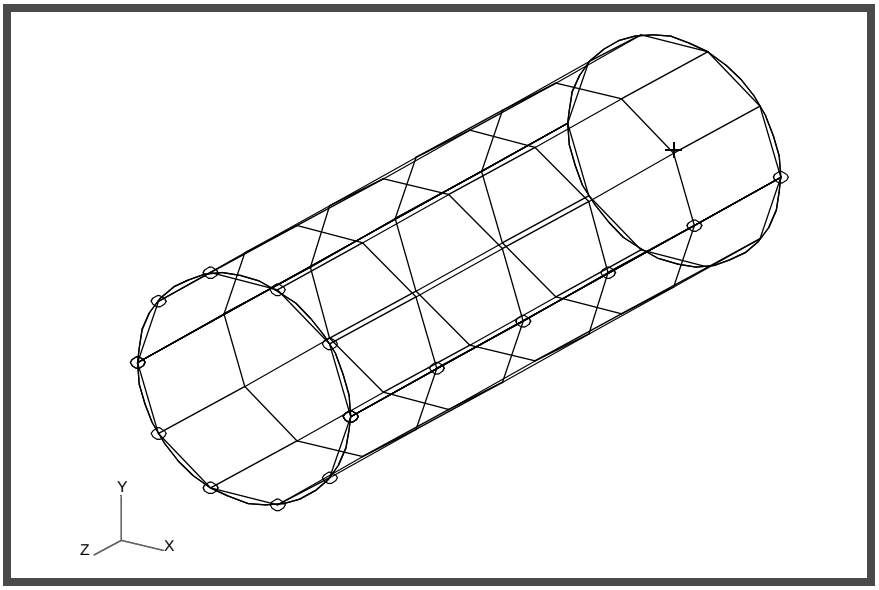
APPENDIX B

Modal Analysis of Interpolation Constraint Elements and Concentrated Mass



Objectives:

- Utilize the analysis model created in a previous exercise.
- Run an MSC.Nastran modal analysis with rigid elements.
- Visualize analysis results.
- Modify the existing model. Replace rigid elements with interpolation constraint elements.
- Run an MSC.Nastran modal analysis again.
- Visualize analysis results.

Model Description:

The goal of this example is to examine the effect of rigid and interpolation constraint elements. The rigid element, RBE2, will maintain a circular cross section at the rigid end of the tube, while the interpolation constraint elements, RBE3, are used to distribute either loading or mass.

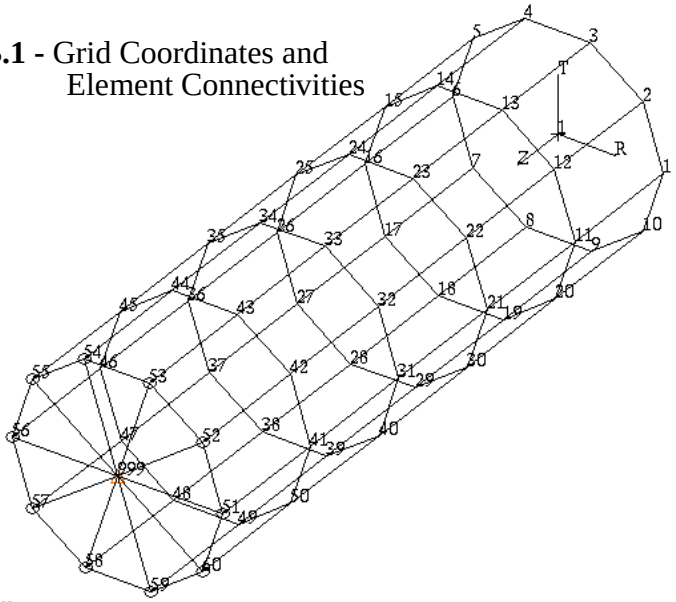


Figure B.1 - Grid Coordinates and Element Connectivities

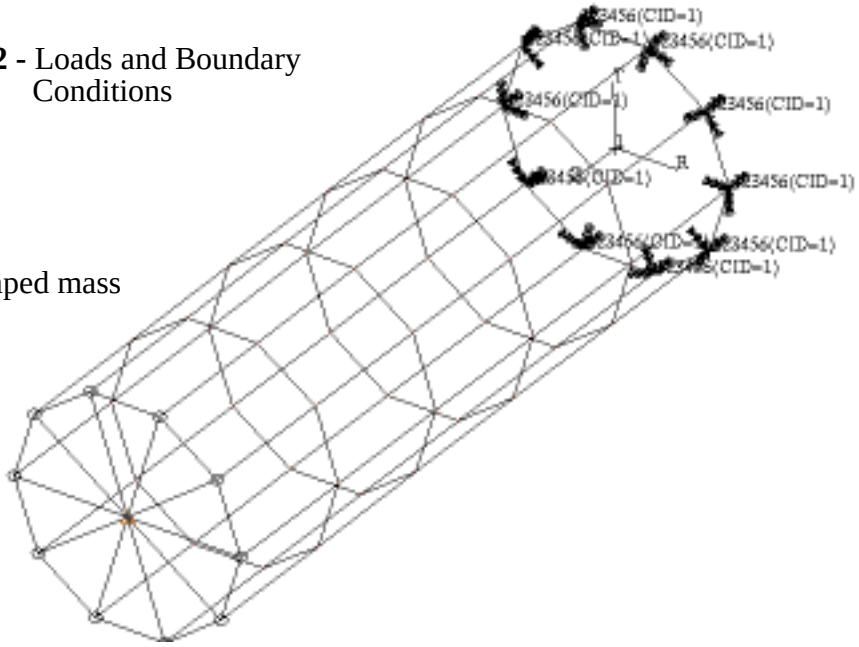


Figure B.2 - Loads and Boundary Conditions

500 lb lumped mass

Table B.1 - Model Properties

Radius:	**15 in**
Thickness:	**0.125 in**
Length:	**90 in**
Elastic Modulus:	**10E+06 lb/in^2**
Poisson Ratio:	**0.3**
Density:	**0.101 lbs/in^3**

Suggested Exercise Steps:

- Generate a finite element representation of the cylinder structure (i.e., The nodes (GRID) and element connectivities (CQUAD4) should be defined manually).
- Define material (MAT1) and element (PSHELL) properties.
- Create grid point 999 at the center of the rigid end. This point is to serve as the load application point, as well as the connection point for the rigid element.
- Idealize the rigid end with rigid elements (RBE3).
- Apply the fixed boundary constraints (SPC1).
- Apply a concentrated mass at the center of the top enclosure, grid 999 (CONM2).
- Prepare the model for normal modal analysis (SOL 101).
- Generate an input file and submit it to the MSC.Nastran solver for normal modal analysis.
- Review the results.

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ID SEMINAR,PROBB
```

```
CEND
```

```
BEGIN BULK
```

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

ENDDATA

Exercise Procedure:

1. Users who are not utilizing MSC.Patran for generating an input file should go to Step 6 otherwise, proceed to Step 2.

2. Open database created in Appendix A named **proba.db**.

File/Open...

Existing Database Name: **proba**

OK

Whenever possible click ❑ **Auto Execute** (turn off).

3. Delete the MPC for the RBE2 analysis.

◆ **Finite Elements**

Action: **Delete**

Object: **MPC**

Delete Related: ❑ **Nodes (turn off)**

List of MPC's: **Mpc 1**

Apply

4. Now create the rigid element with RBE3.

◆ **Finite Elements**

Action: **Create**

Object: **MPC**

Type: **RBE3**

Define Terms...

◆ **Create Dependent**

Node List: **Node 999**

Select DOFs by holding the Shift key down while clicking with the left mouse button.

DOFs: *(highlight)*	**UX** **UY** **UZ**

Apply

◆ **Create Independent**

You can type the nodes into the list directly or you can screen select it by changing back to **Right Side View** and selecting the nodes on the *left edge* of the model.

Right Side View

Node List:	**Node 6:36:6 48:66:6** (Be certain not to select Node 999)
DOFs: *(highlight)*	**UX** **UY** **UZ**

Apply

Cancel

Apply

5. Now you are ready to run the analysis.

◆ **Analysis**

Action:	**Analyze**
Object:	**Entire Model**
Method:	**Analysis Deck**
Job Name	**probb**

Solution Type...

Solution Type: ◆ **NORMAL MODES**

Solution Parameters...

❒ **Automatic Constraints** *(Deselect Automatic Constraints)*

Mass Calculation: **Coupled**

Wt.-Mass Conversion = **0.00259**

OK

OK

Apply

An MSC.Nastran input file called **probb.bdf** will be generated. This process of translating your model into an input file is called the Forward Translation. The Forward Translation is complete when the Heartbeat turns green.

Generating an Input File for MSC.Nastran Users:

MSC.Nastran users can generate an input file using the data from Table C.1. The result should be similar to the output below.

6. MSC.Nastran input file: **probb.dat**

```
ID SEMINAR, APPENDIX B
SOL 103
TIME 600
CEND
TITLE = Normal Modes w/ RBE3
ECHO = NONE
MAXLINES = 999999999
SUBCASE 1
   METHOD = 1
   SPC = 1
BEGIN BULK
PARAM    WTMASS  .00259
PARAM    COUPMASS1
EIGRL    1                       10      0
GRID     1       1       15.     0.      0.      1
=        *1      =       =       *36.    =       =
=8
GRID     11      1       15.     0.      18.     1
=        *1      =       =       *36.    =       =
=8
GRID     21      1       15.     0.      36.     1
=        *1      =       =       *36.    =       =
=8
GRID     31      1       15.     0.      54.     1
=        *1      =       =       *36.    =       =
=8
GRID     41      1       15.     0.      72.     1
=        *1      =       =       *36.    =       =
=8
GRID     51      1       15.     0.      90.     1
=        *1      =       =       *36.    =       =
=8
GRID     999     1       0.      0.      90.     1
CQUAD4   1       1       1       11      12      2
=        *1      =       *1      *1      *1      *1
=7
CQUAD4   10      1       10      20      11      1
CQUAD4   11      1       11      21      22      12
=        *1      =       *1      *1      *1      *1
=7
CQUAD4   20      1       20      30      21      11
CQUAD4   21      1       21      31      32      22
=        *1      =       *1      *1      *1      *1
=7
CQUAD4   30      1       30      40      31      21
CQUAD4   31      1       31      41      42      32
=        *1      =       *1      *1      *1      *1
=7
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CQUAD4   40      1       40      50      41      31
CQUAD4   41      1       41      51      52      42
=        *1      =       *1      *1      *1      *1
=7
CQUAD4   50      1       50      60      51      41
PSHELL   1       1       .125    1
MAT1     1       1.+7            .3      .101
CONM2    51      999             500.
RBE3     52              999     123     1.      123     51      52
         53      54      55      56      57      58      59      60
SPC1     1       123456  1       2       3       4       5       6
         7       8       9       10
CORD2C   1               0.      0.      0.      0.      0.      1.      +       C
+       C 1.     0.      0.
ENDDATA
```

Submitting the Input File for Analysis:

7. Submit the input file to MSC.Nastran for analysis.

   7a. To submit the MSC.Patran **.bdf** file for analysis, find an available UNIX shell window. At the command prompt enter: **nastran probb.bdf scr=yes**. Monitor the run using the UNIX **ps** command.

   7b. To submit the MSC.Nastran **.dat** file for analysis, find an available UNIX shell window. At the command prompt enter: **nastran probb.dat scr=yes**. Monitor the run using the UNIX **ps** command.

8. When the run is completed, edit the **probb.f06** file and search for the word **FATAL**. If no matches exist, search for the word **WARNING**. Determine whether existing **WARNING** messages indicate modeling errors.

9. While still editing **probb.f06**, search for the word:

   E I G E N (spaces are necessary)

   What are the first five modes?

   Mode 1 = _____ Hz

   Mode 2 = _____ Hz

   Mode 3 = _____ Hz

   Mode 4 = _____ Hz

   Mode 5 = _____ Hz

Comparison of Results:

10. Compare the results obtained in the **.f06** file with the results on the following page:

REAL EIGENVALUES

MODE NO.	EXTRACTION ORDER	EIGENVALUE	RADIANS	CYCLES	GENERALIZED MASS	GENERALIZED STIFFNESS
1	1	3.109205E+04	1.763294E+02	2.806369E+01	1.000000E+00	3.109205E+04
2	2	3.109209E+04	1.763295E+02	2.806371E+01	1.000000E+00	3.109209E+04
3	3	9.614287E+04	3.100691E+02	4.934903E+01	1.000000E+00	9.614287E+04
4	4	9.614338E+04	3.100699E+02	4.934916E+01	1.000000E+00	9.614338E+04
5	5	1.356769E+05	3.683434E+02	5.862367E+01	1.000000E+00	1.356769E+05
6	6	1.356775E+05	3.683443E+02	5.862381E+01	1.000000E+00	1.356775E+05
7	7	5.081049E+05	7.128148E+02	1.134480E+02	1.000000E+00	5.081049E+05
8	8	5.081190E+05	7.128247E+02	1.134496E+02	1.000000E+00	5.081190E+05
9	9	9.190473E+05	9.586695E+02	1.525770E+02	1.000000E+00	9.190473E+05
10	10	9.332723E+05	9.660602E+02	1.537533E+02	1.000000E+00	9.332723E+05

11. MSC.Nastran Users have finished this exercise. MSC.Patran Users should proceed to the next step.

12. Proceed with the Reverse Translation process, that is attaching the **probb.xdb** results file into MSC.Patran. To do this, return to the **Analysis** form and proceed as follows:

◆ **Analysis**

Action:	**Attach XDB**
Object:	**Result Entities**
Method:	**Local**

Select Results File...

Select Results File:	**probb.xdb**

OK

Apply

13. When the translation is complete bring up the **Results** form.

Select **Deformation** to view physical changes of the model.

◆ **Results**

Action:	**Create**
Object:	**Deformation**

To select results, click on the **Select Results** icon.

Select Results

Be aware that the result cases from probA are still present in the Select Result Case(s) list box. The second set of Result Cases correspond to probB.

Select Result Case(s):	**Default, Mode 9:Freq.=95.168**
Select Deformation Result:	**Eigenvectors, Translational**
Show As:	**Resultant**

To change the target entities of the plot, click on the **Target Entities** icon.

 **Target Entities**

Target Entity:	**Groups**
Select Materials:	**default_group**

To change the display attributes of the plot, click on the **Display Attributes** icon.

 **Display Attributes**

Render Style:	**Shaded**

❑ **Show Undeformed**

Apply

Select **Marker** to choose marker plots.

◆ **Results**

Action:	**Create**
Object:	**Marker**
Method:	**Vector**

To select results, click on the **Select Results** icon.

 **Select Results**

Select Result Case(s):	**Default, Mode 9:Freq.=95.168**
Select Vector Result:	**Eigenvectors, Translational**

If you wish to reset your display graphics to the state it was in before you began post-processing your model, remember to select the **Reset Graphics** icon.

 **Reset Graphics**

To view different results, after **Reset Graphics** repeat step 13 and change *Result Case(s), Vector Result,* and *Deformation Result*.

Quit MSC.Patran when you are finished with this exercise.