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GEOMETRICALLY NONLINEAR AEROELASTIC VIBRATIONS AND STABILITY OF A CYLINDRICAL SHELL

Abstract

In the paper we consider the cylindrical shell flutter problem allowing for geometrical nonlinearity and influence of the stationary gas surrounding the shell in the statement of [3].

Vibrations and stability of a cylindrical shell with supersonic velocity gas flow were considered in geometrically linear statement and on the basis of piston theory formula in [1,2]. In the paper [3] the refined statement of the problem is given and shown that “piston” formula should be completed by an addend that is equivalent by its meaning to interaction of a shell with Winkler basis. In this paper we consider a problem on cylindrical shell flutter in the statement of [3] allowing for geometrical nonlinearity and influence of stationary gas surrounding the shell.

1. Problem statement

Represent a cylindrical surface $r = R$, $|X| < \infty$; its part $0 \leq X \leq L$ is occupied by a thin elastic shell, the remaining part of the surface is assumed to be rigid. Inside this construction gas flows in positive direction of the axis X , whose unperturbed parameters are denoted by ρ_0, p_0, a_0, u_0 that is density, pressure, sound velocity, flow velocity, respectively, moreover $\chi_0 p_0 = \rho_0 a_0^2$, where χ_0 is a polytropic index. The flow is supersonic, therefore $M = u_0/a_0 > 1$. Stationary gas with parameters ρ_1, p_1, a_1, χ_1 is in the domain $r \geq R$.

In the paper [3] for internal flow we have obtained formula for aerodynamic interaction pressure

$$\Delta q_0 = -\frac{\chi_0 p_0}{a_0} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{a_0}{2R} w \right) \tag{1.1}$$

We'll assume it valid for interaction of a shell with external immobile gas as well

$$\Delta q_1 = -\frac{\chi_1 p_1}{a_1} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \frac{a_1}{2R} w \right) \tag{1.2}$$

so that total pressure will equal $\Delta q = \Delta q_0 + \Delta q_1$.

Motion of the shell is described by the known system of equation [4] for deflections w and stress functions Φ :

$$D\Delta^2 w = h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} + h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} - 2h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{h}{R} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + q \tag{1.3}$$

$$\frac{1}{E} \Delta^2 \Phi = \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial w \partial y} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} - \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \tag{1.4}$$

here $D = Eh^3 / (12(1 - \nu^2))$ is cylindrical rigidity, h, E and ν are shell's thickness, Young modulus and Poisson coefficient of its material. Pressure q is formed of inertial forces $\rho h \partial^2 w / \partial t^2$, aerodynamic interaction Δq and statical pressure drop

$\Delta p = p_1 - p_0$. We represent the function w and Φ in the form of the sum of quasistatic and dynamic constituents: $w = w_0(x) + w_1(x, y, t)$, $\Phi = \Phi_0(x, y) + \Phi_1(x, y, t)$, $y = R\theta$, θ is a polar angle of cylindrical system of coordinates. We substitute this in (1.3), (1.4). For quasistatic state we get

$$\begin{aligned} Dw_0^{IV} &= h\sigma_{xx}^0 w_0^{II} + \frac{h}{R}\sigma_{yy}^0 + \Delta p \\ \frac{1}{E}\Phi_0^{IV} &= -\frac{1}{R}w_0^{II} \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

For dynamic state we'll have (in future we'll omit the lower index)

$$D\Delta^2 w - h\sigma_{xx}^0 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - h\sigma_{yy}^0 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} - \frac{h}{R} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} - \Delta q = 0 \quad (1.6)$$

$$\Delta^2 \Phi + Ew_0'' \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{E}{R} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = 0. \quad (1.7)$$

We'll assume the ends of the shell $x = 0$, $x = l$ to be simply-supported.

We represent the solution of system (1.6), (1.7) in the form of

$w = W(x) \exp(\omega t) \cos n\theta$, $\Phi = F(x) \exp(\omega t) \cos n\theta$; after substitution we get

$$D\Delta_n^2 W - h\sigma_{xx}^0 W'' + h\sigma_{yy}^0 \frac{n^2}{R^2} W - \frac{h}{R} F'' - \Delta q(x) = 0 \quad (1.8)$$

$$\Delta_n^2 F - Ew_0'' \frac{n^2}{R^2} W + \frac{E}{R} W'' = 0 \quad (1.9)$$

here we denote

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta q(x) &= -\omega \frac{\chi_0 p_0}{a_0} \left(1 + \frac{\chi_1 p_1 a_0}{\chi_0 p_0 a_1} \right) W - \\ &- \frac{\chi_0 p_0}{2R} \left(1 + \frac{\chi_1 p_1}{\chi_0 p_0} \right) W - \chi_0 p_0 M W' - gh\omega^2 W \\ \Delta_n^2 &= \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} - \frac{n^2}{R^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{n^4}{R^4}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

We introduce dimensionless coordinate $x' = x/l$, remain for it previous denotation, and dimensionless frequency $\Omega = l\omega/a_0$;

Substitute (1.10) into (1.8), (1.9) and get

$$\Delta_n^2 W - B_2 W'' + B_1 M W' + B_0 W - A_0 F'' - \lambda W = 0 \quad (1.11)$$

$$\Delta_0^2 F + D_2 W'' - D_0 w_0'' W = 0; \quad \Delta_n^2 = \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} - 2n^2 \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \alpha^4 n^4; \quad \alpha = \frac{l}{R}$$

here we introduce the denotation

$$B_0 = \frac{\sigma_{yy}^0 n^2 \alpha^2 l^2 h}{D} + \frac{\chi_0 p_0 l^3 \alpha}{2D} \left(1 + \frac{\chi_1 p_1}{\chi_0 p_0} \right); \quad B_1 = \frac{\chi_0 p_0 l^3}{D};$$

$$B_2 = \frac{h\sigma_{xx}^0 l}{D}; \quad A_0 = \frac{h\alpha l}{D}; \quad A_1 \Omega + A_2 \Omega_\lambda^2 + \lambda = 0$$

$$A_1 = \frac{\chi_0 p_0 l^3}{D} \left(1 + \frac{\chi_1 p_1 \alpha_0}{\chi_0 p_0 a_1} \right); \quad A_2 = \frac{ghl^2 a_0^2}{D}$$

$$D_0 = En^2 \alpha^2; \quad D_2 = E\alpha l.$$

System (1.1) together with boundary conditions compose eigen-values problem. Vibrations are stable, if $\text{Re } \lambda < 0$, unstable if $\text{Re } \lambda > 0$. The boundary of domains $\text{Re } \lambda = 0$ determines the critical values of parameters; in complex plane λ this condition means that λ lies on the stability parabola $A_2 (Jm\lambda)^2 = A_1^2 \text{Re } \lambda$.

2. Statical state

From equations of forces equilibrium in median surface we have $\sigma_{xx}^0 = \sigma_1 = const$, $\sigma_{yy}^0 = \sigma_2 = \sigma_2(x)$. We find from the second equation of (1.5) that $\sigma_2 = -(E/R)w_0^0 + b_0, b_0 = const$. On the other hand, from Hook's law we get

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{E}{1-v^2} \left(\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2}w_0'^2 - \frac{v}{R}w_0 \right) \quad (2.1)$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{E}{1-v^2} \left(v \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial x} - \frac{w_0}{R} + \frac{v}{2}w_0'^2 \right) \quad (2.2)$$

The ends of the shell don't converge therefore $\int_0^l (\partial u_0 / \partial x) dx = 0$ from (2.1) we get σ_1 and $\partial u_0 / \partial x$

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{E}{l(1-v^2)} \int_0^l \left(\frac{1}{2}w_0'^2 - \frac{v}{R}w_0 \right) dx \quad (2.3)$$

$$\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial x} = \frac{1-v^2}{E} \sigma_1 - \frac{1}{2}w_0'^2 + \frac{v}{R}w_0$$

now from (2.2) we have:

$$\sigma_2 = -Ew_0/R + v\sigma_1.$$

Assume $w_0 = hC_0 \sin(\pi x/l)$; calculations by formula (2.3), (2.4) give

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{EC_0h}{(1-v^2)l} \left(\frac{\pi^2 C_0 h}{4l} - \frac{2v\alpha}{\pi} \right)$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{EhC_0\alpha}{l} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} + \frac{vEC_0h}{(1-v^2)l} \left(\frac{\pi^2 C_0 h}{4l} - \frac{2v\alpha}{\pi} \right).$$

Substitute the necessary expressions into the first of (1.5) and carry out Bubnov-Galerkin procedure; we get an equation to determine parameter C_0 :

$$C_0 \left(1 + \frac{12(1-v^2)\alpha^2 l^2}{\pi^4 h^2} \right) + \sigma_1 \frac{12(1-v^2)l^2}{E\pi^4 h^2} \left(C_0 - \frac{4v\alpha l}{\pi h} \right) - \Delta p \frac{4l^4}{D\pi^5 h} = 0.$$

3. Flatter problem.

Represent the solution by two-term approximations:

$$W_1 = C_1 \sin \pi x + C_2 \sin 2\pi x; \quad F = H_1^* \sin \pi x + H_2^* \sin 2\pi \alpha.$$

Substitute into the second of (1.11), after Bubnov-Galerkin procedure we find the coefficients H_1^*, H_2^* :

$$H_1^* = \frac{\pi^2 C_1}{(n^2 \alpha^2 + \pi^2)^2} \left(D_2 - \frac{8}{3\pi} D_0 C_0 h \right) = H_1 C_1;$$

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$$H_2^* = \frac{4\pi^2 C_2}{(n^2 \alpha^2 + 4\pi^2)^2} \left(D_2 - \frac{2}{15\pi} D_0 C_0 h \right) = H_2 C_2.$$

From the first equation of (1.11) we get similarly a homogeneous system with respect to C_1, C_2 :

$$(A_{11} - \lambda) C_1 + \frac{8}{3} B_1 M C_2 = 0; \quad -\frac{8}{3} B_1 M C_1 + (A_{22} - \lambda) C_2 = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

here we denote

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11} (\alpha^2 n^2 + \pi^2)^2 + \pi^2 B_2 + B_0 + \pi^2 A_0 H_1 \\ A_{22} (\alpha^2 n^2 + 4\pi^2)^2 + 4\pi^2 B_2 + B_0 + 4\pi^2 A_0 H_1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Characteristic equation of system (3.1) is of the form and solution

$$\lambda^2 - \left((A_{22} + A_{11}) \lambda + A_{22} A_{11} + \left(\frac{8}{3} B_1 M \right) \right)^2 = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

Carry out qualitative analysis of the result. For

$M \leq M_0^3 = 3(A_{22} - A_{11}) / (16B_1)$ eigen-values (3.3) are real and positive, vibrations are stable. For $M > M_0$ from stability parabola equation we find:

$$\left(\frac{16}{3} M_{4p} \right) = \frac{(A_{22} + A_{11}) 2A_1}{A_2} + (A_{22} - A_{11})^2$$

We form the difference

$$A_{22} - A_{11} = 3\pi^2 (5\pi^2 + 2\pi^2 \alpha^2) + 3\pi^2 B_2 + \pi^2 A_0 (4H_2 - H_1).$$

Simple estimates show that $|4H_2 - H| \ll |B|$ and the sign is defined by the stress sign σ_1 . Hence it follows that at excessive external pressure the velocity M_0 will be less than in the case $\Delta p = 0$ (linear statement). The same estimate relates to the sum $A_{22} + A_{11}$, therefore we conclude: excessive pressure $\Delta p > 0$ leads to decreasing critical velocity of flutter.

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