Lecture 2 – Importance of Maintenance in the Life Cycle of Structures and Machines

Lecture Overview

Introduce the types of machines and structures to be considered.
Investigate Life-Cycle Costs and importance of maintenance.
Discuss alternative maintenance strategies.

Module Map



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Life Cycle Costs

Life cycle of a product generally involves five distinct phases.



Life cycle costing (LCC) is a technique to establish total cost of ownership of a product.

 Structured approach which can be used to produce spend profile over product's life-span.

Life Cycle Costs

The cost of ownership of an asset or service is incurred throughout its whole life and does not all occur at the point of acquisition.

Principles of LCC can be applied to both complex and simple products/projects.



Typical product spend profile

Life Cycle Costs

One-off costs Procurement Implementation and acceptance Initial training Documentation Facilities Transition from supplier Changes to business processes Withdrawal from service and disposal

Recurring costs

- Retraining
- Operating costs
- Service charges
- Supplier management costs
- Changing volumes
- Downtime/nonavailability
- Maintenance and repair
- Transportation and handling

Importance of Maintenance

Depending on industry, maintenance costs can represent between 15 and 60% of production.

Estimated that one-third of all maintenance costs is wasted due to unnecessary or improperly carried out maintenance. (~\$60bn out of \$200bn). Difficult to compete with countries like Japan who have more advanced maintenance strategies.

Importance of Maintenance

Maintenance spend is significant cost driver in today's aircraft industry:

- 70m hours per annum, equivalent to £7bn/annum, is invested in civil aircraft maintenance.
- 6000 man-hours per aircraft costing about US\$5.5 billion/year for the US air force and navy.
- In 1993, inspection effort on T-38 cost US\$29 per flight hour and for the F-18 US\$88 per flight hour.

Maintenance becomes even more important with ageing aircraft problem.



Importance of Maintenance







Boeing 747-400 Direct **Operating Costs**, 1993

Civil aircraft Technical

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Source: Introduction to Aircraft Design (chapter on Why do aircraft cost so much?), J.P.Fielding

\$59bn in maintenance costs made up 14% of US Department of Defence budget.

There are essentially three main approaches to maintenance of structures and machines.
 Strategy 1 – Run-to failure maintenance.
 Strategy 2 – Preventive maintenance.
 Strategy 3 – Predictive maintenance.

Run-to-failure Maintenance.

- If it ain't broke, don't fix it sounds reasonable.
- No money spent on maintenance until machine or structure stops working.
- Also known as reactive maintenance.
- Most expensive maintenance method.
 - High spare parts inventory
 - High overtime costs
 - Long machine downtime
 - Low production availability
 - Spare machines required
 - Knock-on effects on other machines and overall loss of production.

Preventive Maintenance.

- Many definitions all maintenance is time-driven.
- Based on elapsed time or hours of operation.
- Time between maintenance decided on statistical data.
- Generally based on bathtub curve – not reliable in many cases.
- Treats all similar machines as same.
- Scheduled maintenance costs are around one-third of run-to-failure costs. Lecture 2 – Importance of Maintenance



Predictive Maintenance.

- Also many definitions common ground is that regular monitoring of actual mechanical condition of machine or structure and other indicators of operating condition provide data for maximum interval between repairs.
- The NDT techniques are only part of the predictive maintenance strategy. The actual operating condition of the machine is used to optimise total plant or structure operation.

Predictive Maintenance.

Costs

- design of system
- monitoring equipment
- staff training
- labour costs for measurement and analysis.

Savings

- elimination of unexpected breakdowns and secondary breakdowns
- increased time between services
- reduction of spare part stock
- reduction in insurance premium

Predictive Maintenance.

Benefits

- increased reliability
- increased quality
- increased profitability
- increased productivity

 NDT tools will vary depending upon machine and structure and types of likely damage.

Still plenty to do:



Maintenance strategy in average facility

Lecture Review

Shown the types of machines and structures that require maintenance. Looked at Life-Cycle Costs of products and given examples of proportion of total costs due to maintenance. Discussed alternative maintenance strategies and pros and cons.

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- Investigate the reason for maintenance damage.
- Consider sources of damage manufacturing and service-induced.
 Failure modes.
 Common machine problems.
 Damage associated with materials.