Mystran Analysis Interface Module (AIM)

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1 Introduction

1.1 MYSTRAN AIM Overview

A module in the Computational Aircraft Prototype Syntheses (CAPS) has been developed to interact (primarily through input files) with the finite element structural solver Mystran.

Current issues include:

- A thorough bug testing needs to be undertaken.

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2 Geometry Fidelity

The attribute capsFidelity may be set to either ALL or STRUCTURE for the Mystran AIM. The geometric fidelity for the AIM requires that bodies be:

- WIREBODY for purely 1D simulations
- FACEBODY or SHEETBODY (non-manifold) for 2D simulations
- SOLIDBODY or SHEETBODY (manifold) for 3D simulations

3 AIM Inputs

The following list outlines the Mystran inputs along with their default value available through the AIM interface. Unless noted these values will be not be linked to any parent AIMs with variables of the same name.

- **Proj_Name = "mystran_CAPS"**
  This corresponds to the project name used for file naming.
- **Tess_Params = [0.025, 0.001, 15.0]**
  Body tessellation parameters used when creating a boundary element model. Tess_Params[0] and Tess↩ _Params[1] get scaled by the bounding box of the body. (From the EGADS manual) A set of 3 parameters that drive the EDGE discretization and the FACE triangulation. The first is the maximum length of an ED↩ GE segment or triangle side (in physical space). A zero is flag that allows for any length. The second is a curvature-based value that looks locally at the deviation between the centroid of the discrete object and the underlying geometry. Any deviation larger than the input value will cause the tessellation to be enhanced in those regions. The third is the maximum interior dihedral angle (in degrees) between triangle facets (or Edge segment tangents for a WIREBODY tessellation), note that a zero ignores this phase
- **Edge_Point_Min = 4**
  Minimum number of points along an edge to use when creating a boundary element model.

- **Edge_Point_Max = 10**
  Maximum number of points along an edge to use when creating a boundary element model.
- **Property = NULL**
  Property tuple used to input property information for the model, see FEA Property for additional details.
- **Material = NULL**
  Material tuple used to input material information for the model, see FEA Material for additional details.
- **Constraint = NULL**
  Constraint tuple used to input constraint information for the model, see FEA Constraint for additional details.
- **Load = NULL**
  Load tuple used to input load information for the model, see FEA Load for additional details.
- **Analysis = NULL**
  Analysis tuple used to input analysis/case information for the model, see FEA Analysis for additional details.
- **Analysis_Type = "Modal"**
  Type of analysis to generate files for, options include "Modal", "Static", and "Craig-Bampton".

4 AIM Shareable Data

Currently the Mystran AIM does not have any shareable data types or values. It will try, however, to inherit a "FEA_MESH" or "Volume_Mesh" from any parent AIMs. Note that the inheritance of the mesh is not required.

5 AIM Outputs

The following list outlines the Mystran outputs available through the AIM interface.

- **EigenValue** = List of Eigen-Values (λ) after a modal solve.
- **EigenRadian** = List of Eigen-Values in terms of radians ($\omega = \sqrt{\lambda}$) after a modal solve.
- **EigenFrequency** = List of Eigen-Values in terms of frequencies ($f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$) after a modal solve.
- **EigenGeneralMass** = List of generalized masses for the Eigen-Values.

6 FEA Material

Structure for the material tuple = ("Material Name", "Value"). "Material Name" defines the reference name for the material being specified. The "Value" can either be a JSON String dictionary (see Section JSON String Dictionary) or a single string keyword (see Section Single Value String).

6.1 JSON String Dictionary

If "Value" is JSON string dictionary (eg. "Value" = {"density": 7850, "youngModulus": 120000.0, "poissonRatio": 0.5, "materialType": "isotropic"}) the following keywords (= default values) may be used:

- **materialType = "Isotropic"**
  Material property type. Options: Isotropic, Anisothotropic, Orthotropic, or Anisotropic.
- **youngModulus = 0.0**
  Also know as the elastic modulus, defines the relationship between stress and strain. Default if 'shearModulus' and 'poissonRatio' != 0, youngModulus = 2∗(1+poissonRatio)∗shearModulus

- **shearModulus = 0.0**
  Also know as the modulus of rigidity is defined as the ratio of shear stress to the shear strain. Default if 'youngModulus' and 'poissonRatio' != 0, shearModulus = youngModulus/(2∗(1+poissonRatio))

- **poissonRatio = 0.0**
  Is the fraction of expansion divided by the fraction of compression. Default if 'youngModulus' and 'shear↩ Modulus' != 0, poissonRatio = (2∗youngModulus/shearModulus) - 1

- **density = 0.0**
  Density of the material.

- **thermalExpCoeff = 0.0**
  Thermal expansion coefficient of the material.

- **temperatureRef = 0.0**
  Reference temperature for material properties.

- **dampingCoeff = 0.0**
  Damping coefficient for the material.

- **youngModulusLateral = 0.0**
  Elastic modulus in lateral direction for an orthotropic material

- **shearModulusTrans1Z = 0.0**
  Transverse shear modulus in the 1-Z plane for an orthotropic material

- **shearModulusTrans2Z = 0.0**
  Transverse shear modulus in the 2-Z plane for an orthotropic material

6.2 Single Value String

If "Value" is a string, the string value may correspond to an entry in a predefined material lookup table. NOT YET IMPLEMENTED!!!!

7 FEA Property

Structure for the property tuple = ("Property Name", "Value"). "Property Name" defines the reference *capsGroup* for the property being specified. The "Value" can either be a JSON String dictionary (see Section JSON String Dictionary) or a single string keyword (see Section Single Value String).

7.1 JSON String Dictionary

If "Value" is JSON string dictionary (eg. "Value" = {"shearMembraneRatio": 0.83, "bendingInertiaRatio": 1.0, "membraneThickness": 0.2, "propertyType": "Shell"}) the following keywords (= default values) may be used:

- **propertyType = No Default value**
  Type of property to apply to a give capsGroup *Name*. Options: Rod, Bar, Shear, Shell, Composite, and Solid

- **material = "Material Name" (FEA Material)**
  "Material Name" from FEA Material to use for property. If no material is set the first material created will be used

- **crossSecArea = 0.0**
  Cross sectional area.

- **torsionalConst = 0.0**
  Torsional constant.

- **torsionalStressReCoeff = 0.0**
  Torsional stress recovery coefficient.

- **massPerLength = 0.0**
  Mass per unit length.

- **zAxisInertia = 0.0**
  Section moment of inertia about the element z-axis.

- **yAxisInertia = 0.0**
  Section moment of inertia about the element y-axis.

- **yCoords[4] = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]**
  Element y-coordinates, in the bar cross-section, of four points at which to recover stresses

- **zCoords[4] = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]**
  Element z-coordinates, in the bar cross-section, of four points at which to recover stresses

- **areaShearFactors[2] = [0.0, 0.0]**
  Area factors for shear.

- **crossProductInertia = 0.0**
  Section cross-product of inertia.

- **shearPanelThickness = 0.0**
  Shear panel thickness.

- **nonStructMassPerArea = 0.0**
  Nonstructural mass per unit area.

- **membraneThickness = 0.0**
  Membrane thickness.

- **bendingInertiaRatio = 1.0**
  Ratio of actual bending moment inertia to the bending inertia of a solid plate of thickness "membranThickness"

- **shearMembraneRatio = 5.0/6.0**
  Ratio shear thickness to membrane thickness.

- **materialBending = "Material Name" (FEA Material)**
  "Material Name" from FEA Material to use for property bending. If no material is given and "bendingIneria↩
  Ratio" is greater than 0, the material name provided in "material" is used.

- **materialShear = "Material Name" (FEA Material)**
  "Material Name" from FEA Material to use for property shear. If no material is given and "shearMembrane↩
  Ratio" is greater than 0, the material name provided in "material" is used.

- **massPerArea = 0.0**
  Mass per unit area.

- **compositeMaterial = "no default"**
  List of "Material Name"s, ["Material Name -1", "Material Name -2", ...], from FEA Material to use for composites.

- **shearBondAllowable = 0.0**
  Allowable interlaminar shear stress.

- **symmetricLaminate = 0**
  Symmetric lamination option. 1- SYM only half the plies are specified, for odd number plies 1/2 thickness of center ply is specified the first ply is the bottom ply in the stack, default (0) all plies specified.

- **compositeFailureTheory = "(no default)"**
  Composite failure theory. Options: "HILL", "HOFF", "TSAI", and "STRN"

- **compositeThickness = (no default)**
  List of composite thickness for each layer (eg. [1.2, 4.0, 3.0]). If the length of this list doesn't match the length of the "compositeMaterial" list, the list is either truncated [>length("compositeMaterial")] or expanded [<length("compositeMaterial")] in which case the last thickness provided is repeated.

- **compositeOrientation = (no default)**
  List of composite orientations (angle relative element material axis) for each layer (eg. [5.0, 10.0, 30.0]). If the length of this list doesn't match the length of the "compositeMaterial" list, the list is either truncated [>length("compositeMaterial")] or expanded [<length("compositeMaterial")] in which case the last orientation provided is repeated.

7.2 Single Value String

If "Value" is a string, the string value may correspond to an entry in a predefined property lookup table. NOT YET IMPLEMENTED!!!!

8 FEA Constraint

Structure for the constraint tuple = ("Constraint Name", "Value"). "Constraint Name" defines the reference name for the constraint being specified. The "Value" can either be a JSON String dictionary (see Section JSON String Dictionary) or a single string keyword (see Section Single Value String).

8.1 JSON String Dictionary

If "Value" is JSON string dictionary (eg. "Value" = {"groupName": "plateEdge", "dofConstraint": 123456}) the following keywords (= default values) may be used:

- **constraintType = "ZeroDisplacement"**
  Type of constraint. Options: "Displacement", "ZeroDisplacement".

- **groupName = "(no default)"**
  Single or list of *capsGroup* names on which to apply the constraint (e.g. "Name1" or ["Name1","Name2",...].

- **dofConstraint = 0**
  Component numbers / degrees of freedom that will be constrained (123 - zero translation in all three directions).

- **gridDisplacement = 0.0**
  Value of displacement for components defined in "dofConstraint".

8.2 Single Value String

If "Value" is a string, the string value may correspond to an entry in a predefined constraint lookup table. NOT YET IMPLEMENTED!!!!

9 FEA Load

Structure for the load tuple = ("Load Name", "Value"). "Load Name" defines the reference name for the load being specified. The "Value" can either be a JSON String dictionary (see Section JSON String Dictionary) or a single string keyword (see Section Single Value String).

9.1 JSON String Dictionary

If "Value" is JSON string dictionary (eg. "Value" = {"groupName": "plate", "loadType": "Pressure", "pressureForce": 2000000.0}) the following keywords (= default values) may be used:

- **loadType = "(no default)"**
  Type of load. Options: "GridForce", "GridMoment", "Rotational", "Thermal", "Pressure", "PressureDistribute", "PressureExternal", "Gravity".

- **groupName = "(no default)"**
  Single or list of *capsGroup* names on which to apply the load (e.g. "Name1" or ["Name1","Name2",...].

- **loadScaleFactor = 1.0**
  Scale factor to use when combining loads.

- **forceScaleFactor = 0.0**
  Overall scale factor for the force for a "GridForce" load.

- **directionVector = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0]**
  X-, y-, and z- components of the force vector for a "GridForce", "GridMoment", or "Gravity" load.

- **momentScaleFactor = 0.0**
  Overall scale factor for the moment for a "GridMoment" load.

- **gravityAcceleration = 0.0**
  Acceleration value for a "Gravity" load.

- **pressureForce = 0.0**
  Uniform pressure force for a "Pressure" load (only applicable to 2D elements).

- **pressureDistributeForce = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]**
  Distributed pressure force for a "PressureDistribute" load (only applicable to 2D elements). The four values correspond to the 4 (quadrilateral elements) or 3 (triangle elements) node locations.

- **angularVelScaleFactor = 0.0**
  An overall scale factor for the angular velocity in revolutions per unit time for a "Rotational" load.

- **angularAccScaleFactor = 0.0**
  An overall scale factor for the angular acceleration in revolutions per unit time squared for a "Rotational" load.

- **coordinateSystem = "(no default)"**
  Name of coordinate system in which defined force components are in reference to. If no value is provided the global system is assumed.

9.2 Single Value String

If "Value" is a string, the string value may correspond to an entry in a predefined load lookup table. NOT YET IMPLEMENTED!!!!

10 FEA Analysis

Structure for the analysis tuple = (‘Analysis Name', ‘Value'). 'Analysis Name' defines the reference name for the analysis being specified. The "Value" can either be a JSON String dictionary (see Section JSON String Dictionary) or a single string keyword (see Section Single Value String).

10.1 JSON String Dictionary

If "Value" is JSON string dictionary (eg. "Value" = {"numDesiredEigenvalue": 10, "eigenNormaliztion": "MAS↩ S", "numEstEigenvalue": 1, "extractionMethod": "GIV", "frequencyRange": [0, 10000]}) the following keywords (= default values) may be used:

- **analysisType = "Modal"**
  Type of load. Options: "Modal", "Static".

- **analysisLoad = "(no default)"**
  Single or list of "Load Name"s defined in FEA Load in which to use for the analysis (e.g. "Name1" or ["↩ Name1","Name2",...].

- **analysisConstraint = "(no default)"**
  Single or list of "Constraint Name"s defined in FEA Constraint in which to use for the analysis (e.g. "Name1" or ["Name1","Name2",...].

- **extractionMethod = "(no default)"**
  Extraction method for modal analysis.

- **frequencyRange = [0.0, 0.0]**
  Frequency range of interest for modal analysis.

- **numEstEigenvalue = 0**
  Number of estimated eigenvalues for modal analysis.

- **numDesiredEigenvalue = 0**
  Number of desired eigenvalues for modal analysis.

- **eigenNormaliztion = "(no default)"**
  Method of eigenvector renormilization. Options: "POINT", "MAX", "MASS"

- **gridNormaliztion = 0**
  Grid point to be used in normalizing eigenvector to 1.0 when using eigenNormaliztion = "POINT"

- **componentNormaliztion = 0**
  Degree of freedom about "gridNormalization" to be used in normalizing eigenvector to 1.0 when using eigen↩ Normaliztion = "POINT"

- **lanczosMode = 2**
  Mode refers to the Lanczos mode type to be used in the solution. In mode 3 the mass matrix, Maa,must be nonsingular whereas in mode 2 the matrix K aa - sigma∗Maa must be nonsingular

- **lanczosType = "(no default)"**
  Lanczos matrix type. Options: DPB, DGB.

10.2 Single Value String

If "Value" is a string, the string value may correspond to an entry in a predefined analysis lookup table. NOT YET IMPLEMENTED!!!!

11 FEA DesignVariable

Structure for the design variable tuple = (‘DesignVariable Name', ‘Value'). 'DesignVariable Name' defines the reference name for the design variable being specified. The "Value" must be a JSON String dictionary (see Section JSON String Dictionary).

11.1 JSON String Dictionary

If "Value" is JSON string dictionary the following keywords (= default values) may be used:

12 FEA DesignConstraint

Structure for the design constraint tuple = (‘DesignConstraint Name', ‘Value'). 'DesignConstraint Name' defines the reference name for the design constraint being specified. The "Value" must be a JSON String dictionary (see Section JSON String Dictionary).

12.1 JSON String Dictionary

If "Value" is JSON string dictionary the following keywords (= default values) may be used: