

Investigation of the organisational business system of management of material and informational flows in productive company

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Abstract: - Due to the complexity and scope of business management of an organizational business process or production-distribution system, global simulation models of companies are presented in a modular way, ie with seven relevant subsystems: Subsystem of production and inventory; Credit subsystem; Debt subsystem; Production capacity subsystem; Cash flow subsystem; Gross income-net income subsystem; The demand subsystem for the organization's products, which are a common structural feature of any productive business organization. Production organization system, ie production organization, consists of several subsystems, ie modules that directly or indirectly affect some or even all of the listed variables, ie indicators. In order to discover the connection between these variables (indicators) and individual modules, it is necessary to have a good knowledge of such complex business-dynamic processes. By simulating the process of a production organization, various behaviors of that organization to different stimulus can be predicted.

Key-Words: - System Dynamics, Modelling, Optimization, Continuous and Discrete simulation, Business System.

1 Production subsystem

1.1 Mental-verbal model of the production subsystem

The "order speed" of material (NM) is influenced by demand for organization products (EXPR) which can be described as exponential average of the demand for products in last 36hrs (see graph "Demand for products" in subsystem of demand for organization products). With a larger exponential average (EXPR), the orders of the material (NM) are also larger (+), consequently with the increase of the order, the state of unfinished production will also increase (+). Increasing the quantity of finished production (ZGR), the quantity of unfinished production (NP) is decreasing (-). With a higher speed of product finishing, the supply of finished products will be higher (+) with the consequence of

the increase of quantity of delivered products (+). When quantity of delivered products (IR) is higher, the quantity of finished products (ZGR) in supply is lower (-), which gives a negative (-) sign to the feedback link of FBL 1. The quantity of delivered products (IR) will, of course, depend on demand for products on the market (TRAZNJA). When the delay of the ordered material occurs, it could be described with macro function DELAY3, which as arguments takes a variable for which we describe the delay of the material flow of III order, and as a time delay parameter KP. The structural diagram and flow diagram are presented on Figures 1 and 2.

1.2 Structural model of the production subsystem

According to the described mental-verbal model it is possible to determine the system dynamic structural model of observed subsystem.

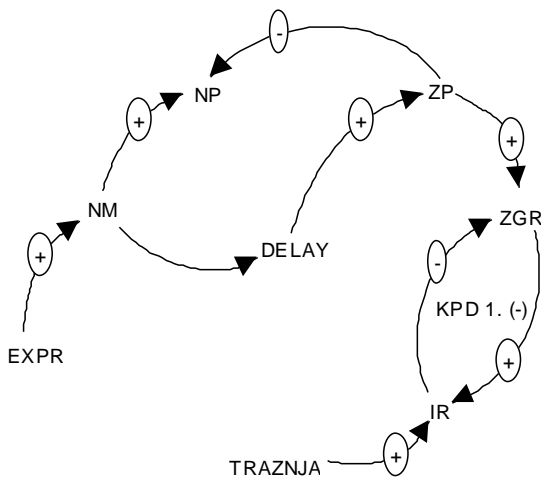


Fig. 1. SD-structural flow diagram of the production subsystem

1.3 Structural flow diagram of the production subsystem

In a similar way it is possible to present SD-simulation structural flow diagram of production model.

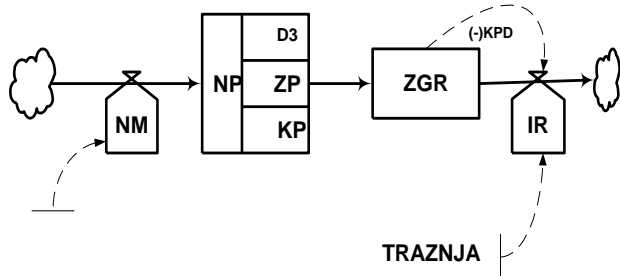


Fig. 2. SD- structural flow diagram of production

1.4 SD - quantitative simulation model of the production subsystem

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*      PRODUCTION SUBSYSTEM
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R NM.KL=EXPR.K
*
L NP.K=NP.J+(DT)*(NM.JK-ZP.JK)
*
N NP=20000
*
R ZP.KL=DELAY3(NM.JK,KP)
*
C KP=3
*
L ZGR.K=ZGR.J+(DT)*(ZP.JK-IR.JK)
*
N ZGR=4000
*
R IR.KL=CLIP^
    
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(TRAZNJA.K,ZGR.K,ZGR.K,TRAZNJA.K)

2 Demand subsystem

2.1 Mental-verbal model of the Demand subsystem

The demand depends on the quantity of the delivered invoices (FI) meaning the higher the quantity, the higher the state of the demand (POT) (+). The value of the delivered invoices (FI) is influenced by the price of the product (JCP) and the quantity of the delivered products (IR), and the larger are those sizes the bigger is the value of the delivered invoices (+). When delivering invoices, a material delay of the III order occurs, and can be described by macro function DELAY3. The bigger the delay is, the quicker is the speed of charging the demand (SPOT) on the behalf of production organizations (+). The quicker the speed of charging the demand (SPOT) means reduction of the state of demand (POT), i.e. the negative sign (-). Figures 3. and 4. present structural diagrams and flow diagram of demand subsystem.

2.2 Structural model of the Demand subsystem

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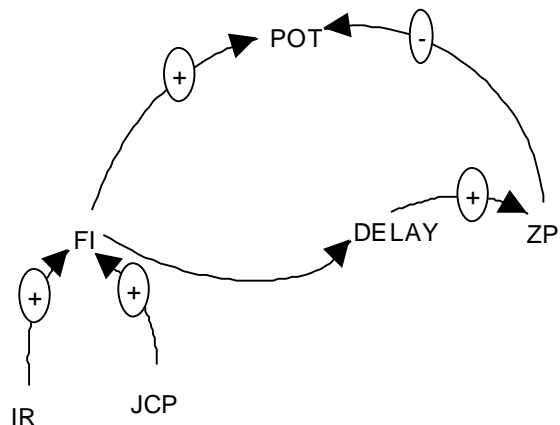


Fig. 3. Structural diagram of demand subsystem

2.3 Structural flow diagram of the Demand subsystem

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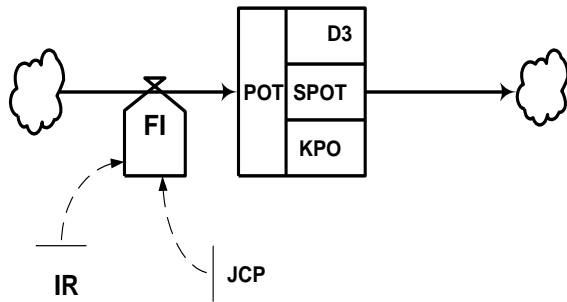


Fig. 4. SD- Structural flow diagram of demand subsystem

3 Debit subsystem

3.1 Mental-verbal model of the Debit subsystem

The debit of production organization (DUG) depends on the speed of invoice arrival (PRF) and also the speed of payment of the debits to the supplier (SDUG). The quicker the invoice arrival is, the state of debit is also higher (+). The quicker the payment of the debits to the supplier is, the state of debit is lower (-). There is a material delay between invoice arrival and payment of the debit to the suppliers and it can be described by macro function DELAY3. The higher the delay is, the speed of the payment of the debit to the supplier reduces (-). The speed of invoice arrival is directly influenced by production expenses (TRP) which are: acquisition of the material for the production (NM), variable production expenses (VTR) and fixed expenses (FTR). With the increase of all of these expenses, the production expenses, those that directly influence the invoice arrival (+), increase, as well. Based on such verbal model the structural diagram and flow diagram can be shown in Figures 5. and 6.

3.2 Structural model of the Debit subsystem

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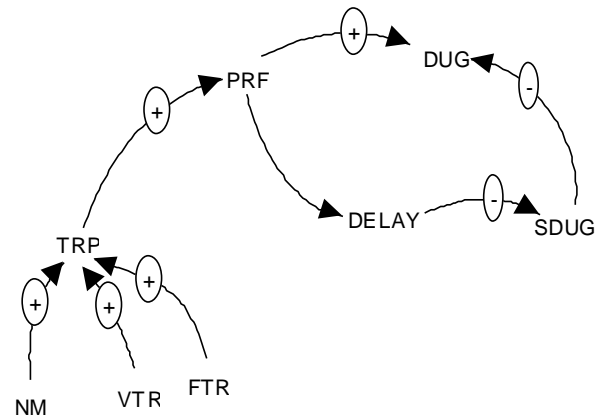


Fig. 5. Structural diagram of debit subsystem

3.3 Structural flow diagram of the Debit subsystem

In a similar way it is possible to present SD-simulation structural flow diagram of debit model.

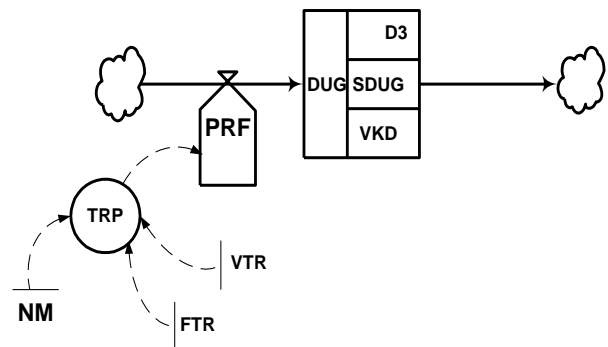


Fig. 6. SD-structural flow diagram of debit subsystem

4 Production capacity subsystem

4.1 Mental-verbal model of the Production Capacity subsystem

Desired production capacity will depend on exponential average of demand (EXPR) and singular value of production capacities (JVPK), and that size can be mathematically determined by product of multiplication of last two. The higher exponential average of demand and singular capacity value means the increase of the states of desired capacities (+). Discrepancy (RZKIS, i.e. the difference between desired capacity state ZELJK and the real capacity state SKAP) will be higher when the desired capacity state is higher (+); increasing the real capacity state by investing in new capacities, the discrepancy reduces, i.e. by higher investment in new capacities, the real state of capacity increases (+) and the

discrepancy reduces (-). The acquisition of new capacities (NKAP) will naturally depend on the state of existing, i.e. the writing off of the expired capacities (FOT). This link between acquisition of the new and the expiration of the existing can be modulated by macro function DELAY3.

4.2 Structural model of the Production Capacity subsystem

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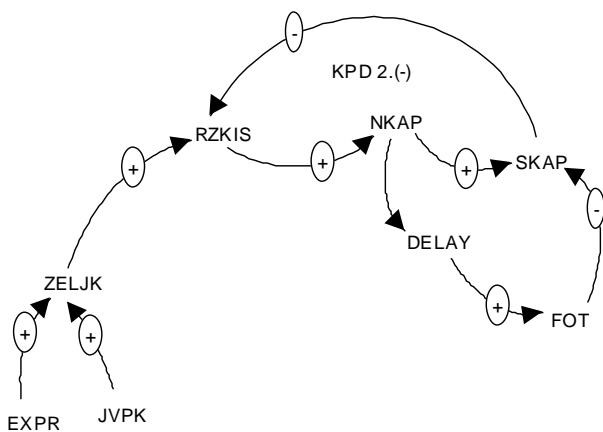


Figure 7. Structural diagram of the production capacity subsystems

4.3 Structural flow diagram of the Production Capacity subsystem

In a similar way it is possible to present SD-simulation structural flow diagram of production capacity model.

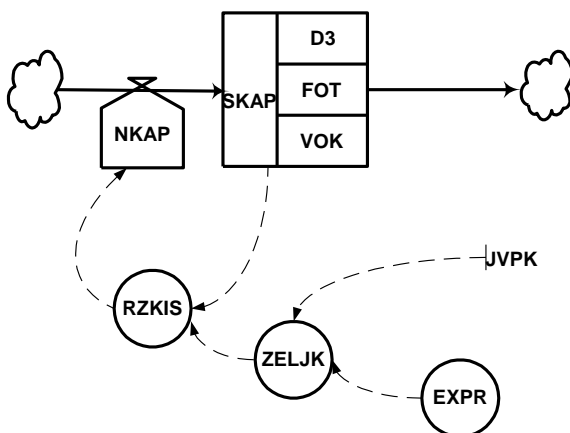


Figure 8. SD-structural model of flow diagram of the production capacities

5 Money on transfer account subsystem

5.1 Mental-verbal model of the Money on transfer account subsystem

The amount of money on transfer account (NNZR) depends on deposits of money on transfer account (UNZR) and on payment from transfer account (ISZR). Payments from transfer account depend on debits state (SDUG) and the acquisition of new capacities (NKAP), i.e. the bigger the debit and the acquisition of the capacities are, the payment from transfer account is bigger (+), meaning the smaller amount of money on transfer account (-). Deposits on transfer account depend on demand state (SPOT), and the bigger the state is, the bigger are the deposits on transfer account (+), and consequently the amount of money on transfer account (+).

5.2 Structural model of the Money on transfer account subsystem

According to the described mental-verbal model it is possible to determine the system dynamic structural model of observed subsystem.

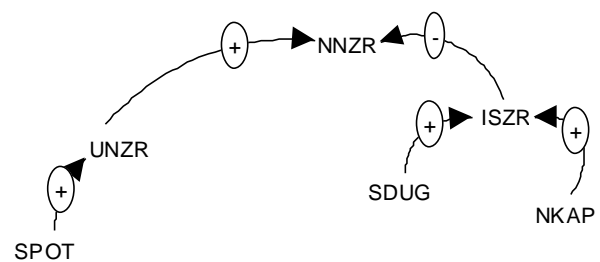


Figure 9. Structural diagram of money on transfer account subsystems

6 Income subsystem

6.1 Mental-verbal model of the Income subsystem

Income (DOHODAK) depends on incomes (UP) and expenses of the production organizations (TROSK). The higher the total incomes are, the higher is the income (+), and these total incomes depend on delivered invoices (IF), i.e. more delivered invoices means higher total incomes (+). The expenses of the production organization can be reduced on expenses of the acquisition of new capacities (investment, NKAP) and the quantity of received invoices (PRF).

The bigger the both of these sizes are, the expenses are bigger, too (+), and the increase of the expenses reduces the income (-).

6.2 Structural model of the Income subsystem

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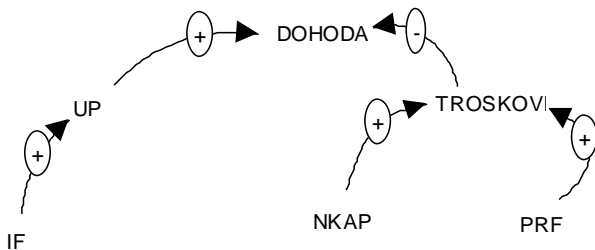


Figure 10. Structural diagram of the income subsystem

7 Subsystem of demand for organization products

The demand for organization product has a seasonal characteristic and can be shown by graphical preview below:

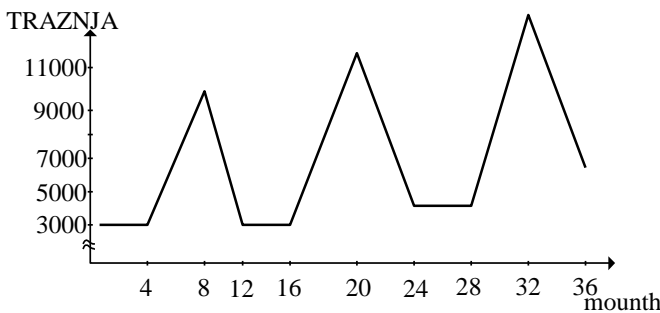


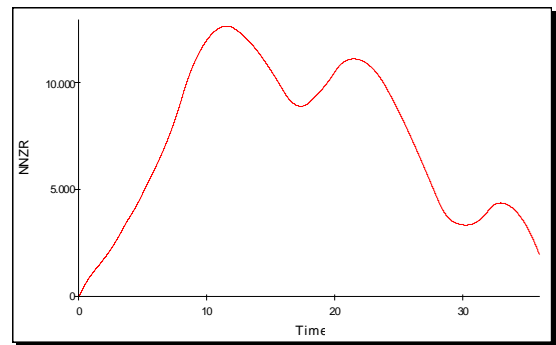
Figure 11. Demand for products

Based on such demand that can be shown by macro function TABLE, so called stimulated demand is modeled. The stimulated demand is a product of factors of delay (value 3) of the product from production department to the sales department with the demand described by upper graph.

8 Simulation results

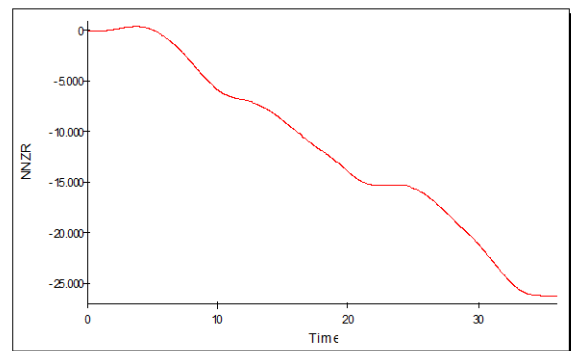
In this paper, due to the space limitation, we will show several interesting scenarios which applied to the money on transfer account, i.e. to the solvency of the business organization considering the changes of KP= production time delay parameter, VKD= debit

time delay parameter and KPO=demand time delay

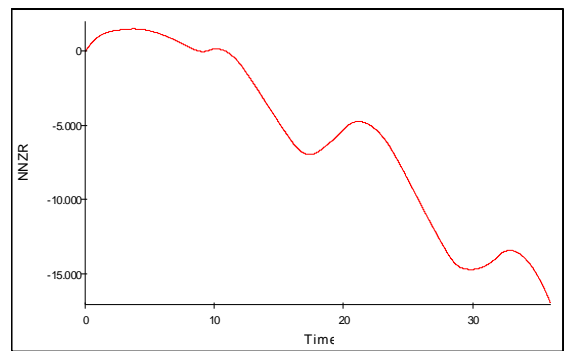


parameter.

Scenario I: KP=3, VKD=3, KPO=3



Scenario II: KP=3, VKD=3, KPO=0



Scenario III: KP=0, VKD=6, KPO=0

It is possible to conclude that the company model is behaving in concordance with economical regulative, and that for Scenario I (KP=VKD=KPO=3 months) dynamics of behaviour of the amount of money on transfer account (NNZR) indicates relatively sudden fall in company solvency (after 36 months NNZR <- 25.000 \$). Scenario II (KP=VKD=3 I KPO=0) indicates somewhat slighter fall in company solvency (after 36 months NNZR>-15.000 \$) and Scenario III (KP=0, VKD=6, KPO=0) indicates a constant trend

of a significantly positive solvency which oscillates and which is after 36 months still positive!

The results are in complete concordance with the economic theory and practice which says that if $KPO=0$, which means if there is no delay in payment of demand, then the company solvency will be improved (reduced insolvency). Scenario III is a case where there is no delay neither in production $KP=0$ or in demand $KPO=0$, and if we increase the delay in debit payment $VKD=6$, then the company solvency would be constantly positive.

9 Conclusion

Based on our long term experience in the application of the dynamical methodology of simulating and in this short presentation we provide every expert in need with the possibility to acquire additional knowledge about the same system in a quick scientifically based way of exploring the complex systems. It means:

“Do not simulate behaviors dynamics of complex system using so called “black box” approach, because practice of education and designing of complex system confirmed that is better to simulate using so called “white box” approach, e.g. System dynamics Methodology Approach!”

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