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# Influence of Different Mechanical Parameters on the Dynamics of a Medical Device

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*Abstract:* - In this paper, we will discuss the influence of some mechanical parameters on the dynamic characteristics of the motion of one medical device. The medical device is represented by a rigid solid situated on a shell (the support table). If the medical device does not move relative to the support shell, then the considered system has six degrees of freedom (4 rotations and 2 translations), otherwise, the dynamics of the mechanical system is more complicated. The mechanical system is put into the motion by a harmonic excitation given by an earthquake. We will consider in our paper only the case in which the medical device does not move with respect to the support shell. This thing can be obtained by increasing the friction force between the medical device and the shell (partial solution because it does not consider the contact loosing in the vertical direction) or by linking the medical device to the shell. Each medical device has certain specifications concerning the forces, velocities, or accelerations that it supports on different directions. Modifying the mechanical parameters of the system, the response differs from case to case, helping in the design process of the mechanical system.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The moving equations of the medical device were obtained in a previous paper [1]. The main working hypotheses were:

- the medical device does not lose contact with the shell on which it is, in other words, the system does not have supplementary degrees of freedom;
- the elastic forces are non-linear ones; the case in which these forces are linear ones is only a particular case;
- the rotations of the shells are relatively small ones such that one may use the known approximations with respect to the trigonometric functions of the rotational angles.

Generally speaking, earthquakes introduce sudden motions followed by vibrations. For a medical device, one has to impose conditions relative to the amplitudes of vibrations, their velocities and accelerations, and cinematic parameters which must be situated below some values given by the manufacturer or given by the precision of the device.

The connection of the medical device to one of the shells leads to the conclusion that all cinematic conditions of the medical device transfer completely to that shell.

If the medical device is not linked to a shell, then it is possible, under certain conditions, the contact between the medical device and the support table is lost; in this way, a new mechanical system is created, the new mechanical system having a greater number of degrees of freedom. Moreover, when the contact between the medical device and the support table is restored, some shocks appear [2-34].

The problems studied in the references refer to systems with two [2] or more degrees of freedom [4, 5, 19, 20], buckling [6, 10], beams (linear or curvilinear ones) [5, 6, 9, 18, 29, 30, 32], blades [23], tyres [3], bearings [12], minimization of some components of vibrations [13, 33], reduction of weight [12], eigenvectors and eigenvalues [12], resonances [12], bifurcation [2, 14], vibration of plates [8, 28], pipes [31, 34] or bridges [4, 29], vibrations generated by earthquakes [5], effects of vibrations [7]. The problems are discussed from

theoretical [2, 19, 28] and experimental points of view [3, 6, 10, 19, 27, 28], and stiffness variation [25]. Different methods are used: classical ones [2, 3, 5], matrix [11], modal analysis [15, 22], group theory [17, 26], zig-zag theory [16], topology [12, 17], finite elements [4, 18, 24], transfer matrix [21]. Authors obtain the steady state solutions [20, 22], reduction of vibrations (see [10] for natural frequencies), displacements for nonlinear vibration [8, 9], and optimization [11].

Some aspects concerning the behavior of medical devices in case of earthquakes are given in [35].

## 2. MECHANICAL MODEL

The system is captured in Fig. 1.

We assume that we know the functions  $z_1 = z_1(t)$ ,  $\psi_1 = \psi_1(t)$ ,  $\theta_1 = \theta_1(t)$  (the vertical displacement and rotations of the first shell).

The equations of motion of the shells of the system are given by [1]

$$m_2 \ddot{z}_2 = f_{2131}^d - f_{1121}^d + f_{2232}^d - f_{1222}^d + f_{2333}^d - f_{1323}^d + f_{2434}^d - f_{1424}^d - m_2 g, \quad (1)$$

$$J_{x_2}^{(2)} \ddot{\psi}_2 = -[(f_{2131}^d - f_{1121}^d) + (f_{2232}^d - f_{1222}^d) - (f_{2333}^d - f_{1323}^d) - (f_{2434}^d - f_{1424}^d)] l_1, \quad (2)$$

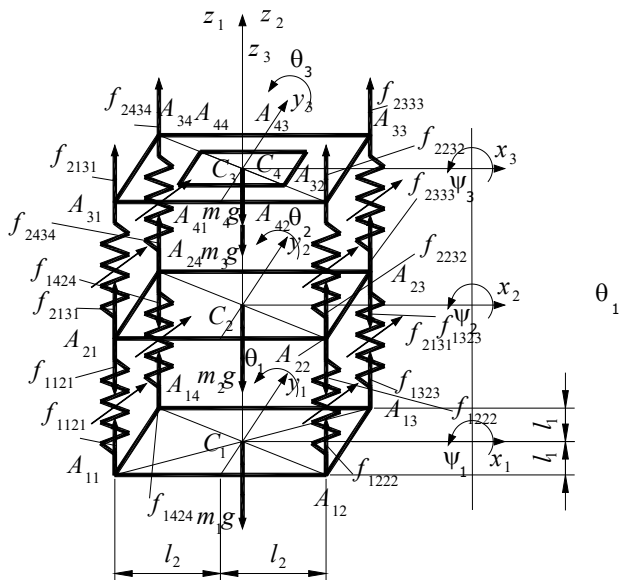


Figure 1. Mechanical system [1].

$$J_{y_2}^{(2)} \ddot{\theta}_2 = -[(f_{2131}^d - f_{1121}^d) + (f_{2232}^d - f_{1222}^d) + (f_{2333}^d - f_{1323}^d) - (f_{2434}^d - f_{1424}^d)] l_2, \quad (3)$$

$$(m_3 + m_4) \ddot{z}_3 = -f_{2131}^d - f_{2232}^d - f_{2333}^d - f_{2434}^d - (m_3 + m_4) g, \quad (4)$$

$$J_{x_3}^{(3)} \ddot{\psi}_3 = (f_{2131}^d + f_{2232}^d - f_{2333}^d - f_{2434}^d) l_1, \quad (5)$$

$$J_{y_3}^{(3)} \ddot{\theta}_3 = (-f_{2131}^d + f_{2232}^d + f_{2333}^d - f_{2434}^d) l_2, \quad (6)$$

where

$$f_{2131}^d = k_{21} [(z_3 - z_2) - (\psi_3 - \psi_2) l_1 + (\theta_3 - \theta_2) l_2] + k_{21}^* [(z_3 - z_2) - (\psi_3 - \psi_2) l_1 + (\theta_3 - \theta_2) l_2]^3, \quad (7)$$

$$f_{2232}^d = k_{22} [(z_3 - z_2) - (\psi_3 - \psi_2) l_1 - (\theta_3 - \theta_2) l_2] + k_{22}^* [(z_3 - z_2) - (\psi_3 - \psi_2) l_1 - (\theta_3 - \theta_2) l_2]^3, \quad (8)$$

$$f_{2333}^d = k_{23} [(z_3 - z_2) + (\psi_3 - \psi_2) l_1 - (\theta_3 - \theta_2) l_2] + k_{23}^* [(z_3 - z_2) + (\psi_3 - \psi_2) l_1 - (\theta_3 - \theta_2) l_2]^3, \quad (9)$$

$$f_{2434}^d = k_{24} [(z_3 - z_2) + (\psi_3 - \psi_2) l_1 + (\theta_3 - \theta_2) l_2] + k_{24}^* [(z_3 - z_2) + (\psi_3 - \psi_2) l_1 + (\theta_3 - \theta_2) l_2]^3, \quad (10)$$

$$f_{1121}^d = k_{11} [(z_2 - z_1) - (\psi_2 - \psi_1) l_1 + (\theta_2 - \theta_1) l_2] + k_{11}^* [(z_2 - z_1) - (\psi_2 - \psi_1) l_1 + (\theta_2 - \theta_1) l_2]^3, \quad (11)$$

$$f_{1222}^d = k_{12} [(z_2 - z_1) - (\psi_2 - \psi_1) l_1 - (\theta_2 - \theta_1) l_2] + k_{12}^* [(z_2 - z_1) - (\psi_2 - \psi_1) l_1 - (\theta_2 - \theta_1) l_2]^3, \quad (12)$$

$$f_{1323}^d = k_{13} [(z_2 - z_1) + (\psi_2 - \psi_1) l_1 - (\theta_2 - \theta_1) l_2] + k_{13}^* [(z_2 - z_1) + (\psi_2 - \psi_1) l_1 - (\theta_2 - \theta_1) l_2]^3, \quad (13)$$

$$f_{1424}^d = k_{14} [(z_2 - z_1) + (\psi_2 - \psi_1) l_1 + (\theta_2 - \theta_1) l_2] + k_{14}^* [(z_2 - z_1) + (\psi_2 - \psi_1) l_1 + (\theta_2 - \theta_1) l_2]^3. \quad (14)$$

where  $f_{ij^d}^{d}$  signifies the force in the non-linear spring between the points  $A_{ij}$  and  $A_{kj}$ , the superior index  $d$  marking the dynamical case,  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are the dimensions of the shells,  $\psi_i$  and  $\theta_i$  are the rotational

angles,  $m_3$  and  $m_4$  are the masses of the last shell, respectively medical device, while  $J_{x_i}$  and  $J_{y_i}$  are the known moments of inertia.

The rotations are considered to be small; one may make the well-known approximations  $\sin \alpha \approx \alpha$ ,  $\cos \alpha \approx 1$ .

### 3. NUMERICAL STUDY

For the numerical simulation, we will assume the following standard values:

- the number of iterations  $n_{iter} = 12000$ ;
- the increment of time  $dtime = 10^{-3}$ [s];
- the lengths of bars  $l_1 = 0.225$ [m],  $l_2 = 0.2$ [m],  $L_{12} = 0.45$ [m],  $L_{23} = 0.45$ [m];
- the masses  $m_1 = 5$ [kg],  $m_2 = 15$ [kg],  $m_3 = 15$ [kg],  $m_4 = 20$ [kg];
- the elastic constants (linear components)  $k_{11} = k_{12} = k_{13} = k_{14} = 12.5 \times 10^3$ [N/m], respectively  $k_{21} = k_{22} = k_{23} = k_{24} = 12.5 \times 10^3$ [N/m];
- the non-linear components of the elastic constants  $k_{11}^* = k_{12}^* = k_{13}^* = k_{14}^* = 10^6$ [N/m<sup>3</sup>], respective  $k_{21}^* = k_{22}^* = k_{23}^* = k_{24}^* = 10^6$ [N/m<sup>3</sup>]. They characterize the non-linear components of the elastic force, non-linear components being given by third power of deformation;
- the excitations

$$z_1(t) = \begin{cases} z_1^0 \sin(\omega_{1z_1} t), & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 6[\text{s}], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

$$\theta_1(t) = \begin{cases} \theta_1^0 \sin(\omega_{1\theta_1} t), & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 6[\text{s}], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

$$\psi_1(t) = \begin{cases} \psi_1^0 \sin(\omega_{1\psi_1} t), & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 6[\text{s}], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

where the pulsations are  $\omega_{1z_1} = \pi$ [rad/s],  $\omega_{1\theta_1} = \pi$ [rad/s],  $\omega_{1\psi_1} = \pi$ [rad/s];

- the amplitude of the oscillations  $z_1^0 = 0.25$ [m],  $\psi_1^0 = 0.001$ [rad],  $\theta_1^0 = 0.001$ [rad];

- the moments of inertia with respect to the axis  $x_2$ ,  $J_{x_2} = \frac{m_2 l_1^2}{12} = 0.06328125$ [kgm<sup>2</sup>], with respect to

the axis  $y_2$ ,  $J_{y_2} = \frac{m_2 l_2^2}{12} = 0.05$ [kgm<sup>2</sup>], respectively

with respect to the axes  $x_3$ , and  $y_3$ ,

$$J_{x_3} = \frac{(m_3 + m_4) l_1^2}{12} = 0.14765625$$
[kgm<sup>2</sup>],

$$\text{respectively, } J_{y_3} = \frac{(m_3 + m_4) l_2^2}{12} = 0.11666666$$
[kgm<sup>2</sup>]

- gravitational acceleration  $g = 9.8065$ [m/s<sup>2</sup>];

- the damping coefficients are considered to be equal:  $c_{1121} = c_{1222} = c_{1323} = c_{1424} = 50$ [Ns/m],

$$c_{2131} = c_{2232} = c_{2333} = c_{2334} = 50$$
[Ns/m].

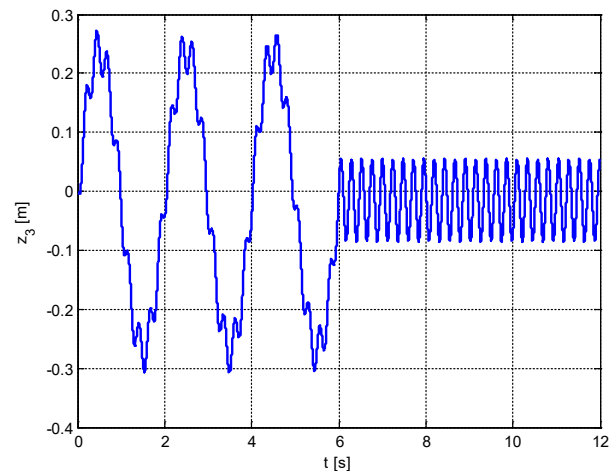
In the situations with no friction and with friction 10 cases are considered (Table 1).

**Table 1.** Considered cases

i)	standard case
ii)	$m_4 = 10$ [kg]
iii)	$m_{inew} = 2m_i, i = \overline{1, 4}$
iv)	$k_{1inew}^* = 2k_{1i}^*, i = \overline{1, 4}$
v)	$k_{2inew}^* = 2k_{2i}^*, i = \overline{1, 4}$
vi)	$\omega_{1z_1new} = 2\omega_{1z_1}, \omega_{1\psi_1new} = 2\omega_{1\psi_1},$ $\omega_{1\theta_1new} = 2\omega_{1\theta_1}$
vii)	$L_{12new} = 2L_{12}, L_{23new} = 2L_{23}$
viii)	$l_{inew} = 1.5l_i, i = \overline{1, 2}$
ix)	$z_{10new} = 2z_{10}, \psi_{10new} = 2\psi_{10}, \theta_{10new} = 2\theta_{10}$
x)	$k_{ijnew}^* = 2k_{ij}^*, i = \overline{1, 2}, j = \overline{1, 4}$

For the situation with friction, we add another case, the eleventh one: xi)  $c_{ijnew} = 2c_{ij}, i = \overline{1, 2}, j = \overline{1, 4}$ .

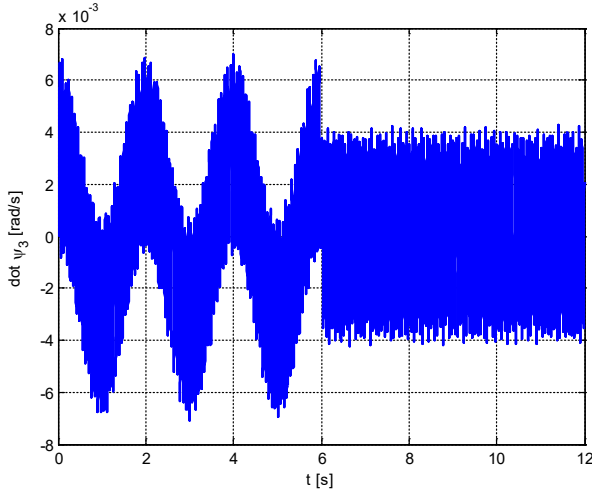
We limit our study to the dynamics of the medical device, that is, the parameters  $z_3$ ,  $\psi_3$ , and  $\theta_3$ , and their first and second derivatives. We also assume that the medical device is always linked to the third shell (the contact is never lost).



**Figure 2.** Time history  $z_3 = z_3(t)$ .

The parameters are determined in two situations: for the all interval of time ( $t \in [0, 12][s]$ ) or only for the last second ( $t \in [11, 12][s]$ ).

In Figs. 2, 3, and 4, we present the time variations of some parameters in the standard case without friction.

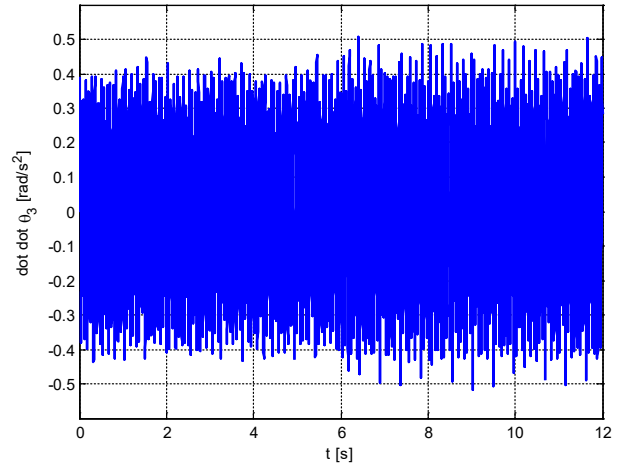


**Figure 3.** Time history  $\dot{\psi}_3 = \dot{\psi}_3(t)$ .

In order to obtain these representations, some calculation programs are realized, the output files containing different cinematic parameters (linear or angular displacements, velocities, or accelerations).

The input data are those presented previously. The integration was realized using the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method, the step of iterations being  $dtime = 10^{-3}[s]$ .

For the parameters (vertical displacement, angles of rotation) and their first derivatives (linear velocity and angular velocities), one may easily observe the existence of excitation (the first part of the interval of time). The statement is not true for the accelerations (linear and angular).



**Figure 4.** Time history  $\ddot{\theta}_3 = \ddot{\theta}_3(t)$ .

**Table 2.** Results of simulations (no friction)

i)	$z_{3\min} = -0.30704[m]$ , $z_{3\max} = 0.27307[m]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$
ii)	$z_{3\min} = -0.29721[m]$ , $z_{3\max} = 0.27362[m]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = -0.00103[rad]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0.00103[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = -0.00103[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0.00103[rad]$
iii)	$z_{3\min} = -0.34268[m]$ , $z_3 = 0.27032[m]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = -0.00106[rad]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0.00106[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = -0.00106[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0.00106[rad]$
iv)	$z_{3\min} = -0.30719[m]$ , $z_{3\max} = 0.27370[m]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$
v)	$z_{3\min} = -0.30703[m]$ , $z_{3\max} = 0.27261[m]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$
vi)	$z_{3\min} = -0.34974[m]$ , $z_{3\max} = 0.32380[m]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = -0.00108[rad]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0.00108[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = -0.00108[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0.00108[rad]$
vii)	$z_{3\min} = -0.30704[m]$ , $z_{3\max} = 0.27307[m]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$
viii)	$z_{3\min} = -0.30704[m]$ , $z_{3\max} = 0.27307[m]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$
ix)	$z_{3\min} = -0.59116[m]$ , $z_{3\max} = 0.55707[m]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = -0.00208[rad]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0.00208[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = -0.00208[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0.00208[rad]$
x)	$z_{3\min} = -0.30696[m]$ , $z_{3\max} = 0.27630[m]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = -0.00104[rad]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0.00104[rad]$

**Table 3.** Results of simulations (with friction, last second)

i)	$z_{3\min} = -0.01662[\text{m}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.01651[\text{m}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$
ii)	$z_{3\min} = -0.01271[\text{rad}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.01270[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$
iii)	$z_{3\min} = -0.03458[\text{m}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.03080[\text{m}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$
iv)	$z_{3\min} = -0.01655[\text{m}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.01646[\text{m}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$
v)	$z_{3\min} = -0.01660[\text{m}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.01649[\text{m}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$
vi)	$z_{3\min} = -0.01668[\text{m}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.01646[\text{m}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$
vii)	$z_{3\min} = -0.01662[\text{m}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.01651[\text{m}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$
viii)	$z_{3\min} = -0.01662[\text{m}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.01651[\text{m}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$
ix)	$z_{3\min} = -0.01667[\text{m}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.01647[\text{m}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$
x)	$z_{3\min} = -0.01653[\text{m}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.01643[\text{m}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$
xi)	$z_{3\min} = -0.01657[\text{m}]$ , $z_{3\max} = -0.01657[\text{m}]$ , $\psi_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\psi_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\min} = 0[\text{rad}]$ , $\theta_{3\max} = 0[\text{rad}]$

Analyzing the results of the simulation, we may state in each case the results presented in Table 2 for the cases without friction.

For the case with friction, we present only the results for the last second of simulations. The results are captured in Table 3.

In these tables, we limited ourselves only to the maximum and minimum values of the linear and angular displacements.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

One may easily observe that there exist no symmetric vibrations even in the case without friction. The situations in which the maximum and minimum values of the amplitudes are equal are particular cases. This conclusion is more obvious for velocities and accelerations (values which are not given in this paper).

There are some variations in parameters that do not lead to the variations of some amplitudes' parameters (see, for instance, case iv), for which  $\psi_{3\min}$ ,  $\psi_{3\max}$ ,  $\theta_{3\min}$ ,  $\theta_{3\max}$  have the same values as in the standard case (case i).

On the other hand, some variations in parameters may lead to the increase of the amplitudes of vibrations (see, for instance, case vi) and case i)), while the variations of other parameters lead to the decrease of the amplitudes of vibrations (see, for instance, case ii) and case i)).

Some variations of the parameters lead to the same variations of amplitudes for certain vibrations (see, for instance, case iv) case v) and case vii), where we obtained the same results for  $\psi_{3\min}$ ,  $\psi_{3\max}$ ,  $\theta_{3\min}$  and  $\theta_{3\max}$ .

As it results from case ix) the changing of the initial conditions may lead to dramatic changes in the amplitudes of vibrations. We may state that the system is very sensitive to initial conditions.

The situations are similar when we consider only the last second of the simulation.

In the cases with friction, the values of the amplitudes are smaller. The values equal to 0 appear due to the representation of numbers in a computer; they are very small numbers that may be considered equal to zero. In addition, the same sign for the minimum value and maximum value of certain vibrations proves that the oscillations do not pass to 0 positions any more.

The last case, when the minimum and the maximum values of the parameter  $z_3$  are equal, shows that the increase of the damping coefficient may lead to the cancellation (in the precision of the computer) of vibrations.

The dynamics of the medical device was studied, and the influence of different mechanical parameters was described. More studies must be realized concerning the force between the third shell and the medical device (the contact may be lost at all points  $A_{41}$ ,  $A_{42}$ ,  $A_{43}$ , and  $A_{44}$ , or may be lost only two or three point).

In our next papers, we will discuss the influence of the mechanical parameters (those considered here, at which we may add some other new ones) on linear and angular velocities and accelerations.

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