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OF CYLINDRICAL FUEL RODS**  
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## FOREWORD

The Shippingport Atomic Power Station located in Shippingport, Pennsylvania was the first large-scale, central-station nuclear power plant in the United States and the first plant of such size in the world operated solely to produce electric power. This program was started in 1953 to confirm the practical application of nuclear power for large-scale electric power generation. It has provided much of the technology being used for design and operation of the commercial, central-station nuclear power plants now in use.

Subsequent to development and successful operation of the Pressurized Water Reactor in the Atomic Energy Commission (now Department of Energy, DOE) owned reactor plant at the Shippingport Atomic Power Station, the Atomic Energy Commission in 1965 undertook a research and development program to design and build a Light Water Breeder Reactor core for operation in the Shippingport Station.

The objective of the Light Water Breeder Reactor (LWBR) program has been to develop a technology that would significantly improve the utilization of the nation's nuclear fuel resources employing the well-established water reactor technology. To achieve this objective, work has been directed toward analysis, design, component tests, and fabrication of a water-cooled, thorium oxide-uranium oxide fuel cycle breeder reactor for installation and operation at the Shippingport Station. The LWBR core started operation in the Shippingport Station in the Fall of 1977 and will finish routine power operation on October 1, 1982. After End-of-Life core testing, the core will be removed and the spent fuel shipped to the Naval Reactors Expended Core Facility for detailed examination to verify core performance including an evaluation of breeding characteristics.

In 1976, with fabrication of the Shippingport LWBR core nearing completion, the Energy Research and Development Administration, now DOE, established the Advanced Water Breeder Applications (AWBA) program to develop and disseminate technical information which would assist U. S. industry in evaluating the LWBR concept for commercial-scale applications. The AWBA program, which is concluding in September, 1982, has explored some of the problems that would be faced by industry in adopting technology confirmed in the LWBR program. Information already developed includes concepts for commercial-scale prebreeder cores which would produce uranium-233 for light water breeder cores while producing electric power, improvements for breeder cores based on the technology developed to fabricate and operate the Shippingport LWBR core, and other information and technology to aid in evaluating commercial-scale application of the LWBR concept.

All three development programs (Pressurized Water Reactor, Light Water Breeder Reactor, and Advanced Water Breeder Applications) have been conducted under the technical direction of the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Naval Reactors of DOE.

Technical information developed under the Shippingport, LWBR, and AWBA programs has been and will continue to be published in technical memoranda, one of which is this present report.

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ABSTRACT

ROBOT3 - A Computer Program to Calculate  
the In-Pile Three-Dimensional Bowing  
of Cylindrical Fuel Rods

ROBOT3 is a FORTRAN computer program which is used in conjunction with the CYGRO5 computer program to calculate the time-dependent inelastic bowing of a fuel rod using an incremental finite element method. The fuel rod is modeled as a viscoelastic beam whose material properties are derived as perturbations of the CYGRO5 axisymmetric model. Fuel rod supports are modeled as displacement, force, or spring-type nodal boundary conditions. The program input is described and a sample problem is given.

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I. Introduction

In most nuclear reactor core designs the fuel is contained in long cylindrical tubes supported at intervals along their lengths by support grids. The tubes are called cladding and the fuel-cladding assemblage is usually referred to as a fuel rod. Within the reactor core operating environment a number of factors such as transverse temperature gradients, transverse neutron flux gradients, axial forces, cladding wall thickness variation, and support misalignment can cause a fuel rod to bow laterally between the supports. ROBOT3 is a FORTRAN computer program which is used in conjunction with the CYGRO5 computer program (Reference [1]) to calculate the time-dependent inelastic bowing of a fuel rod. The ROBOT3 computer program and its use are described in this report. The mathematical model used in ROBOT3 is developed in detail in Reference [2] and is described only briefly here.

A variational method for calculating the two-dimensional (i.e., single plane) bowing of fuel rods was originally developed by Newman in Reference [3] and later formed the basis for the ROBOT computer program (Reference [4]). The ROBOT3 program is derived from the ROBOT program; however, the mathematical model has been reformulated and extended, and the program has been extensively re-written. In ROBOT3 the fuel rod is modeled as a three-dimensional space curve with each material point along the curve having two components of lateral displacement and one component of axial displacement. These displacement components are calculated simultaneously using a new finite element formulation developed in Reference [2]. ROBOT3 also has the capability for modeling the bowing behavior of fuel rods containing either single-zone or duplex fuel pellets.

With duplex fuel, the fuel consists of two zones — a central cylindrical zone of one material surrounded by an annular zone of a different material. In some cases the central region may also be annular and contain a central void. ROBOT3 contains a model for predicting the effect of fuel-fuel and fuel-cladding contact interaction on the rod bowing. This model is an extension of the one currently used in the ROBOT program.

In Section II of this report the ROBOT3 mathematical model and numerical solution procedure are briefly described. The reader is referred to Reference [2] for a more complete description. In Section III the card input format for the ROBOT3 program is described in detail. Where appropriate, additional description of the mathematical model is given. In Section IV a sample problem is set up and solved using ROBOT3 and examples of the program input and output are given.

## II. The ROBOT3 Mathematical Model

In ROBOT3 the fuel rod is modeled as a three-dimensional space curve representing the centroidal axis of the cladding. In a rectangular cartesian coordinate system the rod is assumed to lie principally along the  $z$ -axis. Denoting the  $x$ -,  $y$ -, and  $z$ -displacements of the rod by  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$ , respectively, it is assumed that these displacements and the quantities  $\frac{du}{dz}$ ,  $\frac{dv}{dz}$ , and  $\frac{dw}{dz}$  are small. The rod is supported at intervals along its length by support grids. Each of the rod spans between the supports is divided into a user-specified number of equal length finite elements. Within each finite element the lateral displacements are approximated by third degree polynomials (Hermite interpolation functions) and the axial displacements are adjusted to make the axial strain uniform within the element. Each element has two nodes (one at each end) with five degrees-of-freedom at each node. The five degrees of freedom are  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $w$ ,  $\frac{du}{dz}$ ,  $\frac{dv}{dz}$  evaluated at the node. These quantities are the primitive variables which the program calculates as functions of time. Displacements at points other than the nodes are calculated using the finite element interpolation functions.

The rod supports are modeled by imposing boundary conditions at nodes corresponding to the support positions. The boundary conditions can be either force-type, displacement-type, or spring-type. Since there are three translational and two rotational degrees of freedom at each support, the terms force-type and displacement-type are used here in the generalized sense. For the rotational degrees-of-freedom, a force-type boundary condition corresponds to an imposed moment and a displacement-type boundary condition corresponds to an imposed slope. Similarly, spring-type boundary conditions are either torsional or translational. To better model flexible supports and spring liftoff behavior a provision has been made for modeling a support with positive-side and negative-side contact springs. This model is discussed more fully in Section III.

ROBOT3 calculates the rod deflection as a function of time by taking small time steps and summing the displacement increments. The time steps which ROBOT3 takes are specified on a data file written by the CYGRO5 program (Reference [1]). For each time step this file also contains information which ROBOT3 uses to construct the incremental moment-curvature relation (i.e. constitutive equation) for the rod. Like CYGRO5, ROBOT3 approximates the axial-direction material property variation as piecewise constant. Each axial location in the ROBOT3 model derives its material properties from the corresponding axial location in the CYGRO5 model. Although it is recommended that the ROBOT3 finite element distribution be such that material property changes occur at element boundaries, this is not a requirement.

Transverse gradients of the temperature and fast-neutron flux induce moment-free curvatures in the rod which affect the fuel rod bowing. The x- and y-components of the fast-neutron flux gradient are specified by the user in the ROBOT3 input. The user must also specify the x- and y-components of the volumetric heat generation gradient in the fuel, the coolant temperature gradient, and the clad-to-coolant film coefficient gradient. ROBOT3 uses these three gradients to internally calculate the transverse temperature distribution within the fuel rod.

Fuel rod bowing is also strongly influenced by the initial free shape of the centroidal axis. To specify the initial free shape of the centroidal axis, the user inputs data for the centerline deflection and the cladding wall-thickness eccentricity at various axial locations. The x- and y-components of the cladding wall-thickness eccentricity are defined to be the distances  $e_x$  and  $e_y$  shown in Figure 1. ROBOT3 uses the finite element shape functions to determine a modified least-squares fit to the free shape and eccentricity data. The details of this method are contained in Reference [2].

The bowing behavior of the fuel rod is also affected by contact interaction between the fuel and the cladding and, with duplex fuel, by contact interaction between the fuel zones. Such contact may be established and broken several times during the operational history of the fuel rod. Information on when such interaction occurs is calculated by CYGRO5 and communicated to ROBOT3 in the CYGRO5 bowing data file. When, for example, fuel-clad contact is established, there will in general be a sudden jump in the cladding curvature and there will be a change in the moment-curvature relation for the rod. Experiments have shown, however, that these changes are not generally as large as would

be calculated using the assumption that the cladding and fuel have equal curvatures after contact is established. The interaction model in ROBOT3 is based upon the assumption that an elastic-viscous interaction element couples the curvatures of the cladding and the outer fuel zone. It is assumed that another such element couples the curvatures of the two fuel zones. Because this flexural coupling can be difficult to visualize (and to illustrate), Figure 2 shows an analogous system of coupled linear spring elements. In this diagram, force is analogous to moment and displacement is analogous to curvature.

To specify the nature of the contact interaction between the fuel zones and between the fuel and the cladding, three parameters are specified for each of the interaction elements. These parameters are

- (1) the contact efficiency  $\gamma$ ,
- (2) the elastic bending efficiency  $\eta$ , and
- (3) the bending viscosity ratio  $\beta$ .

When contact is established between the fuel and cladding or between the fuel zones, there will be jumps in their curvatures. The contact efficiency  $\gamma$  is the ratio of the observed changes to the changes which would occur if there were perfect interaction (i.e. equal curvatures after contact). The elastic bending efficiency  $\eta$  is used to define the elastic flexural stiffness of the interaction elements using the formula

$$G = \left( \frac{\eta}{1 - \eta} \right) G_{\text{inner}}$$

where  $G$  is the flexural stiffness of the interaction element and  $G_{\text{inner}}$  is the flexural stiffness of the inner of the two elements which are in contact. In other words, for fuel-cladding contact  $G_{\text{inner}}$  refers to the outer fuel zone; for fuel-fuel contact  $G_{\text{inner}}$  refers to the inner fuel zone. Note that when  $\eta = 0$ , then  $G = 0$  and there is no interaction. As  $\eta$  approaches 1,  $G$  approaches infinity and the interaction element becomes rigid. The bending viscosity ratio  $\beta$  is used to define the flexural viscosity of the interaction elements using the formula

$$W = \beta W_{\text{inner}}$$

where  $W$  is the bending viscosity of the interaction element and  $W_{inner}$  is the bending viscosity of the inner of the two elements which are in contact. Note that setting  $\beta$  to a very large number makes the interaction element behave elastically.

In summary, there are several basic steps to performing a rod bowing analysis using CYGRO5 and ROBOT3. The first step is to run CYGRO5 and create a bowing analysis file as described in Reference [1]. Once this file is created it can be used for a number of ROBOT3 analyses. The basic steps for setting up the ROBOT3 input are

- (1) specify the support positions and the number of finite elements in each span,
- (2) input initial centerline deflection and cladding eccentricity data,
- (3) specify the time-dependent boundary conditions at the supports,
- (4) specify the transverse neutron flux and thermal gradients,
- (5) specify the fuel-fuel and fuel-clad interaction constants, and
- (6) specify the output edits desired.

The details of setting up the ROBOT3 input are given in the next section.

### III. Input Description

ROBOT3 input is in Bettis Input Package form as given in Reference [5]. In particular, input cards need not be sorted; data is converted according to the format of the card ("free field"); and redundant cards are removed automatically using the last occurrence of a card as the valid entry. This accommodates easy input deck modification.

All input cards are listed in the printed output. Comment information may follow the data on any card if a dollar sign is punched between the last data item and the comment. An asterisk or a dollar sign in the first non-blank column denotes a card containing only comments. One of the cards in an input deck should be a title card, denoted by an equal sign in the first non-blank column. The information on this card is used to title each page of printer output. If more than one title card is present, the last such card is used. Blank cards in the input deck are ignored.

The first field on a data card is an integer which represents the CARD NUMBER and is followed by a comma. Data cards are divided into fields of arbitrary length, with the fields separated by commas and the comma following the last field optional. Each field contains an integer number, a floating point number, or an alphanumeric identifier. Leading and trailing blanks are ignored in all fields, and embedded blanks are ignored in numeric fields.

The integer format is:

Sxx...xx

and the floating point format is:

Sxx...xxSyy,

where the S stands for either a plus (+) sign or a minus (-) sign and where the leading sign may be dropped if it is plus and where each x and y is a decimal digit or a blank. In the floating point format the decimal point is assumed to precede the fractional part and the signed one or two digit exponent must be present. The presence of any other character, such as a letter, causes the rejection of the data as invalid. The floating point format may optionally be signified by using a decimal point in the fractional part, and in this form, the signed one or two digit exponent is optional.

An alphanumeric field must contain at least one non-numeric character or must be enclosed in parentheses. A non-numeric character is any character other than +, -, ., 0 through 9, or the blank character. All cards may be continued indefinitely by designating a continuation card as one which has a plus sign as the first non-blank character.

The input is divided into cases. There are two ways to designate the end of input for a case. One way is a card whose first non-blank character is a period (.) which means an end of input for the job. The second way is a card whose first non-blank character is a slash (/) which means an end of input for the case with subsequent input cases. In multiple case problems, the program starts each case at time zero and the input from the previous case is carried over so that only cards which change need to be input.

The majority of variables are entered in "floating point" format. Thus, the type of variable will be indicated in the card write-up only when it is "integer" or "alphanumeric" rather than "floating point". An "alphanumeric" input variable must be given exactly as indicated here. Floating point zeros must include a decimal point.

If any card is not used by the program, its number is printed in the problem output. This serves as a useful check in input preparation, for errors in card numbering often lead to a card number that will not be used.

### 1. CYGR05 Input File

100, synonym, version, prefix, file id \$(Required)

The program allows a complete description of the CYGR05 file to be input except for the datatype where a value of 345 is used. However, only the synonym is required. The file must be FETCHED by the job.

Synonym - (Alphanumeric) A 1 to 7 character id assigned to the file (Required).

Version - (Integer) The version number of the file (Optional).

Prefix - (Alphanumeric) The four character prefix (P = ) of the file (Optional).

File id - (Alphanumeric) The file identification (I = ) of the input file (Optional).

2. Integration Accuracy

111, NPASS \$ (Optional)

NPASS - (Integer) The number of passes within a timestep for time integration accuracy. A "1" indicates one pass will be made for computing the nodal incremental displacements within a timestep. A "2" indicates two passes are made within a timestep. It is recommended that a value of "2" be used and this is the default value.

In a one pass problem, the beginning of timestep values of nodal displacements are used for evaluating the strain rate and element stiffness matrix for determining the nodal displacement increments. In a two pass problem, the first pass is taken as before. The averaged nodal displacements during the time step are then used in evaluating the strain rate and element stiffness matrices used in a second pass.

3. Initial Boundary Conditions

121, NTIMBC \$ (Optional)

NTIMBC - (Integer) The number of timesteps to take for applying initial boundary conditions. The program takes NTIMBC timesteps whose time increments are  $10^{-6}/\text{NTIMBC}$  hours to apply initial boundary conditions. The default value is 4 because this is adequate for most problems.

4. Number of Finite Elements in the Rod

1000, NELEM1, NELEM2, ... NELEMN \$ (Required)

All entries are integers.

The number of finite elements in each span. There must be an entry corresponding to each span. The minimum number of elements in a span is one while there is no limit (except for core storage) on a maximum value.

The number of entries must be one less than the number of supports. (See cards 1001-1009).

5. Support Locations (1001-1009)

1001,  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  \$ (Required)

All entries are floating point.

The list of axial coordinates of the supports.  $z_1$  is the first support location and  $z_n$  is the last support location.

The list of axial coordinates must be in ascending order.

A maximum of 99 support locations are permitted. Units are inches.

6. Clad Free Shape (Optional)

In many cases the free shape of the beam is not straight. The card series 1010-1110 describes the free shape coordinates in x and y as a function of axial position.

1010,  $z_1, x_1, y_1, z_2, x_2, y_2, \dots, z_n, x_n, y_n$

$z_1$  - The axial coordinate for free shape data. Units are inches.

$x_1$  - The X-direction free shape coordinate at axial location  $z_1$ .  
Units are inches.

$y_1$  - The Y-direction free shape coordinate at axial location  $z_1$ .  
Units are inches.

The axial coordinates must be in ascending order. One hundred axial coordinates are permitted. If this card series is omitted then the clad free shape is assumed to be straight. The program does a least squares fit of the data as described in Section V of Reference [2].

7. Eccentricity (Optional)

The eccentricity is input on card series 3010-3100.

3010-3100,  $z_1, e_{x,1}, e_{y,1}, \dots, z_n, e_{x,n}, e_{y,n}$

$z_1$  - The axial coordinate for eccentricity data. Units are inches.

$e_{x,1}$  - The X-component of the eccentricity at axial location  $z_1$ .  
Units are inches.

$e_{y,1}$  - The Y-component of the eccentricity at axial location  $z_1$ .  
Units are inches.

7. Eccentricity (Optional) (Cont'd)

The restrictions are the same as for the clad free shape input card series 1010-1100. The program does a least squares fit of the data as described in Section V of Reference [2].

8. Boundary Conditions

There are three types of boundary condition input which may be specified at a support. The boundary conditions types are force, displacement and flexible (springs) and are input on cards 10000, 11000, and 12000 respectively. Figure 3 shows a representation of various types of boundary conditions which can be used to model rod supports. For simplicity only the X-Z plane is shown. At support 1, force boundary conditions are assumed for all degrees of freedom while at support 2 displacement boundary conditions are applied. At support number 3, flexible boundary conditions are applied to all degrees of freedom and a support axial displacement is also assumed. At support 4 a displacement boundary condition is applied in the X-direction, and a rotational force (i.e. a moment) boundary condition is applied in the X-Z plane.

At each support there are five degrees of freedom which are translational in X, Y, and Z and rotational in X-Z and Y-Z. The input card has the form BBNSS where BB is 10, 11, and 12 for boundary condition types of force, displacement and flexible respectively, N is the degree of freedom, and SS is the support number. See Table 1 for the relationship among card numbers, type of boundary condition and degree of freedom.

Only the supports that have anything other than a zero force or zero moment boundary condition need to be input. If no boundary condition is input then the support is assumed to be free. Conflicting boundary conditions may not be input. Specifically, a displacement boundary condition may not be input with any other type for the same support and degree of freedom.

TABLE 1

Forces

101SS	lateral force in X-direction
102SS	rotational force (moment) in X-Z plane
103SS	lateral force in Y-direction
104SS	rotational force in Y-Z plane
105SS	lateral force in Z-direction

Displacements

111SS	lateral displacement in X-direction
112SS	slope in X-Z plane
113SS	lateral displacement in Y-direction
114SS	slope in Y-Z plane
115SS	lateral displacement in Z-direction

Flexible (Spring Constants)

121SS	lateral spring in X-direction
122SS	torsional spring in X-Z plane
123SS	lateral spring in Y-direction
124SS	torsional spring in Y-Z plane
125SS	lateral spring in Z-direction

8. Boundary Condition Input Discussion (Cont'd)

There is a minimum set of boundary conditions which must be specified in order to have a well-defined problem. The minimum boundary condition set for the X and Y directions can be specified in two ways. One way is for a lateral displacement or lateral spring to be input at any two distinct supports. The other is for a lateral displacement or lateral spring to be input at any support and a rotational displacement or torsional spring to be input at any support. The Z-direction must have a lateral displacement or spring boundary condition applied to at least one support.

The force and displacement boundary condition input cards have the same format. Constant and time varying data are input as follows:

BBNSS, X

or

BBNSS,  $t_1, X_1, t_2, X_2, \dots t_k, X_k$ .

If one value is supplied then that value X is held constant throughout time. If a table of values is given, the value of X is determined by piecewise linear interpolation. If time is greater than  $t_k$  then  $X_k$  will be held for the rest of the problem. The assumed positive directions for forces and moments are shown in Figure 4. A maximum of 30 times are permitted. The input on the following cards are floating point unless stated otherwise.

8.1.1. X-Direction Lateral Force

101SS, F

or

101SS,  $t_1, F_1, \dots t_k, F_k$

$t_i$  - time in hours

$F_i$  - X-direction transverse force on support SS  
at time  $t_i$ . Units are pounds

8.1.2. X-Direction Rotational Force

102SS, M

or

102SS,  $t_1, M_1, \dots t_k, M_k$

$t_i$  - time in hours

$M_i$  - the moment in the X-Z plane for support SS at time  $t_i$ .  
Units are inch-pounds.

8.1.3. Y-Direction Lateral Force

103SS, F

or

103SS,  $t_1, F_1, \dots t_k, F_k$

$t_i$  - time in hours

$F_i$  - Y-direction transverse force on support SS at time  $t_i$ .  
Units are pounds.

8.1.4. Y-Direction Rotational Force

104SS, M

or

104SS,  $t, M_1, \dots t_k, M_k$

$t_i$  - time in hours

$M_i$  - moment in Y-Z plane for support SS at time  $t_i$ .  
Units are inch-pounds.

8.1.5. Z-Direction Force

105SS, F

or

105SS,  $t_1, F_1, \dots t_k, F_k$

$t_i$  - time in hours

$F_i$  - the axial force for support SS at time  $t_i$ .  
Units are pounds.

8.2.1. X-Direction Translational Displacement

111SS, a

or

111SS,  $t_1, a_1, \dots t_k, a_k$

$t_i$  - time in hours

$a_i$  - the X-direction coordinate of rod at support SS at  $t_i$ .  
Units are inches

8.2.2. X-Direction Rotational Displacement

112SS, b

or

112SS,  $t_1, b_1, \dots t_k, b_k$

$t_i$  - time in hours

$b_i$  - the rod slope in the X-Z plane at support SS at time  $t_1$ .  
Units are inch/inch.

8.2.3. Y-Direction Translational Displacement

113SS, a

or

113SS,  $t_1 a_1, \dots t_k, a_k$

$t_i$  - time in hours

$a_i$  - the rod Y-coordinate at support SS at time  $t_i$ .  
Units are inches.

8.2.4. Y-Direction Rotational Displacement

114SS, b

or

114SS,  $t_1 b_1, \dots, t_k, b_k$

$t_i$  - time in hours

$b_i$  - the rod Y-Z slope at support SS at time  $t_i$ .  
Units are inch/inch.

8.2.5. Z-Direction Translational Displacement

115SS, a

or

115SS,  $t_1, a_1 \dots, t_k, a_k$

$t_i$  - time in hours

$a_i$  - the rod Z-coordinate at support SS at time  $t_i$ .

Units are inches.

8.3. Flexible Boundary Condition Discussion

Flexible, or spring-type, boundary conditions can be applied to each of the nodal degrees-of-freedom. All of the springs are connected to a support whose position and orientation can vary with time. The force- or moment-free position of the spring is defined to be constant relative to the support position. To more accurately model the actual rod support mechanism and to model the spring liftoff behavior, it is assumed that both positive-side and negative-side springs can act on the lateral displacement and rotational degrees-of-freedom. A negative-side spring is defined as one which can only exert a positive direction force or moment on the rod. For lateral displacements, this corresponds to the physical notion of a spring located on the negative side of the rod which can push against the rod if in contact, but can never pull on the rod. Similarly, a positive-side spring is one which can only push the rod in the negative direction. This concept is illustrated in Figure 5 for the case of a lateral displacement degree-of-freedom. For torsional springs, the concept is more difficult to visualize but is mathematically and conceptually the same. For the axial direction, a single spring is used and this spring, if present, is assumed to be attached to the rod throughout the problem.

### 8.3.1. X-Direction Lateral Spring

There are three card formats for flexible boundary condition input depending upon the displacement of the support. The support displacement may be constant or time varying. The support is held at 0.0 displacement if no displacement data is input.

121SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2

or

121SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2, d

or

121SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2,  $t_1$ ,  $d_1$ , ...  $t_k$ ,  $d_k$

K1 - The lateral spring constant in X-direction for a spring on the positive side of the rod. Units are lbs/in.

FRESP1 - The free position X-coordinate relative to the support for a positive side spring (i.e. the X-coordinate of the spring where no force is exerted on the rod). The spring breaks contact with the rod when the calculated displacement is less than the free position coordinate plus the support displacement.

K2 - The lateral spring constant in X-direction for a spring on the negative side of the rod.

FRESP2 - The free position X-coordinate relative to the support for a negative side spring. The spring breaks contact with the rod when the calculated displacement is greater than the free position coordinate plus support displacement.

d - The support displacement which is held constant throughout time. Units are inches. Default value is 0.0.

$t_1$  - time in hours.

$d_1$  - The displacement of the support at time  $t_1$ . Units are inches.

8.3.1. X-Direction Lateral Spring (Cont'd)

Four entries are required on the card. If there is a spring on only one side of the rod, input zeros for the spring input for the side with no spring. The support is assumed to be at zero if support displacements are not input. A maximum of 30 pairs of time-displacements are permitted.

8.3.2. X-Z Plane Torsional Spring

122SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2

or

122SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2, d

or

122SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2,  $t_1$ ,  $d_1$ , ...  $t_k$ ,  $d_k$

K1 - The torsional spring constant in the X-Z plane for a positive-side spring. Units for K1 and K2 are inch-lbs/inch/inch.

FRESP1 - The free position X-Z slope relative to the support for a positive side spring (i.e. the X-Z slope of the spring where no moment is exerted on the rod). The spring breaks contact with the rod when the calculated slope is less than the free position slope plus the support slope.

K2 - The torsional spring constant in the X-Z plane for a negative-side spring.

FRESP2 - The free position X-Z slope relative to the support for a negative side spring. The spring breaks contact with the rod when the calculated slope is greater than the free position slope plus the support slope.

d - The support slope which is held constant throughout time. Units are inch/inch. Default value is 0.0.

or for time varying slopes.

$t_1$  - time in hours.

$d_1$  - The slope of the support at time  $t_1$ . Units are inch/inch.

8.3.3. Y-Direction Lateral Springs

123SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2

or

123SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2, d

or

123SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2,  $t_1, d_1, \dots t_k, d_k$

The Y-direction lateral spring input. See card 121SS for description of input variables.

8.3.4. Y-Z Plane Torsional Springs

124SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2

or

124SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2, d

or

124SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2,  $t_1, d_1, \dots t_k, d_k$

The Y-direction torsional spring input. See card 122SS for description of input variables.

8.3.5. Axial Spring Input

125SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2

or

125SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2, d

or

125SS, K1, FRESP1, K2, FRESP2,  $t_1, d_1, \dots t_k, d_k$

See card 121SS for a description of the input variables.

The variables on this card refer to axial direction displacements and spring constants. The axial springs are assumed to be attached to the rod at all times.

9. Output Times

31000, WRITE/PLOT,  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ , ...  $t_N$  \$ (Optional)

WRITE/PL~~O~~T - (Alphanumeric) The character string DONT PLOT for no plots or the character string PLEASE PLOT to obtain plots of the rod at the times listed on the card. Two plots of the rod are given, one in the X-Z plane and the other in the Y-Z plane.

$t_1$  - time in hours for plotting rod shape. A maximum of 50 times are allowed,

10. Plot Options

34000, USRMAX, NGRID, NSTRIP \$ (Optional)

USRMAX - (Floating) The vertical limit for plotting the rod shape and history shape. The vertical axis corresponds to the X and Y deflections. The default is to let the program decide vertical axis.

NGRID - (Integer) Option to place a grid on the plots. A 0 for no grid and a 1 for a grid. Default is 0 for no grid.

NSTRIP - (Integer) The number of strips to place on one frame. The minimum is one strip per frame to a maximum of 5 strips per frame. A negative value will join the strips vertically on a frame while a positive value has separate strips. The default is four separate strips on a frame,

11. Axial Edit Locations

33000 - 33009,  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_2$ ,  $Z_3$ , ...  $Z_n$  (Required)

A list of axial coordinates for which an edit is given at times listed on card series 31000 and an edit/plot is performed for the entire history at problem termination. The deflections are centerline reference for the X and Y direction. A maximum of 50 coordinates are permitted. When plotting, the vertical axis, grid, and number of strips from card 34000 are applicable.

12. Environmental Data

33010, NSEGMENT \$ (Optional)

NSEGMENT - (Integer) The CYGR05 segment for which the environmental data of pressure, temperature, and power are included in the history deflection data at problem end time. The default value is the first segment.

13. Interaction Parameters

13.1 Fuel-Clad Efficiency Parameters

70050, ETA, GAMMA, BETA \$ (Optional)

ETA - The fuel-clad bending stiffness efficiency. ETA is used when fuel and clad are in contact. The value must be  $0 \leq \text{ETA} < 1.0$ . The default value is .999.

GAMMA - The fuel-clad contact efficiency. This parameter represents the ratio of observed curvature jumps to the curvature jumps that would be obtained if there were perfect interaction. GAMMA is used whenever fuel-clad contact occurs and is used to compute jump curvature terms. The value must be  $0 \leq \text{GAMMA} < 1.0$ . The default value is .999.

BETA - The bending viscosity ratio for fuel-clad interaction. A large value makes the fuel-clad interaction region elastic. Defaults to 1.0 E+6.

13.2. Fuel-Fuel Efficiency Parameters

70051, ETA, GAMMA, BETA \$ (Optional)

The variables have the same meaning as those on card 70050 except that they refer to fuel-fuel interaction.

14. Gradients

70061,  $A_x$ ,  $Z_x$ ,  $\phi_x$ ,  $A_y$ ,  $Z_y$ ,  $\phi_y$  \$ (Optional)

The coefficients in computing the x and y direction gradients for the heat generation in the fuel. The subscripts indicate the x or y direction. The gradient at an axial location  $z_i$  is given by

$$\text{gradient} = A \cos [2\pi(z_i + \phi)/Z]$$

where A,  $\phi$  and Z are parameters used to define the shape of the function. If Z is input as 0.0, then it is set to a large number which gives a constant gradient. Similarly gradients can be input on cards 70062, 70063 and 70064 for fast flux, coolant temperature, and film coefficient on rod surface, respectively. If a gradient card is omitted, it is assumed that the gradient is zero.

15. Special Options

70070, ECCENCON, ECCENCOL, CRACK \$ (Optional)

ECCENCON - (Integer) Input a 0 or 1. A value of one sets the eccentricity contribution of induced curvature to 0.0 when fuel-clad interaction occurs. A value of zero causes the eccentricity contribution to the induced curvature to be included at all times. Defaults to 0.

ECCENCOL - (Integer) Input a 0 or 1. A value of one sets the eccentricity contribution of the induced curvature to 0.0 if there is clad collapses onto the fuel, fuel hourgassing interaction, or fuel excess temperature interaction. A value of zero causes the eccentricity contribution to the induced curvature to be included at all times. Defaults to 0.

15. Special Options (Cont'd)

CRACK - (Integer) Input a 0 or 1. A value of one causes the creep viscosity of fuel rings which are cracked to be set to a very small number. A value of zero causes cracked rings to be treated as if they were not cracked; that is, the effects of cracking are ignored.

70071, ATTACHMENT \$ (Optional)

ATTACHMENT - (Integer) Input a 0 or 1. A value of 1 causes all flexible boundary condition springs to be attached at all times at all supports (i.e. lift-off is not allowed). A value of 0 allows lift-off. Defaults to 0.

16. Input Check

99999, INPUT CHECK (Optional)

The character string INPUT CHECK causes the program to check the input, then terminate.

17. Debug Output Controls

10, TIME1, TIME2, PRINT1, PRINT2, ..., PRINT9 (Optional)

TIME1 - (Floating) History time to start the edits.

TIME2 - (Floating) History time to terminate the problem.

If this card is omitted the program goes through the entire history in the CYGRO5 file. For the print variables, an entry of zero will suppress the edits while an entry of one turns the edits on.

PRINT1 - (Integer) The global stiffness matrix for the free shape fit and the free shape nodal displacements.

PRINT2 - (Integer) The global stiffness matrix before boundary conditions are applied.

17. Debug Output Controls (Cont'd)

PRINT3 - (Integer) The global stiffness matrix after boundary conditions are applied.

PRINT4 - (Integer) The nodal forces, correction forces, right-hand side, and displacement increments.

PRINT5 - (Integer) The D-matrix, E-vector, strain increments, and stresses in the X, Y, and Z directions at the gauss points for all elements. See Reference [2], Section III for definitions of these quantities.

PRINT6 - (Integer) Prints the variables that are used to construct the constitutive equation. For the CYGRO5 rings, these variables are the radii, moments, axial forces, elastic moduli, creep compliances, induced curvatures, and the a's and b's. For the fuel 1, fuel 2, and cladding regions the variables are curvatures, curvature increments, axial strains, strain increments, curvature jumps, and the A's and B's. These quantities are defined in Section III of Reference [2]. The edits are done for every gauss point in all elements.

PRINT7 - (Integer) Data from the CYGRO5 file and variables used in the induced curvature calculation. This edit produces a lot of output. The edit is done for every gauss point in all elements.

PRINT8 - (Integer) The nodal centroidal and centerline deflections along with the lateral deflections at the axial locations listed on card 33000. If this entry is a one, these edits are printed regardless of the values for TIME1 and TIME2.

#### IV. Sample Problem

This section gives an example of the card series input and program output edits for a typical bowing problem. The sample problem has four spans with supports located at axial coordinates 0.0, 20.0, 50.0, 80.0, and 100.0 inches. There are 3 elements in span 1, 2 elements in span 2, 2 elements in span 3, and 3 elements in span 4 for a total of 10 elements. The boundary conditions applied to the rod are indicated in Figure 6. The displacements and slopes at support 1 are all specified. Support 2 has fixed lateral displacements in X and Y, specified moments in the X-Z and Y-Z planes, torsional springs resisting the applied moments, and a specified axial force. Support 3 has specified forces in the X and Y directions. Support 4 has specified slopes in the X-Z and Y-Z planes and springs in the X and Y directions. At support 5, torsional springs act in the X-Z and Y-Z planes and an axial spring with axial support displacements is attached to the rod.

The fuel rod has an initial sinusoidal free shape in both the X and Y directions. The free shape data is input on card series 1010-1018. The CYGR05 data file was generated using the CYGR05 sample problem given in Reference [1]. This problem has two segments with dimensions 0.0 to 45.0 inches for segment 1 and 45.0 to 100.0 inches for segment 2. ROBOT3 computes the lateral deflections occurring in the fuel rod and reports them at the axial locations specified on card 33000. Figure 7 shows a sample of deflection plots which can be generated by ROBOT3.

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= SAMPLE TEST PROBLEM
0001 100, CYGROB, 1 $ FILE FROM CYGROS
0002 1000, 3,2,2,3 $ ELEMENTS PER SPAN
0003 1001, 0.0, 20.0, 50.0, 80.0, 100.0 $ SUPPORT POSITIONS
**** CLAD FREE SHAPE
0004 1010, 0.0,0.0,0.0, 5.0, .0011, .0011, 10.0, .00195, .00195
0005 1011, 15.0, .0026, .0026, 20.0, .003, .003, 25.0, .0029, .0029
0006 1012, 30.0, .0026, .0026, 35.0, .00213, .00213, 40.0, .00155, .00155
0007 1013, 45.0, .0008, .0008, 50.0, 0.0,0.0, 55.0, -.00065, -.00065
0008 1014, 60.0, -.00121, -.00121, 65.0, -.00165, -.00165
0009 1015, 70.0, -.0019, -.0019, 75.0, -.002, -.002,
0010 1016, 80.0, -.002, -.002, 85.0, -.00175, -.00175,
0011 1017, 90.0, -.00135, -.00135, 95.0, -.0008, -.0008
0012 1018, 100.0,0.0,0.0
*** BOUNDARY CONDITIONS - FIXED DISPLACEMENTS
0013 11101, 0.0, $ FIX X AT SUPPORT 1
0014 11201, 0.01 $ FIX SLOPE IN X-Z PLANE AT SUPPORT 1
0015 11301, 0.0 $ FIX Y AT SUPPORT 1
0016 11401, 0.01 $ FIX SLOPE IN Y-Z PLANE AT SUPPCRT 1
0017 11501, 0.0 $ FIX Z AT SUPPORT 1
*
0018 11102, 0.0 $ FIX X AT SUPPORT 2
0019 11302, 0.0 $ FIX Y AT SUPPORT 2
*
0020 11204, 0.0,0.0,500.0,0.05 $ FIX SLOPE USING TIME DEPENDENT TABLE SUPPORT 4
0021 11404, 0.0,0.0,500.0,0.05 $ FIX SLOPE USING TIME DEPENDENT TABLE SUPPORT 4
*
* FORCE BOUNDARY CONDITION
0022 10103, 25.0 $ X-FORCE AT SUPPORT 3
0023 10303, 25.0 $ Y-FORCE AT SUPPORT 3
0024 10202, 0.0,10.0,50.0,20.0 $ X-MOMENT AT SUPPORT 2
+ 100.0,30.0,50.0,35.0 $ CARD 10202 CONTINUED
0025 10402, 0.0,10.0,50.0,20.0 $ Y-MOMENT AT SUPPORT 2
+ 100.0,30.0,500.0,35.0 $ CARD 10402 CONTINUED
0026 10502, 0.0,30.0,50.0,20.0,100.0,10.0,500.0,0.0 $ Z-FORCE AT SUPPORT 2
*
* FLEXIBLE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS
0027 12505, 1.5,0.0,0.0,0.0, 1.0-4 $ AXIAL SPRING AT SUPPORT 5 WITH DISPLACEMENTS
0028 12104, 2.5,0.0,2.5,0.0 $ X-LATERAL SPRING AT SUPPORT 4
0029 12304, 2.5,0.0,2.5,0.0 $ Y-LATERAL SPRING AT SUPPORT 4
0030 12202, 1.7,0.0,1.7,0.0 $ X-TORSIONAL SPRING AT SUPPORT 2
0031 12402, 1.7,0.0,1.7,0.0 $ Y-TORSIONAL SPRING AT SUPPCRT 2
0032 12205, 2.3,0.0,2.3,0.0 $ X-TORSIONAL SPRING AT SUPPCRT 5
0033 12405, 2.3,0.0,2.3,0.0 $ Y-TORSIONAL SPRING AT SUPPORT 5
0034 10, 100.0, 100.7,/8/0
0035 33000, 0.0, 25.0, 50.0, 75.0, 100.0
0036 33010, 1
0037 31000, PLEASEPLOT, .02, 50.0, 100.0, 1000.0
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BOUNDARY CONDITIONS						
SUPPORT	Z-CORR	X	X-Z	Y	Y-Z	Z
1	0.000	DISPLACE	DISPLACE	DISPLACE	DISPLACE	DISPLACE
2	20.000	DISPLACE	FOR-FLEX	DISPLACE	FOR-FLEX	FORCE
3	50.000	FORCE	FREE	FCRCE	FREE	FREE
4	80.000	FLEXIBLE	DISPLACE	FLEXIBLE	DISPLACE	FREE
5	100.000	FREE	FLEXIBLE	FREE	FLEXIBLE	FLEXIBLE

FOR THIS PROBLEM THE FUEL-CLAD BENDING INTERACTION IS GOVERNED BY THE FOLLOWING COEFFICIENTS  
 FUEL-CLAD DIAMETRAL INTERFERENCE. ETA-CON = 1.0000  
 EFFICIENCY AT BEGINNING OF INTERACTION. GAMMA = 1.0000  
 FUEL-CLAD BENDING VISCOSITY EFFICIENCY. BETA =1000000+07

FOR THIS PROBLEM THE FUEL-FUEL BENDING INTERACTION IS GOVERNED BY THE FOLLOWING COEFFICIENTS  
 FUEL-FUEL DIAMETRAL INTERFERENCE. ETA-CON = 1.0000  
 EFFICIENCY AT BEGINNING OF INTERACTION. GAMMA = 1.0000  
 FUEL-FUEL BENDING VISCOSITY EFFICIENCY. BETA =1000000+07

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 MODELING OPTIONS USED

THE EFFECT OF CLADDING CIRCUMFERENTIAL WALL THICKNESS VARIATION (ECCENTRICITY) ON BENDING CREEP RATES WILL BE INCLUDED  
 AT ALL TIMES.

FUEL RINGS WITH TRANSVERSE CRACKS WILL BE DISREGARDED IN ALL STIFFNESS CALCULATIONS. THE FREE CURVATURE WILL BE  
 UNCHANGE BY CRACKING.

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 THE ROD HISTORY FOR THIS JOB IS FROM AN A.F.M. FILE WITH PREFIX \*IEBK\*, IDENTIFIER \*ROBOT-TEST RUN \* AND VERSION  
 NUMBER 1. THE FILE HAS 1 SECTIONS.

FILE IDENTIFICATION PARAMETERS--CSTR1 I.D.CYGR05 , CSTR1 VERSION 14, CSTR1 DATE 820615, LINK DATE 06/15/82  
 JOB CARD I.D. IEBK014, USER KOVSC, DATE 82/06/15 , TIME 15.58.43 , MACHINE C

THE CYGRO PROBLEM INCLUDES 3 SEGMENTS (INCLUDING THE PLENUM.) THE LENGTH OF THE ROD IS 108.750

SEGMENT 1 LIES BETWEEN Z = 0.00 AND Z = 45.00

SEGMENT 2 LIES BETWEEN Z = 45.00 AND Z = 100.00

SEGMENT 3 LIES BETWEEN Z = 100.00 AND Z = 108.75

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 CLAD-SHAPE U-DATA VS CURVE FIT

Z	U-INPUT	U-FIT	U-DIF	V-INPUT	V-FIT	V-DIF
0.00000	0.00000	.00000	-.00000	0.00000	.00000	-.00000
5.00000	.00110	.00110	.00000	.00110	.00110	.00000
10.00000	.00195	.00195	.00000	.00195	.00195	.00000
15.00000	.00260	.00260	-.00000	.00260	.00260	-.00000
20.00000	.00300	.00300	.00000	.00300	.00300	.00000
25.00000	.00290	.00291	-.00001	.00290	.00291	-.00001
30.00000	.00260	.00259	.00001	.00260	.00259	.00001
35.00000	.00213	.00214	-.00001	.00213	.00214	-.00001
40.00000	.00155	.00155	.00000	.00155	.00155	.00000

## SAMPLE TEST PROBLEM

CASE -1 IEBK008 82/06/28 ROBOT3 KOVSC PG 3

45.00000	.00080	.00079	.00001	.00080	.00079	.00001
50.00000	0.00000	.00002	-.00002	0.00000	.00002	-.00002
55.00000	-.00065	-.00066	.00001	-.00065	-.00066	.00001
60.00000	-.00121	-.00121	-.00000	-.00121	-.00121	-.00000
65.00000	-.00165	-.00164	-.00001	-.00165	-.00164	-.00001
70.00000	-.00190	-.00191	.00001	-.00190	-.00191	.00001
75.00000	-.00200	-.00200	-.00000	-.00200	-.00200	-.00000
80.00000	-.00200	-.00200	.00000	-.00200	-.00200	.00000
85.00000	-.00175	-.00175	.00000	-.00175	-.00175	.00000
90.00000	-.00135	-.00135	.00000	-.00135	-.00135	.00000
95.00000	-.00080	-.00080	-.00000	-.00080	-.00080	-.00000
100.00000	0.00000	-.00000	.00000	0.00000	-.00000	.00000

KTIME 3 TIME 366400+01

Z-CORR	U(Z)	V(Z)
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
25.0000	2.0912	2.0912
50.0000	16.0046	16.0046
75.0000	5.3824	5.3824
100.0000	4.4292	4.4292

KTIME 49 TIME 504856+02

Z-CORR	U(Z)	V(Z)
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
25.0000	2.1539	2.1539
50.0000	16.0094	16.0094
75.0000	5.4100	5.4100
100.0000	4.5107	4.5107

KTIME 101 TIME 100687+03

Z-CORR	U(Z)	V(Z)
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
25.0000	2.2379	2.2379
50.0000	16.1020	16.1020
75.0000	5.4325	5.4325
100.0000	4.5858	4.5858

## SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DATA AND DEFLECTIONS. ENVIRONMENTAL DATA IS FOR CYGRO CROSS-SECTION 1

TIME	P-SYS	T-WAT	POWER	Z=	0.0000		25.0000		50.0000		75.0000	
					U(Z)	V(Z)	U(Z)	V(Z)	U(Z)	V(Z)	U(Z)	V(Z)
0.0000	0.0	72.0	0.	....	0.00000	0.00000	1.60610	1.60610	12.18371	12.18371	5.34712	5.34712
0.1000	0.0	78.0	0.	....	0.00000	0.00000	1.59930	1.59930	12.13552	12.13552	5.33411	5.33411
3.6640	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.09118	2.09118	16.00463	16.00463	5.38243	5.38243
7.0439	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.08137	2.08137	15.88107	15.88107	5.39068	5.39068
8.0093	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.08337	2.08337	15.88755	15.88755	5.39120	5.39120
8.9747	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.08530	2.08530	15.89346	15.89346	5.39167	5.39167
9.9401	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.08716	2.08716	15.89874	15.89874	5.39213	5.39213
10.9055	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.08896	2.08896	15.90355	15.90355	5.39258	5.39258
11.8709	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.09072	2.09072	15.90799	15.90799	5.39303	5.39303
12.8363	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.09244	2.09244	15.91212	15.91212	5.39347	5.39347
13.8017	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.09413	2.09413	15.91600	15.91600	5.39390	5.39390
14.7671	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.09580	2.09580	15.91969	15.91969	5.39434	5.39434
15.7325	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.09746	2.09746	15.92320	15.92320	5.39476	5.39476
16.6978	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.09909	2.09909	15.92656	15.92656	5.39519	5.39519
17.6632	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.10072	2.10072	15.92980	15.92980	5.39562	5.39562
18.6286	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.10233	2.10233	15.93293	15.93293	5.39604	5.39604
19.5940	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.10394	2.10394	15.93595	15.93595	5.39647	5.39647
20.5594	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.10553	2.10553	15.93888	15.93888	5.39689	5.39689
21.5248	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.10712	2.10712	15.94174	15.94174	5.39731	5.39731
22.4902	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.10870	2.10870	15.94452	15.94452	5.39773	5.39773
23.4556	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.11028	2.11028	15.94724	15.94724	5.39815	5.39815
24.4210	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.11185	2.11185	15.94989	15.94989	5.39858	5.39858
25.3864	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.11342	2.11342	15.95250	15.95250	5.39900	5.39900
26.3518	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.11499	2.11499	15.95505	15.95505	5.39942	5.39942
27.3172	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.11655	2.11655	15.95755	15.95755	5.39984	5.39984
28.2826	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.11811	2.11811	15.96001	15.96001	5.40026	5.40026
29.2480	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.11967	2.11967	15.96244	15.96244	5.40068	5.40068
30.2133	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.12123	2.12123	15.96482	15.96482	5.40110	5.40110
31.1787	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.12278	2.12278	15.96718	15.96718	5.40152	5.40152
32.1441	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.12433	2.12433	15.96949	15.96949	5.40194	5.40194
33.1095	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.12589	2.12589	15.97178	15.97178	5.40236	5.40236
34.0749	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.12744	2.12744	15.97405	15.97405	5.40278	5.40278
35.0403	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.12899	2.12899	15.97628	15.97628	5.40320	5.40320
36.0057	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.13054	2.13054	15.97849	15.97849	5.40362	5.40362
36.9711	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.13209	2.13209	15.98068	15.98068	5.40404	5.40404
37.9365	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.13365	2.13365	15.98284	15.98284	5.40446	5.40446
38.9019	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.13520	2.13520	15.98499	15.98499	5.40488	5.40488
39.8673	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.13675	2.13675	15.98711	15.98711	5.40530	5.40530
40.8327	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.13830	2.13830	15.98921	15.98921	5.40573	5.40573
41.7981	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.13986	2.13986	15.99130	15.99130	5.40615	5.40615
42.7635	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.14141	2.14141	15.99337	15.99337	5.40657	5.40657
43.7288	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.14297	2.14297	15.99543	15.99543	5.40699	5.40699
44.6942	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.14453	2.14453	15.99746	15.99746	5.40742	5.40742
45.6596	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.14608	2.14608	15.99949	15.99949	5.40784	5.40784
46.6250	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.14764	2.14764	16.00150	16.00150	5.40826	5.40826
47.5904	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.14920	2.14920	16.00350	16.00350	5.40869	5.40869
48.5558	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.15077	2.15077	16.00548	16.00548	5.40911	5.40911
49.5212	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.15233	2.15233	16.00745	16.00745	5.40954	5.40954
50.4866	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.15390	2.15390	16.00941	16.00941	5.40996	5.40996
51.4520	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.15546	2.15546	16.01136	16.01136	5.41039	5.41039
52.4174	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.15703	2.15703	16.01330	16.01330	5.41082	5.41082
53.3828	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.15860	2.15860	16.01523	16.01523	5.41124	5.41124
54.3482	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.16018	2.16018	16.01715	16.01715	5.41167	5.41167
55.3136	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	0.00000	0.00000	2.16175	2.16175	16.01906	16.01906	5.41210	5.41210

## SAMPLE TEST PROBLEM

TIME	P-SYS	T-WAT	POWER	Z=	0.0000	CASE	-1	IEBK008	82/06/28	ROBOT3	KOVSC	PG	5
56.2790	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.16333	2.16333	16.02096	16.02096	5.41253	5.41253	
57.2444	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.16491	2.16491	16.02286	16.02286	5.41296	5.41296	
58.2097	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.16649	2.16649	16.02474	16.02474	5.41339	5.41339	
59.1751	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.16807	2.16807	16.02662	16.02662	5.41382	5.41382	
60.1405	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.16965	2.16965	16.02848	16.02848	5.41425	5.41425	
61.1059	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.17124	2.17124	16.03035	16.03035	5.41468	5.41468	
62.0713	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.17283	2.17283	16.03220	16.03220	5.41511	5.41511	
63.0367	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.17442	2.17442	16.03405	16.03405	5.41554	5.41554	
64.0021	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.17602	2.17602	16.03589	16.03589	5.41597	5.41597	
64.9675	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.17762	2.17762	16.03772	16.03772	5.41641	5.41641	
65.9329	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.17922	2.17922	16.03955	16.03955	5.41684	5.41684	
66.8983	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.18082	2.18082	16.04137	16.04137	5.41728	5.41728	
67.8637	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.18242	2.18242	16.04319	16.04319	5.41771	5.41771	
68.8291	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.18403	2.18403	16.04500	16.04500	5.41815	5.41815	
69.7945	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.18564	2.18564	16.04681	16.04681	5.41858	5.41858	
70.7599	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.18725	2.18725	16.04861	16.04861	5.41902	5.41902	
71.7252	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.18887	2.18887	16.05041	16.05041	5.41946	5.41946	
72.6906	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.19049	2.19049	16.05220	16.05220	5.41989	5.41989	
73.6560	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.19211	2.19211	16.05399	16.05399	5.42033	5.42033	
74.6214	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.19373	2.19373	16.05577	16.05577	5.42077	5.42077	
75.5868	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.19536	2.19536	16.05755	16.05755	5.42121	5.42121	
76.5522	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.19699	2.19699	16.05932	16.05932	5.42165	5.42165	
77.5176	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.19862	2.19862	16.06109	16.06109	5.42209	5.42209	
78.4830	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.20026	2.20026	16.06286	16.06286	5.42254	5.42254	
79.4484	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.20190	2.20190	16.06462	16.06462	5.42298	5.42298	
80.4138	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.20354	2.20354	16.06638	16.06638	5.42342	5.42342	
81.3792	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.20519	2.20519	16.06814	16.06814	5.42387	5.42387	
82.3446	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.20683	2.20683	16.06989	16.06989	5.42431	5.42431	
83.3100	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.20848	2.20848	16.07164	16.07164	5.42476	5.42476	
84.2754	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.21014	2.21014	16.07339	16.07339	5.42520	5.42520	
85.2407	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.21180	2.21180	16.07513	16.07513	5.42565	5.42565	
86.2061	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.21346	2.21346	16.07687	16.07687	5.42610	5.42610	
87.1715	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.21512	2.21512	16.07861	16.07861	5.42654	5.42654	
88.1369	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.21679	2.21679	16.08034	16.08034	5.42699	5.42699	
89.1023	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.21846	2.21846	16.08208	16.08208	5.42744	5.42744	
90.0677	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.22013	2.22013	16.08381	16.08381	5.42789	5.42789	
91.0331	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.22181	2.22181	16.08553	16.08553	5.42834	5.42834	
91.9985	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.22349	2.22349	16.08726	16.08726	5.42880	5.42880	
92.9639	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.22518	2.22518	16.08898	16.08898	5.42925	5.42925	
93.9293	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.22686	2.22686	16.09070	16.09070	5.42970	5.42970	
94.8947	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.22856	2.22856	16.09242	16.09242	5.43015	5.43015	
95.8601	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.23025	2.23025	16.09414	16.09414	5.43061	5.43061	
96.8255	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.23195	2.23195	16.09585	16.09585	5.43106	5.43106	
97.7909	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.23365	2.23365	16.09757	16.09757	5.43152	5.43152	
98.7562	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.23536	2.23536	16.09928	16.09928	5.43198	5.43198	
99.7216	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.23707	2.23707	16.10099	16.10099	5.43244	5.43244	
100.6870	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	.....	0.00000	0.00000	2.23788	2.23788	16.10196	16.10196	5.43249	5.43249	

## SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DATA AND DEFLECTIONS. ENVIRONMENTAL DATA IS FOR CYGRO CROSS-SECTION 1

TIME	P-SYS	T-WAT	POWER	Z=	100.0000
					U(Z) V(Z)
.0000	0.0	72.0	0.	....	4.74734 4.74734
.0100	0.0	78.0	0.	....	4.73736 4.73736
3.6640	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.42923 4.42923
7.0439	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.45063 4.45063
8.0093	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.45159 4.45159
8.9747	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.45259 4.45259
9.9401	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.45365 4.45365
10.9055	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.45476 4.45476
11.8709	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.45592 4.45592
12.8363	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.45710 4.45710
13.8017	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.45832 4.45832
14.7671	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.45956 4.45956
15.7325	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.46082 4.46082
16.6978	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.46209 4.46209
17.6632	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.46338 4.46338
18.6286	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.46468 4.46468
19.5940	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.46599 4.46599
20.5594	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.46732 4.46732
21.5248	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.46865 4.46865
22.4902	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.46999 4.46999
23.4556	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.47134 4.47134
24.4210	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.47270 4.47270
25.3864	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.47406 4.47406
26.3518	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.47543 4.47543
27.3172	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.47680 4.47680
28.2826	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.47818 4.47818
29.2480	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.47957 4.47957
30.2133	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.48095 4.48095
31.1787	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.48235 4.48235
32.1441	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.48374 4.48374
33.1095	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.48514 4.48514
34.0749	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.48654 4.48654
35.0403	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.48794 4.48794
36.0057	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.48935 4.48935
36.9711	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.49076 4.49076
37.9365	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.49217 4.49217
38.9019	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.49359 4.49359
39.8673	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.49500 4.49500
40.8327	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.49642 4.49642
41.7981	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.49784 4.49784
42.7635	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.49927 4.49927
43.7288	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.50069 4.50069
44.6942	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.50212 4.50212
45.6596	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.50354 4.50354
46.6250	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.50497 4.50497
47.5904	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.50640 4.50640
48.5558	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.50783 4.50783
49.5212	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.50927 4.50927
50.4866	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.51070 4.51070
51.4520	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.51214 4.51214
52.4174	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.51357 4.51357
53.3828	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.51501 4.51501
54.3482	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.51645 4.51645
55.3136	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.51789 4.51789

TIME	P-SYS	T-WAT	POWER	Z=	100.0000
56.2790	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.51933 4.51933
57.2444	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.52077 4.52077
58.2097	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.52221 4.52221
59.1751	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.52366 4.52366
60.1405	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.52510 4.52510
61.1059	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.52654 4.52654
62.0713	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.52799 4.52799
63.0367	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.52944 4.52944
64.0021	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.53088 4.53088
64.9675	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.53233 4.53233
65.9329	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.53378 4.53378
66.8983	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.53523 4.53523
67.8637	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.53667 4.53667
68.8291	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.53812 4.53812
69.7945	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.53957 4.53957
70.7599	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.54102 4.54102
71.7252	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.54247 4.54247
72.6906	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.54393 4.54393
73.6560	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.54538 4.54538
74.6214	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.54683 4.54683
75.5868	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.54828 4.54828
76.5522	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.54974 4.54974
77.5176	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.55119 4.55119
78.4830	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.55264 4.55264
79.4484	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.55410 4.55410
80.4138	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.55555 4.55555
81.3792	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.55701 4.55701
82.3446	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.55846 4.55846
83.3100	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.55992 4.55992
84.2754	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.56137 4.56137
85.2407	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.56283 4.56283
86.2061	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.56428 4.56428
87.1715	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.56574 4.56574
88.1369	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.56720 4.56720
89.1023	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.56865 4.56865
90.0677	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.57011 4.57011
91.0331	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.57157 4.57157
91.9985	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.57302 4.57302
92.9639	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.57448 4.57448
93.9293	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.57594 4.57594
94.8947	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.57740 4.57740
95.8601	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.57886 4.57886
96.8255	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.58031 4.58031
97.7909	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.58177 4.58177
98.7562	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.58323 4.58323
99.7216	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.58469 4.58469
100.6870	2000.0	653.6	.39E+03	....	4.58576 4.58576

END OF LIFE FREE SHAPE

AXIAL COOR	U(Z)	V(Z)
NODE POINT 1		
0.00	0.0000	0.0000
2.00	-.0126	-.0126
4.00	-.0781	-.0781
6.00	-.1710	-.1710
NODE POINT 2		
6.67	-.2036	-.2036
8.67	-.3020	-.3020
10.67	-.3910	-.3910
12.67	-.4532	-.4532
NODE POINT 3		
13.33	-.4650	-.4650
15.33	-.4700	-.4700
17.33	-.3620	-.3620
19.33	-.0384	-.0384
NODE POINT 4		
20.00	.1351	.1351
22.00	.8283	.8283
24.00	1.7262	1.7262
26.00	2.7882	2.7882
28.00	3.9732	3.9732
30.00	5.2404	5.2404
32.00	6.5489	6.5489
34.00	7.8578	7.8578
NODE POINT 5		
35.00	8.4997	8.4997
37.00	9.7932	9.7932
39.00	11.0945	11.0945
41.00	12.3448	12.3448
43.00	13.4856	13.4856
45.00	14.4585	14.4585
47.00	15.2047	15.2047
49.00	15.6659	15.6659
NODE POINT 6		
50.00	15.7712	15.7712
52.00	15.7139	15.7139
54.00	15.3422	15.3422
56.00	14.7158	14.7158
58.00	13.8944	13.8944
60.00	12.9377	12.9377
62.00	11.9053	11.9053
64.00	10.8571	10.8571
NODE POINT 7		
65.00	10.3456	10.3456
67.00	9.3130	9.3130
69.00	8.2648	8.2648
71.00	7.2551	7.2551
73.00	6.3376	6.3376
75.00	5.5662	5.5662
77.00	4.9949	4.9949
79.00	4.6774	4.6774
NODE POINT 8		
80.00	4.6307	4.6307
82.00	4.6200	4.6200
84.00	4.6115	4.6115

## SAMPLE TEST PROBLEM

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86.00	4.6050	4.6050
NODE POINT	9	
86.67	4.6031	4.6031
88.67	4.5984	4.5984
90.67	4.5947	4.5947
92.67	4.5919	4.5919
NODE POINT	10	
93.33	4.5911	4.5911
95.33	4.5891	4.5891
97.33	4.5875	4.5875
99.33	4.5862	4.5862
NODE POINT	11	

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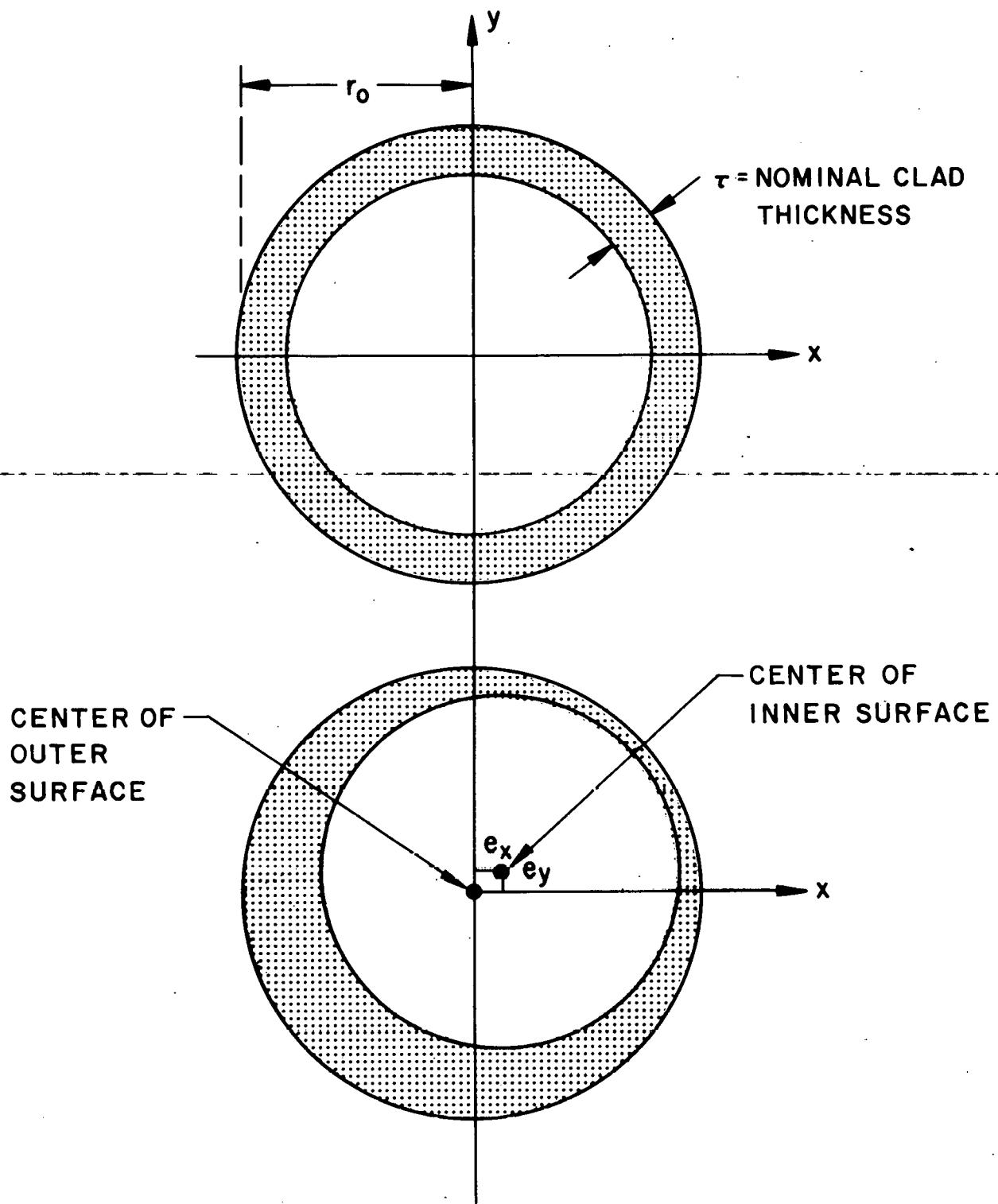
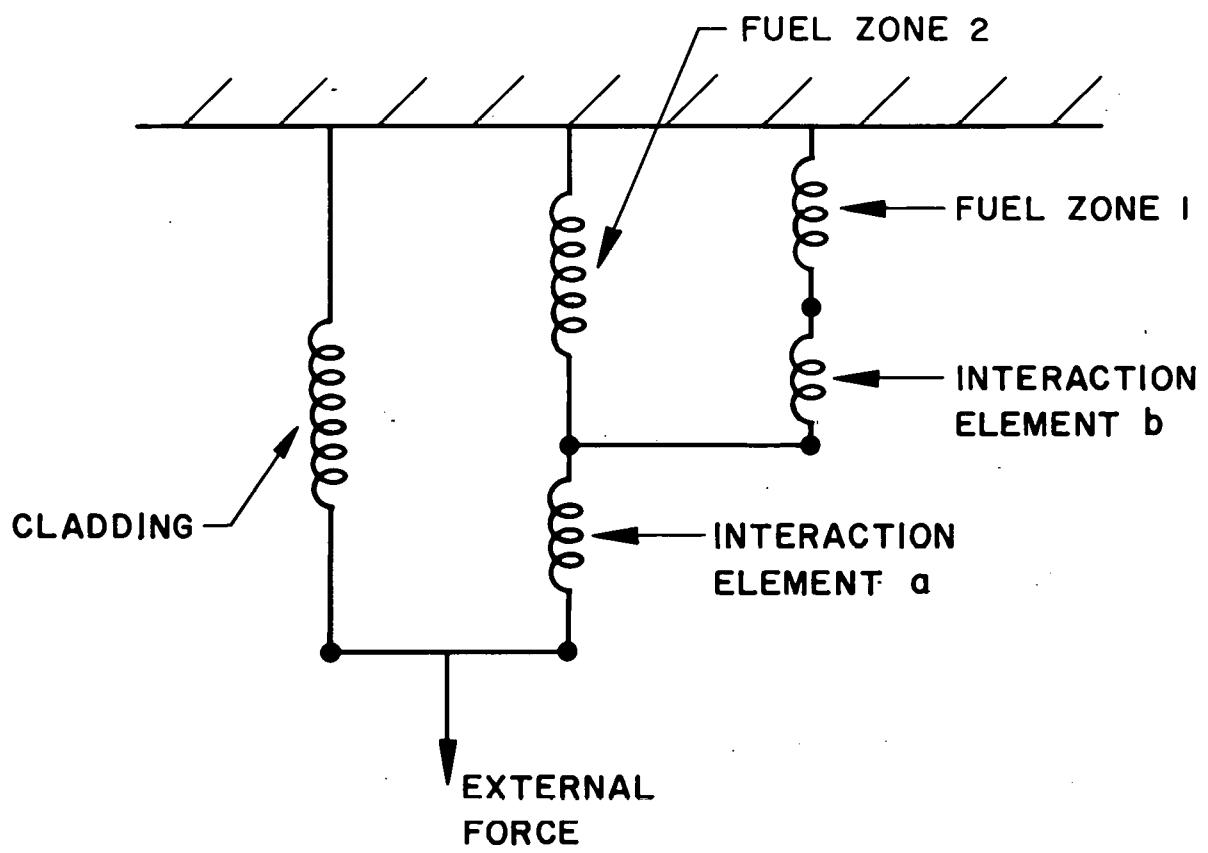


FIGURE 1. CLADDING ECCENTRICITY



**FIGURE 2. LINEAR SPRING ANALOG OF THE  
INTERACTION MODEL**

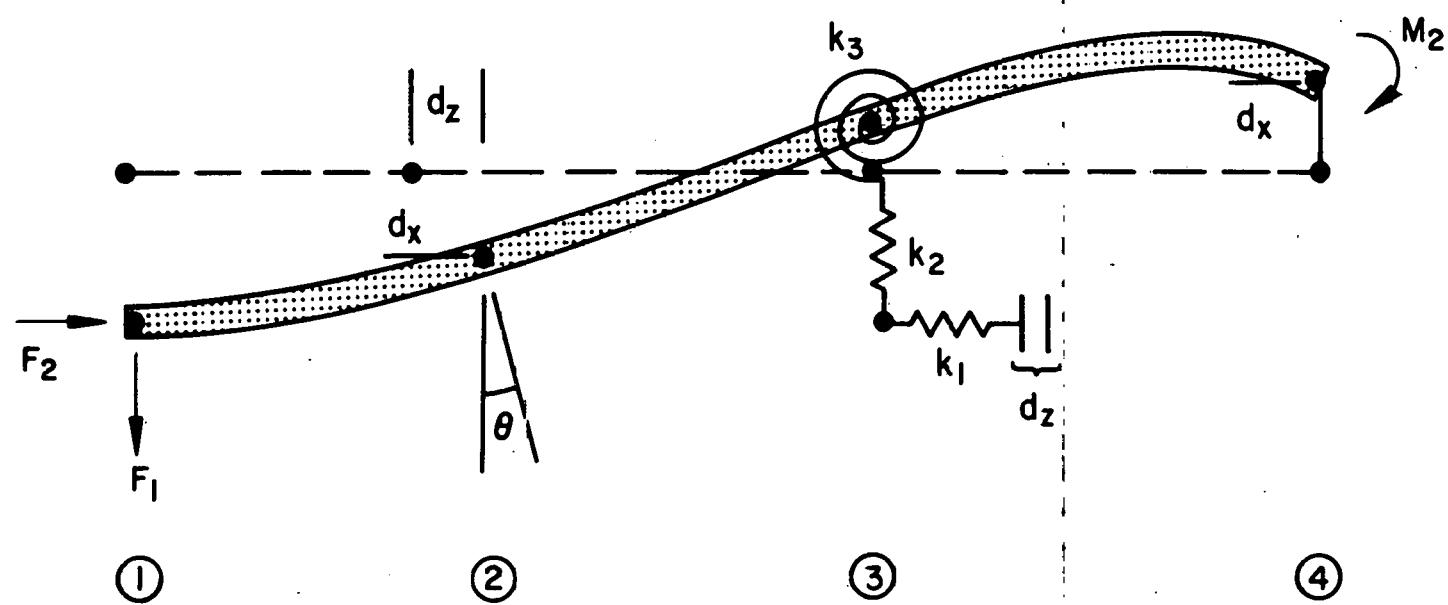


FIGURE 3. BOUNDARY CONDITION TYPES

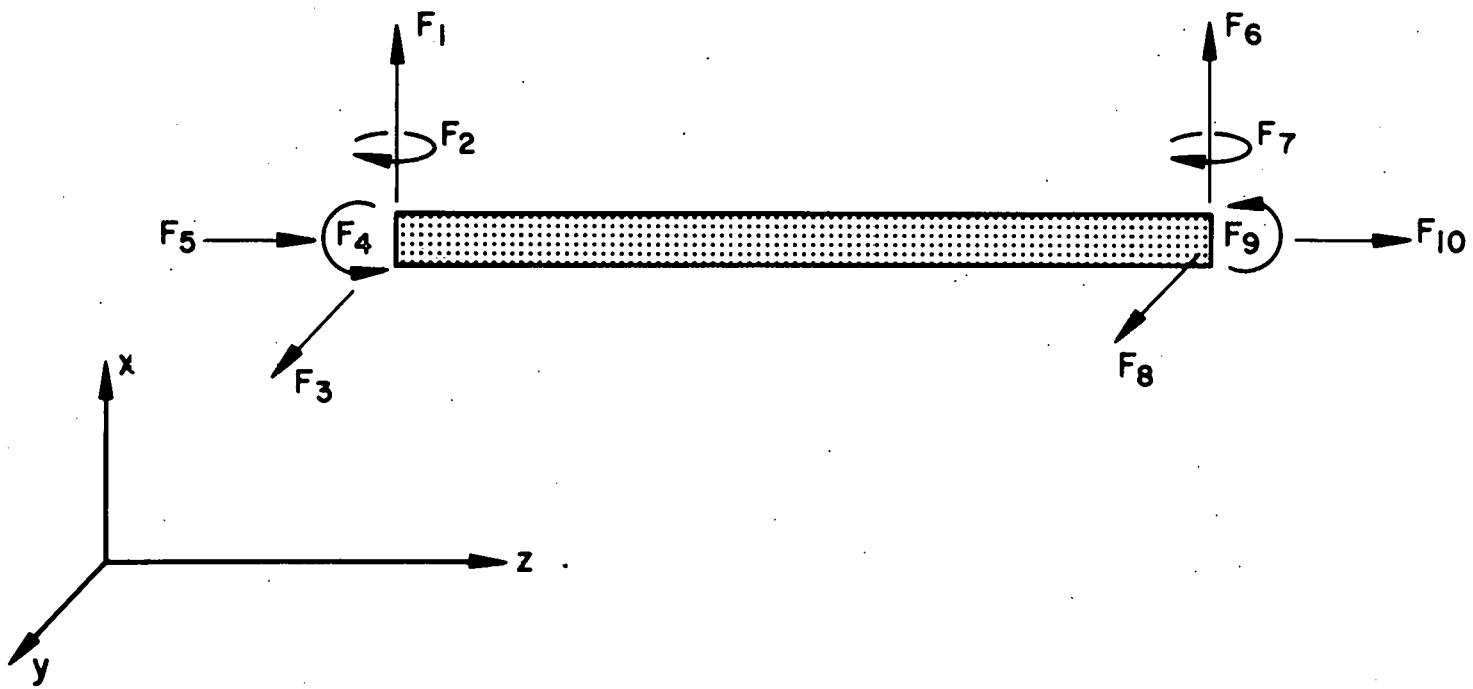
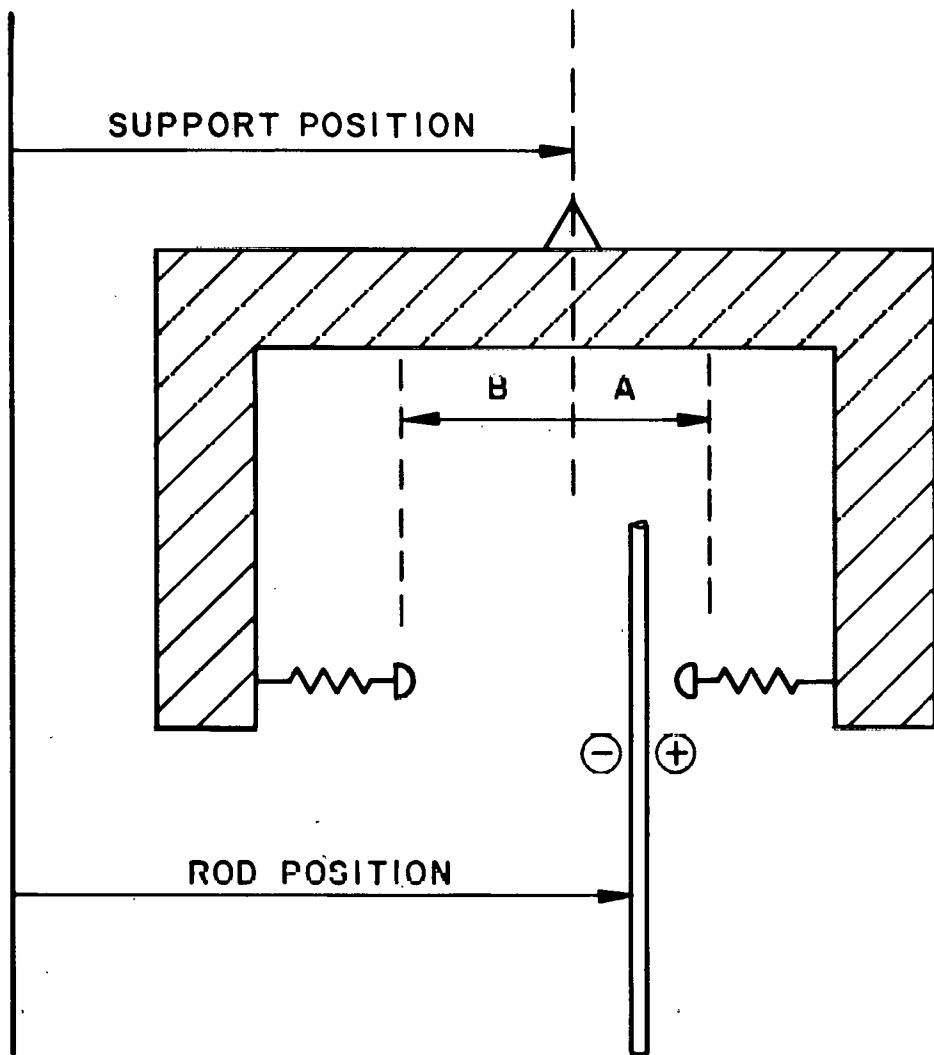


FIGURE 4. EXTERNAL FORCES AND MOMENTS APPLIED  
TO ENDS OF BEAM ELEMENT



A - FREE POSITION OF POSITIVE SPRING  
B - FREE POSITION OF NEGATIVE SPRING

FIGURE 5. FLEXIBLE SUPPORT CONFIGURATION

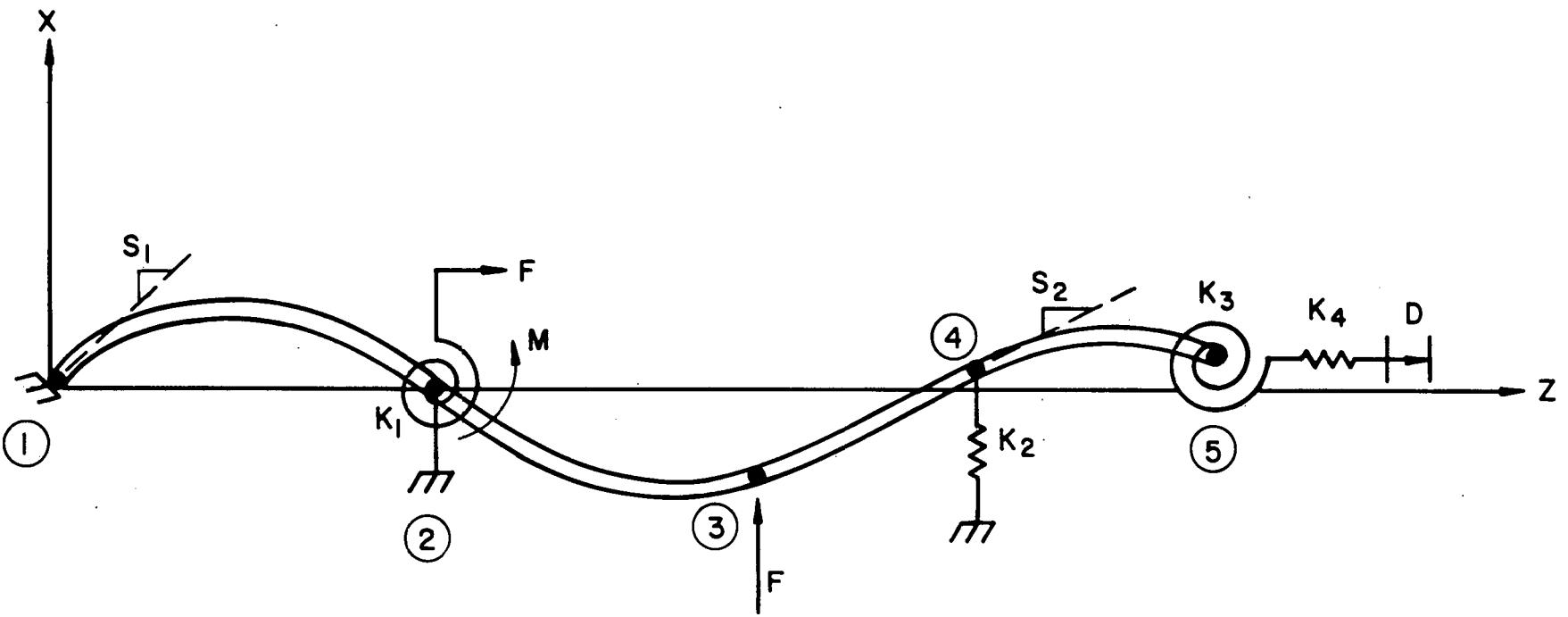


FIGURE 6. BOUNDARY CONDITIONS FOR SAMPLE PROBLEM

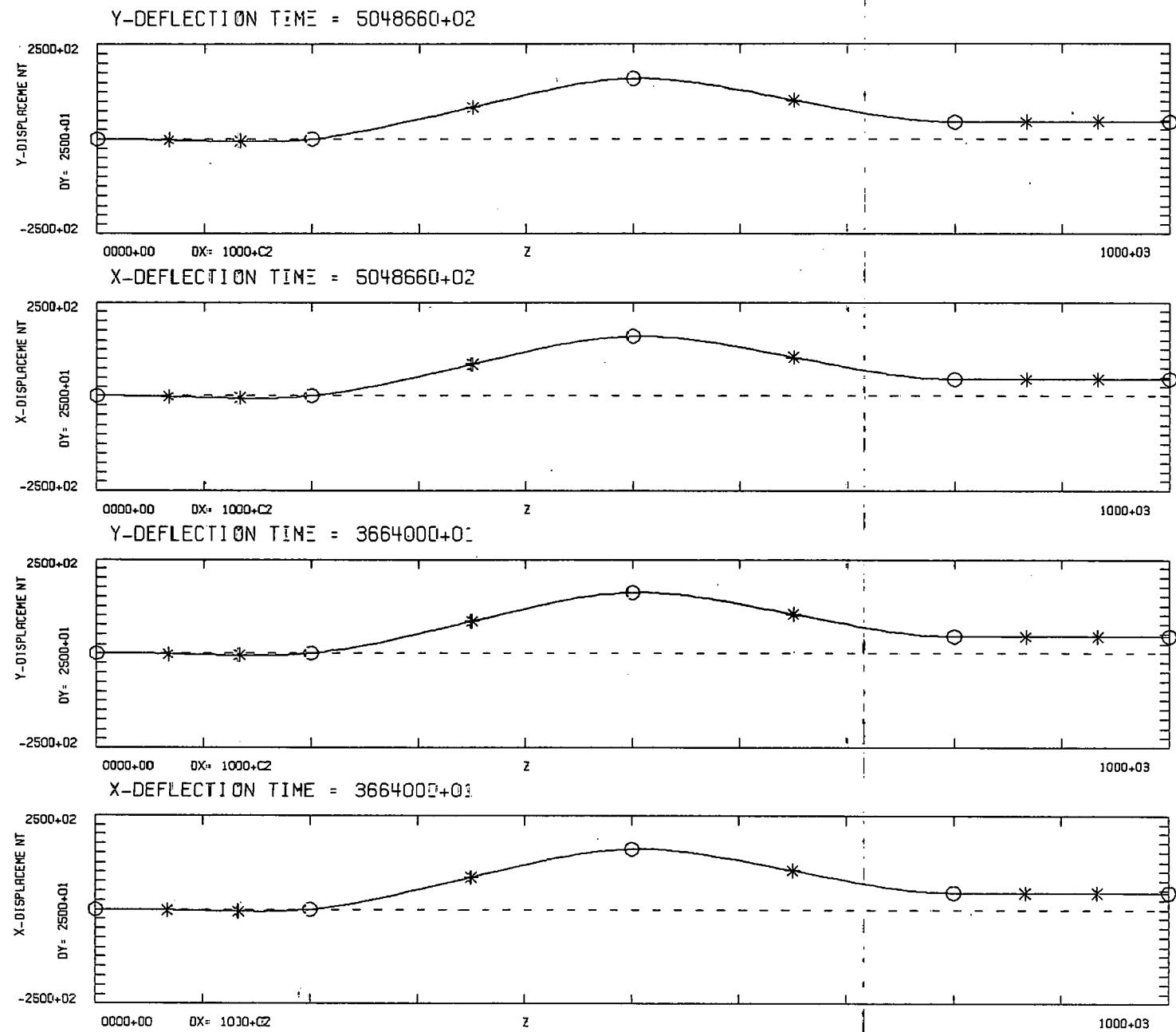


FIGURE 7.

ROBOT3-Generated Deflection Plots

APPENDIX: ROBOT3 Computer Program Abstract

1. Program Name (and) Title: ROBOT3
2. Computer and Language(s): CDC-7600, FORTRAN IV and Compass
3. Problem Solved: ROBOT3 (Reference [a]) has been developed from ROBOT (Reference [b]) and the finite element procedure for calculating the three-dimensional inelastic bowing of fuel rods described in Reference [c]. The fuel rod is modeled as a viscoelastic beam whose material properties are derived as perturbations of the results of an axisymmetric stress analysis of the fuel rod. The effects which are taken into account in calculating the rod's lateral bowing include (1) initial curvature, (2) lateral, axial, and rotational motions and forces at the rod supports, (3) transverse gradients of temperature, fast-neutron flux, and fissioning rate, and (4) cladding circumferential wall thickness variation.
4. Method Solution: There are two main calculational parts. One is the formulation of the rod's constitutive equations (i.e. the moment-curvature and axial force-strain relations). The second is the calculation of the rod's deflection increments using the finite element method. For a given rod geometry and operational history, the CYGRO5 computer program (Reference [d]) is used to obtain a data file which contains histories of material properties and axisymmetric stresses and strains in the fuel rod. This data is used to calculate some of the terms in the constitutive equations. Additional terms in these equations correspond to moment-free curvatures induced by transverse gradients of temperature and fast-neutron flux and by cladding circumferential wall thickness variation. These induced curvatures are calculated using material property models borrowed from the CYGRO5 program. The constitutive equations for each of the fuel zones and the cladding are then calculated using the CYGRO5 data file and the induced curvatures. An interaction model is used to combine these equations into a set of equations which characterize the behavior of the fuel rod as a whole.

Once the constitutive equations for the fuel rod have been defined for a timestep, the incremental finite element equations are formulated. The finite element formulation is nonlinear because of the coupling between the axial extension and lateral deflection. The rod supports are modeled by specifying either force, displacement, or flexible boundary conditions. The finite element formulation results in a symmetric and narrowly banded structure stiffness matrix which is solved using a Cholesky-type equation solver (Reference [e]).

5. **Restrictions on the Complexity of the Problem:** A maximum of 99 support locations may be specified. The number of elements is limited by the available central memory storage since the element related data is dynamically allocated. Fuel rods containing either single zone or duplex fuel may be analyzed. Simplex fuel has an annular or cylindrical fuel pellets consisting of one material. With duplex fuel, the fuel pellet is generally made of two materials - an annular or cylindrical pellet consisting of one material surrounded by an annular pellet made of another material. Duplex fuel is currently under development for use in water breeder reactors.
6. **Related and Auxiliary Programs:** The rod geometry, operating history, material properties and the histories of axisymmetric stresses and strains are obtained from a file generated by CYGRO5. ROBOT3 uses Bettis programming environmental routines (Reference [f]) such as CARDS for input and FMG for reading the data file generated by CYGRO5. The environmental routines are available with the ROBOT3 program upon request.
7. **Typical Running Time:** The running time depends on the number of history timesteps defined in the CYGRO5 data file and the number of elements defined in problem input. The program uses .04 seconds per element for each timestep on a CDC-7600.
8. **Machine Requirements:** CDC-7600 with 140K of central memory and an LCM requirement of 2K + 4K per CYGRO segment plus 2.5K per element.

9. Operating System: CDC-7600 Scope 2.0

10. Availability: Reference [a] is available from

U.S. Department of Commerce  
National Technical Information Service  
5285 Port Royal Road  
Springfield, Virginia 22151

Copies of the computer program may be obtained by domestic users from

Argonne Code Center  
Attention: Mrs. Margaret Butler  
Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 South Cass Avenue  
Argonne, Illinois 60440

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