

# VIBRATIONS AND EQUILIBRIUM OF THE PLANAR KINEMATIC CHAINS WITH ROTATIONAL KINEMATICAL LINKS WITH CLEARANCES

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*Abstract:* Based on our previous work in this paper we study the vibrations of a planar chain with rotational links with clearances. We also determined the matrix equation which leads to the equilibrium positions

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In our previous work we proved that general matrix equation of motion has the form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{m}] & [\mathbf{B}]^T \\ [\mathbf{B}] & [\mathbf{0}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \{\ddot{\mathbf{q}}\} \\ \{\mathbf{R}\} \end{bmatrix} \{\dot{\mathbf{q}}\} = \begin{bmatrix} \{\mathbf{F}\} \\ \{\dot{\mathbf{C}}\} - [\dot{\mathbf{B}}]\{\dot{\mathbf{q}}\} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.1)$$

The equilibrium equations are given by

$$\begin{cases} \{\mathbf{D}_k\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}, & \text{if } O_k \text{ is rotational kinematic joint without clearance} \\ \{\mathbf{D}_k\}^T \{\mathbf{D}_k\} - 1 = 0, & \text{if } O_k \text{ is rotational kinematic joint with clearance} \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

$$[\mathbf{B}]^T \{\mathbf{R}\} - \{\mathbf{F}\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}. \quad (1.3)$$

## 2. VIBRATIONS OF THE PLANAR SYSTEMS WITH ROTATIONAL KINEMATIC LINKS WITH CLEARANCES

### 2.1. Nonlinear vibrations.

The motion of the system relative to an equilibrium position, position defined by the generalized coordinates having the values  $q_i^0$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ , values obtained from the system (1.2), (1.3), is given by the equations (1.1) in which, if we make the substitution  $\{\mathbf{q}\} = \{\mathbf{q}^0\} + \{\mathbf{z}\}$ , one obtains the matrix equations  $[\mathbf{m}]\{\ddot{\mathbf{z}}\} + [\mathbf{B}]^T \{\mathbf{R}\} = \{\mathbf{F}\}$ ,  $[\mathbf{B}]\{\dot{\mathbf{z}}\} = \{\dot{\mathbf{C}}\} - [\dot{\mathbf{B}}]\{\dot{\mathbf{z}}\}$ . By numerical solving of this system, we obtain the time histories both of the displacements  $z_i = z_i(t)$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ , and of the reactions  $R_i = R_i(t)$ ,  $i = \overline{1, 2n_1 + n_2}$ .

### 2.2. Linear vibrations

In the case of the linear vibrations we make the development into the series of the functions  $[\mathbf{B}]$ ,  $\{\mathbf{F}\}$  and by

retaining only the linear terms and using the notations  $[\mathbf{B}_0] = [\mathbf{B}]_{q_i=q_i^0, i=1, n}$ ,  $[D\mathbf{B}_{i0}] = \frac{\partial[\mathbf{B}]}{\partial q_i} \Big|_{q_i=q_i^0, i=1, n}$ ,

$$\{\mathbf{F}_0\} = \{\mathbf{F}\}_{q_i=q_i^0, i=1, n}, \quad [D\mathbf{F}_{i0}] = \frac{\partial\{\mathbf{F}\}}{\partial q_i} \Big|_{q_i=q_i^0, i=1, n}, \quad \{\mathbf{R}\} = \{\mathbf{R}_0\} + \{\Delta\mathbf{R}\}, \quad [\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{i0}] = [D\mathbf{B}_{i0}]\{\mathbf{R}_0\},$$

$[\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0] = [\{\mathbf{B}_{10}\} \{\mathbf{B}_{20}\} \dots \{\mathbf{B}_{n0}\}]$ ,  $[D\mathbf{F}_0] = [\{D\mathbf{F}_{10}\} \{D\mathbf{F}_{20}\} \dots \{D\mathbf{F}_{n0}\}]$  in the conditions of the equality deduced from the equation (1.2)  $[\mathbf{B}_0]^T \{\mathbf{R}_0\} + \{\mathbf{F}_0\}$  one obtains the matrix equations

$$[\mathbf{m}]\{\ddot{\mathbf{z}}\} + [\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0]^T \{\mathbf{z}\} + [\mathbf{B}_0]\{\Delta\mathbf{R}\} = [D\mathbf{F}_0]\{\mathbf{z}\}, \quad [\mathbf{B}_0]\{\ddot{\mathbf{z}}\} = \{\dot{\mathbf{C}}\},$$

wherefrom, with the notation  $[\mathbf{K}] = [\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0] - [D\mathbf{F}_0] + [\mathbf{B}_0]^T [\mathbf{B}_0]^{-1} [\mathbf{B}_0]^T$ , we get the equalities

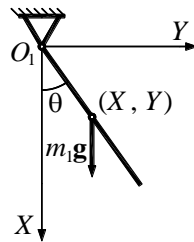
$$\{\Delta\mathbf{R}\} = [\mathbf{B}_0]^{-1} [\mathbf{B}_0]^T \{[\mathbf{B}_0]^{-1} [D\mathbf{F}_0]\{\mathbf{z}\} - [\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0]^T \{\mathbf{z}\} - \{\dot{\mathbf{C}}\}\},$$

$$[\mathbf{m}]\{\ddot{\mathbf{z}}\} + [\mathbf{K}]\{\mathbf{z}\} = [\mathbf{B}_0]^{-1} [\mathbf{B}_0]^T \{\dot{\mathbf{C}}\}.$$

The eigenpulsations for such a system are obtained from the  $n$ th degree equation in  $p^2$

$$\det([\mathbf{K}] - p^2[\mathbf{m}]) = 0, \quad (2.1)$$

equation that has  $n_1$  roots equal to zero, where  $n_1$  is the number of the constraint equations, number which is equal to the number of lines of the matrix  $[\mathbf{B}]$ .



**Fig.1.** Vibrations of the bar articulated at  $O$  acted only by its own weight

As example, for the vibrations of the homogenous bar articulated at  $O$ , of length  $2l$ , Fig.1, at which the equilibrium position corresponds to  $X = l$ ,  $Y = 0$ ,  $\theta = 0$ , one successively deduces

$$\text{the expressions } \{\mathbf{F}\} = \{\mathbf{F}_0\} = \begin{bmatrix} mg \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \{\mathbf{R}_0\} = \begin{bmatrix} mg \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mathbf{B}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & l \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & -l \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mathbf{B}_0] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -l \end{bmatrix},$$

$$[\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & mgl \end{bmatrix}, \quad [D\mathbf{F}_0] = [\mathbf{0}], \quad [\mathbf{K}] = \frac{mgl}{J_0} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & ml \\ 0 & 0 & J \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } J_0 = J + m l^2 \text{ and the equation (2.1)}$$

becomes 
$$\begin{vmatrix} -mp^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -mp^2 & \frac{m^2 l^2 g}{J_0} \\ 0 & 0 & J\left(-p^2 + \frac{m l g}{J_0}\right) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
 and, as easily can be seen, it has two roots equal

to zero and the third given by

$$p^2 = \frac{m l g}{J_0}. \quad (2.2)$$

In the general case, if we consider that the independent variables define the column matrix  $\{\mathbf{q}_1\}$ , and the dependent variables define the column matrix  $\mathbf{q}_2$ , then in the linear calculus when  $[\dot{\mathbf{B}}]\{\dot{\mathbf{q}}\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , keeping into account the diagonal form of the matrix  $[\mathbf{m}]$ , the system (1.1), can be brought to the form  $[\mathbf{m}_{11}]\{\ddot{\mathbf{q}}_1\} + [\mathbf{B}_1]^T \{\mathbf{R}\} = \{\mathbf{F}_1\}$ ,  $[\mathbf{m}_{22}]\{\ddot{\mathbf{q}}_2\} + [\mathbf{B}_2]^T \{\mathbf{R}\} = \{\mathbf{F}_2\}$  and from here, eliminating the matrices  $\{\ddot{\mathbf{q}}_1\}$ ,  $\{\mathbf{R}\}$  and using the matrices  $[\mathbf{m}_2^*] = [\mathbf{m}_{22}] + [\mathbf{B}_2]^T [\mathbf{B}_1]^{-1} [\mathbf{m}_{11}] [\mathbf{B}_1]^{-1} [x_2]$ ,  $[\mathbf{F}^*] = [\mathbf{B}_2]^T [\mathbf{B}_1]^{-1} [\mathbf{m}_{11}] [\mathbf{B}_1]^{-1} [\dot{\mathbf{C}}]$  we obtain the matrix equation

$$[\mathbf{m}_2^*]\{\ddot{\mathbf{q}}_2\} + [\mathbf{B}_2]^T [\mathbf{B}_1]^{-1} \{\mathbf{F}_1\} - \{\mathbf{F}_2\} = \{\mathbf{F}^*\}. \quad (2.3)$$

For the system drawn in Fig. 6.1 we successively obtain the expressions  $[\mathbf{m}_{11}] = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$[\mathbf{m}_{22}] = J, \quad [\mathbf{B}_1] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mathbf{B}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} l \sin \theta \\ -l \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \{\mathbf{F}_1\} = \begin{bmatrix} m g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \{\mathbf{F}_2\} = 0$$
 and the equation (2.3)

becomes  $J_0 \ddot{\theta} + m g \theta = 0$  and from here we obtain the eigenpulsation given by the relation (2.2).

### 3. EQUILIBRIUM OF THE PLANAR SYSTEMS WITH ROTATIONAL KINEMATICAL JOINTS WITH CLEARANCES

The equilibrium equations are obtained from the equalities (1.1), and from the equations  $\begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{m}] & [\mathbf{B}]^T \\ [\mathbf{B}] & [\mathbf{0}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \{\ddot{\mathbf{q}}\} \\ \{\mathbf{R}\} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \{\mathbf{F}\} \\ \{\dot{\mathbf{C}}\} - [\dot{\mathbf{B}}]\{\dot{\mathbf{q}}\} \end{bmatrix}$  in which  $\{\ddot{\mathbf{q}}\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ ,  $\{\dot{\mathbf{q}}\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and they write in the form (1.2) and (1.3).

Thus, for a system with  $n$  elements,  $n_1$  rotational kinematical joints without clearance and  $n_2$  rotational kinematical joints with joints, one obtains  $2n_1 + n_2 + 3n$  equations ( $2n_1 + n_2$  equations from (1.1) and  $3n$  equations from (1.2)) with  $2n_1 + n_2 + 3n$  unknowns, name them:  $2n_1$  reactions for the kinematical joints without clearance,  $n_2$  reactions for the kinematical joints with clearance and  $3n$  kinematical parameters of the type  $X_i, Y_i, \theta_i, i = \overline{1, n}$ , for the  $n$  elements. By solving the system of equations (1.1), (1.2), we determine the values of the generalized coordinates  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{3n}$ , and the reactions generically denoted by  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ ,

$\lambda_{2n_1+n_2}$ , values that correspond to the equilibrium positions.

In the case when the matrix of the forces  $\{\mathbf{F}\}$  does not depend on the coordinates  $X_i, Y_i, i = \overline{1, n}$ , then the matrix equation (1.2), using the expressions  $[\mathbf{E}_k^{(i)}] = [\cos \alpha_k \sin \alpha_k - x_k^{(i)} \sin(\theta_i - \alpha_k) - y_k^{(i)} \cos(\theta_i - \alpha_k)]$  for the matrices  $[\mathbf{E}_k^{(i)}]$  separates in  $3n$  equations with  $n + 2n_1 + 2n_2$  unknowns ( $n$  angular parameters  $\theta_i$ ,  $2n_1$  reactions in the kinematical joints without clearance,  $n_2$  reactions in the kinematical joints with clearance and  $n_2$  angular parameters  $\alpha_k$ ).

For open kinematical chains there exists the relation  $n = n_1 + n_2$  and, as a consequence, for these, the equilibrium position can be determined from the matrix equation (1.2).

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the differential matrix equation of motion, we obtained the equations of the vibrations for a planar chain with rotational linkages with clearances. This equation is treated both in the nonlinear case as well as in the linear case. We also determined the equilibrium positions.

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