

# AQWA Reference Manual

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# Chapter 1: Introduction

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The AQWA suite is a set of advanced hydrodynamic analysis programs. This document is the Reference Manual for the AQWA suite of programs.

The programs in the suite are:

AQWA-LINE

AQWA-LIBRIUM

AQWA-FER

AQWA-DRIFT

AQWA-NAUT

The Reference Manual defines the input data format for the above programs. Most of the input information is applicable to more than one program. When the information relates to only one program, this is made clear in the text.

The manual also contains details of certain topics common to all the programs.

The AQWA Reference Manual should be used in conjunction with the appropriate individual Program User Manual when running any of the programs in the AQWA suite.

## 1.1. Conventions

The following conventions are adopted in AQWA programs. Users should keep them in mind during input data preparation and results interpretation.

### 1.1.1. Axes Systems

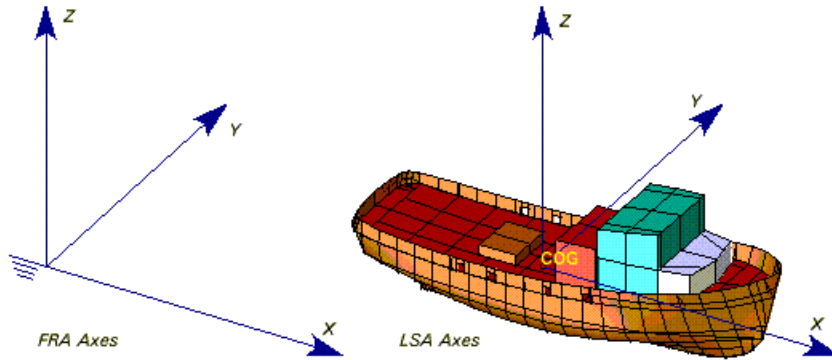
Two sets of axes are used in the AQWA suite; these are shown in [Figure 1.1: Axes Systems \(p. 2\)](#). They are the FRA (Fixed Reference Axes) and the LSA (Local Set of Axes).

#### ***Fixed Reference Axes (FRA) X,Y,Z in the free-surface with Z pointing vertically***

This is also known as the Global Axis System. This system has its origin on the mean water surface with Z axis pointing upwards, X and Y on the mean water surface. The mean water surface is at Z=0. This axis system will not move at any stage of the AQWA analysis.

#### ***Local System Axes (LSA) x,y,z with origin through the body's center of gravity***

The Local System Axis (LSA) has its origin at the CoG of the vessel, with X, Y and Z axes parallel to the FRA (see 1 above) when the vessel is in its initial definition position. With conventional modelling, X is along the length of the vessel, Y along the beam to port, and Z in the direction of the cross product of X and Y. This axis system moves with the vessel.

**Figure 1.1: Axes Systems**

### 1.1.2. Wave/Wind/Current Direction

The AQWA suite employs a single common sign convention with the axes defined as in the previous section.

The wave direction is defined as the angle from the positive global X axis to the direction in which the wave is travelling, measured anti-clockwise when seen from above. Therefore waves travelling along the X axis (from -X to +X) have a 0 degree wave direction, and waves travelling along the Y axis (from -Y to +Y) have a 90 degree wave direction.

Forces and moments are positive in the same direction as corresponding motions.

The incident wave elevation  $h$  is measured positive upwards:

$$h = a \cos (-\omega t + k x \cos(\theta) + k y \sin(\theta))$$

where

$a$  = wave amplitude

$\omega$  = wave frequency, in radians/second

$t$  = time, in seconds

$k$  = wave number

$x, y$  = position in the FRA of the point at which the wave height is given by the above equation

$\theta$  = direction of wave propagation

The phase ( $\varphi$ ) of a quantity  $Q$  with amplitude  $Q_0$  is defined by the equation

$$Q = Q_0 \cos (-\omega t + \varphi)$$

where

$t$  = the time elapsed since the wave crest passed over the origin of the FRA

$Q$  may represent forces, moments, RAOs, position, velocity or accelerations.

### 1.1.3. Phase Angle

The phase angle defines the time difference between an oscillatory parameter and a reference point. In AQWA, the reference point for the phase angle of a parameter is the zero phase angle of the incident wave, which corresponds to the time when the wave crest is at the CoG of the structure. In the AQWA LINE output file, most calculated parameters are given in the form of an amplitude and a phase angle. A positive phase angle indicates that a parameter reaches its peak value after the wave crest has passed the CoG of the structure, and the time difference is decided by:

$$dt = T * \text{Phase} / 360$$

in which T is wave period, and Phase is in degrees.

## 1.2. The Structure Definition and Analysis Position

In the description of the geometry and mass distribution, the user may define the structure in any position. There are, however, three considerations when choosing the position in which to define the structure.

1. Having defined the structure in a particular position in the FRA axis system (this is termed the *definition position* in the documentation), the user may then move the structure by specifying the appropriate position for the particular analysis (this is termed the *analysis position* in the documentation). This means that the user can define a barge with the keel on the X-axis of the FRA, and then lower the barge into the water for analysis. The analysis position will depend on the type of analysis performed. The requirement for each program is summarized as follows:

AQWA-LINE - Equilibrium position, vertical position specification only

AQWA-FER - Equilibrium position

AQWA-LIBRIUM - Initial estimate of equilibrium position

AQWA-NAUT/DRIFT - Position at the start of the time history

When running AQWA-LINE, it is important to note that the structure may only be moved vertically from its definition position (i.e., only the draft may be altered) for the diffraction/radiation analysis. This restriction is imposed to ensure that the axes in which the hydrodynamic coefficients are defined is the FRA. Therefore, if the user cannot achieve the correct position for the diffraction/radiation analysis by altering only the draft of the structure, **the definition position is not valid.**

There are no restrictions for AQWA-DRIFT/FER/LIBRIUM/NAUT on the movement from the definition to the analysis position.

2. If a structure is symmetrical about one or more axes, only a part of the structure is required to be defined. This means that
  - (i) only  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the structure needs to be modelled
  - (ii) substantial saving in computer time in the diffraction/radiation analysis in AQWA-LINE may be achieved. This saving is model-dependent but is typically
    - for 2-fold symmetry = 50 - 75 percent
    - for 4-fold symmetry = 75 - 90 percent

3. Motions of the structure are often output in the AQWA suite in the form of translations and rotations about the X, Y and Z axis and are termed surge, sway, heave, roll, pitch, and yaw. These motions may be successive 'LARGE' rotations about the X, Y and Z axes of the FRA axes system in the definition position (AQWA-DRIFT/LIBRIUM/NAUT) or 'small' rotations in arbitrary order about the analysis position in the local LSA axes system (AQWA-LINE/DRIFT/FER). It can be seen that interpretation of the results can be made extremely difficult by an unsuitable choice of the definition position of the structure.

For example, if the structure is a ship or barge, conventional terminology for motion along, and rotation about, the longitudinal center line, is surge and roll. However, if the longitudinal centre line is defined parallel to the FRA Y-axis, then rotational motion about this axis will be termed pitch, and translational motion along the axis, sway.

For other structures, e.g. semi-submersibles, this may not be relevant. The user must take due note of the terms associated with the motions about the axes and is recommended to define all ship/barge shaped structures with the longitudinal axis parallel to the FRA X-axis.

### 1.3. Units

The units used in AQWA are decided by the input values for the water density and gravitational acceleration. For example, if metre, Newton are to be used as the units for the length and force, users should use 1025 for the water density and 9.806 for the gravitational acceleration.

In the output, the unit for the rotational motions is in degrees (although they are originally calculated in radians), while the rotational terms in the stiffness and damping matrices are output in radians.

The user is free to choose any system of units for the data, with the proviso that the system **must be consistent**. This means that the unit of mass must be consistent with the units of length and force already selected.

Examples of consistent sets of units are:

- SI units Force in newtons, length in metres, mass in kilograms, time in seconds, acceleration in meters/sec<sup>2</sup>
- Imperial units Force in poundals, length in feet, mass in pounds, time in seconds, acceleration in feet/sec<sup>2</sup>, or Force in pounds, length in feet, mass in slugs, time in seconds, acceleration in feet/sec<sup>2</sup>
- For any other set of units, the consistent unit of mass will be a multiple of the basic unit of mass because it is a **derived** unit.

The consistent unit of mass is obtained by dividing the unit of force by the acceleration due to gravity, which itself has units of length divided by time squared. A change in the unit of length, for example, from feet to inches or metres to millimeters, requires a corresponding change in the unit of mass used for calculating the density. A list of sets of consistent units is given below.

Unit of force	Unit of length	Typical value of E for Steel	g	Consistent unit of mass	Density (mass/unit volume)	
					Steel	Sea Water
Newton	metre	2.1*E11	9.81	1.0 Kg	7850	1025
Newton	cm	2.1*E07	981	100 Kg	7.85*E-5	1.025*E-5
Newton	mm	2.1*E05	9810	1000 Kg	7.85*E-9	1.025*E-9

Kilopond	metre	2.14*E10	9.81	9.81 Kg	800	104.5
Kilopond	cm	2.14*E6	981	981 Kg	8.00*E-06	1.045*E-06
Kilopond	mm	2.14*E4	9810	9810 Kg	8.00*E-10	1.045*E-10
KNewton	metre	2.1*E8	9.81	1000 Kg	7.85	1.025
KNewton	cm	2.1*E4	981	1.0*E5 Kg	7.85*E-08	1.025*E-08
KNewton	mm	2.1*E2	9810	1.0*E6 Kg	7.85*E-12	1.025*E-12
Tonne(f)	metre	2.14*E7	9.81	9.81*E3 Kg	0.800	0.1045
Tonne(f)	cm	2.14*E3	981	9.81*E5 Kg	8.0*E-09	1.045*E-09
Tonne(f)	mm	2.14*E1	9810	9.81*E6 Kg	8.0*E-13	1.045*E-13
Poundal	Foot	1.39*E11	32.2	1.0 lb	491	64.1
Poundal	Inch	9.66*E8	386	12 lbs	2.37*E-2	3.095*E-3
Pound(f)	Foot	4.32*E9	32.2	32.2 lbs	15.2	1.985
Pound(f)	Inch	3.0*E7	386	386 lbs	7.35*E-4	9.597*E-5
Kip	Foot	4.32*E6	32.2	3.22*E4 lbs	1.52*E-2	1.985*E-3
Kip	Inch	3.0*E4	386	3.86*E5 lbs	7.35*E-7	9.597*E-8
Ton(f)	Foot	1.93*E6	32.2	7.21*E4 lbs	6.81*E-3	8.892*E-4
Ton(f)	Inch	1.34*E4	386	8.66*E5 lbs	3.28*E-7	4.283*E-8

### Note

- 1 Kip = 1000 pounds force
- 1 Kilopond = 1 Kilogram force
- all times are in seconds
- assumed specific gravity of steel = 7.85
- assumed specific gravity of sea water = 1.025

## 1.4. AQWA Files

The AQWA Suite uses both ASCII files and binary files for its input and output. All the files are defined by a generic name with a 3 character file extension. The maximum length of the filename is 28 characters (32 with the extension). It is strongly recommended that the filename is related to the program used.

The extension names are related to the file type. The following is a list of the file extension names commonly used in AQWA and AQWA Graphical Supervisor (AGS).

### Input Files

- DAT -- ASCII file for model definition and analysis parameters. Used by all AQWA programs.

- XFT -- ASCII file defining a time history of external force on a structure or structures in six degrees of freedom in local axis system. Used for time domain analysis (optional).
- WVT -- ASCII file defining a time history of wind velocity and direction. Used for time domain analysis (optional).
- WHT -- ASCII file defining a time history of water surface elevation. Used for time domain analysis (optional).
- LIN -- ASCII file defining ship offsets. Used by AGS Mesh Generator to define hull shape.
- MSD -- ASCII file defining the mass distribution of a vessel. Used by AGS for shear force and bending moment calculation.
- SFM -- ASCII file defining the mass distribution of a vessel. Used by AGS for splitting force calculation.
- EQP -- Binary file containing the equilibrium positions of structures. Created by AQWA-LIBRIUM and used (optional) by FER, DRIFT or NAUT; see RDEP option ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)).

## Output Files

- LIS -- ASCII file containing model definition/analysis parameters and the analysis results.
- MES -- ASCII file containing messages issued during an AQWA analysis.
- QTF -- ASCII file containing fully populated matrix of Quadratic Transfer Functions.
- HYD -- Binary file containing the hydrodynamic results calculated in AQWA-LINE. Can be used for further AQWA analysis.
- RES -- Binary file containing the model definition/analysis parameters and the hydrodynamic results calculated in AQWA LINE. Can be used for further AQWA analysis or structure visualisation etc in AGS.
- EQP -- Binary file containing the equilibrium positions of structures. Created by AQWA-LIBRIUM and used (optional) by FER, DRIFT or NAUT; see RDEP option ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)).
- ENL -- Binary file containing Morison element/nodal loading. Only created for tether analysis, or tube elements at analysis stage 6.
- POS -- Binary file containing structures' positions at each time step. Used by AGS for generating animation.
- PLT -- Binary file containing AQWA analysis results. Used by AGS for plotting graphs.
- POT -- Binary file containing potentials. Used by AGS or AQWA-WAVE for element pressure calculation. This file is only created by AQWA-LINE when LDOP option is on.
- USS -- Binary file containing source strengths. Used by AQWA-WAVE for Morison force calculation. This file is only created by AQWA-LINE when LDOP option is on.
- SEQ -- Binary file containing the animation of structure motion. Created and used by AGS.
- TAB -- ASCII file containing the statistics table from AQWA-DRIFT tether analysis.
- PAC -- Binary file containing pressures at element centroids. Used by AGS for post-processing involving pressures.



- VAC -- Binary file containing fluid velocities at element centroids. Used by AGS for wave contour plotting.

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## Chapter 2: Analysis Stages

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The following sections discuss the various analysis stages in a hydrodynamics analysis using the AQWA suite.

- 2.1. General Description
- 2.2. The Restart Stages
- 2.3. Restart Stage 1
- 2.4. Restart Stage 2
- 2.5. Restart Stage 3
- 2.6. Restart Stage 4
- 2.7. Restart Stage 5
- 2.8. Restart Stage 6

### 2.1. General Description

All programs in the AQWA suite have a facility for gradual progression through any given analysis. This facility is made possible by structuring each program into a number of distinct stages, called *Restart Stages*. These are common to all programs in the suite and the user may run, in sequence, any number (there are six stages). Since the restart stages are common to all programs, this allows the user to run more than one program within any analysis (e.g. the user may run the first three stages of AQWA-LINE and then run the last two stages of AQWA-FER, to complete a specific type of analysis).

When the restart facility is invoked, via a program RESTART option (see [Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)), input information must be supplied from a backing file from a previous program run, and not from the normal data record input file. The required backing files, called restart files, are created automatically when a program is run. This process is also used to transfer information from one program to another so that data input is minimized.

Each of the six AQWA Restart Stages may be categorized by two classes of activity, which are:

- Data Input and Processing of the Data.
- Specific Analysis or Post-Processing Activity.

This AQWA Reference Manual is mainly concerned with the format details required for the data input. The individual Program User Manuals are concerned with the approach that should be adopted for a specific type of motion analysis.

### Drag Linearization

It is now possible to include the nonlinear drag effect of TUBE, DISC and STUB elements in the linear programs AQWA-LINE and AQWA-FER.

#### AQWA-LINE

The linearization is based on a spectrum that must be input in Data Category 13, and AQWA-LINE must be run for stages 1 to 5, either in one run or two. There can be only one spectrum; a spectral group cannot be used for linearization. The spectral direction is ignored and the same spectrum is used with each of the wave directions specified in Data Category 6. New RAOs including the linearized drag are

output to the .LIS file, and are also available for plotting in the AGS. Note that the new RAOs are not written to the database and are not used for calculation of the 2nd order drift coefficients.

In the linearization process the drag force term  $C_D(1/2)\rho v^2$  is replaced by  $\alpha C_D(1/2)\rho v V_{RMS}$  where  $V_{RMS}$  is the rms velocity in the specified spectrum and  $\alpha$  is a factor calculated so that the total energy dissipated is the same. Because the values of  $\alpha$  and  $V_{RMS}$  depend on the spectrum, the revised RAOs are strictly only applicable in that spectrum. AQWA-LINE can also be used for geometrical scaling when comparing to model tests, and for requesting nodal information related to the radiation/diffraction results.

### **AQWA-FER**

In AQWA-FER the linearized drag will be applied in all spectra in all spectral groups. The same linearization process is utilized as in AQWA-LINE.

## **2.2. The Restart Stages**

The AQWA suite Program Restart Stages may be identified as follows:

Stage 1 - Input of Geometric Definition and Static Environment.

This input is contained in Data Categories 1 to 5.

Stage 2 - Input of the Radiation/Diffraction Analysis Parameters.

This input is contained in Data Categories 6 to 8.

Stage 3 - The Radiation/Diffraction Analysis.

No input required.

Stage 4 - Input of the Analysis Environment.

This input is contained in Data Categories 9 to 18.

Stage 5 - Motion Analysis or Post-Processing Activity.

No input required.

Stage 6 - Post-processing of loads on TUBE elements.

This input is contained in [Element and Nodal Loads - ENLD \(Data Category 21\)](#) (p. 241).

The Restart Stage activities for each program, together with the data that may be input, are described in the following sections.

## **2.3. Restart Stage 1**

Data Categories 1 to 5 - Geometric Definition and Static Environment

The primary function of these data categories is to describe the structure being modeled. This includes the mass and inertia of the structure and its geometry, from which the hydrostatic and hydrodynamic properties are calculated. In addition, the coordinates of all positions referenced in subsequent data categories and the parameters relating to the environment (for example, density of water) are input. These parameters are normally considered to remain constant for an analysis of a particular structure.

All the AQWA programs require Data Categories 1 to 5, if starting an analysis from Stage 1.

The data that may be input via data categories 1 to 5 are as follows:

Data Category 1

- Node and coordinate information

Data Category 2

- Element topology

Data Category 3

- Material properties

Data Category 4

- Geometric properties

Data Category 5

- Water depth
- Water density
- Gravitational acceleration constant

The following sections show the specific required data when including tethers in an analysis

Tethers may be included in a simulation either in a towing operation, or in an installed condition, subjected to wave environmental loading. Installed tethers may go slack and impact during operation. Tethers are considered by AQWA as flexible tubes whose diameters are small compared to the wavelength. Tethers are classified as a type of mooring.

The analysis of towed tethers is an independent process and requires no backing files from other programs in the AQWA suite. For installed tethers, an AQWA-LINE run is required for diffracting structures but for non-diffracting structures which do not require an AQWA-LINE analysis, a tube model can be used.

As tethers are regarded as a mooring capability, a nominal structure must be input for towed tethers. This defines the position of the axis system, in which the towed tether displacements are output, and in which the eigenvalue solution is performed. The structure plays no other part in the analysis.

The modelling techniques are based on the following limitations and assumptions of the program.

- No Axial Motion - Towed tethers are not considered to move in the axial direction or rotate about the axis of the tether; i.e., displacements of the tether are 2 translations and 2 rotations at each node. These displacements are considered as small motions from the tether axis (TLA q.v.)

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### Note

Although current in the axial direction will produce stabilizing effects, if the tether spring at the ends are very soft, large rotations (>30 degrees) may be produced, which will inval-

idate the analysis. The program also takes full account of the change in encounter frequency, due to the component of the current in the direction of the waves.

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- Axial Tension - Both the wall and effective tensions in a towed tether are assumed to be zero, and hence the bending stiffness is purely structural. The tether responses, especially in the fundamental mode, may be inaccurate if this tension is significant.
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### Note

This also means that the tether may not be analyzed, if any point moves to a depth where the effective tension is significant, i.e. for upending.

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- Small Motions - It is assumed that the lateral and rotational motions of the tether from the defined tether axis are small. This means that the program is unsuitable for large rotations about the Y or Z axis, e.g. for upending. However, full account is taken of the phase shift of the waves, due to movement in the direction of the wave/wave spectrum.
- Mass/Stiffness - The mass/stiffness ratio of any element must not be too small. Very short elements inherently have small mass/stiffness ratios. This gives rise to very high frequencies. These high frequencies may cause stability problems and roundoff errors in the programs. A general rule is that natural periods of less than 1/100th second are not allowed. These periods are output from the eigenvalue analysis.

Very short elements should therefore be modelled with a value of Young's modulus reduced so that no periods less than 1/100th second are present. The user can check that the bending of short elements is still small, using the graphical output.

- Timestep - The timestep must be small enough to resolve the response motion of the tether. This includes any transients that may be present either initially or, more importantly, throughout the analysis. Although a good rule of thumb is that the timestep should be 1/10th of the period of any response, the best method of checking the timestep is to re-run a short simulation with half the timestep and compare the bending moments or stresses for both runs. These should be approximately the same for both runs. Timesteps of 0.25 seconds are typically used.

For towed tethers, the local axis (TLA) must be defined parallel to, and in the same direction as, the X axis of the fixed reference axes (FRA) i.e. XY in the water plane and Z vertical. The X axis coincides with the zero current wave direction. The nodes of the tether increase with positive X. The last node of the tether, at zero FRA displacement, lies at the TLA origin. For installed tethers, the TLA is parallel to the FRA, when the tether is vertical. In general, the TLA X axis goes from the anchor node to the attachment node, the Y axis is in the plane of the XY FRA, and the Z axis follows the right hand rule. The TLA origin is at the anchor node.

## Input for Towed Tethers

### Data Category 1

- The coordinates of the nominal vessel centre of gravity. This should always be zero, but must be input.
- The coordinates of the trailing end of the tether. The X coordinate should be **minus** the total tether length. The Y value must be zero. Z value may be input as zero but see below.

- The Z coordinate may be input to define the TLA (tether axis) above or below the water surface. Input of a Z coordinate will mean that:
  - the eigenvalue analysis will be performed with the tether axis at this Z value. Depending on the value of Z, the tether may be
    - completely out of water (Z greater than the largest element diameter)
    - partially submerged
    - fully submerged.
  - all displacements will be output with reference to this Z value.
  - the initial position of the tether (for the motion response analysis stage) will have this Z value. It is not recommended to "drop" the tether into the water from a height ( positive Z value) as this will produce large initial transients.
- The relative coordinates of the towed tether nodes are defined along the X axis, with the Y values zero.

#### Data Category 2

- A point mass element to represent the vessel

#### Data Category 3

- A mass to represent the vessel
- One or more densities for the tether elements

#### Data Category 4

- Inertia of the point mass representing the vessel
- Diameter, thickness, drag and added mass coefficients for each different tether element

#### Data Category 5

- Water depth
- Water density
- Gravitational acceleration constant

## Input for Installed Tethers

For installed tethers the vessel must be described using the standard data requirements. For the tether itself the following **additional** data is required.

#### Data Category 1

- The coordinates of the tether attachment points to the vessel
- The coordinates of the tether anchor points

- The relative coordinates of the installed tether nodes are defined along the Z axis, with the X and Y values zero.

### Data Category 2

- No additional data required for the tether

### Data Category 3

- One or more densities for the tether elements

### Data Category 4

- Diameter, thickness, drag and added mass coefficients for each different tether element

### Data Category 5

- No additional data required for the tether

## 2.4. Restart Stage 2

### Data Categories 6 to 8 - the Radiation/Diffraction Analysis Parameters

The data input in these data categories relate to the equation of motion of a diffracting structure or structures in regular waves, for a range of frequencies and directions.

The data that may be input via Data Categories 6 to 8 are as follows:

### Data Category 6

- Required Frequencies
- Required Directions

### Data Category 7

- Linear Hydrostatic Stiffness Matrix
- The Buoyancy Force at Equilibrium
- The Z coordinate of the Centre of Gravity at Equilibrium
- Added Mass Matrix
- Radiation Damping Matrix
- Diffraction Forces
- Froude-Krylov Forces
- Response Motions (or RAOs)

### Data Category 8 - No Input or Drift Coefficients



Usually, not all of the above data are required for a particular mode of analysis, in which case, the user may simply omit the data which are not applicable.

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### Note

Although the Radiation/Diffraction parameters calculated by AQWA-LINE can be transferred to other programs in the AQWA suite, this is not mandatory. This means that, if the backing file produced by an AQWA-LINE run is not available (i.e. AQWA-LINE has not been run previously) or if the user wishes to input values from a source other than AQWA-LINE, he may do so in these data categories.

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The following sections show the required data input for the available modes of analysis:

## Input for AQWA-LINE with no previous AQWA-LINE runs

The Radiation/Diffraction parameters (i.e. added mass, wave damping, drift coefficients, etc) are to be calculated.

Data Category 6

- Required Frequencies
- Required Directions

Data Category 7 - The Z coordinate of the centre of gravity at equilibrium

Data Category 8 - No input required

## Input for AQWA-LINE adding additional frequencies to a previous AQWA-LINE run

If the whole range of frequencies at which the parameters are defined is specified in a single run, large computer costs can be incurred if the program has to be re-run for any reason. AQWA-LINE therefore permits the user to specify selected frequencies in the initial run and additional frequencies in subsequent runs.

If AQWA-LINE has been run with the data input described in the previous section, the program may be restarted at RESTART Stage 2. This is done by using the RESTART option and RESTART data record [The RESTART Data Record \(p. 35\)](#), and omitting Data Categories 1 to 5. The user then specifies, in Data Category 6, **only** the additional frequencies at which the parameters are to be calculated.

Data Category 6 - One or more additional frequencies

Data Category 7 - No input required

Data Category 8 - No input required

Note that the frequencies input in AQWA-LINE runs must differ from those in previous runs or they will be automatically rejected. As all parameters are defined for a unique range of directions, these directions may not be redefined [General Description \(p. 69\)](#).

## **Input for AQWA-LINE specifying known values of the radiation/diffraction analysis parameters**

### **The new user is advised to ignore this facility**

Known Radiation/Diffraction parameters may be input in Data Categories 7 and 8. This applies when using AQWA-LINE either initially or in RESTART mode (see notes A and B).

This facility may be used to input additional values of the parameters when the user is unable to describe the structure fully with a conventional Radiation/Diffraction model (e.g. additional damping or added mass due to a structural appendage). Additional linear stiffness is often used where the structure contributes to the water plane area but not to the Radiation/Diffraction model.

The user may also wish to extend the lower range of frequencies (where analysis costs can be prohibitive) with experimental data.

Recovery from errors may also be achieved by manual input of previous results where the backing file has been lost.

The data definition keyword (see [Wave Frequency Dependent Parameters and Stiffness Matrix - WFS\\* \(Data Category 7\) \(p. 83\)](#) and [Drift Force Coefficients - DRC\\* \(Data Category 8\) \(p. 99\)](#)) indicates whether AQWA-LINE will:

- (a) OMIT the calculation of those parameters which are input, or
- (b) ADD the input parameters to those calculated.

In case (a), input of the linear hydrostatic stiffness matrix and its associated buoyancy force means that AQWA-LINE will omit the calculations of these parameters. Input of the other parameters (which are all frequency dependent) means that AQWA-LINE will omit **all** calculations at this particular frequency.

Data Category 6 - One or more frequencies

Data Category 7 - Input known parameters

Data Category 8 - Input known parameters

All parameters input, together with those calculated by AQWA-LINE, will be contained in the backing file as input for further runs. The user should refer to the individual Data Category description for details of the actual data record input format.

## **Input for AQWA-DRIFT/FER/LIBRIUM/NAUT with results from a previous AQWA-LINE run**

The relevant Radiation/Diffraction information will be stored on the backing file created by a previous AQWA-LINE run.

Data Category 6 - No input required

Data Category 7 - No input required

Data Category 8 - No input required

## Input for AQWA-DRIFT/FER/LIBRIUM/NAUT with results from a source other than AQWA-LINE

All data appropriate to the analysis may be input in Data Categories 6 to 8. The parameters which are input will depend on the type of analysis and the particular structure analysed.

### Data Category 6

- Required Frequencies
- Required Directions

### Data Category 7

- Linear Hydrostatic Stiffness Matrix
- The Buoyancy Force at Equilibrium
- The Z coordinate of the Centre of Gravity at Equilibrium
- Added Mass Matrix
- Radiation Damping Matrix
- Diffraction Forces
- Froude-Krylov Forces
- Response Motions (or RAOs)

### Data Category 8 - No Input or Drift Coefficients

## Input for AQWA-DRIFT/FER/LIBRIUM/NAUT with results from a previous AQWA-LINE run and a source other than AQWA-LINE

### The new user is advised to ignore this facility

If the user wishes to APPEND to or CHANGE the parameters calculated by a previous AQWA-LINE run for the current analysis, this is achieved by using the backing file from a previous AQWA-LINE run (i.e. automatically read), together with specifying the parameters to be appended or changed.

To APPEND to the parameters calculated in a previous run, additional frequencies which differ from those existing may be input in Data Category 6, together with values of the appropriate frequency dependent parameters in Data Categories 7 and 8, at these additional frequencies. Note that, as all parameters are defined for a unique range of directions, these directions **may not be re-defined** (see [Frequency and Directions Table - FDR\\* \(Data Category 6\) \(p. 69\)](#)).

To CHANGE the parameters calculated in a previous run, these parameters are simply input in Data Categories 7 and 8 and, depending on the type of input, (see [Wave Frequency Dependent Parameters and Stiffness Matrix - WFS\\* \(Data Category 7\) \(p. 83\)](#) and [Drift Force Coefficients - DRC\\* \(Data Category 8\) \(p. 99\)](#)), the parameters will be either overwritten with the input values or become the sum of input values and original values.

### Data Category 6 - No input required

Data Category 7 - Input Appended or Changed Data

Data Category 8 - No Input or Drift Coefficients

## Input for Towed Tethers

Towed tethers require specific data to describe the towing vessel.

Data Category 6

- No input required (use NONE)

Data Category 7

- Nominal linear hydrostatic stiffness matrix for the vessel
- The depth below the still water level of the centre of gravity, which must be the same as the coordinate of the trailing end of the tether, input in data category 1
- The hydrostatic force on the vessel, which must be equal to the weight (i.e. mass \* acceleration due to gravity)

Data Category 8

- No input required (use NONE)

## Input for Installed Tethers

For installed tethers no additional data is required.

## 2.5. Restart Stage 3

Stage 3 is the Radiation/Diffraction analysis performed by the program AQWA-LINE. It has no analysis activity in any of the other programs. When performing a Stage 3 analysis with AQWA-LINE, *no input data categories are required for this stage*. If starting from Stage 1, then only the Stage 1 and Stage 2 data categories (i.e. Data Categories 1 to 8) are required.

If the user has progressed to Stage 2 within AQWA-LINE and wishes to perform the Stage 3 Radiation/Diffraction analysis alone, with no subsequent post-processing (i.e. Stages 4 and 5), then only the Preliminary Data Category is required and the associated restart data record will start at Stage 3 and finish at Stage 3 (see [The Preliminary Data \(Data Category 0\) \(p. 33\)](#)).

## 2.6. Restart Stage 4

The data input in these data categories relates to the type of analysis required and the program being used.

The data that may be input via Data Categories 9 to 18 may be summarised for each program as follows:

### AQWA-LINE

Data Category 9 - Drift Added Mass and Damping (only used for scaling, Data Category 16)

Data Category 10 - No input required

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Data Category 11 - No input required

Data Category 12 - No input required

Data Category 13 - No input required except:

- Spectrum Information (PSMZ/JONS/JONH/UDEF), only used when linearizing Morison drag using the LDRG option

Data Category 14 - No input required

Data Category 15 - No input required

Data Category 16 - Geometrical Changes

- Length Scaling of Results
- Mass Scaling of Results
- Change of Body's Centre of Gravity
- Change of Body's Inertia
- Definition of New Hydrodynamic Reference Point

Data Category 17 - No input required

Data Category 18 - Printing Options for Nodal RAOs

## **AQWA-LIBRIUM**

Data Category 9 - Drift Added Mass and Damping

Data Category 10 - Hull Drag

- Current Drag Coefficients
- Wind Drag Coefficients
- Thruster Forces

Data Category 11 - Current Velocity Profile and Direction

Data Category 12 - Elimination of Degrees of Freedom

- Articulations between Bodies
- Articulations between Global Points and Bodies

Data Category 13 - Wave Spectra Details

Data Category 14 - Mooring Lines

Data Category 15 - Motion Analysis Starting Positions

Data Category 16 - Iteration Limits

Data Category 17 - No input required

Data Category 18 - Printing Options for Nodal Positions

## **AQWA-FER**

Data Category 9 - Drift Added Mass and Damping

Data Category 10 - Hull Drag

- Current Drag Coefficients
- Wind Drag Coefficients
- Thruster Forces

Data Category 11 - No input required

Data Category 12 - Elimination of Degrees of Freedom

- Articulations between Bodies
- Articulations between Global Points and Bodies

Data Category 13 - Wave Spectra Details

Data Category 14 - Hawser/Mooring Lines

Data Category 15 - Motion Analysis Starting Positions

Data Category 16 - No input required

Data Category 17 - No input required

Data Category 18 - Printing Options for Nodal Positions

## **AQWA-NAUT**

Data Category 9 - No input required

Data Category 10 - Hull Drag

- Current Drag Coefficients
- Wind Drag Coefficients
- Thruster Forces

Data Category 11 - Current Velocity, Direction and Profile

- Wind Velocity and Direction

Data Category 12 - Elimination of Degrees of Freedom

- Articulations between Bodies

- Articulations between Global Points and Bodies

Data Category 13N - Regular Wave Properties - default analysis

Data Category 13 - Wave Spectrum Details - irregular wave analysis

Data Category 14 - Hawser/Mooring Lines

Data Category 15 - Motion Analysis Starting Positions

Data Category 16 - Time Integration Parameters

Data Category 17 - Hydrodynamic Scaling Factors for Morison Elements

Data Category 18 - Printing Options for Nodal positions

## **AQWA-DRIFT**

Data Category 9 - Drift Added Mass and Damping

- Yaw Rate Drag Coefficient

Data Category 10 - Hull Drag

- Current Drag Coefficients

- Wind Drag Coefficients

- Thruster Forces

Data Category 11 - Current/Wind Velocity and Direction (only when no spectrum)

Data Category 12 - Elimination of Degrees of Freedom

- Articulations between Bodies
- Articulations between Global Points and Bodies

Data Category 13 - Wave Spectrum Details

Data Category 14 - Hawser/Mooring lines

Data Category 15 - Motion Analysis Starting Positions for both Wave and Drift Frequency Motions

Data Category 16 - Time Integration Parameters

Data Category 17 - No input required

Data Category 18 - Printing Options for Nodal Positions

## **Additional Data Requirements for Towed and Installed Tethers**

For AQWA-LIBRIUM, AQWA-NAUT and AQWA-DRIFT the following data is required in addition to whatever may be necessary for other modelling requirements, as given in the descriptions above.

Data Category 9

- No additional input required

### Data Category 10

- No additional input required

### Data Category 11 (for towed tethers)

- Current speed and direction
- Tow speed and direction

### Data Category 12

- No additional input required

### Data Category 13 (for towed tethers)

- Tow speed and direction

### Data Category 14

- Description of tether elements and boundary conditions
- Fatigue and extreme value information (for towed tethers in AQWA-DRIFT only)

### Data Category 15 (for towed tethers)

- Initial position of the vessel, which must be the same as the coordinate of the center of gravity

### Data Category 16

- No additional input required

### Data Category 17 (for towed tethers)

- Slam coefficient multiplier if required

### Data Category 18

- Frequency of tether information output to both the listing file and the plot file
- Start and finish times for the statistical/fatigue analysis (for towed tethers in AQWA-DRIFT only)

## 2.7. Restart Stage 5

Following the input of analysis dependent parameters at Stage 4, Stage 5 performs the particular form of analysis. No further input data is needed save the finishing restart level given on the Restart data record ([The Preliminary Data \(Data Category 0\)](#) (p. 33)).

Note that the user need not progress through the analysis procedure one stage at a time. Each AQWA program may be run with multiple stages but, for the new user, it is best to progress slowly until confidence is gained in using the programs.



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## 2.8. Restart Stage 6

Stage 6 is a post-processing stage used to calculate the loads on Morison elements for use in a structural analysis. At present, this is only available for TUBE elements in AQWA-DRIFT and NAUT.



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## Chapter 3: Data Preparation for the AQWA Suite

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Data input in the AQWA suite of programs is divided into two or more sections called *data categories*. All programs in the AQWA suite have 18 main data categories. However, many of these data categories will not be applicable in normal use. Only in highly specialized applications will the user need knowledge of them all.

The first data category is called the Preliminary Data Category. This supplies the job type, user identification and options (which control the overall administration of the program).

The remaining data categories (referred to as Data Categories 1 to 18) consist of:

- A data category header, which tells the program to expect a new category of data with (usually) a different format of input.
- One or more data records containing numerical input categorized by the name of the data category keyword, for example:

```

      |(1) Optional User Identifier (A2) (see Optional User Identifier \(p. 27\))
      |
      |   |(2) Compulsory Data Category Keyword (A4) (see Compulsory Data Category Keyword \(p.
      |
      | 2   5|   11 |
      |-----|-----|-----|
      |X|XXX| |XXXX|COOR|XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | )
      |-----|-----|-----|
      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
      |-----|-----|-----|
      |X|END|      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
      |-----|-----|-----|
      |
      |(3) Compulsory END Code (see Compulsory 'END' Statement \(p. 27\))
    
```

The 'X' characters in columns 1-4, 7-10, etc. indicate that no data is to be input in these columns. Note that the data category keyword for Data Category 1 is 'COOR' (COORDinate positions). The keyword will be different for other data categories.

The precise format for every data record in every data category is given in the following sections:

- [The Preliminary Data \(Data Category 0\) \(p. 33\)](#)
- [Node Number and Coordinates \(Data Category 1\) \(p. 37\)](#)
- [Element Topology - ELM\\* \(Data Category 2\) \(p. 45\)](#)

Material Properties - MATE (Data Category 3) (p. 61)

Geometric Properties - GEOM (Data Category 4) (p. 63)

Constant Parameters - GLOB (Data Category 5) (p. 67)

Frequency and Directions Table - FDR\* (Data Category 6) (p. 69)

Wave Frequency Dependent Parameters and Stiffness Matrix - WFS\* (Data Category 7) (p. 83)

Drift Force Coefficients - DRC\* (Data Category 8) (p. 99)

Drift Motion Parameters - DRM\* (Data Category 9) (p. 105)

Hull Drag Coefficients and Thruster Forces - HLD\* (Data Category 10) (p. 111)

Current/Wind Parameters - ENVR (Data Category 11) (p. 121)

Motion Constraints on Structures - CONS (Data Category 12) (p. 125)

Wind/Wave Spectrum Definition - SPEC (Data Category 13) (p. 133)

Regular Wave (AQWA-NAUT) - WAVE (Data Category 13N) (p. 155)

Mooring Lines and Attachment Points - MOOR (Data Category 14) (p. 159)

Starting Conditions Definition - STRT (Data Category 15) (p. 199)

Starting Conditions Definition (AQWA-DRIFT) - STRT (Data Category 15D) (p. 203)

Starting Conditions Definition (AQWA-NAUT) - STRT (Data Category 15N) (p. 209)

Time Integration Parameters - TINT (Data Category 16) (p. 213)

AQWA-LIBRIUM Iteration Parameters - LMTS (Data Category 16B) (p. 217)

Change Geometric/Mass Characteristics - GMCH (Data Category 16L) (p. 221)

Hydrodynamic Parameters for Non-Diffracting Elements - HYDC (Data Category 17) (p. 225)

Additional File Output - PROP (Data Category 18) (p. 229)

Element and Nodal Loads - ENLD (Data Category 21) (p. 241)

Options for to be used when running the AQWA suite are discussed in Options for Use in Running AQWA Programs (p. 243).

## **3.1. Features Common to All Data Categories**

The following features are common to all data categories:

- 3.1.1. Optional User Identifier
- 3.1.2. Compulsory Data Category Keyword
- 3.1.3. Compulsory 'END' Statement
- 3.1.4. Format Requirements

### 3.1.1. Optional User Identifier

This two character field is not used by the AQWA suite of programs and is available for the convenience of the user who may label the data record data category with any two characters. It may be left blank, but many users find it helpful to put the data category number of the data category in this field.

### 3.1.2. Compulsory Data Category Keyword

The four character data category keyword is a predefined abbreviation or mnemonic indicating the type of data that is to be input, e.g. COOR - COORdinate positions, MATE - MATERial properties, etc. Every data category must contain at least a data category keyword. If a particular application of the program does not require the information pertaining to a certain data category, then the user *must enter 'NONE' as the data category keyword* to indicate this.

### 3.1.3. Compulsory 'END' Statement

The program must be able to recognize the end of the information contained in a data category. To ensure this, the user *must enter the characters 'END' on the last data record of every data category* (in columns 2-4).

### 3.1.4. Format Requirements

All AQWA ascii input files will accept the following:

- Comments starting in any column, but the 1st non-blank character must be one of \* ! /
- Blank lines
- Upper or lower case

'Free format' files, i.e. those with values separated by commas or blanks, will also accept TAB characters.

In the descriptions of the data format for the Data Category Headers and Data Records, the following syntax is used to describe the type of data required, and how many characters are provided for each field:

- $A_n$  - Alphanumeric with  $n$  characters; e.g. A4
- $I_n$  - Integer (no decimal point) value with  $n$  digits; e.g. I5
- $F_{x,y}$  - Real number, with or without decimal point, with  $x$  digits in total, and  $y$  digits of precision after the decimal point. Can be provided in exponent format. The precision of the real number is at the user's discretion, within the bounds of how many digits are available for that particular data item. E.g. F10.0

Real number formats may have an optional preceding value that allows for repeating of that format. Thus 3F10.0 is for three values each with 10 digits.

Note that for some data the F prefix may be replaced by E; e.g. 6E10.0 These two forms represent the same definition, but E is generally used where the magnitude of the numbers is expected to require exponent form.

## 3.2. Classification of Data Categories 1 TO 18

This section is intended to give an overall understanding of the general format and function of the input data required for an analysis of a particular structure or structures and to outline which information usually remains constant and which information changes for each run of the program. The user should refer to the sections on Data Preparation contained in each of the AQWA Program User Manuals for details of data input required for a particular type of analysis.

Note that in the following sections the term 'backing file' is used to describe a file which is read in by the program at one stage of the analysis having been output by the same or another program in the AQWA suite from a previous run. This transference of data is essentially transparent to the user as it is only required to indicate whether the file exists, or not, for the program to read this file automatically.

### 3.2.1. Stopping and Starting the Program During an Analysis

In order to minimize the computer costs, all programs in the AQWA suite have the optional facility of stopping and starting at various stages of the analysis. These stages are referred to in the documentation as Restart Stages.

This facility enables the user to check the results of the preliminary stages and detect any misinterpretation of the data input instructions or errors before the more expensive stages of the analysis are performed. When the user is satisfied that the results are correct, the data categories relating to the previous stages are removed for the remaining part of the analysis, as they are stored in a backing file.

When errors are detected, the user instructs the program to start the analysis again, at any of the preceding stages, before the error occurred. This process is referred to in the documentation as a restart. If the previous stage was correctly performed, the user instructs the program to execute the next stage, i.e. simply continue the analysis.

Use of the RESTART process thus implies that information is available on a backing file from a previous program run and hence is also used to transfer information from one program to another program in the AQWA suite.

The data input in Data Categories 1 to 18 fall into three main categories which also correspond to Restart Stages 1, 2 and 4. These categories are described in [Data Categories 1 to 5 - Geometric Definition and Static Environment](#) (p. 28), [Data Categories 6 to 8 - The Radiation/Diffraction Analysis Parameters](#) (p. 29), and [Data Categories 9 to 18 - Definition of Analysis-Dependent Parameters](#) (p. 29) in the following text. It is worth noting that Stages 3 and 5 are those which perform specific analysis tasks.

### 3.2.2. Data Categories 1 to 5 - Geometric Definition and Static Environment

The primary function of these data categories is to describe the structure or structures being modeled. This includes the mass and inertia of the structure and its geometry from which the hydrostatic and hydrodynamic properties are calculated.

In addition, the coordinates of all positions referenced in subsequent data categories and the parameters relating to the static environment (e.g. density of water) are input.

These parameters are normally considered to remain constant throughout the analysis of a particular structure. This means that for further program runs *these data categories must be removed*, as the information will be contained in a backing file and will be read automatically.

### 3.2.3. Data Categories 6 to 8 - The Radiation/Diffraction Analysis Parameters

The information in these data categories relates to the equation of motion of a diffracting structure in regular waves.

For AQWA-LINE, the input specifies a range of frequencies and directions at which these parameters are to be calculated.

For AQWA-DRIFT/FER/LIBRIUM/NAUT, these parameters are read from backing file automatically or are input manually.

Note that, although the parameters calculated by AQWA-LINE can be transferred automatically to other programs in the AQWA suite, this is *not* mandatory. This means that if the backing file produced by an AQWA-LINE run is *not* available, e.g. AQWA-LINE has not been run previously, or the user wishes to input parameters from a source other than AQWA-LINE, he may do so in these data categories.

These parameters usually remain constant for an analysis of a particular structure. This means that once the values of the Radiation/Diffraction analysis have been calculated or input, *these data categories must be removed*, as the information will be contained in a backing file and will be read automatically.

### 3.2.4. Data Categories 9 to 18 - Definition of Analysis-Dependent Parameters

The information input in these data categories is dependent on the type of analysis and the external forces acting on the structure, additional to those due to wave diffraction or radiation. Additional hydrodynamic coefficients may also be required for analyses involving drift frequency and nonlinear current/wind forces.

These fall into the following categories, any or none of which may be required for a particular analysis (see [Default Values Assumed by the Program \(p. 29\)](#)):

- accuracy and conditions of analysis, e.g. initial position of structure
- hydrodynamic coefficients for drift frequency forces or nonlinear current/wind forces
- environmental conditions of current, wind, waves
- external constraints of mooring lines or articulations
- hydrodynamic coefficient multipliers for parametric studies
- requests for additional output information

## 3.3. Default Values Assumed by the Program

The following sections describe the default behavior when various actions are taken:

[3.3.1. Omission of Data Categories](#)

[3.3.2. Omission of Data Records within a Data Category](#)

[3.3.3. Omission of Fields on a Data Record](#)

[3.3.4. Default Values](#)

### 3.3.1. Omission of Data Categories

As explained in [Compulsory Data Category Keyword](#) (p. 27), the user should enter 'NONE' for the data category keyword, if the information contained in the data category is not relevant to his application. Then simply omit the rest of the data category. This is quite common when running AQWA programs.

Some data categories cannot be meaningfully omitted, for example, Data Categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 in a Stage 1 analysis. (If the user does enter 'NONE' for the data category keyword, error messages will be issued saying that the data is missing.)

The user should note that whenever 'NONE' is entered, the program will automatically supply default values for all the quantities associated with that data category. The user may therefore use this mechanism as a default facility (but see [Default Values](#) (p. 30) below).

### 3.3.2. Omission of Data Records within a Data Category

The user may omit a data record from within a data category if the information contained on the data record is not relevant to his application. This is quite common when running AQWA programs.

Some data records cannot be meaningfully omitted, for example, the frequency data record (defining the frequencies to be analyzed) in Data Category 6. (If the user does omit this data record, the program will assume zero frequencies to be analyzed and will terminate normally without actually doing anything!)

The user should note that if a data record is omitted, the program may automatically supply default values for all the quantities associated with that data record. The user may therefore use this mechanism as a default facility (but see [Default Values](#) (p. 30) below).

### 3.3.3. Omission of Fields on a Data Record

Certain fields on a data record may be left blank. The program will supply appropriate default values. This is the basic default mechanism for the AQWA suite (but see [Default Values](#) (p. 30) below). The fields which may be left blank are indicated in the appropriate places in the text ([The Preliminary Data \(Data Category 0\)](#) (p. 33)).

Note that, due to a peculiarity of the Fortran language, the program cannot distinguish between a blank field and one in which a zero value has been entered. Therefore, if zero is entered in a field which the manual indicates can take default values, the default value (which may be non-zero) will be invoked.

### 3.3.4. Default Values

The actual numerical values supplied by the program are given in the appropriate places in the text ([The Preliminary Data \(Data Category 0\)](#) (p. 33)).

**Warning**

THE DEFAULT VALUES SUPPLIED ARE IN S.I. UNITS

Therefore, where AQWA returns non-zero default values (for physical quantities), only users employing S.I. units may make use of the default facility.

In any event, all data either input by the user or assumed by the program are automatically sent to the listing file, unless the user specifically requests otherwise.



## 3.4. The Data Category Series for One or More Structures

### 3.4.1. Data Category Series - Definition

In the case of Data Categories 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, all input data refers to that associated with a particular structure. Therefore, each structure has its own data category, e.g. if there are three structures being analysed there will be Data Categories 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 etc. Such a group of data categories (i.e. 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 or 6.1, 6.2, 6.3) is known as a *data category series*. The data category keyword indicates this by having the structure number incorporated into the data category keyword, e.g. for Data Category 6 (Frequency and Direction Tables) we have, for three structures, FDR1 as the data category keyword for Structure 1, FRD2 as the data category keyword for Structure 2, etc. The documentation will refer to these as Data Category FDR\* to mean all three data categories, i.e. the Data Category Series 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3.

### 3.4.2. The Data Category Series Terminator - FINI

The number of structures is defined by the number of Data Category 2's where the structural, hydrodynamic and hydrostatic model is input, e.g. if the user inputs two data categories (Data Categories 2.1 and 2.2), the number of structures will have been defined as 2. However, as the program is unable to anticipate that Data Category 2.3 will not be input, the Data Category 2 series must be terminated with a 'FINI' data record, that is, a data record formatted as above with 'FINI' (FINIsh) as the data category keyword. However, if the maximum number (50) of structures is input, the 'FINI' data record *must be omitted*, as termination of the data category series is then mandatory.

### 3.4.3. Omission of Data Categories within a Data Category Series

The data category series terminator 'FINI' must subsequently be used, if necessary, to terminate the series of Data Categories 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. The program expects the number of data categories input to be equal to the number of structures defined. If this is not the case, the last data category input must be followed by a FINI data category series terminator. For example, if the user has three structures and wishes to omit the data for Structure 2 from Data Category 9, the remaining data categories (9.1 and 9.3) must be followed by the data category terminator 'FINI'. If the user omits data for Structures 1 and 2 then the only remaining data category (9.3) must be followed by the data category terminator 'FINI'. However, if all Data Category 9's are omitted, the data category keyword 'NONE' must be used to indicate that there is no input for any of the defined structures (see also [Compulsory Data Category Keyword](#) (p. 27)).





AQWA-FER = FER

AQWA-LINE = LINE

AQWA-LIBRIUM = LIBR

AQWA-NAUT = NAUT

(3) As all of the programs have two distinct types of analysis, the user may state which type of analysis is required for each run. If this field is left blank, then the default analysis type will be used. These defaults and the optional analysis types are as follows:

**AQWA-LINE** Default - Radiation/Diffraction analysis

Option 1 - **FIXD** - Structure fixed

**AQWA-LIBRIUM** Default - Static AND dynamic stability

Option 1 - **STAT** - Static stability only

Option 2 -**DYNA** - Dynamic stability only

**AQWA-DRIFT** Default - Drift frequency motions only

Option 1 - **WFRQ** - Drift frequency AND wave frequency motions

**AQWA-FER** Default - Drift frequency AND wave frequency motions

Option 1 - **DRFT** - Drift frequency motions only

Option 2 - **WFRQ** - Wave frequency motions only

**AQWA-NAUT** Default - Time history regular wave response

Option 1 - **IRRE** - Time history analysis in irregular waves. This applies to both diffracting structures (when [convolution](#) is used) and Morison structures. Note that in AQWA-NAUT, wave drift force is not included in either regular or irregular waves.

## 4.2. The TITLE Data Record

```

1           6           21
-----
|TITLE|XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX|THIS IS A TITLE OF THE PROGRAM RUN          ...
-----
|                                     |
|                                     |   _Title to be Used for Annotation of Results(15A4)
|                                     |
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword.
```

## 4.3. The OPTIONS Data Record

```

1           9           14           19           24           29
-----
|OPTIONS|X|OPT1|X|OPT2|X|OPT3|X|OPT4|X|END| |
-----
|          |          |
|          |          |
```

```

|          |(1)One or more OPTIONS. Format of each Option(A4)
|
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword.

```

(1) Up to 14 options may be input on each options data record. Each data record must have the data record keyword OPTIONS in columns 1-7 and the last option on the last OPTIONS data record *must* be END as shown above. In practice, only a few options are used for any one run. It is therefore extremely unusual to input more than one OPTIONS data record.

The list of options common to all programs, and those which are have special applicability for a certain program are listed for each program in [Options for Use in Running AQWA Programs \(p. 243\)](#).

## 4.4. The RESTART Data Record

### Note

If this data record is present a REST option must be present in the list of options on the OPTIONS data record (see [The OPTIONS Data Record \(p. 34\)](#)).

```

1          9 12          21
-----
|RESTART|X| | |XXXXXX|FILENAME
-----
|
|          |(3)Optional. Name of database to be copied (without extension)
|
|          |(2)Finish Stage, i.e. Finish at the End of this Stage (I1)
|
|          |(1)Start stage, i.e. Start at the Beginning of this Stage (I1)
|
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword

```

(1) The start stage will depend on which stages have been previously run. Stages in the program may not be omitted. This means that the finish stage of the previous run must either be the previous stage or a later stage in the program analysis.

When errors are detected, the user may start the analysis again at any of the preceding stages before the error occurred. If the previous stage was correctly performed, the user instructs the program to execute the next stage, i.e. simply to continue the analysis.

Note that as no analysis is performed within Stage 3 (except for AQWA-LINE) a run starting and finishing at Stage 3 may be used, in conjunction with the PRDL option, to print out the contents of the restart file on the listing file. As the restart file is a binary file and cannot be printed out directly, this is very useful if there is some question as to the contents.

See [Analysis Stages \(p. 9\)](#) for a description and list of restart stages for each program.

(3) The program will automatically copy any relevant files with this name to use for the current run. This may be .RES, .EQP and/or .POS, depending on the program which is being run. For example, using the name ABTEST1 in the AQWA-FER data file AFTEST2.DAT will result in:

ABTEST1.RES being copied to AFTEST2.RES

ABTEST1.EQP being copied to AFTEST2.EQP.

Note that the RDEP option is still required to read the .EQP file that has been copied.

If an extension is used, for example ABTEST1 .RES, only that one individual file will be copied.







```

| |
| | _Compulsory END on last data record in data category
| |
| |(1)Indicates Rotational Node Generation
    
```

(1) This single letter code indicates that a set of nodes is to be generated by rotating a set of nodes already input.

(2) This is the starting node of the set to be copied (input sequence = NS1). The finish node of the set is the last node input so far (input sequence = NF1).

(3) This is the number of node sets to be generated (NSETS). The total number of nodes automatically generated in addition to those already input is given by:

$$\text{Total additional nodes} = \text{NSETS} (\text{NF1} - \text{NS1} + 1)$$

If this field is left blank, or zero is input, NSETS=1 is assumed.

(4) This node increment number (N3) is the number by which the node numbers already input are to be incremented. In other words, if the nodes previously input are numbered NP1, NP2, NP3 etc., and the new node numbers are NN1, NN2, NN3 etc., these new node numbers are given by:

$$\text{NN1} = \text{NP1} + \text{N3}; \text{NN2} = \text{NP2} + \text{N3}; \text{NN3} = \text{NP3} + \text{N3}; \text{etc.}$$

If no increment value is present, or zero is input, the program will issue a warning and default to a value of 100.

(5) These three values are the coordinates of the point about which the rotation of the nodes already input takes place. This field may be left blank, in which case the point is assumed to be 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, i.e. the FRA origin.

(6) These three values (RX,RY,RZ) are the components of the angular vector of rotation, i.e. the angle and axis about which the rotation takes place is given by

$$\text{Angle} = \text{modulus} (\text{RX}, \text{RY}, \text{RZ})$$

$$\text{Axis} = \text{vector} (\text{RX}, \text{RY}, \text{RZ}) / \text{Modulus} (\text{RX}, \text{RY}, \text{RZ})$$

Although this means that the user has the facility to generate nodes rotated about any axis, the most common usage is as follows (using 30 degrees as an example)

Rotation about X-axis RX = 30.0 RY = 0.0 RZ = 0.0

Rotation about Y-axis RX = 0.0 RY = 30.0 RZ = 0.0

Rotation about Z-axis RX = 0.0 RY = 0.0 RZ = 30.0

### EXAMPLE

Generation of nodes for six, 50m tall, 8m diameter cylindrical legs of an axisymmetric semi-submersible at a radius of 75 metres

2	5	7	11	16	21	31	41	51	61	71	
			1	6	1	79.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0
R				12	10	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0







(1) This single letter code indicates that a set of nodes is to be generated by reflecting a set of nodes already input.

(2) This is the starting node of the set to be copied (input sequence = NS1). The finish node of the set is the last node input so far (input sequence = NF1). The number of nodes generated will always be (NF1-NS1+1).

(3) This node increment number (N3) is the number by which the node numbers already input are to be incremented. In other words, if the nodes previously input are numbered NP1, NP2, NP3, etc., and the new node numbers are NN1, NN2, NN3, etc., these new node numbers are given by:

$$NN1 = NP1 + N3; NN2 = NP2 + N3; NN3 = NP3 + N3; \text{ etc.}$$

If no increment value is present, or zero is input, the program will issue a warning and default to a value of 100.

(4) These are the co-efficients A, B, C, D which define the plane of reflection. The plane is defined by the equation:

$$Ax + By + Cz = D$$

## 5.9. The NOD5 Data Record - 5-digit node numbers

This data record allows node numbers with 5 digits to be defined directly.

The input format is as follows:

```

-----
 5  7
X|XXX| |NOD5|XXXXX
-----
|
|
|
|
|
|_ (2)
|_ (1)Optional user data category identifier
```

When the NOD5 data record is used the format for all following coordinate data records are changed slightly as shown below. The field for node numbers becomes 5 columns, while the field for the number of generated nodes is reduced to 4 columns. All the other fields are unchanged.

```

  2  5  7   12  16   21     31     51     61     71
-----
|X| | | | 4| | | | 54.6 | ... | | | | ...
-----
|X|END| | 23| 3| 10| 54.6 | ... | 4.5 | | | | ...
-----
|
|
|
|
|
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|
|
|
|_ (4)3 Coordinates for Start Node (3F10.0)
|_ (3)Increment for Node Number(I5)
|_ (2)Number of Nodes to be Generated(I4)
|_ (1)Starting Node Number(I5)
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
|_Compulsory END on Last Data Record in data category (A3)
```



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## Chapter 6: Element Topology - ELM\* (Data Category 2)

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When entering ELM data categories, the \* indicates the structure number; in other words, enter ELM1 for Structure 1, ELM2 for Structure 2, .... EL10 for Structure 10.

### 6.1. General Description

This Data Category defines the structural, hydrodynamic and hydrostatic modeling by superposition of ELEMENTS of different types, each of which has its own unique properties (a summary is given in [Element Topology Data Record \(p. 46\)](#)). An Element is defined by specifying 1, 2, 3 or 4 node numbers (defined in Data Category 1) as is appropriate to that element. Some elements also require a material and geometric group number (defined in Data Categories 3 and 4 respectively).

Data Categories 1, 3, 4 should be thought of as a table of values which are indexed by the node, material and geometric group numbers respectively, on the [Element Topology Data Record \(p. 46\)](#).

Note also that all elements within a structure are considered to be part of a rigid framework and cannot move relative to one another. However, there is no requirement for the actual physical connections to be modeled within the AQWA suite of programs.

Note: At this stage of the modeling (i.e. input of Data Category 2) the program does not know how many structures the user wishes to define. Therefore [The Data Category Series Terminator - FINI \(p. 31\)](#) must be used to indicate that no more structures will be input. However, if the maximum number of structures is input, the FINI data record *must* be omitted, as termination of the Data Category series is then mandatory.

AQWA can accept up to 18000 elements explicitly defined in Data Category 2. Of these 12000 may be diffracting elements. These limits are raised to 36000/24000 elements with one symmetry data record, or 72000/48000 elements with two symmetry data records. These limits are for all the elements in a complete model, not for each individual structure.

AQWA can accept up to 50 structures, each including diffracting or non-diffracting elements, but the total number of elements on all structures must not exceed the limits above. It is not possible for all these structures to interact hydrodynamically with each other, and the limits on the number of structures are given below. If there are:  $S$  sets of interacting structures, with  $I_s$  structures in each  $D$  additional diffracting structures  $ND$  additional non-diffracting structures

Rule 1.  $\sum(I_s) + D + ND \leq 50$  Total number of structures  $\leq 50$

Rule 2.  $I_s \leq 20$  Number of interacting structures in one set  $\leq 20$

Rule 3.  $\sum(I_s)^2 + D + ND \leq 430$  Number of added mass sub-matrices  $\leq 430$

Some examples of possible configurations that just meet the limits.

50 diffracting structures (non-interacting) Rule 1 = 50. Rule 2 = 0. Rule 3 = 50. Rule 1 governs





<b>TUBE</b>	Tube	2	density	geometry
<b>PMAS</b>	Point Mass	1	mass	inertia
<b>PBOY</b>	Point Buoyancy	1	displaced mass	none
<b>FPNT</b>	Field Point	1	none	none
<b>STUB</b>	Slender Tube	3	mass, inertia	geometry
<b>DISC</b>	Circular Disc	2	none	geometry

(2) The element group number associated with each element is used to divide the elements defining the structure into groups. Groups can be used for plotting and to identify special sets of elements (see [The PFIX Data Record - Partially Fix Structure \(p. 54\)](#), [The ILID Data Record - Suppression of Irregular Frequencies \(p. 57\)](#), and [The VLID Data Record - Suppression of Standing Waves. \(p. 54\)](#)), but the group number may be left blank if desired.

(3) Free Format data generation is achieved by specifying several bracketed sets of Topological variables in columns 21-80. The number of bracketed sets is given by

Number of Sets = 1 + (Number of Nodes)

+ 1 if a Material Group is required

+ 1 if a Geometry Group is required

In general we have a format of

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} (N) & (N1, N2, N3) & & (N1, N2, N3) & & (N1, N2, N3) & \dots \\ \hline & | & & | & & | & \\ & \text{first} & & \text{second node} & & \text{third node} & \\ & \text{node} & & \text{or parameter} & & \text{or parameter} & \end{array}$$

N - Number of elements to be generated

N1 - Starting Node number, Material Group number or Geometric Group number

N2 - Increment of N1 for each element generated

N3 - Increment of N2 for each element generated

For the *i*th element of the N elements generated (whether the set applies to a node number, material or geometric group number) each bracketed set will produce the number

$$N_i = N1 + (i-1) \cdot [N2 + (i-1) \cdot N3]$$

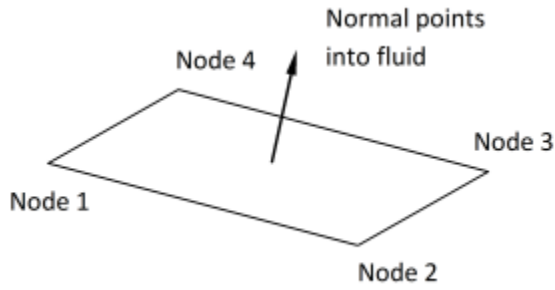
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### Note

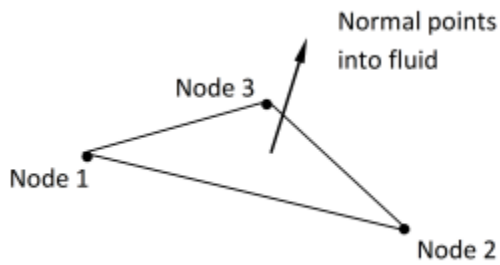
Elements TPPL and QPPL must be numbered in an anticlockwise direction as seen by an observer external to the structure.

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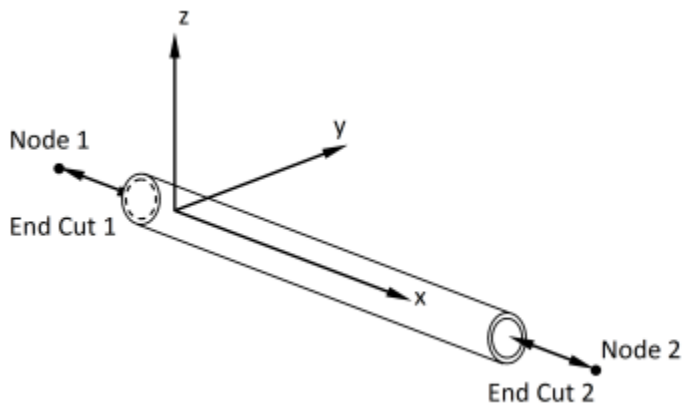
### 6.3.1. The QPPL Element



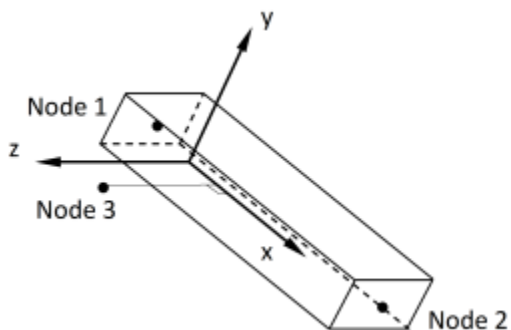
### 6.3.2. The TPPL Element



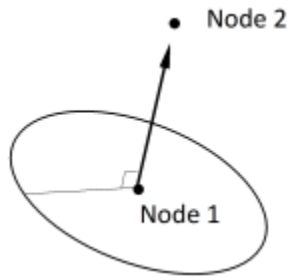
### 6.3.3. The TUBE Element



### 6.3.4. The STUB Element



### 6.3.5. The DISC Element



### 6.3.6. Examples of Element Specifications

#### Example 1

For the QPPL element, the data

(30)(11,1)(71,1)(72,1)(12,1)

will generate the ELEMENTS as follows:

		node 1	node 2	node 3	node 4
Element 1	i=1	$11+0(1+0) = 11$	$71+0(1+0) = 71$	$72+0(1+0) = 72$	$12+0(1+0) = 12$
Element 2	i=2	$11+1(1+0) = 12$	$71+1(1+0) = 72$	$72+1(1+0) = 73$	$12+1(1+0) = 13$
Element 3	i=3	$11+2(1+0) = 13$	$71+2(1+0) = 73$	$72+2(1+0) = 74$	$12+2(1+0) = 14$

etc.

i.e. 30 elements are generated each with 4 node numbers where

Element 1 nodes are 11,71,72,12

Element 2 nodes are 12,72,73,13

Element 3 nodes are 13,73,74,14

etc.

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#### Note

N3 is zero in all cases, which is very common.

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#### Example 2

For the TUBE element, the data

(10)(11,3)(71,3)(2)(1)

will generate the elements as follows:

		node 1	node 2	material group	geometry group
Element 1	i=1	$11+0(3+0) = 11$	$71+0(3+0) = 71$	$2+0(0+0) = 2$	$1+0(0+0) = 1$

Element 2	i=2	11+1(3+0) = 14	71+1(3+0) = 74	2+1(0+0) = 2	1+1(0+0) = 1
Element 3	i=3	11+2(3+0) = 17	71+2(3+0) = 77	2+1(0+0) = 2	1+2(0+0) = 1

etc.

i.e. 10 elements are generated

Element 1: nodes are 11,71; Material Group = 2; Geometry Group = 1

Element 2: nodes are 14,74; Material Group = 2; Geometry Group = 1

Element 3: nodes are 17,77; Material Group = 2 ; Geometry Group = 1

etc.

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**Note**

N2 (as well as N3) is zero for the material/geometric group number increments, which is very common. This means that all 10 elements will have the same material and geometric properties.

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**Example 3**

For the DISC element, the data

(1)(11)(71)(1)

will generate one DISC element as indicated by the number in the first pair of brackets. The centroid position of the disc is defined by the first node number (node 11) and the normal direction of the disc is decided by the vector from the first node (11) to the second node (71). It should be noted that whether the normal vector defined as from node 11 to 71 or from node 71 to 11 has no effect on the results. The last number in the DISC data record is the geometry property group number for this DISC which is to be defined in [Geometric Properties - GEOM \(Data Category 4\) \(p. 63\)](#) (DISC has no material properties).

(4) In an AQWA-LINE data file, QPPL and TPPL elements which are below the still water line in the AQWA-LINE analysis position must be denoted as diffracting elements by entering the identifier DIFF in columns 12 to 15.

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**Note**

For structures which cross the waterline, the top row of diffracting plate elements must have their top edges aligned with the still water line (i.e. diffracting plates must not cross the still water line).

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**6.4. SYMX and SYMY Data Records - X and Y Symmetry**

This facility may be used when the structure is symmetrical about the X or Y axis of the Fixed Reference Axis in the position defined by the element topology in this data category and the node coordinates input in Data Category 1.

```

  2   5   7
-  - - - -

```

```

|X|   |   |SYMX|
-----
|X|   |   |SYMY|
-----
|   |   |   |
|   |   |   |_(1)Symmetry Specification(A4)
|   |   |   |
|   |   |   |_Optional User Identifier(A2)
|   |   |   |
|   |   |   |_Compulsory END on Last
|   |   |   |Data Record in Data Category.(A3)

```

Use of the symmetry specification has two distinct advantages:

1. To save the user modeling 1/2 or 3/4 of the structure

If the SYMX data record (only) is used, only half of the structure needs to be defined (on one side of the x axis). The other half of the structure will be generated internally by the program as a mirror image of the first half about the x axis. If the whole structure is modeled, the SYMX data record must not be used as this produces two identical structures existing in the same position.

If the SYMY data record (only) is used, only half of the structure needs to be defined (on one side of the y axis). The other half of the structure will be generated internally by the program as a mirror image of the first half about the y axis. If the whole structure is modeled the SYMY data record must not be used as this produces two identical structures existing in the same position.

If both the SYMX data record and SYMY data record are used, only one quarter of the structure needs to be defined (in one quadrant). If the half/whole structure is modeled both data records must not be used as this produces identical structures existing in the same position.

2. To save substantial computer time in the radiation/diffraction analysis in AQWA-LINE

Expected saving in computer time:

for 2-fold symmetry (SYMX OR SYMY) = 50 - 75 percent

for 4-fold symmetry (SYMX and SYMY) = 75 - 90 percent

These figures given are typical and saving will be model dependent. Saving may be less for small problems, and should be even greater for very large problems, i.e. greater than 250 defined (as opposed to total) elements.

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### Note

The Symmetry data record only applies to TPPL and QPPL elements. All other element types are unaffected by the introduction of these data records and must be fully described as the physical geometry dictates.

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## 6.5. The HYDI Data Record - Hydrodynamic Interaction

This data record allows the inclusion of the interaction effects when structures are in close proximity. Up to 20 hydrodynamically interacting structures can be modeled.

The interaction effects modelled include changes to both diffraction and radiation forces. All AQWA post processing programs recognize these additional forces, including the additional radiation forces which couple the interacting structures.









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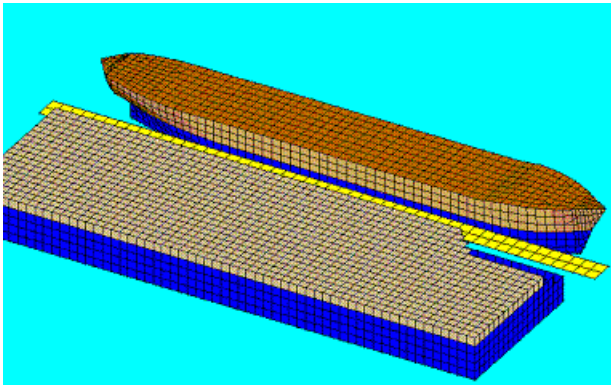
|_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)
|_Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|_Group number
|_Mandatory parameters

```

(1) This is the group number that will be used for the lid elements. If there is more than one structure with a lid a different group must be used for each lid. If a group number is not specified a default value of 999 will be used.

(2) Lid Parameters

- DAMP: damping factor for the lid, typically between 0.0 and 0.2; 0 will give no effect, 0.2 will result in heavy damping of surface elevation at the elements.
- GAP: characteristic length for the lid. This will typically be the gap between two adjacent vessels or the smallest dimension of a moonpool. It is not used to define the size of the lid itself.



```

-----
|X| | VLID| | 135| (DAMP=0.02,GAP=10.0)
-----

```

## 6.11. The ASYM Data Record - Axisymmetric Structure Generation

The ELM\* data categories will now accept a new ASYM data record. This enables users to generate a structure whose elements are totally axi-symmetric by specifying line of nodes to define a 'profile' line.

- A 4-fold symmetrical structure is generated in a special order and has the effect of switching on X and Y symmetry i.e. as if the SYMX and SYMY data records have been input in Data Category 2.
- At this time only structures whose axi-symmetric axis is co-incident with the Z Fixed Reference Axis may be generated; in other words, generated nodes are rotated about this axis.
- Any number of ASYM data records may be used within the normal restrictions of the maximum number of nodes and elements.
- The maximum number of nodes in the profile line used in generating an axi-symmetric structure is 100.
- The elements generated will not necessarily produce a mesh with no modeling errors. To a large extent this will depend on the exact geometry of the profile line specified by the user. Note that with 64-fold



In general, if the profile line has NN nodes in the list and N-fold symmetry is specified then  $M=(NN-1)*N$ .

The maximum number of nodes in a profile line is 100.

The following are restrictions on the node coordinates defining the profile line. Failure to comply will produce a fatal error:

- X coordinate must be positive ( in other words,  $\geq 0.0$ ).
- Adjacent nodes cannot both have zero X coordinates.
- Y coordinates must be zero.
- Distance between adjacent nodes must not be too small.
- The profile line must not form a closed loop.

## 6.12. The ILID Data Record - Suppression of Irregular Frequencies

This data record is used to define a lid for suppression of irregular frequencies. The lid is modeled by horizontal diffracting elements that must be contained in a specified group. The elements may be defined by the user or they can be generated automatically by AQWA.

### Automatically Generated Lid

The data record shown below is used to request that the lid elements should be generated automatically. Note that the TOTAL number of elements must still be fewer than the maximum permitted, so the user must allow "space" for the lid when creating the model. The lid will be created at a z-coordinate defined on the ZLWL data record ([The ZLWL Data Record - Waterline Height \(p. 58\)](#)), which must also be included in Data Category 2.

2	5	7	11	16	21
-----					
X		ILID	AUTO		(LID_SIZE=???? , START_NODE=NNNNN)
-----					
					_(3)Optional parameters
					_(2)Group number
					_(1)Automatic lid generation
					_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
					_Optional User Identifier (A2)
					_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

(1) This identifier specifies that the lid is to be generated automatically

(2) This is the group number that will be used for the lid elements. If there is more than one structure with a lid a different group must be used for each structure. If a group number is not specified a default value of 999 will be used.

(3) These optional parameters allow the user to specify the nominal size of the lid elements and the starting number for the nodes that will be generated. The default size of the lid elements will be based



```

|_ (3)Mandatory data record keyword.
|_ (2)Optional User Identifier.
|_ (1)Compulsory END on Last Data Record in Data Category(A3)

```

(4) The position of the waterline is defined in the same axes as used to define the nodes in Data Category 1.

#### NOTES.

- If a ZLWL data record is used, the ZCGE data record in Data Category 7 is no longer required. An error message will be issued if a ZCGE data record is present and is not consistent with the ZLWL data record.
- If the ZCGE and ZLWL data records are both absent, the definition position based on the nodes in Data Category 1 will be used.
- This position is NOT USED as the starting position for an analysis using AQWA-LIBRIUM, FER, DRIFT or NAUT. This must be specified in Data Category 15 or by using the RDEP option (see [Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite](#) (p. 248)).

## 6.14. The SEAG Data Records - Creation of Wave Grid Pressures

This data record instructs AQWA-LINE to create a .PAG file containing pressures at wave grid points. This file is used by the AGS for plotting wave heights and pressures.

At present the grid size can only be specified from ANSYS Workbench. When AQWA-LINE is run as a batch program or from the AGS it is not possible to input any values for the grid size.

```

      2    5    7   11          21
-----
|X|      |SEAG|XXXXXXXXX| (NX, NY, Xmin, Xmax, Ymin, Ymax)
-----
|_ (2)Max Y-coordinate of grid
|_ (2)Min Y-coordinate of grid
|_ (2)Max X-coordinate of grid
|_ (2)Min X-coordinate of grid
|_ (1)Number of Y grid points
|_ (1)Number of X grid points
|_ Data Record Name(A4)
|_Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

```

(1) The first two parameters give the number of points, in the global X and Y directions, at which the wave pressures will be calculated. The limits are:

	X-direction	Y-direction
Minimum number of grid points	41	26
Maximum number of grid points	81	51

Default number of grid points	41	26
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(2) The last four parameters give the X and Y limits of the grid over which the wave pressures will be calculated. These parameters cannot be set, and should be omitted, when AQWA is run as a batch program or from the AGS.



Element Type	Property 1	Property 2	Property 3
T/QPPL	None	None	None
TUBE	Density	None	None
STUB	Mass/unit length	Y axis inertia/unit length	Z axis inertia/unit length
PMAS	Mass	None	None
TELM	Density	Young's Modulus	None
DISC	None	None	None

### 7.4. The STRC Data Record - Material Structure Association

If Coordinate Structure data records have been defined in the Coordinate data then these may also be used in defining material properties. The STRC (structure) data record enables the use of totally independent sets of material properties for each structure. In other words, the user material numbers may be the same for 2 different structures but they will be treated as separate items. If used then the material properties for all structures must be defined using STRC data records. If STRC is not utilized then all material property numbers must be unique across all structures.

The structure number has to be in columns 16-20 as shown below:

```

      5  7          16   21
-----
X  XXX 01 STRC XXXXX   nn XXXXXX
-----
|      |             |
|      |             |_(3)Structure Number.
|      |             |
|      |             |_(2)Mandatory Keyword.
|      |             |
|      |             |_(1)Optional User Identifier

```

(3) The structure number must start from 1 on the 1st data record and increment by 1 for each structure data record input. The number of ELM\* data categories must correspond to the number of structure data records.



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## Chapter 8: Geometric Properties - GEOM (Data Category 4)

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### 8.1. General Description

This data category is used to input the physical geometry and parameters relating to the physical geometry of elements input in Data Category 2 and are referred to as GEOMETRIC PROPERTIES. Geometric properties should be thought of as a table of values which are indexed by the geometric group numbers on the [Element Topology Data Record \(p. 46\)](#) (Data Category 2).

The parameters input within this data category are only referred to by the geometric group numbers on the [Element Topology Data Record \(p. 46\)](#) (Data Category 2).

Each entry in the geometric properties table defined within this data category is associated only with a particular element type but is not specifically associated with any one structure (unless a STRC data record is defined within this data category). This means that many elements, *provided they are the same type*, may reference the same geometric group number and several structures may also reference the same group number.

### 8.2. Data Category Header

```
          5      11
-----
|XXXX|  |XXXX|GEOM|
-----
|
|
|_Compulsory Keyword(A4)
|
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
```

### 8.3. Geometric Property Data Record

Required for all elements having geometric properties.

```
      2  5  7  11  16  21      31      41
-----
|x|  |  |  |  |xxxxx|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
-----
|
|
|
|
|
|
|
|_Compulsory END on last data record in data category (A3)
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
|_ (1)ELEMENT Type(A4)
|_ (2)Geometric Group Number(I5)
|_ (3)6 Geometric parameters (6F10.0)
```

Continuation Data Record - Only required for Morison elements. It may be omitted if the appropriate default values are required (see (4) and (5) below)



## 8.4. The STRC Data Record - Geometry Structure Association

If Coordinate Structure data records have been defined in the Coordinate data then these may also be used in defining material properties. The STRC (structure) data record enables the use of totally independent sets of geometric properties for each structure. In other words, the user geometry numbers may be the same for 2 different structures but they will be treated as separate items. If used then the geometric properties for all structures must be defined using STRC data records. If STRC is not utilized then all geometric property numbers must be unique across all structures.

The structure number has to be in columns 16-20 as shown below:

```
          5  7          16   21
  -----
X XXX 01 STRC XXXXX   nn  XXXXXX
  -----
          |                   |
          |                   |         |(3)Structure Number.
          |                   |         |
          |                   |         |(2)Mandatory Keyword.
          |                   |         |
          |                   |         |(1)Optional User Identifier
```

(3) The structure number must start from 1 on the 1st data record and increment by 1 for each structure data record input. The number of ELM\* data categories must correspond to the number of structure data records.



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## Chapter 9: Constant Parameters - GLOB (Data Category 5)

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### 9.1. General Description

This data category is used to input the environmental parameters which are normally constant throughout the analysis of a structure. These parameters include the Acceleration Due to Gravity and the Depth and Density of the water. It is not intended to imply that the user cannot change the depth of water on every single run of the program if he wishes to do so, only that these parameters are classified by the fact that they normally remain constant.

All data records are optional in this data category. Enter NONE for the data category keyword if no data records are input. Please note that the default values for the parameters in this data category are effectively in SI units. This means that if the user is working in a set of units other than SI, he will have to explicitly input all three parameters.

### 9.2. Data Category Header

```
      5      11
-----
|XXXX|  |XXXX|GLOB|
-----
      |
      |                |__Compulsory Keyword(A4)
      |
      |__Optional User Identifier(A2)
```

Note: If data records denoted (Optional) are omitted, the program will produce the appropriate default value shown for each parameter.

### 9.3. The DPTH Data Record (Optional) - Water Depth

```
      2   5   7   11
-----
|X|   |   |DPTH|   |
-----
      |   |   |
      |   |   |                |__(1)Water Depth(F10.0)
      |   |   |                |   (Default Value 1000.0)
      |   |   |                |
      |   |   |                |__Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
      |   |   |                |
      |   |   |                |__Optional User Identifier(A2)
      |   |   |                |
      |   |   |                |__Compulsory END on Last data record in data category(A3)
```

(1) Note that the water depth is fundamental to the calculation of all wave properties.

### 9.4. The DENS Data Record (Optional) - Water Density

```
      2   5   7   11
-----
|X|   |   |DENS|   |
-----
      |   |   |
      |   |   |                |__Density of Water(F10.0)
```

```
| | | (Default Value 1025.0)
| | | _Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
| | | _Optional User Identifier(A2)
|_|_Compulsory END on Last data record in data category(A3)
```

## 9.5. The ACCG Data Record (Optional) - Acceleration Due to Gravity

```
  2   5   7   11
-----
|X| | | |ACCG| |
-----
| | | |
| | | |_(1)Acceleration Due to Gravity(F10.0)
| | | | (Default Value 9.81)
| | | |
| | | |_(1)Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
| | | |
|_|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
|_|_Compulsory END on Last data record in data category(A3)
```

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## Chapter 10: Frequency and Directions Table - FDR\* (Data Category 6)

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When entering FDR data categories, the \* indicates the structure number; for example, enter FDR1 for Structure 1, FDR2 for Structure 2, .... FD50 for Structure 50.

See [Database Import \(p. 80\)](#) for examples showing the import of data from an existing AQWA-LINE database.

### 10.1. General Description

This data category is used to input the frequencies and directions at which the values of the hydrodynamic parameters in the equations of motion of large floating structures are to be computed, or to access existing information from a previous analysis. Values of added mass, and radiation damping are associated with each frequency. Values of diffraction forces, Froude Krylov forces and Response Amplitude Operators (RAO) are associated with each frequency and with each direction.

### Rules Governing Input of Frequencies/Periods

The frequencies and values of the radiation/diffraction analysis parameters are naturally of fundamental importance to all analyses of the motions of a large floating structures. Unfortunately maximum flexibility in specifying these parameters usually results in errors which can go undetected right through the analysis procedure. The format of input of these parameters is designed to avoid the errors whilst retaining this flexibility which is considered essential to the accurate modeling of a structure in such a complex environment.

The following rules and manner in which the frequencies/periods are input at first may appear complicated just to specify a single series of ascending/descending values. However, the user will rapidly become aware of value of the rules with both simple analysis procedures and use of the more advanced facilities of the program.

- (a) Frequency/period numbers must be unique.
- (b) There must be no 'gaps' in frequency/period numbers when all data records in this data category have been input, e.g. if a total of five frequencies/periods are input then these must be numbered 1 through 5.
- (c) Frequencies/periods must be distinct and unique.
- (d) When all data records in this data category have been input, ascending numbers must correspond to ascending frequency values, or, if periods are input, to descending period values.

### 10.2. Data Category Header

```
-----
      5      11  |
                   |
                   |  -(Indicates Structure Number)
```





(4)-(9) These are the values of frequency/period at which the hydrodynamic parameters are to be calculated or input (Data Categories 7 and 8). Note that when fewer than six values are input the extra fields on the data record are ignored. These values are associated with the numbers defined in columns 11-20.

## Rules Governing Input of Frequencies

- (a) Frequency numbers must be unique.
- (b) There must be no 'gaps' in frequency numbers; for example, if five frequencies are input they must be numbered from 1 to 5.
- (c) Frequencies must be input in ascending order. Periods must be input in descending order.
- (d) Although more than one frequency data record can be used, the total number of frequencies cannot exceed 50.
- (e) The minimum frequency is  $0.05\sqrt{(g/d)}$  rad/s, where  $g$  = gravitational acceleration,  $d$  = water depth.

### EXAMPLES

These two data records define 9 frequencies, numbered from 1 to 9, with values from from 0.2 rad/s to 1.0 rad/s

		FREQ	1	6	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7
		FREQ	7	9	0.8	0.9	1.0			

## Frequency Generation

Automatic generation of frequencies is specified by setting the 1st frequency number to 0 (or blank). AQWA will then generate frequencies numbered from the previous frequency to the final frequency number on the data record. The generated frequencies will be equally spaced between the first and last frequencies on the data record.

This data record will generate 20 frequencies numbered from 1 to 20, equally spaced between 0.1 and 1.8 hertz.

		HRTZ	0	20	0.1	1.8
--	--	------	---	----	-----	-----

These data records will generate 5 frequencies numbered from 1 to 5, equally spaced between 0.1 and 0.5 rad/s, followed by 10 frequencies numbered from 6 to 15, equally spaced between 0.55 and 1.0 rad/s.

		FREQ	0	5	0.10	0.50
		FREQ	0	15	0.55	1.00

## 10.4. The DIRN Data Record - Directions at which the Hydrodynamic Parameters are Computed

2	5	7	11	16	21	31	41	
X	DIRN							...
								_(3)-(8)Up to 6 Values of Direction(6F10.0)(DEGREES)
								_(2)Terminal Direction Number(I5)
								_(1)Initial Direction Number(I5)
								_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
								_Optional User Identifier(A2)
								_Compulsory END on last data record in data category (A3)

(1)-(2) These are the direction numbers associated with the values in columns 21-80. These numbers must be used in subsequent data categories when referring to the direction values where they are used to cross check the data input. The first number refers to the first value input (columns 21-30) and the second number refers to the last value input. If the first number is zero or blank the program will generate directions automatically - see below.

(3)-(8) These are the values of direction at which the hydrodynamic parameters (Data Categories 7 and 8) are to be calculated. They are also the default directions at which the hull drag coefficients (Data Category 10) are to be input. These values are associated with the numbers defined in columns 11-20 (see parameters (3)-(8) in [The FREQ/PERD/HRTZ Data Record - Frequencies/Periods at which the Hydrodynamic Parameters are Computed](#) (p. 70)).

### Rules Governing Input of Directions

- (a) Direction numbers must be unique.
- (b) There must be no 'gaps' in direction numbers, e.g. if five directions are input then these must be numbered 1 through 5.
- (c) Directions must be distinct and unique.
- (d) If no symmetry is defined, direction values must be input for the directions from -180° to +180°. If SYMX is specified, direction values must be input for the directions from -180° to 0° or from 0° to +180°. If SYMY is specified, direction values must be input for the directions from -90° to +90°. If both SYMX and SYMY are specified, direction values must be input for one 90° quadrant.
- (e) When all data records in this data category have been input, ascending numbers must correspond to ascending direction values.

(f) Although more than one direction data record can be used, the total number of directions cannot exceed 41. 41 directions can be input when there is no symmetry, 21 directions can be input when there is one plane of symmetry, and 11 directions when there are two symmetry planes.

## EXAMPLES

These two data records define 9 directions, numbered from 1 to 9, with values from -180° to 0°.

```

-----
| | | | DIRN | 1 | 5 | -180.0 | -157.5 | -135.0 | -112.5 | -90.0 | |
| | | | DIRN | 6 | 9 | -67.5 | -45.0 | -22.5 | 0.0 | | |
-----
    
```

## Direction Generation

Automatic generation of directions is specified by setting the 1st direction number to 0 (or blank). AQWA will then generate directions numbered from the previous direction to the final direction number on the data record. The generated directions will be equally spaced between the first and last directions on the data record.

This data record will generate 21 directions numbered from 1 to 21, equally spaced between 0.0° and 180°.

```

-----
| | | | DIRN | 0 | 21 | 0.0 | 180.0 |
-----
    
```

These data records will generate 5 directions numbered from 1 to 5, equally spaced between 0 and 40°, followed by a single direction at 45°, followed by 5 more directions numbered from 7 to 11, equally spaced between 50 and 90°.

```

-----
| | | | DIRN | 0 | 5 | 0.0 | 40.0 |
| | | | DIRN | 6 | 6 | 45.0 | |
| | | | DIRN | 0 | 11 | 50.0 | 90.0 |
-----
    
```

## 10.5. The MVEF Data Record - Move Existing Frequency Parameters

**This Data Record Has Been Withdrawn.** The description is retained for backwards compatibility.

This data record is used to move the position of an existing frequency/period and its associated parameters within data read (from a backing file) from a previous run, in order to specify an additional frequency, (with a [FREQ/PERD/HRTZ data record](#)), which would otherwise violate rule (d) in [The FREQ/PERD/HRTZ Data Record - Frequencies/Periods at which the Hydrodynamic Parameters are Computed](#) (p. 70).

If periods are input, read period for frequency in this section.

Note that the MVEF data record relates only the structure indicated by the data category keyword.

```

      2   5   7   11   16
-----
|X| | | | MVEF | | |
-----
| | | | | |
    
```

				_ (2) Number of Destination Position of Frequency and Parameters (I5)
			_ (1) Number of Frequency and Parameters to be Moved (I5)	
			_ Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)	
			_ Optional User Identifier (A2)	
			_ Compulsory END on Last Data Record in Data Category (A3)	

(1) The value of the frequency and frequency-dependent parameters associated with this number are moved from their existing position to the position specified in columns 16-20, leaving a position in the range of frequencies whose value of frequency is undefined. An additional frequency may subsequently be input using a FREQ data record to specify the value of the frequency at the position corresponding to this frequency number.

(2) This is the number of the position to which the value of frequency and frequency- dependent parameters (associated with the number specified in columns 11-15) are to be moved.

### Rules for Using the MVEF data record

- (a) Both frequency numbers must lie in the range 1 through 10 (the maximum number of frequencies) inclusive.
- (b) The frequency and parameters to be moved must exist (i.e. they must have been read in from the backing file).
- (c) The frequency and parameters must not already exist in the position to which they are to be moved.
- (d) When all data records are input for this data category the frequency numbers and values must not violate rules (b) and (d) in [The FREQ/PERD/HRTZ Data Record - Frequencies/Periods at which the Hydrodynamic Parameters are Computed \(p. 70\)](#).

### Examples Using the MVEF Data Record

A backing file exists from a previous AQWA-LINE run with:

	Example 1	Example 2
	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5 6
Existing frequency values of	.3 .4 .7 .9	.3 .5 .8 .9
with parameters (D=Defined)	D D D D	D D D D
To insert frequency value(s) of	.8	.6 .7
Use the MVEF data record with parameters (1) and (2), giving	4 5	3 5 4 6
frequency values of (UN=Undefined)	.3 .4 .7 UN .9	.3 .4 UN UN .7 .9
with parameters	D D D UN D	D D UN UN D D





```

frequency and associated parameters
are to be copied(I5)
|_Compulsory data record keyword(A4)
|_Optional user identifier(A2)
|_Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)
    
```

(1) This may be any of the numbers assigned to AQWA scratch files. See Section 9 entitled “Running the Program” in each of the AQWA program manuals, for the FORTRAN units which are valid on computer installations.

(2) This is a file name, usually a \*.HYD file from a previous AQWA-LINE analysis, whose database is to be copied.

**Note**

It is preferable to use option (2) in conjunction with the CSTR data record ([The CSTR Data Record - Copying Existing Hydrodynamic Parameters for a Specific Structure Number \(p. 76\)](#)) and the CPDB data record ([The CPDB Data Record - Copy Existing Hydrodynamic Data Base \(p. 79\)](#)). In this case, option (1), the file unit number, is not required.

## 10.9. The CPYF/CPYP/CPYH Data Records - Copy Frequency Parameters

**The new user is advised to ignore this facility**

This data record is used to copy existing frequency dependent parameters within data read from a backing file, from a previous run, in order to duplicate these values in a position in the frequency range for the structure indicated by the data category keyword. If a CSTR and/or FILE data record precedes, then this data record will copy the parameters from a structure and/or file different from the structure indicated on the data category keyword.

```

      2    5    7   11   16    21
-----
|X|    |   | CPYF|    |    |    |
-----
|X|    |   | CPYP|    |    |    |
-----
|X|    |   | CPYH|    |    |    |
-----
|_ (3) Frequency/Period (default=original F/P)
|   CPYF=radians/sec
|   CPYP=seconds
|   CPYH=hertz(6F10.0)
|_ (2) Number of Destination Position of Parameters(I5)
|_ (1) Number of Frequency and Parameters to be Copied(I5)
|_ Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
|_ Optional User Identifier(A2)
|_ Compulsory END on Last data record in data category(A3)
    
```

(1) The value of the frequency-dependent parameters associated with this number within the structure and backing file specified on the preceding CSTR and FILE data record, are to be copied to the position specified in columns 16-20, within the structure indicated by the data category keyword. These parameters are referred to as those within the source file. Note that if there is no preceding CSTR or FILE

data record then the structure number will default to the structure indicated on the data category keyword and the default file will be the hydrodynamics database (.HYD) file. (See Chapter 9 of the user manuals).

(2) This is the number of the position to which the frequency-dependent parameters (associated with the number specified in columns 11-15) are copied. This position is ALWAYS with reference to the range of frequencies associated with the structure number indicated on the data category keyword. These parameters are referred to as those within the DESTINATION file.

(3) This is value of the frequency/period of the newly created position and parameters (associated with the number specified in columns 16-20) to be copied. If this field is left blank, or zero is input, the default value will be the same as that of the position copied.

### Rules for Using the CPYF/CPYP/CPYH Data Records

(a) Both frequency numbers must lie in the range 1 through 50 (the maximum number of frequencies) inclusive.

(b) The frequency and parameters to be copied must exist in the source file (i.e. they must have been read in from the backing file).

(c) The frequency and parameters must NOT already exist in the DESTINATION file.

(d) When all data records are input for this data category, the frequency numbers and values must not violate rules (b) and (d) in [The FREQ/PERD/HRTZ Data Record - Frequencies/Periods at which the Hydrodynamic Parameters are Computed](#) (p. 70).

(e) The number and value of the directions in the source file must be the same as those in the DESTINATION file. See also rule (c) in [The DELF Data Record - Delete Frequency Parameters](#) (p. 75).

### Parameters in the source File on the CPYF/CPYP/CPYH data records

It is important to note that the source file remains unaltered throughout the processing of this data category. Thus frequencies and their corresponding parameters created or deleted by use of the MVEF, DELF, CPYF/P/H or CPYS data records will not be contained in the source file (if this is also the destination file) until the next data category is encountered. In addition, parameters contained in the files specified on the FILE data record remain unaltered throughout the processing of all data categories.

### Examples Using the CPYF/CPYP/CPYH Data Records

		Example 1	Example 2
	1 2	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3
Backing file(s) from	SOURCE	DESTINATION	DESTINATION
AQWA-LINE exist with	File	File	File
existing frequency	.6 .7	.5 .8 .9	.5 .8 .9
values of			
with parameters	D D	D D D	D D D
(D=Defined)			
To copy parameters	1 2		
from positions			
to positions		2 3	2 3



Use MVEF/DELFL data record with parameters for Ex 1 (1)(2)/Ex 2 (2)		2 4	2
		3 5	3
		(using MVEF)	(using DELFL)
and frequency values (UN=Undefined), with	.6 .7	.5 UN UN .8 .9	.5 UN UN
resulting parameters	D D	D UN UN D D	D UN UN
Then CPYF/CPYP/CPYH data record with parameters (1) and (2) of	1	2	2
	2	3	3
with corresponding frequency value(s)		left blank	left blank
Resulting frequency values are	.6 .7	.5 .6 .7 .8 .9	.5 .6 .7
with parameters	D D	D D D D D	D D D

### 10.10. The CPYS Data Record - Copy Stiffness Matrix

The new user is advised to ignore this facility.

This data record is used when copying the stiffness matrix from data read from a backing file from a previous run in order to duplicate these values for the structure indicated by the data category keyword. The preceding CSTR and/or FILE data records define the structure and the source file from which the stiffness matrix is to be copied. See also [The CPYF/CPYP/CPYH Data Records - Copy Frequency Parameters \(p. 77\)](#), Note 2.

```

2 5 7
- - - - -
|X|   |   |CPYS|
- - - - -
|   |   |
|   |   |_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
|   |   |_Optional User Identifier(A2)
|   |   |_Compulsory END on Last data record in data category(A3)

```

### 10.11. The CPDB Data Record - Copy Existing Hydrodynamic Data Base

This data record is used when copying the hydrodynamic data from a backing file (\*.HYD) from a previous run in order to duplicate the data base for the structure indicated by the data category keyword. The preceding CSTR and/or FILE data records define the structure and the source file from which the data base is to be copied. See also [The CPYF/CPYP/CPYH Data Records - Copy Frequency Parameters \(p. 77\)](#), Note 2.

See [Database Import \(p. 80\)](#) for examples showing the import of data from an existing AQWA-LINE database.

```

2 5 7
- - - - -
|X|   |   |CPDB|
- - - - -
|   |   |

```



## Import for Interacting Structures

When using the FILE / CSTR / CPDB data records to import a hydrodynamic database from a previous AQWA-LINE run, for a group of hydrodynamically interacting structures, it is only necessary to refer to the 1st structure in the group. Data for the other structures will be imported automatically. In the example below there are 5 structures, of which structures 2,3,4 form an interacting group. The data is imported from three different .HYD files.

```
06   FDR1
06FILE           AL_RUN1.HYD
06CSTR          1
06CPDB
END
06   FDR2
06FILE           AL_RUN2.HYD
06CSTR          1
06CPDB
END
06   FDR5
06FILE           AL_RUN3.HYD
06CSTR          1
06CPDB
END
06   FINI
```

---

### Note

A FINI data record is required. This is because the program is expecting to read 5 FDR\* data records and there are only three.

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For the WFS data categories, the \* indicates the structure number; for example, enter WFS1 for Structure 1, WFS2 for Structure 2, .... WF10 for Structure 10.

## 11.1. General Description

This data category is used to input or change the wave frequency dependent hydrodynamic parameters and the linear hydrostatic stiffness matrix of one or more structures. All parameters, except the hydrostatic stiffness, are associated with the frequencies and directions input in the previous data category (Data Category 6). Values of added mass, and radiation damping may be input for each frequency. Values of diffraction forces, Froude Krylov forces and response amplitude operators (RAOs) may be input for each frequency and for each direction.

Although this data category is applicable to all programs using the hydrodynamic parameters this data category is only used when:

(a) the backing file produced by a previous AQWA-LINE run, containing the values of the parameters, is not available, i.e. AQWA-LINE has not been run previously, or the user wishes to input values of the parameters obtained from a source other than AQWA-LINE

or

(b) the user wishes to change some of the values or append to some of the values calculated by a previous AQWA-LINE run for the current analysis (AQWA-FER/ DRIFT/LIBRIUM/NAUT) or within the backing file (AQWA-LINE only).

The normal mode of operation of the programs using the hydrodynamic parameters is to read these values from the backing file of a previous AQWA-LINE run. Therefore, *unless (a) or (b) above apply*, the user should omit this data category by entering NONE for the data category keyword (see [Compulsory Data Category Keyword](#) (p. 27)).

### 3. Default Values when Omitting Data Records

With the exception of the specification of frequency and direction, which are required for the input of parameters dependent on these variables, the omission of any data record in this data category will result in the existing values being unchanged. Any data record in this data category whose values are all zero in columns 21-80, and which does not overwrite existing values is redundant and may be omitted.

## 11.2. Data Category Header

```
                    -(Indicates Structure Number)
                    |
                    5      11  |
-----
|XXXX| |XXXX|WFS1|
-----
```











(10) If the analysis includes hydrodynamically interacting structures, this is the number of the structure which interacts with that defined on the data category keyword (WFS\*). The structure number must be input even if the co-efficients are those giving the effect of the structure on itself (i.e. structure 1 in data category WFS1). Both complete added mass and damping matrices should be input; if part matrices are input the results will probably be inaccurate or the program may fail. When using AQWA-LINE, see note 1 below.

**Note**

- 1. **Effect of the WAMS/WDMP Data Record when Running AQWA-LINE**

Input of the added mass/damping matrix is redundant information when running AQWA-LINE, as the program normally calculates these matrices. Therefore, use of one or more WAMS/WDMP data records will instruct AQWA-LINE not to perform a radiation/diffraction analysis at this frequency. The user must then specify all other parameters which would otherwise be calculated at this frequency, i.e. the linear damping/added mass matrix, Froude Krylov and diffraction forces.

- 2. **Convolution**

When the added mass and damping have been input by the user, it is not possible to use convolution to calculate radiation forces in AQWA-DRIFT or NAUT.

## 11.8. The WDGA Data Record - Wave Frequency Diagonal Added Mass and the WGDG Data Record - Wave Frequency Diagonal Damping

These data records represent a more convenient manner to input the added mass matrix (WDGA) and linear damping matrix (WDGD) at the frequency/period specified on the preceding FREQ/PERD/HRTZ data record, when there are no off diagonal terms coupling the degrees of freedom of motion. They are used instead of the data records WAMS and WDMP respectively, which are used only when these coupling terms exist. If the added mass or damping matrix has been read from backing file, the WDGA or WGDG data record will replace (i.e. overwrite) the existing values within that matrix. See also the note at the end of this section, when using AQWA-LINE.

```

    2   5   7  11       21       31       41
----
|X|   | |WDGA|XXXXXXXX|           |           |           | ...
----
|X|   | |WDGD|XXXXXXXX|           |           |           | ...
----
                                  |-----|
                                  |(2)-(7)6 Mass/Inertia or Linear Damping Values(6E10.0)
                                  |-----|
                                  |(1)Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
                                  |-----|
                                  |Optional User Identifier(A2)
                                  |-----|
                                  |Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)
```

(1) This data record keyword indicates whether the values (3) refer to the added mass matrix (WDGA) or to the damping matrix (WDGD)



(3)-(8) These are the values which add TO those in the row (2) of the existing added mass/ damping matrix or add TO any subsequent values input or calculated by AQWA-LINE.

## 11.10. The FIAM/FIDP Data Record - Frequency Independent Additional Added Mass/Damping Matrices

These data records may be used to input an added mass (FIAM) or linear damping (FIDP) matrix additional to that input or calculated. The values input will add TO any values previously input via data records or backing file, or add TO any subsequent values input or calculated by AQWA-LINE.

As these are frequency independent parameters, the values defined in the FIAM and FIDP data records will apply to all the frequencies. Therefore there is no preceding FREQ/PERD/HRTZ data record for FIAM and FIDP.

```

      2   5   7   11   16   21   31   41
-----
|X|   |   |FIAM|XXXXX|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
-----
|X|   |   |FIDP|XXXXX|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
-----
|_Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
|_Row Number of Added Mass/Damping Matrix(I5)
|_Added Mass/Damping Values(6F10.0)

```

(1) This data record keyword indicates whether the values refer to the added mass (FIAM) or damping (FIDP)

(2) This number indicates the row of the added mass/damping matrix to which the values in columns 21-80 correspond.

(3)-(8) These are the values which add TO those in the existing added mass/ damping matrix or add TO any subsequent added mass/damping values input or calculated by AQWA-LINE.

## 11.11. The FIDA/FIDD Data Record - Frequency Independent Additional Diagonal Added Mass/Damping

These data records may be used to input a diagonal added mass (FIDA) or diagonal linear damping (FIDD) in addition to that input or calculated. The values input will add TO any values previously input via data records or backing file, or add TO any subsequent values input or calculated by AQWA-LINE.

As these are frequency independent parameters, the values defined in the FIDA and FIDD data records will apply to all the frequencies. Therefore there is no preceding FREQ/PERD/HRTZ data record for FIDA and FIDD. Also as FIDA and FIDD only define the diagonal terms of the additional added mass and damping matrices, row number is no longer needed.

```

      2   5   7   11   21   31   41
-----
|X|   |   |FIDA|  XXXXX|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
-----
|X|   |   |FIDD|  XXXXX|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
-----

```



(2) The direction value should be the same as that specified in Data Category 6 and is used only as a check that the direction number (1) has been input correctly. It does not redefine the direction value. If the value is not the same, an error will occur.

**Note**

**Effect of the DIRN Data Record when Running AQWA-LINE**

Input of the Froude Krylov forces, diffraction forces or RAOs is redundant, when running AQWA-LINE, as the program normally calculates these parameters. The DIRN data record is a precursor to inputting values of these parameters. Therefore, use of a DIRN data record will instruct AQWA-LINE not to perform a radiation/diffraction analysis at this frequency. The user must then specify all the other parameters which would otherwise have been calculated by the analysis at this frequency, i.e. the linear damping/added mass matrix, Froude Krylov and diffraction forces.

**11.13. The TDIF/RDIF/TFKV/RFKV/TRAO/RRAO Data Records - Wave Frequency Diffraction Forces and Responses**

These data records are used to input the vectors of diffraction forces, Froude Krylov forces and RAOs at the frequency/period specified on the preceding FREQ/PERD/HRTZ data record, and at the direction specified on the preceding DIRN data record. If the vectors have been read from backing file, the values input on each data record will replace (i.e. overwrite) the existing values.

	2	5	7	11	21	31	41	51	61	71	
X				TDIF XXXXXXXXXX							
X				RDIF XXXXXXXXXX							
X				TFKV XXXXXXXXXX							
X				RFKV XXXXXXXXXX							
X				TRAO XXXXXXXXXX							
X				RRAO XXXXXXXXXX							
					(2) Surge(X) Roll(RX) Amplitude	(3) Surge(X) Roll(RX) Phase	(4) Sway(Y) Pitch(RY) Amplitude	(5) Sway(Y) Pitch(RY) Phase	(6) Heave(Z) Yaw(RZ) Amplitude	(7) Heave(Z) Yaw(RZ) Phase	
					_(1)Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)						
					_Optional User Identifier(A2)						
					_Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)						

(1) This data record keyword indicates whether values in columns 21-80 are diffraction forces, Froude Krylov forces or Response Amplitude Operators (RAOs) and whether the values relate to the translational or rotational degrees of freedom, i.e.:

TDIF - Translation Diffraction Forces

RDIF - Rotational Diffraction Forces

TFKV - Translational Froude Krylov Forces

RFKV - Rotational Froude Krylov Forces

TRAO - Translational RAOs

RRAO - Rotational RAOs

(2)-(7) These are the values of the forces or responses, indicated by the data record keyword(1).

The units for each data record keyword are as follows:

TDIF - Units of Force / Unit Wave Amplitude

RDIF - Units of Force / Length/Unit Wave Amplitude

TFKV - Units of Force / Unit Wave Amplitude

RFKV - Units of Force / Length/Unit Wave Amplitude

TRAO - Units of Length / Unit Wave Amplitude

RRAO - Units of DEGREES / Unit Wave Amplitude

## 11.14. The GMXX/GMYG Data Record - User-Specified Metacentric Height

The hydrostatic stiffness in the hydrodynamic database can be modified to a user specified value creating additional stiffness automatically. This is achieved by specifying the required GMX and GMY (about the global X/Y axis) in Data Category 7 as follows:

```

      2   5   7   11   16   21           31   41   51
-----
|X|   |   |GMXX|   |   |   |   |   |   |
-----
|X|   |   |GMYG|   |   |   |   |   |   |
-----
|_ (1) Required Value
|_ Data Record Name(A4)
|_Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

```

(1) AQWA firstly calculates the hydrostatic stiffness matrix based only on the cut water plane and displaced volume properties. It then adjusts the second moments of area IXX, IYY and recalculates its associated properties, PHI (principal axis), GMX/GMY, BMX/BMY etc. to give the required GM values. The associated additional hydrostatic stiffness is calculated automatically and stored in the hydrodynamic database.

Note that if the GM value input is less than that based on the geometry alone, the resulting additional stiffness will be negative. This would be the case if ballast tanks were being modeled, making the structure less stable, statically.

## 11.15. The SSTR Data Record - Submerged Structure

When a structure has no elements at or above the waterline this data record is used to tell AQWA that the structure is submerged.





$X(e)$  = equilibrium position

$B(e)$  = buoyancy force at equilibrium

If the ASTF data record is used, the program will use  $X(e)$  and  $B(e)$  as calculated by the program. However, it should be checked that the above expression, which is used to calculate the LINEAR hydrostatic forces throughout the AQWA suite, produces the forces on the structure intended by the user.

- **Effect of the ASTF data record when running AQWA-LINE**

Additional hydrostatic stiffness is stored in the database and used in the calculation of the RAOs. However, it is not used in the calculation of the 2nd order drift forces.

- **Effect of the ASTF data record when running AQWA-LIBRIUM/FER/DRIFT/NAUT**

Note that in the equation above the term  $X(e)$  is the AQWA-LINE equilibrium position. If the initial position in a subsequent LIBRIUM/FER/DRIFT/NAUT analysis is not as defined in the LINE run then there will be restoring forces which will try to return the structure to the AQWA-LINE equilibrium position.

- **Effect of multiple ASTF data records**

In version 12.1 and earlier of AQWA, it was possible for the additional stiffness to be added twice to the database. This behavior has now been changed so that this does not happen. However, if additional stiffness is required and stage 2 is run it is always necessary to use the ASTF data record.

## 11.17. The SSTF/SPOS/SFRC Data Records - Additional Structural Stiffness

The data records described in this chapter define an additional structural (i.e. not hydrostatic) stiffness, that may act on one structure or may connect two structures. The additional force acting on the structure(s) is defined as

$$F = F(e) + K.(X - X(e)) \text{ where}$$

$X(e)$  is the equilibrium position, defined on the SPOS data record ([The SPOS Data Record - Equilibrium Position \(p. 96\)](#))

$F(e)$  is the force at the equilibrium position, defined on the SFRC data record ([The SFRC Data Record - Force at Equilibrium Position \(p. 96\)](#))

$K$  is the stiffness, defined using SSTF data records ([The SSTF Data Record - Additional Structural Stiffness Matrix \(p. 95\)](#))

### 11.17.1. The SSTF Data Record - Additional Structural Stiffness Matrix

This data record may be used to input an additional linear structure stiffness matrix in the global fixed frame. *If the analysis includes stage 2 the matrix will be re-set to zero and must be re-defined.* If the NASF option is used ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)), this matrix will not be included in the analysis.

2	5	7	11	16	21	31	41	
X		SSTF						...

```

-----
|_ (4)-(9) 6 Stiffness Values (6E10.0)
|_ (3) Row Number of Stiffness Matrix (I5)
|_ (2) 2nd Structure Number (I5)
|_ (1) Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|_ Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_ Compulsory END on last data record in data category (A3)

```

(2) The data on this data record defines one row of a stiffness matrix coupling this structure to the one indicated on the WFS\* data record in the data category keyword (referred to here as Structure#1). If this is zero or omitted, Structure#2 is set to be the same as Structure#1. Otherwise this number must not be less than Structure#1.

(3) This number indicates which row of the stiffness matrix the values input in columns 21-80 relate to.

(4)-(9) These are the values for the row (3) in the 6x6 additional structure stiffness sub-matrix. The units for angles are radians.

### 11.17.2. The SPOS Data Record - Equilibrium Position

This data record may be used to optionally input the equilibrium position of the structure in the global fixed frame for the additional structure stiffness force calculation only. This data record does not move the structure to this position. Without this data record, the default position will be that position defined by Data Categories 1-2.

```

      2   5   7   11   16   21       31       41
-----
|X|   |   |SPOS|XXXXX|XXXXX|         |         |         ...
-----
|_ (2)-(7) 6 position coordinates (6E10.0)
|_ (1) Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|_ Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_ Compulsory END on last data record in data category (A3)

```

(2)-(7) The units for angular positions are degrees.

### 11.17.3. The SFRC Data Record - Force at Equilibrium Position

This data record may be used to input the force on the structure at the equilibrium position due to the additional structural stiffness, in the global fixed frame, for the additional structure stiffness force calculation only.

```

      2   5   7   11   16   21       31       41
-----
|X|   |   |SFRC|XXXXX|XXXXX|         |         |         ...
-----

```





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## Chapter 12: Drift Force Coefficients - DRC\* (Data Category 8)

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When entering DRC data categories, the \* indicates the structure number; for example, enter DRC1 for Structure 1, DRC2 for Structure 2, .... DR10 for Structure 10.

### 12.1. General Description

This data category is used to input the regular wave drift forces acting on each structure at the frequencies and directions previously defined in Data Category 6.

The drift forces are applicable to the following programs:

AQWA-FER: used to calculate the drift frequency motions in the frequency domain.

AQWA-DRIFT: used to calculate the drift frequency motions in the time domain.

AQWA-LINE: used only to change the values of the drift forces in the backing file.

AQWA-LIBRIUM: used to calculate the steady drift forces contributing to the equilibrium position and the dynamic stability of drift frequency motions.

AQWA-NAUT: not applicable.

This data category is used when:

(a) the user wishes to input a database of hydrodynamic coefficients obtained from a source other than AQWA-LINE.

or

(b) the user wishes to change some of the values calculated by a previous AQWA-LINE run, for the current analysis (AQWA-FER/ DRIFT/LIBRIUM), or within the backing file (AQWA-LINE only).

The normal mode of operation of the programs using the drift forces is to read these values from the backing file of a previous AQWA-LINE run. Therefore, unless (a) or (b) above apply, the user should omit these data categories by entering 'NONE' for the data category keyword (see [Compulsory Data Category Keyword](#) (p. 27) and [Omission of Data Categories](#) (p. 30)).

### WARNING when running AQWA-LINE

AQWA-LINE handles the hydrodynamic coefficients in sets with each set relating to one frequency. It has two ways to obtain these sets of coefficients.

(a) It can import them from a previously calculated database or from the .DAT file or (for the QTFs) a separate ASCII file

or

(b) it can carry out a radiation/diffraction calculation to calculate them.









nEw        n exponential numbers in columns of width w characters

AQTF-1.0 : User title

A FREE\_FORMAT keyword may be input if free format is required. Free format will allow the user to input the data in any columns as long as the correct number of data items is input.

Then for each structure:

(Str no.) (No. of Directions) (No. of Frequencies) (Direction values)

The fixed format is (3I2,2X,6F12.4)

If there are more than 6 directions, the remaining directions are input in blocks of 6.

The fixed format is (8X,6F12.4)

The frequencies are then input in blocks of 6, fixed format is (8X,6F12.4).

The QTF data is then input as follows. The fixed format is (4I2,6E12.4), then (8X,6E12.4)

(Str no.) (Dirn no.) (Freq#1) (Freq#2) (6\* REAL Difference frequency QTF values)

(6\* IMAG Difference frequency QTF values)

(6\* REAL Sum frequency QTF values)

(6\* IMAG Sum frequency QTF values)

This is then repeated until all the frequencies/directions have been input for this structure. A very simple example is shown below using fixed format input.

QTF values for another structure may then follow.



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## Chapter 13: Drift Motion Parameters - DRM\* (Data Category 9)

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When entering DRM data categories, the \* indicates the structure number; for example, enter DRM1 for Structure 1, DRM2 for Structure 2, .... DR10 for Structure 10.

### 13.1. General Description

This data category is used to input the added mass and damping at drift frequency, and the non-linear drag forces due to the yaw motion of the structure at drift frequency, for each structure.

The coefficients are applicable to the following programs:

AQWA-FER: Used only to calculate the drift frequency motions in the frequency domain. They are not applicable when using AQWA-FER for the calculation of wave frequency motions.

AQWA-DRIFT: Used to calculate the drift frequency motions in the time domain.

AQWA-LINE: May be input for scaling (see [Change Geometric/Mass Characteristics - GMCH \(Data Category 16L\) \(p. 221\)](#)).

AQWA-LIBRIUM: Used to calculate the dynamic stability of the drift frequency motions. They are not applicable when using AQWA-LIBRIUM to calculate the static equilibrium position.

AQWA-NAUT: Although AQWA-NAUT does not include any drift forces, frequency independent added mass and damping input using the FIDA and FIDD data records is used.

### The Yaw-Rate Drag Forces

In general, a structure with yaw velocity, in the presence of a current, experiences non-linear drag forces additional to those present when the structure is stationary. These forces are referred to as yaw-rate drag forces and are zero when there is no yaw velocity. The forces act only in the surge, sway and yaw (translational X,Y and rotational Z) directions and are a function of the local water velocity and the geometry of the structure, for a fully-developed wake (i.e. they are only applicable at drift frequency).

The user is required to specify an average drag force coefficient, and a length along which the local drag force is integrated, to give the total forces on the structure.

A linearized form of the force equation is used in the drift frequency calculations of both the dynamic instability (AQWA-LIBRIUM) and motions (AQWA-FER) and, in general, the yaw rate drag forces do not strongly influence the results.

### 13.2. Data Category Header

```
                    -(Indicates Structure Number)
                    |
                    5      11  |
-----
|XXXX| |XXXX|DRM1|
-----
|      |      |
```













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## Chapter 14: Hull Drag Coefficients and Thruster Forces - HLD\* (Data Category 10)

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When entering HLD data categories, the \* indicates the structure number; for example, enter HLD1 for Structure 1, HLD2 for Structure 2, .... HL10 for Structure 10.

### 14.1. General Description

This data category is used to input the hull drag coefficients and thruster forces, for each structure.

The hull drag coefficients are input for a defined number of wave directions. Coefficients can be input for all 6 degrees of freedom. The coefficients are divided into two distinct categories. The first relates to the forces on the submerged part of the hull, due to current, and the second relates to the forces on the freeboard section of the hull and superstructure, due to wind.

Up to 10 thruster forces and their positions may be specified, for each structure. These forces are assumed to be constant in magnitude throughout the analysis.

The coefficients applicable to the following programs:

AQWA-FER: Used only to calculate the drift frequency motions in the frequency domain. N.B. they are NOT applicable for wave frequency motion

AQWA-DRIFT: Used to calculate the drift frequency motion in the time domain.

AQWA-LINE: Not applicable

AQWA-LIBRIUM: Used to calculate dynamic stability of drift frequency motion and forces contributing to the static equilibrium position.

AQWA-NAUT: Used to calculate motions in the time domain

### 14.2. Data Category Header

```
                -(Indicates Structure Number)
                |
          5      11 |
-----
|XXXX| |XXXX|HLD1|
-----
                |
                |__Compulsory Data Category Keyword(A4)
                |
                |__Optional User Identifier(A2)
```

### 14.3. The CUFY/CUFY/CURZ Data Record - Current Force Coefficients and the WIFX/WIFY/WIRZ Data Record - Wind Force Coefficients

```
      2   5   7   11   16   21       31       41       51
-----
```

X		CUFX								...
X		CUFY								...
X		CURZ								...
X		WIFX								...
X		WIFY								...
X		WIRZ								...
-----										
										-----
										_ (4)-(9) Up to 6 Force Coefficients(6E10.0)
										_ (3) Terminal Direction Number(I5)
										_ (2) Initial Direction Number(I5)
										_ (1) Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
										_ Optional User Identifier(A2)
										_ Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)

(1) The data record keyword indicates the freedom of the structure, as defined in the Fixed Reference Axis system (FRA), to which the force coefficients apply where

CUFX/WIFX - X translational freedom of motion (SURGE)

CUFY/WIFY - Y translational freedom of motion (SWAY)

CURZ/WIRZ - Z rotational freedom of motion (YAW), i.e. rotation in the XY plane

Similar conventions apply to forces or moments in heave (CUFZ/WIFZ), roll (CURX,WIRX), and pitch (CURY,WIRY). CUFZ may be utilized to simulate the sinkage effect that can be induced due to forward speed or high current. The RX and RY parameters can be included to account for the distance between the physical center of load application and the position of the center of gravity where the actual load will be applied in the numerical model.

(2)-(3) These are the directions, as defined using the DIRN data records (either within this data category or in the Frequencies and Directions data category), to which the values of the force coefficients in columns 21-80 apply, e.g.

If the Force Coefficient(s) Correspond(s) to Direction(s)	Initial Direction	Terminal Direction
1,2,3,4,5 and 6	1	6
4,5,6, and 7	4	7
3	3	3

(4)-(9) These are the values of the force coefficients which are defined at the directions specified by (2) and (3). When less than 6 coefficients are input, the values in the extra fields on the data record are ignored.

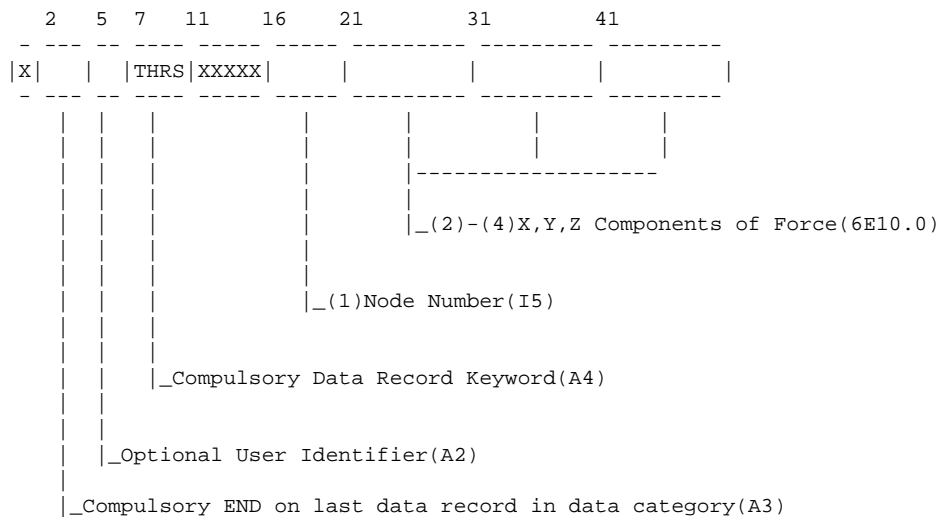
**Note**

The current and wind force coefficients are defined as the force or moment per unit velocity squared. The moment is about the centre of gravity of the structure.

These forces are a function of the relative velocity between the structure and current/wind. This means that the current/wind coefficient should still be input even when there is no current/wind present, as the relative velocity is generally non-zero for a dynamic analysis, even when there is no current/wind present.

**14.4. The THRS Data Record - Thruster Forces**

N.B. A maximum of 10 thruster forces may be specified on each structure, i.e. up to 10 thruster data records may be input within a data category.



(1) This node number and its corresponding position (defined in Data Category 1) specifies the position on the structure at which the Thruster Force (2)- (4) acts.

(2)-(4) These are the three components of force in the X,Y, and Z directions (see note below) exerted by the thruster at the position of the node (1) specified.

**Note**

The magnitude of the thruster forces is assumed to be constant throughout the analysis. The three components of force define the direction relative to the structure which is also assumed constant. This means that their direction relative to the Fixed Reference Axis system (FRA) will change with the structure position; for example, if the thruster force is defined with a component in the X direction only (i.e. zero for parameters (3) and (4)) and the structure at some stage of the analysis is yawed (Z rotation) by 90 degrees, then the direction of the force will act in the Y direction of the Fixed Reference Axes (FRA).



## 14.6. The MDIN/MDSV Data Records - Morison Hull Drag

These data records provide a facility for the hull drag force on a diffracting structure to be calculated in a similar way to that for Morison element, i.e. the structure motion in six degrees of freedom is taken into account in the drag force calculation.

$$\text{Drag Force} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{6 x 6} \\ \text{matrix} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{coefficients} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ |Vx.mod(Vx)| \\ |Vy.mod(Vy)| \\ |Vz.mod(Vz)| \\ |Rx.mod(Rx)| \\ |Ry.mod(Ry)| \\ |Rz.mod(Rz)| \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

### 14.6.1. The MDIN Data Record

```

    2   5   7  11  16  21    31    41
---
|X|  |MDIN|
---
          |(4)-(9)6 Coefficients (6F10.0)
          |(3)Column number in the coefficient matrix (I5)
          |(2)Row number in the coefficient matrix(I5)
          |(1)Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
          |Optional User Identifier(A2)
          |Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)
```

(1) This data record keyword indicates that the drag force on this structure is to be calculated as Morison hull drag using the coefficients specified.

(2)-(3) Row number and column number of the coefficients. These entries are interpreted as follows:

- (a) Row and column number zero or omitted: The 6 values are assigned to the lead diagonal.
- (b) Row only specified: The 6 values are assigned to the specified row.
- (c) Column only specified: The 6 values are assigned to the specified column.
- (d) Row and column specified: The value of C is assigned to the specified row/column. The coefficient C must be in columns 21 - 30.

The default fluid velocity U is relative steady fluid velocity for translational freedoms, i.e:

$$U(\text{translational}) = U(\text{uniform + current profile}) - U(\text{structure})$$

$$U(\text{rotational}) = -U(\text{structure})$$

These default values can be changed by using the MDSV data record (see below).

## 14.6.2. The MDSV Data Record

	2	5	7	11	16	21	31	41	
X		MDSV							...
						_(3)Finish freedom number(I5)			
					_(2)Start freedom number(I5)				
				_(1)Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)					
		_Optional User Identifier(A2)							
					_Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)				

(1) This data record may (optionally) be used in conjunction with the MDIN data record to change the value of the relative fluid velocity used in the calculation of the Morison hull drag. It specifies that the structure velocity only is to be used for translational freedoms. For example,

```
MDSV    1    2
```

will cause structure velocity only to be used for X and Y freedoms.

## 14.7. The IUFC/RUFC Data Records - External Forces

AQWA-DRIFT and NAUT can accept forces calculated in an external routine, at each timestep. This is done by calling a routine called `user_force`, which is stored in a file called `user_force.dll` in the AQWA installation directory. See [External Force Calculation \(p. 255\)](#) for a description of how to use this capability. Up to 200 control parameters (100 integers and 100 reals) can be passed to the `user_force` routine using the IUFC and RUFC data records described below.

	2	5	7	11	16	21	31	41	51	61	
X		IUFC									...
X		RUFC									...
							_(3)-(8)Up to 6 integer (IUFC) or real (RUFC) parameters				
					_(2)Last parameter number (I5)						
				_(1)1st parameter number(I5)							
		_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)									
		_Optional User Identifier(A2)									
					_Compulsory END on last data record in data category (A3)						

These data records can be repeated until all the required parameters are defined.



there is one plane of symmetry, and 11 directions when there are two symmetry planes. Symmetry for hull drag coefficients is defined using the SYMX and SYMY data records in Data Category 10.

(g) The directions defined here for drag coefficients are distinct from those used for the wave directions. They do not have to be the same in number or value as those in Data Category 6.

### 14.9. SYMX and SYMY Data Records - X AND Y Symmetry

These data records may be used to reduce the number of coefficients that have to be written in Data Category 10. SYMX means that the following coefficients are symmetric about the global X-Z plane, and SYMY means that they are symmetric about the global Y-Z plane.

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**Note**

This data category cannot specify a greater degree of symmetry than is defined for the structure in Data Category 2. In other words, SYMX/SYMY cannot be used here if the structure does not have the corresponding symmetry.

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```

      2   5   7
-----
|X|   |   |SYMX|
-----
|X|   |   |SYMY|
-----
|   |   |
|   |   |  |(1)Symmetry Specification(A4)
|   |   |  |
|   |   |  | _Optional User Identifier(A2)
|   |   |  |
|   |   |  | _Compulsory END on Last
|   |   |  | Data Record in Data Category.(A3)

```

1) The same restrictions on directions apply as for the diffraction analysis directions in Data Category 6.

If no symmetry is defined, coefficients must be input for the directions from -180° to 180°.

If SYMX is specified, coefficients must be input for the directions from -180° to 0° or from 0° to -180°.

If SYMY is specified, coefficients must be input for the directions from -90° to +90° or from +90° to -90°.

If both SYMX and SYMY are specified, coefficients must be input for one 90° quadrant.

### 14.10. The DPOS Data Record - Position for Drag calculation

When calculating the current hull drag on a structure, this data record defines a position on the structure at which the current is "measured".

```

      2   5   7   11   16   21   26   31           41           51           61
-----
|X|   |   |DPOS|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
-----
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

```















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## Chapter 16: Motion Constraints on Structures - CONS (Data Category 12)

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### 16.1. General Description

This data category is used to input the external constraints on the motions of one or more structures. These constraints fall into two distinct categories; elimination of freedoms at the centre of gravity, and articulations between structures. The latter are known as constraints.

#### Elimination of Freedoms at the Center of Gravity

This facility is used to eliminate one or more of the 6 Degrees of Freedom at the Center of Gravity; for example, if the analysis is 1- or 2-dimensional then the user may eliminate the appropriate 5 or 3 Degrees of Freedom respectively.

This facility is extremely useful when data for a full 3-dimensional analysis is unavailable, or when a simple model is being analyzed. This is achieved by use of the DACF (DeACTivate Freedom) data record (see [The DACF Data Record - Deactivate Freedom at the Centre of Gravity \(p. 126\)](#)).

#### Constraints - Articulations Between Structures

This facility is used to physically connect one structure to another structure by means of an articulated joint. These positions are referred to in the documentation as constraints.

Constraints are defined by specifying the number of the first structure and the number of the second structure, together with their respective node numbers corresponding to the position and orientation of the constraint on that structure.

The position of a constraint at any stage of the analysis is UNIQUE. Only rotational freedoms exist at the articulated joint. The 'sliding' of one structure with respect to another (unconstrained translational freedoms) at a joint is therefore not permitted, i.e. there is no relative translational motion, but the constraint position may move with respect to the FRA.

In addition the term 'structure' is used in this context to mean either a floating structure or a fixed position in the fixed Reference Axis System (for example, an anchored plinth on the sea bed).

### 16.2. Data Category Header

```
      5      11
-----
|XXXXX| |XXXX|CONS|
-----
|
|
|_Compulsory Data Category Keyword(A4)
|
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
```







		or more parts of the same structure. This type of joint rigidly connects the parts together so that the solution of the equations of motion are the same as if one structure was defined. These parts must be defined as separate structures in Data Category 2 (see also (2))
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(2) This is the number of the first structure on which the constraint is defined. If '1' is input then this will correspond to the structure defined in Data Category ELM1. If '2' is input then this will correspond to the structure defined in Data Category ELM2, and so on.

If '0' is input the program will recognize that the constraint is connected to a fixed position in the Fixed Reference Axis System corresponding to the position of the nodes in columns 21-35 as defined in Data Category 1.

See rules concerning how structures may and may not be connected at the end of this section.

(3)-(5) The first node (3) defines the position and the second (4) node defines the orientation of the constraint with respect to the structure specified in (2). Different numbers of nodes must be input to uniquely define each type of constraint, and are tabulated below.

Type	Joint	Mandatory Input	
		For Structure 1	For Structure 2
0	B/Socket	(3)	(7)
1	Universal	(3) (4)	(7) (8)
2	Hinged	(3) (4)	(7) (8)
3	Locked	(3)	(7)

(6) This is the number of the second structure on which the constraint is defined otherwise as in (2) except that '0' structure number is illegal. See rules at the end of this section.

(7)-(9) As for the first node. See (3)-(5).

## Function of the Nodal Input on each Structure

First node: Position of the constraint with respect to the first structure.

Second node: The axis about which the two structures are free to rotate relative to one another is given by the line going from the first node to this node.

## Function of the Nodal Input for each Constraint

0	Ball and Socket Joint	The first node is the position of the joint.
1	Universal Joint	The axis defined on each structure by the second node will give two axes which will always be at right angles to each other. The joint will only allow relative motion about these two axes.
2	Hinged Joint	The axis defined on each structure by the second node will give two axes which will always be coincident. The joint will only allow relative motion about this coincident axis.
3	Locked Joint	The first node is the position of the joint.

## Local Axis Systems for the Constraint Reactions Output

FRA = Fixed Reference Axis. X, Y, Z axis are local axes.

0	Ball and Socket Joint	X – Parallel to the FRA Y – Parallel to the FRA Z – Parallel to the FRA
1	Universal Joint	X – Axis defined by the second node on the first structure Y – Axis defined by the second node on the second structure Z – At right angles to X and Y
2	Hinged Joint	X – Axis defined by the second node on the first/second structure Y – At right angles to X and parallel to the XY plane in the FRA Z – At right angles to X and Y with +ve Local Z on the +ve side of the XY plane of the FRA  In the special case where the local Z axis lies in the XY plane of the FRA the local Y axis is coincident with the Y axis of the FRA.
3	Locked Joint	X – Parallel to the FRA Y – Parallel to the FRA Z – Parallel to the FRA

## Defining the Initial Position with Constraints

When constraints are defined on a structure, the usual specification of initial or starting positions for the analysis (input in Data Category 15) is not treated in the same manner as when there are no constraints. This is because the specification of the 6 degrees of freedom for each centre of gravity may not be geometrically compatible with the position of constraints defined within this data category, e.g. it is possible to input the positions of two structures where the position of the common constraint is not coincident.

It is realized that it is tedious for the user to have to calculate the exact positions of the structures so that common constraint positions are coincident. Indeed if a fixed constraint is specified, the position of the structures can be uniquely defined by the rotational Degrees of Freedom only.

The program will take the position of the first structure within any articulated group of structures, and connect the remaining structures to the first structure using only the orientation of these remaining structures (Note that this includes structure '0', a fixed constraint, as the first structure).

If the program is unable to achieve this due to the manner in which the user has modeled a group of structures, the model is invalid.

**Note**

**Rules for Joining Structures with Constraints**

In order to achieve a valid model of a group of structures joined together by constraints (outlined above) the rules below must be followed.

- 'Closed loops' are now permitted, (e.g. Structure 1, to Structure 2, connected to Structure 3 which is connected back to Structure 1, is now legal).
- If a fixed constraint, i.e. Structure '0', is present within a group of articulated structures, then '0' must be the first structure number on a DCON data record.
- Only one fixed constraint, i.e. Structure '0', may be present within any one group of articulated structures.
- Redundant systems of constraints will probably cause a failure. A simple example of a redundant system is two structures connected by two locked articulations. As the structures are also rigid, it is impossible to determine how the reactions should be divided between the two joints. A single locked articulation will suffice to fix two structures together.

**16.5. The KCON/CCON/FCON Data Records - Define Articulation Stiffness, Damping and Friction**

Articulation stiffness, damping and friction can be defined for all the articulation types. KCON, CCON and FCON data records for an articulation should be input before the articulation definition data record DCON for this articulation.

**16.5.1. KCON and CCON Data Records**

	2	5	7	11	21	31	41	51
X			KCON	XXXXXXXXXX				
X			CCON	XXXXXXXXXX				
								_(3) Stiffness(KCON) or Damping(CCON) about Z axis (F10.0)
								_(2) Stiffness(KCON) or Damping(CCON) about Y axis (F10.0)
								_(1) Stiffness(KCON) or Damping(CCON) about X axis (F10.0)
								_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
								_Optional User Identifier(A2)
								_Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)





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## Chapter 17: Wind/Wave Spectrum Definition - SPEC (Data Category 13)

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### 17.1. General Description

This Data Category is used to input the parameters which are used to define spectra of wind or waves together with their associated current and wind. At present the wind spectra available are OCIN, APIR, NPD, ISO, or User-Defined, and wave spectra available are Jonswap, Pierson-Moskowitz, Gaussian, or User-Defined, and are uni-directional (see [Irregular Wave](#) and [Wind in the AQWA User Manual](#) for more information concerning wind and wave spectra).

Spectral groups allow the inclusion of multiple wave spectra in a given simulation to model short crested waves.

Applicability to programs in the AQWA suite is as follows:

AQWA-LIBRIUM - Accepts up to 20 wave spectra or spectral groups, i.e. 20 equilibrium positions are therefore output for each mooring-line combination specified in Data Category 14. This data category may be omitted, i.e. enter NONE for the data category keyword if it is considered that the equilibrium position is not substantially affected by the sea state or if an approximate solution is required. Note that all equilibrium positions are transferred automatically to AQWA-FER if requested by the user.

AQWA-FER - Accepts up to 20 wave spectra, i.e. 20 spectral response parameters of the model are therefore output for each mooring-line combination specified in Data Category 14. At present spectral groups are not available in AQWA-FER.

AQWA-DRIFT - Only one wave spectrum or spectral group is permitted, as only one time-history can be executed per run, and each time-history is associated with a single spectrum. Additional spectra input are ignored.

AQWA-NAUT - One wave spectrum only is permitted, as only one time-history can be executed per run, and each time-history is associated with a single spectrum. Additional spectra input are ignored. The IRRE job option is required and convolution is mandatory.

### 17.2. Data Category Header

```
      5      11
-----
|XXXX| |XXXX|SPEC|
-----
|
|
|_Compulsory Data Category Keyword(A4)
|
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
```

### 17.3. Wind Spectra Definition

The user is advised to read the theory in [Wind in the AQWA User Manual](#) before using wind spectra.

Wind spectra in AQWA are only available in FER and DRIFT at present. They are input by specifying the type of wind spectrum and the reference height at which the wind speed is measured. There are currently five types of wind spectra available in AQWA. The Data Record Keywords are:

- OCIN - Ochi and Shin wind spectrum
- APIR - API wind spectrum
- NPDW - NPD wind spectrum
- ISOW - ISO wind spectrum
- UDWD - User-defined wind spectrum

The format of the input is as follows:

```

      2   5   7   11       21       31       41
-----
|X|   | |OCIN|
-----
|X|   | |APIR|
-----
|X|   | |NPDW|
-----
|X|   | |ISOW|
-----
|X|   | |UDWD| XXXXX |cf       |cs       |I(z)
-----
|X|   | |WIND| XXXXX |Speed Uz |Direction| Ref Ht
-----
| |   | |
| |   | |Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
| |   | |
| |   | |Optional User Identifier(A2)
| |   | |
| |   | |Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)

```

The UDWD data record should be followed by UDWS data records defining dimensionless frequencies,  $f$ , and spectral ordinates,  $U(f)$ , (as defined below). A user defined wind spectrum can consist of up to 25 UDWS data records.

```

      2   5   7   11       21       31
-----
|X|   | |UDWS| XXXXX |f       |U(f)
-----
|X|   | |UDWS| XXXXX |f       |U(f)
-----
|X|   | |UDWS| XXXXX |f       |U(f)
-----
|X|   | |UDWS| XXXXX |f       |U(f)
-----
| |   | |
| |   | |Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
| |   | |
| |   | |Optional User Identifier(A2)
| |   | |
| |   | |Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)

```

**Note**

- The OCIN/APIR/NPDW/ISOW/UDWD/UDWS data records must be input before the WIND data record in each wind spectrum definition.



- The WIND data record must be input BEFORE any wave spectra.
- If a non-zero height is input and the spectrum type is not defined, the Ochi and Shin spectrum will be used.
- For the Ochi and Shin spectrum a non-zero reference height must be defined; otherwise a uniform wind will be used.
- For the other types of spectrum a default of 10m will be used if the reference height is zero or undefined.
- The speed  $U_z$  is the speed at the reference height (NO DEFAULT). (Note: wind speed in Data Category 11 is for uniform wind only.)
- Range of valid mean wind speeds is min-max= 0.01-100.00m/s.
- The steady wind force is calculated using the mean wind speed at 10m. If some other reference point is input, then the program will first calculate the corresponding wind speed at 10m.
- For user-defined spectra, the dimensionless frequency is defined as

$$f = cf * z/U_z F \quad \text{where } F \text{ is the frequency in hertz}$$

$$\text{The wind speed spectral density is defined as } S(F) = cs * U(f) * (l(z)*U_z)^{**2}/F$$

The default for  $cf = 1.0$

The default for  $cs = 1.0$

The default for  $l(z) = 0.167$

- A new wind spectrum may be defined before each WIND data record.
- A WIND data record can also be used to define a constant wind (frequency independent) associated with a wave spectrum (see [The CURR / WIND Data Records - Current and Wind Speed and Direction \(p. 137\)](#)).

## 17.4. The HRTZ Data Record - Change Units of Frequency to Hertz

```

      2   5   7
    - - - - -
    |X|   |   |HRTZ|
    - - - - -
      |   |   |
      |   |   |_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
      |   |   |_Optional User Identifier(A2)
      |   |   |_Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)

```

This data record acts as a switch which changes the units for all following frequencies input to hertz in wave spectra definitions.

If omitted, the program will expect all frequencies to be input in radians/second.

## 17.5. The RADS Data Record - Change Units of Frequency to Radians/Second

```

      2   5   7
-----
|X|   |   |RADS|
-----
      |   |   |
      |   |   |_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
      |   |   |_Optional User Identifier(A2)
      |   |   |
      |   |   |_Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)

```

This data record acts as a switch which changes the units for all following frequencies input to radians/second. Note that this data record is needed only if a HRTZ data record has been input, as the default units for frequency are radians/second in wave spectra definitions.

## 17.6. The SPDN Data Record - Wave Spectral Direction

This data record must be input before any wave spectra. The maximum number of wave spectra is 20.

```

      2   5   7   11   16   21
-----
|X|   |   |SPDN|   |   |   |
-----
      |   |   |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   |   |_ (3)Direction of Spectrum in Degrees (F10.0)
      |   |   |   |   |   |_ (2)Total Wave Spreading Angle in Degrees (I5)
      |   |   |   |   |   |_ (1)Power of Wave Spreading Function (I5)
      |   |   |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   |   |_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
      |   |   |   |   |   |_Optional User Identifier(A2)
      |   |   |   |   |   |_Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)

```

(1) This is only required for a spreading sea. This value defines the power  $N$  of the wave spreading function which is in the form of  $\text{COS}^{**N}$ . This space should be left blank if  $N=2$ .

(2) This value defines the total spreading angle for the case when (1) is left blank (i.e.  $N=2$ ). If  $N>2$ , this space should be left blank as the total spreading angle will be set to 180 degrees.

For a non-spreading sea, both (1) and (2) should be left blank.

(3) This value is the direction of waves within a wave spectrum (for a spreading sea, this is the direction in which the wave spectra values are the highest). All the following specifications of wave spectra take this value until another SPDN data record is input. The next group of wave spectra will then take the new value as the wave direction. It is therefore a mandatory requirement that this data record is first data record of the wave spectrum data category, as the wave direction will be undefined until this data record is input.

The introduction of a SPDN data record thus enables the user to alter the value of the wave direction for a complete group of wave spectra.

**Note**

Although there is no limit to the number of SPDN data records that may be input, a wave spectrum can have only one direction. Hence the number of SPDN data records can never exceed the number of wave spectra.

Wave spreading is not available in AQWA-NAUT at present.

The results output for plotting in the AGS are for the main direction only.

**17.7. The SEED Data Record - Wave Spectral Seed**

This data record is used to define the random seed for a wave spectrum. It must be before the spectrum to which it applies. Default seed values are defined below.

```

      2   5   7   11           21
-----
|X|   |   |SEED|           |
-----
                |
                |_(1)Seed number n (I10)
    
```

Within a spectral group, the default values of seed for each spectrum will be:

1. If there is no SEED data record or the SEED number is set to 0:

$$SEED = 1+(I-1) * 1,000,000$$

where I represents the i-th spectrum.

2. If a SEED data record is used for some but not all of the spectra:

$$SEED = N\_SEED + J * 1,000,000$$

where N\_SEED is the number of SEED data records defined in this group,

J ranges from 1 to the number of spectra which do not have a SEED data record.

**17.8. The CURR / WIND Data Records - Current and Wind Speed and Direction**

These data records are optional and their omission indicates that no current or wind is present. A value of zero is then assumed for the wind and current speeds associated with each wave spectrum. In general both data records will be input before each wave spectrum.

```

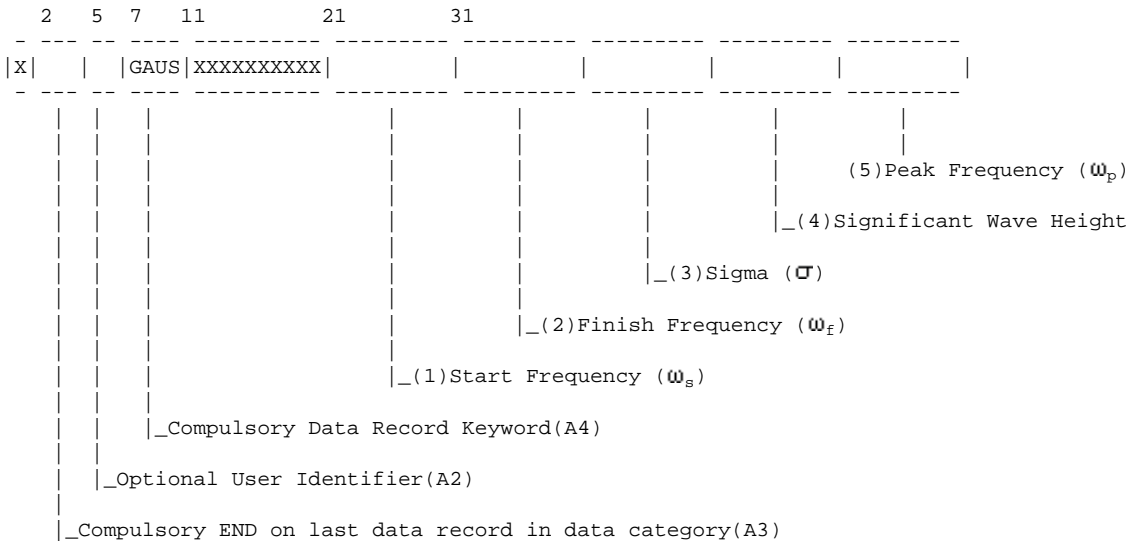
      2   5   7   11           21           31           41
-----
|X|   |   |CURR|XXXXXXXXXX|           |           |           |
-----
|X|   |   |WIND|XXXXXXXXXX|           |           |           |
-----
    
```



(3)-(4) The average (i.e. mean zero-crossing) wave period and the significant wave height are the parameters used by AQWA to describe the Pierson-Moskowitz wave spectrum, the special case for a fully developed sea.

### 17.10. The GAUS Data Record - Gaussian Spectrum

The program will assume that all frequencies are in radians/sec, unless a HRTZ data record (see [The HRTZ Data Record - Change Units of Frequency to Hertz \(p. 135\)](#)) has been used to change this to Hertz (cycles/sec).



(1)-(2) Start/Finish Frequency - The lowest/highest frequency at which the spectrum is defined. AQWA assumes that there is no wave frequency energy outside this range. If these fields are left blank, defaults will be assumed as follows:

Start frequency:  $\omega_s = \omega_p - 3\sigma$ , subject to a max of 100 and min of 0.001

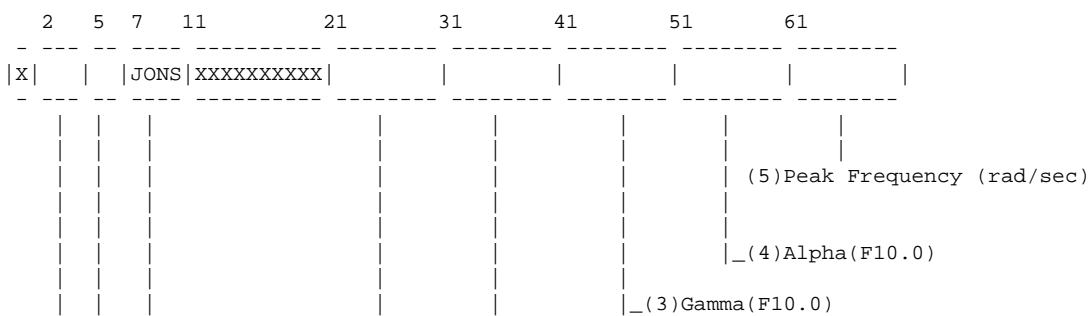
Finish frequency:  $\omega_f = \omega_p + 3\sigma$ , subject to a max of 100 and min of 0.001

If  $\omega_f - \omega_s < 0.001$  then  $\omega_s = 0.1, \omega_f = 6.0$

(3) Standard deviation,  $\sigma$ . The minimum allowed value of  $\sigma$  is  $0.08\omega_p$

(5) Peak frequency,  $\omega_p$

### 17.11. The JONS Data Record - Jonswap Spectrum



```

|
|
|
|
|_ (2) Finish Frequency (F10.0)
|_ (1) Start Frequency (F10.0)
|
|_ Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|
|_ Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_ Compulsory END on last data record in data category (A3)
    
```

(1)-(2) Start/Finish Frequency - The lowest/highest frequency at which the spectrum is defined. The program will assume that the frequencies are in radians/sec, unless a HRTZ data record (see [The HRTZ Data Record - Change Units of Frequency to Hertz \(p. 135\)](#)) has been used to change this to Hertz (cycles/sec).

If these fields are left blank, defaults will be assumed as follows:

$$\text{Start frequency} = \text{Peak frequency} * (0.58 + (\gamma - 1.0) * 0.05 / 19.0)$$

Finish frequency is evaluated numerically so that approximately 99% of the spectral energy is included.

(3)-(5) Gamma, Alpha and Peak Frequency.

The Jonswap wave spectrum can be used to describe a wave system where there is an imbalance of energy flow (i.e. sea not fully developed). This is nearly always the case when there is a high wind speed.

It may be considered as having a higher peak spectral value than the Pierson-Moskowitz spectrum ([The PSMZ Data Record - Pierson-Moskowitz Spectrum \(p. 138\)](#)) but is narrower away from the peak in order to maintain the energy balance.

Parameterization of the classic form of the Jonswap spectrum (with parameters of fetch and wind speed) was undertaken by Houmb and Overvik (BOSS Trondheim 1976, Vol 1). These parameters are used by AQWA. These empirical parameters are termed gamma (3), alpha (4) and peak frequency (5) (the frequency at which the spectral energy is a maximum).

## 17.12. The JONH Data Record - Jonswap Spectrum

2	5	7	11	21	31	41	51	61
X		JONH	XXXXXXXXXX					

```

-----
|
|
|
|
|_ (5) Peak Frequency (rad/sec) (F10.0)
|_ (4) Significant Wave Height Hs (F10.0)
|_ (3) Gamma (F10.0)
|_ (2) Finish Frequency (F10.0)
|_ (1) Start Frequency (F10.0)
|
|_ Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|
|_ Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_ Compulsory END on last data record in data category (A3)
    
```



```

|_Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
|_(1)Number of Spectral Lines(I5)(default varies, MAXIMUM of 200)

```

(1) The number of spectral lines is the number of spectral ordinates required to define the spectrum in order to achieve an accuracy comparable to the formulation of the analysis in which it is used. This is necessarily a general definition as the program uses this number in several different ways.

This number of spectral lines will be used for ALL subsequent spectra in all groups, unless a particular spectrum type requires a different number. For example, a spectrum imported using the IWHT data record will always use 200 lines, irrespective of any value input using the NSPL data record.

## 17.15. The NRST Data Record - Number of Spectral Rasters

The program now automatically generates the number of spectral rasters and this data record is not required. If present it will be ignored.

```

    2   5   7   11  16
-----
|X|  |  |NRST|XXXX|  |
-----
|_Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
|_(1)Number of Spectral Rasters(I5)(default varies, MAXIMUM of 5000)

```

(1) The number of spectral rasters is the number of spectral frequencies required to achieve sufficiently small frequency differences to accurately define the spectrum at peak of response at the small frequency values. These low frequencies are normally associated with slow drift motions.

## 17.16. Input of a Time History of Wind Speed and Direction

A user created ASCII data file defining a time history of wind speed and direction can be utilized by the AQWA time domain programs. The name of the wind time history file must be identical to the original input data file for the AQWA time domain analysis, and the extension must be WWT (stands for Wind



Velocity Time history). For example, if the original input data file for DRIFT is `ADRUN1.DAT`, the wind time history file must be named as `ADRUN1.WVT`.

---

### Note

- As long as this file exists, the program will automatically read it in and use the wind speed and direction defined in the file at each time step during the analysis. There is no data record needed for implementing this feature.
  - The time defined in the WVT file does not need to match the time step defined in the corresponding DAT file as the program will interpolate the wind speed and direction when necessary, using a cubic spline interpolation technique. When modeling periods of constant wind velocity adequate data points must be provided to satisfy the interpolation method.
  - There is no limit on the length of the WVT file.
- 

The following is an example showing the format of the WVT file:

```
-----
*A LINE BEGINNIING WITH * IS A COMMENT LINE
*In the first column is time
*In the second column is wind speed
*In the third column is wind direction (blowing towards) in degrees
*The numbers in this WVT file are in a free format
*data_start is a compulsory line before the data block begins
data_start
  0.0000      8.0000      90.0000
  0.5000      7.8532      88.7310
  1.0000      7.4271      86.0840
  1.5000      6.7634      82.1170
  2.0000      5.9271      76.9100
  2.5000      5.0000      70.5600
  3.0000      4.0729      63.1800
  3.5000      3.2366      54.9000
  4.0000      2.5729      45.8600
  4.5000      2.1468      36.2130
  5.0000      2.0000      26.1180
  5.5000      2.1468      15.7380
  6.0000      2.5729      5.2407
  .....
```

## 17.17. Input of a Time History of External Forces on Structures

A user created ASCII data file defining a time history of external forces on structures can be utilized by the AQWA time domain programs. The name of the force time history file must be identical to the original input data file for the AQWA time domain analysis, and the extension must be XFT (stands for External Force Time history). For example, if the original input data file for DRIFT is `ADRUN1.DAT`, the force time history file must be named as `ADRUN1.XFT`.

---

### Note

- As long as this file exists, the program will automatically read it in and apply the forces defined in the file to the structures at each time step during the analysis. There is no data record needed for implementing this feature.

- The time defined in the XFT file does not need to match the time step defined in the corresponding DAT file as the program will interpolate the forces when necessary, using a cubic spline interpolation technique. When modeling periods of constant force adequate data points must be provided to satisfy the interpolation method.
- There is no limit on the length of the XFT file.
- The forces defined in the XFT file are in six degrees of freedom for each structure and are in the structure's local axis system.

The following is an example showing the format of the XFT file:

```

-----
*A LINE BEGINNING WITH * IS A COMMENT LINE
*In the first column is time
*In the second to seventh columns are the forces for the first structure in the local surge,
*sway, heave, roll, pitch, and yaw.
*In the eighth to thirteenth columns (only if there is a second structure) are the forces
*for the second structure in the local six degrees of freedom.
*In the fourteenth to nineteenth columns (only if there is a third structure) are the forces
*for the third structure in the local six degrees of freedom.
* When there is only one structure, the line structures=1 can be omitted. If there are more
*than one structures, this line is compulsory, e.g. when there are 3 structures, this line
*should be structures=1 2 3.
*data_start is a compulsory line before the data block begins.
*The numbers in the XFT file are in a free format
structures=1
data_start
  0.0000  4.4800E+05  5.0400E+06  3.1360E+06  5.0400E+07  8.9600E+06  1.5120E+08
  0.5000  4.3978E+05  4.9689E+06  3.0784E+06  4.9689E+07  8.7956E+06  1.4907E+08
  1.0000  4.1592E+05  4.8207E+06  2.9114E+06  4.8207E+07  8.3183E+06  1.4462E+08
  1.5000  3.7875E+05  4.5986E+06  2.6512E+06  4.5986E+07  7.5750E+06  1.3796E+08
  2.0000  3.3192E+05  4.3070E+06  2.3234E+06  4.3070E+07  6.6383E+06  1.2921E+08
  2.5000  2.8000E+05  3.9514E+06  1.9600E+06  3.9514E+07  5.6000E+06  1.1854E+08
  3.0000  2.2808E+05  3.5381E+06  1.5966E+06  3.5381E+07  4.5617E+06  1.0614E+08
  3.5000  1.8125E+05  3.0744E+06  1.2688E+06  3.0744E+07  3.6250E+06  9.2232E+07
  4.0000  1.4408E+05  2.5682E+06  1.0086E+06  2.5682E+07  2.8817E+06  7.7045E+07
  4.5000  1.2022E+05  2.0279E+06  8.4155E+05  2.0279E+07  2.4044E+06  6.0838E+07
  5.0000  1.1200E+05  1.4626E+06  7.8400E+05  1.4626E+07  2.2400E+06  4.3878E+07
  5.5000  1.2022E+05  8.8133E+05  8.4155E+05  8.8133E+06  2.4044E+06  2.6440E+07
  6.0000  1.4408E+05  2.9348E+05  1.0086E+06  2.9348E+06  2.8817E+06  8.8044E+06
  .....

```

## 17.18. The XSWL/GATP Data Records - Input of Cross Swell

The effects of cross swell are implemented in most of AQWA. If cross swell is not available for a particular application then a warning message will be issued that it has been ignored, or a fatal error will occur. More details are given below.

The XSWL data record must be used to define the cross swell spectrum before the main wave spectrum definition. If Tp is specified on the XSWL data record then the GATP data record (Gauss T Peak) must be input before the XSWL data record. E.g. for a P-M spectrum with cross swell the order is GATP, XSWL, PSMZ.

2	5	7	11	21	31	41	51	61	71
x		XSWL x		xxxxx xxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxx					



```
-----  
| | |  
| | | | _Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)  
| | | | |  
| | | | | | _Optional User Identifier(A2)  
| | | | | | |  
| | | | | | | | _Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)
```

### 17.18.2. Where Cross-Swell is Implemented

The following are INCLUDED in the implementation of Cross-Swell:

AQWA-GS - Input and display of definition of cross swell parameters.

AQWA-GS - Wave spectra graph generation of wave height spectral density

AQWA-DRIFT - Drift forces, Linear Diffraction and Froude Krylov forces (\*1)

AQWA-DRIFT - Morison Elements

AQWA-DRIFT - Cable Dynamics

AQWA-FER - Treated as 2 component directional wave spectrum (\*2)

AQWA-LIBRIUM - Calculation of steady drift force only

(\*1) Includes effects on wave drift damping.

(\*2) i.e. for .LIS/..PLT printer/graphics output, uses 1st component ONLY, with the exception of the wave height spectrum which will be output in the .PLT file for the specified direction of the cross swell.

### 17.18.3. Where Cross-Swell is not Implemented

By definition all other uses of cross swell with wave spectra are excluded. Note that the following are specifically excluded, but this list is not necessarily exhaustive.

Cable Dynamics, except in AQWA-DRIFT (see above)

Morison Elements (NAUT)

AQWA-FER Directional Wave Spectra

AQWA-NAUT Spectral

Specifically excluded for the AGS:

Wave Surface Display

Calculation of Shear Force and Bending Moment

Graphs of Waves (\*1)

Contours



Imported wave elevations are treated as user-defined spectra, so they must be listed consecutively within a spectral group and the last IWHT data record must be followed by a FINI data record. The format is shown below:

```

      2   5   7
      - - - - -
|X|   |   |FINI|
      - - - - -
      |   |   |
      |   |   | _Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
      |   |   |
      |   |   | _Optional User Identifier(A2)
      |   |   |
      |   |   | _Compulsory END on last data record in data category(A3)

```

### Format of the \*.WHT File

The \*.WHT file is an ASCII file with the wave elevation data in free format with 2 values per line. The first value is the time and the second value is the wave elevation.

Additional mandatory data records describe the units. These are in the form:

DEPTH=value

G=value

These values must correspond to the values in the \*.RES file. i.e. those input in Data Category 5. If the values differ, this will cause a fatal error.

The following optional data can also be input. If not input the relevant value defaults to zero.

DIRECTION=value(degrees)

X\_REF=value

Y\_REF=value

NAME=Spectrum Name

CURRENT\_SPEED=value

CURRENT\_DIRECTION=value(degrees)

These values (whether input or default) will override any corresponding data in Data Category 13.

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### Note

- The X\_REF and Y\_REF values are used in the calculation of the phase of the wave and are the position where the wave elevation was measured. For example (in SI units), if the direction of the wave is zero degrees (i.e. along the positive X-axis in the FRA) then values of X\_REF/Y\_REF of 100.0/0.0 will indicate that the wave elevation was measured 100 metres downstream of the 0,0 wave reference point. Omission of these data will default the reference point to 0,0. i.e. the wave elevation will be calculated using the origin of the FRA as the point at which the wave elevation will be reproduced.
- The Spectrum Name will be used for graphs and tables where appropriate throughout the program.

- Current speed and direction are needed for calculation of the wavelengths of the wavelets used to reproduce the wave elevation. If omitted it is assumed that there is no current. Special treatment is necessary for a profiled current. See [CPRF Data Record - Profiled Current Velocity \(p. 122\)](#) for additional information.
- The duration of the time history in the file should be at least 7200s. This duration is necessary in order to give sufficient resolution of low frequency resonant responses. If the file contains less data than this, the data will be extended automatically up to 7200s, using a process of mirroring and copying.
- The maximum number of timesteps in the .WHT file is 150000.
- Comments (starting with \* in Column 1) may be added anywhere in the file.
- When the data is imported a ramp is applied over a short period at the start and end of the time history to ensure that the start and end values are zero. This enables the fourier transform to be more accurate. When the imported data is plotted in the AGS it is this modified data that is plotted.

An example of a .WHT file is shown below.

```
* This is an example of a *.wht file
*
DEPTH=30.0
G=9.81
DIRECTION=0.0
X_REF=100.0
Y_REF=0.0
NAME=EXAMPLE
CURRENT_SPEED=0.6
CURRENT_DIRECTION=90
* TIME WAVE HT
* s m
0.0000 -1.088
0.0000 -1.088
0.2366 -1.188
0.4732 -1.268
0.7098 -1.351
0.9464 -1.427
1.1830 -1.471
1.4196 -1.494
1.6562 -1.476
1.8928 -1.406
2.1294 -1.293
2.3660 -1.149
2.6026 -0.966
ETC.
```

### Accuracy of Wave Surface Modeling

In AQWA-DRIFT the wave elevation time-history will be reproduced exactly, within the frequency range of the fitted spectrum and subject to the limitations of roundoff error. This is achieved by multiplying each of the spectral wavelets (as in standard AQWA) by a different Low Frequency Perturbation (LFP) Function . i.e.:

$$\text{Wave elevation} = \text{Sigma}(j=1,N) \{ a(j) \cos(-w(j)t+k(j)x+i(j)) * \text{LFP}(j)(t) \}$$

Where:

N is the number of spectral lines (normal AQWA N=NSPL)

j is the wavelet number

t is time

w is frequency (as normally output in the .LIS file)

í is phase (as normally output in the .LIS file)

a(j) is the amplitude

k is the wave number

Note that no spurious low frequency waves are generated by the above method. For any wavelet, the minimum frequency present in the wave elevation is  $w(j) - dw$ , where  $dw$  is the highest frequency present in the LFP function. Note also that there is no frequency overlap for each wavelet. Each LFP function can be considered as a frequency spreading function over a limited set of contiguous frequency bands. In this case each wavelet has a different energy (as opposed to the standard AQWA wavelets which have equal energy).

## 17.20. The SSDN/UDDS/SSWT Data Records - User-Defined Spread Seas Spectrum

User-defined spread seas may be input with each wave spectrum defined by the user at a series of directions.

The SSDN data record specifies the number of directions to be input and the direction values in degrees. This must be input before any spectral ordinate values. The format of the input is as follows.

2	5	7	11	16	21	31	41	51	61	71	80
X XXX	SSDN		XXXXXXXXXX								
_Up to 5 Directions in Ascending Order (Degrees) (F10.0)											
_Finish Direction Number (Maximum = 41) (I5)											
_Start Direction Number (I5)											
_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)											
_Optional User Identifier(A2)											

This may then optionally be followed by specification of the individual weighting factors for each direction. This uses the SSWT data record and is described in detail below.

This is then followed by specification of the wave spectral density ordinates. The spectrum in each direction can be defined by ordinates at up to 50 frequencies: i.e. there can be up to 450 (41/5 \* 50) UDDS data records. Note that the same frequencies must be used for each spectrum.

2	5	7	11	16	21	31	41	51	61	71	80
X		UDDS	XXXXX	XXXXX							















The wave ramp factor  $f$  is decided by

$$f = \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi t}{2t_w}\right)$$

It can be seen that at  $t=0$ , the factor is 0.0 and at  $t=t_w$ , the factor is 1.0. If  $t_w$  is omitted in the WRMP data record, the program will default  $t_w =$  wave period for regular waves; for irregular waves in NAUT, the default value for  $t_w$  will be the highest period of all the wavelets in the spectrum





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# Chapter 19: Mooring Lines and Attachment Points - MOOR (Data Category 14)

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## 19.1. General Description

This data category is used to input the description of the mooring line/hawser attachments points/cable configurations. The types of mooring lines available at present include both linear and nonlinear cables. The linear cables comprise linear elastic cables, winch cables and 'constant force' cables. The nonlinear cables comprise catenary cables, steel wire cables and cables described by a polynomial of up to fifth order.

Up to a maximum OF 100 mooring lines may be input, by specifying the structure number and node number (see [Node Number and Coordinates \(Data Category 1\) \(p. 37\)](#)) of the attachment points at each end of the mooring line, together with their physical characteristics.

Enter NONE for the data category keyword if no mooring lines are present (see [Compulsory Data Category Keyword \(p. 27\)](#)).

### Attachment Positions of Mooring Lines

One end of all mooring lines must be attached to a point on a floating (or sinking!) structure. The other end of the mooring line may be attached to either another structure or a fixed point (e.g. the sea bed) with the following exceptions.

The FORC cable is inherently a constant force vector and cannot be attached between two structures. Although presented as a type of cable, this facility is used in practice to represent any external force acting at a point on a structure whose magnitude and direction are constant.

### Input of Mooring Lines with Nonlinear Properties

It should be noted that the input format for nonlinear mooring lines is not the same as that for linear mooring lines. linear mooring lines are input by specifying BOTH the physical properties and the attachment points on one data record. nonlinear mooring lines are input by specifying the physical properties on one data record followed by one or more data records, each representing a mooring line with the previously defined physical properties.

The maximum number of different types of nonlinear properties accepted by the program is 1000.

## 19.2. Data Category Header

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      5      11
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|XXXX| |XXXX|MOOR|
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|                |
|                |__Compulsory Data Category Keyword (A4)
|                |
|                |__Optional User Identifier (A2)
```

### 19.3. The LINE/ WNCH/ FORC Data Records - Linear Cables

The maximum number of mooring lines (linear plus nonlinear) that may be defined is 100.

	2	5	7	11	16	21	26	31	41	51	61	
X			LINE									
X			WNCH									
X			FORC			XXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXX			
												(9) Paying-out Friction Factor F <sub>p</sub> (F10.0)
												(8) Winding-in Friction Factor F <sub>w</sub> (F10.0)
												(7) Unstretched Length (F10.0)
												(6) Stiffness (LINE) Tension (WNCH) Force (FORC) (E10.0)
												(5) Node Number (I5)
												(4) Structure Number (I5)
												(3) Node Number (I5)
												(2) Structure Number (I5)
												(1) Mooring Line Code (A4)
												_Optional User Identifier (A2)
												_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

(1) The mooring line code indicates which type of linear mooring line the user wishes to model. Note that the term 'linear' is used generally to denote that the tension is either constant or linearly proportional to the extension. The cable codes available at present are:

LINE - a conventional linear elastic cable

WNCH - a winch adjusted to constant tension

FORC - a constant force

Note that these mooring lines are assumed to have no mass and are therefore represented geometrically by a straight line. See below for further details.

(2) This is the number of the structure to which the cable is attached and must correspond to one of the structures defined within Data Category 2. If 1 is input, this will correspond to the structure defined in Data Category ELM1. If '2' is input, this will correspond to the structure defined in Data Category ELM2 etc. Note that Structure 0 (in other words, a fixed node) is an ILLEGAL structure and will produce an error (see (4)).

(3) This is the node number whose position is the attachment point of the end of the mooring line on the structure specified (1). The position of this node on the structure (2) must have been defined in Data Category 1.

(4)-(5) This structure number (4) and its corresponding node number (5) define the attachment position of the other end of the mooring line. The position of this node on the structure (4) must have been defined in Data Category 1.

If '0' is input as the structure number (4), together with a node number (5), the program will recognise that this node number (5) references a fixed position as defined in Data Category 1 in the Fixed Reference Axis System (FRA). Note that a non-zero structure number (4) must be followed by a valid node number (5) on that structure.

(6) This value represents:

WNCH - tension

FORC - constant force

LINE - linear elastic stiffness

(7) The unstretched length is used to indicate the length at which the mooring line is slack, i.e. if the distance between the attachment points at either end of the mooring line is less than this value, then the tension in the mooring line will be zero. Although unusual, it is quite valid to input this value as zero where the 'cable' is never slack. However, in the special case where both ends of the cable are coincident, the direction of the force exerted by the cable is undefined and is automatically set to zero.

(8)-(9) The tension in the winch mooring line when winding-in is given by  $T_w = T_s * (1 - F_w)$  where  $T_s$  is the winch tension specified in (6).

When paying-out, the winch tension is given by  $T_p = T_s(1 + F_p)$

For example, if the tension specified is 1000 tonnes and  $F_w$  and  $F_p$  are 0.3 and 0.1 respectively, then the tensions will be 700 and 1100 tonnes respectively.

We note that the initial tension is undefined. The default initial tension is the winding-in tension i.e. 700 tonnes in the example above. The winding-in friction coefficient should be specified as negative if the paying-out value of tension is required as the initial tension.

Note also that for AQWA-LIBRIUM and AQWA-FER, this tension value will not change unless the line goes slack. (Range is less than the initial length specified.)

AQWA-DRIFT and AQWA-NAUT will vary the tension according to whether the range (distance between the anchor and vessel attachment point) is increasing or decreasing. If the range is less than the initial length specified the line becomes slack and the tension is zero.

### 19.3.1. The LINE Data Record - A Conventional linear elastic Cable

A 'LINE' cable (linear elastic cable) is the conventional type of cable where the tension is proportional to its extension, and the constant of proportionality is termed the STIFFNESS. This type of cable can be attached between a structure and a fixed point or attached between two structures. As the extension may vary during the analysis, the structure(s) to which the cable is attached will experience a force of varying magnitude and direction. The magnitude of this force, which is equal to the cable tension is given by

Force = (Stiffness(6))(Cable Extension)

Note that when the cable is slack, the cable extension, as defined below, is negative and the cable tension is set to zero.

(A) For a cable attached between a structure and a fixed point:

The extension, at any stage of the analysis, is calculated by subtracting the unstretched length (7) from the distance between the position of the attachment node (3) and the position of the fixed node (5) as defined in Data Category 1 in the Fixed Reference Axis System (FRA).

The direction of this force is given by the vector going from the position of the attachment node (3) to that of the fixed node (5)

(B) For a cable attached to two structures:

The extension, at any stage of the analysis, is calculated by subtracting the unstretched length (7) from the distance between the position of the attachment node (3) on one structure and the position of the attachment node (5) on the other structure.

The direction of the force on a structure is given by the vector going from the position of the attachment node (3) on that structure, to the position of the attachment node (5) on the other structure. The forces on each structure will therefore always be equal and opposite. Note that the interchange of parameters (2) and (3) with (4) and (5) has no effect.

### **19.3.2. The WNCH Data Record - A Winch Adjusted to Constant Tension**

The 'WNCH' cable may be thought of as attached to a winch providing constant tension in that mooring line. This type of cable can be attached between a structure and a fixed point or attached between two structures. This model of a cable therefore represents a force of constant magnitude but with varying direction.

The magnitude of this force is given by the value of parameter (6) input in columns 31-40 and is constant throughout the analysis.

(A) For a cable attached between a structure and a fixed point:

The direction of this force is given by the vector going from the position of the attachment node (3), at any stage in the analysis, to that of the fixed node (5) as defined in Data Category 1 in the Fixed Reference Axis system (FRA).

(B) For a cable attached to two structures:

The direction of the force on one structure, at any stage of the analysis, is given by the vector from the position of the attachment node (3) on that structure, to the position of the attachment node (5) on the other structure. The forces on each structure will therefore always be equal and opposite. Note that the interchange of parameters (2) and (3) with (4) and (5) has no effect.

### **19.3.3. The FORC Data Record - Constant Force**

The 'FORC' cable represents a mooring line whose anchor point (parameters (4) and (5)) is automatically adjusted so that the force vector acting on the structure is constant. Although the attachment point moves with the structure during the analysis, the magnitude and direction of the force acting at that point remains constant. This model of a cable therefore represents a force of constant magnitude and direction throughout the analysis.

The magnitude of the force is given by the value of parameter (6) input in columns 31-40.

The direction of the force is given by the vector going from the position of the attachment node (3) to the position of the node (5) where both nodes are as originally defined in Data Category 1 in the Fixed Reference Axis system (FRA).

Although presented as a type of cable, in practice this facility may be used to represent any external force acting at a point on a structure whose magnitude and direction is constant, e.g. the force exerted by wind on a superstructure.

## 19.4. The POLY Data Record - Polynomial Nonlinear Properties

This data record defines a nonlinear property of a mooring line. In order to use these defined values, one or more NLIN or FLIN data records must follow. The maximum number of nonlinear properties that may be defined is 50.

2	5	7	11	31	41	51	61	
X		POLY	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					...
				(1)-(5) 5 Coefficients of the Polynomial (5E10.0)				
			Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)					
			Optional User Identifier (A2)					
								Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

(1)-(5) These values represent the coefficients of the polynomial which defines the force in the mooring as a function of extension or compression.

### The Tension as a Polynomial Function of Extension. For application to Fenders see note below.

This facility enables the user to approximate the force/extension curve of any mooring line with known characteristics. Note that this data record does not define a mooring line.

The mooring line properties defined on this data record will apply to all NLIN or FLIN data records that follow until another nonlinear property data record is input. (Note that CATN and SWIR are also nonlinear property data records.)

Tension in a mooring line with this property is given by:

$$\text{Tension} = P1.E + P2.E^2 + P3.E^3 + P4.E^4 + P5.E^5$$

P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 = Parameters input on the POLY data record

E = Extension of the mooring line

### Note

When used to define the stiffness properties of a fender the force and displacement used are compressive instead of tensile. For a fender with linear stiffness P1 will still be positive.

## 19.5. The NLIN Data Record - Nonlinear Cables

When an NLIN data record is input, the program assumes that the nonlinear properties correspond to those specified by the most recently input nonlinear properties data record. Failure to input these properties before a NLIN data record means that they are undefined and will result in an error. Note that one nonlinear properties data record will normally apply to several NLIN data records. This not only avoids repeating the same properties for several similar mooring lines, but also enables the user to make a single change to apply to all those properties.

Parameters (6), (8), (9) are only applicable when a POLY nonlinear line is used as a winch line.

The maximum number of mooring lines that may be defined is 100.

2	5	7	11	16	21	26	31	41	51	61	71
X	NLIN										
										(9) Paying-out Friction Factor $F_p$ (F10.0)	
									(8) Winding-in Friction Factor $F_w$ (F10.0)		
								(7) Unstretched Length (F10.0)			
						(6) Winch Tension $T_s$ (F10.0)					
					(5) Node Number (I5)						
					(4) Structure Number (I5)						
				(3) Node Number (I5)							
			(2) Structure Number (I5)								
		(1) Nonlinear Mooring Line Code (A4)									
	Optional User Identifier (A2)										
Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)											

### 19.5.1. Parameters Applied to a Polynomial (POLY) Mooring Line

This type of mooring line is a more general case of the linear elastic mooring line (described in detail in [The LINE/WNCH/FORC Data Records - Linear Cables](#) (p. 160)) and with the exception of the manner in which the cable tension is calculated, the POLY data record ([The POLY Data Record - Polynomial Nonlinear Properties](#) (p. 163)) is identical in all respects. Note that these mooring lines are assumed to have no mass and are therefore represented geometrically by a straight line.

Parameters on the NLIN data record are:

(1) Mooring line code NLIN indicates a nonlinear cable whose properties are specified by the preceding POLY nonlinear properties data record.

(2)-(5) As linear mooring lines in [The LINE/WNCH/FORC Data Records - Linear Cables \(p. 160\)](#).

(6) This field is used to specify the winch tension  $T_s$  when the POLY nonlinear line is used as a winch line. Otherwise it is not applicable.

(7) As linear mooring lines in [The LINE/WNCH/FORC Data Records - Linear Cables \(p. 160\)](#).

(8),(9)  $F_w$  and  $F_p$  are applicable only when the POLY nonlinear line is used as a winch line. The tension in the POLY winch line when winding-in is given by  $T_w = T_s(1-|F_w|)$  and when paying-out, the tension is given by  $T_p = T_s(1+|F_p|)$ .

For example, if the tension specified is 1000 tonnes and  $F_w$  and  $F_p$  are 0.3 and 0.1 respectively, then the tensions will be 700 (Tmin) and 1100 (Tmax) tonnes respectively.

The default initial tension is calculated as follows:

$F_w$	$F_p$	Description	Calculation	Value in example above
>0.0	>0.0	Mean tension	$(T_{min}+T_{max})/2$	900t
>0.0	< 0.0	Winding-in tension	$T_{min}$	700t
< 0.0	>0.0	Paying-out tension	$T_{max}$	1100t
< 0.0	< 0.0	Winch tension		1000t

For AQWA-LIBRIUM and AQWA-FER, this tension value will not change unless the line goes slack. (Range is less than the initial length specified.)

AQWA-DRIFT and AQWA-NAUT will vary the tension according to whether the range (distance between the anchor and vessel attachment point) is increasing or decreasing. If the range is less than the initial length specified the line becomes slack and the tension is zero.

The initial paid-out length is initialized to give the specified tension in the initial position specified in Data Category 15 at the beginning of the time history.

\* If the range is increasing and the tension is at  $T_{max}$  then the winch is paying out and the tension remains at  $T_{max}$ .

\* If the range is decreasing and the tension is at  $T_{min}$  then the winch is winding in and the tension remains at  $T_{min}$  as long as the range is greater than the initial length specified.

\* At all other times the line acts as a normal NLIN(POLY) line.

## 19.5.2. Parameters Applied to an Composite Catenary (COMP/ECAT) Mooring Line

For a description of the elastic catenary mooring line see [The COMP/ECAT Data Records - Composite Catenary Mooring Line \(p. 166\)](#). Parameters on the NLIN data record are:

(1) The mooring line code NLIN indicates a catenary mooring line whose properties are specified by the preceding COMP/ECAT nonlinear properties data records.

(2)-(5) As linear mooring lines in [The LINE/WNCH/FORC Data Records - Linear Cables \(p. 160\)](#).

Note that if 0 is specified as the 2nd structure number (parameter 4), it is assumed that this is the seabed and the cable will not hang any lower than the node specified in parameter 5.

### **19.5.3. Parameters Applied to a Catenary (CATN) Nonlinearity**

For a description of the catenary mooring line see [The CATN Data Record - Catenary Nonlinear Properties \(p. 189\)](#). Parameters on the NLIN data record are:

(1) The mooring line code NLIN indicates a catenary mooring line whose properties are specified by the preceding CATN nonlinear properties data record.

(2)-(5) As linear mooring lines in [The LINE/WNCH/FORC Data Records - Linear Cables \(p. 160\)](#).

(6) This field is not applicable, as the tension is not fixed but is calculated at each step of the analysis.

(7) The unstretched length is currently used to indicate simply the length of the catenary, as it is assumed to be inextensible. During the analysis this length may vary if the tensions calculated are not within the limits specified on the CATN data record. The length can be input as zero or left blank. In this case the program will expect the maximum and minimum tensions (input on the CATN data record) to be the same value, in order to provide a unique solution to the catenary equations.

### **19.5.4. Parameters Applied to a Steel Wire (SWIR) Nonlinearity**

For a description of the steel wire mooring line see [The SWIR Data Record - Steel Wire Nonlinear Properties \(p. 188\)](#). Parameters on the NLIN data record are:

(1) The mooring line code NLIN indicates a steel wire mooring line whose properties are specified by the preceding SWIR nonlinear properties data record.

(2)-(5) As linear mooring lines in [The LINE/WNCH/FORC Data Records - Linear Cables \(p. 160\)](#).

(6) This field is not applicable as the tension is not fixed but is calculated at each step of the analysis.

(7) This is simply the unstretched length of the steel wire.

## **19.6. The COMP/ECAT Data Records - Composite Catenary Mooring Line**

These data records define a nonlinear composite mooring line, in terms of one or more elastic catenaries. In order to use this composite line, one or more NLIN data records must follow.

A composite mooring line can be defined to link a structure to an anchor, or to link two structures.

Limits on the numbers of components in a mooring system are given at the end of this section.

### **19.6.1. The COMP Data Record**

The COMP data record describes a composite mooring line consisting of one or more elastic catenaries. Internally AQWA converts all composite mooring lines to a 2-dimensional load/extension database (with



maximum 600 points) identical to the format of the LE2D and associated data records. The user is strongly advised to read this section before using this facility.

2	5	7	11	16	21	31	41	51
X		COMP	3	10	11112	2		
								_(7) Sea bed slope (F10.0)
								_(6) Z Maximum Value (F10.0)
								_(5) Z Minimum Value (F10.0) Must be > zero
								_(4) Number of lines in the cable composite (I5) (NO DEFAULT) (Max=10)
								_(3) Warning flags and Symmetry forcing (I5) (Def = all warnings issued)
								_(2) Number of X coordinates (I5) (Def =40,Max = 40) or 600 divided by (1), whichever
								_(1) Number of Z coordinates (I5) (Def =15, Max = 20) or 600 divided by (2), whichever is 1
								_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
								_Optional User Identifier (A2)
								_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

(1) The number of Z values to be used in creating the 2-dimension load extension database for this composite mooring line

(2) The number of X values to be used in creating the 2-dimension load/extension database for this composite mooring line.

For composite catenaries linking two structures (instead of sea bed and structure), it is strongly recommended that the full database size (600 points) be used. The default numbers, when these fields are left blank, for Z and X are 15 and 40 respectively. Also the Z becomes the angular coordinate and the X the radial coordinate, and the program will ignore user specifications for the Z range and use the default values (-90 to + 90 degs). The sea bed slope will also be ignored for catenaries between structures as they are not allowed to touch the sea bed.

(3) This parameter indicates whether warnings should be issued when the position of the attachment point of the mooring line relative to the anchor point is outside the range of the database created for this mooring line characteristic. Warnings about the degree of symmetry are not issued, as the stiffness matrix is automatically symmetric for composite cables. See [The LE2D Data Record \(p. 184\)](#) for further details on stiffness matrix asymmetry.

This parameter should be thought of as five separate flags, which indicate the following:

Flag	Column	Meaning
1	21	0 = Warnings are issued when the X position exceeds the range specified
2	22	0 = Warnings are issued when the X position is below the range specified
3	23	0 = Warnings are issued when the Z position exceeds the range specified
4	24	0 = Warnings are issued when the Z position is below the range specified
5	25	0 = Symmetry Forcing

If a value is set to non-zero then the corresponding warning will be suppressed.

The Z range warnings during the analysis correspond directly to the relative Z position of the attachment point on the vessel in the database axis system being outside the values specified in (5)(6).

The X range (horizontal distance between the attachment point on the vessel and the anchor) will depend on the position of the anchor and the maximum tension specified on the ECAT data record. Warnings during the analysis relating to values below the X range correspond to slack condition when the mooring line is hanging vertically. Warnings during the analysis relating to values exceeding the X range correspond to tensions in excess of the lowest value of maximum tension specified on the ECAT data records following this data record.

The 5th number (column 25) relates to the symmetry forcing. The calculation of the stiffness matrix from the database is not exact and normally leads to small errors (in the order of 1 or 2%). The exact solution is always symmetrical. In theory symmetry forcing should therefore give a slightly more accurate stiffness matrix. The database of 600 values minimises this error. A value of 1 should be used to switch off the warning of asymmetry and a value of 2 should be entered to make the matrix symmetrical.

(4) The number of lines of different properties in the composite cable i.e. for a line made from one section of wire and one of chain, the value would be 2, indicating that two ECAT data records will follow the COMP data record.

(5)-(6) These values have different meanings for a line between a structure and the seabed or between two structures.

#### **Anchor - Structure Line**

These values define the expected range of the vertical distance between the anchor and the attachment point on the structure. These values will normally be the Z distance between the attachment point on the vessel and the anchor plus or minus the expected amplitude of motion of the attachment point. E.g:

if the sea bed is at  $Z = -100$ ;

the Z position of the attachment point when the vessel is in equilibrium is at  $-10$ ;

the expected amplitude of the vessel motion is  $10$ ;

ZMIN and ZMAX would be  $80$  and  $100$  respectively.

ZMIN must be positive and ZMAX must be greater than ZMIN.

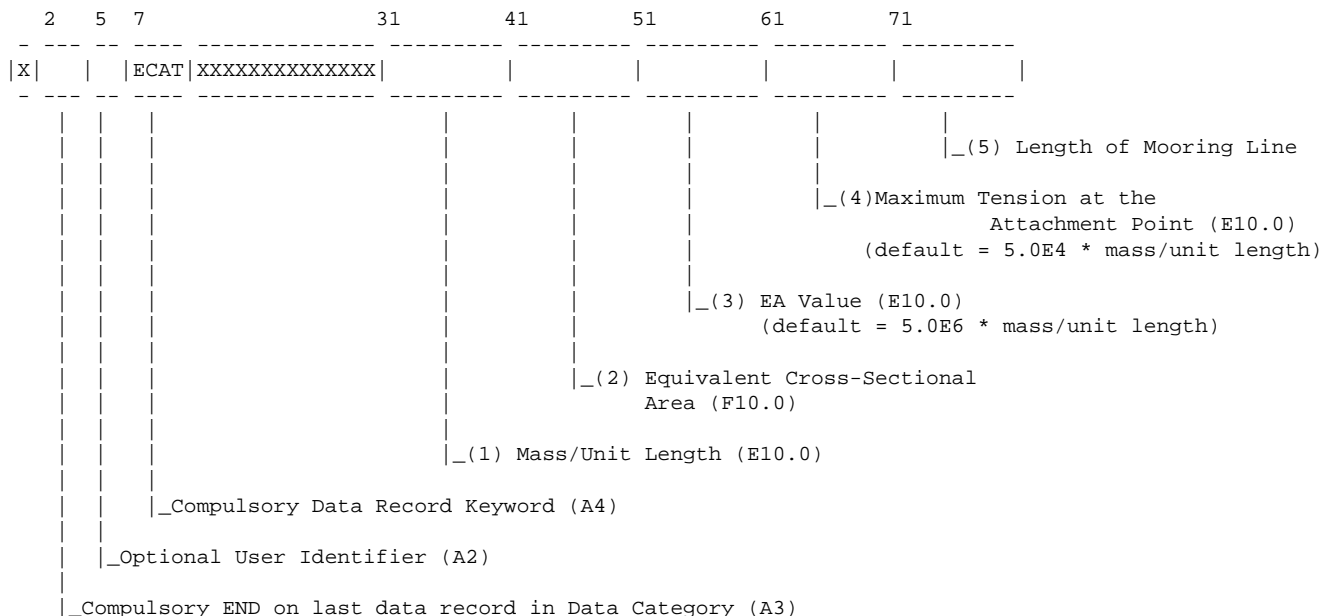
#### **Structure - Structure Line**

These values are not used for a line between two structures. However, at the point when the COMP data record is read it is not known if the line will be connected to an anchor or not. Therefore two positive values must be input, with  $ZMAX > ZMIN$ .

(7) This value is the sea bed slope (in degrees) for this COMP mooring line. A positive slope is for the sea bed to slope up from the anchor towards the attachment point, and a negative slope is for the sea bed to slope down from the anchor towards the attachment point. Sea bed slope is ignored if cable dynamics is being used for this line (or lines).

## 19.6.2. The ECAT Data Record

The ECAT data record specifies the properties of each of the sections of the composite line. Although the data record title implies that only properties of elastic catenaries are expected, clump weights may be modeled by specifying a very large mass per unit length and a specification of unit length (AQWA will not accept lengths less than 1). It is also possible to specify buoys and clump weights explicitly; see the BUOY data record ([The BUOY/CLMP Data Records - Intermediate Buoys and Clump Weights \(p. 171\)](#)).



- (1) Mass per unit length of the section of the composite mooring line.
- (2) The equivalent cross sectional area of the mooring line. It is often more convenient, especially with wire lines, to specify this parameter so the buoyancy of the line may be calculated and subtracted from the structural weight to give the 'weight in water'. This parameter may also be specified as zero if the mass per unit length (1) is input as the mass of the line less the mass of the displaced water per unit length (this does not apply to the cases when cable dynamic analysis is required, for which a non-zero equivalent cross section area must be defined).
- (3) The stiffness of the line is specified in terms of EA, where E is Youngs modulus and A is the cross sectional area of the line. The default value is chosen to give a typical value based on the mass/unit length. Clearly this may be in error if the mass per unit length specified (1) includes buoyancy effects.
- (4) The maximum tension is the highest value of tension that should used in the database created for this composite mooring line.
- (5) The length of the section of the composite mooring line. Note that values less than 1 are not accepted.

N.B. For a composite mooring line containing more than one ECAT data record, the definition of ECATs should start from the anchor point. If a composite mooring line links two structures the ECAT data records can start from either end, but the start must correspond to the second structure on the NLIN data record.



$T_{max}$  = maximum tension specified on the preceding ECAT

**Note**

- The stiffness must increase monotonically over a tension range from zero to the maximum tension specified on the preceding ECAT data record ( $T_{max}$ ).
- For tension greater than  $T_{max}$ , the stiffness is assumed to increase linearly with strain, with slope equal to the slope at  $T_{max}$ .

## 19.8. The BUOY/CLMP Data Records - Intermediate Buoys and Clump Weights

These data records define the properties of intermediate buoys and clump weights. The data records must be input between ECAT data records describing the properties of the lines either side of the buoy. The last ECAT data record must not be followed by a BUOY/CLMP data record as this will be on the attachment point on a structure.

Intermediate buoys always have the same buoyancy and do not "know" where the surface is. Therefore they may float above the water surface.

```

      2   5   7   11      21      31      41      51      61      71
-----
|X|   |   | BUOY|XXXXXXXX|XXXXXXXX|   |   |   |   |   |
-----
|X|   |   | CLMP|XXXXXXXX|XXXXXXXX|   |   |   |   |   |
-----
|_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)
|_Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_(1) Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
|_(2) Structural Mass (F10.0)
|_(3) Displaced Mass of Water
|_(4) Added Mass (F10.0)
|_(5) Drag Coefficient x Area;
      CDA (F10.0)

```

(2) This is the structural mass of the buoy or clump weight. This must be smaller than the mass of displaced water (3) for a buoy, or larger for a clump weight. This can be positive, zero or negative.

(3) The mass of water displaced, i.e. the buoyancy/gravity. This can be positive, zero or negative.

(4) Total (constant) added mass, i.e. not added mass coefficient. Applicable to Cable Dynamics only.

(5) The drag force (cable dynamics only) will be in the direction of the relative velocity of the fluid,  $V_R$ . The magnitude of the force is given by

$$F_D = 0.5 \rho (CDA) (V_R)(|V_R|)$$

where CDA = Drag coefficient \* projected area.

## 19.9. Cable Dynamics - Additional Data Requirements

An introduction to cable dynamics is described in this section, in addition to the data records in Data Category 14 for cable dynamics analysis.

NLID is the only data record that is necessary to define a composite catenary line as dynamic; the other data records are optional to allow the input of additional data.

[19.9.1. Introduction to Cable Dynamics](#)

[19.9.2. The NLID Data Record - Non-linear Dynamic Cable](#)

[19.9.3. The ECAH Data Record - Elastic Catenary Hydrodynamic Properties](#)

[19.9.4. The ECAB Data Record - Elastic Catenary Bending Stiffness](#)

[19.9.5. The NCEL Data Record - Number of Cable Elements](#)

[19.9.6. The DYNAM/DOFF Data Records - Cable Dynamics ON/OFF Switch](#)

### 19.9.1. Introduction to Cable Dynamics

When the dynamics of a cable are included in the analysis of cable motion, the effects of the cable mass and drag forces are considered, and tensions are no longer quasi static, i.e. forces on the cable are time varying and have 'memory'. The cable will, in general, respond in a nonlinear manner. The solution during a time history and the solution in the frequency domain are fully coupled, i.e. the cable tensions and motions of the vessel are considered to be mutually interactive where cables affect vessel motion and vice versa.

The following key points should be noted:

- Cable dynamics can only be associated with non-linear composite catenary lines.
- Cables are semi-taut/taut during the analysis i.e. they have a minimum tension.
- The sea bed is considered horizontal at the anchor.
- The cable is modeled with a fixed number of elements.
- 'Inline' dynamics (along the line of the cable) is included.
- Inline stiffness i.e. AE/DL (DL = segment length) is limited.
- Morison Drag forces are included (wave particle velocity ignored).
- Wave kinematics is ignored although current is included.
- Full animation of cable dynamics is not included.
- Sea bed friction is ignored.
- The AGS Model Visualisation is based on the quasi-static configuration and tensions for any particular position of the fairlead.

### 19.9.2. The NLID Data Record - Non-linear Dynamic Cable

This data record defines a nonlinear mooring line in the same way as a NLIN data record except that NLID will flag the mooring line as dynamic so that dynamic analysis will be performed for this line unless









(1) The mooring line number is taken from the order in which the lines are defined.

(2) The time has two meanings.

If no tension is defined the line will break at this time.

If a tension is also defined, the line will break the 1st time the tension exceeds the specified value, after this time.

(3) The mooring line will break when the tension at the 1st structure on the LINE/NLIN/NLID data record is greater than this value, if the time is greater than the specified breaking time (2).

(4) The mooring line will break when the tension at the 2nd structure on the LINE/NLIN/NLID data record is greater than this value, if the time is greater than the specified breaking time (2).

**Note**

- Logic for breaking lines.

TIME	TENSION 1	TENSION 2	RESULT
not given or 0	not given or 0	not given or 0	Always broken
not given or 0	F1	not given or 0	Breaks when tension 1 > F1
not given or 0	not given or 0	F2	Breaks when tension 2 > F2
not given or 0	F1	F2	Breaks when tension 1 > F1 or tension 2 > F2
t1	not given or 0	not given or 0	Breaks at time=t1
t1	F1	not given or 0	Breaks when tension 1 > F1, after time t1
t1	F1	F2	Breaks when tension 1 > F1 or tension 2 > F2, after time t1

- In AQWA-FER and LIBRIUM the line is always broken; the time and tension values are ignored.
- The normal usage of the LBRK data record for AQWA-FER/LIBRIUM is for a specified spectrum rose (e.g. N,NW,W,SW,S etc). An initial run is performed to determine the worst line tensions and then a second run is performed with identical data apart from the LBRK data record. Thus for, say, 8 spectra, the equilibrium and significant motions can be determined in two runs (each for all 8 spectra).

## 19.11. The PULY Data Record - Linear Cables

The maximum number of pulleys per pulley set is 2.

2	5	7	11	16	21	26	31	41	51	61
X	PULY									
										_(9) Sliding Friction (T <sub>2</sub> /T <sub>1</sub> ) (F10.0)
										_(8) Bearing Friction (T <sub>2</sub> /T <sub>1</sub> ) (F10.0)
									_(7) radius (F10.0)	
								_(6) angle (E10.0)		
							_(5) Node Number (I5)			
						_(4) Structure Number (I5)				
				_(3) Node Number (I5)						



Pulley with bearing friction: a friction factor  $\mu$  is calculated such that  $\mu = (T_2 - T_1) / (T_2 + T_1)$ . The friction is then varied depending on how far around the pulley the line passes.

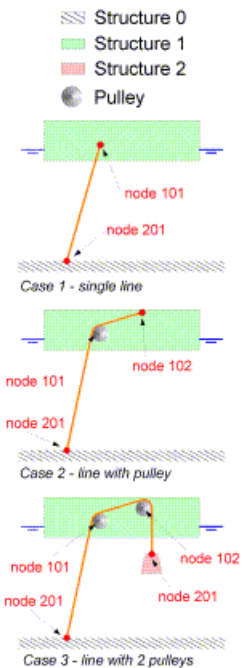
Pulley with sliding friction: a friction factor  $\mu$  is calculated such that  $(T_2/T_1) = \exp(\mu\pi)$ . The friction is then varied depending on how far around the pulley the line passes.

In each case  $T_2/T_1$  must be in the range  $1 \leq T_2/T_1 \leq 2$ .

## Pulleys - Assumptions and Restrictions

- A PULY data record must be preceded by a LINE data record.
- Maximum of 2 pulleys per pulley set.
- The radius of the pulley is ignored for the purpose of the calculations.
- If distance from start of pulley mooring line to end point is less than the total length, then the whole line is slack.
- The pulley lines are assumed to be in contact with the pulleys at all times.
- Distances between pulley points are assumed to be scalar quantities. For example, a structure may be 'drawn through' a pulley to appear on the other side.

## Examples of Connectivity



The following three cases demonstrate the required input of connectivity for systems including pulleys.

CASE 1 Is a standard LINE connected between a single structure and earth. The typical connectivity input for this system would be:

```
LINE 1 101 0 201 ...
```













## 19.14. The LE2D/\*RNG Data Records - 2-Dimensional Load Extension Database

N.B. These data records are used to define a set of load extension characteristics of a nonlinear mooring line in 2 dimensions. In order to use these values, one or more NLIN data records must follow the set.

The maximum number of 2D load/extension characteristics/composite lines is 100. Note also that the total number of all nonlinear data records (including CATN, POLY, etc) may not exceed 1000.

The first data record of the set after the LE2D data record must be a ZRNG data record.

### 19.14.1. The LE2D Data Record

```

      2   5   7   11   16   21
-----
|X|   |   |LE2D|   3|   12|11112|
-----
|_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)
|_Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|_(1) Number of Z coordinates (I5)
    (Default = 5, Maximum = 5)
|_(2) Number of X/H/V values (I5)
    (Default = 12, Maximum = 40)
|_(3) Warning flags and Symmetry forcing (I5)
    (Default = all warnings issued)

```

(1) The number of values of Z to be input on the ZRNG data record and hence the number of values on each XRNG, HRNG and VRNG data records.

(2) The number of values XRNG, HRNG and VRNG data records making up the load extension curves. This data record together with (1) form a database which is represented by a matrix of values, e.g. for the default size of the database Z(5), X(12,5), H(12,5), V(12,5) would be created.

(Further details may be found in [The 2 Dimensional Load Extension Characteristics \(p. 186\)](#).)

(3) This parameter indicates whether warnings should be issued when the position of the attachment point of the mooring line relative to the anchor point is outside of the range specified in the ZNRG and XRNG data records. In addition, warnings about the degree of symmetry of the resulting stiffness matrix can also be issued, omitted or the matrix can be forced to be symmetrical. This is explained further below.

The parameter should be thought of as five separate flags which indicate the following:

If flag 1 = 0 or is blank, Warnings are issued when the X position exceeds the range specified

If flag 2 = 0 or is blank, Warnings are issued when the X position is below the range specified

If flag 3 = 0 or is blank, Warnings are issued when the Z position exceeds the range specified

If flag 4 = 0 or is blank, Warnings are issued when the Z position is below the range specified

If flag 5 = 0 or is blank, Warnings are issued when the degree of asymmetry of the stiffness matrix formed from the database is considered unacceptable.

If any flag value is non-zero then warnings are not issued for that flag's conditions.

For the stiffness asymmetry, if the value is greater than unity, symmetry of the stiffness matrix will be imposed. Clearly in this case no warning asymmetry warning message will be issued. Note that in time history programs (AQWA-NAUT/DRIFT) the stiffness matrix is not used except for output of information to the user.

### Stiffness Matrix Asymmetry

The stiffness matrix which can be formed from the 2-D load/extension is evaluated as follows:

$$\begin{matrix}
 K = & \begin{matrix} DH & & DH \\ -- & 0 & -- \\ DX & & DZ \\ & H & \\ 0 & - & 0 \\ & X & \\ DV & & DV \\ -- & 0 & -- \\ DX & & DZ \end{matrix}
 \end{matrix}$$

where

H = the horizontal force

V = the vertical force

D/DX, D/DZ = differential operators

The values of DH/DZ and DV/DX for a completely elastic mooring line must be equal. It is the responsibility of the user to input values of z, x, H and V which obey this condition. Failure to do so will result in a mooring system which will generate or absorb energy - impossible for a real mooring system.

### 19.14.2. The ZRNG/XRNG/HRNG/VRNG Data Records

2	5	7	11	31	41	51	61	71
X		ZRNG	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					
X		XRNG	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					
X		HRNG	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					
X		VRNG	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					
				(1)-(5) Up to 5 Values of Z Coordinates (5F10.0) X Coordinates (5F10.0) Horizontal forces (5F10.0) Vertical forces (5F10.0)				
		_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)						
		_Optional User Identifier (A2)						
		_Compulsory END on Last Data Record in Data Category (A3)						

(1)-(5) ZRNG-Values on this data record represent values of Z in the Fixed Reference axis at which the load extension characteristics are defined on the XRNG, HRNG, VRNG data records. This value is the expected range of the attachment points in the analysis. These values will normally be the Z distance between the attachment point on the vessel and the anchor plus or minus the expected amplitude of motion of the NLIN line using this composite, i.e. if the sea bed and anchor are at -100 and the Z position of the attachment point when the vessel is in equilibrium is at -10, ZMIN and ZMAX would be 80 and 100 respectively assuming a maximum amplitude of motion of 10.

XRNG-Values on this data record represent values of X (horizontal distance in the fixed reference axis FRA) between the attachment and anchor position axis at which the horizontal and vertical forces are defined on the HRNG, VRNG data records.

HRNG/VRNG-Values on these data records represent values of the horizontal/vertical forces at the previously specified X and Z values.

### The 2 Dimensional Load Extension Characteristics

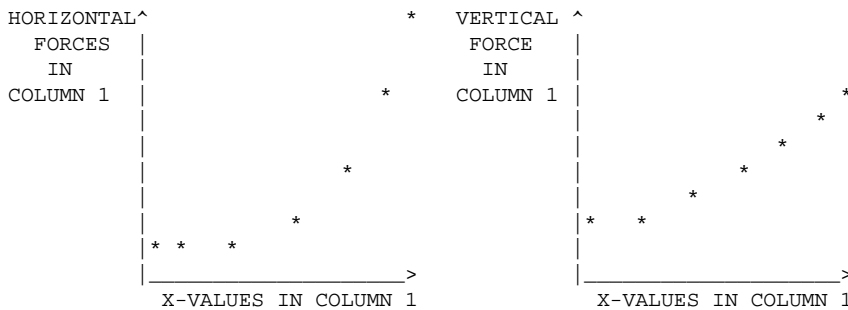
This facility enables the user to input the tension/extension curve of any mooring lines with known characteristics in 2 dimensions. Note that these data records do not define a mooring line per se but define a property which may be referred to by NLIN data records which follow. Note also that although a 2-D characteristic has been input, as the structure moves the plane in which the database has been defined rotates with the attachment point in the FRA.

The mooring line properties defined on this set of data records will apply to all NLIN data records that follow until another set of nonlinear property data records is input. (Note that CATN, SWIR, and POLY data records are also nonlinear property data records.). The difference between this and the other nonlinear property data records is that this facility requires a GROUP of data records to define the characteristics of a mooring line.

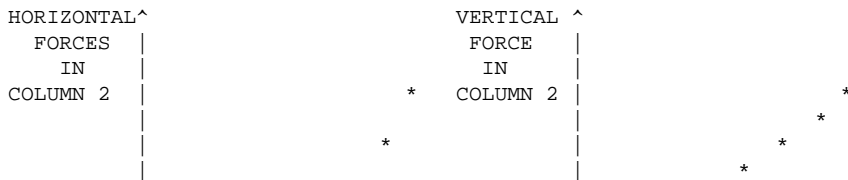
This facility is particularly useful for defining elastic catenaries or composite mooring lines whose modeling characteristics are not otherwise available in the AQWA suite. (See also the COMP data record [The COMP/ECAT Data Records - Composite Catenary Mooring Line \(p. 166\)](#))

Each of the above Z-coordinate may be thought of as the "Values at which a 1 dimensional load/extension curve for 2 orthogonal forces is specified",

i.e. at Z range = Z value 1:

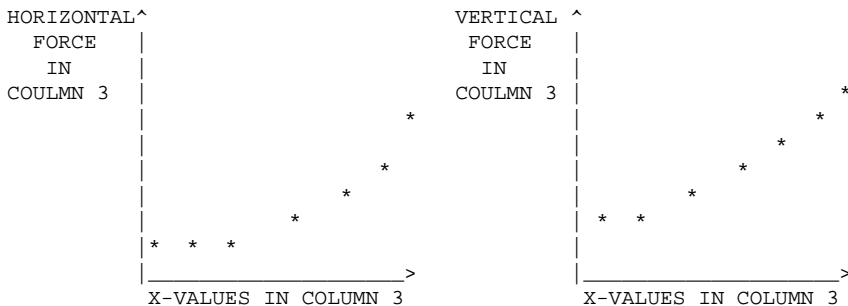


i.e. at Z range = Z value 2





i.e. at Z range = Z value 3



If the above graphs represent a complete set of values to define the 2-D load extension characteristics of a mooring line then the ZRNG data record will contain three values (there is only 1 ZRNG data record in each set). If the number of values of X, H and V are 7 (as shown above) then the complete set of data record required to define the 2-D load/extension curve is as follows:

	Values of Z, X, H, V					
1-Data Record	LE2D	3	7	.	.	.
1-Data Record (3 values)	ZRNG	.	.	.	xxx	xxx
7-Data Records (3 values on each)	XRNG	.	.	.	xxx	xxx
7-Data Records (3 values on each)	HRNG	.	.	.	xxx	xxx
7-Data Records (3 values on each)	VRNG	.	.	.	xxx	xxx

### 19.15. The PRIC Data Record - Print Initial Condition of Mooring Lines

This data record causes details of the mooring lines to be printed in the initial position at the start of the analysis.

```

 2   5   7
-----
X|   | |PRIC|
-----
|
|
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
    
```

### 19.16. The FINI Data Record - Mooring Configuration Separator

This facility is used to separate different mooring configurations defined in Data Category 14. The mooring lines defined before a FINI data record and after the data record will be regarded as different mooring configurations and will be analysed separately.

```

 2   5   7
-----
X|   | |FINI|
-----
|
|
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
    
```



|\_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

(1)-(2) These fields contain the values of the two constants in the equation defining the tension of the line as a function of the extension (see below). Values must be specified for both fields.

This facility enables the user to input the physical properties (constants defining the tension/extension curve) of a steel wire mooring line. Note that this data record does not define any mooring lines having these properties. This information must be supplied on following NLIN data records.

The mooring line properties defined on the SWIR data record will apply to all NLIN data records that follow until another nonlinear property data record is input. (Note that POLY and CATN are also nonlinear property data records.)

Tension in a steel wire mooring line is given by:

$$T = k (x - d (\tanh(x/d)))$$

where

x = extension of mooring line

k = asymptotic stiffness (constant)

d = asymptotic offset (constant)

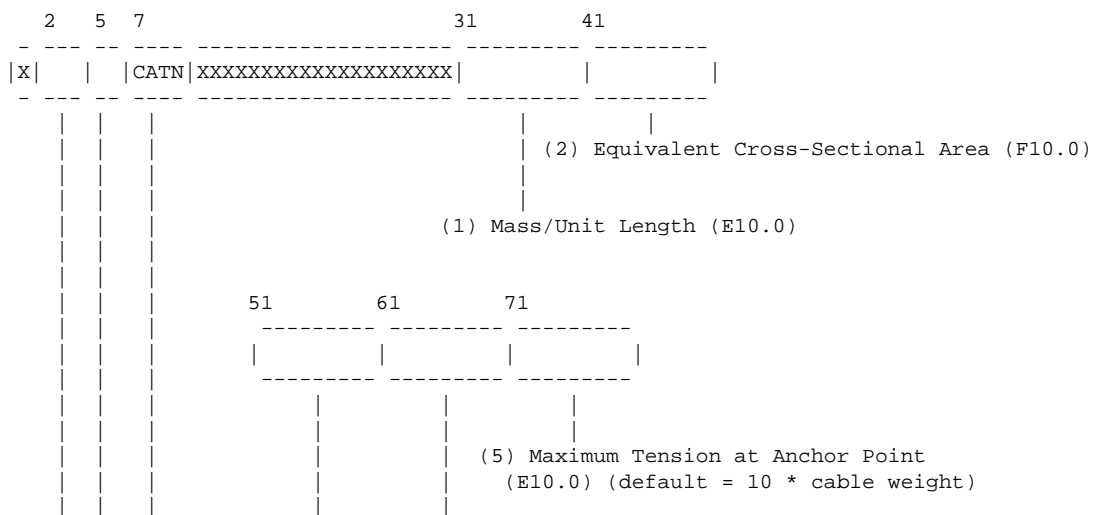
The names of the constants k and d arise from the fact that, at large values of extension, tanh(x/d) tends to unity and the equation tends to the asymptotic form:

$$T = k (x - d)$$

## 19.19. The CATN Data Record - Catenary Nonlinear Properties

**This data record has been superseded by the COMP & ECAT data records, which give much better convergence and more accurate results owing to the elasticity of the line.**

This data record defines a nonlinear property of a mooring line. In order to use these defined values, one or more NLIN data records must follow. The maximum number of nonlinear properties that may be defined is 50.



```

| | | | (4) Maximum Tension at the Attachment Point (E10.0)
| | | | (default = 10 * cable weight)
| | | |
| | | | (3) Minimum Tension at the Attachment Point (E10.0)
| | | | (default = 1.01 * vertical cable weight)
| | | |
| | | | _Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
| | | |
| | | | _Optional User Identifier (A2)
| | | |
| | | | _Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

```

- (1) This value represents the mass/unit length of the catenary. It is assumed to be constant along its length.
- (2) The equivalent cross-sectional area is equal to the volumetric displacement per unit length of the catenary. In general, this area is not the same as the cross-sectional area (for example, a chain will have a varying cross-sectional area along its length). It is used to calculate the buoyancy force on the catenary which is assumed to be constant along its length.
- (3) This is used as a minimum value for cable tensions at the attachment point on the structure. The program will reduce the length of a catenary automatically at any stage of the analysis, if the tension is less than the minimum value, in order to increase the tension to this value. Note that vertical cable weight used in the default value is the weight of the cable between the attachment point on the structure and the point on the sea bed vertically below.
- (4) This is used as a maximum value for cable tensions at the attachment point on the structure. The program automatically increases the length of a catenary at any stage of the analysis, if the tension exceeds the maximum value in order to reduce the tension to this value.
- (5) This is used as a maximum value for mooring tensions at the fixed anchor point. The program will abort if this value is exceeded at any stage of the analysis.

Note that gravity and buoyancy force are assumed constant along the length of the catenaries. This means that lines are considered to be totally submerged. If no length is specified the tension must be supplied.

## 19.20. Tether Additional Data Requirements

This section describes the additional data requirements for the input of tether elements for AQWA-LIBRIUM, AQWA-DRIFT and AQWA-NAUT (not valid in AQWA-FER).

### 19.20.1. The TELM Data Record - Tether Element

The maximum number of tether elements for all tethers is 180.

The maximum number of tether elements for a single tether is 24.

If an eigenvalue analysis is requested, the maximum number of tether elements per tether is reduced to 14.

Tether elements must be contiguous; on all but the first TELM data record, the first node input must be the same as the second node of the previous TELM data record.

```

      2   5   7  11  16  21  26
-----
|X| | | |TEL| | | |

```





```

|_Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|_(1) Non-tension element flag (I5)

```

(1) For installed tethers, this should be left blank. For towed tethers, a '1' should be entered in Column 15.

(2) The values of the stiffnesses of the springs at the anchor end should be specified on the TSPA data record. The stiffnesses of the springs at the vessel end should be specified on the TSPV data record.

For installed tethers, the spring stiffnesses are the inline/vertical stiffness and the two rotational stiffnesses at the ends of the tether. Default values of 1.0E15 are used, if this data record is omitted. A default value of 1.0E15 for the inline stiffness is used if the 1st field is left blank or a negative or zero values is input. For the rotational fields, any value may be entered (except negative values which will be set to zero).

For towed tethers, the stiffnesses are assumed to represent soft mooring line stiffness and are the three stiffnesses in the translational directions. Note that the higher the stiffnesses input here, the smaller the time steps will need to be in Data Category 16. This data record should always be present for towed tethers.

### 19.20.3. The TEIG Data Record - Tether Eigensolution

This data record should be input for all preliminary runs.

The TEIG data record request that an eigenvalue analysis of the tether at zero displacement from the TLA axis system should be performed.

```

      2   5   7   11   16
-----
|X|XXX| |TEIG|   |
-----
|_Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|_(1) Number of Modes (I5)

```

(1) The number of modes to be output for the pre-processing eigensolution. The total number of modes available:

= total number of degrees of freedom

= number of nodes \* number of degrees of freedom/node

= number of nodes \* 4















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## Chapter 20: Starting Conditions Definition - STRT (Data Category 15)

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### 20.1. General Description

Data Category 15 is used in all programs in the AQWA suite, except AQWA-LINE, to input the 'starting conditions' for the analysis. Although data categories for each type of analysis are similar, they are documented separately as each requires information appropriate to the type of analysis. This description of Data Category 15 is appropriate to AQWA-FER and AQWA-LIBRIUM only.

The programs AQWA-FER and AQWA-LIBRIUM solve equations of motion that are in the frequency domain or quasi-static respectively. The programs therefore require the initial position of the body/bodies globally. These initial conditions or initial positions are referred to as starting conditions.

### Starting Conditions - Defaults

#### AQWA-LIBRIUM

The equations to be solved require only the specification of initial positions. These positions are given for each body and for each of the 6 body degrees of freedom. Default starting conditions will be assumed by AQWA-LIBRIUM if the user omits any, or all (the latter by entering NONE for the Data Category Keyword) of the data records in this data category.

The default starting position is the position of the structure(s) as originally defined by the user in Data Categories 1 to 4. (See [Motion Constraints on Structures - CONS \(Data Category 12\) \(p. 125\)](#) if constraints are present.)

#### AQWA-FER

The equations to be solved require the specification of initial positions and articulation reactions (if there are any articulations in the model). The positions are given for each body and for each of the 6 body degrees of freedom. Default starting conditions will be assumed by AQWA-FER if the user omits any, or all (the latter by entering NONE for the Data Category Keyword) of the data records in this data category.

The default initial position is the position of the structure(s) as originally defined by the user in Data Categories 1 to 4.

The default initial articulation reactions are zero. Incorrect articulation reactions can affect the stiffness matrix and lead to inaccurate results. Therefore it is strongly recommended that the reactions are specified on the REA\* data record, or read in from an EQP file created by AQWA-LIBRIUM.

### Starting Conditions with the RDEP Option

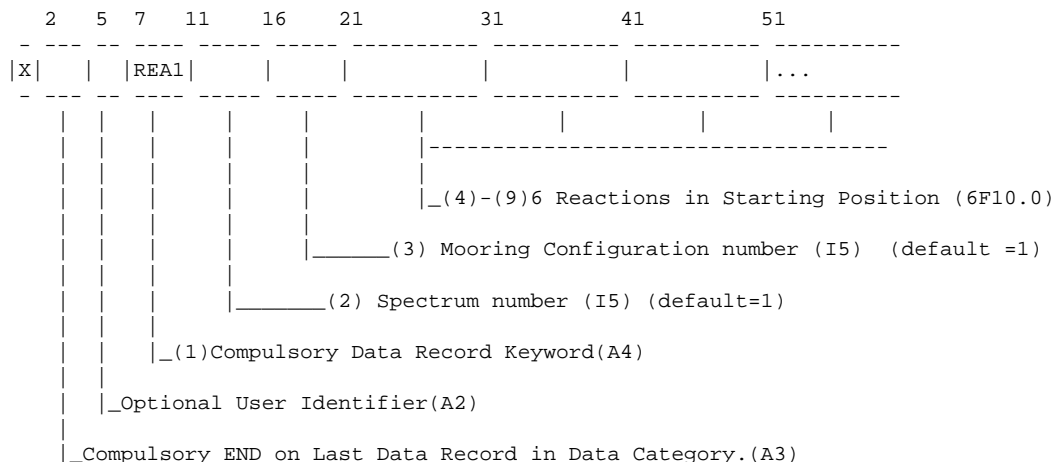
If the RDEP option ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)) is used with a filename given on the RESTART data record (e.g., FILE01), then the positions and reactions in the file



## 20.4. The REA\* Data Record - Initial Articulation Reactions

\* denotes articulation number (see (1) below)

See [Starting Conditions Definition - STRT \(Data Category 15\) \(p. 199\)](#) for a discussion of the interaction between the RDEP option and the POS\* and REA\* data records.



(1) The data record keyword indicates the corresponding articulation number for the positions in columns 21-80; for example, enter REA1 for Articulation 1, REA2 for Articulation 2, .... RE10 for Articulation 10.

(2)-(3) This is to indicate which spectrum and mooring configuration the reaction is defined for, only needed for multiple spectra/mooring configuration cases. If omitted the same initial reactions will be used for all spectra and /mooring configurations.

(4)-(9) These are the initial reactions applied by the articulation to the 1st structure on the relevant DCON data record ([The DCON Data Record - Define Constraint Position \(p. 127\)](#)) in Data Category 12. The reactions are three forces and three moments. The reactions are applied in the global axis system. The LAAR ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)) and LSAR ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)) options, if used, apply only to output reactions.



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## Chapter 21: Starting Conditions Definition (AQWA-DRIFT) - STRT (Data Category 15D)

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Note that this chapter has separate sections for analyses at Drift frequency only and those with both Drift and Wave frequencies.

### 21.1. General Description

Data Category 15 is used in all programs in the AQWA suite, except AQWA-LINE, to input the 'starting conditions' for the analysis. Although data categories for each type of analysis are similar, they are documented separately as each requires information appropriate to the type of analysis. This description of Data Category 15 is appropriate to AQWA-DRIFT only.

AQWA-DRIFT solves the second order differential equations of motion by integrating them to form a time-history of motions. The program requires the initial conditions in order to begin the integration. These initial conditions are referred to as starting conditions.

As the differential equation is second order, the solution requires two initial conditions which may be input by the user. These are the position and velocity at the start of the time-history in all 6 degrees of freedom. However, default starting conditions will be assumed by AQWA-DRIFT if the user omits any, or all (the latter by entering NONE for the Data Category Keyword) of the data records in this data category.

### 'Fast', 'Slow' and 'Total' Positions and Velocities

The total motion of a structure in AQWA-DRIFT is the sum of its 'slow' drift motion and the 'fast' wave frequency motion. The program, in general, needs the initial conditions of the structure for both the fast and slow motions. Also it is important that the structure experiences as small a transient as possible. This can only be achieved if the program has appropriate values of slow and fast initial conditions. This is not as complicated as it sounds since the program automatically performs the difficult calculations.

The initial conditions for the slow motion are relatively intuitive since these relate to the general motion of the structure about its equilibrium position as predicted by AQWA-LIBRIUM. The fast motions, however, are in response to the wave frequency forces which are randomly phased, so that the user is generally unable to specify them. In this case, the program automatically computes the correct fast motion from the information it has concerning the random waves and the response amplitude operators of the structure.

#### 21.1.1. Analysis Type - Drift only

##### *Starting Conditions - Defaults*

The default starting slow position is the position of the structure as originally defined by the user in Data Categories 1 to 4. The default starting slow velocity is zero in all 6 degrees of freedom.

fast position and velocity are not used in a drift frequency analysis. They are assumed to be zero so the total position and velocity are the same as the slow values.

## **Starting Conditions with the RDEP option**

If the RDEP option ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)) is used with a filename given on the RESTART data record (e.g FILE01), then the position in the file FILE01.EQP will override the default slow position. However, if starting positions are defined in Data Category 15 these will in turn override the data in the .EQP file. The default starting slow velocity is zero in all 6 degrees of freedom.

The total position and velocity are the same as the slow values.

### **POS\* or VEL\* Specified**

The POS\* ([The POS\\* Data Record - Starting Positions \(p. 205\)](#)) and VEL\* ([The VEL\\* Data Record - Starting Velocities \(p. 206\)](#)) data records define the total position and velocity respectively; in a Drift-only analysis they also define the slow position and velocity. The POS\* data record will overwrite any values read in from an EQP file.

The POS\* and VEL\* data records will be over-written by the SLP\* and SLV\* data records, if they exist.

### **SLP\* or SLV\* Specified**

The SLP\* ([The SLP\\* Data Record - Slow Starting Positions \(p. 206\)](#)) and SLV\* ([The SLV\\* Data Record - Slow Starting Velocities \(p. 207\)](#)) data records define the slow position and velocity respectively; in a Drift-only analysis they also define the total position and velocity. The SLP\* and SLV\* data records will overwrite any values read in from an EQP file or from POS\* and VEL\* data records.

## **Initial Reactions**

It is not possible to specify the initial articulation reactions in AQWA-DRIFT. If the positions are correct the articulation reactions will reach equilibrium in the 1st time step.

## **21.1.2. Analysis Type - Drift + Wave Frequency (WFRQ on JOB data record)**

### **Starting Conditions - Defaults**

The default starting slow position is the position of the structure as originally defined by the user in Data Categories 1 to 4. The default starting slow velocity is zero in all 6 degrees of freedom.

The fast position and velocity are calculated by the program and added to the slow position and velocity to form the total position and velocity. If any two structures are connected by an articulation this calculation is omitted for those structures, the fast position and velocity are zero and the total position and velocity are the same as the slow position and velocity.

### **Starting Conditions with the RDEP option, but NONE in Data Category 15**

If the RDEP option ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)) is used with a filename given on the RESTART data record (e.g FILE01), then the position in the file FILE01.EQP will override the default slow position. However, if the slow position is defined in Data Category 15 this will in turn override the data in the .EQP file. The default starting slow velocity is zero in all 6 degrees of freedom.

The fast position and velocity are calculated by the program and added to the slow position and velocity to form the total position and velocity. If any two structures are connected by an articulation this calcu-

lation is omitted for those structures, the fast position and velocity are zero and the total position and velocity are the same as the slow position and velocity.

**SLP\* or SLV\* specified, but not POS\* or VEL\***

The SLP\* (The SLP\* Data Record - Slow Starting Positions (p. 206)) and SLV\* (The SLV\* Data Record - Slow Starting Velocities (p. 207)) data records define the slow position and velocity respectively. The SLP\* data record will overwrite any values read in from an EQP file.

The fast position and velocity are calculated by the program and added to the slow position and velocity to form the total position and velocity. If any two structures are connected by an articulation this calculation is omitted for those structures, the fast position and velocity are zero and the total position and velocity are the same as the slow position and velocity.

This is the most usual starting condition for this analysis type

**POS\* or VEL\* specified, but not SLP\* or SLV\***

The POS\* (The POS\* Data Record - Starting Positions (p. 205)) and VEL\* (The VEL\* Data Record - Starting Velocities (p. 206)) data records define the total position and velocity respectively.

If the RDEP option is used the slow position will be read from the specified EQP file, otherwise the slow position is the same as the total position. The slow velocity is the same as the total velocity.

**Both POS\* and SLP\* or VEL\* and SLV\* specified**

The slow position is as specified on the SLP\* data record. The RDEP option is ignored.

The total position is as specified on the POS\* data record.

The slow velocity is as specified on the SLV\* data record.

The total velocity is as specified on the VEL\* data record.

The initial values of fast position and velocity are calculated from the difference between the slow and total values.

**Initial Reactions**

It is not possible to specify the initial articulation reactions in AQWA-DRIFT. If the positions are correct the articulation reactions will reach equilibrium in the 1st time step.

**21.2. Data Category Header**

```

      5      11
-----
|XXXX| |XXXX|STR|
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|
|
|_Compulsory Data Category Keyword(A4)
|
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)

```

**21.3. The POS\* Data Record - Starting Positions**

\* denotes structure number (see (1) below)





2	5	7	11	21	31	41	51
X		SLP1	XXXXXXXXXX				...

|\_(2)-(7)6 Starting Slow Positions (default as defined in POS\* data record in the same data category)(6F10.0)

|\_(1)Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)

|\_Optional User Identifier(A2)

|\_Compulsory END on Last Data Record in Data Category(A3)

- (1) The data record keyword indicates the corresponding structure number for the positions in columns 21-80; for example, enter SLP1 for Structure 1, SLP2 for Structure 2, .... SP10 for Structure 10.
- (2)-(7) This is the slow position of the structure indicated by the data record keyword (1) at the start of the time-history simulation.

## 21.6. The SLV\* Data Record - Slow Starting Velocities

\* denotes structure number (see (1) below)

See [General Description \(p. 203\)](#) for a discussion of the interaction between the RDEP option and the POS\*, VEL\*, SLP\* and SLV\* data records.

2	5	7	11	21	31	41	51	61
X		SLV1	XXXXXXXXXX					...

|\_(2)-(7)6 Starting Slow Velocities (default zero) (6F10.0)

|\_(1)Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)

|\_Optional User Identifier(A2)

|\_Compulsory END on Last Data Record in Data Category(A3)

- (1) The data record keyword indicates the corresponding structure number for the positions in columns 21-80; for example, enter SLV1 for Structure 1, SLV2 for Structure 2, .... SV10 for Structure 10.
- (2)-(7) This is the slow velocity of the structure indicated by the data record keyword (1) at the start of the time-history simulation.



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## Chapter 22: Starting Conditions Definition (AQWA-NAUT) - STRT (Data Category 15N)

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### 22.1. General Description

Data Category 15 is used in all programs in the AQWA suite, except AQWA-LINE, to input the 'starting conditions' for the analysis. Although data categories for each type of analysis are similar, they are documented separately as each requires information appropriate to the type of analysis. This description of Data Category 15 is appropriate to AQWA-NAUT only.

AQWA-NAUT solves the second order differential equations of motion by integrating them to form a time-history. The program therefore requires the initial conditions in order to begin the integration. These initial conditions are referred to as starting conditions.

### Starting Conditions - Defaults

As the differential equation is second order, the solution requires two initial conditions which may be input by the user. These are the position and velocity at the start of the time-history in all 6 degrees of freedom. However, default starting conditions will be assumed by AQWA-NAUT if the user omits any, or all (the latter by entering NONE for the Data Category Keyword) of the data records in this data category.

The default starting position is the position of the structure as originally defined by the user in Data Categories 1 to 4. The default starting velocity is zero in all 6 degrees of freedom.

### Starting Conditions with the RDEP option

If the RDEP option ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)) is used with a filename given on the RESTART data record (e.g FILE01), then the positions in the file FILE01.EQP will override the default positions. However, if starting positions are defined in Data Category 15 these will in turn override the data in the .EQP file.

The starting velocity will be zero.

### Starting Conditions specified in Data Category 15

If the POS\* or VEL\* data records are used in Data Category 15 the values on these data records will override the defaults or the values in the .EQP file. Note that blank fields on these data records are treated as zero values.

Slow velocity and position are not used in AQWA-NAUT. If the SLP\* or SLV\* data records are used they will be ignored.



```
|_ (2)-(7)6 Starting Velocities (default zero)  
      (6F10.0) Data Categories 1-4)(F10.0)  
|_ (1)Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)  
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)  
|_Compulsory END on Last Data Record in Data Category(A3)
```

(1) The data record keyword indicates the corresponding structure number for the positions in columns 21-80; for example, enter VEL1 for Structure 1, VEL2 for Structure 2, .... VE10 for Structure 10.

(2)-(7) This is the velocity of the structure indicated by the data record keyword (1) at the start of the time-history simulation.





terval is the value of the time-step) would represent the motion of the structure (see the [Table of Time Integration Parameters](#)).

(3) This is the time (ST) at the start of the time-history simulation period, so that the time at the end of this period is given by  $ST + (NT \times DT)$ . It is normally left blank or set to zero except when starting the simulation from a previous analysis or when the user wishes to alter the initial phase of frequency-dependent parameters.

To define more than 99999 time-steps multiple TIME data records may be used, up to a maximum of 10.

## General Points Regarding the Time Integration Parameters

The values of all of the time integration parameters are dependent on the type of analysis, but with experience the user should have no difficulty in estimating their value for any particular problem.

In addition, it should be pointed out that more program automation of these values (e.g. the automatic variation of time-step based on accuracy of the integration of the equations of motion) has deliberately been avoided. This is intended to make the user more aware of the approximations necessary when representing discontinuities in the motion of a structure which are typically present in non-linear simulation analysis.

The following table shows typical values of time integration parameters for a large barge or tanker. This must not be considered as an accurate guide but an indication of values to be input by the user. If the user's values are considerably different from these, then it is likely that an error has been made in their estimation.

**Table 23.1: Time Integration Parameters**

Program	Number of Time-Steps	Value of Time-Step (Seconds)	Simulation Time (Seconds)
AQWA-DRIFT (Slow Drift Analysis)	2000	5	10,000
AQWA-DRIFT (With Wave Frequency)	400	0.5	200
AQWA-NAUT ( 8 Second Wave Period)	200	0.40	80
(16 Second Wave Period)	200	0.75	160

## 23.4. The HOTS Data Record - For Hot-Start Run

The HOTS data record allows the user to start a time domain analysis from a particular time in a previous time history analysis. The program will extract the positions and velocities of the structures at that time from the previous results and use them as the start positions and velocities for the hot-start run. It is advisable for the user to create a separate data file for each hot-start run, and consequently, the \*.POS and \*.RES files from the previous run should be copied to the new name.

When the HOTS data record is used there may not always be complete continuity between the two runs.

- The convolution calculation in AQWA has a 120 second "memory", but after a hot restart this memory is lost.







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## Chapter 24: AQWA-LIBRIUM Iteration Parameters - LMTS (Data Category 16B)

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### 24.1. General Description

This data category is used to input parameters which are required for the iteration solution within the program AQWA-LIBRIUM.

The iteration parameters are used to find the body's position of equilibrium. The progression towards an equilibrium state may also be controlled via input in this data category.

If the user does not specify particular convergence limits, etc., then the program will use default values. The appropriate default for each iteration parameter is given in the following section.

### 24.2. Data Category Header

```
      5      11
-----
|XXXX| |XXXX|LMTS|
-----
|               |
|               | |(1)Compulsory Data Category Keyword(A4)
|               |
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
```

(1) If NONE is entered for the data category keyword, the program assumes default values.

### 24.3. The MXNI - Maximum Number of Iterations

```
      2  5  7      16
-----
|X| | | |MXNI|XXXXX| |
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| | | | |
| | | | | |(1) Maximum Number of Iterations in Search of Equilibrium (Default 100)
| | | | |
| | | | | |_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
| | | | |
| | | | | |_Optional User Identifier (A2)
| | | | |
| | | | | |_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)
```

(1) If the user does not specify the maximum number of iterations, then the default value of 100 is used.

### 24.4. The MMVE Data Record - Maximum Movement Per Iteration

```
      2  5  7  11      21      31      41      51
-----
|X| | | |MMVE| |XXXXX| | | | | | | | | |
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```

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|_ (2) Maximum Movements Allowed in Each Iteration (6F10.0)
|_ Structure Number (I5)
|_ Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|_ Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_ Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

```

(2) These are the maximum movements allowed per iteration, for each degree of freedom. Rotations are in degrees. The default values are shown below.

Default values are: 2.00, 2.00, 0.50, 0.573, 0.573, 1.432 (G=9.81)

To take account of different unit systems AQWA multiplies the default translation values only by G/9.81, where G is the value of gravity input in Data Category 5. These defaults will be over-written by any values input on the MMVE data record, but AQWA does not apply any additional factors; i.e. the value on the data record is the value that is used.

## 24.5. The MERR Data Record - Maximum Error Allowable for Equilibrium

2	5	7	11	21	31	41	51
X	MERR	XXXXX					

```

|_ (2) Maximum Errors for System to
|_ be Considered in Equilibrium (6F10.0)
|_ Structure Number (I5)
|_ Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|_ Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_ Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

```

(2) These are the maximum errors allowed in the final equilibrium position, for each degree of freedom. i.e. if the calculated movement is less than this, the structure is assumed to be in equilibrium. Rotations are in degrees. The default values are shown below.

Default values are: 0.02, 0.02, 0.02, 0.057, 0.057, 0.143 (G=9.81)

To take account of different unit systems AQWA multiplies the default translation values only by G/9.81, where G is the value of gravity input in Data Category 5. These defaults will be over-written by any values input on the MERR data record, but AQWA does not apply any additional factors; i.e. the value on the data record is the value that is used.

## 24.6. The STRP Data Record - Output Stability Report

This data record is used when a stability report is requested from an AQWA-LIBRIUM analysis. The report, written in AB\* . LIS file, gives a list of positions of the structure and the corresponding forces at each position. The positions of the structure are calculated by the program at a number of rotations about one or more hinges defined by the user.





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## Chapter 25: Change Geometric/Mass Characteristics - GMCH (Data Category 16L)

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### 25.1. General Description

This data category is used to scale and/or change the geometric or mass characteristics of a single body or system of bodies. When scaling or changing body characteristics the results are output to the hydrodynamic data-base, and hence over-write the original data-base file. This data category may also be used to define a new hydrodynamic reference point. This gives the user the fluid forces, etc about a point other than the center of gravity. This data category may be omitted and NONE entered for the data category keyword.

### Scaling by Length or Mass

The user may scale various hydrodynamic and response parameters either directly by using a length scale factor, or indirectly by using a mass scale factor. The scaling factors are as follows:

$$\text{Length Scale Factor} = \text{Length}_{\text{new}} / \text{Length}_{\text{old}}$$

The user inputs the Length Scale Factor directly in this data category.

$$\text{Mass Scale Factor} = (\text{Mass}_{\text{new}} / \text{Mass}_{\text{old}})^{(1/3)}$$

The user inputs the new Mass directly in this data category.

The parameters that are scaled are as follows:

- hydrodynamic coefficients and forces
- body responses
- wave frequencies
- water depth

### Changes to Mass Distribution and/or Center of Mass

The following changes may be made to a body's mass characteristics:

- The user may define new mass inertia values about the body's center of gravity.
- The user may define a new position of the body's center of mass.

The new coordinates of the center of gravity must relate to the originally defined position of the body.

The above changes in mass characteristics require a new solution for the body's responses. Also note that a change in center of gravity in the lateral direction, will cause an originally equilibrated freely floating body to move away from the original equilibrium position.







(1) The coordinates of the new hydrodynamic reference point are given with respect to the originally defined position of the structure.

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## Chapter 26: Hydrodynamic Parameters for Non-Diffracting Elements - HYDC (Data Category 17)

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### 26.1. General Description

This data category is used to input two types of parameter which affect non-diffracting elements with hydrodynamic coefficients. The first is a scale parameter which only affects Morison elements, e.g. TUBE elements, whose drag coefficient is dependent on Reynolds Number. The second is a simple multiplying factor for the drag, added mass and slam coefficients affecting all Morison elements.

As the input in this data category only applies to non-diffracting elements, it follows that only those programs which use these elements will accept this data category. This point is clarified below.

AQWA-DRIFT: Accepts all elements and parameters.

AQWA-FER: Not yet implemented. Note that Morison drag is a non-linear force which must be linearised before a frequency domain solution can be applied.

AQWA-LIBRIUM: Accepts all elements. Note that only the drag parameters are relevant, as a steady state solution has zero ADDED MASS and slam force.

AQWA-LINE: Not yet implemented. At present will only accept diffracting and point mass elements.

AQWA-NAUT: Accepts all elements and parameters.

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#### Note

The default value for the factor multiplying the slam coefficient is zero, as there are no general formulae documented in the literature (see [The SLMM Data Record - Slam Multiplying Factor \(p. 228\)](#)).

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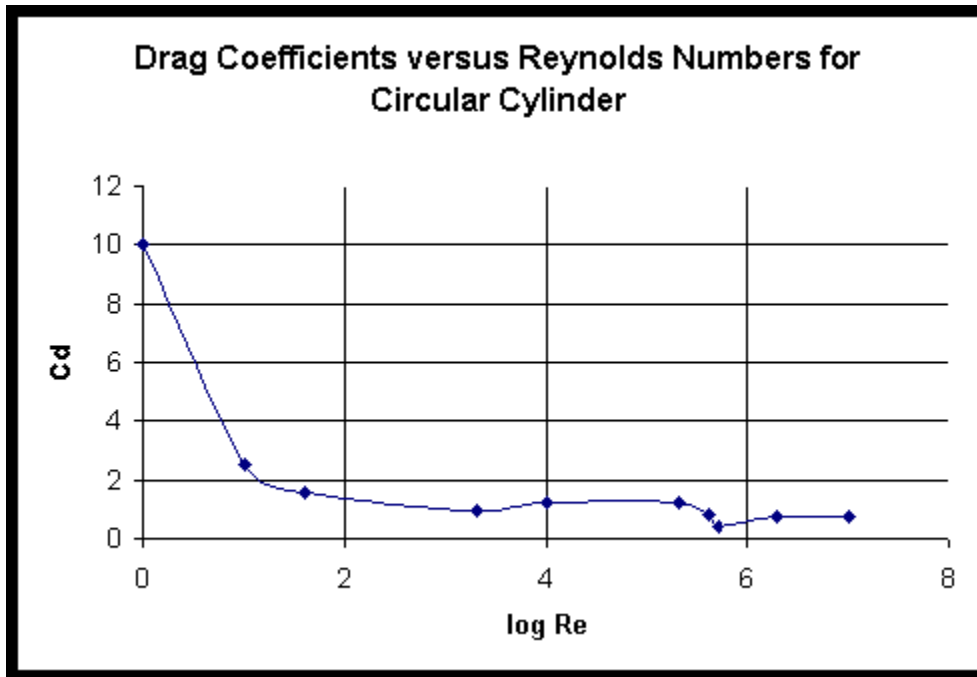
The scale factor is commonly used where the effects of Morison drag on TUBE elements is considered important (e.g. simulating tests at model scale). The multiplying factor is used for parametric studies where the effect of the hydrodynamic coefficients is of particular interest.

### 26.2. Data Category Header

```
      5      11
-----
|XXXX| |XXXX|HYDC|
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|
|
|_Compulsory Data Category Keyword(A4)
|
|_Optional User Identifier(A2)
```



Note that the following curve is only used when the SC1/ data record is defined in data category 17 and is only for TUBE elements in a time domain analysis, mainly for transient motions. The instantaneous relative flow velocity normal to the tube is used in the calculation of the Reynolds Number Re.



## 26.4. The DRGM/ADMM Data Record - Drag/Added Mass Multiplying Factor

```

      2   5   7   11           21
-----
|X|   | |DRGM|   |XXXXX|   |
-----
|X|   | |ADMM|   |XXXXX|   |
-----
|_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)
|_Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|_Structure Number (I5)
|_Value of Multiplying Factor (Default 1.0) (F10.0)

```

- (1) The structure number must correspond to one of the structures defined in Data Category 2. If '1' is input, this will correspond to the structure defined in Data Category ELM1. If '2' is input, this will correspond to the structure defined in Data Category ELM2, etc (see note 1).
- (2) This value is the multiplying factor for all drag/added mass coefficients for non-diffracting elements on the structure specified (1).

### Note

The multiplying factors relate to drag/added mass coefficients for the structure specified on this data record only. The program does NOT multiply the values in the Geometric Properties



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## Chapter 27: Additional File Output - PROP (Data Category 18)

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### 27.1. General Description

This Data Category is used to input requests for additional listing file output where specific information is required to define its extent and format. It is supplementary to the output obtained from the general printing requests of the Options List in the Preliminary Data Category, as the requests in this Data Category are necessarily more detailed. The requests for additional output fall into the following main categories.

#### Output of Nodal Positions/Motions

This output is related to positions and/or motions of nodes on a structure which are of particular interest to the user (e.g. a helicopter deck, mooring line attachment points, or crane tip). Additional information at these positions (a maximum of 35) is obtained by simply specifying the node number (see [Geometric Properties - GEOM \(Data Category 4\) \(p. 63\)](#)) of those nodes in this data category. The difference between the positions/motions on two different structures or a structure and any fixed node may also be obtained.

#### Output of Positions/Motions and Forces at the CG

This gives more information about the positions/motions and the individual forces in the equations governing the position of the centre of gravity of a structure at any stage in the analysis.

Please note that the program will output default information essential to the analysis automatically. This facility is available in order that the user may request additional information to:

- Simply clarify results obtained
- Obtain a deeper understanding of the results
- Find out reasons for unexpected results
- Detect errors in the modeling

The user should be aware of the information applicable to a particular analysis, as ([Introduction \(p. 1\)](#)) explains this in detail. However, the user can request all information to be output, and no errors will occur if a request is encountered for information which is not available for the particular analysis. In the event that the information requested is not available, the program will inform the user but will not produce an error message.

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#### Note

This data category is optional. Enter NONE if no additional information is required.

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the difference between the positions/motions of two points). For each NODE data record, the program will output the following:

	The difference between -
AQWA-LINE	The RAOs of the NODAL POSITIONS specified. Note that AQWA-LINE must be run for stages 1 to 5, and the NRNM option must also be used.
AQWA-DRIFT	The positions/velocities/accelerations of the NODES at each step in the time-history
AQWA-FER	The RAOs and significant motion of the NODAL POSITIONS specified.
AQWA-LIBRIUM	The positions of the specified NODES at each static equilibrium position found.
AQWA-NAUT	The positions/velocities/accelerations of the NODES at each step in the time-history

## 27.4. The ALLM Data Record - All Motions

```

  2  5  7
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|X|  |  | |ALLM|
-----
  |  |  |
  |  |  |  |Compulsory Data Record Keyword(A4)
  |  |  |  |Optional User Identifier(A2)
  |  |  |  |Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)
  
```

The ALLM data record enables the user to expand or limit the information output associated with the positions on the NODE data record. The default information, at these positions specified (where the output format is freedom dependent), is displacement only in the X, Y, and Z translational freedoms. Input of this data record, which is optional, has the following effect:

ALLM expands the output associated with the positions specified on all NODE data records to include velocity and acceleration as well as displacement. When this information is not available this data record has no function and is ignored.

## 27.5. The PCGP Data Record - Print Centre of Gravity Parameters

**Please note that this optional facility has not yet been implemented.**

```

  2  5  7  11
-----
|X|  |  | |PCGP|  |XXXXX|  |  |  |  |  |  | ...
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```





Additional File Output - PROP (Data Category 18)

4. RAO BASED POSITION		4. RAO BASED POSITION
5. RAO BASED VELOCITY		5. RAO BASED VELOCITY
6. RAO BASED ACCEL		
7. WAVE FREQ POSITION		7. WAVE FREQ POSITION
8. WAVE FREQ VELOCITY		8. WAVE FREQ VELOCITY
9. WAVE FREQ ACCEL		9. WAVE FREQ ACCEL
10. SLOW POSITION		10. SLOW POSITION
11. SLOW VELOCITY		11. SLOW VELOCITY
12. SLOW ACCEL		12. SLOW ACCEL
13. SLOW YAW		
14. MOORING	14. MOORING	14. MOORING
15. GYROSCOPIC		
16. DIFFRACTION		16. DIFFRACTION
17. LINEAR DAMPING	17. LINEAR DAMPING	17. LINEAR DAMPING
18. MORISON DRAG		
19. DRIFT	19. DRIFT	19. DRIFT
20. FROUDE KRYLOV		SEE NOTE ABOVE
21. GRAVITY	21. GRAVITY	21. GRAVITY
22. CURRENT DRAG	22. CURRENT DRAG	22. CURRENT DRAG
23. WAVE INERTIA		
24. HYDROSTATIC	24. HYDROSTATIC	24. HYDROSTATIC
25. WIND	25. WIND	25. WIND
26. SLAM		
27. THRUSTER	27. THRUSTER	27. THRUSTER
28. YAW DRAG	28. YAW DRAG	28. YAW DRAG
29. SLENDER BODY FORCES		
30. ERROR PER TIMESTEP	30. ERROR PER TIMESTEP	30. ERROR PER TIMESTEP
31. TOTAL REACTION FORCE	31. TOTAL REACTION FORCE	31. TOTAL REACTION FORCE
33. L/WAVE DRIFT DAMPING	33. L/WAVE DRIFT DAMPING	33. L/WAVE DRIFT DAMPING
34. EXTERNAL FORCE		
35. RADIATION FORCE	DEFAULT WITH CONV	OPTION, ZERO WITHOUT
36. FLUID MOMENTUM		
38. FLUID GYROSCOPIC FORCE		
39. ADD STRUCT STIFF FORCE		
47. ARTICULATION REACTION		SEE (3) ABOVE
50. TOTAL FORCE	50. TOTAL FORCE	50. TOTAL FORCE

FULL LIST OF AVAILABLE PARAMETERS	AQWA-LIBRIUM DEFAULTS	AQWA-NAUT DEFAULTS
1. POSITION	1. POSITION	1. POSITION
2. VELOCITY		2. VELOCITY
3. ACCELERATION		3. ACCELERATION
4. RAO BASED POSITION		4. RAO BASED POSITION
5. RAO BASED VELOCITY		5. RAO BASED VELOCITY
6. RAO BASED ACCEL		
7. WAVE FREQ POSITION		
8. WAVE FREQ VELOCITY		
9. WAVE FREQ ACCEL		
10. SLOW POSITION		
11. SLOW VELOCITY		
12. SLOW ACCEL		
13. SLOW YAW		
14. MOORING	14. MOORING	14. MOORING
15. GYROSCOPIC		
16. DIFFRACTION		16. DIFFRACTION
17. LINEAR DAMPING		17. LINEAR DAMPING
18. MORISON DRAG		18. MORISON DRAG
19. DRIFT	19. DRIFT	
20. FROUDE KRYLOV		20. FROUDE-KRYLOV
21. GRAVITY	21. GRAVITY	21. GRAVITY
22. CURRENT DRAG	22. CURRENT DRAG	22. CURRENT DRAG
23. WAVE INERTIA		
24. HYDROSTATIC	24. HYDROSTATIC	24. HYDROSTATIC
25. WIND	25. WIND	25. WIND
26. SLAM		
27. THRUSTER	27. THRUSTER	
28. YAW DRAG		
29. SLENDER BODY FORCES		

```
|30. ERROR PER TIMESTEP | |30. ERROR PER TIMESTEP |
|31. TOTAL REACTION FORCE | |31. TOTAL REACTION FORCE |
|34. EXTERNAL FORCE | |
|35. RADIATION FORCE | |
|36. FLUID MOMENTUM | |
|38. FLUID GYROSCOPIC FORCE | |
|39. ADD STRUCT STIFF FORCE | |
|47. ARTICULATION REACTION | | SEE (3) ABOVE |
|50. TOTAL FORCE |50. TOTAL FORCE |50. TOTAL FORCE |
-----
```

This is the full list of output parameters for AQWA-LIBRIUM, DRIFT and NAUT. Further output can be requested using additional data records in Data Category 18.

## 27.8. The PTEN Data Record - Print Cable Tensions

```
2 5 7 11
-----
|X| | |PTEN| |
-----
| | | |
| | | |_(1) Structure Number (I5)
| | | |
| | | |_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
| | | |
| | | |_Optional User Identifier (A2)
| | | |
| | | |_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)
```

(1) The structure number indicates that the tensions in all cables, catenaries and hawsers attached to this defined structure are to be printed in the listing file (how often is governed by the PREV data record) and written to backing file for plotting in the AGS.

## 27.9. The ZRON/ZROF Data Records - Print Z Coordinate Relative to Wave Surface ON/OFF

The ZRON and ZROF data records enable the user to output the position of one or more nodes relative to the undiffracted wave surface, with all other nodes output as normal values. The data record has no parameters and consists only of the data record keyword, for example:

```
2 5 7 11
-----
|X| | |ZRON| |
-----
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |_ZRON or ZROF Data Record Keyword
| | | |
| | | |_Optional User Identifier (A2)
| | | |
| | | |_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)
```

### Note

- The ZRON and ZROF data records act as switches during the input of the NODE data records and have the function of switching the Z relative to the wave surface option on and off.
- The ZRWS data record is global, and may be input anywhere in Data Category 18, these data records therefore replace the existing ZRWS data record when only some nodes with Z relative



```

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

```

(1) The timestep increment determines how often the full graphics and plotting results are output. For example, if the timestep increment was five then the backing files would contain information on each structure at timesteps 1,6,11,16 etc.

This facility can be used to limit the size of the printout to a manageable size for long simulations.

In order to limit the size of the files the default maximum number of timesteps on the .PLT file is 10,000. If the GREV data record is not used the program will calculate a timestep increment such that the number of timesteps does not exceed 10,000. For example, if a run has 20,000 timesteps and it is required to plot every step, a data record "GREV 1" is required. If this is not included, the .PLT file will contain results for every 2nd timestep.

The absolute maximum number of timesteps on the .PLT file is 100,000.

### 27.13. The PRMD Data Record - Print Mooring Drag

This data record causes the drag force on all tethers and dynamic mooring lines to be printed to the listing file, for cable dynamics analyses in AQWA-LIBRIUM, DRIFT and NAUT.

In DRIFT and NAUT the frequency of printing is governed by the PREV data record.

In LIBRIUM the PBIS option is also required.

```

      2      5      7      11
-----
|X|  |  | |PRMD|  |
-----
|   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |
|_Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|_Optional User Identifier (A2)
|_Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

```

### 27.14. The PMST Data Record - Print Mooring Section Tensions

This data record causes the tensions between sections of dynamic mooring lines to be output. The frequency of printing is defined by the PREV ([The PREV Data Record - Print Every nth Timestep \(p. 232\)](#)) and GREV ([The GREV Data Record - Graphics Output Every nth Timestep \(p. 236\)](#)) data records respectively. This is only applicable to cable dynamics analyses. The behavior for each program is as follows:

AQWA-LIBRIUM: Tensions written to .LIS file only. The PBIS option ([Printing Options for Output of Calculated Parameters \(p. 246\)](#)) must also be used.

AQWA-FER: Significant tensions written to .LIS file only. If the PRTS option ([Printing Options for Output of Calculated Parameters \(p. 246\)](#)) is also used, response spectra will also be printed.

AQWA-DRIFT and NAUT: Written to .LIS and .PLT files.





### 27.16.1. The TPRV Data Record - Tether Printing Interval

```

      2   5   7   11
-----
|x|   |   | TPRV|   |
-----
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   (1) Number of steps (I5)
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   Optional User Identifier (A2)
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   Compulsory END on last data record in data category (A3)

```

(1) Enter a non-zero integer 'N' where listing file time history output for tethers is required every 'N' timestep.

### 27.16.2. The TGRV Data Record - Tether Graphics/Statistics Interval

```

      2   5   7   11
-----
|x|   |   | TGRV|   |
-----
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   (1) Number of steps (I5)
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   Optional User Identifier (A2)
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   Compulsory END on last data record in data category (A3)

```

(1) Enter a non-zero integer 'N' where graphics output and statistics post-processing for tethers is required every 'N' timesteps.

### 27.16.3. The TSTS/TSTF Data Record - Tether Start/Finish Timesteps for Statistics

Input for AQWA-DRIFT only.

If these data records are not input tether statistics post-processing will be on all records specified by the TGRV Data Record.

```

      2   5   7   11
-----
|x|   |   | TSTS|   |
-----
|x|   |   | TSTF|   |
-----
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   (1) Start/Finish Timestep (I5)
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   Optional User Identifier (A2)
      |   |   |   |
      |   |   |   |   Compulsory END on last data record in data category (A3)

```

(1) Enter the timestep at which the tether statistics post processing should start (Default =1) on the TSTS data record and the timestep at which the tether statistics post processing should finish (Default = last step) on the TSTF data record.

# Chapter 28: Element and Nodal Loads - ENLD (Data Category 21)

## 28.1. General Description

This data category is used to input the request for output of loads on Morison elements. At present, this is only available for TUBE elements in AQWA-DRIFT and NAUT.

The loads are output in the form of loads at the nodes joining each element. The user should input "RESTART 6 6" on the RESTART data record in Data Category 0. The \*.RES file and \*.POS file from a preceding DRIFT or NAUT run (stages 4 to 5) should be copied before this run can be performed.

There are two basic forms of nodal load output. The first is for space frames where all elements are assumed encastre-encastre and more than two elements can be joined at a single node. The second is for riser-type structures, where riser geometry is assumed and, by definition, only two tube elements can join at a node. In addition, there are rules concerning the element description, which the user must be aware of in order to obtain the correct riser-type format (see [The RISR Data Record - Nodal Load Output for a Riser Structure](#) (p. 242)).

The user should note that the post-processing Stage 6 graphics output overwrites any previous graphics output. This means that if the user wishes to keep the output from Stage 5, then Stage 6 post-processing must be carried out as a separate run.

## 28.2. Data Category Header

```

      5      11
-----
|XXXX| |XXXX|ENLD|
-----
|         |
|         | |Compulsory Data Category Keyword (A4)
|         |
|         |
|         | |Optional User Identifier (A2)

```

## 28.3. The ISEL Data Record - Element/Nodal Load Record Selection

```

      2   5   7   11   16
-----
|X| |   |ISEL|   |   |
-----
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | |_(2) Terminal Record for output (I5)
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | |_(1) Initial Record for output (I5)
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | |Compulsory Data Record Keyword (A4)
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | |Optional User Identifier (A2)
|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | |Compulsory END on last data record in Data Category (A3)

```

(1) The initial record is the first record (starting time step number) that the user wishes to include in the output and statistical post-processing of the nodal loads.



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## Chapter 29: Options for Use in Running AQWA Programs

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There are 3 types of options that can be used to control an AQWA analysis.

- Command line options. These can be used when running from a command prompt.
- Job options. These are input on the JOB data record and control the type of analysis carried out.
- Program options. These are input on the OPTIONS data record in the preliminary data category.

### 29.1. Command Line Options

Command line options can be specified on the command line when running AQWA from a command prompt. They are preceded by a forward slash, for example:

```
C:\Program Files\ANSYS Inc\145\aqwa\bin\<platform>\aqwa.exe /nowind altest
```

would run the data file ALTEST.DAT using the option NOWIND.

At present there are only two command line options available.

#### **/NOWIND - No Windows**

This option automatically closes all windows that may be opened during a run. This means that no response is required from the user at the end of a run.

#### **/STD - Use Command File**

This option instructs AQWA to accept commands from an AQWA command file. For compatibility with previous versions of AQWA this option (only) may be entered without the leading forward slash.

### 29.2. Job Type Options

Each program has more than one type of possible analysis. These options are used on the JOB data record to indicate which type is required. If no option is input then the default analysis type will be used. These defaults and the optional analysis types are listed below. See also the JOB data record ([The JOB Data Record \(p. 33\)](#)).

AQWA-DRIFT Default - Drift frequency motions only

Option 1 - WFRQ - Drift frequency and wave frequency motions

AQWA-FER Default - Drift frequency and wave frequency motions

Option 1 - DRFT - Drift frequency motions only

Option 2 - WFRQ - Wave frequency motions only

AQWA-LINE Default - Radiation/Diffraction analysis

Option 1 - FIXD - All structures fixed

AQWA-LIBRIUM Default - Static and dynamic stability

Option 1 - STAT - Static stability only

Option 2 - DYNA - Dynamic stability only

AQWA-NAUT Default - Time history regular wave response

Option 1 - IRRE - Time history analysis in irregular waves. This applies to both diffracting structures (when [convolution](#) is used) and Morison structures. Note that in AQWA-NAUT, wave drift force is not included in either regular or irregular waves.

## 29.3. Program Options for Use in AQWA Program Suite

The options in this section may be used when running the indicated programs within the AQWA suite. They should appear on the OPTIONS data record ([The OPTIONS Data Record \(p. 34\)](#)) in the Administration Data Category 0.

The options are valid for more than one program in the AQWA suite and the applicability is indicated by a string of characters shown in parentheses at the beginning of the description of each option, using the following code:

A = All programs

B = AQWA-LIBRIUM

D = AQWA-DRIFT

F = AQWA-FER

L = AQWA-LINE

N = AQWA-NAUT

For example, the string (BDL) at the beginning of an option description means that the option is valid for AQWA-LIBRIUM/DRIFT/LINE

Since many options are related to printing of output on the listing file, these are listed in separate sections.

### 29.3.1. Printing of the Expanded Input Data List for each Data Category

By default, the printing of the expanded input data list for each data category is output to the listing file at the end of the three data record image input Stages (1, 2, 4). Default output is therefore

For a run of Stages 1 to 5 - Output of expanded data list for Data Categories 1 to 18

For a run of Stages 2 to 5 - Output of expanded data list for Data Categories 6 to 18

For a run of Stages 3 to 5 - No output

For a run of Stages 4 to 5 - Output of expanded data list for Data Categories 9 to 18

For a run of Stage 5 - No output

**PRDL - Print Data List from Backing File**

When a restart is performed, by default, the expanded data list is NOT output for the previous stages, which have already been performed. This option requests that the expanded data list for all data categories for previous stages be printed. This option is normally used to confirm that the correct backing files have been assigned for a particular analysis.

**NODL - No Data List*****Switching of Output of All Data Categories***

The user may also switch off all output of expanded data by using the NODL option. Note that output involving calculations, for example calculation of the mass and inertia of the structure, will still be output.

***Switching of Output of a Single Data Category***

The user may switch the output flag of a single data category by including the name of the data category keyword in the options list. The function will depend on whether the NODL option is present or not:

- If the NODL option is not present in the options list, the expanded data list for that data category will be switched off.
- If the NODL option is present in the options list, the expanded data list for that data category will be switched ON again.

For example, the user may switch off the output for one or more data categories by including the data category keyword(s) and not using the NODL option or the user may switch off all but the output for one or more data categories by including the data category keyword(s) and the NODL option.

As the data category keyword may be dependent on the structure number, the data category keywords used in the options list are as follows:

Data Category 1 - COOR

Data Category 2 - ELEM

Data Category 3 - MATE

Data Category 4 - GEOM

Data Category 5 - GLOB

Data Category 6 - FDRN

Data Category 7 - WFSN

Data Category 8 - DRCN

Data Category 9 - DRMN

Data Category 10 - HLDN

Data Category 11 - ENVR

Data Category 12 - CONS

Data Category 13 - SPEC

Data Category 13N- WAVE

Data Category 14 - MOOR

Data Category 15 - STRT

Data Category 15D- STRT

Data Category 15N- STRT

Data Category 16 - TINT

Data Category 16B- LMTS

Data Category 16L- GMCH

Data Category 17 - HYDC

Data Category 18 - PROP

### 29.3.2. Printing Options for Output of Calculated Parameters

#### **PBIS - Print Force Components at Each Iteration Step**

(B) This option causes the program to output the component forces acting on each structure (e.g. gravity, hydrostatic, current, and mooring forces) for each iteration in the search for equilibrium.

(DN) Prints out positions and forces on each structure at each integration stage; i.e. twice per timestep. The scope of the printout can be controlled by selections in Data Category 18.

#### **PFLH - Print FER Low & High Frequency**

(F) With this option AQWA-FER will output separate drift (low) and wave frequency (high) significant values of all parameters. Drift (low) frequencies are defined as those below the lowest frequency in the wave spectrum.

#### **PEEL - Print Properties of Each Element**

(BDFLN) This option allows the user to output complete details of each element used in the body modeling. All important details of the body elements are output together with the resultant properties of the bodies. It is only applicable when running Stage 1 of the analysis.

#### **PRAF - Print All Freedoms**

(BDFN) This option allows the user to output results for all freedoms, even if some have been de-activated using the DACF data record in Data Category 12.

#### **PRAS - Print Articulation (Reaction) Spectrum**

(F) Prints spectrum of articulation reactions, in GLOBAL axes.

#### **PRCE - Print Data Record Echo for Data Categories 1 TO 5**

(BDFLN) This option informs the program to output the input received by the program in reading Data Categories 1 to 5. This is the body modeling.



**PRCS - Print Coupled Spectra****This Option has been Withdrawn**

(F) Prints fully-coupled matrix for force spectrum (PRFS), response spectrum (PRRS) and the transfer matrix (PRTI).

**PRFS - Print Force Spectral Density Matrix at Spectrum Integration POINTS**

(F) This option is used to output the wave force spectra for both drift and wave frequency at the integration points of the response spectrum for the direction of the corresponding wave spectrum. By default, this option only outputs the leading diagonal of this matrix, which therefore omits the information relating to the phase between the freedoms of the structures.

The forces are in the fixed reference axis system.

**PRPR - Print Pressures**

(L) This option is used to output the total hydrostatic and hydrodynamic fluid pressures at each plate in an AQWA-LINE model.

**PRPT - Print Potentials**

(L) This option is used to output the modified and unmodified values of the potential at the diffraction element centres and at the field points. This information may be used to define the fluid flow field about the body.

**PRRI - Print RAOs at Spectra Integration Points**

(F) This option is used to output the fully coupled RAOs which are used to calculate the response spectrum. The peak values will, in general, not be contained in the output, as it is not necessary for accurate integration of the response spectra, which is achieved in AQWA-FER within one percent. However, the peak value will never exceed the values output by more than 80 percent, as long as the damping exceeds one half percent critical.

Note that these RAOs are calculated for the direction of the corresponding spectra in the fixed reference axis system.

**PRRP - Print Recalculated Parameters**

(F) Informs AQWA-FER to print certain parameters where they are recalculated for each spectrum. At present, this applies to the CRAO option and also causes the undamped and damped natural frequencies to be output, for each spectrum, for each mooring configuration.

**PRRS - Print Response Spectrum at Spectra Integration Points**

(F) This option is used to output the response spectrum at the integration points of the response spectra for the fully coupled system of the equations of motion. By default, this option only outputs the leading diagonal of this matrix, which therefore omits the information relating to the phase between the freedoms of the structures.

The response is in the fixed reference axis system.

**PRSS - Print Source Strengths**

(L) Informs AQWA-LINE to output the singularity strengths for both the modified and unmodified values, the modified strengths being a linear combination of the unmodified values. The actual relationship is a function of the number of body symmetries being utilised.

**PRST - Print Global Stiffness Matrix**

(B) This option causes the global stiffness matrix, which is computed in equilibrium analysis (Stage 5), to be output.

**PRTI - Print Transfer Matrix at Spectra Integration Points**

(F) This option is used to output the transfer matrix at the integration points of the response spectra for the fully coupled system of the equations of motion. By default, this option only outputs the leading diagonal of this matrix, which therefore omits the information relating to the phase between the freedoms of the structures. Do not use this option if the information is not required, as the computing costs are substantially increased during integration of the wave frequency motions.

**PRTS - Print Tension and Reaction Spectra**

(F) This option is used to output significant value, Tz and spectral density for tension in composite moorings and articulation reactions. These results are written to the .LIS file only; they are not yet available for plotting in the AGS.

**29.3.3. Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite****AHD1 - Print ASCII Hydrodynamic Database**

(L) Instructs AQWA-LINE to print the hydrodynamic database (the .HYD file) in a compact ASCII format to a new file with a .Atitle extension. If the option AHD? is ALSO used, a file will be printed that explains the format.

**AHD? - Print Annotated ASCII Hydrodynamic Database**

(L) When used with the AHD1 option, instructs AQWA-LINE to print a sample of the .Atitle file, with annotation to explain the format.

**ALDB - Read AQWA-LINE Database**

(LBDFN) Read the hydrodynamics database from the hydrodynamics (.HYD) file created by a previous AQWA-LINE run. This option is used:

(i) if the user wishes to modify the hydrodynamic data calculated in a previous AQWA-LINE run, or add/modify nodes and non-diffracting elements, without having to re-run the AQWA-LINE radiation/diffraction analysis.

(ii) if the user is setting up an analysis with several structures, and wishes to pick up the hydrodynamic data for one or more structures, calculated in a previous AQWA-LINE run.

**Note**

Very often, there is data for only one structure in the hydrodynamics file, in which case the data is associated with Structure 1 in the new run. The RDDB option may also be used if the hydrodynamics file contains more than one structure, provided that all the structures appear, in the same order, in the new run.

**AQTF - ASCII Output of Full QTF Matrix**

(L) The AQTF run-time option for AQWA-LINE will output an ASCII file AL\*.QTF which can be used for external post-processing. The file is in fixed format as follows:

```
AQTF-1.0 :Example - Fully-Coupled SUMM/DIFF QTF
 1 4 3      0.00000      30.00000      45.00000      90.00000
           0.3490659      0.4188791      0.5235988
 1 4 2 3 -1.4695E-03  4.8995E+05 -7.4829E+03 -1.0434E+07  2.9763E-01 -2.1092E+04
           -5.0714E-03  3.1427E+03 -2.0972E+03 -3.4310E+04  5.3036E-02 -2.4030E-01
           1.3916E-01  1.1357E+06  1.2190E+03 -8.1649E+06  6.3355E-01 -1.9725E+04
           1.0582E-01  7.0678E+05  1.2178E+03 -4.6883E+06  1.0078E+00 -7.8328E+03
etc.
```

Header Record#1:

Columns 1-10 - Reserved for Version Header (AQTF-1.0 :)

Columns 11-80 - Run Title

For each structure:

Logical Record#1:

Columns 1-2 - Structure Number.

Columns 3-4 - Number of Directions for this structure.

Columns 5-6 - Number of Frequencies for this structure.

Columns 9-80 - 6 Directions (degrees) PER LINE in field widths of 12.

NB:If more than 6 directions are input then columns 9-80 are used on the next line.

Logical Record#2:

Columns 9-80 - 6 Frequencies (radians/sec) PER LINE in field widths of 12.

NB:If more than 6 frequencies are input then columns 9-80 are used on the next line up to the total number of frequencies.

Next N\*N Logical Records (N=Number of frequencies):

These are 4 lines each where:

Line#1 - Columns 1-2 - Structure number.

Line#1 - Columns 3-4 - Direction number.

Line#1 - Columns 5-6 - First Frequency number.

Line#1 - Columns 7-8 - Second frequency number.

Line#1 - Columns 9-80 - Real part of difference frequency QTF, for 6 d.o.f. (= PD)

Line#2 - Columns 9-80 - Imaginary part of difference frequency QTF, for 6 d.o.f. (= QD)

Line#3 - Columns 9-80 - Real part of sum frequency QTF, for 6 d.o.f. (= PS)

Line#4 - Columns 9-80 - Imaginary part of sum frequency QTF, for 6 d.o.f. (= QS)

Note that the QTF coefficients, normally referred to as P (real) and Q (imaginary), are in 'standard format'. If i is the 1st frequency and j is the second, then P(i,j) coefficients are symmetric and Q(i,j) coefficients are anti-symmetric i.e.  $P(i,j)=P(j,i)$  and  $Q(i,j)=-Q(j,i)$ .

The force time history is therefore given by:

$$F = FD \cos((w_2-w_1)t+P_1) + FS \cos((w_1+w_2)t+P_2)$$

where:

$$FD = \text{SQRT}(PD^{**2}+QD^{**2})$$

$$FS = \text{SQRT}(PS^{**2}+QS^{**2})$$

w1 = 1st frequency

w2 = 2nd frequency

P1 = ATAN2(QD,PD)

P2 = ATAN2(QS,PS)

### **CONV - Convolution**

(DN) Instructs AQWA DRIFT or NAUT to use convolution method in radiation force calculation. This is a more rigorous approach to the radiation force calculation in time domain and will enhance the capability of handling non-linear response of structures.

### **CQTF - Calculation of Full QTF Matrix**

(L) The CQTF run-time option for AQWA-LINE requests calculation of the full QTF matrix. Note that this option does not give printed output; the AQTF option ([AQTF - ASCII Output of Full QTF Matrix \(p. 248\)](#)) is needed to obtain this.

### **CRAO - Calculate RAO Option**

(F) Instructs AQWA-FER to calculate and output the RAOs for each structure, INCLUDING the mooring lines, but assuming each body is independently moving. These may be used to assess the effect of the coupling of the complete system by comparing these RAOs with those for the fully coupled system (see option PRR1 [PRR1 - Print RAOs at Spectra Integration Points \(p. 247\)](#)). This is done for the first spectrum of each mooring line combination only, unless the PRRP option is used.

### **CRNM - Calculate RAOs with No Moorings**

(BDFLN) This option may be used with AQWA-LINE but is more useful with the program AQWA- FER. This option instigates the calculation of RAOs using the values of added mass, wave damping, stiffness and wave forcing specified by the user. The RAOs are then written into the database.

### **DATA - Data Check Only**

(BDFLN) This option is used to check the data input to the program and provides a means by which the user may check all input data whilst incurring minimum cost of the program run. This option is equivalent to performing the analysis up to the end of the second stage in AQWA-LINE, and up to the end of Stage 4 in AQWA- DRIFT/FER/LIBRIUM/NAUT. If the data proved to be correct, then the program would be re-started at next stage of the analysis by using the RESTART option.

### **END**

- This is used to indicate the end of the option list.

### **FDLL - Call Routine "user\_force"**

(DN) This option instructs the program to call a routine called "user\_force" at each stage of the calculation. This routine can be used to add externally calculated forces to the simulation.

### **FQTF - Use Full QTF Matrix**

(FD) This option specifies that the full matrix of difference frequency QTFs is to be used when calculating slowly varying drift forces. See also SQTF option ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#))

### **GLAM - Output Significant Motions in Global Axis**

(F) This option switches the axis system in AQWA FER output into the global system.

**GOON - Ignoring Modeling Rule Violations**

(L) This option allows the analysis go on in spite of the modeling rule violations. Most of the modeling errors will be turned into warnings by this option. Users are advised not to use this option unless the violations are minor and difficult to correct

**LAAR - Local Articulation Axis System for Articulation Reaction Force Output(LAA)**

(BFDN) This option is used to output articulation reaction forces in the local articulation axis system. This means that the moments in unconstrained freedoms, e.g. the hinge axis, will always be zero within roundoff. Note that for fixed articulations or ball-joints the local axes are parallel to the FRA.

**LDOP - Load Output**

(L) This option is used in AQWA-LINE to create two files, \*.POT and \*.USS, containing potential and source strength for each diffracting element. These two files are needed for transferring loads for stress analysis. From v12.0 the \*.POT and \*.USS files are always created by default, so this option is redundant.

**LDRG - Linearized Morison Drag**

(L) This option is used in AQWA-LINE to output RAOs including linearized Morison drag. It is only available for a model containing a single structure and a single spectrum which must be defined in Data Category 13. The run stages must be from 1 to 5.

(F) This option is used in AQWA-FER to include linearized Morison drag in the calculations. Unlike AQWA-LINE it is available for multiple structures and multiple spectra.

**LNST - The Linear Starting Conditions**

(N) This is used to start a simulation with the motions and velocities derived from the AQWA-LINE results. This can be used to limit the transient at the start of a simulation.

**LSAR - Local Structural Axis System (LSA) for Articulation Reaction Force Output**

(BFDN) This option is used to output articulation reaction force in the local structural axis system. This means that the direction of the output reaction force will follow the structure.

**LSTF - Use Linear Stiffness Matrix to Calculate Hydrostatic Forces**

(BN) This option should be used when the user wishes to use the linear stiffness matrix (calculated by AQWA-LINE or input in Data Category 7) as opposed to the program recalculating the hydrostatic stiffness from the hydrostatic element model. This normally will reduce the time to run the program substantially.

**MCNV - Calculate C.I.F. Using Added Mass and Damping**

(DN) From version 5.3K onward the default method for calculation of the Convolution Integral Function uses the radiation damping only. This option forces the program to use the previous method based on both added mass and damping.

**MQTF - Calculate QTF Matrix with Directional Interaction**

(L) The MQTF run-time option for AQWA-LINE requests calculation of QTF coefficients including interaction between different wave directions. This will result in output of a new binary file with a .MQT extension. (29.1)

**MRAO - Calculate Motions Using RAOs Only**

(DN) This option instructs AQWA-DRIFT or NAUT to calculate motions using RAOs only. These may be defined by the user in Deck7. Note that this option suppresses all motion except that defined by the RAOs. In particular current, wind, drift forces, moorings etc. have no effect on the motions of the structure.

**NASF - No Additional Structural Stiffness**

(LBFDN) This option will cause any additional structural stiffness, whether in the database or input in Data Category 7, to be ignored. Its purpose is to allow an AQWA-LINE run including additional stiffness to be followed by stages 3 - 6 in another module which may include moorings with an equivalent stiffness.

**NGGQ - No Gauss Quadrature**

(L) This option will cause AQWA-LINE to use the old method (pre 5.5D) for integration of the Green's Function. It has been added for compatibility with previous versions.

**NOBL - No Blurb. Do Not Print .LIS Banner Page**

(BDFLN) This option switches off printing of the banner page in the \*.LIS file.

**NOCP - No Current Phase Shift**

(ND) This option switches off the wave phase shift due to a current speed.

**NODL - No Data List**

(BDFN) This option switches off all extended data output in the \*.LIS file.

**NODR - No Drift Calculations**

(L) This option flags the program not to perform the Mean Wave Drift Force calculations.

**NOFP - No Free Wave Elevation Output at Field Points**

(L) This is to switch off the output of field point wave elevation in the LIS file.

**NOLL - No Progress Window**

(LFDN) This option stops the progress window being displayed.

**NOMG - Do Not Merge Databases**

(L) This option stops the merging of hydrodynamic databases and re-calculation of QTFs. It is required if a .HYD file is imported (into AQWA-LINE only) but the .PAC and .VAC files are not available.

**NOST - No Statistics**

(D) This option stops the automatic calculation of statistics at the end of each simulation run. Statistical processing can be lengthy for long simulations. This option can be used to reduce processing time if statistics are not required.

**NOWD - No Automatic Wave Drift Damping Calculation**

(D) This option stops the automatic calculation of wave drift damping for a floating structure in AQWA DRIFT. When this option is used, the wave drift damping should be defined in data category 9. Note that the wave drift damping calculated by the program is only for the floating structure defined in AQWA LINE, damping from risers, etc is not included. The NYWD option stops calculation of wave drift damping for yaw motion only.

**NPPP - No Pressure Post-Processing**

(L) This option tells the program that there will be no pressure post-processing and therefore the connectivity warnings can be omitted.

**NQTF - Near Field Solution for Mean Drift Force Calculation**

(L) This option invokes AQWA LINE to use the near field solution in the calculation of mean drift force. By default the far field solution is used which only calculates the mean drift force in three horizontal degrees of freedom (i.e. surge, sway and yaw). The far field solution is also unable to consider the hydrodynamic interaction between structures.

**NRNM - Calculates Nodal RAOs With No Moorings**

(L) This option is used to output in AQWA-LINE run RAOs at particular nodes defined in Data Category 18. The run stages should be from 1 to 5.

**NYWD - No Yaw Wave Drift Damping**

(D) This option suppresses the calculation of wave drift damping for yaw motion. To prevent the calculation of ALL wave drift damping use the NOWD option.

**PFIX - Partially Fixed Model**

(L) This option has been replaced by the PFIX data record ([The PFIX Data Record - Partially Fix Structure \(p. 54\)](#)) in Data Category 2.

**PLFS - Plot Free Surface. (This option is no longer necessary in version 5.2C and later versions)**

(L) This option is used in conjunction with field point data records FPNT in Data Category 2 to output free surface elevation at specified field points.

**Rddb - Read Database**

(BDFN) Read the hydrodynamics database from the restart (.RES) file created by a previous AQWA-LINE run.

This option is used if the user wishes to modify the hydrodynamic data calculated in a previous AQWA-LINE run, without having to re-run the AQWA-LINE radiation/diffraction analysis.

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**Note**

Normally, this would be done using the option ALDB ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)). The Rddb option is only needed if the hydrodynamics file from the previous AQWA-LINE run has been accidentally deleted.

As the model definition has to be read from the restart file before the hydrodynamics can be read, there is no possibility to change the model definition, when using this option (use ALDB instead).

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**RDEP - Read Equilibrium Position**

(BFDN) This option can be used in LIBRIUM, FER, DRIFT and NAUT to read in the structures equilibrium position from a previous LIBRIUM run as the start position. An AB\*.EQP file should be copied to AF\*.EQP before a FER run, to AD\*.EQP before a DRIFT run or to AN\*.EQP before a NAUT run. The .EQP file will be copied automatically if the file root is entered on the RESTART data record ([The RESTART Data Record \(p. 35\)](#)).

**REST - Restart**

(ALL) This option is used when the program is being restarted at any stage greater than the first (see [Analysis Stages \(p. 9\)](#)). A restart data record must follow the options list when the restart option is used. This data record indicates the stage at which the program is to continue and the stage at which the program is to stop (see [The Restart Stages \(p. 10\)](#)).

**RNDD - Reynolds No Drag/C for Morison Elements**

(Switched by SC1/Data Record)

(BDN) Together with the SC1/ data record in Data Category 17 this option causes drag coefficients to be calculated using the Wieselburger curve for Reynold's number dependent drag coefficients. Drag coefficients in Data Category 4 (including defaults) are set to zero.

**SDRG - Use Slow Velocity for Hull Drag Calculation**

(D) This option is used if users wish to use the slow velocity (drift frequency velocity) for the hull drag calculation, instead of the total velocity (drift frequency velocity + wave frequency velocity) which is the default.

**SFBM - Calculate Shear Forces and Bending Moments**

(L) This option instructs AQWA-LINE to calculate shear forces and bending moments in Stage 5. A .SHB file is produced which can be read by the AGS.

**SQTF - Use Sum Frequency QTFs**

(D) This option specifies that the full matrix of sum frequency QTFs is to be used when calculating slowly varying drift forces. Note that this option also sets the FQTF option ([Administration and Calculation Options for the AQWA Suite \(p. 248\)](#)); it is not possible to perform an analysis using only the sum QTFs.

**TRAN - Transient Analysis**

(DN) This option switches off the slow axis system and stops printout of harmonic analysis at the end of a simulation run. This option should not in general be used. It is only provided as a workaround for DRIFT analysis for both drift and wave frequency motions if it diverges in the time integration.

**TRAO - Transient RAO Motion**

(D) When this option is used AQWA-DRIFT will re-calculate the forces based on the RAOs, which can be input by the user in Data Category 7. This allows RAOs obtained from (e.g.) tank tests to be used with the CONV option in transient analyses. If the RAOs are not modified this option has little effect.

**WHLS - Use Wheeler Stretching**

(N) This option specifies that Wheeler stretching should be used when calculating the Froude-Krylov force based on the instantaneous wave surface.



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## Chapter 30: External Force Calculation

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AQWA DRIFT and NAUT can accept forces calculated in an external routine, at each timestep. This is done by calling a routine called `user_force`, which is stored in a file called `user_force.dll`. This file must be located in the same directory as the AQWA executables (typically `C:\Program Files\ANSYS Inc\145\aqwa\bin\<platform>`). Users can write and compile their own routine as long as it follows the requirements in this chapter. The standard AQWA installation includes the following example files in the directory `C:\Program Files\ANSYS Inc\145\aqwa\doc`, and it is recommended that users copy and modify these as appropriate:

- `user_force.f90` - example Fortran subroutine
- `user_force.c` - example C routine
- `Euler_to_LSA.mcd` - PTC® Mathcad® worksheet which illustrates the transformation from LSA to FRA axes and vice versa

[Example of Fortran Subroutine `user\_force` \(p. 255\)](#) is a copy of the Fortran subroutine `user_force.f90`.

[Conversion of Euler Angles to LSA \(p. 257\)](#) is a text version of the Mathcad worksheet `Euler_to_LSA.mcd`.

For output, the forces are included in the external forces, which can be printed in the `.LIS` file or plotted in the `AGS`.

This capability is activated by using the option `FDLL`, as described in [Options for Use in Running AQWA Programs \(p. 243\)](#).

Up to 100 integer and 100 real control parameters can optionally be input in Data Category 10. These are passed to `user_force` at each call and can be used to define variables such as control constants or calculation options. The input format is shown in [The IUFC/RUFC Data Records - External Forces \(p. 116\)](#).

### 30.1. Example of Fortran Subroutine `user_force`

```
SUBROUTINE USER_FORCE(MODE,I_CONTROL,R_CONTROL,NSTRUC,TIME,TIMESTEP,STAGE, &
                     POSITION,VELOCITY,COG, &
                     FORCE,ADDMASS,ERRORFLAG)

!DECLARATION TO MAKE USER_FORCE PUBLIC WITH UN-MANGLED NAME

!DEC$ attributes dllexport , STDCALL , ALIAS : "USER_FORCE" :: user_force

!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE :: I_CONTROL, R_CONTROL
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE :: POSITION, VELOCITY, COG, FORCE, ADDMASS
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE :: MODE, NSTRUC, TIME, TIMESTEP, STAGE
!DEC$ ATTRIBUTES REFERENCE :: ERRORFLAG

IMPLICIT NONE

INTEGER MODE, NSTRUC, STAGE, ERRORFLAG
REAL TIME, TIMESTEP
INTEGER, DIMENSION (100) :: I_CONTROL
REAL, DIMENSION (100) :: R_CONTROL
REAL, DIMENSION (3,NSTRUC) :: COG
REAL, DIMENSION (6,NSTRUC) :: POSITION, VELOCITY, FORCE
```

## External Force Calculation

```
REAL, DIMENSION (6,6,NSTRUC) :: ADDMASS

! Input Parameter Description:
!
! MODE(Int)      - 0 = Initialisation. This routine is called once with mode 0
!                 before the simulation. All parameters are as described
!                 below except for STAGE, which is undefined. FORCES and
!                 ADDMASS are assumed undefined on exit.
!                 IERR if set to > 0 on exit will cause
!                 the simulation to stop.
!
!                 1 = Called during the simulation. FORCE/ADDMASS output expected.
!
!                 99 = Termination. This routine is called once with mode 99
!                     at the end of the simulation.
!
! I_CONTROL(100)- User-defined integer control parameters input in .DAT file.
! R_CONTROL(100)- User-defined real control parameters input in .DAT file.
!
! NSTRUC(Int)    - Number of structures in the simulation
!
! TIME           - The current time (see STAGE below)
!
! TIMESTEP       - The current timestep
!
! STAGE(Int)     - The stage of the integration scheme. AQWA time integration is
!                 based on a 2-stage predictor corrector method. This routine is
!                 therefore called twice at each timestep, once with STAGE=1 and
!                 once with STAGE=2. On stage 2 the position and velocity are
!                 predictions of the position and velocity at TIME. e.g. if the
!                 initial time is 0.0 and the step 1.0 seconds then calls are as
!                 follows for the 1st 2 integration steps:
!
!                 CALL USER_FORCE(.....,TIME=0.0,TIMESTEP=1,STAGE=1 ...)
!                 CALL USER_FORCE(.....,TIME=1.0,TIMESTEP=1,STAGE=2 ...)
!                 CALL USER_FORCE(.....,TIME=1.0,TIMESTEP=2,STAGE=1 ...)
!                 CALL USER_FORCE(.....,TIME=2.0,TIMESTEP=2,STAGE=2 ...)
!
! COG(3,NSTRUC) - Position of the Centre of Gravity in the Definition axes.
!
! POSITION(6,NSTRUC) - Position of the structure in the FRA; angles in radians
!
! VELOCITY(6,NSTRUC) - Velocity of the structure in the FRA
!                    angular velocities in radians/s
!
! Output Parameter Description:
!
! FORCE(6,NSTRUC) - Force on the Centre of gravity of the structure. NB: these
!                 forces are applied in the Fixed Reference axis e.g.
!                 the surge(X) force is ALWAYS IN THE SAME DIRECTION i.e. in
!                 the direction of the X fixed reference axis.
!
! ADDMASS(6,6,NSTRUC)
!                 - Added mass matrix for each structure. As the value of the
!                 acceleration is dependent on FORCES, this matrix may be used
!                 to apply inertia type forces to the structure. This mass
!                 will be added to the total added mass of the structure at
!                 each timestep at each stage.
!
! ERRORFLAG      - Error flag. The program will abort at any time if this
!                 error flag is non-zero. The values of the error flag will
!                 be output in the abort message.

!-----
! MODE=0 - Initialise any summing variables/open/create files.
!         This mode is executed once before the simulation begins.
!-----

      IF (MODE.EQ.0) THEN

        CONTINUE
```

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!-----
! MODE=1 - On-going - calculation of forces/mass
!-----

      ELSEIF (MODE.EQ.1) THEN
          FORCE = (-1.0E6 * POSITION) - (2.0E5 * VELOCITY)
          ADDMASS = 0
          ERRORFLAG = 0

!-----
! MODE=99 - Termination - Output/print any summaries required/Close Files
!           This mode is executed once at the end of the simulation
!-----

!           ELSEIF (MODE.EQ.99) THEN

!-----
! MODE# ERROR - OUTPUT ERROR MESSAGE
!-----

      ELSE

      ENDIF
      RETURN

END SUBROUTINE USER_FORCE

```

## 30.2. Conversion of Euler Angles to LSA

AQWA defines the orientation of a structure using "Euler" angles. These are the angles which are printed in the .LIS file and passed in the argument list to the subroutine user\_force. They are the angles by which the structure has to be rotated about the FRA axes to reach its given position, applied in the order rx, ry, rz (or roll, pitch, yaw). This worksheet shows how to obtain the direction cosines of the LSA axes from these angles.

**Assume the Euler angles are  $\theta_1$   $\theta_2$   $\theta_3$  for rotations about the x (roll) y (pitch) and z (yaw) axes.**

ORIGIN = 1 Euler angles	$\theta := \begin{pmatrix} 30\text{deg} \\ 10\text{-deg} \\ 50\text{-deg} \end{pmatrix}$ Unit vectors in LSA	$x := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $y := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
Roll about FRA x axis	$r(\theta) := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$	$r(\theta_1) \cdot y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0.866 \\ 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$
Pitch about FRA y axis	$p(\theta) := \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & \sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$	$p(\theta_2) \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} 0.985 \\ 0 \\ -0.174 \end{pmatrix}$
Yaw about FRA z axis	$q(\theta) := \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$q(\theta_3) \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} 0.643 \\ 0.766 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
Overall motion	$q_{pr} := q(\theta_3) \cdot p(\theta_2) \cdot r(\theta_1)$	

$$q_{pr} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.633 & -0.608 & 0.48 \\ 0.754 & 0.623 & -0.206 \\ -0.174 & 0.492 & 0.853 \end{pmatrix}$$

The columns of  $q_{pr}$  give the direction cosines of the LSA  $x,y,z$  axes in the FRA, e.g.

$$r(-\theta_1) \cdot p(-\theta_2) \cdot q(-\theta_3) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} q_{pr}^{(1)} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r(-\theta_1) \cdot p(-\theta_2) \cdot q(-\theta_3) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ q_{pr}^{(2)} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r(-\theta_1) \cdot p(-\theta_2) \cdot q(-\theta_3) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ q_{pr}^{(3)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that the inverse of  $q_{pr}$  is the same as its transpose, so use  $q_{pr}^T$  to convert from FRA to LSA.

$$q_{pr}^T \cdot q_{pr} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

If the position of the CoG in the FRA is  $CG$ , then the position of  $x$  in the FRA is given by

$$CG := \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad X_{FRA} := CG + q_{pr} \cdot x \quad X_{FRA} = \begin{pmatrix} 12.633 \\ 5.754 \\ -3.174 \end{pmatrix}$$

Expanding multiplication, using  $cx = \cos(\theta_x)$ ,  $sx = \sin(\theta_x)$ :

Rotations applied in the order roll, pitch, yaw

$$\begin{pmatrix} cz & -sz & 0 \\ sz & cz & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} cy & 0 & sy \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -sy & 0 & cy \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & cx & -sx \\ 0 & sx & cx \end{pmatrix}$$

Equivalent single transformation matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} cz \cdot cy & -sz \cdot cx + cz \cdot sy \cdot sx & sz \cdot sx + cz \cdot sy \cdot cx \\ sz \cdot cy & cz \cdot cx + sz \cdot sy \cdot sx & -cz \cdot sx + sz \cdot sy \cdot cx \\ -sy & cy \cdot sx & cy \cdot cx \end{pmatrix}$$