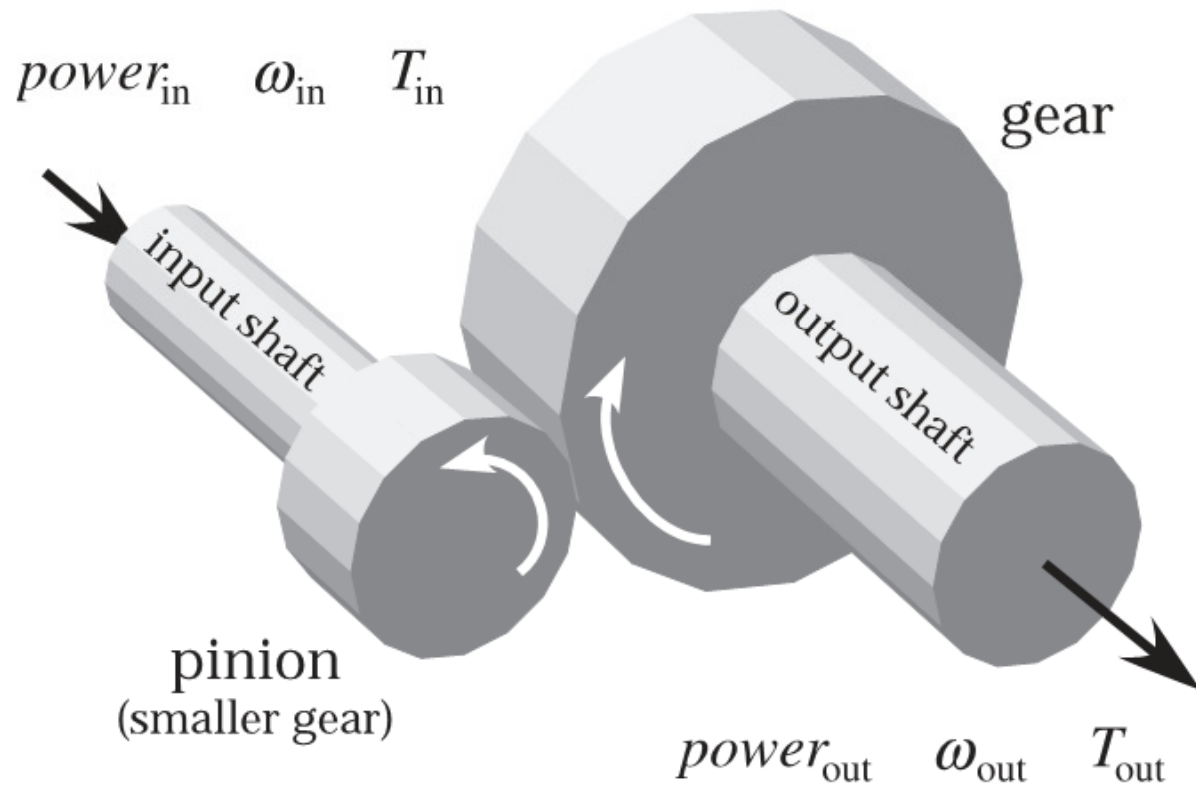


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# Gear



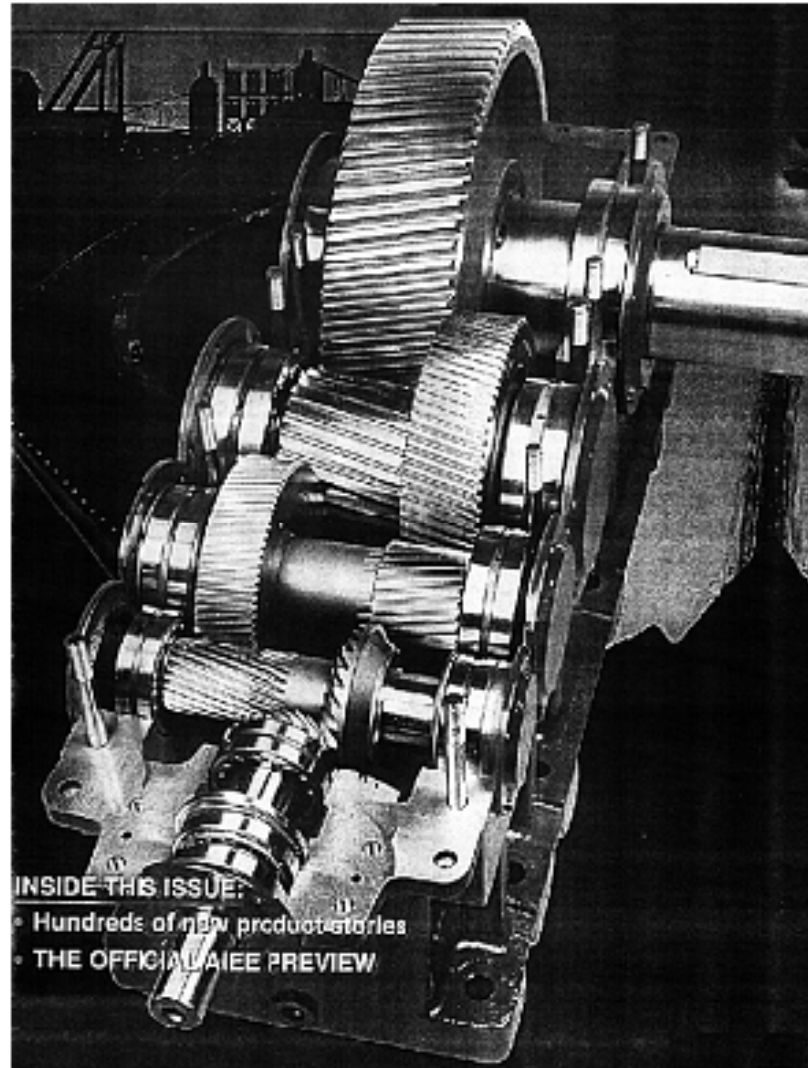
# Functions of a Gear

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



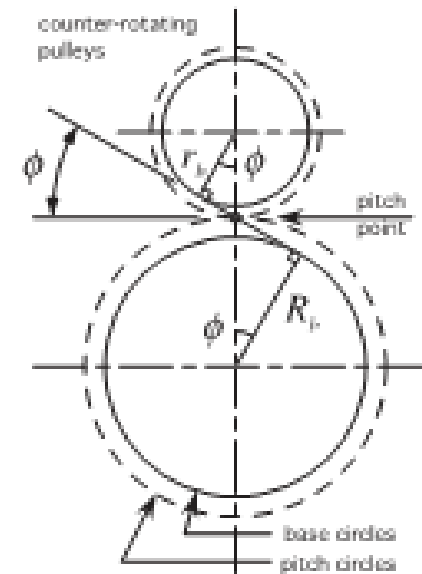
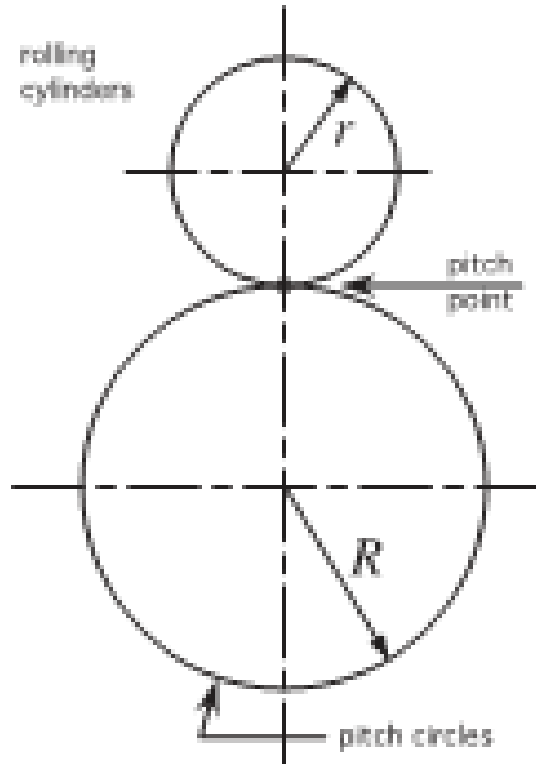
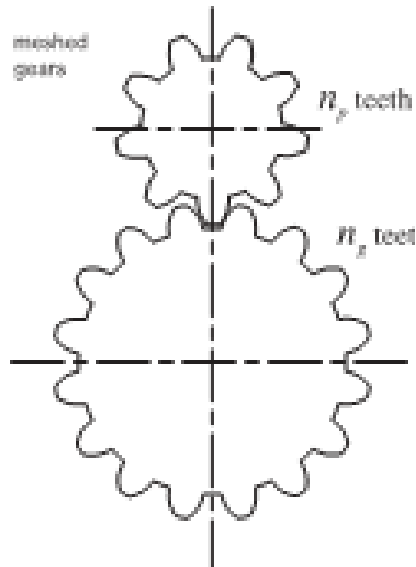
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# Gear Kinematics



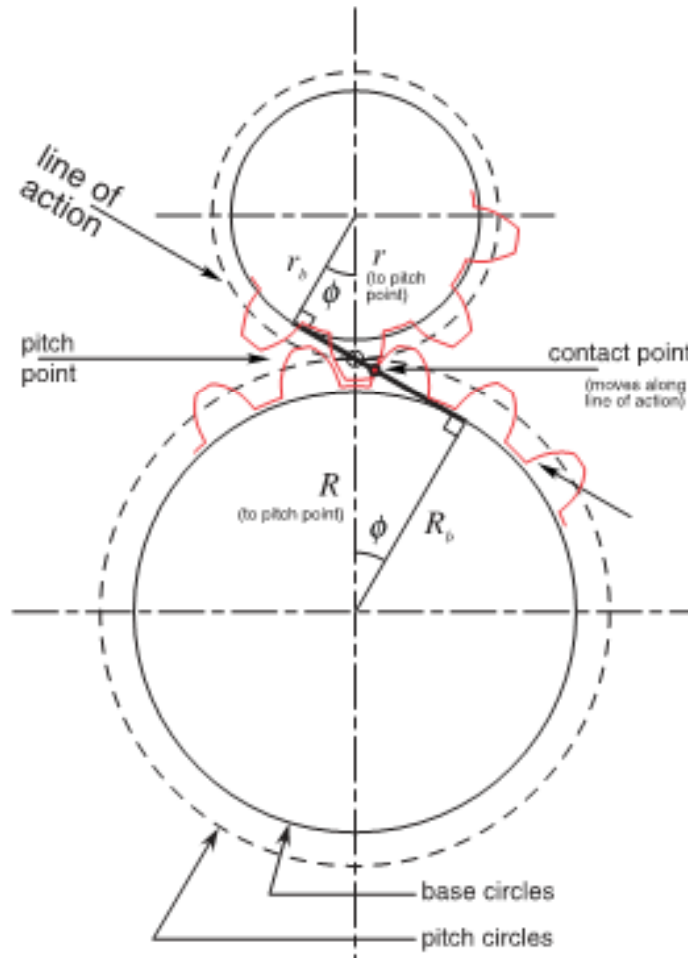
The "gear ratio" is:

$$\frac{n_g}{n_p} = \frac{R}{r} = \frac{R_b}{r_b}$$



# Line of Action

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

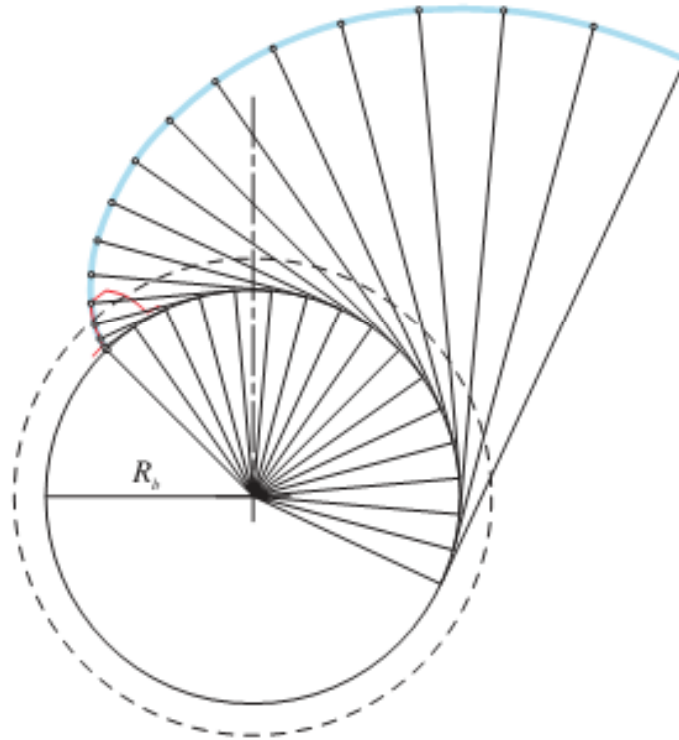


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# Involute Profile

- Formed by unwrapping a tangent chord from the base circle



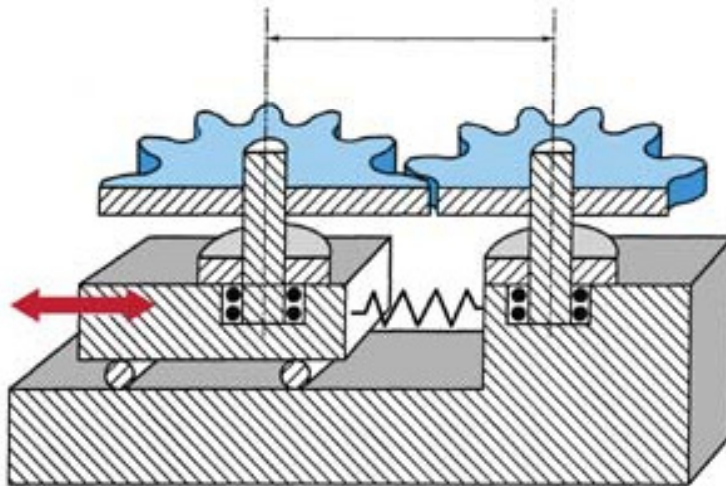
# Definitions

- Diametral pitch,  $P = N/D$
- Module  $M$  is reciprocal of  $P = D/N$
- Circular pitch =  $\pi M$  (arc on pitch circle from flank of one tooth to other tooth)
- Base pitch =  $P_b = \pi M \cos \phi$
- Addendum =  $M$
- Dedendum =  $1.157 M/1.250M/1.400M$
- Clearance = Dedendum-addendum
- $M, N, \phi$  are required for characterization



# Gear Measurement

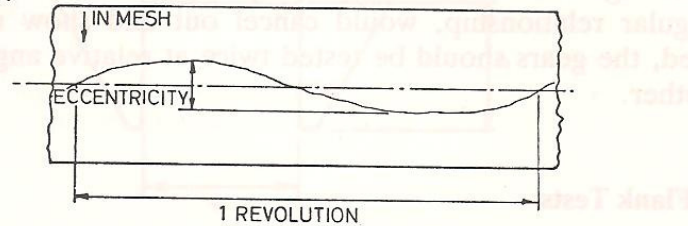
- General Tests
- Measurement of individual elements



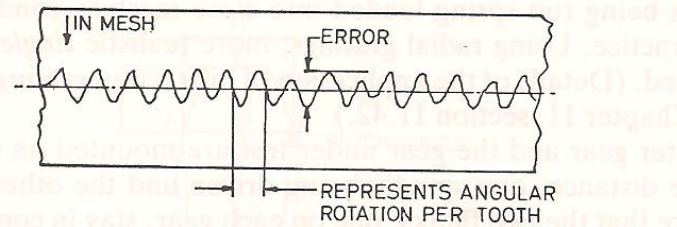
Dual flank test



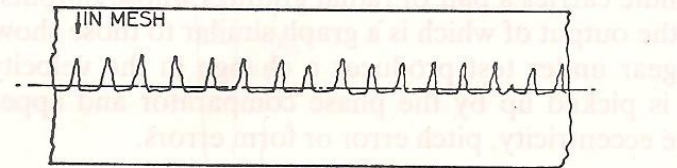
# Test Results



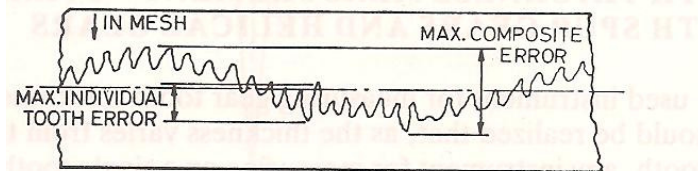
(a) TRACE DUE TO ECCENTRIC GEAR



(b) INDIVIDUAL TOOTH ERRORS



(c) INTERFERENCE: THE GEARS MESH NORMALLY UNTIL THE TIPS OF THE PINION MAKE CONTACT, WHEN THEY ARE FORCED OUT OF MESH



(d) COMPOSITE ERROR

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# Gear Tooth Measurement-Gear Tooth Vernier

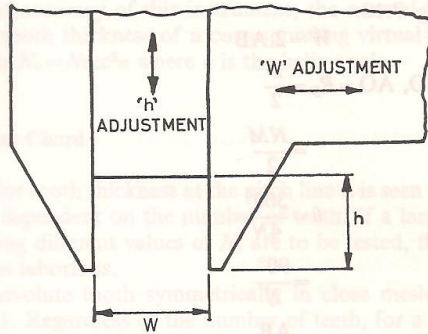


Fig. 7.9. Jaws of gear-tooth vernier.

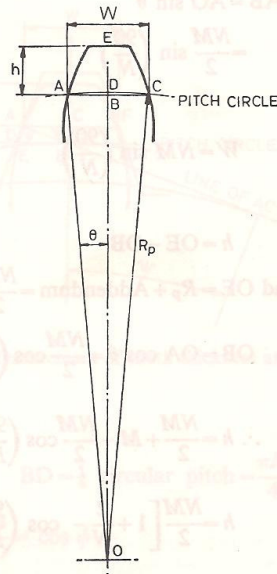
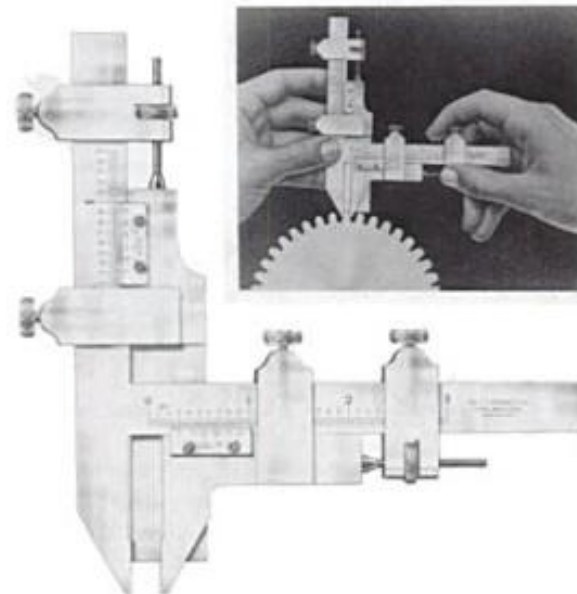


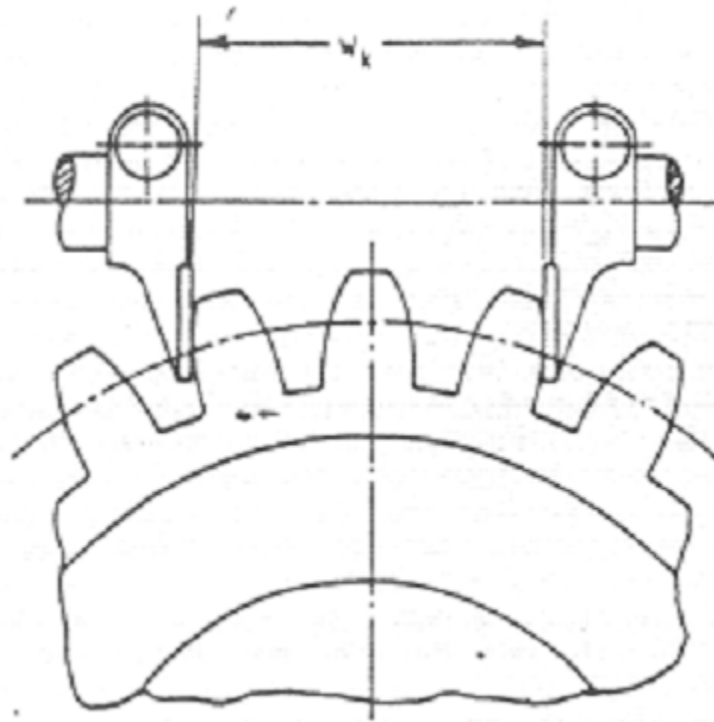
Fig. 7.10. Measurement of chordal thickness at pitch line.

$$W = NM \sin(90/N)$$



# Base Tangent Method

- Single tooth measurement has errors so multiple teeth can be measured at one go



# Base Tangent Method

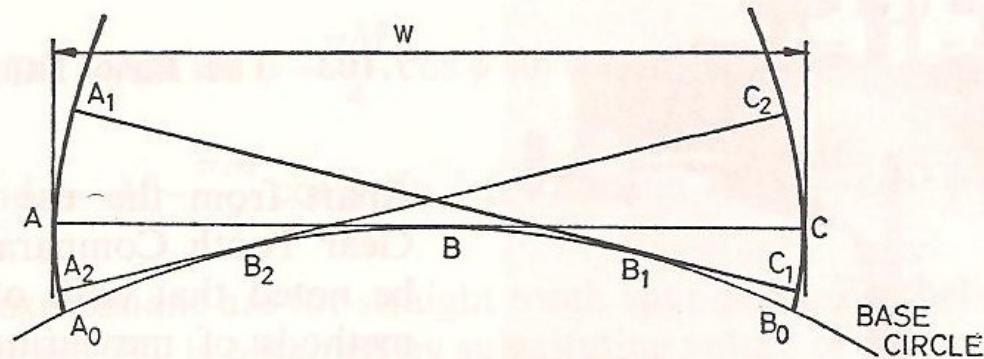


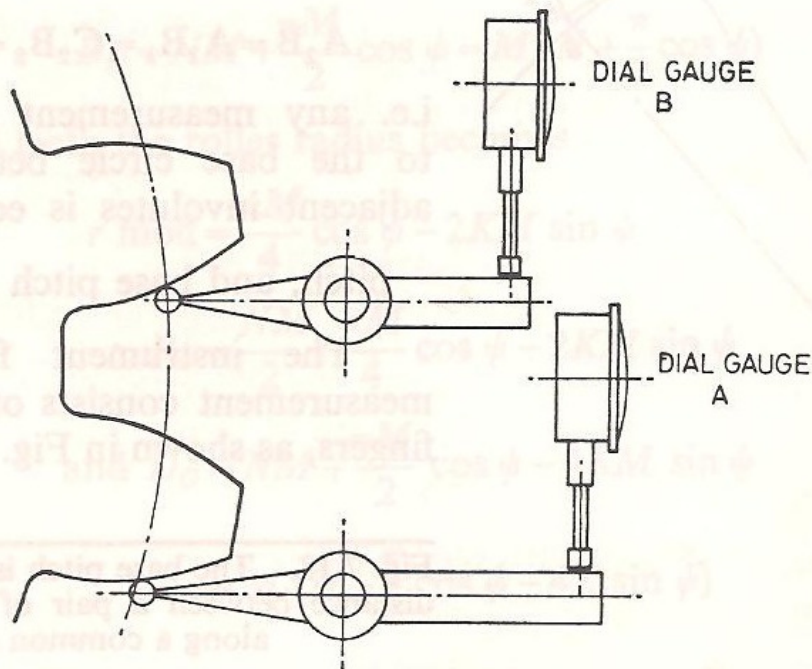
Fig. 7.14. Generation of a pair of opposed involutes by a common generator.

$$W = NM \cos \phi \left[ \tan \phi - \phi + \frac{\pi}{2N} + \frac{\pi S}{2N} \right]$$

Where N=No. of teeth; M=Module;  $\phi$ =Pressure angle;  
S= No. of tooth spaces in W



# Pitch Measurement



Gage A is constant  
due to gear indexing

Any change in gage B shows  
That there are errors

Fig. 7.20. Use of two dial gauges to determine tooth-to-tooth pitch errors.

