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ABSTRACT

Prediction of the dynamic motions of the ship is an essential aspect in the early stages of design as well as later during the service life of the ship. It is crucial to know the motion characteristics of the ship along the six degrees of freedom to operate it safely in adverse sea conditions. The growing number of large ships demands predicting their optimum performance with respect to travel time, fuel efficiency, and the safety of cargo and personnel in specified shipping routes. This can be achieved using efficient and easy-to-use numerical tools capable of predicting hydrodynamics loads on floating vessels with steady forward speed and solving their motion responses in various wave conditions. This project explains the implementation of a three-dimensional potential theory-based program in Python with the consideration of forward speed effects. The theoretical formulation, numerical implementation, and result comparisons are presented in this thesis.

As a part of this dual degree project, a frequency domain 3D panel-based program has been developed and extensively compared against the outputs of MDLHydroD software. KCS and KVLCC2 ship hull forms are analyzed and validated against the MDLHydro software developed by Dr. Amitava Guha. The comparison results are found to be in excellent agreement.

Keywords : Potential theory, Laplace equation, Boundary element method (BEM), Hydrodynamic, Wave structure interaction, Multibody interaction, forward speed, drift force.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Objective

This Dual Degree project has two main objectives. First is the computation of forces and motion characteristics of a floating body with a zero or non-zero speed in regular waves. A 3D panel-based potential theory method using an infinite-depth green function is used for this computation. The second main objective is the computation of second-order forces for drift force. This software can be used for simple single-body cases and complex multi-body cases. Also, the program's output is validated against industry standard software such as Ansys AQWA and WAMIT v6.

The rest of the thesis is organized as follows. Chapter 1, Introduction, Objective of the project, background and motivation, and a literature review of the research paper used for this project are given. Later, in Chapter 2, the mathematical problem setup and its derivation is given. In Chapter 3, the solution to the numerical mathematical problem is shown, and the motions and forces are computed. Similarly, in Chapter 4, Drift force computation is explained. Later in the subsequent chapter results of the project are compared against Softwares like MDLHydroD and WAMIT6.

1.2 Background and Motivation

A floating body is subjected to various forces, such as environmental loads due to wind, currents, waves, etc. The sea-keeping problem involves calculating the hydrodynamic parameters and forces acting on a floating structure in waves. These hydrodynamic forces are calculated using numerical methods and potential theory for the wave body interaction problem. This can be further used to calculate the RAOs of various vessels.

Hydrodynamic analysis software can help naval architectures optimize the design of vessels in regular waves. It can provide insights into the vessel's performance in various wave conditions, allowing designers to make informed decisions about the shape and size of the vessel. Also, it saves costs by reducing the need for expensive physical testing.

Software for hydrodynamic analysis can allow designers to iterate designs faster, as they can quickly simulate and evaluate the performance of different design configurations. This can help reduce the time-to-market for new vessels and increase productivity.

The primary goal of this project is to develop a flask-based web application named 'HydRA' capable of computing hydrodynamic properties such as Froude Krylov force, scattering force, RAO, radiation damping, and Added Mass for a vessel in zero and non-zero speed scenarios. Also, the implementation of drift forces captures the effect of second-order forces in the deep sea. The main idea behind building an in-house web application is to have a solid foundation for a hydrodynamic analysis tool that can be further improved and extended toward more complex problems. The main reference theses used for this project are [Guha and Falzarano \(2015\)](#), and [Guha \(2012\)](#).

1.3 Literature review

In the early stages of ship design, it is crucial to understand the ship's stability to operate efficiently in the sea. Analyzing a ship's hydrodynamic forces and motion characteristics in regular waves is crucial in designing a stable and safe vessel. With the increase in the availability of computational power, computational fluid dynamics (CFD) has gained popularity in solving fluid-structure interaction problems. However, CFD still takes a significant time to estimate the motion response of floating structures to regular and random waves and is not a viable method during preliminary design. Due to this disadvantage, potential theory-based approaches are still accepted to design floating structures, including offshore oil production platforms, offshore wind turbines, and floating wave energy converters.

The strip theory method, which divides a ship into a number of 2D strips along its length, can be credited with the early developments of the potential theory method. The solutions to various two-dimensional problems are combined to determine the three-dimensional hydrodynamics problem. Numerous authors have contributed to this field, including [Newman \(1979\)](#), [Ogilvie and Tuck \(1969\)](#), [Beck and Troesch \(1990\)](#), [Journée \(2001\)](#), [Salvesen *et al.* \(1970\)](#). The work of Salvesen, Tuck, and Faltinsen shown in [Salvesen *et al.* \(1970\)](#) became the widely accepted method that is still employed by the industry for the construction of floating structures. Since the strip theory relies on the slender body assumption, it was not quite applicable to ship structures and offshore structures, which are non-slender in shape. This led to the development of 3D panel-based

potential theory where the floating vessel is discretized into quadrilateral or triangular panels sources of different source strengths.

Tuck and Faltinsen 1970 [Salvesen *et al.* \(1970\)](#) provides a detailed review of the theoretical and mathematical models used to predict the motion of ships in waves and the resulting sea loads acting on the hull, which is based on the pressure distribution around the hull and the wave-induced accelerations. The paper covers the effects of ship design parameters, wave steepness and frequency, and wave-induced motions on ship motions. It presents a mathematical model for calculating the sea loads acting on the hull. The paper then discusses the effect of ship design parameters, such as beam and draft, on ship motions and the influence of wave steepness and frequency.

The calculation of the Green function efficiently for frequency and time domain analyses has been a long-standing research area. [Newman \(1979\)](#) provides a comprehensive list of methods to compute both frequency domain and time domain Green functions efficiently. Similar work on the zero speed frequency domain Green function has also been reported by [Telste and Noblesse \(1986\)](#). It describes the theoretical background of the green function and the numerical method used to evaluate it.

[Guha and Falzarano \(2013\)](#) and [Guha and Falzarano \(2015\)](#) discuss developing and validating a frequency domain program that uses numerical methods for predicting the motion and hydrodynamic forces acting on floating bodies, specifically ships.

This project documents the theory behind developing an in-house wave analysis tool named ‘HydRA’ (Hydrodynamic Response Analysis) that can accurately predict the wave loads and motions of a floating structure in various sea conditions. This tool is based on the potential theory of fluid mechanics and uses a numerical method to solve the wave-body interaction problem. The paper provides a detailed description of the theoretical background, numerical implementation, and tool validation. It demonstrates its effectiveness in predicting the wave loads and motions of different floating structures or ships. An in-house tool is developed in this project is to enable the development further to extend it to analyze complex nonlinear hydrodynamic problems such as maneuvering in waves and parametric excitation of ships and offshore structures.

CHAPTER 2

MATHEMATICAL MODEL

In this project, a ship moving with a steady speed of U in deep water with regular waves of wave amplitude A and incident frequency w_I traveling at an angle β with the surge direction of the ship is considered. Potential flow methods are widely used to solve the seakeeping problem. Due to the improvement in the computation power, the three-dimensional boundary element method to compute the wave load can be used.

2.1 Co-ordinate System

In order to set up the mathematical model, two coordinate systems are defined; one of them is the Global coordinate system (GCS), whose origin is located at a calm water level. The other one is the Body seakeeping coordinate system (BCS), whose origin is located at the midship on the intersection of the water line and centerline of the ship. It is further assumed that the x -axis of the GCS points towards the east direction, whereas the x -axis of BCS points towards the sway direction of the ship. Coordinates of points represented in GCS are expressed as $\mathbf{x}^e = (x^e, y^e, z^e)$ whereas for the points in BCS it is expressed as $\mathbf{x}^s = (x^s, y^s, z^s)$. Global coordinate system, i.e., GCS, denotes the inertial frame of reference. Body geometry and body parameters, such as the location of the vertical center of gravity and radii of gyration, are defined with respect to BSC.

The translating frame of reference i.e. BCS allows the formulation of the vessel response in six degrees of freedom due to incident waves and steady current of speed U in $-x$ direction which is equivalent to forward speed with respect to GCS. A linear boundary value problem can be introduced by assuming a small wave amplitude to determine the velocity potential.

2.2 Velocity potential

Assuming that the fluid flow is inviscid, incompressible, and irrotational the total velocity potential at any point inside the fluid domain is given as :

$$\Phi(\vec{x}, t) = [-Ux + \phi_P(\vec{x})] + [\phi_I(\vec{x}, \beta, \omega_I) + \phi_S(\vec{x}, \beta, \omega_I) + \sum_{j=1}^6 n_j \phi_j(\vec{x}, U, \omega_e)] e^{i\omega_e t} \quad (2.1)$$

In the above equation, ω_I denotes the encounter frequency, ϕ_P represents the perturbation potential due to steady translation, ϕ_I is the incident wave potential, ϕ_S is the scattering wave potential, ϕ_j and n_j are the radiation wave potential due to unit motion and vessel motion amplitude respectively in j^{th} direction. Here, the perturbation potential ϕ_P has a relatively insignificant effect on total potential at low to moderate ship speed. Hence, it will be ignored to reduce the complexity of the problem. Hence, the final equation for velocity potential is given as :

$$\Phi(\vec{x}, t) = -Ux + [\phi_I(\vec{x}, \beta, \omega_I) + \phi_S(\vec{x}, \beta, \omega_I) + \sum_{j=1}^6 n_j \phi_j(\vec{x}, U, \omega_e)] e^{i\omega_e t} \quad (2.2)$$

In the above equation, ω_e is the encounter frequency which is expressed in terms of incident or normal wave frequency ω_I , forward speed U , and incident angle β as

$$\omega_e = \omega_I - \frac{\omega_I^2}{g} U \cos \beta \quad (2.3)$$

2.3 Governing equation

The governing equations of the fluid flow are the continuity equation (conservation of mass) and the Navier-stokes equation (conservation of momentum). Under the assumption of inviscid and irrotational flow, the governing equations reduce to Laplace equations given as :

$$\nabla^2(\phi_I, \phi_D, \phi_j) = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

where, ϕ_j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$) denotes the radiation potential in all 6-modes of motion. This equation is valid over the entire fluid domain.

2.4 Boundary Conditions

In addition to the governing equation, the velocity potential satisfies the boundary conditions over the fluid boundaries. The total boundary surface S comprises the free surface S_F , mean body surface S_B , bottom surface S_Z , and the radiation surface S_∞ bounding the horizontal infinite fluid domain. The surfaces are shown in Fig. 2.1 below.

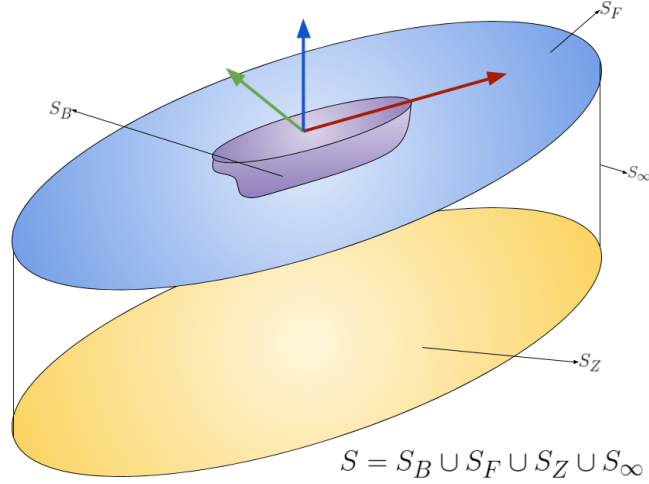


Figure 2.1: Fluid boundary surfaces

The boundary conditions to be satisfied by the potential functions are shown below:

1. Kinematic free surface boundary condition : The velocity of the fluid in the direction normal to the free surface is equal to the velocity of the free surface. If the free surface is given by $z = \eta(t, x, y)$, then the boundary condition is given by

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \quad \text{over } z \quad (2.5)$$

2. Dynamic free surface boundary condition : The pressure obtained using Bernoulli's equations on the free surface is constant.

$$\left[\left(i\omega_e - u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) + g \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right] (\phi_I, \phi_D, \phi_j) = 0 \quad \text{on } z = 0 \quad (2.6)$$

3. Radiation boundary condition : The waves generated by the oscillating body propagate outward from the body to ∞ in the fluid domain, unbounded horizontally. This boundary condition is also referred to as the Sommerfeld radiation condition.

$$\lim_{kr \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{kr} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} - jk \right) (\phi_j - \phi_I) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, 6 \quad (2.7)$$

4. Bottom Boundary condition : The normal velocity of the fluid at the bottom boundary is equal to the normal velocity of the boundary. For an impenetrable seabed in deep water, the normal velocity is zero, and the boundary condition is given by

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{over the bottom } z = -\infty \quad (2.8)$$

5. Body surface boundary condition: The velocity of the fluid in the direction normal to the body boundary is equal to the normal velocity of the body boundary over the instantaneous underwater surface S .

$$\frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial n} = i\omega_e n_j + U m_j \quad \text{on } S \quad (2.9)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_I}{\partial n} + \frac{\partial \phi_D}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{on } S \quad (2.10)$$

where $\vec{n} = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$ is the unit normal pointing outward from the hull surface and $(n_4, n_5, n_6) = \vec{r} \times \vec{n}$. Here, r is the position vector of a point on the surface. The linear incident wave potential satisfying the above boundary conditions is given by:

$$\phi_I = \frac{igA}{\omega_I} e^{-ik_I(x \cos \beta + y \sin \beta)} e^{kz} \quad (2.11)$$

Here, ω_I represents the incident wave frequency, not the encounter frequency. This forward speed boundary value problem can be solved using potential theory using infinite depth free surface green function.

CHAPTER 3

NUMERICAL SOLUTION

The complex potential on the submerged surface of the vessel is the key to solving the hydrodynamic problem. It will be shown that once the potential is known, all the hydrodynamic coefficients required to obtain all the vessel response, i.e., added mass, damping, and excitation forces, can be calculated.

The boundary value problem described in eq.(2.5) to eq.(2.9) will be solved by a boundary element method. The body surface will be a suitable distribution of source singularities that satisfy the governing equation and the boundary conditions. Solving a Fredholm integral of the second kind over the discretized body boundary will determine the source strengths.

3.1 Integral equation

The velocity potential at some point (x, y, z) in the fluid domain can be expressed in terms of the surface distribution of sources.

$$\phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S \sigma(\vec{x}_s) G(\vec{x} : \vec{x}_s) dS \quad (3.1)$$

where \vec{x}_s denotes the source point of the body surface, (\vec{x}) denotes the point where the potential is being calculated, and $\sigma(\vec{x}_s)$ is the unknown source strength distribution on the source point. Section (3.3) will explain the Green function in the upcoming parts. The Green function satisfies the continuity condition and all the boundary conditions, including the free surface and radiation boundary condition, except for the following normal velocity boundary condition on the hull surface:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = v_n \quad \text{on } S \quad (3.2)$$

Here, $v_n(x, y, x)$ is the flow normal velocity on the hull surface, after applying the velocity boundary condition given in equation (2.2) on the velocity potential (3.1), the

below equation is obtained, also known as Fredholm integral of the second kind.

$$-\frac{1}{2}\sigma(\vec{x}_s) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S \sigma(\vec{x}_s) \frac{\partial G(\vec{x} : \vec{x}_s)}{\partial n} = v_n \quad \text{on } S \quad (3.3)$$

In the above equation, it can be shown that the first term reduces to $-\frac{\sigma}{2}$. Also, $\frac{\partial G}{\partial n}$ denotes the derivative of the Green function in the outward normal direction. This derivative of G can be evaluated from the equation :

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} n_x + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} n_y + \frac{\partial G}{\partial z} n_z \quad (3.4)$$

3.2 Numerical Discretization

For i^{th} panel eq.(3.3) can be written as:

$$-\frac{1}{2}\sigma_i(\vec{x}_s) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S \sigma_i(\vec{x}_s) \frac{\partial G_i(\vec{x} : \vec{x}_s)}{\partial n} = v_{n_i} \quad \text{on } S \quad (3.5)$$

Here, the subscript i in the equation represents the entities of an individual panel. While, calculating influence on a panel because of other source panel, the panel where the potential is being calculated and the source panel becomes the same. Due to this, frequency independent part of the green function tends to infinity. This case is known as singularity. To compensate for that influence, $-\frac{1}{2}\sigma$ is added into the equation according to the residual theory.

Eq. 3.5 can be rearranged and written as:

$$-\frac{1}{2}\sigma_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1, j=1, i \neq j}^M \alpha_{ij} \sigma_j = v_{n_i} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, M \quad (3.6)$$

Here, M is the total number of panels and α represents,

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Delta S_i} \frac{\partial G(x, x_s)}{\partial n} dS \quad (3.7)$$

In physical terms, α_{ij} denotes the velocity induced at the i^{th} panel in the direction normal to the surface by a source distribution of unit strength distributed uniformly over the j^{th} panel which is the source panel here and i^{th} panel is the influenced panel where the potential is being calculated because of the presence of other source panels.

Now, the eq.(3.6) can be written in the matrix format as :

$$[\sigma] = 2[\alpha - I]^{-1}[v_n] \quad (3.8)$$

where, I represents the unit matrix. $[\alpha]$ is an $m \times m$ cross matrix where m is the total no. of panels. Using the similar adjustments as done in the eq.(3.6), eq.(3.1) can be written as

$$\phi_i = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_{ij} \sigma_j \quad (3.9)$$

All potentials are computed at the centroid of the panels. Now, the above equation can be written in the matrix form as :

$$\{\phi\} = [\beta]\{\sigma\} \quad (3.10)$$

where, $[\beta]$ is the $M \times M$ matrix given by

$$\beta_{ij} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\Delta S_j} G(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_s) dS \quad (3.11)$$

Thus, the boundary problem can be solved for the velocity potential on the body surface if the value of the integral of the Green function G and its derivatives $\frac{\partial G}{\partial n}$ are known.

3.3 Green's Function

For the calculation of radiation and diffraction potential, an infinite-depth green function is used. This Green function and its numerical solution is explained in [Telste and Noblesse \(1986\)](#).

This green function assumes source distribution over the submerged surface of the vessel. It relates the unknown source strength to the velocity potential. Here, the green function comprises two parts: one is the frequency-dependent part, and the other is the frequency-independent part. The Independent part represents the simple potential and interaction between the body surface and the free surface. On the other hand, the dependent part is to comprise the oscillating potential due to the oscillating source. The equation of the Green function is given as

$$G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_s, \omega_e) = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{\tilde{r}} + \tilde{G}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_s, \omega_e) \quad (3.12)$$

where,

$$r = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\| = \sqrt{(x - x_s)^2 + (y - y_s)^2 + (z - z_s)^2} \quad (3.13)$$

represents the Euclidian distance between the field point $P(x, y, z)$ and source point $Q(x_s, y_s, z_s)$.

$$r' = \sqrt{(x - \xi)^2 + (y - \eta)^2 + (z + \zeta)^2} \quad (3.14)$$

represents the Euclidean distance between the field point $P(x, y, z)$ and point $Q'(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$, which is the image of the source point in the waterplane $z = 0$ and $\tilde{G}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}_s, \omega_e)$ represents the frequency domain part of the green function, also refree. Note that the frequency used here is the encounter frequency ω_e , shown in the eq. (2.3)

Now, substituting eq.(3.12) in the equations (3.7) and (3.11), gives the following equations for α and β matrices :

$$\alpha_{ij} = - \iint_{\Delta S_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) dS - \frac{1}{2\pi} \iint_{\Delta S_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{r'} \right) dS - \frac{1}{2\pi} \iint_{\Delta S_i} \frac{\partial G}{\partial n}(x_i, x_j, \omega_e) dS \quad (3.15)$$

Here, j^{th} panel is the source panel and i^{th} panel represents the feild point where potential is supposed to be calculated.

$$\beta_{ij} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{\Delta S_i} \quad (3.16)$$

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CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

A new numerical web-based frequency domain tool is developed to compute hydrodynamic force and motions with low to moderate forward speed. The effect of forward speed is included using the encountering frequency and the changing boundary conditions.

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