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Abstract

The paper is concerned with the numerical solution of interaction of compressible flow and a vibrating airfoil with two degrees of freedom, which can rotate around an elastic axis and oscillate in the vertical direction. Compressible flow is described by the Navier-Stokes equations written in the ALE form. This system is discretized by the semi-implicit discontinuous Galerkin finite element method (DGFEM) and coupled with the solution of ordinary differential equations describing the airfoil motion. Computational results showing the flow induced airfoil vibrations are presented.

1 Formulation of the continuous problem

We consider 2D compressible viscous flow in a bounded domain $\Omega(t) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ depending on time $t \in [0, T]$. We assume that the boundary $\partial\Omega(t)$ of $\Omega(t)$ consists of three disjoint parts: $\partial\Omega(t) = \Gamma_I \cup \Gamma_O \cup \Gamma_W(t)$, where Γ_I is inlet, Γ_O is outlet and $\Gamma_W(t)$ is impermeable wall, whose part may move.

The time dependence of the domain is taken into account with the aid of a regular one-to-one ALE mapping (cf. [4]) $\mathcal{A}_t : \Omega_0 \rightarrow \Omega_t$, i.e. $\mathcal{A}_t : X \mapsto x = x(X, t) = \mathcal{A}_t(X)$. We define the ALE velocity $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}(X, t) = \partial\mathcal{A}_t(X)/\partial t$, $\mathbf{z}(x, t) = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}(\mathcal{A}^{-1}(x), t)$, $t \in [0, T]$, $X \in \Omega_0$, $x \in \Omega_t$, and the ALE derivative of a function $f = f(x, t)$ defined for $x \in \Omega_t$ and $t \in (0, T)$: $D^A f(x, t)/Dt = \partial\tilde{f}(X, t)/\partial t$, where $\tilde{f}(X, t) = f(\mathcal{A}_t(X), t)$, $X \in \Omega_0$.

The system describing compressible flow consisting of the continuity equation, the Navier-Stokes equations and the energy equation (see, e.g. [2]) can be written in the ALE form

$$\frac{D^A \mathbf{w}}{Dt} + \sum_{s=1}^2 \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}_s(\mathbf{w})}{\partial x_s} + \mathbf{w} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{z} = \sum_{s=1}^2 \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_s(\mathbf{w}, \nabla \mathbf{w})}{\partial x_s}, \quad (1)$$

where for $i, j = 1, 2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} &= (w_1, \dots, w_4)^T = (\rho, \rho v_1, \rho v_2, E)^T \in \mathbb{R}^4, & \mathbf{g}_i(\mathbf{w}) &= \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{w}) - z_i \mathbf{w}, & (2) \\ \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{w}) &= (f_{i1}, \dots, f_{i4})^T = (\rho v_i, \rho v_1 v_i + \delta_{1i} p, \rho v_2 v_i + \delta_{2i} p, (E + p)v_i)^T, \\ \mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{w}, \nabla \mathbf{w}) &= (R_{i1}, \dots, R_{i4})^T = (0, \tau_{i1}^V, \tau_{i2}^V, \tau_{i1}^V v_1 + \tau_{i2}^V v_2 + k \partial\theta/\partial x_i)^T, \\ \tau_{ij}^V &= (-2 \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} / 3 \delta_{ij} + 2 d_{ij}(\mathbf{v})) / Re, & d_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) &= (\partial v_i / \partial x_j + \partial v_j / \partial x_i) / 2. \end{aligned}$$

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We use the following notation: ρ - density, p - pressure, E - total energy, $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ - velocity, θ - absolute temperature, $\gamma > 1$ - Poisson adiabatic constant, $c_v > 0$ - specific heat at constant volume, Re - the Reynolds number, k - heat conduction. The vector-valued function \mathbf{w} is called the state vector, the functions \mathbf{f}_i are the so-called inviscid fluxes and \mathbf{R}_i represent viscous terms. The above system is completed by the thermodynamical relations

$$p = (\gamma - 1)(E - \rho|\mathbf{v}|^2/2), \quad \theta = (E/\rho - |\mathbf{v}|^2/2) / c_v$$

and equipped with the initial condition $\mathbf{w}(x, 0) = \mathbf{w}^0(x)$, $x \in \Omega_0$, and the following boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \rho_D, \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_D, \quad \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \tau_{ij}^V n_i v_j + k \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_I, \\ \mathbf{v}|_{\Gamma_{W_t}} &= \mathbf{z}_D \quad - \text{velocity of a moving wall, } \quad \partial \theta / \partial n = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{W_t}, \\ \sum_{i=1}^2 \tau_{ij}^V n_i &= 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \quad \partial \theta / \partial n = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_O, \end{aligned}$$

with given data \mathbf{w}^0 , ρ_D , \mathbf{v}_D , \mathbf{z}_D .

The terms \mathbf{R}_s and \mathbf{f}_s satisfy the relations

$$\mathbf{R}_s(\mathbf{w}, \nabla \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{s,k}(\mathbf{w}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial x_k}, \quad \mathbf{f}_s(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{A}_s(\mathbf{w})\mathbf{w}, \quad (3)$$

where $\mathbf{K}_{s,k}(\mathbf{w}) \in R^{4 \times 4}$ and \mathbf{A}_s is the Jacobian matrix of \mathbf{f}_s .

2 Discretization

2.1 Discontinuous Galerkin space discretization

By $\Omega_h(t)$ we denote polygonal approximation of the domain $\Omega(t)$. Let $\mathcal{T}_h(t) = \{K_i\}_{i \in I(t)}$ be a triangulation of the domain $\Omega_h(t)$ formed by a finite number of closed triangles K_i with mutually disjoint interiors. We set $h_K = \text{diam}(K)$ as the diameter of K , $h(t) = \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h(t)} h_K$, $|K|$ is the Lebesgue measure of K . All elements of $\mathcal{T}_h(t) = \{K_i\}_{i \in I(t)}$ will be numbered so that $I(t) \subset Z^+ = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ is a suitable index set. If two elements have a common face, than we call them neighbours and put $\Gamma_{ij} = \Gamma_{ji} = \partial K_i \cap \partial K_j$. For each $i \in I(t)$ we define the index set $s(i)(t) = \{j \in I(t); K_j \text{ is a neighbour of } K_i\}$. The boundary $\partial \Omega_h(t)$ is formed by a finite number of sides of elements K_i adjacent to $\partial \Omega_h(t)$. We denote all these boundary sides by S_j , where $j \in I_b(t) \subset Z^- = \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$ and set $\gamma(i)(t) = \{j \in I_b(t); S_j \text{ is a side of } K_i\}$, $\Gamma_{ij} = S_j$ for $K_i \in \mathcal{T}_h(t)$ such that $S_j \subset \partial K_i$, $j \in I_b(t)$. For an element K_i , not containing any boundary side S_j , we set $\gamma(i)(t) = \emptyset$. Obviously $s(i)(t) \cap \gamma(i)(t) = \emptyset$ for all $i \in I(t)$. Moreover we define $S(i)(t) = s(i)(t) \cup \gamma(i)(t)$.

We shall look for an approximate solution of the problem in the space $\mathbf{S}_h(t) = \{v; v|_K \in P^r(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h(t)\}^4$, where $r \geq 0$ is an integer and $P^r(K)$ is the space

of polynomials of degree at most r on K . If $v \in \mathbf{S}$, then we use the notation $v|_{\Gamma_{ij}}$ and $v|_{\Gamma_{ji}}$ for the traces of v on Γ_{ij} from the side of the adjacent elements K_i and K_j , respectively, $\langle v \rangle_{\Gamma_{ij}}$ for the average of traces of v on the face Γ_{ij} from the side of the adjacent elements and $[v]_{\Gamma_{ij}}$ the jump of v on Γ_{ij} . By \mathbf{n}_{ij} we denote the unit outer normal to the boundary of K_i on Γ_{ij} .

For arbitrary $t \in [0, T]$ we can multiply the system by a test function $\varphi \in \mathbf{S}_h(t)$ integrate and sum over all $K_i \in \mathcal{T}_h(t)$, apply Green's theorem and introduce a numerical flux \mathbf{H} . Then we introduce the following forms (cf. [1]):

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{b}_h(\mathbf{w}, \varphi_h) &= - \sum_{i \in I(t)} \int_{K_i} \sum_{s=1}^2 \mathbf{g}_s(\mathbf{w}) \frac{\partial \varphi_h}{\partial x_s} dx + \sum_{i \in I(t)} \sum_{i \in S(i)(t)} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{w}|_{\Gamma_{ij}}, \mathbf{w}|_{\Gamma_{ji}}, \mathbf{n}_{ij}) dS \\
\tilde{a}_h(\mathbf{w}, \varphi_h) &= - \sum_{i \in I(t)} \int_{K_i} \sum_{s=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{s,k}(\mathbf{w}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial x_k} \cdot \frac{\partial \varphi_h}{\partial x_s} dx \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \in I(t)} \sum_{\substack{j \in s(i)(t) \\ j < i}} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sum_{s=1}^2 \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{s,k}(\mathbf{w}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial x_k} \right\rangle (n_{ij})_s \cdot [\varphi_h] dS \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \in I(t)} \sum_{j \in \gamma_D(i)(t)} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sum_{s=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{s,k}(\mathbf{w}) \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial x_k} (n_{ij})_s \cdot \varphi_h dS \\
&\quad + \Theta \sum_{i \in I(t)} \sum_{\substack{j \in s(i)(t) \\ j < i}} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sum_{s=1}^2 \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{k,s}^T(\mathbf{w}) \frac{\partial \varphi_h}{\partial x_k} \right\rangle (n_{ij})_s \cdot [\mathbf{w}] dS \\
&\quad + \Theta \sum_{i \in I(t)} \sum_{j \in \gamma_D(i)(t)} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sum_{s=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{k,s}^T(\mathbf{w}) \frac{\partial \varphi_h}{\partial x_k} (n_{ij})_s \cdot \mathbf{w} dS \\
J_h^\sigma(\mathbf{w}, \varphi_h) &= \sum_{i \in I(t)} \sum_{\substack{j \in s(i)(t) \\ j < i}} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sigma[\mathbf{w}] \cdot [\varphi_h] dS + \sum_{i \in I(t)} \sum_{j \in \gamma_D(i)(t)} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sigma \mathbf{w} \cdot \varphi_h dS \\
\tilde{l}_h(\mathbf{w}, \varphi_h) &= \Theta \sum_{i \in I(t)} \sum_{j \in \gamma_D(i)(t)} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sum_{s=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{k,s}^T(\mathbf{w}) \frac{\partial \varphi_h}{\partial x_k} (n_{ij})_s \cdot \mathbf{w}_B dS \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \in I(t)} \sum_{j \in \gamma_D(i)(t)} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sigma \mathbf{w}_B \cdot \varphi_h dS,
\end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma|_{\Gamma_{ij}} = \frac{C_W}{h(\Gamma_{ij})Re}$, $C_W > 0$ is a suitable sufficiently large constants and \mathbf{w}_B is a boundary state defined by the Dirichlet boundary condition and extrapolation. By (\cdot, \cdot) we denote the $L^2(\Omega(t_{k+1}))$ -scalar product. We set $\Theta = -1$ or 0 or 1 and get the so-called nonsymmetric or incomplete or symmetric version of the viscous form. In practical computations we use $\Theta = 1$.

Now we can define the discrete problem: Find $\mathbf{w}_h(t) \in \mathbf{S}_h(t)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{D^A \mathbf{w}_h(t)}{Dt}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h \right) - (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{z}(t) \mathbf{w}_h(t), \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) + \tilde{b}_h(\mathbf{w}_h(t), \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) + \tilde{a}_h(\mathbf{w}_h(t), \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) \\ & + J_h^\sigma(\mathbf{w}_h(t), \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) = \tilde{l}_h(\boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h \in \mathbf{S}_h(t), \quad \forall t \in (0, T), \\ & \mathbf{w}_h(0) = \mathbf{w}_h^0. \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{w}_h^0 is the $\mathbf{S}_h(0)$ -approximation of \mathbf{w}^0 . It means that

$$(\mathbf{w}_h^0, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) = (\mathbf{w}^0, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h \in \mathbf{S}_h(0).$$

2.2 Time discretization

Let us consider a partition $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_M$ of the interval $[0, T]$, $t_k = k\tau$, $\tau > 0$. We use the approximation $\mathbf{w}_h(t_l) \approx \mathbf{w}_h^l$, defined in $\Omega_h(t_l)$. Then we set $\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k(x) = \mathbf{w}_h^k(\mathcal{A}_{t_k}(\mathcal{A}_{t_{k+1}}^{-1}(x)))$, $x \in \Omega_h(t_{k+1})$, and approximate the ALE-derivative using the first order backward difference:

$$\left(\frac{D^A \mathbf{w}_h(t_{k+1})}{Dt}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h \right) \approx \left(\frac{\mathbf{w}_h^{k+1} - \hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k}{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h \right).$$

Since the terms \tilde{a}_h and \tilde{b}_h are nonlinear, we shall linearized them. For \tilde{b}_h we use the property (3) of \mathbf{f}_s and the definition of \mathbf{g}_s . We get the approximation

$$\sum_{i \in I(t)} \int_{K_i} \sum_{s=1}^2 \mathbf{g}_s(\mathbf{w}) \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h}{\partial x_s} dx \approx \sigma_1 = \sum_{i \in I(t_{k+1})} \int_{K_i} \sum_{s=1}^2 (\mathbf{A}_s(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k) - z_s \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1} \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h}{\partial x_s} dx.$$

Now let us set $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{n}) := \sum_{s=1}^2 (\mathbf{A}_s(\mathbf{w}) - z_s \mathbf{I}) n_s$, $(\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2), n_1^2 + n_2^2 = 1)$. We have $\sum_{s=1}^2 \mathbf{g}_s(\mathbf{w}) n_s = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{w}$. It is possible to show that the matrix \mathbf{P} is diagonalizable: $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{T}^{-1}$, where \mathbf{T} is a nonsingular matrix, $\mathbf{D} = \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4)$ is a diagonal matrix and λ_i are the eigenvalues of \mathbf{P} . Then we can define the "positive" and "negative" parts of the matrix \mathbf{P} : $\mathbf{P}^\pm = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{D}^\pm \mathbf{T}^{-1}$, where $\mathbf{D}^\pm = \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1^\pm, \dots, \lambda_4^\pm)$ and $\lambda^+ = \max(\lambda, 0)$, $\lambda^- = \min(\lambda, 0)$. Using this concept, we introduce the so-called Vijayasundaram numerical flux

$$\mathbf{H}_V(\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{P}^+ \left(\frac{\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2}{2}, \mathbf{n} \right) \mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{P}^- \left(\frac{\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{w}_2}{2}, \mathbf{n} \right) \mathbf{w}_2.$$

Then we can approximate integrals over faces in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in I(t)} \sum_{j \in S(i)(t)} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{w}|_{\Gamma_{ij}}, \mathbf{w}|_{\Gamma_{ji}}, \mathbf{n}_{ij}) dS \approx \sigma_2 := \\ & \sum_{i \in I(t_{k+1})} \sum_{j \in S(i)(t_{k+1})} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \mathbf{P}^+ \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k|_{\Gamma_{ij}} + \hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k|_{\Gamma_{ji}}}{2}, \mathbf{n}_{ij} \right) \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}|_{\Gamma_{ij}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h dS \\ & + \sum_{i \in I(t_{k+1})} \sum_{j \in S(i)(t_{k+1})} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \mathbf{P}^- \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k|_{\Gamma_{ij}} + \hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k|_{\Gamma_{ji}}}{2}, \mathbf{n}_{ij} \right) \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}|_{\Gamma_{ji}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h dS \end{aligned}$$

and define the form $b_h(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k, \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) = -\sigma_1 + \sigma_2$.

Using (3), we linearize viscous terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
a_h(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k, \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) &= - \sum_{i \in I(t_{k+1})} \int_{K_i} \sum_{s=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{s,k}(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k) \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}}{\partial x_k} \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h}{\partial x_s} dx \\
&+ \sum_{i \in I(t_{k+1})} \sum_{\substack{j \in s(i)(t_{k+1}) \\ j < i}} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sum_{s=1}^2 \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{s,k}(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k) \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}}{\partial x_k} \right\rangle (n_{ij})_s \cdot [\boldsymbol{\varphi}_h] dS \\
&+ \sum_{i \in I(t_{k+1})} \sum_{j \in \gamma_D(i)(t_{k+1})} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sum_{s=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{s,k}(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k) \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}}{\partial x_k} (n_{ij})_s \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h dS \\
&+ \Theta \sum_{i \in I(t_{k+1})} \sum_{\substack{j \in s(i)(t_{k+1}) \\ j < i}} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sum_{s=1}^2 \left\langle \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{k,s}^T(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k) \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h}{\partial x_k} \right\rangle (n_{ij})_s \cdot [\mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}] dS \\
&+ \Theta \sum_{i \in I(t_{k+1})} \sum_{j \in \gamma_D(i)(t_{k+1})} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sum_{s=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{k,s}^T(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k) \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h}{\partial x_k} (n_{ij})_s \cdot \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1} dS,
\end{aligned}$$

and the right-hand side form:

$$\begin{aligned}
l_h(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) &= \Theta \sum_{i \in I(t_{k+1})} \sum_{j \in \gamma_D(i)(t_{k+1})} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \sum_{s=1}^2 \sum_{k=1}^2 \mathbf{K}_{k,s}^T(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k) \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h}{\partial x_k} (n_{ij})_s \cdot \mathbf{w}_B^{k+1} dS \\
&+ \sum_{i \in I(t_{k+1})} \sum_{j \in \gamma_D(i)(t_{k+1})} \int_{\Gamma_{ij}} \frac{C_W}{h(\Gamma_{ij}) Re} \mathbf{w}_B^{k+1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h dS
\end{aligned}$$

All these considerations lead us to the following semi-implicit scheme: For $k = 0, 1, \dots$ find $\mathbf{w}_h^{k+1} \in \mathbf{S}_h(t_{k+1})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\mathbf{w}_h^{k+1} - \hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k}{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h \right) - (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{z}(t_{k+1}) \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) + b_h(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k, \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) & \quad (4) \\
+a_h(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k, \mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) + J_h^\sigma(\mathbf{w}_h^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) = l_h(\hat{\mathbf{w}}_h^k, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h) \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\varphi}_h \in \mathbf{S}_h(t_{k+1}).
\end{aligned}$$

3 Fluid-structure interaction

We shall simulate motion of a profile with two degrees of freedom: H - displacement of the profile in the vertical direction and α - the rotation of the profile around the so-called elastic axis. The motion of the profile is described by the system of ordinary differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}
m\ddot{H} + k_{HH}H + S_\alpha \ddot{\alpha} &= -L(t), \\
S_\alpha \ddot{H} + I_\alpha \ddot{\alpha} + k_{\alpha\alpha} \alpha &= M(t),
\end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where we use the following notation: m - mass of the airfoil, $L(t)$ - aerodynamic lift force, $M(t)$ - aerodynamic torsional moment, S_α - static moment of the airfoil

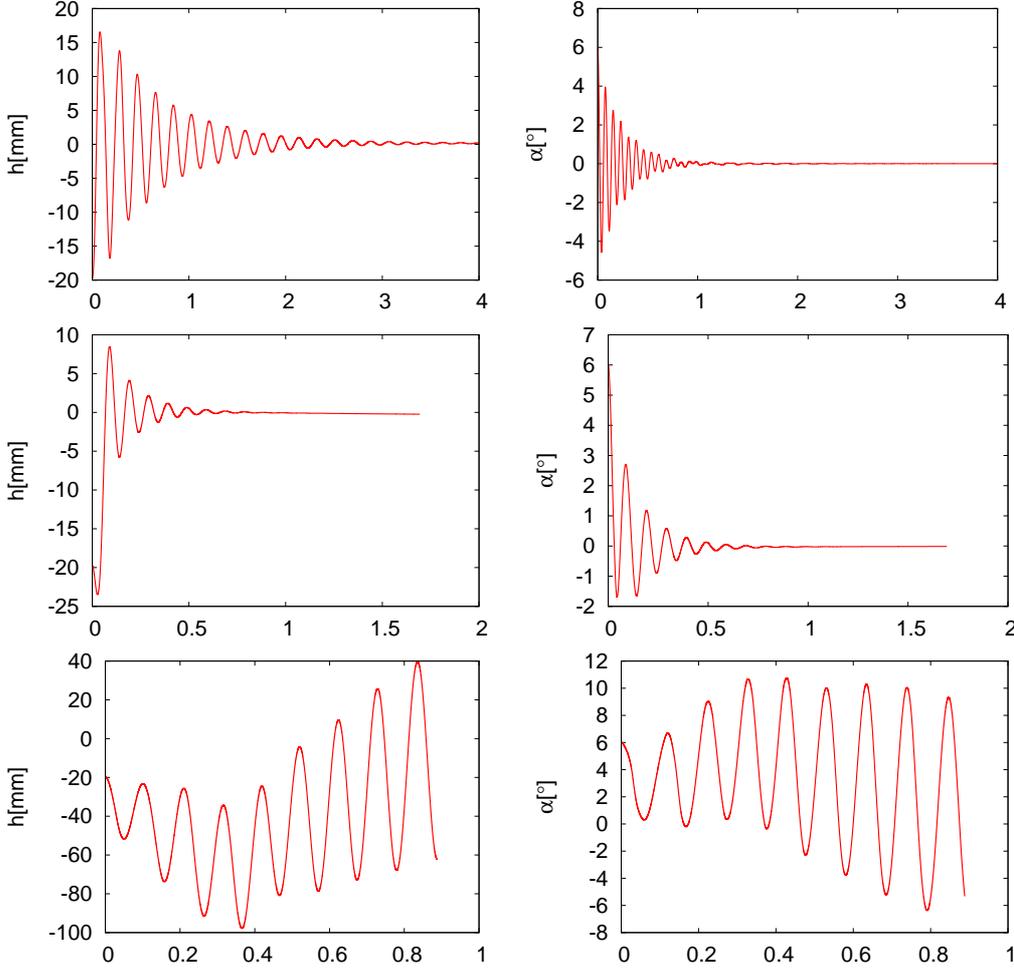


Fig. 1: Displacement H (left) and rotation angle α (right) of the airfoil in dependence on time for far-field velocity 10, 30 and 40 m/s.

around the elastic axis, I_α - inertia moment of the airfoil around the elastic axis, k_{HH} - bending stiffness, $k_{\alpha\alpha}$ - torsional stiffness. For the derivation of system (5) see, e.g. [5].

System (5) is transformed to a first-order system and solved by the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method together with the discrete flow problem (4). The ALE mapping is constructed on the new time level t_{k+1} on the basis of the computed values $H(t_{k+1})$ and $\alpha(t_{k+1})$.

4 Numerical experiments

We perform numerical experiments with the following data and initial conditions: $m = 0.086622$ kg, $S_a = -0.000779673$ kg m, $I_a = 0.000487291$ kg m⁻², $k_{HH} = 105.109$ N/m, $k_{\alpha\alpha} = 3.696682$ Nm/rad, $l = 0.05$ m, $c = 0.3$ m, far-field density $\rho = 1.225$ kg m⁻³, $H(0) = -20$ mm, $\alpha(0) = 6^\circ$, $\dot{H}(0) = \dot{\alpha}(0) = 0$.

Figure 1 shows the displacement H and the rotation angle α in dependence on time for the far-field velocity 10, 30 and 40 m/s. We see that for the velocities 10 and 30 m/s the vibrations are damped, but for the velocity 40 m/s we get the flutter instability when the vibration amplitudes are increasing in time. The monotonous increase and decrease of the average values of H and α , respectively, shows that the flutter is combined with a divergence instability in the presented example.

These results are qualitatively comparable with vibrations of the airfoil NACA 0012 induced by viscous incompressible flow, contained in [3]. For low far-field velocity the differences of the presented results and results from [3] are small, because the compressibility of the fluid is not significant. For the far-field velocity 40 m/s the qualitative behaviour of the vibrations (flutter combined with divergence) is comparable with the results in [3] obtained by the finite element method. The quantitative difference is already larger probably due to compressibility taken into account in the present paper.

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