



Catenary Risers: Global Analysis

Dynamic Problem equations and time scales

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Catenary lines





General Kirshoff-Clebsh-Love Equations (KCL equations)

Curved bars – large displacements, small deformations





The planar static problem





The planar dynamic problem





Separating static and dynamic parts:





Linearized Dynamic Equations



Two dynamic equilibrium equations, linearized around the static equilibrium configurations



Linearized Dynamic Equations: neglecting bending stiffness

Negleting bending stiffness effects:



 $\tau \frac{d\theta}{ds} + \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (\gamma T) = -\varpi_n + m \frac{\partial^2 u_n}{\partial t^2}$

Two dynamic equilibrium equations, linearized around the static equilibrium configurations



$$\tau(s,t) = EAe(s,t) + q_f(u_t \sin \theta + u_n \cos \theta)$$
$$q_f = \left(\rho_a S_o - \rho_f S_i\right)g$$

Constitutive equations



Mean current hydrodynamic forces

$$c_t(s) = \frac{1}{2} \rho_a DU(s) |U(s)| C_T \cos^2 \theta(s)$$
$$c_n(s) = -\frac{1}{2} \rho_a DU(s) |U(s)| C_D \sin^2 \theta(s)$$



Oscillating hydrodynamic forces

Parcelas dinâmicas das forças devido à correnteza e às ondas:

 $\varpi(s,t) = \overline{\varpi}^{visc}(s,t) + \overline{\varpi}^{in}(s,t)$ **Viscous** parcels $\boldsymbol{\varpi}_{t}^{visc}(s,t) = -\frac{1}{2}C_{T}\rho_{a}D\mathrm{sinal}\left(\mathbf{v}_{t}\right)\left(-2U(s)\cos\theta\left(\frac{\partial u_{t}}{\partial t} + U(s)\sin\theta\frac{\partial u_{n}}{\partial s} - \mathbf{w}_{t}\right)\right)$ $\boldsymbol{\varpi}_{n}^{visc}(s,t) = -\frac{1}{2}C_{D}\rho_{a}D\mathrm{sinal}\left(\mathbf{v}_{n}\right)\left(2U(s)\sin\theta\left(\frac{\partial u_{n}}{\partial t} + U(s)\cos\theta\frac{\partial u_{n}}{\partial s} - \mathbf{w}_{n}\right)\right)$ $\boldsymbol{\varpi}_{\star}^{in}(s,t)=0$ $\boldsymbol{\varpi}_{n}^{in}(s,t) = -\boldsymbol{m}_{a} \left(\frac{\partial^{2}\boldsymbol{u}_{t}}{\partial t^{2}} + \boldsymbol{U}(s)\cos\theta \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\gamma}}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{w}_{n}}{\partial t} \right)$ Inertial parcels $\mathbf{v}_t = \frac{\partial u_t}{\partial t} - U\cos\theta - \mathbf{w}_t$ Gravitational waves Relative velocity velocity filed $\mathbf{v}_n = \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial t} + U \sin \theta - \mathbf{w}_n$ components to the flow



The bending stiffness effect

From the classic linear constituve equations:

$$\mathbf{M} = EI\chi(s,t) = EI\left(\frac{d\theta}{ds} + c(s,t)\right)$$

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$$Q = \frac{\partial M}{\partial s} = EI \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial s} = Q + \vartheta = EI \frac{d^2 \theta}{ds^2} + EI \frac{\partial q}{\partial s}$$

The dynamic equation in the normal direction may be written:

$$-EI\frac{\partial^{2}\chi}{\partial s^{2}} + T\chi + \gamma \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial s} - EI\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial s}\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial s}\right) + c_{n} + \sigma_{n} - q\cos\theta = m\frac{\partial^{2}u_{n}}{\partial t^{2}}$$



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Rigid risers (Steel): $\varepsilon \approx O(10^{-2})$

Flexible risers: $\mathcal{E} \approx O(10^{-3})$

Neglecting secon-order terms (bending stiffness):

$$\hat{T}\hat{\chi} + \frac{\partial \hat{T}}{\partial \hat{s}}\gamma + \hat{c}_n + \hat{\sigma}_n - \hat{\chi}_0 \cos\theta = \frac{\partial^2 \hat{u}_n}{\partial \hat{t}^2} (1 + O(\varepsilon^2))$$



Time scales





Model similarity and nondimensional group

	Number	Symbol and definition	Representation
	Froude Number	$F_r = \frac{\omega A}{\sqrt{gL}}$	Dynamic motion in waves
	Reynolds Number	$Re = \frac{UD}{V}$	Viscous forces
	Strouhal Number	$S_t = \frac{f_s D}{U}$	Vortex shedding frequency
	Keulegan- Carpenter Number Structural Damping	$KC = \frac{2\pi A}{D}$ $\zeta = \frac{c}{c_c}$	Inertial forces vs. drag forces Linear structural damping
	Reduced Velocity	$V_r = \frac{U}{f_n D}$	Normalized velocity in VIV
	Reduced Shedding Frequency	$f_s^* = \frac{f_s}{f_n} = \mathbf{S}_t \frac{U}{f_n D} = \mathbf{S}_t V_r$	Vortex shedding normalized frequency
	Reduced Mass	$m^* = \frac{m}{m_D}$	Riser mass vs. displaced mass
	Added Mass	$a = \frac{m_a}{m}$	Added mass vs. riser mass
	Bending Stiffness	$K_f = \frac{\lambda_f}{L} = \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{T}}$	Bending vs. geometrical stiffness
	Axial Stiffness	$K_a = \frac{EA}{T}$	Axial vs. geometrical stiffness
Rateiro et al ISOPE2012	Soil Stiffness	$K_s = \frac{k_s EI}{T^2}$	Soil vs. bending and geometrical stiffness



Summary

- The global dynamics is governed by the geometric stiffness or catenary stiffness.
- Bending stiffness effetcs are importante at the extremities and TDP, or for high-order vibration modes for which the mode vibrattion length is of same order of the local flexural length.
- There are several time scales that govern the overall dynamics of a riser.
- A large nondimensional parameters group govern the overall riser dynamics





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