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Elasto-Acoustic Coupling Between Two Circular Cylinders and Dense Fluid

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This paper describes a theoretical method for free vibration analysis of two elastic and isotropic cylinders filled with a dense fluid. The free vibration of two cylinders is studied on the basis of the linear three-dimensional elasticity theory. The compressible fluid is assumed to be nonviscous and isotropic which satisfy the acoustic wave equation. In this paper, the coupled dispersion equations of longitudinal, flexural and lobar modes are deduced and analytically solved. The finite element results computed by the Comsol Multiphysics software are compared with the present method for validation and an acceptable match between them was obtained. It is shown that the results from the proposed method are in good agreement with the numerical solutions. With this method, the effects of the cylinder parameters, such as the circumferential wave, the axial wavenumber, the thickness-to-radius and the length-to-radius on the coupled frequencies are investigated.

Keywords: Elasto-acoustic interaction; three-dimensional coupled vibration; thick and thin structures; frequency analysis; finite element method.

1. Introduction

The dynamic behavior of multilayered cylindrical structures in contact with dense fluid have been the focus of recent research, since they are extensively used as one of the basic components in many different engineering disciplines like the marine, mechanical, nuclear, aerospace, bioengineering and civil industries. Many of these studies are based on classical or thin-shell theories [Leissa, 1973; Zhang, 2002]. For dynamic analysis of complex structures, thin or shell theories are most appropriate, but they lose their accuracy for thick structures, making the use of three-dimensional theory of elasticity inevitable.

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The vibration analyses of multilayered cylindrical structures have been gaining an increasing attention only in the recent years. Much of the interest could be attributed to the important significance of the multilayered cylindrical structures in various practical problems contributing to noise and structural vibration. Missiles, rockets, pipes and power transmission shafts are typical cylindrical structures. When the frequency of an acting force on a cylinder coincides with its natural frequency, the resonance phenomenon occurs and may cause failure in the whole system. Therefore, the prediction of natural frequencies is crucial and has a direct impact on the design of multilayered cylindrical structures.

The shell theory could be used for thin cylindrical structures, while thicker cylinders could only be accurately studied by using the three-dimensional elasticity theory. It should be noted that the theory of elasticity could be applied to thick or thin cylindrical structures. Gazis [1959a,b] studied the free harmonic waves in a hollow cylinder of circular cross-section, within the framework of the linear elasticity theory. He derived a characteristic equation using the Helmholtz potentials. Armenakas [1967] derived the frequency equation for harmonic waves, with an arbitrary number of circumferential nodes, traveling in traction-free composite, circular cylindrical structures. Armenakas *et al.* [1969] presented the transmission of elastic energy by means of elastic waves, and formulated the eigenvalue problem for stress-free cylinders for different circumferential wavenumbers. Their analysis was based on the linear three-dimensional elasticity theory. Xuebin [2008] presented a wave propagation approach for free vibration analysis of cylindrical shell based on Flugge classical thin shell theory. A domain decomposition technique for solving vibration problems of uniform and stepped cylindrical shells with arbitrary boundary conditions was presented in Qu *et al.* [2013]. Brischetto [2014] proposed a three-dimensional free vibration analysis of multilayered structures and developed an exact solution for the differential equations of equilibrium written in general orthogonal curvilinear coordinates.

Other approaches for the vibration analysis of cylindrical structures have been proposed. McNiven *et al.* [1962, 1966] used a three-mode theory to obtain a good agreement with the exact solution based on the three-dimensional theory of elasticity. El Baroudi *et al.* [2014] investigated the propagation of torsional, longitudinal, flexural and lobar waves in arterial wall layers numerically by using finite element method. Hamidzadeh and Jazar [2010] studied the vibrations of thick cylindrical structures. They employed the three-dimensional elastic theory and developed the governing equations of motion in terms of Helmholtz potentials. Gladwell and Vijay [1975] used a finite element approach to the three-dimensional vibration of finite length circular cylinders. Singal and Williams [1988] developed approximate solutions for natural frequencies of thick cylinders and rings, and validated their analysis by experimental investigations. Ye *et al.* [2014] presented a unified method based on the three-dimensional theory of elasticity developed for the free vibration analysis of thick cylindrical shells with general end conditions and resting on elastic

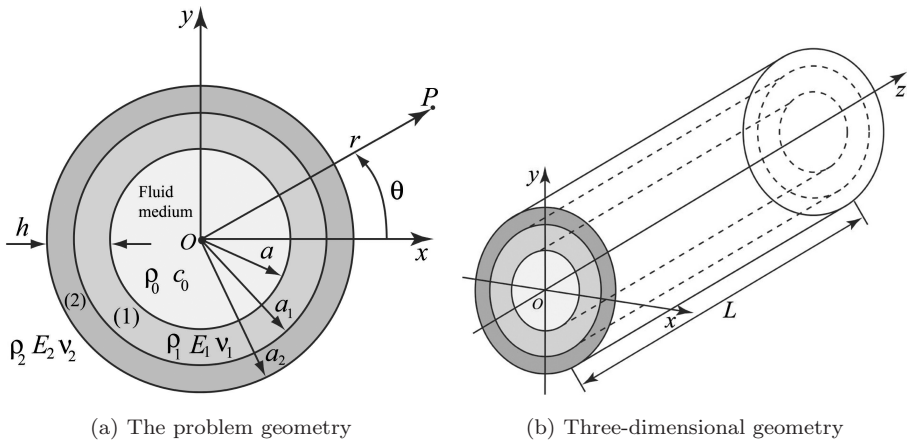
foundations. In the paper [Alibeigloo and Jafarian, 2016], a free vibration analysis of carbon nanotubes reinforced composite cylindrical shell was carried out using the three-dimensional theory of elasticity.

In most of the studies mentioned above, the frequency equation of the vibration problem was obtained without taking into account the fluid's effect. The originality of this paper is to investigate the effect of a dense fluid on the modal analysis of two elastic circular cylinders (Fig. 1). This paper also discusses the influence of some model parameters such as the axial wavenumber k_z , the circumferential mode n , the thickness-to-radius parameter h/a and the length-to-radius parameter L/a on the natural frequencies. Indeed, the frequency equation was obtained for the free vibration model using the wave propagation method. The comparison of the results by the present method with those obtained by numerical finite element method has been carried out. It is shown that the present approach is simple, robust and gives accurate natural frequencies.

2. Formulation

2.1. Governing equations

As shown in Fig. 1, an isotropic circular cylinder of finite length with two layers filled with a compressible fluid in the cylindrical coordinate system (r, θ, z) is considered in the present work. The thickness of every layer is determined by radius a , a_1 and a_2 where a and a_2 are the radius of the inner and outer surfaces of the cylinder, respectively. It is assumed that the cylinder is free on the outer surface. The layers are assumed to be perfectly bonded. The system displacements and stresses are defined by the cylindrical coordinates r , θ and z . The length of the cylinder is L ($0 \leq z \leq L$). The values related to the inner and outer cylinders will be denoted



by the upper indices (1) and (2), respectively. The r , θ and z axes are taken in the radial, circumferential and axial directions of the cylinder, respectively.

The corresponding displacement components at any point of the cylinder in the radial, circumferential and axial directions are separately denoted by $u_r^{(i)}$, $u_\theta^{(i)}$ and $u_z^{(i)}$. According to the generalized linear Hooke's law, the elastic material under consideration is assumed to be linear, homogeneous, and isotropic for which the constitutive equation during deformation may be written as

$$\sigma^{(i)} = \lambda_i (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(i)}) \mathbf{I} + \mu_i (\nabla \mathbf{u}^{(i)} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^{(i)T}) \quad (1)$$

where ρ_i is the mass density, (λ_i, μ_i) are Lamé constants, t is the time and $i = 1, 2$ indicates the inner ($i = 1$) and the external ($i = 2$) cylinders, respectively. For the frequency analysis considered in this paper, in the absence of body forces, the displacement field is governed by the classical Navier's equation

$$\rho_i \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}^{(i)}(r, \theta, z, t)}{\partial t^2} = (\lambda_i + 2\mu_i) \nabla \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(i)}(r, \theta, z, t) + \mu_i \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}^{(i)}(r, \theta, z, t) \quad (2)$$

Here, $\mathbf{u}^{(i)} = \{u_r^{(i)}, u_\theta^{(i)}, u_z^{(i)}\}$ is the vector displacement that can advantageously be expressed as a sum of the gradient of a scalar potential and the curl of a vector potential [Morse and Feshbach, 1946]

$$\mathbf{u}^{(i)} = \nabla \phi^{(i)} + \nabla \times (\psi^{(i)} \hat{e}_z) + \nabla \times \nabla \times (\chi^{(i)} \hat{e}_z) \quad$$

following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_{rr}^{(i)} &= \mu_i \left[2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi^{(i)}}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \nabla^2 \phi^{(i)} + \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(r \frac{\partial \psi^{(i)}}{\partial r} - \psi^{(i)} \right) + 2 \frac{\partial^3 \chi^{(i)}}{\partial r^2 \partial z} \right] \\
\sigma_{r\theta}^{(i)} &= \mu_i \left[\frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(r \frac{\partial \phi^{(i)}}{\partial r} - \phi^{(i)} \right) + \nabla^2 \psi^{(i)} - 2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi^{(i)}}{\partial r^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi^{(i)}}{\partial z^2} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial z} \left(r \frac{\partial \chi^{(i)}}{\partial r} - \chi^{(i)} \right) \right] \\
\sigma_{rz}^{(i)} &= \mu_i \left[2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi^{(i)}}{\partial r \partial z} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 \psi^{(i)}}{\partial \theta \partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(2 \frac{\partial^2 \chi^{(i)}}{\partial z^2} - \nabla^2 \chi^{(i)} \right) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Now, to yield a solution for the proposed problem, the specific boundary and continuity conditions must be satisfied at the interface of two-layer isotropic cylinder:

- at the solid–fluid interface, the continuity of the stress and velocity of the solid and fluid is given by

$$\sigma_{rr}^{(1)} \Big|_{r=a} = -p \Big|_{r=a}, \quad \sigma_{r\theta}^{(1)} \Big|_{r=a} = \sigma_{rz}^{(1)} \Big|_{r=a} = 0, \quad j\omega u_r^{(1)} \Big|_{r=a} = v_r \Big|_{r=a} \tag{7}$$

where v_r is the fluid velocity components along radial direction and p is the pressure.

2.2. Solution method and frequency equation

2.2.1. Solution method

For the investigation of the dynamical problem of two-layer isotropic cylinder filled with a compressible fluid, various solution methods, including numerical (FEM and BEM for example) and analytical methods are used. In the present study, for the solution of the problem under consideration, we use both analytical and numerical methods. The resolution procedure starts with finding the exact solution of the problem and then the eigenvalue equation is obtained from the corresponding contact and boundary conditions. Finally, the solution of this eigenvalue equation is numerically computed using the Comsol Multiphysics software [Comsol Multiphysics, 2016]. In order to solve the free vibration problem of simply supported circular cylindrical isotropic structures, a time harmonic dependence $\exp(j\omega t)$ is assumed, where j is the imaginary unit, ω the circular frequency and t the time. The three subproblems consist of determining the scalar potentials $\phi^{(i)}(r, \theta, z)$, $\psi^{(i)}(r, \theta, z)$ and $\chi^{(i)}(r, \theta, z)$ satisfying the Helmholtz equations (4). By going through the usual separation of variable technique, the general solution associated with an axial wavenumber k_z and circumferential modal parameter n in cylindrical coordinates can be expressed as

cylinders, the following boundary conditions are imposed:

$$u_r^{(i)} \Big|_{z=0} = u_\theta^{(i)} \Big|_{z=0} = u_r^{(i)} \Big|_{z=L} = u_\theta^{(i)} \Big|_{z=L} = 0$$

For these two boundary conditions, it can be easily shown that the axial wavenumber k_z is a function of axial mode m and cylinder length L as $k_z = m\pi/L$. The term $k_z c_{T_i}$ defined by Eq. (12) is a frequency parameter for torsional modes when the shear wavenumber k_{ψ_i} is taken to be equal to zero. These frequencies can be plotted as the functions of the ratio L/a for different values of the longitudinal wavenumber m . The torsional mode is characterized by a continued rotation in a single direction. This rotation direction is continued through the length of the longitudinal wave. Therefore, the torsional wave problem does not involve the Bessel equations. Direct substitution of field expansions (11) into the field equation (5) leads to

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u_r^{(i)} \\ u_\theta^{(i)} \\ u$$

Similarly, the solution for Eq. (11) which belongs to the longitudinal and shear waves inside the compressible fluid is represented in cylindrical coordinates by

$$\Phi(r, \theta, z, t) = AJ_n(k_\Phi r) \sin(n\theta) \sin(k_z z) \exp(j\omega t), \quad k_\Phi = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} - k_z^2} \quad (15)$$

where $J_n(k_\Phi r)$ is the Bessel function of the first kind and A is the unknown modal coefficient. Note that $\phi^{(i)}$ (or $\psi^{(i)}$, $\chi^{(i)}$, Φ

and whose elements are given in the Appendix. For nontrivial solution, the determinant of the coefficient matrix in Eq. (16) must be zero:

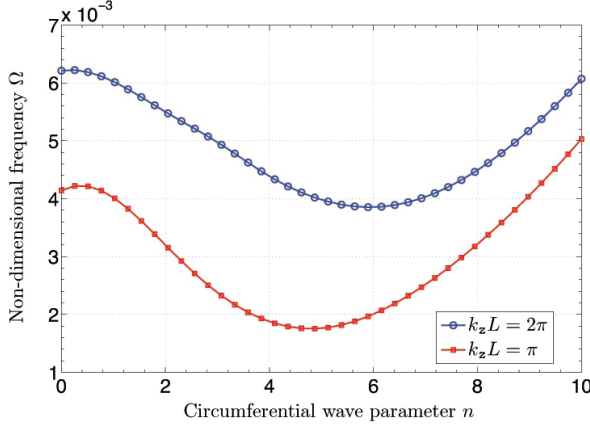
$$\det(\mathbf{N}) = 0 \quad (17)$$

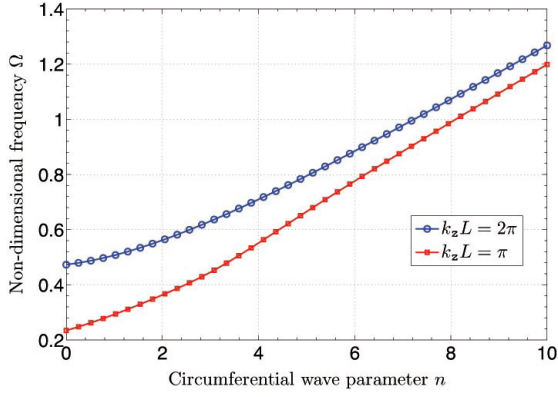
For given material and geometric properties, the expansion of Eq. (17) will give the frequency equation for a particular value of n . For any value of k_z , the frequency equation will yield an infinite number of values of ω , each

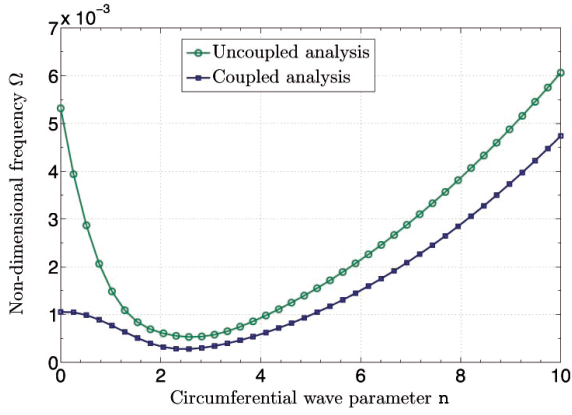
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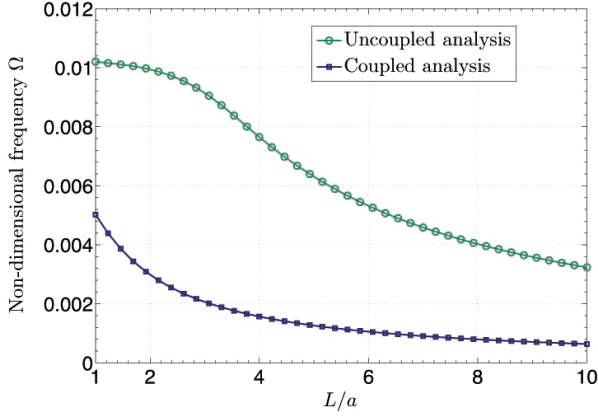
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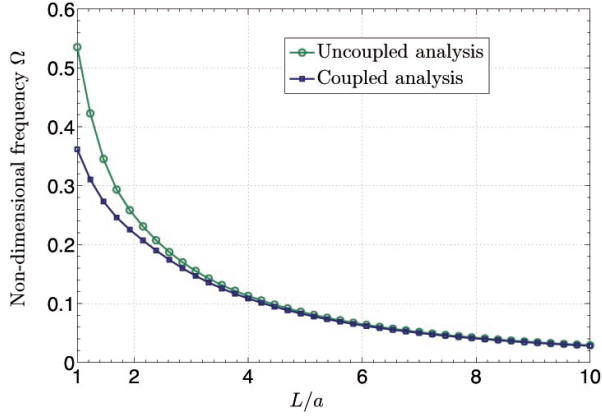
Table 2. Comparison of the first eight











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