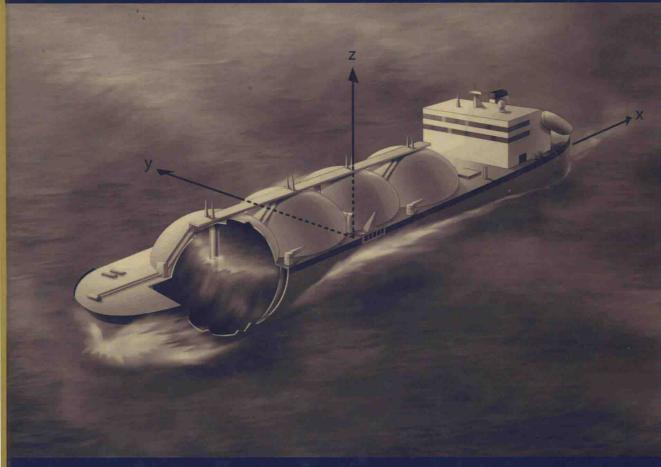
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## Nomenclature

pair $A$ and $\overline{A}$ , or $A_i$	dominant wave amplitudes in the steady-state analysis of nonlinear three-dimensional sloshing, or wave amplitudes in ocean wave problems
$A_{ij}^{ m Name}$	added mass coefficients for three-dimensional statement; Name specifies subject [ $i, j = 1,, 6$ and Name = frozen, filled, slosh, etc.]
$a_{ij}^{\text{Name}}$	the same as $A_{ij}^{\text{Name}}$ , but for a two-dimensional statement
$B$ pair $B$ and $\overline{B}$ $B_t = L_2$	beam (breadth) of a ship or catamaran dominant wave amplitudes in the steady-state analysis of nonlinear three-dimensional sloshing breadth of tank for three-dimensional sloshing
$egin{aligned} Bo \ B_{ij} \ b_{ij} \end{aligned}$	Bond number elements of the damping matrix $[i, j = 1,, 6]$ the same as $B_{ij}$ , but for two-dimensional statement $[i, j = 1,, 6]$ effective sloshing breadth
$c_0$ $Ca$ $C_E$ $C_D$ $C_M$ $C_v$ $C_{ij}^{Name}$	speed of sound Cauchy number modified Euler number drag coefficient mass coefficient modified cavitation number restoring coefficients $[i, j = 1,, 6;$ Name = frozen, filled, slosh, etc.]
$D \text{ or } d$ $D_0 = 2R_0$ $d^*/dt$	diameter, draft of a ship diameter of spherical tank *-time derivative of a vector function in the body-fixed (noninertial) coordinate system; the superscript asterisk indicates that one should not time-differentiate the unit vectors (see eq. (2.50))
$e_i$ or $e_x$ , $e_y$ , $e_z$ $e'_i$	unit vectors of the body (tank)-fixed coordinate system $[i=1,2,3]$ unit vectors of the Earth-fixed coordinate system $[i=1,2,3]$

$E$ $E(t), \langle E \rangle$ $E_g$ $E_k$ $E_p$ $E_l$ $E_v$ $E_{\text{ext}}$ $E_{\text{in}}$ $E_{\text{mem}}$	Young's modulus energy, time-averaged energy work done by gravitational force; bulk modulus of gas kinetic energy potential energy bulk modulus of liquid bulk modulus of elasticity work done by external forces internal strain energy of deforming the object membrane elasticity Euler number
$\mathbf{F}^{\mathrm{Name}}(t)$	hydrodynamic force, where Name declares specific conditions on the considered fluid (e.g., filled, frozen) if needed $[=(F_1, F_2, F_3)]$
$F_i^{ ext{Name}}$	for $i = 1, 2, 3$ , components of $\mathbf{F}^{\text{Name}}(t)$ ; for $i = 4, 5, 6$ , components of the hydrodynamic moment $\mathbf{M}_O(t)$ in the <i>Oxyz</i> -coordinate system
$f_M(x,y)$	Froude number wave patterns defined by the natural sloshing modes, $f_M = \varphi_M(x, y, 0)$ [M is integer or a set of integers; e.g., i, j]
$egin{aligned} oldsymbol{g} &= oldsymbol{g} \ oldsymbol{g} &= oldsymbol{g} \ oldsymbol{G}_O(t) \end{aligned}$	gravitational acceleration vector $[=g_1\boldsymbol{e}_1+g_2\boldsymbol{e}_2+g_3\boldsymbol{e}_3]$ gravitational acceleration $[=9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}]$ components of $\boldsymbol{g}$ in the <i>Oxyz</i> -coordinate system $(i=1,2,3)$ angular fluid momentum relative to the origin $O$
$ \frac{h}{h} $ $ H $ $ H_t $ $ H_{1/3} $	liquid depth nondimensional liquid depth scaled by tank breadth or length wave height tank height significant wave height
<b>I</b> <sup>0</sup>	inertia tensor for a frozen liquid $[=\{I_{ij}^0\}]$ second moment of area with respect to the neutral axis for the beam problem
$m{J}^1(t) \ m{J}^1_0$	inertia tensor for sloshing $[=\{J^1_{ij}(t)\}]$ linearized inertia tensor (time-independent) for sloshing
$J_{\alpha}(\cdot)$	[ $\{J_{0ij}^1\}$ ] the Bessel function of the first kind [ $\alpha$ is a real nonnegative number]
$k$ or $k_M$	wave number; if $M$ (integer or several integer indices, e.g., $i$ , $j$ , or a symbol) is present, the wave number for natural sloshing modes
KC	Keulegan–Carpenter number

l	characteristic linear dimension in two-dimensional statement;
ı	tank breadth for two-dimensional sloshing problem
$l_b$	length of a baffle
$l_s$	effective sloshing length
L	characteristic linear dimension in three-dimensional
	statement; the length of a ship; a typical dimension in some
	illustrative examples and exercises
L	Lagrangian
$L_t = L_1$	length of a tank in three-dimensional analysis
$L_m$ $L_p$	length in model scale length in prototype scale
$L_p$	length in prototype scale
M	mass of an object in a three-dimensional statement
$M_l$	mass of a contained liquid in three-dimensional
	statement
M(t)	fluid momentum
$M_O^{\text{Name}}(t)$	hydrodynamic moment relative to the origin O in the
	Oxyz-coordinate system; Name declares specific conditions
	on the considered fluid (e.g., filled, frozen) if needed
m	$[=(M_{O1}, M_{O2}, M_{O3}) = (F_4^{\text{Name}}, F_5^{\text{Name}}, F_6^{\text{Name}})]$ mass of an object in a two-dimensional statement, mass per
m	unit length
$m_k$	spectral moments $[k = 0, 1, 2,]$
$m_l$	mass of a contained liquid in two-dimensional statement
Ma	Mach number
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$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{a}$ $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$	Mach number outer normal vector of a fluid volume
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$Ma$ $n = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$ $n^+$ $O$ $O(\varepsilon)$	Mach number outer normal vector of a fluid volume normal vector with positive direction into a fluid volume $[=-n]$ origin of the body-fixed coordinate system $Oxyz$ expresses the same order as a small parameter $\varepsilon \ll 1$
$Ma$ $n = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$ $n^+$ $O$	Mach number  outer normal vector of a fluid volume normal vector with positive direction into a fluid volume $[=-n]$ origin of the body-fixed coordinate system $Oxyz$
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                    radius vector of a point in the body-fixed coordinate system
\mathbf{r} = (x, y, z)
                     radius vector of a point in the Earth-fixed coordinate system
                       [=r'_{O}+r]
                    radius vector of the mobile mass center of a contained liquid
\mathbf{r}_{IC}(t)
                       in the Oxyz-coordinate system [=(x_{lC}(t), y_{lC}(t), z_{lC}(t))]
                    radius vector of a contained liquid in the hydrostatic state in
rico
                       the Oxyz-coordinate system [=(x_{lC_0}, y_{lC_0}, z_{lC_0})]
R_0[=\frac{1}{2}D_0]
                    radius of a circular cylindrical tank or a circular spherical tank
                    radius of internal structures (e.g., poles) inserted into the
r_0
                       liquid
r_{ii}, j = 4, 5, 6
                    radii of gyration
Ra
                     arithmetical mean roughness on the body surface
Rn and RE
                     Reynolds number, different definitions
                     transition Reynolds number
Rn_{tr}
S(t)
                    wetted tank surface
                    tank surface below the mean free surface
S_0
St
                    Strouhal number
So
                    boundary enclosing the liquid volume Q [e.g., \Sigma(t) + S(t)]
t
                    time (s)
t
                    tangential vector
                    period
T_0, T_1, and T_2
                    modal period and mean wave periods
T_{M}
                    for sloshing, natural sloshing periods [M is integer or a set of
                       integers, e.g., i, j
T_s
                    surface tension
T_d
                    duration of an external loading
T_{sc}
                    scantling draft
T_{\text{mem}}
                    membrane tension
T_{st}
                    tension of a string
                    the Ox-component of v
u
u_1, u_2, u_3
                    see v
                    see v_r
U
                    characteristic velocity
U_{g}
                    gravity potential [= -\mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{r} = -gz']
U_{sn} = U_n
                    normal velocity component of a fluid surface; see n
                    normal component of the fluid velocity on a fluid surface;
u_n
                       see n
                    absolute fluid velocity [= ue_1 + ve_2 + we_3 = (u, v, w) =
2)
                       (u_1, u_2, u_3)
                    relative (with respect to the Oxyz-system) fluid velocity
v_r
                       [=u_r e_1 + v_r e_2 + w_r e_3]
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the Oy-component of vvUr velocity of the origin  $O = v_{01}e_1 + v_{02}e_2 + v_{03}e_3 = v_{02}e_1 + v_{02}e_2 + v_{03}e_3 + v_{02}e_2 + v_{03}e_3 = v_{02}e_1 + v_{02}e_2 + v_{02}e_2 + v_{03}e_3 + v_{02}e_2 + v_{02}e_3 + v$ vo  $(v_{O1}, v_{O2}, v_{O3}) = (\dot{\eta}_1, \dot{\eta}_2, \dot{\eta}_3)$ V entry (vertical) velocity in slamming problems Vol fluid volume (area for two-dimensional case) the Oz-component of v11) w(x, t)beam deflection WnWeber number  $w_r$ see v, the action; see eq. (2.80)  $[=\int_{t_1}^{t_2} L dt]$ W  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ (x, y, z) $Y_{\alpha}(\cdot)$ Bessel function of the second kind  $\alpha$  is a real nonnegative number] Greek symbols used for definitions of different angles including the phase  $\alpha$  or  $\alpha_i$ angle; auxiliary parameters generalized coordinate in Lagrange variational formulation, B deadrise angle  $\beta_M$ generalized coordinates in Lagrange variational formulation for multidimensional mechanical system, amplitudes of the natural sloshing modes in the modal representation of the free surface [M is integer or a set of integers, e.g., i, j] void fraction X denotes variation of a functional value or generalized 8 coordinate, e.g.,  $\delta\beta$ , in variational formulations; boundary-layer thickness; a small distance when analyzing proximity effect of structures in Section 4.7.2.2 Kronecker delta  $\delta_{ii}$ formal small parameter in asymptotic analysis; the dimensionless forcing amplitude in multimodal method  $\Phi(x, y, z, t)$ velocity potential of the absolute velocity field v defined in the body-fixed coordinate system Oxyz natural sloshing modes [M is integer or a set of integers,  $\varphi_M(x, y, z)$ 

e.g., i, j

γ	vortex density
$\eta_i(t)$	translatory ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and angular ( $i = 4, 5, 6$ ) components of motions of the tank [body]-fixed coordinate system $Oxyz$ relative to an inertial coordinate system; also used for global ship motions [ $i = 1,, 6$ ]
$\iota_{m,i}$	roots of the equation $J'_m(\iota_{m,i}) = 0$
$\kappa_M = \sigma_M^2/g$ $\kappa$	spectral parameter of the problem on natural sloshing modes $[M \text{ is integer or a set of integers, e.g., } i, j]$ ratio of the specific heat
λ	wavelength
$\mu$	dynamic viscosity coefficient
ν	kinematic viscosity coefficient
$\theta$ $\Theta$	component of the cylindrical polar coordinate system $(r, \theta, z)$ angle measuring the wave propagating direction of elementary wave components in the sea relative to a main wave propagation direction
$ \rho $ $ \rho_l $ $ \rho_i $ $ \rho_o $ $ \rho_g $ $ \rho_c $	fluid density liquid density inner and exterior liquid density $\rho_o$ ullage gas density gas density gas density
$\sigma$ $\sigma_{M}$ $\sigma_{e}$ $\Sigma(t)$ $\Sigma_{0}$	circular forcing frequency or a frequency of an external wave wave frequencies; for sloshing, natural sloshing frequencies $[M \text{ is integer or a set of integers, e.g., } i, j]$ frequency of encounter free surface of a liquid during sloshing mean free surface = hydrostatic liquid surface = unperturbed free surface
$ au_l$ $ au_{ au}$ $ au = \{ au_{ij}\}$	laminar shear stress turbulent shear stress viscous stress components along the $(x_i - x_j)$ -components $(i, j = 1, 2, 3)$
$\omega(t)$	instant angular velocity of the tank (the <i>Oxyz</i> -coordinate system) with respect to an inertial coordinate system $[=(\omega_1(t), \omega_2(t), \omega_3(t))]$

projections of the angular velocity  $\omega(t)$ -vector in the  $\omega_i(t)$ Oxyz-coordinate system; equal to  $\dot{\eta}_{i+3}(t)$ , i = 1, 2, 3, for linear dynamics of the tank Stokes–Joukowski potential [=  $(\Omega_1(x, y, z, t), \Omega_2(x, y, z, t),$  $\Omega(x, y, z, t)$  $\Omega_3(x, y, z, t))$ Stokes-Joukowski potential for linear sloshing theory  $\Omega_0(x, y, z)$  $[=(\Omega_{01}(x, y, z), \Omega_{02}(x, y, z), \Omega_{03}(x, y, z))]$ gas cushion volume  $\Omega(t)$ vorticity vector  $\omega$ (M is set of integers) damping ratio(s) ξ or ξ<sub>M</sub> coefficient of bulk viscosity 5 amplitude of linear sea waves  $\zeta_a$ normal representation of the free surface  $z = \zeta(x, y, t)$ 

implicitly defined free surface

Z(x, y, z, t) = 0

### Preface and Acknowledgment

Our initial motivation for writing this book was to provide background on the analytically based *nonlinear* multimodal method for sloshing developed by the authors. We soon realized that we had to give a broader scope on sloshing and also present material on computational fluid dynamics (CFD), viscous flow, the effect of internal structures, and slamming. Furthermore, experimental results are to a large degree presented to validate the theoretical results and give physical insight.

A broad variety of CFD methods exist, and other textbooks provide details on different numerical methods. Our focus has been on giving an introduction to the many CFD methods that exist. An important aspect has also been to link the material to practical aspects. Our main application is for ship tanks, where sloshing can be very violent and slamming and coupling between sloshing and ship motions are important aspects. However, we have also emphasized links to other engineering fields with applications such as tuned liquid dampers for tall buildings, rollover of tanker vehicles, oil-gas separators used on floating ocean platforms, onshore tanks, and seiching in harbors and lakes; space applications are not addressed. Whenever possible we have tried to provide examples and have emphasized exercises where we provide hints and solutions. This fact has led to the development of simple analytical methods for analysis of, for instance, transient sloshing in spherical and horizontal circular cylindrical tanks, two-phase liquid flow, the effect of tank deformations, wave-induced hydroelastic analysis of a monotower with sloshing of water inside the shaft, flow through screens and swash bulkheads, and hydrodynamic analysis for automatic control of U-tanks.

Sloshing is a fascinating topic, and the first author was deeply involved in theoretical aspects of sloshing in liquefied natural gas tanks from the beginning of the 1970s, when he worked at Det Norske Veritas. Following that period was an approximately 20-year break in his activities with sloshing until he started again at the end of the past century. The second author has worked on spacecraft applications with particular emphasis on sloshing in fuel tanks, and since the beginning of the 1990s he has been involved with mathematical aspects of sloshing at the Institute of Mathematics, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev. It was their common interest in nonlinear multimodal methods for sloshing that brought them together at the Center for Ships and Ocean Structures (CeSOS), Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim.

Mathematics is a necessity in reading the book, but we have tried to also emphasize physical explanations. Knowledge of calculus, including vector analysis and differential equations, is necessary to read the book in detail. The reader

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should also be familiar with dynamics and basic hydrodynamics of potential and viscous flow of an incompressible fluid. This book is more advanced from a theoretical point of view than the previous books *Sea Loads on Ships and Offshore Structures* and *Hydrodynamics of High-Speed Marine Vehicles* by the first author. Part of the book has been taught to graduate students at the Department of Marine Technology, NTNU. The book should be of interest for both engineers and applied mathematicians working with advanced aspects of sloshing. A pure mathematical language is avoided to better facilitate communication with readers with engineering backgrounds.

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