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DEFINITION OF SYMBOLS

D	Column matrix of $r_{a1}^{\theta}a_1$, $r_{a2}^{\theta}a_2$, $r_{a3}^{\theta}a_3$
J _{a1} , J _{a2} , J _{a3} , J _b	Rigid body inertia values for θ_{a1} , θ_{a2} , θ_{a3} , and θ_{b} degrees of freedom, respectively.
J _{ui} , J _{cj}	Modal generalized inertias for upper stages and center tank, respectively.
J', J' u, c	Mass moment of inertia per unit length for upper stages and center tank, respectively.
К	Spider beam stiffness matrix
K c	Center tank torsion spring constant, calculated in single-beam program.
K ab	Outer tank torsional spring constant
K _{at} , K _{bt}	Rotational spring constants restraining tangential slope of outer tank top and bottom, respectively.
Ks	Suspension spring constant
l_u, l_c, l_t	Length of upper stages, center tank, and outer tanks, respectively
mţ	Modal generalized mass for outer tank
r _{a1} , r _{a2} , r _{a3}	Radial distances to center tank, outer tank, and upper stage attach points, respectively, on spider beam.

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DEFINITION OF SYMBOLS (Continu

R	Radial distance to outer tanks
х	Longitudinal coordinate
x _a , x _b	Coordinate at top and bottom of outer tanks, respectively
y _{tk}	Modal bending displacement for outer tanks
^y atk' ^y btk	Modal slope of outer tank at top and bottom, respectively
θ _{a1}	Spider beam rotation at booster center tank attach point
θ_{a2}	Spider beam rotation at booster outer tank attach point
θ_{a3}	Spider beam rotation at upper stage attach point
$\theta_{\mathbf{b}}$	Booster thrust structure rotation
θ ui	Modal rotational displacement of upper stages
$^{ heta}$ cj	Modal rotational displacement of center tank
λ _{tk}	Outer tank tangential bending modal amplitudes, t is tank number, k is mode number, n_t modes
$ au_{ ext{ui}}$	Upper stage modal amplitude, n modes u
τ _{cj}	Booster center tank modal amplitude, n modes

DEFINITION OF SYMBOLS (Concluded)

ωui, ωcj, ^ω tk	Modal natural frequencies (radians per second) of upper stages, center tank and outer tanks, respectively
$T_{\mu}^{(n)}$	Torque distribution, mode number μ and iteration number n
c	First station on missile
d	Last station on missile
GJ (x)	Torsional stiffness values

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TORSIONAL VIBRATION ANALYSIS OF SATURN VEHICLES

SUMMARY

Methods for finding the torsional vibration modes for either a beam-like vehicle, such as Saturn V, or a multibeam vehicle, such as Saturn IB, are developed. The single beam analysis is a Stodola iteration method. The Saturn IB vehicle is mathematically modeled as a system of beams and connecting members. The modes of the vehicle are composed of the superimposed components of normal beam modes plus rigid body motion.

A comparison is made with dynamic test data. The calculated frequencies differed from the experimental values by an average of 8 percent for the cases compared.

INTRODUCTION

This program was developed to find the normal torsional vibration modes (frequencies and mode shapes) of space vehicles, especially Saturn IB vehicles.

Torsional vibration modes of the Saturn IB and other clustered boostertype vehicles cannot, of course, be analyzed by the usual beam type of analysis. While it is possible to write a general matrix solution to the total vehicle represented as a lumped-mass system and solve for all modes, this method is usually not practical for large structures because of computational problems. The superimposed normal mode technique used here has been found to give accurate results for the lower modes of the vehicle. A similar method for bending vibrations is described in Reference 1. A proof of the independence of the bending and torsional modes is given in Reference 2.

In the idealized model, the beams on the vehicle centerline are vibrating in torsion while the booster outer tanks are bending tangentially. The torsional modes for the center beams are calculated within the program; the bending modes are calculated by the Stodola bending program [3] and the data are transferred on magnetic tape. The beam torsion portion of the program is also used alone to analyze single-beam vehicles, such as the Saturn V.

ANALYSIS

This program is divided into two parts. The first part analyzes any vehicle that can be represented by a beam, and the second specifically analyzes the Saturn IB vehicles.

Modes for vehicles that can be represented by a beam are calculated by a Stodola iteration technique. Options exist for the three possible end conditions: free-free, cantilever, and clamped-clamped. A special feature is a datainterpolation routine to convert data from furnished stations and units to the system desired for use in the program.

The second or multibeam part of the program is specifically for analysis of Saturn IB torsional vibrations. Torsion modes of the upper stage and center tank, tangential bending modes of the outer tanks, and rotations of the rigid masses provide the degrees of freedom for the system. Certain modes that involve outer tank motion only and that are of no interest are lost in grouping the four outer tanks of each type. Expressions for kinetic and potential energy are used to derive a matrix equation by use of Lagrange's equation. The matrix equation is solved for eigenvalues to find the vehicle mode shapes.

Single-Beam Analysis

The Stodola method for beam torsional vibrations is an iterative integration method. Basically, a torque distribution, which is integrated to find the deflections at each station, is assumed, and a new torque distribution is calculated from the inertial loading. The iteration is repeated until the frequency, as calculated from energy considerations, converges within the desired tolerance. Provision is made for all end conditions. The geometry of the model is given in Figure 1.

First, an initial torque distribution is assumed:

free-free

$$T_{\mu}^{(o)}(x) = (x-c) (x-d) \prod_{\nu=1}^{\nu=\mu-1} \left[x-c - \frac{\nu}{\mu} (d-c) \right] , \qquad (1a)$$

cantilever

$$T_{\mu}^{(0)}(x) = (x-d)^{2} \prod_{\nu=1}^{\nu=\mu-1} \left[x-c - \frac{\nu}{\mu} (d-c) \right] , \qquad (1b)$$

clamped-clamped

$$T_{\mu}^{(o)}(x) = \prod_{\nu=1}^{\nu=\mu} \left[x - c - \frac{\nu}{\mu+1} (d-c) \right]$$
(1c)

The subscript μ always denotes the mode number, while the superscript in parenthesis denotes the iteration number.

Next, the torsional displacements are calculated:

$$\overline{\theta}_{\mu}^{(n)}(x) = \int_{c}^{x} \frac{T_{\mu}^{(n-1)}(x)}{GJ(x)} dx , \qquad (2)$$

free-free

$$\theta_{0\mu}^{(n)} = -\frac{\int_{c}^{d} J \cdot \overline{\theta}_{\mu}^{(n)}}{J} , \qquad (3a)$$

cantilever, clamped-clamped

$$\theta_{0\mu}^{(n)} = 0 \tag{3b, 3c}$$

$$\theta_{\mu}^{(n)*}(\mathbf{x}) = \overline{\theta}_{\mu}^{(n)}(\mathbf{x}) + \theta_{0\mu_{1}}^{(n)}$$
(4)

For modes other than the first, the mode shapes must be purified by removing components of all lower modes.

$$a_{\nu}^{(n)} = \frac{\int_{c}^{d} J^{\dagger}\theta_{\nu} \theta_{\mu}^{(n)}(x) dx}{\int_{c}^{d} J^{\dagger}\theta_{\nu}^{2}(x) dx}$$
(5)

$$\tilde{\theta}_{\mu}^{(n)}(x) = \theta_{\mu}^{(n)*}(x) - \sum_{\nu=1}^{\nu=\mu-1} a_{\nu}^{(n)} \theta_{\nu_{1}}$$
(6)

The square of the circular frequency can now be calculated from energy considerations.

$$\omega_{\mu}^{(n)^{2}} = \frac{\int_{c}^{d} \frac{T_{\mu}^{(n-1)^{2}}(x)}{GJ(x)} dx}{\int_{c}^{d} J' \tilde{\theta}_{\mu}^{(n)^{2}}(x) dx}$$
(7)

The mode is then normalized by dividing by the displacement with the largest absolute value:

$$\theta_{\mu}^{(n)}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\widetilde{\theta}_{\mu}^{(n)}(\mathbf{x})}{\widetilde{\theta}_{\mu 1}^{(n)}(\mathbf{x})}$$
(8)

The torque caused by inertial loading can now be calculated and the boundary conditions applied.

$$T_{\mu}^{(n)}(x) = \int_{c}^{x} J^{*} \theta_{\mu}^{(n)}(x) dx + T_{o\mu}^{(n)} , \qquad (9)$$

free-free

$$T_{0\mu}^{(n)} = 0$$
 , (10a)

cantilever

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$$T_{o\mu}^{(n)} = -\int_{c}^{d} J' \theta_{\mu}^{(n)}(x) dx$$
, (10b)

clamped-clamped

$$T_{0\mu}^{(n)} = -\int_{c+\Delta x}^{d-\Delta x} \left\{ J_{\theta_{\mu}}^{(n)}(x) \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x-c}\right)^{2}}{\left(\frac{1}{d-x}\right)^{2} \left[\frac{\int_{c}^{d} GJ(x) dx}{\frac{c}{\int_{c}^{x} GJ(x) dx} - 1}\right]} \right\} dx$$
10c

A test for convergence can now be made.

If

$$\left| \frac{\omega^{(n-1)^2}}{\omega^{(n)^2}} - 1 \right| < \delta , \qquad (11)$$

the program has converged. The final values of $\theta_{\mu}^{(n)}(x)$, $T_{\mu}^{(n)}(x)$ and $\omega_{\mu}^{(n)^2}$ will be designated $\theta_{\mu}(x)$, $T_{\mu}(x)$ and ω_{μ}^2 , respectively.

If the program has not converged, $T_{\mu}^{(n)}(x)$ from equation (9) is entered as $T_{\mu}^{(n-1)}(x)$ in equation (2), and the iteration is repeated. Several terms of interest may be calculated after the last iteration.

$$f_{\mu} = \frac{\omega_{\mu}}{2\Pi}$$
(12)

$$J_{\mu} = \int_{c}^{d} J^{\dagger}(x) \theta_{\mu}^{2}(x) dx \qquad (13a)$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{\mu} = \omega_{\mu}^{2} \mathbf{J}_{\mu} \qquad (13b)$$

$$J = \int_{c}^{d} J'(x) dx$$
(14)

$$H_{\mu} = \int_{c}^{d} J^{\dagger}(x) \theta_{\mu}(x) dx \qquad (15)$$

The following are calculated only for clamped-clamped beams:

$$J_{1c} = \int_{c}^{d} J^{\dagger}(x) \left(\frac{x-c}{d-c} \right) dx \qquad , \qquad (16)$$

$$J_{2c} = \int_{c}^{d} J'(x) \left(\frac{x-c}{d-c}\right)^2 dx \qquad , \qquad (17)$$

$$N_{c\mu} = \int_{c}^{d} J^{*}(x) \left(\frac{x-c}{d-c}\right) \theta_{\mu}(x) dx , \qquad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{c}} = \frac{1}{\int_{\mathbf{c}}^{\mathbf{d}} \frac{1}{\mathbf{GJ}(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x}}$$
(19)

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A uniform beam was analyzed and comparisons were made between exact solution results and Stodola method results in Tables 1 and 2 for $\delta=0.001$ and $\delta=0.0001$, respectively. Decreasing the tolerance from 0.001 to 0.0001 had little effect on the frequency prediction accuracy, but the accuracy of the generalized mass calculations was improved.

Multiple Beam Analysis

The Saturn IB vehicle is idealized as a system of beams connected by elastic and rigid members. A schematic view of the model is shown in Figure 1. The upper stages are modeled as a torsional beam cantilevered from the top of the spider beam, and the center tank is modeled as a clamped-clamped torsional beam. The outer tanks of the booster are given degrees of freedom bending tangentially. Because of the symmetry, the four tanks of each kind (LOX and fuel) can be lumped into one beam of each kind. The outer tanks have a hinge with a rotational spring at each end. The tail structure is considered to be rigid. The spider beam has degrees of freedom defined for the rigid-ring attach points of the center tank, outer tanks, and upper stages.

The motion of the vehicle is defined in terms of the linear and angular displacements defined above and in Figure 1. The kinetic energy (KE) and potential energy (PE) can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{KE} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{l}\mu} J_{\mu}^{*}(\mathbf{x}) \left[\dot{\hat{\theta}}_{a3} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\mu}} \dot{\tau}_{\mu i} \theta_{\mu i}(\mathbf{x}) \right]^{2} d\mathbf{x} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{l}c} J_{c}^{*}(\mathbf{x}) \left[\dot{\theta}_{b} + \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{b}}{\mathbf{x}_{a} - \mathbf{x}_{b}} \left(\dot{\hat{\theta}}_{a1} - \dot{\hat{\theta}}_{b} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^{nc} \dot{\tau}_{cj} \theta_{cj}(\mathbf{x}) \right]^{2} d\mathbf{x} \\ &+ 4 \sum_{t=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{l}t} \mathbf{R}^{2} \mathbf{m}_{t}^{*}(\mathbf{x}) \left[\dot{\hat{\theta}}_{b} + \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{b}}{\mathbf{x}_{a} - \mathbf{x}_{b}} \left(\dot{\hat{\theta}}_{a2} - \dot{\hat{\theta}}_{b} \right) \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{\mathbf{R}} \sum_{k=1}^{nt} \dot{\lambda}_{tk} \mathbf{y}_{tk}(\mathbf{x}) \right]^{2} d\mathbf{x} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} J_{a1} \dot{\theta}_{a1}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} J_{a2} \dot{\theta}_{a2} + \frac{1}{2} J_{a3} \dot{\theta}_{a3}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} J_{b} \dot{\hat{\theta}}_{b}^{2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{split} \mathbf{PE} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\mu}} \tau_{\mu i}^{2} \omega_{\mu i}^{2} \mathbf{J}_{\mu i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{nc} \tau_{c j}^{2} \omega_{c j}^{2} \mathbf{J}_{c j} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^{2} \sum_{K=1}^{nt} \lambda_{tk}^{2} \omega_{tk}^{2} \mathbf{M}_{tk} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{K}_{c} \left(\theta_{a 1} - \theta_{b}\right)^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{K}_{a b} \left(\theta_{a 2} - \theta_{b}\right)^{2} \\ &+ \sum_{t=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{K}_{a t} \left(\mathbf{R} \frac{\theta_{a 2} - \theta_{b}}{\mathbf{x}_{a} - \mathbf{x}_{b}} - \sum_{k=1}^{nt} \lambda_{tk} \mathbf{y}^{*}_{a tk} \right)^{2} \\ &+ \sum_{t=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{K}_{b t} \left(\mathbf{R} \frac{\theta_{a 2} - \theta_{b}}{\mathbf{x}_{a} - \mathbf{x}_{b}} - \sum_{k=1}^{nt} \lambda_{tk} \mathbf{y}^{*}_{a tk} \right)^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}_{g} \mathbf{E}_{g} \theta_{b}^{2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_{t} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}_{g} \mathbf{E}_{g} \mathbf{E}_{g} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}_{g} \mathbf{E}_{g} \mathbf{E}_{g} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}_{g} \mathbf{E}_{g} \mathbf{E}_{g} \mathbf{E}_{g} \mathbf{E}_{g} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}_{g} \mathbf{E$$

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 $A_{11} = r_{a1}^{2}K_{11} + K_{c}$ $A_{12} = r_{a1} r_{a2} K_{12}$ $A_{13} = r_{a1} r_{a3} K_{13} , \qquad A_{14} = -K_{c}$

$$A_{11} = A_{1j} = A_{1k} = 0$$

$$A_{21} = r_{a2} r_{a1} K_{21}$$

$$A_{22} = \frac{R^2}{1^2} \sum_{k=1}^{2} (K_{at} + K_{bt}) + r_{a2}^2 K_{22} + k_{ab}$$

$$A_{23} = r_{a2} r_{a3} K_{23}$$

$$A_{24} = -\left[\frac{R^2}{1^2} \sum_{k=1}^{2} (K_{at} + K_{bt}) + K_{ab}\right]$$

$$A_{2i} = A_{2j} = 0$$

$$A_{2tk} = \frac{R}{1} (K_{at} y'_{atk} + K_{bt} y'_{btk})$$

$$A_{31} = r_{a3} r_{a1} K_{31}$$

$$A_{32} = r_{a3} r_{a2} K_{32}$$

$$A_{33} = r_{a3}^2 K_{33}$$

$$A_{3i} = A_{3j} = A_{3k} = 0 = A_{34}$$

$$A_{41} = 0$$

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$$A_{42} = -\left[\frac{R^2}{1^2} \sum_{t=1}^2 (K_{at} + K_{bt}) + K_{ab}\right]$$

$$A_{43} = 0$$

$$A_{44} = \frac{R^2}{1^2} \sum_{t=1}^2 (K_{at} + K_{bt}) + K_c + K_s + K_{ab}$$

$$A_{44} = -\frac{R}{1^2} (K_{at} + K_{bt}) + K_c + K_s + K_{ab}$$

$$A_{41} = A_{4j} = 0$$

$$A_{4tk} = -\frac{R}{1} (K_{at} + K_{bt} + K_{bt} + K_{bt})$$

$$A_{11} = A_{12} = A_{13} = A_{14} = 0$$

$$A_{11} = \omega_{u1}^2 J_{u1} \text{ for } i = \underline{i} , \quad A_{\underline{i1}} = 0 \text{ for } i \neq \underline{i}$$

$$A_{\underline{i1}} = A_{\underline{i2}} = A_{\underline{j3}} = A_{\underline{j4}} = 0$$

$$A_{\underline{j1}} = A_{\underline{j2}} = A_{\underline{j3}} = A_{\underline{j4}} = 0$$

$$A_{\underline{j1}} = \omega_{c_1}^2 J_{c_j} \text{ for } j = \underline{i} , \quad A_{\underline{i1}} = 0 \text{ for } j \neq \underline{j}$$

$$A_{\underline{jk}} = 0$$

$$A_{tk1} = 0$$

$$A_{tk2} = \frac{R}{1} (K_{at} y'_{atk} + K_{bt} y'_{btk})$$

$$A_{tk3} = 0$$

$$A_{tk4} = -\frac{R}{1} (K_{at} y'_{atk} + K_{bt} y'_{btk})$$

$$A_{tk4} = A_{tk1} = 0$$

$$A_{tki} = A_{tk1} = 0$$

$$A_{tk, tk} = \sum_{k=1}^{nt} (K_{at} y'_{atk} y'_{atk} + K_{bt} y'_{byk} y'_{btk}) + \omega_{tk}^{2} M_{tk} \quad \text{for } k = k$$

B MATRIX

 $B_{11} = J_{1c} + J_{a1}$ $B_{12} = B_{13} = 0$ $B_{14} = J_{1c} - J_{2c}$ $B_{\underline{11}} = 0$ $B_{\underline{11}} = 0$

$B_{1t\underline{k}} = 0$
$B_{21} = 0$
$B_{22} = 4 \frac{R^2}{l^2} \sum_{t=1}^{2} \left[(N_{ot} - 2x B_t M_{ot} + x B_t^2 m_t) + J_{a2} \right]$
$B_{23} = 0$
$B_{24} = 4 \frac{R^2}{1} \sum_{t=1}^{2} \left[M_{ot} - x B_t m_t - \frac{1}{1} (N_{ot} - 2x B_t M_{ot} + x B_t^2 m_t) \right]$
$\mathbf{B}_{\underline{2}\underline{\mathbf{i}}} = \mathbf{B}_{\underline{2}\underline{\mathbf{j}}} = 0$
$B_{2t\underline{k}} = 4 \frac{R}{1} \left[J T_{tk} + (xMC_t - xB_t) HT_{tk} \right]$
$B_{31} = B_{32} = 0$
$B_{33} = J_u + J_{a3}$
$B_{34} = 0$
$B_{\underline{3i}} = H_{ui}$
$\mathbf{B}_{3\underline{\mathbf{j}}} = \mathbf{B}_{3\underline{\mathbf{k}}} = 0$

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$$\begin{split} B_{41} &= J_{1c} - J_{2c} \\ B_{42} &= 4 \frac{R^2}{1^2} \sum_{t=1}^2 \left[-N_{ot} + (2xB_t + 1) M_{ot} - (xB_t^2 + 1xB_t) m_t \right] \\ B_{43} &= 0 \\ B_{43} &= 0 \\ B_{44} &= 4 \frac{R^2}{1^2} \sum_{t=1}^2 \left[N_{ot} - 2 (1 + xB_t) M_{ot} + (1^2 + 21xB_t + xB_t^2) m_t \right] \\ &+ J_{oc} - 2J_{1c} + J_{2c} + J_b \\ B_{4\underline{i}} &= 0 \\ B_{4\underline{j}} &= H_{c\underline{j}} - N_{c\underline{j}} \\ B_{4\underline{i}\underline{k}} &= 4 \frac{R}{1} \left[(1 - xmc_t + xB_t) HT_{\underline{i}\underline{k}} - JT_{\underline{i}\underline{k}} \right] \\ B_{11} &= B_{12} = 0 \\ B_{13} &= H_{u\underline{i}} \\ B_{\underline{i}4} &= 0 \\ B_{\underline{i}4} &= 0 \\ \end{split}$$

 $B_{ij} = B_{itk} = 0$ $B_{j1} = N_{cj}$ $\mathbf{B_{j2}} = \mathbf{B_{j3}} = \mathbf{0}$ $B_{j4} = H_{cj} - N_{cj}$ $B_{ji} = 0$ $B_{jj} = J_{cj} \quad \text{for } j = j \quad , \quad B_{jj} = 0 \quad \text{for } j \neq j$ $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{j}\mathbf{t}\mathbf{k}} = 0$ $B_{tk1} = 0$ $B_{tk2} = 4\frac{R}{1} \left[JT_{tk} + (xmc_t - xB_t) HT_{tk} \right]$ $B_{tk3} = 0$ $B_{tk4} = 4\frac{R}{1} \left[-JT_{tk} + (1 - xmc_t + xB_t)H_{tk} \right]$ $\mathbf{B}_{tk\underline{i}} = \mathbf{B}_{tk\underline{j}} = 0$ $B_{tk, t\underline{k}} = M_{tk}$ for $k = \underline{k}$, $B_{tk, t\underline{k}} = 0$ for $k \neq \underline{k}$, where

 J_{1c} , J_{2c} , N_{cj} , J_{u} , H_{ui} , H_{i} , J_{u} , and J_{cj} are as defined for the single-beam analysis with subscripts "u" and "c" designating upper stage and center tank, respectively, and "i" and "j" are modal indexes.

$$N_{ot} = \int_{1}^{\infty} x^2 m'(x) dx$$

 xMc_t = mass center for outer tank.

$$M_{\text{ot}} = \int_{1} xm'(x) dx$$

$$m_t = \int_1 m^*(x) dx$$

$$JT_{tk} = \int_{1} m'(x) \overline{x} y_{tk} (x) dx$$

$$HT_{tk} = \int_{1} m'(x) y_{tk} (x) dx$$

 xB_{+} = outer tank lower end coordinate.

COMPARISON WITH EXPERIMENT

Mode shapes and frequencies calculated by the multibeam torsion program are compared with experimentally determined modes in Figures 2 through 8. The experimental data were taken from References 4 and 5, which report dynamic tests of a Saturn IB type launch vehicle. The particular data compared are for the test vehicle in the SA-202 configuration (Fig. 9) and for mass distributions corresponding to the conditions at lift-off and at first stage cut-off. In the dynamic tests two of the first stage oxygen tanks and two fuel tanks were instrumented. The dynamic tests, therefore, showed some of the modes involving motion of one oxygen tank relative to the other and the fuel tanks relative to each other. These modes are not defined by the program since the mathematical model used only three beams to represent the first stage; one beam represented the four outer LOX tanks, one represented the four fuel tanks, and one represented the center tank. The first four calculated modes corresponded to the first four experimental modes (Fig. 2 through 5). Two of the modes involving relative motion of first stage oxygen and fuel tanks were found in the dynamic tests at frequencies between those in Figures 5 and 6. For the modes and frequencies presented, the calculated frequencies differed from the measured frequencies by an average of 8 percent.

End Cond.	Mode	ω Exact	ω Stodola	Percent Error	G. Mass Exact	G. Mass Stodola	Percent Error
Canti- lever	1 2 3 4	0.01283 0.03848 0.06413 0.08977	0.01283 0.03848 0.06417 0.08988	0.00 0.00 0.06 0.12	150.00 150.00 150.00 150.00	150.05149.33147.66146.77	0.03 0.44 1.56 2.15
Free- free	1 2 3 4	0.02565 0.05130 0.07695 0.10260	0.02565 0.05132 0.07701 0.10274	0.00 0.04 0.07 0.14	150.00 150.00 150.00 150.00	149.95 148.79 148.06 148.41	0.03 0.81 1.29 1.06
Clamped- clamped	1 2 3 4	0.02565 0.05130 0.07695 0.10260	0.02565 0.05132 0.07701 0.10277	0.00 0.04 0.07 0.17	150.00 150.00 150.00 150.00	150.13 147.63 146.78 142.35	0.09 1.58 2.15 5.10

TABLE 1. FREQUENCY AND GENERALIZED MASS ACCURACY (tolerance = 0.001)

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End Cond.	Mode	ω Exact	ω Stodola	Percent Error	G. Mass Exact	G. Mass Stodola	Percent Error
Canti- lever	1 2 3 4	0.01283 0.03848 0.06413 0.08977	0.01283 0.03848 0.06416 0.08987	0.00 0.00 0.05 0.11	150.00 150.00 150.00 150.00	150.05 149.79 149.51 149.58	0.03 0.14 0.33 0.28
Free- free	1 2 3 4	0.02565 0.05130 0.07695 0.10260	0.02565 0.05132 0.07701 0.10274	0.00 0.04 0.07 0.14	150.00 150.00 150.00 150.00	149.95 149.70 149.34 149.08	0.03 0.20 0.44 0.61
Clamped- clamped	1 2 3 4	0.02565 0.05130 0.07695 0.10260	0.02565 0.05132 0.07701 0.10274	0.00 0.04 0.07 0.14	150.00 150.00 150.00 150.00	150.01 149.52 149.38 148.34	0.01 0.32 0.41 1.11







Figure 2. First outer tank mode at lift-off.



Figure 3. First torsional mode at lift-off.

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Figure 4. Command module mode at lift-off.



Figure 5. Command module with center body mode at lift-off.



Figure 6. Second outer tank mode at lift-off.



Figure 7. First torsional mode at cut-off.



Figure 8. Command module mode at cut-off.



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Figure 9. Saturn IB SA-202 configuration.

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