

## USE OF 3D MODEL IN THE STUDY OF TOWER CRANE STABILITY

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**Abstract.** The article presents the results of a study of the stability of a tower crane during operation, taking into account the influence of loads on the supports. The results of comparing the distribution of loads on the crane supports determined as a result of mathematical and computer modeling during the turning and lifting of the boom are presented.

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### Introduction

An analysis of tower crane designs, installation methods and operating conditions, as well as methods for calculating their stability, shows that recently there has been a need to install cranes that can handle loading and unloading operations in confined spaces. This raises the question of how important the stability of cranes under different operating conditions and different wind loads is. In this case, the correct choice of the support circuit comes to the fore, for which it is very important to determine the loads on the support elements.

However, sometimes cranes have accidents that lead to serious consequences for people, equipment, structures, and significant material damage, so it is necessary to comply with existing safety rules when designing and operating them [1].

Sometimes an accident can be caused by the limited space of the construction site itself. In addition, the presence of several tower cranes in central urban areas with overlapping operating cycles can lead to a collision, which significantly increases the number of accidents.

The working environment of the crane also affects the safety of its operation, for example:

- dynamic loads caused by work operations and wind. The resulting vibrations affect the base of the tower crane;
- the presence of trenches near the crane that change the characteristics of the soil [2-3].

The development and further improvement of domestic tower cranes today is impossible without a thorough study of the loads acting on the crane, justification of tower crane support structures under various operating conditions, without studying

the actual modes of crane use in construction, without developing advanced methods for calculating stability, calculating loads on the supports arising at the base of the crane at arbitrary boom positions, outreach and load on the hook. Fulfillment of these conditions for the development of tower cranes is of great practical importance, as ensuring safety during their operation always remains an urgent problem.

Research in the field of strength, stability and the impact on the stability of external loading is devoted to the works of A.A. Vinson, V.O. Podobed, M.F. Barshtein, L.O. Nevzorov, V.G. Krupko, O.V. Sinelshchikov, V.O. Obidenov, etc.

The analysis of scientific papers in recent years has shown that researchers' efforts are focused on improving models of external unsteady loading; searching for the most loaded elements of the metal structure; tower cranes of a certain design, making engineering and design decisions to reduce the stresses that arise, as well as developing adaptive control systems for tower cranes to reduce the impact of external loads.

Foreign scientists have studied the stability and distribution of support reactions of tower cranes [4-5].

Most authors point to the imperfection of tower crane design methods, which does not allow taking into account the flexibility of the crane's metal structure and the presence of additional loads [6-9].

The aim of this work is to develop a computer model of a tower crane during its operation and compare the results with a mathematical model.

### **The main part**

To build a computer model of the tower crane and its subsequent analysis, the SolidWorks computer-aided design system with the Simulation application was chosen. This program is designed for use on a personal computer in the Microsoft Windows environment. SolidWorks uses the principle of three-dimensional solid and surface parametric design, which allows the designer to create three-dimensional parts and assemble assemblies in the form of three-dimensional models.

Three-dimensional product modeling offers many advantages over traditional two-dimensional design. With SolidWorks, you can see the future product from all sides in volume and give it a realistic representation in accordance with the selected material for a preliminary design assessment.

The associative relationships between parts, assemblies, and their SolidWorks drawings ensure that the model and drawing are consistent, as any changes made to a part are automatically transferred to the associated assembly and drawing.

Processing and comparison of the results with the mathematical model. The study is carried out for different angles of rotation and tilt of the crane boom. Consider the load of the support points at the boom lift angle  $\alpha = 0^0$  crane parking angles  $\gamma = 0$ ,  $\theta = 0^{00}$ . After completing the calculation, you can estimate the load on the bearing surface in the Feature Manager study window by calling the context menu of the Results section and selecting Reaction force. By indicating the upper edges of

the rails on which the crane stands in the open window and selecting the "Free body force" item, you can view their supporting reactions, and therefore the forces acting on the crane (Fig. 1).

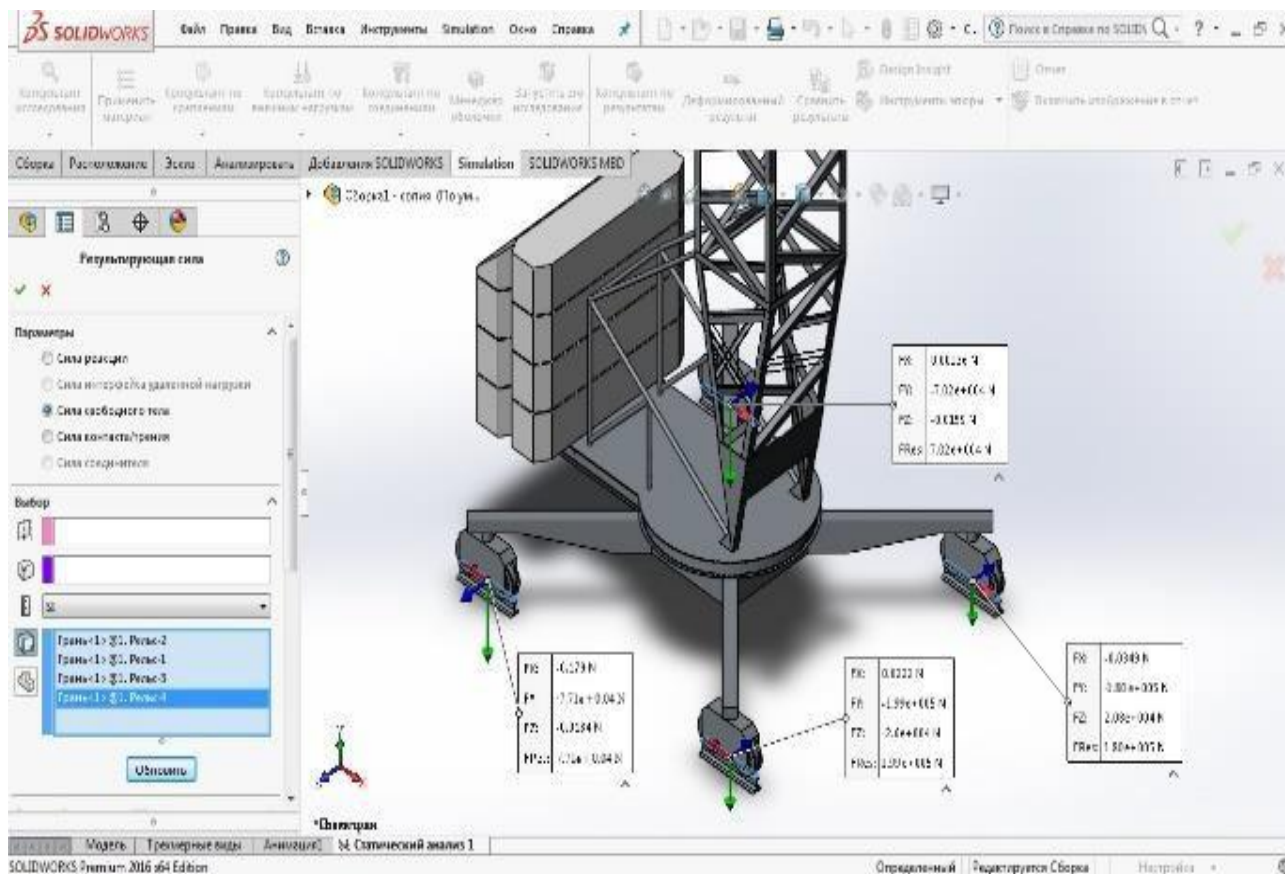


Fig. 1. Forces acting on the supports at the angle of rotation  $\beta = 0^0$

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The difference between the results of mathematical and computer modeling is calculated according to the following relationship:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{|P_k - P_m|}{P_m} \times 100\%$$

where  $P_k$  is the load on the support calculated by a computer model;

$P_m$  is the load on the support calculated by the mathematical model;

Table 1 Comparison of loads determined in the mathematical and computer models when changing the boom angle

			Boom angle $\beta$ , deg							
			0	45	90	135	180	225	270	315
Load on the support, kN	Support 1	mate.mod.	69,5	33,7	69,5	144,0	223,4	258,2	233,4	144,0
		comp.mod.	70,2	38,2	72,3	142,6	234,6	260,8	236,8	141,1
		discrepancy	1,01	7,00	4,03	0,97	5,01	1,01	6,00	2,01
	Pillar 2	mate. mod.	191,6	114,2	35,7	2,0	35,7	114,2	191,6	223,4
		comp. mod.	180,1	115,3	38,2	1,7	36,1	113,1	201,2	212,2
		discrepancy	6,00	0,96	7,00	15,00	1,12	0,96	5,01	5,01
Load on the support, kN	Pillar 3	mate. mod.	191,6	223,4	191,6	114,2	35,7	2,0	35,7	114,2
		comp.mod.	199,3	216,7	182,0	124,5	32,8	2,1	36,8	119,9
		discrepancy	4,02	3,00	5,01	9,02	8,12	5,00	3,08	4,99
	Pillar 4	mate. mod.	69,5	144,0	223,4	258,2	233,4	144,0	69,5	33,7
		comp.mod.	77,1	131,0	234,6	250,5	230,1	152,6	72,3	34,6
		discrepancy	10,94	9,03	5,01	2,98	3,00	5,97	4,03	3,08

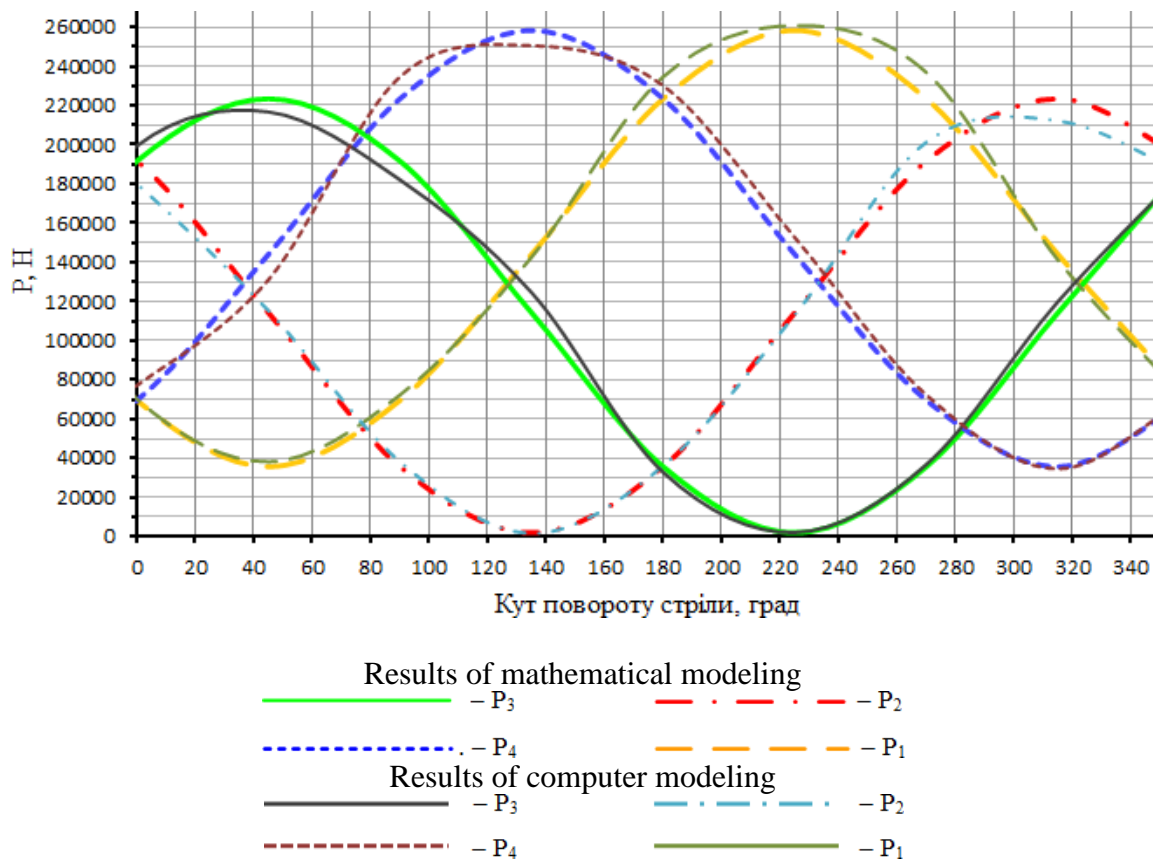


Fig. 2. Graph of comparison of mathematical and computer models

Now consider the change in the load of each anchor point as the boom outreach changes from the maximum to the minimum value. Repeat the calculation for each boom position from 00 to 500 in ten-degree increments. Boom angle  $\beta = 00$ ; crane parking angles  $\gamma = 00$ ,  $\theta = 00$ . The obtained values are also entered in Table 2, evaluating the data discrepancy and building a graph (Fig. 3).

Table.2 - Comparison of loads determined in the mathematical and computer models when changing the angle of the boom

			Boom lift angle $\alpha$ , deg					
			0	10	20	30	40	50
Load on the support, kN	Supports 1, 4	mathematical model	69,5	86,8	111,8	139,7	169,7	194,6
		computer model	66,7	85,1	107,0	145,0	196,0	189,0
		discrepancy	2,82	0,41	3,01	1,09	5,01	4,05
	Pillars 2, 3	mathematical model	191,6	170,7	142,7	109,8	77,8	46,9
		computer model	197,0	170,	147,	111,0	81,7	45,0
		discrepancy	4,03	1,96	4,29	3,79	3,71	2,88

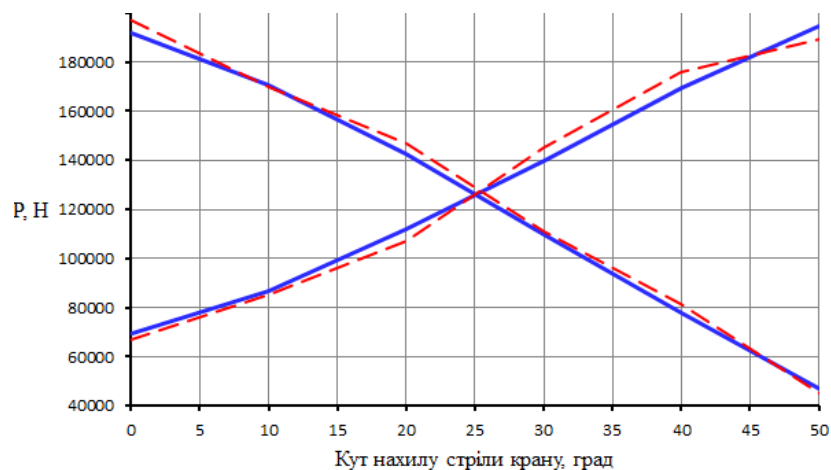


Fig. 3. Graph of comparison of mathematical and computer models

Analyzing the graphs shown in Fig. 3, it can be seen that the discrepancy between the results of the study of the mathematical and computer models varies within ten percent, averaging 4.83%. Taking into account possible inaccuracies in the construction of the computer model, this gives a fairly good result and allows us to consider the mathematical model adequate.

## Conclusions

Using the developed algorithm for calculating the loads on crane supports, a computational experiment was conducted to determine the magnitude and nature of changes in the loads on crane supports under different operating conditions: with different loads and variable outreaches, wind loads.

It was found that the load of the crane support elements is oscillatory in nature with an amplitude of about 200 kN.

When the crane boom is rotated by 1350, support 4 can withstand the largest load of 250 kN, and support 2 is almost unloaded - 5 kN. At a turn of  $\beta = 2250$ , a similar situation occurs with supports 1 and 3, respectively.

When changing the outreach, supports 1 and 4 can withstand the same loads ranging from 68 to 190 kN, and supports 2 and 3 can withstand loads ranging from 190 to 50 kN.

At maximum outreach, the critical positions of the crane are those with boom angles of  $\beta=450$  and  $\beta=3150$ , in which case the crane rests on almost three supports.

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