

Implementation of the wheel-rail element in ADAMS/Rail Version 10.1

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Linear wheel-rail element



Mechanism for linear kinematics

- left: lateral movement
- right: yawing



Linear wheel-rail element



Circular profiles and contact angle as function of:

- conicity
- contact angle parameter
- roll angle parameter

[according dissertation of Lutz Mauer]



Linear wheel-rail element Contact geometry



Contact parameter functions for tabular element

- •Linear: kinematic parameters
- •quadratic: normal force

Linear wheel-rail element

- Input:
 - equivalent conicity
 - contact angle parameter
 - roll angle parameter
- Pre-computation:
 - contact angle
 - Circular wheel and rail profile
- Simulation:
 - numerical linearisation of tabular element





Pre-computation of contact parameters as function of relative displacement of one wheel to the rail

Parameter: static wheel load





Contact parameter table for wheel-rail profile combination S1002-UIC60, gauge 1435 mm, rail inclination 1/40, wheel radius 0.45 m



- Table:
 - Relative lateral distance between wheel and rail RANY
 - Rolling radius difference to the nominal rolling radius DRJ
 - Contact angle in MRS TANDIA
 - Contact ellipse longitudinal half diameter A
 - Contact ellipse lateral half diameter B
 - Contact point coordinate on rail, lateral BIA
 - Contact point coordinate on wheel, lateral BJA
 - Vertical distance of wheel RANZ
 - No. of contact points (at the moment only 1)





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- Input:
 - wheel-rail profiles
 - relative configuration of wheel to rail (displacements and velocities)
- Pre-computation:
 - contact table as function of relative lateral shift of one wheel to the rail and wheel load
- Simulation
 - contact point and ellipse diameter ratio out of table
 - normal contact force due to elongation of constant contact spring
 - global creepage in contact point
 - creep force computation using FASTSIM (Kalker or TU-Berlin), POLACH approximation.



General wheel-rail element



Computation of contact forces as function of relative configuration of one wheel to the rail



General wheel-rail element

• Input:

- wheel-rail profiles
- relative configuration of wheel to rail (displacements and velocities)

• Simulation

- computation of contact line on wheel and rail
- contact patch location and size due to penetration of undeformed contact line
- normal contact force due to undeformed distance in contact patch
- global creepage in contact point
- creep force computation using FASTSIM (TU-Berlin), Johnson-Vermeulen approximation with extension due to spin.



Irregularities and disturbances



- Rail irregularities **u**
 - lateral and vertical shift of left and right rail
- Rolling radius disturbances ΔR



Resilient wheels



- Axle and wheel rim are different bodies
- Rolling radius for wheel rim is constant



Future development Tabular element

- Table for more point contact
- Changing wheel-rail geometry along track



Future development General element

- FASTSIM for non-elliptical contact patches
- Changing wheel profiles as function of rolling angle and time
- Changing rail profiles along track





Comparison of tables for gauge 1432, 1440, 1448, profile combination S1002-UIC60, rail inclination 1/40