Fibers Buckling in Liquid Drops

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Remark: L is the total arc-length of the beam



inner part of beam is in compression P = F - T

does everything only depend on P?



pinned
$$P_b = F - T = \pi^2 \frac{EI}{D^2}$$

 $F \simeq \pi^2 \frac{EI}{D^2}$



clamped
$$P_b = F - T = 4\pi^2 \frac{EI}{D^2}$$





with: $f = \frac{FD^2}{EI}$ $t = \frac{TD^2}{EI}$

Buckling due to internal compression

large L limit $L \gg D$

Initial post-buckling regime

large T limit $T \gg \frac{EI}{D^2}$

We plot T = F - P for a fixed, given value of F

$$V(L_{\rm in}) = \frac{1}{2} EI \left(\frac{2}{D}\right)^2 L_{\rm in}$$

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$$\Rightarrow T_p = F - 2 \frac{EI}{D^2}$$
 (plateau force)

surface tension <=> interface energy

P.-G. de Gennes et al, *Capillarity and wetting phenomena*, 2004 E. Lorenceau et al, *Wetting of fibers*, 2006

unduloid (constant mean curvature)

J. Plateau, *Statique expérimentale des liquides*, 1873
H. Poincaré, *Capillarité*, 1895
B. Carroll, *Liquid drops on thin cylinders*, Langmuir, 1986

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$$- 2\pi r \left(\gamma_{\rm SA} - \gamma_{\rm SL}\right) L_{\rm in} + \text{constants}$$

Conclusions

- + beam coiling in a liquid drop
- + capillary forces are large enough to buckle a beam
- + buckling is sub-critical
- + force plateau in the far post-buckling regime

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soft wall repulsion potential

$$V(X,Y) = \frac{V_0}{1 + \rho - (1/R)\sqrt{(X - X_C)^2 + (Y - Y_C)^2}}$$

R. S. Manning and G. B. Bulman, Stability of an elastic rod buckling into a soft wall, Proc Roy Soc A 2005

Detailed equilibrium equations

$$E_{\kappa} = \frac{1}{2} EI \int_{0}^{S_{A}} \kappa_{1}^{2} dS + \frac{1}{2} EI \int_{S_{A}}^{S_{B}} \kappa_{2}^{2} dS + \frac{1}{2} EI \int_{S_{B}}^{L} \kappa_{3}^{2} dS$$
$$E_{w} = \int_{S_{A}}^{S_{B}} V(X(S), Y(S), X_{C}, Y_{C}) dS$$
$$E_{\gamma} = P \gamma_{sa} S_{A} + P \gamma_{sl} (S_{B} - S_{A}) + P \gamma_{sa} (L - S_{B})$$

=> boundary-value problem, solved with AUTO