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Presentation Outline

- ◆ Overview of UAI/NASTRAN Version 20.0
- ◆ Overview of UAI/NASTRAN Version 20.1
- ◆ Plans for UAI/NASTRAN Version 20.2
- ◆ Plans for UAI/NASTRAN Future Versions

Overview of Version 20.0

- ◆ New Version Numbers
- ◆ NASTRAN Enhancements

New Version Numbers

- ◆ UAI's database technology, eBase, has become the core I/O system for several products:
 - UAI/NASTRAN
 - ASTROS
 - RenderMaster
 - eShell
- ◆ Synchronization of product ID numbers leads to Version 20

NASTRAN Enhancements

- ◆ Efficiency improvements
- ◆ Major new features
 - Nonlinear geometry
 - Flutter analysis
 - Engine head gasket analysis
 - Fluid/structure interaction with component mode synthesis
 - Design optimization with fluid pressures

NASTRAN Enhancements

- ◆ Efficiency improvements
 - New Boeing solver release with improved FBS
 - Reduced memory requirements
 - New “graphing” sequencing algorithm for 3x or more speedup of large, solid element models
 - Hardware based optimization speedup of 2x for the Boeing solver on HP PA8000
 - Hardware based optimization speedup of 2x for the Boeing solver on SGI R10000

NASTRAN Enhancements

- ◆ Nonlinear geometry
 - Full large deflection, large rotation features
 - Simultaneous support of nonlinear material behavior, including gap elements
 - Follower forces for pressure loading
 - Arc length solution technique implemented
 - 2nd order tetra element supported for all nonlinear solutions

Overview of Version 20.1

- ◆ Major new features
 - Modal Reduction in SOL MULTI
 - Multiple DMIG Input
 - Modal Participation Factors
 - Equivalent Beam Forces

Modal Reduction

- ◆ Purpose - automatically compute a reduced model - mass and stiffness matrices - stored in DMIG form, using boundary degrees of freedom and either
 - An automatically computed a-set of physical dofs, or
 - A generated set of generalized, modal dofs

Modal Reduction - Guyan Reduction

- ◆ Case 1 MODES - create a baseline set of modes
- ◆ Case 2 REDUCE
 - USING MODES = 1
 - AUTOREDUCE command
 - BOUNDARY command
 - SPC command
 - EXPORT REDUCED MODEL command
- ◆ Note, the previous AUTOREDUCE command is renamed NLREDUCE

Modal Reduction - MREDUCE

- ◆ Case 1 MREDUCE
 - METHOD command
 - BOUNDARY command
 - SPC command
 - EXPORT REDUCED MODEL command
- ◆ Note, the EXPORT command has options for controlling DOF ID re-numbering

Multiple DMIG Input

- ◆ Feature developed to allow multiple component modal models to be integrated into a new system model
 - Case Control
 - $K2GG = (K1, K2, K3, \dots Kn)$

Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ Help structural dynamics engineers understand
 - Which modes define the response of any selected grid point
 - What is the frequency content of response
 - What are the important modes in a structures' response

Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ The requirement - compute modal participation factors in modal frequency response analysis
 - For displacement, velocity and acceleration responses
 - At specific excitation frequencies
 - For a selected Subcase(s)

Modal Participation Factors

◆ Modal summation

- The physical response of a DOF is expressed with the matrix equation:

$$u_i = \sum \Phi_{ij} * \zeta_j$$

- Where u_i is the total response of the i^{th} DOF
- Φ_{ij} are terms in the mode shape matrix
- ζ_j is the modal displacement

Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ Modal summation

- A contribution towards u_i , u_{ij} , may be computed for each mode j
- Therefore, $u_i = \sum u_{ij}$

Modal Participation Factors

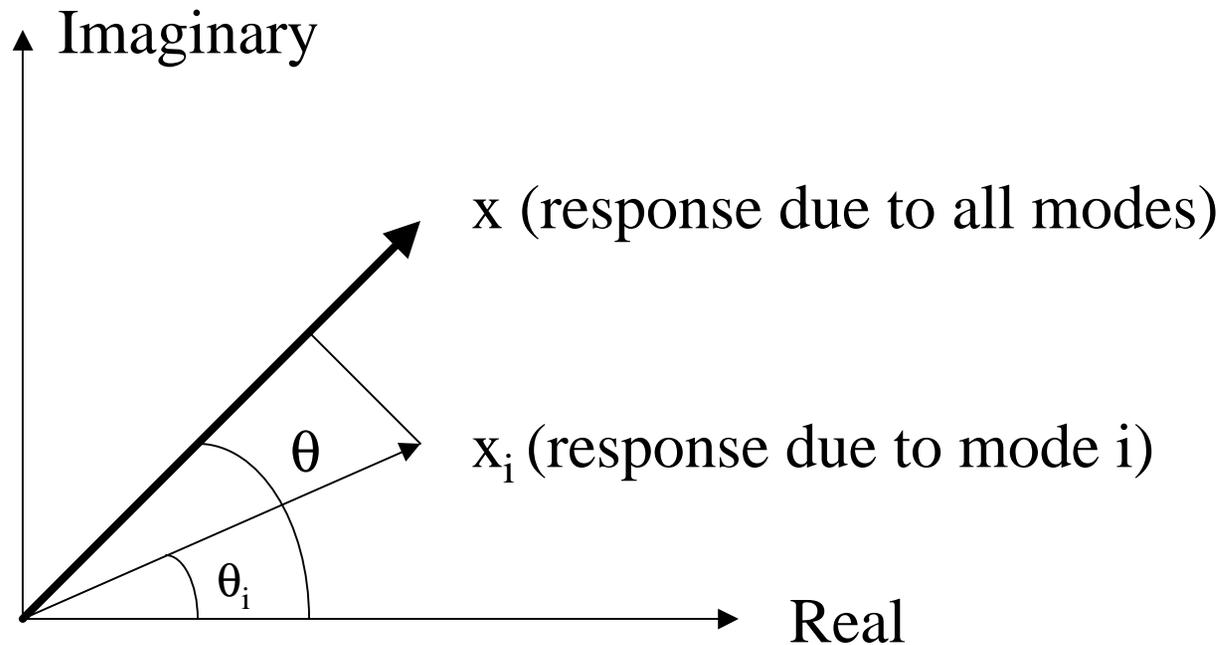
- ◆ The definition of Modal Participation Factor (MPF) is
 - For each u_i (at either a given frequency of excitation or time step, depending on the type of analysis), and for each mode j , the MPF is the quantity u_{ij}

Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ For transient response, u_i and u_{ij} are real numbers and the MPF calculation is straightforward
- ◆ For frequency response, u_i and u_{ij} are complex numbers and the MPF calculation is defined in a special way...

Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ For complex (frequency) responses



Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ For frequency response, the MPF is computed as the projection of response in any given mode on the total vector response

Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ Operational procedures
 - Perform a modal frequency response analysis using UAI/NASTRAN
 - » Utilize required Case Control commands
 - Execute program ‘MPF’
 - » Interactively select data for MPF calculations

Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ Execute UAI/NASTRAN with:
 - Executive Control
 - » Sol 11 (Modal Frequency Response Analysis)
 - Case Control
 - » The following commands must always be included:
 - ◆ ARCHIVE \$ Request creation of an archive database
 - ◆ DISPLACEMENT = ALL or sid
 - ◆ SDISPLACEMENT = ALL
 - Bulk Data
 - » Normal input, no special MPF input data

Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ Execute program MPF consisting of a c-shell script named *MPF* and an executable program named *modal_ufact*

Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ The following data are required to execute
 - Database name (*filename*) created in a SOL 11 run
 - Number of enforced motion DOF
(0 if no enforced motions)
 - CASE ID (subcase number from Case Control)
 - GRID ID
 - COMPONENT ID (1-6)
 - Response type factor (1=Disp, 2=Velo, 3=Acce)
 - Excitation frequency value

Modal Participation Factors

◆ Sample output from program MPF

Displacement Participation Factors

```
**** TOTALX, TOTALY, TOTALN ****  
0.1516E+04 -0.1590E+03  0.1524E+04
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**** MODE,      COMPONENT ****  
      1          1.4506E+03  
      2          1.0079E+02  
      3          -1.9844E-13  
      4          -2.6895E+01  
      5          3.4756E-14
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Modal Participation Factors

- ◆ Modal participation factors are computed for modal frequency response analysis
- ◆ Modal participation factors quantify the participation of each mode in the structural response
- ◆ The procedure is efficient and easy to use
 - Only one UAI/NASTRAN run required
 - Interactive access to MPF calculations

Plans for Version 20.2

- ◆ Analysis/Test reconciliation solution
- ◆ Parallel operation using substructuring
- ◆ Substructuring enhancements including LTMs and residuals
- ◆ Nonlinear enhancements, including contact surface modeling
- ◆ Design sensitivity and optimization user interface enhancements

UAI/NASTRAN Future Versions

- ◆ User access to APEX
- ◆ HEXAR, PENTAR, TETRAR elements
- ◆ Interface element
- ◆ Other features based on customer issues and requirements