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MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF A TECHNICAL SYSTEM

Abstract: A mathematical model of a technical system was obtained using a unified approach to building a working mathematical model. The technical system consists of a group of serially connected resistors with temperature-dependent resistance and total heat capacity. The constructed mathematical model possesses sufficient fullness, accuracy, adequacy, productivity and economy. Applying such a model reduces the costs and time spent on research and makes efficient use of the mathematical modeling capabilities.

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1. Introduction

Articles [1; 2] describe a unified approach to building a working mathematical model that has the desired properties to a degree sufficient for a particular study. Some properties of mathematical models are described in [3; 4]. Article [5] contains an example that describes building a mathematical model that possesses the required properties to a degree sufficient for the study some results of which are presented in [6–8]. The specifics of implementing a unified approach to building mathematical models are discussed in [9; 10].

The aim of this study is to build a working mathematical model of a technical system using a unified approach. The technical system consists of a group of serially connected resistors with temperature-dependent resistance and total heat capacity.

2. Statement of the problem

Let us consider a group of serially connected resistors shown in Fig. 1. These resistors have temperature-dependent resistance and total heat capacity.

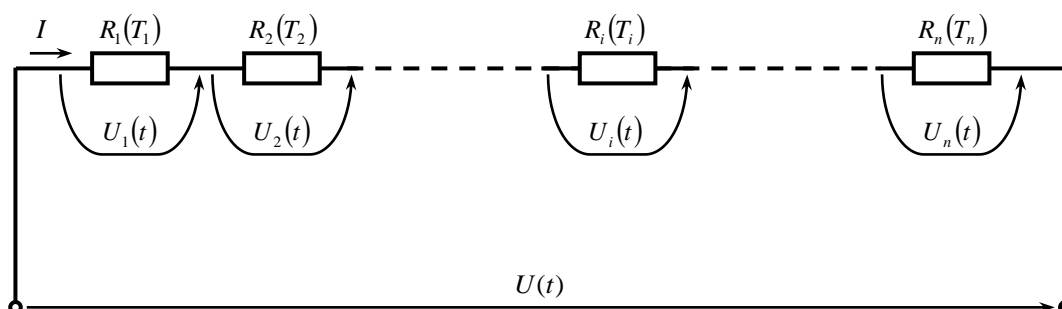


Figure 1 – The group of serially connected resistors.

The i th resistor shall be considered a body with high thermal conductivity, whose temperature T_i at the initial time point t_0 is equal to T_i^0 . The resistor

has the surface area S_i where convective heat exchange with the environment occurs, the ambient

temperature is equal to T_i^0 ; the heat transfer coefficient is known and equal to α_i . Let

$$R_i(T_i) = \frac{R_i^0}{1 + \beta_i(T_i - T_i^0)},$$

$$C_i(T_i) = C_i^0 [1 + \gamma_i(T_i - T_i^0)],$$

where $R_i(T_i)$ and $C_i(T_i)$ are the resistance and total heat capacity of the i th resistor; R_i^0 and C_i^0 are the resistance and total heat capacity of the i th resistor when $T_i = T_i^0$; β and γ are the temperature coefficients, with $\beta > 0$ and $\gamma > 0$. The difference of electric potentials at the poles of the i th element is equal to

$$U_i = \frac{U_i^0}{1 + \beta_i(T_i - T_i^0)}, \quad (1)$$

where $U_i^0 = R_i^0 I$; I is the direct current flowing through the resistors.

Let us assume that the following value is of interest in this study:

$$U_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n U_i. \quad (2)$$

Let us build a working mathematical model of the object of the study which possesses sufficient fullness, accuracy, adequacy, productivity and economy.

3. Solution

To solve this problem, we will use the results described in [11]. These results allow us to construct a hierarchy of mathematical models of the object of the study and determine the conditions under which we can calculate the sought value U with a relative error of no more than the specified value δ_0 .

If the differences $T_i - T_i^0$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are sufficiently small, then according to (1) the sought value can be calculated using the following formula:

$$U_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n U_i^0 = \sum_{i=1}^n R_i^0 I. \quad (3)$$

Let us define the conditions under which the resulting formula is applicable. To do this, let us consider steady-state heat transfer. In this case, according to the calculations provided in [11], we can find the steady-state value U_i using the following formula:

$$U_i^* = \frac{2U_i^0}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\beta_i I U_i^0 / (\alpha_i S_i)}},$$

then the steady-state value of the sought value is equal to

$$U_* = \sum_{i=1}^n U_i^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2U_i^0}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\beta_i I U_i^0 / (\alpha_i S_i)}}. \quad (4)$$

The following is true for the relative error of U_0 :

$$\delta(U_0) = \left| \frac{U - U_0}{U} \right| = \frac{U_0}{U} - 1 \leq \frac{U_0}{U_*} - 1.$$

Therefore, if the inequality

$$\frac{U_0}{U_*} - 1 \leq \delta_0 \quad (5)$$

is satisfied, we can use formula (3) to find the sought value with a relative error of no more than δ_0 .

When inequality (5) is satisfied, mathematical model (3) has sufficient fullness, accuracy, adequacy, productivity and economy.

Then let us define the conditions under which mathematical model (4) can be applied. To do this, let us consider an unsteady-state heat transfer. In this case, according to the results from [11], we obtain a Cauchy problem:

$$\frac{C_i^0 U_i^0}{\beta_i U_i^2} \frac{dU_i}{dt} = \frac{\alpha_i S_i U_i^0 - \alpha_i S_i U_i - \beta_i I U_i^2}{\gamma_i U_i^0 - \gamma_i U_i + \beta_i U_i}, \quad (6)$$

$$U_i(t_0) = U_i^0,$$

where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and we can find the time point

$$t_i = t_0 + \frac{C_i^0}{\alpha_i S_i} \left[\frac{\gamma_i}{\beta_i} \left(\frac{U_i^*}{U_i^0} - 1 + \delta_0 \right) \frac{U_i^0}{U_i^*} + \left(\frac{U_i^0}{2U_i^0 - U_i^*} + \frac{\gamma_i}{\beta_i} \frac{U_i^0 - U_i^*}{2U_i^0 - U_i^*} \frac{U_i^0}{U_i^*} - 1 \right) \times \right. \\ \left. \times \ln \left(2 - \frac{U_i^*}{U_i^0} - \delta_0 \right) - \left(\frac{U_i^0}{2U_i^0 - U_i^*} + \frac{\gamma_i}{\beta_i} \frac{U_i^0 - U_i^*}{2U_i^0 - U_i^*} \frac{U_i^0}{U_i^*} \right) \times \right. \\ \left. \times \ln \left(\frac{U_i^0}{U_i^0 - U_i^*} \delta_0 \right) \right],$$

for which the following is true:

$$U_i(t_i) = U_i^* / (1 - \delta_0).$$

For $t \geq t_i$

$$\delta(U_i^*) = \left| \frac{U_i - U_i^*}{U_i} \right| = 1 - \frac{U_i^*}{U_i} \leq \delta_0,$$

and U_i^* can be regarded as equal to $U_i(t)$ with a relative error of no more than δ_0 . Let $t_* = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} t_i$,

then it is easy to demonstrate that for $t \geq t_*$

$$\delta(U_*) = \left| \frac{U - U_*}{U} \right| = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (U_i - U_i^*)}{\sum_{i=1}^n U_i} \leq \delta_0.$$

Therefore, formula (4) may be used to find the sought value with a relative error of no more than δ_0 when

$$\delta_0 < \frac{U_0}{U_*} - 1,$$

since otherwise formula (3) should be used.

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If condition (5) is not met, mathematical model (4) possesses sufficient fullness, accuracy, adequacy, productivity and economy when $t \geq t_*$.

Building a new mathematical model when creating a hierarchy of mathematical models for the object of the study may lead to refining the previously determined conditions for the applicability of the constructed mathematical models. Indeed, using mathematical model (2), (6), we can refine the applicability condition for formula (3). For this, we need to calculate the time point

$$t_i = t_0 + \frac{C_i^0}{\alpha_i S_i} \left[\left(\frac{U_i^0}{2U_i^0 - U_i^*} + \frac{\gamma_i}{\beta_i} \frac{U_i^0 - U_i^*}{2U_i^0 - U_i^*} \frac{U_i^0}{U_i^*} - 1 \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{U_i^*}{U_i^0} \delta_0 \right) - \frac{\gamma_i}{\beta_i} \delta_0 - \left(\frac{U_i^0}{2U_i^0 - U_i^*} + \frac{\gamma_i}{\beta_i} \frac{U_i^0 - U_i^*}{2U_i^0 - U_i^*} \frac{U_i^0}{U_i^*} \right) \times \ln \left(1 - \frac{U_i^*}{U_i^0 - U_i^*} \delta_0 \right) \right],$$

for which the following is true:

$$U_i(t_i) = U_i^0 / (1 + \delta_0).$$

For $t \leq t_i$

$$\delta(U_i^0) = \left| \frac{U_i - U_i^0}{U_i} \right| = \frac{U_i^0}{U_i} - 1 \leq \delta_0,$$

and U_i^0 can be regarded as equal to $U_i(t)$ with a relative error of no more than δ_0 . Let $t^* = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} t_i$, then it is easy to demonstrate that for $t \leq t^*$

$$\delta(U_0) = \left| \frac{U - U_0}{U} \right| = \sum_{i=1}^n (U_i^0 - U_i) / \sum_{i=1}^n U_i \leq \delta_0.$$

Therefore, formula (3) may be used to find the sought value with a relative error of no more than δ_0 .

If condition (5) is met or $t \leq t^*$, mathematical model (3) possesses sufficient fullness, accuracy, adequacy, productivity and economy.

4. Results

By constructing a hierarchy of mathematical models of the object of the study, taking into account the results described in [11], we can identify a working mathematical model that has the desired properties to a sufficient degree for a particular study. Indeed, if inequality (5) is satisfied or $t \leq t^*$ in the conducted study, then (3) is considered the working mathematical model. If condition (5) is not met, and the time interval from t_0 to t_* may be disregarded in the conducted study, (4) will be chosen as the working mathematical model, otherwise (2), (6) will be the working mathematical model.

5. Conclusion

Thus, a unified approach was used to formulate the statements that allow us to define a mathematical model of a technical system. The constructed mathematical model possesses sufficient fullness, accuracy, adequacy, productivity and economy.

It is evident that using such a mathematical model not only reduces the costs and time spent on research, but also makes efficient use of the mathematical modeling capabilities.

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