Bridges Crossing Faults

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Objectives

- Develop simplified procedure to estimate seismic demands in "ordinary" bridges crossing faultrupture zone
 - Rooted in structural dynamics theory
 - Simpler than nonlinear response history analysis
 - Utilize special feature of support motions in faultrupture zones

Current Analytical Procedures



Bridge subjected to uniform support excitation

- Linear ELF analysis, NSP, Linear RSA, linear/nonlinear RHA
- Bridges crossing fault-rupture zones
 - Linear/nonlinear RHA for multiple support excitation

Ground Motions

- Motions at bridge supports on two sides of the fault are needed
 - Bridge supports are very close to the fault
 - Supports are within few tens of meters from the fault
 - Motions have not been recorded so close to the fault on both sides
 - Recorded motions are at few hundred meters from the fault
 - Support motions were simulated on faults with various orientations

Simulations by Prof. Doug Dreger at UC Berkeley

Motions Across Strike-Slip Fault

- FP motions are antisymmetric with respect to the fault
- FN motions are symmetric with respect to the fault
- Vertical motions are antisymmetric with respect to the fault
 - Vertical motions for strike-slip fault at selected location are very small



Motions in Fault-Rupture Zones



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Proportional Excitation – Strike-Slip Fault



Equations of Motion: Linear Systems



Peak Response

 $\mathbf{u}_{o}^{t} \simeq \mathbf{u}_{o}^{s} + \mathbf{u}_{o}$ Peak response from dynamic analysis: Combine peak values from significant modes using appropriate combination rule: SRSS or CQC

Peak response from quasi-static analysis: Apply peak support displacements statically $\mathbf{u}_{o}^{s} = \iota_{eff} U_{go}$

Dynamic Response



Effective Influence Vector

- Essentially translation in bridges subjected to spatially uniform support excitation
- Significant torsional motions about a vertical axis in bridges crossing fault-rupture zones



Spatially-Uniform

Fault-Rupture Zone

Analysis: Linear Systems

- RHA: Response history analysis to multiple-support excitation
- RSA: Response spectrum analysis
 - Use ground motions spectrum that is appropriate for motions in fault-rupture zones
 - Carefully select modes that are excited by motions in fault rupture zones
- RSA:1-Mode: Response spectrum analysis considering only the most dominant mode
- LSA: Linear static analysis due to forces equal to 2.5 mι_{eff}ü_{go}

Modes Excited



Bridges Selected



Shear Key Cases: Elastic shear keys and no shear keys

Response of Linear Bridges



Extension to Nonlinear Bridges

- Superposition assumed to be applicable
- Quasi-static response from nonlinear static analysis due to peak ground displacements applied simultaneously at all supports
- Dynamic response from
 - MPA: Modal pushover analysis (nonlinear static pushover)
 - LDA: Linear dynamic analysis (RSA or RSA: 1-Mode)
 - ➤ LSA: Linear static analysis due to forces equal to 2.5mι_{eff}ü_{go}

Response of Nonlinear Bridges



Recommended Procedure

Linear Static Analysis Procedure

- Compute the peak value of the quasi-static response including effects of gravity loads by nonlinear static analysis of the bridge due to peak ground displacement applied at all supports simultaneously
- Compute peak value of the dynamic response by linear static analysis of the bridge due to lateral forces equal to 2.5*m*ι_{eff}ü_{go}
 - Carefully compute the effective influence vector, which differs for bridges in fault-rupture zones
- Compute the total response as superposition of the quasistatic and dynamic responses

Recommended Procedure

- Linear static analysis procedure is recommended because
 - \succ It is simple to implement
 - It does not require mode shapes and frequencies
 - Provides results that are "accurate" for most practical applications
 - MPA and LDA are more complicated and offer only slight improvement

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