

# Gears

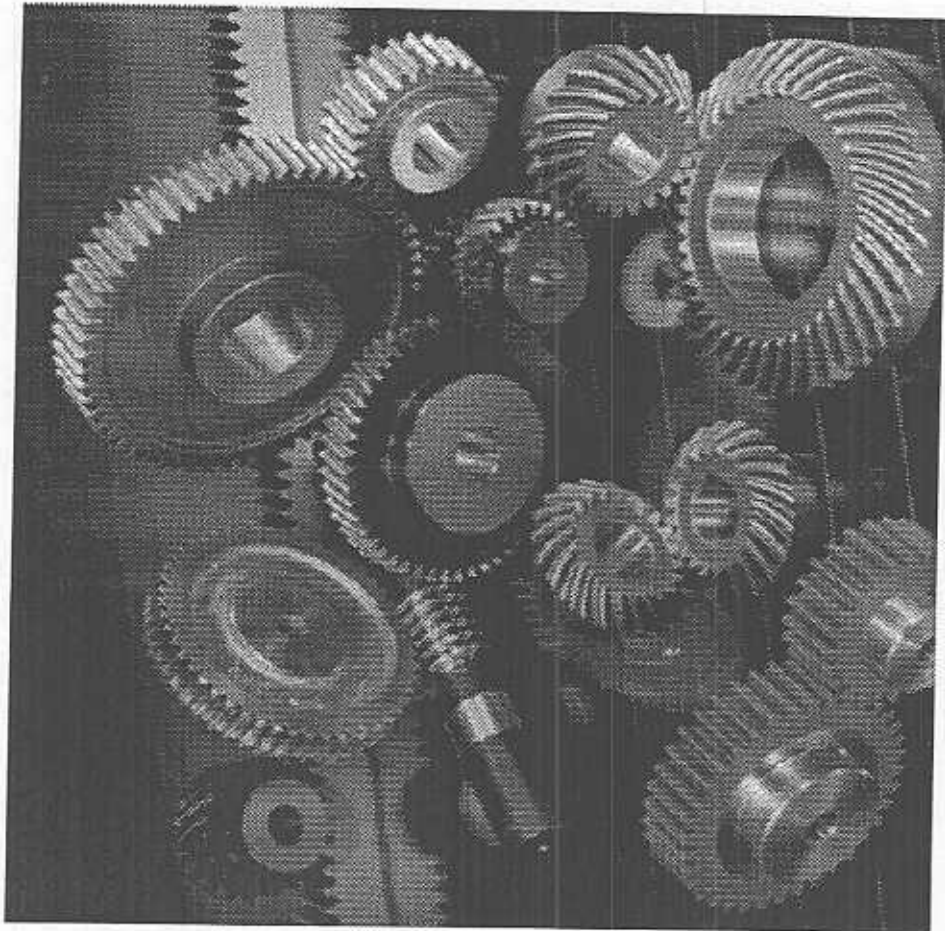


Image: An assortment of gears.

*Just stare at the machine. There is nothing wrong with that. Just live with it for a while. Watch it the way you watch a line when fishing and before long, as sure as you live, you'll get a little nibble, a little fact asking in a timid, humble way if you're interested in it. That's the way the world keeps on happening. Be interested in it.*

*Robert Piersig, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*

# GEARS

- a very effective & efficient method of motion & power transfer

- + efficient upto 98%
- + strong (teeth)
- + compact

- Cost ?

- Noise and vibration

I Types of Gears

II Tooth geometry, conjugate action

III Gear trains ... Kinematics

IV Design for strength 
 — bending tooth  
 — surface fatigue

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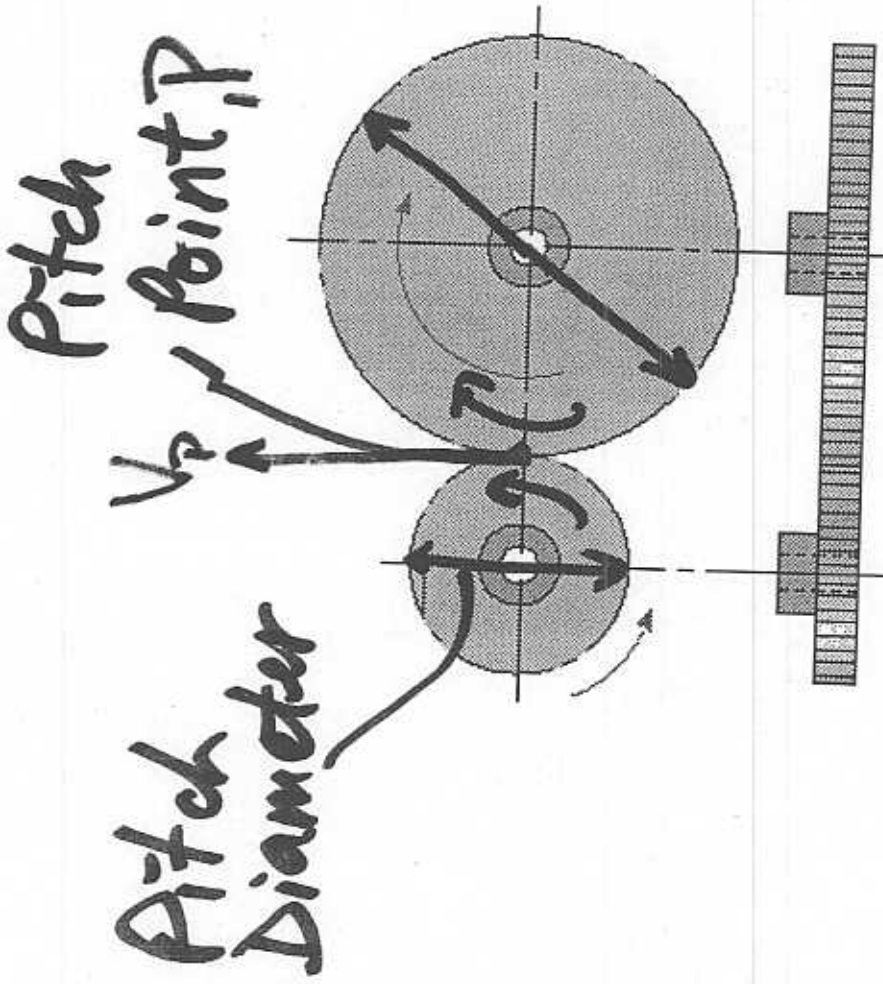
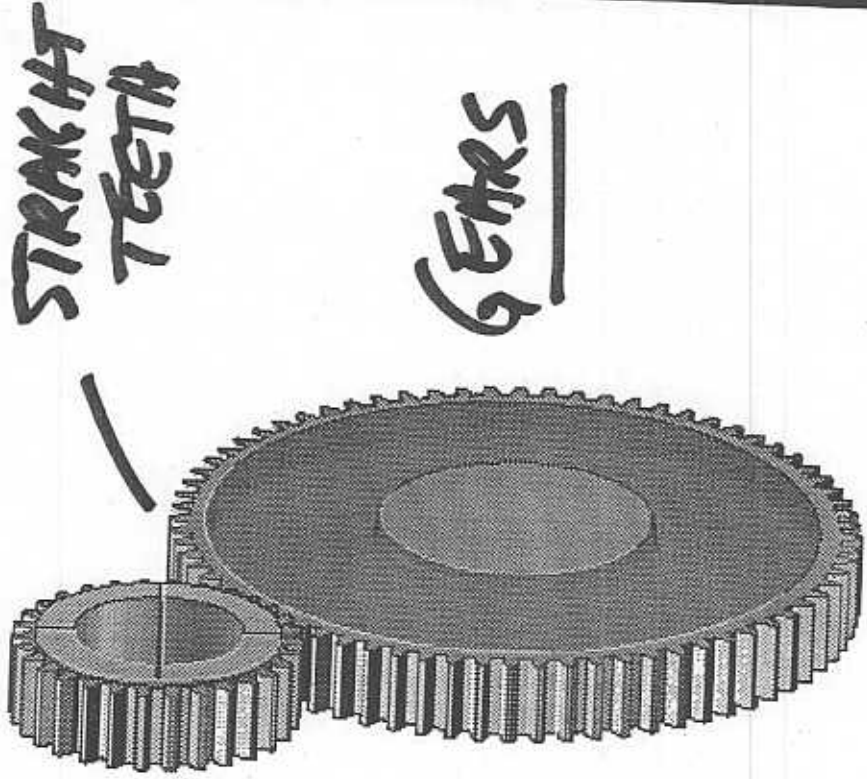
- AGMA design codes  
American Gear Manufacturers Association.

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graph TD; A[American Gear Manufacturers Association] --> B[AGMA design codes];
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- GEARS usually lubricated  
‡ operate under elasto-  
hydrodynamic lubrication  
to avoid metal to metal  
contact

- Of course not all gears  
are metal ... plastic  
gear design is specialty  
area ... we won't consider.

Spur Gear Drive

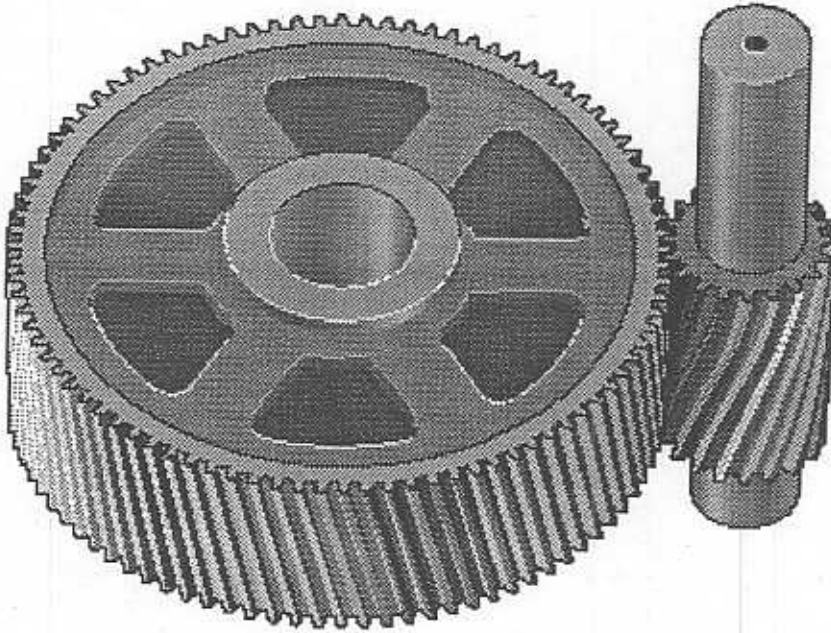


Kinematically  $\rightarrow$  cylinders rolling without slip

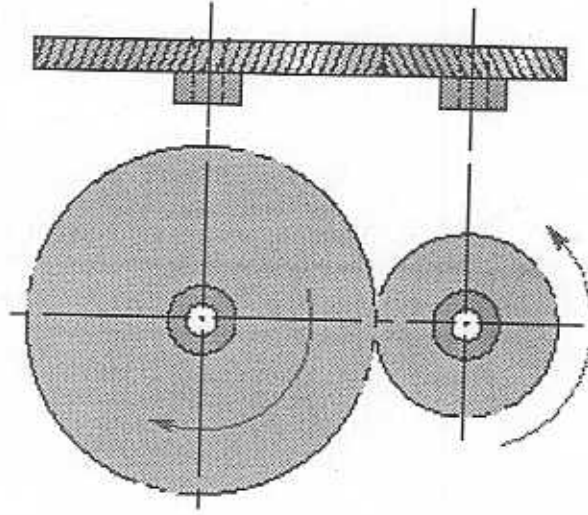


# • "HELICAL" TEETH

## Helical Gear Drive

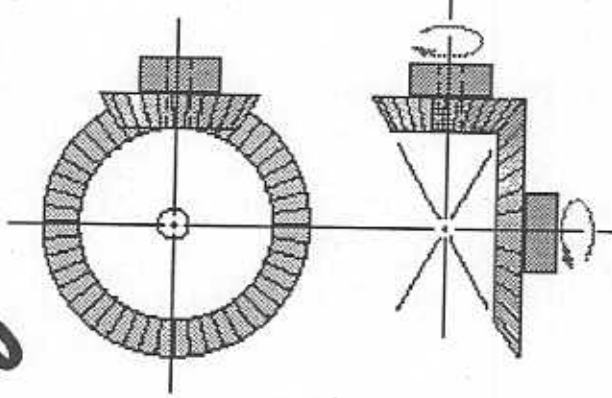
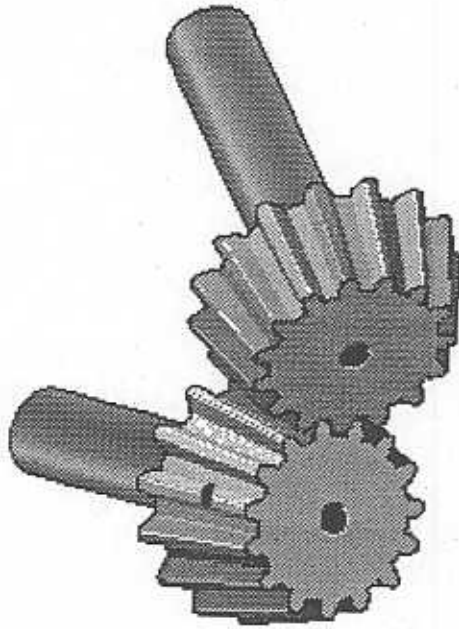


# • SMOOTHER ACTION.



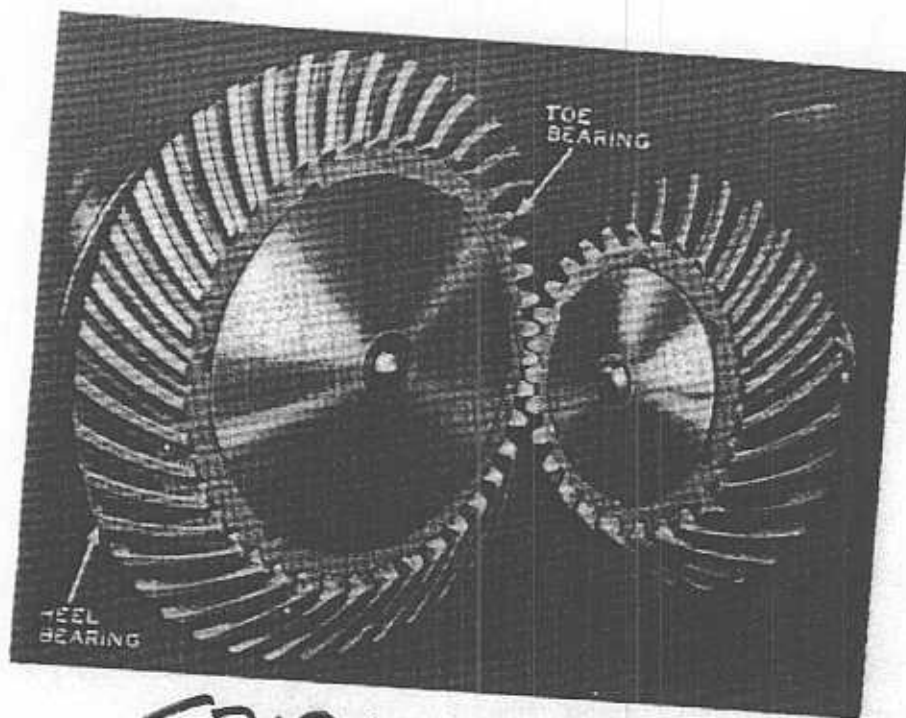
# Straight Tooth Bevel Gear Drive

*(Like rolling cones)*



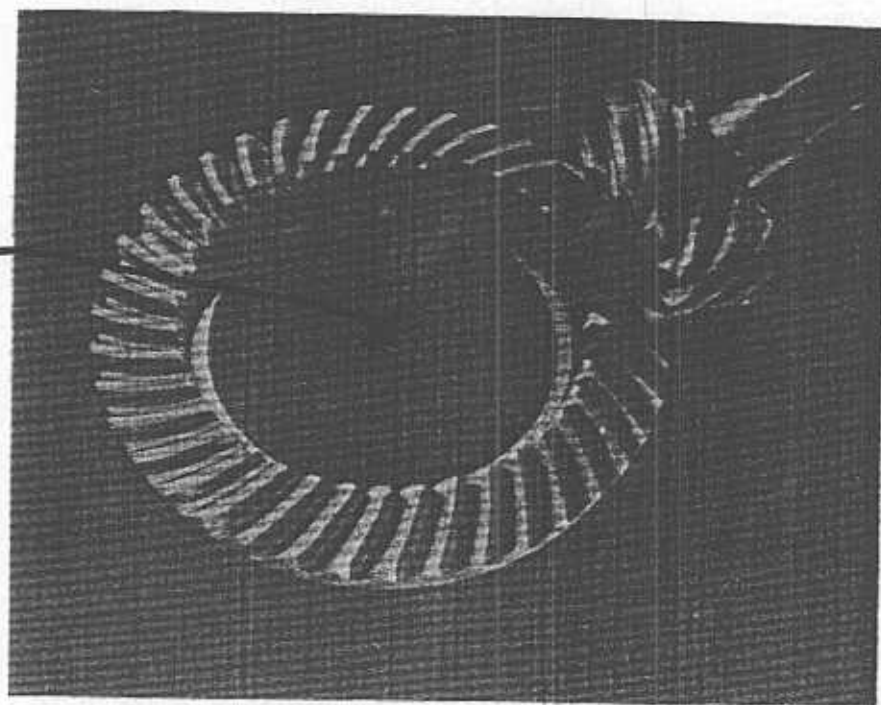
**Figure 8** Bevel gear drive with straight teeth.

*Non parallel shafts... can be  
90° or other ~~angles~~*

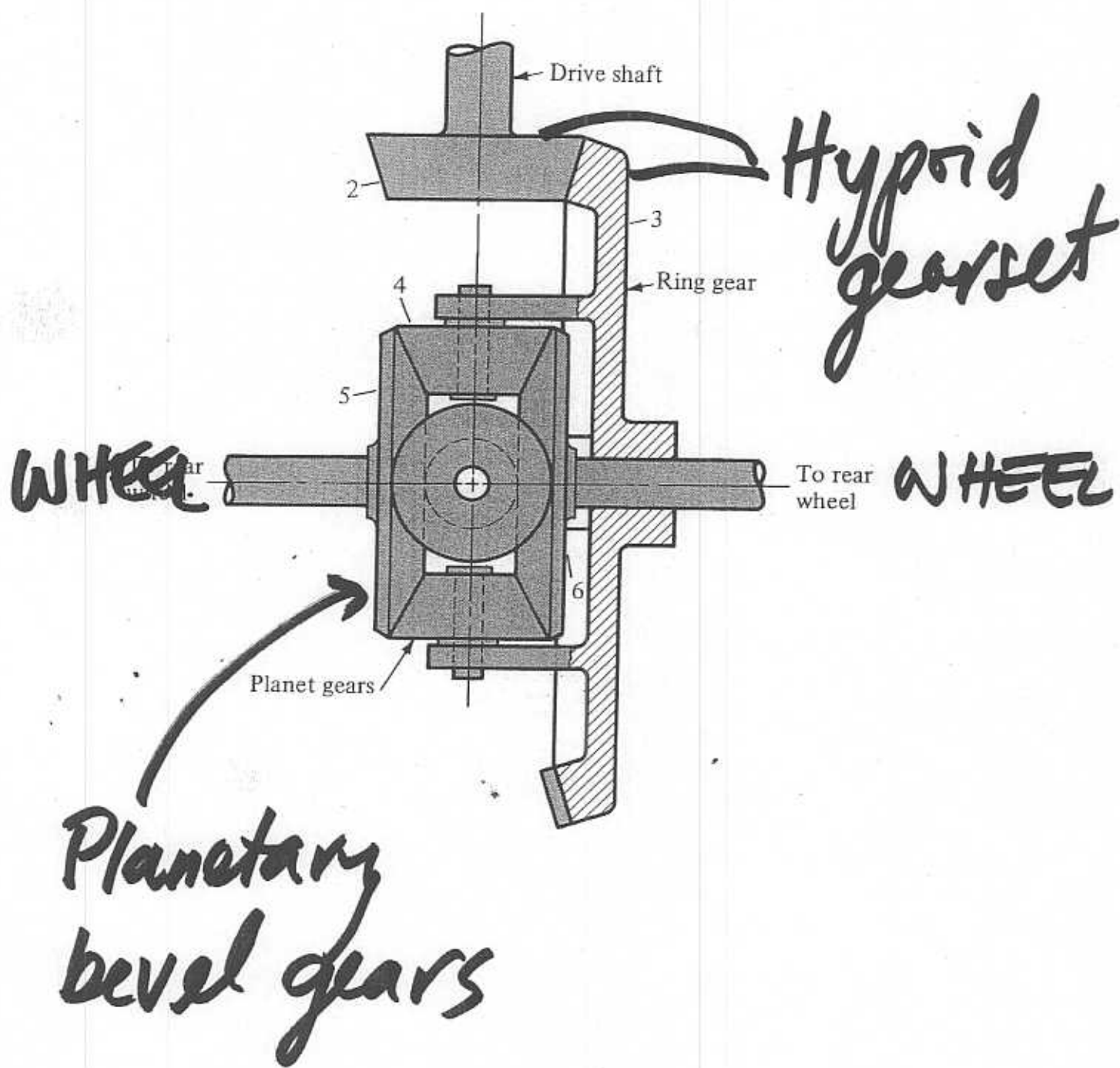


SPIRAL BEVEL  
(bevel equiv. of helical)

Center  
of —



HYPOID (AXES OFFSET)  
(IN AUTO DIFFERENTIALS)





# Worm Gear Drive

WORM

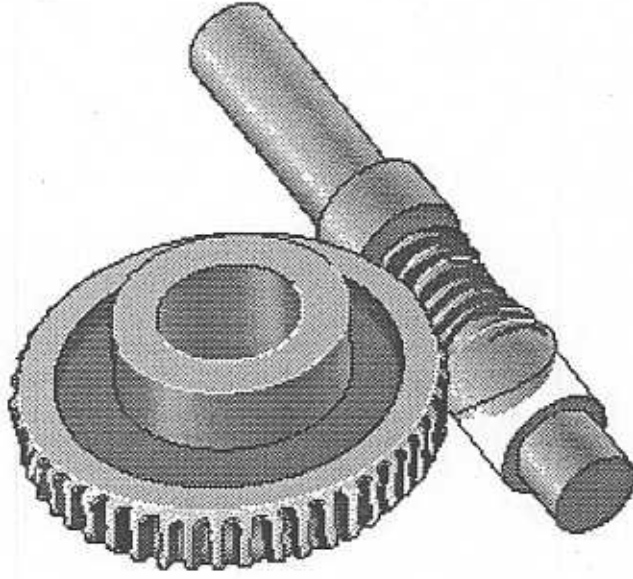
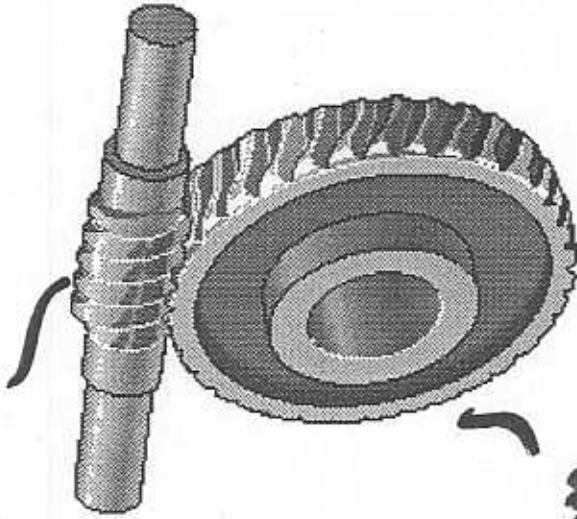


Figure 14.4 Worm gear drive. (a) Cylindrical teeth; (b) double enveloping.

*"Cross between screw & gear"*

**WORM DRIVES WHEEL**

**(WHEEL CAN'T DRIVE WORM)**

# Law of Gearing

- angular velocity ratio is constant
- pitch point velocity same on "gear" & "pinion" → smaller of two gears

pitch radius

ang velocity

$$r_g \omega_g = v_p = r_p \omega_p$$

$$\frac{\omega_g}{\omega_p} = \frac{r_p}{r_g}$$

- pitch point "P" is fixed

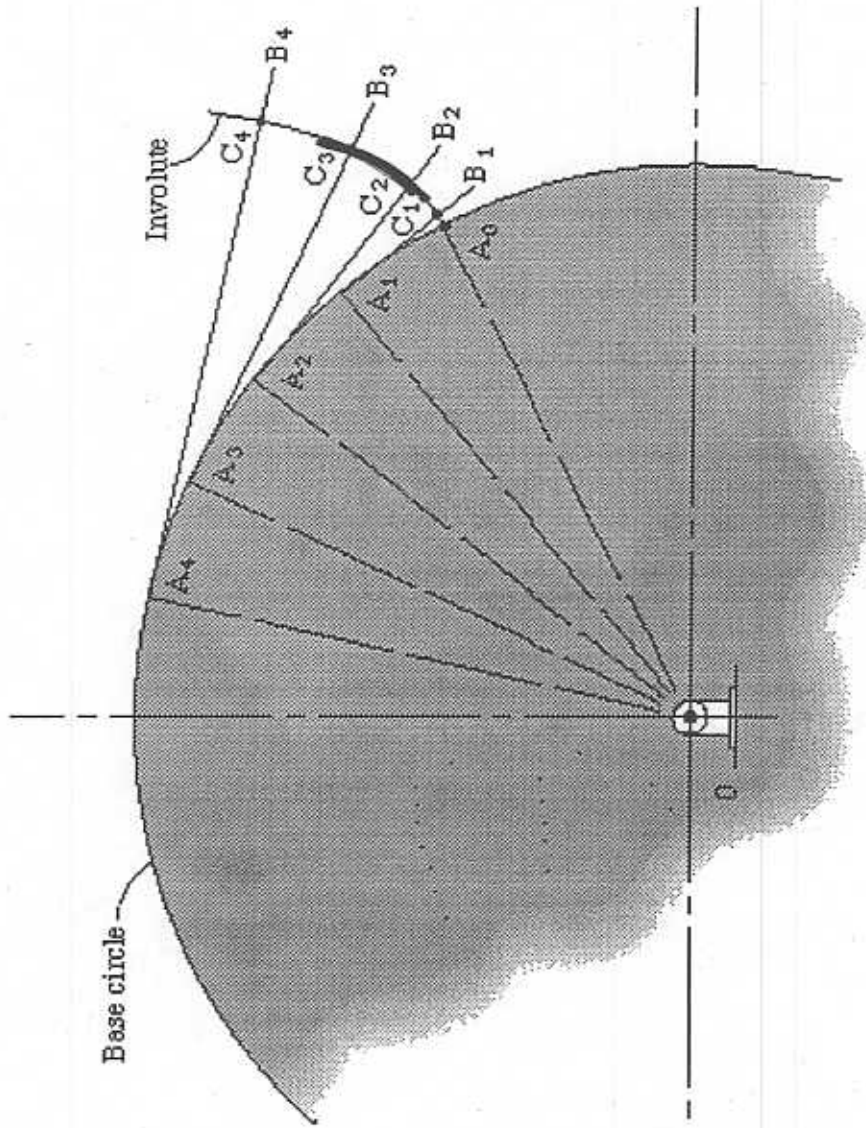
- Various tooth profiles are possible to achieve

$$\frac{\omega_g}{\omega_p} = \text{const.}$$

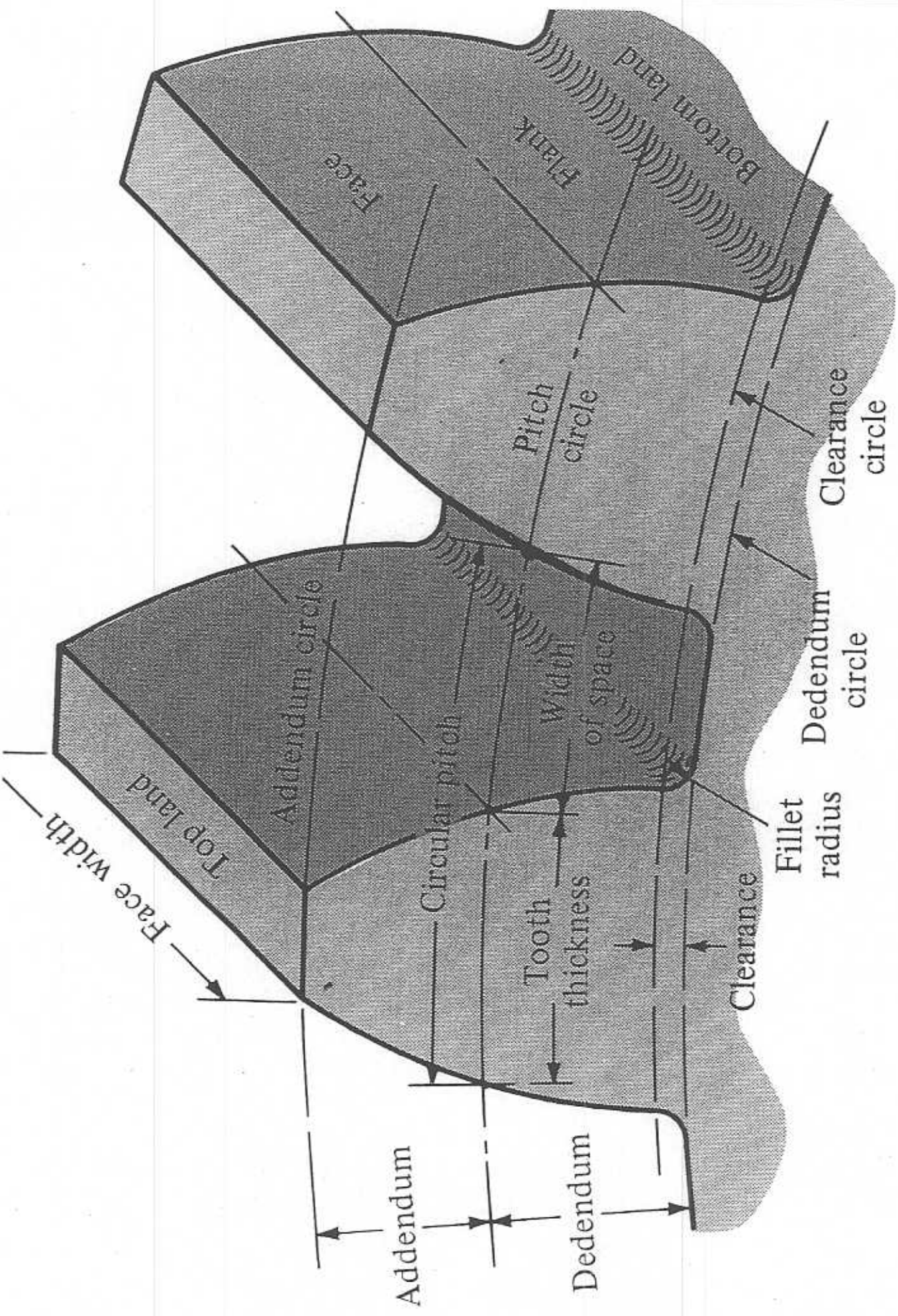
- Most common std is the involute shape.

- another is cycloid

# Involute Curve



Construction of involute curve.





Some terms

Circular pitch, P

... distance along pitch circle between same pts on adjacent teeth

Module, m (in SI)

... pitch diameter, d (mm)

Number of teeth, N

Diametral Pitch, P

...  $\frac{\text{Number of Teeth}}{\text{pitch diameter, } d(\text{in})} = \frac{N}{d(\text{in})}$

# Diametral Pitches

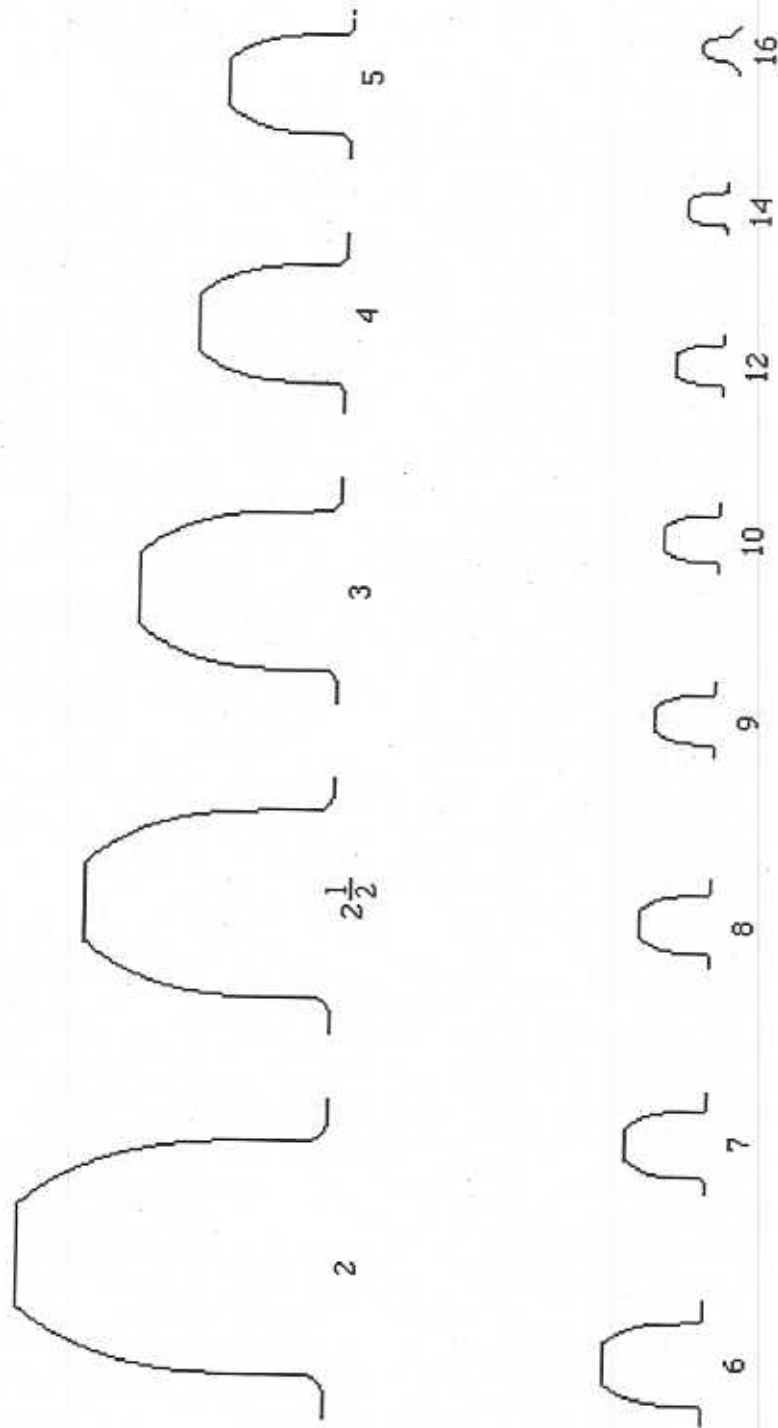


Figure 14.7 Standard diametral pitches compared with tooth size.  
Full size is assumed.

# Preferred Diametral pitches & modules

## DIAMETRAL PITCHES

Coarse 2, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16  
Fine 20, 24, 32, 40, 48, 64, 80, 96, 120, 150, 200

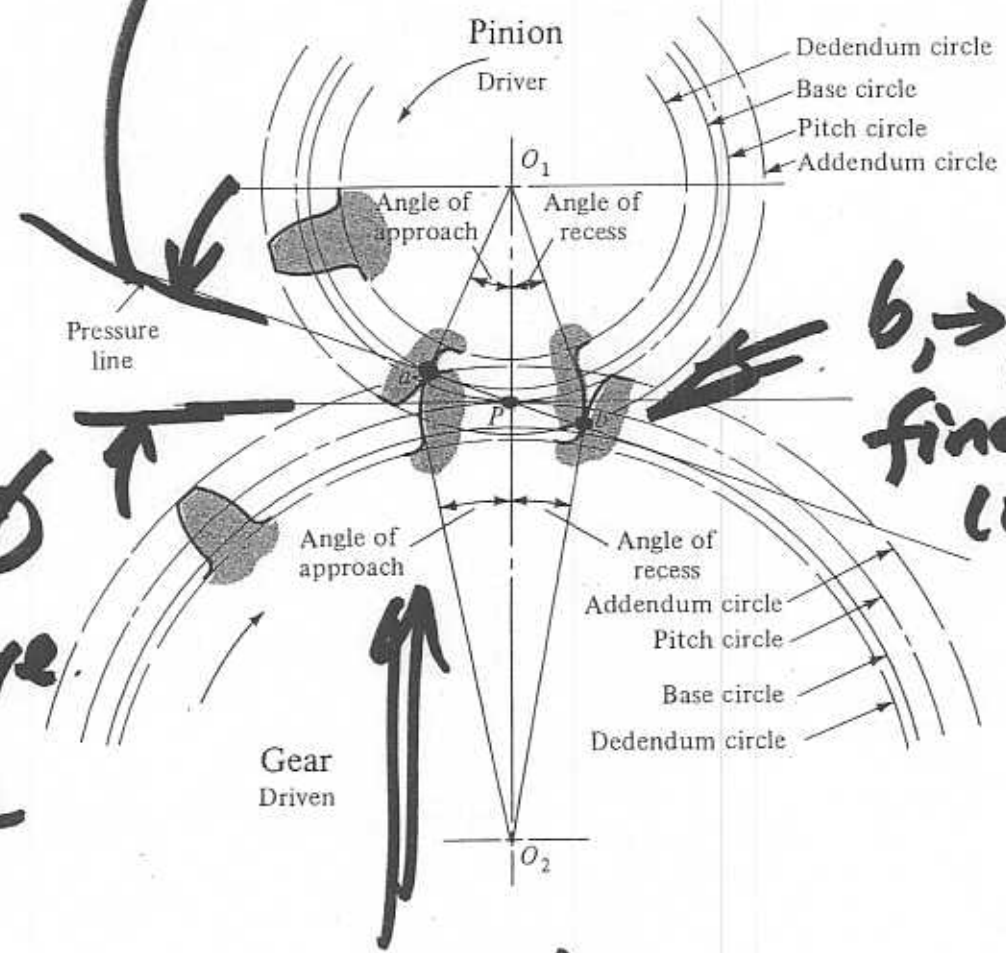
## MODULES

Preferred 1, 1.25, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 25, 32, 40, 50  
Next choice 1.125, 1.375, 1.75, 2.25, 2.75, 3.5, 4.5, 5.5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 18, 22, 28, 36, 45

# Tooth action

- Pitch point is fixed
- Pressure line, Line of action followed as teeth interact along common normal
- Theoretically There is pure rolling between teeth @ pitch point... elsewhere slide + roll action.

Pressure line, line of action along which contact occurs



$\phi$   
Pressure Angle

$b$  → pt of final contact

$a$  → pt of first contact



20° Pressure angle is std & most common

TOOTH SYSTEM	PRESSURE ANGLE $\phi$ , deg	ADDENDUM $a$	DEDENDUM $b$
Full depth	20	$1/P_d$ or $1m$	$1.25/P_d$ or $1.25m$ $1.35/P_d$ or $1.35m$
	$22\frac{1}{2}$	$1/P_d$ or $1m$	$1.25/P_d$ or $1.25m$ $1.35/P_d$ or $1.35m$
	25	$1/P_d$ or $1m$	$1.25/P_d$ or $1.25m$ $1.35/P_d$ or $1.35m$
Stub	20	$0.8/P_d$ or $0.8m$	$1/P_d$ or $1m$

SHORTER TEETH

see proportions

# Contact ratio, $m_c$

- Avg # of teeth in contact
- Should be greater than 1.2

# Interference

- to be avoided ... when gear tooth & pinion tooth overlap. .... reason for clearance

# Backlash

- amt by which tooth space exceeds thickness of mating gear

# Backlash

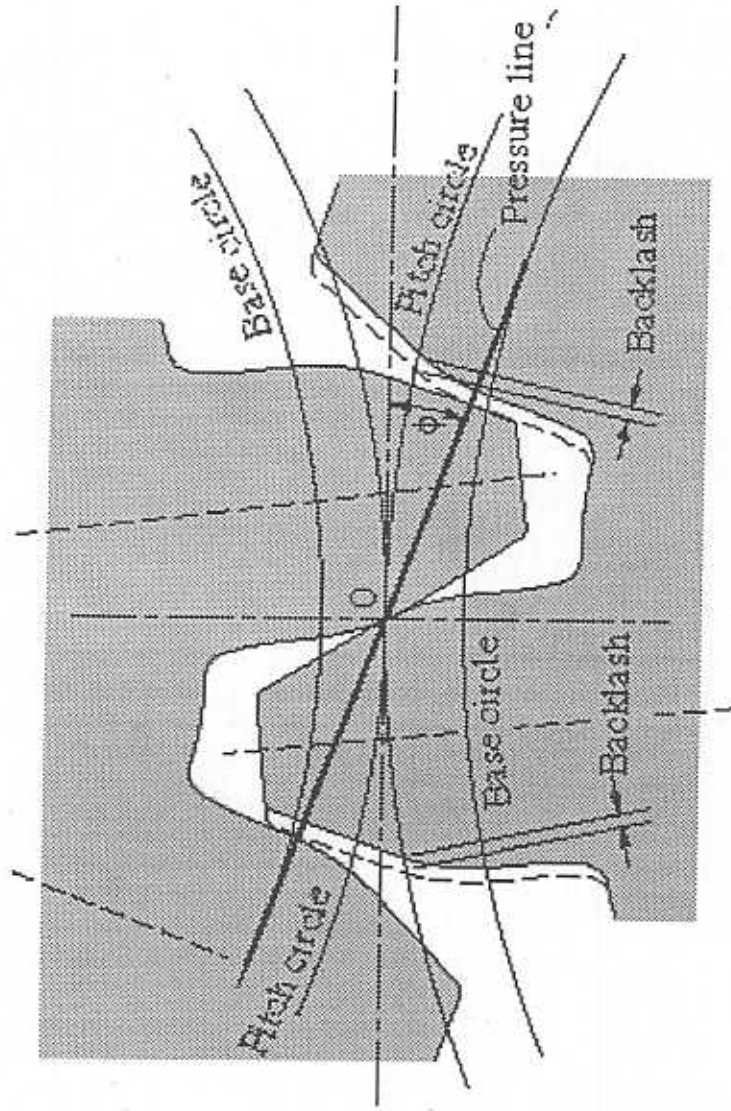


Illustration of backlash in gears.

# Recommended Minimum Backlash

Diametral pitch $P_d$ , in. <sup>-1</sup>	Center distance in.			
	2	4	8	16
				32
			Backlash in.	
18	0.005	0.006	-	-
12	0.006	0.007	0.009	-
8	0.007	0.008	0.010	0.014
5	-	0.010	0.012	0.016
3	-	0.014	0.016	0.020
2	-	-	0.021	0.025
1.25	-	-	-	0.034
				0.028
				0.033
				0.042

Recommended minimum backlash for coarse-pitch gears.

# GEAR TRAINS

- External mesh
- Internal mesh
- Rack & pinion
- Simple gear train
- Compound gear train
- Planetary gear sets

## From Law of Gearing

$$\frac{\omega_g}{\omega_p} = \frac{r_p}{r_g} = \frac{d_p}{d_g} \text{ number of teeth}$$

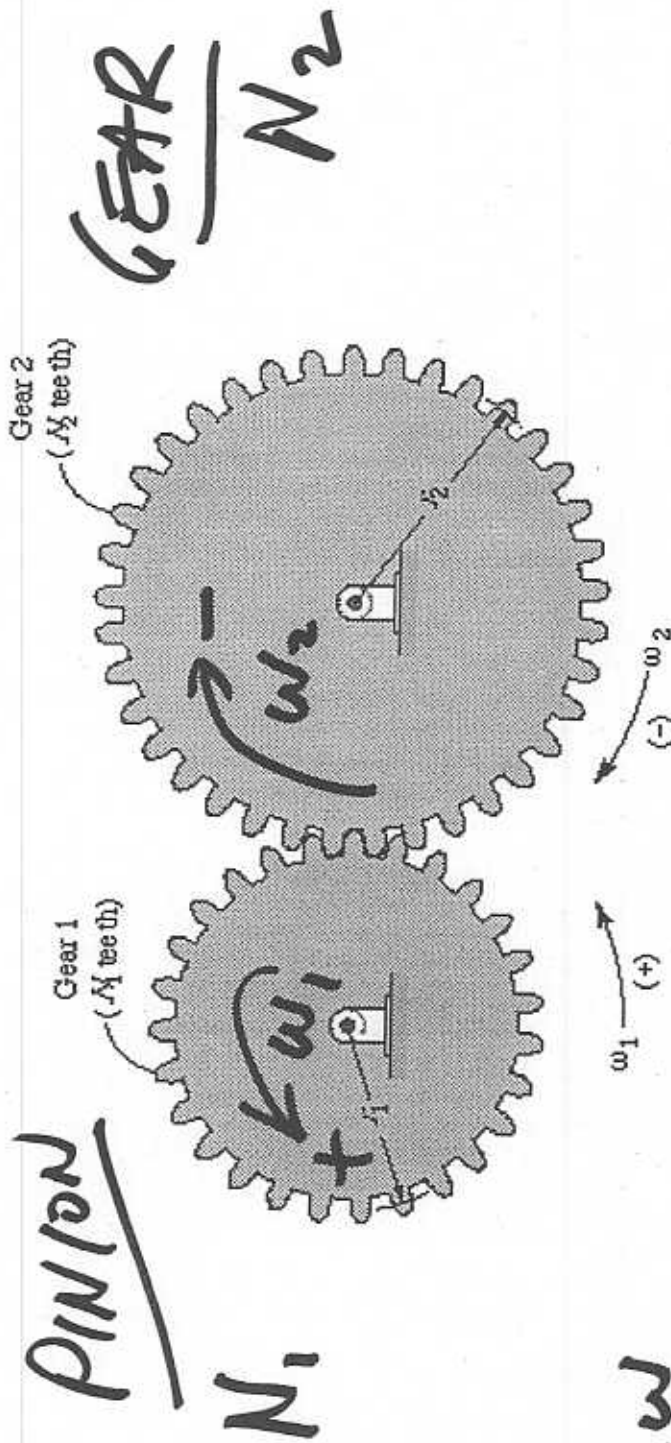
but  $d = \frac{N}{P}$   $\&$   $\left| \frac{\omega_g}{\omega_p} \right| = \frac{N_p}{N_g}$

diametral pitch  $\rightarrow$

← AS VALUE



# Externally Meshing Spur Gears



+ ccw  
- cw

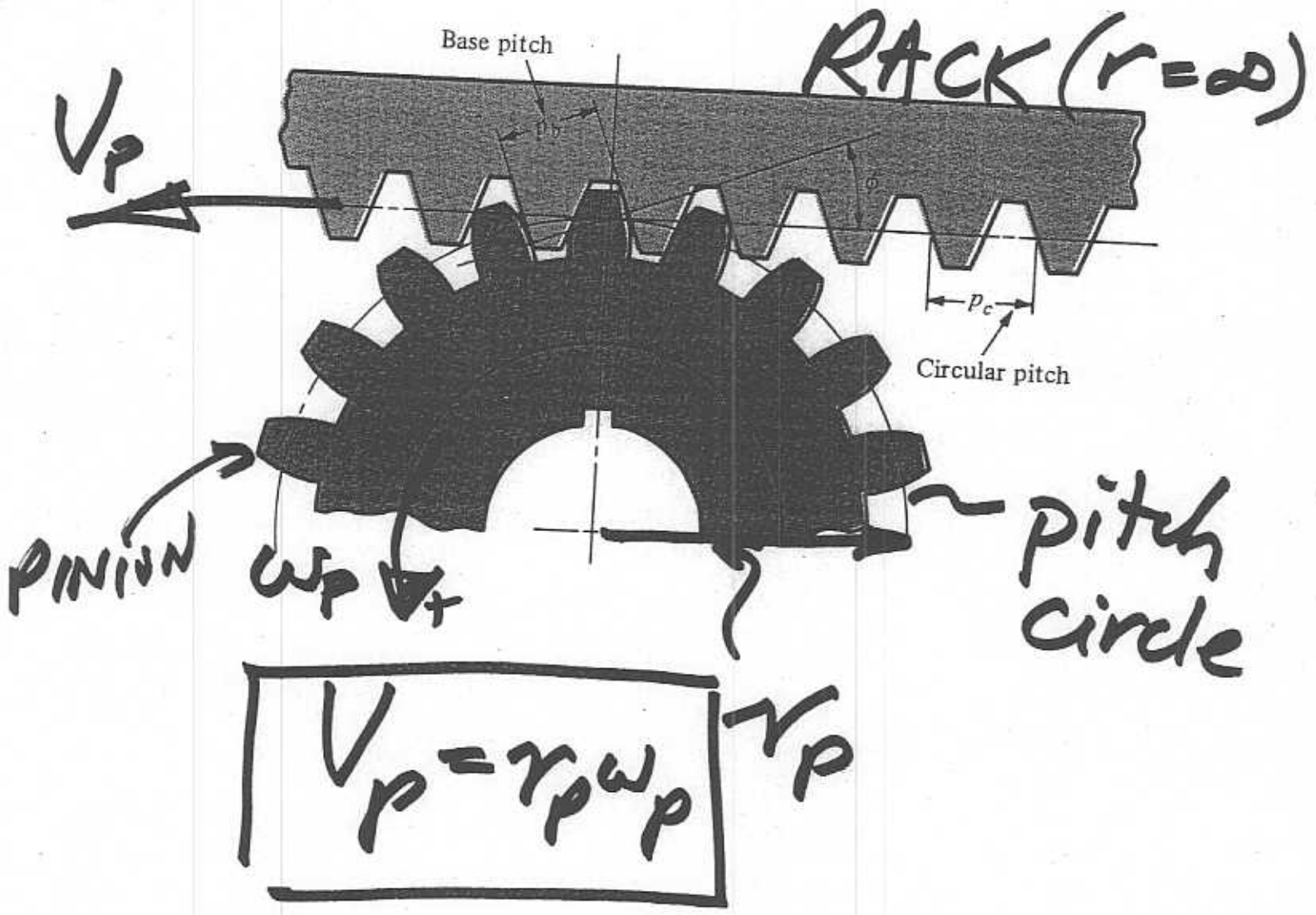
Externally meshing spur gears.

$$\therefore \left( \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = -\frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)$$

$\omega_2 \neq \omega_1$   
 are in opposite directions

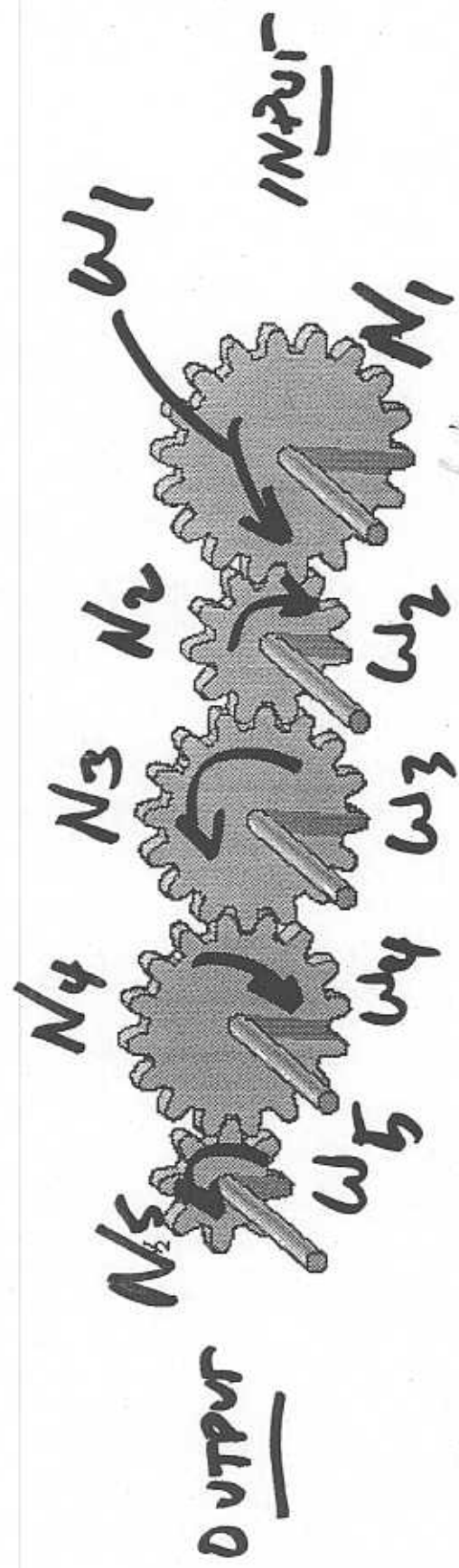
Hanrock, Jacobson and Schmid

# (INVOLUTE) RACK & PINION



(NOTE STRAIGHT LINE TOOTH SHAPE ON RACK)

# Simple Gear Train



$$\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = -\frac{N_1}{N_2} \quad \frac{\omega_3}{\omega_2} = -\frac{N_2}{N_3} \quad \text{etc.}$$

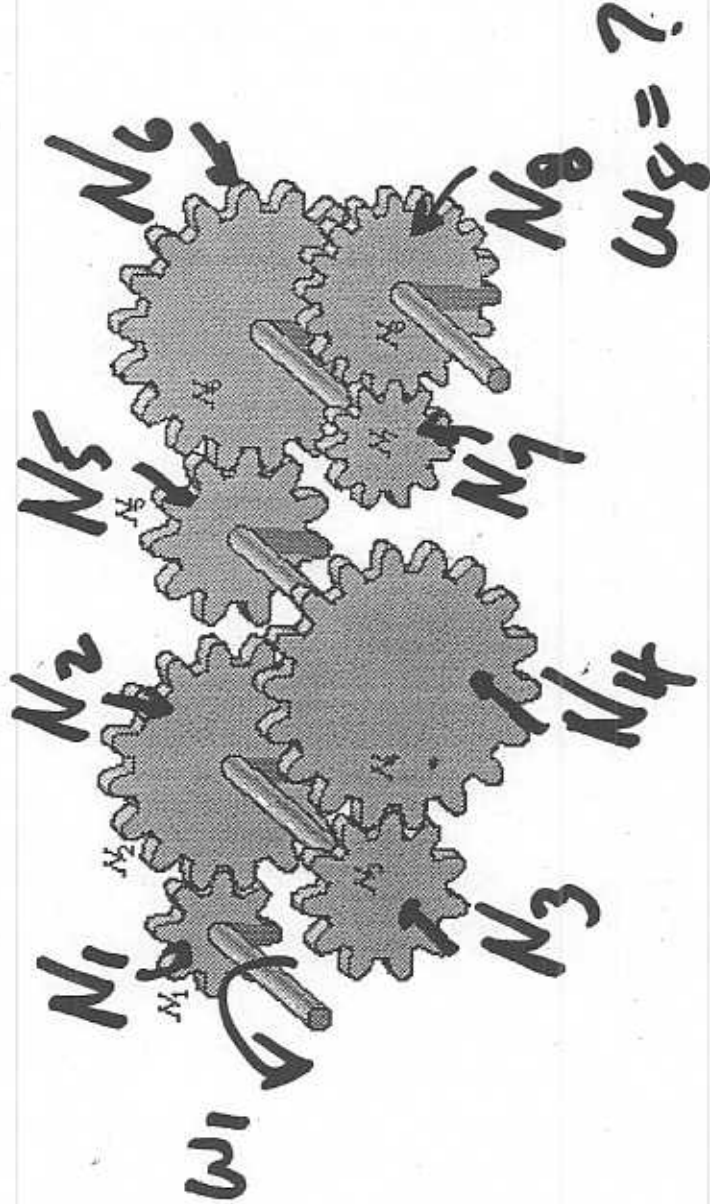
$$\frac{\omega_5}{\omega_1} = \frac{\omega_5}{\omega_4} \cdot \frac{\omega_4}{\omega_3} \cdot \frac{\omega_3}{\omega_2} \cdot \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \left(-\frac{N_4}{N_5}\right) \left(-\frac{N_3}{N_4}\right) \left(-\frac{N_2}{N_3}\right) \left(-\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\omega_5}{\omega_1} = \frac{N_1}{N_5}$$

Hamrock, Jacobson and Schmid

---> INTERMEDIATE N's don't matter

# Compound Gear Train



$$\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = -\frac{N_1}{N_2} \quad \frac{\omega_4}{\omega_3} = -\frac{N_3}{N_4} \quad \frac{\omega_6}{\omega_5} = -\frac{N_5}{N_6} \quad \frac{\omega_8}{\omega_7} = -\frac{N_7}{N_8}$$

$$\text{AND } \omega_3 = \omega_2 \quad \omega_5 = \omega_4 \quad \omega_7 = \omega_6$$

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Therefore:

$$\omega_8 = \left( -\frac{N_7}{N_8} \right) \omega_7 = \left( -\frac{N_7}{N_8} \right) \omega_6$$

$$= \left( -\frac{N_7}{N_8} \right) \left( -\frac{N_5}{N_6} \right) \omega_5$$

$$= \left( -\frac{N_7}{N_8} \right) \left( -\frac{N_5}{N_6} \right) \omega_4$$

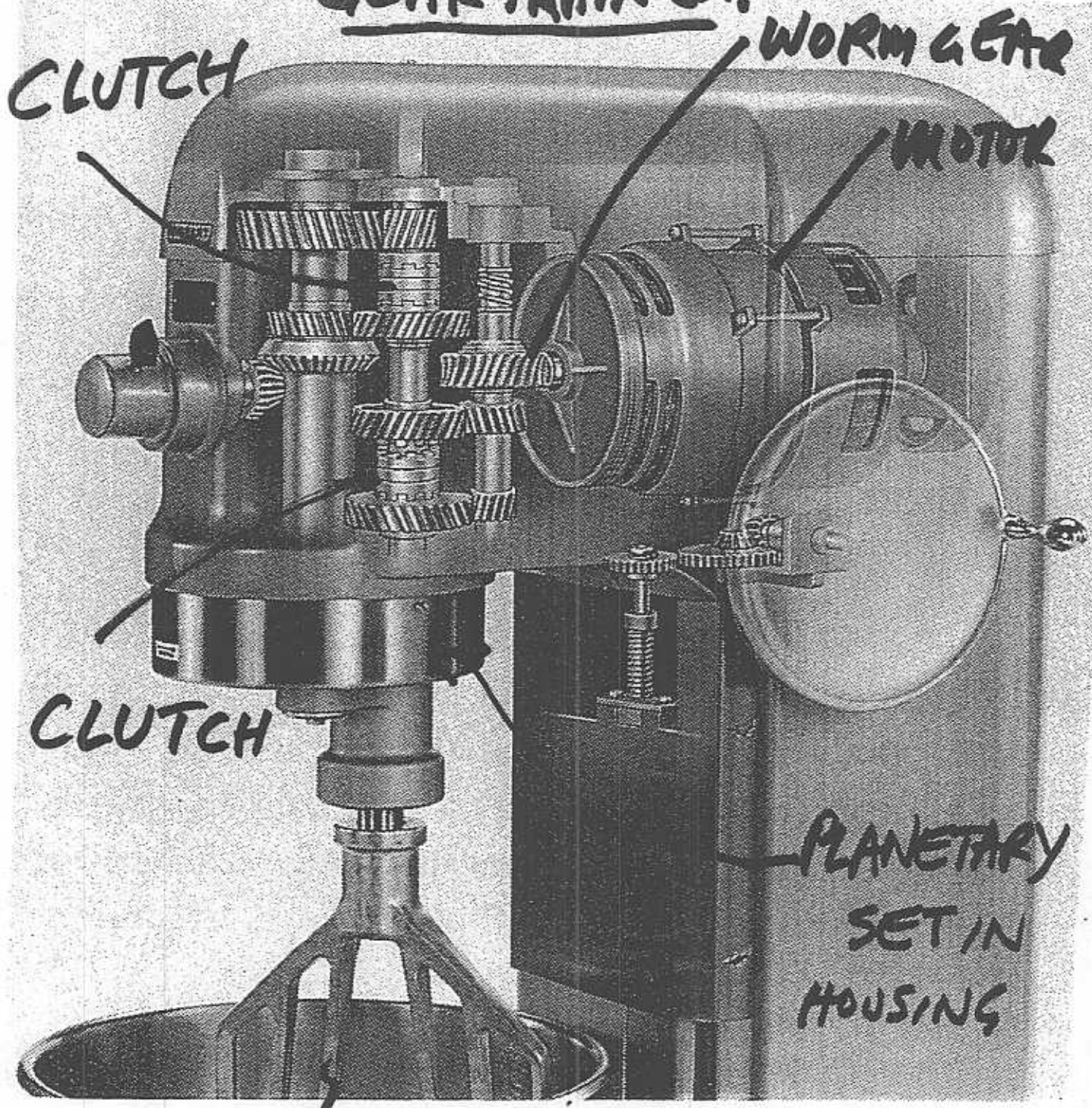
... etc... so that:

$$\omega_8 = \left( -\frac{N_7}{N_8} \right) \left( -\frac{N_5}{N_6} \right) \left( -\frac{N_3}{N_4} \right) \left( -\frac{N_1}{N_2} \right) \omega_1$$

$$\omega_8 = \left( \frac{N_7 N_5 N_3 N_1}{N_8 N_6 N_4 N_2} \right) \omega_1$$



GEAR TRAIN EX.



Gears inside industrial mixer.

① BLADE [Courtesy of Hobart]

ROTATES ON SHAFT

② BLADE ROTATES WITHIN BOWL?

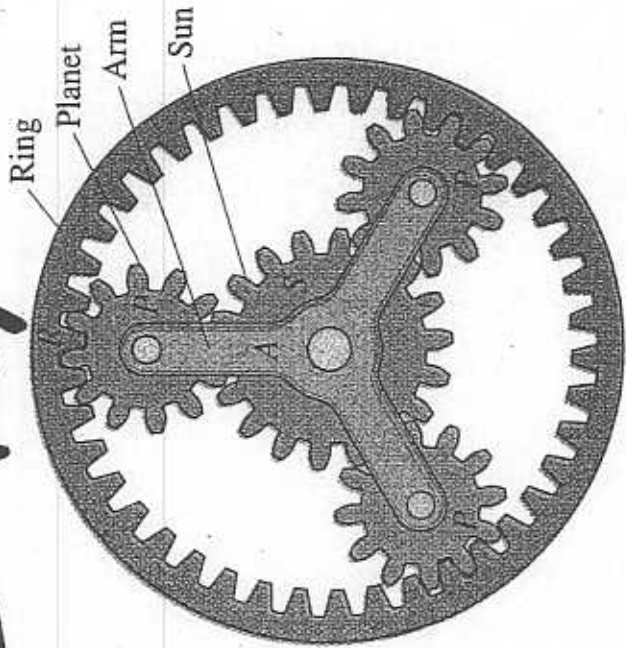


NOTE:  $N_{ring} = N_{sun} + 2N_{planet}$

Planet axis

① Planet rotates about axis

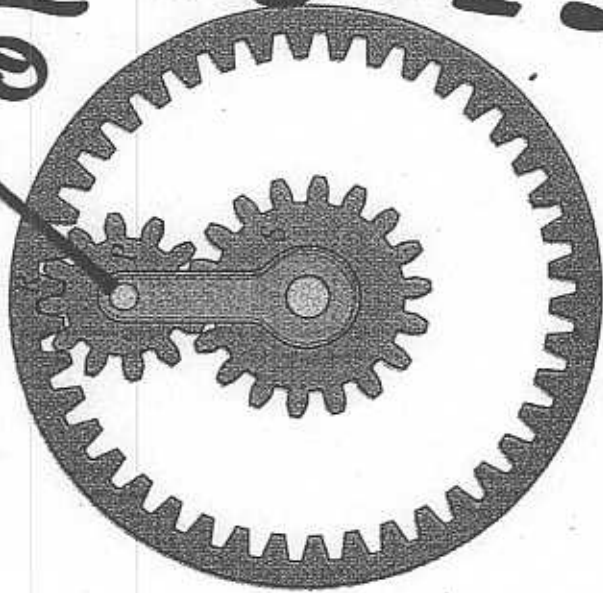
② And it sees one additional rotation with local rotation of arm



(a)

Illustration of planetary gear.

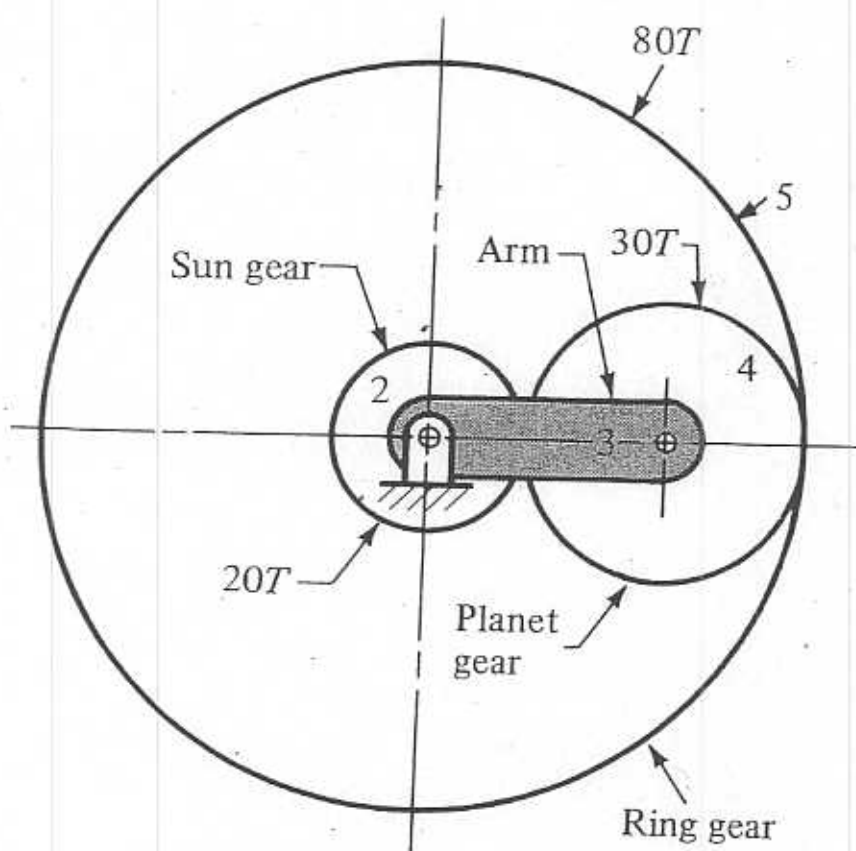
(a) With three planets (typical); (b) with one planet (for analysis only).



(b)

# PLANETARY OR EPICYCLIC GEARS

TWO DEGREES OF FREEDOM



Example:

- ① Fixed ring One Input
- ② Sun rotates at 600 radians/sec 2nd input
- ③ Find  $\omega_{arm}$  and  $\omega_{planet}$

# Governing eqs to be used

$$-\frac{N_{sun}}{N_{ring}} = \frac{\omega_{ring} - \omega_{arm}}{\omega_{sun} - \omega_{arm}} \dots (1)$$

also

$$-\frac{N_{sun}}{N_{planet}} = \frac{\omega_{planet} - \omega_{arm}}{\omega_{sun} - \omega_{arm}} \dots (2)$$

and

$$\frac{N_{planet}}{N_{ring}} = \frac{\omega_{ring} - \omega_{arm}}{\omega_{planet} - \omega_{arm}} \dots (3)$$



Eqs applicable for values of  $\omega_{arm}$

Gear ratios with arm fixed .... i.e.  $\omega_{arm} = 0$

Start with Warm & eq (1)

$$-\frac{20}{80} = \frac{0 - \text{Warm}}{600 - \text{Warm}}$$

$$\text{Warm} = \frac{150}{1.25} = \underline{\underline{120 \text{ radians/s}}}$$

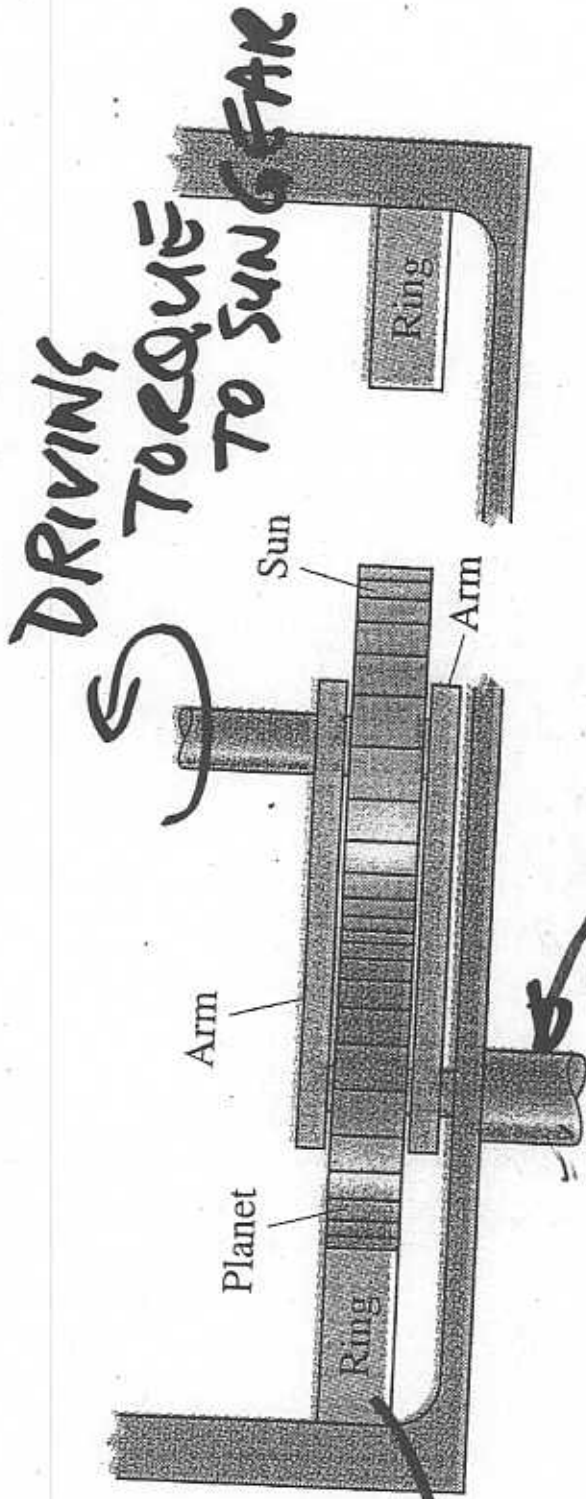
Now find  $\omega_{\text{planet}}$  from eq (2)

$$-\frac{20}{30} = \frac{\omega_{\text{planet}} - 120}{600 - 120}$$

$$\omega_{\text{planet}} = -\frac{20}{30}(480) + 120$$

$$\omega_{\text{planet}} = \underline{\underline{-240 \text{ radians/s}}}$$

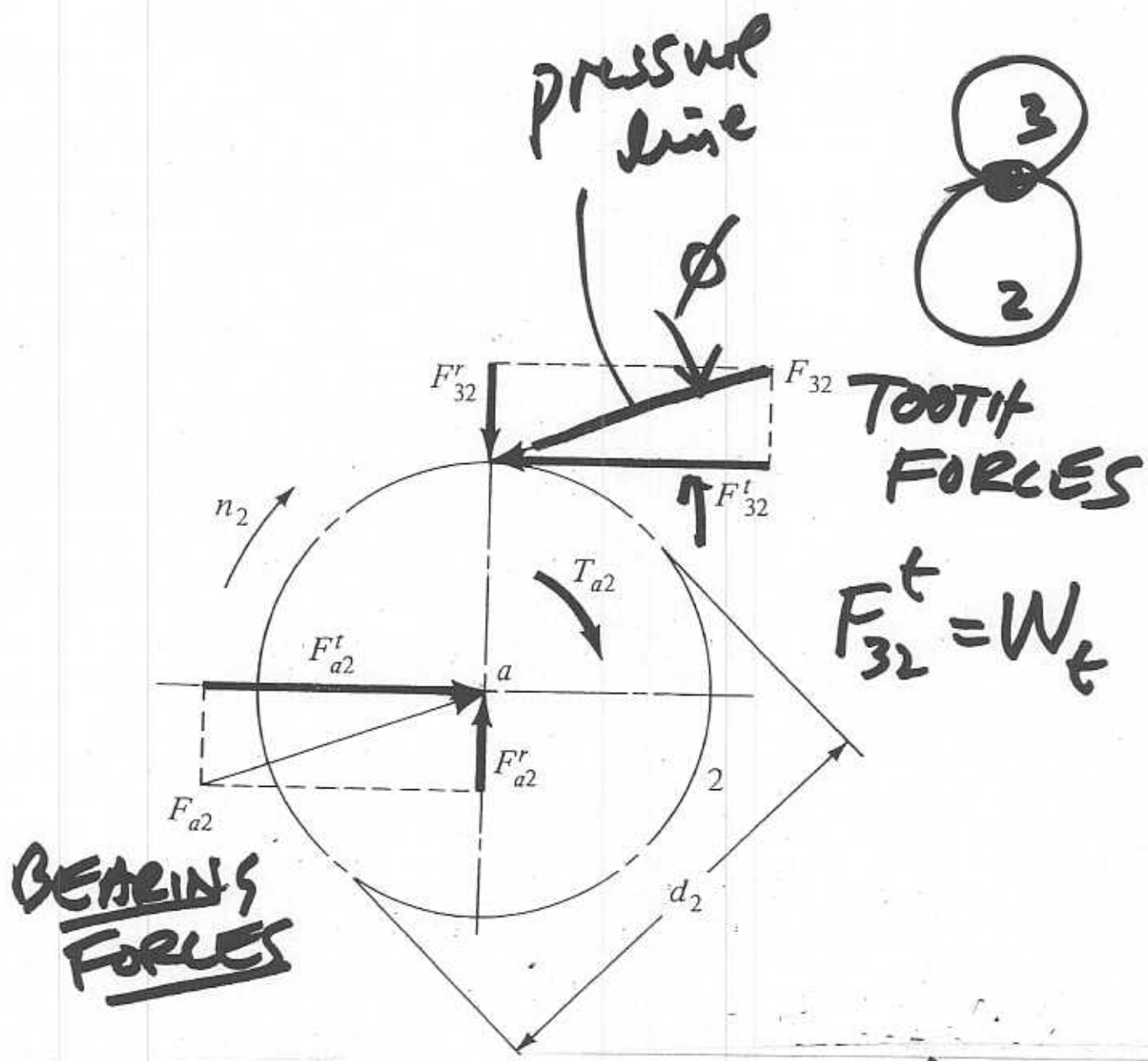
# INDUSTRIAL MIXER (Revisited)



RING GEAR IS FIXED

BLADE ATTACHES

HERE... spins  
around planet axis  
& moves around  
bowl



$$W_t = \frac{H V}{33000} \text{ in rpm}$$

$$V \text{ ft/min} = \frac{\pi d n}{12}$$

H horsepower  
American Units

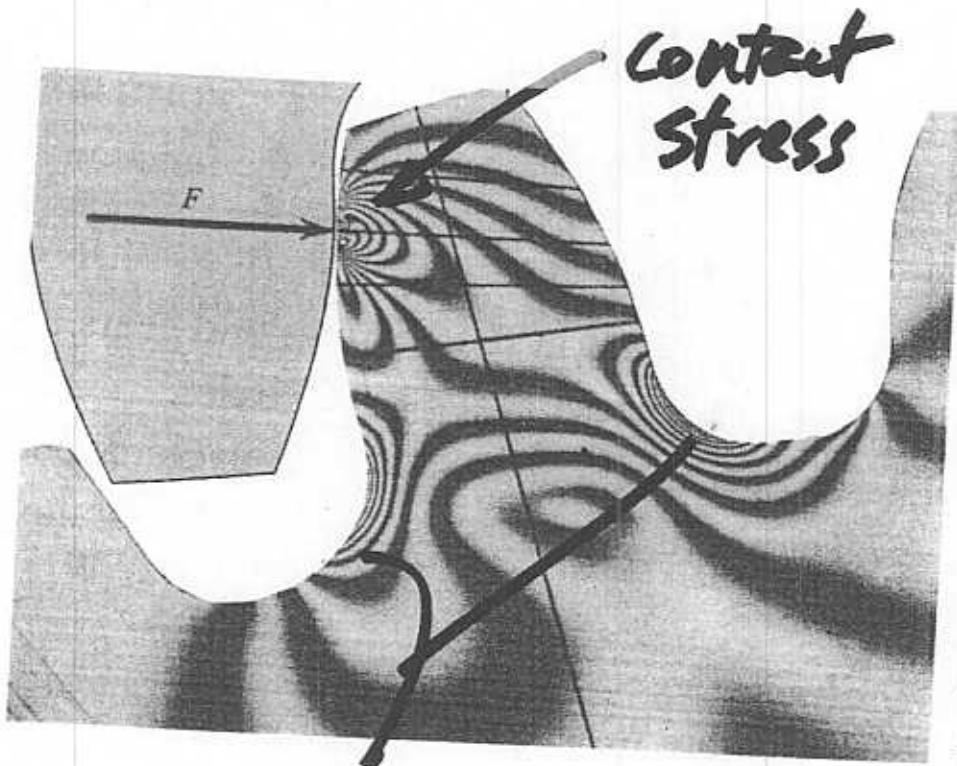
$$W_t = \frac{H (60)(10^3)}{\pi d n} \text{ kW}$$

mm rpm

SI Units



# LOADING OF TEETH



bending with stress concentration

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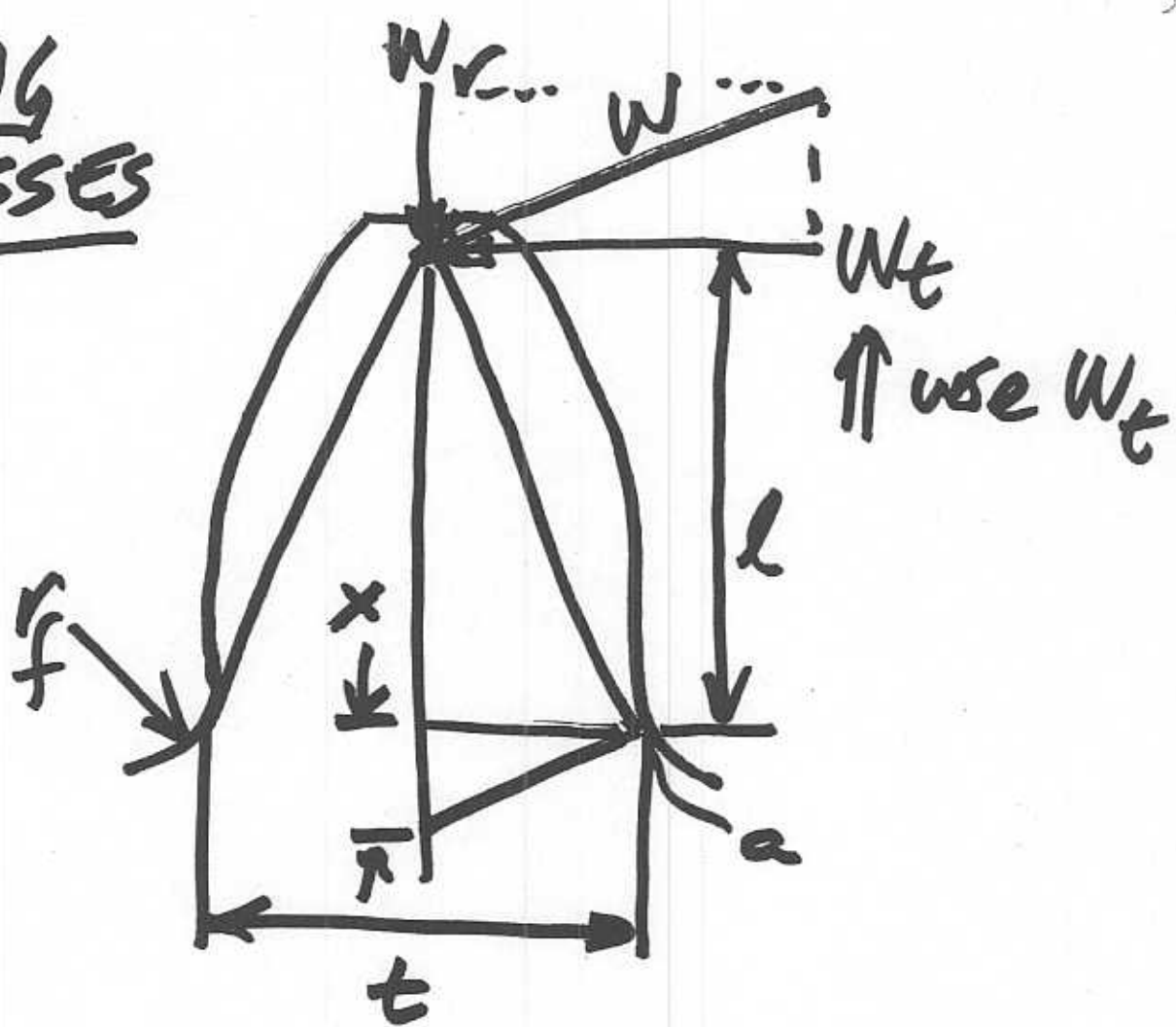
# SIZE/STRENGTH OF GEAR TEETH

## Chapter 14

- We will cover methods in 14-1 & 14-2
- We will NOT use AGMA Stress formulas which cover the same mechanics as 14-1 & 14-2 but include more correction factors
- In practice use AGMA formulas

# BENDING STRESSES

$\frac{0.3}{P} = r_f$   
 For 20° fall depth (inches)



Like a beam subjected to  $W_t$

Stress @ a

$$\sigma = \frac{Mc}{I} = \frac{W_t l (t/2)}{\frac{F t^3}{12}}$$

$$= \frac{6 W_t l}{F t^2}$$

(F is face width)

# Lewis Form Factor, Y (dimensionless)

$$Y = \frac{2 \times P}{3}$$

← Diametral Pitch

Y depends on tooth shape  
 e.g. pressure angle &  
 whether full-depth  
 or stub teeth.

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Developed by Wilfred Lewis  
 in 1892

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IN TERMS OF Y

$$\sigma = \frac{W_t P}{F Y}$$

# Table 14-2

N		Y	
NUMBER OF TEETH	Y	NUMBER OF TEETH	Y
12	0.245	28	0.353
13	0.261	30	0.359
14	0.277	34	0.371
15	0.290	38	0.384
16	0.296	43	0.397
17	0.303	50	0.409
18	0.309	60	0.422
19	0.314	75	0.435
20	0.322	100	0.447
21	0.328	150	0.460
22	0.331	300	0.472
24	0.337	400	0.480
26	0.346	Rack	0.485

Y for 20° Full-depth

(Note That  $N < 12$  is not used)

$$0.245 < Y < 0.485$$

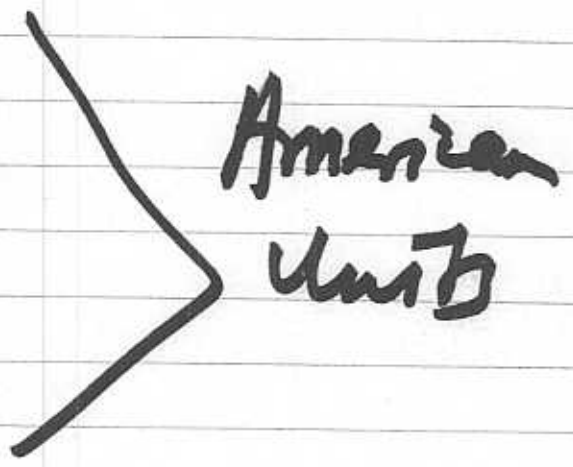
# Nominal max stress ("static")

... include velocity factor

$K_v$  ... accts for impacts  
≠ other dynamic effects

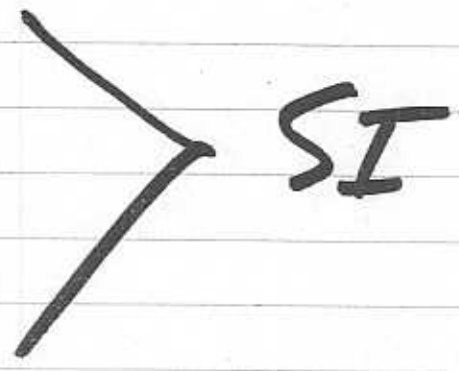
$$K_v = \frac{1200}{1200 + v}$$

$v$  ft/min



$$K_v = \frac{6.1}{6.1 + v}$$

$v$  m/s





Bending stress calc  
becomes

American.

$$\sigma = \frac{W_t P}{K_v F Y}$$

SI

$$\sigma = \frac{W_t}{K_v F m Y}$$

Use Goodman "Approach"

Stress fluctuates  
between 0 and  $\sigma$

$$\therefore \sigma_a = \sigma_m = \frac{\sigma}{2}$$

- but we don't use  $\sigma_a$  &  $\sigma_m$  directly

- Instead use  $k_e$  in two parts

$$k_e = k_e' \left( \frac{1}{K_f} \right)$$

accounts for using  $\sigma$  instead of  $\sigma_a$  &  $\sigma_m$

obtained in usual way

$$= 1.33$$

- Obtain strength  $S_e$

$$\text{via } S_e = k_a k_b k_c k_d k_e S_e'$$

$k_a \rightarrow$  surface finish

$k_b \rightarrow$  size obtain  
equiv. diameter

$k_c = 1$  loading (bending)

$k_d = 1$  Temperature

$$k_e = \frac{1.33}{K_f}$$

AND:

$$\frac{S_e}{q} = n_a$$

FOR  
BENDING

INFINITE LIFE  
IN FATIGUE

# Surface Durability

- Based on Hertzian stresses
- Compute  $\sigma_c$  (MAX comp).

Compression

$$\sigma_c = - \left[ \frac{1}{\pi \left( \frac{1-\nu_p^2}{E_p} + \frac{1-\nu_s^2}{E_s} \right)} \right]^{1/2}$$

"Equivalent Modulus"  
 $C_P$   
 in AGMA Standards

$$\left[ \frac{W_t}{C_v F \cos \phi} \left( \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

- ÷ Use radii @ Pitch line
- ÷  $C_v = K_v$  (from before)

$$n_c = \frac{S_c}{|\sigma_c|}$$

← Comp fatigue strength

→ Comp. Stress. from eq.

Factor of safety for contact fatigue

± Above is for  $10^8$  cycles

÷  $S_c$  is reduced for larger #, increased for smaller

$$S_c = 0.4 H_B - 10 \text{ kpsi}$$

→ Brinnell hardness

OR

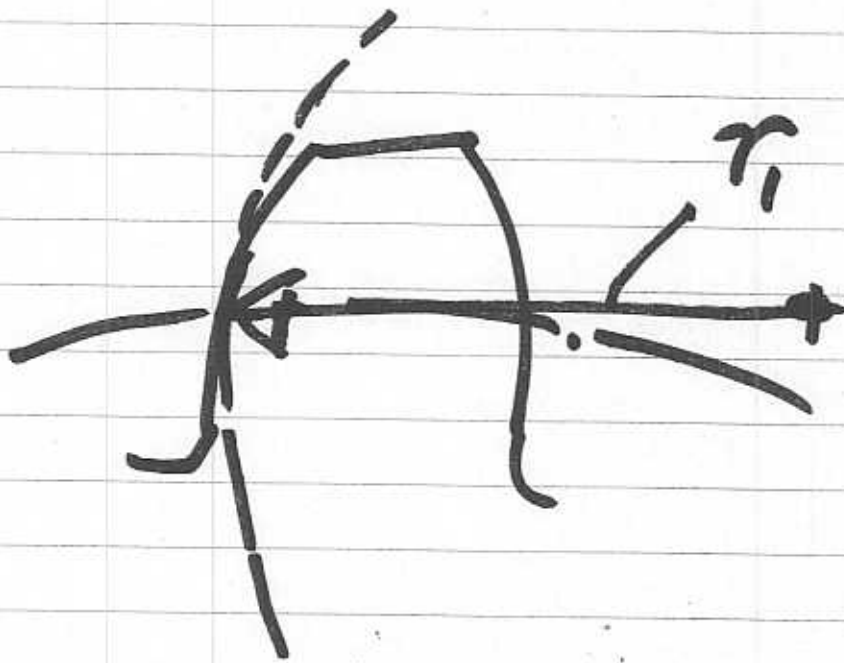
$$= 2.76 H_B - 70 \text{ MPa}$$

} For Steels Eq. 7-60

NOTE  
For Steels:  $S_u = 0.45 H_B \text{ kpsi}$   
 $S_u = 3.10 H_B \text{ MPa}$  5-20(eg)

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Radius of curvature of  
gear teeth @ pitch  
line



$$r_1 = \frac{d_p \sin \phi}{2}$$

Pinion

$$r_2 = \frac{d_g \sin \phi}{2}$$

Gear.



(Slight)

Example: Variation

on <sup>Ex</sup> 14-1, 14-2, 14-3 following methodology develop on preceding 9 pages of notes. (TO BE USED FOR DESIGN PURPOSES IN THIS COURSE)

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GEAR: Spur Gear  
P = 8 teeth/in  
F = 1.5 in.

Table A-20 N = 16 teeth

S<sub>ut</sub> = 55 kpsi φ = 20°

S<sub>yt</sub> = 30 kpsi → AISI 1020 Steel (rolled)  
n = 1200 rev/min.

I

Determine HP capacity based on "Static failure" (No stress concentration or modifying factors)

- ... use factor  $n_s = 3$
- ... bending only

i.e.  $n_s = \frac{S_y}{\sigma} = 3$

$$W_t = \frac{K_v F Y \sigma}{P}$$

$$K_v = \frac{1200}{1200 + V}$$

$$= \frac{1200}{1200 + 628}$$

$K_v = 0.656$

→ 2"

$$V = \frac{\pi P d n}{12}$$

$$= \frac{\pi (N/P) (1200)}{12}$$

$$= 628 \text{ ft/min}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{\sum y}{n_s} = \frac{30}{3} = \underline{10 \text{ kpsi}}$$

From Table 14-2  $Y = 0.296$   
(for  $P = 8 \neq N = 16$ )

$$\therefore W_t = \frac{(0.656)(1.5)(0.296)(10^4)}{8}$$

$$\boxed{W_t = 364 \text{ lbs}}$$

HP is  $H = \frac{W_t V}{33,000}$

$$\boxed{H = 6.93 \text{ hp}}$$

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II Determine hip capacity  
for infinite life (BENDING)

$$\sigma = \frac{S_e}{n_o} = \frac{S_e}{3}$$

Need to determine  $S_e$

$$S_e = k_a k_b k_c k_d k_e S_e'$$

$$S_e' = 0.504 S_{ut}$$

$$= (0.504)(55) = \underline{27.7 \text{ kpsi}}$$

$$k_a = a S_{ut}^b$$

$$a = 14.4$$

$$b = -0.718 \text{ Table 7-4}$$

$$k_a = 0.811$$

$$k_b = \left( \frac{d_e}{0.3} \right)^{-0.1133} = \left( \frac{0.495}{0.3} \right)^{-0.1133} = \underline{\underline{0.94}}$$

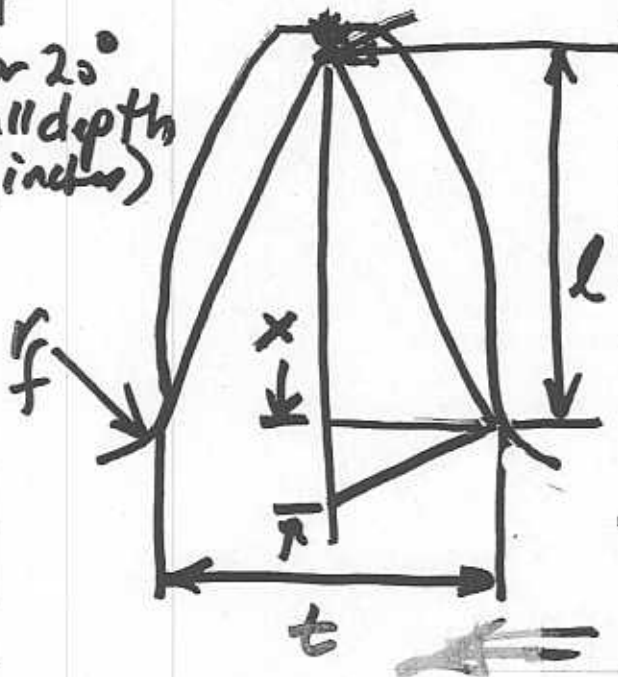
SEE BELOW  
-0.1133

∴ To find  $d_e = 0.808 (k_b)^{1/2}$   
 (Equiv. diam =  $0.808 (F_t)^{1/2}$   
 eq. 7-19)

∴ need  $t$ ; (tooth thickness)  
 $t = (4lx)^{1/2}$

$$\frac{0.3}{P} = r_f$$

For 20°  
 full depth  
 (inches)



$$l = \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1.25}{P} = \underline{\underline{0.281 \text{ in}}}$$

$$x = \frac{3Y}{2P} = \frac{3(.296)}{2(8)}$$

$$x = \underline{\underline{0.0555 \text{ in}}}$$

$$t = (4lx)^{1/2} = \underline{\underline{0.25 \text{ in}}}$$

$$d_e = 0.808 [(1.5)(.25)]^{1/2}$$

$$d_e = 0.495 \text{ in}$$



$k_c = 1$  banding

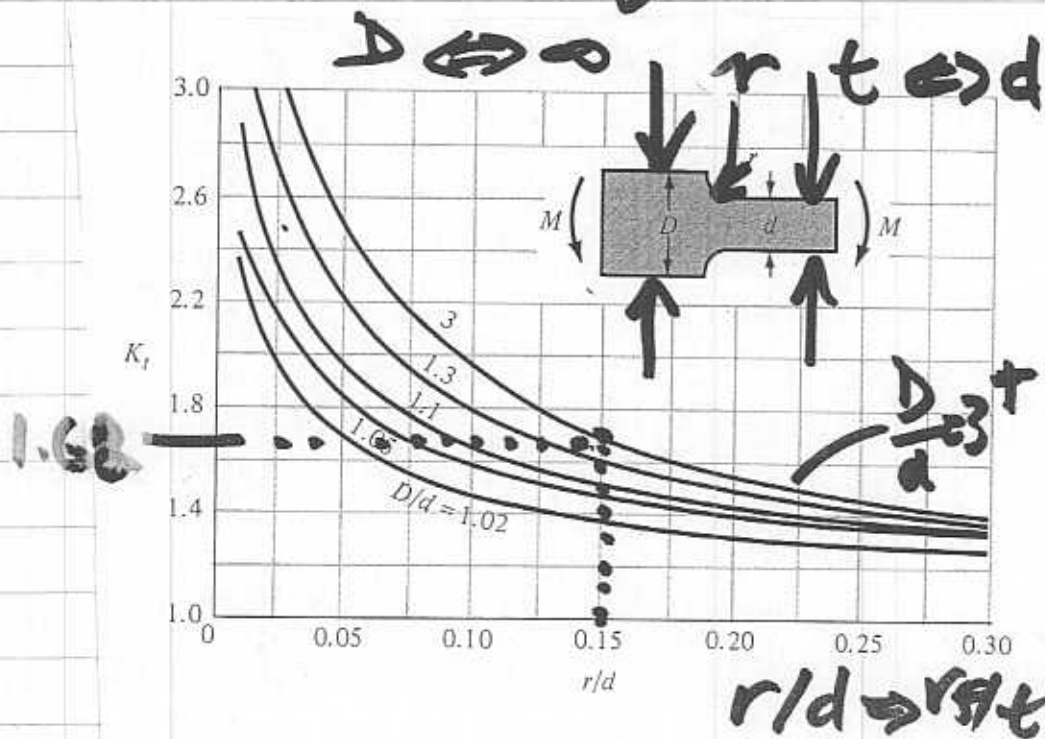
$k_d = 1$  No temperature effect

$k_e = 1.33 \left( \frac{1}{K_f} \right)$

$K_f = 1 + q(K_e - 1)$

$q = 0.78$  (From Fig 5-16)

$K_e$  from Fig A-15-6



$r_f = \frac{0.3}{p}$   
 $= 0.0375$   
 in

$r_f = \frac{0.0375}{.25}$   
 $\left( \frac{r}{d} \right) = 0.15$

$$\therefore K_f = 1 + (0.78)(1.68 - 1)$$

$$= \underline{1.53}$$

$$\therefore k_e = 1.33 \left( \frac{1}{1.53} \right) = \underline{0.87}$$

Now

$$S_e = (0.811)(0.945)(1)(1)(0.87)(27.7)$$

$$S_e = 18.4 \text{ kpsi}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{S_e}{n} = \frac{18.4}{3} = \underline{6.1 \text{ kpsi}}$$

$$W_t = \frac{K_v F Y (6180)}{P} = \underline{224 \text{ lb}}$$

$$H = \left( \frac{224}{364} \right) (6.93) = \underline{4.26 \text{ hp}}$$

↑ Recall  
for static  
failure  
was 10 kpsi  
= 60% of static

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- 16 tooth pinion meshes with 50 tooth

III Determine factor of gear safety against surface fatigue (10<sup>8</sup> cycles)

$n = S_c$

$\sigma_c$  for  $W_t = 224 \text{ lb}$  &  $H = 4.26 \text{ hp}$   
(both AISI 1020 steel)

$$C_p = \left[ \frac{1}{\frac{\pi(1-\nu_p^2)}{E_p} + \frac{\pi(1-\nu_g^2)}{E_g}} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$E_p = 30 \text{ Mpsi} = E_g \quad \nu_p = \nu_g = 0.3$$

$$C_p = \underline{2085}$$

$$\nu_1 = \frac{2.5 \sin 20^\circ}{2} = \underline{0.342 \text{ in}}; \nu_2 = \underline{1.069 \text{ in}} \quad \text{also}$$

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$$\sigma_c = -2085 \left[ \frac{W_E}{C_v F \cos \phi} \left( \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= -2085 \left[ \frac{224 \left( \frac{1}{.342} + \frac{1}{1.069} \right)}{.656(1.5) \cos 20^\circ} \right]^{1/2}$$

Same as

$K_v$

Max

Contact  
Stress

$$\sigma_c = -63,756 \text{ psi}$$

$$S_c = 0.4 H_B - 10 \text{ kpsi}$$

Note that  $H_B = \frac{S_{ut}}{0.45} = \frac{55}{0.45} = \underline{\underline{122}}$

$$\underline{S_c = 38,800 \text{ kpsi}} = \underline{(0.4(122) - 10) \text{ kpsi}}$$

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$$n = \frac{S_c}{\overline{\sigma_c}} = \frac{38800}{63756} = \underline{\underline{0.61}}$$

But  $222 \text{ lb} = W_f$  includes  
some factor of safety (bending  
fatigue ...  $n_{\infty} = 3$ )

If we recalculate  $\sigma_c$  with

$$\frac{224}{3} = 74.7 \text{ lb} = W_f$$

$$\sigma_c' = 36,809$$

$$n = \frac{38,800}{36,809} = \underline{\underline{1.05}}$$

SURFACE  
FAILURE  
BEFORE  
BENDING  
FAILURE

STILL MUCH LESS THAN "3"  
AS IN BENDING



(Fatigue)

# AGMA BENDING STRENGTH, $S_e$ (like $S_e$ )

AGMA CLASS	COMMERCIAL DESIGNATION	HEAT TREATMENT	MINIMUM HARDNESS AT SURFACE	CORE	$S_e$	
					psi	MPa
A-1 through A-5 <b>STEELS</b>	—	Through-hardened and tempered	180 BHN	—	25-33 000	(170-230)
			240 BHN	—	31-41 000	(210-280)
			300 BHN	—	36-47 000	(250-320)
			360 BHN	—	40-52 000	(280-360)
			400 BHN	—	42-56 000	(290-390)

**SURFACE FATIGUE STRENGTH  $S_e$**

↑ high fatigue  $S_e$

AGMA CLASS	COMMERCIAL DESIGNATION	HEAT TREATMENT	MINIMUM HARDNESS AT SURFACE	$S_e$	
				psi	MPa
A-1 through A-5 <b>STEELS</b>	—	Through-hardened and tempered	180 BHN and less	85-95 000	(590-660)
			240 BHN	105-115 000	(720-790)
			300 BHN	120-135 000	(830-930)
			360 BHN	145-160 000	(1000-1100)
			400 BHN	155-170 000	(1100-1200)

SOME STANDARD GEAR STEELS

↑ Note high hardnesses HB

↑ high surface strength

FOR GEARS

WE USE MUCH STRONGER STEELS