

# EARTHQUAKE ANALYSIS EXAMPLE

The earthquake analysis capabilities of SAP2000 are demonstrated using a railroad bridge bent designed in accordance with the AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering.





## Response spectrum analysis

Response spectrum analysis is performed to verify that the column design is adequate.



### Input steps

#### 1. Define mass

- a. Select menu item: *Define > Mass Source*
- b. Select mass definition option: From Loads
- c. Add load case: *Dead (with multiplier of 1)*

Note: The dead load is automatically divided by gravity.

- 2. Define Response Spectrum Function
  - a. Select menu item: *Define > Functions > Response Spectrum*
  - b. Choose function type: Spectrum from File
  - c. Click: Add New Function
  - d. Type function name: AREMA
  - e. Select option: Period vs. value
  - f. Browse to and select "spectra.txt" file
  - g. Click: Display graph

- 3. Define Modal Analysis Case
  - a. Select menu item: *Define > Analysis Cases*
  - b. Select case: *MODAL*
  - c. Click: *Modify/Show Case*
  - d. Enter maximum number of modes = 2
- 4. Define Response Spectra Analysis Case
  - a. Select menu item: Define > Analysis Cases
  - b. Click: Add New Case
  - c. Type case name = AREMA
  - d. Select analysis case type: Response Spectrum
  - e. Select loads applied from AREMA function
  - f. Enter Scale Factor = 32.2 (response values in G's)
  - g. Click: Add

- 5. Define Load Combination
  - a. Select menu item: *Define > Combinations*
  - b. Click: Add New Combo
  - c. Select DEAD and AREMA cases
  - d. Click: Add

Note: Response spectrum will automatically give +/- values

- 6. Perform Response Spectrum Analysis
  - a. Select menu item: Analyze > Run Analysis
  - b. Click: *Run Now*

## Verify results

- 1. Display results graphically
  - a. Select menu item: *Display > Deformed Shape*





2.	Display	results	in	tabular	form
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- a. Select menu item: *Display > Show Tables*
- b. Select output to verify
- c. Select analysis cases to verify

	Joint Text	OutputCase	CaseType Text	StepType Text	U1 Kin	U2 Kin	U3 Kin	B1 Kin-ft	R2 Kin-ft	ĸ
+	101	DEAD	LinStatic	TEAL	-10.316	0	834.134	0	-81,1603	
1	101	AREMA	LinRespSpec	Max	480.988	0	520.814	0	5099.7767	
T	201	DEAD	LinStatic		2.817	0	684.529	0	27.9762	
	201	AREMA	LinRespSpec	Max	532.483	0	104.167	0	5526.7034	
	301	DEAD	LinStatic		2.111	0	705.054	0	21.9008	
	301	AREMA	LinRespSpec	Max	532.176	0	99.318	0	5523.5348	
	401	DEAD	LinStatic		5.388	0	741.227	0	49.0556	
	401	AREMA	LinRespSpec	Max	481.254	0	508.889	0	5100.1768	
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## 3. Verification computations

a. Verify: dead load reaction = total weight

Weight = 
$$0.15 \left( \frac{\pi (5)^2}{4} \times 14.7 \times 4 + 6.5 \times 6 \times 64 \right) + 2418 = 2965.6 \ kips$$
  
Dead load reaction =  $834.1 + 684.5 + 705.1 + 741.2 = 2964.9 \ kips$ 

b. Verify: total mass = total dead load / gravity

Mass = 92.1 (Export joint masses to Excel and sum) Weight / Gravity = 2964.9 / 32.2 = 92.1

c. Verify: modal participating mass ratio > 90%

Ratio = 97% for mode 1



- Check column design
  - 1. Verify that column reinforcement is defined
    - a. Select menu item: *Define > Frame Sections*
    - b. Select property: COL
    - c. Click: *Modify/Show Property*
    - d. Click: Concrete Reinforcement
  - 2. Analyze column
    - a. Select menu item: *Options > Preferences > Concrete Frame* Design
    - b. Select design code: AASHTO
    - c. Select menu item: *Design > Concrete Frame Design > Select Design Combos*
    - d. Remove all generated combos and add COMB1
    - e. Select column members to design



# EARTHQUAKE ANALYSIS EXAMPLE - PART 2

## Nonlinear static analysis

Nonlinear static analysis is performed to verify that the bent cap and footing design is adequate.

- Develop plastic hinge properties
  - The plastic hinge properties are based on 1.3 times the nominal moments from an axial-moment interaction diagram (Refer to AREMA Chapter 9 section 1.4.7.3.1 *Weak Column Provisions*). Similar requirements are contained in AASHTO 16th edition, Division IA Section 7.2.2 *Forces Resulting From Plastic Hinging In The Columns, Piers, Or Bents.*
  - Define a 3D P-M-M interaction surface with at least 3 curves (0°, 45°, 90°) using available software. Hint: For a circular member, the 45 degree curve can be obtained by dividing the 0 degree moment values by the square root of 2.



Curve 1	0. deg		Curve 2	45. deg		Curve 3	90. deg	
Р	M3	M2	Р	M3	M2	Р	M3	M2
-12501	0	0	-12501	0	0	-12501	0	0
-10689	2110	0	-10662	1536	1536	-10689	0	2110
-9175	3872	0	-9148	2770	2770	-9175	0	3872
-7818	5452	0	-7791	3876	3876	-7818	0	5452
-6240	6610	0	-6236	4683	4683	-6240	0	6610
-4461	7272	0	-4480	5151	5151	-4461	0	7272
-2943	7010	0	-2975	4978	4978	-2943	0	7010
-1508	5967	0	-1551	4258	4258	-1508	0	5967
-129	4258	0	-198	3092	3092	-129	0	4258
1225	1915	0	1165	1442	1442	1225	0	1915
2134	0	0	2134	0	0	2134	0	0

### Interaction Values

## Notes:

- 1. P values are modified to remove kink in interaction curve at maximum allowed compression per AREMA code.
- 2. Compression is negative for SAP2000.

## Input steps

- 1. Define hinge properties
  - a. Select menu item: *Define > Hinge Properties*
  - b. Select defined hinge properties: Default-PMM
  - c. Click: Define New Property
  - d. Type property name: *colhng*
  - e. Uncheck default
  - f. Click: *Modify/Show for PMM*
  - g. Select scale factor for rotation: *User SF* (leave value = 1)
  - h. Click: Modify/Show Moment Rotation Curve Data

Point	M/My	Rot/SF
A	0	0
В	1	0
С	1	0.02
D	0.2	0.02
E	0.2	0.06

i. Enter values shown below and click OK

Note: Ultimate rotation from moment-curvature program is not critical for this example, except must be high enough to allow all hinges to form prior to failure.

- j. Click: Modify/Show PMM Interaction Surface Data
- k. Click: Define/Show User Interaction Surface
- I. Change number of curves to 3
- m. Enter scale factors = 1.3 for M2 and M3
- n. Enter first and last P points for all curves
- o. Type or copy and paste remaining undefined values and click OK

- 2. Assign hinges to members
  - a. Select all members at column bottom
  - b. Select menu item: Assign > Frame/Cable/Tendon > Hinges
  - c. Add *colhng* with relative distance = 0
  - d. Select all members at column top
  - e. Select menu item: *Assign > Frame/Cable/Tendon > Hinges*
  - f. Add *colhng* with relative distance = 1
- 3. Define unit load case for nonlinear static analysis
  - a. Select menu item: *Define > Load Cases*
  - b. Type in FX, select OTHER and click Add New Load
  - c. Select nodes at top of columns
  - d. Select menu item: Assign > Joint Loads > Forces
  - e. Select *FX* and type in unit load of 10 kips in global X dir



- a. Select menu item: Define > Analysis Cases
- b. Select *DEAD* and Click *Modify/Show Case*
- c. Change analysis type to nonlinear and click OK
- d. Click: Add New Case
- e. Type case name: *PUSH*
- f. Change analysis type to nonlinear
- g. Select initial condition: Continue from State at end of Nonlinear Case (DEAD)
- h. Add FX for loads applied
- i. Click *Modify/Show* load application
- j. Select: Displacement Control
- k. Enter displacement magnitude = 0.4
- I. Click *Modify/Show* results saved
- m. Select: multiple states

- 5. Perform nonlinear static analysis
  - a. Select menu item: Analyze > Run Analysis
  - b. Click: Run Now
- Verify results
  - 1. Display results
    - a. Select menu item: *Display > Show Static Pushover Curve*



![](_page_22_Figure_1.jpeg)

## c. Select menu item: *File > Print Tables*

 Table: Element Forces - Frames

Frame	Station	OutputCase	StepNum	Р	V2	M3
Text	ft	Text	Unitless	Kip	Kip	Kip-ft
102	0.0000	PUSH	6.000000	-58.028	737.795	5493.2704
202	0.0000	PUSH	6.000000	-802.655	919.764	6825.4076
302	0.0000	PUSH	6.000000	-323.195	853.890	6328.7005
402	0.0000	PUSH	6.000000	-1781.067	1093.187	8028.0166

- 2. Verification computations
  - a. Verify: P-M3 values match 1.3 x interation diagram values

Р	1.3 x M	M3	Difference
-2943	9114		
-1781	8277	8028	3%
-1508	7758		
-803	6890	6825	1%
-323	6034	6329	5%
-129	5535		
-58	5513	5493	0%
1225	2489		

Check bent cap and footing design (not shown)