Dynamics of Pneumatic Tyres and Linear Operators

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Constructive elements of the tyre:

- 1.Protector;
- 2.Bandage;
- 3.Steelcordbelt layers;
- 4. Textilecordgaskets;
- 5.Innerlayer;
- 6.Sidebands;
- 7.Foiltape;
- 8.Steelring;
- 9.Sideprotectivetape.

Basic tyre elements – carcass and breaker – are made of the cord-based composite.

The complexities of the tyre mathematical modeling depend on many factors:

physical and chemical properties of the materials;

constructive characteristics of tyres, e.g. the ratio between height and width of the tyre profile;

the tyre cross-section form;

the mixed-layer carcass cord and breaker threads intersection angle; additional safety cameras, i.e. autonomous closed cavities; etc.



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In the previous works the authors considered the tyre as elastic ring in the simplified model or as multi-layer shell made of different materials in more complex model.



The complexity of the problem defines the solution's methods, that are mainly numerical methods, such as FEM, method of local variations and finite differences method.

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Thus the stress tensor is determined by all the strain history. The radius-vector \vec{x} expresses the dependence of the operator on the material points coordinates (i.e. the non-homogeneity of the homogenous material and discontinuity of the material functions). Moreover in order to take into account the "destructions" accumulated in the material under tyre exploitation and interaction with the environment we use the macro-object $\tilde{\chi}$ "Defect" introduced by A.A. Il'ushin in [2]. 2. A. A. Ilushin and B. E. Pobedria. Mathematical fundamentals of thermoviscoelastic theory. Moscow: Nauka, 1970. (russian).

This object is the operator reflecting stress process $\chi_{ij} = \check{\Phi}_{ij}(\tilde{\sigma}, \mathcal{T}, \vec{x}).$ Now using the strain tensor instead of stress one we obtain $\chi_{ij} = \check{\chi}_{ij}(\tilde{\varepsilon}, \mathcal{T}, \vec{x}).$ Assume also that the defining relations can be resolved with respect to strain tensor components: $\varepsilon_{ij} = \check{K}_{ij}(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\chi}, \mathcal{T}, \vec{x}).$

Here \check{K}_{ij} is tensor mutually inverse with \check{F}_{ij} .

So, the material structure senescence is important for this mathematical model.

There exist several models used for phenomenological description of this senescence [3-4].

It seems natural to introduce the moment strains μ^{ij} in addition to the usual Piola ones for the polar or Cosserat [5] medium.

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and rotation vector gradient (bending-torsion tensor) [7] κ_{ij} . The motion moment and kinetic moment postulates imply the continuum motion equations:

$$\begin{split} \rho \frac{d^2 u^j}{dt^2} &= \rho f^j + \nabla_i \rho^{ij}, \\ J \frac{d^2 \omega^j}{dt^2} &= J \mathcal{M}^j + \nabla_i \mu^{ij} + \epsilon^{jkl} \rho_{kl} / \sqrt{g}. \end{split}$$

7. R. de Wit. Continuum Theory of Dislocations. Moscow: Mir, 1977. (russian).

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also includes the initial conditions for $t = t_0$: $T = T^0$, $u^j = U_0^j$, $\frac{du^j}{dt} = V_0^j$, $\omega^j = \Omega_0^j$, $\varphi^j = \Phi_0^j$;

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 $\Lambda^{ij}\nabla_j Tn_i|_{\Sigma} = \eta(T|_{\Sigma} - T_c^0).$

Hence, we reduce the problem to solution of seven differential equations under the given initial and boundary conditions.

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We introduce the geometrical scaling parameter α and "fast"coordinates ς^i which we use together with the usual Lagrange "slow"coordinates ξ^i .

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Note that only the zero approximation element of each of these sequences is a non-linear problem. All the successive elements of both of the sequences are linear.

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