

# Global Stabilization of Gyrostat Program Motion with Cavity Filled with Viscous Fluid

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**Abstract**— The program spherical motions global stabilization problem around the center of mass of a gyrostat is investigated. A single-rotor dynamically symmetrical gyrostat with a spherical cavity, entirely filled with highly viscous fluid, is considered. The active stabilizing controls attached to the gyrostat are constructed by the principle of feedback. They solve global stabilizing program motions problem of a gyrostat with fluid. Conditions under which the desirable program motions property of asymptotic stability in large is possible are received. The task is solved on the base of a method of Lyapunov functions and a method of the limit equations and the limit systems.

**Index Terms**— gyrostat, cavity with fluid, Lyapunov function, feedback, stabilization in large

## I. INTRODUCTION

Spatial orientation of satellites and aircraft problems about an orbit have important applied value and are widely considered by authors in many notes. Spatial motions of aircraft concerning the center of masses are modeled by spherical motions of solid bodies or bodies systems, in particular, gyrostats. Artificial satellites can contain one or more spinning rotors to provide gyroscopic stability of a desired orientation of the vehicle. Dual-spin satellites use the spin of a rotor to maintain pointing accuracy of an antenna platform or a solar sail. Some types of satellites use small but rapidly spinning momentum wheels to control the attitude of a large platform. Gyrostats and gyrostat satellite motions are investigated in a large number of papers [1-12]. The basic methods and principles of control of rotational motions of bodies and systems were studied, for example, in notes [1-3]. Paper [4] introduced the equations of a multibody gyrostat and presented analytical solutions for the free gyrostat. In note [5] authors found analytical solution for a asymmetric gyrostat in dynamical variables and solutions for Euler angles in quadratures. Modern domestic and foreign scientists actively study tasks of resonance modes and bifurcations of stationary motions of satellites [6, 7], of chaotic motions and methods of their elimination [8, 9], about stabilization of the set program motions of gyrostats of various structure [10, 11]. In note [12] authors found exact analytical solutions for the problem of the attitude dynamics of a free gyrostat.

From the middle of the previous century, various problems of dynamic motions of rigid bodies with cavities

filled with fluid were widely researched. There are two main ways of research. The first results of the theory of rigid bodies with cavities filled with liquid are represented in papers [13, 14]. The author of note [13] suggested a model, describing the motions of rigid body with a cavity entirely filled with highly viscous fluid. In the model the influence of fluid on the motion of the body is described using the kinematic characteristics of the body. This approach is widely used in papers of modern scientists [15-17].

The aim of this paper is to present new results in research studies into problem of motion's global stabilization of gyrostat with cavity filled with viscous fluid. This note included, firstly, mathematical model of academician Chernous'ko of gyrostat with fluid. Secondly, it develops the motion equations of gyrostat in the Lagrange equations form. Thirdly, in this paper is the task formulation about the program motions global stabilization of gyrostat. And finally, this note presents the active program control and development of stability in large control constructing by the feedback principle.

## II. PROBLEM DEFINITION AND MOTION EQUATIONS

We research spherical motion of a gyrostat with viscous fluid. It is modeled by a system of two dynamically symmetric connected bodies with common axis of rotation. The first body is the carrier.  $Oxyz$  is related to a carrier coordinate system. Carrier has a spherical cavity filled with highly viscous fluid. The second body is the rotor.  $A_1 = B_1$  and  $C_1$  are main inertia moments of a carrier with fluid,  $A_2 = B_2$  and  $C_2$  are main inertia moments of a rotor. Here  $OXYZ$  is fixed coordinate system. The fixed point  $O$  of a gyrostat coincides with the system's center of mass and is located on an axis of dynamic symmetry of both bodies (Fig. 1).

The rotation of a rotor around the carrier is described with the rotation angle  $\sigma$  counted around  $Oz$  axis. Motion equations of a single-rotor gyrostat with a cavity filled with fluid are projected on axis in the related coordinate system, and they are following [17] in the form:

$$\begin{aligned} A\dot{p} + (C - B)qr + C_2q\sigma &= m_x, \\ B\dot{q} + (A - C)pr - C_2p\sigma &= m_y, \\ C\dot{r} + (B - A)pq + C_2\dot{\sigma} &= m_z, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

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Here  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = (p, q, r)^T$  is the vector of absolute angular velocity of the carrier in the coordinate system  $Oxyz$ .  $A = A_1 + A_2$ ,  $B = B_1 + B_2$  and  $C = C_1 + C_2$  are main inertia moments of a gyrostat calculated in the coordinate system  $Oxyz$ . Symbol  $( )^T$  means transposition. The angular velocity  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}(t)$  of rotor rotation is a determined continuous function of time.

Right parts  $\mathbf{m} = (m_x, m_y, m_z)^T$  of equations (1) are projections on axes of the frame  $Oxyz$  of the force torques acting on the carrier from the cavity with fluid. According to model suggested in note [13] they are calculated in form:

$$\mathbf{m} = -\frac{\rho}{\nu} P \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{p} + q\dot{r} - r\dot{q} \\ \ddot{q} + r\dot{p} - p\dot{r} \\ \ddot{r} + p\dot{q} - q\dot{p} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Here  $(\dot{p}, \dot{q}, \dot{r})^T = \boldsymbol{\dot{\omega}}$  is the vector of angular acceleration of the carrier body,  $P = 8\pi a^7 / 525$  is coefficient, that is considering the form (sphere with radius  $a$ ) of the cavity,  $\rho$  is density and  $\nu$  is kinematic viscosity of fluid. We assume that the cavity is filled with highly viscous fluid:  $\nu^{-1} \ll 1$ .

Following the papers [13, 17] according the mathematical model of academician Chernous'ko of gyrostat with fluid we have vector components of angular acceleration and time-derivative of the angular accelerations in the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p} &\approx -A^{-1} [(C-B)qr + C_2q\sigma], \\ \dot{q} &\approx -B^{-1} [(A-C)pr - C_2p\sigma], \\ \dot{r} &\approx -C_1^{-1} (B-A)pq, \\ \ddot{p} &\approx A^{-1} [(B-C)(\dot{q}r + q\dot{r}) - C_2(\dot{q}\sigma + q\dot{\sigma})], \\ \ddot{q} &\approx B^{-1} [(C-A)(\dot{p}r + p\dot{r}) + C_2(\dot{p}\sigma + p\dot{\sigma})], \\ \ddot{r} &\approx C_1^{-1} (A-B)(\dot{p}q + p\dot{q}). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

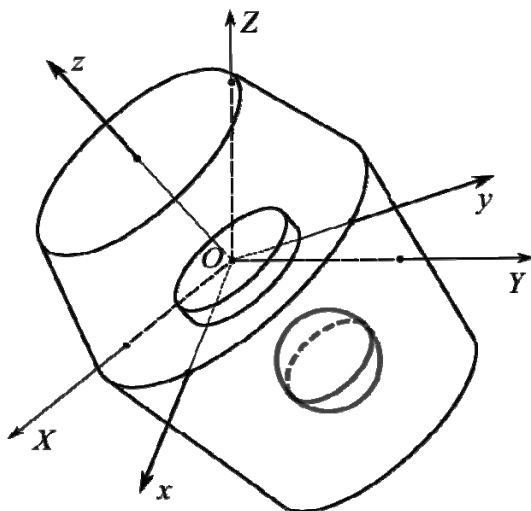


Fig. 1. Gyrostat.

After replacing right parts (2) of (3) the force torques

acting on the carrier from the cavity with fluid are calculated according to the equals:

$$\begin{cases} m_x = -\varepsilon P \left\{ \frac{(C-B+A)(A-C)r^2 p}{AB} + \frac{(C-B-A)(A-B)q^2 p}{AC} \right\}; \\ m_y = -\varepsilon P \left\{ \frac{(A-B-C)(C-B)r^2 q}{AB} + \frac{(A-C+B)(A-B)p^2 q}{BC} \right\}; \\ m_z = -\varepsilon P \left\{ \frac{(A-B+C)(C-B)q^2 r}{AC} + \frac{(A-B-C)(A-C)p^2 r}{BC} \right\}. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

We constructed the gyrostat motion equations in the Lagrange equations form:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{Q}. \quad (5)$$

Here  $\mathbf{q} = (\psi, \theta, \varphi)^T$  is the general coordinates vector, and  $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = (\dot{\psi}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\varphi})^T$  is the general velocities vector. Values  $\varphi, \psi, \theta$  are Euler variables. The kinetic energy of the system is

$$2T = Ap^2 + Bq^2 + Cr^2 + 2C_2 r\sigma + C_2 \sigma^2. \quad (6)$$

We designate the general forces  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}^e + \mathbf{Q}^p + \mathbf{Q}^s$ . Here  $\mathbf{Q}^e$  is the force torque acting on the carrier from the cavity with fluid. It has coordinates

$$\begin{cases} Q_\psi^e = m_x \sin \theta \sin \varphi + m_y \sin \theta \cos \varphi + m_z \cos \theta, \\ Q_\theta^e = m_x \cos \varphi - m_y \sin \varphi, \\ Q_\varphi^e = m_z. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Torque  $\mathbf{Q}^p$  is the program control, torque  $\mathbf{Q}^s$  is the stabilizing control.

Equations (5) are dynamic gyrostat motion equations. They are closed, for example, with Euler kinematic equations

$$\begin{cases} p = \dot{\theta} \cos \varphi + \dot{\psi} \sin \theta \sin \varphi; \\ q = -\dot{\theta} \sin \varphi + \dot{\psi} \sin \theta \cos \varphi; \\ r = \dot{\varphi} + \dot{\psi} \cos \theta. \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Let the gyrostat moves according to the law  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\psi^*(t), \theta^*(t), \varphi^*(t))^T$ . Here  $\psi^*(t), \theta^*(t), \varphi^*(t)$  are the determined continuous functions of time. We call the function  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  the program motion of the gyrostat.

We now state the task about global stabilization of program motion of gyrostat. Namely, we have to find the attached to the carrier control torques  $\mathbf{Q}^p$  and  $\mathbf{Q}^s$  making the program motion  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  asymptotically stable in large.

We solve this task on the base Lyapunov method of stability theory. We construct active control using principle

of feedback.

The kinetic energy (6) may be presented as the following sum of the components  $T = T_2 + T_1 + T_0$ . Here  $T_0 = T_0(t, \mathbf{q}) = C_2 \sigma^2(t)$  is a scalar function. The component  $T_1 = \mathbf{B}^T(t, \mathbf{q}) \dot{\mathbf{q}}$  is a linear form of the general velocities  $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$ . Vector  $\mathbf{B}(t, \mathbf{q})$  has the coordinates in the form  $b_1 = 2C_2 \sigma(t) \cos \theta$ ,  $b_2 = 0$ ,  $b_3 = 2C_2 \sigma(t)$ . Finally, the last component  $T_2 = 0.5 \dot{\mathbf{q}}^T \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{q}) \dot{\mathbf{q}}$  is a quadratic form of the velocities. The matrix  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{q})$  is bounded and positive definite. It has the elements

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} &= A \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \varphi + B \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \varphi + C \cos^2 \theta, \\ a_{12} &= a_{21} = (A - B) \sin \theta \sin \varphi \cos \varphi, \quad a_{33} = C, \\ a_{22} &= A \cos^2 \varphi + B \sin^2 \varphi, \\ a_{13} &= a_{31} = C \cos \theta, \quad a_{23} = a_{32} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

As a result we obtain the motion equation (5) in the form

$$\mathbf{A} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \Lambda \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial \mathbf{q}^T} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}^T}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \right] \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{Q}^e + \mathbf{Q}^p + \mathbf{Q}^s. \quad (9)$$

Here  $\Lambda = \Lambda(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}})$  is the vector with coordinates

$$\Lambda_i = \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{ij}}{\partial q_k} \dot{q}_k \dot{q}_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{kj}}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_k \dot{q}_j, \quad (i = \overline{1,3}). \quad (10)$$

### III. BASIC RESULTS

We calculate the program control torque according direct substitution of function  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  in the motion equations (9):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q}^p &= \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}(t)) \ddot{\mathbf{r}} + \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}(t))}{\partial \mathbf{r}^T} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}^T(\mathbf{r}(t))}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \right] \dot{\mathbf{r}} \\ &+ \Lambda(\mathbf{r}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}(t))}{\partial t} - \mathbf{Q}^e(\mathbf{r}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The program control torque (11) realizes the program motion  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  of the gyrostat. We mean, that the function  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  is the solution of the equation (9). But in the presence of initial deviations or actions of small perturbations we construct the additional stabilizing torque  $\mathbf{Q}^s$  making the program motion  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  asymptotically stable in large.

Now we solve the global stabilization problem of gyrostat program motion on the base of second method of Lyapunov functions and a method of the limit equations and the limit systems. Let us introduce the new generalized coordinates (deflections)  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  according to equality  $\mathbf{x} = (\psi - \psi^*(t), \theta - \theta^*(t), \varphi - \varphi^*(t))^T = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T$  or  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{r}(t)$ .

Then we rewrite the equation (9) as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}(\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + \ddot{\mathbf{x}}) + \Lambda + \Lambda' + \Lambda'' + \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^T} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right] (\dot{\mathbf{r}} + \dot{\mathbf{x}}) \\ + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{Q}^e + \mathbf{Q}^p + \mathbf{Q}^s. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Here program control  $\mathbf{Q}^p$  has the form (11), and  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda'$ ,  $\Lambda''$  analogously (10) are the vectors with components

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_i &= \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{ij}}{\partial x_k} \dot{x}_k \dot{x}_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{kj}}{\partial x_i} \dot{x}_k \dot{x}_j, \\ \Lambda'_i &= \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{ij}}{\partial x_k} \dot{x}_k \dot{r}_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{kj}}{\partial x_i} \dot{x}_k \dot{r}_j + \\ &+ \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{ij}}{\partial x_k} \dot{r}_k \dot{x}_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{kj}}{\partial x_i} \dot{r}_k \dot{x}_j, \\ \Lambda''_i &= \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{ij}}{\partial x_k} \dot{r}_k \dot{r}_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{kj}}{\partial x_i} \dot{r}_k \dot{r}_j, \quad (i = \overline{1,3}). \end{aligned}$$

We choose the Lyapunov function

$$V(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{A} \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \quad (13)$$

(9) The function (13) is positive definite. We calculate the total time-derivative of the function (13) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^T} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \right) \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x} + \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T (-\Lambda - \Lambda' - \Lambda'' - \mathbf{A} \dot{\mathbf{r}} - \mathbf{N} + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{N} + \mathbf{Q}^e + \mathbf{Q}^p + \mathbf{Q}^s), \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}})$  is the vector with coordinates

$$N_i = \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{kj}}{\partial x_i} \dot{x}_k \dot{x}_j - \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial a_{ij}}{\partial x_k} \dot{x}_k \dot{x}_j, \quad i = \overline{1,3}$$

And we construct the stabilization control in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q}^s &= -\mathbf{C} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{D} \dot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{A} \ddot{\mathbf{r}} + \Lambda'' + \Lambda' - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^T} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \right) \dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ &+ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^T} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right] \dot{\mathbf{r}} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{N} - \mathbf{Q}^e - \mathbf{Q}^p. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Here matrices  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  are bounded and positive definite. We calculate the total derivative of the function (13) with respect to time according the equation (12) with controls (11) and (14):

$$\frac{dV}{dt} \cong -\dot{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{D} \dot{\mathbf{x}} \leq -d_0 \|\dot{\mathbf{x}}\|^2 \leq 0 \quad (0 < d_0 = \text{const}) \quad (15)$$

The derivative (15) of Lyapunov function (13) is negative definite determined by speeds. The set on which the derivative is equal to zero, is a set  $\{\dot{\mathbf{x}} = 0\}$ . The system limit to system (12), with (11), (14) on a set  $\{\dot{\mathbf{x}} = 0\}$  has no other decisions, except  $\mathbf{x} = 0$ . Therefore on the basis of the theorem from paper [18] we receive, that program motion  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\psi^*(t), \theta^*(t), \varphi^*(t))^T$  of the gyrostat with fluid is asymptotically stable in large.

The task of global stabilization of program motions of the gyrostat with cavity filled with viscous fluid is solved.

#### IV. NUMERICAL SOLUTION

To illustrate the analytical results we integrate numerically the equations of control motion of the gyrostat. We use “Wolfram Mathematica 7.0”. We model the carrier and rotor by a rigid bodies with inertia moments  $A = B = 20$ ,  $C = 30$ ,  $C_2 = 10$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Let the angular

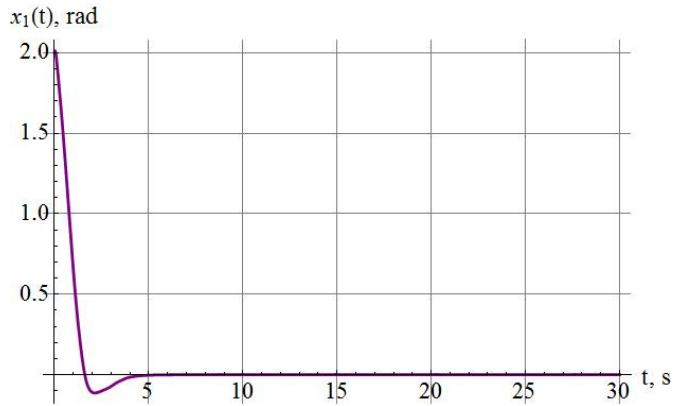


Fig. 2. Value  $x_1(t)$

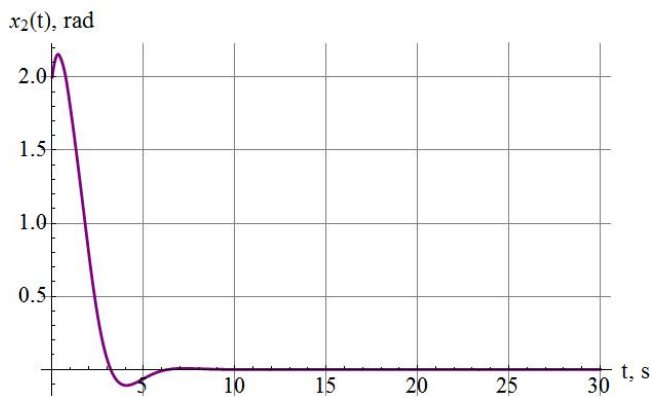


Fig. 3. Value  $x_2(t)$

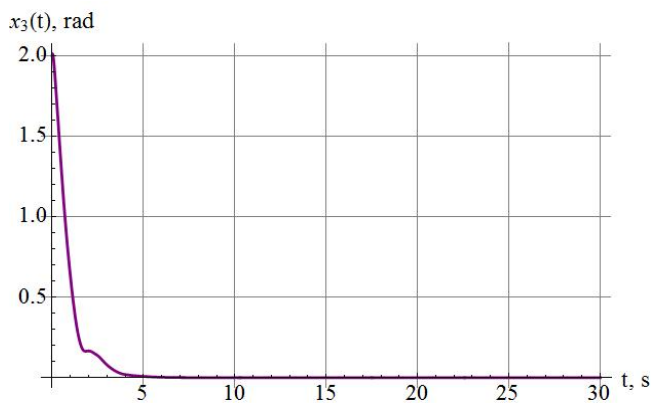


Fig. 4. Value  $x_3(t)$

velocity of rotor rotation about the carrier is  $\sigma = 1$  s<sup>-1</sup>. The program motion is  $\psi^*(t) = 6 \cos(2t)$ ,  $\theta^*(t) = \pi/2 + \sin(2t)$ ,  $\varphi^*(t) = \sin(10t)$  rad.

We assume that the initial deviations at  $t = 0$  are  $\bar{x}(0) = (2, 2, 2)^T$  rad and  $\dot{\bar{x}}(0) = (1, 1, 1)^T$  rad/s. The integration was performed over the time interval  $[0, 30]$  s. Let the coefficients of the matrices **C** and **D** are  $c_{ii} = d_{ii} = 10$ ,  $c_{ij} = d_{ij} = 0$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ .

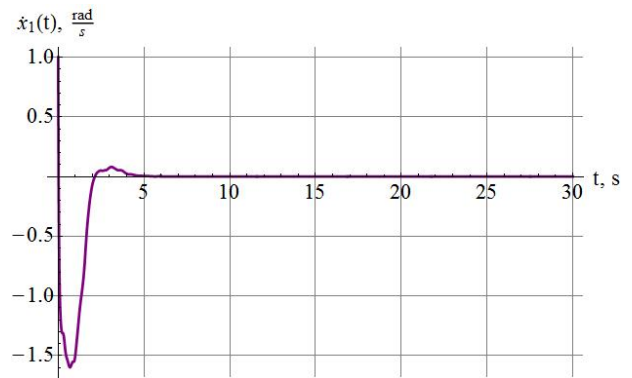


Fig. 5. Value  $\dot{x}_1(t)$

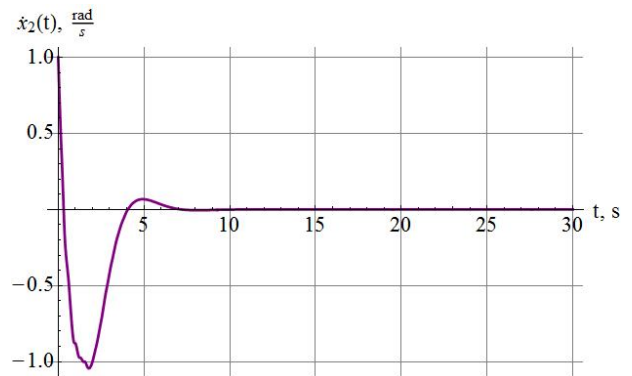


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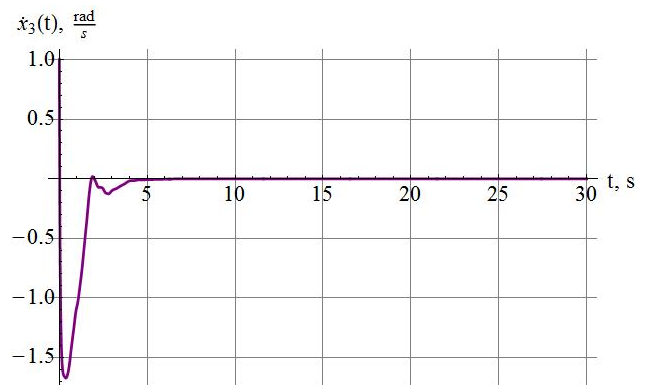


Fig. 7. Value  $\dot{x}_3(t)$

Figures 2-4 present graphs of the behavior of the components of the vector  $\bar{x}(t)$ . They are the deviations of the general coordinates  $\psi, \theta, \varphi$  of the gyrostat for its program motion  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\psi^*(t), \theta^*(t), \varphi^*(t))^T$ . This motion occurs under the action of programmed torque (11) and stabilizing torque (14). The graphs illustrate the asymptotical stable of the obtained solutions.

Figures 5-7 present graphs of the behavior of the velocities  $\dot{x}_i(t)$ .

#### V. CONCLUSION

This paper presents mathematic model of movement around the center of mass of single-rotor dynamically symmetrical gyrostat with a spherical cavity filled with viscous fluid. The problem about realization and global stabilization of gyrostat program motions is solved. The

active program and stabilizing controls acting to the gyrostat are constructed. The stabilizing control is obtained by the principle of feedback. The task is solved on the base of second method of Lyapunov functions and a method of the limit equations and the limit systems. The solution are asymptotical stable in large. The asymptotic convergence of the solutions is confirmed and illustrate by the results of numerical simulation of the motion of the gyrostat.

The results of this paper further develop results from notes [13, 17] and can be used for projecting control systems for objects with cavities filled with highly viscous fluids.

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