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«Parabola approximation by a hyperbola when modeling steering mechanism characteristics of tracked vehicles»

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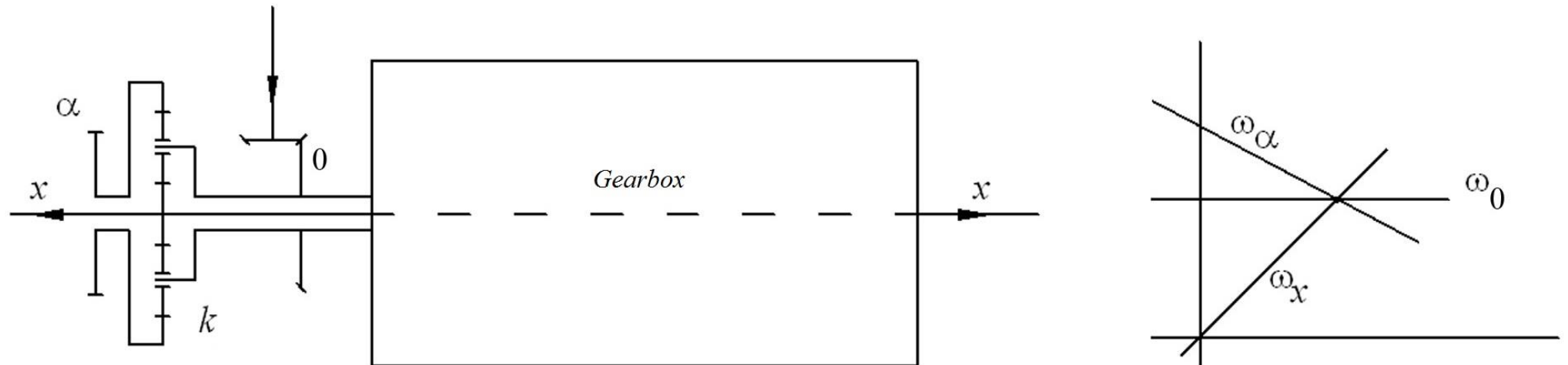
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Relevance

- For transmissions of tracked and wheeled vehicles using the on-board steering control method, there is usually a fact of almost linear dependence of the maximum turning radius of the gears on the speed of movement.
- The consequence is the kinematic limitation of the turning radius. This leads to a decrease in the average speed of movement, underutilization of the traction and dynamic capabilities of the chassis and an increase in driver fatigue. It is preferable to have a quadratic dependence.
- To overcome this disadvantage, you can use a steering device with a nonlinear characteristic in the form of a hyperbola (shown on slide 3). The question of choosing the parameters of the hyperbola that best approximates the parabola becomes relevant.

Relevance

- The scheme of the differential drive of the branches of the steering device and a plan view of angular velocities of differential: 0 – supply of power from the engine; α is the drive parallel branches of the steering device; an x – challenge of power by summing the rows; k is the kinematic parameter planetary gear



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Materials and methods

- The parabola $P(x) = x^2$ on the interval $x \in [a, b]$ is approximated by the hyperbola $f(x) = \bar{b}/(\bar{a} - x) - \bar{d}$, ($\bar{a} > 1$, $\bar{b} > 0$, $\bar{d} > 0$.) with the condition that the error of the uniform approximation of the original function is minimal: $\Delta(f) = \max_{[a,b]} |P(x) - f(x)|$.

- The following expressions are obtained. On the interval $[0, 1]$, ($a = 0$, $b = 1$):

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\sqrt{5} + 2)}{\sqrt{5} + 1 - 2x} - \frac{1}{8}(1 + 2\sqrt{5}), \quad \Delta f = \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{5} - 2).$$

- The minimum approximation error Δf is achieved at four points, two of which are boundary points, and the remaining ones are given by expressions:

$$x_1 = \frac{2v - u - \sqrt{u^2 - v^2}}{2} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{4}, \quad x_2 = \frac{2v - u + \sqrt{u^2 - v^2}}{2} = \frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{4}.$$

- If the parabola is given with a coefficient $\tilde{P}(x) = kx^2$, a scaling factor is entered: $\tilde{a} = a/\sqrt{k}$, $\tilde{b} = b/\sqrt{k}$.

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Conclusions

Results, implementation

- The proposed expressions can be used in the calculated determination of the parameters of the "hyperbolic" steering device for a tracked vehicle.
- The use of a "hyperbolic" steering device will increase the average speed of tracked vehicles, reduce the destructive impact of the engine on the soils, improve traffic safety and reduce the load on the driver.
- For wheeled vehicles, "hyperbolic" power distribution device will improve the environmental characteristics of the engine and open up additional opportunities in the future for unmanned agricultural tractor.

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