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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION

As a result of the trend toward higher speed rotating machinery, balancing of rotors is receiving greater attention during both the rotor design and testing phases. Since the force developed due to unbalance increases as the square of the rotor speed, the need for greater attention to balance for high speed operation becomes obvious.

As rotor size and speed increases, the rotor tends to become more flexible. Unbalance magnitude and location for these flexible rotors become very important since they represent the driving force that can excite the flexible modes of the rotor. Current balancing technology, therefore, is concerned with not only the magnitude and location of unbalance forces but the flexibility of the rotating system and its supports. Balancing is thus an integral part of the overall subject of "Rotor-Bearing Dynamics Technology".

The purpose of this volume is to summarize the current state-of-the-art in rotor balancing technology. In order to describe the balance techniques in current use, a distinction is made between rigid body and flexible body balancing. Each of these rotor operating modes are discussed with their associated balancing approaches and available machines or techniques that are applied for balancing. The text has been prepared as a basic reference for the practicing engineer appended with the necessary analysis techniques for the design engineer.
SECTION II

ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENT FOR BALANCING

A number of approaches exist in establishing the need, degree and type of balance required for a machine. The approach often depends on the status of the machine; i.e.: design phase, test phase or field operation phase.

In the design phase, guidelines from both literature and experience are generally used as a basis for specifying balancing requirements. The permissible degree of unbalance is then verified by calculating the rotor response to unbalance. For testing and field operation, the vibration level of the machine during operation generally dictates the need for improved balance. The following two sections discuss available information and guides that are currently used as criteria for establishing both need and degree of balance recommended for rotating machinery.

2.1 Design Criteria for Establishing Balance Requirements

During the machinery design phase it is necessary to prevent excessive vibration amplitudes during operation. In order to provide some guidelines regarding recommended balance requirements, it is first necessary to review the general nomenclature associated with unbalance.

Two general descriptive terms are currently used to describe the degree of unbalance existing in a rotor, i.e.:

1. Unbalance may be considered as the result of a mass \((m)\) concentrated at a distance \((r)\) from the rotating axis. The product \(mr\) is expressed in weight terms \((\text{lb})\); the unbalance \((wr)\) is thus given in ounce inches (gram millimeters). The resulting force induced from this unbalance is:

\[
F = \frac{wr}{g} \omega^2
\]  

(1)
Alternately, the unbalance in a rotor may be considered as shifting the center of gravity of the rotor a distance \( e \) from the center of rotation. The unbalance is then expressed in millionths of an inch (microns). The resulting force induced from this unbalance is:

\[
F = \frac{We}{g} \omega^2
\]

(2)

Unlike Equation 1 where \( w \) is an unbalance weight, \( W \) in Equation (2) is total rotor weight. The concept of an unbalance weight \( (w) \) is more convenient for specifying balance corrections since it represents the required weight addition or removal at a radius on the rotor. The concept of eccentricity \( (e) \) is often used to describe the capabilities of a balancing machine. A machine with a sensitivity of 50 \( \mu \) in. \((1.27 \ \mu \text{m})\) implies that a rotor may be balanced such that the rotational center and geometrical center will be within 50 \( \mu \) in.

One additional concept is important in establishing balance requirements of rotors and that is the distinction between rigid rotors, flexible rotors and operation near rotor critical speeds. These concepts are discussed in Section 3.0 and the reader is referred to that section.

In the rigid body operation region of a rotor, two documents exist to provide guidance on acceptable levels of residual unbalance; i.e.:

1. ISO DOCUMENT 1940(1973). This is the present standard on rigid rotor balancing. It contains comprehensive charts on acceptable residual unbalance level criteria, and definitions of required balancing terms.

In addition to these two documents which will be discussed in subsequent paragraphs, balance levels for rigid rotors as well as flexible rotors can be determined analytically. This is accomplished by performing unbalance response analysis. The rotor is modeled as an elastic mass system supported on elastic supports as discussed in Part I, "Rotor-Bearing Dynamics Technology Design Guide." Unbalance excitations may be placed at critical mass locations along the rotor and the response to unbalance calculated. Unbalance limits may be selected from established acceptable dynamic force levels at the bearings to protect them from fatigue and from established shaft amplitude levels that insure that excessive rubbing in seal regions does not occur.

2.1.1 ISO 1940(1973)

This specification deals with rigid rotors and assumes that the larger the rotor mass the greater the permissible unbalance. Since permissible residual unbalance \( U \) is related to rotor mass \( m \), specific unbalance \( e \) is defined as \( e = \frac{U}{m} \). Therefore, \( e \) is the distance between mass center and rotating center. Experience indicates that the allowable limits for \( e \) varies inversely as the speed \( \omega \) (radians per second) of the rotor over a limited range of speed. The speed range is dictated by the rotor grade as described in Table 1.

Figures 1 and 2 indicate the speed range of each grade and the permissible residual unbalance in metric and English units in terms of unbalance weight and radius per unit weight of the rotor.

Use of the Table and curves is straightforward. As an example, consider a 500 pound steam turbine rotor. From Table 1, this is a class C 2.5 rotor. From Figure 1 for turbine operation at 4000 RPM, the required balance is 0.00024 lb-in/lb with a range from 0.0002 to 0.0003 lb-in/lb. Utilizing the nominal value the balance per plane, for two plane balance is:

\[
0.00024/2 \times 500 \times 16 = 1.96 \text{ ounce inch}
\]
<table>
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<th>Balance Quality Grade</th>
<th>$e_{1,2}$</th>
<th>Rotor Types - General Examples</th>
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<td>Tape recorder and phonograph (gramophone) drives. Grinding machine drives. Small electrical armatures with special requirements.</td>
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<td>G 0,4</td>
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<td>Spindles, disks, and armatures of precision grinders. Oroscopes.</td>
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1. $\omega = 2\pi n/60 \times n/10$, if $n$ is measured in revolutions per minute and $\omega$ in radians per second.
2. In general, for rigid rotors with two correction planes, one half of the recommended residual unbalance is to be taken for each plane; these values apply usually for any two arbitrarily chosen planes, but the state of unbalance may be improved upon at the bearings. (See 3.2 and 3.4.) For disk-shaped rotors the full recommended value holds for one plane (see section 3).
3. A crankshaft-drive is an assembly which includes the crankshaft, a flywheel, clutch, pulley, vibration damper, rotating portion of connecting rod, etc. (see 3.5).
4. For the purposes of this International Standard, slow diesel engines are those with a piston velocity of less than 9 m/s; fast diesel engines are those with a piston velocity of greater than 9 m/s.
5. In complete engines, the rotor mass comprises the sum of all masses belonging to the crankshaft-drive described in Note 3 above.
Figure 1 Permissible Balance Levels (English Units)
Figure 2 Permissible Balance Levels (Metric Units)
The balance machine must have a sensitivity (e) greater than 240 millionths of an inch per plane.

2.1.2 MIL-STD-167(1954)

This document entitled "Mechanical Vibrations of Shipboard Equipment" is based on three formulas for permissible residual unbalance; i.e.:

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<th>Speed Range, N rpm</th>
<th>Max. Unbalance, μ oz.in.</th>
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<tr>
<td>0 to 150</td>
<td>μ ≤ 0.25W</td>
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<tr>
<td>150 to 1000</td>
<td>μ ≤ ( \frac{5630W}{N^2} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>above 1000</td>
<td>μ ≤ ( \frac{4W}{N} )</td>
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where

\( W = \text{Rotor weight (lbs)} \)

For the case utilized in Section 2.1.1, a steam turbine rotor running at 4000 rpm and utilizing a 500 lb rotor, the balance requirement is:

\[ \frac{4W}{N} \text{ per plane} \]

\[ 4 \times \frac{500}{4000} = .50 \text{ oz-in per plane} \]

It will be noted that this balance requirement is more stringent for the example selected than ISO 1940(1973). The ISO specification is based upon experience factors while the MIL specification is based on a percentage of rotor weight (one percent below 3600 RPM, to 7.5 percent at 10000 RPM) to be the maximum transmitted force on a rigid bearing, simply supported rotor. In the higher speed ranges the balance requirements from both sources give closer results.
2.2 Testing and Field Operation Criteria for Balancing

Vibration of rotating machinery is an undesirable characteristic that can ultimately lead to fatigue of components and machine failure if not maintained within reasonable limits. Any list of sources inducing vibration of a rotating machine is headed by mass unbalance of the rotor as the most common source. It is well to recognize however, that sources other than unbalance can induce vibration, it is not always possible to reduce the vibratory level by improvement in the balance condition. Table 2 lists some of the common vibrational sources and the range of frequencies at which they generally occur. Most guides for determination of acceptable vibrational amplitude levels of machines encompasses all sources of vibration including unbalance. Vibrational limits proposed by Catlin [1] and Blake [2] can be used for acceptable bearing cap vibrations due to unbalance. In operation of a machine, when casing vibrations at running frequencies exceed 0.2 in per sec (5.08 mm per sec) it is generally agreed that balancing is required. Fig. 3 illustrates the recommended vibration levels of common usage machinery. It should be pointed out when assessing balance condition by monitoring case or bearing cap vibrations that casing mass and stiffness can significantly influence the judgement levels of Fig. 3. For very massive and stiff housings such as found in high pressure barrel construction centrifugal compressor levels of 0.5 to 0.2 times those of Fig. 3 may be more suitable to adjudge the need for balance.

If shaft motions are measured, Equation (3) [Ref. 3] or 2.0 mils, (pk to pk) (whichever is less) is recommended for centrifugal compressors. A general approach

\[
\text{Peak to Peak Displacement (mils)} = \frac{12000}{\text{rpm}}
\]

for determining the balance condition of a rotating assembly using shaft displacement probes is given in Ref. 4. Alternately, amplitude limits may be computed if knowledge of bearing stiffness properties is known.
**TABLE 2**

**MACHINERY TYPICAL VIBRATORY SOURCES**

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<th>Source</th>
<th>Dominant Frequency Range</th>
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<td>Rotating Unbalance</td>
<td>( N = \text{(RPM of rotor)} )</td>
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<td>Misalignment</td>
<td>( N, \ 2N )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loose parts</td>
<td>( 2N )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bearing Whirl</td>
<td>( .4N - .5N )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motors</td>
<td>Line frequency &amp; ( 2 \times ) line freq.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gears</td>
<td>Mesh frequency</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rubs</td>
<td>( .5N, \ N, \text{high frequencies} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flow Induced</td>
<td>Blade pass frequency, Radom frequencies</td>
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<tr>
<td>Foundation Induced</td>
<td>Low frequencies (less than 10 Hz); Running frequency of neighboring machines</td>
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Figure 3 General Machinery Unbalance Vibration Severity Chart

- DANGER
- ACUTE FAULT*
- SOME FAULT
- MINOR FAULT
- NO FAULT*
- FAIR** (0.01 IN/SEC)
- GOOD** (0.039 IN/SEC)
- VERY GOOD** (0.10 IN/SEC)
- VERY SMOOTH** (0.12 IN/SEC)
- EXTREMELY SMOOTH** (0.05 IN/SEC)

** CATLIN (1)
* BLAKE (2)
The first requirement is to determine the vibrational amplitude at the bearing itself. If the displacement probe is sufficiently close to the bearing, it may be possible to assume the probe amplitudes are the same as bearing amplitudes. If the probes are not at the bearings and the instantaneous shaft mode shapes are as depicted in Fig. 4, the ratio of shaft amplitude to probe amplitude must be used to establish amplitude levels at the bearing relative to probe readings. The mode shapes are also necessary to insure amplitudes along the shaft do not exceed the clearance limits of seals of wheels relative to the amplitudes at the probe.

The mode shapes at critical speeds may be computed using a critical speed analysis computer program. At speeds other than critical speeds, an unbalance response analysis is required.

Since the bearing is a spring and damper system, the peak force transmitted through the bearing film (spring) can be computed. Designating the peak amplitude at the bearing as "d" and ignoring the bearing spring and damping cross coupling terms for simplicity, the peak vertical (x) and horizontal force (y) may be computed from Equations (4) and (5); i.e.:
\[ F_x = K_{xx} \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\omega B_{xx}}{K_{xx}} \right)^2} \]

\[ F_y = K_{yy} \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\omega B_{yy}}{K_{yy}} \right)^2} \]

where

- \( K_{xx} \) = vertical bearing stiffness (lbs/in)
- \( K_{yy} \) = horizontal bearing stiffness (lbs/in)
- \( \omega \) = rotating frequency (rad/sec)
- \( B \) = damping (lb-sec/in)

This is the peak cyclic force imposed on the bearing due to the peak displacement \( d \). Utilization of this cyclic force on the bearing is required to calculate the fatigue life of the bearing. For babbit-lined bearings with .020 in. (.508 mm) thickness or greater babbit, a fatigue stress limit of 125 psi (8.27 x 10^5 N/m^2) (load on bearing projected area) is suggested.

Considering only the vertical direction, Equation (4) may be modified to:

\[ d(pk) = \frac{125 DL}{K_{xx} \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\omega B_{xx}}{K_{xx}} \right)^2}} \]

where

- \( D \) = bearing diameter (in)
- \( L \) = bearing length (in)
In order to calculate the allowable peak displacement, Equation (6) indicates that both stiffness and damping characteristics must be known. It is noted from the equation that as damping approaches zero, the equation approaches $125DL/K_{xx}$. (Although it appears that minimal damping is desirable, amplitudes of undamped systems approach infinity at resonance.) As damping increases, the transmitted force increases. Therefore, as a first estimate of the allowable amplitudes, a critically damped system can be assumed; i.e. $B_{xx} = 2 K_{xx}$. Equation (6) may be rewritten as:

$$d(pk)^* = \frac{125DL}{K_{xx} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2\omega}{\omega_n}\right)^2}} \quad (\text{for critically damped bearings})$$

(7)

where

$$\omega_n = \text{natural frequency (rad/sec)}$$

If operation is maintained 20 percent away from a critical, $\omega/\omega_n = 0.8$ or 1.2, equation (7) reduces to: $66.25DL/K_{xx}$ or $48.1DL/K_{xx}$, respectively. Many bearings are not critically damped and, therefore, these estimates are quite conservative.

If tilting-pad bearings are used, limiting fatigue loads on the pivots must also be considered utilizing Equation (4) or (5). If flexible bearing supports are used, these equations are also used to insure they have adequate dynamic load capacity.

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*This limit is based on a rigid shaft critical and is conservative for flexible shaft criticals.*
If rolling-element bearings are used in lieu of fluid-film bearings, the dynamic cyclic forces from Equations (4) and (5) may be combined with the static forces to compute the bearing fatigue life. In the case of these bearings, it may be assumed that the damping term approaches zero and may be ignored. Knowledge of the bearing stiffness characteristics is essential to compute these forces.

In these discussions, we have attempted to simplify the analysis procedure so that quick hand calculations can be applied to establish realistic amplitude levels. In order to illustrate the use of this approach, we will consider a 12,000 rpm centrifugal compressor supported on a fluid-film, babbit-lined bearing 1 inch (2.54 cm) I. D. x .5 inch (1.27 cm) long. It is desirable to determine the allowable shaft amplitude as measured from a probe adjacent to the bearing at 12,000 rpm. The stiffness and damping of the bearing in the vertical are:

\[ K_{xx} = 47,000 \text{ lbs/in} \quad \omega_{B,xx} = 239,000 \text{ lbs/in} \]

(8.23 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}) \quad (4.185 \times 10^7 \text{ N/m})

Since the bearing is babbit, utilizing Equation (6)

\[
d(pk) = \frac{125DL}{K_{xx} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_{B,xx}}{K_{xx}}\right)^2}}
\]

\[
= \frac{125 \times 1 \times .5}{47,000 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{239}{47}\right)^2}}
\]

\[
d(pk) = .000256 \text{ in. (.00065 cm)}
\]

double amplitude = .00051 in. pk/pk (.001295 cm)
If we selected a 2 inch diameter by 1 inch long bearing, \( K_{xx} = 20,175 \) lbs/in (\( 3.53 \times 10^6 \) N/m) and \( \omega B_{xx} = 352,500 \) lb/in (\( 6.17 \times 10^7 \) N/m), then:

\[
d(pk) = \frac{125 \times 2 \times 1}{20,175 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{352,500}{20,175}\right)^2}}
\]

\[
d(pk) = 0.000798 \text{ in.} \ (0.002027 \text{ cm})
\]

double amplitude = 0.001416 in. pk/pk (0.004054 cm)

These numbers are based on a plain cylindrical bearing and 60 pound (266.9 N) rotor with .002 in. per inch (cm/cm) bearing clearance. It is clear, however, when we are establishing amplitude limits based on bearing capability, bearing design is important. In order to insure either of these levels are satisfactory the computed mode shape must be reviewed to insure adequate seal and wheel clearance.

A number of additional sources of vibrational limits of both case vibrations and shaft vibrations are available and are listed in references 5 thru 47. The reader is cautioned that many of these recommended limits are based on overall vibration and only generalization can be made on balance requirements for machinery in operation. It must further be recognized as illustrated with shaft measurements, that the measurement location on casings is important in assessing results of vibration measurements.
SECTION III
RIGID AND FLEXIBLE ROTORS

In discussions of rotor balancing, a distinction is made in both balancing requirements and techniques between rigid and flexible rotors. It is necessary therefore, to review the need for this distinction and some guides for defining the distinction. It is also necessary to review critical speeds of rotors as related to rotor balancing. The reader is referred to "Part I: Rotor-Bearing Dynamics Design Guide" for a more complete discussion of these areas. The following sections are presented in sufficient detail to permit an understanding of the relationship of rotor-bearing dynamics as related to balancing.

3.1 Critical Speeds

The concept of critical speed can best be understood by considering a single degree of freedom elastically supported mass system as depicted in Figure 5.

\[ m \ddot{x} + c \dot{x} + kx = f \cos \omega t \]  

where:

- \( k \) = Stiffness (lb/in) (N/m)
- \( c \) = Damping (lb sec/in) (N sec/m)
- \( x \) = Displacement (in) (m)
- \( f \) = Force (lbs) (N) (applied)
- \( m \) = Supported mass (lb sec²/in) (N sec²/m)
- \( \omega \) = Angular frequency

Figure 5  Forced Vibration - Single Degree of Freedom System

The equation of motion for this system is:

\[ m \ddot{x} + c \dot{x} + kx = f \cos \omega t \]  

(8)
From inspection of equation (8) we can recognize each of the terms; i.e.:

\[ m\ddot{x} = \text{inertia term (acceleration dependent)} \]
\[ C\dot{x} = \text{damping term (velocity dependent)} \]
\[ Kx = \text{stiffness term (displacement dependent)} \]

The instantaneous solution for displacement \( x \) from equation (8) is:

\[ x = X \cos(\omega t - \alpha) \] (9)

where

\[ X = \frac{f}{\sqrt{(K-m\omega^2)^2 + C^2\omega^2}} \] (10)

\[ \tan \alpha = \frac{C\omega}{K-m\omega^2} \] (11)

It is noted from equation (9) that an angle \( \alpha \) is introduced which is called the phase angle. This is the angle at which the mass lags the excitation force. When the mass lags the excitation by 90 degrees in equation (11):

\[ K-m\omega^2 = 0 \]

or \[ \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K}{m}} \]

This condition is termed resonance. As will be shown, in rotating systems, this same condition is more commonly called the critical speed. If the system of Figure 5 is expanded to two degrees of freedom, the simple system of Figure 6 can be representative of a shaft supported on bearings that contain flexibility.

**Figure 6 Forced Vibration - Two Degrees of Freedom System**
If we observe the vertical motion only of Figure 6, and consider vibration in a plane parallel to the centerline, the vertical stiffness and damping are defined as:

\[
K_{\text{Total}} = 2K
\]

\[
C_{\text{Total}} = 2C
\]

The instantaneous displacement (x) is the same as the simple system of equation (9) previously discussed with the substitution of 2K and 2C for K and C in equations (10) and (11). To relate these discussions to rotating systems, we can consider the shaft of Figure 6 as a rotating member supported on bearings with stiffness and damping properties (K and C). The excitation (F) is due to unbalance in the rotor; i.e.:

\[
F = m\omega^2
\]

Since the unbalance force is a rotating vector in the vertical plane only the force will vary as:

\[
F = (m\omega^2) \cos \omega t
\]

It is thus seen that our simple system of Figure 6 can be used to provide an understanding of natural frequencies (critical speeds) of rotating members. We have already observed that the critical speed occurs when 2K - m\omega^2 = 0. At this condition the system displacement response lags the excitation by 90°. In consideration of balancing, this implies that the location of the unbalance force vector is 90 degrees ahead of the peak vibration amplitude as measured on the shaft. In any balancing operation near or above a critical speed, balance location from displacement or force measurements on the shaft or pedestal will not correctly indicate the location of unbalance unless the phase lag angle is known. Above the critical, the phase angle increases to 180 degrees. Further discussion of the phase angle and its importance is discussed under Section 4.
A second consideration regarding balancing and critical speeds is the shaft amplitude at resonance. Returning to equations (9) and (10) at resonance, the amplitude is:

\[ x = \frac{f}{C\omega} \cos(\omega t - \alpha) \]  

(12)

The amplitude is dependent upon force (f) and damping (C) at resonance \((\omega C)\). If damping in the bearings is small as commonly encountered in rolling element bearings, amplitudes will become very large. This necessitates a much higher degree of balance (reduction of \( f \) in Equation (12)) if operation close to a critical is anticipated. Through this simple example, the importance of shaft critical speeds on balancing limits and methods of locating unbalance force is readily seen.

The simple system of Figure 6 can be utilized to illustrate two additional considerations. Only the vertical vibration was discussed in illustrating the influence of resonance on balance considerations. If the horizontal stiffness and damping differ from the vertical, the critical speed and amplitude response in the horizontal direction will also differ. This is discussed more thoroughly in Part I. In consideration of balancing, it is necessary for the reader to recognize that the support characteristics in both planes must be considered.

The second consideration in Figure 6, is to briefly review the angular motion of the rotor. In the previous discussions we considered only motion parallel to the shaft centerline. The type of unbalance that would excite this mode of vibration is a rotor with center of gravity centered between supports and an unbalance mass located in the plane of the CG. A single plane correction at the CG could be used to correct this condition.

If however, a moment unbalance existed about the CG, the motion of the shaft would be conical with one end out of phase with the other. The excitation mode would be illustrated in Figure 7.
Figure 7 Two Degree of Freedom System with Moment Excitation

It may be observed that the system restraint is an angular one for this condition. The angular restoring moment of the springs is: \( K \ell^2/2 \) (in-lbs/radian). The inertial moment of the shaft is a function of the transverse mass moment of inertia; i.e., \( I_T \). The equation of motion for this system neglecting damping is:

\[
I_T \ddot{\theta} + \frac{K \ell^2 \theta}{2} = \dot{m} \omega^2 \cos \omega t
\]  \hspace{1cm} (13)

The equation is in the same form as Equation (8) and all the previous discussions are applicable including the solution for the resonant frequency; i.e.:

\[
\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K \ell^2}{2I_T}}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (14)

For a rotating system in the conical mode, the polar moment of inertia can introduce a gyroscopic effect which would influence the natural frequency of the system. Den Hartog, "Mechanical Vibrations," Fourth Edition, McGraw Hill Publishing Co., shows that if the shaft is whirling (or precessing) in the direction of spin, the gyroscopic inertia moment tends to make the amplitude of vibration smaller; thus, making the effective spring rate higher, and in this manner raising the natural frequency. This is the case corresponding to synchronous whirl as induced from rotating unbalance. Following through Den Hartog's derivation, we have

\[
\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K \ell^2}{2(I_T - I_P)}}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (15)
where

\[ I_p \text{ is the mass polar moment of inertia} \]

It is seen, therefore, that two critical frequencies of the rotor system of Fig. 6 can be encountered, i.e.: a lateral mode and a conical mode. If the c.g. of the rotor is not centered between bearings, both modes can have conical motion. It is also possible to have the conical mode occur before the translatory mode. Considering rotor balance aspects, the importance is to recognize that these different critical speeds can be encountered and balancing requirements must recognize them if operation in proximity is anticipated. Since the Rotor-Bearing Dynamics Design Guide (Part I) discusses analysis of critical speeds, it is not the purpose here to provide a rigorous solution for determination of critical speeds but only to illustrate their importance in the area of rotor balancing.

3.2 Rigid Rotors

From the discussions presented in the previous section (3.1), the rotor was considered as rigid. The only influence the rotor contributed to resonance (or critical speed) was the mass or inertia characteristics of the rotor. The flexibility in the system occurred in the bearings and/or bearing supports. Unbalance forces under these conditions are due to any mass eccentricity from the rotational center of the rotating system. The magnitude of this rotating mass eccentricity can be increased by the deflection of the support system and amplified by operation in the vicinity of a critical speed.

For the most part balancing machines and balancing specifications are directed toward rigid rotors. The designer as well as the user of rotating machinery should recognize this characteristic when specifying techniques. The following section (3.3) discusses flexible rotors and the differences in unbalance amplitudes introduced by flexibility. Section 3.4 outlines the approach to distinguish rigid-rotors from flexible rotors.
3.3 Flexible Rotors

We have discussed the occurrence of critical speeds and their influence on phase and amplitude of the unbalance force as reacted by the rotor. The critical speeds were attributed to the flexibility of the rotor support (bearings and pedestal) and the mass and inertia properties of the rigid rotor. If we now reverse the rolls and make the bearings rigid and the rotor flexible, natural frequencies of the rotor due to its elastic properties and mass and inertia characteristics may be calculated. To illustrate the influence of shaft flexibility, consider the single disc of mass \( m \) symmetrically located between two bearings as illustrated in Figure 8.

\[ \text{Figure 8 Synchronous Shaft Whirl Due to Unbalance} \]
With the shaft rotating at constant angular speed, \( \omega \), the disc center is displaced a distance (r) from the bearing centerline due to the eccentricity (e) of the disc center of gravity (CG) to the disc center.

Ignoring gravity and friction forces, the disc is under the influence of two forces; i.e., the centrifugal force \( m\omega^2 \) and restoring force (due to the shaft stiffness) \( Kr \). The centrifugal force, however, increased due to shaft deflection and becomes \( m\omega^2(e+r) \) or:

\[
K_{\text{shaft}} r = m\omega^2(e+r)
\]  

(16)

Solving Equation (16) for \( r \) results in:

\[
r = \frac{em\omega^2}{K-m\omega^2}
\]  

(17)

When \( K = m\omega^2 \), \( r \) approaches infinity and the system approaches resonance at:

\[
\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}
\]

It will be noted that as \( \omega \) is increased above \( \omega_n \), \( r \) becomes negative. For very high speeds, \( r \) approaches \(-e\) and the shaft rotates about its CG.

From this simple example, it may be observed that critical speeds due to shaft flexibility may be excited by unbalance forces. Due to shaft flexibility, the unbalance force \( em\omega^2 \) increases to \((e+r)m\omega^2\). At resonance, frictional damping due to windage tends to control the amplitude. Obviously, damping is not large for this condition and finer balance is required. If damping is considered to be of viscous nature, shaft amplitude may be defined as:
r = \frac{m_0^2 e}{\sqrt{(K-m_0^2)^2 + (C\omega)^2}} \quad (18)

and the phase angle between the mass eccentricity and shaft deflection as:

\tan \alpha = \frac{C\omega}{K-m_0^2} \quad (19)

The similarity between Equations (18), (19), and (10), (11) may be noted. It would appear that for rotor balance no distinction is necessary between flexible pedestals (e.g., 10, 11) or flexible shafts (e.g., 18, 19) other than operation of the shaft below or away from these criticals. Let us consider the case of operation through a critical speed. Figure 9 illustrates two cases under discussion. A single plane unbalance (U) is illustrated at the disc. For the rigid body critical (9a) it is possible to correct unbalance at two planes (U/2) (9c) or at the single center plane. For the flexible body, the unbalance condition would become worse if two outboard planes as shown in Figure 9c were used for correction. The resulting moment would induce greater deflections of the shaft. It becomes obvious that recognition of shaft flexibility for selecting balance planes is extremely important.

For flexible shafts only the first flexible mode has been discussed. At higher frequencies of unbalance excitations, higher modes can be excited. Figure 10 illustrates the first four modes for a simple beam.
Figure 9 Rigid and Flexible Balancing Differences

a) RIGID BODY CRITICAL

b) FLEXIBLE BODY CRITICAL

c) TWO PLANE CORRECTION OF RIGID BODY UNBALANCE

d) CORRECTION OF FLEXIBLE BODY UNBALANCE
If operation is anticipated above the first two modes and in proximity of the third mode, rigid body two-plane balancing of a rotor can often lead to destructive moments in the shaft for one or more of these higher flexible modes. Balancing of these rotors are discussed in a later section. It is only necessary in this discussion for the reader to recognize the need for different techniques to balance flexible bodies as compared to rigid body rotors.

3.4 Classification of Rotor Flexibility

Sections 3.1 and 3.2 discussed rigid rotors with flexible supports, and Section 3.3 covered flexible rotors with rigid supports. Obviously, a
range exists where flexibility of both supports and rotor can be encountered. In this section we shall develop the critical speed map to identify the mode of shaft operation. Through the use of such a map and the proposed International Standard for Mechanical Balancing of Flexible Rotors (44), some guidelines for determining when flexible balancing techniques are required will be developed.

For rigid rotors it was observed that resonance could be predicted utilizing the relationship:

\[ \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K_B}{m}} \text{ where } K_B = \text{bearing or pedestal stiffness} \]

For flexible rotors the critical followed the same relationship; i.e.:

\[ \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K_S}{m}} \text{ where } K_S = \text{shaft stiffness} \]

If \( K_B \) is much softer than \( K_S \), flexibility with resultant vibration due to unbalance forces will occur in the bearings. As \( K_B \) and \( K_S \) approach each other in magnitude, they act as series springs in the system and the critical speed is defined as:

\[ \omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{K_B K_S}{m(K_B + K_S)}} ; \quad K_{\text{total}} = \frac{K_B K_S}{K_B + K_S} \]

Utilizing a simple rotor as an illustrative example, the critical speed of a rotor may be plotted as a function of bearing stiffness as illustrated in Figure 11. The first four critical speeds are plotted in this figure. In the lower left section of the figure, operation is considered rigid body for the first two criticals. Flexible body operation occurs for operation near or above the first two criticals to the extreme right. When the critical speeds are dictated by bearing flexibility only (first two criticals at lower left), the log-log plot is a straight line with a slope of one-half. When the first two criticals are due to shaft flexibility, the plot is
Figure 11 Critical Speed Map
horizontal line since the bearings are sufficiently stiff that only the
shaft dictates the critical speeds. At high-speed operation above the
first two criticals, shaft flexibility always exists.

A transition range for the first two criticals exist where the combined
stiffness of bearings and shaft dictate the critical speed and flexibility
exists in both areas. This is the more difficult range to specify where rigid
body balancing criteria and techniques are suitable.

To further assist in defining the type of balancing technique to be utilized
on a rotor, the proposed ISO Specification (49) outlines the following
classes of rotors and techniques to be used in balancing each class.

3.4.1 Rotor Classes (49). A classification of rotors into groups requiring
different balancing techniques is as follows:

- **Class 1** - Rigid rotor, recommendations for the balancing of which are
given in International Standard ISO 1940.
- **Class 2** - Rotors that cannot be considered rigid but which can be
balanced in a low-speed balancing machine.
- **Class 3** - Rotors that cannot be balanced in a low-speed balancing
machine and that require high-speed balancing techniques.
- **Class 4** - Rotors that could fall into Classes 1, 2, or 3 but have
in addition one or more components that are themselves flexible or
are flexibly attached.
- **Class 5** - Rotors that could fall into Class 3 but for some reason--
e.g., economy--are balanced only for one speed of operation.

3.4.2 Subdivision of Class 2 Rotors (49). Rotors where the axial distribu-
tion of unbalance is known:

- **Class 2a** - Rotors with a single transverse plane of unbalance; e.g.,
a single mass on a light flexible shaft whose unbalance can be
neglected.
Class 2b. Rotors with two transverse planes of unbalance; e.g., two masses on a light shaft whose unbalance can be neglected.

Class 2c. Rotors with more than two transverse planes of unbalance.

Class 2d. Rotors with uniformly distributed or linearly distributed unbalance.

Class 2e. Rotors consisting of a rigid mass of significant axial length supported by light flexible shafts, whose unbalance can be neglected.

Rotors where the axial distribution of unbalance is not known:

Class 2f. Symmetrical rotors with two end correction planes whose maximum speed does not significantly approach second critical speed, whose service speed range does not contain first critical, and with controlled initial unbalance.

Class 2g. Symmetrical rotors with two end correction planes and a central correction plane whose maximum speed does not significantly approach second critical speed and with controlled initial unbalance.

Class 2h. Unsymmetrical rotors with controlled initial unbalance treated in a similar manner to class 2f.

This classification is also shown in Table 3. It should be recognized that the subdivision of class 2 rotors is intended to serve as an illustration showing the many reasons why rotors can often be balanced satisfactorily at low speed as rigid rotors even though they are flexible. Some rotors will fit into more than one category of the subdivision.

3.4.3 Balancing Procedures for Class 2 Rotors (49)

3.4.3.1 Class 2a - Rotors with a Single Transverse Plane of Unbalance.
If the initial unbalance is known to be wholly contained in the transverse plane and the balancing is also carried out in this plane, then the rotor will be balanced for all speeds.
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<td>A rotor is considered rigid when its unbalance can be corrected in any two (arbitrarily selected) planes and, after that correction, its unbalance does not significantly change at any speed up to maximum service speed.</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Gear Wheel" /></td>
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<td>A rotor with more than two transverse planes of unbalance.</td>
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<td>A rotor with uniformly distributed unbalance.</td>
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<td>A rotor consisting of a rigid mass of significant axial length supported by a flexible shaft whose unbalance can be neglected.</td>
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<td>CLASS 2F</td>
<td>A symmetrical rotor, with two end correction planes, whose maximum speed does not significantly approach second critical speed, whose service speed range does not contain first critical speed and with controlled initial unbalance.</td>
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<td>An unsymmetrical rotor with controlled initial unbalance treated in a similar matter to Class 2F rotor.</td>
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<td>CLASS 5 ROTORS SINGLE SPEED FLEXIBLE ROTORS</td>
<td>A rotor that could fall into Class 3 but for some reason, e.g. economy is balanced only for a single service speed.</td>
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TABLE 3 (Continued)
In these circumstances, the unbalance can be corrected in a low-speed balancing machine as effectively as at service speed, assuming adequate sensitivity of the balancing machine.

3.4.3.2 Class 2b - Rotors with Two Transverse Planes of Unbalance.

1) If the unbalance is known to be contained in two transverse planes and the balancing is also carried out in these planes, then the shaft will be balanced for all speeds.

2) Can be balanced as 2c.

3) Can be balanced as 2f.

In these circumstances the unbalance can be measured and corrected in a low-speed balancing machine as effectively as at service speed.

3.4.3.3 Class 2c - Rotors with More Than Two Transverse Planes of Unbalance. When a rotor is composed of more than two complete components that are distributed axially, it is likely that there will be more than two transverse planes of unbalance. A satisfactory state of balance may, however, be achieved by balancing in a low-speed balancing machine provided that rigid rotor operation is intended.

It is important to recognize that the assembly process may produce changes in the shaft runout that may subsequently change during high-speed service.

In some cases where a gross unbalance may occur in a single component it may be considered advantageous to balance this separately before mounting it on the rotor in addition to carrying out the balancing procedure after it is mounted.

3.4.3.4 Class 2d - Rotors with Uniformly Distributed or Linearly Distributed Unbalance. If by reason of design or method of construction a rotor has unbalances that are distributed uniformly along the entire length of the rotor (e.g., tubes), it may be possible by a suitable
axial disposition of two balancing planes to achieve satisfactory running over the entire speed range by balancing in a low-speed balancing machine.

It is likely that the optimum disposition of the two balancing planes to give the best overall running conditions can only be determined by experimentation on a number of rotors of similar type. The method is based on the probability that rotors of such design will have a similar axial distribution of unbalance.

It is shown below that for a simple rotor system (comprising a single span rotor with no overhangs, uniform mass, and flexibility and operating speeds significantly below second critical speed) the optimum position for the two balancing planes is 22 per cent of the bearing span inboard of each bearing.

If rotors of this type (i.e., with uniform or linear distribution of unbalance) have balancing planes in the middle and at their ends, it is possible to balance the rotors satisfactorily by three-plane balancing which may be carried out in a low-speed balancing machine.

To do this it is necessary to assess what proportion of the total initial unbalance is to be corrected at the center plane. A method of making this assessment is given in Appendix E of Reference [49] for rotors which satisfy the following conditions:

1) Single span rotor with end bearings
2) Uniform mass distribution with no overhangs
3) Uniform bending flexibility of the shaft along its length
4) Continuous service speeds below and not significantly approaching second critical speed.

For such rotors Appendix E shows how the unbalance correction required at the center plane can be found directly from the initial dynamic unbalance measured at the two end correction planes.
3.4.3.5 **Class 2e - Rotors with a Rigid Mass.** If the unbalance in the rotor is known to be contained wholly within a substantially rigid section of the rotor and the balancing is carried out also within this section, then the unbalance will be more in all modes.

Such a rotor which has a rigid core and flexibility derived solely from flexible shafts can be balanced on a low-speed balancing machine provided the unbalance corrections are carried out at correction planes located within the rigid core section of the rotor.

3.4.3.6 **Class 2f - Symmetrical Rotors with Controlled Initial Unbalance (Two Correction Planes).** When a rotor is composed of separate components which are individually balanced before assembly as outlined in Section 5, a satisfactory state of balance may be achieved in a low-speed balancing machine provided the initial unbalance of the completed rotor does not exceed specified tolerances.

For such rotors the axial distribution and magnitude of the unbalance of the complete assembly will not be known. Since the maximum speed of this class of rotor does not significantly approach the second critical speed, the most unfavorable case that will occur with a given distribution of unbalance is when the individual contributions of the assembled components to the resultant unbalance lie in the same radial plane. It is then possible to estimate the maximum initial unbalance of the assembly that may be corrected in two correction planes that will result in satisfactory running conditions.

This type of analysis can therefore be carried out for any rotor whose initial unbalance consists of a distribution of small unbalances. The analysis does, however, require realistic data on shaft and bearing flexibilities.

3.4.3.7 **Class 2g - Symmetrical Rotors with Controlled Initial Unbalance (Three Correction Planes).** For rotors that conform to the requirements in Section 3.4.3.6 but that have in addition a third central correction
plane, then, provided that it is possible to hold the initial unbalance of the complete rotor to within twice the permissible initial unbalance arrived at in Section 3.4.3.6, the rotor may be balanced on a low-speed balancing machine as a rigid rotor—correcting a portion of the initial unbalance at the central plane and the remainder at the two end planes.

**NOTE:** Experience has shown that between 30 percent and 60 percent of the initial static unbalance should be placed in the central plane.

3.4.3.8 Class 2h - Unsymmetrical Rotors with Controlled Initial Unbalance. For rotors that do not conform to the configuration defined in Section 3.4.3.6; e.g., as regards symmetry or overhangs, it may be possible to carry out a similar estimation to that given in Appendix C [49] and hence to arrive at the maximum permissible unbalance that may be corrected satisfactorily at any given correction planes.

However, in extreme cases, the permissible initial unbalance arrived at in this way may be too small to make this method of balancing practical and in these cases some other method of balancing the rotor will have to be adopted.

3.4.4 Balancing Procedures for Class 3 Rotors. Various procedures can be applied to rotors in this class, and three of these are outlined for guidance in Appendix A [49]. It should be emphasized that only the principles of the techniques are described in the Appendix and that they may require some refinement in practice.

Most of the possible methods of balancing class 3 rotors depend on the fact that the deflection of the rotor is the sum of the deflection components in its principal modes and that the distribution of the local center of gravity displacement can be similarly expressed in terms of modal components. The vibration in each mode is caused by the corresponding modal component of unbalance. Moreover, the vibration in the vicinity of a critical speed is predominately in the associated principal mode. If the component of
unbalance in a particular mode is reduced by a number of discrete balance masses, then the corresponding modal component of vibration is similarly reduced. If the modal components of unbalance are corrected in the ways described in Appendix A, then it is possible to achieve smooth running of the rotor up to any desired service speed.

For balancing purposes, the rotor can be mounted on any suitable bearings. If, however, the bearings are chosen so that the support conditions simulate those on site, then it is possible that the degree of subsequent on-site balancing required will be significantly reduced.

Transducers are positioned to measure bearing vibration or bearing force or rotor vibration, and they should be capable of measuring the amplitude of the once-per-revolution component of the vibration together with the phase angle relative to some fixed but arbitrary angular reference on the rotor. Alternatively, it is possible to use a measuring system which resolves the synchronous vibration into X and Y components.

It is desirable that the transducers should be of such a type that they do not undergo resonant vibration of themselves or their suspension at all test speeds.

If the rotor to be balanced has an overhang of appreciable mass that would normally be supported when installed on site, it may be desirable to provide an additional bearing to support this during the balancing operation.

3.4.5 Balancing Procedures for Class 4 Rotors. Rotors in this class may have a basic shaft and body construction that would fall into classes 1, 2, or 3. In addition, they will have one or more components that are either flexible or are flexibly mounted as that the balance of the whole system may change with change of speed.

Rotors in this class may fall into either of two categories:

1) Rotors whose balance changes continuously with change of speed; e.g., rubber bladed fans.
2) Rotors whose balance changes up to a certain speed and remains constant above that speed; e.g., rotors of single phase induction motors that carry a centrifugal starting switch.

It is sometimes possible to balance these rotors with counterbalances of similar characteristics. If not, the following procedures should be used.

Rotors that fall into category 1) above should be balanced in a balancing machine at the specified balance speed.

Rotors that fall into category 2) above may be balanced at any speed above that at which the balance ceases to change.

NOTE: It may be possible by careful design and location of the flexible components to minimize or counterbalance their effects, but it should be appreciated that rotors in this class are likely to be in balance at one speed only or within a limited range of speed.

3.4.6 Balancing Procedures for Class 5 Rotors. Some rotors that are flexible and pass through or approach one or more critical speed on their way up to full speed may sometimes be required to be in balance for one speed only (usually service speed). In general, rotors that fall into this class fulfill one or more of the following conditions:

1) The acceleration and deceleration up to and from full speed is so rapid that the amplitude of vibration at the critical speeds will not build up beyond acceptable limits.

2) The damping of the system is sufficiently high to suppress vibrations at the critical speeds to acceptable limits.

3) The rotor is supported in a sufficiently elastic environment to prevent serious vibrations being transmitted.

4) A high level of vibration at the critical speeds is acceptable.

5) A rotor runs at full speed for such long periods that otherwise unacceptable starting conditions can be accepted in this case.
A rotor that fulfills any of the conditions above should be balanced in a high-speed balancing machine or equivalent facility at the speed at which it is determined that the rotor should be in balance.

If the rotor falls into category 3) above, it is especially important that the stiffness of the balancing machine bearings should imitate site conditions sufficiently closely to ensure that at the balancing speed the predominant modes are the same as those which will be experimental on site.

Some consideration should be given to the axial balance weight distribution. Based on the probability that similar rotors will have similar unbalance distributions, it may be possible to choose optimum axial positions for the balancing planes and two planes may be sufficient. This may produce a minimum residual unbalance in the lower modes and thus minimize the vibrations when running through critical speeds.
The basic process of balancing is one in which the mass in a rotating body is altered to eliminate vibrations at the rotor support bearings. It is the function of balancing machines to indicate the amount and angular location of the correction to be applied. Measurements of unbalance can either be static (force type) or dynamic (moment type). In dynamic balancing machines either force or moment unbalance or combination of force and moment can be measured. Corrections to only one plane of a rotating body can only correct for force unbalance (static balance) while two planes are required for correcting moment unbalance.

4.1 Static Balancing Machine Principles

The simplest form of static balancing is accomplished by placing a component on level, parallel knife edges or rollers as shown on Figure 12.

![Static Balancing](image)

The unbalance weight \( U \) causes the piece to rotate due to the gravity induced moment \( U_r \) until the heavy weight is at the bottom. Correction is made by adding weight on the top of the work piece and rotating 90 degrees until there is no tendency to roll.

Static balance is often applied to large thin discs where moment unbalance is necessarily small because of the small moment arms that can be developed in thin discs. The common method of balancing is to mount the work piece on
an adapter which contains a ball or pivot that sits on a flat level surface as illustrated in Figure 13. The heavy part of an unbalanced work piece

![Figure 13 Ball Point Type Static Balancer](image)

will cause the assembly to tilt downward as detected on a universal level. The unbalance may be measured by rotation of the work piece until the heavy side is opposite the counter weight. The counter weight is slid outward until the assembly is level. This type technique is often used for static automotive wheel balance.

Rotating types of static balancing machines usually utilize similar means of measuring the angular location and magnitude of unbalance as dynamic balancing machines. Commonly, the work piece to be rotated is supported by a rigid mounted bearing and a flexible mounted bearing. The rigid bearing acts as a fulcrum and the amplitude of vibration of the flexible supported bearing indicates the magnitude of unbalance.

4.2 Dynamic Balancing Machine Principles

All dynamic balancing machines necessitate rotation of the work piece and permit selection of two balance planes for force and moment correction. As discussed in Section 3.1, the unbalance forces can excite resonances of the rotor-bearing system which can influence both the observed magnitude and amplitude of vibration. This is an important consideration in balancing machines since the work piece and the balance machine supports represent a
mass-spring system that is subject to resonance. Most measurement systems either detect shaft motions or bearing vibrations; such resonances can significantly influence readings from a balance machine.

Since dynamic balancing machines permit selection of two planes along the work piece axis for balance correction, corrective weights applied to one plane can influence amplitudes at the other plane. A means is required in the machine to separate the effective unbalance read in one plane of correction from the influence of the effective unbalance in the other plane of correction. This is generally termed "plane separation," and is a basic requirement in dynamic balancing machines.

In order to provide exact and understandable information regarding the amount and angular location of unbalance, it is necessary for a balancing machine to provide accurate measurements. When vibration in terms of displacement, velocity, or acceleration is utilized as the sensing parameter for measuring unbalance, it is important that the information detected is due to unbalance and not unwanted frequencies. The balance machine, therefore, must consider a means of separating vibrational information induced from unbalance from vibrational information induced from other sources such as the drive motor and operating machines in close proximity to the balance machine.

From the foregoing discussion, three areas have been identified as basic principles requiring consideration in balance machines; i.e.:

a) Resonance of the work piece - balance machine system
b) Plane separation
c) Sensor signal conditioning

Each of these areas are discussed in the following sections.

4.2.1 Machine Classification by Operating Proximity to a Resonance. Rigid body critical speeds were identified in Section 3.1 as resonances of the rotor (as a nonflexible member) on its support bearings. Figure 6 depicts a rotor supported on flexible supports as would be encountered in a balance
machine. For motion parallel to the shaft axis, the system can be reduced to the simple single-degree-of-freedom system of Figure 5 where stiffness and damping properties are defined as the combined stiffness and damping of both bearings. Equation (8) defined the equations of motion and their solution was given in Equations (9), (10), and (11). The solution may be nondimensionalized and plotted to provide a visual indication of relevance of resonance to the balance machine. Defining:

a) \( r = \frac{\omega}{\omega_n} \) (Frequency ratio: running frequency/natural frequency)
b) \( \mu = \frac{xK}{F} \) (Force ratio: output force/input force)
c) \( \zeta = \frac{C}{2\sqrt{K\omega}} \) (Critical damping ratio)

The results are plotted on Figure 14. The upper plot illustrates the vibrational force amplification for operation up to and through the first system resonance for different values of damping. The lower plot illustrates the phase angle between the unbalance forcing function and the system response function. It will be noted that if balancing was conducted at resonance \( (r = 1) \), considerable amplification of reaction to unbalance at the balance machine pickups would occur if damping was minimized. This would improve sensitivity to the measurements to permit a high degree of balance accuracy. Resonant type balance machines are available that take advantage of this fact. It will be observed from the lower plot of Figure 14, at resonance, the phase angle is 90 degrees. The signal at the pickup will lag the unbalance by 90 degrees. As damping is minimized, the change in phase angle is very sensitive to speed. Therefore, accurate determination of unbalance location is often difficult in a resonant balance machine.

If operation is conducted well below resonance and damping is minimized, phase angle measurement accuracy is enhanced. There is no phase shift at this condition, therefore, direct measurement of amplitude and phase are possible. Balance machines designed for operation in this range are classified hard bearing balance machines. They are limited in operating speed in order to avoid phase angle errors as resonance is approached.
Figure 14 Balance Machine Classification by Proximity to Resonance
Balance machines are also designed for operation above resonance of the rotor-bearing system of the machine and are called soft bearing machines. Generally, the bearing support is soft only in the horizontal direction and is sufficiently soft to induce resonance at one or two rpm so the operator is unaware the rotor-bearing system has passed through resonance. These machines have the advantage of higher speed balancing. Although the amplitude ratio \((u)\) is small in this range, the actual force may be large since the force increases as the square of the speed. The phase angle indicating location of unbalance will lag the actual unbalance location by 180 degrees, although this is taken care of in the readout circuitry of the machine. Because of the higher speed operation of the soft bearing machines, higher accuracy in balance is possible but the balance procedure is more complex than the hard bearing type in current usage machines.

Further discussions on construction features of different type machines are covered in Section 4.3.

4.2.2 Plane Separation. As previously indicated, when two axial planes are utilized to remove moment unbalance it is desirable to remove the influence of unbalance in one plane from readings taken in the second plane. There are three general methods utilized for plane separation; i.e.:

a) Pivoted cradle method
b) Nodal bar method
c) Electrical networks

On some present usage hard mount balancing machines, unbalance is computed for each plane and plane separation is not required. This is discussed in Section 4.3.

In the pivoted cradle method of plane separation, one balance plane is rigidly supported on a pivot while the second is softly mounted. Unbalance forces in the rigid supported plane do not significantly influence vibrational amplitudes while forces in the soft supported plane cause motion. One plane is balanced at a time in this type machine and the pivot then moved to the second plane. In Figure 15, plane B has a locked pivot while
plane A is released and may vibrate due to unbalance weight, $W_1$. Reversing the procedure and locking plane A permits measurements in plane B.

This type plane separation has been utilized in resonant type balancing machines to enhance sensitivity.

The nodal bar method is illustrated in Figure 16. When an unbalance weight, $W$, is placed in the "R" plane, the rotor will vibrate in a conical mode. If the nodal bar is attached rigidly to the bearing support, it will also vibrate in the same mode as the rotor. If only one degree of freedom is
permitted in the system, the rotor axis and nodal bar axis will vibrate in
the mode illustrated by $0_1-0_2$. If a vibration indicator is moved along
the nodal bar, a point (N) can be found where no motion exists due to the
unbalance weight, $W$. This is the node or point of zero deflection of the
system. If an unbalance exists in plane "L", the indicator will detect
the motion without influence from plane "R." A second unbalance indicator
can be used to find the nodal point on the bar when weight, $W$, is moved to
the "L" plane. This indicator will observe unbalance in the "R" plane
without influence from the "L" plane.

The most common plane separation approach used in current-day balancing
machines is by electrical nulling networks. If an unbalance weight is
added to one plane, its influence in the second plane can be nulled
electrically. One such scheme utilizes a voltage divider as illustrated in
Figure 17. In this illustration, unbalance motion is detected by moving

![Figure 17 Plane Separation by Electric Networks](image)

coils attached to flexibly supported bearings in a permanent field. The
motions at B from an unbalance weight in plane "R" are greater than at A.
The resulting voltage $V_{BR}$ is impressed across the voltage divider
which is adjusted to the voltage level of pickup A ($V_{AR}$) and used to null
the voltage to zero. A similar network is used at the other end to separate
that plane.
4.2.3 Sensor Signal Conditioning. In order to enhance balance machine sensitivity and accuracy, the signal from the unbalance measuring pickup generally requires conditioning. Velocity type sensors are in common usage although displacement and accelerometer sensors have been used.

Despite the type of sensor used, signals usually require amplification. The amplifier is most often a function of the type pickup used. If mechanical devices are used, such things as dial indicators may be applied as the amplifier. For electrically generated signals voltage amplifiers are common. In optical systems, optical amplifiers use beams of light as levers.

In addition to amplifying signals, in high sensitivity vibration pickups with electrical outputs it is desirable to filter out unwanted frequencies. Since the pickup is anchored to some portion of the balancing machine, vibratory signals other than those due to unbalance may also be detected. Two techniques are in common usage to eliminate unwanted signals from the vibration pickup; i.e.: band pass filtering and watt hour meter filtering. Band pass filters can be further classified as hand tuneable or automatic tracking.

The band pass filter is basically a narrow window that passes only frequencies in the range of the window opening and rejects all other frequencies. The width of the window opening is called the band width and is measured at the 3 db attenuation point. Figure 18 is the filter shape of a standard octave filter which is one full octave in bandwidth. The center frequency of the filter is at \( f_0 \). In this filter frequencies of 0.5 \( f_0 \) are attenuated approximately 25 db or 17.8 to 1 reduction in amplitude. If the band pass filter is hand tuneable, the center frequency \( f_0 \) may be shifted with a tuning knob. In balancing machines, the tuneable filter is set at running speed to pass vibrations at running speed and exclude others. If the center frequency is not adjusted properly on running speed, not only are the unbalance amplitude signals attenuated, but the phase is shifted due to the filter.
It is possible to control the filter center frequency automatically by driving the filter with a speed signal tachometer. These filters are termed tracking filters. Because a phase shift can be introduced if the center frequency of the filter differs from running frequency, two channel tracking filters with matched phase characteristics are often utilized. With this arrangement, both filters are driven by the running frequency and one filter utilized with the unbalance pickup and the other utilized to filter the once-per-revolution signal. Any phase shift introduced by the filter will be the same for the once-per-revolution reference and the unbalance signal. Both signals can then be fed to a phase meter for more accurate phase measurement.

The moving coil watt hour meter technique utilizes the principle that it measures only when the frequency of the voltage input signal and current input signal are the same. The unbalance sensor supplies a voltage to the meter whose amplitude changes with unbalance amplitude level. A speed
signal of constant current and once per revolution repetition rate of the rotor is also applied to the meter. Only voltages and currents having the same frequency combine in the meter which records their product \( W = EI\cos\theta \) where \( \theta \) is the phase angle. Figure 19 illustrates the average and instantaneous torque developed in the watt meter for various phase angles between vibration and the reference rpm current signal. When the phase angle between unbalance and reference is 90 degrees, the average torque in the meter is 0. If a second coil is used, utilizing the same unbalance signal but a reference current signal 90 degrees phase spaced from the first signal, the unbalance amplitude and phase can be determined while taking advantage of the filtering characteristics of the meter.

With a vertical and horizontal reference current speed pickup, watt meter average output is:

![Figure 19 Wattmeter Measurement of Power from Product of Current and Voltage](image)
\[ W_1 = El \cos \theta \]
\[ W_2 = El \cos (\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta) = El \sin \theta \]

The unbalance is proportional to
\[ U = \sqrt{W_1^2 + W_2^2} = EI \]

The phase angle is defined as
\[ \tan \theta = \frac{W_2}{W_1} \]

Other methods are used to determine the amplitude and phase of unbalance in two planes. They are basically mathematical approaches and are described in Section 4.3. Such techniques are being applied in hard bearing balance machines and are required for in-place (field) balancing where an actual balance machine is not available and portable equipment is used.

4.3 Current Usage Machines and Practices (Rigid Body)

The importance of balancing to reduce vibration and improve machine life has been recognized for many years. As a result, a broad range of machines have been developed in the past—some of which are still in use. Prior to 1930, measurements were observed by mechanical movement. During the 1930 to 1950 period, electrical measurement and readout type machines were developed. With the advances in computer developments, the current trend is digitizing vibration data and computer analysis of balance condition. In balancing of flexible rotors, this approach is receiving more attention.

In addition to general usage balance machines, a number of machines have been developed for specialty balancing and high production balance and are dedicated to a specific application. In the previous section (4.2) general features of balancing machines have been reviewed. In this section, some of the general purpose machines in current use are reviewed. Machines are discussed from the viewpoint of describing the balance practices applicable
to the basic machine types; i.e.: rigid bearing machines, resonant bearing machines, and soft bearing machines.

4.3.1 Basic Considerations. Despite the type of balancing machine in use, several basic considerations apply. The first requirement of the machine is to provide a signal that is indicative of the unbalance level. Since unbalance produces a force to the pedestal at a repetition rate equal to rotational speed, this is the only signal of importance for the balance operation. In the previous section, filters were discussed as a means of eliminating undesirable frequencies. The design of the machine is also important to minimize these influences. The method of driving the part to be balanced can introduce undesirable vibration. The method of mounting the balance machine (machine foundation) can also serve to isolate the machine from external vibrations to assist in insuring accurate signals for balancing. Finally, the method of supporting the rotor in the balance machine can be of importance. Each of these areas in the machine can introduce undesirable signals to the vibration pickup sensor. If we designate unwanted vibration data as noise and unbalance vibration as the signal, the sensitivity of the balance machine is a function of the signal to noise ratio. As the noise is reduced, smaller unbalance amplitudes can be detected and corrected for. The degree of attention to be given to the noise sources is a function of the balance accuracy that is desired.

Most current usage of fine balancing machines are rated for a balance sensitivity of 50 to 100 microinches, although 25 microinches is not uncommon. This is the resulting eccentricity between the mass center and rotating center. Finer balance down to 5 microinches has been accomplished in balancing machines. The ability of a balance machine to perform its specified capability will depend on the signal to noise ratio. For fine balancing, the manufacturer will recommend that the machine be mounted on a seismic mass (concrete pedestal) which is isolated from the building structure. If the drive motor operates at the same speed as the driven part, motor unbalance vibrations can be detected by the pickup which cannot be filtered out. If the rotor is belt driven, any pulley speed that is synchronous with running
will not be filtered out. Other belt noise may also be detected. Noise
from the support bearings themselves, if rollers or sliding supports are
used, may influence readings.

There is no simple rule for selecting the type supports, mounting, and drive
suitable for the balance machine. It is important for the rotating
machinery designer and user of the balance machine to recognize the limita-
tions of the balance machine when specifying the balance requirements and
in using a balancer to meet these requirements.

The pickups used to detect unbalance in each plane along the rotor axis are
generally mounted to detect motion in one direction only. In horizontal
mounted machines, the sensing direction is generally horizontal. The support
stiffness characteristics of the balance machine usually differ in the
horizontal and vertical directions. The plane of the pickup is the plane
that dictates the machine type. In resonant machines, resonance is in the
pickup plane and not the normal plane. Horizontal soft bearing machines con-
tain soft pedestal stiffness in the pickup direction.

4.3.2 Hard Bearing Machines. As previously discussed (Section 4.2.1), hard
bearing balance machines operate well below the resonance of the rotor mass-
pedestal system. Although the nomenclature of hard bearing is used, it is
the bearing mount or pedestal stiffness that is used as a support spring.
The bearing itself is stiffer than the support. Figure 20 illustrates one
method of designing the desired support stiffness characteristics. Both
pedestals are calibrated in the factory prior to installation.
Since operation is conducted below resonance in a linear response range, the need for trial weights for plane separation can be avoided (see Section 4.3.4). The methods currently utilized are analytical in nature. Figure 21 illustrates the control console for a current usage hard bearing balancer. The setup procedure is to dial in the location of the bearings and balance planes (dimension a, b, and c in this figure). The radius of the correction plane is also dialed into the console. A plan view schematic of the example of Figure 21 is illustrated in Figure 22. The bearings and pickup are
Figure 21  Schenck Hard Bearing Balancing Machine
Console Panel
a) Unbalance Schematic

![Unbalance Schematic]

b) Unbalance Pickup Response

Correction weights = $U_1$, $U_2$ (lbs. or Newtons)

Horizontal:

\[
U_{1H}^2 \frac{x_1^2}{g} + U_{2H}^2 \frac{x_2^2}{g} = K_1 \sin \phi_1 + K_2 \sin \phi_2 
\]

\[
4 \left[ U_{1H}^2 \frac{x_1^2}{g} + \left( a + b \right) \left( U_{2H}^2 \frac{x_2^2}{g} - \left( a + b + c \right) K_2 \sin \phi_2 \right) \right] = 0 
\]

Vertical:

\[
U_{1V}^2 \frac{x_1^2}{g} + U_{2V}^2 \frac{x_2^2}{g} = K_1 \cos \phi_1 + K_2 \cos \phi_2 
\]

\[
4 \left[ U_{1V}^2 \frac{x_1^2}{g} + \left( a + b \right) \left( U_{2V}^2 \frac{x_2^2}{g} - \left( a + b + c \right) K_2 \cos \phi_2 \right) \right] = 0 
\]

\[
U_1 = \sqrt{U_{1H}^2 + U_{1V}^2} 
\]

\[
U_2 = \sqrt{U_{2H}^2 + U_{2V}^2} 
\]

Figure 22 Calculation of Correction Weight for Hard Bearing Balancing Machine
located in the same plane. The reaction to the bearings from unbalance are indicated as $R_1$ and $R_2$. These reaction forces cause deflection of the pedestal which has a known stiffness, $K$. If the pedestal motions are known, the reaction forces due to unbalance is known. The pickup signal, therefore, is filtered to rotational frequency with a tracking filter or watt meter method (as shown). The phase between a reference signal and unbalance signal is determined by a phase meter or watt-hour meter (as shown). The problem resolves simply to determination of unbalance weights $U_1$ and $U_2$ given an input of $a$, $b$, $c$, $r_1$, $r_2$ and determination of $R_1$, $R_2$ and phase $\phi_1$ and $\phi_2$ by measurement. If the pickup output is assumed to occur as shown in the polar traces of Figure 22b, as $R_1$, $R_2$ and phase $\phi_1$, $\phi_2$ they may be broken down into their vertical and horizontal components. The static equilibrium, rigid beam equations for the unbalance force may be computed as shown on Figure 22. This computation for determining the correction weights is accomplished in the balance machine computer.

The advantage of this type of system is the simplicity in operation. It is only necessary to install a rotor dial in the balance plane and bearing locations. At balancing speed the machine will indicate amount and location of unbalance with no other preliminary adjustments.

4.3.3 Resonant Bearing Machines. Resonant machines utilize the amplification that occurs at resonance of the rotor-bearing system (with the rotor operating as a rigid body) for balancing.

For different rotor sizes and mass distributions, the resonant frequency of the system will differ. Therefore, a means of adjusting the support stiffness is required to insure resonance in the normal operating speed range of the balancer.

One type of resonant machine utilizes an overhead belt drive as shown in Figure 23. Plane separation in this machine is accomplished by locking one pedestal and balancing in the other plane. Locking one pedestal produces a
Figure 23  Resonant Balancing Machine
(Stewart Warner)
rigid support at that bearing that forces the vibrational node of the system to the locked bearing. This type of plane separation was discussed in Section 3.0. To determine the resonant frequency, the rotor may be tapped and the frequency read off the frequency meter. For fixed drive speed operation, the resonance may be adjusted slightly higher than running speed so that operation is just below resonance. Adjustable pedestal damping is available to limit vibrational amplitudes at running speed until the balance has been reduced sufficiently. After balancing one plane, the pedestal can be released and the alternate pedestal locked to repeat the procedure.

Since phase angle is dependent upon proximity to resonance and the amount of damping, a trial weight is applied at a known angular location to determine the amplitude and phase response. Phase angle, therefore, is established by trial and error in this specific machine. Once the operator becomes reasonably familiar with this type of machine, despite uncalibrated amplitudes and the trial and error procedure of establishing phase angle lag, balancing is quite straightforward.

The advantages and disadvantages of the resonant balancing machine to the hard bearing machine pertain to the specific machines and is not necessarily applicable to the basic principle of hard bearing versus resonant bearing. Specific designs of each machine exist that can improve on speed, simplicity, and accuracy of balancing.

4.3.4 Soft Bearing Balance Machine. Since soft bearing balancing machines operate above the resonance of the rotor support bearings, these machines are generally the highest speed balancers. As long as rotor operation remains in the rigid body range, high-speed balancing may be utilized. On small rigid rotors, it is often possible to utilize air to spin the rotor and balance to speeds of 50,000 rpm and higher. Most standard machines of this type are motor-belt driven and run at lower speeds in the range of 500 to 3,000 rpm. Providing the electronics (speed pickup, unbalance pickup, and filtering system) has the frequency response, the higher speeds are
possible if a means of driving to the higher speeds is available. In hard bearing machines, higher speeds than rated speed pushes operation close or into resonance— influencing phase and amplitude readings. Resonant balancing is limited to the resonant speed range of the pedestal. The soft bearing machine operates above resonance which permits higher speeds, although care must be exercised not to operate into other resonant modes of the machine or rotor.

Of the plane separation techniques, electrical nulling is the most common approach used in soft bearing machines. Unlike the hard bearing machine that utilizes analytical techniques to determine unbalance in each plane, electrical nulling or nodal plane separation requires applying an unbalance weight in each balance plane, one at a time, and separating its influence from the other plane. Therefore, initial setup of the machine is more time consuming than on the other type machines discussed. The general procedure used for plane separation is to balance a part by trial and error to a reasonable level. An unbalance weight (at least an order of magnitude larger than the residual unbalance in the rotor) is added to one balance plane. Its influence on the other plane is nulled back to the original residual unbalance reading of that plane. The weight is then removed and placed in the second balance plane. Its influence on the first plane is nulled back to the residual unbalance of that plane using the nulling potentiometer. Once the plane separation procedure is complete, any number of rotors of the same configuration may be balanced without further adjustment. The process, however, must be repeated for each different rotor configuration. When this machine is used for low quantity production balancing, it is desirable to have a master well-balanced rotor (of the configuration to be balanced) to use for plane separation setup and occasional checkout of the machine.

Since operation of the machine is above resonance, the unbalance pickup lags the unbalance location by 180 degrees. As long as the phase lag is a constant, it can be readily handled in the machine to invert the phase. As discussed in Section 4.3.5, it is well to recognize that inherent phase differences exist between different type pickups; i.e., peak velocity lags...
peak displacement by 90 degrees and peak acceleration lags peak displacement by 180 degrees. These differences, however, are readily handled in a balance machine circuit.

Each of the different type balance machines require a phase mark on the rotor to relate to the location of unbalance. The common method is by means of photo-optics. A black mark is painted on a reflective part of the rotor and a reflective light source detects the change in reflectivity. A signal is thus available to indicate each time the black mark passes the photo cell. The peak value of the unbalance pickup signal indicates when the unbalance signal is at its maximum value. The angle between the peak signal from the unbalance pickup and the phase mark on the rotor establishes the phase angle. The method of readout may be through a phase meter, watt-hour meter, or by strobe light. In the case of a strobe light, the light will flash each time the unbalance amplitude from the pickup is at a maximum. The repetition rate of the light is equal to the rotational speed of the rotor. When the strobe light is flashed on the rotor, it appears to stand still; and the point observed will be the heavy spot (unbalance location) on the rotor. The light must be directed in the proper plane relative to the pickup to indicate the unbalance location. If the strobe light is fixed permanently in one plane on the machine, then the question of positioning does not arise. If the light can be moved, the proper location can be established by adding an unbalance weight to one plane of a balanced rotor and positioning the light to flash at that location. Using a strobe light eliminates the need for a speed pickup for phase information.

Figure 24 illustrates a typical soft bearing machine. This particular machine utilizes wattmeter filtering, electrical plane separation, and a coupling drive. Belt drives are quite common for general purpose balancing while coupling drives are often used for machines dedicated to production balancing of specific type rotors.
4.3.5 In-Place (Field) Balancing. It is often found desirable to balance some machinery after complete assembly in its housing. A number of reasons exist for balancing as an assembly, some of which are listed below.
a) After balancing of a complete rotor in a balancing machine, it may have to be disassembled for reassembly in its own housing; thus losing some of its original balance.

b) Modifications of a rotor after assembly may necessitate touchup balance.

c) Finer balance than was possible in the balance machine (due to speed limitations of the balance machine) may be required. In-place balancing permits balancing at operating speed.

d) After operation of a machine in the field, balance may have degraded necessitating rebalance.

e) Balance changes may occur due to thermal effects on machines in actual service, necessitating balancing after a machine rotor reaches a stable operating temperature.

When balancing an assembled rotor, the advantages of calibrated supports for the rotor as in a balance machine are no longer available. Plane separation techniques that are built into balancing machines are also not available. The principles of the balance machines are still required, however, including vibration pickups, a phase reference, signal amplification and filtering, and a method of reading phase angle. In some current usage balance machines, the electronics are portable and the sensors used for in-place balancing may be fed into the electronics of the balancing machine. In this section, we will consider balancing without the normal balancing machine electronics in respect to plane separation. The other features of balance machines, such as signal amplification and filtering, are found in a number of portable field instruments that are designed for in-place and field balancing. This type of equipment is considered for in-place balancing.

The first requirement for in-place balancing is to instrument the rotor to be balanced. Velocity or accelerometer sensors are commonly used and mounted on each bearing cap. One sensor is mounted at each bearing. It
is desirable to mount both pickups in the same plane to minimize difficulties with phase angles. With this instrumentation, a strobe light is the common method to measure phase angle. The strobe light is driven from the peak signal of the vibration pickup and is flashed on an exposed section of the rotating member. If the section that is observed with the strobe light is marked with numbers around its circumference, when the light flashes the number that continuously appears identifies a location on the shaft. In order to insure that the vibration detected is at running speed, a band-pass filter is used to filter vibration to running speed. This completes the instrumentation requirements for in-place balancing. The machine may be brought up to speed and the amplitude and strobe reading taken for each of the two sensors. After shutdown, a trial weight is added to one balance plane of a recorded magnitude radius and angular position relative to the markings of the rotor. The machine is returned to operating speed and the amplitude and strobe reading taken for both pickups. One further run is required, placing a known weight in the second balance plane at a known location angularly and readings taken. Utilizing these three sets of readings, the unbalance corrections for each plane can be computed or determined graphically. If the shaft was marked in 30 degree increments at the location of the strobe light, the strobe readings will be angular measurements of location of maximum amplitude of the pickup signal. Since the calculation procedure entails changes in phase angle due to placing of known unbalance weights, phase shifts due to the filter, angular location of the strobe light relative to the pickups, and the phase relation due to the type of pickup is no longer important—providing they are constant for all three sets of readings. If balancing is done by trial and error, these phase relations must be considered.

Before discussing analysis techniques, it is well to review the use of displacement probes to obtain the required measurements for computing unbalance. In many machines, no portion of the rotating assembly is exposed and, therefore, the use of a strobe light is no longer feasible. A reference mark within the machine is required for this condition. A phase meter or scope display is required to determine phase when the strobe light cannot be utilized. The noncontacting (proximeter type) probe has been commonly
used to establish a reference mark by viewing a flat spot or keyway on the shaft. Similarly, this type probe has been utilized to monitor shaft motions and detect the balance condition of the rotor. When two such probes are installed in the same plane but 90 degrees angularly spaced, they may be displayed on a CRT screen in a polar display to indicate the shaft orbit. If the phase mark from the reference mark proximeter is used to drive the Z axis of an oscilloscope, a reference mark can be indicated on the orbit to indicate the angle between probe and reference mark. The angle can be estimated by eye from oscilloscope trace.

Included in current available field balancing equipment are dual-channel tracking filters and digital phase meters, as well as hand tunable band-pass filters.

4.3.6 Two-Plane Unbalance Determination. It was indicated for in-place balancing that three measurements are required of the pickup peak amplitude and phase from a reference point on the rotor operating at the same speed; i.e.:

1) As is.
2) With known unbalance weight added in one balance plane at known location.
3) With known unbalance weight added in second balance plane at known location.

This generates sufficient information to permit a graphical determination of unbalance or an analytical determination. The following two sections discuss each approach.

4.3.6.1 Graphical Determination of Unbalance. In order to review a graphical technique for determination of unbalance, we shall consider a single plane balancing situation. Figure 25a illustrates the example under consideration. A pickup is installed at the bearing cap and the disc rotated at constant speed. The measured output from the
b) Measurement Errors

5. Phase error is $\Delta \phi$.

6. Amplitude error is $W/W_m$.

7. Unbalance amplitude is $R_1(W/W_m)$.

8. Unbalance location is $\alpha_1 - \alpha_c$.

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a) Single Plane Unbalance

1. Plot amplitude and phase $R_1$ and $\alpha_1$.

2. Add trial weight $W$ at $\alpha_3$.

3. Plot reaction to trial weight $R_2$ and $\alpha_2$.

4. Construct $R_m$.

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c) Graphical Solution From Trial Weight W

Figure 25 Determination of Amplitude and Phase Errors
pickup is assumed to contain an amplitude error and phase angle error (Figure 25b). If a velocity pickup is used, the output amplitude will be in terms of velocity while the unbalance \( u \) is in gms (oz). This is considered part of the amplitude error. If a correction weight is added (\( W \)) at \( \alpha_2 \) as shown in Figure 25c, the recorded reaction is \( R_2 \). Vector \( R_2 \) has the same phase and amplitude errors as \( R_1 \). The trial weight also has the same amplitude and phase error and appears as \( W_m \). The vector joining vectors \( R_1 \) and \( R_2 \) is equivalent to weight \( W_m \). The ratio of \( W \) to \( W_m \) is the amplitude correction factor for \( R_1 \). The phase angle error for correction weight can be found graphically by drawing a parallel line to \( W_m \) through the origin and reading off \( \alpha_4 \) from polar coordinate paper. A correction weight of \( \frac{W}{W_m} R_1 \) should be added at \( \alpha_3 + \alpha_2 - \alpha_4 \).

When two planes of vibration are used for correction, the problem is more complex since unbalance forces in one plane can influence amplitudes in the second plane. A detailed solution for vector calculations for two plane balancing is contained in Application Report No. 327, published by International Research and Development Corporation. A copy of the procedure is included as Figures 27, 28 and 29.

4.3.6.2 Analytical Determination of Unbalance. The unbalance condition of the rotor can also be solved for a rigid rotor by solution of the equations for equilibrium. Consider a simple beam of Figure 26. Assume the unbalance condition as illustrated.
In the following instructions phase angles are recorded in the odd numbered item column. The amount of vibration and weights is recorded in the even numbered item column.

I Operate the rotor at the balancing speed and observe and record as Items 1, 2, 3, and 4: amount of phase, near and far end. (Note: phase angles should increase in the clockwise direction).

II Stop the machine and add a trial weight at the Near End correction plane. Record the amount of the weight and its position in degrees clockwise from the reference mark. Items 5 and 6.

III Operate the rotor at the balancing speed and observe and record as Items 7, 8, 9, and 10.

IV Stop the machine and remove the Near End trial weight. Add a trial weight at the Far End correction plane. Record the amount of the weight and its position in degrees clockwise from the reference mark. Items 11 and 12.

V Operate the rotor at the balancing speed and observe and record Items 13, 14, 15, and 16.

VI Construct vectors \(N, F, N_2, P_2, N_3\) and \(P_3\) by drawing the line at the phase angle whose length is scaled to length in mils vibration. Suggested scale is 1 mil = 1/2 inch.

VII Construct vectors \(A, R = A, gB\). Sample: To construct vector \(A\) instructions are shown \((N - N_2)\). This means connect the end of vector \(N\) to vector \(N_2\). The angle of vector \(A\) is found by projecting a line parallel to \(A\) through the center in the direction from \(N\) to \(N_2\). This is the phase angle of vector \(A\). Measure the length of vector \(A\) to the same scale at which the other vectors were constructed. Items 17 through 24.

VIII As the calculations as indicated for Items 25 through 32, construct vectors \(C\) and \(D\), then vectors \(E\) and \(F\). Items 33 through 36. Calculate Items 37 and 38 as shown.

IX Construct the Unity Vector to be called 1.0 unit long at zero degrees. Items 39 and 40. Suggested scale is 1.0 unit = 5 mils = 2.5 inches. Construct vector \(gA\). Items 37 and 38. Construct vector \(E\) and scale \(E\) and \(-g\) to same scale as Unity Vector. Items 41 and 42.

X Calculate Items 43 through 54.

XI Items 51 and 52 are the amount and position for the balance weight for the Near End correction plane. Items 53 and 54 to the Far End.

XII Before making the final balance corrections it is desirable to make a graphic check of the solution. This is done as follows: Construct vectors \(2A\) Items 43 and 44, and \(gB\) Items 45 and 46. Calculate vector \(gB\) Amount = \(50 \times 24\), Angle = \(48 \pm 23\). Calculate vector \(+A\) Amount = \(48 \times 22\), Angle = \(47 \pm 21\). Construct vectors \(gB\) and \(+A\). Construct vector \(X \pm (gB)\) should be equal and opposite to vector \(N\). Construct vector \(Y \pm (+A)\) should be equal and opposite to vector \(F\).

XIII Note the balance corrections as indicated in Step XI. Be sure the trial weight added in Step IV has been removed. The balance corrections must be added at the same radius as the trial weights were placed.

XIV Operate the rotor and observe if the balance corrections reduced the vibration to an acceptable amount. If further corrections are required use new data observed as Items 1 through 4. Use the Items marked by an asterisk and recalculate Items 29 through 30, and 43 through 54. Do not disturb previous corrections.

NOTE: The more precisely the phase angles are measured and the weights added at the exact angle indicated, the more satisfactory will be the results.

During the calculations the results may include negative angles and angles larger than 360°. An angle of -35° is converted to a positive angle by subtracting the angle from 360°: 360° - 35° = 325°. An angle of 473° is converted to one less than 360° by subtracting 360° from the angle. 473° - 360° = 113°.

Figure 27 Balancing Procedure
Figure 28 Graphical Solution to Balancing Problem
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<th>ROTOR CONDITION &amp; RUN NO. OR CALCULATION PROCEDURE</th>
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<td>Zero Rotor - TS #1</td>
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<td>VII</td>
<td>B+P-F (F-P)</td>
<td>B 1</td>
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<td>A 2</td>
<td>0°</td>
<td>0°</td>
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<td>VIII</td>
<td>C+P-H (H+P)</td>
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<td>X</td>
<td>E-U = H (H-U)</td>
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**Figure 29 Typical Example - Vector Calculations for Two-Plane Balancing**

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**Figure 29 Typical Example - Vector Calculations for Two-Plane Balancing**
The unbalance forces $U_1$ and $U_2$ can be broken into the vertical and horizontal components as illustrated in Figure 26b. The reaction to the unbalance forces occur at the bearing pedestals and are designated as $F_A$ and $F_B$. Considering only the vertical components of unbalance, the sum of the forces and moments must be zero for equilibrium; i.e.:

\[
F_A + F_B + U_A \cos \alpha_1 - U_B \cos \alpha_2 = 0 \tag{20}
\]
\[
a U_A \cos \alpha_1 + \ell F_B - (\ell + b) U_B \cos \alpha_2 = 0 \tag{21}
\]

Similarly, the horizontal forces and moments must balance. If the force is measured at the bearing, we would like to determine the values and phase angles of $U_A$ and $U_B$ in both the vertical and horizontal directions without knowledge of the values $a$, $b$, and $\ell$. Only the equations for vertical forces will be discussed since the horizontal force solution is the same procedure. The force measurements at the bearings are initially reduced to the vertical and horizontal components. $F_A$ and $F_B$ above refer to the vertical components.

Solving Equations (20 and 21) for $F_A$ and $F_B$ yields

\[
F_A = - \left( \frac{a + \ell}{\ell} \right) U_A \cos \alpha_1 - \frac{b}{\ell} U_B \cos \alpha_2 \tag{22}
\]
\[
F_B = \frac{a}{\ell} U_A \cos \alpha_1 + \frac{b + \ell}{\ell} U_B \cos \alpha_2 \tag{23}
\]

Let

\[
C_1 = \frac{a}{\ell}
\]
\[
C_2 = \frac{b}{\ell}
\]

Equations (22) and (23) may be rewritten:
\[ F_A = -(C_1 + 1) U_A \cos \alpha_1 - C_2 U_B \cos \alpha_2 \]  
(24)

\[ F_B = C_1 U_A \cos \alpha_1 + (C_2 + 1) U_B \cos \alpha_2 \]  
(25)

If an unbalance weight is added to balance plane \( U_A \) and the vertical component is identified as \( T \), Equations (24) and (25) can be rewritten:

\[ F_{A_1} = -(C_1 + 1) (U_A \cos \alpha_1 + T) - C_2 U_B \cos \alpha_2 \]  
(26)

\[ F_{B_1} = C_1 (U_A \cos \alpha_1 + T) - (C_2 + 1) U_B \cos \alpha_2 \]  
(27)

The unbalance weight is then added to plane containing \( U_B \) and Equations (24) and (25) for the vertical component \( T \) are:

\[ F_{A_2} = -(C_1 + 1) U_A \cos \alpha_1 - C_2 (U_B \cos \alpha_2 - T) \]  
(28)

\[ F_{B_2} = C_1 U_A \cos \alpha_1 + (C_2 + 1) (U_B \cos \alpha_2 - T) \]  
(29)

We have six equations with two unknown unbalance forces and two unknown coefficients \( (C_1 \) and \( C_2 \)). Combining equations:

(24)-(26)  \[ F_A - F_{A_1} = (C_1 + 1)T; \quad (C_1 + 1) = \frac{F_A - F_{A_1}}{T} \]

(25)-(27)  \[ F_B - F_{B_1} = C_1 T; \quad C_1 = \frac{F_B - F_{B_1}}{T} \]

(25)-(29)  \[ F_B - F_{B_2} = -(C_2 + 1)T; \quad (C_2 + 1) = -\frac{F_B - F_{B_2}}{T} \]

(26)-(28)  \[ F_{A_1} - F_{A_2} = -C_2 T; \quad C_2 = -\frac{F_{A_1} - F_{A_2}}{T} \]
The coefficients $C_1$ and $C_2$ can be eliminated from Equations (24) and (25) to permit determination of $U_A \cos \alpha_1$ and $U_B \cos \alpha_2$ in terms of measured forces at the bearings. In a similar manner, the horizontal components $U_A \sin \alpha_1$ and $U_B \cos \alpha_2$ may be determined in terms of the horizontal reaction forces at the bearings. The actual unbalance in plane $U_A$ is:

$$U_A = \sqrt{(U_A \cos \alpha)^2 + (U_A \sin \alpha)^2}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{U_A \sin \alpha}{U_A \cos \alpha}$$

It has been assumed that the measurements at the bearings were in force terms. Actual measurements, however, are generally in terms of acceleration or velocity at the pedestal. Figure 30 is a typical installation of a velocity pickup in the vertical plane of a bearing cap.

![Figure 30 Bearing Cap Vibration](image-url)
The reaction force at the bearing is transmitted to the cap causing a deflection of the cap. The peak-to-peak value of the deflection is represented by (d) where: \( \frac{d}{2} = \frac{F}{K} \). \( K \) is the stiffness of the bearing cap and is an unknown constant. The resultant peak velocity for the peak force is

\[
\text{Vel} = \pi fd \quad f = \text{rotational frequency (hz)} \quad \text{and is a constant}
\]

if the balancing speed is constant

rewriting:

\[
V = \frac{\pi f F}{K} \quad \text{or} \quad F = \frac{KV}{\pi f}
\]

if \( Q = \frac{F}{\pi f} \); \( F = QV \)

The peak velocity measured by the pickup is directly proportional to the peak driving force. All reaction forces \( F_A, F_B, F_{A_1}, \text{etc.} \) when using velocity as the measurement parameter are: \( QV_A, QV_B, QV_{A_1}, \text{etc.} \). If we rewrite Equation (24) substituting the values of the coefficients \( C_1, C_2, C_1 + 1, C_2 + 2 \) and substituting velocity for force, we have

\[
QV_A = - \left[ \frac{QV_A - QV_{A_1}}{T} \right] U_A \cos \alpha_1 + \left[ \frac{QV_{A_1} - QV_{A_2}}{T} \right] U_A \cos \alpha_2 \] (30)

Factoring \( Q \) we have

\[
V_A = - \left[ \frac{V_A - V_{A_1}}{T} \right] U_A \cos \alpha_1 + \left[ \frac{V_{A_1} - V_{A_2}}{T} \right] U_A \cos \alpha_2 \] (31)

We, therefore, may use velocity measurements directly for determination of the unbalance force.
The question of phase relations between unbalance location, pickup response, and phase errors must also be accounted for when calculating unbalance reaction. All of these phase shifts (i.e., through pickup, through filters and amplifiers) are assumed constant throughout the balancing procedure for operation at the same balancing speed.

Phase correction for single plane balancing was discussed in Section 4.3.6.1. In Figure 25b, phase angle error was described as $\alpha_E$. This phase error ($\alpha_E$) represents a single plane unbalance condition. As noted previously, the second plane also influences the phase angle.

In Figure 31a, an unbalance reaction vector at one sensor location is shown as $U_A$ with no phase error. When a trial weight is added (vector $T$), the result is to shift $U_A$ to point 1. The reaction at end $A$ to unbalance in plane $B$ is $U_B$. The results at end $A$ is vector $U_{A-1}$. Again adding the trial weight ($T$), shifts vector $U_{A-1}$ to point 2. The magnitude and direction of the shaft vector is not altered by the influence of end $B$. The phase error may thus be determined as illustrated on Figure 25 for a single plane unbalance. The phase error is shown on Figure 31b, illustrating the similarity to a single unbalance plane graphical solution. Both amplitude error and phase angle error may differ for each plane.

In a similar manner these errors may be determined at the second balance plane.

To summarize the analytical approach, the beam equation for reaction could be solved for one unknown balance condition and two trial weight conditions resulting in six equations. Solution of the equations results in coefficients, in terms of measured reactions, representative of the rotor dimensions. Solution for the unbalance forces producing these reactions could then be solved. In addition, if a constant phase angle error exists, it can also be computed. Solution of the equations are more straightforward utilizing matrix algebra; but in the simple case, solution by substitution was considered helpful to the reader in visualizing the approach.
Unbalance A end
Unbalance B end
Trial weight
Apparent unbalance A end due to influence B end
Influence on A end from trial weight (ignoring B end)
Influence on A end from trial weight (including influence of B end)
Shift in location of U_{A-1} due to phase error
Influence of trial weight

Figure 31 Correcting for Phase Errors in Two Planes
It should be recognized that more balancing planes than two could be utilized with this approach. Under these circumstances, the number of equations become cumbersome and matrix solution is suggested. Since balance planes can be increased, the procedure lends itself to flexible shaft balancing. In this case, the number of balance planes are increased to cover the number of flexible modes through which a rotor will operate. This subject is discussed in Section 5.2, but the present discussion is referenced to describe the approach.

To further assist the reader with the numerical bookkeeping for two plane balancing when solution is attempted following the approach previously discussed, the following summary is offered:

A) Data Collection

1. Initial Balance Condition
   - A end x, units @ $\alpha_1$ phase (from ref.)
   - B end y, units @ $\alpha_2$ phase
   
   Phase angles may include constant phase error

2. Trial Weight Added to Plane A (weight = T)
   - A end $x_2$ units @ $\alpha_3$ phase
   - B end $y_2$ units @ $\alpha_4$ phase

3. Trial Weight (T) Added to Plane B
   - A end $x_3$ units @ $\alpha_5$ phase
   - B end $y_3$ units @ $\alpha_6$ phase
B) Vertical and Horizontal Reaction Components (F) to Unbalance (U)

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<th>Plane B</th>
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<td>1. Vertical: $F_A = x_1 \cos \alpha_1$</td>
<td>$F_B = y_1 \cos \alpha_2$</td>
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<td>$F_A_1 = x_2 \cos \alpha_3$</td>
<td>$F_B_1 = y_2 \cos \alpha_4$</td>
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<td>$F_A_2 = x_3 \cos \alpha_5$</td>
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2. Horizontal: $F_C = x_1 \sin \alpha_1$ | $F_D = y_1 \sin \alpha_2$ |
| $F_C_1 = x_2 \sin \alpha_3$ | $F_D_1 = y_2 \sin \alpha_4$ |
| $F_C_3 = x_3 \sin \alpha_5$ | $F_D_2 = y_3 \sin \alpha_6$ |

C) Coefficients

1. Vertical: $C_1 = \frac{F_B - F_B_1}{T}$; $(C_1 + 1) = \frac{F_A - F_A_1}{T}$

$C_2 = -\frac{F_A_1 - F_A_2}{T}$; $(C_2 + 1) = \frac{F_A - F_A_3}{T}$

2. Horizontal: $C_{1H} = \frac{F_D - F_D_1}{T}$; $(C_{1H} + 1) = \frac{F_C - F_C_1}{T}$

$C_{2H} = -\frac{F_C_1 - F_C_2}{T}$; $(C_{2H} + 1) = -\frac{F_C - F_C_3}{T}$

D) Unbalance Components

1. Vertical Component

End A: $U_A \cos \alpha_1 = \frac{C_{1H} U \cos \alpha_2 - F_A}{-(C_1 + 1)}$

End B: $U_B \cos \alpha_2 = \frac{F_B C_2}{C_1(F_A + C_2) + (C_1 + 1)(C_2 + 1)}$
2. Horizontal Component

End A: \( U_A \sin \alpha_1 = \frac{C_{2H}U_B \sin \alpha_2 - F_C}{-(C_{1H} + 1)} \)

End B: \( U_B \sin \alpha_2 = \frac{F_D C_{2H}}{C_{1H}(F_C + C_{2H}) + (C_{1H} + 1)(C_{2H} + 1)} \)

E) Unbalance

End A: \( U_A = \sqrt{(U_A \cos \alpha_1)^2 + (U_A \sin \alpha_1)^2} \)

\( U_B = \sqrt{(U_B \cos \alpha_1)^2 + (U_B \sin \alpha_1)^2} \)

F) Phase of Unbalance

1. End A: \( \tan \alpha_1 = \frac{U_A \sin \alpha_1}{U_A \cos \alpha_1} \)

2. End B: \( \tan \alpha_2 = \frac{U_B \sin \alpha_2}{U_B \cos \alpha_2} \)

G) Phase Correction

1. End A: \( \alpha_{E-A} = \alpha_3 - \cos^{-1} \frac{x_2^2 + T_1^2 - x_1^2}{2x_2T_1} \)

where: \( T_1^2 = x_2^2 + x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 \cos(\alpha_1 - \alpha_3) \)

2. End B: \( \alpha_{E-B} = \alpha_6 - \cos^{-1} \frac{y_3^2 + T_2^2 - y_1^2}{2y_3T_2} \)

where: \( T_2^2 = y_3^2 + y_1^2 - 2y_3y_1 \cos(\alpha_2 - \alpha_6) \)
SECTION V

FLEXIBLE ROTOR BALANCING

Section 3.3 discussed the need for different balance techniques when considering operation of rotors at speeds above one or more of their flexible resonant speeds (critical speeds). The shape that a flexible rotor will assume at a natural frequency of the bearing-rotor system is termed the mode shape. Figure 10 of Section 3.3 illustrates the first four mode shapes of a simple beam. If unbalance forces exist in a flexible rotating member such that their phase orientations tend to induce a particular mode shape, operation through that mode will induce large amplitudes. To illustrate this point consider the rotor of Figure 32 with four discs and two bearings.

![Diagram of a rotor with unbalance forces](image)

Unbalance (m)

(a) Rotor

(b) First Bending Mode

(c) Second Bending Mode

Figure 32 Four Plane Unbalance Operating Through the Shaft Second Flexible Mode
If each disc contains equal unbalance as shown, the system is in static balance and the resultant moments do not seriously influence the first bending mode but provide substantial driving components for the second mode. It is evident, that internal moments are introduced into the shaft due to the balance condition of each disc. To remove all these unbalanced forces obviously necessitates four balance planes, one at each disc.

One approach commonly used to improve balance is to individually balance each disc prior to installation on the shaft. Final balance is accomplished by two plane touch-up balance on the assembly. Since individual disc balancing requires a balancing mandrel, where concentricities must be maintained accurately and disc attachment is important, a technique called stack balancing has often been applied to eliminate the need for a mandrel. In this case, the shaft is two plane balanced with no discs. The first disc is then installed and the shaft rebalanced correcting only on the disc. The second disc is added and the procedure repeated correcting only on the second disc. This is then repeated for each additional disc or rotating component attached to shaft.

These procedures of individual component balancing and stack balancing have been used successfully in numerous applications of flexible shaft assemblies. Some designs however, do not readily lend themselves to these techniques and it becomes desirable to use multiplane balance procedures (more than two planes).

A number of techniques have been applied to multiplane balancing of flexible rotors and have adopted names that tend to describe the basic procedure. The two most common methods include:

Modal Balancing (References 48 through 65)
Influence Coefficient Balancing (References 66 through 72)

There are a number of practical aspects involved with each of the balancing
methods that should be considered before attempting to utilize the procedures. Firstly, it is necessary to operate the rotor to each of the critical speeds for which a balanced condition is desired. This implies that either in-place balancing of a rotor in its own housing is required or a high speed spin pit is needed. For equipment such as rotary compressors (axials or centrifugals) and turbines a vacuum chamber is desirable to reduce input drive power if a spin pit is utilized. If it is necessary to disassemble a rotor after balancing in order to install it into its housing, a high speed spin pit is an undesirable approach since disassembly and reassembly will influence balance. A second consideration is that of the bearing and bearing support characteristics used during balance. The rotor support characteristics in terms of stiffness and damping properties can influence the mode shape for the rotor at its critical speeds. If there is a significant difference in rotor support properties between a spin pit or high speed balance installation and the actual housing of the rotor, balanced vibration levels in the spin pit can differ from final installation levels. Finally, the complete balancing procedure can be quite lengthy since more than two balance planes are generally used and more than one balance speed (depending upon the number of criticals for which balance is desired) is required. Anyone having experienced the difficulties of accurately positioning balance weights on low speed rigid body balancing machines will recognize the difficulties involved in high speed flexible shaft balancing. Continuing efforts by experimenters utilizing digital computer techniques are actively engaged in minimizing some of these difficult problem areas.

5.1 Modal Balancing

A fundamental property of all oscillatory systems is the orthogonality relation for principal modes of oscillation [Ref. 73]. In balancing flexible rotors through n critical speeds or modes, this principle implies that amplitudes can be reduced for each mode independently without altering amplitudes at other modes given at least n balancing planes for correction.
Rotors can be corrected mode by mode without theoretically influencing other modes. This technique of balancing has been termed Modal balancing. The response of a rotor to unbalance at any speed is the sum of the responses of each individual mode. When operation of a rotor is conducted in close proximity to one mode, the response of all other modes are generally negligible unless two modes are in close proximity. In order to select balance weights for Modal balancing, it is necessary to know the mode shape for each critical speed (or mode) for which the shaft is to be balanced. This may be obtained by calculation or by measurement. To calculate the mode shape, a damped critical speed can be computed utilizing the RSVP program described in Part I or similar shaft dynamics programs. Measurements would require the use of proximeter sensors along the rotor length while operating the rotor through its resonant modes of interest. Alternately the rotor could be subjected to a vibration resonant search to establish resonant frequencies and mode shape. This approach excludes the bearing dynamic influences and gyroscopic stiffening effects however, and may lead to some inaccuracies.

It should be noted that the vibrational amplitudes of flexible rotors at each mode is a sum of the amplitudes of all modes of the rotor. Theoretically, for zero deflection it would be necessary to balance each mode in an infinite number of planes. This is true for any flexible balancing technique. Since an infinite number of planes is not practical, one relies on the fact that the amplitude influence of other modes are minimal when balancing one mode. This implies that to balance the first flexible mode a single plane is required, to balance the second mode two planes are required and three planes for the third mode. This results in using the number of balance planes equal to the number of modes to be balanced or n planes. Most investigators agree that the precision of balance can be improved by increasing the number of balancing planes at the expense of added complexity and time. Therefore, more than n balancing planes are often used by experimenters. In modal balancing as a minimum n planes are considered desirable for balancing n modes.
In order to acquaint the reader with the modal balancing technique, a simple flexible beam is considered containing three unbalance forces. Operation through three modes is desired. The calculated mode shapes are as shown in Figure 33. Let the balance planes be selected as stations 2, 4 and 5 and the unknown unbalance forces located at stations 1, 3 and 6.

Since it is desirable to operate the rotor through three modes, a minimum of three balance planes are required. A further discussion of the number of balance planes; i.e.; \(n\) or \(n + 2\) is given in Reference [61]. It is also noted that the unbalance forces were all selected in one plane while in most situations they may fall in different planes since they are vectorial. They may, however, be resolved into two planes that are normal and each plane treated separately and finally superimposed on each other. Therefore, the single plane was selected for illustration purposes.
The mode shape for each mode may be described as:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Mode</th>
<th>1st Mode</th>
<th>2nd Mode</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>x₁</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

where the subscripts are the rotor stations and x, y and z are relative amplitudes with the maximum amplitude for each mode set to unity. The calculated (or measured) relative amplitude for the first three modes are tabulated below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Station</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>6</th>
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<tr>
<td>x</td>
<td>.390</td>
<td>.721</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>.788</td>
<td>.647</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>y</td>
<td>.707</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>.383</td>
<td>-.383</td>
<td>-.981</td>
<td>-.981</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>z</td>
<td>-1.000</td>
<td>-.850</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>-.567</td>
<td>-1.000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In order to balance the rotor it is necessary to add weight at each balancing plane for each mode while operating at close proximity to the mode. For each mode, the added weights are selected to insure the potential energy in the flexed shaft goes to zero. The potential energy in the shaft for the first mode due to the unbalance at stations 1, 3 and 6 is:

\[
U_B = \left[ \frac{U_1r_1 \omega^2}{g} \right] x_1 + \left[ \frac{U_3r_3 \omega^2}{g} \right] x_3 + \left[ \frac{U_6r_6 \omega^2}{g} \right] x_6
\]  

where:  
\[ U = \text{unknown unbalance} \]  
\[ r = \text{radius of unbalance} \]  
\[ g = \text{gravitational units} \]  
\[ \omega = \text{rotational speed (rad/sec)} \]
To set the energy equal to zero when adding weights at station 2, 4 and 5,

\[ U_B = \left[ \frac{U_2 r_2}{g} \right] \omega^2 x_2 + \left[ \frac{U_4 r_4}{g} \right] \omega^2 x_4 + \left[ \frac{U_5 r_5}{g} \right] \omega^2 x_5 \]  

(33)

Substituting \( F \) for \( U_r \) results in:

\[ U_B = F_2 x_2 + F_4 x_4 + F_5 x_5 \]  

(34)

In selecting \( F_2, F_4 \) and \( F_5 \), it is required that they not effect the next two modes; i.e.:

\[ F_2 y_2 + F_4 y_4 + F_5 y_5 = 0 \]  

(35)

\[ F_2 z_2 + F_4 z_4 + F_5 z_5 = 0 \]  

(36)

Rewriting all three equations:

\[ F_2 x_2 + F_4 x_4 + F_5 x_5 = U_B \]  

(37)

\[ F_2 y_2 + F_4 y_4 + F_5 y_5 = 0 \]  

(38)

\[ F_2 z_2 + F_4 z_4 + F_5 z_5 = 0 \]  

(39)

For the second mode equations 37, 38 and 39 are:

EQ 37 = 0

EQ 38 = \( U_B \)

EQ 39 = 0  

(40)

Finally for the third mode:

EQ 37 = 0

EQ 38 = 0

EQ 39 = \( U_B \)  

(41)

These equations (37, 38, 39, set 40 and set 41) can be rewritten using the relative mode shapes of Table 4.
\[
\begin{align*}
.721 \ F_2 + 1.0 \ F_4 + .788 \ F_5 &= U_B \\
1.000 \ F_2 - .383 \ F_4 - .981 \ F_5 &= 0 \quad \text{Mode 1} \\
-.85 \ F_2 + 1.00 \ F_4 - .567 \ F_5 &= 0
\end{align*}
\]

Solution to these equations result in:

\[
\begin{align*}
F_2 &= .428 \ U_B \\
F_4 &= .501 \ U_B \\
F_5 &= .241 \ U_B \\
\frac{F_2}{F_4} &= .85 \\
\frac{F_4}{F_4} &= 1.0 \\
\frac{F_5}{F_4} &= .48
\end{align*}
\]

The magnitude of the unbalance correction is not known but the ratio of weight additions for the first mode without influencing the second and third modes are as indicated above. Whatever weight is required at station 4, 85 percent of this value is added in phase at station 2 and 48 percent in phase at station 5. Balancing must be done in close proximity to the mode to insure the mode shape closely approximates that mode. In a similar manner, the three Equations (40) may be solved for correction weights for the second mode and Equations (41) for the third mode. In each case, the absolute magnitude of the corrections are unknown but their relative amplitude and phase relationship for a single plane are determined.

In this simplified example only the vertical components of unbalance were considered. In actual practice, unbalance amplitudes would be complex.
numbers including amplitude and phase. The number of balance planes is generally dictated by the number of criticals (N) through which operation is desired. Bishop [51] suggests N balance planes and Ke1lenberger [62] suggest (N+2) planes for greater accuracy. Balancing has been accomplished by trial and error with knowledge of the mode shape to be balanced, or numerically following an approach similar to that previously discussed. With accurate knowledge of the shaft mode shape for each balance mode, one pickup could be used for measurement of amplitude if not placed on a node. Most investigators have used two or more to verify mode shapes. Modal balancing has proved difficult when two modes are in close proximity to each other and for non-axial symmetrical rotors such as those with large overhung weights. A number of practical considerations are also of importance when applying modal balancing techniques. Since balance is accomplished in close proximity to a resonant mode, phase angles of unbalance location as seen by the sensor or pickup used, will lag the actual location by as much as 90 degrees. Location of the proper angular correction plane will be a trial and error process. If non-shaft contacting displacement probes are used for measurement of vibration, care must be exercised to minimize runout at the probe which introduces errors. Further discussion regarding modal balancing and number of balance planes is provided in Appendix A.

5.2 Influence Coefficient Balancing

Unlike the modal balancing techniques, influence coefficient balancing does not require prior determination of rotor stiffness characteristics or bearing support characteristics. To simply illustrate the technique consider a flexible rotor with flexible supports of Figure 34.

![Figure 34 Flexible Rotor with Unbalance](image-url)
If an unbalance force \((U_a)\) is applied to the shaft at location 1, the deflection \(x_1\) at this location will be a sum of the flexible shaft deflection due to \(K_s\) (shaft stiffness) and the bearing deflection due to \(K_B\) (bearing stiffness). The characteristics of the shaft-bearing system may be represented by \(R_1\) and the deflection can be written as:

\[
x_1 = U_a R_1
\]

Adding a second unbalance force \((U_b)\) to location 2 adds additional deflection at location 1. Identifying the shaft-bearing system deflection characteristics at 1 due to a force at 2 of \(R_2\), the total deflection at \(x_1\) for the first mode becomes:

\[
x_1 = U_a R_1 + U_b R_2
\]  
(42)

Similarly, the deflection at \(x_2\) for the first mode due to \(U_a\) and \(U_b\) unbalances is:

\[
x_2 = U_a R_3 + U_b R_4
\]  
(43)

If a trial weight \(T\) is added at location 1, the deflections at locations 1 and 2 become:

\[
y_1 = (U_a + T) R_1 + U_b R_2
\]

\[
y_2 = (U_a + T) R_3 + U_b R_4
\]  
(44)

Moving the trial weight to location 2 results in the third set of deflections; i.e.:

\[
z_1 = U_a R_1 + (U_b + T) R_2
\]

\[
z_2 = U_a R_3 + (U_b + T) R_4
\]  
(45)

Equations 42 through 45 may be solved to eliminate \(R_1, R_2, R_3\) and \(R_4\), resulting in the following equations:
The coefficients of $U_a$ and $U_b$ are called the influence coefficients. The balancing problem involves reducing $x_1$ and $x_2$ to zero. This is accomplished by solving the two equations for $U_a$ and $U_b$. As noted, no knowledge of shaft and bearing properties were required to obtain the coefficients.

A higher balancing speed can be selected, and a new set of influence coefficients determined in the same manner for balancing the higher mode. Where balancing of several modes are desired, several balance speeds can be selected and influence coefficients for each speed determined. A least squares best fit for balance over the speed range has been used [69] for this situation. This has been termed a least squares influence coefficient method in contrast to an exact point method. A further variation [71] proposed using linear programming to optimize the balance of rotors operating through several bending critical speeds.

In the simple example shown, angularity of unbalance location was ignored and only a single plane of balance considered for illustrative purposes. Only two balance and measurement planes were also used. In practice, the number of balance planes are generally greater than two. In experimental verification of the influence coefficient technique, balance planes have been reported ranging from 4 to 6 and measurement planes from 1 to 7. Tonneson [74] concluded that the minimum amplitude attainable is a function of the number of balance planes, their axial location, the speed range and the number of measurement transducers and their axial location.

In practice, influence coefficient balancing is accomplished using matrix algebra and computer solution. The procedure, however, follows the same
steps as that used in illustrating the approach. If we assume N balance planes and n measuring planes, the rotor is run to balancing speed and amplitude and phase measurements taken at each of the n measuring planes. The rotor is then stopped and a trial weight (T) added to the first balance plane N1 and readings taken at each measuring plane. The first set of influence coefficients may be calculated from:

\[
C_{ij} = \frac{\text{whirl amplitude with trial wgt.} - \text{whirl amplitude without trial wgt.}}{\text{trial weight}}
\]

\[
C_{ij} = a_{ij}^i - a_{ij}^0
\]

where \(C_{ij}; a_{ij}^i\) and \(a_{ij}^0\) are complex numbers

The trial weight is then moved to the second balance plane, third plane—-N plane with influence coefficients calculated for each condition. An influence coefficient matrix (A) can be constructed which relates the rotor whirl amplitudes \(a^0\) (a n row vector) to original unbalance \(U^0\) (a N column vector); i.e.:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
   a^0
\end{bmatrix} = [A] \begin{bmatrix}
   U^0
\end{bmatrix}
\]

The original rotor unbalance \(U^0\) may be determined by multiplying the original whirl amplitude \(a^0\) by the inverse matrix [A]; i.e.:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
   U^0
\end{bmatrix} = [A]^{-1} \begin{bmatrix}
   a^0
\end{bmatrix}
\]

The correction weight \(U^0_c\) is equal to the negative value of the unbalance. Since \(U^0\) is a complex number, the absolute value of unbalance is:

\[
|U^0| = \sqrt{(\Re(U^0))^2 + (\Im(U^0))^2}; \tan \phi = \frac{\Re(U^0)}{\Im(U^0)}
\]

Further discussion regarding influence coefficient balancing may be found in References 69 through 72. Experiments conducted with this technique are discussed in References 74 through 80. Appendix B discusses the least squares error method of balancing and includes a computer program listing.
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APPENDIX A

MODAL BALANCING THEORY

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A.1 BACKGROUND

The balancing problem has been approached by two different schools of thought: those who view the rotor as a series of point masses and those who treat the rotor as a continuous elastic body. The treatment of the rotor as a continuum has led to the modal concept pioneered by Bishop and Parkinson. In this method, the rotor amplitude is expressed as a power series function of the system undamped eigenvalues. Bishop shows that the general unbalance distribution may be expressed in terms of modal unbalance eccentricities. The rotor amplitude of motion near a critical speed is thus primarily affected by that particular modal unbalance distribution while the higher order modes have little influence on the lower critical speed response. They then state that the rotor should be balanced mode by mode by placing proper weights at the antinodes. Several excellent papers have been published by Kellenberger of Brown Boveri who has treated the balancing problem of both continuously distributed and local unbalances and discusses the problem of balancing in $n$ or $n + 2$ planes.

A.2 FLEXIBLE ROTOR BALANCING IN $n + b$ PLANES

Den Hartog, in his paper on "The Balancing of Flexible Rotors" states that if a rotor consists of a straight weightless shaft with $n$ concentrated masses along its length and supported in $b$ bearings with an arbitrary unbalance distribution, then it can be balanced perfectly by placing small correction weights in $n + b$ planes along the length of the rotor.

He also states that if the flexible rotor is balanced on rigid support, then the balance of the rotor so obtained will not be a function of the bearing impedances. That is, the introduction of support flexibility and damping to the rotor system will not materially affect the rotor unbalance response if the $n + b$ plane method of balancing is used.

It should be noted, however, that the inverse condition is not true. If a rotor is balanced on soft supports, such as with a standard flexible mount balancing machine, then the rotor may not necessarily be in balance when run in the actual machine in which the support stiffness values are
substantially higher than the balance machine. Therefore, it can be concluded that balancing on the hard bearing support balancing machines is preferable to balancing on soft support machines.

The $N + B$ concept of Den Hartog is extended to multimass flexible rotors and he states that nearly perfect balance at all speeds can be obtained by balancing in $N + B$ planes, where $N$ now means the number of rotor critical speeds in the speed range from zero to four times the maximum service speed of the machine.

To demonstrate the $N + B$ method of balancing, consider Figure A-1 which represents a single mass rotor with an arbitrary unbalance of $u_k = m_k e_k$.

\[ y_1 = \alpha_{11} P_1 + \alpha_{1k} P_k \]  

(A-1)

where

\[ \alpha_{11} = \text{deflection of station 1 due to a unit force at 1} \]
\[ \alpha_{1k} = \text{deflection at station 1 due to a unit force at station k} \]
\[ P_k = \text{sum of external and inertial forces acting at station 1} \]
and

\[ p_1 = M \ddot{y}_1 = M\omega^2 y_1 \]

for synchronous motion neglecting external damping or other external forces at the major mass stations

\[ p_k = m_k(y_k + e_k)\omega^2 = \omega^2(u_k + m_k y_k) \]

The deflection at \( y_1 \) is given by

\[ y_1 = \omega^2(M u_{11} + (u_k + m_k y_k)\alpha_{1k}) \]

(A-2)

where \( u_k = m_k e_k \).

It is assumed that the balance correction weight \( m_k \) is small in comparison to the major mass station. Hence

\[ \frac{m_k y_k}{m y_1} \ll 1 \]

Solving for the deflection at the major mass station for a series of unbalances \( u_k \)

\[ y_1 = \frac{\sum \alpha_{1k} u_k \omega^2}{1 - \omega^2 M \alpha_{11}} \]

(A-3)

If the amplitude at the major mass station \( y_1 \) is to be zero at all speeds, then it is apparent that the balancing requirement is

\[ \sum \alpha_{1k} u_k = 0 \]

(A-4)

In addition to reducing the amplitude of motion at the major mass station, it is also desired to reduce the forces transmitted to the bearings. The bearing force reactions are given by

\[ F_{b1} + F_{b2} = \omega^2(M y_1 + \sum m_k(y_k + e_k)) = 0 \]

(A-5)

Since the unbalance masses \( m_k \) are small in comparison to \( M \) and the shaft
deflection $y_k$ is of the order of mils of deflection, whereas the distance $e_k$ at which the unbalance masses are acting may be several inches, the vanishing of the bearing forces requires that

$$\omega^2 (m y_1 + m_k e_k) = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (A-6)

If the balance criterion of Equation (A-4) is met so that the motion at the major mass station is zero, then the vanishing of the sum of the bearing forces requires that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} u_k = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (A-7)

This is recognized as simply the first requirement for rigid body balancing.

The third balancing requirement is obtained by summing moments about the first bearing

$$F_{b2} \cdot L = \omega^2 (m y_1 L_1 + \sum m_k L_k (y_k + e_k)) = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (A-8)

This reduces to the requirement that

$$\sum L_k u_k = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (A-9)

In summary, the requirements for flexible rotor balancing may be stated as two equations of rigid body balance plus a flexible rotor balance requirement

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{a. } & \sum u_k = 0 \quad \text{rigid rotor} \\
\text{b. } & \sum L_k u_k = 0 \quad \text{balance} \\
\text{c. } & \sum a_{1k} u_k = 0 \quad \text{flexible rotor}
\end{align*}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (A-10)

With these equations we can now better understand the argument behind the $N$ and $N + 2$ plane method of balancing as presented by Kellenberger and developed somewhat along the line of Den Hartog but in a more elaborate fashion. Kellenberger states that the $N + 2$ plane method with a two bearing machine should always be superior to the $N$ plane method, and that rigid
body balancing should first be done. Bishop and Parkinson argue that only N planes are necessary and that rigid body balancing should not be done. According to their line of reasoning, everyone should throw away their rigid body balancing machines and use the modal technique which they have developed. Unfortunately, in all of their many papers on the subject they do not inform us as to how they actually calculate the modal balance weights except by trial and error.

If the N plane method alone is used to balance either the single mass model of Figure A-1 or a multimass rotor of Figure A-2 to pass through the first critical speed, then only one balance correction weight is needed to reduce the amplitude at the major mass station or shaft antinode to zero. The balance correction \( u_{b1} \) placed at the major mass station is given by

\[
 u_{b1} = -\frac{1}{\alpha_{11}} \sum_{k} \alpha_{1k} u_k
\]  

(A-11)

Although the amplitude at the major mass station has been reduced to zero, the transmitted bearing forces are nonvanishing. In order to eliminate the transmitted bearing forces due to unbalance as well as reduce the rotor amplitude of motion while passing through the first critical speed, two additional balance planes are required. Let \( u_{b2} \) and \( u_{b3} \) be two additional balance correction weights placed on the rotor.

The balance correction weights are given by
A.3 BALANCING IN A TEST FACILITY WITHOUT TRIAL WEIGHTS

The values of \( u_k \) components are unknown and can never be exactly calculated for a complex multimass system. However, it should be noted that the first two quantities on the right hand side can be measured with a rigid rotor balancing machine.

In the simplified derivation presented, no damping effect of the bearings or on the rotor was taken into account. The influence of damping will alter the rotor amplitude and phase angle relationships from the simple expression given in Equation (A-3). However, several companies are developing elaborate spin pit test facilities in which they can run the rotor in a vacuum and mount the rotor on ball bearings. In this way, the damping forces acting on the rotor are negligible and equations equivalent to Equation (A-3) are valid.

By placing a noncontacting probe near the center of the rotor which should correspond to the major balancing plane number 1, the rotor may be balanced from the observation of the rotor amplitude of motion without the use of trial weights.

Equation (A-3) may be rewritten in the form

\[
y_1 = \frac{\sum a_{1k} u_k \omega^2}{1 - f_1^2}
\]

where \( f_1 = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{c1}} \) = critical speed ratio on rigid supports

\( \omega_{c1} \) = rotor first critical speed on rigid supports
The rotor first critical speed may be experimentally determined by placing the rotor on fixed end supports and electromagnetically exciting it to determine the response frequency. This works well on long thin rotors where gyroscopic effects due to shaft rotation do not materially change the synchronous critical speed.

The right hand side of Equation (A-12) for $R_3$ is given by

$$R_3 = \frac{1}{a_{11}} \sum a_{1k} u_k = -m_1 \gamma_1 \left(1 - \frac{f_1^2}{f_1^2}ight)$$

(A-14)

The value of $M_1$ for a multimass rotor is now interpreted as the modal mass and will be shown to be given by
\[ M_1 = \int_0^L \rho \phi_1(z)^2 \, dz = \sum m_i(z) \phi_{1i}(z)^2 \]  
(A-15)

where \( \phi_1(z) \) = mode of shape of rotor for first critical speed.

The balance correction weights for three plane balancing for the first critical speed is given by

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  u_{b1} \\
  u_{b2} \\
  u_{b3}
\end{bmatrix}
= - \begin{bmatrix}
  1 & 1 & 1 \\
  L_1 & L_2 & L_3 \\
  1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\
  1 & a_{11} & a_{11}
\end{bmatrix}^{-1}
\begin{bmatrix}
  \sum u_k \\
  \sum l_k u_k \\
  w_1 y_1 (1-f_1^2) \\
  g f_1^2
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(A-16)

where \( u_{b1} \) are expressed in lb-in.

To summarize the three plane method without trial weights, the following steps are taken:

1. Determine \( \sum u_k \) and \( \sum l_k u_k \) by a standard soft mount bearing machine. However, do not rigid body balance the rotor.
2. Calculate the rotor critical speed from a computer code with rigid supports or experimentally measure the rotor natural frequency by exciting it while placed on knife edge supports.
3. Place a static load at the major balance station 1 and measure the deflections at stations 2 and 3. From these deflections calculate the ratio of \( a_{12}/a_{11} \) and \( a_{13}/a_{11} \).
4. Calculate the rotor modal weight \( W_1 \) from the critical speed computer code. If this is not available, take \( W_1 = W_{\text{total}}/2 \).
5. Place the rotor in the spin pit facility and record the rotor amplitude and phase \( y_1 \).
6. Calculate the balance correction weights \( u_{b1} \) and place on the rotor.
7. Rerun the rotor with the balance correction weights added and refine the balance by the influence coefficient method if the desired balance is not achieved.
A.4 FLEXIBLE ROTOR MODAL RESPONSE

The dynamical equations of motion of the multimass rotor may be written in matrix form where the rotor is composed of N mass stations

\[
(m)_N \ddot{y}_N + (c)_N \dot{y}_N + (k)_N y_N = e^{i\omega t}w^2(u) \quad (A-17)
\]

The N mass station system has N critical speeds, however, we are only interested in the first j critical speed values such that

\[
\omega_{\text{max}} < \omega_j
\]

For each value of critical speed there is a corresponding mode shape

\[
\phi_j(y_j) \quad \text{or} \quad \phi_j
\]

It is assumed that the rotor amplitude can be expressed as a series in terms of the critical speed mode shapes as follows

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  y_1 \\
  y_2 \\
  \vdots \\
  y_N
\end{bmatrix} = q_1 \begin{bmatrix}
  \phi_{11} \\
  \phi_{12} \\
  \vdots \\
  \phi_{1N}
\end{bmatrix} + q_2 \begin{bmatrix}
  \phi_{21} \\
  \phi_{22} \\
  \vdots \\
  \phi_{2N}
\end{bmatrix} + \ldots + q_j \begin{bmatrix}
  \phi_{j1} \\
  \phi_{j2} \\
  \vdots \\
  \phi_{jN}
\end{bmatrix} \quad (A-18)
\]

The displacements at any station k are given by

\[
y_k = \sum_{i=1}^{j} q_i \phi_{ik} \quad (A-19)
\]

The equations of motion may be expressed in the series form by

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{j} q_i [M][\phi_i] + \sum_{i=1}^{j} q_i [c][\phi_i] + \sum q_i[k][\phi_i] = e^{i\omega t}w^2(u) \quad (A-20)
\]

The equations may be uncoupled by multiplying by the kth mode and using the
principal of orthogonality of the modes. It is also assumed that damping may also be approximately treated if the damping is either small or is proportional to the \([k]\) or \([M]\) matrix, or if the complete complex mode shapes are used.

Multiplying the transpose vector \([\phi_i]^T\), we obtain

\[
\]

From orthogonality we obtain

\[
[\phi_k]^T[M][\phi_i]^T = \delta_{ik} M_k
\]

\(M_k\) = modal mass for the \(k\)th natural frequency

We obtain \(j\) uncoupled equations of the form

\[
m_k \ddot{q}_k + c_k \dot{q}_k + k_k q_k = \omega^2[\phi_k]^T[u] e^{i\omega t} \tag{A-22}
\]

By dividing the equation by the modal mass \(M_k\), the resulting equation can be obtained

\[
\ddot{q}_k + \frac{2\omega_k}{M_k} \xi_k \dot{q}_k + \frac{\omega_k^2}{M_k} q_k = \frac{E_k}{M_k} e^{i\omega t} \tag{A-23}
\]

where

\(\omega_k\) = \(k\)th natural frequency

\(\xi_k\) = \(k\)th mode damping = \(\frac{[\phi_k]^T[c][\phi_k]}{2M_k\omega_k}\)

\(E_k\) = modal unbalance eccentricity = \(\frac{[\phi_k]^T[u]}{M_k}\)

The solution of \(q_k\) is given by

\[
q_k = \frac{\omega^2 E_k}{\omega^2 - \omega_k^2 + 2i\omega_k\xi_k\omega} \tag{A-24}
\]

Let

\[
f_k = \frac{\omega}{\omega_k}
\]
then

\[ q_k = \frac{E_k f_k^2}{1 - f_k^2 + 2i \xi_k f_k} = e_k A_k (f_k) \]  \hspace{1cm} (A-25)

Notice now that the modal multiplication factor \( q_k \) appears to be in similar form to the amplitude equation for the single mass rotor.

The motion at any station \( y \) is given by

\[ [y] = E_1 A_1 \phi_1 + E_2 A_2 \phi_2 + \ldots + E_j A_j \phi_j \]

Examination of the amplitude response of the rotor at first glance would appear to be expressed as an infinite sum of all of the various modal components. However, most rotating machinery usually operates only through several critical speeds. Examination of the modal amplification factors shows that the higher modes become vanishingly small and do not have to be considered.

For example, consider the modal amplification factors for a uniform rotor operating at 95 percent of the first critical speed and \( \omega_2/\omega_1 = 4 \), \( \omega_2/\omega_3 = 9 \). The modal amplification factors are given by (neglecting damping).

\[ A_1 = \frac{.95^2}{1 - .95^2} = 9.26 \]

\[ A_2 = \frac{\left(\frac{.95}{4}\right)^2}{1 - \left(\frac{.95}{9}\right)^2} = 0.06 \quad \frac{A_2}{A_1} = 0.006 \]

\[ A_3 = \frac{\left(\frac{.95}{9}\right)^2}{1 - \left(\frac{.95}{4}\right)^2} = 0.01 \quad \frac{A_3}{A_1} = 0.0001 \]

Therefore, if the rotor is operated close to the first critical speed, the amplitude of motion will be predominantly due to the first mode distributions. The second mode will contribute only 1 or 2 percent to the rotor.
motion and the third mode will hardly be felt at all.

This then has led to the concept of modal balancing where the modal unbalance \( E_1 \) is the first corrected while running near the first critical and then the rotor speed is increased to near the second critical speed where \( E_2 \) is then corrected. It can also be seen that if a rotor is balanced by the conventional influence coefficient method near the first critical speed, then due to slight errors in the measurement process only the \( E_1 \) modal component will be accurately balanced. If the rotor is operated near a higher critical speed, there can still remain a substantial unbalance in the higher modes to excite the rotor.

A.5 FLEXIBLE ROTOR MODAL BALANCING

The most general case of distributed unbalance \( u(z) \) may be expanded in terms of the modal eccentricity components in terms of the mode shapes

\[
u(z) = \sum E_k m(z) \phi(z)
\]

where \( E_k \) is given by

\[
\int_0^L u(z) \phi_k(z) dz = M_k E_k
\]

To balance out the rotor first critical speed using a three plane balance procedure

\[
u_1 = E_1 m_1 \phi_{11} + E_2 m_2 \phi_{21}
\]

\[
u_2 = E_1 m_2 \phi_{12} + E_2 m_2 \phi_{22}
\]

\[
u_3 = E_1 m_3 \phi_{13} + E_2 m_2 \phi_{23}
\]

where \( m_1 \) are the effective masses at the balance stations. The effective masses may be computed from the critical speed mode shape and values of modal mass by

\[
M_1 = m_1 \phi_{11}^2 + m_2 \phi_{12}^2 + m_3 \phi_{13}^2
\]

\[
M_2 = m_1 \phi_{21}^2 + m_2 \phi_{22}^2 + m_3 \phi_{23}^2
\]
The effective mass stations should also satisfy the rotor orthgonality conditions

\[ 0 = m_1 \phi_{11} \phi_{21} + m_2 \phi_{12} \phi_{22} + m_3 \phi_{13} \phi_{23} \]

The unbalance can now be expressed as the sum of the two modal components

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix}
u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}
\]

The first set of unbalances will excite the rotor first mode and the second set will only excite the second critical speed.

In the combined modal-influence coefficient method of balancing near the first or higher order critical speed, a modal unbalance distribution is used rather than a single value. The trial unbalance distribution for the first mode is given by

\[
(u_1)_T = U_T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ m_2 \phi_{12} \\ m_1 \phi_{11} \\ m_3 \phi_{13} \\ m_1 \phi_{11} \end{bmatrix}
\]  

(A-26)

This trial weight distribution is placed on the shaft and the rotor amplitude is measured. The trial unbalance eccentricity is given by

\[
E_{1T} = \frac{u_T}{m_1} \left[ \phi_{11} + \frac{m_2 \phi_{12}^2}{m_1 \phi_{11}} + \frac{m_3 \phi_{13}^2}{m_1 \phi_{11}} \right]
\]  

(A-27)

The rotor amplitude of motion at any point along the rotor is given by

\[
(y)_T = (E_1 + E_{1T}) A_1(\phi_1) + E_2 A_2(\phi_2) + \ldots + E_j A_j(\phi_j)
\]  

(A-28)
Subtracting the original measured amplitude at station \( k \) from the trial run, we obtain

\[
y_{Tk} - y_k = E_{1T} A_{1} \phi_{k1}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (A-29)

The complex first modal amplification factor is determined by

\[
A_{1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{y_{Tk} - y_k}{E_{1T} \phi_{k1}}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (A-30)

where \( N \) is the number of stations at which measurements are made. If the first probe is assumed to be near the maximum rotor amplitude, then the modal unbalance is given by

\[
E_1 = \frac{y_1}{A_{1} \phi_{11}} = \frac{y_1}{y_{T1} - y_1} E_{1T}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (A-31)

The modal balance correction \( E_{1b} \) is placed opposite the unbalance eccentricity

\[
E_{1b} = -E_1
\]

The correction balance weights for the first critical speed are simply given by ratio of rotor amplitude at the center station 1 by

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
u_{11} \\ u_{21} \\ u_{31}
\end{bmatrix}_b = \begin{bmatrix}
\frac{y_1}{y_1 - y_{T1}} \\ u_{21} \\ u_{31}
\end{bmatrix}_T
\]  \hspace{1cm} (A-32)
APPENDIX B
MULTIMASS FLEXIBLE ROTOR BALANCING
BY THE
LEAST SQUARES ERROR METHOD

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B.1 BACKGROUND OF INFLUENCE COEFFICIENT BALANCING

The method of balancing a flexible rotor may be roughly divided into two classifications: the modal method and the influence coefficient method.

The influence coefficient method as applied to two plane rotor balancing was first described by Thearle in 1934. The fundamental procedure that Thearle used was to determine the rotor response at two locations by applying arbitrary trial weights at each of the selected planes and then measuring the rotor response.

By this procedure, a set of four influence coefficients was determined in which the balance weights could be calculated in order that the amplitude be reduced to zero at the two measurement planes and for the given speed.

At the time that Thearle developed this procedure, a semianalytic graphical method was used to calculate the two plane balance corrections. This procedure still has wide application in industry for two plane trim balance. With the advent of the small programmable portable calculators, this method has been formalized for numerical computation. The basic procedure of Thearle may be expanded into a three or multi plane balancing procedure in which the number of balancing planes is equal to the number of probe or vibration pickup stations. This method is known as the exact point speed influence coefficient method and has been elaborated on by Tessarzik and Badgley.

When the basic influence coefficient method of balancing is employed, then for practical considerations it is necessary to use a computer as graphical or hand calculations are unwieldy and time consuming.

The increasingly easy accessibility of large digital computers that perform complex arithmetic have made sophisticated balancing techniques more and more practical. The Least Squares Method is one of these which was proposed by Goodman in 1964 and extended to include complex arithmetic by Lund in 1971.
The solution of the rotor unbalance components for an N plane exact point influence coefficient procedure requires the inversion of an N x N complex matrix or a 2N x 2N real matrix for the proper determination of the rotor unbalance correction weights and their corresponding phase angles.

It has been demonstrated that the application of the exact point influence coefficient method will satisfactorily balance out the rotor motion of a multimass system at a given speed. However, the method will not necessarily insure that the rotor will be adequately balanced over a given speed range, particularly if several high amplitude critical speeds are encountered in the operating speed range.

The reason for this includes numerous factors such as the assumed linearity of the system, shaft runout and bow, and the number of balance planes selected.

The procedure using a least squared error fit of the vibration data over a number of speeds, as developed by Goodman and Lund, removes some of the difficulties encountered with the exact point method.

For a discrete multimass rotor system, the total rotor response may be expressed as follows:

\[
\{Z\} = [\alpha_u]\{e_u\} + [\alpha_r]\{\delta_r\} + [\alpha_m]\{\delta_m\} + \{\delta_o\}
\]

The total rotor response assuming a linear system is composed of the responses due to mass unbalance eccentricity \(e_u\) at the various stations, shaft bow \(\delta_r\) unbalance couples such as caused by skewed discs, and electrical or mechanical runout vectors \(\delta_o\) which may be constant or speed dependent but do not dynamically excite the system.

When a trial weight is placed on the rotor \(e_T\) the new rotor response is given by

\[
\{Z_T\} = \{Z\} + [\alpha_u]\{e_T\}
\]
Hence, when the original vector \( Z \) is subtracted and divided by the trial weight then

\[
\alpha_u = \frac{(Z_T) - (Z)}{e_T}
\]

Thus, the influence coefficient method can only determine the mass center unbalance coefficients \([\alpha_u]\). At very low speed, the influence coefficient matrix \([\alpha_T]\) is unity and the rotor amplitude of motion is given by

\[
\{Z\} = \{\delta_T\} + \{\delta_o\} = \{\delta\}
\]

It is difficult, if not impossible, to determine what combination of shaft bow and constant runout the low speed motion is composed of. Therefore, as an approximate balancing procedure the low speed motion will be subtracted from the original rotor motion at speed; assume that

\[
\{Z\} = [\alpha_u]e_u + \{\delta\} + (\epsilon \text{ error})
\]

where \( \epsilon \) represents the error function due to assuming that the \( \delta \) amplitude function remains constant.

In the least squares error procedure the number of planes \( N \) does not necessarily equal the number of amplitude measurements. The total number of measurements \( M \) is equal to the number of probes \( L \) times the number of speeds, \( K \).

By using the least squared error procedure which is described in the next section, the total error function \( S_M \) is minimized over a given speed range.

The limitation of this procedure is that it requires the use of a computer to perform the complex matrix operations and that large amounts of vibration data must be recorded. These limitations, however, can be somewhat overcome through the use of a time sharing computer and/or a mini data acquisition system for data reduction and processing.

A short chronology, Table B-1, has been constructed to provide a general
### TABLE B-1

**INFLUENCE COEFFICIENT BALANCING**

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Developed By</th>
<th>Balance Criterion</th>
<th>Balance Planes Required</th>
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<td>THEARLE, General Electric 1934</td>
<td>After one correction weight added require that a single measurement become zero. ONE TRIAL WEIGHT RUN IS REQUIRED TO CALCULATE ONE INFLUENCE COEFFICIENT.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two Plane</td>
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<td>After two correction weights added require that two measurements become zero. TWO TRIAL WEIGHT RUNS ARE REQUIRED TO CALCULATE FOUR INFLUENCE COEFFICIENTS.</td>
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<td>Exact Point Speed</td>
<td>LUND RIEGER TESSARZIK BADGLEY, Mechanical Tech. Inc., 1967, 1971</td>
<td>After N correction weights added require that N measurements become zero. N TRIAL WEIGHT RUNS ARE REQUIRED TO CALCULATE NxN INFLUENCE COEFFICIENTS</td>
<td>N</td>
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<tr>
<td>Least Squares</td>
<td>GOODMAN, General Electric 1964</td>
<td>After N correction weights added require that the sum of the squares of the resulting measurement amplitudes be a minimum, taking into consideration that the total number of measurements is greater than the number of balance planes. Number of measurements = number of probes x number of speeds = MN TRIAL WEIGHT RUNS ARE REQUIRED TO CALCULATE MnN INFLUENCE COEFFICIENTS</td>
<td>N</td>
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<td>LUND, Mechanical Tech. Inc. 1972</td>
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Measurement: Probe reading at certain speed  
Response : Velocity or displacement reading
outline of the influence coefficient balancing method. Notice that the Exact Point Speed and Least Squares Methods utilize the same number of balance planes, however, the Least Squares Method consumes more response data in order to get a better idea of the trends of the system.

In the event that the bowed rotor effect contributes significantly to the dynamic response of the rotor one may reference the balancing work by Parkinson, Jackson, and Bishop or that by Nicholas, Gunter, and Allaire in this area.

B.2 LEAST SQUARES BALANCING THEORY

The analysis presented here assumes that the rotor bearing system shown in Figure B-1 may be modeled as a linear multi-degree of freedom system. Then the steady state response of the rotor, at any particular degree of freedom (location along the shaft), to a distribution of single frequency harmonic forces acting at the rotor stations is

\[ X_i e^{i\omega t} = \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n} F_k a_{ik} \right) e^{i\omega t} \]  

(B-1)

where

- \( X_i \) = coefficient of \( i \)th response (amplitude, phase)
- \( k \) = dummy index
- \( n \) = number of degrees of freedom used to model rotor
- \( \omega \) = forcing frequency (rad/sec)
- \( F_k \) = complex coefficient of harmonic force acting on the \( k \)th degree of freedom

\[ a_{ik} = \frac{2n q_{ri} u_{rk}}{\sum_{r=1}^{n} a_r (i\omega - p_r)} \]  

(B-2)

= theoretical complex "influence coefficient" for the case where the response is a displacement

* Formula derived by considering the response of a multi-degree of freedom system with asymmetric property matrices to a harmonic force distribution.

- \( q_{ri} \) = \( i \)th component of \( r \)th system mode shape
- \( u_{rk} \) = \( k \)th component of \( r \)th system adjoint mode shape
Figure B-1 Mathematical Disc Model of a Rotor Bearing System Showing Unbalance Plane, Probe Locations, a Timing Mark, and Probe Coordinate Systems.
\[
\mathbf{a}_r = \begin{bmatrix}
\mathbf{p}_r \\
\mathbf{q}_r
\end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix}
\mathbf{M} & \mathbf{C} \\
\mathbf{M} & \mathbf{C}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\mathbf{p}_r \\
\mathbf{q}_r
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\(\mathbf{p}_r\) = complex natural frequency associated with rth mode shape
\(\mathbf{M}\) = system mass matrix
\(\mathbf{C}\) = system damping matrix

At this point in the development, two important facts should be pointed out. The first is that by Equation (B-1), in the case that the system is not being subjected to any forces, the response is assumed to be zero. However, in most rotor systems a small amount of slow speed "runout" due to, for example, shaft bow will make the zero force displacements non-zero. This predicament will be resolved later in the paper by assuming the runout can be treated as a constant complex number and subtracted from the displacement. Secondly, although the expression for the influence coefficient, Equation (B-2), is theoretically very complicated this number can be easily obtained experimentally as will be shown.

The harmonic forces mentioned here are unbalance forces. From Figures B-1 and B-2, the force acting along the line of the kth degree of freedom is:

\[
F_k = (me)_k \omega^2 e^{i(\phi_{uk} - \lambda_k)}
\]  
(B-3)

where

\((me)_k\) = unbalance at kth degree of freedom, units of oz-in, gm-in, etc.
\(\phi_{uk}\) = angle of unbalance at kth degree of freedom measured in timing mark coordinate system
\(\lambda_k\) = angle of probe along line of kth degree of freedom measured in timing mark coordinate system

The force, \(F_k\), is due to the unbalance "built into" the rotor. The cause of this may be corrosion deposits, machining defects, blade loss, or any other phenomena which would cause the mass center, at a particular axial location along the shaft, to be displaced from the geometric center of
Figure B-2

a) Unknown "Built In" Unbalance at Kth Station
b) Trial Weight Added to Kth Balance Plane
c) Correction Weight Added to Kth Balance Plane

*NOTE: Probes usually not located at balance planes, however, these figures are drawn for the general case.*
the rotor there.

Suppose an additional unbalance were added to the system at the \textit{i}th station. This is called the trial weight as shown in Figure B-2b. The change in force along the line of the \textit{i}th degree of freedom which results then is

\[
\Delta F_i = U_i \omega^2 e^{i(\tau_{uii} - \lambda_i)}
\]

(B-4)

\[
U_i = \text{magnitude of trial unbalance, units of oz-in, etc.}
\]

\[
\tau_{uii} = \text{angular location of trial unbalance in the timing mark reference frame}
\]

Expressions for the response before and after placing the trial weight are obtained with Equations (B-1), (B-3), and (B-4), and are given by

\[
A_i = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (me)_k \omega^2 e^{i(\phi_{uk} - \lambda_k)} \kappa_{ik}
\]

(B-5)

and

\[
B_i = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (me)_k \omega^2 e^{i(\phi_{uk} - \lambda_k)} + \delta_{kk} U_k \omega^2 e^{i(\tau_{uk} - \lambda_k)} \kappa_{ik}
\]

(B-6)

respectively.

\[
\delta_{kk} = \text{Kronecker delta}
\]

\[
A_i = \text{response at \textit{i}th station before adding trial weight at \textit{i}th station}
\]

\[
B_i = \text{response at \textit{i}th station after adding trial weight at \textit{i}th station}
\]

Subtracting Equation (B-5) from (B-6) shows

\[
B_i - A_i = U_i \omega^2 e^{i(\tau_{uii} - \lambda_i)} \kappa_{iik}
\]

or

\[
\kappa_{iik} = \frac{B_i - A_i}{U_i \omega^2 e^{i(\tau_{uii} - \lambda_i)}}
\]

(B-7)
Emphasis should again be noted that these results assume linearity between force and response of the system and the influence coefficient does not change with the additional trial weight. The response at the ith station may now be expressed by substituting Equations (B-3) and (B-7) into (B-1), as

\[ X_i = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\text{me})_k e^{i\Phi} \frac{B_{ik} - A_{ik}}{U_k e^{i\tau_{uk}}} \]  \( (B-8) \)

Though this summation extends over all n degrees of freedom modeled in the system, many of these may not have any unbalance force modeled there. Examples of these would be probes monitoring base motion or a probe monitoring a location along the shaft where there is no balance plane. Then if N is the total number of balance planes, Equation (B-8) is rewritten

\[ X_i = \sum_{k=1}^{N} (\text{me})_k e^{i\Phi} \frac{B_{ik} - A_{ik}}{U_k e^{i\tau_{uk}}} \]  \( (B-9) \)

Then redefining the influence coefficient as

\[ \alpha_{ik} = \frac{B_{ik} - A_{ik}}{U_k e^{i\tau_{uk}}} \]  \( (B-10) \)

and the unknown unbalance at the kth station as

\[ G_k = (\text{me})_k e^{i\Phi} \]  \( (B-11) \)

the response becomes

\[ X_i = \sum_{k=1}^{N} G_k \alpha_{ik} \]  \( (B-12) \)

As mentioned earlier, the influence coefficient can be easily experimentally measured using Equation (B-10). The coefficient is then the change in response at station i due to adding a trial unbalance at station k divided by the trial unbalance. The units of unbalance are not important,
as long as they are consistent, since they cancel in the response Equation (B-9).

The subscript i has been used to this point as signifying the location where the response is measured; i.e., a probe location. In balancing the rotor, the location and the speed at which the response is measured actually define the measurement. So the subscript i should be considered a measurement label, where a specific measurement consists of probe location and speed. Consider a case when the response is measured at L probe locations and at K speeds at each location. Then the total number of measurements is \( M = K \times L \).

If a set of \( N \) correction unbalances were added to the balance planes, the resulting response at the \( i \)th measurement is, by Equation (B-12)

\[
\varepsilon_i = \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} (G_{\ell} + T_{\ell}) \alpha_{i\ell}
\]

where

\[
\ell = \text{dummy index}
\]

\[
T_{\ell} = |T_{\ell}| e^{i\phi_{\ell}} \quad \text{see Figure B-2c,}
\]

- correction unbalance,
- \( |T_{\ell}| \) measured in units consistent with those of the unknown and trial unbalances

This relationship again assumes linearity between the response and force due to the addition of the correction weights. It also assumes the addition of the correction weights does not alter the value of the influence coefficients.

Equation (B-13) may be rewritten

\[
\varepsilon_i = A_i + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} T_{\ell} \alpha_{i\ell}
\]

where
\[ A_i = \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} G_\ell \alpha_{i\ell} \] original response at \( i \)th measurement before adding any additional weights, minus the synchronous component of slow speed runout, by Equations (B-12) and (B-5).

As mentioned previously, there are \( M \) measurements. Then Equation (B-14) represents a set of \( M \) equations which may be written in matrix notation as

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\varepsilon_1 \\
\varepsilon_2 \\
\vdots \\
\varepsilon_M
\end{bmatrix} = 
\begin{bmatrix}
A_1 \\
A_2 \\
\vdots \\
A_M
\end{bmatrix} + 
\begin{bmatrix}
a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1N} \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2N} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
a_{M1} & a_{M2} & \cdots & a_{MN}
\end{bmatrix} 
\begin{bmatrix}
T_1 \\
T_2 \\
\vdots \\
T_N
\end{bmatrix}
\]

The organization of this equation is more clearly illustrated by the example in Figure B-3.

The sum over all \( M \) measurements of the magnitude squared of the residual responses after adding the correction weights is by Equation (B-14)

\[
S_M = \sum_{i=1}^{M} |\varepsilon_i|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{M} |A_i + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} T_\ell \alpha_{i\ell}|^2
\]

\[
= \sum_{i=1}^{M} \left( |A_i + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} T_\ell \alpha_{i\ell}|^2 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} T_\ell \alpha_{i\ell}^\ast \right)
\]

where the bar denotes complex conjugate. The goal of the least squares balancing procedure is to minimize \( S_M \) by the choice of a special set of correction unbalances. Mathematically, these unbalances are calculated from the condition:

\[
\frac{\partial S_M}{\partial T_\ell} = 0 \quad (\ell = 1, \ldots, N)
\]
**L = 3 = # of probe locations**  
**K = 3 = # of speeds**  
**N = 2 = # of balance planes**  
**M = KxL = 9 = # of measurements**

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<td>$e_2$, ($p_2$)</td>
<td>$A_2 - A_{02}$, ($p_2$)</td>
<td>$e_5$, ($p_2$)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$e_3$, ($p_3$)</td>
<td>$A_3 - A_{03}$, ($p_3$)</td>
<td>$e_6$, ($p_3$)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$e_1$, ($p_1$)</td>
<td>$A_1 - A_{01}$, ($p_1$)</td>
<td>$e_7$, ($p_1$)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$e_5$, ($p_2$)</td>
<td>$A_5 - A_{02}$, ($p_2$)</td>
<td>$e_8$, ($p_2$)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$e_6$, ($p_3$)</td>
<td>$A_6 - A_{03}$, ($p_3$)</td>
<td>$e_9$, ($p_3$)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

$p_1$ = at probe 1  
$p_2$ = at probe 2  
$p_3$ = at probe 3  

$A_{0j}$: low speed synchronous "runout" at jth probe  
$A_i$: original complex response at ith measurement

*Figure B-3 Example of Matrix Organization of Response Equations*
where $\bar{T}_k$ is the complex conjugate of $T_k$ and the differentiation is partial (otherwise it would be improper as $S_M$ is not an analytic function). The differentiation then shows

$$ M \sum_{i=1}^{M} \left( A_i + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} T_{\ell k} a_{i\ell} \right) \delta_{i\ell} = 0 $$

(B-18)

or

$$ - \sum_{i=1}^{M} A_i \delta_{i\ell} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} \delta_{i\ell} \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} T_{\ell k} a_{i\ell} \right) $$

(B-18a)

There are $N$ equations like Equation (18a) since $S_M$ was minimized with respect to a particular correction unbalance, $T_k$, and there are $N$ of these.

The full set of minimization equations can be written in matrix notation as

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
\bar{a}_{11} & \bar{a}_{21} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{M1} \\
\bar{a}_{12} & \bar{a}_{22} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{M2} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\bar{a}_{1N} & \bar{a}_{2N} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{MN}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
A_1 \\
A_2 \\
\vdots \\
A_M
\end{bmatrix}
= 0
$$

(B-19)

or

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
\bar{a}_{11} & \bar{a}_{21} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{M1} \\
\bar{a}_{12} & \bar{a}_{22} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{M2} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\bar{a}_{1N} & \bar{a}_{2N} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{MN}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
A_1 \\
A_2 \\
\vdots \\
A_M
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
\bar{a}_{11} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{1N} & T_1 \\
\bar{a}_{21} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{2N} & T_2 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
\bar{a}_{MN} & \cdots & \bar{a}_{MN} & T_N
\end{bmatrix}
$$

or

$$
-\begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T \end{bmatrix}
$$

(B-20)

Solving for the correction weights then
The vector $\{T\}$ contains as components $N$ unbalances predicted to minimize $S_M$ (see Equation 3-15). These are complex numbers whose polar form indicate the magnitude and angular location of the correction unbalances

i.e. $T_k = |T_k| e^{\frac{i\theta_k}{k}}$, and see Figure B-2c

Section B.4 contains the computer program that utilizes this theory to predict correction weights. Along with the program is an input-output description so that the program may be applied to a practical balancing situation.

B.3 RESPONSE MEASUREMENT

Throughout this report the word "response" has been used to indicate a physically observable description of the rotor motion. The response may be an acceleration, velocity, or displacement since the form of the response Equation (B-9) is the same in each case. Regardless of the type of variable used, it must be a complex quantity described by an amplitude and phase angle. The amplitude, $R$, is easily seen to be the amplitude of the signal indicating the synchronous component of the quantity being measured. The phase angle is less easily understood since it involves grasping the idea of a clock or timing reference. A general mathematical expression may be written for the steady state synchronous response.

$$x e^{i\omega t} = Re^{i(\omega t + \psi)}$$

or

$$x = Re^{i\psi}$$

Though this is complex, as were all the quantities in this report, only its real part is observable. That is

$$X_{obs} = R \cos (\omega t + \psi)$$

Since in monitoring the rotor motion, it is of no concern when the motion
began, conventional units of time--i.e., seconds--have little significance and the beginning and end of a period of the synchronous motion become the timing reference.

An indicator is needed to signal the end of a period and the beginning of the next. Different schemes are available to perform this task and a clever one is shown in Figure B-1; i.e., the alignment of the sensing notch and key probe. This convention is repeatedly shown in Figures B-1, B-2, and B-4 to emphasize that the "zero" of the timing mark reference frame is in the direction of the key probe only when the notch is aligned with the probe. This point is very important since all unbalance angles are referenced in the direction of rotation from this "zero." Mathematically, this alignment occurs from Equation B-23 at

\[
\omega t = 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, \text{ etc.}
\]

The motion is still not completely defined though, and its description will only be complete when the fraction of the period between the positive amplitude being attained and the initiation of the period is known. From Equation B-23 this fraction is

\[
\frac{(\psi/\omega)}{(2\pi/\omega)} = \frac{\psi}{2\pi}
\]

This provides the physical definition of the phase angle, \( \psi \). Some instrumentation indicates the lag of the positive amplitude behind the initiation of a new period, then the response is mathematically described as

\[
X = Re^{-i\psi}
\]

Figure B-4 may aid in mathematically defining the response in order to use the Least Squares Balancing procedure.

B.4 LEAST SQUARES BALANCING COMPUTER PROGRAM

A large portion of the computer output is simply a listing of the data input for verification purposes. The slow roll and initial (without trial weights) readings are listed first. Note that the order of the initial reading
Figure B-4  Measuring Complex Response when Instrumentation Indicates Lag of Positive Amplitude Behind "Timing Mark"
printout is exactly that which must be followed in entering this data. The probes are the inner index to speeds as mentioned in the data input description. The runout subtracted initial readings are also listed adjacent to the initial readings. These are calculated from the vector filter peak to peak amplitude (A) and phase readings (\(\phi\)) as shown below.

**Figure B-5 Runout Correction**

The quantities \((A_i, \phi_i)\) represent the initial readings and \((A_r, \phi_r)\) represent the slow roll readings. The diagram shows that the runout subtracted initial reading \((A_{ic}, \phi_{ic})\) has the same phase angle convention as the vector filter; however, the amplitude represents the peak to peak value divided by 2. The sum of the squares of the initial reading amplitudes (not corrected for runout) are then listed for comparison with the same quantity after the correction weights have been added. This is followed by a listing of the response readings after trial weights have been added to various balance planes. Again, the ordering of this printout is exactly that which must be followed in entering this data as computer program input. As mentioned in the data input description, probe locations are inner indexed to measurement speeds, which are in turn inner indexed to the balance plane in which the trial weight is located. Adjacent to these
readings are the same but with slow roll subtracted, as explained for the initial readings. The trial unbalances are then listed in magnitude and phase (convention explained in the main body of the report). The complex influence coefficient matrix is also listed with elements given by amplitude and phase. Note that the column dimension is equal to the number of balance planes, while the row dimension is equal to the number of measurements being examined; that is, the number of probe locations times the number of speeds. Then the elements may be defined by

\[ a_{ij} = \text{influence of unbalance at } j\text{th balance plane on } i\text{th response measurement (defined by probe location and speed)} \]

where \( i \) is the influence coefficient matrix row index, and \( j \) is the column index.

The phase on the output "Check on Simultaneous Equation Routine" refers to the complex matrix inversion process in the program used for obtaining the predicted correction weights. If the inversion was successful; i.e., no numerical difficulties encountered, the phase should be followed by the same number as balance planes, lines, with a pair of zeros on each line. Though this will probably never occur, if these numbers become on the order of one-tenth or greater, try entering less data until the numbers return to zero.

Next on the output listing appears the predicted correction unbalances. These have the same units as the trial unbalances and are angularly referenced in the same manner. Finally, a list of the computer predicted residual responses (after adding correction weights) including the slow roll runout components is printed. This is followed by a printout of the sum of the squares of the residual response amplitudes since this is the quantity to be minimized in the process.
PROGRAM LTSQAP INPUT OUTPUT

C PROGRAM FOR PLAIN LEASTS SQUARES PREDICTION OF BALANCE WEIGHTS
C WRITTEN BY ALAN PALAZZULO 4/20/77
C REFERENCE LUND AND GOODMAN PAPERS ON BALANCING

C INPUT DESCRIPTION
C
C CARDS 1 ( 3 OF THESE )
C HEADING CARDS ON PRINTOUT
C INCLUDE UNITS OF UNBALANCE AND DISPLACEMENT ON THESE

C CARD 2
C N (NUMBER OF UNBALANCE PLANES MAX 5) I10
C L (NUMBER OF PROBES MAX 10) I10
C K (NUMBER OF SPEEDS MAX 10) I10

C CARDS 3 ( L OF THESE ) RUNOUT AT PROBES
C AMPR : AMPLITUDE P-P/2 F10.3
C PHASER : PHASE LAG FROM VECTOR FILTER IN DEGREES F10.3

C CARDS 4 ( K TIMES L OF THESE ) INITIAL PROBE READINGS
C ENTER PROBE READINGS AT EACH SPEED
C AMPB : AMPLITUDE P-P/2 F10.3
C PHASEB : PHASE LAG IN DEGREES F10.3

C CARDS 5 ( N TIMES K TIMES L OF THESE ) PROBE DATA AFTER ADDING
C TRIAL WEIGHTS
C PROBES ARE THE INNER INDEX TO SPEEDS WHICH IS THE INNER
C INDEX TO UNBALANCE PLANES
C AMPA : AMPLITUDE P-P/2 F10.3
C PHASEA : PHASE LAG IN DEGREES F10.3

C CARDS 6 ( N OF THESE ) TRIAL WEIGHT DATA
C UAMP : MAGNITUDE OF TRIAL UNBALANCE F10.3
C UANG : ANGLE IN DEGREES F10.3

C ALL UNBALANCE ANGLES REFERENCED TO DIRECTION OF KEY PROBE
AND IN THE DIRECTION OF ROTATION

ALL PROBE ANGLES ARE THE PHASE ANGLE LAG OF THE AMPLITUDE SEEN BY THE PROBE BEHIND THE TIMING MARK

DIMENSION ICENT(3,8), AMPINF(5), ANGINF(5)
COMPLEX C(10), DUMMY, FINAL(10,10), SYST2(15,15), CO(10),
6 STORE(15,15), TRUNBAL(10), ALPHA(100,10), SUM, RUNOUT(10), CMPLX,
6 DI(10,10), IEHP, CONJG, CHECKER, DAF(10,10,10), SUBRUN

LIMIT 10 PROBES 10 SPEEDS 5 UNBALANCE PLANES
N IS THE NUMBER OF UNBALANCE PLANES, L IS THE NUMBER OF PROBES
K IS THE NUMBER OF SPEEDS

PRINT 66
66 FORMAT(1HI, *PROGRAM FOR PLAIN LEAST SQUARES PREDICTION*)
PRINT 67
67 FORMAT(1HO, *OF CORRECTION UNBALANCES . WRITTEN BY ALAN PALAZZOL
64/28/77 REFERENCE LUND AND GOODMAN PAPERS*)
DO 81 J=1,3
READ 83,(ICENT(J,I),I=1,8)
83 FORMAT(6B1A10)
81 CONTINUE
PRINT 77,( (ICENT(J,I),I=1,8),J=1,3)
77 FORMAT(1H-, 210X, 8A10/1H01)
READ 1,N,L,K
1 FORMAT(3110)
M=L*K
PRINT 5,N,L,K,M
5 FORMAT(1H-, 8X,*NUMBER OF BALANCE PLANES*,13,5X,*NUMBER OF PROBES*,00006700
6 I3,5X,*NUMBER OF SPEEDS*,13,5X,*NUMBER OF MEASUREMENTS TO MINIMIZ000006800
6E*,13)

READ IN RUNOUT AMPLITUDE AND PHASE (DEGREES) AT EACH PROBE
PRINT 12
12 FORMAT(1H-, 30X,*RUNOUT,AMPLITUDE...LAG ANGLE IN DEGREES*)
DO 10 I=1,L
READ 11,AMPR,PHASER
11 FORMAT(2F10.3)
PRINT 13, AMPR, PHASER
13 FORMAT(110, 25X, F10.3, 5X, F10.3)
PHASER = PHASER/57.2956
A1 = AMPR*COS(PHASER)
A2 = AMPR*SIN(PHASER)
RUNOUT(I) = CHPLX(A1, A2)
10 CONTINUE
C ENTER INITIAL PROBE DATA
PRINT 15
15 FORMAT(1H-, 5X, *INITIAL READINGS, AMPLITUDE...LAG ANGLE IN DEGREES*, 00008500
615X, *SAME EXCEPT RUNOUT SUBTRACTED*)
SUMSQB = 0.0
DO 20 I = 1, K
C NUMBER OF SPEEDS INDEX
DO 22 J = 1, L
C NUMBER OF PROBES INDEX
READ 24, AMPB, PHASEB
24 FORMAT(2F10.3)
STPHB = PHASEB
PHASEB = PHASEB/57.2956
AB1 = AMPB*COS(PHASEB)
AB2 = AMPB*SIN(PHASEB)
DI(I, J) = CHPLX(AB1, AB2)
C SUBTRACT RUNOUT FROM INITIAL READINGS FOR PRINTOUT
SUBRUN = DI(I, J) - RUNOUT(J)
D1 = REAL(SUBRUN)
C PRINT THIS OUT JUST LIKE VECTOR FILTER
D2 = -AIMAG(SUBRUN)
IF(D1.EQ.0.0.AND.D2.EQ.0.0) D3 = 0.0
IF(D1.EQ.0.0.AND.D2.EQ.0.0) GO TO 42
D3 = ATAN2(D2, D1) + 57.2958
D4 = CABS(SUBRUN)
IF(D3.LT.0.0) D3 = D3 + 360.0
PRINT 16, I, J, AMPB, STPHB, D4, D3
16 FORMAT(1HO, 5X, *SPEED*, I3, 10X, *PROBE*, I3, 10X, F10.3, 5X, F10.3,
610X, F10.3, 5X, F10.3)
SUMSQB = SUMSQB + AMPB*AM PB
22 CONTINUE
20 CONTINUE
PRINT 505, SUMSQB
505 FORMAT(1H-, *THE SUM OF THE AMPLITUDE SQUARES OF THE INITIAL READING*
6S IS *, F12.4)
C ENTER FINAL PROBE DATA
C ASSUMING THIS ORDER ... PROBES, SPEEDS, UNBALANCE
PRINT 27
27 FORMAT(1H-, 5x, *READINGS AFTER TRIAL WEIGHT ADDED, AMPLITUDE ...*
6L AG ANGLE IN DEGREES*, 17X*, SAME EXCEPT RUNOUT SUBTRACTED*)
DO 30 I1=1, N
30 CONTINUE
UNBALANCE PLANE INDEX
DO 40 I2=1, K
40 CONTINUE
SPEED INDEX
DO 50 I3=1, L
50 CONTINUE
PROBE INDEX
READ 55, AMPA, PHASEA
55 FORMAT(2F10.3)
STPHA=PHASEA
PHASEA=PHASEA/57.2958
AA1=AMPA*COS(PHASEA)
AA2=AMPA*SIN(PHASEA)
DAF(I1, I2, I3)=CHPLX(AA1, AA2)
C SUBTRACT RUNOUT FROM THESE READINGS FOR PRINTOUT
SUBRUN=DAF(I1, I2, I3)-RUNOUT(I3)
D1=REAL(SUBRUN)
C PRINTOUT RUNOUT CORRECTED READING LIKE VECTOR FILTER
C SUBRUN IS A REGULAR COMPLEX NUMBER. IN POLAR FORM MAKE ITS
C ANGLE THE LAG OF THE POSITIVE AMPLITUDE BEHIND THE TIMING MARK
D2=-AIMAG(SUBRUN)
IF(D1.EQ.0.0 .AND.D2.EQ.0.0) D3=0.0
IF(D1.EQ.0.0 .AND.D2.EQ.0.0) GO TO 44
D3=ATAN2(D2, D1)*57.2958
44 CONTINUE
D4=ABS(SUBRUN)
IF(D3.LT.0.0) D3=D3+360.0
PRINT 35, I1, I2, I3, AMPA, STPHA, D4, D3
35 FORMAT(1HO, 7X, *BALANCE PLANE*, I3, 5X)
6*SPEED*+I3,5X,PROBE*+I3,10X,F10.3,5X,F10.3,10X,F10.3,5X,F10.3) 00015200
50 CONTINUE 00015300
40 CONTINUE 00015400
30 CONTINUE 00015500
C READ IN TRIAL WEIGHT LOCATIONS
PRINT 72
72 FORMAT(1H-,10X,*TRIAL UNBALANCES, MAGNITUDE...ANGLE IN DEGREES MEASURED IN THE DIRECTION OF ROTATION FROM THE KEY PROBE DIRECTION*) 00015600
DO 70 I=1,N 00015700
READ 75,UAMP,UANG 00015800
75 FORMAT(2F10.3) 00015900
PRINT 74,I,UAMP,UANG 00016000
74 FORMAT(1HO,5X,* BALANCE PLANE*,I3,10X,F10.3,5X,F10.3) 00016100
UANG=UANG/57.2958 00016200
A1=UAMP*COS(UANG) 00016300
A2=UAMP*SIN(UANG) 00016400
TRUNBAL(I)=CMPLX(A1,A2) 00016500
70 CONTINUE 00016600
C DEFINE INFLUENCE COEFFICIENT MATRIX
IP=1 00016700
JP=1 00016800
DO 80 I=1,M 00016900
DO 90 J=1,N 00017000
ALPHA(I,J)=(DAF(J,JP,IP)-DI(JP,IP))/TRUNBAL(J) 00017100
90 CONTINUE 00017200
C DEFINE THE PROBE NUMBER IP AND THE SPEED NUMBER
JP FROM THE CASE NUMBER I
IP=IP+1 00017300
IF(IP.GT.L) IP=1 00017400
IF(IP.EQ.1) JP=JP+1 00017500
80 CONTINUE 00017600
PRINT 93 00017700
93 FORMAT(1H-,*COMPLEX INFLUENCE COEFFICIENT MATRIX UNITS ARE UNITS OF RESPONSE DIVIDED BY UNITS OF UNBALANCE,MAGNITUDE...PHASE IN DEGREES*) 00017800
60 CONTINUE 00018000
DO 97 I=1,M 00018100
DO 99 J=1,N 00018200
B1=AIMAG(ALPHA(I,J)) 00018300
B2=REAL(ALPHA(I,J)) 00019000
AMINF(J)=COS(ALPHA(I,J)) 00019100
IF(B1.EQ.0.0.AND.B2.EQ.0.0) AMINF(J)=0.0 00019200
IF(B1.EQ.0.0.AND.B2.EQ.0.0) GO TO 60 00019300
AMINF(J)=ATAN2(B1,B2)*57.2958 00019400
60 CONTINUE 00019500
IF(AMINF(J).LT.0.0) AMINF(J)=AMINF(J)+360.0 00019600
99 CONTINUE 00019700
PRINT 98,(AMINF(J),AMINF(J),J=1,N) 00019800
98 FORMAT(1HO,5(8X,F8.3,2X,F8.3)) 00019900
97 CONTINUE 00020000
C DEFINE THE CONJUGATE TRANSPOSE INFLUENCE COEFFICIENT MATRIX 00020100
C POSTMULTIPLIED BY THE INFLUENCE COEFFICIENT MATRIX 00020200
DO 100 I=1,N 00020300
DO 110 J=1,N 00020400
SUM=(0.0,0.0) 00020500
DO 115 II=1,M 00020600
TEMP=ALPHA(II,I) 00020700
TEMP=CONJG(TEMP) 00020800
SUM=SUM+ALPHA(II,J)*TEMP 00020900
115 CONTINUE 00021000
SYST2(I,J)=SUM 00021100
110 CONTINUE 00021200
100 CONTINUE 00021300
C DEFINE THE VECTOR INFLUENCE COEFFICIENT CONJUGATE TRANSPOSE 00021400
C MATRIX TIMES THE RUNOUT SUBTRACTED ORIGINAL VECTOR 00021500
DO 125 I=1,N 00021600
SUM=(0.0,0.0) 00021700
IP=1 00021800
JP=1 00021900
DO 130 II=1,M 00022000
TEMP=ALPHA(II,I) 00022100
TEMP=CONJG(TEMP) 00022200
SUM=SUM+TEMP*(DI(JP,IP)-RUNOUT(IP)) 00022300
C DEFINE THE PROBE NUMBER IP AND THE SPEED NUMBER JP 00022400
C FROM THE CASE NUMBER II 00022500
IP=IP+1 00022600
IF(IP.GT.L) IP=1 00022700
IF(IP.EQ.1) JP=JP+1
130 CONTINUE
CC(I)=SUM
125 CONTINUE
C TRANSFER CC INTO THE LAST COLUMN OF SYST2
DO 140 I=1,N
SYST2(I,N+1)=CC(I)
140 CONTINUE
C SOLVE THE SIMULTANEOUS EQ. AND OBTAIN THE
C CORRECTION WEIGHTS, BUT FIRST STORE SYST2
MAT=N+1
DO 150 I=1,N
DO 160 J=1,MAT
STORE(I,J)=SYST2(I,J)
160 CONTINUE
150 CONTINUE
C CALL SOLVE(SYST2,C,N)
C RESTORE SYST2 TO ITS ORIGINAL VALUE (DESTROYED IN SOLVE)
DO 170 I=1,N
DO 180 J=1,MAT
SYST2(I,J)=STORE(I,J)
180 CONTINUE
170 CONTINUE
C CALL SIMCHEK(SYST2,C,N)
PRINT 200
200 FORMAT(1H-10X,*CORRECTION UNBALANCES,MAGNITUDE...ANGLE IN DEGREES00025300
6 MEASURED IN THE DIRECTION OF ROTATION FROM THE KEY PROBE DIRECTIO00025400
6H+)
DO 205 I=1,N
A1=REAL(C(I))
A2=AIMAG(C(I))
IF(A2.EQ.0.0.AND.A1.EQ.0.0) A3=0.0
IF(A2.EQ.0.0.AND.A1.EQ.0.0) GO TO 62
A3=ATAN2(A2,A1)*57.2958
62 CONTINUE
A4=CABS(C(I))
IF(A3.LT.0.0) A3=A3+360.0
PRINT 210,I,A4,A3
210 FORMAT(1H-10X,*CUBE ROTATION DATA00025500
210 FORMAT(1HO,5X,*UNBALANCE PLANE *,I3,10X,*MAGNITUDE *,F10.3,10X), 00026600
6 *ANGLE(DEG) *,F10.3)
205 CONTINUE
IP=1
JP=1
DO 300 I=1,M
SUM=(0.0,0.0)
DO 400 I=1,N
SUM=SUM+ALPHA(I,11)*C(I1)
400 CONTINUE
SUM=SUM+DI(JP,IP)
FINAL(JP,IP)=SUM
IP=IP+1
IF(IP.GT.L) IP=1
IF(IP.EQ.1) JP=JP+1
300 CONTINUE
PRINT 450
450 FORMAT(1H-20X,*RESIDUAL DISPLACEMENTS WITH CORRECTION WEIGHTS ADD), 00028300
6ED INCLUDING RUNOUT*)
SUMSQ=0.0
DO 475 I=1,K
PRINT 480,I
480 FORMAT(1HO,5X,*SPEED *,I3)
DO 490 J=1,L
A1=REAL(FINAL(I,J))
A2=-AIMAG(FINAL(I,J))
IF(A2.EQ.0.0.AND.A1.EQ.0.0) A3=0.0
IF(A2.EQ.0.0.AND.A1.EQ.0.0) GO TO 64
A3=ATAN2(A2,A1)*57.2958
64 CONTINUE
A4=CABS(FINAL(I,J))
IF(A3.LT.0.0) A3=A3+360.0
PRINT 500,J,A4,A3
500 FORMAT(1HO,5X,*PROBE *,I3,10X,*MAGNITUDE *,F10.3), 00029900
610X,*LAG ANGLE (DEG) *,F10.3)
SUMSQ=SUMSQ+A4*A4
490 CONTINUE
475 CONTINUE
00030300
SUBROUTINE SOLVE(SYST2,C,NORDER)
C     THIS SUBROUTINE SOLVES THE SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS CONTAINED
C     IN MATRIX SYST2 BY DIAGONALIZATION AND BACK SUBSTITUTIONS
C     WITHOUT PIVOTING
C     THIS IS ONLY GOOD FOR SYSTEMS OF ORDER NORDER-1
C     SOURCE D.LI 2/77
COMPLEX DUMMY,CONJG
COMPLEX SYST2(15,15),C(10)
N INTEGER NN,NORDER,MM=NORDER+1
D DOUBLE PRECISION I00 1=1,NN
C K=1
I15 IF(CABS(SYST2(K,I)).GT.0.000001) GO TO 20
K=K+1
I15 IF(K-NN) 15,15,200
20 IF(I-K) 40,60,200
I40 DO 50 M=1,MM
DUMMY=SYST2(I,M)
SYST2(I,M)=SYST2(K,M)
50 SYST2(K,M)=DUMMY
60 II=I+1
I11 IF(I.GT.NN) GO TO 100
DO 70 N=I,NN
IF(CABS(SYST2(N,I)).LT.0.000001) GO TO 70
SQ=(CABS(SYST2(I,I))**2
DUMMY=SYST2(N,I)*CONJG(SYST2(I,I))/SQ
DO 80 M=1,MM
80 SYST2(N,M)=SYST2(N,M)-SYST2(I,M)*DUMMY
70 CONTINUE
100 CONTINUE
GO TO 300
I300 IF(I.EQ.NN) PRINT 500
IF(I.LT.NN) PRINT 510
500 FORMAT(1H 19MATRIX HAS ZERO ROW)
510 FORMAT(1H,22MATRIX HAS ZERO COLUMN)
C THE ROW REMOVED FROM THE SYSTEM IN THE MAIN PROGRAM,
C THE LAST ROW IN (LAMBDAT1-0)),WAS NOT REDUNDANT
C THE DETERMINANT OF THE REMAINING SYSTEM IS ZERO
00030800
00030900
00031000
00031100
00031200
00031300
00031400
00031500
00031600
00031700
00031800
00031900
00032000
00032100
00032200
00032300
00032400
00032500
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00033700
00033800
00033900
00034000
00034100
00034200
00034300
00034400
00034500
STOP
C START BACK SUBSTITUTIONS
300 1=NN
320 DUMMY=(0,0,0,0)
   IF(I.EQ.NN) GO TO 350
   JJJ=I+1
   DO 330 J=JJJ,NN
330  DUMMY=DUMMY+SYST2(I,J)*C(J)
350  SQ=(CABS(SYST2(I,I))**2
      C(I)=-(DUMMY+SYST2(I,NM))*CONJG(SYST2(I,I))/SQ
      I=I-1
   IF(I) 400,400,320
400 RETURN
END

C THIS ROUTINE CHECKS SOLVE (COMPLEX SIMULTANEOUS EQ SOLVER)
SUBROUTINE SIMCHEK(SYST2,C,NORDER)
  COMPLEX CHECKER,SYST2(15,15),C(10)
  N=NORDER+1
  NN=N-1
  PRINT 90
90  FORMAT(1HO,10X,*CHECK ON SIMULTANEOUS EQUATION ROUTINE*)
   DO 10 I=1,NN
      CHECKER=(0.0,0.0)
   10  DO 20 J=1,NN
      CHECKER=CHECKER+SYST2(I,J)*C(J)
   20  CONTINUE
      CHECKER=CHECKER+SYST2(I,N)
      PRINT 40,CHECKER
   40  FORMAT(1HO,10X,2F15.5)
   10  CONTINUE
RETURN
END
SAMPLE OUTPUT

PROJECT FOR PLAIN LEAST SQUARES PREDICTION
OF CORRECTION UNBALANCES * WRITTEN BY ALAN PALAZZOLI 4/20/77 REFERENCE LUND AND GOODMAN PAPERS

FINAL PROJECT 3 PLANE BALANCE OF LAB Rotor Kit

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Complex Influence Coefficient Matrix Units Are Units of Response Divided by Units of Unbalance: Magnitude...Phase in Degrees

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