# LESSON 18

# Post-Processing Transient Response With Results



**Objectives:** 

Animate Transient Structural response.

Create x-y plots of structural displacement versus time.

## **Model Description:**

In this exercise the transient response of a simple plate structure will be displayed over time. Also, x-y plots of nodal displacement as a function of time will be created.

## **Suggested Exercise Steps:**

- Create a new database named **plate.db** and read in the MSC/NASTRAN model and results file plate\_vibration.op2 in the Analysis form.
- Select result cases, deformation result type, and result component in Results, Create, Deformation, Select Results.
- Specify target entities in Results, Create, Deformation, Target Entities, Target Entity (Current Viewport).
- Specify deformed color, line style, scale factor(0.25) under Results, Create, Deformation, Display Attributes.
- Set animation parameter values in Results, Create, Deformation, Animation Options. Experiment with the number of frames used to represent the transient motion of the plate structure.
- Create x-y plot of the nodal degree-of-freedom versus time in Results, Create, Graph, Yvs X, Select Results, Target Entities.

### **Exercise Procedure:**

OK

1. Create a new database and name it **plate**.

#### File/New...

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The viewport (PATRAN's graphics window) will appear along with a *New Model Preference* form. The *New Model Preference* sets all the code specific forms and options inside MSC/PATRAN.

## In the *New Model Preference* form set the *Analysis Code* to **MSC/NASTRAN.**

Tolerance:

#### ♦ Default

Analysis Code:

Analysis Type:

MSC/NASTRAN

Structural

OK

2. Import the plate model and results.

#### ♦ Analysis

Action:

Object:

Method:

Select Results File...

Selected Results File:

Read Output2	
Both	
Translate	

plate\_vibration.op2

OK Apply

Change the view and display by using the following toolbar icon:





Your model should look like the one shown below. Note that the structure is a simple plate.



Select result cases, deformation result type, and result 3. component in Results, Create, Deformation, Select Results.

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Create

#### ♦ Results

Action:

Object:

Deformation

Click the Select Results Button



Click on the Select Result Case(s) button, select subcases.

Set the form, Select Result Case(s) as follows:

Filter Method:

Global Variable
Range

Min:	0
Max:	0.04
Filter	
Apply	
Close	
Show As:	Component
	XX YY ZZ

#### **Animate**

Note: Do not Click on Apply!

4. Specify target entities in Results, Create, Deformation, Target Entities, Target Entity (Current Viewport)

Click on the Target Entities button



*Target Entity:* 

Current Viewport

5. Specify deformed color, line style, scale factor(0.25) under Results, Create, Deformation, Display Attributes.

Click on the Display Attributes button



Deformed:	choose a color
Line Style:	choose a line style
Scale Factor:	0.25

6. Set animation parameter values in Results, Create, Deformation, Animation Options. Experiment with the number of frames used to represent the transient motion of the plate structure.

Click on the Animation Options.





In the Animation Control Form change the Animation Sequence

Cycle

Now try changing the number of frames:

#### Stop Animation

Number of Frames:

10	

Apply

Stop the Animation and reset the graphics.

#### Stop Animation

Click on the Reset Graphics Icon.



7. Create an XY plot of nodal degree of freedom versus time.

Action:

Object:

Method:

Create	
Graph	
Y vs X	

Click on the Select Results button.



Quantity:	Z Component
<i>X:</i>	Global Variable
Variable:	Time

Click on the Target Entities button.



Select the Nodes that are going to be mapped in the xy plot

Target Entity:

Select Nodes:

Nodes
select 2 or 3 nodes

Apply

The XY plot should look like the following:



When done, close the database and quit PATRAN.

#### File/Quit

