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MINIMIZING ENERGY CONSUMPTION WHEN TURNING ON AND STOPPING THE MAIN EXECUTIVE MECHANISM OF THE CPM

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ARTICLE INFO	ABSTRACT
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Introduction. The efficiency of the CPM (forging and pressing machine) as a whole and its individual units is possible with the optimal choice of its parameters, ensuring the highest technical and economic indicators of its operation.

One of the criteria for the optimality of the CPM is the minimization of energy consumption for turning on and off the GIM. The energy consumption for switching on and stopping the CPM with a planetary drive is determined by the formula:

$$A = I_a \omega_{an}^2 (j_n + j_0), \quad (1)$$

where J_a - is the moment of inertia of the driving parts of the drive, reduced to the central (sun) gear of the gearbox;

ω_{an} - is the nominal angular velocity of the central gear;

j_n, j_0 - are, respectively, the relative moments of inertia of the driven parts of the drive when switching on and stopping

$$J_n = \frac{J_b}{J_a p^2}, J_o = \frac{J_h}{J_a(1+p^2)} \quad (1.1)$$

J_b - is the moment of inertia of the outer gear of the gearbox;

J_h - is the moment of inertia of the carrier, intermediate gear and CPM parts.

Substituting the values of the relative moments of inertia j_n and j_o , after simple transformations, the formula can be represented as,

$$A = \omega_N^2 i_O^2 \left[\frac{J_b}{p^2} + \frac{J_h}{(1+p^2)} \right] \quad (2)$$

where ω_H - is the nominal angular velocity of the main shaft of the CPM.

The moments of inertia J_b and J_h - generally depend on the drive circuit (planetary gear type, presence of intermediate gear transmission), the transmitted load, the design of the drive components and the breakdown of the overall gear ratio i_O , i.e. the parameters p and i_Z .

Research methodology. It is practically impossible to obtain precise functional dependencies for determining the moments of inertia J_b and J_h due to the diversity and design complexity of the drive components. For comparative calculations, an approximate analysis method is used, according to which the moments of inertia J_b and J_h are defined as the moments of inertia of several main drive components (drive elements), represented as simple geometric figures. The design coefficients take into account the correspondence between the actual and calculated moments of inertia and the influence of other drive components, the moments of inertia of which are approximately taken as multiples of the moments of inertia of the drive elements. The moment of inertia J_b of a planetary gear drive is defined as the moment of inertia of a solid ring replacing a gear wheel with internal engagement. The inner diameter d_b and the width b_b of the ring are taken to be equal to the initial diameter and the width of the gear ring, and the outer diameter of the wheel D_b is a multiple of the diameter d_b , i.e. $D_b = d_b \beta$, where β is the proportionality coefficient.

Expressing the width b_b of the gear ring through the diameter d_b and the relative width of the ring ψ_b , the moment of inertia J_b is determined by the formula

$$J_b = \frac{\pi l}{32} k_b b_b (D_b^4 - d_b^4) \frac{\pi l}{32} k_b \psi_b k_b d_b^5 \quad (3)$$

were

The diameter d_b is determined by the condition of the contact strength of the working surfaces of the teeth

$$d_b = d_b = p^3 \sqrt{\frac{2M_{sm}}{p^{i_Z(p-1)} \psi_b^n \sigma_{[K_0]R}}} \quad (4)$$

Substituting the values d_b into formula (3) and denoting

$$E_b = \frac{\pi \gamma}{32} k_b \psi_b k_b \beta^3 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\psi_b^n \sigma}}$$

we obtain a dependence for determining the moment of inertia J_b in the form

$$J_b = E_b \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{M_{sm}}{[K_0]R}\right)^5 \left(p^3 \sqrt{\frac{1}{p^{i_Z(p-1)}}}\right)} \quad (5)$$

The moment of inertia J_h is the sum of the moments of inertia of the carrier and the reduced moment of inertia of the intermediate gear

$$J_h = J_{hR} + J_{hZ}$$

If the carrier is represented as a solid cylinder with dimensions D_h and d_h multiples of the dimensions of the gear engagement of the wheel b , i.e., $D_h = k_{dd}b$, $d_h = k_{db}b$ the moment of inertia J_{hR} can be determined by the formula

$$J_{hR} = \frac{\pi\gamma}{32} k_h b_h D_h^5 = \frac{\pi\gamma}{32} k_h k_{\beta} k_d^4 \psi_b d_b^5 \quad (6)$$

where k_d , k_b are proportionality coefficients.

Substituting the value of d_b according to formula (4) and designating

$$E_{hR} = \frac{\pi\gamma}{32} k_h k_d^4 \psi_b \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{\psi_b n_{\sigma}}} \right)^5$$

formula (6) we represent as

$$J_{hR} = E_{hR} \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{M_{sm}}{[K_0]_R}\right)^5} \left(p \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{p i_Z (p-1)}} \right)^5 \quad (7)$$

The moment of inertia J_{hZ} is defined as the moment of inertia of the gear wheels of the intermediate gear reduced to the driven shaft of the planetary gear reducer, represented in the form of solid disks with dimensions equal to the dimensions of the toothed rims of the corresponding wheels and parts of the GIM. For a single-stage gear transmission with the same width of the toothed rims of the pinion and wheel, the moment of inertia J_{hZ} is determined by the formula

$$J_{hZ} = \frac{\pi\gamma K_G}{32} b_1 (k_1 d_1^4 + k_2 d_2^4 i_Z^{-2}) = \frac{\pi\gamma K_G}{32} \psi_2 i_Z d_1^5 (k_1 + k_2 i_Z^2) \quad (8)$$

The coefficient K_G takes into account the magnitude of the moment of inertia of the GIM parts in the total moment of the driven masses. Its average value is 1.2-1.4.

The diameter of the gear d_1 is usually limited by the contact strength of the working surfaces of the teeth, therefore, using the corresponding dependencies, formula (8) can be represented as

$$J_{hZ} = E_{hZ} b \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{M_{sm}}{[K_0]_R}\right)^5} (\sqrt[3]{i_Z + 1})^5 (k_1 + k_2 i_Z^2) i_Z^{-4} \quad (9)$$

Were

$$E_{hZ} = \frac{\pi\gamma}{32} \psi^2 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{\psi^2}} \right)^5$$

If the gear engagements of the planetary gearbox and the intermediate gear are made of equal strength (i.e., assume that $[K_0]_R = [K_0]_Z$), which ensures both the lowest total weight of the drive and its lowest inertia, the energy consumption for switching on and stopping can be determined by the formula

$$A = \omega_N^2 i_O^2 (1+p)^n \omega_H^2 \left(\frac{M_{sm}}{[K_O]_R} \right)^5 \left[+ \frac{E_{hZ}}{(1+p)^2} (\sqrt[3]{i_Z + 1})^5 (k_1 + k_2 i_Z^2) i_Z^2 i_Z^2 \right] \quad (10)$$

The value $\omega_H^2 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{M_{sm}}{[K_O]_R}} \right)^5$ does not depend on the drive parameters and is constant for each CPM. Therefore, the ratio

$$R_A = \frac{A}{\omega_H^2 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{M_{sm}}{[K_O]_R}} \right)^5} \quad (11)$$

(11) represents the dependence of the relative energy consumption for switching on and stopping the GIM on the drive parameters and is taken as the second criterion for the optimality of the RA parameters.

Discussion of results. The design coefficients of the gear wheels and the proportionality coefficients are taken equal to:

$k_b = 1.3..2.4$; $k_h = 1.08..1.85$; $k_1 = 1.4..2.5$; $k_2 = 0.27..0.42$; $\beta = 1.1..1.17$; $k_d = 0.7..0.82$. For relatively narrow gear wheels ($\psi_b \leq 0.15$), smaller values of the coefficients k_d , β and larger values of the coefficients k_b , k_1 , k_2 are adopted.

Fig. 1, a) shows the dependence of the RA criterion on the parameters p and i_Z , and Fig. 1, b) on the parameter p for a certain general gear ratio p and i_O . The graphs in Fig. 1, a) show the degree of influence of each of the parameters p and i_Z on the value of energy consumption A . From Fig. 1, b) it is clear that for each gear ratio i_O there is a unique combination p and i_Z at which the value of R_A will be the smallest. The optimal values of the parameter p are found as the coordinate of the intersection point of the R_A curve for the corresponding value of i_O with the line SA, which is the line of minimum values of the RA criterion.

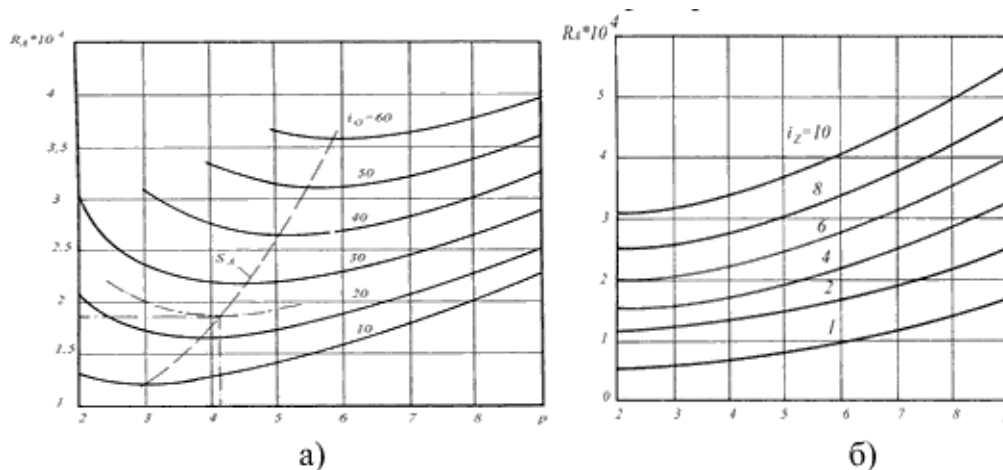


Fig. 1. Dependence of the RA criterion on the drive gear ratios

According to Fig. 1, b), it is also possible to estimate the degree of overestimation of energy consumption compared to the minimum value with non-optimal drive parameters. For example, with

$i_O = 25$, the lowest energy consumption will be at $p = 4.12$ and $i_Z = 4.88$ (shown in Fig. 2 by a dash-dotted line). If we take $p = 3$ and $i_Z = 6.25$, the energy consumption will be overestimated by 1.06 times.

Conclusion

1. Thus, analytical dependencies for calculating the optimality criteria depending on the drive parameters were obtained.
2. This study has demonstrated effective strategies to minimize energy consumption during the start-up and stopping phases of the main executive mechanism of a Continuous Processing Machine (CPM). By implementing optimized control algorithms, energy-efficient drive systems, and operational protocols, significant energy savings can be achieved without compromising performance.
3. The experimental and simulation results confirm the potential of these approaches to enhance efficiency and sustainability. These findings contribute to reducing the environmental footprint of CPM systems and provide practical insights for industries seeking to optimize energy use, lower operational costs, and promote environmentally responsible manufacturing practices. Future work could explore real-time adaptive systems for further improvements.

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