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## I. INTRODUCTION

Key design considerations for the LIBRA cavity depend upon the mechanical response of INPORTs under repetitive shock loading. The determination of the response requires the quantitative characteristics for mode shapes and natural frequencies. Since the axial tension gradient is significant for INPORTs, this will affect the modal analysis. In the work which follows, the tension gradient is assessed in the development of an exact solution for INPORT mode shapes and natural frequencies.

## II. NOMENCLATURE

$a_m$  - perturbation parameter  
 $A_f$  - cross sectional flow area  
 $A_t$  - cross section of tube  
 $b_n$  - perturbation parameter  
 $c$  - flow velocity  
 $E$  - elastic modulus of tube  
 $g$  - gravitational constant  
 $I$  - moment of inertia of tube section  
 $l$  - tube length  
 $m$  - integer  
 $m_f$  - mass/length of fluid  
 $m_t$  - mass/length of tube  
 $M$  - total mass/length ( $m_f + m_t$ )  
 $n$  - integer  
 $p$  - internal mean pressure  
 $t$  - time  
 $T_e$  - effective tension

$T_0$  - static pretension  
 $\bar{T}$  - dimensionless tension  
 $u$  - x displacement  
 $v$  - y displacement  
 $V_n$  - modal amplitude  
 $w$  - z displacement  
 $W$  - total weight of tube and fluid  
 $x$  - axial coordinate  
 $y$  - transverse coordinate  
 $z$  - transverse coordinate  
 $\delta$  - perturbation function  
 $\epsilon$  - perturbation function  
 $\kappa_0$  - damping coefficient  
 $\nu$  - Poisson's ratio for tube  
 $\omega_n$  - natural frequency  
 $\bar{\omega}_n$  - dimensionless natural frequency

### III. GOVERNING EQUATION

The system under consideration (Fig. 1) consists of a uniform tube of length  $l$ , cross sectional flow area  $A_f$ , mass per unit length  $m_t$ , and flexural rigidity  $EI$ . The internal fluid flows axially with velocity  $c$  and mass per unit length  $m_f$ . Any secondary flow effects or radial variations in the flow velocity are neglected. The mean pressure within the tube is  $p$ , measured above atmospheric. However, it is assumed that the nominal dimensions of the tube will not change with the internal pressure.

In its undeformed (equilibrium) position the longitudinal axis of the tube coincides with the  $x$  axis. With this vertical configuration, gravity ef-

fects will be assessed. Free and forced response of the tube is allowed in both the x-y and x-z planes along with longitudinal deformations.

With a compression spring mechanism supporting both ends, a static pre-tension  $T_0$  can be applied to the system. An additional axial tensile force is induced by the internal pressure, which is equal to  $pA_f(2\nu - 1)$  for a thin tube. Nonlinear tension effects can be included by considering higher order terms in the expression for the tube extension. Also, since the weight of the viscous fluid is not negligible, there will be a tension variation due to a gravity gradient.

The general equations of motion for the tube were derived using Hamilton's principle and variational calculus procedures.<sup>(1)</sup> The resulting partial differential equation for lateral motion in the x-y plane is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (m_f + m_t) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} + 2 m_f c \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial t} + m_f c^2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \kappa_0 m_t \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{ [T_0 - pA_f(1 - 2\nu) \\
 & + (m_f + m_t)g(\ell - x)] + [EA_t - T_0 - pA_f(1 - 2\nu) - (m_f + m_t)g(\ell - x)] \\
 & \times \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}\right)^2 \right] \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \} + EI \frac{\partial^4 v}{\partial x^4} - 3 EI \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)^2 \frac{\partial^4 v}{\partial x^4} \\
 & - 12 EI \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial x^3} - 3 EI \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2}\right)^3 = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where steady state flow has been assumed.

In order to determine the basic modal characteristics of the tube, Eq. (1) has been linearized to decouple the lateral and longitudinal displacements. For transverse motion it is assumed that the effect of the Coriolis acceleration of the fluid, given by  $2m_f c(\partial^2 v / \partial x \partial t)$ , can be neglected. Also, since the INPORTs are considered as completely flexible tubes, Eq. (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
& [T_0 - pA_f(1 - 2\nu) + (m_t + m_f)g(\ell - x) - m_f c^2] \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} - (m_t + m_f) g \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\
& - \kappa_0 (m_t + m_f) \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - (m_t + m_f) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

or,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{ [(T_0 - pA_f(1 - 2\nu) + (m_t + m_f)g(\ell - x) - m_f c^2) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}] \\
& - \kappa_0 (m_t + m_f) \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - (m_t + m_f) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = 0 .
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The equation of motion may be expressed in dimensionless terms by defining the following dimensionless quantities:

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{v} &= \frac{v}{\ell} \\
\xi &= \frac{T_0 - pA_f(1 - 2\nu) + (m_t + m_f)g(\ell - x) - m_f c^2}{(m_t + m_f)g\ell}
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\tau = \sqrt{\frac{g}{\ell}} t .$$

Substitution into Eq. (3) yields

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left\{ \xi \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial \xi} \right\} - \kappa \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\partial^2 \bar{v}}{\partial \tau^2} = 0 \tag{5}$$

where the damping parameter  $\kappa$  is given by

$$\kappa = \kappa_0 \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{g}} . \tag{6}$$

Equation (5) can be reduced to an ordinary differential equation by assuming a harmonic solution of the form

$$\bar{v}(\xi, \tau) = \text{Re} \{ \phi(\xi) \bar{\omega} e^{i\bar{\omega}\tau} \} \quad (7)$$

where  $\phi(\xi)$  is a complex function and  $\bar{\omega}$  is the dimensionless frequency. Substitution of Eq. (7) into (5) gives

$$\frac{d}{d\xi} \left( \xi \frac{d\phi(\xi)}{d\xi} \right) + (\bar{\omega}^2 - i\kappa\bar{\omega}) \phi(\xi) = 0 . \quad (8)$$

The solution to Eq. (8) involves Bessel functions of the first and second kind of zero order,<sup>(2)</sup> namely

$$\phi(\xi) = AJ_0(\lambda\sqrt{\xi}) + BY_0(\lambda\sqrt{\xi}) \quad (9)$$

where

$$\lambda = \{4(\bar{\omega}^2 - i\kappa\bar{\omega})\}^{1/2} . \quad (10)$$

For a general solution A and B must be complex constants.

A closer look at the argument of  $J_0$  and  $Y_0$  indicates

$$\lambda\sqrt{\xi} = \{4\bar{\omega}^2 (\bar{T} - \frac{x}{l}) - 4i\kappa\bar{\omega}(\bar{T} - \frac{x}{l})\}^{1/2} \quad (11)$$

where the dimensionless tension and frequency are given by

$$\bar{T} = \frac{T_0 - \rho A_f(1 - 2\nu) + (m_t + m_f)gl - m_f c^2}{(m_t + m_f)gl} \quad (12)$$

$$\bar{\omega} = \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{g}} \omega . \quad (13)$$

Finally, the complete solution to Eq. (5) can be expressed as a superposition of an infinite set of the normal modes of the tube, i.e.,

$$\bar{v}(\xi, \tau) = \text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi_n(\xi) \bar{X}_n e^{i \bar{\omega}_n \tau} \right\} \quad (14)$$

which also includes the complex constant

$$\bar{X}_n = X_n e^{i \alpha_n} \quad (15)$$

where  $X_n$  and  $\alpha_n$  are determined by initial conditions. Here  $\phi_n(\xi)$  represents the eigenfunctions of the tube which must satisfy the boundary conditions of the problem. For this case

$$\bar{v}(\xi, \tau) = \phi_n(\xi) = 0 \quad \text{at } x = 0 \text{ and } x = \ell . \quad (16)$$

Equation (16) can then be used to determine the dimensionless frequencies  $\bar{\omega}_n$  and complex constants  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  of Eq. (9).

For convenience, Eq. (14) has been rewritten so it contains only the real part. Complex terms can be broken up into their real and imaginary parts by letting



$$A_n = A_{Rn} + iA_{In}$$

$$B_n = B_{Rn} + iB_{In}$$

(17)

$$J_o(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi}) = J_{oR}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi}) + iJ_{oI}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi})$$

$$Y_o(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi}) = Y_{oR}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi}) + iY_{oI}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi})$$

where R and I represent the real and imaginary parts, respectively. Also, let

$$\bar{X}_n e^{i\bar{\omega}_n \tau} = X_n e^{i(\bar{\omega}_n \tau - \alpha_n)} \quad (18)$$

Equations (17) and (18) are substituted into (9) and (14). After simplifying and retaining the real part only

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{v}(\xi, \tau) = & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n [A_{Rn} J_{oR}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi}) - A_{In} J_{oI}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi}) + B_{Rn} Y_{oR}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi}) - B_{In} Y_{oI}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi})] \\ & \times \cos(\bar{\omega}_n \tau - \alpha_n) - X_n [A_{Rn} J_{oI}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi}) + A_{In} J_{oR}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi}) + B_{Rn} Y_{oI}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi}) \\ & + B_{In} Y_{oR}(\lambda_n \sqrt{\xi})] \times \sin(\bar{\omega}_n \tau - \alpha_n) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

which is the general solution to Eq. (5).

To determine natural frequencies and mode shapes, the eigenfunctions  $\phi_n(\xi)$  are required to satisfy the boundary conditions given in Eq. (16). This results in the following set of equations

$$A_{Rn}J_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) - A_{In}J_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) + B_{Rn}Y_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) - B_{In}Y_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) = 0$$

$$A_{Rn}J_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) + A_{In}J_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) + B_{Rn}Y_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) + B_{In}Y_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) = 0$$

(20)

$$A_{Rn}J_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) - A_{In}J_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) + B_{Rn}Y_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) - B_{In}Y_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) = 0$$

$$A_{Rn}J_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) + A_{In}J_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) + B_{Rn}Y_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) + B_{In}Y_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) = 0$$

where  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  have been used to represent  $\xi$  evaluated at  $x = 0$  and  $x = l$ , respectively. For a nontrivial solution to (20) the  $n$  determinants of the terms multiplying the A's and B's must equal zero, i.e.,

$$\begin{vmatrix} J_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) & -J_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) & Y_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) & -Y_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) \\ J_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) & J_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) & Y_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) & Y_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_1}) \\ J_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) & -J_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) & Y_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) & -Y_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) \\ J_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) & J_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) & Y_{oI}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) & Y_{oR}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi_2}) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty \quad (21)$$

The solution procedure, then, involves choosing a value of  $\bar{\omega}$ , calculating the argument given by Eq. (11) and corresponding Bessel function, and finally checking the value of the determinant. After  $\bar{\omega}$  is found, the relative values of the complex constants A and B can be determined from (21). This procedure is repeated until the number of modes identified is sufficient to completely describe the tube motion.

#### IV. NUMERICAL RESULTS

An analysis was performed to determine natural frequencies and mode shapes for the special case of zero damping. Setting the damping parameter,

$\kappa$ , to zero in Eq. (11), eliminates the imaginary term of the argument. With the restriction  $\bar{T} > 1.0$ ,  $J_0$  and  $Y_0$  are assured to be real. Consequently, the equations in (20) will uncouple giving the following two sets of equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{Rn}J_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_1}) + B_{Rn}Y_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_1}) &= 0 \\
 A_{Rn}J_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_2}) + B_{Rn}Y_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_2}) &= 0 \\
 & \hspace{15em} (22) \\
 A_{In}J_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_1}) + B_{In}Y_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_1}) &= 0 \\
 A_{In}J_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_2}) + B_{In}Y_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_2}) &= 0 .
 \end{aligned}$$

From the above, it is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{Rn} &= A_{In} \\
 B_{Rn} &= B_{In}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{23}$$

and the necessary condition for a nontrivial solution is

$$J_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_1})Y_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_2}) - Y_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_1})J_{0R}(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_2}) = 0 . \tag{24}$$

Therefore, Eq. (24) is used to define the natural frequencies of the system.

Along the same lines, the eigenfunctions describing the mode shapes can be simplified to:

$$\phi_n(\xi) = C_n \left[ J_0(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi}) - \frac{J_0(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_1})}{Y_0(\lambda_n\sqrt{\epsilon_1})} Y_0(\lambda_n\sqrt{\xi}) \right] \tag{25}$$

where  $C_n$  is an arbitrary constant and can be incorporated into  $X_n$  in (18).

Equations (24) and (25) have been programmed to cover a range of tensions,  $\bar{T}$ . Accuracy problems arise when solving these equations since the arguments of the Bessel functions given in (11) can become "relatively" large. Therefore, to eliminate the possibility of round-off errors, calculations were done on a Cray computer. Function subroutines from IMSL were used to calculate  $J_0$ 's and  $Y_0$ 's. These allowed arguments in the following ranges

<u>Function</u>	<u>Range of Argument</u>
$J_0$	$\ll 1.3 \times 10^8$
$Y_0$	$2.9 \times 10^{-39}$ to $1.3 \times 10^8$

where both single and double precision are supported. Also, the method of bisection, based on the use of sign changes to detect a zero, was used to determine the roots of (24).

The first ten natural frequencies computed are shown in Fig. 2. Tabular values to three decimal places corresponding to these curves are given in Table 1. Calculations were performed letting  $\bar{T}$  approach 1 since  $Y_0(0)$  is negatively infinite. Figures 3-12 show the first ten mode shapes for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0. Again Tables 2-4 show the tabulated values of these mode shapes. For convenience, each has been individually normalized. Asymmetry is considerably noticeable with the lower tensions. Figure 13 shows the shifts of the maximum amplitude and zero crossing for modes 1 and 2 due to the nonlinear effects of the tension. Consequently, as  $\bar{T}$  becomes much greater than the weight the natural frequencies and mode shapes will approach that of a classic string.

## V. PERTURBATION ANALYSIS

In this section, a perturbation analysis is developed for the equation of motion of a completely flexible tube which has small gradients in axial tension and density. The purpose of the work is to provide a limited verification of the eigenvalue problem results previously obtained in exact form for the planar case with a linear tension gradient.

The relevant equation of motion (3) has been presented and is simply reproduced here in undamped form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{ [T_0 - pA_f(1 - 2\nu) + (m_t + m_f)g(\ell - x) - m_f c^2] \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \} \\ - (m_t + m_f) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = 0 . \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

For small axial gradients, the following replacements are made for the effective tension and total mass per unit length

$$(T_0 - pA_f(1 - 2\nu) - m_f c^2) \rightarrow T_e [1 + \delta(x)] \quad (27)$$

$$(m_t + m_f) \rightarrow M [1 + \epsilon(x)] . \quad (28)$$

This problem is generalized slightly with  $\delta(x)$  and  $\epsilon(x)$ , but restricted by requiring both functions to have very small amplitudes.

The form of the solution used for a typical modal component can be expressed as

$$v_n(x, t) = [V_n(x) + \sum_{m \neq n} a_m V_m(x)] \exp(i\omega_n t) \quad (29)$$

$$\omega_n^2 = \omega_n^{*2}(1 + b_n) . \quad (30)$$

Here  $V_n(x)$  and  $\omega_n^*$  represent solutions to the gradient-free problem. The coefficients  $a_m$  and  $b_n$  are small order terms and facilitate the development of the perturbation solution. These equations can be substituted directly into (26)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{ [T_e(1 + \delta(x))] [V_n' + \sum a_m V_m'] \} + \omega_n^2 M [1 + \epsilon(x)] [V_n + \sum a_m V_m] = 0 . \quad (31)$$

This is now expanded

$$\begin{aligned} (T_e V_n'' + M \omega_n^{*2} V_n) + T_e \sum a_m V_m'' + T_e [\delta(x) V_n']' + M \omega_n^{*2} \sum a_m V_m + M \omega_n^{*2} [\epsilon(x) + b_n] V_n \\ = -T_e [\sum \delta(x) a_m V_m']' - M \omega_n^{*2} [(1 + b_n) \epsilon(x)] \sum a_m V_m . \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

If only first order perturbation terms are to be retained, quantities on the right side of (32) are neglected; the first pair of terms on the left side is identically zero. Thus

$$T_e [\delta(x) V_n']' + M \omega_n^{*2} [\epsilon(x) + b_n] V_n + \sum_{m \neq n} a_m [T_e V_m'' + M \omega_n^{*2} V_m] = 0 . \quad (33)$$

The expression for determining the series coefficients,  $a_m$ , is obtained from (33) by taking the product with  $V_p(x)$ , ( $p \neq n$ ), and integrating over the length

$$a_m = \{ T_e \int_0^l [\delta(x) V_n']' V_m dx + M \omega_n^{*2} \int_0^l \epsilon(x) V_n V_m dx \} / k_m M (\omega_m^{*2} - \omega_n^{*2}) \quad (34)$$

where  $V_m''(x) = -\omega_m^{*2} V_m(x) M / T_e$  and  $k_m = \int_0^l [V_m(x)]^2 dx$ .

Using the same procedure, an expression for  $b_n$  can be developed by multiplying (33) by  $V_n(x)$

$$b_n = -(T_e/Mk_n \omega_n^{*2}) \int_0^{\ell} [\delta(x)V_n'] V_n dx - (1/k_n) \int_0^{\ell} \epsilon(x)V_n^2 dx . \quad (35)$$

When  $\epsilon(x)$  and  $\delta(x)$  are specified,  $a_m$  and  $b_n$  can be calculated from (34) and (35).

The preceding analysis is now specialized for the problem in which the mass per unit length is constant and the tension varies linearly. The axial coordinate,  $x$ , originates as at the top with the positive direction downward, coincident with gravity as in Fig. 1:

$$M[1 + \epsilon(x)] = M; \quad \epsilon(x) = 0 \quad (36)$$

$$T_e[1 + \delta(x)] = T_e + W(1 - x/\ell) . \quad (37)$$

Here  $W$  denotes the total tube weight, assumed to be considerably less than the pretension  $T_e$ . The zero gradient mode shapes and frequencies are

$$V_n(x) = \sin n\pi x/\ell \quad \omega_n^{*2} = n^2 \pi^2 T_e / M \ell^2 . \quad (38)$$

The modified frequencies from the perturbation solution are obtained by using (37) in (30)

$$b_n = W/2T_e \quad (39)$$

$$\omega_n^2 = (T_e + W/2)n^2 \pi^2 / M \ell^2 . \quad (40)$$

Although the formula for calculating  $b_n$  is lengthy, the result is rather simple. It should be noted that  $b_n$  is independent of  $n$  and the effect upon the frequencies is equivalent to replacing the non-uniform tension distribution by its mean value.

The perturbation coefficients for the mode shapes are now determined from (34) with  $\delta(x)$  given by (37) and  $\epsilon(x)$  equal to zero

$$a_m = -\frac{2mnW}{\pi^2(m^2 - n^2)T_e} \left[ \frac{1}{(n-m)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+m)^2} \right] \quad (41)$$

where  $m \neq n$ , and  $m, n$  are both not odd and both not even. With this, the modified mode shapes can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} & V_n(x) + \sum_{m \neq n} a_m V_m(x) \\ &= \sin \frac{n\pi x}{\ell} - \frac{2W}{\pi^2 T_e} \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{mn}{(m^2 - n^2)} \left[ \frac{1}{(n-m)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+m)^2} \right] \sin \frac{m\pi x}{\ell}. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

For example, the shape for the fundamental mode is

$$\sin \frac{\pi x}{\ell} - \frac{W}{T_e} \left( 0.1501 \sin \frac{2\pi x}{\ell} + 0.0082 \sin \frac{4\pi x}{\ell} + 0.0021 \sin \frac{6\pi x}{\ell} + \dots \right). \quad (43)$$

The exact gravity-gradient solutions for vibration frequencies and mode shapes previously obtained and the results from the perturbation analysis are, to a limited degree, complementary. For the mode shapes, the shifts in positions of maximum amplitude and crossing points, i.e. zeros, are in good agreement. The differences between numerical values for frequencies from the two solutions are small, particularly for small tension variations. This is



shown, for example, in Fig. 14 where a comparison is made for the fundamental frequency. The results for higher modes are similar.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

Exact solutions for the mode shapes and natural frequencies of completely flexible INPORT units have been determined. The major new improvement in the analysis of this problem is the proper assessment of the axial gravity gradient. This effect will be significant for INPORTs because of the large distance between supports and the relatively dense liquid metal which they convey. Results have been developed in parametric form for a range of values for pretension load and weight. It has been shown that strong asymmetric changes can occur in the mode shapes, particularly for large gravity gradients. Similarly, the results show that the numerical values of the natural frequencies for this problem can also be substantially different than the case in which the axial weight component is not included.

The exact solution was complemented by an approximate perturbation analysis. When the perturbation solution is used for computations, it should be limited to categories in which gradient effects are very small. Results for individual modes may only have small errors but larger errors can develop in forced response time histories which are based upon modal superposition. Thus for cases characterized by significant tension variations, it is emphasized that the exact solution should be used.

Accurate results for INPORT mode shapes are important for the LIBRA cavity design since these tubes are relatively close-packed and mechanical interference from motion must be avoided. Similarly, accurate values for the INPORT natural frequencies are important in the development of a design which

precludes resonance from synchronization with the repetition rate of the driver.

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Table 1: NATURAL FREQUENCIES OF HEAVY TUBES

(  $\bar{\omega}_n$   $n=1, \dots, 10$ . )

T	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.100	2.108	4.268	6.419	8.566	10.712	12.858	15.003	17.148	19.293	21.438
1.200	2.400	4.834	7.261	9.686	12.111	14.535	16.959	19.382	21.806	24.229
1.300	2.634	5.294	7.948	10.601	13.253	15.905	18.557	21.208	23.860	26.511
1.400	2.838	5.697	8.551	11.405	14.257	17.110	19.962	22.815	25.667	28.519
1.500	3.023	6.063	9.100	12.135	15.170	18.205	21.240	24.275	27.310	30.344
1.600	3.194	6.402	9.608	12.812	16.016	19.220	22.424	25.628	28.832	32.036
1.700	3.354	6.720	10.084	13.447	16.810	20.172	23.535	26.897	30.260	33.622
1.800	3.505	7.021	10.535	14.048	17.561	21.073	24.586	28.098	31.611	35.123
1.900	3.649	7.308	10.964	14.620	18.276	21.931	25.587	29.242	32.898	36.553
2.000	3.786	7.582	11.375	15.167	18.960	22.752	26.545	30.337	34.129	37.922
2.100	3.919	7.845	11.770	15.694	19.618	23.542	27.466	31.389	35.313	39.237
2.200	4.046	8.099	12.150	16.201	20.252	24.303	28.354	32.404	36.455	40.505
2.300	4.169	8.344	12.518	16.692	20.865	25.039	29.212	33.385	37.559	41.732
2.400	4.288	8.582	12.875	17.167	21.459	25.752	30.044	34.336	38.628	42.920
2.500	4.404	8.813	13.221	17.629	22.037	26.444	30.852	35.259	39.667	44.074
2.600	4.516	9.038	13.558	18.078	22.598	27.118	31.638	36.158	40.677	45.197
2.700	4.626	9.257	13.886	18.516	23.145	27.774	32.404	37.033	41.662	46.291
2.800	4.733	9.470	14.207	18.943	23.679	28.415	33.151	37.887	42.623	47.359
2.900	4.837	9.679	14.520	19.360	24.200	29.041	33.881	38.721	43.561	48.401
3.000	4.940	9.883	14.826	19.768	24.710	29.652	34.595	39.537	44.479	49.421
3.100	5.040	10.083	15.125	20.167	25.209	30.251	35.294	40.336	45.377	50.419
3.200	5.138	10.279	15.419	20.559	25.699	30.838	35.978	41.118	46.258	51.398
3.300	5.234	10.470	15.706	20.942	26.178	31.414	36.650	41.886	47.121	52.357
3.400	5.328	10.659	15.989	21.319	26.649	31.979	37.309	42.639	47.969	53.299
3.500	5.420	10.844	16.266	21.689	27.111	32.534	37.956	43.379	48.801	54.223
3.600	5.511	11.026	16.539	22.052	27.566	33.079	38.592	44.105	49.619	55.132
3.700	5.601	11.204	16.807	22.410	28.012	33.615	39.218	44.820	50.423	56.026
3.800	5.689	11.380	17.071	22.761	28.452	34.143	39.833	45.524	51.214	56.905
3.900	5.775	11.553	17.331	23.108	28.885	34.662	40.439	46.216	51.993	57.770
4.000	5.861	11.724	17.586	23.449	29.311	35.174	41.036	46.898	52.760	58.623
4.100	5.945	11.892	17.838	23.785	29.731	35.678	41.624	47.578	53.516	59.463
4.200	6.028	12.057	18.087	24.116	30.145	36.174	42.204	48.233	54.262	60.291
4.300	6.109	12.221	18.332	24.443	30.554	36.664	42.775	48.886	54.997	61.108
4.400	6.190	12.382	18.574	24.765	30.956	37.148	43.339	49.531	55.722	61.913
4.500	6.270	12.541	18.812	25.083	31.354	37.625	43.896	50.167	56.438	62.708
4.600	6.348	12.698	19.048	25.397	31.746	38.096	44.445	50.795	57.144	63.494
4.700	6.426	12.853	19.280	25.707	32.134	38.561	44.988	51.415	57.842	64.269
4.800	6.502	13.006	19.510	26.014	32.517	39.021	45.524	52.028	58.531	65.035
4.900	6.578	13.158	19.737	26.316	32.896	39.475	46.054	52.633	59.213	65.792
5.000	6.653	13.307	19.962	26.616	33.270	39.924	46.578	53.232	59.886	66.540

Table 2: NORMALIZED MODE SHAPES

$\bar{T} = 1.100$

x/1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0.025	0.041	0.071	0.101	0.132	0.156	0.192	0.228	0.244	0.263	0.287
0.050	0.082	0.143	0.202	0.261	0.304	0.370	0.432	0.451	0.475	0.505
0.075	0.125	0.215	0.300	0.382	0.436	0.516	0.583	0.585	0.588	0.591
0.100	0.168	0.286	0.393	0.489	0.540	0.612	0.657	0.617	0.571	0.516
0.125	0.211	0.356	0.478	0.576	0.607	0.648	0.640	0.537	0.421	0.292
0.150	0.255	0.423	0.552	0.637	0.631	0.616	0.531	0.354	0.168	0.022
0.175	0.300	0.487	0.614	0.669	0.608	0.516	0.340	0.098	0.132	0.338
0.200	0.345	0.547	0.659	0.669	0.537	0.355	0.092	0.184	0.407	0.558
0.225	0.390	0.602	0.687	0.634	0.421	0.149	0.092	0.436	0.585	0.608
0.250	0.435	0.650	0.696	0.565	0.267	0.081	0.425	0.605	0.614	0.463
0.275	0.480	0.690	0.683	0.462	0.085	0.308	0.610	0.647	0.477	0.159
0.300	0.525	0.723	0.648	0.331	0.110	0.502	0.696	0.548	0.203	0.208
0.325	0.569	0.746	0.591	0.176	0.300	0.638	0.663	0.320	0.138	0.512
0.350	0.613	0.758	0.512	0.006	0.469	0.692	0.508	0.009	0.449	0.639
0.375	0.656	0.759	0.413	0.170	0.598	0.653	0.253	0.314	0.632	0.529
0.400	0.698	0.748	0.296	0.342	0.672	0.518	0.060	0.569	0.620	0.210
0.425	0.738	0.725	0.163	0.497	0.679	0.302	0.372	0.683	0.404	0.205
0.450	0.777	0.688	0.018	0.623	0.614	0.031	0.618	0.617	0.347	0.549
0.475	0.815	0.637	0.132	0.710	0.477	0.255	0.739	0.375	0.624	0.667
0.500	0.849	0.573	0.283	0.748	0.280	0.510	0.698	0.013	0.673	0.489
0.525	0.882	0.494	0.428	0.729	0.041	0.687	0.492	0.367	0.455	0.074
0.550	0.911	0.403	0.560	0.650	0.214	0.747	0.156	0.646	0.638	0.393
0.575	0.938	0.298	0.672	0.513	0.452	0.669	0.234	0.723	0.414	0.616
0.600	0.960	0.182	0.755	0.323	0.639	0.455	0.580	0.552	0.698	0.204
0.625	0.978	0.055	0.755	0.094	0.743	0.135	0.779	0.171	0.650	0.348
0.650	0.991	0.055	0.802	0.157	0.738	0.231	0.758	0.294	0.660	0.712
0.675	0.999	0.220	0.767	0.406	0.613	0.564	0.498	0.666	0.284	0.628
0.700	1.000	0.362	0.675	0.624	0.376	0.777	0.058	0.772	0.265	0.103
0.725	0.994	0.504	0.533	0.784	0.056	0.801	0.428	0.533	0.695	0.530
0.750	0.980	0.639	0.344	0.856	0.297	0.604	0.786	0.020	0.728	0.783
0.775	0.958	0.762	0.115	0.818	0.613	0.213	0.851	0.538	0.291	0.389
0.800	0.924	0.868	0.142	0.659	0.815	0.277	0.553	0.650	0.380	0.391
0.825	0.879	0.948	0.408	0.382	0.835	0.710	0.029	0.650	0.615	0.841
0.850	0.821	0.996	0.659	0.014	0.634	0.911	0.646	0.021	0.155	0.413
0.875	0.746	1.000	0.866	0.394	0.225	0.749	0.958	0.681	0.844	0.549
0.900	0.653	0.952	0.992	0.765	0.302	0.221	0.703	0.906	0.665	0.869
0.925	0.538	0.839	1.000	1.000	0.783	0.488	0.076	0.341	0.373	0.089
0.950	0.396	0.651	0.852	0.993	1.000	1.000	0.897	0.644	1.000	1.000
0.975	0.221	0.375	0.521	0.662	0.753	0.888	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000
1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Table 3: NORMALIZED MODE SHAPES

$$\bar{T} = 2.000$$

x/1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0.025	0.062	0.119	0.176	0.231	0.288	0.339	0.401	0.439	0.489	0.545
0.050	0.125	0.238	0.346	0.447	0.546	0.627	0.718	0.757	0.808	0.856
0.075	0.188	0.353	0.504	0.634	0.746	0.816	0.879	0.860	0.837	0.789
0.100	0.251	0.464	0.644	0.775	0.861	0.871	0.844	0.713	0.557	0.365
0.125	0.313	0.567	0.757	0.860	0.876	0.779	0.615	0.351	0.066	-0.231
0.150	0.375	0.660	0.839	0.880	0.787	0.553	0.241	-0.120	-0.456	-0.727
0.175	0.436	0.742	0.886	0.831	0.601	0.228	-0.195	-0.561	-0.810	-0.888
0.200	0.496	0.811	0.894	0.717	0.339	-0.142	-0.590	-0.835	-0.854	-0.629
0.225	0.553	0.864	0.861	0.544	0.031	-0.491	-0.848	-0.850	-0.563	-0.063
0.250	0.609	0.900	0.789	0.324	-0.285	-0.756	-0.902	-0.596	-0.043	0.541
0.275	0.663	0.918	0.679	0.074	-0.569	-0.887	-0.733	-0.146	0.501	0.885
0.300	0.714	0.918	0.536	-0.185	-0.783	-0.854	-0.377	0.357	0.847	0.789
0.325	0.762	0.897	0.365	-0.432	-0.897	-0.660	0.080	0.750	0.845	0.290
0.350	0.806	0.857	0.174	-0.646	-0.893	-0.336	0.523	0.895	0.487	-0.366
0.375	0.847	0.798	-0.029	-0.807	-0.768	0.057	0.835	0.738	-0.085	-0.839
0.400	0.884	0.720	-0.233	-0.899	-0.535	0.445	0.929	0.323	-0.629	-0.872
0.425	0.916	0.625	-0.429	-0.912	-0.224	0.750	0.772	-0.212	-0.902	-0.435
0.450	0.943	0.513	-0.606	-0.841	0.124	0.907	0.400	-0.679	-0.776	0.246
0.475	0.966	0.388	-0.754	-0.691	0.459	0.879	-0.089	-0.907	-0.295	0.801
0.500	0.983	0.252	-0.864	-0.474	0.733	0.665	-0.561	-0.805	0.330	0.911
0.525	0.994	0.107	-0.929	-0.208	0.902	0.307	-0.878	-0.399	0.809	0.500
0.550	1.000	-0.043	-0.944	0.084	0.936	-0.125	-0.943	0.164	0.910	-0.209
0.575	0.999	-0.194	-0.907	0.371	0.827	-0.536	-0.727	0.674	0.570	-0.805
0.600	0.993	-0.343	-0.817	0.627	0.586	-0.833	-0.287	0.926	-0.056	-0.925
0.625	0.979	-0.486	-0.679	0.822	0.248	-0.946	0.250	0.812	-0.665	-0.479
0.650	0.959	-0.619	-0.497	0.935	-0.137	-0.840	0.717	0.365	-0.944	0.273
0.675	0.932	-0.737	-0.283	0.951	-0.507	-0.533	0.963	-0.241	-0.737	0.864
0.700	0.898	-0.838	-0.047	0.863	-0.797	-0.092	0.899	-0.756	-0.137	0.907
0.725	0.858	-0.917	0.197	0.678	-0.956	0.380	0.535	-0.955	0.548	0.354
0.750	0.810	-0.972	0.432	0.414	-0.951	0.766	-0.016	-0.739	0.944	-0.446
0.775	0.756	-1.000	0.645	0.096	-0.775	0.963	-0.573	-0.189	0.819	-0.955
0.800	0.695	-0.999	0.818	-0.239	-0.454	0.912	-0.938	0.224	0.224	-0.809
0.825	0.627	-0.967	0.940	-0.553	-0.043	0.618	-0.974	0.904	-0.512	-0.085
0.850	0.553	-0.906	1.000	-0.805	0.386	0.150	-0.653	0.930	-0.958	0.713
0.875	0.473	-0.814	0.990	-0.962	0.748	-0.370	-0.080	0.506	-0.832	1.000
0.900	0.388	-0.694	0.909	-1.000	0.970	-0.796	0.535	-0.177	-0.188	0.538
0.925	0.297	-0.548	0.758	-0.908	1.000	-1.000	0.954	-0.785	0.588	-0.348
0.950	0.202	-0.381	0.547	-0.692	0.823	-0.912	1.000	-1.000	1.000	-0.977
0.975	0.103	-0.196	0.288	-0.376	0.466	-0.545	0.638	-0.690	0.760	-0.833
1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Table 4: NORMALIZED MODE SHAPES

$$\bar{T} = 3.000$$

x/1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0.025	0.068	0.133	0.196	0.262	0.325	0.380	0.446	0.501	0.547	0.606
0.050	0.137	0.264	0.385	0.505	0.610	0.694	0.785	0.846	0.877	0.917
0.075	0.205	0.390	0.558	0.708	0.820	0.882	0.931	0.920	0.854	0.775
0.100	0.273	0.510	0.705	0.854	0.926	0.909	0.845	0.694	0.481	0.243
0.125	0.340	0.620	0.821	0.930	0.911	0.765	0.543	0.238	-0.094	-0.416
0.150	0.405	0.717	0.898	0.927	0.776	0.475	0.100	-0.300	-0.634	-0.868
0.175	0.470	0.800	0.933	0.845	0.536	0.093	-0.372	-0.743	-0.913	-0.877
0.200	0.532	0.867	0.923	0.690	0.223	-0.311	-0.752	-0.806	-0.806	-0.431
0.225	0.592	0.915	0.867	0.473	-0.123	-0.658	-0.937	-0.816	-0.355	0.243
0.250	0.649	0.943	0.768	0.213	-0.456	-0.879	-0.877	-0.413	0.254	0.795
0.275	0.703	0.951	0.629	-0.069	-0.729	-0.929	-0.581	0.137	0.757	0.929
0.300	0.753	0.937	0.458	-0.347	-0.902	-0.794	-0.127	0.644	0.932	0.565
0.325	0.800	0.902	0.262	-0.596	-0.951	-0.498	0.366	0.928	0.696	-0.108
0.350	0.843	0.846	0.050	-0.793	-0.866	-0.099	0.763	0.884	0.148	-0.728
0.375	0.881	0.770	-0.166	-0.919	-0.656	0.324	0.953	0.523	-0.473	-0.951
0.400	0.914	0.675	-0.376	-0.961	-0.349	0.684	0.877	-0.031	-0.883	-0.648
0.425	0.942	0.564	-0.567	-0.914	-0.011	0.905	0.553	-0.579	-0.892	0.022
0.450	0.965	0.437	-0.731	-0.780	0.373	0.937	0.069	-0.918	-0.488	0.685
0.475	0.983	0.300	-0.856	-0.569	0.683	0.770	-0.439	-0.918	0.148	0.962
0.500	0.994	0.153	-0.936	-0.302	0.894	0.436	-0.825	-0.572	0.720	0.686
0.525	1.000	0.002	-0.966	-0.003	0.971	0.005	-0.973	-0.006	0.954	0.008
0.550	1.000	-0.152	-0.942	0.299	0.901	-0.432	-0.834	0.568	0.731	-0.682
0.575	0.993	-0.303	-0.865	0.575	0.690	-0.778	-0.444	0.927	0.150	-0.972
0.600	0.980	-0.448	-0.738	0.796	0.370	-0.953	0.084	0.927	-0.510	-0.682
0.625	0.960	-0.583	-0.568	0.938	-0.012	-0.915	0.591	0.561	-0.923	0.024
0.650	0.934	-0.704	-0.363	0.986	-0.396	-0.668	0.921	-0.034	-0.878	0.722
0.675	0.902	-0.808	-0.134	0.932	-0.720	-0.264	0.968	-0.620	-0.388	0.980
0.700	0.863	-0.893	0.104	0.780	-0.931	0.206	0.710	-0.960	0.305	0.629
0.725	0.819	-0.954	0.339	0.544	-0.990	0.632	0.224	-0.907	0.847	0.122
0.750	0.768	-0.990	0.557	0.247	-0.986	0.912	-0.339	-0.477	0.953	-0.803
0.775	0.711	-1.000	0.742	-0.080	-0.631	0.976	-0.798	0.159	0.557	-0.973
0.800	0.649	-0.982	0.884	-0.402	-0.267	0.803	-1.000	0.734	-0.140	-0.512
0.825	0.582	-0.937	0.972	-0.683	0.148	0.431	-0.871	0.999	-0.769	0.291
0.850	0.510	-0.865	1.000	-0.891	0.541	-0.053	-0.449	0.832	-0.985	0.909
0.875	0.433	-0.767	0.964	-1.000	0.844	-0.528	0.131	0.298	-0.661	0.921
0.900	0.353	-0.647	0.866	-0.976	1.000	-0.875	0.672	-0.375	0.035	0.308
0.925	0.268	-0.505	0.709	-0.857	0.978	-1.000	0.986	-1.000	0.718	-0.524
0.950	0.181	-0.348	0.504	-0.653	0.777	-0.866	0.956	-1.000	1.000	-1.000
0.975	0.091	-0.178	0.262	-0.349	0.431	-0.502	0.586	-0.654	0.708	-0.778
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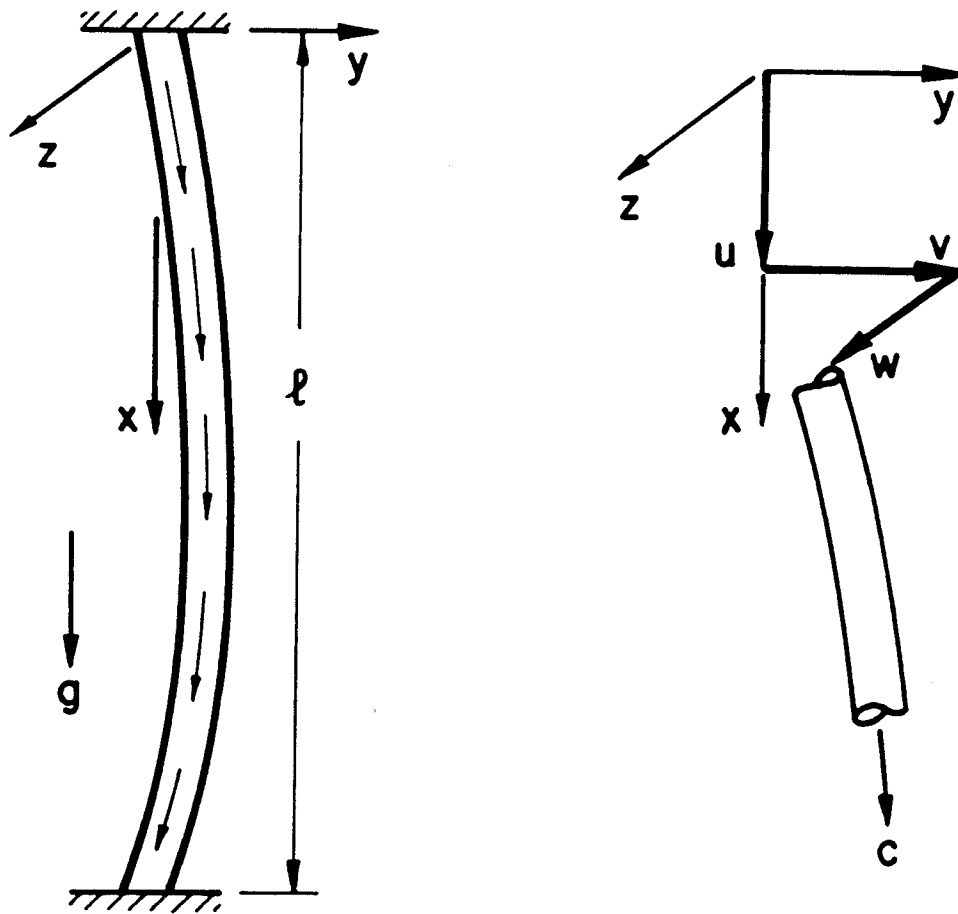


Fig. 1. Tube geometry and coordinate system.

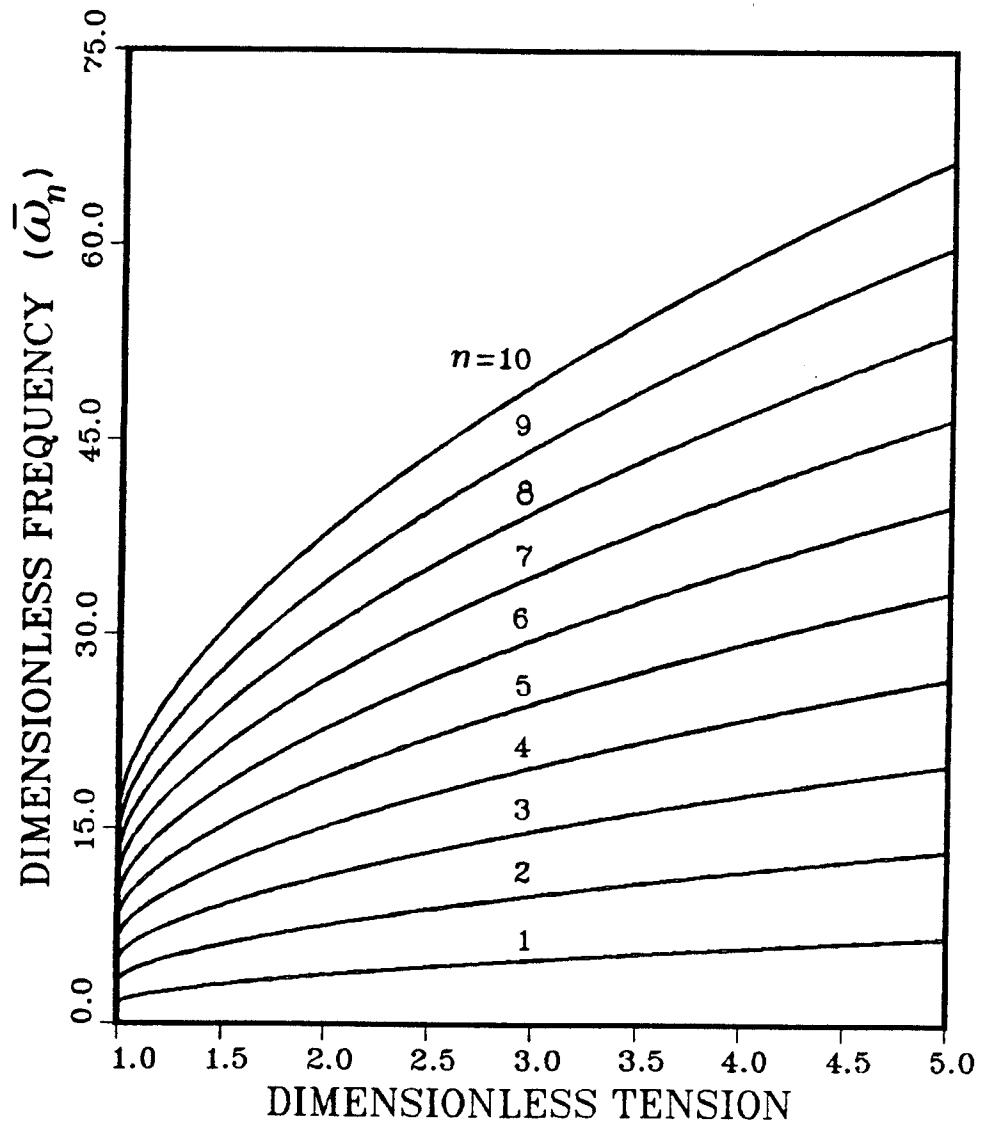


Fig. 2. Natural frequencies of heavy tubes.



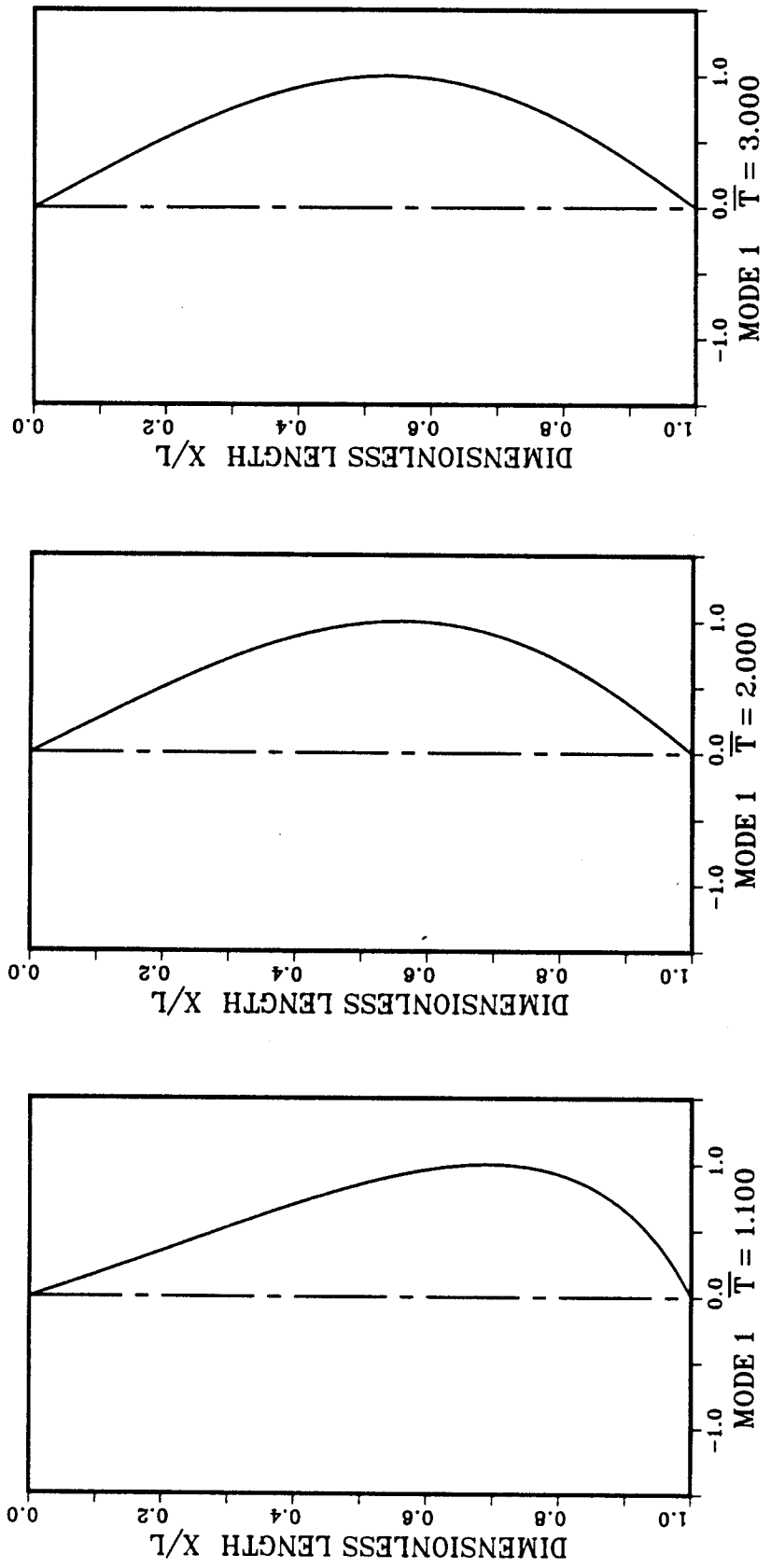


Fig. 3. Mode shape 1 for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0.

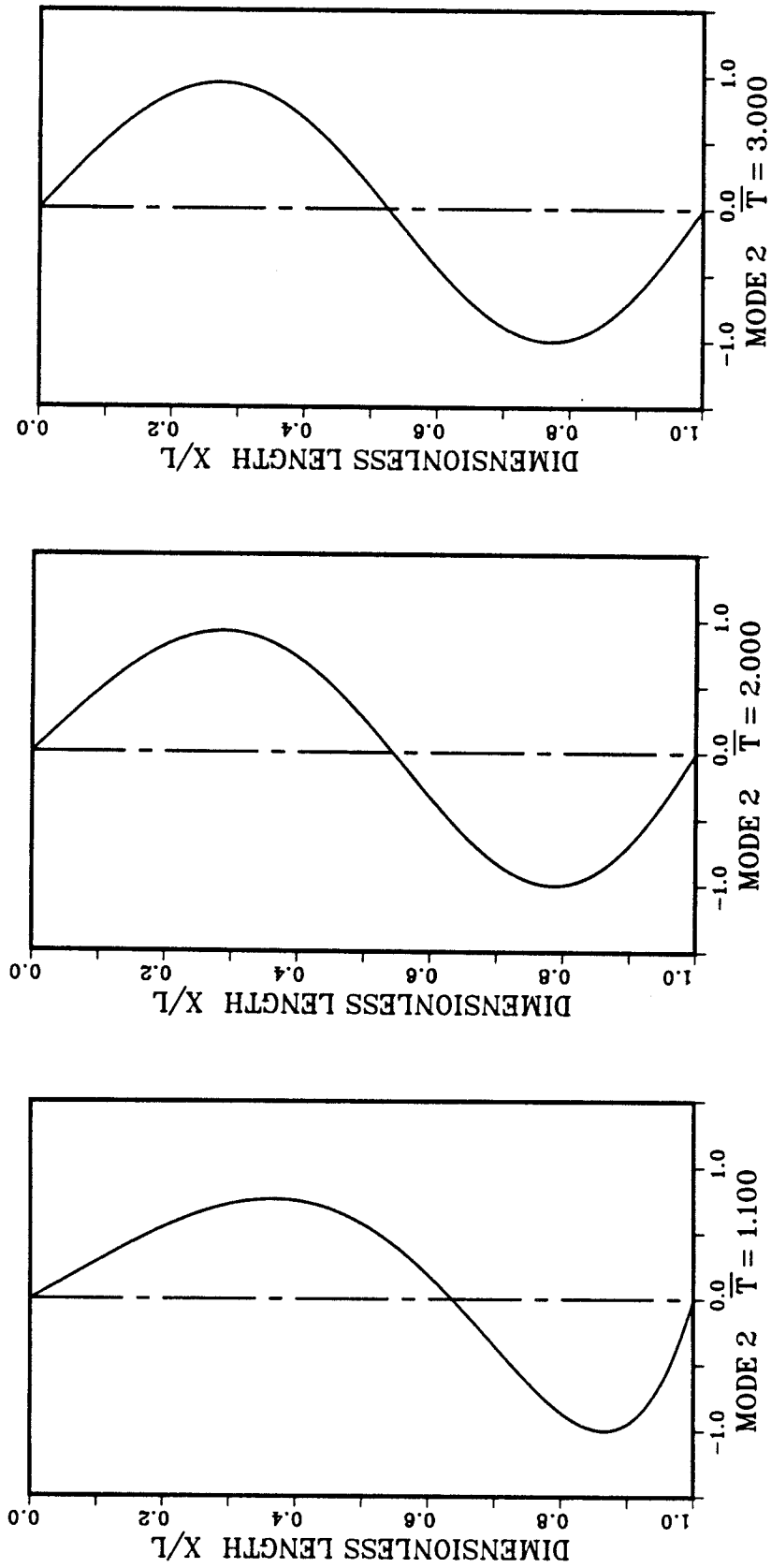


Fig. 4. Mode shape 2 for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0.

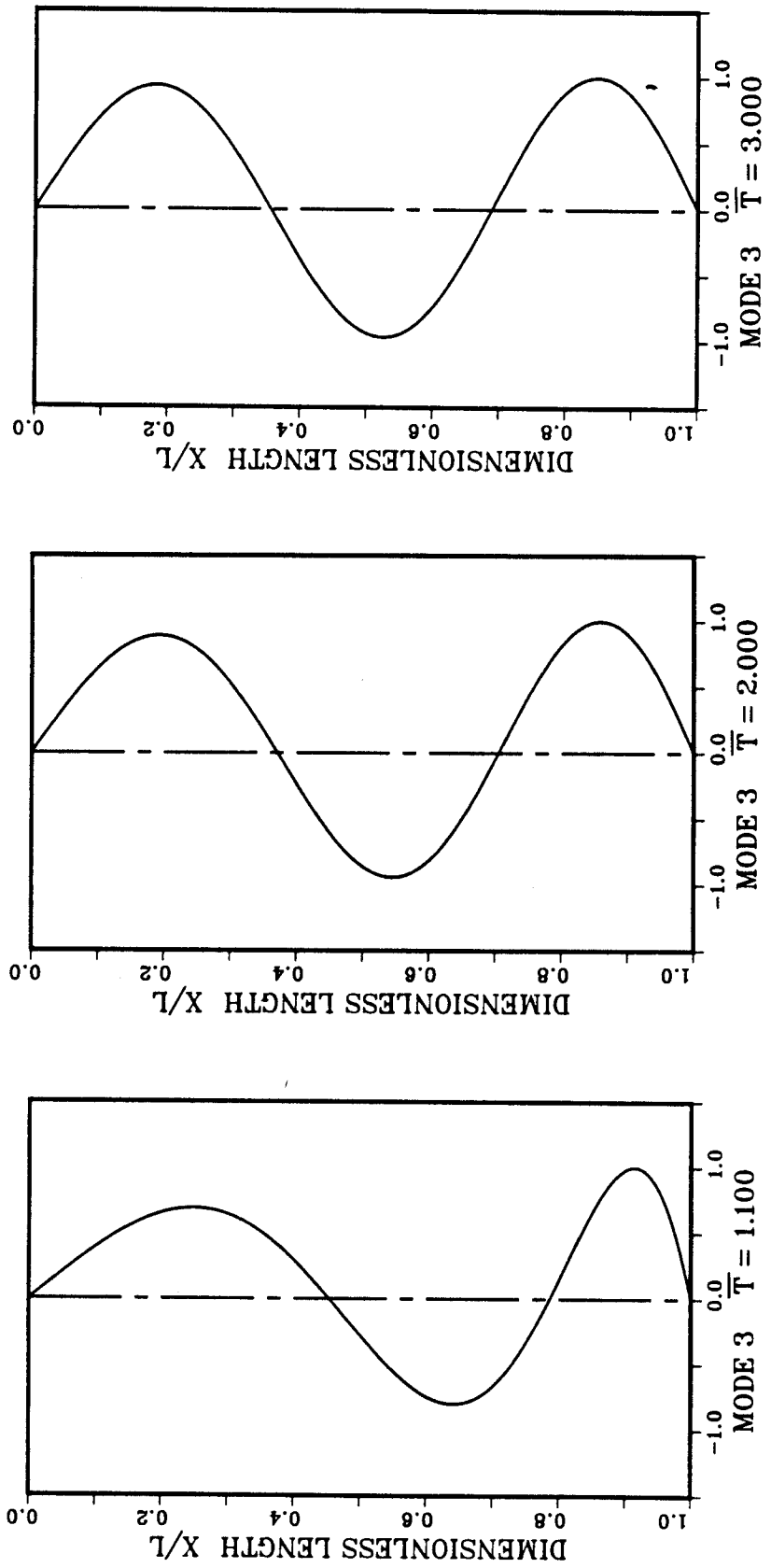


Fig. 5. Mode shape 3 for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0.

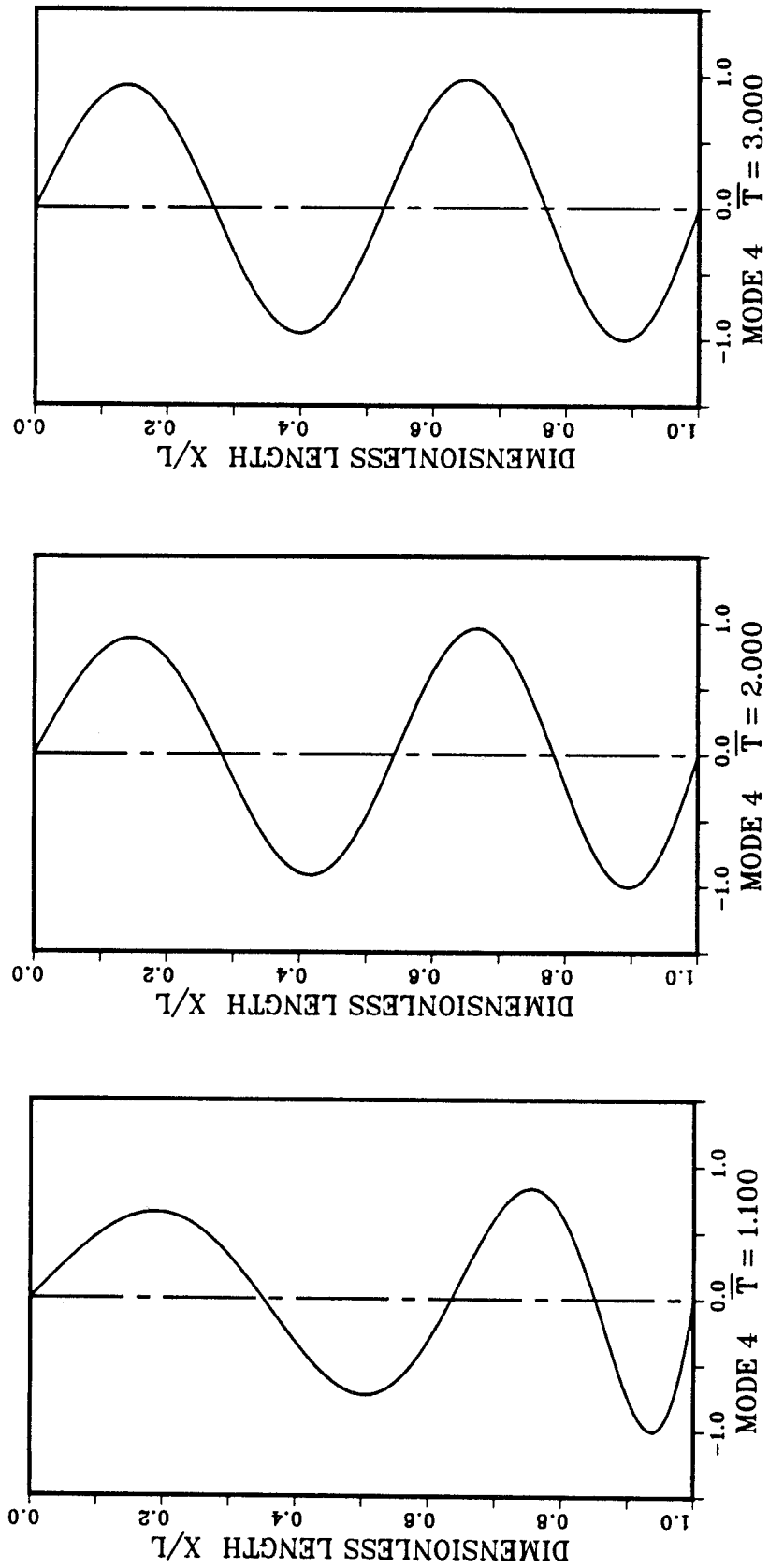


Fig. 6. Mode shape 4 for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0.

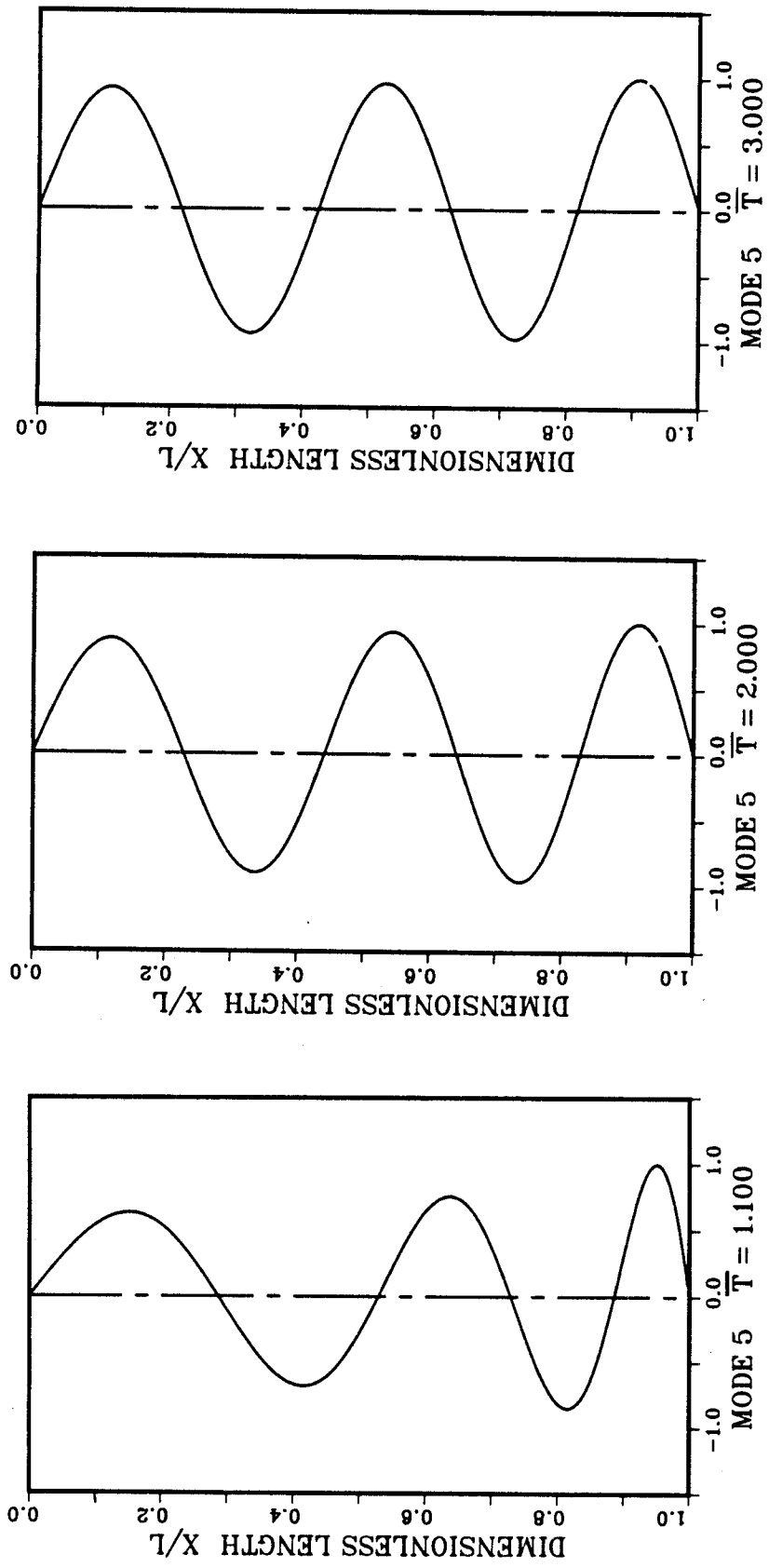


Fig. 7. Mode shape 5 for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0.

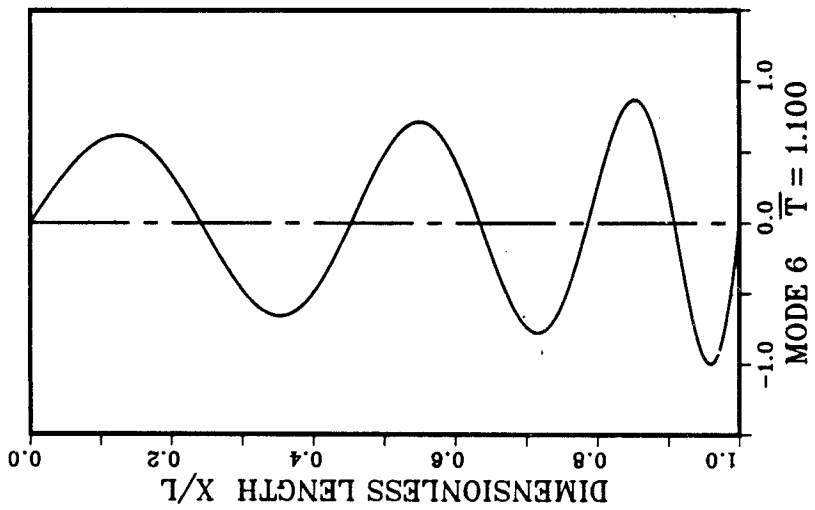
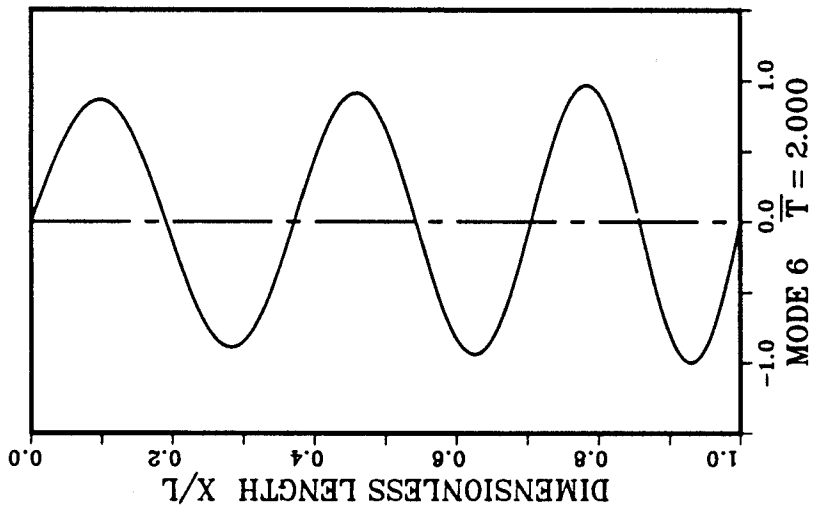
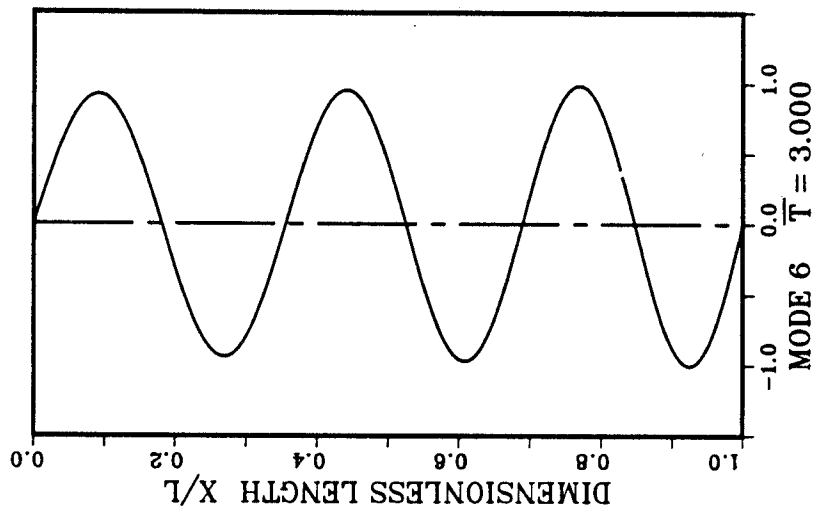


Fig. 8. Mode shape 6 for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0.

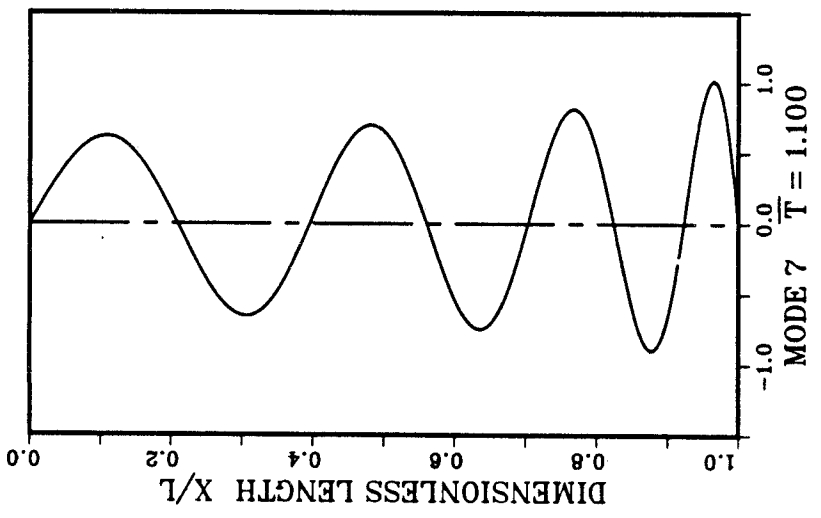
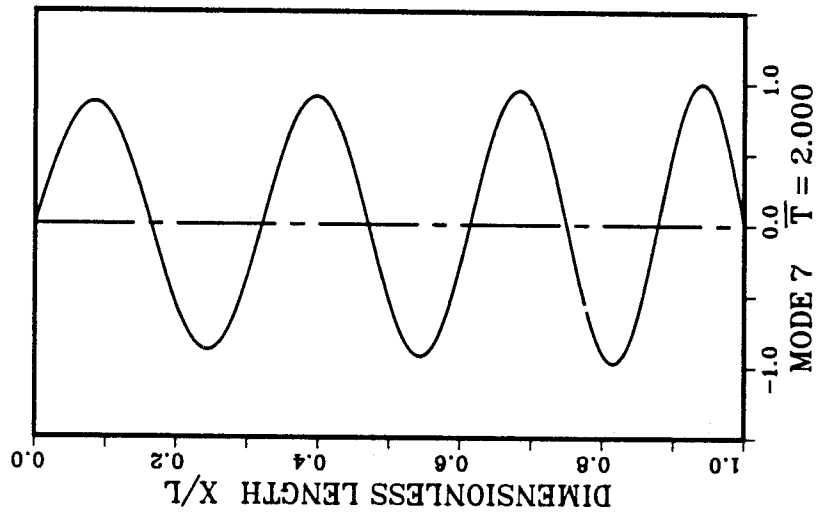
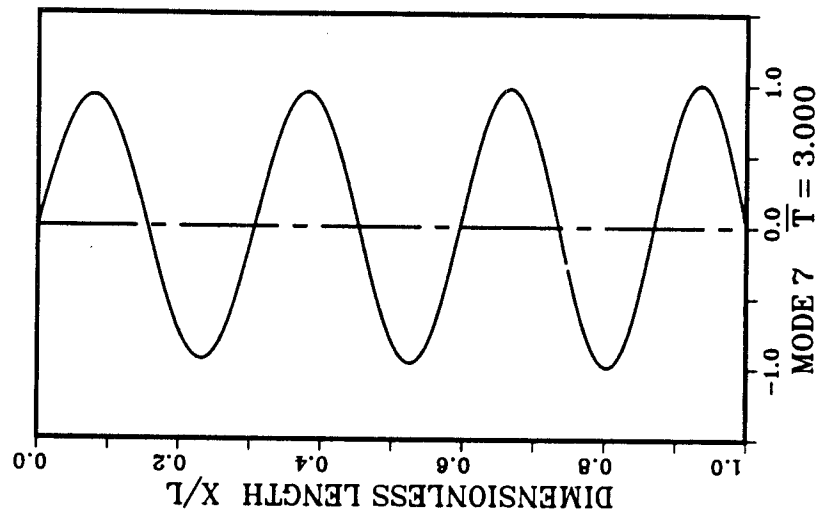


Fig. 9. Mode shape 7 for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0.

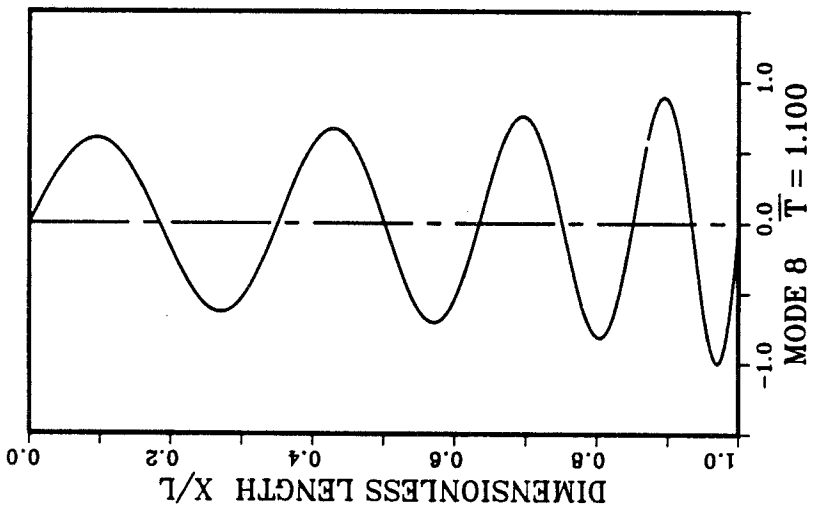
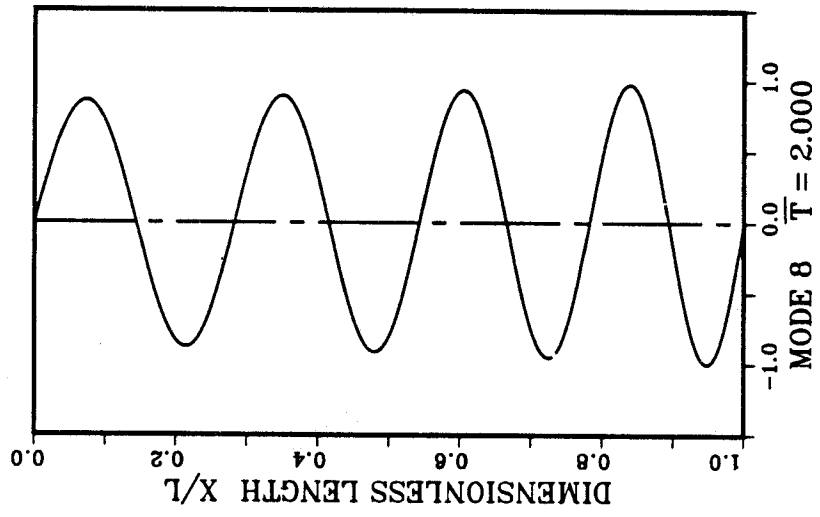
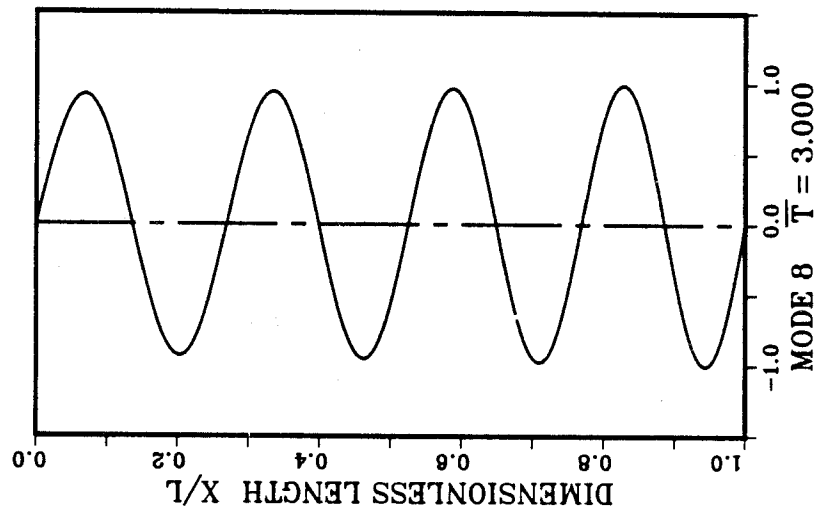


Fig. 10. Mode shape 8 for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0.



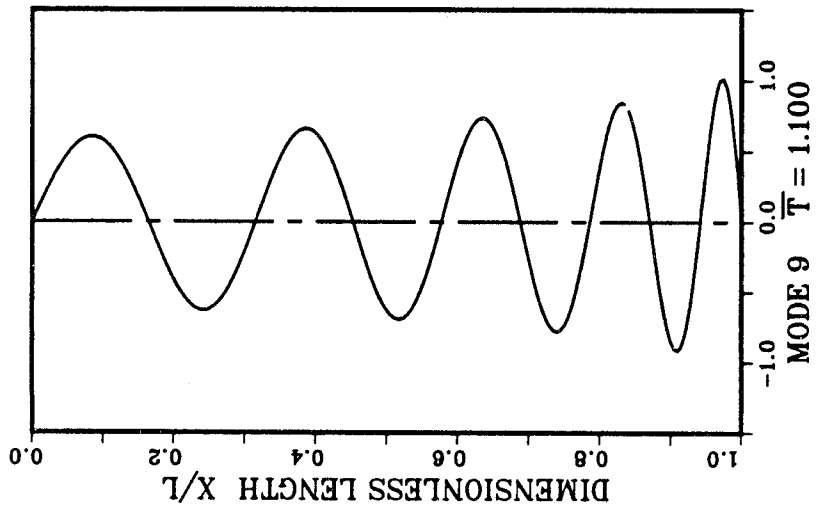
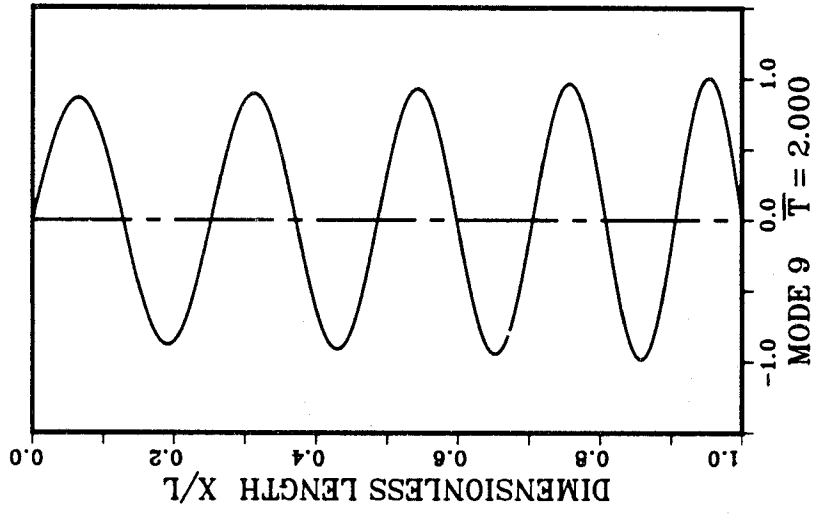
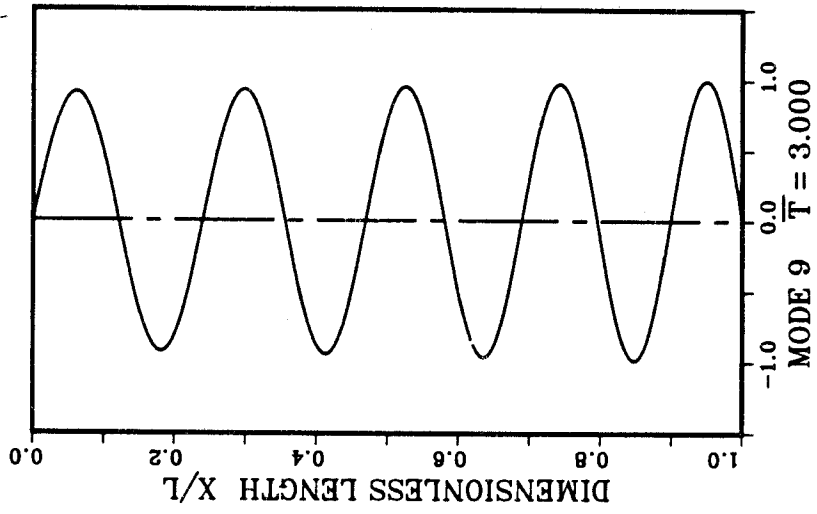


Fig. 11. Mode shape 9 for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0.

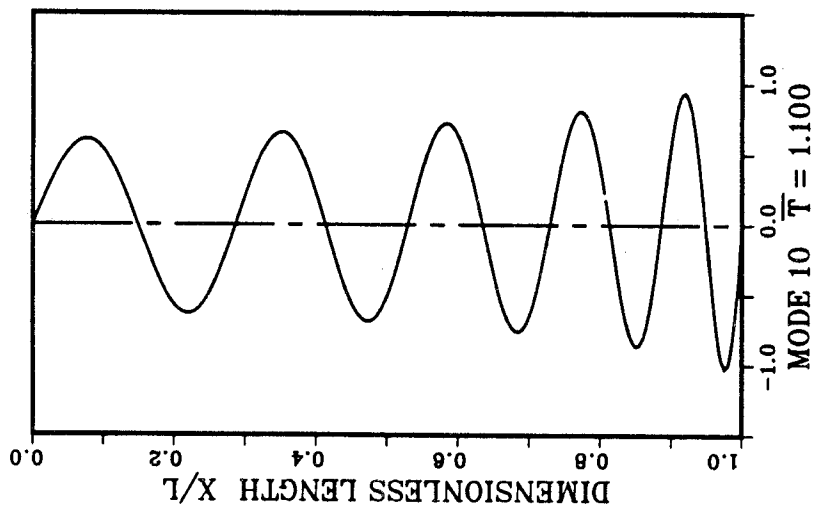
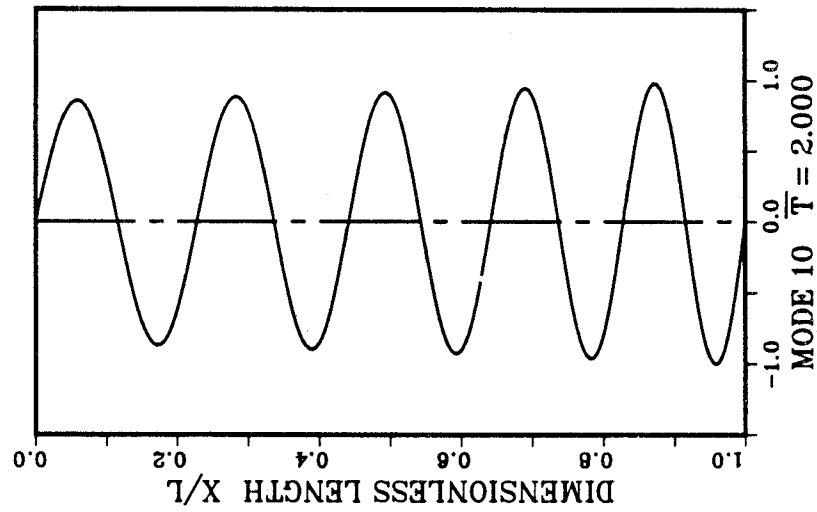
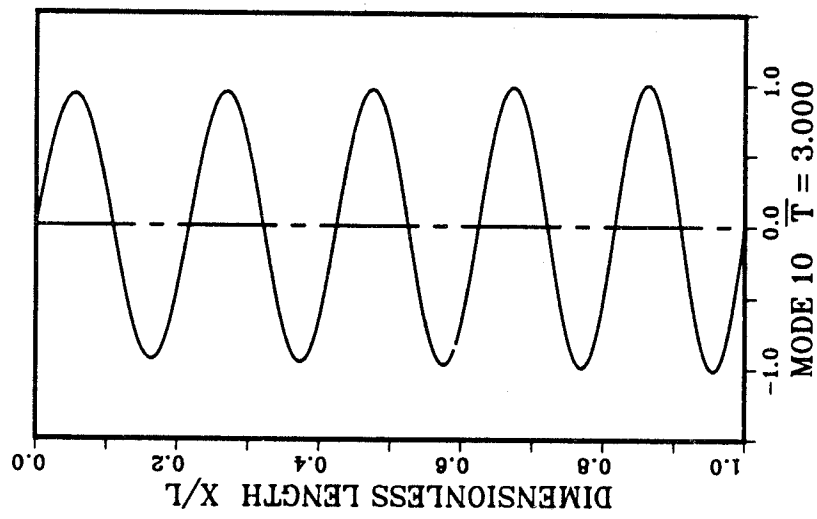


Fig. 12. Mode shape 10 for dimensionless tensions of 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0.

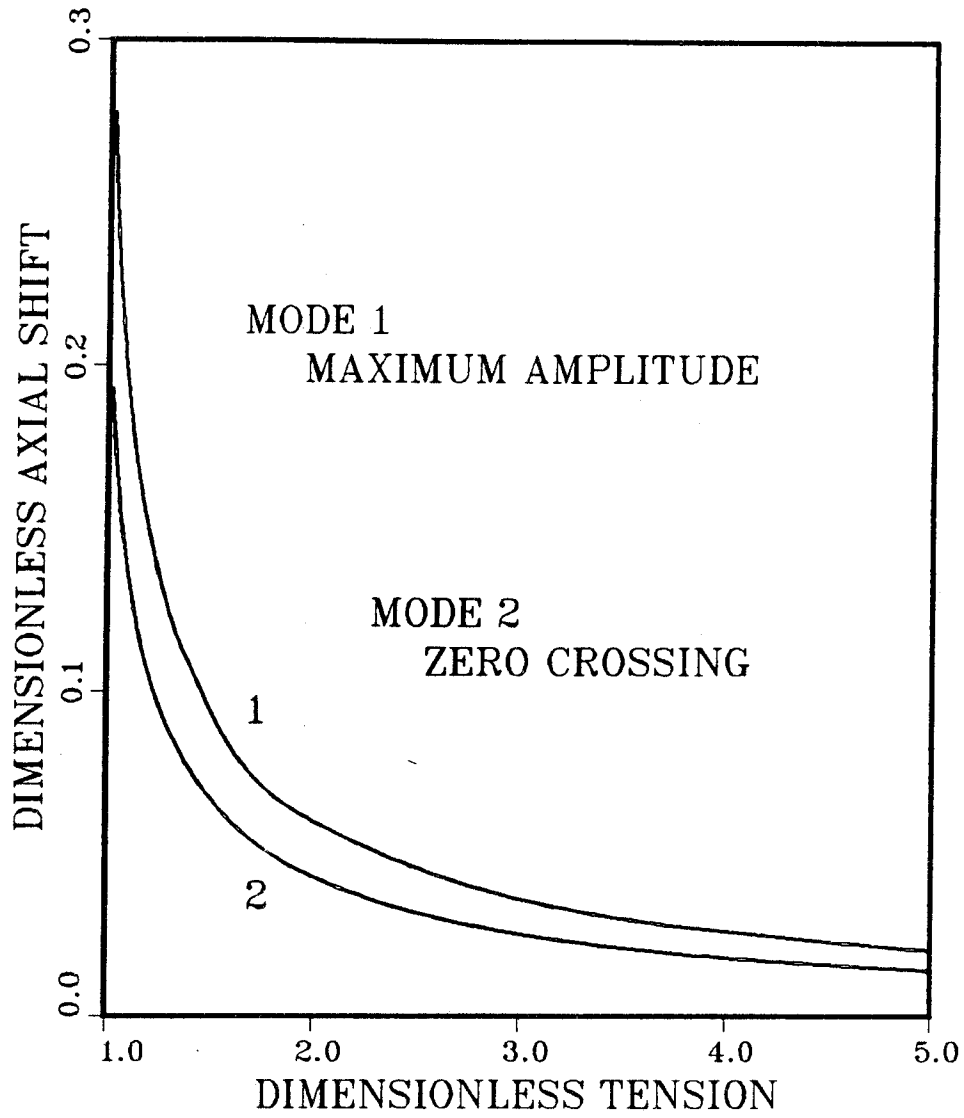


Fig. 13. Shifts in locations of maximum amplitude and zero crossings.

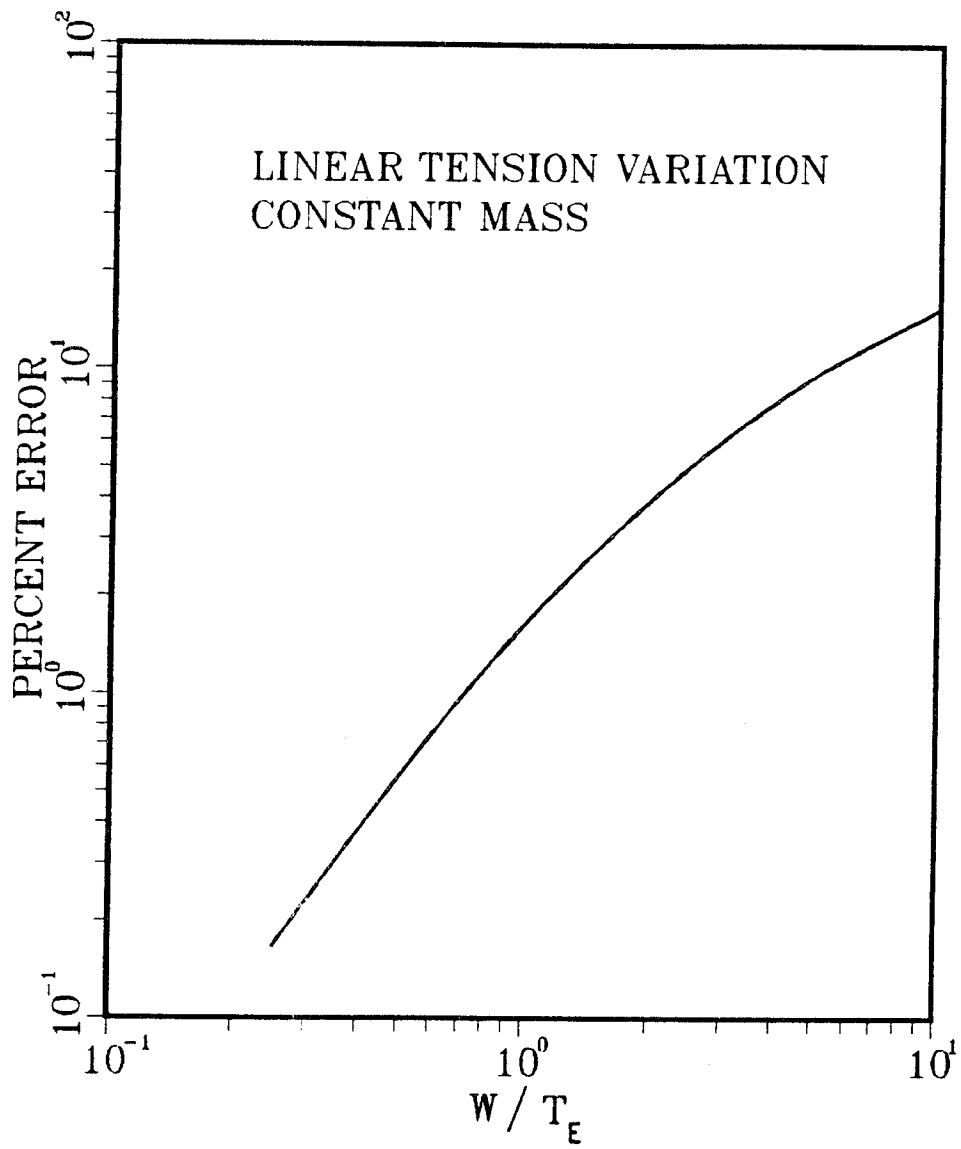


Fig. 14. Error in the fundamental frequency from the perturbation solution.