KINEMATICS OF TWO LINK MANIPULATOR IN MATLAB/SIMULINK AND MSC ADAMS/VIEW SOFTWARE

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The paper deals with the kinematic analysis of a manipulator mechanism. The matrix method of kinematic analysis is used for the solution. The robot's mechanism is an open kinematic chain. The vector of position, velocity and acceleration is determined. The problem is solved using Matlab and MSC Adams / View. The Matlab program is used to solve kinematics equations in symbolic form. Computer software reduces the design time and also brings economic benefits. Conditions are being created for faster research and the creation of new mechanical systems gradually appearing in the production area. Computer simulation can also serve an educational purpose and giving additional information about the mechanical systems through simulation and kinematic analysis.

KEYWORDS

Matlab, Simulink, computer simulation, kinematics, symbolic form, matrix method

1 INTRODUCTION

The objective of the kinematic analysis of bound mechanical systems is to determine the relationship between the coordinates of the driven kinematic pairs and the coordinates of the drives. to determine the appropriate velocities and accelerations and to investigate the motion of its significant points and members of the analyzed system.

Mechanisms of industrial robots and manipulators are composed of bodies which form different kinds of kinematic chains. In most cases these mechanisms represent open or mixed kinematic chains. Two bodies of a kinematic chain mutually interconnected so that their mobility to each other is limited, form a kinematic pair. According to kind of kinematic bond in a kinematic pair the kinematic chains are composed of translational or rotational kinematic pairs. This subject is addressed by authors in papers [Delyova 2014, Frankovsky 2013, Gmiterko 2010, Hroncova 2012, 2014, Xiong 2018, Serrano 2015].

We use analytical, graphical, and experimental methods in kinematic analysis of mechanisms. Many analytical methods are based on different areas of mathematics. They provide the best accuracy in determination of the investigated parameters at each instant of the operation of the mechanism. The intensive progress of computers extends the application of analytical methods [Bozek 2014, Kelemenova 2016] and the use of computers in presenting the results of the calculation visually on a screen or paper largely eliminates the shortcomings of analytical methods resulting from the lack of clarity of obtained results.

2 ANALYTICAL METHODS

Analytical methods are based on the use of methods of analytical geometry, tensor and matrix calculus, complex variables and other areas of mathematics. These methods are connected with coordinate systems and lead to scalar equations for the investigated quantities [Brat 1981, Garcia 2015, Stejskal 1996].

One of the methods used in the kinematic analysis of mechanisms is the vector method, which allows solving problems in an explicit form, which eliminates the need to solve algebraic equations of high degrees. The method describes the kinematic scheme of the mechanism by vector polygons. From these we can compile equations that solve the problem of position. Subsequently, we can get the equations to determine velocity and acceleration. The position of individual members is expressed with vectors. The beginning and end of the vector is in the kinematic bonds. The vector shapes that characterize the mechanism change with motion but remain closed. The condition of closure, formulated by vectors, allows by suitable projection into the coordinate axes obtain the necessary scalar geometric relations between the coordinates of individual members. Equations for velocity are obtained as their time derivations. The equation for acceleration is obtained by further derivation. If we want to investigate the motion of a point of a member of the mechanism, we express its position vector as the sum of the position vectors of the members that enclose this vector pattern.

Graphical methods are based on the direct geometric construction of the paths of motion of the most characteristic points of the members of plane mechanisms and their kinematic quantities. The drawing shows the shape of these paths, the angles between the members and the configuration of the mechanism at a certain instant, the relationships between velocities and accelerations of different points (of course with errors, inherent in geometric construction). Graphical methods make possible to visualize the movement of members of planar mechanisms and their significant points. They are used to solve spatial mechanisms less frequently.

Experimental methods are based on the measurement of various motion parameters during the operation of real mechanisms or their models. The combination of computer technology with measuring instruments expands the possibilities of application of experimental methods in kinematics. It makes possible the measurement of rapidly changing motion parameters and increases the accuracy of the measurements [Kurylo 2018, Papacz 2018].

Matrix methods are often the most efficient for compilation of general algorithms for analysis of kinematic and force quantities of mechanisms of different configuration. Matrix notation is compact, illustrative, it is suitable for use in a computer environment. It allows an easy transition from symbolic equations to scalar equations and is suitable for numerical methods used on a computer. The theory of simple open kinematic chains has a direct application in the kinematic analysis of various manipulators and robots, which are often formed by these chains. We decompose the motion of two members bound by a lower kinematic pair into a finite number of basic motions [Abramov 2014]. The kinematic diagram of one of these manipulators is shown in Fig. 1 [Brat 1981].

3 MODEL OF A TWO-MEMBER RR MANIPULATOR

The mechanical system of the two-member manipulator representing the open kinematic chain is composed of two members 1 and 2 and a base 0 according to Fig. 1.



Figure 1. Two-member robotic arm on mobile chassis

The two-member robotic arm is considered in the shape shown in Fig.2.



Figure 2. Two-member robotic arm on fixed frame

The member 1 of length I_1 rotates around the axis $z_0 \equiv z_1$ by an angle φ_1 and the member 2 of length I_2 rotates around the axis z_2 by an angle φ_2 (Fig.3). It is necessary to investigate the absolute motion of the member 2 and its point M and to determine the position vector \mathbf{r}_{0M} , the position of the point M with respect to the base 0, to express the velocity \mathbf{v}_{0M} and the acceleration \mathbf{a}_{0M} of the point M with respect to the base 0 using the matrix method of basic motions.



Figure 3. R-R mechanical system with 2° of freedom

We introduce the coordinate systems in individual members according to Fig. 3. Movement of member 1 with respect to base 0 is only rotational, coordinate system O_1, x_1, y_1, z_1 of member 1 is rotated with respect to coordinate system of the base O_0, x_0, y_0, z_0 by angle ϕ_1 around axis $z_0 \equiv z_1$, where $\phi_1 = \phi_1(t)$. The coordinate system O_2, x_2, y_2, z_2 of member 2 is shifted by the value I_1 in the

direction of the axis x₁ and rotated by an angle ϕ_2 around the axis z₂. The length of member 2 is I_2 and we investigate the absolute motion of point M, which is located at its end with respect to base 0. The generalized coordinate of the rotational motion of member 1 is $q_1 = \phi_1$ and the generalized coordinate of the rotational motion of member 2 is $q_2 = \phi_2$. We express the motion of member 2 by basic decomposition to the reference point M. In general, we express it in the form:

$$n:1=n:(n-1)+(n-1):(n-2)+...+2:1,$$

where n - denotes the number of members.

4 MATRIX METHOD

We look for the position, velocity and acceleration of the point M of member 2. Then the frame motion of this member is determined by the motion of point M and is expressed by the basic decomposition to the reference point M and described by the equation:

$$r_{0M} = \prod_{i=0}^{1} T_{i,i+1} \cdot r_{2M} \tag{1}$$

Relative spherical motion is described by a transformation matrix:

$$T_{02} = \prod_{i=0}^{1} T_{i,i+1} \tag{2}$$

We denote the transformation matrices between individual coordinate systems in kinematic pairs using transformation matrices of basic motions. Matrix equation of the trajectory of the point M with respect to the coordinate system of the base 0:

$$r_{0M} = T_{02}.r_{2M} \tag{3}$$

where matrix **T**₀₂:

$$T_{02} = T_{01}.T_{12} \tag{4}$$

The transformation between the coordinate system of member 1 and the base 0 is described by matrix T_{01} :

$$T_{01} = T_{Z6}(\varphi_1)$$
(5)

The transformation between the coordinate system of member 2 and member 1 is described by matrix T_{12} :

$$T_{12} = T_{Z6}(\varphi_2)T_{Z1}(l_1) \tag{6}$$

Extended vector of position of point M in body space 2:

$$r_{2M} = \begin{bmatrix} l_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(7)

The shape of the matrices results from the type of bond:

$$T_{Z6}(\phi_1) = \begin{bmatrix} c\phi_1 & -s\phi_1 & 0 & 0\\ s\phi_1 & c\phi_1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(8)

$$T_{Z6}(\phi_2) = \begin{bmatrix} c\varphi_2 & -s\varphi_2 & 0 & 0\\ s\varphi_2 & c\varphi_2 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(9)

$$T_{Z1}(l_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & l_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(10)

$$T_{12} = T_{Z6}(\varphi_2)T_{Z1}(l_1) = \begin{bmatrix} c\varphi_2 & -s\varphi_2 & 0 & l_1 \cdot c\varphi_2 \\ s\varphi_2 & c\varphi_2 & 0 & l_1 \cdot s\varphi_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(11)

Position vector \mathbf{r}_{0M} of point M of member 2 in the coordinate system of the base 0 using basic matrices:

$$r_{0M} = T_{Z6}(\varphi_1) \cdot T_{Z6}(\varphi_2) \cdot T_{Z1}(l_1) \cdot r_{2M}$$
(12)

The resulting transformation matrix T_{02} of motion 2:0 is after calculation in Matlab [Hroncova 2019] , [Karban 2006]:

```
T02 = [\cos(q1) \cos(q2) - \sin(q1) \sin(q2),
-cos(q1)*sin(q2)-cos(q2)*sin(q1),0,
l1*cos(q1)*cos(q2)-l1*sin(q1)*sin(q2)]
[cos(q1)*sin(q2)+cos(q2)*sin(q1),
cos(q1)*cos(q2)-sin(q1)*sin(q2),0,
l1*cos(q1)*sin(q2)+l1*cos(q2)*sin(q1)]
    Ο,
           Ο,
               1,
                       0]
[
[
     Ο,
           Ο,
                 Ο,
                       1] ]
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Position vector \mathbf{r}_{OM} of point M with respect to the basic coordinate system:

$$r_{0M} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{0M} \\ y_{0M} \\ z_{0M} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(14)

Where the position vector $\boldsymbol{r}_{\text{OM}}$ components are:

 $x_{0M} = (\cos(\varphi_1)\cos(\varphi_2) \cdot \sin(\varphi_1)\sin(\varphi_2))l_2 + \cos(\varphi_1)\cos(\varphi_2)l_1 \cdot \sin(\varphi_1)\sin(\varphi_2)l_1$

 $y_{0M} = (\sin(\varphi_1)\cos(\varphi_2) + \cos(\varphi_1)\sin(\varphi_2))l_2 +$ $\sin(\varphi_1)\cos(\varphi_2)l_1 + \cos(\varphi_1)\sin(\varphi_2)l_1$

 $z_{0M}=0$

The resulting position vector of point M \mathbf{r}_{OM} of motion 2:0 in symbolic form from Matlab:

```
r0M=(cos(q1)*cos(q2)-sin(q1)*sin(q2))*12
+cos(q1)*cos(q2)*11-sin(q1)*sin(q2)*11;
(sin(q1)*cos(q2)+cos(q1)*sin(q2))*12+sin(q1)*cos
(q2)*11+cos(q1)*sin(q2)*11;
0;
1;
```

The magnitude of the position vector \mathbf{r}_{1M} of point M:

$$|r_{0M}| = \sqrt{x_{0M}^2 + y_{0M}^2 + z_{0M}^2};$$
(15)

The magnitude of position vector \mathbf{r}_{OM} in symbolic form according to Matlab:

```
r_0M =((l2*(cos(q1)*sin(q2) + cos(q2)*sin(q1)) +
l1*cos(q1)*sin(q2) + l1*cos(q2)*sin(q1))^2 +
(l2*(cos(q1)*cos(q2) - sin(q1)*sin(q2)) +
l1*cos(q1)*cos(q2) -
l1*sin(q1)*sin(q2))^2)^(1/2)
```

Time derivative of the position vector \mathbf{r}_{0M} gives the velocity vector v_{0M} of the point M with respect to the coordinate system of the base O_0, x_0, y_0, z_0 . Velocity vector \mathbf{v}_{0M} :

$$v_{0M} = \dot{r}_{0M} = \begin{bmatrix} v_{x0M} \\ v_{y0M} \\ v_{z0M} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(16)

Velocity vector $\boldsymbol{v}_{1\mathsf{M}}$ and its components in symbolic form from Matlab:

```
vx0M = -l1*(omegal*cos(omegal*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omegal*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
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omega2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t)) -
l2*(omega1*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega1*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
omega2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t))
vyOM = l1*(omega1*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) +
omega2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) -
omega1*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) -
omega2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)) +
l2*(omega1*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) +
omega2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) -
omega1*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) -
omega1*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) -
omega1*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) -
omega2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t))
vzOM = 0
```

The magnitude of velocity v_{1M} of the point M:

$$|v_{0M}| = \sqrt{v_{x0M}^2 + v_{y0M}^2 + v_{z0M}^2}$$
(17)

The magnitude of velocity vector \mathbf{v}_{OM} in symbolic form according to Matlab:

```
v OM=((l1*(omega1*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega1*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
omega2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t)) +
12*(omega1*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega1*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
omega2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t)))^2 +
(l1*(omega1*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) +
omega2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) -
omega1*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) -
omega2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)) +
12*(omega1*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) +
omega2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) -
omega1*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) -
mega2*sin(mega1*t)*sin(mega2*t)))^2)^(1/2)
```

Time derivative of the velocity vector \mathbf{v}_{0M} gives the acceleration vector \mathbf{a}_{0M} of the point M with respect to the coordinate system of the base O_0, x_0, y_0, z_0 . Acceleration vector \mathbf{a}_{0M} :

$$a_{0M} = \dot{v}_{0M} = \ddot{r}_{0M} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{x0M} \\ a_{y0M} \\ a_{z0M} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
(18)

Acceleration vector \boldsymbol{a}_{1M} of point M and its components in symbolic form from Matlab:

```
axOM= -11*(omega1^2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t)+
omega2^2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) -
omega1^2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) -
omega2^2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) -
2*omega1*omega2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)) -
12*(omega1^2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) +
omega2^2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) -
omega1^2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)
omega2^2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) -
2*omega1*omega2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t))
ayOM= -11*(omega1^2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)+
omega1^2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
omega2^2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega2^2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t)) -
12*(omega1^2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega1^2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
omega2^2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
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omega2^2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t))

azOM = 0

The magnitude of the acceleration $a_{1\mathsf{M}}$ of the point M is obtained by:

$$|a_{0M}| = \sqrt{a_{x0M}^2 + a_{y0M}^2 + a_{z0M}^2}$$
(19)

The magnitude of acceleration vector \mathbf{a}_{OM} in symbolic form according to Matlab:

```
a OM=((l1*(omega1^2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)+
omega1^2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
omega2^2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)
omega2^2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t)) +
12*(omega1^2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
omega1^2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t) +
omega2^2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)
omega2^2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t)
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega2*t)*sin(omega1*t)))^2
+ (11*(omega1^2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) +
omega2^2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t)
omega1^2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)
omega2^2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t) +
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t)
2*omega1*omega2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)) +
12*(omega1^2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) +
omega2^2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t)
omega1^2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)
omega2^2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)
2*omega1*omega2*cos(omega1*t)*cos(omega2*t) -
2*omega1*omega2*sin(omega1*t)*sin(omega2*t)))^2)
^(1/2)
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Graphical representation of the quantities obtained by the matrix method are in the next part of the paper.

5 GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

The resulting values of kinematics parameters obtained from simulations are processed in Matlab. The graphs of kinematic parameters displacement, velocity and acceleration of the end effector are shown next.

Individual quantities in graphic form are shown for the values $\omega_{01}{=}0.35$ (rad/s), $\omega_{12}{=}0.35$ (rad/s):



Figure 4. Trajectory components of point M



Figure 5. Components of the velocity of point M



Figure 6. Components of the acceleration of point M

6 THE INVERSE KINEMATICS

Inverse kinematics refers to the reverse process. Given the desired location of the end point L of the robotic arm, we need to determine what the angles of rotation of the joints should be so that the end point L is placed at the desired position. There is usually more than one solution as shown in Fig. 7.



Figure 7. Initial and final position of the point L

This is a typical problem in robotics that must be solved to control the movement of the robotic arm to perform the tasks we require. In a two-dimensional space with two members L_1 and L_2 bound by rotational bonds and with respect to the desired coordinate system of the endpoint L the problem is reduced to find two angles. The first angle θ_1 between the first arm and the base (or whatever is attached to it). The second angle θ_2 between the first arm and the second arm. From the equations determining the coordinates of the position of the endpoint L_0 :

$$x_L = L_1 \cos\theta_1 + L_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \tag{20}$$

$$y_L = L_1 \sin\theta_1 + L_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \tag{21}$$

we calculate the angles in the initial position x_{L0} and y_{L0} . This represents two equations with two unknowns θ_1 and θ_2 . We proceed in the same way for the end position of the point $L_{tf}\,x_{Ltf}$ and y_{Ltf} .

7 THE FORWARD KINEMATICS

The two-arm robot model shown in the Fig. 3 consists of two members of length L_1 and L_2 which are connected by one rotational kinematic pair to the frame and are connected to each other by a second rotational kinematic pair. The drives are mounted in rotational kinematic pairs. The angle of rotation in kinematic pairs is denoted by angles θ_1 and θ_2 . When solving the forward kinematics problem we determine the position of the endpoint L described by equations (20) and (21):

Knowing the values of both angles we determine the position of the endpoint. During the motion of the manipulator with arms with lengths L₁ = 0.4 meters and L₂ = 0.3 meters, with the values θ_{10} =-19°, θ_{1fin} =43°, θ_{20} =44°, θ_{2fin} =151° in Fig. 7 is the position of the trajectory during the movement shown in Fig. 8.



Figure 8. Trajectory of the point M

Illustration of the position of the endpoint at different combinations of the angles θ_1 and θ_2 are shown in Fig.9.



Figure 9. Coordinates x-y for different combinations of θ_1 and θ_2

The angles θ_1 and θ_2 with known trajectory (Fig. 8) of the end point L is shown in Fig. 10.



Figure 10. Rotations θ_1 and θ_2 , angular velocities ω_1 and ω_2 and angular accelerations α_1 and α_2

During the motion of the manipulator with arms with lengths $L_1=0.4$ meters and $L_2=0.3$ meters with the values $\theta_{10}=0^\circ$, $\theta_{1fin}=180^\circ$, $\theta_{20}=-90^\circ$, $\theta_{2fin}=270^\circ$ the position of point L is shown in Fig. 11.





Illustration of the position of the endpoint at different combinations of the angles θ_1 and θ_2 are shown in Fig.12.



Figure 12. Coordinates x-y for different combinations of θ_1 and θ_2

The angles θ_1 and θ_2 with known trajectory (Fig. 11) of the end point L is shown in Fig. 13.

Using SimMechanics in the Matlab/Simulink with the inverse dynamic problem we obtain driving torques τ_1 a τ_2 (Fig.14) in respective joints of the manipulator (Fig.3). Maximum torque magnitudes are $\tau_1 = 2,7784$ Nm and $\tau_2 = 0,6901$ Nm.



Figure 13. Rotations θ_1 and θ_2 , angular velocities ω_1 and ω_2 and angular accelerations α_1 and α_2



Figure 14. Torques τ_1 and τ_2 in joints of member 1 and 2

The block diagram in SimMechanics for calculation of these torques is in (Fig.15).



Figure 15. SimMechanics block diagram for determining torques τ_1 and τ_2 in joints of member 1 and 2

Verification of the accuracy of the calculation is possible by substituting the obtained results into the forward problem. The respective block diagram in SimMechanics is shown in Fig. 16.



Figure 16. SimMechanics block diagram for determining the angular motion produced by torques τ_1 and τ_2 in joints of member 1 and 2

The IC (Initial Conditions) blocks define the values of the angles at the beginning of the motion.

8 SOFTWARE SIMULATION

MSC Adams uses an object-oriented programming environment with animated simulation. It simulates complex mechanical systems with more degrees of freedom. Models are defined directly by the geometry of individual bodies and their kinematic bonds, driving forces and motion generators. The analyzed robot model (Fig. 1) is next simulated in the MSC Adams / View software.

Our goal is to describe the movement of the end effector. The previous parts of the paper were also devoted to solving the forward problem of kinematics [Hunady 2019].



Figure 17. MSC Adams/View model and the trajectory of the basket during the simulation

We write the dynamic equations of motion in the form:

$$M(\theta)\ddot{\theta} + V(\theta,\dot{\theta}) + G(\theta) = \tau$$
⁽²²⁾

where

 τ – the vector of actuator torques, M(θ) – the inertia matrix, $V(\theta, \dot{\theta})$ – the Coriolis centripetal vector and G(θ) – the gravity vector.

Equation (22) in our case represents a system of two 2nd order differential equations.

A reliable computation of the respective mechanical quantities is essential in design of mechanisms. These quantities then allow for further scaling of the individual parts of the mechanism. Graphs of kinematic quantities shown in Fig. 18 to Fig. 21.



Figure 18. Position of the gripper's center of gravity a) x_{M} , b) y_{M} , c) $\left| r_{M} \right|$







Figure 20. Acceleration of the gripper's center of gravity a) a_{XM} , b) a_{YM} , c) $|a_M|$



Figure 21. The torques τ_1 , τ_2 and τ_3 in bonds

The postprocessing is an integral part of computer modeling. It serves for creating, processing, modifying and presenting simulation results in the form of graphs. In the postprocessor we can display the model at any instant of the simulation, we can export the simulation process in a video format. The simulation results can be viewed also as numerical values in a tabular form or displayed in graphs.

9 CONCLUSIONS

We presented the procedure for analysis of the kinematic problem of the mechanism in Matlab using the matrix method and in MSC Adams/View software. MSC Adams/View is used for the simulation of motion of complex mechanical systems.

A significant advantage of computer simulation is the possibility of immediate visualization of various variants of the model and analysis of the impact of any changes on the function of the model. Simulation verifies and reports possible collisions of model elements and displays the information about the chosen indicators on the screen. This gives a better understanding of the function of the model and verifies its functionality. Interactive simulation and visualization make this process even more comfortable and more effective. Immediate visualization gives feedback of the effect of potential changes of the model. The model is solved numerically. The results are obtained in the form of diagrams. This methodology provides a suitable tool for solving problems of teaching and practice.

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