

**MOTION OF A SOLID BODY WITH A CAVITY PARTLY FILLED WITH A  
VISCIOUS FLUID UNDER CONDITIONS OF TOTAL WEIGHTLESSNESS**

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The problem of joint motion of a solid body and viscous incompressible fluid which partly fills a cavity in the body under conditions of total weightlessness is considered.

This problem was analyzed in [1-3] without taking into account surface tension under conditions of normal gravity. Forced rotation of a viscous fluid with surface tension was considered in [4, 5].

**1. Statement of the problem.** Let a solid body with a cavity partly filled with a viscous incompressible fluid rotate around a fixed point  $O$  under conditions of total weightlessness.

The slow motion of fluid in the cavity is defined by the Navier-Stokes equations which in the system of coordinates  $Ox_1x_2x_3$  fixed to the body is of the form

$$\mathbf{e} \times \mathbf{r} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} \quad (1.1)$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

where  $\mathbf{u}$  is the vector of fluid particle relative velocity,  $\mathbf{e}$  is the body angular acceleration vector,  $\mathbf{r}$  is the radius vector of fluid particles relative to point  $O$ ,  $p$  is the pressure in the fluid,  $\rho$  is the fluid density,  $\nu$  is the kinematic viscosity coefficient, and  $\Omega$  is the region occupied by the fluid in equilibrium.

The boundary condition along the wetted part of the cavity wall  $S$  is of the form

$$\mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{on } S \quad (1.2)$$

In the curvilinear system of coordinates  $(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3)$ , such that point  $(\xi_1, \xi_2, 0)$  lies on  $\Gamma_0$  and coordinate  $\xi_3$  is read along the outer normal  $n$  to  $\Gamma_0$ , with the Lamé coefficient  $h_3 = 1$ , the boundary condition at the free surface of the fluid is of the form [4]

$$\mathbf{u}_{1,3} + \mathbf{u}_{3,1} = \mathbf{u}_{2,3} + \mathbf{u}_{3,2} = 0, \quad \int_{\Gamma_0} \mathbf{u}_3 d\Gamma = 0 \quad (1.3)$$

$$p - 2\rho\nu \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_3}{\partial \xi_3} = \sigma B_1 N, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial t} = \mathbf{u}_3 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_0$$

where  $\sigma$  is the surface tension coefficient,  $N$  is the deviation of the fluid free surface in motion from that in equilibrium  $\Gamma_0$ , and  $B_1$  is the differential operator of the elliptic type

$$B_1 N = aN - \Delta_{\Gamma} N - \frac{1}{|\Gamma_0|} \int_{\Gamma_0} (aN - \Delta_{\Gamma} N) d\Gamma$$

$$a = -(k_1^2 + k_2^2 + \sigma^{-1} \partial p_0 / \partial n)$$

where  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are the principal curvatures of surface  $\Gamma_0$  of the fluid in equilibrium, and  $\Delta_\Gamma$  is the Laplace - Beltrami operator.

It is assumed, as in [4, 5], that the free surface  $\Gamma_0$  has no common points with the cavity wetted surface  $S$ , and that the fluid state of equilibrium is stable, i. e. that operator  $B_1$  is positive definite.

Under conditions of total weightlessness ( $g = 0$ ) the equation of motion of the body with fluid is of the form [2, 3]

$$\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{e} + \rho \int_{\Omega} \left[ \mathbf{r} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \right] d\Omega = 0 \tag{1.4}$$

where  $\mathbf{J}$  is the tensor of the moment of inertia of the system "body + fluid" relative to point  $O$ , and  $\mathbf{g}$  is the acceleration of gravity.

Eliminating  $\mathbf{e}$  in Eq. (1.1) using Eq. (1.4), we obtain

$$\mathbf{r} \times \rho \mathbf{J}^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \left[ \mathbf{r} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \right] d\Omega + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} \tag{1.5}$$

We shall investigate problem (1.1) - (1.3), (1.5) of determination of the motion of fluid in the joint motion of body and fluid with initial conditions

$$\mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0, \quad N(0) = N_0 \tag{1.6}$$

Acceleration of the body is determined by the known velocity of fluid using formula (1.4).

2. Reduction of the problem to operator equations. For analyzing the problem equations we introduce the functional spaces considered in [6]. We denote by  $W_2^{1,0}(\Omega)$  the closure in the norm of the Sobolev space  $W_2^1(\Omega)$  of the totality of solenoidal vector functions  $\mathbf{v}$  from  $W_2^1(\Omega)$  which vanish in the neighborhood of surface  $S$ . By  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  we understand the completion of  $W_2^{1,0}(\Omega)$  by the norm of space  $L_2(\Omega)$ . The orthogonal complement to  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  in  $L_2(\Omega)$  is the closure of vector functions that are potential in  $\Omega$  and equal zero on  $\Gamma_0$  (see, e. g., [5]). Note that for vector functions from  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  the normal component on  $S$  is zero.

Using the method set forth in [5, 6] we reduce the second of Eqs. (1.1) and Eq. (1.5) with boundary conditions (1.2) and (1.3) to two operator equations in  $L_2(\Omega)$  and  $W_2^{-1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  of the form

$$\begin{aligned} (I + B) \, du/dt + \nu A v &= 0 \\ \nu \, d\varphi/dt + \sigma B_1 \Gamma (v + T\varphi) &= 0 \\ \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} + T\varphi, \quad Bv = \Pi \left\{ \mathbf{r} \times \rho \mathbf{J}^{-1} \int_{\Omega} [\mathbf{r}_1 \times \mathbf{v}] \, d\Omega \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $B$  is the carry operator [7],  $\Pi$  is the operator of orthogonal projection of space  $L_2(\Omega)$  on subspace  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$ ,  $\Gamma$  is the operator of the vector function trace on the free surface  $\Gamma_0$ , and  $A$  and  $T$  are operators generated by the auxiliary boundary value problems described in [5, 6]. Operator  $A$  is self-conjugate and positive

definite in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$ , and has a completely continuous inverse operator of class  $\sigma_p$  ( $\forall p > 3/2$ ). The linear operator  $T$  continuously acts from  $W_2^{-1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  in  $W_2^{1,0}(\Omega)$ .

As in [5], we understand  $W_2^\gamma(\Gamma_0)$  to be the complex Hilbert space of Sobolev -Slobodetskii with norm

$$\|u\|_\gamma^2 = \sum_{|q| \leq [\gamma]} \|u^{(q)}\|^2 + \sum_{|q| = [\gamma]} \iint_{\Gamma_0 \Gamma_0} \frac{|u^{(q)}(x_1) - u^{(q)}(x_2)|^2}{|x_1 - x_2|^{2+2(\gamma+[\gamma])}} d\Gamma_{x_1} d\Gamma_{x_2}$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_0} u d\Gamma = 0$$

where  $[\gamma]$  is the integral part of  $\gamma$ ,  $W_2^{-\gamma}(\Gamma_0)$  is the space conjugate with  $W_2^\gamma(\Gamma_0)$  with respect to the scalar product in the space  $W_2^\circ(\Gamma_0) = L_2(\Gamma_0) \ominus \{1\}$ .

3. The theorem of existence and uniqueness of solution. It was shown in [7, 8] that the operator  $(I + B)^{-1}$  is the self-conjugate positive definite inverse operator of operator  $(I + B)$ .

Below we shall use the following lemmas proved in [5].

L e m m a 1. Operator  $C = \Gamma T$  isothermally maps  $W_2^{-1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  on  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ , whose contraction on  $W_2^\circ(\Gamma_0) = L_2(\Gamma_0) \ominus \{1\}$  is a self-conjugate positive entirely continuous operator acting in  $W_2^\circ(\Gamma_0)$ .

L e m m a 2. Operator  $B_2 = C^{1/2} B_1 C^{1/2}$  is unboundedly self-conjugate and positive definite in  $W_2^\circ(\Gamma_0)$ , and  $D(B_2) = W_2^1(\Gamma_0)$ . Operator  $B_2^{-1}$  belongs to class  $\sigma_q$  for  $q > 3$ .

Lemma 1 implies that operator  $C$  has the inverse operator  $C^{-1}$  which is self-conjugate and positive definite in  $W_2^\circ(\Gamma_0)$ . A direct check shows that  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  is the determining region of operator  $C^{-1/2}$ .

Applying operator  $(I + B)^{-1}$  to both sides of Eqs. (2. 1) we obtain

$$\frac{ds}{dt} + \nu^{-1} \sigma^{1/2} A^{1/2} T C^{-1/2} \frac{d\eta}{dt} + \nu A^{1/2} (I + B)^{-1} A^{1/2} s = 0 \tag{3. 1}$$

$$\nu^{-1} \sigma^{1/2} \frac{d\eta}{dt} + \nu^{-1} \sigma C^{1/2} B_1 \Gamma (A^{-1/2} s + \nu^{-1} \sigma^{1/2} T C^{-1/2} \eta) = 0$$

$$s = A^{1/2} \nu, \quad \eta = \nu \sigma^{-1/2} C^{1/2} \varphi$$

We consider the obtained system as a single ordinary differential equation of the first order in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega) \oplus W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ , acting on which with the operator

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_\Omega & -A^{1/2} T C^{-1/2} \\ 0 & \nu \sigma^{-1/2} I_\Gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

we obtain an equation of the form

$$dx/dt + M_1 x + K_1 x = 0 \tag{3. 2}$$

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \nu A^{1/2} (I + B)^{-1} A^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & \nu^{-1} \sigma B_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ \eta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\nu^{-1} \sigma A^{1/2} T B_1 \Gamma A^{-1/2} & -\nu^{-2} \sigma^{3/2} A^{1/2} T C^{-1/2} B_2 \\ \sigma^{1/2} C^{1/2} B_1 \Gamma A^{-1/2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $I_\Omega$  and  $I_\Gamma$  are unit operators in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  and  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ , respectively.

The initial conditions become

$$x(0) = x_0 = \text{col} \{A^{1/2} v_0, \sigma^{-1/2} v C^{1/2} \Phi_0\}, \quad u_0 = v_0 + T \Phi_0 \quad (3.3)$$

**Theorem 1.** Equation (3.2) is an abstract parabolic equation in space  $L_2^\circ(\Omega) \oplus W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ , whose Cauchy problem is uniformly correct. The related semigroup is analytic in the sector containing the positive axis. Problem (3.2), (3.3) has a weakened solution for any  $x_0$ .

**Proof.** Operator  $A^{-1/2}(I + B)A^{-1/2}$  is bounded, self-conjugate, and positive, hence its inverse operator  $A^{1/2}(I + B)^{-1}A^{1/2}$  is self-conjugate positive definite in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$ . The last of formulas (2.1) implies that the region of values of operator  $B$  is the same as the region of values of the projection operator  $\Pi$  on the set of linear functions of the form  $r \times I$ , hence according to [9] the region of values of  $B$  consists of functions that are as smooth as desired. It follows from this that the region of values of operator  $A^{-1/2}(I + B)A^{-1/2}$  consists of functions  $v \in W_2^2(\Omega)$ , and the determining region of operator  $A^{1/2}(I + B)^{-1}A^{1/2}$  is  $W_2^2(\Omega) \cap W_2^{1,0}(\Omega)$ .

Using operator  $B_2$  we form the scale of Gilbert spaces [10, 11]

$$H_\gamma(\Gamma) = D(B_2^\gamma)$$

By Lemma 2 this scale applies to Gilbert spaces that join  $W_2^\circ(\Gamma_0)$  and  $W_2^1(\Gamma_0)$ . From this and [11] follows that for  $\gamma \leq 1$  the Sobolev spaces  $W_2^\gamma(\Gamma_0)$  are the same as spaces  $H_\gamma(\Gamma_0)$ .

Since operator  $B_2$  is self-conjugate and positive definite in  $H_0(\Gamma_0) = W_2^\circ(\Gamma_0)$ , hence according to [11] it is self-conjugate and positive definite also in  $H_{1/2}(\Gamma_0) = W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ .

Thus operator  $M_1$  is self-conjugate and positive definite in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega) \oplus W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ . Hence the semigroup generated by the equation  $dx/dt = -M_1x$ , is contractive and analytic in the left half-plane (see [12]).

Let us represent operator  $K_1$  in the form

$$K_1 = T_1 M_1$$

$$T_1 = \begin{vmatrix} -\sigma v^{-2} T_{11} & -\sigma^{1/2} v^{-1} T_{12} \\ \sigma^{1/2} v^{-1} T_{21} & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$T_{11} = T_{12} T_{21}, \quad T_{12} = A^{1/2} T C^{-1/2}, \quad T_{21} = B_2 C^{-1/2} \Gamma A^{-1} (I + B) A^{-1/2}$$

Operator  $K_1$  is entirely subordinated to operator  $M_1$ , if operator  $T_1$  is entirely continuous in the space  $L_2^\circ(\Omega) \oplus W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  (see, e. g., [12]). This statement follows from the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.** Operator  $T_{12}$  acts entirely continuously from  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$ . To prove this let us assume that  $\mu$  is a bounded set in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ . It follows from Lemma 1 that operator  $C^{-1/2}$  transforms  $\mu$  into a bounded set in  $W_2^\circ(\Gamma_0)$  and into a compact set in  $W_2^{-1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  by virtue of complete continuity of the imbedding operator. The above properties of operators  $T$  and  $A$  imply that operator  $T C^{-1/2}$  transforms  $\mu$  into a compact set in  $W_2^1(\Omega)$ , and operator  $A^{1/2} T C^{-1/2}$  transforms  $\mu$  into a compact set in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$ . This implies total continuity of operator  $A^{1/2} T C^{-1/2}$  from  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  to  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$ . The lemma is proved.

**Lemma 4.** Operator  $T_{11}$  acts entirely continuously from  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  to  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$ .

**P r o o f.** Since the region of values of operator  $B$  consists of functions that are as smooth as required operator  $(I + B) A^{-1/2}$  is bounded as an operator from  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  in  $W_2^1(\Omega)$  and by the theorem on imbedding is entirely continuous as an operator from  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Omega)$ . Operator  $B_2 C^{-1/2} \Gamma A^{-1} = C^{1/2} B_1 \Gamma A^{-1}$  is bounded as an operator from  $W_2^{1/2}(\Omega)$  in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ , as implied by the mapping chain

$$W_2^{1/2}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{A^{-1}} W_2^{1/2}(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\Gamma} W_2^2(\Gamma_0) \xrightarrow{B_1} W_2^0(\Gamma_0) \xrightarrow{C^{1/2}} W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$$

Continuity of the operator in the first link was shown in [13], in the second from the theory of traces [13] and in the third from the estimates [14]

$$\|B_1^{-1} v\|_{W_2^2(\Gamma_0)} \leq c \|v\|_{W_2^0(\Gamma_0)} \text{ for } v \in W_2^0(\Gamma_0)$$

The operator in the fourth link is continuous by virtue of Lemma 1.

Thus operator  $T_{11}$  represents the product of the entirely continuous operator  $(I + B) A^{-1/2}$  from  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Omega)$ , the bounded operator  $B_2 C^{-1/2} \Gamma A^{-1}$  from  $W_2^{1/2}(\Omega)$  in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  and of the entirely continuous operator  $T_{12}$  from  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$ , hence it is entirely continuous as an operator from  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$ . The lemma is proved.

**L e m m a 5.** Operator  $T_{21}$  acts entirely continuously from  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ .

Proof of this lemma follows from the proof of Lemma 4.

The total subordination of operator  $K_1$  to operator  $M_1$  is proved. Then all assertions of Theorem 1 follow from [12].

**R e m a r k.** For a specified initial distribution of fluid velocity  $u_0$  in region  $\Omega$  and initial deviation of the free surface  $N_0$  from the equilibrium surface (1.6),  $p_0$  on surface  $\Gamma_0$  at the initial instant of time is determined by the second of formulas (1.3). As shown in [6], the initial values  $v_0$  and  $w_0 = T \varphi_0$  are, consequently, determined by expansion (3.3) in  $u_0$  and  $p_0$ .

**4. N o r m a l o s c i l l a t i o n s.** Let us consider normal oscillations of a viscous fluid in the simultaneous motion of the system body + fluid under conditions of total weightlessness. We seek a solution of the problem of the form

$$(u, p, N) = e^{-\lambda t} (u_1, p_1, N_1)$$

where  $u_1, p_1$ , and  $N_1$  are functions of coordinates only. For the quantities  $s_1 = A^{1/2} v_1$  and  $\eta_1 = \sigma^{-1/2} v C^{1/2} \varphi_1$  we obtain the problem

$$v s_1 = \lambda F_1 (s_1 + v^{-1} \sigma^{1/2} T_{12} \eta_1) \tag{4.1}$$

$$\sigma^{1/2} v^{-1} T_{12} \eta_1 = \sigma (\lambda v)^{-1} F_2 (s_1 + \sigma^{1/2} v^{-1} T_{12} \eta_1)$$

$$F_1 = A^{-1/2} (I + B) A^{-1/2}, \quad F_2 = A^{1/2} T B_1 \Gamma A^{-1/2}$$

Using the notation  $\xi_1 = s_1 + \sigma^{1/2} v^{-1} T_{12} \eta_1$  we have

$$\xi_1 = \lambda v^{-1} F_1 \xi_1 + \sigma (\lambda v)^{-1} F_2 \xi_1 \tag{4.2}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $\xi_1$  and noting that owing to the positiveness of operator  $F_1$  we have  $(F_1 \xi_1, \xi_1) \geq 0$  and owing to the positive definiteness of operator  $B_1$ ,  $(F_2 \xi_1, \xi_1) = (B_1 \Gamma A^{-1/2} \xi_1, \Gamma A^{1/2} \xi_1) > 0$ , we obtain

$$\lambda = {}^{1/2}\{v(\xi_1, \xi_1) \pm [v^2(\xi_1, \xi_1) - 4\sigma(F_1\xi_1, \xi_1)(F_2\xi_1, \xi_1)]^{1/2}\} / (F_1\xi_1, \xi_1)$$

which shows that  $\lambda$  has a positive real part.

To prove the completeness of the system of the eigen- and adjoint vectors of problem (4.1) we use Eq. (3.2) which for normal oscillations is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \lambda M_1^{-1}(I + S)x_1 \\ M_1^{-1} &= \begin{vmatrix} v^{-1}F_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^{-1}vB_2^{-1} \end{vmatrix}, \quad x_1 = \begin{vmatrix} s_1 \\ \eta_1 \end{vmatrix} \\ S &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & v^{-1}\sigma^{1/2}T_{12} \\ -\sigma^{1/2}v^{-1}T_{21} & -\sigma v^{-2}T_{21}T_{12} \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

**L e m m a 6.** Operator  $S$  is entirely continuous in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega) \oplus W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ .

**P r o o f.** By Lemmas 3 and 5 operator  $T_{12}$  is entirely continuous as an operator from  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$ , and operator  $T_{21}$  is entirely continuous as an operator from  $L_2^\circ(\Omega)$  in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ . It remains to show that the operator  $T_{21}T_{12}$  is entirely continuous in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ . It follows from the proof of Lemmas 3 and 4 that it is the product of the entirely continuous operator  $TC^{-1/2}$  from  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Omega)$  of the bounded operator  $(I + B)$  in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Omega)$ , and of the bounded operator  $B_2C^{-1/2}TA^{-1}$  from  $W_2^{1/2}(\Omega)$  in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ . Hence it is entirely continuous as an operator from  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$  in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ . The lemma is proved.

As shown above the self-conjugate operator  $A^{-1}$  is entirely continuous and belongs to class  $\sigma_q$  ( $\forall q > 3/2$ ). Operator  $F_1$  has the same properties. By Lemma 2 and [11] operator  $B_2^{-1}$  is entirely continuous, self-conjugate in  $W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ , and belongs to class  $\sigma_q$  ( $\forall q > 3$ ). This implies that operator  $M_1^{-1}$  is self-conjugate, entirely continuous in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega) \oplus W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ , and belongs to class  $\sigma_q$  with  $q > 3$ .

**T h e o r e m 2.** The system of eigen- and adjoint vectors of problem (4.1) of viscous fluid normal oscillations in the simultaneous motion of the system body + fluid under conditions of total weightlessness is closed in  $L_2^\circ(\Omega) \oplus W_2^{1/2}(\Gamma_0)$ . All normal oscillations for any  $\varepsilon (> 0)$  are damped, except possibly a finite number of those whose argument is comprized within the angle  $-\varepsilon < \arg \lambda < \varepsilon$ . The spectrum of this problem is discrete and has a bunching point at infinity.

Theorem 2 flows from Keldysh's theorem [15].

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