is given by:

$$\chi_0 = \frac{d\theta}{ds}\Big|_{s=0} = \frac{q}{T_0}$$

• Current effect is implicit to the tension at TDP:  $T_0$ 





## First-order approximate solution under constant current profile

In first-order, around the catenary solution:

Horizontal coordinates of upper end point and center of mass

$$\frac{x_{Lc}}{H} = \frac{\ln(\tan\theta_{cL} + \sec\theta_{cL})}{\sec\theta_{cL} - 1} \qquad \frac{x_{Gc}}{H} = \frac{\cot\theta_{cL}}{\sec\theta_{cL} - 1} \left\{ 1 - \sec\theta_{cL} + \tan\theta_{cL} \ln(\tan\theta_{cL} + \sec\theta_{cL}) \right\}$$

#### Hydrodynamic forces center coordinates:

$$\frac{x_{Y_C}}{H} = \frac{1}{\sec \theta_{cL} - 1} \left\{ \frac{a_Y(\theta_{cL}) + \eta b_Y(\theta_{cL})}{c_Y(\theta_{cL}) + \eta d_Y(\theta_{cL})} \right\} \qquad \frac{y_{X_C}}{H} = \frac{1}{\sec \theta_{cL} - 1} \left\{ \frac{a_X(\theta_{cL}) + \eta b_X(\theta_{cL})}{c_X(\theta_{cL}) + \eta d_X(\theta_{cL})} \right\}$$

Angle at upper end: 
$$\tan \tilde{\theta}_L = \frac{\tan \theta_{cL} + Y_c/T_{0c}}{T_0/T_{0c} - X_c/T_{0c}}$$

Tension atTDP: 
$$\frac{\widetilde{T}_0}{T_{0c}} = \frac{1}{H} \left[ \left( x_{Lc} - x_{Gc} \right) \tan \theta_{cL} + \left( x_{Lc} - x_{Yc} \right) \frac{Y_c}{T_{0c}} + \left( H - y_{Xc} \right) \frac{X_c}{T_{0c}} \right]$$



## First-order approximate solution under constant current profile



where:

$$a_{Y}(\theta) = -(1/2)\ln^{2}(\sec\theta + \tan\theta) - \sin\theta\ln(\sec\theta + \tan\theta) - \ln(\cos\theta)$$
  

$$b_{Y}(\theta) = \theta - \cos\theta\ln(\sec\theta + \tan\theta)$$
  

$$c_{Y}(\theta) = \sin\theta - \ln(\sec\theta + \tan\theta)$$
  

$$d_{Y}(\theta) = 1 - \cos\theta$$

and:

$$a_{X}(\theta) = 2 - \cos\theta - \sec\theta + \frac{1}{2}\tan^{2}\theta + \ln(\cos\theta)$$
$$b_{X}(\theta) = \theta - sen\theta$$
$$c_{X}(\theta) = \cos\theta + \sec\theta - 2$$
$$d_{X}(\theta) = sen\theta$$

 $\eta = C_T / C_D$ 





Normalized tension at TDP, referred to the catenary solution, vs catenary angle at upper end parametrized wrt the current intensity

force  

$$C_D \frac{\alpha}{q} = \frac{1}{2} C_D \frac{\rho_a D U_0^2}{q} = 2,5; 5,0; 7,5 \text{ e} 10\%$$



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Normalized tension at TOP, referred to the catenary solution, vs catenary angle at upper end parametrized wrt the current intensity



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Approximate solution under constant current profile

## Angle variation (rad) at TOP vs catenary angle at upper end parametrized wrt the current intensity force

$$C_D \frac{\alpha}{q} = \frac{1}{2} C_D \frac{\rho_a D U_0^2}{q} = 2,5; 5,0; 7,5 \text{ e} 10\%$$







#### Approximate vs 'exact' numerical solution SCR:10"3/4 in 910m deep waters







## Summary

- In the planar problem, curvature at TDP depends only on tension and immersed weight. Tension brings implicitly all information from the equilibrium configuration.
- A first-order approximation gives the static configuration under a constant current profile.
- Such an approximation is fair enough in mild current conditions, up to 1.0m/s for a standard 10 inches SCR.





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