457.644 Advanced Bridge Engineering Aerodynamic Design of Bridges Part III: Wind Loads

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Steady(Static) Wind Loads

The mean drag, lift, and moment per unit span

- $\overline{D} = \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 C_D B$
- $\overline{L} = \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 C_L B$
- $\overline{M} = \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 C_M B^2$
- Steady-state drag, lift, and moment coefficients as the function of incident angle(or attack angle) α



Fig. 5.2 Load coefficients obtained from static tests



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Static Force Coefficients

Cross section, Setting in wind tunnel







Measure time histories (U=10m/s)







Measure time histories (U=15m/s)









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Examples: Static Force Coefficients

Drag coefficient(normalized by B)



Lift coefficient(normalized by B)



Drag coefficient(normalized by H)



Moment coefficient(normalized by B)





Quasi-Steady Aerodynamic Forces

Fundamental assumptions

- Structural displacements and cross sectional rotations are small.
- Fluctuation components of wind velocity are small as compared to U.

Relative velocity formulations

- Fluctuation velocity components inducing buffeting are included.
- Motional velocity is considered in terms of relative velocity.





 $\begin{cases} V_{rel}^2 = \left(V + u - \dot{r}_y\right)^2 + (w - \dot{r}_z)^2 \\ \alpha = \bar{r}_\theta + r_\theta + \beta \end{cases}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_D(x,t) \\ q_L(x,t) \\ q_M(x,t) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2}\rho V_{rel}^2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} B \cdot C_D(\alpha) \\ B \cdot C_L(\alpha) \\ B^2 \cdot C_M(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$



Quasi-Steady Aerodynamic Forces

Linearization

Transformation into global coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_y \\ q_z \\ q_\theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & -\sin \beta & 0 \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} q_D(x,t) \\ q_L(x,t) \\ q_M(x,t) \end{bmatrix}$$
 where, $\beta = \arctan\left(\frac{w - \dot{r}_z}{V + u - \dot{r}_y}\right)$

First linearization

 Fluctuating flow components are small as compared to mean wind velocity, and that structural displacements (as well as cross sectional rotation) are also small.

$$\begin{cases} \cos\beta \approx 1\\ \sin\beta \approx \tan\beta \approx \beta \approx (w - \dot{r}_z)/(V + u - \dot{r}_y) \approx (w - \dot{r}_z)/V\\ \left(V_{rel}^2 = (V + u - \dot{r}_y)^2 + (w - \dot{r}_z)^2 \approx V^2 + 2Vu - 2V\dot{r}_y \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} V_{rel}^2 = \left(V + u - \dot{r}_y\right)^2 + \left(w - \dot{r}_z\right)^2 \approx V^2 + 2Vu - 2V\dot{r}_z \\ \alpha = \bar{r}_\theta + r_\theta + \beta \approx \bar{r}_\theta + r_\theta + \frac{w}{V} - \frac{\dot{r}_z}{V} \end{cases}$$



Quasi-Steady Aerodynamic Forces

Linearization

Static load coefficients



Fig. 5.2 Load coefficients obtained from static tests

Second linearization in static coefficients

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_D(\alpha) \\ C_L(\alpha) \\ C_M(\alpha) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_D(\bar{\alpha}) \\ C_L(\bar{\alpha}) \\ C_M(\bar{\alpha}) \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_f \cdot \begin{bmatrix} C'_D(\bar{\alpha}) \\ C'_L(\bar{\alpha}) \\ C'_M(\bar{\alpha}) \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\bar{\alpha}$ =mean angle of incidence α_f =fluctuating angle of incidence



Linearized Quasi-Steady Aerodynamic Forces

Combining all equations

$$= \frac{1}{2}\rho\left(V^2 + 2Vu - 2V\dot{r}_y\right) \cdot \left(\begin{bmatrix} BC_D \\ BC_L \\ B^2C_M \end{bmatrix} + \left(r_\theta + \frac{w}{V} - \frac{\dot{r}_z}{V}\right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} BC'_D \\ BC'_L \\ B^2C'_M \end{bmatrix} + \left(\frac{w}{V} - \frac{\dot{r}_z}{V}\right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -BC_L \\ BC_D \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$



 $q_L \uparrow q_{\theta}$ q_D

Linearized Quasi-Steady Aerodynamic Forces

Discarding higher order terms

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_y \\ q_z \\ q_\theta \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \left(V^2 + 2Vu - 2V\dot{r}_y \right) \cdot \left(\begin{bmatrix} BC_D \\ BC_L \\ B^2C_M \end{bmatrix} + \left(r_\theta + \frac{w}{V} - \frac{\dot{r}_z}{V} \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} BC'_D \\ BC'_L \\ B^2C'_M \end{bmatrix} + \left(\frac{w}{V} - \frac{\dot{r}_z}{V} \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -BC_L \\ BC_D \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\rho}{2} \left(V^2 + 2Vu - 2V\dot{r}_y \right) \begin{bmatrix} BC_D \\ BC_L \\ B^2C_M \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\rho}{2} \left(V^2r_\theta + Vw - V\dot{r}_z \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} BC'_D \\ BC'_L \\ B^2C'_M \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\rho}{2} \left(Vw - V\dot{r}_z \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -BC_L \\ BC_D \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\rho V^2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} BC_D \\ BC_L \\ B^2 C_M \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\rho V}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2BC_D \\ 2BC_L \\ 2B^2 C_M \end{bmatrix} \cdot u + \frac{\rho V}{2} \begin{bmatrix} BC'_D - BC_L \\ BC'_L + BC_D \\ B^2 C'_M \end{bmatrix} \cdot w$$
$$- \frac{\rho V}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2BC_D \\ 2BC_L \\ 2B^2 C_M \end{bmatrix} \cdot \dot{r}_y - \frac{\rho V}{2} \begin{bmatrix} BC'_D - BC_L \\ BC'_L + BC_D \\ B^2 C'_M \end{bmatrix} \cdot \dot{r}_z + \frac{\rho V^2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} BC'_D \\ BC'_L \\ BC'_L \\ B^2 C'_M \end{bmatrix} \cdot r_\theta$$



Linearized Quasi-Steady Aerodynamic Forces

Total load vector comprises a time invariant static part and a dynamic part





Unsteady Self-Excited Forces

Self-excited forces with so-called Flutter Derivatives

- Proposed by Scanlan and Tomko, "Airfoil and Bridge Deck Flutter Derivatives", Journal of Engineering Mechanics Division, J. Eng. Mech., 1971
- For elastically supported section models for 2-dof (or 3-dof) for heaving and torsion under the steady-state harmonic motions with the exciting frequency of ω, self-excited forces can be expressed with experimentally-obtained flutter derivatives as

$$\begin{split} L_{se} &= \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 B \left[K H_1^* \frac{\dot{h}}{U} + K H_2^* \frac{B \dot{\alpha}}{U} + K^2 H_3^* \alpha + K^2 H_4^* \frac{h}{B} + K H_5^* \frac{\dot{p}}{U} + K^2 H_6^* \frac{p}{B} \right] \\ M_{se} &= \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 B^2 \left[K A_1^* \frac{\dot{h}}{U} + K A_2^* \frac{B \dot{\alpha}}{U} + K^2 A_3^* \alpha + K^2 A_4^* \frac{h}{B} + K A_5^* \frac{\dot{p}}{U} + K^2 A_6^* \frac{p}{B} \right] \\ D_{se} &= \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 B \left[K P_1^* \frac{\dot{p}}{U} + K P_2^* \frac{B \dot{\alpha}}{U} + K^2 P_3^* \alpha + K^2 P_4^* \frac{p}{B} + K P_5^* \frac{\dot{h}}{U} + K^2 P_6^* \frac{h}{B} \right] \end{split}$$

• in which, ρ = air density ; $K = \omega B/U$ = reduced frequency ; H^* , A^* , P^* = the flutter derivatives (the function of reduced frequency), ; B = the deck width ; U = the mean wind speed in the oncoming flow at the deck elevation



Unsteady Self-Excited Forces

Unsteady aerodynamic forces

- The flutter derivatives L_{se}, M_{se}, D_{se} are described as unsteady lift force, unsteady moment and unsteady drag force, respectively.
- Since all the right sides of these formula consist of velocity and displacement terms of deck motion, unsteady aerodynamic force can be represented as:

$$F_{ae} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{se} \\ L_{se} \\ M_{se} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \rho UB \begin{bmatrix} KP_{1}^{*} & KP_{5}^{*} & KP_{2}^{*}B \\ KH_{5}^{*} & KH_{1}^{*} & KH_{2}^{*}B \\ KA_{5}^{*} & KA_{1}^{*}B & K^{2}A_{2}^{*}B^{2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{h} \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \rho U^{2}B \begin{bmatrix} K^{2}P_{4}^{*}\frac{1}{B} & K^{2}P_{6}^{*}\frac{1}{B} & K^{2}P_{3}^{*} \\ K^{2}H_{6}^{*}\frac{1}{B} & K^{2}H_{4}^{*}\frac{1}{B} & K^{2}H_{3}^{*} \\ K^{2}A_{6}^{*} & K^{2}A_{4}^{*} & K^{2}A_{3}^{*}B \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} p \\ h \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

/elocity-dependent aerodynamic damping Displacement-dependent aerodynamic stiffness

$$= \mathbf{C}_{ae} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{K}_{ae} \cdot \mathbf{r}$$



Flutter Derivatives in Quasi-steady Theory

- **Unsteady aerodynamic forces** C_{ae}, K_{ae} vs. Quasi-steady C_{ae}, K_{ae}
 - The unsteady flutter derivatives can be represented in terms of static coefficients and its derivatives

$$\begin{bmatrix} KH_1^* = -C'_L - C_D \\ K^2H_3^* = C'_L \\ KH_5^* = -2C_L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} KA_1^* = -C'_M \\ K^2A_3^* = C'_M \\ KA_5^* = -2C_M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} KP_1^* = -2C_D \\ K^2P_3^* = C'_D \\ KP_5^* = -C'_D + C_L \end{bmatrix}$$

All the others = 0



Examples of Flutter Derivatives

Box decks for three bridges and airfoils



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Buffeting Forces

Linear aerodynamic forces

$$L_b = \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 B \left[2C_L \frac{u(x,t)}{U} + \left(\frac{dC_L}{d\alpha} + C_D\right) \frac{w(x,t)}{U} \right]$$
$$M_b = \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 B^2 \left[2C_M \frac{u(x,t)}{U} + \left(\frac{dC_M}{d\alpha}\right) \frac{w(x,t)}{U} \right]$$
$$D_b = \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 B \left[2C_D \frac{u(x,t)}{U} \right]$$





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THANK YOU for your attention!



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