Development of a Constructive Scheme to Justify the Parameters of a Belt Drive with a Driven Composite Pulley and with Elastic Elements

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Abstract: The article presents a constructive scheme and the principle of operation of the developed belt drive with a composite driven pulley with elastic elements. The technique and electrosenometric scheme of the experimental setup for changing the loading and driving conditions of the recommended belt drive with composite driven pulleys with a rubber shock absorber are presented. The results of experimental studies on the loading of the shafts and the rotational speed of the transmission pulleys for various rubber grades used in composite pulleys are presented. The results of full-factor experiments to optimize the parameters of a belt drive, as well as the results of production tests of a cleaning machine, in the drive of which the recommended belt drive is used, are presented. Full-factor experiments substantiated the values of the rotational speed of the drum, the tension roller eccentricity and the stiffness coefficient of the elastic element, which provides a high cleaning effect.

Keywords: belt drive, composite pulley, rubber bushing, tension roller, torque loading, cotton cleaning efficiency.

I. INTRODUCTION

It is important to ensure uniform rotation of the output pulley associated with the working body of the technological machine [1,2,3,4]. But, in a number of technological machines, uneven rotation of the working member with the required amplitude and frequency is required. The need for rotation of the driven shaft (working body) with a variable angular velocity is due to the fact that in some technological processes this leads to an increase in the effect of the operation of the machine. For example, the message of the working bodies of uneven rotation improves the quality of loosening and cleaning of fibrous material. For this purpose, belt drives with variable gear ratios [5] are used. Belt gears with variable gear ratio are used as an element of drives of various machines and mechanisms causing the rotation of the driven shaft with variable angular speed: vibratory machines, machines for processing fibrous and bulk materials, mining and drilling machines, etc.

Resource-saving belt drive modes, the depreciation of the oscillations of the loads by the transmission belt is insufficient. To increase the damping of load oscillations, we recommend a belt drive with a composite driven pulley with an elastic element (Fig. 1).

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The drive pulley 1 by means of the belt 3 informs the rotation of the driven pulley 2, causing the tension roller 4 to rotate. Rotational movement from the rim 5 through the annular elastic sleeve 7 is transmitted to the hub 6 rigidly connected with the shaft of the driven pulley 2. During the execution of the technological process, the load on the shaft of the driven pulley 2 changes to the shaft of the machine and further on the leading pulley 1 and on the electric drive.

In this case, the peak values of the moment of resistance (load) are depreciated by an annular elastic sleeve 7. By choosing the necessary elastic-dissipative properties (rubber material), you can control the degree of depreciation of the peak values of the load. At the same time, the rotational movement of the rim 5 of the driven pulley 2 is sufficiently smoothed out. But, obtaining the movement of the pulley 2 with the necessary law of variation of the angular velocity can be obtained with a change in the eccentricity of the tension roller. If the eccentric tensioning roller 4 is made composite with an elastic sleeve, then the law of motion of the output pulley will be more complex.

Fig1. Belt drive with integral driven pulley and eccentric elastic tension roller.

II. METHODS AND RESULTS OF THEORETICAL STUDIES

In the process of transferring the belt, the belt slip along the pulleys changes and the belt tension also changes. With a change in the tension of the belt, the deformation of the elastic bushing of the tensioning roller also changes. This leads to a decrease in the working radius of the tensioning roller. There is an alignment of the belt tension, leading to a uniform rotation of the pulleys of the belt drive. In this case, the determination of the kinematic characteristics of the belt transmission is important.
Consider the kinematics of a belt drive at a certain displacement (assuming constant) of the rim of the tensioning roller due to the deformation of the elastic sleeve 2 by the value “Δ” (see Fig. 2.a). Then, in fact, the axis of rotation of the outer sleeve (rim) 1 moves upwards by the value “Δ” relative to axis 4 (see Fig. 2.b). With constant belt tension, the “Δ” distance also remains constant during belt drive operation. But, changing the tension of the belt leads to a change in the position of the axis C. For a belt drive with a tension roller, the kinematic relations from [6, 7] take place:

\[
\begin{align*}
U_{1.2} &= \frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2}; \quad U_{1.3} = \frac{n_1}{n_3} = \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_3}; \quad U_{1.3} = \frac{n_2}{n_3} = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_3}
\end{align*}
\]  

(1)

where, \( n_1, n_2, n_3 \) - the number of revolutions per minute, respectively, leading, driven pulleys and tensioning roller, \( \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3 \) - angular velocity, respectively, leading, driven pulleys and tensioning roller.

\[ C_D = \frac{AC_1 - AD}{C_1E = BC_1 - BE} \]  

(3)

Taking into account (3), we rewrite (2) in the following form:

\[
\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} = \frac{AC_1 \cos \alpha - r_1}{r_1}; \quad \frac{\omega_3}{\omega_2} = \frac{BC_1 \cos \beta - r_2}{r_2}
\]  

(4)

In the absence of movement of the rim axis of the tensioning roller:

\[
r_1 + r_3 = AC_1 \cos \alpha; \quad r_2 + r_3 = BC_1 \cos \beta
\]  

(5)

When moving the axis of the rim of the belt pulley tensioner, \( r_{3,1} \) and \( r_{3,2} \) the polar radii of the tensioner pulley will change due to changes in the position of the tensioner pulley.

From \( \Delta MCM \) and \( \Delta NCN \) in (Fig. 3) we can define:

\[
r_{3,1} = \frac{MM_1}{\cos \gamma_1}; \quad r_{3,2} = \frac{NN_1}{\cos \gamma_2}
\]  

(6)

where, \( r_{3,1}, r_{3,2} \) - polar radius tension roller; \( \gamma_1 \) - the angle between the radius \( r_3 \) and \( r_{3,1} \); \( \gamma_2 \) - the angle between the radius \( r_3 \) and \( r_{3,2} \);

From (Fig. 3,b) you can see that:

\[
\Delta^2 - C_1M_1^2 = r_{3,1}^2 - MM_1^2; \quad C_1M_1 = r_3 - MM_1
\]  

(7)

Given \( MM_1 = r_{3,1} \cos \gamma \), we determine from (7) the polar radius of the tension roller:

\[
r_{3,1} = r_3 \cos \gamma_1 + \sqrt{r_1^2 \left( \cos^2 \gamma_1 - 1 \right) + \Delta^2}
\]  

(8)

In a similar way, we obtain an expression for determining the second polar radius of the tension roller:

\[
r_{3,2} = r_3 \cos \gamma_2 + \sqrt{r_1^2 \left( \cos^2 \gamma_2 - 1 \right) + \Delta^2}
\]  

(9)

In this case, respectively, the angles and are determined from the expressions:

\[
\gamma_1 = \arctg \frac{r_1 \sin r_1 \varphi_1}{\Delta + r_1 \cos r_1 \varphi_1}; \quad \gamma_2 = \arctg \frac{r_1 \sin r_1 \varphi_2}{\Delta + r_1 \cos r_1 \varphi_2}
\]  

(10)

where, \( r_1, r_2 \) are the radius of the drive and driven pulleys, \( \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \) are the angular displacements of the drive and driven pulleys.
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Substituting (8), (9) and (10) into (5) we get the expressions:

$$
\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\beta c} \left[ \frac{r_3 \sin \beta \phi}{r_1} + \frac{\alpha}{\Delta + r_1 \cos \beta \phi \Delta} + \frac{1 + \Delta}{\sqrt{\Delta^2 + \Delta^2}} \right],
$$

$$
\cos \beta = \frac{1}{\beta c} \left[ \frac{r_3 \sin \beta \phi}{r_1} + \frac{\alpha}{\Delta + r_1 \cos \beta \phi \Delta} + \frac{1 + \Delta}{\sqrt{\Delta^2 + \Delta^2}} \right].
$$

The values obtained $\cos \alpha$ and $\cos \beta$ from (11), substituting in (4) we obtain the gear ratios $U_{1,3}$ and $U_{2,3}$.

In this case $U_{1,3}/U_{2,3} = U_{1,2}$, taking into account, we obtain a gear ratio for a belt drive with a composite tension roller in the form:

$$
U_{1,2} = \frac{r_1 \cos (\arctg \gamma_1) + \sqrt{r_1^3 (\cos^2 \gamma_1 - 1) + \Delta^2}}{r_3 \cos (\arctg \gamma_2) + \sqrt{r_3^3 (\cos^2 \gamma_2 - 1) + \Delta^2}} \frac{r_2}{r_1}.
$$

Substituting the expression (12) into (1) we obtain the formula for determining the angular velocity of the driven pulley with a composite tension roller:

$$
\omega_2 = \frac{r_1 \cos (\arctg \gamma_2) + \sqrt{r_1^3 (\cos^2 \gamma_2 - 1) + \Delta^2}}{r_3 \cos (\arctg \gamma_1) + \sqrt{r_3^3 (\cos^2 \gamma_1 - 1) + \Delta^2}} \frac{\omega_1 r_1}{r_2}.
$$

By deriving the derivative of expression (13), one can obtain a formula for determining the angular acceleration of the driven pulley of the belt drive in question. Determinations of the kinematic characteristics of the transmission, taking into account numerical values and solving the problem we used Excel. On the basis of the solution of the problem, the laws of change in the angular velocity, the angular acceleration of the driven pulley, and the transmission ratio of the belt drive were obtained. At the same time, the main variable parameters of the belt transmission were the radius and movement of its axis due to the deformation of the elastic element of the tensioning roller.

In (Fig. 4) shows the patterns of change in the angular velocity $\Delta$ of the driven pulley from a change in the value of the tensioning pulley of a belt drive.

![Fig. 4. Patterns of change in the angular velocity of the driven pulley from a change in the value $\Delta$ of the tensioning roller](image)

Analysis of the changes $\varphi_2$ in (Fig. 4) shows that an increase in the vertical movement of the tension roller leads to an increase in the amplitude of oscillations of the angular velocity.

![Fig. 5. Dependences of the change in the amplitude of oscillations of the angular velocity of the driven pulley as a function of the magnitude of the deformation of the elastic element of the belt pulley tensioning roller](image)

So, with $\Delta = 0.5$ mm, the amplitude of oscillation $A_{\varphi_2}$ reaches $28\,s^{-1}$, and with mm, the amplitude of oscillations of the angular velocity $\Delta = 2.0$ mm of the driven pulley increases to $98\,s^{-1}$. The average angular velocity is $\dot{\varphi}_2 = 4.2 \cdot 10^2 \,s^{-1}$. 

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**Fig. 3. The design of the belt drive with a composite tensioning roller**

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IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

According to the results of the experiments, oscillograms were obtained characterizing the angular velocity of the shaft of the driving pulley, torques on the shafts of the driving and driven pulleys and the loading axis of the tensioning transfer roller. Analysis of the load law of the shaft of the driven composite pulley with an elastic shock absorber compared to the loading of the shaft of the driven pulley of the existing belt drive showed that the peak torque values in the recommended version of the belt drive is reduced 1.5~2.0 times. This allows the necessary uniformity of movement of the working body of the technological machine, as well as reducing the loading of the electric drive. It should be noted that if it is necessary to ensure the required unevenness of rotation of the output shaft, we recommend changing the eccentricity of the tensioning roller of the recommended belt transmission (or stiffness of the rubber sleeve of the tensioning roller).

The analysis of the obtained oscillograms shows that with an increase in the eccentricity of the tension roller, the amplitudes of the oscillations of the tension of the tension roller axis and the torques on the pulley shafts and the angular velocity of the driving pulley increase.

![Graph 8(a)](image1)

**Fig. 8, a)**. Graphs of dependence of $\Delta M$ on the transmitted load at different values of the tension roller's eccentricity (mixing of the roller axis, $A=\varepsilon$)

![Graph 8(b)](image2)

**Fig. 8, b)**. Plots of changes in the magnitude of the torque oscillations on the driven pulley shaft on the change in the eccentricity (or shift of the axis) of the tension roller

The dependence of the load on the axis of the tension roller from the change in the values of eccentricity

where, a) the scheme of transfer of the movement from the leading pulley to the tension roller; b) geometry of the location of the tensioning roller; c) the scheme of kinematics between the tension roller and the driven pulley

For the recommended belt drive, it is important to obtain the law of motion of the driven pulley with the required change in angular velocity, which allows efficient execution of the technological process by working bodies associated with the driven pulley shaft. Figure 8 presents the resulting graphs based on waveform processing. The value of the eccentricity of the tension roller is taken as a constant value of the deformation of the elastic roller sleeve, that is, $A=\varepsilon$.

Fig. 8, c). Analysis of graphs in (Fig. 8, a) shows that an increase in eccentricity from 1.0 mm to 5.0 mm leads to torque fluctuations on the driven pulley shaft, the span of which $\Delta M$ reaches 1.2 Nm with a technological resistance of 12 Nm, and under load $M_c = 30$ Nm, $\Delta M$ comes to 2.5 Nm. At the same time, the load on the tension roller axis increases to 60 N with a roller eccentricity of 2.5 mm (Fig. 8, b).

Considering the working conditions of a cotton-cleaning machine, in the drive of which a recommended belt drive with a tension roller with eccentricity (2.5÷3.5) mm is installed. It is important to study the effect of deformation of the rubber roller sleeve ($A$) or eccentricity ($e$). In (Fig. 9) shows the experimentally obtained graphical dependencies. With an increase in eccentricity, the swing of the torque on the driven pulley shaft increases to 3.45 Nm with an eccentricity of the tensioning roller 5.0 mm.

![Graph 9](image3)

**Fig. 9.** Dependences of the change in torque on the drive shaft on the eccentricity of the tensioning roller for various values of the circular stiffness of rubber
The experiments were carried out in a cotton-cleaning unit, in the drive of which the recommended belt drive was used. Table 1 presents the intervals of change of input factors [12,13]. For the output parameter, the cleaning effect of raw cotton was chosen.

Table 1. Based on the calculations, the regression equation has the following form:

<table>
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<th>Name of factors</th>
<th>Character encoding</th>
<th>True value</th>
<th>Change interval</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nose drum rotation frequency, rpm</td>
<td>$X_1$</td>
<td>387</td>
<td>40 44 48 507</td>
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<tr>
<td>Eccentricity (or displacement $\Delta$ of the axis) of the tensioning roller with an elastic element, mm.</td>
<td>$X_2$</td>
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<td>The stiffness coefficient of the elastic element (rubber), Nm/rad.</td>
<td>$X_3$</td>
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\[ Y = 41.46 + 1.087 x_1 - 1.23 x_2 + 0.78 x_3 - 0.29 x_1 x_2 - 0.075 x_1 x_3 - 0.068 x_1 x_4 - 1.47 x_2^2 - 1.77 x_3^2 - 0.94 x_4^2 \]  

(14)

After determining the significance of the coefficients, the regression equation has the form:

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(15)

The resulting regression equation on the basis of the Fisher test was checked for adequacy. The calculated value of the Fisher criterion was determined from the following expression

\[ F_{\text{cri}} = \frac{S_{ad}^2(Y)}{S_c^2(Y)} ; \]  

(16)

\[ S_{ad}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{N} (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}{20 - 6 - 5} = 0.44 - 0.377 = 0.005 \]  

(17)

\[ F_{\text{cri}} = \frac{0.005}{0.079} = 0.074. \]  

(18)

When comparing the table value of the Fisher criterion $F_{\text{tab}}$ with the calculated value of $F_{\text{cri}}$, the condition $F_{\text{cri}} < 3.48 = F_{\text{tab}}$ is satisfied and the adequacy is determined. The tabular value of the Fisher criterion we get on the following requirement from the application:

\[ F_{\text{tab}} = \left[ P_{D} = 0.95; f = \left\{ S_{ad}^2 (Y) \right\} = 20 - 6 - (6 - 1) = 9; f = \left\{ S_c^2 (Y) \right\} = 6 - 1 = 5 \right] = 3.48 \]  

(19)

The numerical solution of the equations was performed on a computer using the EXCEL program and graphical dependencies of the parameters were obtained (Fig.10).

Charts based on regression equations show that a change in the frequency of rotation of the drum affects the cleaning efficiency of raw cotton. Graph 1 (Fig.10, a) shows the effect of input parameters at lower values $x_2 = 1$ mm and $x_3 = 100$ Nm/rad on the cleaning effect of cotton. With a revolving drum speed of 400 rpm, the cleaning effect was 36.6%; it was observed that with a further increase in the rotation speed, the cleaning effect also increased. When the rotational speed of the drum was 456 rpm, the highest cleaning effect was achieved 39.2%.
With an increase in the frequency of rotation from 456 rpm to 480 rpm, the cleaning effect is reduced to 38.8%. On the graph 2 (Fig. 10,a), the results of the change in the cleaning effect depending on the input factors for $x_2 = 3$ mm and $x_1 = 150$ Nm/rad are shown. When the rotational speed of the drum is 400 rpm, the cleaning effect was 38.9%. With a further increase in the rotational speed, the cleaning effect also increases. When the rotational speed of the drum was 456 rpm, the cleaning effect was the highest and amounted to 41.8%. With an increase in the rotational speed to 480 rpm, the cleaning effect decreased and amounted to 41.1%.

Fig. 10,a shows the results of the change in the cleaning effect depending on the input parameters for the largest values $x_2 = 5$ mm and $x_1 = 200$ Nm/rad. At the same time, when the rotational speed of the drum was 400 rpm, the cleaning effect was the lowest and was 35.8%, with a further increase in the rotation speed of the drum, the cleaning effect also increased. At a rotational speed of 456 rpm, the cleaning effect increased to 38.7%. With an increase in the rotational speed to 480 rpm, the cleaning effect was 38%. The rotational speed of 456 rpm, the cleaning effect reached the highest value of 41.8%. Graphical dependences of the change in the cleaning effect of cotton depending on the eccentricity (Fig. 10,b) and on the elastic coefficient of the rubber bushing of the roller (Fig. 10,c) were also obtained. It follows from the above that the coefficient of elasticity of an elastic element affects the cleaning effect. The greatest cleaning effect was achieved when the coefficient of elasticity is 175 Nm/rad and this value is optimal [14,15,16].

Based on the full-factor experiments, it follows that when using cleaning machines with recommended parameters, a high cleaning effect can be achieved. Consequently, the optimum values of the parameters of the cleaning machine were found: the rotational speed of the drum barrel is 456 rpm, the eccentricity of the tensioning roller with the elastic element is 2.5 m, and the elastic coefficient of the elastic element is 175 Nm/rad. With these parameters, the highest cleaning effect was achieved, which was 41.8%.

V. CONCLUSION

A new resource-saving design scheme of a belt drive with a variable gear ratio has been developed. The problem of kinematics of a belt drive with a variable gear ratio with an eccentric tensioning roller with an elastic sleeve has been solved. Experiments substantiated system parameters. The laws governing changes in the load of the shafts of the belt drive are determined. The graphic dependences of changes in the swing torque range on the shaft of the driven belt drive pulley from different values of the eccentricity of the tensioning roller, and from the external technological load when the rotational speed and stiffness of the rubber shock absorber are built. The regularities of tensioning roller loading with changing values of eccentricity are obtained. The technique and electrostatic scheme of the experimental setup for changing the loading and driving conditions of the recommended belt drive with a composite driven pulley with a rubber shock absorber is presented. Full-factor experiments substantiated the values of the rotational speed of the drum, the tension roller eccentricity and the coefficient of circular stiffness of the elastic element, which provides a high cleaning effect. The results of the production tests of the cleaning machine, in the drive of which the recommended belt drive is used, are presented.

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