

# The Craig-Bampton Method

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# Background

- **Who is Craig Bampton?**

“Coupling of Substructures for Dynamic Analysis”

Roy R. Craig Jr. and Mervyn C. C. Bampton

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- **What is the Craig-Bampton Method?**

– Method for reducing the size of a finite element model.

– Combines motion of boundary points with modes of the structure assuming the boundary points are held fixed

– Similar to other reduction schemes

- $\{U\} = [\phi]\{U_a\}$  Where  $[\phi] = -[K_{oo}]^{-1}[K_{oa}]$  **Guyan Reduction**  
 $\{U_a\} = A\text{-set points}$
- $\{U\} = [\phi]\{q\}$  Where  $[\phi] = \text{Mode Shapes}$  **Modal Decoupling**  
 $\{q\} = \text{Modal dof's}$
- $\{U\} = [\phi]\{x_{cb}\}$  Where  $[\phi] = \text{C-B Transformation}$  **C-B Method**  
 $\{x_{cb}\} = \text{C-B Dof's} = \text{boundary} + \text{modes}$

# Background (Cont)

- Why is the C-B Method Used?
  - Allows problem size to be reduced
  - Accounts for both mass and stiffness (unlike Guyan reduction)
  - Problem size defined by frequency range
  - Allows for different boundary conditions at interface (unlike modal decoupling)
  - Example
    - Spacecraft Model: 10,000 DOF's  
K,M = 10,000 x 10,000  
10 Modes up to 50 Hz  
Single Boundary grid at interface
    - C-B Reduction: 16 DOF (6 i/f + 10 Modes)  
to 50 Hz K,M = 16 x 16

# Craig-Bampton Theory

- Equation of motion (ignoring damping)

$$[M_{AA}]\{\ddot{u}_A\} + [K_{AA}]\{u_A\} = \{F(t)\} \quad (1)$$

- The Craig-Bampton transform is defined as:

$$\{u_A\} = \begin{Bmatrix} u_b \\ u_L \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ \mathbf{f}_R & \mathbf{f}_L \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_b \\ q \end{Bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Where

↖ C-B Transformation Matrix =  $\phi_{cb}$

$u_b$  = boundary dof's

$u_L$  = internal (leftover) dof's

$\mathbf{f}_R$  = Rigid body vector

$\mathbf{f}_L$  = Fixed base modeshapes

$q$  = modal dof's

## Craig-Bampton Theory (Cont.)

- Combining equations (1) & (2) and pre-multiplying by  $[\phi_{cb}]^T$

$$\mathbf{f}_{cb}^T [M_{AA}] \mathbf{f}_{cb} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{u}_b \\ \ddot{q} \end{Bmatrix} + \mathbf{f}_{cb}^T [K_{AA}] \mathbf{f}_{cb} \begin{Bmatrix} u_b \\ q \end{Bmatrix} = \mathbf{f}_{cb}^T \begin{Bmatrix} F_b \\ F_L \end{Bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

- Define the C-B mass and stiffness matrices as

$$[M_{cb}] = \mathbf{f}_{cb}^T [M_{AA}] \mathbf{f}_{cb} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{bb} & M_{bq} \\ M_{qb} & M_{qq} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$[K_{cb}] = \mathbf{f}_{cb}^T [K_{AA}] \mathbf{f}_{cb} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{bb} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{qq} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

- Write equation (3) using equations (4) & (5)

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{bb} & M_{bq} \\ M_{qb} & M_{qq} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{u}_b \\ \ddot{q} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{bb} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{qq} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_b \\ q \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_b \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

where input forces are applied at the boundary only ( $F_L = 0$ )

# Craig-Bampton Theory (Cont.)

- **Important properties of the C-B mass and stiffness matrices**

- M<sub>bb</sub> = Boundary mass matrix => total mass properties translated to the boundary points

$$[M^{cg}] = \mathbf{f}_{RB}^{cg^T} [M_{bb}] \mathbf{f}_{RB}^{cg} \quad (7)$$

- K<sub>bb</sub> = Interface stiffness matrix => stiffness associated with displacing one boundary dof while other are held fixed

- If the boundary point is a single grid (i.e. non-redundant) then

$$\mathbf{K}_{bb} = \mathbf{0}$$

- If the mode shapes have been mass normalized (typically they are) then

$$K_{qq} = \begin{bmatrix} \backslash & 0 \\ 0 & I \\ 0 & \backslash \end{bmatrix} \quad I_i = k_i / m_i = \omega_i^2 \quad (8)$$

$$M_{qq} = \begin{bmatrix} \backslash & 0 \\ 0 & I \\ 0 & \backslash \end{bmatrix}$$

## Craig-Bampton Theory (Cont.)

- We can finally write the dynamic equation of motion (including damping) using the C-B transform as

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{bb} & M_{bq} \\ M_{qb} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{u}_b \\ \ddot{q} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\zeta\omega \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{u}_b \\ \dot{q} \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{bb} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{w}^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_b \\ q \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_b \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

where  $2\zeta\omega = \text{Modal damping}$  ( $\zeta = \% \text{critical}$ )

- Summary of C-B Theory
  - C-B Mass and Stiffness Matrices fully define system
  - Dynamics problem solved using CB dof's
  - C-B boundary dofs provide location to apply BC's & Forces or to couple with another structure
  - CB transform is used to calculate physical responses from CB responses

# How to Create a C-B Model

```
assign USER1=gi_v2_cb.kmnp,NEW,USE=OUTPUT4,TYPE=BINARY,reallocate ←1) CB Output File
ID GLAST,inst
SOL 3 ←2) Normal Modes Solution
APP DISP
TIME 5
$
INCLUDE '/home/sag721/dmap/uai/cb_v118b.dmp' ←3) C-B DMAP
CEND
$
TITLE = GLAST SI Instrument
SUBTITLE = Craig-Bampton Run
ECHO = NONE
METHOD = 1
$SPC = 998
$POST SDRC
DISP(NOPRINT) =ALL
$SPCFORCES(NOPRINT)=ALL
$MPCFORCES(NOPRINT)=ALL
$
AUTOSPC = YES
BEGIN BULK
$
PARAM,GRDPNT,0
PARAM,WTMASS,2.59e-3
PARAM,USETPRT,0 ←4) Print G-set & R-set internal order
$
EIGRL,1,-0.1,70.0 ←5) Define frequency range
$
$ Instrument Interface at S/C
SUPPORT 800290 123456 ←6) Boundary Defined on suport cards
SUPPORT 800291 123456 8 boundary points x 6 dof's
SUPPORT 800292 123456 = 48 physical boundary points
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$
INCLUDE 'glast_inst_v2.blk' ←7) Don't forget the rest of your bulk data
$
ENDDATA
```



## How to Create a C-B Model (Cont.)

- What is created?
  - file (.kmnp) which contains CB stiffness and mass matrices (k,m), net CG ltm (n), and the CB transformation matrix (phig)
  - .kmnp file is in NASTRAN binary output4 format
  - K&M size is [CB dofs (boundary + modal) x CB dofs]
  - phig size is [G-set rows x CB dofs]
  - Net CG LTM recovers CG accelerations and I/F Forces, Size is [6+boundary dofs x CB dofs]
- How do you use this?
  - Solve dynamics problem for CB dof response using the K & M matrices
  - Transform CB responses using phig to get physical responses

# Load Transformation Matrices (LTMs)

- LTM is a generic term referring to the matrix used to transform from CB dofs to physical dofs (also referred to as OTMs, ATMs, DTMs...)

- In its simplest form, the LTM is simply the phig matrix

$$\{\ddot{U}_g\} = [f_{cb}] \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{u}_b \\ \ddot{q} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

(Only the rows corresponding to the physical dofs of interest are needed)

- There are other useful LTMs that can be created
  - I/F forces
  - Net CG accelerations
  - Stress & force LTMs

## LTM's (Cont.)

- I/F Force LTM (created by CB dmap)

$$\text{I/F Force} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} M_{bb} & M_{bq} & K_{bb} \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \ddot{u}_b \\ q \\ u_b \end{array} \right\} \quad (11)$$

(If boundary is non-redundant, then  $K_{bb}=0$ )

- Net CG LTM (created by CB dmap)

$$\text{Net CG Accel} = \left( \left[ \mathbf{f}_{rb}^{CG} \right]^T \left[ M_{bb} \right] \left[ \mathbf{f}_{rb}^{CG} \right] \right)^{-1} \left[ \mathbf{f}_{rb}^{CG} \right]^T \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} M_{bb} & M_{bq} & K_{bb} \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \ddot{x}_b \\ \ddot{q} \\ x_b \end{array} \right\} \quad (12)$$

where  $\left( \left[ \mathbf{f}_{rb}^{CG} \right]^T \left[ M_{bb} \right] \left[ \mathbf{f}_{rb}^{CG} \right] \right) =$  mass matrix about cg (6x6)

$\left[ \mathbf{f}_{rb}^{CG} \right] =$  rigid body transform from I/F to CG (bdof x6)

## LTM's (Cont.)

- PHIZ LTM

- Allows physical displacements to be calculated from CB accelerations

$$\{X_g\} = [PHIZ] \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_b \\ \ddot{q} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

- Same as modal acceleration approach in NASTRAN
- Useful in calculating relative displacements between DOF's
- Also used to calculate stresses and forces which are a function of displacements
- Calculated from C-B dmap using => param,phzout,1

## LTM's (Cont.)

- LTM's can be created using FLAME, MATLAB or using DMAP

- LTM's can (and usually do) contain multiple types of responses

$$LTM = \begin{bmatrix} [Net\ CG] \\ [I / F\ Force] \\ [Accel] \\ [Element] \\ [Forces] \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

- LTM's can be used to recover responses for nested C-B models

$$\{X^{cb1}\} = [f_{cb1}] [f_{cb0}^{cb1}] \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{x}_b^{cb0} \\ \ddot{q}^{cb0} \end{Bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

where  $f_{cb0}^{cb1}$  = row partition of the CB1 Dofs from the CB0 PHIG Matrix

- Creating LTMs - See appendix for a sample FLAME script for creating an LTM

# Checking CB Models & LTM's

- C-B Models and LTMs should be verified to make sure that they have been created correctly (especially for complicated LTM's or nested C-B models)
- CB Mass and stiffness matrices can be checked by computing free-free and fixed-base modes
- CB boundary Mass matrix can be transformed to CG and compared with NASTRAN GPWG

## Checking C-B Models and LTM's (Cont.)

- LTMS can be checked by applying unit acceleration at the boundary

$$\{X_{resp}\} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} b & q \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{f}_{RB}^b \\ 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad (16)$$

where  $\mathbf{f}_{RB}^b$  = Boundary rigid body vector (b x 6)

- Each response column represents acceleration in a single direction
  - Accelerations should be in correct directions
  - Forces should recover weight or correct moments
  - Unit acceleration applied to PHIZ can be checked by gravity run with physical model and comparing displacements
- See appendix for sample FLAME scripts to check a CB model and LTM

# Appendix

## Sample FLAME Scripts

cb_chk.fl	==>	Checking CB K&M Matrices
etm_ltma.fl	==>	LTM creation
etm_chk.fl	==>	Checking an LTM