

Envelope Reconstruction with Equivalent Wind Loads



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Buffeting analysis



1964: Wind Tunnel Testing World Trade Center (Drs. J. E. Cermak and A.G. Davenport in the Colorado State University boundary layer wind tunnel)

THE ALAN G. DAVENPORT WIND LOADING CHAIN











The two approaches to wind loads on complex structures





Wind tunnel testing

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Time [s]







Computational Fluid Dynamics









Part I: Equivalent Static Wind Loads







Gust Response Factor



Davenport, 1964-1967









1-DOF Mass-spring oscillator - drag only





$$\begin{aligned} x_{\max} &= x_{\max} \\ c\dot{x} + kx = f(t) \\ \dot{x} \\ kx_{\max} = f_{E} \end{aligned} \qquad x_{\max} = \max_{t} x(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{\max} = \bar{x} + \Delta x_{\max} = \bar{x} + g \sigma_x$$
$$x_{\max} = \bar{x} \left(1 + g \frac{\sigma_x}{\bar{x}} \right) = \text{GRF} \, \bar{x}$$
$$f_{\text{E}} = k \, x_{\max} = \text{GRF} \, k \bar{x} = \text{GRF} \, \bar{f}$$









1-DOF torsional oscillator (balanced cantilever bridge)

$f_1(t)$





To use $f_{\rm E} \propto f$ doesn't work anymore !

GRF fails if small or zero average

However, we could use $f_{\mathrm{E},2} \neq f_{\mathrm{E},1}$ to create a torsional response







1-DOF torsional oscillator (balanced cantilever bridge)

$$\frac{k_T}{\ell} \theta_{\max} = f_{E,2} - f_{E,1}$$

$$\frac{h_B}{\ell} x_{\max} = f_{\mathrm{E},2} + f_{\mathrm{E},1}$$

Nb. of LOADS = Nb. of responses Problem is now properly closed (but be careful again, this is an example)











\mathcal{X}_1 x_2 $f_{\mathrm{E},2}$ $f_{\mathrm{E},1}$ $f_1(t)$ August 27. -FLORENCE $f_2(t)$

(1) 2-DOF Mass-spring oscillator - drag only Same problem, modeled as a 2-DOF structure (but $x_2(t) = \frac{1}{2}x_1(t) \quad \forall t$) x_1 x_2









Static : replace dynamic analysis by static analysis **Equivalent** (to what?) : should reproduce the same maximum response

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}$$
$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$$

Find \mathbf{f}_{E} such that: $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{E}} = \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E}}$ and $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{E}} = \mathbf{z}_{\mathrm{max}}$

Is the problem well posed? Is the solution unique?



Nb. of *LOADS* = Nb. of *RESPONSES* \longleftrightarrow **AK**⁻¹ is square

$$\mathbf{z}_{\max} = \max_{t} \mathbf{z}(t)$$





Under-determined



Over-Determined

















Average loading : **f**







Covariance of the loading : $\Sigma_{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{f} \mathbf{f}^{T}\right]$









Gust Response Factor

1967



Davenport, 1967





 $M\ddot{x} + Cx + Kx = f$ $z(t) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}(t)$ $z_{\max} = \max_{t} z(t)$ $z(t) = \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{f}(t)$ Find \mathbf{f}_{E} such that: $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{E}} = \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E}}$ and $\mathbf{a}^{T}\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{E}} = z_{\mathrm{max}}$

Assume Gaussian response : $z_{\rm max} =$

Assume same peak factor : $f_{E,i}^{LRC} = \rho_{zf,i} f_{\max,i}$



- Memoryless I/O relation
- No dynamics
- Gaussian response
- (Unique peak factor)

$$= g\sigma_z = g\frac{\sigma_z^2}{\sigma_z} = \frac{g}{\sigma_z}\sum_i \sum_j b_i b_j \operatorname{cov}_{f,ij}$$
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- Memoryless I/O relation No dynamics
- Gaussian response
- (Unique peak factor)

- Simple interpretation : most probable load
- Link with cond. sampling
- No overshooting of enveloppe (iif Gaussian)











The Load-Response Correlation method

a drawback :



The Load-Response Correlation method and the Conditional Sampling Technique have equivalent loads are applied where pressures are measured





Timeline







 $M\ddot{x} + C\dot{x} + Kx = f$ $z(t) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}(t) \simeq \mathbf{a}^T q(t) \boldsymbol{\phi}_i$ $z_{\rm max} =$ Find \mathbf{f}_{E} such that: $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{E}} = \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E}}$ and $\sim oldsymbol{\phi}_i$ $\mathbf{f}_E^{ ext{MIL}} = \mathbf{M} \boldsymbol{\phi}_i$

Equivalent loads are applied where the mass is

$$= \max_t z(t)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{E}} = z_{\mathrm{max}}$$

- Deformation = Mode shape Resonant Response
- Extension to multiple modes









LRC

Response

background

(wrong otherwise)

Load pattern

Most probable load (conditional, Gaussianity)

Simple physical meaning



MIL

resonant

(wrong otherwise)

Inertial loads

(conditional, Gaussianity)









Timeline







$\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E}} = W_b \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E}}^{\mathrm{LRC}} + \sum_{i} W_{r,i} \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},i}^{\mathrm{MIL}}$

- Weighted combination of LRC and MIL methods
- Degenerates into LRC and MIL
- In original formulation: nodal background & modal resonant
- Different variants :

- ...

- without modal correlation (Holmes, 1999)
- with modal correlation (Chen & Kareem, 2001)
- including non-proportional damping (Blaise & Denoël, 2013)

 $W_b = \frac{\sigma_{z,b}}{\sigma_z} \quad ; \quad W_{r,i} = \sum_j \rho_{q,ij} \frac{\sigma_{z,r_j}}{\sigma_z}$







- 7-span viaduct (6@300m + 1@305m)
- Subject to turbulent wind :
 - Drag only
 - Spectrum : ENV1991-1.4, Annex B
 - Linearized loading (Gaussian)
- Model :
 - 84 Euler-Bernoulli finite elements
 - Mass = 10 to/m, $EI=10^{13} Nm^2$
- Analysis :
 - Time domain simulation
 - DT=0.04s, 65536 steps, T=2621 s

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Mode 1, f=0.549 Hz

Mode 3, f=0.665 Hz





Mode 5, f=0.931 Hz

Mode 7, f=1.200 Hz



Mode 8, f=2.192 Hz



Illustration - overview of dynamic behavior

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Illustration



Envelope = (Zero-mean) + $3.5 \cdot$ (Standard deviation)

<u>Next:</u> (GRF), CPT, LRC, MIL, COMB





 x_1

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 x_n

 M_1

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Illustration : Covariance Proper Decomposition (CPT)



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Illustration - Background/Resonant combinations







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LRC overshoots other responses than the one that is reconstructed Solution : scale down the ESWL to avoid **overestimation**





Provisional conclusion

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(wrong otherwise)

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both

Conditional

Possibility to extend







- in the LRC:
 - use of correlation between loads and responses
 - loads are proportional to structural displacements (static only)
- in the MIL :
 - modal contributions to the response are most probable inertial loads • loads are proportional to structural displacements, i.e. modes shapes (resonant only)

when the response reaches its maximum value



Equivalent wind loads: obtained from the most probable deformation of the structure





- 1. Solve equation of motion: compute $\mathbf{x}(t)$ from measured dynamic loads $\mathbf{f}(t)$ • 2. Compute response z(t) from displacements $\mathbf{x}(t)$ (NB: possibly nonlinear) • 3. Build a joint probabilistic model for the response and displacements (joint Gaussian if applicable, this is now a choice, not an assumption)
- 4. Find the most probable (or average) displacement field \mathbf{x}_{E} , conditioned upon the max. response
- 5. Determine the corresponding load distribution

Equivalent wind loads: obtained from the most probable deformation of the structure when the response reaches its maximum value







The bicubic translation model

z Response 3 2 4 μ_z σ_z $\gamma_{3,z}$ $\gamma_{4,z}$



 $\mu_x \
ho_{xz}$

 σ_x

 $\gamma_{3,x}$

 $\gamma_{4,x}$



 $z = \frac{\alpha_z}{b_z} \left(\frac{u_z^3}{3} + a_z u_z^2 + (b_z - 1) u_z - a_z \right)$

 z, u_z







The bicubic translation model

		z Response				
		0	1	2	3	4
Displacement	0		μ_z	σ_z	$\gamma_{3,z}$	$\gamma_{4,z}$
	1	μ_x	$ ho_{xz}$			
	2	σ_x				
	3	$\gamma_{3,x}$				
${\mathcal X}$	4	$\gamma_{4,x}$				

 $z = \frac{\alpha_z}{b_z}$ $x = \frac{\alpha_x}{b_x}$



$$\left(\frac{u_z^3}{3} + a_z u_z^2 + (b_z - 1) u_z - a_z\right)$$
$$\left(\frac{u_x^3}{3} + a_x u_x^2 + (b_x - 1) u_x - a_x\right)$$







Part II: Envelope Reconstruction Problem





The Envelope Reconstruction Problem


















Displacements

Displacements

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Displacements

Displacements

Reconstruction of the envelopes with mid-span displacements only

Don't try to reconstruct everything with displacements only

Reconstruction of the envelopes with : mid-span displacements

and bending moments on supports

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- 2. Could we be more efficient? Use12 ESWL? Or less?
- 3. Nb. of ESWL vs. complexity. Why 13 ESWL?
- 4. Difficulty to identify the « best » responses

Envelope : (generous) set of structural responses \mathbf{z}_{max} : axial forces, bending moments, displacements, ground reactions, ...

Reconstruction : isn't that clear ? (no matter origin of envelop — dynamic or not)

$M\ddot{x} + C\dot{x} + Kx = f$ $\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$

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Find $\{\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},i}\}$ such that, for $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{X}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{\max}$ $\|\mathbf{z}_{\max} - \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{\max}\|$ is m

$$\mathbf{z}_{\max} = \max_{t} \mathbf{z}(t)$$

$$= \mathbf{f}_{E} \text{ and } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{E} = \mathbf{z}_{\max}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{E,i} = \mathbf{f}_{E,i}, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{E,i} = \mathbf{z}_{\max,i},$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{E,i} = \max_{i=1,\cdots,n} |\mathbf{z}_{\max,i}|$$
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Envelope : (generous) set of structural responses : axial forces, bending moments, displacements, ground reactions, ...

Which envelope? Absolute, Relative values, Units (!?), Consider strength.

Constraints : the $\{\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},i}\}$ should look realistic

Freedom :

Find $\{\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},i}\}$ such that, for \mathbf{K}_{Σ} and $\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{\max}$ $\|\mathbf{z}_{\max} - \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{\max}\|$ is m

- the number of ESWL should not be too large (but it depends on the complexity)
- maybe allow for some over-estimation / under-estimation

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{E},i} = \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},i}, \ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{E},i} = \mathbf{z}_{\max,i},$$

 $\mathbf{x} = \max_{i=1,\cdots,n} |\mathbf{z}_{\max,i}|$
ninimum

Adaptive Descent solution

Step 1 : consider 1 major response & associated ESWLStep 2 : find worst reconstructed responseStep 3 : define new ESWL & iterateNB: needs a starting point

Envelope reconstruction rate

Quality of a good reconstruction algorithm :

- fast convergence
- high terminal convergence rate

Our freedom: overestimation and underestimation

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Find
$$\{\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},i}\}$$
 such that, for $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{E},i} = \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},i}$, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{E},i} = \mathbf{z}_{\max,i}$,
and $\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{\max} = \max_{i=1,\cdots,n} |\mathbf{z}_{\max,i}|$
 $\|\mathbf{z}_{\max} - \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{\max}\|$ is minimum

Envelope is reconstructed :

- within chosen/agreed over- and under-estimations (10%-20%)
- faster convergence rate —

Underestimation :

- could be accepted if smaller or secondary elements (but then, don't include them in responses)
- to be discussed with client

Overestimation:

- pay attention to excessive costs
- to be discussed with client

Timeline

The basis of ESWLs

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) \\ \end{aligned} \quad \mathbf{z}_{\max} = \mathbf{f}_{\max} \end{aligned}$$
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Complexity = 1

Complexity = 2

Complexity ~ 100-500

- PSWLs are affected by the nature of the response, i.e. Background or Resonant
- PSWLs, as such, are not necessarily optimum to reconstruct the envelope

Observations : very good start, as expected

poor terminal reconstruction rate

Solutions :

- allow some over-estimation TBD with clients (i)
- (ii) use some PSWLs, then Adaptive descent
- (iii) (linearly) combine PSWLs

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Acceptable range of values for combination coefficients

 $\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E}} = w_1 \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},1} + w_2 \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},2}$

 $\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E}} = w_1 \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},1}^{\mathrm{PSWL}} + w_2 \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},2}^{\mathrm{PSWL}}$

Reconstruction rate

 $\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E}} = w_1 \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},1} + w_2 \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},2}$

 $\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E}} = w_{1} \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},1}^{\mathrm{PSWL}} + w_{2} \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{E},2}^{\mathrm{PSWL}}$

Comb. 1	Comb. 2
-0.16	-0.92
-0.45	1.00
1.00	-0.50
-0.04	-0.47
0.31	-0.08
-0.38	0.05
-0.14	-0.05

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Principal static wind loads



Advantages :

provide a number of combination coefficients simple and efficient (no over-estimation required)

provide to client / design engineers a minimum number of load distributions that are realistic



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Future Challenges and Conclusions

- Challenges : Large roofs, Silos, Cooling tower, Bridges, ...











- Non-Symmetric envelopes - Nonlinear responses, $\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$ - Design/Extreme values - Several wind incidences

See beyond buffeting

Traditional « engineering solutions » (vs. Al ...)











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Backup slides



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$$M' = T \qquad ; \qquad M'' = p$$



Second derivative of bending moment





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