

## NUMERICAL STUDIES ON A PIECEWISE SMOOTH VIBRO-IMPACT SYSTEM IN PARAMETERS-STATE SPACES

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*The present paper is devoted to the synthesis of Poincaré mapping and global dynamics of a class of piecewise smooth vibro-impact systems with preloading. The periodic motions are identified numerically in bi-parameter planes. The transition law and the motion pattern are presented as island-like periodic windows. The coexistence of attractors and their basins of attraction in the state planes is then given by cell-to-cell mappings. The numerical results indicate that new attractors can be induced by boundary crises and grazing bifurcations. In the final analysis, the coexisting attractors in disparate regions of bi-parameter planes are subjected to numerical simulation in the joint parameter-state space. It offers a novel approach to the study of the global dynamics of piecewise smooth systems.*

Key words: *piecewise smooth, global dynamics, basins of attraction, parameter-state space*

### Introduction

Non-smooth systems are ubiquitous in mechanical and electrical systems. The presence of gaps, elastic collisions, and other discontinuous factors leads to a distinct and non-smooth dynamical behavior that differs significantly from that observed in smooth systems. The piecewise smooth vibro-impact systems with preloading are regarded as a distinct non-smooth system, characterized by more intricate and nuanced dynamics. The preload force is modulated by manipulating the compression of a linear spring through the use of bolts and other fasteners. The incorporation of a preload spring enhances the system's discontinuity, thereby resulting in a manifold effect [1]. To study the various non-smooth dynamics and their generation mechanism, a systematic method on grazing bifurcation and concomitant bifurcations in piecewise smooth and rigid-collision systems was given by Nordmark last century [2]. As previously referenced, in their study, Ma *et al.* [3] examined the characteristics of the standard type of the 2-D Poincaré mapping of a system with a pre-tensioned spring at the support pads. It was demonstrated that, within this system, the boundary impact bifurcation event occurs concurrently with the observation of an unaltered determinant of the Jacobi matrix, while its trace on the periphery of the boundary converges to an infinite value. An experimental investigation was conducted in [4]. In the fourth section, a generalized vibro-impact system with bidirectional drift is employed through an experimental platform. The text also

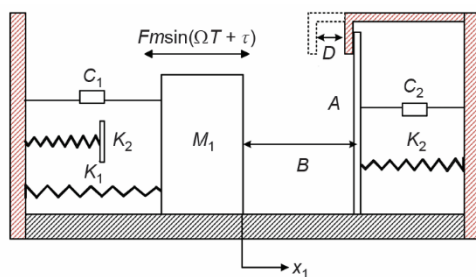
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engaged in a discussion of the dynamic response of systems with different excitation frequencies and amplitudes. Peng *et al.* [5] conducted a study on a 2-DoF friction oscillator with elastic impact and rigid impact on different sides. The study utilized the flow switching theory of discontinuous dynamic systems. Wang *et al.* [6] proposed a novel technique to study the global properties of the vibro-impact system at the impact instant. The 1-D piecewise smooth dynamical systems also garnered significant interest. A general single-DoF vibro-impact system with symmetric and asymmetric constraints was identified and studied [7, 8]. In recent years, considerable research has been dedicated to the vibro-impact system. In order to achieve this objective, analytical and numerical methods were developed that were more effective in their capacity to identify the system's stable periodic orbit, bifurcation, chaotic behavior, grazing dynamics, and stability. These studies have investigated a range of dynamic phenomena, including quasiperiodic chaos, chaos control, and global dynamics, under varying contact laws [9-13]. As indicated by the references listed in the range of [14-23], a wide array of subjects pertaining to non-smooth dynamical systems is encompassed. In order to provide a representative sample, the following subjects are listed, although this list is by no means exhaustive: composite Poincare mapping of double grazing, global dynamics of a harmonically excited oscillator with symmetric constraints, global behavior of a vibro-impact system with asymmetric clearances, analysis of chaotic saddles in a non-linear vibro-impact system, and so on. These investigations provide profound insights and examinations into the dynamic attributes and global behavior of vibro-impact systems.

This paper proposes a novel approach to the study of the global dynamics of piecewise smooth systems. The present study is devoted to the synthesis of Poincare mapping and global dynamics of a class of piecewise smooth vibro-impact systems with preloading. Distinguished coexisting attractors in disparate regions are subjected to numerical simulation within the joint parameter-state space.

### The model and its Poincare section

Figure 1 depicts a single-DoF piecewise smooth system with gap and preload, in which the oscillator with mass,  $M$ , is connected by a linear spring with stiffness  $K_1$ , and a linear damper with damping coefficient,  $C_1$ . It is driven by simple harmonic excitation force  $F_m \sin(\Omega T + \tau)$  and vibrates back and forth along the horizontal direction. A co-ordinate system is established with the static equilibrium position of the system as the origin of the spatial co-ordinates. The displacement of  $M$  is  $X$ , and an elastic constraint with the stiffness  $K_2$  is fixed at the distance  $B$  on the left side of  $M$ . The right side is connected to a linear spring with the damping coefficient,  $C_1$ . On the right side of  $M$ , an elastic constraint with stiffness,  $M$ , and damping coefficient,  $C_2$ , is fixed at the position of distance,  $B$ , with pre-compression,  $D$ . With the simple harmonic excitation, the displacement of  $M$  is small, such that the system is linear with one degree of freedom. When the displacement of  $M$  is less than  $-B$  or more than  $B$ , the mass  $M$  will vibrate with the elastic constraints on both sides.



**Figure 1. Piecewise smooth collision vibration system**

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The dimensionless differential equations of the system is:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} + 2\zeta\dot{x} + x &= \sin(\omega t + \tau), & -b \leq x \leq b \\ \ddot{x} + 2\zeta(1 + \mu_r)\dot{x} + (1 + \mu_k)x &= \sin(\omega t + \tau) + \mu_k(b - d), & x > b \\ \ddot{x} + 2\zeta\dot{x} + (1 + \mu_k)x &= \sin(\omega t + \tau) + \mu_k b, & x < -b \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

in which, the dimensionless parameters are:

$$\begin{aligned} t = T\sqrt{\frac{K_1}{M}}, \quad x = \frac{K_1 X}{F_m}, \quad \zeta = \frac{R_1}{2\sqrt{K_1 M_1}}, \quad \omega = \Omega\sqrt{\frac{M}{K_1}}, \quad \mu_r = \frac{C_2}{C_1} \\ \mu_k = \frac{K_2}{K_1}, \quad b = \frac{K_1 B}{F_m}, \quad d = \frac{K_1 D}{F_m} \end{aligned}$$

The general solution of the equations is:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^{-\eta(t-t_1)}\{a_2\cos[\omega_{d2}(t-t_1)] + b_2\sin[\omega_{d2}(t-t_1)]\} + \\ &+ A_2\cos(\omega t + \tau_0) + B_2\sin(\omega t + \tau_0) + \mu_k(b-d), \quad x > b \\ x(t) &= e^{-\zeta(t-t_0)}\{a_1\cos[\omega_{d1}(t-t_0)] + b_1\sin[\omega_{d1}(t-t_0)]\} + \\ &+ A_1\cos(\omega t + \tau_0) + B_1\sin(\omega t + \tau_0), \quad -b \leq x \leq b \\ x(t) &= e^{-\zeta(t-t_2)}\{a_3\cos[\omega_{d3}(t-t_2)] + b_3\sin[\omega_{d3}(t-t_2)]\} + \\ &+ A_3\cos(\omega t + \tau_0) + B_3\sin(\omega t + \tau_0) + \mu_k b, \quad x < -b \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\eta = \zeta(1 + \mu_r), \quad \omega_{d1} = \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}, \quad \omega_{d2} = \sqrt{(1 + \mu_k) - \zeta^2(1 + \mu_r)^2}, \quad \omega_{d3} = \sqrt{(1 + \mu_k) - \zeta^2}$$

The coefficients  $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2,$  and  $b_3$  are the integration constants, which are determined by the initial conditions of the system. The  $A_1, A_2, A_3, B_1, B_2,$  and  $B_3$  are the amplitude constants, specifically:

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \frac{(1 - \omega^2)}{(1 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2\omega^2}, \quad B_1 = \frac{-2\zeta\omega}{(1 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2\omega^2}, \quad A_2 = \frac{1 + \mu_k - \omega^2}{(1 + \mu_k - \omega^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2(1 + \mu_r)^2\omega^2} \\ B_2 &= \frac{-2(1 + \mu_r)\zeta\omega}{(1 + \mu_k - \omega^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2(1 + \mu_r)^2\omega^2}, \quad A_3 = \frac{1 + \mu_k - \omega^2}{(1 + \mu_k - \omega^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2\omega^2} \\ B_3 &= \frac{-2(1 + \mu_r)\zeta\omega}{(1 + \mu_k - \omega^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2\omega^2} \end{aligned}$$

To study the stability of the periodic motions on the coexisting regions and to carry out a global dynamics analysis, the following Poincare sections are needed:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_n &= \{(x, \dot{x}, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, \quad \theta = \text{mod}(\omega t, 2\pi/\omega) \\ \sum_p &= \{(x, \dot{x}, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, \quad x = b, \dot{x} > 0 \\ \sum_q &= \{(x, \dot{x}, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, \quad x = -b, \dot{x} < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

It is convenient to select the orientation surfaces on  $\Sigma_n$  to count the number of cycles of the system periodic motions, while the selections on the  $\Sigma_p$  or  $\Sigma_q$  will benefit for counting the number of collisions to the right and left constraint surfaces.

The schematic diagram of the Poincare mappings is presented in fig. 2. The Poincare mapping is divided into four stages using the two constraint surfaces as boundaries:

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 : [\dot{x}_-(t_{1-}), \tau(t_{1+})] &\mapsto [\dot{x}_+(t_{2+}), \tau(t_{2-})] \\ p_2 : [\dot{x}_+(t_{2-}), \tau(t_{2+})] &\mapsto [\dot{x}_-(t_{3-}), \tau(t_{3+})] \\ p_3 : [\dot{x}_-(t_{3-}), \tau(t_{3+})] &\mapsto [\dot{x}_+(t_{4+}), \tau(t_{4-})] \\ p_4 : [\dot{x}_+(t_{4+}), \tau(t_{4-})] &\mapsto [\dot{x}_-(t_{1-}), \tau(t_{1+})] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

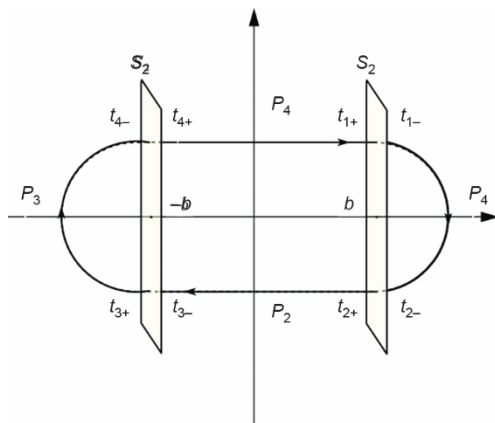


Figure 2. The Poincare mappings

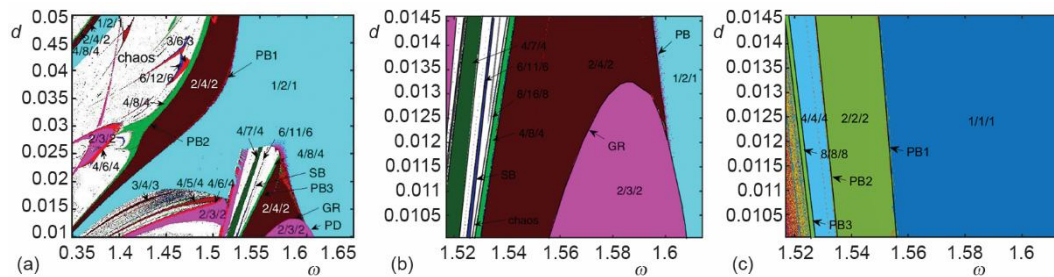
where, noted as more specially,  $P_1$ : before the contact of the mass block with the right pre-tensioned constraint to after disengagement,  $P_2$ : after disengagement of the mass block from the right pre-tensioned constraint surface to before contact with the left constraint,  $P_3$ : the mass block before contact with the left side constraint to after disengagement, and  $P_4$ : after disengagement of the mass block from the left side constraint to before contact with the right side pre-tensioned constraint.

### Numerical simulations on the parameter space

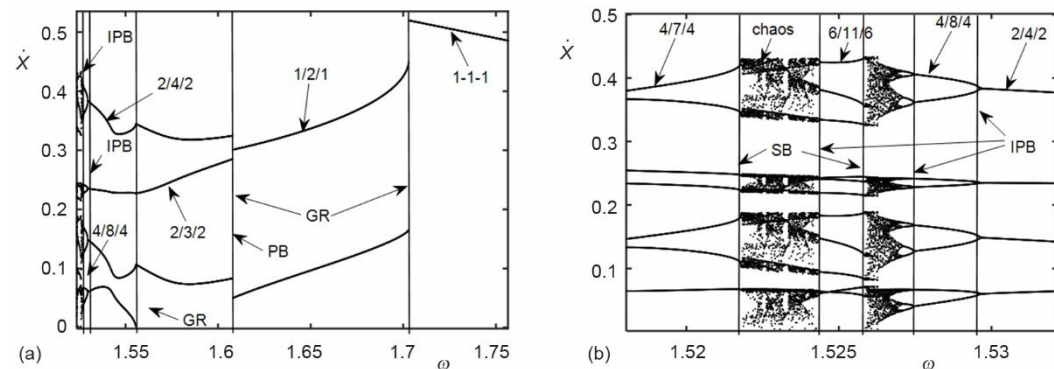
There are six system parameters, namely, excitation frequency,  $\omega$ , pre-compression,  $d$ , clearance,  $b$ , damping coefficient,  $\zeta$ , damping ratio,  $\mu_r$ , stiffness coefficient  $\mu_k$ . Three initial state parameters  $x_{10}$ ,  $\dot{x}_{10}$ , and  $\tau_{10}$  are considered in the following. The system dynamics will be revealed on the parameter plane  $\omega - d$  and the system state plane  $\tau - \dot{x}$ , respectively.

The selected parameter regions are  $1.35 \leq \omega \leq 1.65$ ,  $0.01 \leq d \leq 0.05$ , while fixing other parameters  $\zeta = 0.2$ ,  $\mu_r = 0.1$ ,  $b = 0.1$ , and  $\mu_k = 20$ . The periodic orbits and chaotic dynamics are depicted on the parameter plane  $\omega - d$  with initial values  $\tau_{10} = 0.3$  and  $\dot{v}_{10} = 0.1$ , as shown in fig. 3. Different colors correspond to the symbols in the figure represent the existence region of the periodic motion. The transmigration law  $n/p/q$ , is introduced to facilitate the subsequent analysis. Here  $n$  is the number of cycles of the periodic motion,  $p$  – the number of collisions with the right constraints, and  $q$  – the number of collisions with the left constraint surfaces. In the upper right corner of fig. 3(a), there is a fundamental shock vibration  $1/2/1$ . When the excitation frequency,  $\omega$ , decreases, the period-doubling boundary PB1 splits the plane into two parts. A sequence of period-doubling bifurcations occurs in the left part. The system bifurcates doubly in sequence  $1/2/1$ ,  $2/4/2$ ,  $4/8/4$ , ..., and finally steps into chaos. As the number of multiplicative bifurcations increases the area occupied by each periodic motion decreases. Most of the left region is dominated by white chaotic motion (chaos), but part of the region is sensitive to the change of system parameters, and an island-shaped periodic window appears from the chaotic boundary. In the island-shaped periodic window

$(\omega, d) \in [1.35, 1.37][0.045, 0.05]$ , there is a band of transient periodic orbits due to the period-doubling bifurcations. In the below region after PB1, complex periodic motion patterns and transmigration features appear. The result shown on the magnification fig. 3(b), clearly shows that the process of transmigration of 1/2/1 periodic motion through the grazing bifurcation (GR), the period-doubling bifurcation (PB), and the periodic windows appearing from the chaotic boundary (SB) to various types of periodic motions and chaotic. The specific bifurcation transition laws are given explicitly by the single parameter bifurcation diagrams, as shown in fig. 4(a) and its part magnification fig. 4(b). However, the bifurcation structures are very different with multi setting on the initial values, see the comparison with fig. 3(c), which will be illustrated in great detail soon.



**Figure 3.** The bifurcation structure on the parameter plane  $\omega - d$ ; (a) the bifurcations and their transients, (b) part of magnification, and (c)  $\tau_{10} = 4.1, \nu_{10} = 0.2$

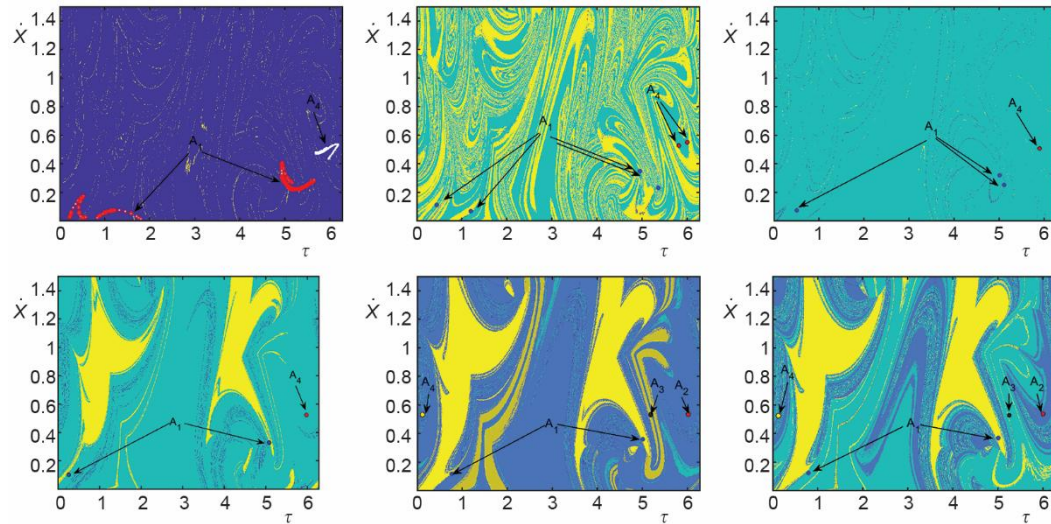


**Figure 4.** The bifurcation diagram of the system against  $\omega$ ; (a)  $\omega \in [1.518, 1.75]$  and (b)  $\omega \in [1.518, 1.533]$

In fig. 4(a), the local bifurcation diagram against  $\omega \in [1.5, 1.75]$  shows the path to chaos as the excitation frequency,  $\omega$ , decreases. The system is a stable 1/1/1 cycle. As  $\omega$  decreases the 1/1/1 cycle is shifted to 1/2/1 after the grazing bifurcation, and then 2/3/2. More details are shown in the phase diagrams fig. 5, which illustrate the shifts of periodic orbits before and after the grazing bifurcation. At the grazing bifurcation, the mass,  $M$ , touches the right elastic constraint surface with zero velocity. After that, it follows the period-doubling sequence after another grazing bifurcation about  $\omega \approx 1.552$ . The successiveness of grazing bifurcations is interrupted by period-doubling bifurcation scenarios before the coming of chaos.



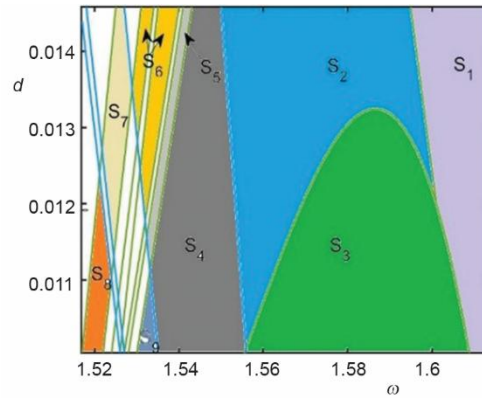
the 1-D system parameter plane. This approach offers a novel methodology for examining the global dynamics of the system.



**Figure 7. Basins of attraction;** (a)  $\omega = 1.5$  chaos/chaos, (b)  $\omega = 1.54A_1$  (2/4/2)/ $A_4$  (2/2/2), (c)  $\omega = 1.5A_1$  (2/3/2)/  $A_4$  (1/1/1), (d)  $\omega = 1.64A_1$  (1/2/1)/  $A_4$  (1/1/1), (e)  $\omega = 1.67A_1$ (1/2/1)/ $A_2$ (1/1/1), and (f)  $\omega = 1.675A_1$  (1/2/1)/ $A_2$  (1/1/1)

**Table 1 Coexisting attractor motion patterns**

	A1	A4	A1	A4	
S <sub>1</sub>	1/2/1	1/1/1	S <sub>2</sub>	2/4/2	1/1/1
S <sub>3</sub>	2/3/2	1/1/1	S <sub>4</sub>	2/4/2	2/2/2
S <sub>5</sub>	4/8/4	2/2/2	S <sub>6</sub>	chaos	2/2/2
S <sub>7</sub>	4/7/4	4/4/4	S <sub>8</sub>	4/7/4	chaos
S <sub>9</sub>	2/4/2	4/4/4			



**Figure 8. Parameter-state space**

### Conclusions

In this paper, the authors identify the mode types of periodic motions in the parameter plane of a class of non-smooth collisional vibrating systems with preloading. They establish three Poincare mapping pairs to identify the existence regions and the transitions between neighboring periodic motions. The attraction domains of different attractors and the evolution process of each attraction domain are investigated by using the cell-to-cell mapping method. The coexistence region of different attractors in the system parameter plane is derived by joint simulation of the system parameter-state space. The attractors in piecewise smooth systems

with preloading can be induced by two situations: one is boundary crises, the other is grazing bifurcations. The grazing bifurcation will result in a modification of the attractor's domain structure. The coexistence of different attractors in the 2-D parameter plane can be derived more intuitively through the joint parameter-state space simulation of the system. This approach provides a more efficient method for studying the coexistence of attractors in the global dynamics analysis.

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