

INTERACTION OF THE LAWS OF ELECTRODYNAMICS IN THE HUBER EFFECT

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Abstract

A complex physical phenomenon, first discovered by engineer J. Huber in 1951, is investigated. From the perspective of an external observer, the phenomenon is as follows: an electric current is passed through the wheel pairs of the car moving from the rail to the rail. The current, passing through the movable contacts of the wheels and rails, creates an additional (up to the moment of inertia) torque. The research task is to explain the reason for the occurrence of torque. Based on the analysis of individual components of the electrodynamic phenomenon discovered by Huber, an algorithm for the successive interaction of the individual components of the effect is found on the basis of the laws of classical electrodynamics: electric, ferromagnetic, and mechanical.

The identity of the effect is explained, both for the wheel pair and for the bearing (Kosyrev-Milroy engine). For the first time, the cause of the appearance of the torque is revealed: relative movement of surface charges in the region of the movable electrical contact to the wheel body and the rails (or balls and guides). Moving charges unevenly magnetized ferromagnetic bodies according to the Biot-Savart-Laplace law. Due to the reduction in the clearance of the oncoming side of the wheel (or balls) and the increase on the trailing side, the pulling force from the oncoming side and, accordingly, the moment are more than on trailing side. The presented theoretical explanations completely correspond to the experimental investigation of the effect carried out by different scientists at different times.

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1. Introduction

Despite the large number of experiments of the Kosyrev-Milroy engines from 1951 to the present, there was no theoretical explanation of the effect.

The complexity of the problem consisted in the desire to obtain an accurate mathematical description of the processes in Huber and Kosyrev-Milroy engines. But it is impossible to obtain a physico-mathematical model that is isomorphic to real processes.

As follows from the fundamental laws of the general interaction of elements and the continuity of matter and motion, there are no such things in nature: a linear relationship between individual physical phenomena, autonomous (ideally isolated) objects, stationary deterministic and stochastic processes, physical constants, etc. Therefore sometimes the success of an explanation of this or that phenomenon depends on a reasonable compromise between the accuracy and complexity of its mathematical description. This approach is used by the authors to explain the Huber effect.

Using the laws of classical physics, at a qualitative level, without complex numerical calculations, the logical sequence of the action of the corresponding laws is considered. These laws together provide explanations for the Huber effect in the corresponding engines.

2. Review of existing attempts to explain the effect

The explanation of the effect, presented by various scientists, unfortunately, did not correspond to the physical essence of the phenomenon. Thus, it was considered [1, 2], the moment arises from the Ampere-law interaction of the guide currents and the wheels or balls that are located at an

acute angle. This would create a moment if, on the second wheel of the Huber wheelset or the other side of the bearing ball, the same moment did not have the opposite sign. It was believed [3] that the moment arises from a spark and an increase in air pressure on the trailing side of the contact. To confirm this [3], the bearings were placed in a vacuum hood and the air was gradually evacuated. The movement ceased due to a significant decrease in the heat in the vacuum from the heated balls to 250 °C. This led to their jamming and stopping of Kosyrev-Milroy engine. The author of work [4] for 1982 argued that sparks are not the cause, and in [3] for 1973, the same author believed that the spark was the cause. The negative effect of sparks on the motion is discussed in [5]. If the cause is pneumatic, the wheels or balls could move along non-ferromagnetic guides. However, in the absence of a ferromagnet, the motion ceased. There is an explanation [6] of the appearance of a moment from the thermal deformation of the guides. It allegedly creates a hill with which a ball or wheel rolls. This explanation does not take into account the considerable thermal inertia of the guides. It could only occur for ultra-low velocities Ω . But the moment does not arise with such Ω . In [5] provisions were proposed that do not correspond to the classical laws of physics, for example, the presence of magnetic induction created by a current, and coinciding with it in the direction. Additional ambiguities were made in [7, 8], where the Huber effect is combined with the uncalled effect of J. Searle. The abstract mathematical variational approach in [9] also does not reveal the physics of the phenomenon.

As observations [2] have shown, for the appearance of the torque M , in addition to the presence of motion, it is necessary that the wheels (balls) and the guides are ferromagnetic. In accordance with this, there must be a source of magnetization of the wheels (balls and guides). Magnetization of bodies should be asymmetrical relative to the point of contact: more towards the motion; material of the ferromagnet must be a magnet; lubrication of bearings, if it is not thick, also slightly improves the performance. However, the current I in the “source-consumer” circuit can’t directly create an asymmetric magnetic field. The required current is perpendicular to the current I . It would asymmetrically magnetize the ferromagnet. The attraction of the ferromagnets from the oncoming side with subsequent demagnetization would create a torque M . Thus, the explanation of the effect remained unresolved.

3. Explanation of the effect on the basis of the laws of electrodynamics of moving bodies

The torque M occurs when there is a motion of the wheel pair of J. Huber [3] or the rotation of the bearings of the Kosyrev-Milroy engine [1] and the current in the contacts of the wheels (or balls) with the guides. The rotation velocity Ω increases with increasing current I . It does not depend on its direction, constancy or sinusoidal current; is equal to 0 if the material is not ferromagnetic. In addition, if the voltage of the power supply is unchanged, the dependence of M on Ω is extremal. For $\Omega=0$, $M=0$, then M increases to the maximum (M_{\max}). Further, if the mechanical moment of counteraction is less than M_{\max} , the angular velocity Ω continues to grow, but M decreases. Further, if the counter-moment changes sign, at some synchronous velocity Ω_s , $M=0$, and then, with increasing $\Omega>\Omega_s$, $M<0$.

The specificity of electrodynamics [10, 11] consists in the study of a spatially inhomogeneous system with a non-uniform charge distribution q and additional degrees of motion freedom. That is, the power indicators of the system depend not only on the current I , but on the position and motion of the components of the system.

Let’s consider “guides – contact zone – wheel or ball” system. Wheels or balls of radius r rotate with angular velocity Ω counterclockwise. They roll along fixed guides to the left of the point of contact with the linear velocity V_0 :

$$V_0 = \Omega \cdot r. \quad (1)$$

In the Huber wheel pair, the rails have a significant previous cross section (relative to the contact area of the rails with the wheel). Therefore, the voltage drop in the rail relative to the drop in the contact area is not significant, and the voltage at the contact is almost independent of the place of rail connection to the source. The cross-sectional areas of the wheel and shaft are also large and

have an electrical resistance much less resistance of the contact spot. A similar situation occurs in bearings. Therefore, almost all of the source voltage is applied to the contacts of the wheels, or bearings. Therefore, it is necessary to analyze the processes in the contact zone.

3. 1. Flow I of electricity q through the fixed contact zone

The contact zone is not an ideal line for the wheel or a point for the ball (**Fig. 1**). It has a finite area “ a ” of non-ideal (due to the roughness of the surface) of the electromechanical contact that surrounds the “ b ” area of a purely electrical contact through a small air or oil gap.

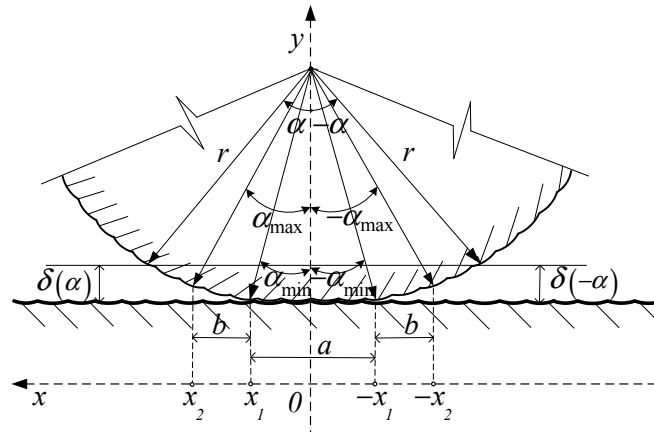


Fig. 1. Contact zone: a – electromechanical, b – electric

Within $\pm x_1$ in zone “ a ”, as a result of surface roughness, there is a mechanical contact with resistive resistance R_a and air with a capacitance of C_a . Resistance R_a depends on the zone of direct contact of the surfaces, the resistivity ρ_k of the contact medium and the average thickness l_k of the mechanical contact zone:

$$R_a \cong \frac{\rho_k l_k}{S_k}. \quad (2)$$

The capacity C_a in zone “ a ” is indicated by the non-ideal contact, that is, the presence of a micro-gap between the surfaces. It is proportional to the part S_a of the area S_k , the permittivity ϵ of air and inversely proportional to the thickness $\delta(\alpha)$ of the micro-gap:

$$C_a \cong \frac{\epsilon S_a}{\delta(\alpha)}. \quad (3)$$

for contact of balls and cages, taking into account the smallness of α ,

$$S_a = k \frac{\pi a^2}{4} = \frac{\pi k}{4} r^2 \sin^2 \alpha \cong \frac{\pi k}{4} r^2 \alpha^2, \quad (4)$$

for contact of wheel and rail

$$S_a = 2kaf \cong 2kfr\alpha, \quad (5)$$

where the coefficient k takes into account both a decrease in the total area S_k and an increase in the surface of the “plates” of the capacitor due to the roughness of the surfaces; f is the wheel width.

The gap $\delta(\alpha)$ for zone “ a ” is a few microns. Therefore, the capacity C_a , in spite of the small C_a area, can be quite appreciable, especially for the oil gap. For small α ,

$$\delta(\alpha) = r(1 - \cos \alpha) \cong r\alpha^2. \quad (6)$$

Capacity (3), taking into account (4) and (6), for n parallel-connected balls:

$$C_a = n \frac{\varepsilon}{r\alpha^2} \cdot \frac{k\pi}{4} r^2 \alpha^2 = \frac{nk\pi\varepsilon r}{4}. \quad (7)$$

Capacity (3) of two wheel and rail contacts, taking into account (5) and (6):

$$C_a = 2 \frac{\varepsilon}{r\alpha^2} \cdot 2kfr\alpha = \frac{4k\varepsilon f}{\alpha}. \quad (8)$$

Voltage U_k (potential difference φ_1 and φ_2) on the contact is determined by the resistance (2) and the current I :

$$U_k = \varphi_1 - \varphi_2 = I \cdot R_k, \quad (9)$$

where, due to the presence of two or four (in the bearing pair) contacts connected in series between (\pm) poles of the constant voltage source U , the potentials φ_1 and φ_2 will be the same for four or φ_2 will be zero for two consecutive contacts. The area S_b in zone “ b ” (**Fig. 1**) for a ball:

$$S_b = \frac{k\pi}{2}(a + 2b)b, \quad (10)$$

for a wheel:

$$S_b = 2kfb. \quad (11)$$

The area S_b is much more than S_a , but the gap (6) is more, because (**Fig. 1**)

$$\alpha \in [\alpha_{\min}, \alpha_{\max}], \quad \alpha_{\min} = \arctg \frac{a}{2r}, \quad \alpha_{\max} = \arctg \frac{b + \frac{a}{2}}{r}. \quad (12)$$

The approximate value of the capacitance C_b for the mean value α_{av} , which is equal to the half sum α_{\min} and α_{\max} :

– for n ball bearings

$$C_b \cong n \frac{\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r}{r \cdot \alpha_{av}^2} \cdot \frac{k\pi}{2} (a + 2b)b \cong \frac{nk\pi\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r}{1} \cdot \frac{\alpha_{\max} (\alpha_{\max} - \alpha_{\min})}{\alpha_{cep}^2} \approx nk\pi\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha_{\max}}{\alpha_{av}} \right)^2; \quad (13)$$

– for two contacts of wheels and rails

$$C_b = 4 \frac{\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r}{r\alpha_{av}^2} \cdot kfb. \quad (14)$$

For bearings, the total capacity will be approximately the same, for the wheels – units of picofarads.

The charges q_1 and q_2 of the same sign located on the contacting surfaces,

$$q_1 = C \cdot \varphi_1, \quad q_2 = C \cdot \varphi_2, \quad (15)$$

in accordance with (3)–(9), will be thousandths of a Coulomb.

3. 2. Flow I of electricity q through the movable contact zone

In the absence of motion, the electric current I, like the flow of electricity q, are distributed in zones “a” and “b” (**Fig. 1**) symmetrically. A small zone “b” is limited by the coordinates $\pm x_2$, under which the phenomenon of gap breakdown disappears. The situation changes significantly (**Fig. 2**), if the wheel or ball rotates at with velocity Ω , moving with velocity V_0 .

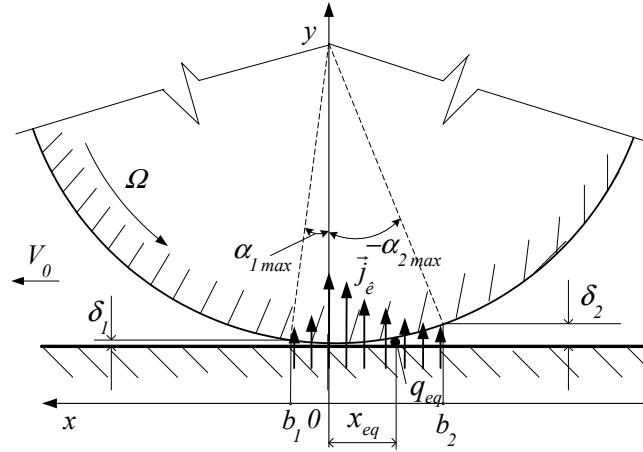


Fig. 2. The asymmetric distribution of the current density I

In order to explain the appearance of asymmetry, let's imagine the flow I by the sum of the electric tubes with density \vec{j}_k through the cross sections ΔS of the total contact zone S_k :

$$I = \int_{S_k} \vec{j}(S) \cdot d\vec{S} \cong \sum_{k=1}^N j_k \cdot dS. \quad (16)$$

Each k-th current tube I_k , which is equal to the product of the density j_k by the area ΔS , is formed at the moment t_1 of the discharge in the gap δ_1 and disappears at the moment t_3 of the discharge extinction in the gap δ_2 (**Fig. 3**). Having finite length δ_2 , area ΔS of cross-section and location in a ferromagnetic medium, each tube is an $R_k L_k$ -circle, where R_k and L_k are electrical resistance and inductance. If (for simplicity) let's assume that R_k and L_k are constants, and the contact resistance is assumed to be zero for the presence and infinite in the absence of a discharge, then the instantaneous value $i_k(t)$ of the current I_k is defined as solution of the equation:

$$L_k \frac{di_k}{dt} + R_k \cdot i_k = U_k. \quad (17)$$

Namely: for time t in the interval between t_1 and t_2

$$i_k(t) = \frac{U_k}{R_k} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t-t_1}{\tau_k}} \right) \cdot 1(t-t_1); \quad (18)$$

for

$$t_2 \leq t < t_3$$

for time t in the interval between t_2 and t_3

$$i_k(t) = \frac{U_k}{R_k} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t_2-t_1}{\tau_k}} \right) \cdot e^{-\frac{t-t_2}{\tau_k}} \cdot 1(t-t_2), \quad (19)$$

where $1(t-t_1)$, $1(t-t_2)$ – Heaviside’s function, $\tau_k = L_k/R_k$ – the time constant.

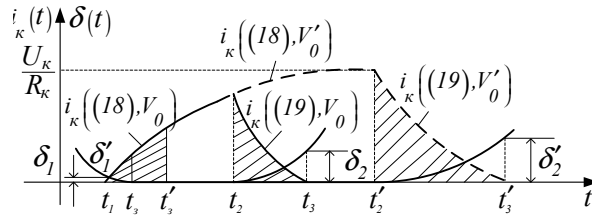


Fig. 3. Transients (18), (19) in the circle of the k -th tube for the velocities V_0 and V'_0 , where $V_0 > V'_0$

Depending on the velocity, the current $i_k(t)$ in time $(t_2 - t_1)$ exponentially grows and reaches a steady value $\frac{U_k}{R_k}$ for velocity V'_0 or part of it $i_k(t_2)$ for V_0 .

Further, after the opening of the mechanical contact, when the time t is greater than t_2 or t'_2 , it exponentially decreases (19) to zero.

An intensity ϵ_{br} at which the breakdown of the gap δ arises or disappears from the oncoming side is equal to the ratio of U_k to δ_1 (**Fig. 2**). At the moment t_1 (regardless of velocity V_0 or V'_0), a current (18) appears. The shaded area under the curve $i_k(t)$ is equal to the charge q' that has passed through the gap in time $[t_1, t_3]$ for V_0 or $[t_1, t'_3]$ for V'_0 , where t_3 is the moment of occurrence of the mechanical contact. Further, at the intervals $[t_3, t_2]$ or $[t'_3, t'_2]$ there is an electromechanical contact. At the moment of time t_2 or t'_2 a mechanical contact opens and a current (19) arises. It will exponentially decrease until the moment t_3 or t'_3 at which the ratio $U_k + L_k \left| \frac{di_k}{dt} \right|$ to the gap δ or δ'_2 not will be compared to ϵ_{br} . It will exponentially decrease until the moment t_3 or t'_3 at which the ratio of the voltage to the gap δ or δ'_2 is not compared with ϵ_{br} . That is, the gap δ_2 will be more than (**Fig. 2, 3**). The shaded area under the current curve (19) $i_k(t)$ is the charge q'' that has elapsed during the time $[t_2, t_3]$ or $[t'_2, t'_3]$. It is much more than the charge q' from the oncoming side (**Fig. 3**).

Let's define the distances b_1 and b_2 . For b_1 the tension ϵ_{br} at which the gap breaks δ_1 :

$$\epsilon_{br} = \frac{U_k}{\delta_1} = \frac{U_k}{r(1 - \cos \alpha_1)} \cong \frac{U_k}{r\alpha_1^2} = \frac{U_k}{r \left(\arcsin \frac{b_1}{r} \right)^2} \cong \frac{U_k}{b_1^2} \cdot r, \quad (20)$$

therefore

$$b_1 = \sqrt{\frac{U_k \cdot r}{\epsilon_{br}}}; \quad (21)$$

for b_2 :

$$\epsilon_{br} = \frac{U_k + L_k \left| \frac{di_k(t_3)}{dt} \right|}{\delta_2} = \frac{U_k + L_k \left| \frac{di_k(t_3)}{dt} \right|}{b_2^2} \cdot r,$$

therefore

$$b_2 = \sqrt{\frac{U_k + L_k \left| \frac{di_k(t_3)}{dt} \right|}{\epsilon_{br}}} \cdot r. \quad (22)$$

The more V_0 , the more the module $\frac{di_k}{dt}$ and, accordingly, the more ratio of b_2 to b_1 , that is, the non-metering.

In the same way as in a circle with inductance, the current i_k of the tubes does not change instantaneously, so the voltage U_k on the capacitor (3) and, accordingly, the charges q_1 , q_2 (15) also can't instantaneously change. Therefore, the charges q_1 , q_2 move to the right of the contact zone.

The current i_k of the tubes is overcome with an end hour Δt_k air gap δ_k with the velocity Δt_k that is proportional to intensity ϵ_k :

$$\vec{V}_k = \beta \vec{\epsilon}_k, \quad (23)$$

where β – the mobility coefficient of charged particles in the gap δ_k . Then, according to the dimensionality (A·s=C), there is an assumption that not only on the surfaces, but also in the gap δ_k of the k -th tube, an unbalanced charge q_k is formed (due to the dynamism of the process)

$$q_k = i_k \cdot \Delta t_k = i_k \cdot \frac{\delta_k}{\beta \epsilon_k} \cong i_k \frac{\delta_k^2}{U_k}. \quad (24)$$

The total air charge

$$q_\Sigma = \sum_{k=1}^N q_k \quad (25)$$

can be represented by an equivalent point charge q_e equal to q_Σ and located to the right of the contact point at a distance x_{eq} (Fig. 2), where

$$x_{eq} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N q_k \cdot x_k}{q_\Sigma}. \quad (26)$$

Due to asymmetry, surface charges (15) will also be shifted to the right of the contact point.

3. 3. Asymmetric magnetization of the wheel (balls) and the guide by the moving charges

The charges (15), (25), which are formed in the contact zone, move relative to the wheel bodies (balls) and the guide with velocity V_0 . The product of the total charge $q = q_1 + q_2 + q_{eq}$ per velocity V_0 can be represented as an element $I_y \cdot \Delta x$ of the conditional current I_c :

$$(q_1 + q_2 + q_{eq}) \cdot V_0 \cong I_y \cdot \Delta x, \quad (27)$$

where

$$I_c = \frac{q_1 + q_2 + q_{eq}}{\Delta t}, \quad V_0 = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}.$$

According to the Biot-Savart-Laplace law, the current element I_c (27) at the airspace point M forms the magnetic field of induction ΔB (Fig. 4):

$$\Delta B = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{I_c \cdot \Delta x \cdot \sin \beta}{r^2}. \quad (28)$$

To calculate the entire magnetic field $\Phi(r, r_0)$, it is sufficient to integrate (28) within the limits $\{0, \pm r_{max}\}$, $\{0, r_{0max}\}$. If the ferromagnetic bodies of the wheel (balls) and the guide are brought into this space, they are locally magnetized, increasing the magnetic induction B by μ_r (by 1000÷10000) and, having an air gap $\delta(\alpha)$, in order to minimize the energy W_M of the magnetic

field [9], form the forces F_M acting in the case of increase of magnetic conductivity Y_M , i. e., to reduce the gap $\delta(\alpha)$:

$$F_M = \frac{dW_M}{d\delta}. \quad (29)$$

As is known [10], the force F_M is proportional to the square of the current I_0 , inversely proportional to the square of the gap $\delta(\alpha)$ and acts on the decrease of $\delta(\alpha)$ (increase of Y_M).

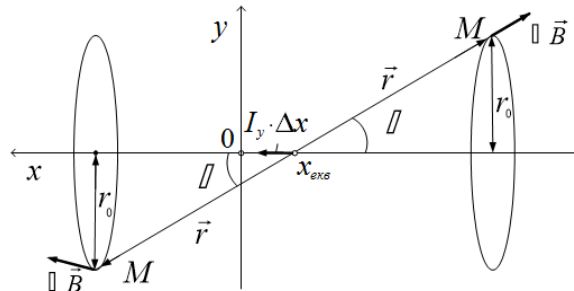


Fig. 4. Creation of a magnetic induction $\Delta\vec{B}$ by an element of a current $I_y \cdot \Delta x$

For the moment of time “zero” the shift of the coordinate x_{eq} to the right with the same gaps on the left and on the right creates better conditions for magnetization and on the trailing side from the point of contact. If the moving system has zero mass, then the movement to the left would instantaneously cease. Asymmetry (Fig. 2) would be aligned to symmetry (Fig. 1).

However, there is an interaction of four moments for the moment t_0 of the time t . The moment M_1 , “wants” to reduce the gap to the left of the contact point; moment M_1 “want” to reduce the gap behind the contact point. The dynamic moment M_3 , which is formed from the mass m and the velocity V_0 of motion of the movable part of the system. M_4 is the moment of loading. If the velocity V_0 is more than zero, then

$$M_1 + M_3 \geq M_2 + M_4. \quad (30)$$

The more m and V_0 , the more M_3 , but the more V_0 , the more the distance x_{eq} from the contact point to the coordinate of the equivalent charge q_{eq} (Fig. 4) and, respectively, M_2 . For a specific current I there exists a maximum velocity V_{max} at which the action of the moments averaged over time Δt and the counteraction of the moments $M_1 + M_3$ are equalized. For the time interval Δt of time t at which the inequality (30) is satisfied due to the presence of motion with velocity V_0 . On the way Δx , the moment M_1 value averaged over time Δt (due to the reduction of the gap) will increase, and M_2 – vice versa (due to the increase of the gap) – will decrease. Such statement is true if the average (over time Δt) values of the gap on the left $\bar{\delta}_l$ are less than on the right $\bar{\delta}_r$ (Fig. 5).

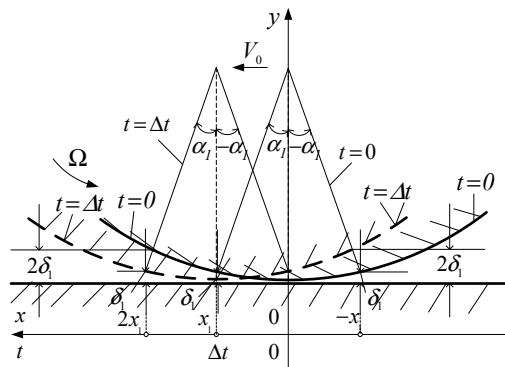


Fig. 5. Dynamics of changes in gaps $\delta(\alpha(t))$

Fig. 5 shows the position of the wheel (balls) for the moments $t = 0$ (lines) and $t = \Delta t$ (dashed lines) of time t . In order to approximately determine the average value over time Δt of the gaps to the left and to the right of the point ($t = 0, x = 0$), the dependences $\delta(t, x)$ for a small zones $[(-x_1, x_1), (t = 0, t = \Delta t)]$ are linearized (**Fig. 6**)

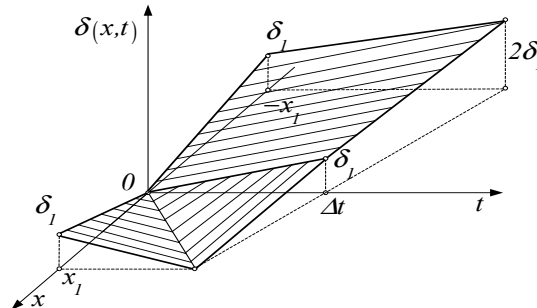


Fig. 6. Surfaces of the linearized dependence $\delta(t, x)$ for the left $(x_1, \Delta t)$ and right $(-x_1, \Delta t)$ zones

As it is followed from **Fig. 6**, the average value $\bar{\delta}$ for the time Δt to the left of the point $(0, 0)$ is $0,5\delta_1$, on the right $-\delta_1$. Accordingly, the average value of the action of the moment M_1 to the left of the point $(0, 0)$ will be 4 times greater than the right for the time Δt , since the force (29) is inversely proportional to the square of the gap. The asymmetry of forces and moments leads to an acceleration of motion. However, for almost constant parameters R_k, L_k , that is constant time constant τ_k , asymmetry grows. Center x_{eq} (26) of the charge q_{eq} (25) is shifted to the right of the contact point $(0, 0)$. This leads to a decrease in the asymmetry of the action of the forces and, accordingly, of the total moment, that is, the system has the property of self-balancing. Magnetization can occur both from a constant and sinusoidal current, since the strength of F_M (29) depends on its square. A necessary condition for asymmetry is motion. It ensures the condition (30). On the trailing side of contact with zone “b” (**Fig. 1**), demagnetization of ferromagnets and the gradual disappearance of excess surface charges occur. The effect is increased if the air gap ϵ_0 is replaced by an oil gap with ϵ much more than ϵ_0 . If further artificially increase the velocity Ω , then the moment will decrease to zero and then change the sign, as in a single-phase asynchronous motor.

4. Conclusions

On the basis of the analysis of the existing theoretical explanations and the results of the experiments carried out by the authors of [1-7, 9, 12, 13] and own theoretical and experimental studies, it is first established that:

- the direct cause of asymmetric magnetization of the sections to the left and to the right of the contact point of ferromagnetic bodies is the movement of surface and, possibly, air charges that are formed in the zone of movable electrical contact with the current;
- asymmetrical magnetization together with the mechanical action of the inertia moment of the moving body create the necessary conditions for supporting the movement;
- it is necessary to conduct additional experimental studies to identify the quantitative characteristics of the charge in the contact zone from the current passing through the contact and from specific geometric parameters of the facility for the numerical calculation of the component of the total torque from the magnetization of ferromagnets.

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