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Effect of Surface Friction on the Behavior of a Centrifugal Pendulum Vibration Absorber

An Analytical and Computational Investigation

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CPVA Background

CPVA

- Centrifugal Pendulum Vibration Absorber
- Used in automotive drive trains
	- Contributes to increased engine efficiency

Purpose

▪ To reduce vibrations in rotating machinery subject to periodic torque inputs

Mechanics

- Absorbers act as pendulums
	- However, restoring force comes form the centrifugal field
- Can reduce torsional vibrations at all rotor speeds
	- Complicated to tune properly

A. Jain, "Experimental Measurement of the Response of Centrifugal Pendulum Vibration Absorbers," University of Michigan, 2013.

Problem Statement

Design and manufacture a system to control friction that will be used to analyze the effects of friction on the CPVA's dynamics

The intention is to aid the development of understanding CPVAs and their mechanics

Primary Design Constraints

- Friction must be modifiable
- The absorber mass must stay the same
- Must fit within the existing assembly
- Produces consistent results across multiple trials
- Costs below \$400

Current CPVA Configuration in the Structural Dynamics and Acoustics Systems Laboratory in Kitson Hall

Post Project Gantt Chart

Problem Solving Approach

Problem Deconstruction

- 1. Design and manufacture an auxiliary subsystem to the CPVA that can modulate the normal force applied between the absorbers and rotor
- 2. Design and implement a method to control and modify the coefficient of friction in the absorberrotor interface

Coefficient of Friction

Can be investigated for implementation through the following:

- Experimental Testing
- Computational Methods (Finite Element Analysis)
- Analytical Methods (Theory)

Physical Approach

Experimental Testing

Friction Test

- Developed a procedure to determine the coefficient of friction
- Utilized ASTM D1894
- Simple pull test
	- Apply known load to the interface
	- Measure force required to move the coupon

Makerspace Manufacturing

- 12 2.5" square aluminum coupons were cut
- CNC Mill was used to drill precisely in the center of a side
- Hole tapped and thumb screw inserted for a pull string to be attached to

Top Left: Cutting of aluminum coupons; Lower Left: Aluminum coupons manufactured for testing; Right: CNC milling of coupons

Experimental Testing

Sandblasting

- Sandblasting was determined to be the most consistent and costefficient method to reliably introduce a surface roughness
- A sandblaster was acquired, and 6 coupons were roughened
- This was structured to fill a Design of Experiments full factorial array

Prepped for sandblasting

6 80 Large Video of sandblasting procedure

Normal Force Application Designs

Design 1. Absorber-Compressing

- Split the rotor into two halves
- Place absorbers in between
- Control normal force with screws

Design 2. Pressure Vessel

- Introduce a sealed vessel around the CPVA
- Control normal force by filling vessel with pressurized fluid

Design 3. Loading Existing Bolts

- Use the existing CPVA design
- Manage normal force with the tightness of the connecting bolts

Normal Force Application Designs

Design 4. Ball Bearing Rollers

- Introduce a plate with ball bearings on each absorber
- Control normal force by adding pressure with the plate

Design 5. Rotor-Compressing

- Split absorber into two halves
- Control normal force by tightening the absorbers with screws

Decision Matrix

▪ This decision matrix was generated after careful analysis and evaluation of each design

- The best design was the "Loading Existing Bolts" method
	- Favored in matrix due to simplicity, low cost, and safety
	- Purple Loctite should be used to prevent vibration loosening

Decision Matrix Criteria

Analytical Approach

Motivation for an Analytical Model

COVID-19 School Closure

▪ Had to abandon experimental approach

Computational Approach

- Rough surfaces were generated in MATLAB and exported to ANSYS for analysis
- ANSYS was unable to simulate the surfaces deforming as required

Analytical Approach

- Last option was to develop a contact model in MATLAB
- This would generate two rough surfaces to calculate the coefficient of friction when they are contacting

Inflated schematic diagram of two rough surface profiles coming in contact with each other

Gaussian Distribution

- MATLAB's normrnd function was used to generate an array of randomly distributed heights
	- This command requires a standard deviation (sigma) and an average (mu)

MATLAB Code

- An array is generated for a specific width, resolution, and input sigma
	- Each surface is assumed to have an average height of 0 (mu = 0)

Measurement Parameters

▪ Surfaces are most often characterized by their Ra and Rms values

$$
Ra = \frac{1}{n} \sum |z_i - \bar{z}| \qquad Rms = \sqrt{\frac{\sum y_i^2}{n}}
$$

2 asperities per mm, 5 interpolation points; Ra = 3.3 μm, Rms = 0.988 μm, Equivalent Grit = 110 Grit Sandpaper

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 $\overline{4}$

 $\times 10^{-3}$

 $\mathbf{3}$

 -2

 -3

 -1

 $\,0\,$

 (mm)

 $\overline{2}$

Interpolated Model

2 asperities per mm, 5 interpolation points; Ra = 3.7 μm, Rms = 0.204 μm, Equivalent Grit = 100 Grit Sandpaper

0.06 0.05 $\frac{1}{2}$ direction (mm)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ 0.03 0.01 $\mathbb O$ 10 10 8 8 6 6 ⁶
y direction (m) $\overline{\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 2 \end{array}}$ x direction (m) $\overline{4}$ \overline{c} $\mathsf{O}\xspace$

.STL File Generated (mm)

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2 asperities per mm, 1 interpolation point; Ra = 3.6 μm, Rms = 0.968 μm, Equivalent Grit = 101 Grit Sandpaper

2 asperities per mm, 5 interpolation points; Ra = 3.7 μm, Rms = 0.204 μm, Equivalent Grit = 100 Grit Sandpaper

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Fundamental Contact Equations

Hertz Contact

- The seminal work by Heinrich Hertz is considered here
	- This is an old model, but is relatively simple
- The force as a function of interference (δ_i) is given by the following equation.²

$$
F_i = \frac{4E^*}{3} (\delta_i{}^3 R)^{1/2}
$$

 \blacksquare The radius and modulus are given by $2 \blacksquare$

$$
\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}, \qquad \frac{1}{E^*} = \frac{1 - {\nu_1}^2}{E_1} + \frac{1 - {\nu_2}^2}{E_2}
$$

▪ In a contact matrix, the interference is conditional, as shown.³

$$
\delta_i = \begin{cases} [(L_{1,i} + L_{2,i}) - d] & \text{if } [(L_{1,i} + L_{2,i}) - d] > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}
$$

1. G. Adams and M. Nosonovsky, "Contact modeling - forces," Tribology International, vol. 33, pp. 431-442, 2000. 2. B. Bushan, "Contact mechanics of rough surfaces in tribology: multiple asperity contact," Tribology Letters, no. 4, pp. 1-35, 1998. 3. S. Hulikal, N. Lapusta and K. Bhattacharya, "Static and sliding contact of rough surfaces: effect of aspertiy-scale properties and longrange elastic interaction," Department of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

MATLAB Contact Model

Existing Contact Models

▪ Either exceptionally complicated or unacceptably simplified

Derivation Steps

- Existing contact models and procedures were taken into consideration
	- Especially Hulikal, Lapusta, and Bhattacharya's model as well as the work by Bushan
- A modified version of Hertzian Contact was determined to be the most viable
	- The original Hertz model considers two sphere tipped asperities contacting on an orthogonal plane
	- This newly derived considers the contact coplanar with the average instantaneous slope of the rough surfaces in contact

Two interfacing rough surfaces with sphere-tipped asperities considering the instantaneous slope for each surface at the point of contact

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MATLAB Contact Model

Two sphere-tipped asperity elements in contact at some angle

Derived Equations

▪ Using the premise set forth and the Hertz contact equations, 4 new equations are derived to consider an individual asperity.

$$
\theta_i = \arctan(f_i')
$$

$$
\Delta_i = \delta_i(\cos\theta)
$$

■ Normal Force

$$
F_{c,z} = \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{\Delta_i^3 R E^{*2}} \left| \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta) \right|
$$

■ Shear Force

$$
F_{c,x} = \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{\Delta_i^3 R E^{*2}} \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)
$$

▪ The macroscopic forces can be considered by summing the forces for each element across the entire surface

MATLAB Contact Model

Efficacy

- Unfortunately, cannot verify with experimental results
- \bullet Output μ is within expectations

Further Improvements

Due to time constraints, the following were not able to be integrated:

- Evolution of system through time
- **Effect of surface relative motion**
- Dynamic plasticity
- Rudimentary contact model
- Computational inefficiencies

Pressure animation of two rough surfaces being loaded to 1000 N and unloaded (2 asperities per mm, 10 interpolation points; Ra = 3.1 μm, Rms = 0.082 μm, Equivalent Grit = 117 Grit Sandpaper)

MATLAB Contact Model Results

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Coefficient of Friction vs Surface Ra Value

Computational Approach

ANSYS Simulations

Analytical to Computational

- From MATLAB, it was determined to use the frictional coefficient from 0.15 - 0.45
	- This, as shown by the coefficient of variation plot, is the most consistent range

ANSYS Model

- Team decided next step was a simulation approach
- Tools considered: Abaqus, ANSYS, and **COMSOL**
- ANSYS was the chosen tool based on the team's familiarity with the software
- Modal analysis and harmonic response analysis were performed based on ANSYS workshop followed in class

Screenshots of CPVA assembly in ANSYS

ANSYS Simulations

- Modal Analysis was performed for first 6 modes, for all coefficients.
- Example of modal analysis and results presented for coefficient of 0.35

Top left to right: Deformation of modes 1, 2, and 3. Bottom left to right: Deformation of modes 4, 5, and 6

Frequency Response Plots

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Final Design

Conclusions

- Maintain the current CPVA configuration
- To use the "tightening bolts" method
- Utilize sandblasting for artificial surface roughening
- Aim for a coefficient of friction of 0.35

Implementation

To do this, a surface $Ra = 3.020 \mu m$ is required on the absorber and rotor

• This is approximately the roughness of 120 grit sandpaper

CPVA absorber engineering drawing to be manufactured with a surface roughness of Ra = 3.020 m

Thank You

Appendix – Cost Analysis

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Appendix – Engineering Flow Chart

Appendix – ANSYS Results 195-265 Hz

2.50E-03

Appendix – ANSYS Results By Mode

Mode 6 Frequency Response of CPVA (variable input friction)

Mode 1 Frequency Response of CPVA (variable input friction)

Frequency (in Hz)

 -0.2 -0.25 -0.3 -0.35 -0.4 -0.45

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