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Support-Free Measurements of Aerodynamic Characteristics of Axial Circular Cylinders with Fineness Ratio from 0.50 to 0.75 HAYATO NAGAIKE, HIROYUKI OKUIZUMI, YASUFUMI KONISHI, HIDEO SAWADA, TAKU NONOMURA, KEISUKE ASAI, Tohoku Univ — In this study, aerodynamic characteristics of axial circular cylinders having the fineness ratio (length to diameter, L/D) of 0.50, 0.67 and 0.75 were measured using the 1-m Magnetic Suspension and Balance System (MSBS) in the Low-Turbulence Wind Tunnel at Tohoku Univ. The MSBS supports and controls the model using magnetic forces. All the tests were conducted at Re = 100,000 and the models were aligned with the free stream. The results of force measurements show that the drag decreases gradually in the L/Drange from 0.50 to 0.75 and connects continuously to the data for higher fineness ratios. This indicates that a local maximum of the drag does not exist in this range. The previous studies show that, for axial circular cylinders having L/D from 1.0 to 2.0, the drag measured using a MSBS differs substantially from the value measured with sting support, however this study shows that a circular cylinder of L/D =0.50 has a drag close to that measured with sting support. This suggests that the influence of support interference is significant when a shear layer separated from the leading edge reattaches on the body or interacts near the base, but is insignificant when a separated shear layer is away from the base area.

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