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**APPLICATION OF INTELLIGENT PROCESSING OF DATA FLOWS UNDER CONDITIONS OF RIVER NAVIGATION (p. 6-18)**

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Implementation of a context-oriented approach for intelligent processing of navigation data flows in operation of water vehicles was considered. The initial sample of processing data flows in the conditions of the current pilot navigation method does not correspond to the regularities of functioning of a complex object with the modern instrumental method of navigation. Solution to the problem consists in overcoming difficulties by defining complex problems of the processes that differ from a simple sum of parameters of elements with the same type of multilevel connections.

A method for processing flows of navigation data under continuous mode was proposed. In the process of study, combining of information from multiple sources with finding more accurate and reliable data was considered. The method of estimation of problem solutions is the criterion method where each single alternative is estimated by a specific number (criterion, objective function). Comparison of alternatives was reduced to a comparison of the corresponding numbers. Various variants of the choice of alternatives and criteria of optimality were taken into account: the criteria of Bayes, Wald, Jain, Laplace. The method used is characterized by multicriteria conditions. Methods of decision-making in games with environment, normalization, the use of neural networks based on the context were applied. The architecture of an artificial neural network was constructed.

The study was conducted with the aim of obtaining a stable structure of the system with certain classes of input signals based on artificial neural networks. It is interesting from the theoretical point of view to obtain a parametric variation of the parameters within the specified limits of the optimality criteria. The conducted experiments confirmed efficiency of the use of the proposed methods. The most constructive direction of intelligent processing of the navigational data flow is the context-oriented approach. Imple-

mentation of this approach guarantees high level of observance of accuracy criteria in the conditions of river navigation.

An applied aspect of using the results obtained in the process of study is the possibility to abandon the pilotage method of navigation and installation of coastal and floating means of navigation equipment. An important result is derivation of a differentiated mapping of the depth array on an electronic chart. The obtained results give grounds to assert the possibility of introducing the proposed context-oriented approach to real navigation.

**Keywords:** safety of navigation, electronic navigation, traffic criteria, artificial intelligence, neural network.

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**INVESTIGATION OF THE CHANGE IN THE STRENGTH PROPERTIES OF A SOIL MASS BY MECHANICAL SENSING (p. 19-26)**

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Determination of depth distribution of strength characteristics and comparison with analytically determined values allows obtaining data on the depth of various morphological horizons, the presence of voids and inclusions. The sensing process occurs due to soil strengthening, which was considered in the analysis of changes in the penetration force. The present stage of development of means for determining the soil properties is characterized by the application of mechatronic systems, which allow obtaining data with high accuracy, reliability and performance. In order to develop the experimental sample, the basic approaches to the creation of a geomechatronic complex for surface soil monitoring, which determine the main objectives, application scope, quality criteria were developed. The presence of geotechnical deviations in the soil mass is accompanied by changes in the penetration force, which was proposed to be measured by a strain gauge dynamometer with the recording of the rod penetration depth. The program algorithm used is a cyclic structure in which the data are logically recorded from the force sensor and the step of the rod, which determines its position. The implementation of the developed algorithm allows determining penetration forces and changes in the strength parameters of the soil mass with high accuracy (0.05 %), which makes it possible, by comparing with the analytically determined distribution, to reveal the position of geonomalies.

**Keywords:** geomechatonic complex, penetration force, strength characteristics.

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**DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEM TO CONTROL MILK ACIDITY IN THE MILK PIPELINE OF A MILKING ROBOT (p. 27-33)**

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Acidity characterizes the suitability of milk for primary processing and is one of the key parameters monitored when accepting it at a dairy plant. Therefore, it is important to timely separate milk with lowered acidity in the process of milking by a robot. However, no technical means for the detection and separation of milk with lowered acidity in a milk pipeline were designed for robotic milking systems.

Based on the results of experimental study, we established a linear correlation dependence of milk acidity, using a traditional Turner method, on pH. We calculated parameters for the main and additional containers, for milk of superior grade and for non-standard milk in terms of acidity. Linear parameters are determined for inserting into the main milk pipeline of a robot the measuring pH-electrode and a tee with electromagnetic valve for the automated discharge of non-standard milk. Based on the experimental study and our calculations, we developed a project of the technical system for the robotic cow milking technology. A standard technology is complemented by a process of automated measurement of milk pH in a flow, which is implemented using a high-speed transistor pH-FT electrode with a measuring unit.

Control over milk pH in a flow during milking makes it possible to operatively solve two tasks at a time – to improve the accuracy of estimating the quality of starting raw materials and to correct the feed of cows in order to standardize the acidity of milk required for its acceptance at a milk processing plant. We thus exclude a labor-intensive laboratory operation for determining the acidity because this indicator has already been measured during robotic milking process. Therefore, our improvement of technology for robotic milking will make it possible to more accurately assess the quality of raw milk using milking robots that are included in the system of machines for precision cattle breeding.

**Keywords:** milking robot, milk pipeline, milk, semiconductor pH-FT-electrode, acidity, Turner degree.

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**STUDYING THE RECURRENT DIAGRAMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE CONCENTRATION AT EARLY IGNITIONS IN PREMISES (p. 34-40)**

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It was shown that the methods of nonlinear dynamics, surpassing traditional methods of temporal, frequency or frequency-temporal analysis of dangerous ignition factors may be used for early detection of ignitions in premises. The existence of carbon monoxide in gas medium was found to be most dangerous at fires in premises. The theoretical grounds for studying recurrent diagrams of carbon monoxide concentration in gas medium were substantiated. The modification of recurrent distance diagrams, based on power representations was proposed, making it possible to highlight selectively or to smooth structural features of configuration of recurrent points of distance diagrams. Results of research into recurrent diagrams of dynamics of carbon monoxide concentration show that the specified factor of ignition of materials has generally not stochastic, but chaotic dynamics. It was qualitatively determined that dynamics of carbon monoxide concentration in gas medium has non-uniformed distribution of points. In this case, the configuration of clustering of recurrent points of diagrams for various flammable materials varies and can be used for detecting the type and the beginning of early ignition of combustible material. The established fact of chaotic dynamics of carbon monoxide concentration in gas medium at early ignition of materials should be taken into consideration in the development of new technologies for reliable detection of early ignitions in premises. The data, obtained in the research, are important for deeper understanding of dynamics of the process of carbon monoxide formation in gas medium in non-airtight premises at ignition of various materials, because it is related to saving lives of people who are in these premises and their timely evacuation.

**Keywords:** recurrent diagrams, concentration of carbon monoxide, gas medium, non-airtight premises.

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**THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL ASSESSMENTS OF ACCURACY OF NONORTHOGONAL MEMS SENSOR ARRAYS (p. 40-49)**

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The paper deals with theoretical and practical assessments of nonorthogonal configurations of MEMS sensors based on both the uniaxial gyroscopes and the triaxial inertial measuring units. The main goal of the paper is research of the possibility to use non-orthogonal redundant configurations in navigation applications. Methods of inertial navigation, analytical mechanics, mathematical statistics and simulation were used in the research. Analysis of nonorthogonal redundant configurations of uniaxial MEMS sensor arrays including matrices of directional cosines has been carried out. Description of nonorthogonal redundant MEMS sensor array based on inertial measuring units (MPU-6050) is represented. Tables of directional cosines for nonorthogonal redundant MEMS arrays based on inertial measuring units with such constructive elements as triangular and tetragonal pyramids are obtained. The mutual location of measuring axes for these configurations is given. Features of dynamic test including equipment possibilities and technique of random errors determination are described. Using of the three-degree-of-freedom test bench provides the simulation of the developed MEMS sensor arrays in conditions close to the real operation. The theoretical assessment of accuracy of nonorthogonal redundant MEMS sensor arrays based on both the uniaxial gyroscopes and the triaxial inertial measuring units is carried out. The assessment is implemented using correlation matrices of errors. The experimental assessment of the MEMS array based on triaxial inertial measuring units is determined based on the results of the dynamic analysis. The appropriate graphical dependences including graphs of relative variances and histograms of the random errors distribution are presented. Comparative analysis of the obtained assessments is given. The results can be useful for the design of navigation systems, for example, unmanned aerial vehicles or rockets for the launch of satellites into orbit.

**Keywords:** dynamic analysis, experimental tests, MEMC sensor, nonorthogonal configuration, measuring error, redundant measuring instrument, theoretical assessment.

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**ANALYSIS OF OPERATING MODES OF SINGLE-PHASE CURRENTSOURCE RECTIFIER WITH RECTANGULARSTEPPED PULSEWIDTH MODULATION (p. 50-57)**

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The operating modes of the single-phase active current-source rectifier in the case of rectangular-stepped pulse-width modulation and load in the form of DC traction motor are investigated. The single-phase bridge rectifier circuit with a discharge diode is considered. The mathematical model of the rectifier is developed and the main ratios for pulse-width modulation with rectangular-stepped modulating signal are determined. On the computer model, electromagnetic processes at three modulation frequencies (900, 1,200, 1,800 Hz) are studied. The features of the effect of the modulation depth and frequency on the rectifier power factor and the total harmonic voltage and current distortion in the mains supply are determined.

The DC motor for today remains the main type of the traction motor of the 25 kV, 50 Hz AC mainline electric locomotives in Ukraine and in some other countries. To power such motors, diode or thyristor rectifiers are used. At the same time, it is known that converters on fully controlled semiconductor devices provide higher power efficiency.

The studies allow determining what values of modulation frequency and depth provide a high power factor (more than 0.9) and minimum total harmonic voltage and current distortion distortions in the mains supply. This allows finding rational approaches to the selection of power circuits and control algorithms for active converters in the traction electric drive of electric locomotives. The efficiency of increasing the power factor and reducing the total harmonic voltage and current distortion can be achieved, first of all, by reducing the power consumption for traction of trains.

According to the set of selected comparison criteria, the active current-source rectifier with a modulation frequency of 1,200 Hz is the most suitable for implementation in the traction electric drive of the electric locomotive. Provision of high power characteristics in a wide range of traction loads can be achieved in the multi-zone circuit of such a converter.

**Keywords:** active current-source rectifier, power factor, pulse-width modulation, mathematical model.

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## DEVELOPMENT OF ALGORITHMS FOR IMPROVING THE ACCURACY AND PERFORMANCE SPEED OF A FUNCTIONAL ANALOG-TO-DIGITAL CONVERTER (p. 58-69)

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This paper presents results of the study into the functional analog-to-digital conversion with a replaceable logarithm base. In known analog-to-digital converters, an increase in speed leads to a decrease in accuracy and vice versa. In contrast to the known methods, the method developed makes it possible to improve conversion rate without increasing errors. It was implemented in circuits with switched capacitors since it is the use of the phenomenon of redistribution and accumulation of charge in capacitor cells that makes it possible to create converters with a variable logarithm base.

Another advantage of such implementation consists in reliability, low power consumption and high manufacturability. This enables integration of the converters with a variable logarithm base into various automation devices, e.g. both in blocks of evaluators of stationary information and computing systems and miniature or mobile sensors of the object state.

In the course of the study, three algorithms of replacing the logarithm base with a ratio of capacitances have been developed. The conversion step height depends on the logarithm base and varies in each conversion sub-band. Descending sweep takes place in downward steps. It is suitable for large input signals. Ascending sweep in upward steps is better for small input values. Two-sided sweep is universal.

The conducted study had allowed us to estimate errors and conversion time of the proposed device. An optimal number (10) of steps – apportionings in each sub-band and an optimal number (4) of conversion sub-bands have been chosen. An error less than 0.005 % was obtained for these values during conversion time of 100  $\mu$ s (40 clock cycles).

The results obtained make it possible to manufacture analog-to-digital functional converters with increased accuracy and speed, applicable for various industrial and scientific tasks. A special feature is the possibility of user's choice of the required accuracy and speed, even before the start of conversion.

**Keywords:** accuracy, speed, algorithm, variable base of the logarithm, functional analog-to-digital conversion, switched capacitors.

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