Development of Unsteady Aerodynamic and Aeroelastic Reduced-Order Models Using System Identification

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## Introduction

- A method for generating ROMs was recently developed based on the simultaneous excitation of modes
- This method was implemented in the CFL3D structured grid flow solver
- This paper presents the implementation of this method in the FUN3D unstructured grid flow solver
- Additionally, wanted to develop additional capabilities: error minimization and aeroelastic root locus plots

## **FUN3D Code**

- Unstructured-grid flow solver
- Langley-developed code
- Aeroelastic capability
- Multiple turbulence
  models



#### Unsteady Aerodynamic State-Space ROM



#### Aeroelastic Simulation ROM



Error Minimization (Unsteady Aerodynamics)



Error Minimization Philosophy (Unsteady Aerodynamics)

- Currently, error minimization process applied to the development of the unsteady aerodynamic ROM only, not the aeroelastic simulation ROM.
- What is meant by "Low Error"? A maximum error less than 5%.
- Final accepted "Low Error" is a compromise between the lowest error possible while requiring minimal re-design effort.
- How does the error in the unsteady aerodynamic ROM translate into the error in the aeroelastic simulation ROM?

Aeroelastic Root Locus Plot Using Aeroelastic Simulation ROM



- Benchmark Active Controls Technology (BACT) wing
- 2D, viscous (SA turbulence model)
- 39,000 hex cells
- Plunge and pitch
- Mach = 0.51



#### Error Minimization



#### Error Minimization





Aeroelastic Responses, ROM and FUN3D, Q=140 psf

Blue=ROM Green=FUN3D





#### Aeroelastic Responses, ROM, Q=0 psf



Blue=GC 1 Green=GC 2

20

10

Aeroelastic Responses, ROM, Q=100 psf



Aeroelastic Responses, ROM, Q=140 psf



#### Aeroelastic Responses, ROM, Q=150 psf



#### Aeroelastic Root Locus, ROM



- Typical aeroelastic testcase
- 3D, inviscid
- 2.23M tetrahedra
- Four modes
- Mach = 0.90







#### Error Minimization 2 × 10<sup>-4</sup> -1 -2 Mean Error -3 -4 -5 -6 2 3 0.25 0.2 0.15 Maximum % Error 0.1 0.05 n -0.05 -0.1 А

Generalized Coordinate

Aeroelastic Responses, ROM and FUN3D, Q=75 psf



Aeroelastic Responses, ROM and FUN3D, Q=75 psf



#### Aeroelastic Root Locus, ROM



# Ares I-X, I Launch Vehicles



### **Results : Ares I-X** M=0.95, Baseline Modal Frequencies



Damping ratio

### Results : Ares I-X M=0.95, Increased Modal Frequencies



Damping ratio

### Results : Ares I-X M=0.95, Decreased Modal Frequencies



### Results : Ares I-X M=1.44, Baseline Modal Frequencies



### Results : Ares I-X M=1.44, Increased Modal Frequencies



# Results : Ares I-X

#### M=1.44, Decreased Modal Frequencies



#### Results : Ares I M=1.00, Baseline Vehicle



### Results : Ares I M=1.00, Thrust Oscillation Isolator (TOI) Vehicle



# **Concluding Remarks**

- Recent ROM developments have been successfully implemented into FUN3D unstructured flow solver
- An error minimization method was developed to quantify and reduce the error associated with ROM development
- A method for directly generating the aeroelastic root locus plot using the aeroelastic simulation ROM was developed and successfully demonstrated
- Results were presented for the BACT, 2D, viscous case and the AGARD 445.6, 3D, inviscid case and for the Ares launch vehicle

## **Concluding Remarks**

- Process for developing and applying unsteady aerodynamic, structural dynamic, and aeroelastic simulation ROMs presented along with error quantification procedure
- Generation of FUN3D responses per Mach number for ROM generation computed in days
- ROM procedure enables efficient computation of aeroelastic response due to parametric variations of structural parameters (modal frequencies); would require separate (and costly) FUN3D solutions per variation
- Aeroelastic simulations at a given Mach number per dynamic pressure using FUN3D computed in days
- Aeroelastic simulations at a given Mach number per dynamic pressure using ROMs computed in seconds

## **Concluding Remarks**

- ROM root locus plots indicate significant level of reduced aeroelastic stability at M=0.5 for the Ares I-X vehicle
- ROM root locus plots indicate some level of reduced aeroelastic stability at M=0.95 for the Ares I-X vehicle
- ROM root locus plots indicate no reduction in aeroelastic stability at M=1.44 for the Ares I-X vehicle
- ROM root locus plots indicate some reduction in aeroelastic stability at M=1.00 for the Ares I vehicle
- ROM root locus plots indicate significant reduction in aeroelastic stability at M=1.00 for the Ares I vehicle with the Thrust Oscillation Isolator (TOI) variation