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VORTEX-INDUCED-VIBRATION OF JACK-UPS WITH CYLINDRICAL LEGS IN REGULAR WAVES

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ABSTRACT

A simple mathematical model is developed based on the single-degree-of-freedom analogy and principle of conservation of energy evaluating various modes of Vortex-Induced-Vibration (VIV) of a jack-up with cylindrical legs in regular waves. Similar to uniform current, mass ratio, damping ratio and mode factor are found to be the important parameters controlling the cross-flow VIV and radius of gyration also for the yaw VIV. Criteria for the initiation of the mentioned VIV modes are developed for the cases of a single 2D cylinder experiencing planar oscillatory flow, four rigidly coupled 2D cylinders in rectangular configuration experiencing planar oscillatory flow and jack-up experiencing regular waves. The newly developed VIV model is validated by a set of experiments conducted in a wind, wave and current flume. The importance of mass damping parameter is further demonstrated in suppressing VIV in regular waves. The mathematical method will equip engineers to consider the effect of VIV due to regular waves in jack-up designs.

Keywords: Jack-up, Vortex-induced-vibration (VIV), VIV criteria, VIV suppression.

INTRODUCTION

It is well known that alternate shedding of vortices about the cylinders due to flow separation causes Vortex-Induced-Vibration (VIV), which can lead to structural yield and fatigue failures. Comprehensive reviews on VIV are presented by Sarpkaya and Isaacson [1], Blevins [2], Sarpkaya [3], Williamson and Govardhan [4] and Sumer and Fredsøe [5].

VIV in water is characterised by low mass ratio, added mass and significant fluid damping. Khalak and Williamson [6]

presented test results in steady flow and stated that the overall range of excitation as well as the shape of the response curve is determined by the mass ratio while the level of response is characterised by the mass damping parameter. Govardhan and Williamson [7] found that the vibration frequency during lock-in is primarily dependent on mass ratio and vibration frequency can reach remarkably large values when mass ratio is in the order of unity, producing a negative added mass. Vandiver [8] proposed an alternative damping parameter (C*) to overcome the limitation of mass damping parameter, which shall be multiplied with the amplitude ratio to calculate the lift coefficient and argued that the alternative might be used to characterise VIV at all reduced velocities in the lock-in range.

FIGURE 1 displays a typical jack-up with cylindrical legs performing soil investigation. Floating multi-cylinder structures like semi-submersibles and TLPs are found to experience Vortex Induced Motion (VIM), a low frequency analogue of VIV. Gonçalves et al. [9, 10] conducted experimental studies on VIM with a scaled model of the semi-submersible in steady flow and found that inline, crossflow and yaw motions were experienced. It was further reported that vortex-induced-yaw motion (VIY) occurred when vortex shedding frequency about the columns approached the natural frequency of yaw of the semi-submersible.

The spacing between the cylinders is a significant parameter for multi-cylinder VIV as the cylinders are strongly influenced by wake and proximity interference effects. Zdravkovich [11] conducted extensive wind tunnel experiments with two identical cylinders in tandem, side by side and staggered arrangements and concluded that the coupling between cylinders disappeared when the transverse pitch ratio was above 4, and the wake

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interference gradually diminished when the longitudinal pitch ratio was greater than 7. Wang et al. [12] conducted an experimental study of flow around four circular cylinders in square configuration and reconfirmed that for transverse spacing ratios above 4, the four-cylinder array can be regarded as two isolated parallel rows of two cylinders in tandem. It was further revealed that for large pitch ratios (P/D > 5), the vortex shedding from all four cylinders is fully synchronised with constant frequency and definite phase relationships. Assi et al. [13] studied the wake induced vibration (WIV) response of a downstream cylinder for various longitudinal pitch ratios and found that for pitch ratios greater than 8, the WIV was progressively reduced and the response corresponded to that of VIV resonance.



FIGURE 1: JACK-UP WITH CYLINDRICAL LEGS (MS CYBERMARINE TECHNOLOGIES PTE. LTD.)

Jiang [14] numerically studied flow induced transverse vibrations of two tandem cylinders between two parallel walls and found that the cylinders behave as two isolated cylinders for pitch ratios above 8. Zhao and Cheng [15] performed numerical simulation of VIV of four rigidly coupled square cylinders in a square configuration and reported two modes of vortex shedding; symmetrical, with cylinders on either side shedding vortices symmetrically about the longitudinal centre line, and synchronised, with aggressive lock-in vibrations due to the synchronisation of vortex shedding about all the four cylinders.

Angrilli and Cossalter [16] conducted experiments with a vertical pile in regular waves and found that transverse resonant vibrations at natural frequency are induced by lift forces due to vortex shedding, with lock-in behaviour observed for a wave frequency range of $0.9 - 1.1 f_n$, where f_n is the natural frequency. A simplified mathematical model was also proposed for the evaluation of the resonant crossflow VIV in regular waves. Bearman *et al.* [17] presented a quasi-steady model to predict the lift forces acting on cylinders in waves and oscillating flows. The model was based on a constant Strouhal number of 0.20 and on the assumption that that the lift coefficient is constant over the

half cycle of flow. Experiments were conducted with circular cylinders in planar oscillatory flow and the results agreed well with the quasi-steady model at KC greater than 15. Sumer and Fredsok [18] carried out experimental studies with an elastically mounter circular cylinder exposed to oscillatory flows covering a vast range of Keulegan Carpenter (KC) numbers, reduced velocities and natural frequencies and concluded that the number of vortices shed per flow cycle for a vibrating cylinder is dependent not only on KC number, but also on reduced velocity. It was also observed that large crossflow vibrations are possible even at KC less than 7 caused by the lift forces due to the asymmetry in the strength of the two attached vortices. It was noted that lock-in occurred more than once leading to typical multi peak amplitude response.

McConnell and Park [19] studied the frequency components of lift forces in an oscillatory flow by oscillating a cylinder sinusoidally in still water. A theoretical model was presented which predicted three frequency components for the lift forces in terms of vortex shedding frequency (f_v) and flow frequency (f_w) , f_v , $f_v + 2f_w$ and $f_v - 2f_w$. Velocity ratio, the product of amplitude ratio (A/D) and the natural frequency wave frequency ratio (f_n/f_w) was proposed as the significant non-dimensional parameter defining the cylinder VIV and it was demonstrated that the excitation, natural frequency and the added mass were dependent on the velocity ratio. Sarpkaya [20] evaluated the inline and transverse forces acting on a circular cylinder in a harmonically oscillating fluid in a U shaped vertical tunnel and found that transverse forces can be as large as the inline forces. It was observed that the lift coefficient reaches a value as high as 3 at KC less than 10, the transverse forces alternate at frequencies that are one to four times the flow frequency and several frequencies are present in a lift cycle.

Verley [21] proposed a simple mathematical model based on instantaneous Strouhal relationship to calculate the lift forces on a cylinder due to vortex shedding in oscillatory flows. The quasisteady model was based on the assumption that the instantaneous velocity is zero at the start of every half cycle and could predict that the lift forces due to vortex shedding spreads over a range of several multiples of wave frequencies on either side of the fundamental frequency. Sarpkaya [22] conducted experiments with smooth and sand roughened cylinders in oscillatory flow for a range of KC numbers and Reynold numbers (Re) to determine the hydrodynamic forces and first ten harmonics of the lift force acting on the cylinder. It was found that the rms lift coefficient for smooth cylinders reaches a peak value of 1.6, all the ten harmonics are present in the lift force and second and fourth harmonics are predominant in the drag-inertia dominated regimes. Maull and Milliner [23] studied unidirectional sinusoidal flow past a circular cylinder in a U tube for KC numbers up to 30 and observed lift coefficients of considerable magnitudes between KC numbers of 10 and 15 due to stable lift generation with minimal intermittency. It was found that the lift force components at double, triple and quadruple the flow frequency are maximum at KC numbers of 13, 18 and 25 respectively. Strong lift frequency components at four and five

times the flow frequency were also observed at KC 13 and 25 respectively.

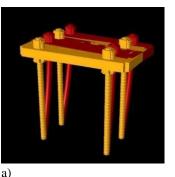
Hayashi et al. [24] conducted laboratory investigation to study the dynamic transverse response of a cylinder in planar oscillatory flow and observed twin peaks in the transverse VIV amplitude response similar to that observed for vertical circular cylinder in waves. They have presented a simple mathematical model derived based on the equations of motions and demonstrated the importance of frequency ratios and the inverse proportionality of the amplitude ratio with mass-damping or stability parameter. It was concluded that the VIV response of the cylinder is a function of its ratio of natural frequency to wave frequency, KC number and damping coefficient in air. Chaplin [25] conducted experimental studies on smooth and rough cylinders at high Re in planar oscillatory flow. The Re were in the range of 20000 to 280,000 and the KC from 6 to 20 and it was observed that the lift coefficients are in close agreement with that of vertical cylinders in waves. Sumer et al. [26] did span wise correlation measurement for an elastically mounted cylinder exposed to oscillatory flow and undergoing VIV in transverse direction at a KC of 10 and observed that during lockin, the correlation continuously increased with the amplitude ratio till the maximum value of 0.60.

The simplest analytical model is the harmonic model [2]. The limitation of the harmonic model is that it cannot capture the lift amplitude interaction or the self-limiting nature of VIV. The simplest nonlinear model is the one which incorporates the amplitude dependence of the lift by means of a three term polynomial fit to experimental data [27]. There are also more complex wake oscillator models which represent the fluid behaviour as a nonlinear self-excited oscillator [28, 29]. The harmonic model was used to develop criteria [2, 30] for the occurrence of VIV in steady flow. Vickery and Watkins [31] derived the dependence of response amplitude on reduced damping by considering the energy balance between excitation and damping at resonance, and presented conditions of similarity between model and prototype for VIV experiments.

Self-elevating platforms or jack-ups with cylindrical legs are usually deployed in shallow and intermediate waters. Cylindrical legs, typically having diameters from 0.50m to 4.00 m can potentially lead to large resonant vibration and lock-in in lateral and yaw directions of the jack-ups when the lift frequency approaches the unit's natural frequency. Such VIV can amplify the mean drag acting on the legs, result in high static and cyclic stresses and eventually lead to yield and fatigue damages. Nicholls-Lee et al. [32] pointed out the instability of the jack-ups in high tidal currents and associated VIV causing large topside motions leading to abortion of operations. Thake [33] described the VIV experienced by jack-ups working in deep and fast currents, and further stated the lack of established design guidelines to address this issue and the need for developing new methods. The potential modes of VIV of the jack-up in regular waves are illustrated in FIGURE 2.

There are limited model tests results on jack-ups available in the published literature and almost none of them pertains to jack-up VIV. Bennett Jr and Patel [34] tested the scaled down

model of a jack-up to understand the dynamics in regular waves and confirmed that the behaviour was similar to a classical single-degree-of-freedom (SDOF) system. Johnson and Patel [35] and Grundlehner [36] presented the tests carried out with the free and restrained jack-up model in the elevated condition and evaluated the dynamic amplification.



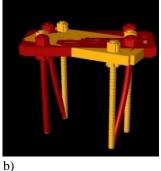


FIGURE 2: JACK-UP VIV MODES IN REGULAR WAVES, a) CROSSFLOW (SWAY), b) YAW (TORSIONAL)

The main objectives of the paper are to understand the VIV of the jack-up with multi-cylindrical legs in regular waves by means of model tests and to develop simple mathematical models to evaluate the various VIV modes. Criteria are proposed for predicting the occurrence of the various VIV modes of jack-ups in regular waves. The simplified mathematical approach is intended to enable practicing engineers to account for the effect of the VIV in the design stage of jack-ups. The comprehensive experimental results presented will also serve as a benchmark for the future research on the subject.

1.1 Theoretical Evaluation

2D Circular Cylinders VIV in Planar Oscillatory Flow

Crossflow / Sway VIV of a Single Cylinder

The crossflow resonant response amplitude, y_0 of a lightly damped linear mass spring SDOF cylinder under dynamic excitations can be expressed as [37],

$$y_0 = \frac{F_{LO}}{C\omega_N} \tag{1}$$

where F_{LO} , C and ω_N represent the amplitude of the excitation force, damping coefficient and natural angular frequency respectively. The product $C\omega_N$ is the dynamic damping stiffness and controls the resonance amplitude.

Since lift frequency is a multiple of wave frequency, the oscillatory lift excitation (F_L) in planar oscillatory flow can be expressed as,

$$F_L = {}^{1}\rho_{2}^{C} D \left[U \sin(\omega_{0}t) \right]^{2} L \sin(n \omega t)$$
 (2)

where ρ , C_L , D_1 , U_0 , L, ω_1 t and n_L denote the density of the fluid, oscillatory lift coefficient, diameter of the cylinder,

amplitude of flow velocity, length of the cylinder, oscillatory flow angular frequency, time instant and lift frequency factor respectively. The above equation satisfies the requirement of oscillatory flow that the lift force should be zero when the flow velocity is zero.

The lift frequency factor (n_L) can be defined as the ratio of the fundamental lift frequency (ω_l) with the flow frequency,

$$n_{L} = \frac{\omega_{L}}{\omega} \tag{3}$$

Equation (2) when subjected to further trigonometric operation,

$$F = {1 \over \rho C} D U {2 \over L} [2 \sin(n \omega t) - \sin((n \omega t) - \omega t) - \sin((n \omega t) - \omega t)] - \omega t$$

$$\sin((n \omega t) - \omega t) - \omega t$$

$$L \omega t = L \omega$$

It can be seen from Equation (4) that lift force in oscillatory flow has three frequency components which are higher harmonics of flow frequency; $\langle n_L - 2 \rangle \omega_L n_L \omega$ and $\langle n_L + 2 \rangle \omega$.

Assuming that during resonance the cylinder responds to fundamental lift frequency only,

$$F_L = {}^{1} \rho \mathcal{L}_{A} D U_L^2 L sin(n \omega t) \qquad (5)$$

The damping coefficient can be expressed in terms of a damping ratio (ζ) as,

$$\zeta = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{MK}} \tag{6}$$

where *M* and *K* represent the mass and inline stiffness respectively of the cylinder.

During crossflow resonance or lock-in,

$$\omega = n \omega = \omega \qquad = \sqrt{\frac{K - m}{M}}$$
 (7)

Defining mass ratio (m^*) of a cylinder as the ratio of mass over displaced mass,

$$m^* = \frac{M}{\rho_A D L^2} \tag{8}$$

Defining KC number (KC) of the flow as,

$$KC = \frac{U_0}{f_{\omega}D} \tag{9}$$

where f_{ω} represents the frequency of the flow.

Substituting Equations (5) to (9) in (1) and assuming that the cylinder responds to only fundamental lift frequency during resonance, the amplitude ratio of the crossflow VIV response can be derived as,

$$\frac{y_0}{D} = \frac{C_L KC^2}{8 \pi^3 n_L^2 \zeta m^*} \tag{10}$$

It can be seen from Equation (10) that the response amplitude ratio of a cylinder undergoing crossflow VIV in a planar oscillatory flow is inversely proportional to the product of mass and damping ratios (mass damping parameter) similar to the steady flow. The KC number dependence of the crossflow VIV is also visible from the presence of lift coefficient, lift frequency factor and KC number in the above expression.

A criterion for the occurrence of the crossflow VIV can be derived by considering 1% amplitude ratio [30].

$$\zeta m^* \le \frac{25C_L KC^2}{2\pi^3 n_L^2} \tag{11}$$

Considering the KC number of 10 at which the maximum lift is observed, corresponding maximum stationary cylinder lift coefficient of 3 [20, 38] and corresponding lift frequency factor of 2 [39], the crossflow VIV criterion in planar oscillatory flow can be,

$$\langle m^* \le 3023 \tag{12}$$

It can be seen from Equation (12) that VIV in planar oscillatory flow can be initiated at a much higher mass damping parameter than steady flow. Hence structures which don't experience crossflow VIV in steady flow may respond aggressively under planar oscillatory flow conditions.

Crossflow VIV of a system of four 2D cylinders in rectangular configuration

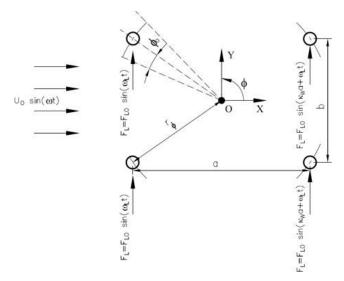


FIGURE 3: SWAY DUE TO CROSSFLOW EXCITATION IN PLANAR OSCILLATORY FLOW

The sway excitation due to lift in a planar oscillatory flow as shown in FIGURE 3 can be expressed as,

$$F_{L} = 2 \times {}^{1}\rho C_{DLU} {}^{2} \{ [\sin(\omega t)]^{2} \sin(n \omega t) + [\sin(\omega t + \omega t)] + [\sin(\omega t + \omega t)] \}$$

$$k_{W}a]^{2} \sin(n_{L}\langle \omega t + k_{W}a \rangle) \}$$
(13)

where a is the inline or longitudinal cylinder spacing and k_W is the wave number.

Considering fundamental lift frequency only,

$$F_{L} = 2 \times {}^{1}\rho C DLU_{L}^{2} [\sin(n \omega t) + \sin(n \omega t + k \omega t + k \omega t)]$$

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Which can be further simplified as,

$$F_{L} = 2 \times \rho C_{2}^{1} DLU_{L} \qquad {}_{0} 2 \cos \left(n + \frac{k_{W} a}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{\omega t + \frac{k_{W} a}{2}}{2} \right)$$
(15)

The amplitude (F_{L0}) of the excitation is,

$$F_{LO} = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \rho C_L DLU_0 \qquad {}^2 \cos\left(n_L \quad \frac{kWa}{2}\right)$$
 (16)

Similar to single cylinder, the amplitude ratio of crossflow VIV resonant response can be derived as,

$$\frac{v_0}{D} = \frac{c_L \kappa c^2}{8\pi^3 n_L^2 \zeta m^*} \cos \left(\frac{k_W a}{L_2} \right) \tag{17}$$

Equation (17) shows the inverse proportionality of the mass damping parameter, the KC number dependence and the effect of cylinder longitudinal spacing.

Considering a 1 % amplitude ratio, the criterion for the occurrence of the crossflow VIV can be derived as,

$$\zeta m^* \leq \frac{25 C_L K C^2}{2\pi^3 n_L^2} \cos (n_L \frac{k_W a}{2})$$
(18)

Considering a KC number of 10, the crossflow VIV criterion in planar oscillatory flow becomes,

$$\stackrel{*}{\zeta m} \leq 3023 \cos \left(n_L \right) \tag{19}$$

Yaw VIV of a system of four 2D cylinders in rectangular configuration

The amplitude of yaw VIV response (\emptyset_0) of a system of four 2D cylinders in a planar oscillatory flow under crossflow or lift excitation can be expressed as,

$$\emptyset_0 = \frac{M_{\emptyset 0}}{C_{\emptyset \, \omega N}} \tag{20}$$

where M_{00} and C_{0} represent the amplitude of yaw excitation moment and yaw damping coefficient respectively.

The yaw excitation due to lift (M_{\emptyset}) , considering the vortex synchronisation between cylinders as shown in FIGURE 4 can be expressed as,

$$M_{\emptyset} = 2 \times {}^{1}\rho\underline{C}\underline{DLU}^{2} \left[[\sin(\omega t)]^{2} \sin(n \omega t) + [\sin(\omega t + \frac{L}{2} u^{2})]^{2} \sin(n \omega t) + [\sin(\omega t + \frac{L}{2} u^{2})]^{2} \times {}^{L}\underline{C} \right]$$

$$(21)$$

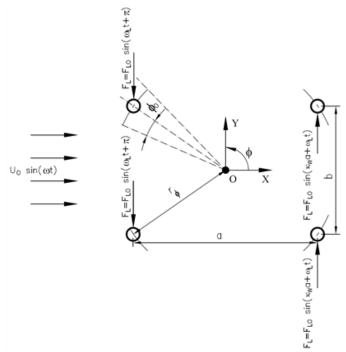


FIGURE 4: YAW DUE TO CROSSFLOW EXCITATION IN PLANAR OSCILLATORY FLOW

Considering the fundamental lift frequency only,

The amplitude of yaw excitation $(M_{\emptyset 0})$ can be derived as,

$$M_{\emptyset 0} = 2 \times {}_{2} \rho C_{\overline{L}} DL U_{0} \qquad {}^{2} cos \left(n_{L} \frac{k_{W} a}{2} \right) \times \frac{a}{2} \qquad (23)$$

During resonance/lock-in under lift excitation,

$$\omega = n \omega = \omega_{N} = \sqrt{\frac{K_{\odot}}{I}}$$
 (24)

where K_{\emptyset} and I represent the yaw stiffness and yaw moment of inertia respectively.

Considering the KC relationship, mass ratio, damping ratio and defining the yaw radius of gyration (r_{\emptyset}) which is also the radial distance of the cylinders from the yaw centre, the amplitude ratio of yaw VIV resonant response can be derived as,

$$\sum_{D=16}^{\underline{0}} \frac{c_L K C^2 a}{\pi^3 n^2 \zeta m^* \dot{p}^2 \cos (n_{\underline{0}})} \frac{k_W a}{2}$$
 (25)

Equation (25) shows the inverse proportionality of the yaw response to the product of mass damping parameter and square of yaw radius of gyration, the KC number dependence and the effect of leg longitudinal spacing.

Considering a 1 % amplitude ratio,

$$\frac{r_{\underline{0}}\underline{0}_{\underline{0}}}{p} \leq \frac{1}{100} \tag{26}$$

The criterion for the occurrence of yaw VIV in planar oscillatory flow can be derived as,

$$\zeta m^* \le \frac{25 C_L K C^2 a}{4 \pi^3 n_L^2 r_0} \frac{k_W a}{2}$$
(27)

Considering a KC number of 10, the yaw VIV criterion in planar oscillatory flow becomes,

$$\zeta m^* r_\emptyset \ge 15.12 \ a \cos \left(n_L \frac{k_W a}{2} \right)$$
 (28)

VIV of Jack-up with four Cylindrical Legs in Regular Waves

FIGURE 5 illustrates the typical leg mode shape of the jack-up. The jack-up is idealised as a single degree of freedom system (SDOF) with an elevated concentrated mass in way of the hull leg interface with the legs providing flexural stiffness against lateral deflection.

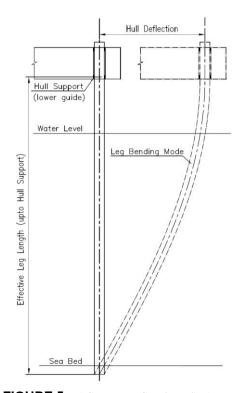


FIGURE 5: JACK-UP LEG MODE SHAPE

The mode shape or deflected profile of the leg of an independent leg type jack-up undergoing resonant vibration can be idealized as a generalised sinusoidal wave. For example, for crossflow vibration,

$$y_{o}(z) = \left[\frac{Y_{L}}{A sin(k L + B) + E} \right] \left[\frac{A sin(k_{L}z + B)}{L} + E \right]$$
 (29)

where Y_L , k_L represent the crossflow response in way of the hull interface and structural mode number of the leg respectively, A, B and E are constants depending on boundary conditions and z represents the elevation with respect to leg; at leg bottom, z = 0 and at hull interface, z = L.

The effective mass per leg (M_{eL}) of the equivalent single-degree-of-freedom (SDOF) system of a Jack-up idealised at the hull leg interface level can be expressed based on energy principle [30] as,

$$M = \int_{0}^{L} m z \left[\frac{A \sin(k_{L}z+B)+E^{2}}{A \sin(k_{L}L+B)+E} \right] dz$$
(30)

where m represents the mass distribution along the leg.

As evident from the Equation (30), the contributions from the individual mass components, hull, legs, entrapped mass and added mass depend on the leg mode shape and their respective locations along the leg.

Crossflow VIV in Regular Waves

The effective excitation force (F_{ey}) of the SDOF system of the jack-up can be expressed based on energy principle [30] as,

$$F = {}^{\mathbf{f}} \int_{O_{\mathbf{f}}} f \int_{O_{\mathbf{f}}} (z) \frac{A \sin(k_{1}z+B)+E}{A \sin(k_{1}z+B)+E} dz$$

$$(31)$$

where f_{Oy} represents the distribution of the oscillatory lift excitation force along the legs.

The resonant crossflow response (Y_L) of the SDOF can be expressed similar to Equation (1) as,

$$Y_L = \frac{F_{ey}}{C_{e}\omega_N} \tag{32}$$

where C_e represents the effective damping coefficient of the SDOF.

The simplest crossflow VIV model for a jack-up can be developed by considering the distribution of oscillatory lift excitation in regular wave, similar to 2D cylinders as,

$$\begin{cases}
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o_y z = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \rho C_L D U_0(z)
\end{cases} \quad \frac{2}{\cos(n_L + \frac{k_W a}{2})} \tag{33}$$

The horizontal velocity distribution along the leg $(U_0[z])$ in regular waves can be expressed as,

$$U(z) = \frac{\pi H \cos h(k_W z)}{T \sin h(k_W d)}$$
(34)

where H_1T and d represent the wave height, wave period and the effective water depth respectively.

Equations (33) and (34) in (31),

$$F_{ey} = \rho C_L D \left[\frac{\pi H}{T \sin h(k_W d)} \right]^2 \frac{\cos(n \frac{k_W a}{L^2})}{A \sin(k_L L + B) + E 0} \int^d [\cos h(k z)]^2 [A \sin(k z + L B) + E] dz$$
(35)

Equation (32) can be simplified as,

$$Y_{L} = \frac{\rho C D}{\frac{L}{Ce \, QN}} \left[\frac{\pi H}{T \sinh(k_W d)} \right]^{2} \left(\frac{\cos(n \frac{k_W a}{L})^{2}}{[A \sin(k_L L + B) + E]} \right) \int_{0}^{d} \cos h(k_W z)]^{2} [A \sin(k_L z + B) + E] dz$$

$$(36)$$

Defining Keulegan Carpenter number (*KC*) of the flow at the water level,

$$KC(d) = \frac{U_0(d)}{f_{\omega}D}$$
(37)

Considering the KC relationship and resonance/lock-in under crossflow excitation,

$$\frac{Y_L}{D} = \frac{C_L KC(d)^2}{8 \pi^3 n_L^2 \zeta m^*} \left[\frac{1}{\cosh(k_W d)} \right]^2 \left(\frac{\cos(n_L \frac{k_W a}{2})}{d[A\sin(k_L L + B) + E]} \right) \times \int_0^d [\cos h(k_W d)]^2 [A\sin(k_L z + B) + E] dz \tag{38}$$

Equation (38) shows clearly the inverse proportionality with the mass damping parameter, KC dependence and the effects of longitudinal leg spacing, leg mode shape and horizontal velocity profile on the crossflow VIV. The integration on the right-hand side of the Equation (38) shall be performed only over that extent of leg length experiencing the crossflow excitation, that can be found from the variation of KC with distance from seabed.

Considering a 1 % amplitude ratio, the criterion for the occurrence of crossflow VIV of a jack-up can be derived as,

 ζm^*

$$\leq \frac{25 C_L KC(d)^2}{2 \pi^3 n_L^2} \left[\frac{1}{\cos h(k_W d)} \right]^2 \left(\frac{\cos (n_L \frac{k_W a}{2})}{d \left[A \sin(k_L L + B) + E \right]} \right) \times \int_0^d [\cos h(k_W z)]^2 [A \sin(k_L z + B) + E] dz$$
(39)

Considering a KC number of 10, the crossflow VIV criterion of a jack-up in regular wave becomes,

$$\langle m^* \left(\frac{d \left[\cos h \left(w^{j} \right] \right]^2 \left[A \sin \left(k \ L + B \right) + E \right]}{\int_0^\infty \left[\cos h \left[k_W z \right] \right] \left[A \sin \left(k_L z + B \right) + E \right] dz} \right) \le 3023 \cos \left(n_L \frac{W}{2} \right)$$

$$\tag{40}$$

The expression inside parenthesis on the left-hand side can be defined as the mode factor (MF). The product of MF with mass damping parameter can be the effective (or modified) mass damping parameter for a jack-up.

Thus, the criterion becomes,

$$\langle m^* MF \le 3023 \cos \left(n_L \frac{\kappa_W a}{2} \right) \tag{41}$$

Yaw VIV in Regular Waves

Similarly, the total yaw excitation on the jack-up $(M_{e\emptyset})$ can be expressed as,

$$\frac{M_{e0} = \frac{Da}{Da} \frac{\pi H}{T \sin h(k_W d)} = \frac{1}{A \sin(k_L L + B) + E} \int_0^d [\cos h(k_W z)]^2 [A \sin(k_L z + B) + E] dz$$
(42)

The yaw resonant response of the SDOF (\emptyset_L) can be expressed similar to Equation (20), considering the similarity and vortex synchronisation of the legs.

$$\phi_L = \frac{M_{e\phi}}{C_{e\phi} \, \omega_N} \tag{43}$$

where $C_{e\emptyset}$ represents the effective yaw damping coefficient of the jack-up SDOF.

Considering KC relationship and lock-in condition, Equation (43) can be further simplified as,

$$\frac{Q_L}{D} = \frac{C_L KC d^{\frac{1}{2}} a}{16 \pi^3 n_L^2 \langle m^* r^2 \cos k_l (k_W d)} \left[\frac{1}{d [A \sin(k_L L + B) + E]} \right] \left(\frac{k_W a}{\frac{1}{2}} d [A \sin(k_L L + B) + E] \right)$$

$$\int_0^d [\cos k(k_W z)]^2 [A \sin(k_L z + B) + E] dz \qquad (44)$$

Equation (44) shows the inverse proportionality of the yaw response with the product of mass damping parameter and the square of the yaw radius of gyration. The KC dependence and the effects of mode shape, velocity profile and longitudinal leg spacing are also captured.

Considering a 1 % amplitude ratio, the criterion for the occurrence of yaw VIV of a Jack-up under regular waves can be derived as,

$$\zeta m^* r^2 \left(\frac{d \left[cosh(k_W d) \right]^2 \left[A sin(k_L L + B) + E \right]}{\int_0^d \left[cosh(k_L z) \right]^2 \left[A \frac{sin(k_L z + B)}{s n^2 n_L^2} + E \right] dz} \right) \\
\leq \frac{25 C_L K C(d)^2 a^2 \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{8 \pi^3 n_L^2} \tag{45}$$

where *b* represents the transverse leg spacing. Considering a KC number of 10, the criterion becomes,

$$\langle m^*MF r^2 \rangle \leq 756 \cos(n_L) \frac{k_W a}{2} a \sqrt{a^{+2}b^{-2}}$$
 (46)

1.2 Physical Experiments

Jack-up Model

A jack-up model with a scale of 1: 28 was constructed to suit the tank dimensions. PVC was selected as the model material to satisfy the law of similitude for structural deflections. The leg footings were provided with ball joints to simulate the typical pinned boundary conditions. Lead ballast plates were mounted on the model deck to achieve the required elevated load. The elevated mass was free to vibrate in all 6 degrees of freedom (DOF) under the leg excitation. The principal properties of the model are displayed in TABLE 1.

TABLE 1: MODEL PROPERTIES

Particulars	Prototype	Model
Length (m)	20.00	0.71
Breadth (m)	16.00	0.57
Longitudinal leg spacing (m)	16.00	0.57
Transverse Leg Spacing (m)	12.00	0.43
Elevated Load (kg)	400,000	17.94
Leg cantilever length (m)	27.35	0.97
Leg Diameter (m)	0.94	0.034
Leg Material	Mild Steel	PVC
Hull Material	Mild Steel	Plastic
Water Depth (m)	20.00	0.78

Experimental Setup

The experiment was conducted in the wind wave current (WWC) tank at the Hydrodynamic Laboratory of the School of Marine Science and Technology, Newcastle University. The WWC tank has a length of 11.00 m, width of 1.80 m and can accommodate a maximum water depth of 1.00 m, maximum wave height of 0.12 m and a maximum current of 1.00 m/s. The blockage ratio is found to be only 3.78%, less than the accepted value of 5%. The model was fixed to the tank bottom, positioned at the measuring section of the WWC tank and was exposed to regular waves at various periods. The model responses were measured by means of two Qualisys motion tracking cameras installed on either side of the model. The experimental setup is illustrated in FIGURE 6.



FIGURE 6: EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

Test Procedure

The tests involved mass tests, stiffness tests, free decay test and response tests. Mass tests yielded the mass, inertia and centre

of gravity (COG) details of the model. Stiffness tests verified the stiffness of the model, the effect of ball joint friction on the model stiffness and associated nonlinearities. Natural frequencies, damping properties and the dynamic nonlinearities of the models were established with the free decays tests. Response tests were carried out to evaluate the modes, amplitudes and frequencies of the VIV responses experienced by the model. The response tests were conducted for three elevated loads to cover the operational envelope of a jack-up. However, the response tests for the intermediate elevated load condition (RVL) was carried out for a smaller wave period range corresponding to the crossflow lock-in range only. The details of the test cases are presented in TABLE 2.

TABLE 2: TEST CASES

Test Case	Description	Hull Mass (kg)
NVL	No Variable Load	10.65
RVL	Reduced Variable Load	14.08
VL	Full Variable Load	18.05

1.3 Results and Discussion

Free decay tests were carried out with the model in air as well as in still water. The tests were intended to establish the natural frequency, added mass, damping and the nonlinearities of the system. As the model was found to exhibit softening nonlinearity at large deflections due to the ball joint friction or support rotational stiffness, the free decay time series was truncated to remove large amplitudes and Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) analysis was carried out to establish the natural frequencies.

TABLE 3 and TABLE 4 summarise the results of sway and yaw free decay tests respectively. From free decay tests, the added mass coefficient of the legs in still water was found to be around 1, approaching to the theoretical value. The corresponding mode shape was found to be that of pinned footing, quarter sinusoid. This showed that for the practical vibration amplitudes, the model legs were vibrating with a mode shape near to that of pinned footing and the effect of the ball joint friction was negligible. It was also revealed that the damping of the system had increased in still water due to the additional fluid damping.

TABLE 3: SWAY FREE DECAY TEST RESULTS

Sway			
Test Case	Damping Ratio	Natural Period (s)	Added Mass Coefficient
NVL	0.040	0.82	1.35
RVL	0.044	0.93	1.29
VL	0.038	1.05	1.10

Response tests were carried out by exposing the model to incremental wave periods from the zero heading (0-degree angle of attack). The wave height was chosen to be a constant value of 92 mm. Three loading conditions were considered for the tests to cover the realistic operation scenarios and the practical ranges

of the mass ratio and the mass damping parameter. The lightest loading condition (NVL) was also tested for various combinations of wave heights and period for a constant KC number of 5. The responses of the hull along the 6 DOF were measured and recorded as individual time series. The sway and yaw time series were post processed and the root-mean-square (rms) amplitudes and vibration frequencies were calculated for various current speeds. The results of the response tests are summarised in TABLE 5. Added mass is not considered in the mass ratio of the sway mode as the same is found to be negative during crossflow lock-in [7].

TABLE 4: YAW FREE DECAY TEST RESULTS

Yaw			
Test Case	Damping Ratio	Natural Period (s)	Added Mass Coefficient
NVL	0.038	0.55	0.88
RVL	0.043	0.58	0.95
VL	0.043	0.58	0.82

TABLE 5: RESPONSE TEST RESULTS, CROSSFLOW/SWAY b) YAW

a)

a)

Sway				
Case	m*	MF	yo, rms/D	y _{O, max} /D
VL	6.99	2.457	0.05	0.08
RVL	5.57	2.701	0.06	0.11
NVL	4.35	3.091	0.13	0.17

b)					
Yaw					
Case	m*	MF	r <u>∳</u> (<u>m)</u>	Rφφ _{O, rms} /D	R _φ φ _{O, max} /D
VL	7.38	5.026	0.233	0.032	0.058
NVL	4.73	3.091	0.275	0.042	0.072

Note: R_∅ represents radial distance of leg from yaw centre.

FIGURE 7 shows the variation of the normalised crossflow rms amplitude response plotted with respect to the corresponding reduced velocities. It is evidently shown that the model is highly vulnerable to crossflow VIV with large amplitude lock-in vibrations. The response amplitudes (rms) were found to be around 0.13 D and the maximum response amplitude was observed to be as high as 0.17D.

The peak crossflow response was found to be happening at a reduced velocity of around 5. However, the lock-in regime is found to be very narrow around the peak response. The response amplitude and nominally the lock-in range are found to increase with reduction in elevated load, with the lightest test case exhibiting the largest crossflow response amplitude and lock-in regime. FIGURE 7 also shows the crossflow response of the lightest loading condition in uniform current for comparison. It can be observed that the amplitude response is considerably

higher than in uniform current while the lock-in range is considerably smaller. The crossflow response in regular wave is also characterised by the classical twin peaks in the response curve.

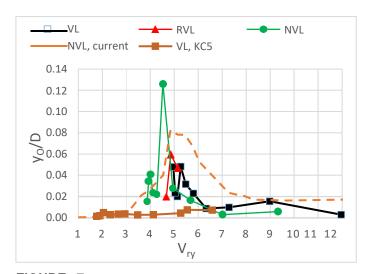


FIGURE 7: CROSSFLOW AMPLITUDE RESPONSE WITH REDUCED VELOCITY $(U_O/f_{N_D}D)$

FIGURE 8 shows the variation of the crossflow rms amplitude responses, plotted against the KC numbers of the flow. It can be observed that the peak crossflow responses correspond to the KC numbers around 10. As the KC number at resonance is roughly twice of the corresponding reduced velocity, it can be inferred that the crossflow response is occurring at an excitation frequency that is double the wave frequency, which corresponds to the fundamental lift frequency at these KC numbers. It can be observed that the highest response peak corresponds to lock-in with the lift component at double wave frequency while the second peak corresponds to lock-in with the lift component at triple wave frequency. This phenomenon is visible for two test cases, VL and NVL in the figure, while the range of the test case RVL is too small to capture the second peak.

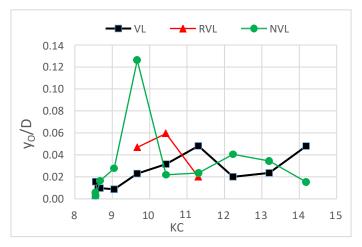


FIGURE 8: CROSSFLOW AMPLITUDE RESPONSE WITH KC NUMBER

The increase in response amplitude with reduction in model mass validated the inverse proportionality established in the mathematical model. It was observed that the increase in mass ratio not only reduces the amplitude response but also the lockin range. The normalised crossflow rms response amplitude ratios fitted reasonably well in a straight line, when plotted against the inverse of mass damping parameter multiplied with the mode factor (effective mass damping parameter) as shown in FIGURE 9. This demonstrated the significance of effective mass damping parameter in controlling the cross-flow VIV response in regular waves. Thus, the effective mass damping parameter can be considered as a universal parameter for the comparison of crossflow VIV across various mode shapes and water depths in regular waves.

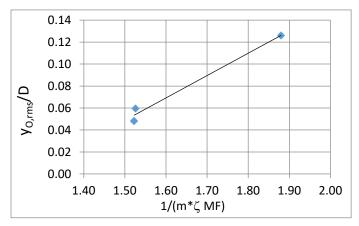


FIGURE 9: CROSSFLOW AMPLITUDE RESPONSE WITH INVERSE OF MODIFIED MASS DAMPING PARAMETER

FIGURE 10 illustrates the crossflow frequency responses of the model normalised with the wave frequency and plotted against the respective KC numbers for the test cases. It can be observed from FIGURE 10 that the lift excitation is present at multiples of wave frequency as found by many researchers. Further, it is evident during crossflow resonance, the lift frequency is at twice the wave frequency. From the frequency response, it can be observed that the lift excitation is also present at the wave frequency for small KC numbers. The fundamental lift frequency is found to be at 3rd and 4th multiples of wave frequency also at high KC.

FIGURE 11 illustrates the cross-flow frequency responses of the model normalised with the natural frequency and plotted against the corresponding reduced velocities. It can be observed that the natural frequency ratio tends to oscillate around a value of 1, causing the jack-up to respond to the frequency component of the lift force that is close to its natural frequency. On comparing FIGURE 7 with FIGURE 10, it can be understood that the peak amplitude responses occur at those reduced velocities when the natural frequency ratio is coinciding with or almost near to a value of unity.

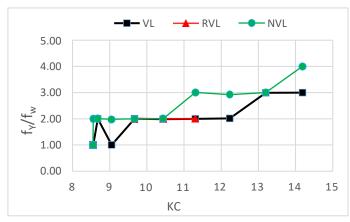


FIGURE 10: CROSSFLOW FREQUENCY RESPONSE NORMALISED WITH WAVE FREQUENCY AGAINST KC NUMBER

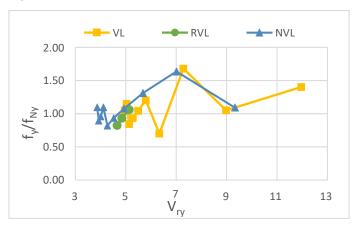


FIGURE 11: CROSSFLOW FREQUENCY RESPONSE NORMALISED WITH NATURAL FREQUENCY AGAINST REDUCED VELOCITY $(U_O/f_{N_V}D)$

Experimental observation revealed that the model jack-up experienced torsional or yaw VIV responses also. The yaw amplitude responses as a function of yaw reduced velocity are plotted in FIGURE 12. It can be seen that the peak yaw response occurs around a yaw reduced velocity less than 5, which demonstrates that the yaw VIV is due to higher multiples of lift excitation. The rms response amplitudes are found to be around 0.04D, with the maximum response amplitude around 0.07D. The lock-in regime is found to be considerably small and triple response peaks are observed for yaw VIV; the range of the test case RVL was too small to capture the triple peak response. It can be observed that the yaw response is less aggressive than crossflow response in regular waves. The yaw response in regular wave is also found to be less than that in steady current.

FIGURE 13 shows the yaw amplitude response plotted as a function of the KC number of flow. The response amplitude is found to increase with the reduction in elevated load though there is no change in the lock-in range. It can be inferred that the increase in mass ratio reduces the yaw amplitude response. The response amplitude ratio of the two load cases, NVL and VL is plotted against the inverse of inertia damping parameter as

illustrated in FIGURE 14. Inertia damping parameter is the product of mass damping parameter, mode factor and square of yaw radius of gyration. It can be observed that the yaw response increases with the inverse of inertia parameter and it can be considered as the universal parameter determining the yaw VIV response.

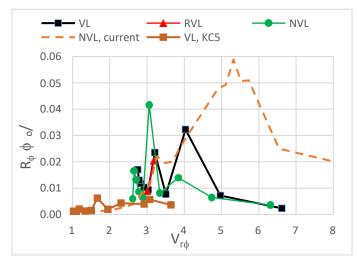


FIGURE 12: YAW AMPLITUDE RESPONSE WITH REDUCED VELOCITY $(Uo/f_N D)$

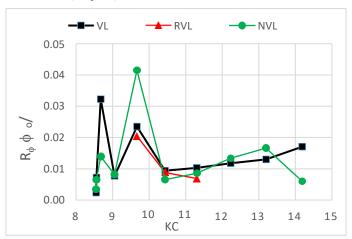


FIGURE 13: YAW AMPLITUDE RESPONSE WITH CORRESPONDING KC NUMBERS

FIGURE 15 illustrates the yaw frequency responses of the model normalised with the wave frequencies and plotted against the KC number of flow. It can be observed that the lift excitation is present at multiples of wave frequency, even up to the 5th multiple. It can be inferred from the figure that during the highest yaw resonance peak, the lift frequency is at twice the wave frequency. It can be observed that the lift excitation is present at the wave frequency also for small KC numbers. The lift frequencies are also found to be present even at the 5th multiples of wave frequency at high KC.

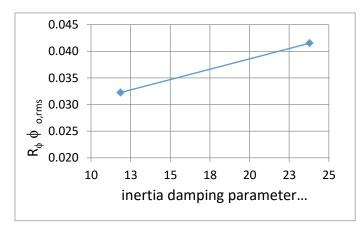


FIGURE 14: YAW AMPLITUDE RESPONSE WITH INVERSE OF INERTIA DAMPING PARAMETER

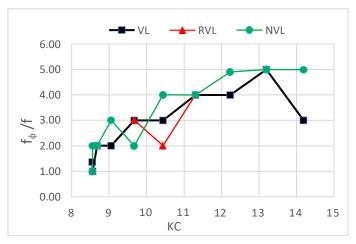


FIGURE 15: YAW FREQUENCY RESPONSE NORMALISED WITH WAVE FREQUENCY AGAINST KC NUMBER

The yaw frequency responses of the model normalised with the corresponding natural frequencies and plotted against the yaw reduced velocities is displayed in FIGURE 16. Similar to crossflow response, the natural frequency ratio is found to oscillate around a value of unity causing the model to respond to that lift frequency component near to its natural frequency. Comparison with FIGURE 12 reveals that the peak amplitude responses occur at those reduced velocities when the natural frequency ratio is near to a value of unity.

The combined crossflow amplitude response of the leg derived from the corresponding crossflow and yaw responses is plotted in FIGURE 17. It is found that the range of the yaw response overlaps with that of the crossflow response particularly for low mass ratios, causing a combined lock-in range. The combined vibrations experience higher response amplitudes than the individual values, especially for low mass ratios. The combined response rms amplitude is observed to be as high as 0.16D. The mean or steady inline, crossflow and yaw responses were also measured and the same were found to be insignificant as expected throughout the wave periods.

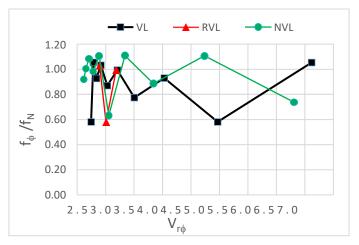


FIGURE 16: YAW FREQUENCY RESPONSE NORMALISED WITH NATURAL FREQUENCY AGAINST REDUCED VELOCITY (U_O/f_ND)

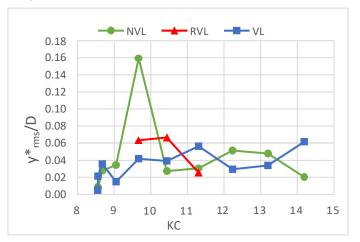


FIGURE 17: LEG CROSSFLOW COMBINED AMPLITUDE RESPONSE DUE TO SWAY AND YAW WITH KC NUMBER

1.4 Conclusions

A simple mathematical model is proposed based on the single-degree-of-freedom analogy and the principle of conservation of energy, to evaluate various modes of VIV of a jack-up with cylindrical legs in regular waves. Mass ratio, damping ratio and mode factor are found to be the important parameters controlling the cross-flow VIV of jack-ups. Radius of gyration is found to be the additional vital parameter influencing yaw VIV. Criteria for the occurrence of crossflow and yaw VIV are proposed for the cases of a single 2D cylinder, four 2D cylinders in rectangular configuration and a complete jack-up with four cylindrical legs in regular waves.

The model tests demonstrated that the jack-up experienced both crossflow and yaw lock-in vibrations in regular waves with maximum amplitude ratios in excess of 0.1D. The crossflow and yaw VIV are found to occur due to the lift excitation when the lift frequency approaches the sway and yaw natural frequency respectively of the jack-up. The lift force is found to have frequency components at all multiples of the wave frequency,

even up to the 5th multiple. Outside the lock-in range, both the sway and yaw modes are found to be excited by lift forces at frequency components other than the fundamental lift frequency, depending on the proximity to the natural frequency. It is also observed that the crossflow response in regular waves is higher than that in uniform current, while the yaw response is lesser.

From the test results, it can be inferred that the jack-ups are highly vulnerable to crossflow and yaw VIV in regular waves, particularly in light operating conditions. The crossflow and yaw responses were also found to reduce with increase in effective mass damping and inertia damping parameters respectively, validating the inverse proportionality in the VIV model. The lock-in range of the crossflow VIV was found to overlap with the lock-in range of yaw VIV, particularly in light operating conditions, causing very high combined leg amplitude response. Based on the test results, it is recommended to maximise the mass ratio of the jack-ups during design and operation.

As the combined response is of very high amplitudes, significant dynamic stresses can be induced in the legs which can have considerable bearing on the yield and fatigue strength of the jack-up. Hence, suitable modifications to the present classification rules and guidelines are required to account for the effect of VIV in the design of jack-ups. The mathematical approach presented will enable practicing engineers to effectively consider conservatively the effect of VIV due to regular waves in jack-up designs. The test results also emphasise the significance of yaw or torsional VIV in regular waves.

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