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Introduction

Frequency-dependent coupling forces are common in many systems of practical interest, in particular flow/structure interactions. The importance of fluidelastic forces in flow-excited vibrations should not be under-estimated, in view of their damaging potential. Typically, fluidelastic coupling coefficients are experimentally obtained from vibration experiments, within a limited experimental frequency range, see Piteau et al. (2019). For performing nonlinear time-domain computations, conversion of limited fluidelastic data from the frequency-domain to the time-domain is mandatory, and non-causality will be artificially introduced if one simply assumes that data is nil outside the measured frequency range. Here, a new method is proposed for the frequency interpolation and extrapolation of experimental fluidelastic data, by enforcing the causality of reconstructed flow-coupling forces. The method is tested and illustrated using as reference data simulated fluidelastic coefficients based on the Granger-Païdoussis model, in the context of heat-exchanger tube bundle vibrations, although the problem addressed embraces a much wider range of applications.

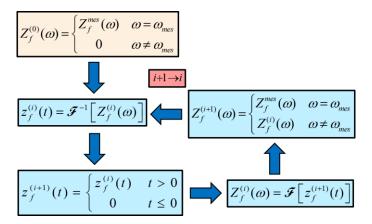


Figure 1. Scheme of the proposed causal data reconstruction technique.

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Data interpolation/extrapolation method

Given the flow-coupling force $F_f(\omega)=Z_f(\omega)X_s(\omega)$, the proposed reconstruction technique for the flow dynamical coefficient $Z_f(\omega)=-\omega^2m_f(\omega)+i\omega c_f(\omega)+k_f(\omega)$ is nonlinear and iterates alternatively between the frequency and time-domains. The experimentally available data is enforced on $Z_f(\omega)$, in the frequency-domain, while causality is enforced on $Z_f(t)$, in the time-domain, at each iteration. Further conditions, such as the regularity of $Z_f(\omega)$ and $Z_f(t)$ can be conveniently enforced within the proposed iterative scheme.

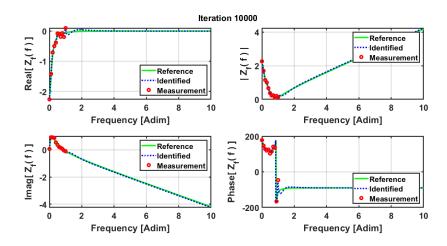


Figure 2. Reference function from the Granger-Païdoussis fluidelastic model, simulated noisy band-limited experimental data and the frequency-extrapolated result.

Results

As shown in Figure 2, the method is tested and illustrated using as reference data simulated fluidelastic coefficients based on the Granger-Païdoussis (1996) model. As expected, the frequency-extended data produced fulfills the frequency-domain Kramers-Kronig causality relations, while the reconstructed results range from moderate to very satisfactory. Although unable to recover dynamical features of the flow-coupling forces totally absent from the measured frequency range, the proposed approach has the significant advantage of being model-independent and leads to augmented data that is both regular and physically consistent.

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