## Performing Vertical Pedestrian Loading with Restart Analyses in LUSAS

Moving pedestrian loading analyses using either the BD37/01 or BS EN 1991-2 2003 wizards can be performed in LUSAS. For all but the shortest structures these analyses will usually require a significant number of time steps to analyse the passage of the pedestrian / pedestrian group across the whole structure. It is recommended therefore that the analysis is broken up into a number of restart analyses each with a maximum of 1000 time steps.

Restart analyses are relatively simple to set up and break the complete solution into smaller chunks that can be run sequentially. This method also has the advantage that, should anything go wrong during a long analysis such as insufficient disk space or power failure, only the solution from the start of the last restart will be lost and not the whole analysis.

**NOTE:** For complex models it may be necessary to have smaller numbers of time steps than 1000 in each restart analysis due to the size of the results files (\*.mys).

To demonstrate the procedure for conducting a restart analysis we will perform a pedestrian moving load analysis using the wizard for the NA to BS EN 1991-2 2003 on a very simple footbridge.

The structure used is simply a steel deck of 300mm thickness with a width of 2m and a span of 20m with simple supports as shown in the following figure.



If we perform an eigenvalue analysis over the frequency range of 0 to 50Hz of this structure we find the following frequency and mass participation behaviour:

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	3	10497.3	16.3064	0.911920E-12	
	4	13876.7	18.7483	0.166735E-11	
	5	21822.1	23.5109	0.141219E-11	
	6	34679.2	29.6384	0.488585E-12	
	7	89213.8	47.5375	0.738871E-07	
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From these we can see that there are two key modes of the structure that have approximately 80% of the structure mass participating in them for the mode 1 vertical (Y) and mode 4 lateral (Z) directions. These will therefore be used to define the frequency range for the Rayleigh damping parameters.

Using the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet downloadable from the User Area on the LUSAS Support Website and assuming 3% damping we can calculate the Rayleigh damping parameters as indicated below which can be added to the material properties of the model:

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4	b) Inp	put the damping ratios required	l at these frequencies				
5	c) Ex	tract the Rayleigh damping co	efficients and specify in	n the material proper	ties of the material		
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-7			Frequency (Hz)*	Damping Ratio*	Damping (%)	Circular Frequency (/s)	Eigenvalue
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9		2nd	18.7483	0.03	3	117.80	13,876.61
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12			Rayleigh Damping Par	ameters:			
13				Alpha:	0.608481301		
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To check that we have achieved the damping levels that we require we can reanalyse the eigenvalue analysis using this modified material property and enable the **Include modal** 

**damping** as indicated in the figure below (we are using the default settings to calculate all modes so we do not need to click on the **Set damping...** button).

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If we now look at the analysis output file \*.out we will see underneath the frequency and mass participation information a section called **Modal Damping Factors** which will tell us the distributed damping factors attained using the material Rayleigh damping parameters. Looking at modes 1 and 4 which were the limits of our range for tuning the damping parameters we see that we have successfully obtained 3% or (0.3E-1) at these target frequencies with the remaining modal damping values following the Rayleigh proportional damping behaviour (refer to the LUSAS Theory Manual for more information on Rayleigh damping).

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      = 0.500000E-01

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      DISTRIBUTED DAMPING FACTORS WILL BE COMPUTED FOR ALL MODES

      MODE
      EIGENVALUE

      FREQUENCY
      VISCOUS DAMPING

      1
      123.137
      1.76609
      0.300000E-01

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We now have our damping requirements for the structure. Our last modelling task before using the pedestrian moving load wizard is to define the path along which the pedestrian / pedestrian group will move. For the example this will be along the centreline of the structure as indicated below.

**NOTE:** The path has been extended 10m beyond the 20m long bridge structure to allow the analysis to also include the free vibration response after the pedestrian / pedestrian group has left the structure (also to create > 1000 time steps to demonstrate restarts). As an alternative to this approach which will generate load cases with no effective loading the model could be edited after creation of the pedestrian loading to add a new load case with a dynamic control to perform additional time steps after the pedestrian / pedestrian group has left the structure. This could also be done by manually editing the datafile prior to running the analysis. Either of these should still take account of restart requirements.



We can now select this straight line defining the pedestrian path and run the loading wizard. For this example we will treat the structure as a class C bridge for urban routes with pedestrians walking across it with a frequency tuned to the fundamental vertical natural frequency of 1.76609Hz obtained in the eigenvalue analysis. This means that the default group size from table NA.7 will be 8 with a reference load of 280N and walking speed of 1.7m/s (dealt with internally in the wizard). Our initial information for the wizard is indicated in the following figure:

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Group size	8						
Pedestrian speed = 1.7 m/sec							
Vertical natural frequency of mode, fv (Hz)	1.76609						
Pedestrian combined factor, k(fv)							
Unsynchronized reduction factor, gamma							
Search area	0:Default						
Project over area	line						
Pedestrian path options							
Pedestrian path unit vector from line: (1,0,0)							
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Time step to be used for analysis (sec)	0.01						
Incremental distance = 0.017 m							
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We are left with the Pedestrian combined factor, k(fv), and the Unsynchronized reduction factor,  $\gamma$ , to calculate from the clauses of the code of practice. Based on the natural frequency being analysed of 1.76609Hz and the walking pedestrian, Figure NA.8 gives us a k(fv) value of 1.0. The unsynchronized reduction factor is dependent upon both the damping of the structure and effective span for the mode shape corresponding to our vertical natural frequency. The effective span will be taken as the total span length of 20m as this is considered conservative by the code of practice but can also be calculated in accordance with Figure NA.7. Based on this and a logarithmic decrement  $\delta$  of 0.18858 (equivalent to a damping ratio of 3% and calculated from  $\delta = 2\pi\xi/\sqrt{1-\xi^2}$ ), Figure NA.9 gives a  $\gamma$  value of 0.545.

The search area and projection will be left as the default values and the direction will be in the orientation of the line (from left to right in the figures).

For the time step, the default value of 0.01sec will create a total of 1766 time steps for the 30m pedestrian path with a walking speed of 1.7m/s which would probably be suitable for the analysis of this structure. For the example we will use a reduced time step to allow us to create an analysis that will require multiple restart analysis of 1000 time steps each to fully demonstrate the procedure for setting up the analysis. The time step will therefore be set to 0.0075sec which will equate to an equivalent incremental movement distance of 0.01275m per time step resulting in approximately 2350 time steps necessary for the pedestrian to move the 30m.

The final information required for the wizard is shown in the following figure. We can now click the **OK** button to create the complete model for the moving pedestrian analysis.

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Pedestrian speed = 1.7 m/sec							
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Pedestrian combined factor, k(fv)	1.0						
Unsynchronized reduction factor, gamma	0.545						
Search area	0:Default						
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Pedestrian path options							
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Time step to be used for analysis (sec)	0.0075						
Incremental distance = 0.01275 m							
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This will create two graphs illustrating the loading defined in the model for the pedestrian / pedestrian group versus time and distance as indicated below.



These graphs can be inspected to ensure that the sinusoidal variation of the magnitude of the loading has been suitably captured using the time step selected by visual inspection that all of the peaks are identical for the overall curves and also by zooming into the first cycle using the zoom feature in the LUSAS graphing as illustrated below.



If we do not achieve smooth curves with the correct peaks then the time step of an analysis will probably need to be reduced.

We can now save the model (usually best to save it under a new file name to avoid accidentally overwriting the original model that was used as the starting point for the pedestrian loading analysis) and tabulate the analysis. Rather than clicking the **=** button which would tabulate and solve the analysis we wish to only write the datafile to disk so we can perform the edits required for the restart analysis. To do this select the LUSAS Datafile... option from the File menu, deselect the Solve now option and click Save to write the datafile to the working directory.

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If we look at this datafile we will find that it has all 2354 time steps defined as individual load cases in the analysis with a single dynamic control that performs a single time step at the start of the analysis that is inherited by all of these load cases. We now need to break this single datafile into multiple 1000 time step / load case chunks. It is usually best to keep this 'base' datafile as it is and create new datafiles for the restart analysis. These will usually have the same basename as the original datafile but with a suffix similar to \*\_a.dat, \*\_b.dat, \*\_c.dat or \*\_1.dat, \*\_2.dat, \*\_3.dat to indicate the order that the datafiles need to be analysed in LUSAS Solver.

Create three text files with a \*.dat extension as follows (**NOTE:** The name of the file will be different for your analysis):

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Simple Footbridge With Pedestrian_2.dat
Simple Footbridge With Pedestrian_3.dat
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For the first datafile, copy the information from the original datafile created using the wizard down to the end of LOAD CASE 1000 and paste it into the new datafile as indicated below:

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**NOTE:** For the last restart file we do not need to include the RESTART WRITE command unless we may wish to add further time steps in another restart datafile. This may be required if there is interest in the damped free vibration after the passage of the pedestrian / pedestrian group.

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Our remaining tasks are to run the analysis and also provide the capability of loading the results from all of the restart analyses into LUSAS Modeller with ease if there are a significant number of them.

The simplest way of running all of the restart analyses is through a MS-DOS batch file. The batch file that would run all three of the datafiles in sequence is shown in the next figure. In this batch file the key tasks are to run a datafile, copy the restart from that analysis to be the starting restart for the next datafile and so on. The batch file also, as a cosmetic process, echoes to the command window the information about which analysis is currently being run. The location of the batch file that runs LUSAS Solver should be set based on the version of LUSAS and the installation directory on the computer where the analysis is being performed.



For this pedestrian moving load analysis we only have three results files so these could be easily loaded on top of the original model manually one at a time using **Open** toolbar button or the **File > Open...** menu entry and choosing **Results Files (\*.mys)** as the file type end ensuring that the **Load on top of current model** option is selected as indicated below.

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When there is a significant number of restart analyses for larger models this process can be quite laborious and prone to error so the best method is to write a VBScript that will load all of the

results files in one go. An example is shown in the following figure which loops over the three results files loading each of them in turn onto the current model.



This script can be run by clicking the toolbar **Run Script** button or the **File** > **Script** > **Run Script...** menu entry and choosing the VBScript file as shown below.

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If the results files are not in the same working directory as the model the VBScript file may require their path to also be specified.

The analysis is now complete and ready for post-processing in LUSAS Modeller as normal.