Dynamic model for seed separation and sorting on vibrating flat sieves

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Abstract The operation of separation of seeds is realized due to the vibration of flat sieve. The operation of separation is analyzed with the help of the particle model which executes vibration motions on a plane with friction. There are analyzed displacement regimes of particle by forward sliding and back sliding. Because of velocity discontinuity which appears as consequence of friction between particle and plan or of dropping on plan in the case of detachment, vibro-impact motion regimes appear. That is why, for the study of motion, there are applied the specific methods, concerning the vibro-impact regimes.

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The motion investigation of particle on flat sieve is analyses by the aid of motion parameters: the angle of gradient of the shaking surface, the angle between the direction of the shaking and the surface, the sliding friction coefficient, the angular velocity etc.

The work have a real interdisciplinary character because requires large knowledge of mechanics, agricultural machines, mathematics and computer programming.

Materials and Methods

Generally, the phenomenon of vibro-transfer is essentially influenced by the material behavior, characterized by composition, humidity, adherence, nature etc. In the first approximation, the experiences shown that the material can be schematized by a simple material particle which moves with friction on the vibrating surface (Figure 1).
The particle of mass $m$ is supposed to be placed on the vibrating plan, inclined to the angle $\alpha$, in relation to the horizontal surface. It is supposed that the vibrating plan executes a vibration translation motion on a direction which makes the angle $\beta$ with the inclined plan and it has the amplitude $r$. Thus, a current point of the plan executes a vibration displacement, given by the law $r \sin \varphi$, on a direction which makes the angle $\beta$ with the inclined plan, where $\varphi = \omega t$. So, in relation to the fixed frame $O,Ox,Oy$, the coordinates of the point $O$, the origin of the mobile frame $Oxy$, bound to the inclined plan, at a certain moment are

$$x_0 = r \cos \beta \sin \varphi \quad \text{and} \quad y_0 = r \sin \beta \sin \varphi.$$  

(1)

The differential equation of relative motion of particle of mass $m$ has the form

$$m \ddot{x} = F_f + N + m \ddot{\varphi} + F_t.$$  

(2)

Because the transport force of inertia is $F_t = -m \ddot{\varphi}$, where $\ddot{\varphi}$ is the acceleration of transport of particle, identical to the acceleration of the point $O$, the components of the transport force of inertia are

$$F_x = -m \ddot{x} = m r \omega^2 \cos \beta \sin \varphi,$$

(3)

$$F_y = -m \ddot{y} = m r \omega^2 \sin \beta \sin \varphi.$$  

As consequence, the differential equation of relative motion (2) has the following projections on the axes of the frame $Oxy$:  

$$m \ddot{x} = -\mu N \sin x + m r \omega^2 \cos \beta \sin \varphi - mg \sin \alpha,$$

(4)

$$m \ddot{y} = N + m r \omega^2 \sin \beta \sin \varphi - mg \cos \alpha.$$  

Taking into account that there are considered only the motions of particle, in contact to the plan, it must be put $y = 0$, so that from the second equation (4), it results

$$N = m \left( g \cos \alpha - r \omega^2 \sin \beta \sin \varphi \right).$$  

(5)

Results and Discussion

As a principle, the particle which is situated in the rest position, at a certain moment becomes to slide on the plan, forward or back. For the beginning it is supposed that the particle executes a forward sliding motion in relation to the sieve. On the particle act the force of weight $mg$, the normal reaction $N$, and the force of friction $F = \mu N$; the motion of transport being a translation, the Coriolis force of inertia is null.

If the expression (5) of the normal reaction $N$ is introduced in the first differential equation in (4), it arrives at the following relation:

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{g \sin(\alpha + \dot{\varphi})}{\cos \varphi} + \frac{r \omega^2 \cos(\beta - \dot{\varphi})}{\cos \varphi} \sin \varphi, \quad (\varphi = \alpha).$$

(6)

This relation represents the fundamental equation for the study of the forward motions of sliding on the vibrating sieve.

The beginning moment of the forward sliding is denoted by $t = t_1$ and so, $\varphi_1 = \alpha t_1$. It can mention that this moment corresponds to the condition that the acceleration $\ddot{x}$ to be null.

If the acceleration (6) is made equal to zero, it is obtained the following equation in the initial moment of the forward motion of sliding:

$$\sin \varphi_1 = \frac{g}{r \omega^2} \frac{\sin(\alpha + \dot{\varphi})}{\cos(\beta - \dot{\varphi})},$$

(7)

Taking into account the relation (7), the fundamental equation (6) can be also written

$$\ddot{x} = r \omega^2 \cos(\beta - \dot{\varphi}) (\sin \varphi - \sin \varphi_1).$$

(8)

The forward motion of sliding is characterized by $t > t_1$ and so, $\varphi > \varphi_1$.

Considering the function $\ddot{x} = \ddot{x}(t)$, if $\ddot{x} > 0$, the function $\ddot{x}$ is increasing. Thus, from the moment $t = t_1$ when the velocity is nullifying, i.e. $\ddot{x}(t_1) = 0$ and $\ddot{x} > 0$, it results $\ddot{x} > 0$. So, the forward motion of sliding takes place. Thus, from the relation (8), written for the moment given by $\varphi_1$ it must be satisfied the inequality

$$\sin \varphi > \sin \varphi_1.$$  

(9)

From the relation (7), written for $\varphi_1$ it can be supposed that $\varphi_1 \in \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ which, in accordance to the inequality (9), leads to the condition $\varphi \in \left(\varphi_1; \pi - \varphi_1\right)$.

By integrating the differential equation of sliding motion which begins for $t = t_1$ it is found

$$\ddot{x} = -r \omega \frac{\cos(\beta - \dot{\varphi})}{\cos \varphi} \left[\cos \varphi - \cos \varphi_1 + \sin \varphi_1 (\varphi - \varphi_1)\right],$$

(10)
The forward regime of sliding stops at the moment \( t = t'_1 \), respectively the angle \( \psi = \psi'_1 \), which corresponds to the nullifying of the relative velocity, \( \dot{x} = 0 \). So, by nullifying the expression of \( \dot{x} \), it is deduced the equation

\[
\sin \psi'_1 = \frac{\cos \psi'_1 - \cos \psi'_1}{\psi'_1 - \psi'_1}.
\]  

(11)

This equation permits the calculus of the moment \( t = t'_1 \), corresponding to the cessation of sliding.

The distance, covered in the case of the forward sliding is given by the integral

\[
s_{1;2} = \int_{t_1}^{t'_1} \dot{x} \, dt.
\]  

(12)

Taking into account the relation (10), after the effecting of calculus, the integral (12) becomes

\[
s_1 = -\frac{r \cos(\beta - \phi)}{\cos \phi} \left[ \frac{(\psi'_1 - \psi'_1)}{2} \sin \psi_1 + \sin \psi'_1/2 \right].
\]  

(13)

If in the relation (13) it is replaced \( \sin \psi_1 \) given by the equation (11), then for the displacements with forward sliding, it can be written the relation

\[
s_1 = \frac{r \cos(\beta - \phi)}{\cos \phi} \Phi(\psi_1),
\]  

(14)

In an analogous way it is treated the case corresponding to the back motion of sliding. By back sliding it means the relative motion with friction of the material particle on the vibrating sieve, in the negative direction of the Ox axis, i.e. in opposite direction to the transporting one.

Taking into account that the force of friction is orientated in the positive direction of the Ox axis and projecting the differential equation of the relative motion, it is obtained

\[
m\ddot{x} = \mu N = mg \sin \alpha + mr \omega^2 \cos \beta \sin \psi
\]  

(15)

or, if it is taken into account the equation (2), it results

\[
\ddot{x} = -\frac{g \sin(\alpha - \phi)}{\cos \phi} + r \omega^2 \frac{\cos(\beta + \phi)}{\cos \phi} \sin \psi.
\]  

(16)

This relation represents the fundamental equation for the study of the back motions of sliding on the vibrating sieve.

The back sliding begins at the moment \( t = t_2 \) and \( \psi_2 = \omega t_2 \), when \( \dot{x} = 0 \).

From the expression (16) of the acceleration, made equal to zero, it is obtained the equation

\[
\sin \psi_2 = \frac{g}{r \omega^2} \frac{\sin(\alpha - \phi)}{\cos(\beta + \phi)}.
\]  

(17)

Taking into account the relation (17), the fundamental equation (16) can be also written as follows:

\[
\ddot{x} = r \omega^2 \frac{\cos(\beta + \phi)}{\cos \phi} (\sin \psi - \sin \psi_2).
\]  

(18)

Because the back motion of sliding begins at the moment \( t = t_2 \) and it corresponds to the interval \( t > t_2 \), respectively \( \psi > \psi_2 \), in the same way as in the previous case, it is considered the function \( \dot{x} = \dot{x}(t) \) which, for \( \dot{x} < 0 \), is a decreasing one. Thus, beginning with the moment \( t = t_2 \), for which \( \dot{x}(t_2) = 0 \), the velocity \( \dot{x} \) is negative (\( \dot{x} < 0 \)), so that a back motion of sliding takes place.

In accordance to the relation (18) and from the condition \( \dot{x} < 0 \), it results

\[
\sin \psi < \sin \psi_2.
\]  

(19)

Supposing \( \psi_2 \) given by the relation (17) in the first quadrant, i.e. \( \psi_2 \in (0; \frac{\pi}{2}) \), it results that the angle \( \psi \) must be in the interval \( \psi \in (\pi - \psi_2; 2\pi) \).

By the integration of the differential equation (18), it is obtained the expression of the velocity:

\[
\ddot{x} = -r \omega^2 \frac{\cos(\beta + \phi)}{\cos \phi} \left[ \cos \psi - \cos \psi_2 + \sin \psi_2 \cdot (\psi - \psi_2) \right]
\]  

(20)

The end of duration of the back sliding is obtained by nullifying the expression of the velocity \( \dot{x} \), given by the relation (20). The final moment, denoted by \( t = t'_2 \), respectively the angle \( \psi = \psi'_2 \), is obtained by solving the transcendental equation

\[
\sin \psi_2 = \cos \frac{\psi'_2}{2} - \cos \psi_2.
\]  

(21)
The distance, covered in the case of the back sliding, is given by the integral
\[
s_2 = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} x \, dt
\]
(22)

Taking into account the relation (20), after effecting the calculus, becomes
\[
s_2 = -\frac{r \cos(\beta + \phi)}{\cos \phi} \left[ \frac{(\psi_2' - \psi_2)}{2} \sin \psi_2 + \sin \psi_2' \right. \\
\left. - \sin \psi_2 - \left(\psi_2' - \psi_2\right) \cos \psi_2 \right] (s_1 - s_2) \frac{1}{T} = (s_1 - s_2) \frac{\omega}{2\pi}.
\]
(23)

If in the relation (23), it is replaced \(\sin \psi_2\) given by the equation (21), then for the displacements with back sliding, it can be written the relation
\[
s_2 = \frac{r \cos(\beta + \phi)}{\cos \phi} \Phi(\psi_2),
\]
(24)

If during the time \(T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}\), the material particle moves by forward and back sliding, the advance in the positive direction of the axis \(O_1x_1\) has the value
\[
s = s_1 - s_2;
\]
(25)

and the average velocity of particle is
\[
\frac{v_m}{v} = \frac{1}{\omega} = (s_1 - s_2) \frac{\omega}{2\pi}.
\]
(26)

The graphical representations of the absolute velocity \(v\), transport velocity \(v_t\) and displacement \(s_t\) with sliding along the vibrating sieve, on which there are superposed the slips \(s_1\) and \(s_2\), are shown in Figure 2, for a cycle of vibration.

![Figure 2. Absolute velocity, transport velocity and displacement](image)

Conclusions

All obtained results correspond to the case of sliding motion, without detachment, i.e. for \(N > 0\). In accordance to the relation (5), it results
\[
\sin \psi < \frac{g}{r \omega^2} \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \beta}.
\]
(27)

The analysis of possible motion regimes can be more easily made with the help of the kinematical index:
\[
K = \frac{r \omega^2}{g}.
\]
(28)

Thus, a condition for do not exist detachment, in accordance to the relation (5), is that the equation \(N=0\) do not have solution, that leads to the inequality
\[
K < \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \beta}.
\]
(29)

Now, it is supposed the condition (27) as satisfied, so that all regimes of motion are with sliding.
only. The characteristic indexes of forward and back motions of sliding are denoted by the parameters

\[
K_{1,2} = \frac{\sin(\alpha + \phi)}{\cos(\beta + \phi)}.
\]

(30)

As consequence, the relation (7), with the notations (29), becomes

\[
sin\psi_{1,2} = \frac{K_{1,2}}{K}.
\]

(31)

For the beginning, it is considered \( K_1 < K_2 \). Then, there are the following possible situations:

a) \( K_1 < K < K_2 \) for which the angle \( \psi_2 \) cannot exist, situation that corresponds to a sliding motion, forward only (AI);

b) \( K < K_1 < K_2 \) when no one of the angles of motion initiation is possible, that corresponds to the situation of rest (R);

c) \( K_1 < K < K_2 \) situation when both types of sliding are possible (\( \psi_1 < \psi_2 \)), and the regime of motion is with forward and back sliding (AI+AIp).

For the situation when \( K_1 > K_2 \) the possible cases are as follows:

a) \( K_2 < K < K_1 \) for which the moment \( \psi_1 \) does not exist, which shows that the only possible regime of motion is with back sliding (AIp);

b) \( K < K_2 < K_1 \), where initial moments for motions with sliding do not exist, i.e. there is the rest, only (R);

c) \( K_2 < K_1 < K \) where there are possible solutions for both initial moments (\( \psi_1 < \psi_2 \)) and so, the regime of motion is with forward and back sliding (AI+AIp).

Finally, in accordance to the relations (31), it can be written

\[
K_1 - K_2 = -\frac{\sin 2\phi \cos(\alpha + \beta)}{\cos(\beta + \phi)\cos(\beta - \phi)}.
\]

(32)

The conditions \( K_1 < K_2 \) are realized if \( \cos(\alpha + \beta) > 0 \), that leads to \( \beta < (\pi/2) - \alpha \). The other situation, \( K_1 > K_2 \) can appear if \( \cos(\alpha + \beta) < 0 \), i.e. only for \( \beta > (\pi/2) - \alpha \).

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