THE DYNAMIC OF MATERIAL PARTICLE MOVEMENT ON VIBRATING 2D AND 3D MODELED SIEVES IN CAD SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper are presented aspects concerning the dynamic of material particle movement on sieves for cleaning and sorting. In the first part of the paper there is a short classification of the sieve types used for the cleaning machines, graphically 2D and 3D exemplified, by using CAD systems. In the second part of the paper are emphasized the three movement steps of the material particle on sieves, the second one being given by the elastic particle movement on the vibrating plane described by differential equations.

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1. The sieves types of the cleaning and sorting systems

In order to separate the material particles in the cleaning and sorting machines, we can use sieves classified according to several criteria [1]:

- **by geometric shape:** plane and cylindrical;
- **by the orifices shape:** with rectangular orifices (Fig. 1-a, b); with circular orifices (Fig. 2-a, b); with triangular orifices (Fig. 3-a, b);

Fig. 1 Sieves with rectangular orifices 2D modeling using AutoCAD (a) and 3D modeling using CATIA (b)
- **by the movement type**: with oscillating movement, with vibrating movement, with rotation movement, and fixed;
- **by destination**: for big impurities separating; for separating cleaned particles of the principal culture in fractions;
- **by the surface state**: with smooth surface; with wavy surface, the orifices for plate, particles separation being made on the undulations bottom;
- **from construction point of view**: made of perforated (stamped) iron plate; made of wire knitting.

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**Fig.2** Sieves with circular orifices 2D modeling using AutoCAD (a) and 3D modeling using CATIA (b)

**Fig.3** Sieves with triangular orifices 2D modeling using AutoCAD (a) and 3D modeling using CATIA (b)
The sieves working process implies the material particle mass moving, distributed in a uniform layer on the sieves surface and material particle separation through the sieves orifices with smaller dimension than the sieves orifices dimension. Following the sieves action, the material particle mass is divided in two fractions:

- the fractions which flow from the sieves are made up of material particle with bigger dimensions than the sieves orifices dimensions;
- the part which passes through the sieves made up of material particles with smaller dimensions than the sieves orifices ones.

The main forms orifices used at the sieves for cleaning and sorting material particles are rectangular and circular.

In figure 1-a is represented surface of sieve made of perforated iron plate with smooth surface with rectangular orifices set in straight rows. The rectangular orifices are determined by two dimensions: the width and length. The working orifices dimension is its width \( \text{a} \) (Fig. 1-a) and these are set on the sieves surface with their length parallel with the moving direction of the material on the sieve.

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Starting from 2D models realized in AutoCAD (Fig. 1-a, Fig. 2-a, Fig. 3-a) we will achieve, by using CATIA Part Design, 3D modeling of the sieves with rectangular orifices set in straight rows (Fig. 1-b), with circular orifices (Fig. 2-b) and with triangular orifices (Fig. 3-b). For their modeling the following commands have been used: Sketch, Pad and Pocket [2, 4].

In figure 2-a is represented the surface of sieve made of perforated iron plate with smooth surface with circular orifices. The circular orifices are characterized by a single dimension and they can better stop the passing of the seeds than the circular orifices diameter. The working dimension of the circular orifice is its diameter \( \text{d} \) (Fig. 2-a).

In conclusion, the sieves with rectangular orifices separate the material – in accordance with the material particle thickness, and the sieves with circular orifices – in accordance with width.

In figure 3-a is represented surface of sieve made of perforated iron plate with smooth surface with triangular orifices. The triangular orifices (Fig. 3-a) are used to separate material particles with edges (buckwheat, sorrel, etc.). Their working dimension is the triangle edge \( \text{a} \). In order to separate the corn particles we use undulation sieves with rectangular and circular orifices being set on the undulation bottom – that favours the particle separation by guiding the flat particles from the sieve surface, to the orifices.

In the case of the cereals stalk harvesting, machines the cleaning systems of the sieves are of more types as for example:

- sieves from perforated plate with rectangular or circular orifices;
- sieves of Graepel type;
- sieves with adjustable, etc.

2. The steps of the material particle movement on sieve

The installations with vibrating sieves have been used more and more often recently, these having a more rational form of action of the working machine and a series of constructive advantages compared to the installations with oscillatory sieves. Taking this into consideration there are three steps of material particle movement on sieves [5, 7].

2.1 The first movement step

In this case, the particles of the first layer that are on the vibrating sieve, under the normal impulse action, defeat the joint resistance and so they move towards the second layer.

In the collision moment particles of the first layer, will send the rest of its energy to the particles of the second layer, and these, in their turn, will consume the received energy to defeat the resistance and to send the rest of energy towards the third layer and so on. During this particle movement the spaces among the cereal mass particles grow and so are created conditions of the penetration for the particles...
Fig. 4 The forces that act upon the material particle when colliding the vibrating surface with small dimensions and bigger specific weight on the surface of the vibrating sieves.

The particle penetration on the sieves surface is also favoured by the cavities which are made as a consequence of the particle separation through the orifices.

If the cereal layer is in the form of layers of balls, then we can obtain the following condition of the cereal mass breaking up:

$$\omega t \geq \frac{\sqrt{2gD}}{\pi \omega n} \frac{1 - k^n}{1 - k}$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

where:
- $g$ - gravitational acceleration;
- $D$ - material particles diameter;
- $k$ - restoring coefficient;
- $n$ - the material particle number on vertical which depends on the vibrating sieve loading (the layer height).

### 2.2 The second movement step

This step is given by the elastic particle movement on the vibrating plane and can be described by the following differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} 
\ddot{x} \sin \alpha - \omega^2 A_1 \cos(\omega t - \phi_0) - \frac{2(l - f)}{1 + f} \delta(t) = 0 \\
\ddot{y} \cos \alpha + \omega^2 A_1 \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) - \frac{2(l + k)}{1 - k} \delta(t) = 0 
\end{cases}$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

where:
- $\alpha$ - the inclination angle of the vibrating plane faced with the horizontal plane;
- $\omega$ - the vibration pulsation;
- $\phi_0$ - the initial phase;
- $l$ - the vibratory length;
- $f$ - the coefficient of instantaneous friction;
- $k$ - the restoring coefficient;
- $\delta(t)$ - the impulse function; at $t \neq 0$ $\Rightarrow \delta(t) = 0$, and at $t = 0$ $\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$.

The equations are written in accordance with fig. 4, where are pointed the forces that act upon the material particle when colliding the vibrating surface: the weight force of the P particle; the instantaneous reaction components of the plane, conditioned through the action of the impulses of normal pressure and friction $P_H$ and $T$; the forces of inertia in relative movement and of transport $F_r$ and $F_t$ [6].

By solving the differential equations (2) and taking into account the initial conditions, that is the conditions of the movement periodicity, we can find all the necessary elements for the material particle movement:

a) the phase of collision with vibrating plane:

$$\varphi = \arccos \left[ \frac{\pi \nu (l - k) \cos \alpha \times \frac{g}{\omega^2 A^2}}{l + k} \right]$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

where:
- $\nu$ - the frequency of the material particle collision with the sieve surface.

b) the phase of periodical movement restoring:

Fig. 4 The forces that act upon the material particle when colliding the vibrating surface

A_1, A_2 - the horizontal and vertical components of the vibration amplitude, in this case, $A_2 = A_1 \tan \beta$; $\phi_0$ - the initial phase; ($\beta$ - the direction angle of the vibrations); $t$ - the time; $f$ - the coefficient of instantaneous friction; $k$ - the restoring coefficient; $\delta(t)$ - the impulse function; at $t \neq 0$ $\Rightarrow \delta(t) = 0$, and at $t = 0$ $\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$. 

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& c) \text{ the angle of falling } j_u \text{ and of reflection } i_u:\ \\
& \quad j_u = \arctg \left( \frac{l + k}{1 - \varphi} \cdot \tan \alpha \right); \\
& \quad i_u = \arctg \left( \frac{l + k}{1 - k} \cdot \tan \alpha \right); \\
& d) \text{ the falling velocity } v_{cad}, \text{ the reflection velocity } v_{ref} \text{ and the travelling average speed } v_m:\ \\
& \quad v_{cad} = \frac{2\pi v^2 g}{\omega} \sqrt{\frac{\sin^2 \alpha \cdot \cos^2 \alpha}{(l - f)^2 (1 + k)^2}}; \\
& \quad v_{ref} = \frac{2\pi v^2 g}{\omega} \sqrt{\frac{f^2 \sin^2 \alpha \cdot k^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{(l - f)^2 (1 + k)^2}}; \\
& \quad v_m = \omega A_2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\pi^2 \omega^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{\tau_1^2} - \frac{g^2}{A_2^2 \omega^2}} \cdot \cot \beta + \frac{2\pi v \sin \alpha}{\tau_2} \cdot \frac{g}{A_2 \omega^2}; \\
& \quad \text{where:} \\
& \quad \tau_1 = \frac{2l + k}{l - k}; \\
& \quad \tau_2 = \frac{2l + f}{1 + f}. \\
& \end{align*} \]

\[ v_{cad} = \frac{2\omega A_2 \cos \varphi_y}{1 - k} \sqrt{\left( \frac{1 + k}{1 - f} \tan \alpha \right)^2 + 1} \]

\[ v_{ref} = \frac{2\omega A_2 \cos \varphi_y}{1 - k} \sqrt{\left( \frac{f \cdot 1 + k}{1 - f} \tan \alpha \right)^2 + k^2}; \]

\[ \begin{align*}
& e) \text{ the jumping distance:} \\
& \quad L = 2\pi v A_2 \cot \beta \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\pi^2 \omega^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{\tau_1^2} - \frac{g^2}{A_2^2 \omega^2} + \frac{2\pi v \sin \alpha}{\tau_2} \cdot \frac{g}{A_2 \omega^2}}; \\
& \quad \text{where:} \\
& \quad \tau_1 = \frac{2l + k}{l - k}; \\
& \quad \tau_2 = \frac{2l + f}{1 + f}. \\
& \end{align*} \]

\[ n_{orif} = \frac{2.86}{1 - \frac{0.85D}{d_{II} \sin j}} \]

\[ L_p = \frac{3.72d_{II}}{1 - \frac{0.85D}{d_{II} \sin j}} \]

2.3 The third movement step

Knowing the orifices disposing law and dimensions, the movement parameters of the material particles and of the vibrating sieve it is necessary to establish what number of orifices must meet the particles to penetrate into the orifice, what way the particles must following and how much time it takes the particles to do this.

According to the theory of probabilities we can find the number of orifices that assure the material particle penetration into the sieve orifices:

\[ \text{In the periodical conditions of movement:} \]

\[ v_{cad} = \frac{2\omega A_2 \cos \varphi_y}{1 - k} \sqrt{\left( \frac{1 + k}{1 - f} \tan \alpha \right)^2 + 1} \]

\[ v_{ref} = \frac{2\omega A_2 \cos \varphi_y}{1 - k} \sqrt{\left( \frac{f \cdot 1 + k}{1 - f} \tan \alpha \right)^2 + k^2}; \]

The step of the particle movement on the vibrating sieve ends when the material particles penetrate into orifice [1, 8].
\[ t = \frac{3.72d_H}{\omega A_2 \left( 1 - \frac{0.85D}{d_H \sin j} \right)^2 \left( \sin \varphi \cdot \cot \beta + \frac{\tau_1}{\tau_2} \cos \varphi \cdot \tg \alpha \right)} \]  

(16)

In the general case of vibration according to elliptical law, the condition that assures the material particle penetration through orifice has the following value:

\[ \omega \leq \frac{\left( \arcsin \frac{x_a'}{A_1} - \arcsin \frac{x_a}{A_1} \right) g \cos \alpha}{-v_n \sin j + \sqrt{v_n^2 \sin^2 j + (D + 2A_2)g \cos \alpha}} \]  

(17)

where:

\[ x_a' = \frac{\frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2}}{\frac{1}{A_1} + \frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2}} + \frac{\left( \frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{A_1} + \frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2} \right)^2 - 1}{\frac{1}{A_1} + \frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2}} \]  

(18)

\[ x_c' = \frac{\frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2}}{\frac{1}{A_1} + \frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2}} - \frac{\left( \frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{A_1} + \frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2} \right) \left( \frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2} \right)^2 - 1}{\frac{1}{A_1} + \frac{\Delta r g^2 j}{A_2}} \]  

(19)

\[ \Delta r = 0.5(\alpha - D \cos e cf) \]  

(20)

3. Conclusions

The inequality analysis (17) shows that the most rational vibration is the rectilinear one, perpendicular on the sieve plane. Besides this, we study the influence of various factors upon the sieves obstruction. The optimal conditions necessary for an efficient separation do not coincide with the optimal conditions necessary for avoiding the sieves obstruction.

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Starting with the basic shapes created from plane sketches drawn after one direction or axis, the users can easily add usual mechanic elements as sections, fillets and elements with thin walls, as well as more complex elements.

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