Non-Linear Dynamic Feature Analysis of a Multiple-Stage Closed-Loop Gear Transmission System for 3D Circular Braiding Machine

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Abstract: Aiming at the particularity of a multiple-stage closed-loop gear transmission system for 3D circular braiding machine, the model of gear transmission system in radial braiding machine was simplified. The non-linear dynamic equations of a n-elements closed-loop gear transmission system with symmetrical structure including static transmission error, the random disturbance of meshing damping and backlash were considered. For convenience of calculation n = 3, the equations were solved numerically by using Runge-Kutta. The dynamic transmission error(DTE) with different backlash, dynamic meshing forces with and without the random disturbance of meshing damping, the amplitude of dynamic transmission error at n = 1000 r/min and b = 2.65 × 10^{-5} m, root mean square(RMS) of DTE and the mean value of DTE of the first pair of gears were analyzed. The simulation results show that different backlash and the random disturbance of meshing damping have a great influence on the dynamic displacement error and meshing force of the gear pair, and RMS and the mean value of DTE changes at different rotational speeds. The results will provide a reference for realizing the smoothness of the closed-loop gear transmission system with symmetrical structure for 3D braiding machine and have great practical significance for improving the braiding quality.

Keywords: 3D circular braiding machine; multiple-stage closed-loop gear transmission system; non-linear dynamic feature; the random disturbance of meshing damping; Runge-Kutta

1. Introduction

Braiding plays an important role in textile industry. It’s very interesting for scholars to study braiding with the emergence of new materials and different types of braiding machines.

The performance analysis of composite materials, parameters, braiding process, and structure have been studied by scholars. Some works concerning the problem of corrosion in metallic materials treated with Swarm Optimization techniques and the work in which the problem of corrosion in composite materials is treated by means of acoustic techniques [1–3]. Reviews written by Guangli Ma et al. [4] proposed a method of tension versus yarn displacement. Haili Zhou, Wei Zhang et al. [5] analyzed the transverse impact behaviors. Guyader et al. [6] proposed the calculation method of process parameters. J.H. van Ravenhorst and Akkerman [7] proposed an inverse kinematics-based procedure to automatically generate machine control data. J.H. van Ravenhorst et al. [8] proposed a new method to simulate yarn interaction behavior. Won-Jin Na et al. [9] proposed a mathematical model to predict braid pattern. Hans et al. [10] simulated braiding process and experimented by the industrial robot. Kyosev [11] mentioned the radial braiding machine with a robot arm as a take-off device. Monnot et al. [12] researched automatic braiding using a non-circular braiding model and Heieck et al. [13] researched the influence of cover factor and Tobias Wehrkamp-Richter et al. [14]
studied damage and failure of composites and E.E. Swery [15] has predicted the manufacturing of composite parts and experimented through the industrial robot.

However, studies on non-linear dynamic feature of a multiple-stage closed-loop gear transmission system for 3D circular braiding machine are scarce. Gear transmission is widely used in various fields. Many scholars have always focus on the research of gear system since 1990. The main research direction of gear system is the study of dynamic model and dynamic characteristics. There are many dynamic modeling methods. Kahraman, Singh [16] established a non-linear dynamic model of single-stage gear system considering error and backlash in 1990. Later, Kahraman, Singh [17] established a non-linear dynamic model of 3DOF gear system considering multiple incentive factors. Song [18] established a single-stage gear dynamic model considering friction and time-varying meshing stiffness. Liu [19] established a multiple-stage gear dynamic model considering other incentive factors. Cui [20] established a gear rotor dynamic model considering different incentive factors. Baguet [21] established a gear-rotor-bearing coupling dynamic model considering multiple incentive factors. Li [22] established a friction dynamic model considering multiple incentive factors. WEI Jing [23] established a multiple-degree-of-freedom gear dynamic model for high-speed locomotive considering bearing clearance, backlash, time-varying meshing stiffness. ZHANG Hui-bo [24] established a gear rotor dynamic model considering multiple incentive factors. According to above literature, research on gears has developed from single-stage single-degree-of-freedom gear system to multiple-stage multiple-degree-of-freedom gear system. Meanwhile, the solving methods of gear system include Floquet-Lyapunov method, harmonic balance method, average method, multiple-scale method and numerical method.

To the authors’ knowledge, there is no research on non-linear dynamic characteristics of closed-loop gear transmission system for 3D circular braiding machine. The stability of the closed-loop gear transmission system with symmetrical structure in 3D braiding machine has a great influence on braiding quality, so the investigation of non-linear dynamic characteristics of the multiple-stage closed-loop gear transmission system with symmetrical structure for 3D circular braiding machine is necessary. This paper proposes Runge-Kutta method for solving the dynamic equations of the multiple-stage closed-loop gear transmission system with symmetrical structure for 3D circular braiding machine to help engineers effectively understand the dynamic displacement error and dynamic meshing force under different backlash and the random disturbance of meshing damping, which can provide a reference for realizing the smoothness of the closed-loop gear transmission system with symmetrical structure for 3D braiding machine, and have great practical significance for improving the braiding quality.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents the outline of torsional vibration model of n-elements closed-loop gear transmission system and non-linear differential equations of torsional vibration are listed according to the outline of torsional vibration model. In Section 3, non-linear differential equations of torsional vibration are simulated by Matlab. Dynamic transmission error of the first pair of gears and dynamic meshing force of the first pair of gears are analyzed. Finally, Section 4 gives some brief conclusions.

2. Torsional Vibration Model of n-Elements Closed-loop Gear Transmission System

2.1. Torsional Vibration Model of Gear System

The outline of radial braiding machine is shown in Figure 1, and its transmission system is shown in Figure 2, which can be simplified to the n-elements closed-loop gear transmission system as shown in Figure 3. Assuming that the pure torsional vibration of gear pair in a radial braiding machine is considered, motors drive load to rotate through n-elements closed-loop gear transmission system. In order to establish and solve differential equations of n-elements gear transmission system in a radial braiding machine, rotational inertia of the shaft is distributed to the gear or rotor of each shaft by using the principle of functional equivalence and centroid invariance. The rotational inertia of the gear
and rotor includes the equivalent mass of the shaft, and the equivalent dynamic model of n-elements closed-loop gear transmission system is shown in Figure 4.

Figure 1. The outline of radial braiding machine.

Figure 2. The actual outline of gear transmission system.

Figure 3. The outline of n-elements closed-loop gear transmission system.
As shown in Figure 4, $\theta_M$ is the angular displacement of motor, $\theta_1$, $\theta_2$ ... $\theta_n$ are the angular displacements of gears, $J_1$, $J_2$ ... $J_n$ are the rotational inertia of loads, $J_M$ is the rotational inertia of motor, $I_1$, $I_2$ ... $I_n$ are the rotational inertia of gears, $J_{13}$, $J_{12}$ ... $J_{Ln}$ are the rotational inertia of loads, $C_{g1M1}$ is torsional damping of motor shaft, $C_{s1}$, $C_{s2}$ ... $C_{sn}$ are torsional damping of output shafts, $K_{gM1}$ is torsional rigidity of motor shaft, $K_{s1}$, $K_{s2}$ ... $K_{sn}$ are torsional rigidity of output shafts, $K_{g12}$, $K_{g23}$ ... $K_{g(n)(n+1)}$ are time-varying meshing stiffness between gear pairs, $C_{g12}$, $C_{g23}$ ... $C_{g(n)(n+1)}$ are meshing damping, $b_{12}$, $b_{23}$ ... $b_{n(n+1)}$ are half clearance of meshing teeth pairs, $T_M$ is the torque of motor, $T_{L1}$, $T_{L2}$ ... $T_{Ln}$ are torque of loads, $C_{g3}$ is the random disturbance of meshing damping between gear pairs.

2.2. Non-linear Differential Equations of Torsional Vibration

As shown in Figure 4, the dynamic differential equation of n-elements gear transmission system with transmission error, the random disturbance of meshing damping, the random disturbance of input torque and backlash is obtained according to gear system dynamics and the theory of mechanical vibration [25–31]. The dynamic differential equation of n-elements gear transmission system with
transmission error, the random disturbance of meshing damping, the random disturbance of input torque and backlash obtained by analysis is shown as (1):

\[
\begin{align*}
J_1 \dot{\theta}_1 + C_{\Delta 1} (\dot{\theta}_1 - \dot{\theta}_1) + K_{\Delta 1} (\theta_1 - \theta_1) &= T_1 \\
J_2 \dot{\theta}_2 - R_{\Delta 2} - W_{d12} - W_{d23} + C_{\Delta 2} (\dot{\theta}_2 - \dot{\theta}_2) + K_{\Delta 2} (\theta_2 - \theta_2) &= 0 \\
J_{12} \dot{\theta}_{12} + C_{\Delta 12} (\dot{\theta}_{12} - \dot{\theta}_{12}) + K_{\Delta 12} (\theta_{12} - \theta_{12}) &= -T_{12}
\end{align*}
\]

where,

\[
\begin{align*}
W_{d12} &= (C_{\Delta 12} + C_{\Delta 1}) \cdot [R_{\Delta 1} \cdot \theta_1 - R_{\Delta 2} \cdot \theta_2 - e(t)] + K_{\Delta 12} \cdot \dot{g}(\chi_1) \\
W_{d23} &= (C_{\Delta 23} + C_{\Delta 1}) \cdot [R_{\Delta 2} \cdot \theta_2 - R_{\Delta 2} \cdot \theta_3 - e(t)] + K_{\Delta 23} \cdot \dot{g}(\chi_2) \\
W_{d13} &= (C_{\Delta 13} + C_{\Delta 2}) \cdot [R_{\Delta 1} \cdot \theta_1 - R_{\Delta 3} \cdot \theta_1 - e(t)] + K_{\Delta 13} \cdot \dot{g}(\chi_3) \\
\chi_1(t) &= (R_{\Delta 1} \cdot \theta_1 - R_{\Delta 2} \cdot \theta_2) \\
\chi_2(t) &= (R_{\Delta 2} \cdot \theta_2 - R_{\Delta 3} \cdot \theta_3) \\
\chi_3(t) &= (R_{\Delta 1} \cdot \theta_1 - R_{\Delta 3} \cdot \theta_1)
\end{align*}
\]

where, \( e(t) \) is the comprehensive transmission error of gear meshing, \( b_{12}, b_{23}, \ldots, b_{n1} \) are dimensionless clearance, \( W_{d12}, \ldots, W_{d13} \) is the dynamic meshing force of gear, \( x_1(t) \ldots x_n(t) \) is the dynamic transmission error, \( b_{12} = b_{12}/b_e, b_{23} = b_{23}/b_e \ldots, b_{n1} = b_{n1}/b_e \) is the nominal size, \( b_e \) is the random disturbance of dimensionless gear side clearance. For convenience of calculation, suppose \( n = 3 \) is analyzed.

Because gear transmission system is the most important transmission form of mechanical equipment, which is widely used in various fields. However, the excessive dynamic displacement caused by the vibration response of the transmission system will affect the normal operation of the mechanical equipment. Therefore, in order to obtain the dimensionless dynamic displacement error of the gear pair, taking \( q_2 = \frac{R_{\Delta 1} \cdot \theta_1 - R_{\Delta 2} \cdot \theta_2 - e(t)}{b_e} \), the rest \( q_1, \ldots, q_7 \) also refers to the transmission error, and the others are similar. \( m_1, m_2, m_3 \) is the mass of gear. In order to obtain the dimensionless Equations (2a)–(2g), \( m_{d1}, m_{d2}, m_{d3} \) is the equivalent mass of gear. \( I_{d1}, I_{d2}, I_{d3} \) is the equivalent rotational inertia of gear. The others are similar.

In order to obtain the dimensionless dynamic displacement error of the gear pair, the dimensionless Equations (2a)–(2g) are obtained by adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing the equations.
in (1). And taking \( q_1 = \theta_M - \theta_1, q_2 = R_{\delta} \theta_1 - R_{\phi_0} \theta_2 - \epsilon(t), q_3 = R_{\theta_0} \theta_2 - R_{\phi_0} \theta_1 - \epsilon(t), q_4 = R_{\phi_0} \theta_1 - R_{\phi_0} \theta_1 - \epsilon(t), q_5 = \theta_1 - \theta_{L_1}, q_6 = \theta_2 - \theta_{L_2}, q_7 = \theta_3 - \theta_{L_3}, m_1 = \frac{J_{1R_1}}{R_{1I}}, m_2 = \frac{J_{2R_2}}{R_{2I}}, m_3 = \frac{J_{3R_3}}{R_{3I}}, m_{t_1} = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, m_{t_2} = \frac{m_2 m_3}{m_2 + m_3}, m_{t_3} = \frac{m_3 m_1}{m_3 + m_1}, \epsilon(t) = -\epsilon \cdot a_1^2 \cdot \sin(at), \Omega = \frac{2 \omega}{J_1}, I_{t_1} = \frac{J_{1R_1}}{J_{1I}}, I_{t_2} = \frac{J_{2R_2}}{J_{2I}}, I_{t_3} = \frac{J_{3R_3}}{J_{3I}}, \tau = \omega t. \) The final dimensionless Equations (2a)–(2g) are as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{q}_1 + \frac{C_{\phi M_1}}{J_{1R_1} \omega_0^2} \cdot q_1 + \frac{K_{\phi M_1}}{J_{1R_1} \omega_0^2} \cdot \dot{q}_1 + \left( \frac{C_{g_{12}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_1 \omega_0} \right) \cdot \frac{J_{3R_3}}{J_{1I}} \cdot \dot{q}_1 - \frac{C_{\phi M_1}}{m_1 \omega_0} \cdot q_2 & = \cdots \quad (2a) \\
\dot{q}_2 + \frac{C_{g_{12}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_2 \omega_0} \cdot q_2 + \frac{K_{g_{12}}}{m_2 \omega_0} \cdot \dot{q}_2 + \left( \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_2 \omega_0} \right) \cdot \frac{J_{3R_3}}{J_{2I}} \cdot \dot{q}_2 - \frac{C_{g_{12}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_2 \omega_0} \cdot q_3 & = \cdots \quad (2b) \\
\dot{q}_3 + \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_2 \omega_0} \cdot q_3 + \frac{K_{g_{23}}}{m_3 \omega_0} \cdot \dot{q}_3 + \left( \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_3 \omega_0} \right) \cdot \frac{J_{3R_3}}{J_{3I}} \cdot \dot{q}_3 - \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_3 \omega_0} \cdot q_4 & = \cdots \quad (2c) \\
\dot{q}_4 + \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_3 \omega_0} \cdot q_4 + \frac{K_{g_{23}}}{m_4 \omega_0} \cdot \dot{q}_4 + \left( \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_4 \omega_0} \right) \cdot \frac{J_{3R_3}}{J_{4I}} \cdot \dot{q}_4 - \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_4 \omega_0} \cdot q_5 & = \cdots \quad (2d) \\
\dot{q}_5 + \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_5 \omega_0} \cdot q_5 + \frac{K_{g_{23}}}{m_5 \omega_0} \cdot \dot{q}_5 + \left( \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_5 \omega_0} \right) \cdot \frac{J_{3R_3}}{J_{5I}} \cdot \dot{q}_5 - \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_5 \omega_0} \cdot q_6 & = \cdots \quad (2e) \\
\dot{q}_6 + \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_6 \omega_0} \cdot q_6 + \frac{K_{g_{23}}}{m_6 \omega_0} \cdot \dot{q}_6 + \left( \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_6 \omega_0} \right) \cdot \frac{J_{3R_3}}{J_{6I}} \cdot \dot{q}_6 - \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_6 \omega_0} \cdot q_7 & = \cdots \quad (2f) \\
\dot{q}_7 + \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_7 \omega_0} \cdot q_7 + \frac{K_{g_{23}}}{m_7 \omega_0} \cdot \dot{q}_7 + \left( \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_7 \omega_0} \right) \cdot \frac{J_{3R_3}}{J_{7I}} \cdot \dot{q}_7 - \frac{C_{g_{23}} + C_{\phi_0}}{m_7 \omega_0} \cdot q_8 & = \cdots \quad (2g)
\end{align*}
\]

In order to obtain simplified dimensionless Equations (3a)–(3g), substituting

\[
\xi_{11} = \frac{C_{gM_1}}{2 \cdot J_{1I} \cdot \omega_n}, \quad k_{11} = \frac{K_{gM_1}}{2 \cdot J_{1I} \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{12} = \frac{C_{g_{12}} + C_{\phi_0}}{2 \cdot J_{1I} \cdot \omega_n}, \quad k_{12} = \frac{K_{g_{12}} \cdot R_{B_1} \cdot b_e}{J_{1I} \cdot \omega_n^2}
\]
\[\xi_{13} = \frac{(C_{g31} + C_{gA}) \cdot R_{b1} \cdot b_e}{2 \cdot f_1 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{13} = \frac{K_{g31} \cdot R_{b1} \cdot b_e}{f_1 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{14} = \frac{C_{g1}}{2 \cdot f_1 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{14} = \frac{K_{g1}}{f_1 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[f_1 = \frac{T_M}{f_M \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{21} = \frac{C_{g1}}{2 \cdot f_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{21} = \frac{K_{g1}}{f_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{22} = \frac{C_{gM1}}{2 \cdot f_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{22} = \frac{K_{gM1}}{f_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[\xi_{23} = \frac{(C_{g12} + C_{gA}) \cdot R_{b2} \cdot b_e}{2 \cdot f_3 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{23} = \frac{K_{g12} \cdot R_{b2} \cdot b_e}{f_3 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{24} = \frac{(C_{g31} + C_{gA}) \cdot R_{b1} \cdot b_e}{2 \cdot f_1 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[k_{24} = \frac{K_{g31} \cdot R_{b1} \cdot b_e}{f_1 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad f_2 = \frac{T_{L1}}{f_{L1} \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{31} = \frac{C_{g2}}{2 \cdot f_3 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{31} = \frac{K_{g2}}{f_3 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[\xi_{32} = \frac{(C_{g12} + C_{gA}) \cdot R_{b2} \cdot b_e}{2 \cdot f_4 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{32} = \frac{K_{g12} \cdot R_{b2} \cdot b_e}{f_4 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{33} = \frac{(C_{g23} + C_{gA}) \cdot R_{b3} \cdot b_e}{2 \cdot f_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[k_{33} = \frac{K_{g23} \cdot R_{b3} \cdot b_e}{f_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad f_3 = \frac{T_{L2}}{f_{L2} \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{41} = \frac{C_{g3}}{2 \cdot f_4 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{41} = \frac{K_{g3}}{f_4 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[\xi_{42} = \frac{(C_{g23} + C_{gA}) \cdot R_{b3} \cdot b_e}{2 \cdot f_3 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{42} = \frac{K_{g23} \cdot R_{b3} \cdot b_e}{f_3 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{43} = \frac{(C_{g12} + C_{gA}) \cdot R_{b1} \cdot b_e}{2 \cdot f_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[k_{43} = \frac{K_{g12} \cdot R_{b1} \cdot b_e}{f_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad f_4 = \frac{T_{L3}}{f_{L3} \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{51} = \frac{(C_{g12} + C_{gA})}{2 \cdot m_1 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{51} = \frac{K_{g12}}{m_1 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[\xi_{52} = \frac{C_{gM1}}{2 \cdot m_1 \cdot R_{b1} \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{52} = \frac{K_{gM1}}{m_1 \cdot R_{b1} \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{53} = \frac{(C_{g23} + C_{gA})}{2 \cdot m_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{53} = \frac{K_{g23}}{m_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[\xi_{54} = \frac{(C_{g31} + C_{gA})}{2 \cdot m_1 \cdot a_n^2}, \quad k_{54} = \frac{K_{g31}}{m_1 \cdot a_n^2}, \quad \xi_{55} = \frac{C_{g1}}{2 \cdot R_{b1} \cdot m_1 \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{55} = \frac{K_{g1}}{R_{b1} \cdot m_1 \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[\xi_{56} = \frac{C_{g2}}{2 \cdot R_{b2} \cdot m_2 \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{56} = \frac{K_{g2}}{R_{b2} \cdot m_2 \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad f_5 = \frac{e}{b} \cdot \Omega^2 \cdot \sin(\Omega \cdot \tau), \]

\[\xi_{61} = \frac{(C_{g23} + C_{gA})}{2 \cdot m_2 \cdot a_n^2}, \quad k_{61} = \frac{K_{g23}}{m_2 \cdot a_n^2}, \quad \xi_{62} = \frac{(C_{g12} + C_{gA})}{2 \cdot m_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{62} = \frac{K_{g12}}{m_2 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[\xi_{63} = \frac{(C_{g31} + C_{gA})}{2 \cdot m_3 \cdot a_n^2}, \quad k_{63} = \frac{K_{g31}}{m_3 \cdot a_n^2}, \quad \xi_{64} = \frac{C_{g2}}{2 \cdot m_2 \cdot R_{b2} \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{64} = \frac{K_{g2}}{m_2 \cdot R_{b2} \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[\xi_{65} = \frac{C_{g3}}{2 \cdot m_3 \cdot R_{b3} \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{65} = \frac{K_{g3}}{m_3 \cdot R_{b3} \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad f_6 = \frac{e}{b} \cdot \Omega^2 \cdot \sin(\Omega \cdot \tau), \]

\[\xi_{71} = \frac{(C_{g31} + C_{gA})}{2 \cdot m_3 \cdot a_n^2}, \quad k_{71} = \frac{K_{g31}}{m_3 \cdot a_n^2}, \quad \xi_{72} = \frac{(C_{g23} + C_{gA})}{2 \cdot m_3 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{72} = \frac{K_{g23}}{m_3 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[\xi_{73} = \frac{C_{gM1}}{2 \cdot m_1 \cdot R_{b1} \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{73} = \frac{K_{gM1}}{m_1 \cdot R_{b1} \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{74} = \frac{(C_{g12} + C_{gA})}{2 \cdot m_1 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{74} = \frac{K_{g12}}{m_1 \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[\xi_{75} = \frac{C_{g1}}{2 \cdot R_{b1} \cdot m_1 \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{75} = \frac{K_{g1}}{R_{b1} \cdot m_1 \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad \xi_{76} = \frac{C_{g3}}{2 \cdot m_3 \cdot R_{b3} \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \quad k_{76} = \frac{K_{g3}}{m_3 \cdot R_{b3} \cdot b_e \cdot \omega_n^2}, \]

\[f_7 = \frac{e}{b} \cdot \Omega^2 \cdot \sin(\Omega \cdot \tau) \]

into (2a)–(2g).
The final dimensionless equation obtained by simplifying the above formula is as follows:

\[ \ddot{q}_1 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + k_{11} \cdot q_1 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_3 + k_{12} \cdot g(q_2) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_3 + \dot{q}_4 + \ldots \]
\[ k_{13} \cdot g(q_4) - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_4 + k_{14} \cdot q_5 = f_1 \]  

\[ \ddot{q}_2 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + k_{31} \cdot g(q_2) - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{32} \cdot q_1 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{33} \cdot g(q_3) - \ldots \]
\[ 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{34} \cdot g(q_4) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{35} \cdot q_5 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_6 + k_{36} \cdot q_6 = f_5 \]  

\[ \ddot{q}_3 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + k_{61} \cdot g(q_3) - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{62} \cdot g(q_2) - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{63} \cdot g(q_4) - \ldots \]
\[ 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{64} \cdot q_6 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_7 + k_{65} \cdot q_7 = f_6 \]  

\[ \ddot{q}_5 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + k_{71} \cdot g(q_4) - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{72} \cdot q_1 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{73} \cdot g(q_3) - \ldots \]
\[ 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{74} \cdot q_4 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_6 + k_{75} \cdot q_5 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_7 + k_{76} \cdot q_7 = f_7 \]  

\[ \ddot{q}_6 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + k_{61} \cdot g(q_3) - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{62} \cdot g(q_2) - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{63} \cdot g(q_4) - \ldots \]
\[ 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{64} \cdot q_6 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_7 + k_{65} \cdot q_7 = f_6 \]  

\[ \ddot{q}_7 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_3 + k_{31} \cdot q_3 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_3 + k_{32} \cdot q_3 = f_3 \]  

\[ \ddot{q}_9 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_3 + k_{31} \cdot q_3 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_3 + k_{32} \cdot q_3 = f_3 \]  

\[ \ddot{q}_9 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_3 + k_{31} \cdot q_3 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_3 + k_{32} \cdot q_3 = f_3 \]  

In order to solve the above Equations (3a)–(3g) is transformed into the following equations:

\[ \ddot{z} = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & q_4 & q_5 & q_6 & q_7 \end{pmatrix}^T \]
\[ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{dz_1}{d\tau} = z_2 \\
\frac{dz_2}{d\tau} = \ddot{q}_1 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_2 + k_{11} \cdot q_1 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_3 + k_{12} \cdot g(z_2) - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{13} \cdot g(z_3) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_6 + k_{14} \cdot q_5 \\
\frac{dz_3}{d\tau} = z_4 \\
\frac{dz_4}{d\tau} = \ddot{q}_2 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_2 + k_{31} \cdot z_2 + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_3 + k_{32} \cdot g(z_3) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{33} \cdot g(z_4) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_6 + k_{34} \cdot q_4 \\
\frac{dz_5}{d\tau} = z_6 \\
\frac{dz_6}{d\tau} = \ddot{q}_3 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_3 + k_{61} \cdot g(z_3) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{62} \cdot g(z_2) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_6 + k_{63} \cdot g(z_4) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_7 + k_{64} \cdot q_5 + k_{65} \cdot q_6 \\
\frac{dz_7}{d\tau} = z_8 \\
\frac{dz_8}{d\tau} = \ddot{q}_4 - 2 \cdot \dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_4 + k_{71} \cdot g(z_4) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_5 + k_{72} \cdot g(z_3) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_6 + k_{73} \cdot g(z_2) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_7 + k_{74} \cdot q_4 + k_{75} \cdot g(z_7) + 2 \cdot \dot{q}_8 + k_{76} \cdot q_7 \\
\frac{dz_9}{d\tau} = z_{10} \\
\frac{dz_{10}}{d\tau} = z_{11} \\
\frac{dz_{11}}{d\tau} = z_{12} \]
3. The Simulation Analysis of MATLAB

Taking gear transmission system of radial braiding machine shown in Figure 2 as an example, the dynamic differential equation of n-elements gear transmission system with static transmission error, the random disturbance of meshing damping and backlash are established. The basic parameters of gears are shown in Table 1. The rotational inertia of motor is $I_M = 0.03 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$, the speed is $n = 1000 \text{ r/min}$, the length of motor and gear shaft are $l_1 = 80 \text{ mm}, l_2 = 50 \text{ mm}$, the diameter is respectively $d_1 = 10 \text{ mm}, d_2 = 20 \text{ mm}$, half-tooth side clearance of tooth pairs is respectively $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mm}, b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm}, b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mm}$, motor and load torque is respectively $T_M = 44 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}, T_L = 2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$. Meanwhile, the dynamic differential equation of n-elements gear transmission system is simulated by Runge-Kutta method, and dynamic response results are obtained.

Table 1. The basic parameters of closed-loop gear transmission system.

|               | Gear 1 | Gear 2 | Gear 3 |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Modulus/mm    | 4      | 4      | 4      |
| Tooth number z| 30     | 30     | 30     |
| Tooth width B/mm | 10   | 10     | 10     |
| Pressure angle α(°) | 20  | 20     | 20     |
| Modification coefficient | 0.5047 | 0.5047 | 0.5047 |

3.1. The Analysis about Dynamic Transmission Error of the First Pair of Gears

Time domain diagrams of dynamic transmission error of the first pair of gears at $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}, b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}, b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$ are shown as Figures 5–7, and the frequency domain diagram of dynamic transmission error of the first pair of gears at $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$ is shown as Figure 8. From Figures 5–7, it is known that the dynamic transmission error will fluctuate with the increase of half-tooth side clearance of the first pair of gears, while the fluctuation trend of the other pair of gear is similar. From Figure 8, it can be seen that the amplitude of dynamic transmission error (DTE) is larger at 325 Hz, 675 Hz, 1000 Hz when $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}, n = 1000 \text{ r/min}$. Since a constant term of half-tooth side clearance, there is a large amplitude of dynamic transmission error (DTE) at 0 Hz. Since the speed of the system has a great influence on the dynamic transmission error (DTE), and the dynamic transmission error (DTE) is a key factor affecting the stability of the system. RMS and the mean value of DTE under the different speed is shown as Figures 9 and 10. From Figures 9 and 10, the fluctuation trend of RMS and the mean value of DTE under the different speed is basically the same. RMS and the mean value of DTE are stable when the speed is less than 5000 r/min. While RMS and the mean value of DTE are decreasing because of backlash, which can lead to a large proportion of gear separation and lateral contact when the speed is greater than 5000 r/min.
Figure 5. The dynamic transmission error of the first pair of gears at $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-6}$ m.

Figure 6. The dynamic transmission error of the first pair of gears at $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5}$ m.

Figure 7. The dynamic transmission error of the first pair of gears at $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-4}$ m.

Figure 8. DTE amplitude of the first pair of gears at $n = 1000$ r/min, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5}$ m.
1. The horizontal coordinate represents the number of samples and the vertical coordinate represents the random distribution value of $C_{g\Delta}$ obeying between zero and one. The change of dynamic meshing force at $n = 1000 \, \text{r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0$ and $n = 1000$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0.5$ are shown as Figures 12 and 13. From Figures 12 and 13, the fluctuation trend of dynamic meshing force at $n = 1000 \, \text{r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0$ and $n = 1000 \, \text{r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0.5$ is basically the same. The dynamic meshing force fluctuates greatly at $t < 7 \, \text{s}$, while it fluctuates slightly at $t > 7 \, \text{s}$ because the system is in a stable state. Compared with Figures 12 and 13, the maximum dynamic meshing force is about 5.9 KN when $T < 7 \, \text{s}$ at $n = 1000 \, \text{r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0$, while the maximum dynamic meshing force is about 3.8 KN when $T > 7 \, \text{s}$. Meanwhile, the maximum dynamic meshing force is about 7.8 KN when $T < 7 \, \text{s}$ at $n = 1000 \, \text{r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0.5$, while the maximum dynamic meshing force is about 5.5 KN when $T > 7 \, \text{s}$. Obviously, the fluctuation of dynamic meshing force increases with the increase of $C_{g\Delta}$.

Figure 9. RMS of DTE of the first pair of gears at $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$.

Figure 10. The mean value of DTE of the first pair of gears at $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$.

3.2. The Analysis about Dynamic Meshing Force of the First Pair of Gears

The change of dynamic meshing force reflects the magnitude of impact and the intensity of noise for the system. In order to reflect the problem of random effect [32–35], it is assumed that $C_{g\Delta}$ obeys the random distribution between zero and one, which is shown in Figure 11. The horizontal coordinate represents the number of samples and the vertical coordinate represents the random distribution value of $C_{g\Delta}$ obeying between zero and one. The change of dynamic meshing force at $n = 1000 \, \text{r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0$ and $n = 1000$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0.5$ are shown as Figures 12 and 13. From Figures 12 and 13, the fluctuation trend of dynamic meshing force at $n = 1000 \, \text{r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0$ and $n = 1000 \, \text{r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0.5$ is basically the same. The dynamic meshing force fluctuates greatly at $t < 7 \, \text{s}$, while it fluctuates slightly at $t > 7 \, \text{s}$ because the system is in a stable state. Compared with Figures 12 and 13, the maximum dynamic meshing force is about 5.9 KN when $T < 7 \, \text{s}$ at $n = 1000 \, \text{r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0$, while the maximum dynamic meshing force is about 3.8 KN when $T > 7 \, \text{s}$. Meanwhile, the maximum dynamic meshing force is about 7.8 KN when $T < 7 \, \text{s}$ at $n = 1000 \, \text{r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \, \text{m}$, $C_{g\Delta} = 0.5$, while the maximum dynamic meshing force is about 5.5 KN when $T > 7 \, \text{s}$. Obviously, the fluctuation of dynamic meshing force increases with the increase of $C_{g\Delta}$. 

Figure 11. The random distribution of $C_{g\Delta}$.
Figure 11. The random distribution of $C_{g,\Delta}$ obeying between zero and one.

Figure 12. The dynamic meshing force of the first pair of gears at $n = 1000 \text{ r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$, $C_{g,\Delta} = 0$.

Figure 13. The dynamic meshing force of the first pair of gears at $n = 1000 \text{ r/min}$, $b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$, $C_{g,\Delta} = 0.5$.

4. Conclusions

In this paper, the non-linear dynamic equations of a n-elements closed-loop gear transmission system with symmetrical structure for 3D circular braiding machine including static transmission error, the random disturbance of meshing damping and backlash were presented. The non-linear dynamic feature of multiple-stage closed-loop gear transmission system for the well-known radial braiding machine with one layer was in accordance with practical engineering. The simulation results are summarized as follows:
1. It is known that the dynamic transmission error will fluctuate with the increase of half-tooth side clearance. Therefore, it is very important to reduce half-tooth side clearance as much as possible to prevent the fluctuation of the dynamic transmission error.

2. It can be seen that the amplitude of dynamic transmission error (DTE) is larger at 325 Hz, 675 Hz, 1000 Hz when \( b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m} \), \( n = 1000 \text{ r/min} \). Since of a constant term of half-tooth side clearance, there is a large amplitude of dynamic transmission error (DTE) at 0 Hz. Since the excessive dynamic displacement caused by the vibration response of the transmission system will affect the normal operation of the mechanical equipment. Therefore, it is very important to avoid 0 Hz, 325 Hz, 675 Hz, 1000 Hz when \( b_{12} = 2.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}, n = 1000 \text{ r/min} \) to prevent the large amplitude of dynamic transmission error (DTE).

3. The fluctuation trend of RMS and the mean value of DTE under the different speed is basically the same. RMS and the mean value of DTE are stable when the speed is less than 5000 r/min. While RMS and the mean value of DTE are decreasing because of backlash, which can lead to a large proportion of gear separation and lateral contact when the speed is greater than 5000 r/min. Therefore, the speed of 3D circular braiding machine should be lower than 5000 r/min to ensure the normal operation of the mechanical equipment.

4. The fluctuation of dynamic meshing force increases with the increase of \( C_{g\Delta} \). Meanwhile, the amplitude of dynamic meshing force fluctuates greatly at the beginning, and then tends to fluctuate steadily. Therefore, it is very important to reduce \( C_{g\Delta} \) as much as possible to prevent the fluctuation of dynamic meshing force.

The future perspective of research could be to study the non-linear dynamic feature of multiple-stage closed-loop gear transmission system with other incentive factors for the mechanical equipment in various fields. The influence of different incentive factors on the normal operation of mechanical equipment in various fields.

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