



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DYNAMIC STUDY OF ONE DEGREE OF FREEDOM MECHANICAL SYSTEM, ACTUATED BY A HARMONIC FORCE, WITH DIFFERENT ELASTIC AND VISCOUS ELEMENTS

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Abstract. The one degree of freedom mechanical system with a mass subjected to the harmonic force and elastic and viscous elements other than in Kelvin-Voigt rheological model are studied.

The third order differential equations that model the mass displacements were established and also the general solution expression.

The steady-state regimes were studied and the frequency responses were determined.

Based on the frequency response plots one may find the rheological model that has as result the desired movement amplitude during the steady-state period.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the dynamic studies of mechanical systems movements usually the Kelvin-Voigt model is considered, as a link between two masses belonging to the system or between one mass and a fixed support [2], [7], [13], [15], [17].

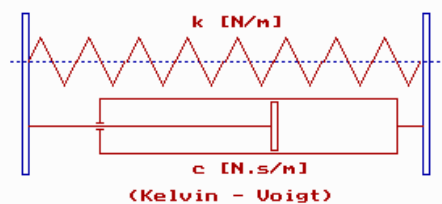


Fig. 1. The Kelvin-Voigt elasto-viscous model

If this rheological model is considered, the force is a sum between the elastic force kx and the damping force $c\dot{x}$ because the two elements are disposed in parallel.

The use of the Kelvin-Voigt modes has a great advantage regarding the solving of obtained differential equations.

The differential equations will be linear and with constant coefficients, easy to solve, analytically and also numerically.

The Kelvin-Voigt model is one of possible combinations of Hooke's (elastic body) and Newton's (viscous liquid) models (figure 2),

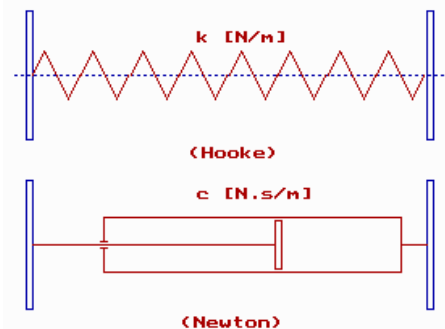


Fig. 2. The Hooke's and Newton's elements

disposed in parallel.

If these elements are disposed in series one obtains the Maxwell model (figure 3).

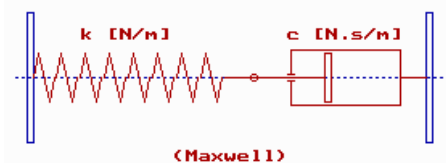


Fig. 3. The Maxwell's model

If exists three elements of Hooke type and Newton type between two discrete masses or between some support and a mass there are four

such combinations, three of them being presented in figure 4 [12], [14], [[15], [21].

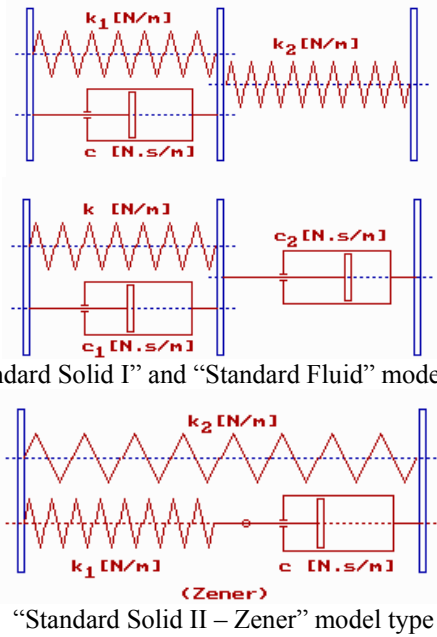


Fig. 4. Rheological models with three elements

A lot of different rheological models may be obtained if four elements of Hooke and Newton type are considered. In figure 5 are presented two of them, more important and most used. The first is composed of two Kelvin-Voigt models linked in series and the second, the so called Burgers model, contains the Kelvin-Voigt model linked in series with a Maxwell model.

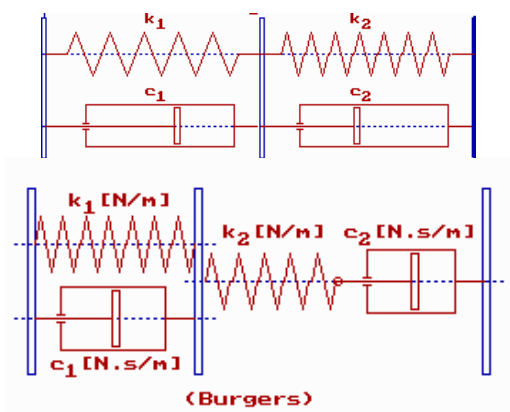


Fig. 5. Rheological models with four elements

At present in industry are used different materials with elastic and viscous properties, to minimize the vibrations effects.

In many situations these materials have a behavior that not coincides with the behavior of the Kelvin-Voigt model.

That in way is important to study the dynamics of mechanical systems with one or more degree of freedom, endowed with different rheological models, not only with Kelvin-Voigt models, especially when the experimental obtained values did not fit with the analytical obtained values, considering the Kelvin-Voigt models.

In literature are used many rheological models, that differ of the Kelvin-Voigt model [3], [5], [9], [16], a. o.

Rheological model with three elements are considered in the cases of modeling the human body movements, standing or sitting, subjected to vibrations.

The same models are used in the modeling of driver seat suspensions and in other many cases [5], [16], a. o..

In the following will be presented a detailed study of one degree of freedom mechanical system movements, the mass being linked with the support with the rheological model composed by two Kelvin-Voigt models linked in series or a Kelvin-Voigt model and a Hooke model also linked in series.

2. THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

The second order differential equation having the form

$$m \ddot{x} + c \dot{x} + k x = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

is obtained when between the mass and the support there exists a Kelvin-Voigt rheological model and the mass is actuated by a harmonic force. Usually this differential equation is established based on the Newton second law of dynamics.

In the case of the mechanical system presented in figure 6, the second Newton law has to be applied two times, considering the existing mass and also the fictive mass of intermediate support, between the two Kelvin-Voigt models.

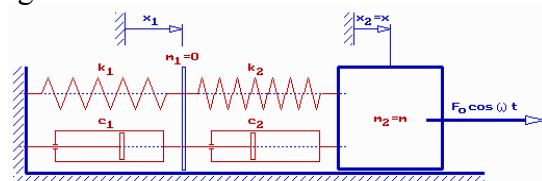


Fig. 6. The mechanical system contains two models of Kelvin-Voigt type, in series, and a mass subjected to the harmonic force.

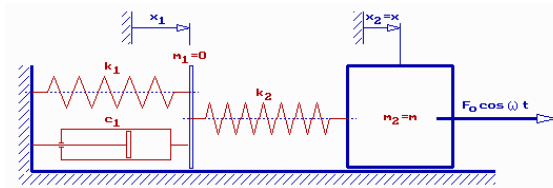


Fig. 7 The mechanical system contains two models of Kelvin-Voigt and Hooke type, in series, and a mass subjected to the harmonic force.

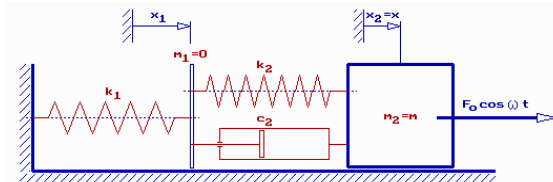


Fig. 8 The mechanical system contains two models of Hooke and Kelvin-Voigt type, in series, and a mass subjected to the harmonic force.

In figures 7 and 8 are considered two particular cases of the mechanical system.

The following matrix form may be used for writing the two differential equations that model the movements of the two considered masses m_1 and m_2 [2], [13], [15], [17], [21],

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 & -k_2 \\ -k_2 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F_0 \cos \omega t \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

The other form of simultaneous differential equation is

$$\begin{cases} m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + (c_1 + c_2) \dot{x}_1 - c_2 \dot{x}_2 + \\ \quad + (k_1 + k_2) x_1 - k_2 x_2 = 0 \\ m_2 \ddot{x}_2 - c_2 \dot{x}_1 + c_2 \dot{x}_2 - k_2 x_1 + k_2 x_2 = \\ \quad = F_0 \cos \omega t \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Because $m_1 = 0$, $m_2 = m$ the system (2) becomes

$$\begin{cases} m \ddot{x}_2 - c_2 \dot{x}_1 + c_2 \dot{x}_2 - k_2 x_1 + k_2 x_2 = F_0 \cos \omega t \\ (c_1 + c_2) \dot{x}_1 - c_2 \dot{x}_2 + (k_1 + k_2) x_1 - k_2 x_2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The system (3) may be considered as a simultaneous two linear algebraic equation with x_1 and \dot{x}_1 as unknown,

$$\begin{cases} -c_2 \dot{x}_1 - k_2 x_1 = F_0 \cos \omega t - m \ddot{x}_2 - c_2 \dot{x}_2 - k_2 x_2 \\ (c_1 + c_2) \dot{x}_1 + (k_1 + k_2) x_1 = c_2 \dot{x}_2 + k_2 x_2 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

As a result of solving this equations with respect of unknowns x_1 and \dot{x}_1 on obtains

$$\dot{x}_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} F_0 \cos \omega t - m \ddot{x}_2 - c_2 \dot{x}_2 - k_2 x_2 & -k_2 \\ c_2 \dot{x}_2 + k_2 x_2 & k_1 + k_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} -c_2 & -k_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & k_1 + k_2 \end{vmatrix}} \quad (5)$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -c_2 & F_0 \cos \omega t - m \ddot{x}_2 - c_2 \dot{x}_2 - k_2 x_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & c_2 \dot{x}_2 + k_2 x_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} -c_2 & -k_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & k_1 + k_2 \end{vmatrix}} \quad (6)$$

The purpose is the obtaining the differential equation having only one unknown function x_2 . After deriving with respect of time the expression (6) of x_1 ,

$$\dot{x}_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -c_2 & -F_0 \omega \sin \omega t - m \ddot{x}_2 - c_2 \dot{x}_2 - k_2 \dot{x}_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & c_2 \ddot{x}_2 + k_2 \dot{x}_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} -c_2 & -k_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & k_1 + k_2 \end{vmatrix}} \quad (7)$$

and equaling the two expressions of the x_1 derivative, given in (5) and (7), will result the desired relation, containing only x_2 and its derivatives,

$$\begin{vmatrix} -c_2 & -F_0 \omega \sin \omega t - m \ddot{x}_2 - c_2 \dot{x}_2 - k_2 \dot{x}_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & c_2 \ddot{x}_2 + k_2 \dot{x}_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} F_0 \cos \omega t - m \ddot{x}_2 - c_2 \dot{x}_2 - k_2 x_2 & -k_2 \\ c_2 \dot{x}_2 + k_2 x_2 & k_2 x_2 + k_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

If on notes $x_2 = x$, the determinants are evaluated, after some calculi will result the three order nonhomogeneous differential equation,

$$m(c_1 + c_2) \ddot{x} + [m(k_1 + k_2) + c_1 c_2] \dot{x} + (k_1 c_2 + k_2 c_1) x + k_1 k_2 x = F_0(k_1 + k_2) \cos \omega t - F_0 \omega (c_1 + c_2) \sin \omega t \quad (8)$$

The second part of this equation may be written in the following form

$$F_0(k_1 + k_2) \cos \omega t - F_0 \omega (c_1 + c_2) \sin \omega t = F \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$

where

$$F = F_0 \sqrt{(k_1 + k_2)^2 + \omega^2 (c_1 + c_2)^2} \quad (9)$$

$$\varphi = \text{atan} \left[\frac{\omega (c_1 + c_2)}{k_1 + k_2} \right] \quad (10)$$

and the final form of this differential equation is

$$m(c_1 + c_2) \ddot{x} + [m(k_1 + k_2) + c_1 c_2] \dot{x} + (k_1 c_2 + k_2 c_1) x + k_1 k_2 x = F \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \quad (11)$$

The particular solution, corresponding to the steady-state period has the similar form as the second term, being harmonic.

It is necessary to use the complex variables in the computation of amplitude and phase of the mass movements, during the vibrations, as follows,

$$F \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \rightarrow F e^{j(\omega t + \varphi)},$$

$$x \rightarrow Z = x_{\max} e^{j(\omega t + \varphi + \psi)}$$

Deriving the complex displacement Z with respect of time

$$\dot{Z} = j\omega Z, \quad \ddot{Z} = -\omega^2 Z, \quad \dddot{Z} = -j\omega^3 Z$$

and introducing these values in the complex form of differential equation given in (11), will result

$$\{ -[m(k_1 + k_2) + c_1 c_2] \omega^2 + k_1 k_2 + j\omega [-m(c_1 + c_2) \omega^2 + k_1 c_2 + k_2 c_1] \} Z = F e^{j(\omega t + \varphi)}$$

and finally the expression of Z ,

$$Z = \frac{F}{k_1 k_2 - [m(k_1 + k_2) + c_1 c_2] \omega^2 + j\omega [-m(c_1 + c_2) \omega^2 + k_1 c_2 + k_2 c_1]} e^{j(\omega t + \varphi)}$$

The modulus and phase of this complex variable Z are determined as follows

$$|Z| = \frac{F}{\sqrt{\{k_1 k_2 - [m(k_1 + k_2) + c_1 c_2] \omega^2\}^2 + \omega^2 [-m(c_1 + c_2) \omega^2 + k_1 c_2 + k_2 c_1]^2}} \quad (12)$$

$$\psi = \arctan \left\{ \frac{\omega [-m(c_1 + c_2) \omega^2 + k_1 c_2 + k_2 c_1]}{k_1 k_2 - [m(k_1 + k_2) + c_1 c_2] \omega^2} \right\} \quad (13)$$

The expressions of complex amplitude Z and of real amplitude are,

$$Z = |Z| e^{j(\omega t + \varphi)} e^{j\psi} = |Z| e^{j(\omega t + \varphi + \psi)}$$

$$x_{\text{part}}(t) = |Z| \cos(\omega t + \varphi + \psi) \quad (14)$$

The characteristic equation of differential equation (11) is an algebraic equation of third degree,

$$m(c_1 + c_2)r^3 + [m(k_1 + k_2) + c_1 c_2]r^2 + (k_1 c_2 + k_2 c_1)r + k_1 k_2 = 0 \quad (15)$$

The three roots r_1, r_2 and r_3 (all three real or one real and two complex) are determined using the Cardano-Tartaglia's formula [6]. The form of the general solution of the homogeneous differential equation are as follows

$$x_{\text{gen omog}}(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t} + C_3 e^{r_3 t}$$

The general solution of the nonhomogeneous differential equation is obtained as a sum between the two solutions,

$$x_{\text{gen neomog}}(t) = x_{\text{gen omog}}(t) + x_{\text{part}}(t)$$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t} + C_3 e^{r_3 t} + |Z| \cos(\omega t + \varphi + \psi) \quad (16)$$

the values of the constants C_1, C_2 and C_3 result according to the three imposed initial conditions.

Because the general solution of homogeneous differential equation decreases rapidly our interest will be focused on the study of the particular solution, determining the amplitude and phase.

In the "classic" case of the differential equation

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

corresponding to the mechanical system having the Kelvin-Voigt rheological model and the mass being actuated by a harmonic perturbing force, is studied the displacement magnification factor A that depends on the forcing frequency $r = f/f_0$, having the following expression [[2], [17],

$$A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-r^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2 r^2}}, \quad (17)$$

$$r = \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} = \frac{f}{f_0}, \quad \zeta = \frac{c}{c_0} = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{mk}}$$

where ζ is the viscous damping factor.

In the figure 9 are shown the plots of the displacement magnification factor considering different values for the parameter $\zeta = c/c_0$, [2], [17].

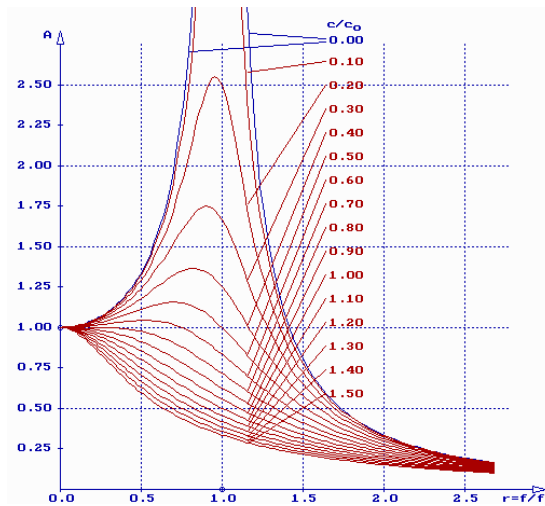


Fig. 9 Diagrams of magnification factor [17]

Considering the mechanical system from the figure 6 the problem of great interest will be the determination of a family of such curves of displacement magnification factor A, defined as follows

$$A = \frac{|Z|}{a_{st}}, \quad a_{st} = \frac{F}{k_{eq}}, \quad k_{eq} = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2}$$

where k_{eq} is the stiffness of the equivalent spring, after some substitutions resulting the expression

$$A = \frac{k_1 k_2 \sqrt{(k_1 + k_2)^2 + \omega^2 (c_1 + c_2)^2}}{(k_1 + k_2) \sqrt{\{k_1 k_2 - [m(k_1 + k_2) + c_1 c_2] \omega^2\}^2 + \omega^2 [-m(c_1 + c_2) \omega^2 + k_1 c_2 + k_2 c_1]^2}} \quad (18)$$

Considering the mechanical systems from the figures 7 and 8 will result the simplified expressions of this factor

$$A_{(c_1 \neq 0, c_2 = 0)} = \frac{k_1 k_2 \sqrt{(k_1 + k_2)^2 + \omega^2 c_1^2}}{(k_1 + k_2) \sqrt{\{k_1 k_2 - m \omega^2 (k_1 + k_2)\}^2 + \omega^2 [-m c_1 \omega^2 + k_2 c_1]^2}} \quad (19)$$

$$A_{(c_1 = 0, c_2 \neq 0)} = \frac{k_1 k_2 \sqrt{(k_1 + k_2)^2 + \omega^2 c_2^2}}{(k_1 + k_2) \sqrt{\{k_1 k_2 - m \omega^2 (k_1 + k_2)\}^2 + \omega^2 [-m c_1 \omega^2 + k_1 c_2]^2}} \quad (20)$$

Will be very interesting to compare the shape of diagrams from the figure 9 with the diagrams obtained using the formula (18), corresponding to the considered mechanical system.

3. NUMERICAL TREATMENT

Considering the mechanical system having the characteristics showed in the figure 10,

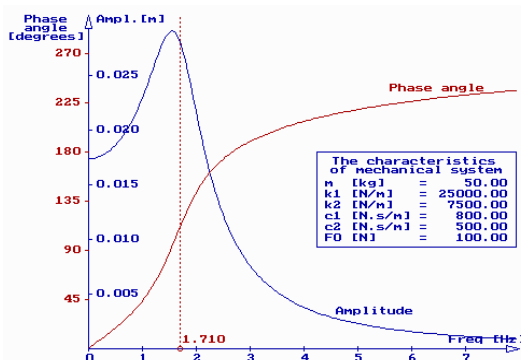


Fig. 10 Amplitude and phase angle

and solving the characteristic equation (15) will result the following roots values [6],

Re(r)	Imag(r)
-3.41257390e+00	-1.17898088e+01
-3.41257390e+00	1.17898088e+01
-2.43286983e+01	0.00000000e+00

thus the general solution of differential equation is as follows

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{-24.329 t} + C_2 e^{(-3.413 - j 11.790) t} + C_3 e^{(-3.413 + j 11.790) t} + a_{st} A \cos(\omega t + \varphi + \psi)$$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{-24.329 t} + e^{-3.413 t} (C_2 e^{-j 11.790 t} + C_3 e^{j 11.790 t}) + a_{st} A \cos(\omega t + \varphi + \psi)$$

We may notice that first three terms of the solution are rapidly decreasing therefore only the particular solution is important when the mass movements are studied.

The diagrams of the displacement magnification factor A and also of the phase angle ψ are presented in figure 10, using the formulas (18) and (13).

The formulas being established and having also a computer program we may compare the shape of the diagrams corresponding to the mechanical systems from the figure 6 with the well known diagrams presented in the figure 9.

The first example is presented in the figure 11. Considering the specified numerical values of mechanical system elements, the diagram of the displacement magnification factor was computed with formula (18) and plotted (with thick line) superposed to some diagrams taken from to the figure 9. One can notice that are difference between thick diagram and the others.

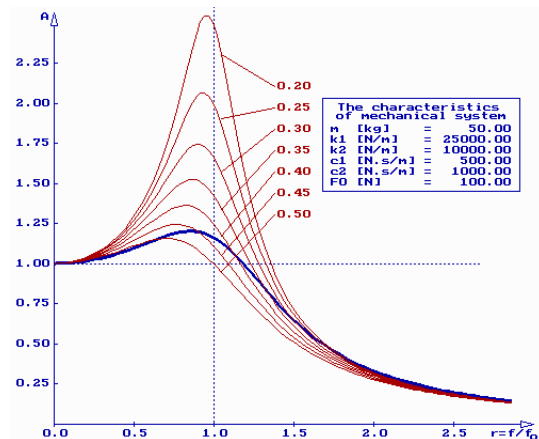


Fig. 11 Diagram of magnification factor considering the specified values

Considering different other values of mechanical system elements is possible to obtain diagrams that fit to those existing in figure 9. Two such examples are presented in figures 12 and 13, the diagrams plotted with thick line being very close to one of the diagrams from figure 9.

In figure 12 the diagram computed according to the formula (18), for specified numerical values, is superposed to the diagram corresponding to the value of viscous damping factor $\zeta=0.25$, the similar situation we may observe in figure 13, where the thick diagram is superposed to the diagram corresponding to the value of viscous damping factor $\zeta=0.35$.

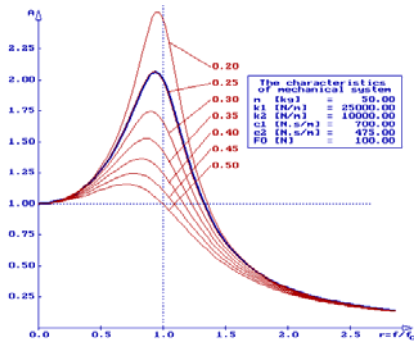


Fig. 12 Diagram of magnification factor for specified numerical values

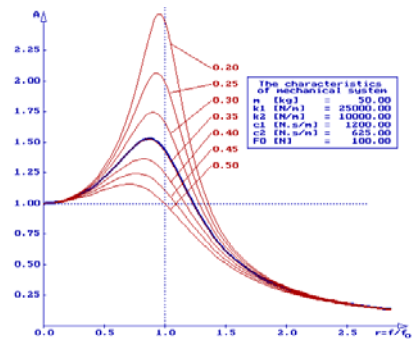


Fig. 13 Diagram of magnification factor for specified numerical values

Other problem of interest is the study of mechanical systems having the same equivalent stiffness, computed with formula $k_{eq} = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2}$, the springs stiffness k_1 and k_2 being variable and the damping coefficient $c_1=c$ has different values (1000, 2000 and 3000 [N.s/m] in the performed calculi), the second damping coefficient c_2 having zero value.

If the equivalent stiffness constant is considered $k_{eq} = 8000$ [N/m] the values of each

spring stiffness may be computed with the formulas

$$k_1 = \frac{8000(N+1)}{N}, \quad k_2 = Nk_1.$$

In the figures 14, 15 and 16 are presented the diagrams of the displacements magnification factor, considering the values of N in the interval 0.75 ~ 3.75.

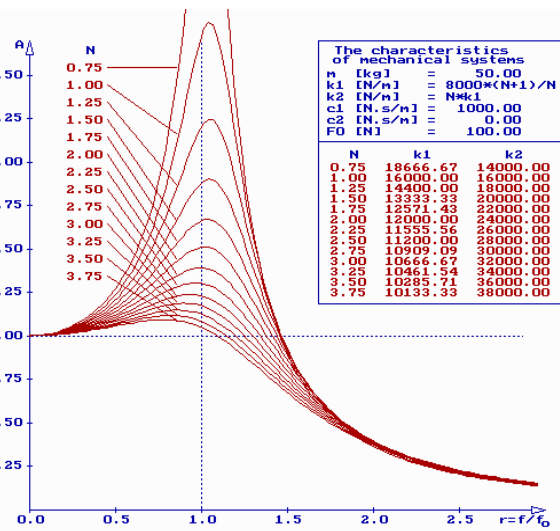


Fig. 14 The diagrams of magnification factor ($c_1 = 1000$)

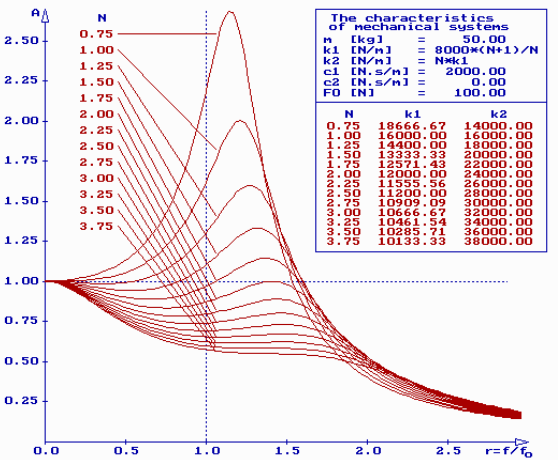


Fig. 15 The diagrams of magnification factor ($c_1 = 2000$)

One can notice that some of the diagrams presented in the previous two figures, 15 and 16, have minimal values in the vicinity of the resonance, such a situations are not observed in the figure 9.

4. CONCLUSIONS

This theoretical study of mechanical systems having other rheological models than the Kelvin-Voigt model is important because many materials used as dampers, with elastic and

viscous properties, have similar behavior as the previously considered rheological models.

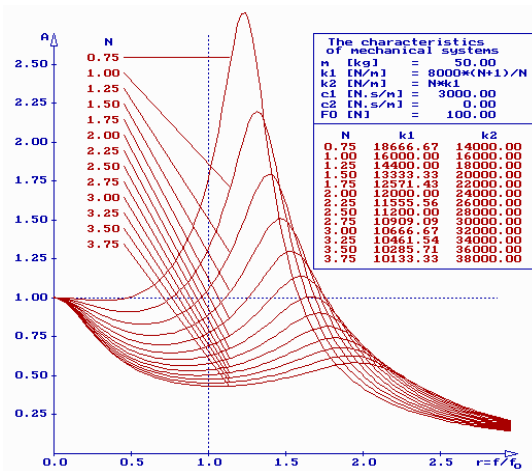


Fig. 16 The diagrams of magnification factor ($c_1=3000$)

The movement of the mechanical system mass and having rheological models with three of four elements during the steady-state period was determined and also the general solution of third order differential equation.

Our attention was paid especially to the steady-state period because all the three terms of the homogeneous differential equation general solution decrease rapidly, all characteristic equation roots having negative real parts.

Other problem consist in fact that only two initial condition are known (the initial position and velocity of the mass) and the number of unknown constant are three, that's way it is necessary to consider the third condition, regarding the initial acceleration value, practically very difficult to know exactly.

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CONTRIBUȚII LA STUDIUL DINAMIC AL SISTEMELOR MECANICE CU UN GRAD DE LIBERTATE, ACȚIONATE DE O FORȚĂ ARMONICĂ, CU DIFERITE ELEMENTE ELASTICE ȘI DE AMORTIZARE

Se consideră un sistem mecanic cu un grad de libertate format dintr-o masă și elemente elastice și de amortizare care corespund unor modele reologice diferite de cel uzual folosit, al lui Kelvin-Voigt, masa sistemului fiind acționată de o forță cu variație armonică. Este dedusă ecuația diferențială de ordinul trei care modelează funcționarea acestui sistem și expresia soluției generale. Se analizează funcționarea sistemului în timpul regimului permanent de vibrații, efectuându-se un studiu al factorului de amplificare. Pe baza diagramelor prezentate se poate face o alegere a elementelor modelului reologic care să aibă efectul scontat în ceea ce privește amplitudinea mișcărilor în timpul regimului permanent de vibrații.

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