

INTEGRATION SCHEMES FOR THE TRANSIENT DYNAMICS OF NONLINEAR CABLE STRUCTURES

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The recently developed time integration schemes [3] is analysed and implemented to the transient analysis of the space cable structures. The results are compared to the corresponding implementation of [1] and [4].

The space cable structures exhibit a number of common properties regarding nonlinearities and frequency spectrum involving low frequency transversal and higher frequency longitudinal modes. The nonlinear cable structures undergoing large displacements and rotations are discretized with finite cable elements and B-splines. The time integration is performed for both models and issues related to the space discretisation are additionally addressed.

The special attention is addressed to the numerical efficiency of the time integration schemes. The spectral radius based analysis for corresponding time integration schemes performed in [1-4] is reliable in linear domain and it can only give guidance for nonlinear problems. The important issues: user controlled higher frequency damping, overshooting, amplitude decay and period elongations are typically monitored in simple benchmark examples.

The focus of the paper is a development and an implementation of the variable time step algorithm with error monitoring mechanism and step size control. The objective of the paper is to put together desirable properties scattered over a many schemes in order to design reliable algorithm.

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