Dynamic behavior of stress laminated

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 General

The use of timber as a bridge material is rarely considered by many designers. Not only is timber a renewable and readily available resource, it also provides good performance with little maintenance. Timber bridges can be constructed with relatively low skilled labor and can have life spans of over 50 years.

As part of an effort to promote the use of wood for bridge construction, the United states passed the Timber Bridge Initiative in 1988. This program, headed by the united states Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, aides local governments in the construction of demonstration timber bridges. These bridges are then evaluated and monitored by the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) through a series of periodical field tests. Information obtained from these tests provides insight into changes that can be made to improve the performance, design, and cost effectiveness of timber bridges.

One type of bridge currently being monitored by FPL is the stress laminated timber bridge. Although static deflections due to heavy vehicle loads are recorded- as part

of the monitoring process, no data has been collected pertaining to the bridge performance under dynamic loads. Application of dynamic loads can significantly increase the deflections, moments, and stresses over that of static loading. Therefore, information is needed on the dynamic behavior of the stress laminated bridge system.

1.2 Objective and Scope

The objective of this study was to evaluate the dynamic behavior of stress laminated timber bridges. This objective was broken into two investigations, experimental and analytical.

The experimental investigation involved the field testing of a stress laminated timber bridge crossing the Teal River near Hayward, Wisconsin. Deflections of the bridge, hereafter referred to as the Teal River bridge, were recorded at several locations every five thousandths of a second during the passage of a heavy vehicle over the bridge. The dynamic response of the bridge was evaluated for several different vehicle velocities. In addition, the affect of changing the approach roughness was investigated by placing an artificial bump at the bridge entrance. As a way of quantifying the behavior, a dynamic load factor was calculated for each test performed. The dynamic load factor

(DLF) is defined as the factor by which the maximum dynamic response exceeds the maximum static response at a particular point. That is, the maximum dynamic deflection divided by the maximum static deflection at the same point. Through the series of tests, a single upper bound value of the DLF was determined for the bridge.

The second phase involved the development of an analytical model to predict the dynamic response of stress laminated timber bridges. A finite element model of the bridge was used to produce time-history curves of deflection to define the bridge response. The vehicle loading was modeled as a rolling mass at each axle location. Again, the response was quantified using a DLF for each run. In addition, comparisons were made between the analytical and experimental results to verify the use of the model.

## 1.3 stress Laminated Timber Bridges

## 1.3.1 Background

stress laminated timber bridges use steel prestressing rods to compress individual longitudinal laminates. During construction, threaded prestressing rods are placed transversely at even intervals along the length of the bridge (see Fig. 1). These rods are pulled in tension, anchored, and released producing a compressive stress between the



Fig. 1. Stress laminated timber bridge system

individual laminates. Once compressed, the friction force between laminates allows the transfer of vertical shear and thus distributes any applied loading. The stressed deck then acts as a uniform slab without any discontinuities at laminate interfaces.

The idea of using prestressing rods to compress longitudinal laminates originated in ontario, Canada, as a means of strengthening existing nail laminated bridges. It was noticed that asphalt wearing surfaces were cracking and breaking up due to differential movement between individual laminates. The repetitive loading of vehicle traffic over the bridge caused the nails to crush the wood thus decreasing their effectiveness. The individual laminates were able to slip and move independently causing the wearing surface damage and a decrease in load carrying capacity. Rather than replacing the entire bridge, prestressing rods were used to compress the deck and eliminate the differential laminate movement.

This method of strengthening was first tried on the Herbert Creek Bridge in 1976. The stressing of the deck greatly increased the load carrying capacity of the bridge and it was decided to further research the method as both a strengthening technique as well as a procedure for new construction. The research was conducted by the ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and Queen's University.

Design procedures and specifications were developed and included in the 1979 ontario Highway Bridge Design Code (OHBDC) •

In the United states, research and development was carried out by the USDA Forest Service FPL in cooperation with the University of wisconsin, Madison. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), provides design provisions for stress laminated timber bridges in a sperate publication from their Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges. This publication, Guide Specifications for the design of stress Laminated Wood Decks [1], became available in 1991.

# 1.3.2 Construction and Behavior

Ritter [13] describes the general construction and design procedures used in stress laminated timber bridges. Newly constructed bridges are generally made of 2 to 4 in. thick laminates. The depth of the members are generally controlled deflection limitations rather than stresses. It is important that the laminates have a uniform thickness to ensure contact with adjacent laminates thus allowing proper transfer of the loading. A limited number of butt joints are allowed since adjacent laminates can receive the load, carry it past the butt joint, and transfer it back to the discontinuous member. This allows the use of shorter, more

available, and less expensive members. However, butt joints do reduce the longitudinal stiffness and must be accounted for in the design. All timber must be treated with an oiltype preservative to inhibit decay and control fluctuations in moisture content.

The steel prestressing rods are identical to those used in prestressed concrete. They have, at minimum, an ultimate tensile stress of 150,000 psi and are available in diameters ranging from 5/8 to 1 3/8 inches. Some type of corrosion protection must also be provided. Most commonly the rods are galvanized, but epoxy coating has also been used with success. Any damage to the rod coating during construction must be patched in the field.

Two types of anchorage systems are currently used in new construction. Figure 2 illustrates the two methods. The OHBCD requires the use of a channel bulkhead. The channel serves three purposes. First, if provides additional stiffness to the bridge, second, it distributes the load from the rods to the decking material, and third, it provides a clean edge visible to the public.

Research in the United States, however, found that the channels contributed little to the overall performance of the bridge and a second anchorage system was developed. This system uses rectangular bearing plates at each rod location. Using this system, the compressive stress is evenly-



Bearing Plate

Fig. 2. prestressing anchorage systems

distributed on interior laminates even though the stress is more localized on a few exterior laminations.

The bridges are constructed by placing the individual laminates on the substructure, inserting the prestressing rods into prebored holes, and applying the force in the rods. The tensile force is applied by pulling on the rod against the bearing plate or channel using a hydraulic jack. Forces of approximately 80 to 100 kips are applied. The nut is then tightened on the rod and the jack is removed thus compressing the laminates together. A minimum 24 psi compression stress between laminates is needed in order for the deck to perform effectively. Initial stresses of 100 psi or more are applied at construction to account for losses due to creep and moisture content changes in the timber. Losses of up to 60 percent of the initial stress are expected during the life of the structure, leaving 40 percent to maintain the needed friction force between laminates. The deck is stressed three times to account for and minimize stress losses due to creep. The designed initial stress is applied at the time of construction, reapplied one week later, and reapplied for the final time 5 to 7 weeks after construction.

The stressed deck behaves as an orthotropic plate. That is, different properties exist parallel and transverse to the laminates. The longitudinal stiffness is affected by the modulus of elasticity as well as the depth of the laminates.

The transverse modulus of elasticity  $(E_{TS})$  and transverse shear modulus  $(G_{TS})$  are a small fraction of the longitudinal modulus. It should be noted that the transverse modulus of elasticity and shear modulus are function of the stressed system, that is, they depend on the timber species used as well as the stress applied and are not solely properties of the individual laminates. The values of  $E_{TS}$  and  $G_{TS}$  are experimentally determined using the various species of wood and the minimum stress level required for acceptable performance. The values have been determined for Douglas Fir-Larch, Hem-Fir, Red Pine, and Eastern White Pine and are defined by equations 1-1 and 1-2.

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E_{TS} = 0.013E'
$$
 (1-1)

$$
G_{TS}=0.03E'
$$
 (1-2)

 $E' = E(C_{\mu})$ E'= Allowable modulus of elasticity  $E = Modulus$  of elasticity  $C_M$  = Moisture content factor

 $C_M$  values can be found in Ref [13] or other timber manuals.

# 1.4 Literature Review of Bridge Dynamic Behavior

The dynamic behavior of bridges has been studied by many researchers both analytically and experimentally. Overall,

the problem is very complex, being influenced by many parameters. The response is affected by the bridge characteristics, vehicle characteristics, number of vehicles, vehicle velocity and path, road surface roughness, and initial bridge and vehicle conditions. All of these parameters combine to define the dynamic response of the bridge.

Models used to predict bridge behavior have varied in complexity. The bridge has been modeled as a single beam, grillage system of longitudinal and transverse members, plate elements, and a combination of plate and beam elements. The vehicle has been represented, in simplest form, as a constant force transversing the bridge. While models having twelve degrees of freedom and incorporating springs and dash pots to represent the suspension system have also been used. However, Humar and Kashif [7] point out that in most cases, sophisticated analytical techniques still fail to determine the parameters that influence dynamic behavior. Design procedures can be developed and parameter studies performed more effectively with a simplified model.

Gupta [6] modeled a bridge as both a beam and an orthotropic plate to study the influence of surface irregularities and vehicle braking on dynamic response. A half sine wave bump was placed at various approach locations to model surface irregularities. The largest impact was

obtained when the bump was placed directly at the bridge entrance. He also determined that vehicle braking while on the bridge span appreciably increases the response.

Gupta also comments on the bridge models. For the two dimensional plate model, eccentric vehicle loading was found to increase the dynamic response depending on the distance between the bridge center line and vehicle position. Between the two different bridge models, the one dimensional beam model predicted higher impacts than the two dimensional plate model. Humar and Kashif also cite this difference between models.

An analytical study performed by Hwang and Nowak [8] included surface roughness on a bridge modeled as a prismatic beam. The road roughness was incorporated using a power spectral density function to produce a random road profile. The vehicle was modeled as a distributed mass supported by axles with springs representing the tires and nonlinear, energy dissipating devices representing the vehicle leaf spring system. For each solution, the vehicle was run over twenty different road profiles with the final response being the average of the twenty runs. It was found that the amplitude of dynamic oscillation remained almost constant for different vehicle weights. The static deflection increases with vehicle weight resulting in a reduction in dynamic load factor with increasing vehicle weight.

The use of a power spectral density function to represent road surface roughness was also used by Wang, Huang, and Shahawy [20]. Road profiles for very good, good, average, and poor road conditions were produced. They modeled the bridge as a grillage system and used a complex vehicle model with twelve degrees of freedom to represent a standard AASHTO HS20-44 loading. Masses representing the tractor and semitrailer were assigned three degrees of freedom each corresponding to vertical displacement, rotation about a transverse axis (pitch), and rotation about a longitudinal axis (roll). Each of the three axles had two degrees of freedom: one for vertical motion, and one for roll. Results from their analyses found only slight variances in the dynamic load factor with increasing vehicle velocities for good and very good road profiles, but large changes using a poor road profile.

The effects of initial bridge and vehicle motion were studied by Wen and Veletsos [21]. Their model used a simply supported beam that was reduced to a single degree of freedom by assuming the deflected shape at any time is proportional to that of the static deflection produced by the vehicle and bridge weights. The vehicle was represented by a rigid sprung mass (chassis and payload mass) with vertical and pitching degrees of freedom, and two unsprung masses (axle and tire mass) assumed always to remain in contact with the

bridge. The effects of initial vehicle motion were investigated for both initial pitching and vertical motion. The effects of initial pitching were found to be less severe than initial bouncing. The increases in impact due to initial oscillations were nearly linear with the amplitude of the oscillation.

If the bridge is in a state of motion prior to the vehicle entrance, the dynamic response depends on the timing of vehicle entrance. An additive effect can result if load application is in phase with the initial bridge motion, or a canceling effect can result from out of phase interaction.

Wen and Veletsos also noticed an increase in the dynamic response when the time between axle entrance was equal to an integer factor of the bridge period. Further studies on the effect of multiple axle loads on a bridge were done by Looney [10]. He noted that field test data had shown an accumulation of oscillations at some velocities and an interference at others. Analytically, he found that the oscillations caused by two axles crossing a point on the bridge in a time equal to one or two times the natural period of the bridge were much larger than those crossing a point in 1.5 times the natural period. This phenomenon was verified experimentally by a field test conducted by Foster and Oehler [5]. The above is true if the frequency of the loaded bridge is close to the loaded frequency.

Looney also did studies to evaluate the affect of vehicle mass. Using live load to dead load ratios of 0.4, 0.5, 0.7, and 1.2 comparisons were made between modeling the loading as a constant force or a rolling mass. Results show that a moving force analysis is not adequate to define the total bridge response. Moving force theory is useful in a qualitative sense in describing the response, but is inadequate in computing the oscillations.

Biggs and Suer [3] conducted a series of field tests on five simple span bridges. From the tests they concluded that one of the most important factors influencing bridge response is the dynamic characteristics of the vehicle. Another important factor is the condition of the roadway. They noted that field test data show amplitudes of dynamic oscillation being 18 to 40 percent of the maximum static deflection. These are much higher than would be produced by a theoretical smoothly running load. It was also found that the frequency of vibration while the vehicle is on the span was not the natural frequency of the bridge. This suggests the response is a forced vibration caused by the oscillation of the vehicle on its suspension system. The best indication of the bridge natural frequency was in the free vibration occurring after the vehicle left the span. This frequency was found to be dominated by first mode vibration. Also noted was that no apparent correlation existed between the characteristics of

vibration and the speed of the vehicle, but the range of speeds was limited and it is expected that higher speeds would have caused larger impacts.

Bakht and Pinjarkar [2] summarize the results of dynamic studies and develop a testing procedure for determining a single impact value or dynamic load factor for a bridge. Using a single vehicle is not representative of the loads a bridge will encounter in its life. A single vehicle can only provide insight into the problem of dynamic loading and should not be used to determine a single value of impact. The only way a representative value can be determined is to collect data under normal traffic over long periods of time. From the data collected, a statistical procedure using the mean and variance of the impact values, and a safety index for highway bridges can be employed to obtain a single value.

From previous research it was found that the impact decreases with vehicle weight, therefore light vehicles, whose loading is insignificant compared to design loads, will tend to incorrectly shift the value of impact to the high side. To avoid this, data from light vehicles should not be used in the calculation of an impact factor. Also, dynamic load factors at points away from the load can be larger than those directly under the load. Deflections at points away from the load are smaller and of less importance than those under the loading, therefore, data should only be considered

at points where large deflections are occurring. Bakht and Pinjarkar suggest using only that data at the reference point where the maximum static deflection occurs at the monitored cross-section.

The use of an artificial bump placed on the road surface to account for riding surface irregularities is common. Bakht and Pinjarkar note that this practice may produce overly conservative results on bridges where the road is well maintained. Placement of a bump should only be done if the bridge is not expected to be paved for long periods of time, or if unevenness at the bridge entrance or expansion joints is expected.

Bakht and Pinjarkar additionally point out that there is little uniformity in how the impact factor is calculated. Eight equations are listed, all giving a slightly different value for a given situation. In the paper it is suggested that the following equation be used to calculate the impact factor:

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I = \frac{\delta_{dyn} - \delta_{stat}}{\delta_{stat}} \tag{1-3}
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I=Impact factor  $\delta_{\text{dyn}}$ =Maximum dynamic deflection  $\delta_{stat}$ =Maximum median dynamic deflection

The median dynamic deflection is the dynamic deflection after filtering out the oscillations. The value of the maximum

median dynamic deflection is normally very close to the maximum static deflection. The static deflection is not used in equation 1-3 because its use would require static data from every vehicle that crosses the bridge. This is obviously not possible when collecting data under normal traffic.

#### 2. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION

#### 2.1 Bridge Description

In order to evaluate the dynamic performance, field tests were conducted on a stress laminated timber bridge located in northwestern Wisconsin. The bridge crosses the Teal River on county Highway S, approximately 20 miles east of Hayward, Wisconsin (see Fig. 3). county Highway S is a two-lane paved road located within the Chequamegon National Forest transportation network. The bridge is used by approximately 100 vehicles per day with much of its heavy loading coming from logging traffic.

The stress laminated timber bridge was constructed in 1989 to replace an existing steel stringer, concrete deck bridge. Partial funding for the project was provided by the USDA Forest Service as part of the Timber Bridge Initiative. The bridge is one of the many being periodically monitored by FPL.

Initial designs for the bridge used Wisconsin grown Red Oak lumber for the laminates. Further design concluded that lumber of the required dimensions was not readily available and a different alternative would be necessary. After further consideration, it was decided to use horizontally



# Fig. 3. Teal River bridge location

glue laminated members made of Wisconsin grown Red Pine along with Southern Pine. These glulam members would then make up the laminates used in the stress laminated decking. Southern Pine laminates were used in the exterior portions of the glulam members to provide additional stiffness over that which could be obtained using only Red Pine. In addition, two glulam members were made entirely of Red Oak. These hard wood members were used on each side of the bridge to prevent the prestressing bearing plates from crushing the timber. Each glulam member was designed to be 13 3/4 in. deep, 3 1/8 in. wide, and 32 1/2 ft long. Since each glulam member could be constructed to the full length of the bridge, no butt joints were needed and thus no adjustments to the longitudinal bridge stiffness were needed for design or analytical calculations.

Nine one inch prestressing rods were placed at 44 in. on center to provide a design stress of 100 psi between laminates. The design stress was achieved by applying a design force of 60,500 Ib to each prestressing bar. Bearing and anchorage plate dimensions are given in Fig. 4 along with the overall bridge dimensions. An approximately 2 inch thick asphalt wearing surface was applied in June 1990.

The modulus of elasticity of the glulam members was determined by several tests conducted at the manufacturing plant, FPL, and in the field prior to the bridge



Fig. 4. Teal River bridge dimensions

construction. Based on these tests [19], an allowable modulus of elasticity of 1,780,000 psi was used for analytical calculations of deflections and dynamic response.

#### 2.2 Field Test

Field testing of the Teal River stress laminated timber bridge was performed on June  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$ , 1993. The testing instrumentation, data acquisition program, and procedure will be described in this section.

# 2.2.1 Instrumentation

vertical displacements were recorded at both mid and quarter span locations during passage of a three axle dump truck traveling at various velocities (truck characteristics and traveling speeds are discussed in section 2.2.3). Additionally, deflections were monitored at four abutment locations to ensure no movement occurred during loading application. Figure 5 illustrates the measurement locations and numbering system.

At midspan, displacements were measured at mostly two foot intervals transversely across the entire bridge width. At each quarter span, measurements were taken at four locations all in the upstream lane of the bridge. The centerline, upstream edge, and two intermediate measurements



Fig. 5. Field measurement locations and numbering system

were taken. Movement of the abutments were monitored by taking measurements on the underside of the deck as close to the abutment as possible. Again, only the upstream lane was instrumented.

In addition to displacements, the position and velocity of the vehicle were monitored using two tape switches. Each tape switch consisted of two current carrying wires that when compressed, such as by the passage of a vehicle tire, short the circuit. The change in voltage caused by the short could be detected by the data acquisition system and used to start data collection or monitor vehicle location. The first tape switch was placed 5 ft before the bridge entrance and used to trigger the data collection. The second was placed at the bridge exit.

The displacements were measured using Celesco string type direct current differential transducers (DCDT's). Each DCDT had a 20 in. stroke allowing measurements of plus or minus 10 inches. As the DCDT string is pulled or retracted, an internal potentiometer changes the output voltage which is read by the data acquisition system. The change in voltage is calibrated to a corresponding displacement allowing deflections to be determined any time the output voltage is recorded. Two by eight inch lumber were spanned across tripods and cabled securely to the ground to act as stands onto which the DCDT's could be mounted. The stands were tied

down at several locations such that no movement could occur. This ensures that the measured deflections were that of the bridge itself and did not include movement of the stand. A plum-bob was used to locate the position of the DCDT's directly beneath the measurement locations, and wood screws used to secure them to the stand.

The data was collected using a Hewlett-Packered (HP) 3852A data acquisition/control system (DAS). The DAS was equipped with two HP 44711, 24 channel, FET multiplexers and an HP 44702, 13 bit high speed voltmeter. The DAS was controlled and the data post-processed and stored in a portable 486DX-33 PC running IBASIC for WINDOWS. The program used for controlling the DAS is described in the next section.

#### 2.2.2 Data Acquisition Program

In order to obtain a good representation of the dynamic response of the bridge, data needed to be collected often enough such that peaks in the dynamic oscillations were not missed. This requires the collection of large amounts of data and a means of putting it together in an understandable form. The data acquisition program was used for this purpose. The program was written in BASIC language using the software HP instrument BASIC for WINDOWS. A general flow chart of the program is given in Fig. 6 and a copy of the



Fig. 6. DAS program flowchart

entire program *is* printed in Appendix A.

The program allows the user to input the parameters used in defining the data collection process. The length of time data will be collected is input and *is* based on the time required for the vehicle to cross the bridge. The reading of all channels is referred to as a scan, and the scan delay, which is user input, *is* the time between scan readings. That is, the scan delay is the time between voltage readings of all DCDT's and monitored tape switches. The time between voltage readings of the individual channels is not input, but is set at the fastest possible, 10 microseconds. The time required to read the individual channels in a single scan is considered to be instantaneous and neglected in interpreting the data. Also input is the number of channels to be read which is the number of DCDT's plus the number of monitored tape switches. For this bridge, 26 channels were monitored; 25 DCDT's along with one tape switch.

Once the above parameters have been input, the program sets up the DAS to collect the initial output voltages. The initial voltages are then recorded by reading one scan of the channel list with the bridge in an unloaded condition. The voltages are read by the high speed voltmeter (VM) and transferred to DAS and then to the PC where they are converted into a real format and stored.

The DAS is reset and set-up once again, this time to

collect the voltages during application of the dynamic loading. The program pauses waiting for a trigger to start the data collection. The trigger comes from the first tape switch located before the bridge entrance. Once triggered, voltages are collected and stored within the DAS according to the input scan delay and length of time. After all data has been collected, the voltages are converted to real format and transferred to the PC were they are held in a two dimensional array awaiting post processing.

The post processing converts the collected voltages to displacements. Every reading for each DCDT is subtracted from its initial voltage to obtain the change in output voltage caused by the bridge deflection. The change in voltage is converted to a displacement by multiplying by the corresponding calibration factor for the DCDT. The displacements are then written to a file for storage and analysis at a later time. The program is rerun for each additional test.

# 2.2.3 Testing Procedure

The dynamic load testing of the Teal River stress laminated timber bridge was completed in cooperation with FPL. In order to minimize the time at the bridge, normal static load monitoring procedures were conducted for FPL along with the dynamic testing. Deflections due to six

static load cases were recorded as part of the monitoring process. static test procedures were carried out under the supervision of Michael Ritter of FPL. The results of these tests are not the focus of this study and are therefore not discussed.

The dynamic load behavior of the bridge was evaluated for several vehicle velocities under smooth and rough approach conditions. The test vehicle was a three axle dump truck loaded with sand. The gross weight of the vehicle was 70,040 Ib with 22,180 Ib being distributed to the front axle and the remaining 47,860 Ib assumed divided evenly between the rear two axles. Axle spacings were 14.6 ft between the front two axles and 4.7 ft seperating the rear two axles (see Fig. 7a). The axle track width was 6 feet.

All tests were conducted for two different vehicle positions. The first was with the left wheel line two feet right of centerline in the upstream lane. For the second position, the truck straddled the centerline of the bridge. That is, one wheel line 3 ft on either side of centerline (see Fig. 7b). string lines were fastened to the bridge deck to act as a guide for the driver to follow while crossing the bridge.

In order to obtain a basis by which the dynamic load effects could be compared, crawl tests were performed for each loading position. During crawl tests the vehicle



Fig. 7. Vehicle characteristics and lane positions

crossed the bridge at a low velocity (approximately 5 m.p.h.) producing deflections very near that of static application of the load. It is assumed that during crawl speed loading there is no dynamic contribution to the deflection. Deflections caused by higher velocity loadings can then be compared to that of crawl speed to evaluate the dynamic performance of the bridge.

Load tests were then conducted at several velocities at each vehicle position. A sharp curve in the road only a few hundred feet past the bridge restricted the truck velocities to approximately 40 miles per hour. Using this as an upper limit, velocities of 20, 25, 30, and 40 m.p.h. were chosen for the tests. As mentioned in the literature review (Section 1.4), increases in the dynamic response can occur if the time between application of consecutive axles across a point on the bridge is equal to the natural period of the bridge. However, this is only true if the frequency of the bridge is not effected much by the mass of the vehicle. For this short span timber bridge, the ratio of live load to dead load masses is 1.5. with the live load being such a large portion of the total loaded mass, the loaded frequency of the bridge will change significantly from the unloaded frequency. Therefore, the increase in dynamic response would not be realized, and additional velocities were not necessary.

Knowing the minimum velocity and bridge and truck

lengths, the maximum amount of time needed for the truck to cross the bridge at speeds other than crawl was 1.8 seconds. Based on this, a test duration of 5 sec was chosen for data collection. A test duration of 20 sec was used for the crawl speed loadings.

Preliminary analysis (see Section 3.3) predicted the natural period of the bridge being about 0.14 seconds. Taking readings every 0.005 seconds would allow more than 25 data points on a period of vibration, therefore well defining the bridge response. Using a scan delay of 0.005 sec and a test duration of 5 sec, 1000 readings were taken on each DCDT for every non-crawl speed test. A scan delay of 0.01 sec was used on the crawl speed tests resulting in 2000 readings on each DCDT. A larger delay between scan readings could be used on the crawl tests because no dynamic effects were expected.

Unevenness at the joint between bridge entrance and approach roadway or the presence of ruts and potholes due to low maintenance of the road surface can increase the impact caused by dynamic vehicle loading. As the truck runs over irregularities in the road surface, the mass supported by the vehicle suspension system begins to vibrate. If the vehicle enters the bridge span with initial displacements and accelerations of the suspended mass, the bridge may see an increase in response depending on the vehicle characteristics

and initial conditions. Even with the road surface in good condition, the bridge response may still be influenced by initial vehicle oscillations. Small irregularities in the roadway or even the shifting of gears will cause some vibrations, however, these are considered small when the approach roadway is in good condition.

The effects of altering the approach roughness were evaluated by placing an artificial bump at the bridge entrance to simulate a rough condition. The bump was made by securing a 2 x 4 in. board to the wearing surface using lag screws. The dynamic load tests were repeated with the bump in place for three velocities in each vehicle position.

#### 2.3 Test Results

## 2.3.1 Dynamic Response

In order to evaluate the dynamic performance of the Teal River bridge, it was first necessary to determine at which reference points the response would be most critical. As discussed in Section 1.4, Bakht and Pinjarkar recommend using only those points where the maximum static deflections occur. The crawl speed tests were used to determine those locations.

For each scan during the crawl speed tests, a transverse profile of the midspan deflections could be plotted using the data from DCDT's 5 through 17 (the midspan DCDT's). Each of
these plots represents the static midspan deflections of the bridge corresponding to a vehicle position at the time the scan was taken. The maximum midspan profile was selected out of all the scans and was found to occur when the rear axles of the truck were approximately centered about the bridge midspan. The maximum midspan deflections for each vehicle position and are plotted in Fig. 8.

For the 2 ft right of centerline crawl speed test, the maximum transverse deflection profile occurred at the same vehicle position as one of the static tests conducted for FPL. Assuming there is no dynamic contribution to the deflections in the crawl speed test, the two midspan deflection profiles should be the same. The static profile is superimposed on the maximum crawl speed profile in Fig. 8. As can be seen from this plot, the two profiles are very well matched. Although there was no static load case to compare with the second vehicle position (straddling the centerline), it was concluded from the first that the crawl speed deflections had little dynamic contribution and could be used to accurately represent the static deflections.

The crawl speed transverse profiles were then used to determine the reference points at which the maximum static response occurred. These points would be used to evaluate the dynamic performance of the bridge as suggested by Bakht and pinjarkar. From Fig. 8, the maximum crawl speed response



Fig. 8. Maximum transverse deflection profiles

occurred under DeDT 15 for the 2 ft right loading, and under DeDT 11 for the centered loading. Although the maximum static response occurred under DCDT 14 (2 ft to the left) for the 2 ft right loading, the dynamic data consistently showed the maximum deflection occurring under DCDT 15. Therefore, it was chosen as the reference point. The reference points are located under the right wheel line and at centerline for the 2 ft right and centered loadings respectively.

All plots presented in this section are done with respect to the reference points unless otherwise noted. Many of them show the vertical deflection of the reference point versus position of the front axle. The position of the front axle was used to provide a common reference against which the deflections could be plotted for any vehicle speed. That is, a plot of a 20 m.p.h. test can superimposed on a 30 m.p.h. test using the same x-axis. A position key noting the bridge layout and location of the center of the rear axles in terms of the front axle position is provided in Fig. 9 for cross reference.

The majority of the plots are superimposed over the crawl speed response to allow a comparison between the dynamic and static behaviors. Although dynamic effects in the crawl speed tests were minimal, a curve was fit through the data to eliminate any small irregularities. The curves fit the data very well and made the plots visually more



# Position key



presentable.

As previously mentioned, velocities of 20, 25, 30, and 40 m.p.h. were chosen as target velocities to be used in the field tests. The driver was instructed to maintain a truck velocity as close as possible to the target velocity while crossing the bridge. The actual average velocities during the tests were calculated using the data from the monitored tape switch. A spike in the tape switch data occurs as the front axle exits the bridge and shorts the signal. Knowing how many scans had occurred since the front axle triggered the data collection, the rate of scan readings, and the distance between the two tape switches, the actual average truck velocity could be calculated. The actual velocities and target velocities for all tests are compared in Table 1.

| Right<br>2'<br>Loading |               | 2' Right<br><b>Bump</b> |                      | Centered<br>Loading |        | Centered<br><b>Bump</b> |               |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Target</b>          | Actual Target |                         | <b>Actual Target</b> |                     | Actual | Target                  | <b>Actual</b> |
| 5                      | 4.1           | 25                      | 28.3                 | 5                   | 3.8    | 25                      | 25.5          |
| 20                     | 22.4          | 30                      | 33.5                 | 20                  | 17.4   | 30                      | 32.2          |
| 25                     | 22.8          | 40                      | 43.4                 | 25                  | 23.0   | 40                      | 43.0          |
| 30                     | 29.8          |                         |                      | 30                  | 23.5   |                         |               |
| 40                     | 41.3          |                         |                      | 40                  | 42.0   |                         |               |
| 40                     | 41.3          |                         |                      |                     |        |                         |               |

Table 1. Target and actual velocities (m.p.h.)

As listed in Table 1, two tests were run at a target velocity of 40 m.p.h. for the 2 ft right of centerline loading position. This was done because it was observed during the first test that the truck was 1 ft left of the proper position. The effect of the vehicle being off line is discussed later in section 2.3.5.

Plots of the bridge deflections for the 2 ft right loading are given in Fig. 10. These plots show the bridge response at the reference point (OCOT 15) versus front axle location for velocities of 22, 30, and 41 miles per hour. Although target velocities of 20 and 25 m.p.h. were used in the field test, the actual average velocities for the two tests were 22.4 and 22.8 m.p.h. respectively. With these velocities being nearly the same, only the 22.4 m.p.h. response was plotted. The 41 m.p.h. plot is that of the second 40 m.p.h. target velocity test where the vehicle path was not off line.

Similarly, plots are presented for the centered loading in Fig. 11. These plots show the response at 17, 24, and 42 m.p.h. at the centered loading reference point (OCOT 11). For this loading position, target velocity tests of 25 and 30 m.p.h. resulted in actual average velocities of 23.0 and 23.5 miles per hour. Only the 23.5 m.p.h. response is plotted.

All the plots show relatively little dynamic response caused by the front axle alone. The amplitude of the dynamic



Fig. 10. Bridge response for 2 ft right loading



Fig. 11. Bridge response for centered loading

oscillations occurring while only the front axle is on the bridge are small, resulting in a response near that of crawl speed. The amplitude of the oscillations increases when the closely spaced, heavier rear axles enter the bridge. This suggests that the response is mainly influenced by the rear axles.

Figures 10 and 11 show the number of oscillations decreasing with an increase in velocity. However, this does not mean the bridge is vibrating slower at higher velocities. The amount of time the vehicle is on the bridge decreases as the vehicle speed increases, resulting in fewer oscillations occurring while the vehicle crosses the bridge. Therefore, as a consequence of plotting with respect to the vehicle location, fewer oscillations show up at higher velocities.

It is also noted from the plots that the amplitude of the dynamic oscillations tended to increase as the vehicle velocities increased. As a slowly moving vehicle crosses the bridge, forces applied by the vehicle are applied slowly resulting in small bridge accelerations and small amplitudes of dynamic oscillations. In contrast, as a truck moving at high speed crosses the bridge, the forces are applied quickly causing larger bridge accelerations and as a result, larger dynamic oscillations. It would seem logical then that the overall maximum deflections of the bridge would increase as the vehicle velocity increased. However, this was not the

case.

Table 2 summarizes the maximum deflections occurring under each test plotted in Fig. 10 and 11. The maximum deflections seemed to be increasing for the 2 ft right of centerline loading at 22 and 30 m.p.h., but then dropped at 41 m.p.h. to a deflection equaling only that of the maximum crawl speed deflection. For the centered loading, the maximums were equal at 17 and 24 m.p.h. and slightly larger than the maximum crawl speed deflection. However, the maximum at 42 m.p.h. did not even reach that of crawl speed.

|       | 2' Right Loading | Centered Loading                                              |      |  |
|-------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|--|
|       |                  | Velocity (mph) Max Defl. (in)  Velocity (mph)  Max Defl. (in) |      |  |
| crawl | 0.57             | crawl                                                         | 0.56 |  |
| 22    | 0.60             | 17                                                            | 0.60 |  |
| 30    | 0.67             | 24                                                            | 0.60 |  |
| 41    | 0.57             | 42                                                            | 0.54 |  |

Table 2. Maximum crawl and dynamic deflections

The decrease in deflection at the higher velocities is believed to be caused by the interaction of the vehicle dynamics with the bridge vibration. The vehicle has its own dynamic characteristics with the mass of the body and axles and the stiffness of the suspension system. This system will interact with and influence the bridge response. If the

suspended mass is accelerating upward while the bridge is deflecting downward, the force applied by the vehicle will be small and the resulting deflection may not even reach the static displacement.

The dynamic response of the vehicle, and thus the interaction with the bridge, will change with different velocities. Therefore, the reduction in dynamic response may not occur for all velocities or may occur when the truck is at a different position. Further observation of Fig. 10 and 11 reveals a similar effect happening for the other velocities but in different locations (see noted reduced deflections).

Results of the bridge response at the quarter spans are compared to the midspan response in Fig. 12. For these plots, the deflections of three in-line DCDT's are compared for each loading position; DCDT's 3, 16, and 20 (all 9 ft right of centerline) for the 2 ft right loading, and DCDT's 1, 11, and 18 (all on the bridge centerline) for the centered loading. The deflection histories for the quarter spans demonstrate the same behavior with lesser magnitude. The dynamic oscillations occurring at the quarter spans closely match those occurring at midspan. As would be expected, the magnitude of the 1/4 span response is slightly larger than that of the 3/4 span response while the rear axles are crossing the first half of the bridge. Once across midspan,



Fig. 12. Quarter span response

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the 3/4 span deflections become slightly larger. The quarter span plots presented in Fig. 12 are for the velocities which produced the maximum dynamic deflections for each vehicle position, however, the results were similar for the other velocities tested.

The behavior at points away from the vehicle loading was also observed. Figure 13 illustrates the results. Along with the response of reference point DCDT number 15, the responses of DeDT's 7 (8 ft left of centerline) and 11 (centerline) are plotted for the 2 ft right loading. Similarly, DeDT's 5 (left edge of the bridge), 7, 11 (reference point), and 15 are plotted for the centered loading. The further away from the loading location, the less the behavior resembles that of a point beneath the load. This is evident in Fig. 13, especially as the rear axles are past midspan and exiting the bridge, where the response at points away from the load exhibit well defined oscillations that are not found at points under the load. This would suggest that the response under the loading is a forced vibration, being affected by the vehicle characteristics and vibrations, whereas points away from the load are allowed to vibrate more freely. Again, plots are only presented for the velocities producing the maximum dynamic response, but results were similar at other velocities.

As discussed in Section 2.2.1, movement of the abutments



Fig. 13. Response at points away from loading

was monitored by taking measurements on the deck itself, but as close as possible to the abutments. Plots of deflections recorded at those locations (DCDT's A1 through A4) are printed in Fig. 14. The abutment surface provided for bearing was approximately 1.2 feet. However, the actual point at which the deck beared on the abutment varied across the width of the bridge. Accessibility limited how close to the abutment measurements could be taken to 0.9 ft from the abutment face. Assuming the actual bearing of the deck was at the midpoint of the bearing surface, measurements were actually being recorded at 1.5 ft from the actual bearing point. Therefore, even though deflections of up to 0.15 in. were realized, they are believe to be that of the bridge deck itself and do not represent abutment movements.

Changing the road approach roughness significantly increased the maximum dynamic deflections. By placing the bump at the bridge entrance to simulate a rough approach roughness, the vehicle entered the span with initial vertical and rotational motion. The resulting dynamic responses are plotted in Fig. 15 and 16.

No two velocities matched between tests with and without the bump. In order to compare behaviors, the bridge responses with the bump are superimposed on the test most nearly matching in velocity. All tests with the simulated rough approach condition resulted in an increased overall



Fig. 14. Abutment DCDT responses



Fig. 15. Response with rough approach roughness



Fig. 16. Response with rough approach roughness 40 m.p.h.

maximum dynamic deflection as well as an increased amplitude of the dynamic oscillation. The maximum dynamic deflections are summarize in Table 3.

Once again, the maximum deflections increase with velocity up to the last test. At the highest velocity, the maximum deflection is reduced, but is now greater than the maximum crawl speed deflection.

Table 3. Maximum dynamic deflections with bump

|    | 2' Right Loading                                            | Centered Loading |      |  |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------|--|
|    | Welocity (mph) Max Defl. (in) Welocity (mph) Max Defl. (in) |                  |      |  |
| 28 | 0.66                                                        | -26              | 0.63 |  |
| 33 | 0.70                                                        | 32               | 0.65 |  |
| 43 | 0.66                                                        | 43               | 0.62 |  |

### 2.3.2 Dynamic Load Factors

The calculation of a dynamic load factor (DLF) for each load test was done to quantify the results from all tests conducted. As suggested by Bakht and Pinjarkar and discussed in the literature review (Section 1.4), the impact factor can be calculated using equation 1-3. This equation includes  $\delta_{stat}$ which is defined as the maximum median dynamic deflection. The median value was used so that static tests were not needed for each vehicle crossing the bridge. This would be necessary if data were being collected under normal traffic,

but this test involved only one vehicle in two defined positions. Therefore, static tests were performed and  $\delta_{stat}$ could be replaced with the actual maximum static deflection,  $\delta_{\text{st}}$ . The resulting equation after rearranging to solve for the maximum dynamic deflection,  $\delta_{\text{dm}}$ , is written as equation  $2 - 1.$ 

$$
\delta_{dyn} = \delta_{st} (I+1) \tag{2-1}
$$

The quantity (I+1) is the dynamic load factor. Thus, the following equation was used to quantify the test results.

$$
DLF = \frac{\delta_{dyn}}{\delta_{st}} \tag{2-2}
$$

The DLF's were calculated for all tests and are summarized in Fig. 17 and 18 and Table 4.

The general trend of the bridge response from the data collected shows the DLF increasing between 20 m.p.h. and approximately 30 m.p.h. and then decreasing at 40 miles per hour. More data would need to be collected between 30 and 40 m.p.h. to conclude that the maximum response is occurring at 30 miles per hour. In plots where not enough data was collected to follow the mentioned trend, data points were marked but not connected.

In Fig. 17 the DLF's are compared for the two different



Fig. 17. Dynamic load factors bump and no bump





vehicle positions. The DLF's were found to be consistently larger for the 2 ft right position for both the smooth and rough approach conditions. This agrees with the results found by Gupta were eccentric vehicle positions produced a larger dynamic response. Less resistance to deflections occur when the vehicle travels closer to a free edge as in the 2 ft right loading. Larger dynamic oscillations can result which then increase the maximum dynamic deflection and DLF.



Table 4. Dynamic load factors

Figure 18 compares the DLF's for tests run with and without the artificial bump. As expected, the DLF's were always higher with the bump initiating vehicle oscillations. The increases were greatest at the highest velocity tested.

As the velocities increase, larger vehicle oscillations will occur as the truck impacts the bump. Therefore, the data suggests that larger initial vehicle oscillations result in larger increases in the dynamic response of the bridge.

## 2.3.3 Bridge Natural Period

The natural period of the unloaded bridge can be accurately determined from the free vibration resulting after the truck has exited the span. As previously discussed, the largest amplitudes of vibration occurred at the highest velocities. Thus, the free vibrations resulting from the 40 m.p.h. tests provide the best response on which the period of oscillation could be measured. In Fig. 19, the natural period of the bridge is determined by measuring the time between peaks in the free vibration for the first five periods of oscillation. The periods were then averaged for both vehicle positions. The resulting natural period of the bridge was determined to be approximately 0.13 seconds.

The natural period of a damped system is slightly smaller than that of an undamped system. However, the difference is negligible if the damping is less than about 10 percent of critical damping. In order to estimate the amount of damping present in the tested bridge, the free vibrations were used once again.



Fig. 19. Measurement of unloaded bridge period

2.3.4 Damping

The decay in amplitude of free vibration can be expressed as the logarithmic decrement,  $\delta$ , and is defined as equation 2-3.

$$
\delta = \ln \frac{y_1}{y_2} \tag{2-3}
$$

In the above equation,  $y_1$  is the peak amplitude of vibration at time one, and  $y_2$  is the peak amplitude at a time  $y_1$  + nT<sub>d</sub>, where n is an integer and T<sub>d</sub> is the damped period of vibration. A line drawn tangent to the oscillations of free vibration will have points of tangency very near the peaks of the vibration. The equation of that line may be written as equation 2-4.

$$
y(t) = Ce^{-\xi \omega t}
$$
 (2-4)

 $C =$  Constant  $\xi$  = Damping ratio  $\omega$  = Natural frequency  $t =$  Time

The discrepancy between the points of tangency and the actual peaks of vibration is small and therefore they are considered to be the same point.

An average value of the damping was obtained using the first and sixth peak of free vibration. That is,  $y_2$  is evaluated at  $t_1 + 5T_d$ . Evaluating the logarithmic decrement

where  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are calculated from equation 2-4, results in the following.

$$
\delta = 5\xi \omega T_d \tag{2-5}
$$

The damped natural frequency can be written in terms of the undamped frequency by multiplying by the square root of  $1-\xi^2$ . The damped period can then be expressed as equation 2-6.

$$
T_d = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega\sqrt{1-\xi^2}}
$$
 (2-6)

After substituting the equation of  $T_d$  into equation 2-5 and rearranging to solve for the damping ratio,  $\xi$ , equation 2-7 results and can be used to determine the damping ratio using the first and sixth peaks of free vibration.

$$
\xi^2 = \frac{1}{\frac{100\pi^2}{\lambda^2} + 1}
$$
 (2-7)

Equation 2-7 was used to determine the damping ratio using several DCDT responses from the 40 m.p.h. tests. The values ranged from 0.022 to 0.034 with an average value of 0.027. Based on those calculations, the bridge damping is estimated to be approximately 3% of critical damping.

## 2.3.5 Other Observations

A couple of additional observations should be noted. First, because a couple of the tests resulted in actual average velocities being almost the same, a comparison between the bridge responses for the two seperate tests can be made. Figure 20 illustrates the results. Nearly the exact same response was obtained in two independent runs of the same velocity for each of the vehicle positions. This shows a consistency in the bridge response at a particular velocity. However, the position of the truck can significantly change the magnitude of the response.

Figure 21 shows how the vehicle position can change the magnitude of the bridge behavior. It is important that the truck crosses the bridge in the same location as in the crawl speed tests so that an accurate evaluation of the dynamic response can be made. In the first plot of Fig. 21, two bridge responses are compared both at 41 m.p.h., but one with the truck being 1 ft left of the correct position. The maximum dynamic response when the truck was off line is nearly 0.07 in. less than that with the vehicle in the correct position.

The second plot in Fig. 21 is the maximum transverse deflection profile during a test where the truck was 1 ft right of its correct position. The test was run for the centered vehicle loading, therefore, the deflection profile



Fig. 20. Response of tests run at same velocities



Fig. 21. Effect of vehicle misalignment

should be symmetric. With the truck off line, the deflection at the right edge of the bridge was 0.06 in. more than the left edge and the maximum deflection did not occur at the bridge centerline. In both the above mentioned situations, the DLF would be slightly smaller than it would be if the truck were in the correct position. Therefore, when using a crawl speed deflection in determining the DLF, it is important that the vehicle path during other tests be as close as possible to that of the crawl speed test. The truck position was closely monitored during the tests and any tests where the truck was significantly off line were rerun.

## 3. ANALYTICAL INVESTIGATION

## 3.1 General

An analytical model was developed to predict the dynamic behavior of stress laminated timber bridges. This chapter describes the analytical solution and presents the results. In addition, the analytical results are compared to the Teal river bridge experimental data as a means of verifying the model.

As previously mentioned in section 1.3.2, stress laminated timber bridges behave as and are well represented by orthotropic plates. Therefore', a two dimensional finite element orthotropic plate model was used in the analytical study. The finite element program ANSYS was used to perform static, modal, and dynamic analyses of the bridge.

The loading model used in the dynamic analysis represented each wheel as a rolling mass. The forces applied to the finite element model were those of the wheel loads including gravity and mass acceleration effects. From the analysis, time-history curves of deflection were generated at nodes corresponding to field measurement locations. This allowed comparisons to be made between the experimental and analytical results.

The first step in developing the analytical model involved the selection of an element type and mesh size to accurately approximate the bridge behavior. This step is discussed in the next section.

#### 3.2 Teal River Bridge Model

One of the key steps in using a finite element solution is the selection of an element type. The element must have degrees of freedom and stiffness that match the system being modeled in order to accurately represent the behavior.

A quadrilateral shell element was chosen for the analysis. The element has translational degrees of freedom in the x, y, and z directions as well as rotational degrees of freedom about all three axes. Both bending and membrane stiffnesses are available. However, because the bridge deflections are mainly influenced by plate bending, the bending stiffness only option was used.

The shell element allows the input of orthotropic plate properties. These properties have been experimentally determined for stress laminated timber bridges as discussed in section 1.3.2 and defined as equations 1-1 and 1-2. Selecting the element coordinate system with the x-axis parallel to the longitudinal bridge direction and the y-axis running in the transverse direction, the following material

properties were input.

$$
E_x = E^{1} = 1,780,000 \; psi
$$

$$
E_v=0.013E^{\prime}=23,140
$$
psi

 $G_{xx}$ =0.03 $E'$ =53,400 psi

In addition, the thickness was input as 14.2 in. and the density as  $0.000075$  lb-sec<sup>2</sup>/in.<sup>4</sup>.

The size of the mesh used in the finite element model was mainly controlled by that required for load application. The mesh is smaller than needed to produce a converged solution, but was necessary to accommodate the dynamic loading. Transversely, nodes were placed at the same spacing as the midspan field measurement locations. This allowed direct comparisons to be made between field and analytical deflections. Longitudinally, the nodes were spaced such that the truck axle spacings would be an integer factor of the node spacing. This would allow vehicle forces to coincide with node locations as they moved across the bridge. That is, when the front axle forces are at a node location, the rear axle forces also line up over a node rather than being somewhere between. To do this, changes in the axle spacings and bridge length had to be made, but the differences were

small and considered negligible. Table 5 compares the actual and model dimensions.

The bridge deck was assumed to bear on the abutments at the midpoint of the bearing surface. Pinned end restraints were used at the support locations for the dynamic analyses, but a comparison using fixed ends was also made for the static load cases.

Table 5. Model Dimensions

| Dimension                             | Actual    | Model     | Percent Diff.  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Dist. between<br>$\parallel$ supports | 372.0 in. | 380.0 in. | 2 <sup>8</sup> |
| ⊮idth                                 | 285.2 in. | 285.2 in. | 0 <sup>8</sup> |
| Thickness                             | 14.2 in.  | 14.2 in.  | 0 <sup>8</sup> |
| Front axle<br>spacing                 | 175.2 in. | 171.0 in. | 2 <sup>8</sup> |
| Rear axle<br>spacing                  | 56.4 in.  | 57.0 in.  | 1 <sup>8</sup> |

An initial verification of the model was done by performing the static analyses of the bridge. Using the finite element model, wheel loads equaling those of the test vehicle were applied statically to the bridge. The model vehicle was located to match the position producing the maximum crawl speed deflection for each lane position, i.e. with the rear axles centered about the bridge midspan. The results of the analysis are plotted in Fig. 22.



Fig. 22. Analytical static loading
For the 2 ft right loading, a comparison is made between the field static data, maximum transverse deflection profile from the crawl speed test, and the two analyses performed using the finite element model. As can be seen in Fig. 22, the pinned end model produced deflections larger than measured in the field, while the fixed end model underestimated the deflections. Similar results were found using the centered loading. Again, no static test was performed in the centered vehicle position, but the crawl speed data was found to accurately represent the static deflections.

Differences between the analytical and field data can clearly be justified in the end restraint assumptions. The assumed pinned and fixed conditions are idealizations. The actual field end restraints will be somewhere between the two conditions. From Fig. 22, the pinned end restraints better represented the bridge behavior and were therefore used in the modal and dynamic analyses.

#### 3.3 Modal Analysis

Before the dynamic analyses of the bridge could be performed, a modal analysis was necessary. Information obtained from the modal analysis is needed to define parameters used in the dynamic study. This section explains

the ANSYS solution and presents the results.

#### 3.3.1 Theory

The mode shapes and corresponding natural frequencies of vibration can be determined from a modal analysis. In the ANSYS solution, the mass and stiffness matrices are assumed to remain constant, that is, the structure remains linearly elastic. No damping is allowed in the solution, and only free vibrations are assumed (no external forces or displacements can be applied).

The analysis begins with the differential equation of motion as stated in equation 3-1.

$$
[M] {\mathcal{U}} {\mathcal{U}} + [C] {\mathcal{U}} {\mathcal{U}} + [K] {\mathcal{U}} = {F}
$$
 (3-1)

In the above equation,  $[M]$ ,  $[C]$ , and  $[K]$  are the structure mass, damping, and stiffness matrices respectively. The vector {u) is the nodal displacement vector and its first and second derivative with respect to time are the nodal velocity and acceleration vectors. The time dependent force vector is represented by {Fl. Neglecting the damping and setting the force vector equal to zero, results in the governing equation used in the modal analysis.

$$
[M] {\hat{u}} + [K] {u} = 0
$$
 (3-2)

The free vibration of a linear structure results in a harmonic motion defined by  $\{u\} = \{u_0\}$ cos $u$ t, where  $\omega$  is the circular frequency of vibration, t is time, and  $\{u_0\}$  is the amplitude of vibration. Substituting the value of {u} and its second derivative into equation 3-2 leaves the eigenvalue equation 3-3.

$$
([K] - \omega^2 [M]) \{u_0\} = \{0\}
$$
 (3-3)

The only way a non-trivial solution would exist is if  $([K]-\omega^2[M])$  cannot be inverted, i.e., its determinate must equal zero.

 $\left| [K] - \omega^2 [M] \right| = 0$  (3-4)

Equation 3-4 has n solutions, where n is the dimension of the square matrices [M] and [K]. These roots,  $\omega^2$ ,  $\omega^2$ <sub>2</sub>,... $\omega^2$ <sub>n</sub> are the squares of the natural frequencies. When substituted back into equation 3-3, the vector  $\{u_0\}$  can be determined for each frequency. This vector is then the corresponding mode shape for the given natural frequency.

In order to save computation time, ANSYS performs its dynamic and modal analyses in terms of reduced matrices. The total degrees of freedom are divided into master and slave sets. The dynamic solution can then be done in terms of the master degrees of freedom (which are used to form the reduced matrices), and the solutions later expanded to include all the degrees of freedom. This is possible because the number of degrees of freedom needed to adequately characterize the dynamic response is much less than the total degrees of freedom. For the Teal River Bridge, the master degrees of freedom were chosen as the vertical translation at every node.

#### 3.3.2 Results

The first seven mode shapes were found for the bridge model. As discussed in section 1.4, the first mode of vibration dominates dynamic bridge responses, therefore, its shape and frequency are the most important. The shape was that of a half sine wave and is typical of simply supported structures (see Fig. 23). A frequency of 6.86 Hz corresponding to a period of 0.146 sec was found for the first mode.

As a simple check, the first mode frequency for a simply supported beam of equivalent moment of inertia and modulus of elasticity was calculated using the following equation.

$$
\omega_1 = \frac{\pi^2}{l^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI}{m}}
$$
 (3-5)

In equation  $3-5$ ,  $\omega_1$  is the first mode frequency in rad/sec, 1 is the bridge length, I is the moment of inertia of the

$$
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$$



### $\ddot{\phantom{a}}$ mode shape of rear wiver bridge

bridge cross-section, and m *is* the mass per unit length. Using this equation, the first mode frequency was found to be 43.14 rad/sec or 6.87 Hz. This result very closely matches that of the ANSYS solution and shows that an equivalent simply supported beam can produce good results.

Mode shapes two through five were torsional mode shapes, mode six was the second bending mode, and seven was a combination of bending and torsion. The frequencies and corresponding periods are listed in Table 6. Plots of mode shapes two through seven can be found *in* Appendix B.

| Mode         | Frequency (Hz) | Period (sec) |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 6.86           | 0.146        |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 7.62           | 0.131        |
| 3            | 10.29          | 0.097        |
| 4            | 15.70          | 0.064        |
| 5            | 24.38          | 0.041        |
| 6            | 27.34          | 0.037        |
|              | 28.04          | 0.036        |

Table 6. Mode Frequencies

From the field test data, the period of free vibration was measured to be 0.13 seconds. This compares fairly well with the first mode period determined from the analytical model. The difference, 8 percent, can again be attributed to the end restraints. The field end conditions being somewhere between pinned and fixed would result in the bridge being stiffer than the model. Being stiffer, the actual bridge would have a quicker response as was realized in the above comparison.

#### 3.4 Dynamic Response

#### 3.4.1 ANSYS Solution

The dynamic behavior of stress laminated timber bridges was investigated using a linear transient dynamic analysis. The direct integration of the equation of motion (equation 3-1) was performed by ANSYS to determine the response at each node of the bridge model. Using a Newmark time integration scheme, ANSYS solves for the nodal displacements at user input time increments. As in the modal analysis, the dynamic response is determined in terms of the master degrees of freedom to save computer time.

Being a linear dynamic analysis, the mass, stiffness, and damping matrices are constant throughout the solution. The procedure allows loads to be applied at the nodes only, i.e., no pressure loadings can be used. In addition, a constant integration time step is used for the numerical integration.

The proper selection of the integration time step is

critical to obtaining accurate results. It must be small enough to characterize the forcing function as well as the dynamic response. It is recommended that at least seven iterations be performed along the shortest side of the forcing function. In addition, at least 20 iterations per period of vibration are recommended. Information obtained from the modal analysis aids in the selection of a proper time step.

### 3.4.2 Dynamic Loading

As mentioned in the literature review, representing the vehicle loading as a constant force crossing the bridge is not adequate in defining the bridge response. In order to better represent the actual loading, the effects of vehicle mass were included.

As a mass travels across a bridge and undergoes accelerations due to bridge oscillations, the force felt by the bridge will change depending on the direction of the mass accelerations. If the bridge is accelerating downward, the vehicle mass will resist a change in motion and decrease the force felt by the bridge. However, if the bridge acceleration is upward, the inertia effect will increase the force felt by the bridge. If the ratio of vehicle mass to bridge mass is small, this effect may not be significant in defining the bridge response, but when the ratio is large,

such as in short span timber bridges, the effect cannot be neglected.

A seperate study was performed to determine the forces felt by the bridge including the vehicle mass acceleration effects. These forces were then applied to the finite element model to obtain the final bridge response. The forces were obtained by considering the bridge as a simply supported beam, and the vehicle as three rolling masses, one for each axle. The differential equation of motion defining this system will now be derived.

The derivation begins by considering a simply supported beam subjected to an arbitrary loading  $p(x,t)$  with mass per unit length m, modulus of elasticity E, and moment of inertia I. A free body diagram of a beam section dx in length is shown in Fig. 24. Damping is neglected in the solution. Summing the forces in the y direction and equating to zero results in the following equation.

$$
V - (V + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x}dx) + p(x, t) dx - m dx \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = 0
$$
 (3-6)

After simplification and noting from simple beam theory that

$$
V = \frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = EI \frac{\partial^3 y}{\partial x^3}
$$

equation 3-6 becomes





Fig. 24. Free body diagram of beam section

$$
EI\frac{\partial^4 y}{\partial x^4} + m\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = p(x, t)
$$
 (3-7)

First, consider free vibration, that is, let  $p(x,t)=0$ . It can be assumed that the solution to equation  $3-7$ ,  $y(x,t)$ , can written as a function of position times a function of time.

$$
y(x,t) = \Phi(x) f(t)
$$

Substituting this results in equation 3-8

$$
EIf(t) \frac{\partial^4 \Phi(x)}{\partial x^4} + m\Phi(x) \frac{\partial^2 f(t)}{\partial t^2} = 0
$$
 (3-8)

and upon rearranging, equation 3-9.

$$
\frac{EI}{m}\frac{\Phi^{IV}(x)}{\Phi(x)} = \frac{-\tilde{f}(t)}{f(t)}
$$
(3-9)

Noticing in equation 3-9 that the left hand side is only a function of x and the right side only a function of t, the only way the equality can be true is if both sides are equal to a constant, say  $\omega^2$ . That is,

$$
\frac{EI}{m} \frac{\Phi^{IV}(x)}{\Phi(x)} = \omega^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \Phi^{IV}(x) - a^4 \Phi(x) = 0
$$

where  $a^4 = m\omega^2/EI$ , and

$$
\frac{-\ddot{F}(t)}{f(t)} = \omega^2 \quad or \quad \ddot{F}(t) + \omega^2 f(t) = 0
$$

The general solution to the first equation is

$$
\Phi(x) = Asin(ax) + Bcos(ax) + Csinh(ax) + Dcosh(ax)
$$
 (3-10)

Since the solution to equation 3-7 was assumed to be the function of x,  $\Phi(x)$ , times a function of time, the boundary conditions applying to the simply supported beam

$$
y(0, t) = 0
$$
  $y(L, t) = 0$   $M(0, t) = 0$   $M(L, t) = 0$ 

can also be applied to the shape function  $\Phi(x)$ , resulting in the following four boundary conditions that can be used to determine the constants A, B, C, and D of equation 3-10.

$$
\Phi(0) = 0
$$
  $\Phi(L) = 0$   $\Phi''(0) = 0$   $\Phi''(L) = 0$ 

After substitution of the boundary conditions, equation 3-10 reduces to

$$
\Phi_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \tag{3-11}
$$

where n defines the mode number for the corresponding shape function. The dynamic response of bridges is primarily defined by first mode vibration, therefore, if only the first

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mode is considered, the above equation becomes

$$
\Phi(x) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \tag{3-12}
$$

Now consider the forced vibration of equation 3-7. The solution can be assumed to be the summation over the number of modes of a function of x (now defined as equation 3-11) and a different function of time,  $z_n(t)$ .

$$
y(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{n} \Phi_n(x) z_n(t)
$$
 (3-13)

As found previously

$$
EI\Phi_n^{IV}(x) = m\omega^2 \Phi_n(x) \tag{3-14}
$$

Combining equations 3-7, 3-13, and 3-14 leaves the following

 $\mathcal{L}^{\text{max}}$  , and  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{max}}$ 

$$
\sum_{n=1}^{n} m\omega^2 \Phi_n(x) z_n(t) = p(x, t) - m \sum_{n=1}^{n} \Phi_n(x) \bar{z}_n(t)
$$
 (3-15)

orthogonality between modes states that for two modes of different frequency,  $\omega_n$  not equal to  $\omega_m$ , the following must be true

$$
\int\limits_{0}^{L}\Phi_{m}(x)\,\Phi_{n}(x)\,m dx=0
$$

Therefore, if both sides of equation 3-15 are multiplied by  $\Phi_m(x)$  and it is integrated between 0 and L, only those terms with n equal to m will remain. That is, all terms with different frequencies (n not equal to m) will vanish due to the orthogonality condition. The following equation results.

$$
M_n \ddot{z}_n(t) + \omega_n^2 M_n z_n(t) = F_n(t)
$$
 (3-16)

where

$$
M_n = \int_0^L m \Phi_n^2(x) dx
$$
 (3-17)

is called the modal mass, and

$$
F_n(t) = \int_0^L \Phi_n(x) p(x, t) dx
$$
 (3-18)

is called the modal force. In the rolling mass solution, the mass of the bridge was lumped at points corresponding to the longitudinal node locations of the finite element model. In addition, the loads were applied at discrete locations on the bridge rather than being distributed. This allowed the

integrals of equations 3-17 and 3-18 to be replaced with summations at the mass and force locations.

Using lumped masses, and considering only the first mode of vibration, the modal mass equation becomes

$$
M_n = \sum_{i=1}^m m_i \Phi^2(x_i)
$$
 (3-19)

where m is the number of lumped masses, and  $m_i$  is the mass at location  $x_i$ . As the vehicle crosses the bridge, the axle masses add to the bridge lumped masses changing the modal mass. This was accounted for in the solution by updating the modal mass as the vehicle crosses the bridge.

As the axle masses cross the bridge, they are assumed to remain in contact with the bridge surface. Therefore, the acceleration of the vehicle mass will be equal to the bridge acceleration at the same point. Knowing this, the forces felt by the bridge can be written in terms of the axle mass, bridge acceleration, and the acceleration of gravity. The force positions can be defined by the truck velocity and axle spacings.

$$
F_1 = M_1 (g + \ddot{y}_1) \qquad \text{at} \qquad x_1 = vt
$$

$$
F_2 = M_2(g + \ddot{y}_2) \qquad \text{at} \qquad x_2 = vt - d_1 \qquad (3-20)
$$

# $F_3 = M_3 (g + \bar{y}_3)$  at  $x_3 = vt - d$

In equations 3-20, v is the vehicle velocity,  $d_1$  the distance between the front two axles, d the distance between the first and third axle, and g is the acceleration of gravity. The above conditions are illustrated in Fig. 25.

Knowing the forces and their discrete locations, the modal force of equation 3-18 can now be written as the summation of the forces times the shape function.

$$
F_n(t) = -F_1 \Phi(x_1) - F_2 \Phi(x_2) - F_3 \Phi(x_3)
$$
 (3-21)

Referring back to equation 3-13, the bridge accelerations at any point can be calculated from the second derivative of the displacement, That is (considering only the first mode),

$$
\ddot{y}(x,t) = \Phi(x) \ddot{z}(t) \qquad (3-22)
$$

Because the vibration is assumed to be a half sine wave (shape function), the displacement or acceleration at any point can be defined by the midspan deflection. Therefore, the function of time,  $z(t)$ , in equations 3-13 and 3-22 can be replaced by the midspan deflection,  $y_c$ , and acceleration.



Fig. 25. Load positions

$$
y(x, t) = y_c \Phi(x) \tag{3-23}
$$

$$
\ddot{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x},t) = \ddot{\mathbf{y}}_c \mathbf{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}) \tag{3-24}
$$

Substituting back into equation 3-16 the modal force, modal mass, and first mode shape function, and rearranging to form a differential equation in terms of the midspan deflection results in the following

$$
\ddot{y}_c(M_n+M_1\sin^2\frac{\pi vt}{L}+M_2\sin^2\frac{\pi (vt-d_1)}{L}+M_3\sin^2\frac{\pi (vt-d)}{L})
$$
  
+
$$
M_n\omega^2 y_c=-g(M_1\sin\frac{\pi vt}{L}+M_2\sin\frac{\pi (vt-d_1)}{L}+M_3\sin\frac{\pi (vt-d)}{L})
$$

This is the differential equation that must be solved for the rolling mass solution. A fourth order Runge Kutta numerical integration scheme was used to solve for the midspan acceleration as a function of time. Once known, the bridge acceleration at any point can be determined using equation 3-24. The accelerations under the loads, which are therefore the accelerations of the axle masses, were used to determine the forces felt by the bridge according to equations 3-20.

As previously discussed, the loaded frequency of the bridge changes as the vehicle moves across. This is especially significant when the ratio of vehicle mass to

bridge mass is large. To account for this affect, the frequency in the rolling mass equation was updated as the truck moved along the bridge length. As a means of calculating the natural frequency for the different truck positions, Rayleigh's Method was used (Paz [12]). In this method, the Principle of Conservation of Energy is used by equating the maximum kinetic energy with the maximum potential energy.

The potential energy can be determined by summing the work done by each mass during application of the loads.

$$
V_{\text{max}} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{1}{2} W_i Y_i
$$
 (3-25)

Again, m is the number of masses and includes the lumped bridge masses along with the axle masses,  $W_i$  is the weight of the masses, and  $y_i$  is the static vertical deflection at the mass location.

During vibration, the maximum kinetic energy will occur when the velocity is a maximum. The maximum velocities are  $\omega y_i$  resulting in the kinetic energy being

$$
T_{\max} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{1}{2} \frac{W_i}{g} (\omega y_i)^2
$$
 (3-26)

Equating equations 3-25 and 3-26 and solving for the

frequency  $, \omega$ , provides an expression for the frequency which will change depending on the truck location.

$$
\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g \sum_{i=1}^{m} W_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} W_i y_i^2}}
$$
 (3-27)

The frequency was updated whenever the axle locations corresponded to a longitudinal node location of the finite model. Figure 26 illustrates how the period changed during analytical load application of the Teal River Bridge. The initial and final period of 0.145 sec matched that calculated previously verifying the frequency calculation using Rayleigh's Method. The maximum period of 0.253 sec reveals how much the natural frequency slows down due to the heavy vehicle mass.

The fortran program used to implement the numerical solution of the rolling mass differential equation is printed in Appendix c. output from the program listed the wheel load forces felt by the bridge considering the truck as three rolling masses. The forces were printed every time a wheel load was directly over a node in the corresponding finite element model. Because the truck axle spacings were an integer factor of the ANSYS model node spacing, all three axles were over a node at each time of printing. The



# Fig. 26. Change in loaded bridge period

magnitudes and times of load application changes for each truck velocity, therefore, the fortran program was run for each velocity tested in the field. However, no differentiation could be made between the 2 ft right and centered loadings because only a one dimensional beam model was used in the rolling mass solution. The output for the various runs are included in the Appendix c.

The forces obtained from the rolling mass solution could then be applied to the finite element model. To do this, a series of triangular forcing functions as illustrated in Fig. 27 were used. As a force approaches a node, such as a front axle load, the force felt by the node increases until reaching a maximum when the force is directly over the node. It then decreases as the load moves away. In the finite element model, the force is applied linearly starting when the load is at the previous node location and reaching a maximum value equal to that obtained from the rolling mass solution when the load is directly over the node. It then decreases back to zero as the load reaches the next node. The length of time over which the forcing function is applied is equal to the time required for the load to move across two consecutive elements, *i.e.,* the time to move from node n-l to node n+l. A similar forcing function was applied for each wheel load at each node along the length of the bridge.

In order to verify the loading model, a comparison was



Total length of forcing function  $= 2t$ 

 $t =$  time for load to move from one node to the next



made between this model and a rolling mass solution done by Looney [10]. In his study, Looney determined the deflection at midspan of a 30 ft bridge during passage of a two axle truck. The bridge was modeled as a simply supported beam, and the load as two rolling masses. The ratio of live load to dead load masses was 1.2.

A beam with the same properties was input into the Fortran program. The output forces were then input onto a finite element model of the bridge on ANSYS. No information on the modeled bridge dimensions were provided, therefore, the bridge was again model as a simply supported beam for the ANSYS solution. The deflections at midspan obtained from the current study and Looney's results are compared in Fig. 28. The results compared well, thus verifying the dynamic loading.

### 3.4.3 Analytical Results

Using the theory of rolling masses and the finite element model as previously described, analytical solutions to the tests run in the field were produced. Once again, plots were made of the reference point deflections versus front axle location for the different vehicle speeds and positions. The plots are reproduced in Fig. 29 through 34. Plots of the experimental results are provided with the analytical results for direct comparison.



POSITION OF FRONT AXLE, ft





Analytical bridge response 22 m.p.h. Fig. 29.



Analytical bridge response 30 m.p.h. Fig. 30.



Analytical bridge response 41 m.p.h. Fig. 31.



Fig. 32. Analytical bridge response 17 m.p.h.



Fig. 33. Analytical bridge response 24 m.p.h.



Analytical bridge response 42 m.p.h. Fig. 34.

First a comparison of the crawl speed responses should be made. Although the magnitudes of the responses do not match due to the end restraints, the general shapes match fairly well. However, it was noticed that the maximum responses were occurring in different locations. In the experimental response, the maximum deflection was occurring when the rear axles were approximately centered about midspan, but analytically, the maximum occurred when the center of gravity of the loads was at midspan.

Simple hand calculations were performed to determine the difference in deflection for the two vehicle positions. Considering the bridge as a simply supported beam, the loading with the truck centroid at midspan resulted in only a 0.01 in. larger deflection. Therefore, there is a difference, but it is small.

The end restraints could again be an explanation to the difference in maximum static deflection location. If there was more rotational restraint at one end of the bridge, the longitudinal location at which the maximum deflection would occur would shift toward the less restrained end. The corresponding vehicle location to produce that maximum deflection would also move toward the unrestrained end. For the Teal River bridge, if the entrance end of the bridge had more rotational restraint, the vehicle position to cause the maximum crawl speed deflection would shift further down the

bridge length as found experimentally. This shifting of the response was also noticed in the non-crawl speed runs.

One means of correcting the differences between the field and model end conditions would be to add rotational restraint to the bridge model. End restraint could be added until the transverse deflection profiles (Fig. 22) matched experimentally and analytically. The restrained bridge would be stiffer with different dynamic characteristics resulting in a response more accurately representing the actual bridge. Although this was not done in this investigation, it is reccommended for further study.

The current model also resulted in amplitudes of dynamic oscillation consistently smaller than obtained experimentally. This suggests that the rolling mass solution was not able to account for all factors influencing the response. oscillations of the vehicle on its suspension system were not accounted for in the model and could explain the larger amplitudes of oscillations.

The number of oscillations also differed in some of the comparisons. This is especially noticeable at the higher velocities. In Fig. 31 and 34 (approximately 40 m.p.h. tests), the rolling mass solution showed only a single oscillation occurring about the maximum crawl defection. This was not the case experimentally where several oscillations occurred near the maximum crawl deflection.

This again suggests that the bridge response is being influenced by other factors. The interaction between the vehicle dynamics and the bridge response are believed to have caused the additional oscillations.

As was done with the experimental results, the bridge response was quantified using a DLF (see Fig. 35). The DLF's obtained from the analytical study did not show the trend of reaching a maximum value at approximately 30 m.p.h. as in the experimental results. Rather, the maximum DLF occurred at the highest velocity.

Additionally, the center span accelerations obtained from the rolling mass solution were plotted for comparison with the analytical deflections. Figures 36 through 41 illustrate the results. The figures clearly show the increase in accelerations as the rate of load application (velocity) increases. The larger accelerations at higher velocities result in larger amplitudes of dynamic oscillations.



Fig. 35. Analytical dynamic load factors



Fig. 36. Midspan accelerations 22 m.p.h.


Fig. 37. Midspan accelerations 30 m.p.h.



Midspan accelerations 41 m.p.h. Fig. 38.



Fig. 39. Midspan accelerations 17 m.p.h.



Fig. 40. Midspan accelerations 24 m.p.h.



Fig. 41. Midspan accelerations 42 m.p.h.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The dynamic behavior of stress laminated timber bridges has been investigated. The study included the dynamic field testing of a stress laminated bridge and the development of an analytical model to predict the bridge response. This chapter discusses the conclusions drawn from the study.

## 4.1 Experimental

The Teal River bridge located in northwestern Wisconsin was dynamically tested in the experimental investigation. The following conclusions were drawn from the study.

- 1. Loading the bridge at crawl speed (approximately 5 m.p.h.) accurately represented the static deflections.
- 2. The dynamic response due to the front axle alone is small. The closely spaced, heavy rear axles accounted for most of the response.
- 3. The amplitude of dynamic oscillation increased with increasing vehicle velocity, however, larger maximum dynamic deflections did not result.
- 4. A forced vibration occurred at points near the

load, while points away from the load exhibited a free vibration.

- 5. The placement of an artificial bump at the bridge entrance significantly increased the dynamic response. Both the amplitude of dynamic oscillation and the maximum dynamic response increased.
- 6. The dynamic load factors were greater for eccentric loading than for symmetric loading.
- 7. The general trend of the dynamic load factors was to increase with increasing velocity up to 30 miles per hour and then decrease at 40 miles per hour.
- 8. The natural period of the Teal River bridge as measured from the free vibration resulting after the truck had exited the span was 0.13 seconds.
- 9. Approximately 3% of critical damping was present in the bridge response.
- 10. A single upper bound value of the dynamic load factor for the bridge was determined to be 1.23. This value represents the DLF determined from only one test vehicle in two lane positions, and should be used with caution.

### 4.2 Analytical

The Teal River bridge was modeled as an orthotropic plate using the finite element program ANSYS. The dynamic loading was represented by rolling masses at each wheel position. The following conclusions were drawn from the study.

- 1. The bridge could be successfully modeled using a finite element orthotropic plate model. The static deflections as determined from the model agreed with field data if differences due to end restraints are considered.
- 2. The modal analysis performed with the bridge model provided good results. The first mode frequency closely matched the frequency measured in the field tests.
- 3. The loaded frequency of the bridge changes significantly from the unloaded frequency and must be accounted for in the analytical model. This is especially true for short span bridges, such as stress laminated timber bridges, where the live load mass to dead load mass ratios are large.
- 4. The rolling mass vehicle loading model was inadequate at reproducing the bridge response. The

rolling mass model resulted in smaller oscillations and smaller maximum dynamic deflections.

5. The dynamic characteristic of the vehicle on its suspension system are believed to greatly influence the bridges dynamic response.

### 4.3 Recommendations

The following recommendations are made based on the results obtained from this study.

- 1. More data should be collected from field test of stress laminated timber bridges. Different vehicles should be used to obtain a better single value of the dynamic load factor.
- 2. Data should also be collected on the dynamic response of the vehicle. A better understanding of how the bridge is behaving requires a better knowledge of the vehicle bridge interaction.
- 3. The vehicle model should be further developed to include effects of the suspension system.
- 4. The mass of the vehicle should be accounted for in the finite element bridge model to account for changes in the loaded frequency.
- 5. Rotational restraint should be added to the bridge

model to more accurately represent the actual field conditions. The added restraint would result in a stiffer bridge changing the dynamic characteristics and bridge respons.

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### APPENDIX A. DAS PROGRAM LISTING

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Run time\$, Read rate\$ 322 OUTPUT @File data USING "5/" 340 CALL Init dac(Total rdgs, Read per, No hi level) 350 CALL Read init (Total rdgs, Init volt(\*), Read per, No hi level, @File exc) 380 CALL Meas\_lp (Totalrdgs\$, Total\_rdgs, Init volt(\*), Loop, Scdelay, Rtime, Read per, No\_hi\_level, @File\_data, @File\_temp) 390 1 400 T PRINT " 410 DONE" 420 **END** 430  $\mathbf{I}$ 440 450 ! Subroutine to read initial voltages ! 460 470 J. SUB Read init (REAL Total rdgs, Init volt(\*), INTEGER Read per, 480 No hi level, @File exc) 490 COM / I o/  $\theta$ Dac,  $\overline{\theta}$ Dac off INTEGER Rdg indx, In 500 510 ALLOCATE INTEGER Packed(0:Total rdgs-1) ! Temporary array 520 ALLOCATE REAL Temp\_v(0:Total\_rdgs-1), Init(0:No hi level-1) 530 OUTPUT @Dac; "PTRIG SGL" 540 OUTPUT @Dac; "SCTRIG HOLD" 550 ENTER @Dac off; Packed (\*) 560  $\mathbf{I}$ CALL Unpk13(Packed(\*), Total\_rdgs, Temp v(\*)) 570 580 590 FOR Rdg\_indx=0 TO No\_hi\_level-1 FOR  $Avq=0$  TO Read  $per-1$ 600  $Init \ volt(Rdg_indx) = Temp_v (Rdg_indx*Read per+Avg)$ 610 + Init volt(Rdg indx) 620 NEXT Avq Init\_volt(Rdg\_indx)=Init\_volt(Rdg\_indx)/(Read per) 630 640 NEXT Rdq indx 650 DEALLOCATE Packed (\*) DEALLOCATE Temp  $v(*)$ 660 661 FOR In=0 TO No hi level-1 662  $Init(In)=InitVol(In)$ NEXT In 663 664 OUTPUT @File exc;Init(\*) 665 ASSIGN @File exc TO \* 670 **SUBEND** 680 690 700 ! Subroutine to initialize the DAS ! 710 720 SUB Init dac(REAL Total\_rdgs, INTEGER Read per, No hi level) 730 COM /I o/ @Dac, @Dac\_off 740 INTEGER Slot, Chan, It 750

```
760 
          DIM Total rdgs$[4]
770 
          Total_rdgs$=VAL$(Total_rdgs-1) 
780 
          CLEAR @Dac 
790 
          OUTPUT @Dac;"RESET" 
          WAIT .3 
800 
810 
          OUTPUT @Dac;"OUTBUF ON; INBUF ON" 
820 
          OUTPUT @Dac;"DISABLE LABELS; DISP OFF" 
830 
        T
        WE WILL SET UP A 3852A ARRAY TO HOLD ALL CHANNEL VALUES 
840 
        AND A SECOND TO HOLD THE RANGE FOR EACH CHANNEL 
850 
       ! THE D_PACK ARRAY IS A 3852A ARRAY FOR DATA FROM 16 BIT<br>! VOLTMETER. IT IS USED TO TEMPORARILY HOLD DATA
860 
870 
                        IT IS USED TO TEMPORARILY HOLD DATA
880 
        \mathbf{I}890 
          OUTPUT @Dac; "INTEGER CHAN("; Total rdgs$; ")"
          OUTPUT @Dac:"PACKED D_PACK(";2*Total_rdgs-1:")" 
900 
          PRINT "Setting the 3852A channel list with 
910 
                     Read per*No hi-level ch."
920 
          Chan cntr=O 
930 
          IF No hi level<=24 THEN 
             S1o\bar{t}=4940 
          FOR Chan=O TO No_hi_level-1 
950 
             FOR Avq=1 TO Read per
960 
               OUTPUT \thetaDac; "CHAN(";VAL$(Chan cntr);") =
970 
                                  ":VAL$(Slot*100+Chan) 
980 
               Chan_cntr=Chan_cntr+1 
990 
             NEXT Avg 
          NEXT Chan 
1000 
1010 
          ELSE 
1020 
             Slot=4 
          FOR Chan=O TO 23 
1030 
             FOR Avg=1 TO Read per
1040 
1050 
               OUTPUT \thetaDac; "CHAN(";VAL$(Chan cntr);") =
                                  ":VAL$(Slot*100+Chan) 
1060 
               Chan_cntr=Chan_cntr+1 
1070 
             NEXT Avg 
1080 
          NEXT Chan 
1100 
             Slot=5 
             It=No hi level-24 
1110 
          FOR Chan=0 TO It-1
1120 
1130 
             FOR Avq=1 TO Read per
               OUTPUT \thetaDac; "CHAN("; VAL$(Chan cntr); ") =
1140 
                                  ":VAL$(Slot*100+Chan) 
               Chan_cntr=Chan_cntr+1 
1150 
1160 
             NEXT Avg 
1170 
          NEXT Chan 
1180 
          END IF 
1190 
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1200 
Setup-pacer:OUTPUT @Dac:"PTRIG HOLD" 
          OUTPUT @Dac:"PACER .001,1" 
1210 
1220 
          !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!<br>! SUB TRAN INT !
1230 
1240
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122
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1250 """""""""""""""""" 1260 1270 Setup\_intr1:0UTPUT @Dac;"SUB TRAN\_INT" 1280 OUTPUT @Daci" XRDGS 600,";Total\_rdgs;" INTO D PACK" ! Transfers data from  $\overline{VM}$  buffer to mainframe OUTPUT @Dac *i"* VREAD D PACK, PACK" 1290 !Moves Data from M/F to HPIB 1300 OUTPUT @Daci" ENABLE INTR USE 600" ! Enbles VM to interrupt *M/F*  1310 OUTPUT @Dac; "SUBEND" 1320 !<br>PRINT " Setting up High Speed Voltmeter" 1330 1340 ! 1350 ! 1360 Setup\_vm: ! OUTPUT @Daci"USE 600" 1370 OUTPUT @Daci"STA?" 1380 1390 OUTPUT @Daci"CLROUT" OUTPUT @Daci"SCANMODE ON" 1400 OUTPUT @Dac;"SCTRIG HOLD" 1410 OUTPUT @Dac; "FUNC DCV" 420 OUTPUT @Daci"DISABLE INTR SYS" 1430 1440 OUTPUT @Daci"RANGE 10" OUTPUT @Dac;"ARMODE BEFORE" 1450 1460 OUTPUT @Dac:"TERM RIBBON" OUTPUT @Daci"RDGS SYS" 1470 OUTPUT @Dac *i* "RDGSMODE END"' 1490 OUTPUT @Dac *i* "NRDGS 1" 1510 OUTPUT @Dac;"AZERO ONCE" 1520 OUTPUT @Dac; "TRIGOUT ON" 1530 OUTPUT @Dac; "TRIG INT" 1540 1550 OUTPUT @Dac; "SPER 10E-6" OUTPUT @Dac;"SCDELAY 0,.01" 1560 1570 OUTPUT @Dac;"ENABLE INTR SYS" OUTPUT @Daci"ENABLE INTR USE 600" 1580 OUTPUT @Dac;"PRESCAN 1" 1590 OUTPUT @Daci"POSTSCAN 0" 1600 OUTPUT @Dac;" AS CAN OFF" 1610 1620 OUTPUT @Dac;"CLWRITE SENSE CHAN" 1630 1 1640 OUTPUT @Daci"STSLOPE LH" OUTPUT @Dac;"STTRIG INT" 1650 OUTPUT @Dac;"SCTRIG EXT1" 1660 1670 OUTPUT @Dac;"ON INTR USE 600 CALL TRAN\_INT" 1690 SUBEND 1700 ! . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ! Subroutine to unpack packed arrays for initial readings ! , , , , I I I I I I I , , I , , , , I I I , , I I , I I , I , I , , I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I , I 1710 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ! 1720 I I I I I I , I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I , I I I I I , I I , I I , , I I I I 1730 1740 1750 SUB Unpk13 (INTEGER Pack(\*), REAL Number, Volt(\*)) INTEGER I 1760

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1770
        REAL R(0:3)1780
        DATA 256., 32., 4., 1.
1790
        READ R(*)1800
        FOR I=0 TO Number-1
          M=BINAND(Pack(I), 4095)1810
1820
          IF Pack(I) > 0 OR M=4095 THEN
1830
            Volt(I)=1.E+381840
          ELSE
1850
            Volt(I) = M^* . 0025/R(BINAND(SHIFT(Pack(I), 13), 3))1860
            IF BIT(Pack(I), 12) THEN Volt(I) = -Volt(I)1870
          END IF
1880
        NEXT I
1890
      SUBEND
1900
       \mathbf{1}1910
1920
       ! Subroutine to read required voltages and perform post
         processing !
       1930
1940
1950
      SUB Meas lp(Total rdgs$, REAL Total rdgs, Init volt(*),
                  Loop, Scdelay, Rtime, INTEGER Read per,
                  No hi level, @File data, @File temp)
1960
        COM /I o/ \thetaDac, \thetaDac off
1970
        DIM Mark$[8]
        ALLOCATE REAL Factor (0:No hi level-1)
1980
1990
        ALLOCATE REAL Disp(0:No hi level-1)
       INTEGER Rdg indx, I, Gnrt, Acnt, Bent, Cent, Begin, End, Post, Aooa
2000
        ALLOCATE REAL Meas_v(Loop, 0: No_hi_level-1)
2010
2020
        ALLOCATE INTEGER Packed (0:Total rdgs-1)
2030
        ALLOCATE REAL Temp v(0:Total rdgs-1),
                      Atemp_v(Loop, 0: Total rdgs-1)
2040
        REAL Bemp v
        Total rdgs$=VAL$(Total rdgs-1)
2050
        CLEAR @Dac
2060
        OUTPUT @Dac; "RESET"
2070
2080
        WAIT 1
       ! PRINT " "2090
       ! PRINT "
                     DON'T HIT THE ROAD RUNNER !!!!!!!"
2100
       !PRINT "
                      2110
2120
       !WAIT 2
       ! PRINT "
                \blacksquare2130
       !OUTPUT @Dac; "BEEP ONCE"
2140
       !OUTPUT @Dac; "WAIT 0.125"
2150
2160
       ! OUTPUT @Dac; "BEEP ONCE"
                     ZIP BANG !!"
       ! PRINT "
2170
      !WAIT 2
2180
       ! PRINT " "
2190
        OUTPUT @Dac; "INTEGER CHAN("; Total rdgs$; ")"
2200
        OUTPUT @Dac; "PACKED E_PACK(";8. *Loop*Total rdgs;")"
2210
2220
          Chan cntr=0IF No hi level <= 24 THEN
2230
           Slot=42240
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2760  $\mathbf{I}$ SUB TRANSFER 2770 ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! 2780 ! 2790 Setup\_intr:OUTPUT @Daci"SUB TRANSFER" 2800 OUTPUT @Daci" ENABLE INTR USE 600" OUTPUT @Dac;" XRDGS 600, ";Total\_rdgs; "INTO E\_PACK" 2810 2820 OUTPUT @Dac; "SUBEND" OUTPUT @Dac; "ON INTR USE 600 CALL TRANSFER" 2840 2850 OUTPUT @Dac; "ENABLE INTR SYS" 2860 OUTPUT @Dac; "ENABLE INTR USE 600"<br>PRINT " INITAIL READINGS HA 2870 PRINT " INITAIL READINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN."<br>PRINT " PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY PAUSED." 2880 PRINT " PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY PAUSED."<br>PRINT " CONTINUE AS TRUCK IS APPROACH 2890 CONTINUE AS TRUCK IS APPROACHING" PRINT " 2900 2910 PAUSE 2920 PRINT " WAITING FOR TRUCK TRIGGER (WITHIN 10 SECONDS)" 2930 2940 OUTPUT @Dac; "WAIT FOR EVENT" OUTPUT @Daci"SCTRIG INT USE 600" 2950 2960 Rtime=Rtime+10. WAIT Rtime 2970 2980 OUTPUT @Daci" VREAD E\_PACK,RL64" ! Transfer readings 2990 ! 3000 """""""""""""""""""""" · . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ! Transfer data into two dimensional array ! 3010 3020 , , , 1 1 , , , , 1 , , , , , , , , , , , 1 , , 1 1 , I I , 1 I I I , , I I I 1 I I II · . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ! 3030 3040 TRANSFER DATA INTO TWO DIMENSIONAL ARRAY" 3050  $\mathbf{1}$ 3060 Begin=O 3070 End=Total\_rdgs-1 3080 FOR Aooa=l TO Loop 3090 DISP Aooa 3100 FOR post=Begin TO End 3110 ENTER @Dac\_off;Bemp\_v Atemp\_v(Aooa,Post)=Bemp\_v 3120 3130 NEXT Post 3140 NEXT Aooa 3150 -1 PRINT " POST PROCESSING" 3160 3161 ! 3163 CLEAR @Dac 3164 OUTPUT @Dac; "RESET" 3180 WAIT 1 3190 3200 """'"'''''''''' · . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ! Post Processing ! 3210 3220 ""'"'''''''''''' · . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ! 3230 FOR Gnrt=l TO Loop 3240 FOR Rdg\_indx=O TO No\_hi\_level-1 3250 FOR Avg=0 TO Read per-1 3260

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3270 Meas v(Gnrt, Rdg indx) =
                 Atemp_v(Gnrt,Rdg_indx*Read-per+Avg) 
                   +Meas_V(Gnrt,Rdg_indx) 
3280 NEXT Avg 
3290 Meas_v(Gnrt,Rdg_indx)=Meas_v(Gnrt,Rdg_indx)/Read_per<br>3300 IF (ABS(Meas v(Gnrt,Rdq indx)>10.24)) THEN
              IF (ABS(Meas_v(Gnrt,Rdg_indx)>10.24)) THEN
                          Meas_v(Gnrt,Rdg_indx)=99.99 
3310 NEXT Rdg_indx 
3320 NEXT Gnrt 
3330 DATA 1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1, 
              1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1 
3340 READ Factor(*)<br>3350 PRINT " C
3350 PRINT " CALCULATING DISPLACEMENTS" 
3360 WAIT 1. 
3370 FOR Acnt=l TO Loop 
3380 FOR Bcnt=0 TO No_hi_level-1<br>3390 Disp(Bcnt)=(Meas v(Acnt,B
              Disp(Bcnt)=(Meas_v(Acnt,Bcnt)-Init_volt(Bcnt))
3400 
3410 
3420 
3430 
3440 
3450 
3460 
3470 
                         *Factor(Bcnt) 
            NEXT Bcnt 
            OUTPUT @File_data:Disp(*) 
          NEXT Acnt 
          DEALLOCATE Packed(*) 
          DEALLOCATE Temp v(*) 
          SUBEXIT 
       SUBEND 
3480 ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! 
3490 ! Subroutine to create needed files ! 
3500 ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! 
3510 ! 
3520 SUB create_files(Test$,@File_data,@File_exc,@File_temp) 
3530 DIM Msg$[180] ,File1$[50] ,File2$[50] 
3540 Input file:Msg$="Please type in the name of the test"&CHR$ (10) 
3550 Msg$=Msg$&"This name will be used to store the 
3560 
3570 
                      data"&CHR$(lO) 
          Msg$=Msg$&"in the appropriate file. It is limited to 8 
                      chars" 
          DIALOG "STRING", Msg$, Button; SET("TITLE": "FILE NAME
                      INPUT", "COLUMNS": 8) ,RETURN ("VALUE": Test$) 
3580 IF Button=l THEN GOTO Input_file 
3590 File1$="C:\IBASIC\THEW\"&Test$&".PRN" 
3600 File2$="C:\IBASIC\THEW\"&Test$&".EXC" 
3610 ON ERROR GOTO Create_err<br>3620 CREATE File1$,1
3620      CREATE File1$,1<br>3630      ASSIGN @File data TO File1$:FORMAT ON
3640 CREATE File2$,1 
3650 ASSIGN @File_exc TO File2$:FORMAT ON 
3660 OFF ERROR 
3670 SUBEXIT 
3680 Create err:IF ERRN=54 THEN 
3690 Msg$="File Already Exists."&CHR$(10) 
3700 Msg$=Msg$&" Would you like to Overwrite?"
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## APPENDIX B. ANSYS MODE SHAPES



## TEAL RIVER BRIDGE, MODE 2 FREQ = 7.62 Hz

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## TEAL RIVER BRIDGE, MODE 3 FREQ = 10.29 Hz

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# TEAL RIVER BRIDGE, MODE 4 FREQ = 15.70 Hz



## TEAL RIVER BRIDGE, MODE 5  $FREQ = 24.38 Hz$



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## TEAL RIVER BRIDGE, MODE 6 FREQ =  $27.34$  Hz



APPENDIX C. FORTRAN PROGRAM LISTING AND OUTPUT

PROGRAM ROLLMASS

REAL\*8 Y1, V1, T1, MPH, LEN, MBAR, G, MA1, MA2, D, H, M1, M2, PI, T, OMEGA REAL\*8Y, VEL, K1, K2, K3, K4, YM1, YM2, F1, F2, TM2ON, TM1OFF, NTIMES, I REAL\*8 MA3, D2, D1, M3, TM3ON, TM2OFF, YM3, F3, E, MSTAR REAL\*8 A1

INTEGER\*4 NUMIT, NODES, PRT, CNT, N1, N2, L1, L2, L3, K

CHARACTER\*60 TITLE

FUNCT (M1, M2, M3, Y, T, OMEGA, MSTAR) =  $(-1.*$  (M1\*G\*SIN (PI\*VEL\*T/LEN) +M2\*G\*

&SIN(PI\*(VEL\*T-D1)/LEN)+M3\*G\*SIN(PI\*(VEL\*T-D)/LEN))-OMEGA\*\*2.\*MSTAR

 $k*Y$  / (MSTAR+M1\* (SIN (PI\*VEL\*T/LEN)) \*\*2.+M2\* (SIN (PI\* (VEL\*T-D1) /LEN)) \*  $&*2.+M3*(SIM(PI*(VEL*T-D)/LEN))**2.)$ 

OPEN (UNIT=10, FILE='E: FORCES. OUT', ACCESS='SEQUENTIAL', STATUS='NEW') WRITE $(6,*)'$  ENTER TITLE'  $READ(5, 4)$  TITLE 4 FORMAT(A) WRITE(6,\*)' ENTER THE NUMBER OF ITERATIONS BETWEEN NODES'  $READ(5,*)$  NUMIT WRITE $(6, *)'$  ENTER THE VEHICLE VELOCITY IN M.P.H.'  $READ(5,*)$  MPH WRITE (6,\*)' ENTER NUMBER OF EQUALLY SPACED NODES ALONG LENGTH OF B +RIDGE'  $READ(5, \star)$  NODES WRITE (6,\*)' ENTER TOTAL LENGTH OF BRIDGE IN INCHES'  $READ(5, \star)$  LEN WRITE (6,\*) ' ENTER MASS PER LENGTH OF BRIDGE IN LB\*SEC^2/IN^2'  $READ(5, \star)$  MBAR WRITE(6,\*)' ENTER MASS OF FIRST AXLE IN LB\*SEC^2/IN'  $READ(5,*)$  MA1 WRITE(6,\*)' ENTER MASS OF SECOND AXLE IN LB\*SEC^2/IN'  $READ(5,*)$  MA2 WRITE(6,\*)' ENTER MASS OF THIRD AXLE IN LB\*SEC^2/IN'  $READ(5, \star)$  MA3 WRITE  $(6, \star)$ ' ENTER NUMBER OF EQUAL SPACES BETWEEN FIRST TWO **AXLES'**  $READ(5,*)$  N1 WRITE  $(6, \star)$  ' ENTER NUMBER OF EQUAL SPACES BETWEEN SECOND TWO

AXLES'  $READ(5,*)$  N2 WRITE(6,\*)' ENTER MODULUS OF ELASTICITY OF THE BRIDGE IN PSI'  $READ(5,*)$  E WRITE(6,\*)' ENTER MOMENT OF INERTIA OF THE BRIDGE IN  $IN^4$ '  $READ(5,*)$  I PI=3.141S93 G=386.4 PRT=NUMIT T1=O.O V1=O.O Y1=O.O VEL=MPH\*17.6  $L1=0$ L2=O-N1  $L3=0-(N1+N2)$ D1=N1\*(LEN/(NODES-1))  $D2=N2*(LEN/(NODES-1))$ 0=01+02 NTIMES=((NODES-1)+D/(LEN/(NODES-1)))\*NUMIT  $H=$  ((LEN/(NODES-1))/(MPH\*17.6))/NUMIT  $NTIMESE((NODES - 1) + D/(LEM/(NODES - 1)) * NUM1T$ <br>  $H = ((LEN/(NODES - 1)) / (MPH * 17.6)) / NUM1T$ <br>  $FREG(E, I, LEN, NODES, MBAR, OMEGA, MA1, MA2, MA3, L1, L2, L3, MSTAR)$ CNT=O TM20N=D1/VEL TM30N=D/VEL TM10FF=LEN/VEL TM20FF=(LEN+D1)/VEL M1=MA1  $M2=0.0$ M3=O.0  $WRTTE(10, 2)$  / / 2 FORMAT  $(A,///)$  $WRITE(10,*)$  (TITLE)  $WRITE(10, *)$  / / WRITE $(10, \star)$  '' WRITE(10,30)' VEHICLE VELOCITY =', MPH WRITE(10,31)' LENGTH OF BRIDGE =  $'$ , LEN 30 FORMAT(1SX,A,FS.1) 31 FORMAT(1SX,A,F7.2) WRITE  $(10, \star)$  '' WRITE(10,40)' MASS OF FIRST AXLE =', MA1 WRITE(10,40)' MASS OF SECOND AXLE =', MA2 WRITE(10,40)' MASS OF THIRD AXLE =', MA3 40 FORMAT(1SX,A,F6.2) WRITE(10,60)' MASS PER LENGTH OF BRIDGE =', MBAR 60 FORMAT(15X,A,F7.5) WRITE(10,61)' DISTANCE BETWEEN FIRST TWO AXLES =', D1

WRITE(10,61)' DISTANCE BETWEEN SECOND TWO AXLES =', D2 61 FORMAT(15X,A,F6.1) WRITE $(10,*)$  / / WRITE(10,50)' MODULUS OF ELASTICIY =', E WRITE(10,51)' MOMENT OF INTERTIA =',I 50 FORMAT(15X, A, F10.1)<br>51 FORMAT(15X, A, F9.2) FORMAT(15X, A, F9.2) WRITE  $(10, *)$  / / WRITE(10,20)' NUMBER OF ITERATIONS PER NODE = ', NUMIT  $WRITE(10,21)'$  NUMBER OF EQUALLY SPACED NODES = ',NODES 20 FORMAT (15X, A, 15) 21 FORMAT(lsX,A,I3) WRITE $(10, \star)$ ''  $WRITE(10,*)'$  $WRITE(10,*)'$  TIME FORCE 1 FORCE 2 FORCE 3' WRITE $(10, *)'$ DO 100 K=l,NTIMES K1=H\*FUNCT(M1,M2,M3,Y1,T1,OMEGA,MSTAR) K2=H\*FUNCT(M1,M2,M3,Y1+H/2.\*V1,T1+H/2.,OMEGA,MSTAR) K3=H\*FUNCT(M1,M2,M3,Y1+H/2.\*V1+H/4.\*K1,T1+H/2.,OMEGA,MSTAR) K4=H\*FUNCT(M1,M2,M3,Y1+H\*V1+H/2.\*K2,T1+H,OMEGA,MSTAR) Y1=Y1+H\*V1+H/6.\*(K1+K2+K3) V1=V1+1./6.\*(K1+2.\*K2+2.\*K3+K4) T1=T1+H CNT=CNT+1 \* A1=FUNCT(M1,M2,M3,Y1,T1,OMEGA,MSTAR)  $W$ RITE(10,16) OMEGA,(T1\*80\*1.5),Y1,V1,A1 \*16 FORMAT(F5.2,3X,F6.2,3X,F6.3,3X,F9.4,3X,F10.4) IF(CNT.EQ.PRT)THEN PRT=PRT+NUMIT A=FUNCT(M1,M2,M3,Y1,T1,OMEGA,MSTAR) YM1=A\*SIN(PI\*VEL\*T1/LEN) YM2=A\*SIN(PI\*(VEL\*T1-D1)/LEN) YM3=A\*SIN(PI\*(VEL\*T1-D)/LEN) C A FREQ(E,I,LEN,NODES,MBAR,OMEGA,MA1,MA2,MA3,L1,L2,L3, & MSTAR) F1=M1\* (G+YM1) F2=M2\*(G+YM2)  $F3=M3*(G+YM3)$ WRITE (10, 10) T1,F1/2.,F2/2.,F3/2. 10 FORMAT(14X,F7.5,aX,Fa.2,aX,F9.2,aX,F9.2) L L

ENDIF

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IF(Tl.LT.TM20N) THEN 
            Ml=MAl 
            M2=0.0 
            M3=0.0 
        ELSEIF((Tl.GE.TM2ON).AND.(Tl.LT.TM3ON))THEN
            IF(Tl.LE.TM10FF) THEN 
             Ml=MAl 
             M2=MA2 
             M3=0.0 
            ELSEIF(Tl.GT.TM10FF) THEN 
             M1=0.0M2=MA2 
             M3=0.0 
            ENDIF 
        ELSEIF(Tl.GE.TM30N) THEN 
            IF (Tl.LE.TM10FF) THEN 
             Ml=MAl 
             M2=MA2 
             M3=MA3 
             ELSEIF((T1.GT.TM10FF).AND.(T1.LE.TM20FF))THEN
             M1=0.0M2=MA2 
             M3=MA3 
            ELSEIF((T1.GT.TM10FF).AND.(T1.GT.TM20FF))THEN
             Ml=O.O 
             M2 = 0.0M3=MA3 
            ENDIF 
        ENDIF 
100 CONTINUE 
      CLOSE (10) 
      END 
***************************************************************** 
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      SUBROUTINE FREQ(E, IN, L, NODES, MBAR, OMEGA, MA1, MA2, MA3, L1, L2, L3,
     & MSTAR) 
      REAL*8 Y(150,150),YI(150),E,IN,L,OMEGA,G 
      REAL*8 W(150),X,PLOC,A,B,MBAR,MA1,MA2,MA3,W1,W2,W3 
      REAL*8 TOP,BOTTOM,AA,BB,XX,PIE,MSTAR 
      INTEGER*4 I,J,NODES,LOOP,L1,L2,L3,M 
      G=386.4 
      PIE=3.141593 
      LOOP=NODES-2
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DO 100 I=l,LOOP 
        DO 200 J=l, LOOP 
            Y(I,J)=0.0200 CONTINUE<br>100 CONTINUE
      CONTINUE
      DO 300 1=1, LOOP 
        YI(I)=0.0300 CONTINUE 
      DO 150 1=1, LOOP 
       W(I)=0.0150 CONTINUE 
      DO 400 1=1, LOOP 
        W(I) = MBAR * L * G / (NODES-1)400 CONTINUE 
      W1=MA1*G 
       W2=MA2*G 
      W3=MA3*G 
       IF([L1.GT.0).AND.(L1.LT.(LOOP+1))) THEN
        W(L1) = W(L1) + W1ENDIF 
       IF([L2.GT.0).AND.(L2.LT.(LOOP+1))) THEN
       W(L2) = W(L2) + W2ENDIF 
       IF((L3.GT.0).AND.(L3.LT. (LOOP+1))) THEN
        W(L3) = W(L3) + W3ENDIF 
       L1=L1+1 
       L2=L2+1L3=L3+1 
       PLOC=L/(NODES-1) 
      J=(NODES-1)/2 
       X = L/2.0DO 600 1=1, LOOP 
          B=L-PLOC 
          A=PLOC 
            IF ((X.LT.(PLOC+0.001)).AND.(X.GT.(PLOC-0.001))) THEN
            Y(I,J) = W(I) * (A**2) * (B**2) / (3.*E*IN*L)ELSEIF (X.LT.PLOC) THEN 
            Y(I,J) = W(I) * B * X * (L * * 2 - B * * 2 - X * * 2) / (6.*E * IN * L)ELSEIF (X.GT.PLOC) THEN 
            AA=B 
            BB=A
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XX=L-XY(I,J)=W(I)*BB*XX*(L**2-BB**2-XX**2)/(6.*E*IN*L)ENDIF
     PLOC=PLOC+(L/(NODES-1))
600
      CONTINUE
      DO 1100 I=1, LOOP
         X=L/ (NODES-1)
         DO 1200 M=1, LOOP
            Y(I, M) = Y(I, J) * SIN(PIE*X/L)X=X+(L/(NODES-1))1200
         CONTINUE
      CONTINUE
1100
      DO 700 I=1, LOOP
       DO 800 J=1, LOOP
           YI(I)=YI(I)+Y(J,I)CONTINUE
800
      CONTINUE
700
      TOP=0.0BOTTOM=0.0
      DO 900 I=1, LOOP
       TOP=TOP+W(I)*YI(I)900
      CONTINUE
      DO 1000 I=1, LOOP
       BOTTOM=BOTTOM+W(I)*(YI(I)**2)1000
      CONTINUE
      TOP=TOP*G
      OMEGA=SQRT (TOP/BOTTOM)
      X=L/ (NODES-1)
      MSTAR=0.0
      DO 1300 I=1, LOOP
         MSTRR=MSTRR+W(I)/G*(SIN(PIE*X/L))**2.X=X+(L/(NODES-1))1300
      CONTINUE
      WRITE(5,1330) OMEGA, MSTAR
      FORMAT(F7.3, 5X, F7.3)1330
      RETURN
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**END** 

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VEHICLE VELOCITY = 5.0 LENGTH OF BRIDGE = 380.00

MASS OF FIRST AXLE = 57.40 MASS OF SECOND AXLE = 61.90 MASS OF THIRD AXLE =  $61.90$ MASS PER LENGTH OF BRIDGE =  $.30400$ DISTANCE BETWEEN FIRST TWO AXLES = 171.0 DISTANCE BETWEEN SECOND TWO AXLES = 57.0

MODULUS OF ELASTICIY = 1780000.0 MOMENT OF INTERTIA = 68051.00

NUMBER OF ITERATIONS PER NODE = 50 NUMBER OF EQUALLY SPACED NODES = 21



Teal River Bridge

VEHICLE VELOCITY = 17.0 LENGTH OF BRIDGE = 380.00

MASS OF FIRST AXLE =  $57.40$ MASS OF SECOND AXLE  $= 61.90$ MASS OF THIRD AXLE =  $61.90$ MASS PER LENGTH OF BRIDGE = .30400 DISTANCE BETWEEN FIRST TWO AXLES = 171.0 DISTANCE BETWEEN SECOND TWO AXLES = 57.0

MODULUS OF ELASTICIY = 1780000.0 MOMENT OF INTERTIA = 68051.00

NUMBER OF ITERATIONS PER NODE = 50 NUMBER OF EQUALLY SPACED NODES = 21


VEHICLE VELOCITY = 22.0 LENGTH OF BRIDGE =  $380.00$ 

MASS OF FIRST AXLE = 57.40 MASS OF SECOND AXLE = 61.90 MASS OF THIRD AXLE =  $61.90$ MASS PER LENGTH OF BRIDGE  $= .30400$ DISTANCE BETWEEN FIRST TWO AXLES =  $171.0$ DISTANCE BETWEEN SECOND TWO AXLES = 57.0

MODULUS OF ELASTICIY = 1780000.0 MOMENT OF INTERTIA =  $68051.00$ 

NUMBER OF ITERATIONS PER NODE = 50 NUMBER OF EQUALLY SPACED NODES =  $21$ 



VEHICLE VELOCITY = 24.0 LENGTH OF BRIDGE  $= 380.00$ 

MASS OF FIRST  $AXLE = 57.40$ MASS OF SECOND AXLE = 61.90 MASS OF THIRD AXLE  $= 61.90$ MASS PER LENGTH OF BRIDGE  $=$  .30400 DISTANCE BETWEEN FIRST TWO AXLES = 171.0 DISTANCE BETWEEN SECOND TWO AXLES =  $57.0$ 

MODULUS OF ELASTICIY = 1780000.0 MOMENT OF INTERTIA =  $68051.00$ 

NUMBER OF ITERATIONS PER NODE = 50 NUMBER OF EQUALLY SPACED NODES = 21



VEHICLE VELOCITY = 30.0 LENGTH OF BRIDGE  $= 380.00$ 

MASS OF FIRST AXLE = 57.40 MASS OF SECOND AXLE =  $61.90$ MASS OF THIRD AXLE  $= 61.90$ MASS PER LENGTH OF BRIDGE = .30400 DISTANCE BETWEEN FIRST TWO AXLES = 171.0 DISTANCE BETWEEN SECOND TWO AXLES = 57.0

MODULUS OF ELASTICIY = 1780000.0 MOMENT OF INTERTIA =  $68051.00$ 

NUMBER OF ITERATIONS PER NODE = 50 NUMBER OF EQUALLY SPACED NODES = 21



VEHICLE VELOCITY = 41. 0 LENGTH OF BRIDGE = 380.00

MASS OF FIRST AXLE =  $57.40$ MASS OF SECOND AXLE = 61.90 MASS OF THIRD AXLE =  $61.90$ MASS PER LENGTH OF BRIDGE = .30400 DISTANCE BETWEEN FIRST TWO AXLES = 171.0 DISTANCE BETWEEN SECOND TWO AXLES = 57.0

MODULUS OF ELASTICIY =  $1780000.0$ MOMENT OF INTERTIA = 68051.00

NUMBER OF ITERATIONS PER NODE = 50 NUMBER OF EQUALLY SPACED NODES = 21



VEHICLE VELOCITY = 42.0 LENGTH OF BRIDGE  $= 380.00$ 

MASS OF FIRST AXLE =  $57.40$ MASS OF SECOND AXLE = 61.90 MASS OF THIRD AXLE =  $61.90$ MASS PER LENGTH OF BRIDGE = .30400 DISTANCE BETWEEN FIRST TWO AXLES = 171.0 DISTANCE BETWEEN SECOND TWO AXLES =  $57.0$ 

MODULUS OF ELASTICIY = 1780000.0 MOMENT OF INTERTIA =  $68051.00$ 

NUMBER OF ITERATIONS PER NODE  $=$  50 NUMBER OF EQUALLY SPACED NODES = 21

