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## **Simulation Methods in the Contact with Impact of Rigid Bodies**

*The analysis of impacts of elastic bodies is topical and it has many applications, practical and theoretical, too. The elastic character of collision is put in evidence, especially by the velocities of some parts of a particular body, named "ring". In the presented paper, the situation of elastic collisions is put in evidence by the simulation with the help of the program ANSYS and it refers to the particular case of the ring, with the mechanical characteristics, given in the paper.*

### **1. Introduction**

The modeling consist in the representation of a system or process by another system, named model, which is more easily to be studied, but keeping the relevant characteristics of the original. The study of model can be realized in two ways: analytic and experimental. The experimental study of a model is named simulation and it is preferred in the situations when the study in analytic way is impossible or too laborious. The studied model, named model of simulation, is called mathematical model. The simulation offers the possibility to study a model, when the analytic analysis is not applicable. [1]

The vibrating motion can be expressed by a sinusoidal function or, frequently used in praxis, by superposing many sinusoidal quantities, having different frequencies and amplitudes. The vibrations are dynamic phenomena, which appear in elastic media as a consequence of local excitations and which are propagated in the interior of medium under the form of oscillations. [3] The shock is a special form of vibration, in which the excitation is not periodic; it can be produced under the form of an impulse, a step vibration or a transient vibration. The term of "shock" defines a mechanical phenomenon of high intensity, which takes place in a relatively short period of time. Fro the analytic point of view, the main characteristic of the shock is the fact that the motion of system depends on the frequency of shock, but also, on the eigenfrequency of system. If the excitation is of a short

duration, the motion of system is a vibration, having the frequency equal to the eigenfrequency. [2]

The chosen and presented model is a ring, realized in steel, whose dimensions are the internal radius of 0.0455 [m], external radius of 0.050 [m] and width of 0.0152 [m] (Figure 1). On the generating line of the ring an initial fissure of 0.0010 [m] was performed, which can not progress in any direction. Thus, when a force or impulse is applied on the ring, the transfer of energy for the propagation of fissure is, practically, null. For this reason, it is necessary to consider that the forces which result on the two sides of the fissure represent percussive forces, which are transmitted as a shock wave, in the mass of ring.

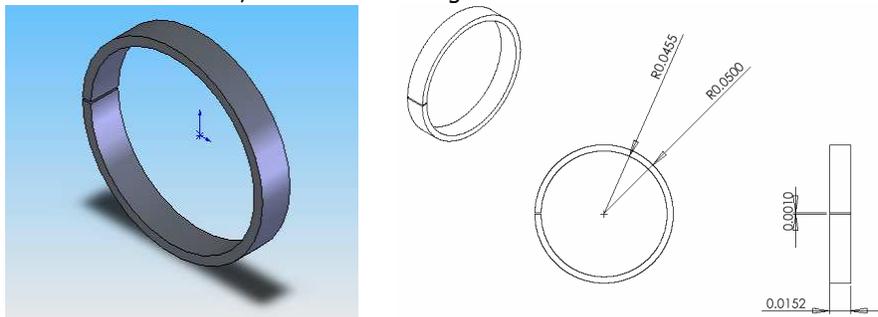


Fig.1 Geometry of studied model

## 2. Processing of signals

If a perturbing force acts on a system, its motion is a vibration. The response of system can be expressed by a displacement, velocity or acceleration, measured in a point. The essential quantities of vibrating motions what are interested to be measured are: linear displacements, velocities, accelerations, angular displacements and frequencies. In the study of vibrating motions, it is useful to know the amplitudes for displacement, velocity or acceleration. The discontinuous graphic which gives these quantities as a function of frequency is called spectrum [4].

### 2.1. Numerical simulations, using ANSYS LS-DYNA

The increasing of performances of computers has facilitated the development of new methods of calculus of structures. Actually, there is a large diversity of programs, based on numerical analysis. One of these programs is the ANSYS program, which is a general program of analysis with finite elements.

Due to the efficiency of Method of Finite Element, the numerical simulation tends to replace the experiment, from the simplest cases to the simulation of the most complex tests [5].

The problem of considered ring which has a fissure is a problem of contact, because there are collisions between the two surfaces, resulted as consequence of the fissuring. This is the reason for which it was chosen the program ANSYS LS-DYNA – explicit dynamic program. This program assures the simulation of problems of non linear analysis, rapid dynamics, with applications in the simulation of technological processes of cupping, smithing, lamination, etc., simulations with impact. The process of simulation [6] of a system can be divided in four phases (figure 2):

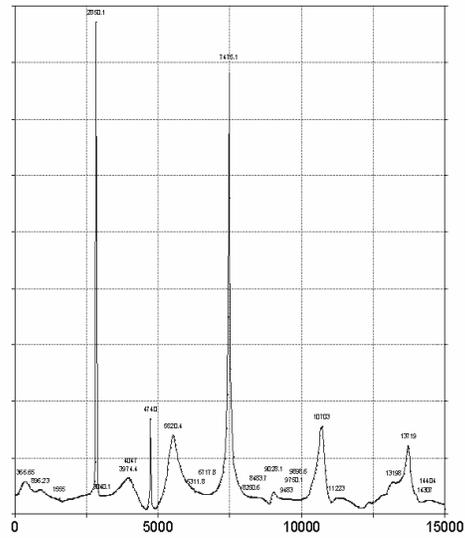


**Fig. 2** Process of modeling of a system

So, by using the ANSYS LS-DYNA program, it was found the response of system to a certain excitation. At low frequencies it is recommended the measurement of displacements or velocities, and at high frequencies, the measurement of accelerations. For this reason, with the help of this program, in each node of the mesh network, there were saved the respective displacements, velocities and accelerations, under the form of a file, of text type. The understanding of different results, quantities, phenomena, which take place during the vibrating motions, is easier if graphic representations are used. The most suggestive representation is the graphic  $x(t)$ , which shows the variation of displacement as a function of time, as well as the analogous graphics, concerning the velocity and acceleration. If at a periodic motion, the frequency is taken on the abscissa, and on the ordinate line, one of the ordinary kinematical quantities (displacement, velocity, acceleration), it is obtained the representation in frequencies. This one shows the amplitudes that different components have, at different frequencies of the motion. [7]

Taking into account these ones, with the help of the program AUTOSIGNAL, there were obtained the velocity, acceleration and displacement of respective node. These ones are presented in figures 3-5.

Velocity:

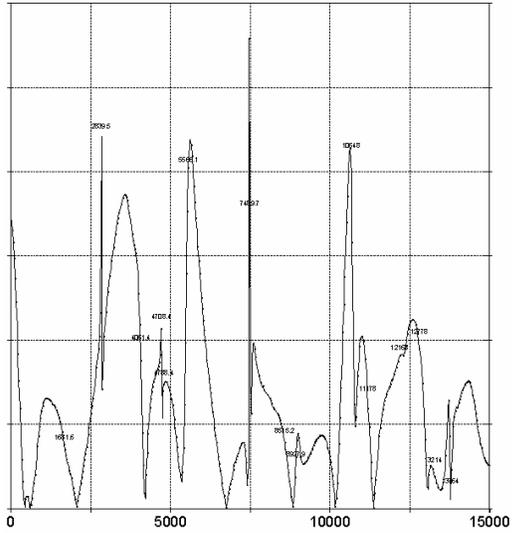


Frecvențe [Hz]

366.65358272
896.23243345
1555.0494160
2850.1206901
3040.1045691
3974.3642779
4047.0464605
4739.9796742
5520.4000158
6311.8216534
6717.7689205
7475.1359009
8250.5826384
8483.6910696
9028.1168621
9483.0325938
9750.1252176
9898.6096010
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11223.080344
13197.668830
13718.941565
14306.846256
14403.764351

**Fig.3 Ox**

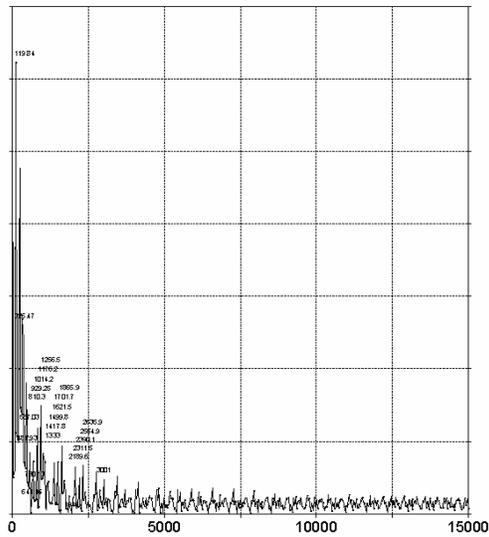
Acceleration:



Frecvente[Hz]
1681.64642
2839.48286
4061.43221
4708.44574
4788.36694
5566.05270
7489.66469
8575.22189
8927.94917
10648.0559
11177.7078
12167.6063
12778.0568
13213.9915
13763.8748

Fig.4 Ox

Displacement



Frecvente[Hz]
119.84351205
326.46557532
484.92502697
567.02697978
644.15884766
730.12643968
810.30468783
929.24950942
1014.1982700
1176.1807810
1256.4536599
1332.9953543
1417.7723020
1499.7924203
1621.4706884
1701.7484492
1865.9263719
1945.9537533
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2311.5404108
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Fig.5 Ox

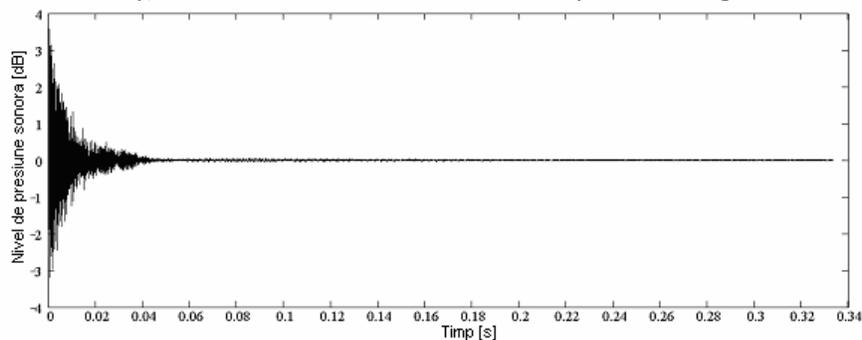
## 2.2. Experimental study

In order to analyze the data, there are necessary the experimental installation, system of data acquisition, package of software for the control of system of data acquisition and processing.

The experimental stand is composed of the sonometer (device which measures the level of acoustic pressure, expressed in [dB]), acquisition plate and computer.

The acquisitioned signal by the acquisition plate is taken over, filtered and saved by a virtual device, created by the author, in the program TestPoint, a package of software which accompanies the acquisition plate and is dedicated to data acquisition. The device contains blocks, put at the disposition of user by the program, which permit the modification of number of channels on which the acquisition is made, rate of acquisition, total duration of acquisition, filtration of data in order to eliminate the "noise", inherent to any acquisition and saving of data under the form of files of text type. This one is conceived to have four distinct modules: module of data acquisition and visualization, module of filtration, module of transformation of electric quantities to mechanical quantities, module of saving of data under the form of files of text type (ASCII).

In this way, it was obtained the level of sonorous pressure in figure 6.



**Fig.6** Level of sonorous pressure

By processing of signal with the program MATCHAD, which is a reading of mathematical commands, with friendly interface and which displays data and expressions in a natural form, it was resulted the diagram of frequencies in figure 7.

The natural frequencies, obtained as the result of modal analysis with the program ANSYS WORKBENCH, are presented in Table1, with the mention that the first 6 frequencies are the frequencies of rigid body (6 degrees of freedom=3 rotations+3 translations).

Table 1

Mod	Frequency	Mod	Frequency	Mod	Frequency
7	201.73 Hz	13	2632.38 Hz	19	7602.4 Hz
8	341.11 Hz	14	2925.67 Hz	20	9299.61 Hz
9	440.16 Hz	15	4260.95 Hz	21	9592.75 Hz
10	987.52 Hz	16	4637.23 Hz	22	11786.76 Hz
11	1148.37 Hz	17	5822.67 Hz	23	11825.33 Hz
12	1828.59 Hz	18	6912.04 Hz	24	14177.46 Hz

By superposing the experimental results to the ones, obtained by using the program ANSYS WORKBENCH, it is obtained the diagram of frequencies in fig. 7.

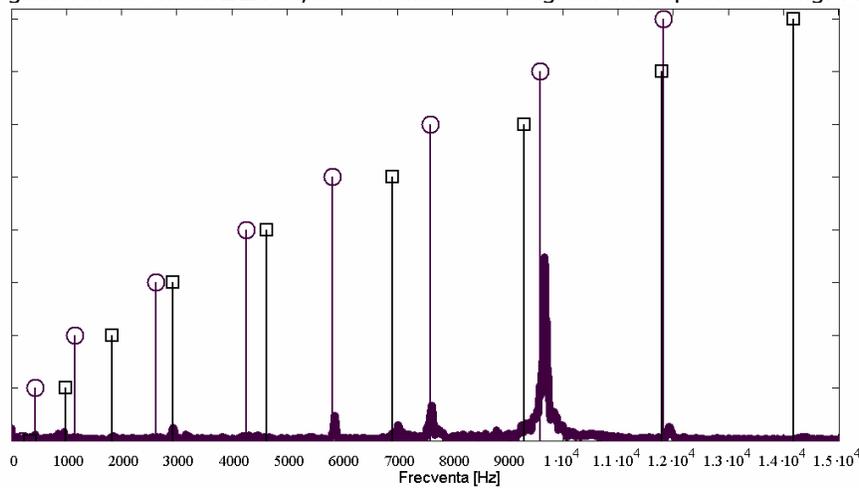


Fig.7 Spectrum of frequencies

### 3. Conclusions

The modeling, realized within the framework of the paper is for the model of a ring with well defined dimensions and mechanical characteristics. The experimental study of this model is preferable to be made by simulation, because the study, realized by analytical methods is too laborious.

The efficiency of Finite Element Method in the numerical simulation, in general, substitutes the experiment, in many cases and at complex tests.

The choosing of ANSYS LS-DYNA program is realized because it comes very well to problems of contact/impact of elastic bodies, problems from which the problem of the considered ring makes part.

The analysis of signals, obtained by applying an impact force on the generating line of the ring, was realized with the help of the program AUTOSIGNAL.

These experimental and simulated elements are presented within the framework of figures in the paper. From their analysis, it results the proper modes of vibrations, as well as the spectra of frequencies, where the ring has dynamic behaviors, which are not enough known.

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