#### Investigation of a Statistical Metric for Validation of a Structural Dynamics Model

April Morton Affiliate Mechanical Systems Division Jet Propulsion Laboratory



01 August 2011





#### Mathematical models used to make important predictions must be validated to increase credibility and accuracy







### Model validation is the act of comparing model predictions and experimental data to establish model credibility





### This presentation outlines a Statistical model validation technique



The Mathematical model





#### A Statistical Comparison



#### Results



### The spring-mass-damper system has three degrees of freedom and nine randomly varying parameters





# The means and standard deviations for the distributions affecting $m_n$ , $c_n$ , and $k_n$ are given below





## Generate realizations of the model-predicted and experimental frequency response functions







## Calculate frequency averaged characteristics of the functions to obtain discretized response measures



## Form probabilistic descriptions of discrete measures in order to perform validation tests







#### <u>Test 1</u>: Do experimental points fall within their respective p-valued probability intervals?







# If an experimental response falls within it's 90% symmetric probability interval then it is considered a success





#### Test 2: Is the collective number of successes "good enough"?







# Generate the appropriate binomial distribution to determine the probability of seeing 35 (or fewer) out of 40 successes







#### Choose $p_{rej}$ - the probability of rejecting a perfect model

Does a **37% chance** of seeing **35** successes (or fewer) give us confidence that the model is valid?

In reality, before beginning this process we must **choose a minimum** probability  $(p_{rej})$  we are satisfied with.





#### Compare $p_{rei}$ to the computed probability of seeing 35 (or fewer) successes







## Instead of comparing probabilities define S and $S_{val}$ to compare proportions







In summary, our spring-mass-damper system is valid given 90% probability intervals and a probability of rejection of 0.20







#### References

 Paez, Thomas L.; Massad, Jordan E.; Hinnerichs, Terry; O'Gorman, Chris; Hunter, Patrick. "Validation of Mathematical Models Using Weighted Response Measures." Sandia National Laboratories. 2007: Web. 13 February 2011.







Acknowledgements



- Dr. Lee D. Peterson
- Martin Mathews
- Dr. Gerry Simila
- Petra Kneissl-Milanian
- JPL Education Office
- Dr. Bryan Rebar

- STAR Program & Staff
- NASA
- National Science Foundation
- Bechtel Foundation
- California State University









#### Disclaimer

"This material is based upon work supported by the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation and by the National Science Foundation under Grant No. 0952013. Any opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this material are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation or the National Science Foundation."



