# NUMERICAL EVALUATION OF PERIODIC TRANSVERSE VIBRATION OF ELASTIC CONNECTING RODS IN A SIX-LINK MECHANISM 

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#### Abstract

Application of the substructure method and d'Alembert's principle to deriving the differential equation of motion of a six-link mechanism with two elastic connecting rods is presented

In the case of stationary motion, the generalized Ritz's method has been applied to obtain system of linear differential equations with periodic coefficients. We have written computer programs to check conditions of dynamic stability and to find periodic solutions of the obtained equations. Numerical examples are given and from which the effect of elastic factors on articulation reactions is evaluated.


## 1. Introduction

Informative development has made the solution of certain mechanism vibration problems possible. However, it is usual that only natural frequencies or solution in the starting period are found. The determination of periodic solutions for stationary motion in mechanisms with both solid and elastic elements is still under investigation [3-8].

In [3] we examined the periodic transverse vibration problem of a connecting rod in a four-link mechanism. The objective in this paper is to extend the method into a mechanism having six links. The substructure method has been applied to deriving the dynamic equations of the mechanism. From which equations of transverse vibration of the connecting rods are obtained for the case of the driving link rotating uniformly. The dynamic stability conditions and periodic solutions of the mentioned equations are found by using numerical method $[1,2]$.

## 2. Derivation of dynamic equations

We consider a six-link mechanism (Fig. 1) moving on the vertical plane, in which the crank $\mathrm{O}_{1} \mathrm{~A}$ (link 2), the rocker $\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{BC}$ (link 4), the rocker $\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{D}$ (link 6) are solid bodies of weighs $P_{2}$, $P_{4}, P_{6}$, and centers of mass $S_{2}, S_{4}, S_{6}$ respectively. And $\mathrm{O}_{1} \mathrm{~S}_{2}=s_{2}, \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{4}=s_{4}, \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}_{6}=s_{6}$, $\angle \mathrm{AO}_{1} \mathrm{~S}_{2}=\alpha_{2}, \angle \mathrm{BO}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{4}=\alpha_{4}, \angle \mathrm{BO}_{2} \mathrm{C}=\beta_{4}, \angle \mathrm{DO}_{3} \mathrm{~S}_{6}=\alpha_{6}$.

The connecting rods AB (link 3 ), CD (link 5) are elastic bodies. Supposing that the connecting rods are rectilinear and their axes without deformation coincides with the elastic one and that longitudinal vibration is negligible. The connecting rods $\mathrm{AB}, \mathrm{CD}$ have area of the cross section $F_{j}$, mass density $\rho_{j}$, mass per unit length $\mu_{j}$, elastic modules $E_{j}$, moment of inertia $J_{j}$, relative transverse vibration $w_{j}$, where $j=3$ for the element $\mathrm{AB}, j=5$ for the element CD.

Fig. 1 shows the mechanism with global axes $O_{1} \xi \eta$. The horizontal $O_{1} \xi$ forms with the segments $\mathrm{O}_{1} \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{O}_{1} \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{AB}, \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{CD}, \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{D}$ the angles $\theta, \bar{\theta}, \varphi_{2}, \varphi_{3}, \varphi_{4}, \bar{\varphi}_{4}, \varphi_{5}, \varphi_{6}$ respectively. We have:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{\varphi}_{4}=\varphi_{4}-\beta_{4} \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Given $\mathrm{O}_{1} \mathrm{O}_{2}=\ell_{1}, \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}=\bar{\ell}_{1}, \mathrm{O}_{1} \mathrm{~A}=\ell_{2}, \mathrm{AB}=\ell_{3}, \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~B}=\ell_{4}, \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}=\bar{\ell}_{4}, \mathrm{CD}=\ell_{5}, \mathrm{DO}_{3}=\ell_{6}$.
The kinematics relations between links are:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \ell_{2} \cos \varphi_{2}+\ell_{3} \cos \varphi_{3}-\ell_{4} \cos \varphi_{4}-\ell_{1} \cos \theta=0 \\
& \ell_{2} \sin \varphi_{2}+\ell_{3} \sin \varphi_{3}-\ell_{4} \sin \varphi_{4}-\ell_{1} \sin \theta=0  \tag{2.2}\\
& \bar{\ell}_{4} \cos \bar{\varphi}_{4}+\ell_{5} \cos \varphi_{5}-\ell_{6} \cos \varphi_{6}-\bar{\ell}_{1} \cos \bar{\theta}=0 \\
& \bar{\ell}_{4} \sin \bar{\varphi}_{4}+\ell_{5} \sin \varphi_{5}-\ell_{6} \sin \varphi_{6}-\bar{\ell}_{1} \sin \bar{\theta}=0
\end{align*}
$$

From (2.2), we can find $\varphi_{i}=\varphi_{i}\left(\varphi_{2}\right)(i=3,4,5,6)$. In the stationary regime we have $\varphi_{2}=\Omega t$ ( $\Omega$ is constant), thus $\varphi_{i}$ are periodic functions with period $2 \pi / \Omega$.


Fig. 1
Applying the substructure method we divide the mechanism into 5 sub-structures. Each of the links represents a substructure.

The symbols $J_{O_{1}}, J_{O_{2}}, J_{O_{3}}$ indicate moments of inertia of $\mathrm{O}_{1} \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{BC}$ and $\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{D}$ with respect $\mathrm{O}_{1}, \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{O}_{3}$ respectively.

The application of d'Alembert's principle to each link yields:
For the crank $\mathrm{O}_{1} \mathrm{~A}$ (Fig. 2):

$$
\begin{gather*}
X_{O_{1}}=-X_{A}+P_{2} \sin \varphi_{3}-\frac{P_{2}}{g} s_{2}\left[\dot{\varphi}_{2}^{2} \cos \left(\varphi_{2}-\varphi_{3}+\alpha_{2}\right)+\ddot{\varphi}_{2} \sin \left(\varphi_{2}-\varphi_{3}+\alpha_{2}\right)\right]  \tag{2.3}\\
Y_{O_{1}}=-Y_{A}+P_{2} \cos \varphi_{3}-\frac{P_{2}}{g} s_{2}\left[\dot{\varphi}_{2}^{2} \sin \left(\varphi_{2}-\varphi_{3}+\alpha_{2}\right)-\ddot{\varphi}_{2} \cos \left(\varphi_{2}-\varphi_{3}+\alpha_{2}\right)\right]  \tag{2.4}\\
M_{d}=J_{O_{1}} \ddot{\varphi}_{2}+\ell_{2}\left[X_{A} \sin \left(\varphi_{2}-\varphi_{3}\right)-Y_{A} \sin \left(\varphi_{2}-\varphi_{3}\right)\right]+s_{2} P_{2} \cos \left(\varphi_{2}+\alpha_{2}\right) \tag{2.5}
\end{gather*}
$$

For the rocker $\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{BC}$ (Fig. 3):

$$
\begin{align*}
X_{O_{2}}= & -X_{C} \cos \left(\varphi_{5}-\varphi_{3}\right)+Y_{C} \sin \left(\varphi_{5}-\varphi_{3}\right)+X_{B}+P_{4} \sin \varphi_{3} \\
& -\frac{P_{4}}{g} s_{4}\left[\dot{\varphi}_{4}^{2} \cos \left(\varphi_{4}-\varphi_{3}+\alpha_{4}\right)+\ddot{\varphi}_{4} \sin \left(\varphi_{4}-\varphi_{3}+\alpha_{4}\right)\right]  \tag{2.6}\\
Y_{O_{2}}= & -X_{C} \sin \left(\varphi_{5}-\varphi_{3}\right)-Y_{C} \cos \left(\varphi_{5}-\varphi_{3}\right)+Y_{B}+P_{4} \cos \varphi_{3} \\
& -\frac{P_{4}}{g} s_{4}\left[\dot{\varphi}_{4}^{2} \sin \left(\varphi_{4}-\varphi_{3}+\alpha_{4}\right)+\ddot{\varphi}_{4} \cos \left(\varphi_{4}-\varphi_{3}+\alpha_{4}\right)\right] \tag{2.7}
\end{align*}
$$

$X_{B}=\ell_{4} \frac{X_{C} \sin \left(\bar{\varphi}_{4}-\varphi_{5}\right)-Y_{C} \cos \left(\bar{\varphi}_{4}-\varphi_{5}\right)}{\ell_{4} \sin \left(\varphi_{4}-\varphi_{3}\right)}+\frac{P_{4} s_{4} \cos \left(\varphi_{4}+\alpha_{4}\right)+J_{O_{2}} \ddot{\varphi}_{4}}{\ell_{4} \sin \left(\varphi_{4}-\varphi_{3}\right)}+Y_{B} \operatorname{cotg}\left(\varphi_{4}-\varphi_{3}\right)$.


Fig. 2


Fig. 3


Fig. 4


Fig. 5

For the rocker $\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{D}$ (Fig. 4):

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\begin{align*}
& X_{O_{3}}=X_{D}+P_{6} \sin \varphi_{5}-\frac{P_{6}}{g} s_{6}\left[\dot{\varphi}_{6}^{2} \cos \left(\varphi_{6}-\varphi_{5}+\alpha_{6}\right)+\ddot{\varphi}_{6} \sin \left(\varphi_{6}-\varphi_{5}+\alpha_{6}\right)\right],  \tag{2.9}\\
& Y_{O_{5}}=Y_{D}+P_{6} \cos \varphi_{5}-\frac{P_{6}}{g} s_{6}\left[\dot{\varphi}_{6}^{2} \sin \left(\varphi_{6}-\varphi_{5}+\alpha_{6}\right)+\ddot{\varphi}_{6} \cos \left(\varphi_{6}-\varphi_{5}+\alpha_{6}\right)\right],  \tag{2.10}\\
& X_{D}=\frac{P_{6} s_{6} \cos \left(\varphi_{6}+\alpha_{6}\right)+J_{O_{3}} \varphi_{6}}{\ell_{6} \sin \left(\varphi_{6}-\varphi_{5}\right)}+Y_{D} \operatorname{cotg}\left(\varphi_{6}-\varphi_{5}\right) . \tag{2.11}
\end{align*}
$$

For the connecting rod AD (Fig. 5 )

$$
\begin{align*}
& X_{A}=\boldsymbol{X}_{B}-\int_{0}^{\ell_{3}}\left[\mu_{3}\left(g \sin \varphi_{3}+a_{3 x}\right)+c_{3 x} v_{3 x}\right] d x_{3},  \tag{2.12}\\
& Y_{A}=Y_{B}-\int_{0}^{\ell_{3}}\left[\mu_{3}\left(g \cos \varphi_{3}+a_{3 y}\right)+c_{3 y} v_{3 y}\right] d x_{3}, \tag{2.13}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
Y_{B}= & \frac{1}{\ell_{3}}\left\{\int _ { 0 } ^ { \ell _ { 3 } } \left[\rho_{3} J_{3}\left(\ddot{\varphi}_{3}+\frac{\partial^{3} w_{3}}{\partial x_{3} \partial t^{2}}\right) d x_{3}+\int_{0}^{\ell_{3}}\left[\mu_{3}\left(g \cos \varphi_{3}+a_{3 y}\right)\right.\right.\right. \\
& \left.+c_{3 y} v_{3 y}\right] x_{3} d x_{3}-\int_{0}^{\ell_{3}}\left[\mu_{3}\left(g \sin \varphi_{3}+a_{3 x}\right)+c_{3 x} v_{3 x}\right] w_{3} d x_{3} \tag{2.14}
\end{align*}
$$

As for the connecting rod $C D$, it is seen that the model is completely similar to that of $A B$ by changing the index 3 into 5 and the letters A, B into C, D respectively. So we have:

$$
\begin{align*}
\boldsymbol{X}_{C}= & X_{D}-\int_{0}^{\ell_{5}}\left[\mu_{5}\left(g \sin \varphi_{5}+a_{5 x}\right)+c_{5 x} v_{5 x}\right] d x_{5},  \tag{2.15}\\
\boldsymbol{Y}_{C}= & Y_{D}-\int_{0}^{\ell_{5}}\left[\mu_{5}\left(g \cos \varphi_{5}+a_{5 y}\right)+c_{5 y} v_{5 y}\right] d x_{5},  \tag{2.16}\\
\boldsymbol{Y}_{D}= & \frac{1}{\ell_{5}}\left\{\int _ { 0 } ^ { \ell _ { 5 } } \left[\rho_{5} J_{5}\left(\ddot{\varphi}_{5}+\frac{\partial^{3} w_{5}}{\partial x_{5} \partial t^{2}}\right) d x_{5}+\int_{0}^{\ell_{5}}\left[\mu_{5}\left(g \cos \varphi_{5}+a_{5 y}\right)+c_{5 y} v_{5 y}\right] x_{5} d x_{5}\right.\right. \\
& -\int_{0}^{\ell_{5}}\left[\mu_{5}\left(g \sin \varphi_{5}+a_{5 x}\right)+c_{5 x} v_{5 x}\right] w_{5} d x_{5} . \tag{2.17}
\end{align*}
$$

In which $c_{j x}, c_{j y}$ are external damping coefficients per unit length and $v_{j x}, v_{j y}, a_{j x}, a_{j y}$ $(j=3,5)$ are velocity and acceleration components in the moving reference frame $\left(x_{j} y_{j}\right)$, which are determined as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
& v_{j x}=-\ell_{j-1}^{*} \dot{\varphi}_{j-1} \sin \left(\varphi_{j-1}^{*}-\varphi_{j}\right)-\dot{\varphi}_{j} w_{j} \\
& v_{j y}=\ell_{j-1}^{*} \dot{\varphi}_{j-1} \cos \left(\varphi_{j-1}^{*}-\varphi_{j}\right)+\dot{\varphi}_{j} x_{j}+\frac{\partial w_{j}}{\partial t}  \tag{2.18}\\
& a_{j x}=-\ell_{j-1}^{*} \ddot{\varphi}_{j-1} \sin \left(\varphi_{j-1}^{*}-\varphi_{j}\right)-\ell_{j-1}^{*} \dot{\varphi}_{j-1}^{2} \cos \left(\varphi_{j-1}-\varphi_{j}\right)-2 \dot{\varphi}_{j} \frac{\partial w_{j}}{\partial t}-\ddot{\varphi}_{j} w_{j}-\dot{\varphi}_{j}^{2} x_{j}, \\
& a_{j y}=\ell_{j-1}^{*} \ddot{\varphi}_{j-1} \cos \left(\varphi_{j-1}^{*}-\varphi_{j}\right)-\ell_{j-1}^{*} \dot{\varphi}_{j-1}^{2} \sin \left(\varphi_{j-1}^{*}-\varphi_{j}\right)-\dot{\varphi}_{j}^{2} w_{j}+\ddot{\varphi}_{j} x_{j}+\frac{\partial^{2} w_{j}}{\partial t^{2}}
\end{align*}
$$

Note that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ell_{2}^{*}=\ell_{2}, \quad \ell_{4}^{*}=\bar{\ell}_{4}, \quad \varphi_{2}^{*}=\varphi_{2}, \quad \varphi_{4}^{*}=\bar{\varphi}_{4} \tag{2.19}
\end{equation*}
$$

By analogy with the calculations in [3] the following equations of relative transverse vibration of links $A B$ and CD can be written:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{j}^{2}}\left[E_{j} J_{j}\left(\frac{\partial^{2} w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}^{2}}+\alpha_{j c} \frac{\partial^{3} w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}^{2} \partial t}\right)\right]-\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j}}\left[\rho_{j} J_{j}\left(\varphi_{j}+\frac{\partial^{3} w_{j}}{\partial x_{j} \partial t^{2}}\right)\right] \\
& -\left\{X_{j}-\int_{x_{j}}^{\ell_{j}} \mu_{j}(x)\left[g \sin \varphi_{j}+a_{j x}(x)\right] d x-\int_{x_{j}}^{\ell_{j}} c_{j x}(x) v_{j x}(x) d x\right\} \frac{\partial^{2} w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}^{2}}  \tag{2.20}\\
& -\left[\mu_{j}\left(g \sin \varphi_{j}+a_{j x}\right)+c_{j x} \cdot v_{j x}\right] \frac{\partial w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}}+\mu_{j}\left(g \cos \varphi_{j}+a_{j y}\right)+c_{j y} \cdot v_{j y}=0 \quad(j=3,5)
\end{align*}
$$

with the boundary conditions

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{j}(0, t)=0, \quad w_{j}\left(\ell_{j}, t\right)=0, \quad\left(\frac{\partial^{2} w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}^{2}}\right)_{x_{j}=0}=0, \quad\left(\frac{\partial^{2} w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}^{2}}\right)_{x_{j}=\ell_{j}}=0 \tag{2.21}
\end{equation*}
$$

In (2.20) $X_{3}=X_{B}, X_{5}=X_{D}, \bar{\alpha}_{j c}$ is internal damping coefficient coming from the expression relating strain $\varepsilon$ and stress $\sigma$ in an elastic beam: $\sigma=E\left(\varepsilon+\alpha_{c} \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial t}\right)$.

In total we have 17 equations: $(2.3) \rightarrow(2.17)$ and (2.20) to determine 17 unknown quantities: $w_{3}, w_{5}$, reactions at joints $\mathrm{O}_{1}, \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{D}$ and relation between the driving moment $M_{d}$ and the angle $\varphi_{2}$.

Note that after having found $w_{3}, w_{5}$ it is easy to determine other unknowns. Therefore the determination of relative transverse vibrations $w_{3}, w_{5}$ is essential.
3. Small transverse vibration of connecting rods during uniform rotation of the crank

We consider small vibration of rectilinear, homogeneous connecting rods having constant section and constant damping coefficient. Supposing that the crank OA rotates with a constant angular velocity $\Omega$
$E_{j}, F_{j}, \rho_{j}, J_{j}, c_{j x}, c_{j y}, \alpha_{j c}, \Omega=$ const $(j=3,5) ; \quad \varphi_{2}=\Omega t$.
Putting $\psi_{3}=\varphi_{2}-\varphi_{3}=\Omega t-\varphi_{3}, \quad \psi_{5}=\bar{\varphi}_{4}-\varphi_{5}=\varphi_{4}-\beta_{4}-\varphi_{5}$.
Eliminating $X_{B}, X_{D}$ in (2.20), neglecting nonlinear terms we obtain after some calculation:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{\partial^{4} w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}^{4}}+\alpha_{j c} \frac{\partial^{3} w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}^{4} \partial t}-\frac{\rho_{j}}{E_{j}} \frac{\partial^{4} w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}^{2} \partial t^{2}}-\left[{ }^{j} f_{4}(t)+{ }^{j} f_{3}(t) x_{j}-{ }^{j} f_{2}(t) \frac{x_{j}^{2}}{2}\right] \frac{\partial^{2} w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}^{2}}-\left[{ }^{j} f_{3}(t)-{ }^{j} f_{2}(t) x_{j}\right] \frac{\partial w_{j}}{\partial x_{j}} \\
& +\frac{\mu_{j}}{E_{j} J_{j}} \frac{\partial^{2} w_{j}}{\partial t^{2}}+\frac{c_{j y}}{E_{j} J_{j}} \frac{\partial w_{j}}{\partial t}-{ }^{j} f_{2}(t) w_{j}=-{ }^{j} f_{0}(t)-{ }^{j} f_{1}(t) x_{j} \quad(j=3,5) \tag{3.3}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& { }^{j} f_{0}(t)=\frac{\mu_{j}}{E_{j} J_{j}}\left[g \cos \varphi_{j}+\ell_{j-1}^{*} \ddot{\varphi}_{j-1} \cos \psi_{j}-\ell_{j-1}^{*} \dot{\varphi}_{j-1}^{2} \sin \psi_{j}\right]+\frac{c_{j y}}{E_{j} J_{j}} \ell_{j-1}^{*} \dot{\varphi}_{j-1} \cos \psi_{j}, \\
& { }^{\jmath_{f}}(t)=\frac{\mu_{j}}{E_{j} J_{j}} \varphi_{j}+\frac{c_{j y}}{E_{j} J_{j}} \dot{\varphi}_{j},{ }^{j} f_{2}(t)=\frac{\mu_{j}}{E_{j} J_{j}} \dot{\varphi}_{j}^{2},  \tag{3.4}\\
& \vec{J}_{f_{3}(t)}=\frac{\mu_{j}}{E_{j} J_{j}}\left[g \sin \varphi_{j}-\ell_{j-1}^{*} \ddot{\varphi}_{j-1} \sin \psi_{j}-\ell_{j-1}^{*} \dot{\varphi}_{j-1}^{2} \cos \psi_{j}\right]-\frac{c_{j x}}{E_{j} J_{j}} \ell_{j-1}^{*} \dot{\varphi}_{j-1} \sin \psi_{j}, \\
& { }^{j} f_{4}(t)=\frac{H_{j}}{E_{j} J_{j}}+\operatorname{cotg}\left(\varphi_{j+1}-\varphi_{j}\right)\left[\frac{\rho_{j}}{E_{j}} \ddot{\varphi}_{j}+{ }^{j} f_{0}(t) \frac{\ell_{j}}{2}+{ }^{j} f_{1}(t) \frac{\ell_{j}^{2}}{3}\right]-{ }^{j} f_{3}(t) \cdot \ell_{j}+{ }^{j} f_{2}(t) \frac{\ell_{j}^{2}}{2},
\end{align*}
$$

in which: $\ell_{2}, \ell_{4}^{*}$ are determined by (2.19) and note that: $\ddot{\varphi}_{2}=0, \dot{\varphi}_{2}=\Omega$, and $\bar{\varphi}_{k}, \dot{\varphi}_{k}, \varphi_{k}$ $(k=3, \ldots, 6)$ are evaluated from (2.2), Therefore ${ }^{j} f_{i}$ are periodic functions of $t$ with the period $2 \pi / \Omega$

$$
\begin{align*}
& \text { Also: } H_{5}=\frac{P_{6} s_{6} \cos \left(\varphi_{6}+\alpha_{6}\right)+J_{O_{3}} \ddot{\varphi}_{6}}{\ell_{6} \sin \left(\varphi_{6}-\varphi_{5}\right)}  \tag{3.5}\\
& H_{3}=\ell_{4} \frac{X_{C} \sin \left(\bar{\varphi}_{4}-\varphi_{3}\right)-Y_{C} \cos \left(\varphi_{4}-\varphi_{3}\right)}{\ell_{4} \sin \left(\varphi_{4}-\varphi_{3}\right)}+\frac{P_{4} S_{4} \cos \left(\varphi_{4}+\alpha_{4}\right)+J_{O_{2}} \ddot{\varphi}_{4}}{\ell_{4} \sin \left(\varphi_{4}-\varphi_{3}\right)} \tag{3.6}
\end{align*}
$$

As an application of the generalized Ritz's method, the solution of the equations (3.3) with the boundary conditions (2.21) is found in the form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{j}\left(x_{j}, t\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{I}{ }^{j} q_{i}(t) \sin \left(i \frac{\pi}{\ell_{j}} x_{j}\right) \quad(j=3,5) \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting (3.7) into equations (3.3) we obtain after some calculation a system of linear differential equations with periodic coefficients of period $2 \pi / \Omega$ as follows

$$
\begin{equation*}
{ }^{j} \underline{M}{ }^{j \ddot{\vec{q}}+{ }^{j} \underline{B}{ }^{j} \dot{\vec{q}}+{ }^{j} \underline{C}(\Omega t)^{j} \vec{q}={ }^{j} \vec{h}(\Omega t) \quad(j=3,5), ~, ~} \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where: ${ }^{j} \vec{q}=\left({ }^{j} q_{1},{ }^{j} q_{2}, \ldots,{ }^{j} q_{I}\right)^{T} ;{ }^{j} \vec{h}=\left({ }^{j} h_{1},{ }^{j} h_{2}, \ldots,{ }^{j} h_{I}\right)^{T} ;{ }^{j} \underline{M},{ }^{j} \underline{B},{ }^{j} \underline{C}$ are square matrices of order $I$, the elements of which are calculated form:

$$
\begin{gather*}
{ }^{j} m_{i k}=\left[\frac{\rho}{j E}\left(k \frac{\pi}{\ell_{j}}\right)^{2}+\frac{\mu_{j}}{E_{j} J_{j}}\right] \delta_{k}^{i},  \tag{3.9}\\
{ }^{j} b_{j k}=\left[\alpha_{j c}\left(i \frac{\pi}{\ell_{j}}\right)^{4}+\frac{c_{j y}}{E_{j} J_{j}}\right] \delta_{k}^{i}  \tag{3.10}\\
{ }^{j} c_{i k}=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}
\left(k \frac{\pi}{\ell_{j}}\right)^{4}+\left(k \frac{\pi}{\ell_{j}}\right)^{2}{ }^{j} f_{4}(t)+k^{2} \frac{\pi^{2}}{2 \ell_{j}}{ }^{j} f_{3}(t)-\left(\frac{5}{4}+k^{2} \frac{\pi^{2}}{6}\right)^{j} f_{2}(t) \text { if } i=k \\
-\alpha_{i k}\left[\frac{2}{\ell_{j}}{ }^{j} f_{3}(t)-{ }^{j} f_{2}(t)\right] & \text { if } i+k-\text { odd } \\
-\alpha_{i k}{ }^{j} f_{2}(t) & \text { if } i \neq k ; \quad i+k-\text { even }
\end{array}\right. \tag{3.11}
\end{gather*}
$$

in which:

$$
{ }^{j} h_{i}= \begin{cases}\frac{1}{i} \frac{2 \ell_{j} j_{1}(t)}{\pi} f_{1}(t) \quad i \text { - even }  \tag{3.12}\\ -\frac{1}{i}\left[\frac{4}{\pi}{ }_{j} f_{0}(t)+\frac{2 \ell_{j} j}{\pi} f_{1}(t)\right] & \text { if } i \text { - odd }\end{cases}
$$

and

$$
\delta_{j}^{i}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}
0 & \text { if } j=i  \tag{3.13}\\
1 & \text { if } j \neq i
\end{array} ; \quad \alpha_{i j}=i j\left[\frac{1}{(i-j)^{2}}+\frac{1}{(i+j)^{2}}\right] \quad i \neq j\right.
$$

After having determined the values of $w_{j}(j=3,5)$, we substitute them into the equations from (2.3) to (2.17) and easily get other unknowns, reaction components in the moving reference for example. A program based on the mentioned algorithm for evaluating condition of dynamic stability and periodic solutions of relative transverse vibration of connecting rods is introduced. It can also determine reaction components in the moving reference. It is written in FORTRAN 77, easily used for personal computer.

## 4. Numerical Simulation

The following data numerical calculations are given:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad c_{3 x}=c_{3 y}=c_{5 x}=c_{5 y}=10^{-6} \mathrm{~kg} /(\mathrm{mm} . \mathrm{s}) ; \alpha_{3 c}=\alpha_{5 c}=10^{-4} \mathrm{~s} ; J_{O_{2}}=18300 \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~mm}^{2} ; \\
& J_{O_{3}}=11500 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} ; \ell_{1}=270 \mathrm{~mm} ; \ell_{2}=55 \mathrm{~mm} ; \ell_{3}=259 \mathrm{~mm} ; \ell_{4}=200 \mathrm{~mm} ; \ell_{5}=258 \mathrm{~mm} ; \\
& \ell_{6}=220 \mathrm{~mm} ; \bar{\ell}_{1}=300 \mathrm{~mm} ; \bar{\ell}_{4}=200 \mathrm{~mm} ; s_{4}=118 \mathrm{~mm} ; s_{6}=113 \mathrm{~mm} ; \alpha_{4}=-0.15 ; \alpha_{6}=0 ; \\
& \beta_{4}=0.3 ; \theta=\bar{\theta}=0 \text {. The links } \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{BC} \text { and } \mathrm{O}_{3} D \text { have mass } 1.84 \mathrm{~kg} \text { and } 1.35 \mathrm{~kg} \text { respectively. }
\end{aligned}
$$

The connecting rods $A B$ and $C D$ made of steel have mass 0.165 kg and 0.163 kg respectively; elastic modules $E_{3}=E_{5}=21 \cdot 10^{7} \mathrm{~kg} \cdot \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-2}$, area of the cross section $F_{3}=10 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}, F_{5}=$ $9 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ and moment of inertia $J_{3}=J_{5}=4500 \mathrm{~mm}^{4}$.

Some of the results are shown in the table and figures 6 to 15 .

PHASE TRAJECTORY ( $I=1$ )


Fig. 6

## REACTION



Fig. 8

## REACTION



Fig. 10

PHASE TRAJECTORY $(I=5)$


Fig. 7

REACTION


Fig. 9

REACTION

Fig. 11

REACTION


Fig. 12

REACTION


Fig. 14

Fig. 19

REACTION


Fig. 15

After having determined condition of dynamic stability, the program evaluates the values of initial conditions and then determine the solution during a period.

Table 1 gives a comparison between the amplitudes of $\left.{ }^{j} q_{i}{ }^{i} t\right)(j=3,5 ; i=1, \ldots, 5)$ at the angular velocity $n=300$ rotations per minute.

Table 1. Maximum values of $\left|{ }^{j} q_{i}(t)\right|$ (unit: mm)

| Connecting | $I=1$ | $I=5$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rod | $q_{1}$ | $q_{1}$ | $q_{2}$ | $q_{3}$ | $q_{4}$ | $9_{5}$ |
| $\mathrm{AB}\left({ }^{3} q_{i}\right)$ | 0.40151 | 0.39812 | 0.05008 | 0.00162 | 0.00016 | 0.00013 |
| $\mathrm{CD}\left({ }^{5} q_{i}\right)$ | 0.14537 | 0.14541 | 0.01042 | 0.00060 | 0.00003 | 0.00005 |

Figures 6 and 7 show phase trajectories of variables ${ }^{3} q_{1}$ and ${ }^{5} q_{1}$ for $I=1$ and $I=5$ at the angular velocity $n=300$ rotations per minute. The horizontal represents ${ }^{j} q_{1}$ and the vertical ${ }^{j} \dot{q}_{1}$ $(j=3,5 ; i=1, \ldots, 5)$. The phase trajectory of the variable corresponding to rod AB labeled with symbol $\mathrm{AB}(3)$ is outside the phase trajectory of the variable corresponding to rod CD labeled with CD(5).

The fact that the phase trajectory is closed proves that the obtained solutions are periodic.

From table 1 and figures 6 and 7 we can see that the difference in value between ${ }^{j} q_{1}(t)$ for $I=1$ and $I=5(j=3,5)$ is negligible. As for $I=5$ the values of ${ }^{j} q_{k}(t)(j=3,5 ; k=2,3,4,5)$ obtained from table 1 are very small in comparison with ${ }^{j} q_{1}(t)$, for example $\frac{\max \left(\left|{ }^{j} q_{2}\right|\right)}{\max \left(\left|{ }^{j} q_{1}\right|\right)} \approx 1 \%$, $\frac{\max \left(\left.\right|^{j} q_{3} \mid\right)}{\max \left(\left|{ }^{j} q_{1}\right|\right)} \approx 0.4 \%$, the values of ${ }^{j} q_{4}$ and ${ }^{j} q_{5}$ are even much smaller. Similar results can be obtained for different values of angular velocity $n$. Therefore it is suggested finding the solution in the form: $w_{j}\left(x_{j}, t\right)={ }^{j} q(t) \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{\ell_{j}} x_{j}\right)(j=3,5)$.

Figures 8, 9, 10, 11 give responses of the reaction components $Y_{A}, Y_{B}, Y_{C}, Y_{D}$ along the direction $y_{i}$ in the moving reference ( $x_{i} y_{i}$ ) at articulations $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{D}$ respectively in case of taking elasticity in account. On the other hand $Y_{A_{0}}, Y_{B_{0}}, Y_{C_{0}}, Y_{D_{0}}$ denote the same quantities in case of neglecting elastic factors. The figures plotted during a period at the angular velocity $n=2400$ rotations per minute, show the effect of elasticity upon articulation reactions in the $y_{i}$ direction. Figures $12,13,14,15$ are similar with the figures $8,9,10,11$ but at the angular velocity $n=3000$ rotations per minutes. The difference in value between reaction components in the $x_{i}$ direction is negligible.

When evaluating the effect of elasticity upon articulation reactions we find that elasticity has little effect for $n<2000 \mathrm{rot} / \mathrm{min}$., the effect becomes significant for $n>2000 \mathrm{rot} / \mathrm{min}$. and very significant for $n>3000$ rot $/ \mathrm{min}$.. This result appears reasonable because the value of relative transverse vibration $w_{j}\left(x_{j}, t\right)$ also increases rapidly for $n>3000$ rot/min..

## 5. Conclusions

In this paper the substructure method and d'Alembert's principle have been applied to the derivation of differential equations of motion of a six-link mechanism, in which two connecting rods are elastic and the other links are solid. In case of uniform rotation of the driving link the generalized Ritz's method is used to transform the partial differential equations into ordinary differential equations with periodic coefficients.

A program for relative transverse vibration analysis of the connecting rods and for evaluation of reactions at joints has been written. Numerical examples are given, some remark on the obtained solutions as well as the evaluation of the effect of elasticity on joint reaction are made.

The presented method can be applied to any type of six-link mechanisms of the order 2 . It is also applicable to any mechanism as a combination of solid and elastic links.

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## TÍNH TOÁN BÀ̀NG SỐ DAO ĐộNG UỐN TUÀN HOÀN CỨA CÁC THANH TRUYÊN ĐÀN HỒ TRONG CO CẤU SÁU KHÂU BÅN LỀ

Trong bài báo này áp dụng phương pháp tách cẫu trúc và nguyên lý d'Alembert để thiết lập phương trình vi phân chuyển động cơ cấu của một dạng cơ cấu 6 khâu có hai thanh truyền là các thanh đàn hồi.

Trong trường hợp chuyển động bình ổn, áp dụng phương pháp Ritz suy rộng nhận được hệ phương trình vi phân tuyến tính hệ số tuần hoàn. Đã thiết lập đượ̛ chương trình tìm điều kiện ổn định và nghiệm tuần hoàn của hệ phương trình nhận được. Đã đưa ra ví dụ minh họa và có so sánh ảnh hưởng của yếu tố đàn hồi đới với phản lực cuà các khớp.

