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Blocked Force Determination Explanation and Examples

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- Transfer Functions and Superposition
- What are Blocked Forces?
- Similar Approaches
- Example: Small Compressor attached to Structure
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Transfer Functions





Linear Systems and Superposition





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Blocked forces are independent of the receiver.





Blocked Force Analysis



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Classical Transfer Path Analysis





Pseudo Force Analysis



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Force Identification Approaches





Summary

| Method | Transfer Function Measurement | Inverse Force Locations | Can Inverse Forces be Used with Modified Receiver? |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Classical TPA | Remove Source | Interface between Source and Receiver | If Source is well Isolated |
| Blocked Forces | Include Source | Interface between Source and Receiver | Yes |
| Pseudo Forces | Include Source | User Decided | Maybe |



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Source and Test Structure

• Classical TPA, pseudo force and blocked force methods are used to predict target response.





Blocked Force Locations







Input Force Locations

• For Classical TPA, transfer functions are measured with compressor removed from steel plate.





Input Force Locations

• For pseudo force method, 6 input force points should capture all 3 translational and 3 rotational motions of compressor.







Acceleration Target Comparison





Modification Added Mass





Measurement Case Target Comparison





Measurement Case Results Comparison



• A spacing (s) of $s \le 0.5\lambda_B$ is recommended along an interface for plate and shell structures where λ_b is the bending wavelength. This spacing has been validated using FEM analyses.



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Engine Cover

• Engine cover (receiver) is bolted on a plastic plate (source)







Measurement Setup

- Electromagnetic shaker is used to excite plastic plate.
- Assembled system is placed on foam to simulate free-free boundary condition.







Blocked Force Determination

- 14 blocked force input points are chosen on the bolts in normal direction.
- 21 indicator points are evenly spaced on engine cover.
- 7 target points are chosen on engine cover





Correlated Single Target Comparison





Correlated Target Average Comparison

Average acceleration level of 7 target points is compared between measurement and blocked force prediction.





Uncorrelated Blocked Force

• Phase is not included in the calculation.

$$\{\hat{a}_{rec}\}_M = \left[\hat{H}\right]_{M \times N} \{\hat{F}_{bl}\}_N$$



Uncorrelated Target Average Comparison





Measurement Case Modification

- Cylinder shaped mass is glued on engine cover to reduce acceleration level.
- The added mass is about 1/4 of the engine cover.
- Can uncorrelated blocked forces be used to predict the effect of a modification?





Uncorrelated Averaged at Targets





- A spacing (s) of $s \le 0.5\lambda_B$ is recommended along an interface for plate and shell structures where λ_b is the bending wavelength. This spacing has been validated using FEM analyses.
- Once $s \ge 0.5\lambda_b$, it is recommended to use uncorrelated forces.



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Acoustic Blocked Source Analysis





Acoustic Duct

- Input source layer has 6 reconstructed sources
- Each output response layer has 6 indicators and 1 target.





Measurement Case Baseline Setup





Transfer Function Measurement

- Reciprocity method is used to calculate transfer function.
- A reference microphone is placed 0.3 m away from the volume source to calculate the volume velocity.







Correlated Targets Comparison





Uncorrelated Targets Comparison





Modification Lined Duct

- A lined duct (5 cm fiberglass) is connected to the baseline case
- Reconstructed acoustic blocked forces for baseline will be used to predict sound pressure level for modification case





Correlated Targets Comparison





Uncorrelated Targets Comparison





- A spacing (s) of $s \le 0.5\lambda_a$ is recommended along the cross-section where λ_a is the acoustic wavelength.
- Once $s \ge 0.5\lambda_a$, it is recommended to use uncorrelated acoustic sources.



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Future Work

Use response measurements for source diagnostics. •



 $\{v_{rec}\}_M = [H]_{M \times N} \{F_{bl}\}_N$



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Future Work

Blocked forces characterize a source with its isolators irrespective of the • receiver substructure.



$$\{v_{rec}\}_M = [H]_{M \times N} \{F_{bl}\}_N$$



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