

ANSYS Class3 Error Report

ERROR NO:

2013-11

Keywords:

ANTYPE, MODAL, RESTART MODAL RESTART MODE SUPERPOSITION
EXPANSION

Description of Error:

The element results obtained in a mode superposition analysis (PSD, transient, or harmonic) are incorrect when all the below conditions apply:

- a modal analysis restart (ANTYPE, MODAL, RESTART) - also called load generation - was performed prior to the mode superposition analysis
- new elements or nodes were created during this restart analysis to support the creation of new load vectors
- the element modal results were not written on the MODE file (MSUPkey = NO on the MXPAND command)

This load generation procedure is typically used in a Workbench Mechanical mode-superposition analysis.

Typical GUI Path(s):**Other Comments:**

The displacement solution is correct.
New elements or nodes are typically introduced when the loading is applied via surface effect elements (SURF153 or SURF154) or via contact elements.

First Incorrect Version:

Release 12.0

Corrected In:

Release 15.0

Suggested User Action For Running on Uncorrected Version:

If the element modal results are written to the MODE file (MSUPkey = YES on the MXPAND command), the mode superposition element results are correct. If the load vectors are created during the modal analysis (and not during the modal analysis restart), the mode superposition element results are correct.

In Workbench Mechanical, the following Analysis Setting gives correct element results:

Analysis Settings > Output Controls > Expand Results From > Modal Solution

Using:

Analysis Settings > Output Controls > Expand Results From > Program Controlled

leads to correct results if the results are internally expanded from the Modal Solution but may lead to incorrect results if expanded from the Harmonic Solution.

You can check the solver output (or generate an input file) to check which method is used in this case.

Author Signature:

Aline Beley 5/31/2013

Reviewed By QA:

Bill Bryan 5/31/2013

Approval:

Dave Conover 5/31/2013