Generalized Load-Displacement Relations for Helical Structures

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- Energy: $E(\mathbf{u}) = (\mathbf{u} \hat{\mathbf{u}})^T \mathbf{K} (\mathbf{u} \hat{\mathbf{u}})$ • Stiffness matrix $\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} K_1 & 0 & K_{13} \\ 0 & K_2 & K_{23} \\ K_{13} & K_{23} & K_3 \end{bmatrix}$.
- \blacktriangleright Reference state \hat{u}

Helical Equilibria Equilibria

The helical equilibria of a rod lie on the surface \mathcal{H} given by

$$0 = Xu_1u_2 + Yu_1u_3 + Zu_2u_3 - Vu_1 - Wu_2$$

Axial Translation, Rotation, Force and Moment in Terms of \boldsymbol{u}

- Axial translation: $R(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{u_3}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}$
- Axial rotation: $\theta(\mathbf{u}) = \|\mathbf{u}\|$
- Axial moment: $M(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{K} (\mathbf{u} \hat{\mathbf{u}})}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}$
- Axial force: $N(\mathbf{u}) = \mu(\mathbf{u}) \|\mathbf{u}\|$

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Equation of the Surface Of Helical Equilibria

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Illustration of the Shapes \mathcal{H} Can Have



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Axial Translation or Rise



$$R(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{u_3}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}$$
$$\mathcal{R}_{\alpha} := \{\mathbf{u} : R(\mathbf{u}) = \pm \alpha\} \cup \mathbf{0}$$

Straight Lines Contained in the Level Sets of ${\cal R}$



 $|\alpha_0| < 1$: height such that $\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{R}_{\alpha_0}$ contains a straight line.

Parametrization of the Level Curve $\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{R}_{\alpha}$

- Every level curve $\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{R}_{\alpha}$ can be parametrized by $\gamma_{\alpha}(\phi)$ with $\phi \in [0, 2\pi[$.
- γ_{α_0} is not well defined on the straight line contained in $\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{R}_{\alpha_0}$.
- ► γ_{α_0} has a limit on the straight line contained in $\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{R}_{\alpha_0}$ if $X \neq 0$ and $V^3 Z + W^3 Y \neq 0$.

Level Curve $\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{R}_{\alpha_0}$



 $\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{R}_{\alpha_0}$ is the only level curve that can have a non zero self-intersection.

Axial Rotation or Angle



$$heta\left(\mathsf{u}\right) = \|\mathsf{u}\|$$

 $heta_{lpha} = \{\mathsf{u}: \theta\left(\mathsf{u}\right) = 0\}$

Level Sets for Small Heights: Comparison with a Plane



For α small enough, $\mathcal{H} \cap \theta_{\alpha}$ is a simple closed curve.

Level Sets for Large Heights: Comparison with a Cone



For α large enough, θ has the same behavior as on a cone.

Cone Having its Apex at **0**



 $\mathcal{H} \cap \theta_{\alpha}$ is composed of two simple closed curves: one on each nappe. Comparison Between a Cone Having its Apex at ${\bf 0}$ and a Hyperboloid



For α large enough, $\mathcal{H} \cap \theta_{\alpha}$ is composed of two distinct closed curves: one on each nappe.

Circular Cone



 θ has a local minimum and a saddle point.

Comparison Between a Cone Having its Apex not at **0** and a Hyperboloid



Special case: θ has a local minimum on the nappe that doesn't contain **0**.

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Hyperbolic Cylinder



Hyperbolic cylinder: θ has a local minimum on the nappe that doesn't contain **0**.

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Intersecting Planes



Intersecting planes: every point of the intersection line is a self-intersection of $\mathcal{H} \cap \theta_{\alpha}$ for some α .

Comparison Between Intersecting Planes and Hyperboloid



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Conjecture on the Critical Points of θ

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The set where (R, θ) is not a coordinate system



Axial Moment



$$M(\mathsf{u}) = \frac{\mathsf{u}^T \mathbf{K} (\mathsf{u} - \hat{\mathsf{u}})}{\|\mathsf{u}\|}$$
$$M_\alpha = \{\mathsf{u} : M(\mathsf{u}) = \alpha\} \cup \mathbf{0}$$

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0-Level Surface of M



0-level surface: ellipsoid M_0

- ▶ centered at $\frac{1}{2}\hat{u}$
- semi-principal axes = orthogonal eigenvectors of K
- ► length of semi-principal axis = $\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{u}}\|_{\mathbf{K}}}{2\sqrt{\lambda_i}}$

Positive and Negative Level Surfaces



Positive height: the level surface is outside M_0 . Negative height: the level surface is inside M_0 .

Small Level Curves of M



For α small enough, the level curve $\mathcal{H} \cap M_{\alpha}$ is a simple closed curve.

Large Level Curves of M



For α large enough, the level curve $\mathcal{H} \cap M_{\alpha}$ is composed of two simple closed curves.

Level Sets of M on Intersecting Planes



- ▶ 0 and \hat{u} are on the same plane.
- ▶ One of the principal axes of *M*₀ is perpendicular to this plane.

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M may have one minimum on the intersection line.

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M may have two minima on the intersection line.

Conjecture on M

- *M* has a global minimum on \mathcal{H} , at height $\alpha = \|\mathbf{K}\hat{\mathbf{u}}\|$.
- ▶ It can have either 1, 3 or 5 other critical points.
- If M has 1 non zero critical point, it is a saddle.
- ▶ If *M* has 3 non zero critical points, the lowest one is a minimum and the two other are saddle points.
- ▶ If *M* has 5 non zero critical points, two of them are minima and the three other saddles. The lowest one is a minimum and the highest one a saddle.

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Axial Force ${\cal N}$



$$N(\mathbf{u}) = \mu(\mathbf{u}) \|\mathbf{u}\|$$

$$\mu\left(\mathsf{u}\right) = \frac{P^{3}\left(\mathsf{u}\right)}{u_{1}u_{2}}$$



- ▶ We understand well the displacement coordinate system.
- ▶ The load coordinate system needs further research.

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Unshearable inextensible rod: $\mathbf{v} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\1 \end{bmatrix}$.

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Angles between the Asymptotes of a Hyperboloid



Example Where θ has 1 Non Zero Critical Point





- 1. Construct the ellipsoid \mathcal{E}^1_{α}
 - ▶ centered at $\frac{1}{2}\hat{u}$
 - semi-principal axes = orthogonal
 - eigenvectors of ${\bf K}$
 - ► length of semi-principal axis = $\frac{\alpha}{2\lambda_i}$



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eigenvectors of ${\bf K}$

• length of semi-principal axis = $\frac{\|\mathbf{c}_{\alpha}(\psi, \phi)\|_{\mathbf{K}}}{\lambda_{i}}$



- 2. Take the point $\mathbf{c}_{\alpha}(\psi, \phi)$
- 3. Construct the ellipsoid $\mathcal{E}^2_{\alpha}(\psi, \phi)$
- 4. Choose the point of $\mathcal{E}^2_{\alpha}(\psi,\phi)$ in direction $\sqrt{\mathbf{K}}^{-1}\mathbf{d}(\psi,\phi)$