Two-Dimensional Impact Modelling with Three Degrees of Freedom and Its Application in the Dynamics of Planing Hulls

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Abstract: Planing boat dynamics are a complex phenomenon and the maneuver forces acting on these kind of hulls are difficult to predict. In the current work, a mathematical model of a two-dimensional impact with three degrees of freedom (3DOF) is developed. The model was used to study wedge sections with knuckles, the vertical, horizontal, and rotational motion are considered. Pressure distribution, forces, and motion during the impact, considering both free fall and forced motion, are evaluated. The commercial CFD (Computational flow dynamics) software Star-CCM+ V9.06 was used to validate the formulation. Simulations with one, two, and three degrees of freedom were carried out, and the results were compared with CFD simulations, experimental data, and numerical solutions by others authors. The results show a good agreement with the authors. The model is extended to three dimensions applying slender body theory, and the forces in the hull are computed. The formulation allows evaluating the seakeeping with cross flow, dynamic stability, and manoeuvrability of planing boats with variable sections over the length.

Keywords: 2D impact; planing boats; free fall; wedge section; CFD

1. Introduction

Planing boats are used in sports, tourism, and missions, such as patrol, rescue, and interdiction in rivers and seas. These boats can reach velocities near to 50 kn, and due to operational conditions, impact loads appear due to the waves, and vertical accelerations greater than 20 g can be attained [1]. Furthermore, there is instability of the boat, and the working conditions produce negative effects for the crew members, such as fractures in the legs and arms, and spinal injuries. Wagner [2] developed a mathematical model based on potential flow; the model evaluates the pressure distribution on the symmetric impact without flow separation. Toyama [3] extended the model developed by Wagner [2] for sections with asymmetrical entry and vertical velocity without flow separation.

Vorus [4] used potential flow and boundary elements theory to study the symmetrical impact with flow separation. Xu et al. [5] extended the model developed by Vorus [4] for sections with asymmetrical entry and vertical velocity with flow separation. Judge and Troesch [6] extended the model developed by Xu et al. [5] and the critical condition that causes the flow separation from the keel was found. Xu et al. [7] followed a procedure similar to Vorus [4], using potential flow and boundary elements theory to study the impact of asymmetric sections with vertical and horizontal velocity without flow separation. Semenov and Iafrati [8] simulated the asymmetry impact with horizontal velocity using the mapping method and complex potential flow; furthermore, a criteria to predict the critical condition for flow separation from the keel was developed.

Xu et al. [9], used boundary elements to model the impact of sections with three degrees of freedom and free fall without flow separation. Wei et al. [10] modelled the impact of asymmetric
sections and three degrees of freedom and free fall with flow separation through potential flow theory and the surface interpolation method (Constrained Interpolation Profile, CIP). Bao et al. [11] modelled the free fall impact with three degrees of freedom using the boundary element method and potential flow. The dynamic responses of wedge sections were evaluated during the impact.

Seif et al. [12] simulated the two-dimensional impact of asymmetric sections with vertical velocity through CFD tools. Bilandi et al. [13] simulated the asymmetric impact with CFD tools using the finite volume method and volume of fluid, the pressure distribution and the free surface during the impact were evaluated. The results show a good agreement with Toyama [3] and Semenov and Iafrati [8]. Tascón et al. [14] simulated the impact of asymmetric sections with vertical and horizontal velocity, in order to evaluate the forces over the boat using the slender body theory.

Algarín [15] simulated the asymmetric impact for vertical and horizontal velocity with CFD. The 2D+t theory was used to evaluate the forces in a boat sailing under asymmetric and steady conditions. The critical conditions that caused the flow separation from the keel were found with CFD tools. Algarín and Tascón [16] extended the model developed by Wagner [2] for asymmetric sections with vertical velocity and flow separation. Bilandi et al. [17] applied the 2D+t theory to evaluate the resistance and dynamic trim in single-stepped hulls, and the results showed reasonably good agreement with experimental data for a Froude number up to 2.0. Tascón and Algarín [18] simulated the impact of asymmetric sections with vertical and rotational velocity. The 2D+t theory was used to model the forced oscillation test during roll for planing boats.

Tavakoli et al. [19] used the 2D+t theory to evaluate planing boats sailing with asymmetry and steady conditions. In virtual tests, the drift angle was varied and the equilibrium angles of trim and heel were found for different velocities. The results of equilibrium angles and resistance were close to the experimental data obtained in towing tank tests. The study of the flow separation from the knuckles allows for evaluation of the dynamic pressures in the wetted chine region in planing hulls. This region is important to analyze the dynamics and stability of the planing boats.

Figure 1 shows the impact of a wedge section with a symmetry entry, where \( \beta \) is the deadrise angle, \( c \) is the half wetted beam, \( z_0 \) is the wedge immersion, \( b \) is the section beam, \( d \) is the vertical distance between keel and knuckle, and \( y \) and \( z \) are the horizontal and vertical axes. The energy equation for a potential flow is:

\[
\frac{p}{\rho} = -\frac{d\varphi}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\varphi}{dy} \right)^2 \tag{1}
\]

where \( \varphi \) is the potential function of the fluid, \( p \) is the pressure, and \( \rho \) is the density of the liquid. The potential function equation for the symmetry impact proposed by Wagner [2] is:

\[
\varphi = -w \sqrt{c^2 - y^2} \tag{2}
\]

\[
\frac{p}{\rho} = \frac{wc\dot{c}}{\sqrt{c^2 - y^2}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{w^2y^2}{c^2 - y^2} \tag{3}
\]

where \( \dot{c} \) is the variation with the time for the half wetted beam, for a wedge section this parameter is evaluated as:

\[
c = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{w}{\tan \beta} \tag{4}
\]

\[
\dot{c} = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{w}{\tan \beta} \tag{5}
\]
Figure 1. Impact with symmetry entry.

Figure 2 shows the asymmetrical impact of a wedge section, Toyama [3] extended the model developed by Wagner [2] for the impact with asymmetrical entry and introduced the asymmetry parameter $\mu$. $\phi$ is the heel angle, $c_1$ is the wetted half beam in the right side, $c_2$ is the wetted half beam in the left side, $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$ are defined as:

$$
\beta_1 = \beta - \phi \\
\beta_2 = \beta + \phi.
$$

(6)

The equation for potential flow form Toyama [3] is:

$$
\varphi = -w \sqrt{c_2^2 - (-\mu + y)^2}.
$$

(7)

The pressure in the asymmetry impact is computed as:

$$
\frac{p}{\rho} = \frac{w(c + \mu(-\mu + y))}{\sqrt{c_2^2 - (-\mu + y)^2}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{w^2(-\mu + y)^2}{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2}
$$

(8)

The parameters of the model are evaluated as:

$$
R = \frac{\tan(\beta_2)}{\tan(\beta_1)}
$$

(9)
where

\[ f = \begin{cases} 
0.77975 + 0.003771R + 0.001876R^2, & R < 3 \\
0.76773 + 0.015024R + 0.000539R^2, & R < 10 \\
0.80497 + 0.007208R + 0.000130R^2, & R > 10 
\end{cases} \] (10)

\[ \mu_0 = \frac{R-1}{R+1} \] (12)

\[ z_0 = \omega t \] (13)

\[ c = \frac{\pi R z_0}{\sqrt{(1-\mu_0^2)(1-\mu_2^2)(R+1)^2}} \left( \frac{1}{\tan(\beta_1)} + \frac{1}{\tan(\beta_2)} \right) \] (14)

\[ \mu = \mu_0 c \] (16)

\[ \dot{\mu} = \mu_0 \dot{c} \] (17)

\[ c_1 = c + \mu \] (18)

\[ c_2 = c - \mu \] (19)

The aim of this paper is to develop a mathematical model of a two-dimensional impact with three degrees of freedom (3DOF) and apply the results to study planing hulls. In the current work, the model by Toyama [3] is extended to the asymmetric impact with vertical velocity \( w \), horizontal velocity \( v \), and rotational velocity \( \omega \). Furthermore, the flow separation from the knuckles is considered. A formulation to extend the results to three dimensions is proposed, the model can be used to study the dynamics of planing hulls with six degrees of freedom. The six motions cannot be evaluated with the traditional seakeeping models by Zarnick [20], Garine and Olausson and Garine [22].

2. Mathematical Formulation

Figure 3 shows the parameters of the impact with three degrees of freedom, due to the relative motion of the wedge with the water. The new components appearing for vertical and tangential velocity are calculated as:

\[ w_1 = w + \frac{1}{2}v \sin(2\beta_1) - v_r \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta_1) \] (20)

\[ w_2 = w - \frac{1}{2}v \sin(2\beta_2) + v_r \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta_2) \] (21)

\[ v_{t1} = -vcos(\beta_1) + v_r \cos(\alpha) \] (22)

\[ v_{t2} = -vcos(\beta_2) - v_r \cos(\alpha) \] (23)

where \( w_1, w_2, v_{t1}, \) and \( v_{t2} \) are the vertical velocity and tangential velocity in the right and left side of the wedge respectively, \( v_r \) is the relative velocity in a point due to the rotation, and \( \alpha \) is the angle between the vector \( v_r \) and the tangential vector to the section, as shown in Figure 4. The parameters are calculated as:

\[ v_r = |\tau| \omega \] (24)

\[ |\tau| = \sqrt{\dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2} \] (25)

\[ \dot{y} = y - V_{cR} \sin(\phi) \] (26)
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\[ z = \begin{cases} 
V_{cg} \cos(\phi) - \gamma \tan(\beta_2), & y < 0 \\
V_{cg} \cos(\phi) - \gamma \tan(\beta_1), & y > 0 
\end{cases} \tag{27} \]

\[ \gamma = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\hat{z}}{|r|}\right) \tag{28} \]

\[ \alpha = \begin{cases} 
\gamma - \beta_2, & y < 0 \\
\gamma - \beta_1, & y > 0 
\end{cases} \tag{29} \]

where \( \hat{y} \) and \( \hat{z} \) are the horizontal distance and vertical distance in a point on the hull to the CG (Gravity centre), \( |r| \) is the total distance between the centre of rotation and a point in the wedge, and \( \gamma \) is the angle between the vector \( \vec{v} \) to the horizontal axis \( y \).

\begin{figure}[h]
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\includegraphics[width=0.5\textwidth]{figure3.png}
\caption{Impact with three degrees of freedom.}
\end{figure}

\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=0.5\textwidth]{figure4.png}
\caption{Asymmetric impact with rotational motion.}
\end{figure}

The potential function that represents the flow during the impact with three degrees of freedom is:

\[ \varphi = \begin{cases} 
-A_{\beta_1} w_2 \sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + y)^2}, & y < 0 \\
-A_{\beta_2} w_1 \sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + y)^2}, & y > 0 
\end{cases} \tag{30} \]

The models by Wagner [2] and Toyama [3] over-predict the pressure, and two correction factors are proposed: a correction factor of the deadrise angle \( A_{\beta} \), and a correction factor for the jet energy \( c_{jet}(y) \), \( A_{\beta} \) is a correction factor that depends on the deadrise angle of the wedge. By substitution in Equation (1) the pressure distribution can be computed as:
Equation (37). The equations are solved in a coupled form to find the values of c,\( \beta \) and \( \mu \). When the two dry chines-phase occurs the boundary conditions are the set presented in Equation (33). The one wet chines-phase, the boundary condition is:

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{p(b_1)}{p} &= A_{\beta 1}v_0\omega \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta_1) \sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + b_1)^2} + A_{\beta 1}w_1 \frac{c + \mu (\mu + b_1)}{\sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + b_1)^2}} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{A_{\beta 1}w_1(\mu + b_1)}{\sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + b_1)^2}} + v_{t1} \right)^2 = 0
\end{align*}
\]

where \( c_{\text{jet}}(y) \) is a correction factor due to jet energy, which is evaluated as:

\[
c_{\text{jet}}(y) = \tan h \left( 12 \left| \frac{\mu + y}{c} \right| \right)
\]

In the two dry chines-phase, the values \( c, \dot{c}, \mu, \) and \( \ddot{\mu} \) are calculated with Equations (14)–(17). In the one wet chines-phase, the boundary condition is:

\[
\frac{p(b_1)}{p} = A_{\beta 1}v_0\omega \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta_1) \sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + b_1)^2} + A_{\beta 1}w_1 \frac{c + \mu (\mu + b_1)}{\sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + b_1)^2}}
\]

where \( b_1 \) is the horizontal distance between the keel and knuckle in the right side, the one wet chine-phase starts when \( c_1 > b_1 \). In Equation (33), the effect of the acceleration is not considered. The half beam in the left side is evaluated according to Toyama [3]:

\[
c_2 = \frac{\pi R z_0}{(R + 1)(1 + \mu_0) \sqrt{1 - \mu_0^2}} \left( \frac{1}{\tan(\beta_2)} \right)
\]

Solving Equations (33)–(36) the values for \( c, \dot{c}, \mu, \) and \( \ddot{\mu} \) are calculated for the flow separation in the right side. When the two dry chines-phase occurs the boundary conditions are the set presented in Equation (37). The equations are solved in a coupled form to find the values of \( c, \dot{c}, \mu, \) and \( \ddot{\mu} \).
where $b_2$ is the horizontal distance between the keel and knuckle in the left side, the two wet chine-phase starts when $c_2 > b_2$. The sectional forces can be computed as:

$$f_z = \int_{-y_2}^{y_1} p dy$$  \hspace{1cm} (38)

$$f_y = \tan \beta_2 \int_{-y_2}^{0} p dy - \tan \beta_1 \int_{0}^{y_1} p dy$$  \hspace{1cm} (39)

$$m_x = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \beta_2} \int_{-y_2}^{0} y p dy + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \beta_1} \int_{0}^{y_1} y p dy$$  \hspace{1cm} (40)

$$m_{xcg} = m_x - V_{cg} \sin \phi f_z + V_{cg} \cos \phi f_y$$  \hspace{1cm} (41)

where $f_z$ is the vertical force, $f_y$ is the horizontal force, $m_x$ is the roll moment in the keel, $m_{xcg}$ is the roll moment in the CG of the section, and $y_1$ and $y_2$ are the horizontal wetted coordinate in the right side and left side respectively. In case of prescribed motions, these equations can be used to evaluate the pressure and forces in the section. The vertical force can be computed as:

$$f_z = M_1 \dot{w} + M_2 \dot{v} + M_3 \dot{\omega} + f_{z1} + f_{z2}$$  \hspace{1cm} (42)

where

$$f_{z1} = \int_{-y_2}^{y_1} p_1 dy$$  \hspace{1cm} (43)

$$f_{z2} = \int_{-y_2}^{y_1} p_2 dy$$  \hspace{1cm} (44)

$$M_1 = m_1 + m_2$$  \hspace{1cm} (45)

$$M_2 = m_3 + m_4$$  \hspace{1cm} (46)

$$M_3 = m_5 + m_6$$  \hspace{1cm} (47)

where $p_1$ and $p_2$ are evaluated as:

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} = \begin{cases} 
\frac{A \beta w_2}{\sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + y)^2}} \left[ \frac{cc - (\mu + y) \mu}{\sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + y)^2}}, y < 0 \right] \\
\frac{A \beta w_1}{\sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + y)^2}} \left[ \frac{cc - (\mu + y) \mu}{\sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + y)^2}} + v_{t2} \right], y > 0 
\end{cases} \hspace{1cm} (48)$$

$$\frac{p_2}{\rho} = \begin{cases} 
\frac{A \beta (v \omega \cos(2\beta_1) + v_r \omega \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta_1)) \sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + y)^2}, y < 0} \\
\frac{A \beta (v \omega \cos(2\beta_1) + v_r \omega \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta_1)) \sqrt{c^2 - (\mu + y)^2}, y > 0} 
\end{cases} \hspace{1cm} (49)$$

The horizontal force can be evaluated as:

$$f_y = M_4 \dot{w} + M_5 \dot{v} + M_6 \dot{\omega} + f_{y1} + f_{y2}$$  \hspace{1cm} (50)

where

$$f_{y1} = \tan \beta_2 \int_{-y_2}^{0} p_1 dy - \tan \beta_1 \int_{0}^{y_1} p_1 dy$$  \hspace{1cm} (51)
\[ f_{y_2} = \tan \beta_2 \int_{-y_2}^{0} p_2 \, dy - \tan \beta_1 \int_{0}^{y_1} p_2 \, dy \]  
\[ M_4 = m_2 \tan \beta_2 - m_1 \tan \beta_1 \]  
\[ M_5 = m_4 \tan \beta_2 - m_3 \tan \beta_1 \]  
\[ M_6 = m_6 \tan \beta_2 - m_5 \tan \beta_1. \]  

The roll moment of the section in the CG is calculated as:

\[ m_{xcg} = M_7\dot{w} + M_8\dot{v} + M_9\dot{v} + m_{xcg1} + m_{xcg2} \]  

where

\[ m_{xcg1} = m_{x1} - V_{cg} \sin \phi f_{x2} + V_{cg} \cos \phi f_{y1} \]  
\[ m_{xcg2} = m_{x2} - V_{cg} \sin \phi f_{x2} + V_{cg} \cos \phi f_{y2} \]  
\[ M_7 = m_{11} + m_{12} - V_{cg} \sin \phi (m_1 + m_2) \]  
\[ + V_{cg} \cos \phi (m_2 \tan \beta_2 - m_1 \tan \beta_1) \]  
\[ M_8 = m_{13} + m_{14} - V_{cg} \sin \phi (m_3 + m_4) \]  
\[ + V_{cg} \cos \phi (m_4 \tan \beta_2 - m_3 \tan \beta_1) \]  
\[ M_9 = m_{15} + m_{16} - V_{cg} \sin \phi (m_5 + m_6) \]  
\[ + V_{cg} \cos \phi (m_6 \tan \beta_2 - m_5 \tan \beta_1) \]  

\[ m_{x1} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \beta_2} \int_{-y_2}^{0} yp_1 \, dy + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \beta_1} \int_{0}^{y_1} yp_1 \, dy \]  
\[ m_{x2} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \beta_2} \int_{-y_2}^{0} yp_2 \, dy + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \beta_1} \int_{0}^{y_1} yp_2 \, dy. \]  

The coefficients \( m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5, m_6, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{15}, \) and \( m_{16} \) are computed as:

\[ m_1 = A_{\beta} \rho \int_{0}^{y_1} \sqrt{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2} \, dy \]  
\[ m_2 = A_{\beta} \rho \int_{-y_2}^{0} \sqrt{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2} \, dy \]  
\[ m_3 = \frac{1}{2} A_{\beta} \rho \sin 2\beta_1 \int_{0}^{y_1} \sqrt{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2} \, dy \]  
\[ m_4 = \frac{1}{2} A_{\beta} \rho \sin 2\beta_2 \int_{-y_2}^{0} \sqrt{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2} \, dy \]  
\[ m_5 = -A_{\beta} \rho \cos \beta_1 \int_{0}^{y_1} |r| \sin \alpha \sqrt{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2} \, dy \]
\[ m_6 = A_{\beta \rho} \cos \beta_2 \int_{-y_2}^{0} |r| \sin \alpha \sqrt{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2} dy \]  
(69)

\[ m_{11} = \frac{A_{\beta \rho}}{\cos^2 \beta_1} \int_{0}^{y_1} \sqrt{\frac{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2}{y}} dy \]  
(70)

\[ m_{12} = \frac{A_{\beta \rho}}{\cos^2 \beta_2} \int_{-y_2}^{0} \sqrt{\frac{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2}{y}} dy \]  
(71)

\[ m_{13} = \frac{1}{2} A_{\beta \rho} \sin 2\beta_1 \int_{0}^{y_1} \sqrt{\frac{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2}{y}} dy \]  
(72)

\[ m_{14} = -\frac{1}{2} A_{\beta \rho} \sin 2\beta_2 \int_{-y_2}^{0} \sqrt{\frac{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2}{y}} dy \]  
(73)

\[ m_{15} = -A_{\beta \rho} \int_{0}^{y_1} y |r| \sin \alpha \sqrt{\frac{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2}{y}} dy \]  
(74)

\[ m_{16} = \frac{A_{\beta \rho}}{\cos \beta_2} \int_{-y_2}^{0} y |r| \sin \alpha \sqrt{\frac{c^2 - (-\mu + y)^2}{y}} dy. \]  
(75)

Figure 5 shows the forces diagram in the section, the balance of force can be written as:

\[ \sum F_z = M_1 \dot{w} + M_2 \dot{v} + M_3 \dot{\omega} + f'_z - mg = -m \dot{w} \]  
(76)

\[ \sum F_y = M_4 \dot{w} + M_5 \dot{v} + M_6 \dot{\omega} + f'_y = m \dot{v} \]  
(77)

\[ \sum M_{cg} = M_7 \dot{w} + M_8 \dot{v} + M_9 \dot{\omega} + m'_{xcg} = I_{xx} \dot{\omega} \]  
(78)

where \( m \) is the mass of the wedge, \( g \) is the gravity, and \( I_{xx} \) is the inertia of the section. Furthermore:

\[ f'_z = f_{x1} + f_{x2} + f_{HSz} \]  
(79)

\[ f'_y = f_{y1} + f_{y2} + f_{HSy} \]  
(80)

\[ m'_{xcg} = m_{xcg1} + m_{xcg2} + m_{HSx} \]  
(81)

where \( f_{HSz}, f_{HSy}, \) and \( m_{HSx} \) are the vertical force, horizontal force, and roll moment due to hydrostatic pressure, coupling the equations:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
-M_1 & -M_2 & -M_3 \\
-M_4 & m - M_5 & -M_6 \\
-M_7 & -M_8 & I_{xx} - M_9
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\dot{w} \\
\dot{v} \\
\dot{\omega}
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
f'_z \\
f'_y \\
m'_{xcg}
\end{bmatrix}. \]  
(82)

In case of two degrees of freedom, rotation, and vertical motion, the equations of motion are:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
-M_1 & -M_3 \\
M_7 & I_{xx} - M_9
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\dot{w} \\
\dot{\omega}
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
f'_z \\
m'_{xcg}
\end{bmatrix}. \]  
(83)
Solving Equations (82) and (83), the free fall impact for wedge sections with two and three degrees of freedom can be studied.

![Forces diagram in the wedge.](image)

**Figure 5.** Forces diagram in the wedge.

3. CFD Modelling

The CFD software Star-CCM+ V9.06 is used in order to simulate the two-dimensional impact of wedge sections on water. The volume of fluid (VOF) approach was used to simulate the water-air mix. Water and air were modelled as incompressible, inviscid fluids, and unsteady, while the wedge motion was modelled as a rigid body motion. Finally, the wedge motion was modelled with two approaches. In case of impact with prescribed motion, a rigid body with the rigid mesh approach was used. In the case of free fall impact, the motions were modelled with mesh morphing. The effect of gravity was taken into consideration. The VOF formulation used in the CFD includes the HRIC (High-Resolution Interface Capturing) method, the controls of this method are the lower currant number $C_u$ that was set at 0.5, the upper currant number $C_u$, that was set at 1.0, and the angle factor $C_\theta$ that was set at 0.05. Figure 6 shows the computational domain at 10 b wide and 4.7 b high, and the boundary conditions as: wall in the base, verticals walls, wedge boundaries, and a pressure outlet in the top boundary.

![Computational domain.](image)

**Figure 6.** Computational domain.

The mesh was developed with polyhedral elements and a mesh refinement was performed in the free surface area around the wedge and wedge walls. Figure 6 shows the mesh for the computational domain after the mesh independence analysis was carried out for a free fall test with 3DOF.

The converge analysis was carried out according to ITTC (International Towing Tank Conference) [23], the global convergence ratio $R_g$, the global accuracy order $p_g$, the global correction factor $C_g$, and the global uncertainty $U_g$ were computed using the norm L2. We considered 425 points of the solution, the accuracy order was calculated according to Roache [24], and the base size of the
mesh and time step were changed. Figure 7a shows the time series for angular acceleration (\(\dot{\omega}\)) when the impact with three degrees of freedom is considered. Four different mesh sizes were evaluated, and we noticed that the results for mesh sizes \(4.3 \times 10^5\) and \(6.0 \times 10^5\) cells are superposed. Figure 7b shows the time series for angular acceleration when three different time steps are considered. For time steps \(\Delta t = 1 \times 10^{-4}\) s and \(2 \times 10^{-4}\) s the curves are superposed, and a time step of \(2 \times 10^{-4}\) s was selected. Table 1 shows the base size of the mesh, the number of elements, and the parameters of the study, \(0 < R_g < 1\). The solution is monotonic convergent, the accuracy order is 0.647, the global uncertainty is 28.1% of the maximum acceleration, the convergence ratios in the crest and hollow were computed, and they are convergent.

![Figure 7](image-url)

**Figure 7.** Mesh independence analysis. (a) Angular acceleration vs. time, and size independence. (b) Angular acceleration vs. time, and time independence.

| Mesh | h (m) | Cells  | \(R_g\) | \(p_g\) | \(|1-C_g|\) | \(U_g\) % |
|------|-------|--------|---------|--------|----------|---------|
| 3    | 1.00  | \(3.2 \times 10^4\) |         |         |          |         |
| 2    | 0.45  | \(1.4 \times 10^5\) | 0.341   | 0.647  | 0.25     | 28.14%  |
| 1    | 0.30  | \(4.4 \times 10^5\) |         |         |          |         |

Figure 8 shows the free surface during the impact in free fall of a wedge with two degrees of freedom. When the wedge touched the water is considered to be \(t = 0\). At the beginning of the impact...
the flow is parallel to the section (Figure 8a–c), the flow separates from the both sides of the section after the jet reaches the chine (Figure 8d–f).

Figure 8. Free surface during the free fall impact of a wedge with two degrees of freedom. (a) t = 0.0000 s. (b) t = 0.0044 s. (c) t = 0.0174 s. (d) t = 0.0234 s. (e) t = 0.0374 s. (f) t = 0.0654 s.

4. Results and Analysis

In order to validate the mathematical model, simulation results were compared to CFD computation, experiments, and results carried out by other authors. The following parameters are defined:

\[
\begin{align*}
C_p &= \frac{P}{\frac{1}{2} \rho w^2} \\
C_{f_y} &= \frac{f_y}{\frac{1}{2} \rho b w^2} \\
C_{f_z} &= \frac{f_z}{\frac{1}{2} \rho b w^2} \\
c_{mx} &= \frac{m_x}{\frac{1}{2} \rho b^2 w^2} \\
\tau &= \frac{\omega t}{\frac{1}{2} b}
\end{align*}
\]

where \(C_p\) is the pressure coefficient, \(C_{f_y}\) is the horizontal force coefficient, \(C_{f_z}\) is the vertical force coefficient, \(c_{mx}\) is the roll moment coefficient, and \(\tau\) is the non-dimensional time.

4.1. Impact with One Degree of Freedom

The equation system is solved forcing \(\phi = 0\,^\circ\), \(v = 0\), and \(\omega = 0\), in order to study the impact with one degree of freedom. Figure 9 shows the results for pressure distribution during the impact for a wedge section with symmetry entry and \(\beta = 20\,^\circ\). The results of the mathematical model are compared with Wagner [2] and CFD simulations. They show good agreement with CFD simulations, the error in the pressure peak respect to [15] is 2.99%, the correction factors suggested reduce the over prediction of the model by Wagner [2]. Figure 10 shows the force during the immersion of a wedge with \(\beta = 20\,^\circ\). The results attained from the mathematical model were compared with Tveitnes [25], it is
noticed that the forces before and after the flow separation from the knuckle show a good agreement, the error in the vertical peak force is 2.04% respect to Tveitnes [25] and 8.12% respect to [15].

4.2. Impact with Two Degrees of Freedom

The equations system is solved forcing ω = 0, in order to analyse the impact with two degrees of freedom, vertical motion, and horizontal motion. Figure 11 shows the pressure distribution before the flow separation from the knuckle for a wedge with β₁ = 20°, β₂ = 30°, and velocity ratio v/w = 0.5. The results are compared with CFD simulation performed by Algarín [15], presenting a good agreement, the error in the peak pressure is 7.27%, with respect to [15].
Figure 12 shows the results of vertical force for a wedge with $\beta_1 = 20^\circ$, $\beta_2 = 30^\circ$, and velocity ratio $v/w = -1.0$. The results before and after the flow separation from the knuckle are compared with the CFD results obtained by Algarin [15], presenting reasonably good agreement.

![Figure 12](image1.png)

**Figure 12.** Forces variation during impact with horizontal velocity, $\beta_1 = 20^\circ$, $\beta_2 = 30^\circ$, and $v/w = -1.0$. (a) Vertical force during the impact. (b) Roll moment during the impact.

The equations system is solved forcing $\nu = 0$, in order to analyse the impact with two degrees of freedom, vertical motion, and rotation motion. Figure 13 shows the pressure distribution before the flow separation from the knuckle for a wedge with $\beta = 45^\circ$, $V_{cg} = 0.25$ m, $\omega = -2.5$ rad/s, $w = 5$ m/s, and initial heel angle $\phi_0 = -10^\circ$. The results are compared with Xu G. [9] and the CFD simulation, presenting good agreement.

![Figure 13](image2.png)

**Figure 13.** Pressure distribution with rotational velocity, $w = 5$ m/s, $\omega = -2.5$ rad/s, $\beta = 45^\circ$, $V_{cg} = 0.25$ m and $\phi_0 = -10^\circ$. (a) $z_0 = 0.3$ m. (b) $z_0 = 0.4$ m. (c) $z_0 = 0.5$ m. (d) $z_0 = 0.6$ m.
### 4.3. Impact with Three Degrees of Freedom

Figure 14 shows the pressure distribution during impact with three degrees of freedom and forced motion, the results are compared with CFD simulations with good agreement.

![Pressure distribution](image)

**Figure 14.** Pressure distribution during impact with three degrees of freedom, \( w = 5 \text{ m/s}, v = 5 \text{ m/s}, \omega = -2.5 \text{ rad/s}, \beta = 45^\circ, \text{Vcg} = 0.25 \text{ m}, \) and \( \phi_0 = -10^\circ. \) (a) \( z_0 = 0.3 \text{ m}. \) (b) \( z_0 = 0.4 \text{ m}. \) (c) \( z_0 = 0.5 \text{ m}. \) (d) \( z_0 = 0.6 \text{ m}. \)

### 4.4. Free Fall Impact

Xu L. et al. [26] performed free fall experiments considering heave and roll. Figure 15 shows the results for the experimental condition \( \beta = 20^\circ, B = 0.61 \text{ m}, A = 2.44 \text{ m}, M = 124 \text{ kg}, \text{Vcg} = 0.216 \text{ m}, \) \( h = 1.22 \text{ m}, \phi_0 = 5^\circ, \) and inertia of section \( I_{xx} = 8.85 \text{ kg.m}^2. \) The results of angular acceleration, vertical acceleration, vertical velocity, and heel angle are shown in Figure 15. The numerical results from the mathematical model have good agreement with CFD simulation and experiments reported by Xu L. et al. [26] in terms of the displacements, velocities, and accelerations.

![Results comparison](image)

**Figure 15.** Cont.
Figure 15. Free fall impact with two degrees of freedom, \( m = 124 \text{kg}, h = 0.61 \text{ m}, \beta = 20^\circ, \phi_0 = 5^\circ, \)
\( V_{cg} = 0.216 \text{ m}, \) and \( I_{xx} = 8.85 \text{ kg.m}^2. \) (a) Angular acceleration during the impact. (b) Heel angle during
the impact. (c) Vertical acceleration during the impact. (d) Vertical velocity during the impact.

Impact with three degrees of freedom (heave, sway, and roll) was simulated according to a wedge evaluated by Xu et al. [26]. The test conditions are:
\( \beta = 20^\circ, B = 0.61 \text{ m}, A = 2.44 \text{ m}, m = 124 \text{ kg}, I = 8.85 \text{ kg.m}^2, V_{cg} = 0.216 \text{ m}, h = 0.61 \text{ m}, \) and \( \phi_0 = 5^\circ. \) Figure 16 shows the results of accelerations and velocities for heave, sway, and roll motions. The results of the mathematical model were compared with CFD simulation and the numerical solution by Wei et al. [10], in terms of the accelerations and velocities. The results show good agreement with the values reported by Wei et al. [10].

Figure 16. Cont.
The system $x$, $y$, and $z$ are aligned with the forward velocity. The system $x$ is parallel to the keel.

Simulations of the free fall impact with three degrees were performed with a processor Intel I7-4510U CPU@2.00GHz and 6GB RAM memory, the computational time of the current model was $1.83 \times 10^2$ s while the CFD simulation with four parallel cores was $2.508 \times 10^5$ s. The current model has a low computational cost when compared to CFD.

4.5. Application to Planing Boats

Figure 17 shows the coordinate system used in the study of planing hulls. The $xyz$ system has its origin at the interception of the keel and aft, and it is fixed to the earth. The $x$ axis is aligned with the forward velocity. The system $x_b y_b z_b$ is fixed with the boat (BFCS) and rotates with it. The axis $x_b$ is aligned with the keel, while the axis $y_b$ is perpendicular to the symmetry plane of the boat and has its origin at the interception of the keel and aft. The system $x_{cg} y_{cg} z_{cg}$ is fixed to the boat and has its origin in the CG of the boat. The axis $x_{cg}$ is parallel to the keel.

Figure 18 shows a planing boat sailing in steady condition, the boat has a total velocity $U$, trim angle $\theta$, heel angle $\phi$ and drift angle $\psi$, $L_{cg}$ and $V_{cg}$ are longitudinal and vertical position respect to the system $x_b y_b z_b$, and $L$ is the length of the boat.
The forces over the boat are computed by the integration of the sectional forces along the length. Applying the correction due to aft suction according to Garmé [21]:

\[
\begin{align*}
f_{ys} &= C_{tr}(x)f_y \\
f_{zs} &= C_{tr}(x)f_z \\
m_{xs} &= C_{tr}(x)f_x
\end{align*}
\]

where \( f_{ys}, f_{zs}, \) and \( m_{xs} \) are the sectional forces of the boat, and \( C_{tr} \) is the correction due to aft suction according to Garmé [21]:

\[
c_{tr}(x) = \tanh\left( \frac{2.5}{0.34B} \frac{2}{C_u} x \right)
\]
where \(B\) is the beam of the boat, \(C_v\) is the velocity coefficient, and \(x_b\) is the position of the section with reference to the interception of the aft and keel. The forces over the boat can be computed as:

\[
F_x = -\frac{1}{2} \rho C_f A_w U^2 \tag{99}
\]

\[
F_y = \int_0^{L_k} f_{ys} \, dx \tag{100}
\]

\[
F_z = \int_0^{L_k} f_{zs} \, dx \tag{101}
\]

\[
M_x = \int_0^{L_k} m_{xs} \, dx \tag{102}
\]

\[
M_y = -\int_0^{L_k} x f_{zs} \, dx \tag{103}
\]

\[
M_z = \int_0^{L_k} x f_{ys} \, dx \tag{104}
\]

where \(F_x\) is the force due to viscous drag, \(F_y\) is the normal force to the keel and parallel to the water plane, \(F_z\) is the normal force to the keel over vertical plane, \(M_x\) is the roll moment in the keel, \(M_y\) is the trim moment, \(M_z\) is the yaw moment evaluated at the interception between the keel and the aft, \(C_f\) is the frictional coefficient according to ITTC 1957 [27], \(L_k\) is the keel wetted length, and \(A_w\) is the wetted area of the hull. The forces in the body fixed coordinate system can be computed as:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
F_{xb} \\
F_{yb} \\
F_{zb}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\
0 & \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi)
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
F_x \\
F_y \\
F_z
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
M_{xb} \\
M_{yb} \\
M_{zb}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\
0 & \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi)
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
M_x \\
M_y \\
M_z
\end{bmatrix} \tag{105}
\]

where \(F_{xb}, F_{yb}, F_{zb}, M_{xb}, M_{yb},\) and \(M_{zb}\) are the forces in the in the body fixed coordinate system at the interception of the aft and keel. The non-dimensional force coefficients are defined as:

\[
C_{FXb} = \frac{F_{xb}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho B^2 U^2} \tag{106}
\]

\[
C_{FYb} = \frac{F_{yb}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho B^2 U^2} \tag{107}
\]

\[
C_{FZb} = \frac{F_{zb}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho B^2 U^2} \tag{108}
\]

\[
C_{MXb} = \frac{M_{xb}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho B^3 U^2} \tag{109}
\]

\[
C_{MYb} = \frac{M_{yb}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho B^3 U^2} \tag{110}
\]

\[
C_{MZb} = \frac{M_{zb}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho B^3 U^2} \tag{111}
\]

where \(C_{FXb}, C_{FYb},\) and \(C_{FZb}\) are the non-dimensional forces coefficients in \(x, y,\) and \(z\) in the body fixed coordinate system. \(C_{MXb}, C_{MYb}, C_{MZb}\) are the non-dimensional moment coefficients in \(x, y,\) and \(z\) in the body fixed coordinate system. Brown and Klosinsky [28] carried out towing tank tests in prismatic hulls where the forces in the six degrees of freedom in steady condition were evaluated, during the tests, the forward velocity \(U,\) trim angle \(\theta,\) heel angle \(\phi,\) and drift angle \(\psi\) were varied.
Table 2 shows some experimental conditions by Brown and Klosinsky [28], $L_k$ is the wetted keel length. Figure 19 shows the results of roll moment, yaw moment, and drift force as a function of the drift angle which was varied in 0°, 5°, 10°, and 15°. The forces were evaluated for heel angles of 0 and $-10°$, the values show good agreement with the experimental results reported by Brown and Klosinsky [28].

Table 2. Experimental conditions by Brown and Klosinsky [28].

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5. Conclusions

A mathematical model of the impact with three degrees of freedom was developed. The models developed by Wagner [2] and Toyama [3] were extended to study wedge sections considering vertical
motion, horizontal motion, and rotation, while the flow separation from the knuckles was evaluated. The pressure distribution and forces were computed during the impact. The model was compared with CFD simulations, experiments, and numerical solutions reported by other authors in the scientific literature, and the results show good agreement. Different impact conditions and degrees of freedom were evaluated, considering forced and free motions. The CFD simulations over predict the forces after the flow separation from the knuckle.

The solution has a low computational cost when compared to commercial CFD software. The model was extended to three dimensions by the application of slender body theory in order to study planing boats in steady conditions. According to the results obtained, and the comparison carried out with different authors and the different conditions considered, this model could be used to study the non-linear dynamics of a planing boat with six degrees of freedom and variable sections along the keel with a low computational cost in comparison with commercial CFD software. The formulation can be used in future works to analyze the seakeeping with cross flow, dynamic stability, maneuverability, pressures, and impact loads over the structure and the crew.

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Nomenclature

- $\beta$: deadrise angle of the wedge
- $\beta_1$: deadrise angle in the right side
- $\beta_2$: deadrise angle in the left side
- $\theta$: trim angle
- $\Psi$: drift angle
- $\rho$: density of the fluid
- $\varphi$: potential function of the fluid
- $\phi$: heel angle
- $\omega$: angular velocity
- $\omega_0$: angular acceleration
- $\mu$: asymmetry parameter
- $\mu_0$: non-dimensional asymmetry parameter
- $\mu_\tau$: asymmetry parameter variation with the time
- $\tau$: non-dimensional time
- $A_{\beta}$: correction factor of the deadrise angle
- $A_w$: wetted area of the hull
- $b$: beam section
- $b_1$: horizontal distance between the keel and knuckle in the right side.
- $b_2$: horizontal distance between the keel and knuckle in the left side.
- $B$: beam boat
- $c$: half wetted beam
- $c_1$: half wetted beam in the right side.
- $c_2$: half wetted beam in the left side
- $c_\tau$: half wetted beam variation in the time
- $c_p$: pressure coefficient
- $C_f$: frictional coefficient
- $c_{fy}$: vertical force coefficient
- $c_{fz}$: horizontal force coefficient
- $c_{mx}$: roll moment coefficient
- $C_v$: velocity coefficient
- $c_{jet}(y)$: correction factor for the jet energy
- $c_{tr}(x)$: correction due to aft suction
I_{xx} \quad \text{inertia of the wedge}
\nonumber m \quad \text{mass of the wedge}
\nonumber L_{CG} \quad \text{horizontal position of cg}
\nonumber L_k \quad \text{keel wetted length}
\nonumber R \quad \text{asymmetry ratio}
\nonumber y \quad \text{horizontal axis}
\nonumber z \quad \text{vertical axis}
\nonumber z_0 \quad \text{wedge immersion}
\nonumber f_{HSy} \quad \text{hydrostatic horizontal force}
\nonumber f_{HSz} \quad \text{hydrostatic vertical force}
\nonumber f_y \quad \text{horizontal force}
\nonumber f_{ys} \quad \text{horizontal sectional force}
\nonumber f_z \quad \text{vertical force}
\nonumber f_{zs} \quad \text{vertical sectional force}
\nonumber m_x \quad \text{roll moment in the keel}
\nonumber m_{HSx} \quad \text{hydrostatic roll moment}
\nonumber m_{xcg} \quad \text{roll moment in the cg}
\nonumber m_{xs} \quad \text{roll sectional moment}
\nonumber p \quad \text{pressure of the fluid}
\nonumber v \quad \text{horizontal velocity}
\nonumber v' \quad \text{horizontal velocity in the boat section}
\nonumber v_{t1} \quad \text{tangential velocity in the right side}
\nonumber v_{t2} \quad \text{tangential velocity in the left side}
\nonumber V_{cg} \quad \text{vertical position of cg}
\nonumber w \quad \text{vertical velocity impact}
\nonumber w' \quad \text{vertical velocity in the boat section}
\nonumber w_1 \quad \text{vertical velocity in the right side}
\nonumber w_2 \quad \text{vertical velocity in the left side}
\nonumber F_{xb} \quad \text{hull force in the x axis on BFCS}
\nonumber F_{yb} \quad \text{hull force in the y axis on BFCS}
\nonumber F_{zb} \quad \text{hull force in the z axis on BFCS}
\nonumber M_{xb} \quad \text{hull moment in the x axis on BFCS}
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