

# A brief review of the continuation of analyses in LS-DYNA using restart, dynain file and \*CASE

## Restart Input Data

In general three categories of restart actions are possible with LS-DYNA and are outlined in the following discussion:

### 1. A simple restart operation

```
2000 t 1.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
1600 t 7.9950E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
1801 t 9.0000E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
2000 t 1.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3dump01 file
2000 t 1.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 flush i/o buffers
2000 t 1.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write runrsf02 file
2001 t 1.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
```

## \*CASE

\*CASE provides a way of running multiple LS-DYNA analyses by submitting a single input file. When \*CASE command is used, the user must provide a list of input files to be read and a list of output files to be written.

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# Outline

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- Sample 1: Apply a load on a prestressed model using full restart (explicit, mpp s R11.1.0)
- Sample 2: Apply a load on a prestressed model using the file dynain.lsda
  - Prestress is done implicit with double precision LS-DYNA (mpp d Dev).
  - Loading is done explicit with single precision LS-DYNA (mpp s Dev ).
- Sample 3: The same as above but fully implicit and using \*CASE.

## About continuation of analyses in LS-DYNA

- A simulation can be continued in two ways:
  - Doing a restart from dump files of the initial simulation (d3dump, d3full etc.)
  - Using a dynain file from the initial simulation.
- A principal difference between a restart and a dynain approach is that
  - in a restart, the time continues from the previous analysis, but
  - using the dynain approach, the time starts from zero in all simulations.
- The above difference must be addressed when defining load curves and other time key points.
- Note that this presentation outlines the most common possibilities for continuation of analyses. Many options and possibilities are not covered.

## About restart

- There are three types of restarts
  - Simple restart -> Continuation of an interactively stopped simulation with no changes.
  - Small Restart -> Continuation of a simulation where only specific changes are allowed.
  - Full restart -> Continuation of a simulation where more general changes are allowed.
- Prerequisites for restarts
  - Use the same LS-DYNA executable in the restart as in the original run.
  - Use the same number of CPU's in the restart as in the original run.  
(at least it increases the chances of success)
- Restarts are made from binary dump files.
- A dump file contains the complete record (stress, strain, deformation, contact forces, velocity etc) of a simulation at a specific time.

# Dump files

- There are four types of dump files:
  - runrsf and d3dump (SMP LS-DYNA).
  - runrsf, d3dump, d3full and runfull (MPP LS-DYNA).
- d3dump/d3full files accumulate whereas runrsf are written over.
  - Note: one d3dump file per thread, whereas there is only one d3full file.
- runfull is equivalent to d3full but only written once, i.e. at termination.
- Dump files are written at cyclical interval according to `*DATABASE_BINARY_RUNRSF` (for runrsf) and `*DATABASE_BINARY_D3DUMP` (for d3dump and d3full).
- The number of runrsf files retained is controlled by the parameter NR in `*DATABASE_BINARY_RUNRSF` (default=1).

# Dump files

## ■ Example:

|                         |        |    |  |      |       |        |
|-------------------------|--------|----|--|------|-------|--------|
| *DATABASE_BINARY_RUNRSF |        |    |  | beam | npltc | psetid |
| \$#                     | cycl   | nr |  | 0    | 0     | 0      |
|                         | 1000.0 | 2  |  |      |       |        |
| *DATABASE_BINARY_D3DUMP |        |    |  | beam | npltc | psetid |
| \$#                     | cycl   | nr |  | 0    | 0     | 0      |
|                         | 2000.0 | 0  |  |      |       |        |

added mass = 0.0000E+00  
percentage increase = 0.0000E+00

```

termination time = 5.000E-02
200 t 9.9500E-04 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
400 t 1.9950E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
600 t 2.9950E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
800 t 3.9950E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
1000 t 5.0000E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write runrsf01 file
1000 t 5.0000E-03 dt 5.00E-06 flush i/o buffers
1001 t 5.0000E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
1201 t 6.0000E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
1401 t 7.0000E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
1600 t 7.9950E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
1801 t 8.9950E-03 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
2000 t 1.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3dump01 file
2000 t 1.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 flush i/o buffers
2000 t 1.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write runrsf02 file
2001 t 1.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
2201 t 1.1000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
2401 t 1.2000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
2601 t 1.3000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
2801 t 1.4000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
3000 t 1.5000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write runrsf01 file
3000 t 1.5000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 flush i/o buffers
3001 t 1.5000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
3201 t 1.6000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
3401 t 1.7000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
3601 t 1.8000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
3801 t 1.9000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file
4000 t 2.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3dump02 file
4000 t 2.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 flush i/o buffers
4000 t 2.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write runrsf02 file
4001 t 2.0000E-02 dt 5.00E-06 write d3plot file

```

|            |                  |               |               |          |          |          |          |          |                  |         |               |
|------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|---------|---------------|
| adptmp     | car.k            | d3dump01.0000 | d3dump04.0000 | d3full01 | d3full04 | d3hsp    | d3plot02 | d3plot05 | kill_by_pid      | mes0000 | runrsf01.0000 |
| bg_switch  | cont_profile.csv | d3dump02.0000 | d3dump05.0000 | d3full02 | d3full05 | d3plot   | d3plot03 | d3plot06 | load_profile.csv | mkascii | runrsf02.0000 |
| binout0000 | cont_profile.xy  | d3dump03.0000 | d3dump06.0000 | d3full03 | d3full06 | d3plot01 | d3plot04 | glstat   | load_profile.xy  | runfull | status.out    |

# Dump files

- Dump files written by default (at termination, and after dynamic relaxation)
  - SMP: d3dump
  - MPP: d3dump and d3full
- By adding `*DATABASE_BINARY_RUNRSF` the following files are also written
  - SMP: runrsf
  - MPP: runrsf and runfull
- Extra SMP feature
  - d=nodump on the command line suppresses D3DUMP.
- Extra MPP features
  - `*CONTROL_MPP_IO_NOD3DUMP` -> Suppresses output of d3dump and runrsf files.
  - `*CONTROL_MPP_IO_NOFULL` -> Suppresses output of d3full and runfull.
  - `*CONTROL_MPP_IO_NODUMP` -> Suppresses output of all dump files.

## Simple restart

- A simulation has been stopped interactively (sw1, d3kil) and all we want now is to continue the simulation.
- No input changes are allowed.

Sample execution lines:

SMP: ls-dyna r=d3dump03  
ls-dyna r=runrsf02

MPP: mppdyna r=d3dump03  
mppdyna r=runrsf02

## Small restart

- A simulation has been stopped interactively (sw1, d3kil) or by reaching termination time as specified on `*CONTROL_TERMINATION`.
- Now we want to continue the simulation but with some specific changes as explained by the manual, see chapter “Restart Input Data”.

```
*CHANGE_OPTION  
*CONTROL_DYNAMIC_RELAXATION  
*CONTROL_SHELL  
*CONTROL_TERMINATION  
*CONTROL_TIMESTEP  
*DAMPING_GLOBAL  
*DATABASE_OPTION  
*DATABASE_BINARY_OPTION  
*DELETE_OPTION  
*INTERFACE_SPRINGBACK_LSDYNA  
*RIGID_DEFORMABLE_OPTION  
*STRESS_INITIALIZATION_{OPTION}  
*TERMINATION_OPTION  
*TITLE  
*KEYWORD  
*CONTROL_CPU  
*DEFINE_OPTION  
*SET_OPTION
```

## Small restart

- A small restart needs a dump file and a small input file with restart input.

Sample execution lines:

SMP: ls-dyna i=restart\_input.k r=d3dump06  
ls-dyna i=restart\_input.k r=runrsf02

MPP: mppdyna i=restart\_input.k r=d3dump06  
mppdyna i=restart\_input.k r=runrsf02

```
*KEYWORD
*CONTROL_TERMINATION
$#   endtim   endcyc   dtmin   endeng   endmas   nosol
      0.06      0      0.0     0.0     0.0      0
*DATABASE_BINARY_D3PLOT
$#   dt      lcdt   beam   npltc   psetid
      0.0001      0      0      0      0
$#   ioopt
      0
*DELETE_PART
$#   id1      id2      id3      id4      id5      id6      id7      id8
      3        0        0        0        0        0        0        0
*END
```

*Sample of a restart input file*

## Full restart

- If many changes are desired a full restart may be the appropriate choice.
- A full restart require a dump file and a full restart input deck, i.e. a complete model.
  - Input for retained nodes, elements, parts, material, contacts, loads etc. is copied directly from the original input deck.
  - The retained input deck, that is copied from the original input deck, can be modified as desired.
  - New parts, materials, contacts, loads, etc. can be added.
  - The command `*STRESS_INITIALIZATION` must be specified in the full restart deck in order for pre-existing parts to be initialized.
    - Initialized stress, strain, displacement etc. for all parts which are carried over or, optionally, for only a subset of those parts.
- Do not change the element connectivity (mesh topology) of retained elements.

# Full restart

- Undeformed coordinates of retained nodes should appear in the `*NODE` data of the restart input deck.
  - I.e. the coordinates will be initialized (updated) according to data saved in dump file.
- `*DELETE` commands are just for small restarts.
  - To eliminate parts and elements in a full restart, omit their `*PART` and `*ELEMENT` data, respectively, in the full restart deck.
- Do not use `*INITIAL_VELOCITY` for nodes carried over from the previous run. Use `*CHANGE_VELOCITY_option` to modify velocities of such nodes.
- Preexisting contacts that are to be retained should include the `_ID` option so that the contact ID number in the original input deck match those in the full restart deck.
- *Note: `*CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_GENERAL` in a full restart deck is an exception in that it is treated as a brand new contact and is not initialized using data from d3full.*

# Full restart

Sample execution lines:

SMP: ls-dyna i=model\_step2.k r=d3dump06  
ls-dyna i=model\_step2.k r=runrsf02

MPP: mppdyna i=model\_step2.k n=d3full06  
mppdyna i=model\_step2.k n=runfull

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```
*KEYWORD
*STRESS INITIALIZATION
*PARAMETER
$# prmr1      val1      prmr2      val2      prmr3      val3      prmr4      val4
rtbumper 3.0      rthood  1.0
*PART
$#
material type # 3 (Kinematic/Isotropic Elastic-Plastic)
$# pid      secid      mid      eosid      hgid      grav      adpopt      tmid
   1         1         1         0         1         0         0         0
*SECTION SHELL
$# secid      elform      shrf      nip      propt      qr/irid      icomp      setyp
   1         2         0.0         0         1.0         0         0         1
$# t1         t2         t3         t4         nloc      marea      idof      edgset
   2.0        2.0        2.0        2.0        0.0        0.0        0.0        0
```

## Sample 1: Apply a load on a prestressed model using full restart

### ■ Procedure

1. Run the prestress simulation in folder SIM00.
2. Copy entire folder SIM00 to a new folder SIM01 (so that the original prestress data is preserved in SIM00).
3. Go to folder SIM01.
4. Remove the prestress card from SIM00, i.e. `*INITIAL_STRESS_SECTION`.  
Increase the simulation time (`*CONTROL_TERMINATION, ENDTIME`).  
Add `*STRESS_INITIALIZATION`.  
Add a file where the load is defined using `*INCLUDE_TRANSFORM`.  
Start the restart simulation: `mppdyna i=run_step2.key n=d3full01`

Note: It was found that using an AUTOMATIC contact with `SOFT=1` works fine.  
However, currently `SOFT=2` is not initiated correctly. The bug is reported to LSTC.

# Sample 1: Apply a load on a prestressed model using full restart

## Angle bracket

Time = 0, #nodes=24317, #elem=18895  
Contours of Effective Stress (v-m)  
reference shell surface  
min=0, at elem# 1  
max=0, at elem# 1

Effective Stress (v-m)

3.000e-01  
2.700e-01  
2.400e-01  
2.100e-01  
1.800e-01  
1.500e-01  
1.200e-01  
9.000e-02  
6.000e-02  
3.000e-02  
0.000e+00



Note: The board is here made invisible for demonstration purposes.

## Sample 2: Apply a load on a prestressed model using dynain.lsd

### ■ Procedure

#### 1. Run the prestress simulation in folder SIM00.

- In this sample the prestress is performed using the implicit solver, but it could have been performed with the explicit solver as well.
- The contact must be a MORTAR type contact in order to output the contact state for the subsequent simulation.
- Add `*INTERFACE_SPRINGBACK_LSDYNA`.

```
*INTERFACE_SPRINGBACK_LSDYNA
$#   psid   nshv   ftype   ftensr   nthshv   rflag   intstrn
      3     999     3       0         0       1         0
$#   optc   sldo   nsc     fsplit   ndflag   cflag   hflag
OPTCARD      0     0       0         0       1       1
```

LSDA format

Output contact state

For more complex models, with e.g. free nodes, set `ndflag = 1` to dump all nodes in dynain file.

```
*INTERFACE_SPRINGBACK_EXCLUDE
$#
BOUNDARY_SPC_NODE
```

kwdname

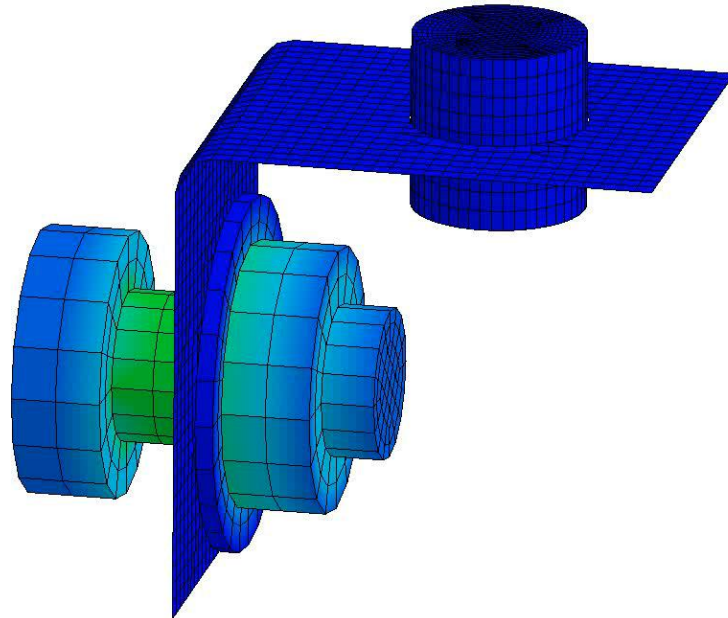
Nodal constraints are removed from dynain.lsd

#### 2. Run the subsequent loading simulation in folder SIM01.

- copy `dynain.lsd` from SIM00 to SIM01 and add it to the model deck, i.e. by `*INCLUDE`.
- The model deck shall include everything except retained nodes and elements because they are already in `dynain.lsd`.
- Note that the time will start at `t=0`.

## Sample 2: Apply a load on a prestressed model using dynain.lsda

**Angle bracket**  
Time = 0  
Contours of Effective Stress (v-m)  
reference shell surface  
min=0, at elem# 1000001  
max=0.163365, at elem# 17485



Effective Stress (v-m)

3.000e-01  
2.700e-01  
2.400e-01  
2.100e-01  
1.800e-01  
1.500e-01  
1.200e-01  
9.000e-02  
6.000e-02  
3.000e-02  
0.000e+00



Note: The board is here made invisible for demonstration purposes.

## Sample 3: Apply a load on a prestressed model using dynain.lsd and \*CASE

- By the use of the dynain.lsd combined with the \*CASE - feature, analyses of subsequent load steps can be divided into a sequence of LS-DYNA analyses, one per load step.
- By the \*CASE feature, the LS-DYNA analyses are run in a sequence automatically.
- Procedure
  - The load step definition for load step  $N$  begins with the keyword  
\*CASE\_BEGIN\_ $N$
  - Parts that have no previous data from dynain.lsd - files should be included with their complete definition (\*NODE, \*ELEMENT . . . , \*PART, etc.) in keyword format
  - For parts analyzed in previous \*CASEs, the model deck shall include everything except retained nodes and elements because they are already in the dynain.lsd - file.
  - Information is propagated from \*CASE\_ $N$  to \*CASE\_ $N+1$  by case $N$ .dynain.lsd, by use of \*INCLUDE and \*INTERFACE\_SPRINGBACK\_LSDYNA.
  - The load step definition for load step  $N$  ends with the keyword  
\*CASE\_END\_ $N$

## Sample 3: Apply a load on a prestressed model using dynain.lsd and \*CASE

### ■ Procedure (cont.)

- For each \*CASE, the time starts at t=0.
- Output files from \*CASE\_N will have prefix caseN, for example caseN.d3hsp, caseN.d3plot, caseN.binout0000, etc. so all the analyses can be performed in the same directory.
- Keywords outside \*CASE\_BEGIN / \*CASE\_END definitions will be common to all \*CASEs.
- NOTE! The word “case” must be present on the LS-DYNA command line for the \*CASE procedure to work.

```
mppsub 4 ls-dyna-version i=run_case.k memory=201m memory2=50m case
```

- It may also be required to create a “fake” case1.dynain.lsd (depends on the submit script)
- Note: As from dev. LS-DYNA (SVN Version 142594) it is possible to run a subset of cases by e.g “case=10,20,47,82”. The simulations will be run in increasing numeric order regardless of the order given on the command line.
- A keyword template follows:

# Sample 3: Apply a load on a prestressed model using dynain.lsd and \*CASE

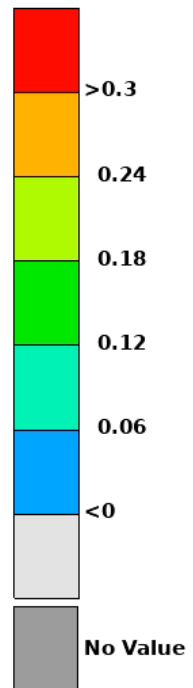
## ■ Procedure (cont.)

```
*KEYWORD
$=====
$ Common
$=====
*INCLUDE
common_control_cards.key
$=====
$ CASE1: Pre-tens
$=====
*CASE BEGIN 1
*INCLUDE
complete_geo.key
$=====
$ Control and output cards
$=====
*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_DYNAMICS
$ IMASS GAMMA BETA TDYBIR TDYDTH TDYBUR IRATE
1 0.6 0.38 6.0 8.0 2
*CONTROL_TERMINATION
$# endtim endcyc dtmin endeng endmas nosol
10.0
$=====
$ Additional output options
$=====
*INTERFACE_SPRINGBACK_LSDYNA
$# psid nshv ftype _ ftensr nthhsv rflag intstrn
3 999 3 0 0 0 1 0
$# optc sldo ncyc fsplit ndflag cflag hflag
OPTCARD 0 0 0 0 0 1 1
*INTERFACE_SPRINGBACK_EXCLUDE
$# kwdname
BOUNDARY_SPC_NODE
$=====
$ Simulation title
$=====
*TITLE
Bracket part 1, pre-tension
*CASE_END_1
```

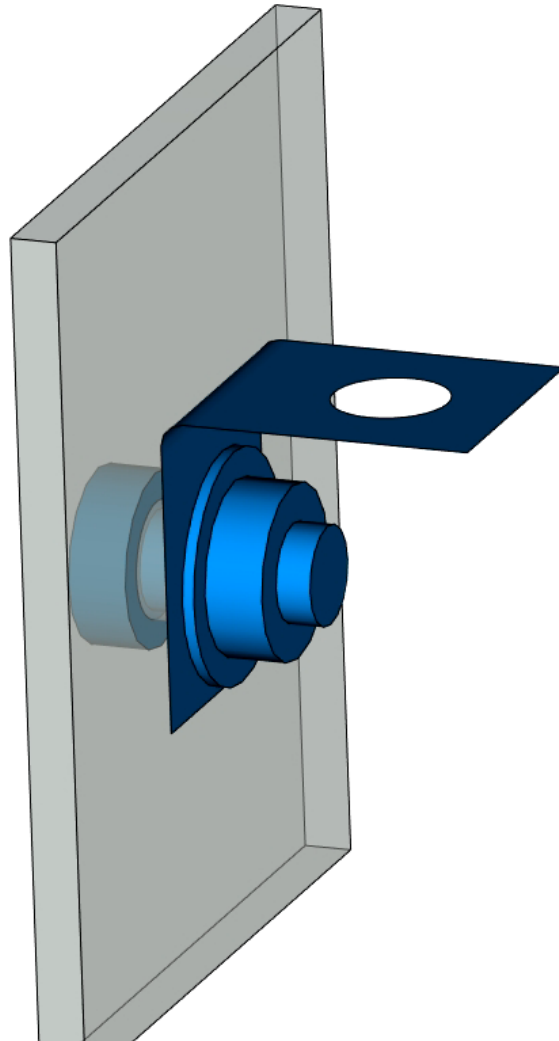
```
*CASE_BEGIN_2
*INCLUDE
geo_part_mat_sec_mortar_spc.k
*INCLUDE
case1.dynain.lsd
*INCLUDE
additional_geo.k
$=====
$ Contacts
$=====
*CONTACT_AUTOMATIC_SURFACE_TO_SURFACE_MORTAR_ID
.
.
$=====
$ Loads and boundary conditions
$=====
*BOUNDARY_PRESCRIBED_MOTION_RIGID
.
$=====
$ Control and output cards
$=====
*CONTROL_TERMINATION
10.0
*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_DYNAMICS
$ IMASS GAMMA BETA TDYBIR TDYDTH TDYBUR IRATE
1 0.6 0.38
*CONTROL_IMPLICIT_SOLUTION
.
.
$=====
$ Additional output options
$=====
*INTERFACE_SPRINGBACK_LSDYNA
.
*INTERFACE_SPRINGBACK_EXCLUDE
BOUNDARY_SPC_NODE
$=====
$ Simulation title
$=====
*TITLE
Bracket part 2, add rigid cylinder
*CASE_END_2
*END
```

## Sample 3: Apply a load on a prestressed model using dynain.lsd and \*CASE

0:run\_case.key : Bracket part 2, add rigid cylinder : Scalar: Stresses,Von Mises,Max of In Out Mid : : STATE 2 ,TIME 1.00000000E-01



Visible Max 0.0025803 at Solid 14996  
Visible Min 2.99735e-06 at Shell 973



Thank you!



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more

