

# Diferenciálne rovnice v biomechanike

## Differential Equations in Biomechanics

Mária Minárová, Jozef Sumec

**Key words:** biomechanics, Lamé equations, finite element modeling, axisymmetry, rheology, creep, relaxation

**Abstract:** Biomechanics deals with biomaterials, observes and investigates their behavior first of all as the response to the mechanical load. During the attempt the researcher has to cope with many problems sourcing of “motion of live”. The biomechanical modeling includes four basic steps: geometry creation, material properties acquiring, mathematical and computational treatment and results validation.

Though the biomaterials obey the physical laws, nevertheless due to live – tireless change, development, growing is not easy to grip the investigated domain. Some geometrical properties and the physical parameters can be measured or stipulated “in vivo” by using the non invasive or invasive methods; others are measured just on the dead specimen.

The mathematical elaboration includes the governing equation assessing, the appropriate method selecting and the computer implementation.

In the paper two models governed by differential equations are introduced. The first one describes the mathematical modeling of the motion segment of the human lumbar spine. The elastic response by the biological domain (motion segment) is governed by the Lamé equations. The second one, the rheological model describes the behavior of material which is neither wholly elastic nor wholly plastic.

### References

- [1] OGURKOWSKA, M.B et al., (2002): Interaction of the L4-L5 spinal segment by FEM analysis. Part I. Methods of geometrical data acquisition and validation. Acta of Bioengineering and Biomechanics, 13<sup>th</sup> conference of the European Society of Biomechanics, Vol. 4, Supp 1 Wroclaw, Poland, pp.98-99.
- [2] PANJABI, M.M. ET AL., (1992): Human Lumbar vertebrae Quantitative Three Dimensional Anatomy, Spine, Vol.17, No.3, pp.299 - 306
- Spilker, R.L., (1982): A Simplified Hybri-stress Finite Element Model of the Intervertebral Disc, Finite Elements in Biomechanics, University of Arizona, 14 chapter.
- [3] SUMEC, J. SOKOL, M. AND WENDLOVÁ, J., (1996): Biomechanics of Human Spine and its Practical Using. In: 6. International Conference:”Biomechanics of Human ’96, Tichonice ’96, September 17 - 19, 191 - 194.

### Addresses of the authors:

Mária Minárová, RNDr., PhD.

Slovak University of Technology

Faculty of Civil Engineering

Dpt. of Mathematics and Descriptive  
Geometry

Radlinského 11, 81368 Bratislava

minarova@math.sk

Jozef Sumec, Prof., Ing., RNDr., DrSc.

Slovak University of Technology

Faculty of Civil Engineering

Dpt. of Mechanical Engineering

Radlinského 11, 81368 Bratislava

Jozef.sumec@math.sk