An embedded boundary formulation for fluid structure interactions of elastically mounted rigid bodies

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