## Gears

## Outline

- Types of Gear
- Nomenclature
- Basic Gear Concepts
- Gear Trains


## Functions of a Gear

- Power transmission
- Change rotational speed/torque
- Maintain constant speed ratio


## Gear



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## Types of Gears



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## Gear Box



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## Type of Gears



Bevel


Helical


Worm

## Nomenclature



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## Line of Action

Contact between a meshing pair of gears is arranged to occur purely along a specified "line of action"


## Involute Profile

- When the tooth profiles are designed so as to produce a constant angular- velocity ratio during meshing, these are said to have conjugate action
- Involute profile is required for conjugate action
- Formed by unwrapping a tangent chord from the base circle

$$
V=\left|r_{1} \omega_{1}\right|=\left|r_{2} \omega_{2}\right|
$$

## Definitions

- Diametral pitch, $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{D}$
- Module M is reciprocal of $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{N}$
- Circular pitch $=\pi \mathrm{M}$ (arc on pitch circle from flank of one tooth to other tooth)
- Base pitch $=\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{b}}=\pi \mathrm{M} \cos \phi\left(\right.$ base circle $\left.\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{b}}=\mathrm{r} \cos \phi\right)$
- Addendum = M
- Dedendum $=1.157 \mathrm{M} / 1.250 \mathrm{M} / 1.400 \mathrm{M}$
- Clearance = Dedendum-addendum
- M, N, $\phi$ are required for characterization


## Standardized Tooth Systems

- Common pressure angles $\phi: 20^{\circ}$ and $25^{\circ}$
- Older pressure angle: $141 / 2^{\circ}$
- Common face width:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 3 p<F<5 p \\
& p=\frac{\pi}{P} \\
& \frac{3 \pi}{P}<F<\frac{5 \pi}{P}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Fundamental Law of Gearing

- The common normal of the tooth profiles at all points within the mesh must always pass through a fixed point on the line of the centers called pitch point. Then the gearset's velocity ratio will be constant through the mesh and be equal to the ratio of the gear radii.


## Gear Kinematics



The "gear ratio" is:

$$
\frac{n_{g}}{n_{p}}=\frac{R}{r}=\frac{R_{b}}{r_{b}}
$$



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## Gear Ratio

- $V_{P}$ of both gears is the same at point $P$, the pitch (circle contact) point
- $V_{P}=\omega_{1} r_{1}=\omega_{2} r_{2}$
 Gear Ratio $\geq 1$

$$
\frac{\omega_{1}}{\omega_{2}}=\frac{r_{2}}{r_{1}}=\frac{N_{2}}{N_{1}}
$$

$\omega_{2}$ rotates opposite of $\omega_{1}$

## Simple Gear Trains

- For a pinion 2 driving a gear 3 , the speed of the driven gear is



## Simple Gear Trains



Fig. 13-27

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\begin{align*}
& n_{6}=-\frac{N_{2}}{N_{3}} \frac{N_{3}}{N_{4}} \frac{N_{5}}{N_{6}} n_{2} \\
& e=\frac{\text { product of driving tooth numbers }}{\text { product of driven tooth numbers }} \tag{13-30}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
n_{L}=e n_{F} \tag{13-31}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Gear Trains

- A practical limit on train value for one pair of gears is 10 to 1
- To obtain more, compound two gears onto the same shaft



## Compound Gear Trains



## Example Problem

- A gearset consists of a 16-tooth pinion driving a 40-tooth gear. The diametral pitch is 2 , and the addendum and dedendum are $1 / P$ and $1.25 / P$, respectively. The gears are cut using a pressure angle of 20 deg
- (a) Compute the circular pitch, the center distance, and the radii of the base circles. (b) In mounting these gears, the center distance was incorrectly made $1 / 4$ in larger. Compute the new values of the pressure angle and the pitch-circle diameters.


## Solution

Solution

Answer
(a)

$$
p=\frac{\pi}{P}=\frac{\pi}{2}=1.57 \mathrm{in}
$$

The pitch diameters of the pinion and gear are, respectively,

$$
d_{P}=\frac{16}{2}=8 \text { in } \quad d_{G}=\frac{40}{2}=20 \text { in }
$$

Therefore the center distance is
Answer

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$$
\frac{d_{P}+d_{G}}{2}=\frac{8+20}{2}=14 \mathrm{in}
$$

Since the teeth were cut on the $20^{\circ}$ pressure angle, the base-circle radii are found to be, using $r_{b}=r \cos \phi$,
$r_{b}($ pinion $)=\frac{8}{2} \cos 20^{\circ}=3.76$ in

$$
r_{b}(\text { gear })=\frac{20}{2} \cos 20^{\circ}=9.40 \text { in }
$$

## Solution

(b) Designating $d_{P}^{\prime}$ and $d_{G}^{\prime}$ as the new pitch-circle diameters, the $\frac{1}{4}$-in increase in the center distance requires that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d_{P}^{\prime}+d_{G}^{\prime}}{2}=14.250 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also, the velocity ratio does not change, and hence

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d_{P}^{\prime}}{d_{G}^{\prime}}=\frac{16}{40} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Solving Eqs. (1) and (2) simultaneously yields

Answer

$$
d_{P}^{\prime}=8.143 \text { in } \quad d_{G}^{\prime}=20.357 \text { in }
$$

Since $r_{b}=r \cos \phi$, the new pressure angle is

Answer

$$
\phi^{\prime}=\cos ^{-1} \frac{r_{b}(\text { pinion })}{d_{P}^{\prime} / 2}=\cos ^{-1} \frac{3.76}{8.143 / 2}=22.56^{\circ}
$$

