

ABSTRACT AND REFERENCES

APPLIED MECHANICS

MODELING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF EVALUATION CONDITIONS OF FUNCTIONAL SAFETY OF THE RAILWAY TRACK (p. 4-10)

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The paper examines the modeling of the lifecycle of the railway track elements for investigating the deformation processes as the basis for the regulatory framework of the track operation to ensure the reliability of railways. To this end, the foundations of the wave propagation theory are used in describing the track and rolling stock interaction. The basic theoretical provisions and principles to describe the features of deformation operation and the calculation algorithm to determine the stress-strain state of the track are presented. Propagation of bulk and surface waves is used as exciting pulses. The requirements to the minimum length of the site under study and distance between the forces that must be considered in modeling are defined. The requirements to evaluation conditions of functional safety of the track are formed. According to the proposed model, a dynamic process, which involves the movement of the track under the effects of horizontal and vertical movements of wheels on rails for a period of time is considered.

Keywords: modeling, lifecycle, railway track deformability, wave propagation, track reliability, functional safety of track.

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EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH OF THE WAVE LOAD ON THE UPPER PART OF HYDROTECHNICAL STRUCTURES (p. 10-16)

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The vertical component of the wave load acting on the model of the upper structure of the hydraulic structure is experimentally in-vestigated. The results of processing of the experimental data using the least squares method are presented. A graphical interpretation of the experimental results is given. The estimated dependencies for determining the resultant of the vertical component of the wave load on the upper structure of the through-type structures in the steep-ness range of the wave, studied in the experiment are obtained. They show that the required load is directly proportional to the wave amplitude and the length of the model in the wave beam direction, and also depends on the clearance-to-wavelength ratio. Examples of calculation of the required load are given. Recommendations on the use of the results of the experimental investigation for inclusion in the regulations are proposed.

Keywords: through-type hydraulic structure; upper structure; vertical component of wave load.

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INVESTIGATION OF THE PROCESS OF EXCITATION OF DUAL-FREQUENCY VIBRATIONS BY BALL AUTO-BALANCER OF GIL 42 SCREEN (p. 17-23)

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The 3D model of the upgraded light-duty unbalanced-throw screen GIL 42 with the ball auto-balancer as the exciter of dual-frequency vibrations is developed.

Key parameters that affect the stability of dual-frequency vibrations are identified.

It is found that the fields of dual-frequency vibrations are relatively large, which allows changing the characteristics of dual-frequency vibrations by changing these parameters.

The box mass increase reduces the lower vibration frequency. Herewith, the corrector weights automatically adjust to the box mass change.

The mass increase of corrector weights directly increases the amplitude of slow vibrations of the box. The mass increase of the unbalance on the auto-balancer housing directly increases the amplitude of fast vibrations of the box. The rotor speed increase directly increases the speed of fast vibrations of the box. A number of parameters that affect the value of the amplitude of slow vibrations are identified.

Since dual-frequency vibrations have two components, arising from the unbalance on the auto-balancer housing and corrector weights respectively, it was decided to examine each component separately. As a result, it is found that the auto-balancer operates as two independent vibration exciters:

- the first is formed by corrector weights, and it excites slow vibrations of the box with the natural resonant frequency;
- the second is formed by the unbalanced mass on the auto-balancer housing, and it excites fast vibrations of the box with the rotor speed.

Keywords: vibration exciter, dual-frequency vibrations, 3D modeling, unbalance, resonance vibrator, auto-balance, screen.

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A NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF NON-LINEAR CONTACT TASKS FOR THE SYSTEM OF PLATES WITH A BOLTED CONNECTION AND A CLEARANCE IN THE FIXTURE (p. 24-29)

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The article presents an analysis of geometrically nonlinear contact tasks for the system of plates. The peculiarities of the presented tasks consist in research of a pressure-deformed state of two plates connected with a bolt fixture with a clearance and loaded with a uniformly distributed transverse force along the upper edge. Both geometrical and structural non-linearities are presented in the study tasks. The geometrically nonlinear formulation determines the SSS for plates connected with a bolt fixture with a clearance. Maximum deformation of such plates is 0.028 m and the equivalent (von-Mises) stress is 1200 MPa. The bolt skewing and the plate deformation increase tensile forces in the bolt, thereby increasing the force of the bolt fixture tightening (1500 N to 4000 N). The proposed methodology can be used for solving similar tasks as it considers a wide range of operating loads. In case when the researched object is a solid plate, geometrically linear and non-linear formulations do not guarantee reliable results.

Keywords: stress-strained state (SSS), silo, finite element technique, system of plates, reaction in the supports.

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THE EMERGENCE OF RESONANCE WITHIN ACOUSTIC FIELDS OF THE FLOAT GYROSCOPE SUSPENSION (p. 39-44)

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The formation nature of resonance phenomena, which give rise to the rapid growth of the gyro errors in hypersonic flight conditions in the suspension of a two-stage float gyroscope is revealed. On the example of the industrial design of the float gyroscope, computational models are built. They allowed determining the influence of the antisymmetric and symmetric impedance of the housing on the emergence of resonance conditions in the suspension. The influence of the propagation direction of acoustic radiation on the occurrence of the features, leading to the rapid growth of additional autonomous positioning errors is determined.

The resonance content at high (above the cutoff) and low (below the cutoff) frequencies is revealed. It is shown that at high frequencies the resonance is formed by only bending vibration of the housing in the sound field provided that the antisymmetric impedance is much lower than the symmetrical impedance.

It is found that the low-frequency resonance can be formed only by the circumferential vibration of the housing depending on the sound wave incidence angles. It appears in the form of the wave coincidence of the trace of the incident and circumferential waves, or coincidence of the circumference of the frame and the circumferential wave on the plane of the incident wavefront.

The resonance methods of dealing with the influence of the sound fields as the only effective ones in the resonance conditions of hypersonic flight are analyzed.

Keywords: hypersonic technology, float gyroscope, wave coincidence, coincidence resonance, antisymmetric impedance.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTIGATION OF FACE BUFFER IMPULSE SEAL OF CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSOR (p. 30-39)

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The method of simplified static calculation (one-dimensional model of laminar isothermal flow in the face gap) and the experimental results of the design of the face buffer impulse seal for the centrifugal compressor are presented. The flow characteristics of the seal depending on the sealed and buffered fluid pressure and the shaft speed are obtained. The dimensions of the seal (dimensions of the rings, the load factor, the number and dimensions of the chambers and feeders) are selected so that to working ability at the shaft speed of up to 10,000 rpm and pressure up to 5.0 MPa with leakages not exceeding 37 nl/min. The dual seal design will reduce the volume flow rate and increase the efficiency of the centrifugal compressor. The design of such a seal can also serve as a barrier or backup seal. Due to the gas-static action of the buffer groove, it can be used in rotary machines at low sliding speed.

Keywords: buffer impulse seal, static calculation, flow characteristics, centrifugal compressor.

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THE USE OF CONTROLLED CRACKING TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF WATERJET CUTTING (p. 45-56)

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The study focuses on the possibilities of increasing the production efficiency of waterjet cutting with the aid of mechatronic systems. We have proved the effect of different types of loads and the form of the cut on the cracks in sheet workpieces. A computer simulation of a workpiece load facilitated identifying stress zones along the cutting contours. It is proved that controlling a non-stationary stress state allows limiting the crack growth rate. Increased energy efficiency and performance parameters in a complex-contour cutting of workpieces with an abrasive fluid jet is an important task for operating hydroabrasive technological complexes manufactured in a wide range by foreign and domestic firms. It is found that the most effective cutting is that with preloading of sheet blanks with a tensile strength up to 90 MPa. If the sheet thickness exceeds 5-6 mm the effect decreases, whereas materials thicker than 15 mm are processed with additional energy consumption. Thus, it can be assumed that when preloading devices control the stress-strain state (SSS) of the cutting area in quasi-elastic sheet workpieces the processing performance increases and the quality of the cut improves.

Keywords: hydro-abrasive treatment, processing along a curvilinear contour, controlled cracking, stress state, mechatronic devices.

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DETERMINATION OF THE DEGREE OF INFLUENCE OF REPAIR PROCESSES ON SERVICEABILITY OF UNITS OF THE TRACTION ROLLING STOCK (p. 56-61)

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The sequence and interaction of individual processes in the repair of units of the traction rolling stock are analyzed. It allowed presenting the breakdown in the repair process of units as basic events in the “fault tree” model. The resulting event of the tree is represented as the failure of the unit in operation after repair. In the absence of statistical data on the probabilities of basic events, the influence of the component on the resulting event is determined by its weight based on the logical model, which corresponds to the indicator of the structural importance of the component. Formalization of the developed “fault tree” allowed obtaining the function of the system health, which was reduced initially to the disjunctive-normal form, then to its perfect form. Therefore, it was determined that repair processes have different weights, and thus vary in degree of influence on the serviceability of the unit after repair. The processes that run in the final stages of repair have the greatest influence (weight): “Running and testing” – 0.68; “Completing and assembly” – 0.32; “Quality control of the repair (restoration) of the unit” – 0.18. The processes, implementation of which is checked in the final stages are of less weight: “Repair (restoration)” – 0.07; “Fault detection” – 0.055. Preparatory processes that are performed in the initial stages of repair (disassembly, pre-repair evaluation and cleaning of the unit) have minimum weight – 0.008.

Keywords: process, repair, unit, traction rolling stock, influence, component, failure, system, serviceability, evaluation.

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