

A Lagrangian Approach for the Wave Body Interactions Problem

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Abstract

By proving the first form of Hamilton's principle an equivalent Lagrangian formulation is developed for the problem of wave-body interaction. In this approach the equations and conditions modeling the kinematical constraints are treated and solved before formulate dynamically equations and most of the curiosities introduced by the classical approach disappear. Then the principle is used to derive Lagrange equations in independent coordinates which are functional differential equations modeling the nonlocal character of wave-body interaction.

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