IMPACT/CONTACT OF ELASTIC BODY ON A MOVING FOUNDATION*

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Abstract

We study numerically the dynamic impact/contact of an elastic body on a moving foundation using the mid-point algorithm. Stability results are presented when foundation is decreasing. Numerical simulations on two-dimensional problems are included and we show that the energy is absorbed in the case of decreasing foundation compared to the fixed one.

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1 Introduction

Several numerical methods have been developed for elastodynamic contact problem, see the textbook [7], [9], [17] or the survey papers [5], [8]. The contact constraint can be treated using: Lagrange multiplier, augmented Lagrangian, penalty methods, etc. We add also the Nitsche based methods [1], [2]. Updated Lagrangian methods for elasticity with contact are described in [18] and [11].

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