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Comments on the Linear Transverse Coupling

I. Introduction

One of the most troublesome phenomena during the commissioning of synchrotrons is the linear horizontal-vertical coupling. Because of its linear nature, one can in principle obtain the analytical solution provided that all sources of skew quadrupole field are known completely in the entire ring. In spite of this, many standard diagnostic procedures and measurements become rather confusing and often lead to wrong conclusions. The purpose of this note is to explain some of the simpler relations which are useful in understanding measurement of tunes and the amount of coupling.

If all sources of skew quadrupole field are known, one can easily calculate the (4x4) transfer matrix at any point around the ring in $(x, x' = dx/ds, y, y' = dy/ds)$ phase space and parametrize the matrix such that there are ten independent quantities to specify the coupled motion completely. This convenient parametrization has been proposed by D. Edwards and L. Teng.¹ Of ten parameters, six are needed to specify the uncoupled motion in two eigen-directions (u and v , say) and the remaining four are used to specify the transformation from (u, v) to (x, y) . The motion in (x, x') or in (y, y') phase space is a mixture of two eigentunes, ν_1 and ν_2 , which, in the limit of no coupling, reduce to ν_x and ν_y :

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_1 &\rightarrow \text{larger of } (\nu_x, \nu_y) & \nu_1 > \nu_2 \\ \nu_2 &\rightarrow \text{smaller of } (\nu_x, \nu_y) \end{aligned}$$

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When the coupling is introduced intentionally by exciting known skew quadrupoles, one can follow the Edwards-Teng formalism or Eq. (4.84) of Courant & Snyder² and calculate two eigen-frequencies (ν_1 and ν_2). In electron synchrotrons, it is customary to specify the degree of coupling by the "coefficient of coupling" κ ,

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{\epsilon_n}{1 + \kappa}, \quad \epsilon_y = \frac{\kappa \epsilon_n}{1 + \kappa} \quad (I.1)$$

where ϵ_n = natural emittance determined by the quantum excitation and radiation damping; ϵ_x, ϵ_y = horizontal and vertical emittances which are related to the rms beam sizes $\sigma_x = \sqrt{\beta_x \epsilon_x}$ and $\sigma_y = \sqrt{\beta_y \epsilon_y}$. A small but finite amount of coupling is usually required in electron synchrotrons in order to prevent beam instabilities arising from $\sigma_y \rightarrow 0$. In proton synchrotrons, one almost always tries to minimize the amount of coupling.

A difficulty one must face during the commissioning (and even later) is that the sources of linear coupling around the ring cannot be known completely since the coupling is generated by the random rolls of quadrupole magnets and the vertical closed-orbit distortions in sextupole magnets. Effective field gradients of skew quadrupole field are given by

$$B'_{SQ} = -2 \theta_R B'_Q \quad \text{or} \quad B'_{SQ} = B'' y_c \quad (I.2)$$

where θ_R = roll angle of quadrupole with gradient B'_Q and y_c = vertical closed orbit in sextupole with strength B'' .

Under such circumstances, one must define a measurable quantity which represents the amount of coupling so that it can be, for example, simply related to the parameter κ . Since this quantity is to represent the combined

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effects of many sources, a certain condition must exist in order for this representation to be useful and meaningful. The condition is that, of all Fourier components of the skew field around the ring, only one component is important in describing the coupled motion. This is often referred to as the "single or isolated resonance" approximation.

In the absence of linear coupling, assume that two tunes are ν_x and ν_y (which are yet to be found by some measurements). The Hamiltonian for the coupled motion is composed of infinite number of oscillating terms of the form

$$\exp i(\nu_x \pm \nu_y + n)\theta \quad (I.3)$$

where $\theta = s/R$ (R = average machine radius, s = path length) is the azimuthal angle. Near $\nu_x \pm \nu_y = N(\text{integer}) + \Delta$ with $|\Delta| \ll 1$, one argues that the only component to be retained is the one with the lowest frequency of oscillation, i.e., the one with $n = -N$. All other terms oscillate so rapidly that their average effects over many revolutions can be ignored. The quantity which is used to represent the combined effects of all sources of skew quadrupole field is

$$C_N = (1/4 \pi) \sum (B'_{SQ} \ell / B\rho) \sqrt{\beta_x \beta_y} \exp i(\theta_x \pm \theta_y + N\theta) \quad (I.4)$$

where

$$\theta_{x,y} = \psi_{x,y} - \nu_{x,y} \theta = \int_0^s (ds / \beta_{x,y}) - \nu_{x,y} \theta \quad (I.5)$$

are to be defined in the absence of coupling; otherwise, quantities such as $\beta_{x,y}$ and $\nu_{x,y}$ are meaningless. Note that C_N is in general a complex number and the coupling is represented by just two real parameters. Again one can

calculate C_N if all sources ($B'SQ^L/B\rho$) are completely known. In practice, one tries to measure C_N , or at least its magnitude $|C_N|$, and find the coupling coefficient κ from that. Conversely, one can control κ through C_N by changing ($B'SQ^L/B\rho$) of the correction skew quadrupoles.

In the present design of 7-GeV ring, $\nu_x = 35.216$ and $\nu_y = 14.298$ so that $N=21$ (with minus sign for $\pm$) and $\Delta = -0.082$. There will be twenty correction skew quadrupole magnets, one in every other cell, with $|B'SQ^L| < 0.3$ T.

II. Useful Relations

In this section, the fractional part of the tune is designated by Q :

$$\nu = \text{integer} + Q \quad (\text{II.1})$$

The integer part of ν must be measured so that there will be no ambiguities. In addition, it is usually necessary to determine whether Q is above or below one-half. One convenient way to see this is to observe the closed orbit pattern created by a single kick.

It can be shown that

$$\Delta \equiv \nu_x - \nu_y - N = Q_x - Q_y \quad (\text{II.2})$$

$$\mu \equiv Q_1 - Q_2 = \sqrt{\Delta^2 + (2|C_N|)^2} \quad (\text{II.3})$$

$$Q_1 + Q_2 = Q_x + Q_y \quad (\text{II.4})$$

It the emittance $\epsilon_x = \epsilon_0$ and $\epsilon_y = 0$ initially, there will be an exchange of energy from one transverse direction to the other and both ϵ_x and ϵ_y will oscillate between two extreme values:

	ϵ_x	ϵ_y	
max.	ϵ_0	$4 C_N ^2 \cdot \epsilon_0/\mu^2$	(II.5)
min.	$\epsilon_0\Delta^2/\mu^2$	0	

The period of this oscillation is $(1/\mu)$ revolutions. This is usually much less than the damping time so that what one observes are the average over many revolutions:

	ϵ_x	ϵ_y	
average:	$\epsilon_0(\Delta^2 + 2 C_N ^2)/\mu^2$	$2 C_N ^2\epsilon_0/\mu^2$	(II.6)

Note that $\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y = \epsilon_0$ since the total energy must be conserved. [If the operating point is near a sum resonance, $\nu_x + \nu_y = \text{integer} + \Delta$, $(\epsilon_x - \epsilon_y)$ instead of $(\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y)$ becomes a constant of the motion. There will be an increase in the total energy of transverse oscillations.] Comparing (II. 6) with (I. 1), one finds

$$\kappa = 2|C_N|^2/(\Delta^2 + 2|C_N|^2) \quad (\text{II.7})$$

Under the assumption that only one component C_N is important in describing the linear coupled motion, a complete coupling $\kappa = 1$ is possible only with $\Delta = 0$, i.e., $\nu_x - \nu_y = \text{integer}$.

Based on a purely statistical argument, one can estimate the expected rms value of $|C_N|$ when the rms values of quadrupole roll $\langle\theta_R\rangle$ and of the vertical closed-orbit deviation $\langle y_C\rangle$ in sextupoles are known. Both θ_R and y_C are assumed to be random. This is certainly the case for θ_R . It is probably true for y_C as well, if y_C is the residual closed orbit after correction.

(1) quadrupole roll

$$\langle |C_N| \rangle = (1/4\pi) 2\langle\theta_R\rangle \sqrt{\sum (\beta_x \beta_y) (B' \ell / B\rho)^2} \approx 15 \langle\theta_R\rangle \quad (\text{II.8})$$

For $\langle\theta_R\rangle = 0.2 \text{ mrad}$, $\langle |C_N| \rangle = 0.003$ which is much less than $|\Delta| = 0.08$.

(2) vertical closed orbit in sextupoles

$$\langle |C_N| \rangle = (1/4\pi) \langle y_C \rangle \sqrt{\sum (\beta_x \beta_y) (B'' \ell / B\rho)^2} \approx 42 \text{ m}^{-1} \langle y_C \rangle \quad (\text{II.9})$$

For $\langle y_C \rangle = 0.2 \text{ mm}$, $\langle |C_N| \rangle = 0.008$. If two effects are combined in quadrature, $\langle |C_N| \rangle = 0.0085$.

The discussions presented here do not take into account the effective increase of ϵ_x or ϵ_y because of the finite momentum spread in the presence of momentum dispersions. If this effect is included, the simple

relation between $|C_N|$ and κ , (II. 7), is no longer valid. One can of course repeat the procedures for each value of $(\Delta p/p)$ and integrate the results. The virtue of simplicity will be lost, however, and it will be more practical to resort to numerical tracking studies.

III. Measurement of $|C_N|$.^{4,5}

It is possible to measure $|C_N|$ by pinging the beam in one direction (usually horizontal) and then observing the oscillation patterns in both directions if oscillations can be sustained for a hundred revolutions or so.⁵ During the commissioning of Tevatron at Fermilab, $|C_N|$ has been obtained together with two chromaticities in the following manner. Note that the identical procedures can be used for the measurement of β_x and β_y instead of chromaticities ξ_x and ξ_y . All one must do is to use, in place of $\delta_p = (\Delta p/p)$, various values of $(B'l/4\pi B\rho)$ of a special quadrupole located at a place where β_x and β_y are to be measured, and to use β_x and β_y in place of ξ_x and ξ_y , respectively.

In order to find chromaticities ξ_x and ξ_y , one measures two eigentunes (ν_1 and ν_2) as a function of $\delta_p = (\Delta p/p)$. The change in δ_p is introduced by the corresponding change in rf frequency $\Delta f/f$, since (for a fixed bend field)

$$\delta_p = -\gamma_t^2 (\Delta f/f).$$

Suppose one obtained data such as the one shown below.

tunes Q_1, Q_2

It is assumed here that the two frequencies Q_1 and Q_2 are measured so well that the data form a hyperbola. In real life, it is necessary to do some smoothing of data. As shown below, asymptotes (1) and (2) represent two chromaticities but "which is which" must be decided by the identification one can make at δ_p far away from δ_p^* . As one scans the tunes across δ_p , the "horizontal" tune shifts from Q_1 (or Q_2) curve to Q_2 (or Q_1) curve. Near, it is often difficult to decide which is horizontal and which is vertical. This is understandable since the two frequencies are equally important in describing horizontal or vertical motion.

Two tunes $\nu_x = \text{integer} + Q_x$ and $\nu_y = \text{integer} + Q_y$ are what one would have in the absence of linear coupling. If one defines a number of parameters,

$$Q_x = Q_{x0} + \xi_x \delta_p, \quad Q_y = Q_{y0} + \xi_y \delta_p,$$

$$\bar{Q} = (Q_1 + Q_2)/2 = (Q_x + Q_y)/2 = \bar{Q}_0 + \bar{\xi} \delta_p,$$

$$\bar{\xi} = (\xi_x + \xi_y)/2, \quad \Delta_\xi = \xi_x - \xi_y,$$

$$\Delta = Q_x - Q_y = \Delta_0 + \Delta_\xi \delta_p, \quad \Delta_0 = Q_{x0} - Q_{y0}$$

one finds from (II. 3) that

$$Q_1 + Q_2 = 2(\bar{Q}_0 + \bar{\xi} \cdot \delta_p) \quad (\text{III.1})$$

$$Q_1 - Q_2 = \sqrt{4|C_N|^2 + (\Delta_0 + \Delta_\xi \delta_p)^2}. \quad (\text{III.2})$$

Q_1 and Q_2 as a function of δ_p are indeed on a hyperbola. Equations for two asymptotes are

$$\{\bar{Q}_0 \pm (\Delta_0 \Delta_\xi / 2|\Delta_\xi|)\} + \{\bar{\xi} \pm |\Delta_\xi|/2\} \delta_p \quad (\text{III.3})$$

indicating that the slopes of them are two chromaticities ξ_x and ξ_y .

Furthermore, the shortest distance between two branches of hyperbola is a measure of the coupling parameter $|C_N|$:

$$\text{distance } D = 2 \cdot |C_N| \quad (\text{III.4})$$

Least-squares analysis of data for $(Q_1 + Q_2)$ will give two parameters $\bar{Q}_0$ and $\bar{\xi}$ while the analysis of $(Q_1 - Q_2)$ will give the remaining three parameters Δ_0 , Δ_ξ and $|C_N|$. Obviously, two chromaticities are given by $(\bar{\xi} + \Delta_\xi/2)$ and $(\bar{\xi} - \Delta_\xi/2)$.

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