## Dynamic Mechanisms



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## BASICS OF LOCI

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## What is a Locus?

- A locus is the movement of a point as it follows certain conditions
- For example, a line is the locus of a point as it moves in a straight path


## The Circle as a Locus

- A circle is the locus of a point which moves so it remains a constant distance from a fixed point "p"
- The fixed point is called the centre and the distance the radius


## Constructions that use Loci

- We use loci to find the midpoint of a line
- The locus of a point which moves so that it is equidistant from two fixed points is called the perpendicular bisector of $A$ the line
- The intersection of the perpendicular bisector and the line segment yields the midpoint



## Constructions that use Loci

- We can used loci to solve simple problems such as finding the bisector of an angle
- The bisector of an angle can be defined as:
- The locus of a point that moves so that it
 remains equidistant from 2 fixed lines


## INVOLUTES

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## Involutes

- An involute is the locus of a point on a line as the line rolls along a shape
- It can also be thought of as the locus of the end of a piece of string as the string is wound/unwound around the circumference



## Applications of Involutes

- Involutes are used to determine the length of belts used in pullies and other machines
- Involutes are also used to calculate the amount of material required to create tyres and wheels


## Involute of a Square


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## Involute of a Hexagon


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## Making Involute models

- http://www.math.nmsu.edu/~breakingaway/L essons/involute1/involute.html
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## TANGENTS TO INVOLUTES

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## Tangents to Involutes

- Involutes are curves, and as with all curves a tangent can be drawn to the involute



## Tangent to an involute at point $P$


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## Tangent to an involute at point $P$




## THE HELIX

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## The Helix

- A helix is the locus of a point as it moves on the surface of a cylinder so that it rotates at a constant rate around the surface of the cylinder, while also progressing in the direction of the axis at a constant rate



## Helix Anatomy



## Helix as a Geodesic

- A geodesic is the shortest distance between two points on a surface
- The geodesic of a cylinder may be:
- A circle
- A linear element
- A helix


## Applications of the Helix

- The helix is used for the thread of bolts, reamers and drill bits
- Springs are derived from the helix
- Helical gears are derived from the helix
- Winding staircases are also derived from the helix



## Applications of the Helix

- The helix may be the most important shape in the universe as the human gene code is structured around a helix



## Left and Right Hand Helix Rule

Place your thumb along the shape of the helix as shown, and you will notice that the shape of the thumb and theethellixanee similar. This is a left
 similar. This is a let
历hisdshæliight hand
 cylinder will be indexed abtactahoskwise


A right hand helix of one revolution



## A left hand helix of one revolution


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A right handed helix of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ revolutions


## Helical Screw Thread: Terminology

- Internal Diameter: Diameter of Shaft/ internal helical curve
- Outside Diameter: Outermost diameter of the thread/helical curve
- Lead: amount of axial advance during one complete revolution of the helix
- Pitch: is the distance from a point on the helix to a corresponding point on the next revolution measured parallel to the axis



## Right handed and Left handed Screw Threads


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## Variations of Helical Screw Threads

- A helical screw thread can consist of more than two helices
- A two start screw thread has four helices
- A three start would have six helices, etc

Single Start


Double Start


## Helical Screw Thread

When large axial movement is required two or more threads may be cut on one screw

Single Start Thread

Pitch = Lead


Two Start Thread
Pitch= $1 / 2$ Lead


## Helical Screw Thread

- Draw one revolution of a single start righthanded screw thread (1⁄2 the pitch) given
- Inside $\varnothing: 40 \mathrm{~mm}$
- Outside $\varnothing: 82 \mathrm{~mm}$
- Lead: 60mm
- Square Thread: 30mm

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## Helix Problems

- Given the plan and elevation of a cylinder with two points on its surface, X and Y . Draw a helix starting from the base of the cylinder and finishing at the top of the cylinder and passing through $X$ and $Y$


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## Helix Problems

- Given the plan and elevation of a cylinder, having the point $P$ on its surface draw a helix of one revolution so as it passes through P


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## SPIRAL GEOMETRY


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## Spiral

- A spiral can be the locus of a point as it moves around a fixed point (pole) while steadily increasing its distance from the point.
- If a line rotate about one of its end points (the pole), and at the same time a point moves continuously in one direction along the line, the locus of the moving point is a spiral


## Conical Helix/Conical Spiral

- A conical spiral is the locus of a point as it moves on the surface of a cone so that it rotates at a constant rate around the cone while also progressing in the direction of the axis at a constant rate
- The plan of a conical spiral is an Archimedean spiral


## Applications of the Conical Spiral

- The conical spiral is used for augers and other boring devices such as screw tips
- It is also used for the construction of Archimedean wells




## Conical Spiral

- Note: A conical spiral is not a geodesic, as the development of a conical spiral is a curve


## Spiral Terminology

| Term | Definition |
| :--- | :--- |
| Pole | The point at the centre |
| Convolution | One complete rotation of the point around the spiral |
| Vector Angle | The angle between any two radius vectors |
| Radius Vector | Any line from pole to a point on the spiral |



## Spiral Types

- There are two main types of spirals:
- Archimedean Spirals
- Logarithmic Spirals


## Archimedean Spirals

- An Archimedean spiral is the locus of a point that moves around a circle at a constant speed while also moving away from/towards the pole at a constant speed



## Applications of the Archimedean Spiral

- The Archimedean spiral is functional as well as aesthetic
- Archimedean springs are used in watch making and door mechanisms
- Because of the link between the conical and Archimedean spiral many of the applications of the Archimedean spiral are exhibited through the conical spiral


## Logarithmic Spirals

- A logarithmic spiral is a spiral that increases/decreases proportionally according to a given rule.
- A logarithmic curve will never terminate at a pole



## Applications of the Logarithmic Spiral

- Logarithmic Spirals are naturally occurring spirals in nature
- The sea shell on the right contains a logarithmic spiral
- The natural occurrence of manmade design in nature or visa versa is known as bio-mimicry


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## Applications of the Logarithmic Spiral

- Some universes branch out in a logarithmic spiral
- An understanding of geometrical shapes may assist scientists and engineers in furthering their research and discoveries


## Spiral Types

Archimedean Spiral


Logarithmic Spiral


## Archimedean Spirals

- Draw an archimedean spiral of one convolution given the longest radius vector as 60 mm and the shortest as 0 mm



## Archimedean Spirals

- Draw an archimedian spiral of $13 / 4$ convolutions given the longest radius vector as 60 mm and the shortest as 20 mm



## Archimedean Spirals

- Construct one convolution of an archimedean spiral given the shortest radius vector of 20 mm and an increase in vector length of 5 mm every $45^{\circ}$


## Add 5 mm onto the

## radius vector for every

$45^{\circ}$ increment



## Logarithmic Spirals

- Construct one convolution of an logarithmic spiral given a vector angle of $30^{\circ}$ and the ratio of the vector lengths as 10:12 (Initial radius not specified)


> Logarithmic spiral derived from similar triangles



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Tangent to an Archimedean spiral at a point P

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Tangent to a Logarithmic spiral at a point $P$



## Animation of a logarithmic spiral involute

- http://mathworld.wolfram.com/LogarithmicS pirallnvolute.html


## LOCI

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## Applications of Loci

- A locus is the movement of a point as it follows certain conditions
- A locus may be used to ensure that moving parts in machinery do not collide
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## Cycloid

- A cycloid is the locus of a point on the circumference of a circle which rolls without slipping along a straight line
- The valve on a car tyre generates a cycloid as the car moves



## Other cycloid animations

- http://www.edumedia-sciences.com/a325 12 cycloid.html
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Draw a cycloid given the circle, the base line and the point on the circumference


Triangulation Method


The cycloid is the locus of a point on the circumference of a circle which rolls without slipping along a straight line
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Triangulation Method with lines omitted for clarity

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## Inferior Trochoid

- An inferior trochoid is the path of a point which lies inside a circle which rolls, without slipping, along a straight line
- The reflector on a bicycle generates an inferior trochoid as the bike moves along a flat surface
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Draw an inferior trochoid given the circle, the base line and the point $P$ inside the circumference



An inferior trochoid is the path of a point which lies inside a circle, which rolls, without slipping along a straight line.

## Superior Trochoid

- A superior trochoid is the path of a point which lies outside a circle which rolls, without slipping, along a straight line
- Timber moving against the cutter knife of a planer thicknesser generates a superior trochoid

Draw a superior trochoid given the circle, the base line and the point $P$ outside the circumference



A superior trochoid is the path of a point which lies inside a circle, which rolls, without slipping around the inside of a fixed circle

## Epicycloid

- An epicycloid is the locus of a point on the circumference of a circle which rolls without slipping, around the outside of a fixed arc/ circle
- The applications and principles of a cycloid apply to the epicycloid
- Various types of cycloids are evident in amusement rides

If a circle rolls without slipping round the outside of a fixed circle then a point P on the circumference of the the rolling circle will produce an epicycloid


Segment lengths stepped off along base arc

An epicycloid is the locus of a point on the circumference of a circle which rolls without slipping, around the outside of a fixed arc/ circle

## Inferior Epitrochoid

- An inferior epitrochoid is the path of a point which lies inside a circle which rolls, without slipping, around the outside of a fixed circle
- The applications and principles of the inferior
 trochoid apply to the inferior epitrochoid

If a circle rolls without slipping round the inside of a fixed circle then a point $P$ inside the circumference of the the rolling circle will produce an inferior epitrochoid



## Superior Epitrochoid

- A superior epitrochoid is the path of a point which lies outside a circle which rolls, without slipping, around the outside of a fixed circle
- The applications and principles of the superior trochoid apply to the superior epitrochoid


If a circle rolls without slipping round the inside of a fixed circle then a point P outside the circumference of the the rolling circle will produce a superior epitrochoid


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## Hypocycloid

- A hypocycloid is the locus of a point on the circumference of a circle which rolls along without slipping around the inside of a fixed arc/circle.
- The applications of the
 cycloid apply to the hypocycloid

If a circle rolls without slipping round the inside of a fixed circle then a point P on the circumference of the the rolling circle will produce a hypocycloid

Segment lengths stepped


## Superior Hypotrochoid

- A superior hypotrochoid is the path of a point which lies outside a circle which rolls, without slipping, around the inside of a fixed circle
- The applications and principles of the superior trochoid apply to the superior hypotrochoid


If a circle rolls without slipping round the inside of a fixed circle then a point P outside the circumference of the the rolling circle will produce a superior hypotrochoid


## Inferior Hypotrochoid

- An inferior
hypotrochoid is the path of a point which lies inside a circle which rolls, without slipping, around the inside of a fixed circle
- The applications and principles of the inferior trochoid apply to the inferior hypotrochoid


If a circle rolls without slipping round the inside of a fixed circle then a point $P$ inside the circumference of the the rolling circle will produce an inferior hypotrochoid

Segment lengths stepped off along base arc


## Loci of irregular paths

- The path the object follows can change as the object rolls
- The principle for solving these problems is similar ie. triangulation
- Treat each section of the path as a separate movement
- Any corner has two distinctive loci points


## Loci of irregular paths



The circle $C$ rolls along the path $A B$ without slipping for one full revolution.
Find the locus of point P.

A

B

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Tangent to a cycloid at a point $P$

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Arc length =Radius of Circle

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Tangent to an epicycloid at a point $P$

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Tangent to the hypocycloid at a point $P$


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## Further Information on Loci

- http://curvebank.calstatela.edu/cycloidmaple/ cycloid.htm
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## COMBINED MOVEMENT

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## Combined Movement



Shown is a circle $C$, which rolls clockwise along the line $A B$ for one full revolution.
Also shown is the initial position of a point P on the circle. During the rolling of the circle, the point P moves along the radial line PO until it reaches 0 .
Draw the locus of P for the combined movement.

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## Combined Movement

Shown is a circle C, which rolls clockwise along the line $A B$ for three-quarters of a revolution. Also shown is the initial position of a point P on the circle. During the rolling of the circle, the point $P$ moves along the semicircle POA to A.

Draw the locus of P for the combined movement.


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## Combined Movement

The profile PCDA rolls clockwise along the line $A B$ until the point $D$ reaches the line $A B$. During the rolling of the profile, the point $P$ moves along the lines PA and AD to D.
Draw the locus of P for the combined movement.


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## LINKAGES


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## Linkages

- Linkages are used to restrict the motion of objects so that they follow a regular path
- Linkages are commonly found in children's toys, windows, automotive parts, etc



## Linkages

- Linkages are used to redirect kinetic energy or other forces
- A scissors jack is a common example of a linkage


## Basic Linkages



Sliding Link

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## Sliding Link

- Sliding links are used to restrict the movement of a link to movement along an axis
- Sliding links have many applications and functions
- Sliding links restrict the opening in windows



## Pivot

- A pivot joins two links together and allows $360^{\circ}$ of freedom about the pivot
- A pivot acts like a hinge
- Pivots are found in many household items



## Crank

- Cranks are used to receive motion or to transfer rotary motion
- Cranks are often used with bevel gears or other variations of gears
- Common examples are in wheel braces, hand mixers etc



## Rocker

- A rocker mechanism restricts the swing of a linkage, to a known angle
- Rockers are very prominent in children's cradles, chairs and similar objects
- The locus of the rocker must be found to ensure the chair doesn't swing too far back



## Linkages

- Mechanisms like this are a common feature in machines
- In order for such
mechansims to operate as desired it is necessary to plot the loci of the parts

Converting Mechanisms to Line Drawings


## Converting Mechanisms to Line Drawings


A ladder $A B$ is leaning against a wall, with one end against the wall and the other on the floor. Plot the locus of the midpoint of the ladder as it slides to the floor


The figure below shows a crank $A B$ which rotates clockwise about point $A$. Link $B C$ is restricted to slide vertically at C.
Plot the locus of point $P$ for one revolution of the crank.
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The figure below shows a crank $A B$ which rotates about the fixed point $B$ in a clockwise direction. Point $C$ is a trunnion. Crank BC pivots about the fixed point $B$ and slides through the trunnion.
Plot the locus of point $P$ for one revolution of the crank $A B$.
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The figure below shows a crank OA which rotates about the fixed point $O$. $A$ and $B$ are pin joints. Crank $B C$ pivots about the fixed point $C$. Plot the locus of point $P$ for one revolution of the crank OA.


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The crank OD rotates anticlockwise about a fixed point O . AB oscillates about the fixed point $A$. $D$ is fixed to a block, which slides along $A B$. Point $C$ is constrained to slide horizontally. Plot the locus of point P during one complete revolution of the crank OD


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The figure below shows a crank Ab which rotates anti-clockwise about pivot C. Another crank CD rotates clockwise about Pivot C. Link BE pivots at $B$ and $E$. Link DEP pivots at $D$ and $E$. Plot the locus of point $P$ for one revolution of the cranks. (Both cranks rotates at the same rate)



The figure below shows a crank $A B$ which pivots about $A$. $B$ is a pivot and $P$ is a sliding link. Plot the displacement diagram for point $P$ for one complete clockwise revolution of the crank.

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## CAMS

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## Cams

- A cam is a machine part for transferring rotary motion to linear motion
- In a radial plate cam, the cam is mounted on a rotating shaft
- The motion is recieved by a follower
- To see a cam in operation click on the link


## Follower Types

- Followers can be knife edged, rollers or flat footed



## Knife Edged Follower



- The point of the follower can follow very complicated cam profiles
- Wears Rapidly
- Must be used at low speeds
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## Displacement Diagrams

- In order to determine the shape of a cam, a displacement diagram is drawn first
- The height of the diagram (A) is equal to the total displacement of the follower ie. the difference between the highest and lowest points
- The width of the displacement diagram does not matter but it is divided into regular divisions representing angular increments (on the cam)
- $30^{\circ}$ increments are generally used



## Uniform Velocity (UV)

- A cam that imparts uniform velocity (UV) has the following displacement diagram
- The cam shown has a rise at uniform velocity, followed by a fall at uniform velocity
- The follower rises and falls at a constant speed
- Shown over is the cam profile with uniform velocity rise and uniform velocity fall
- The disadvantage of uniform velocity is abrupt changes of movement of the follower



## Dwell

- A dwell is a period when there is no displacement of the follower
- Cam radius remains constant
- A cam will have a circular profile for periods of dwell
- Note the circular segment on the cam



## Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

- Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM) is the gentle acceleration and deceleration of the end view of a point as it rotates at constant speed around the diameter of a circle
- Simple harmonic motion produces a sine curve
- Shown over is the outline of a cam with SHM rise and SHM fall



## Uniform Acceleration and Retardation (UAR)

- A follower with Uniform Acceleration and Retardation (UAR) will accelerate and decellerate at the same rate
- The path of UAR is parabolic and can be drawn using the rectangle method
- Shown over is the outline of a cam with UAR rise and UAR fall



## Cams

- Draw the displacement diagram for a plate cam rotating in an anticlockwise direction imparting the following motion to the inline knife edge follower:
- UV rise $0^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$ of 40 mm
- Dwell $90^{\circ}-180^{\circ}$
- SHM fall $180^{\circ}-360^{\circ}$ of 40 mm
- The nearest approach of the follower to the cam shaft centre is 20 mm
- The can shaft diameter is 15 mm

Nearest approach of follower
Total rise 40 20mm
$\varnothing 15$ mm shaft

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## Cams

- Draw the displacement diagram for a plate cam rotating in a clockwise direction imparting the following motion to the inline knife edge follower:
-SHM rise $0^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$ of 35 mm
- UV rise $90^{\circ}-210^{\circ}$ of 10 mm
- UAR fall $210^{\circ}-360^{\circ}$ of 45 mm
- The nearest approach of the follower to the cam shaft centre is 20 mm
- The cam shaft diameter is 15 mm

Nearest approach of follower
Total rise 45 20mm Ø15 mm shaft

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Plot the follower displacement diagram for an in-line knife-edge follower in contact with the cam profile shown below


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## Roller Followers



- Are used because they give a smoother movement and they wear more evenly


## Cams

- Draw the displacement diagram for a plate cam rotating in an anticlockwise direction imparting the following motion to the roller follower:
- UV rise $0^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$ of 40 mm
- Dwell $90^{\circ}-180^{\circ}$
- SHM fall $180^{\circ}-360^{\circ}$ of 40 mm
- The roller follower has a diameter of 12 mm
- The nearest approach of the roller centre to the cam shaft centre is 20 mm
- The cam shaft diameter is 15 mm

Nearest approach of follower
Total rise 40 20mm
Roller Ø12


## Flat Footed Follower



- Wears slower than a knife edge follower
- May bridge over hollows


## Cams

- Draw the displacement diagram for a plate cam rotating in an anticlockwise direction imparting the following motion to the flat follower:
- UV rise $0^{\circ}-90^{\circ}$ of 40 mm
- Dwell $90^{\circ}-180^{\circ}$
- SHM fall $180^{\circ}-360^{\circ}$ of 40 mm
- The follower extends 6 mm to either side
- The nearest approach of the follower to the cam shaft centre is 20 mm
- The can shaft diameter is 15 mm

Nearest approach of follower
Total rise 40 20mm


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## GEARS

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## Gears

- Gears are toothed wheels
- Gears are used to transmit motion
- Gears are also used to convert rotary to linear motion or visa versa
- Gears can be used to reduce or increase the torque on an object
- Gears are found in watches, engines and toys


## Types of Gears

- There are many different types of gears, each of which are designed for their specific purpose
- Different types of gears are used in the following machines:
- Drills: Bevel Gears
- Car engines: Helical Gears
- Watches: Epicycloidal Gears
- Power transmission: Involute Spur Gears



## Gear animations

- http://www.mekanizmalar.com/involute1.sht ml


## Why gears?

- Imagine two disks in contact at their circumference (friction wheels)
- These two disks meet at one point
- If one disk rotates it imparts motion to the other disk
- However these disks are prone to slipping
- Large pressure must be exerted between the disks in order to create a sufficient frictional force between them
- Friction wheels will only be used where low power is required
- Introducing teeth will eliminate slipping occurring



## Spur Gears

- A spur gear is a toothed wheel
- The shape of the teeth is derived from either an involute curve or an epicycloidal curve
- The involute is the most commonly used curve




## Gear Terms

| Term | Definition |
| :--- | :--- |
| Driver <br> Gear | When two gears are in mesh the gear with <br> the power (connected to the shaft) is called <br> the driver |
| Pinion | When two gears are in mesh the smaller <br> gear is called the pinion, and the gear which <br> power is transmitted to is called the driven <br> gear |
| Rack | It is a spur gear whose radius is at infinity) |

## Gear ratio

- The gear ratio is the ratio at which one gear rotates relative to the other and it is directly proportional to the diameter of the gears
- Diameter of driver gear = D
- Diameter of driven gear = d
- Gear ratio= D:d
- If the driver gear has a diameter of 200 and the driven gear has a diameter of 100 then the gear ratio will be 2:1
- The driven gear rotates twice as fast as the driver gear
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## Gear teeth

- The aim of designing gear teeth is that the faces of the teeth will roll across each other, minimalising the sliding friction
- Two types of curves are commonly used:
- Involute
- Epicycloidal


## Involute Curves




## Parts of a Gear Tooth



- An imaginary circle which corresponds to the outside diameter of the friction rollers from which the spur gears are derived.
- Formula =
- Module $\times$ Number of teeth


## Parts of a Gear Tooth

- Radial distance from the pitch circle to the top of the tooth
- Formula:
- Addendum = module


## Addendum



## Parts of a Gear Tooth

- Radial distance from the pitch circle to the bottom of the tooth space
- Formula:
- Dedendum $=1.25 \times$ module


## Dedendum



## Parts of a Gear Tooth



- Distance between the top of a tooth and the bottom of the mating space
- Formula:
- Dedendum - Addendum
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## Parts of a Gear Tooth



- The base circle is the imaginary circle from which the involute is created

Formula:

- Base Circle Diameter = Pitch Circle Diameter $\times$ cos (pressure angle)


## Parts of a Gear Tooth

- Distance measured along the pitch circle from a point on one tooth to a corresponding point on the next tooth. This includes one tooth and one space.
- Formula:
$-\{\pi \mathrm{d}($ circumference $)\} \div \mathrm{n}$


## Circular Pitch



## Parts of a Gear Tooth

- Circular thickness:

Thickness of one tooth measured along the pitch circle, equal to $1 / 2$ the circular pitch.

Formula:

- Circular pitch $\div 2$


## Circular Thickness



## Parts of a Gear Tooth

- Outside Diameter: is the diameter of the circle that contains the top of the teeth $=$
- Formula:
- Pitch Circle Diameter + 2 addendum


## Parts of a Gear Tooth

- Diameter of the root circle
- Formula:
- Pitch Circle Diameter - 2 dedendum
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## Parts of a Gear Tooth

- Full height of the tooth
- Formula:
- Addendum + Dedendum
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Whole Depth


## Parts of a Gear Tooth

- Distance a tooth projects into the mating space
- Formula:
$-2 \times$ Addendum
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## Working Depth



## Parts of a Gear Tooth

- Angle created at the centre of the gear between a point on one tooth on the PCD, and the corresponding point on an adjacent tooth
- Formula:
- $360 \div$ number of teeth


## Angular Pitch

Circular Pitch
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## More Terminology

- Common Tangent - A line tangential to the two base circles along which contact between the meshing teeth takes place, also known as the line of action
- Pitch Point - Point of contact between the pitch circles of meshing gears




## Parts of a Gear Tooth

| Term | Definition |
| :---: | :--- |
| Pitch Surface | Is an imaginary cylindrical surface which contains the pitch circle <br> of a gear |
| Addendum | Is the part of the tooth outside the pitch |
| Dedendum | Is the part of the tooth inside the pitch surface |
| Flank | Is the part of the tooth that comes into contact with other gears |
| Tip Surface | Is and imaginary surface at the top of the tooth |
| Root Surface | Is an imaginary surface at the bottom of the tooth |
| Top Land | Is the part of the tooth between opposite flanks |
| Bottom Land | Is the part of the root surface between opposite flanks |
| Tooth Trace | Is the intersection between the pitch surface and the flank of the <br> tooth |

## Gear Terminology




## Gear Terms

| Term | Symbol | Definition |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Addendum | a | The part of the tooth that extends outside of the pitch <br> circle/pitchline <br> The addendum is always equal to the module <br> a=m |
| Base Circle | BCD | An imaginary circle from which the tooth shape is generated <br> The base circle $=$ the pitch circle diameter $\times$ cos (pressure <br> angle) <br> BCD=PCD $\times \cos$ (pressure angle) |
| Circular Pitch | p | Inis circle can be constructed graphically <br> corresponding point on the next tooth <br> Measured around the pitch circle <br> $p=\pi m$ |

## Gear Terms

| Term | Symbol | Definition |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Circular Tooth Thickness | c | The thickness of a tooth measured along the pitch <br> circle $\quad$ Circular tooth thickness $=\mathrm{p} / 2$ |
| Clearance | Is the space underneath the tooth when it is in <br> mesh <br> Clearance $=1 / 4$ of the addendum <br> c =d -a <br> $=0.25 \mathrm{a}$ <br> $=0.25 \mathrm{~m}$ |  |
| Dedendum |  | Is the part of the tooth which is inside the pitch <br> circle or the pitch line <br> $=1.25 \times$ addendum $\quad d=1.25$ a |
| Line of Action | Contact between the teeth of meshing gears takes <br> place along a line tangential to the two base circles <br> This line passes through the pitch point |  |

## Gear Terms

| Term | Symbol | Definition |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Module | m | Is the pitch circle diameter divided by the number of <br> teeth <br> The module for gears in mesh must be the same or they <br> will vibrate and wear badly <br> $\mathrm{m}=$ PCD/t |
| Pitch Circle Diameter | PCD |  |
| Pinion |  | When two gears are in mesh the smaller gear is called the <br> pinion |
| Pitch Angle | PC | Is the circle representing the original cylinder which <br> transmitted motion by friction |
| Pitch Circle | When two gears are in mesh their pitch circles will be <br> tangiental to each other. The pitch point is the point of <br> contact betweeen the two circles |  |
| Pitch Point |  |  |
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## Gear Terms

| Term | Symbol | Definition |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pressure Angle | $\Theta$ | The angle between the line of action and the common <br> tangent to the pitch circles at the pitch point <br> The pressure angle is normally $20^{\circ}$ but may be $14.5^{\circ}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Tip Circle |  | A circle through the tips of the teeth |  |  |  |  |
| Wheel | When two gears are in mesh the larger one is called the <br> wheel |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whole depth |  | Is the depth of the tooth from tip to root <br> Whole depth = addendum + dedendum |  |  |  |  |
| Working Depth |  | The whole depth - the clearance |  |  |  |  |

## Line of action

- To ensure the gear motion is smooth, quiet and free from vibration, a direct line of transmission must act between the gear teeth
- This line of action, or common normal determines the pressure angle of the teeth and passes through the pitch point.
- i.e. Gears in mesh meet at only one point which is the intersection of their Pitch Circle Diameters
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## Other line of action animations

- http://science.howstuffworks.com/gear8.htm



## Rack

- A rack is a straight toothed bar
- Technically it is a spur gear whose radius is at infinity
- Because of this all
 principles of circular spur gears hold true

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## Line of action for a rack and pinion animation

 $+$- http://www.brockeng.com/mechanism/RackNPinion.htm


## Gears

- Given a pitch circle diameter of 200 mm and a module of 10 , and a pressure angle of $20^{\circ}$ construct the spur gear.
- Show at least four teeth on the gear
- Teeth to be constructed by the involute method.

| Gear | Calculations | Results |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Module (m) |  | 10 |
| No. of teeth (t) |  | 20 |
| Pressure angle ( - ) | $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{t}$ | $20^{\circ}$ |
| Pitch circle diameter (PCD) | $\mathrm{PCD} \times \cos \Theta$ | 200 mm |
| Base circle diameter | $\mathrm{a}=\mathrm{m}$ | 187.9 mm |
| Addendum (a) | $1.25 \times \mathrm{m}$ | 10 mm |
| Dedendum (d) | $\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{a}$ | 12.5 mm |
| Clearance | $\mathrm{PCD}+2 \mathrm{a}$ | 2.5 mm |
| Tip circle diameter | $\pi \times \mathrm{m}$ | 220 mm |
| Root circle diameter | $\mathrm{p} \div 2$ | 175 mm |
| Circular pitch (p) | $360^{\circ} \div \mathrm{t}$ | 31.4 mm |
| Tooth thickness | 15.7 mm |  |
| Pitch angle |  | $18^{\circ}$ |




## SOLUTION USING UNWINS METHOD




Tangent to base circle
Clearance Circle
Radius 1A

Pitch Point (P)
Tooth Thickness

Bisector of tooth thickness (radiating to CP of PCD)

## Axial Symmetry of Centre point 1

Radius 1P

Bottom of tooth profile radiates into centre point


## Gears

- Draw two involute spur gears in mesh and show five teeth on each gear.
- The gear ratio is 4:3.
- Driver gear details: Module=8, teeth=24, pressure angle=20

| Driver Gear | Calculations | Results |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Module (m) |  | 8 |
| No. of teeth (t) |  | 24 |
| Pressure angle ( - ) | $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{t}$ | 20 |
| Pitch circle diameter (PCD) | $\mathrm{PCD} \times \cos \Theta$ | 192 |
| Base circle diameter | $\mathrm{a}=\mathrm{m}$ | 180.4 |
| Addendum (a) | $1.25 \times \mathrm{m}$ | 8 |
| Dedendum (d) | $\mathrm{PCD}+2 \mathrm{a}$ | 10 |
| Clearance | $\mathrm{PCD}-2 \mathrm{~d}$ | 2 |
| Tip circle diameter | $\pi \times \mathrm{m}$ | 208 |
| Root circle diameter | $\mathrm{p} \div 2$ | 172 |
| Circular pitch (p) | $360^{\circ} \div \mathrm{t}$ | 25.13274123 |
| Tooth thickness | 12.56637061 |  |
| Pitch angle | 15 |  |


| Driven Gear | Calculations | Results |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Module (m) |  | 8 |
| No. of teeth (t) | $4: 3=24: 18$ | 18 |
| Pressure angle ( - ) |  | 20 |
| Pitch circle diameter (PCD) | $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{t}$ | 144 |
| Base circle diameter | $\mathrm{PCD} \times \cos \Theta$ | 135.3 |
| Addendum (a) | $\mathrm{a}=\mathrm{m}$ | 8 |
| Dedendum (d) | $1.25 \times \mathrm{m}$ | 10 |
| Clearance | $\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{a}$ | 2 |
| Tip circle diameter +2 a | 160 |  |
| Root circle diameter | $\mathrm{PCD}-2 \mathrm{~d}$ | 124 |
| Circular pitch (p) | $\pi \times \mathrm{m}$ | 25.13274123 |
| Tooth thickness | $\mathrm{p} \div 2$ | 12.56637061 |
| Pitch angle | $360^{\circ} \div \mathrm{t}$ | 20 |

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## Gears

- An involute gear is in mesh with a rack.
- The involute gear has 20 teeth, a pressure angle of $20^{\circ}$ and module of 10 .
- Draw the gear and rack in mesh, showing four teeth on the gear and an equivalent on the rack.

| Gear Wheel | Calculations | Result |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Module (m) |  | 10 |
| No. of teeth (t) |  | 20 |
| Pressure angle (O) |  | 20 |
| Pitch circle diameter (PCD) | $\mathrm{m} \times \mathrm{t}$ | 200 |
| Base circle diameter | $\mathrm{PCD} \times \cos \Theta$ | 187.9 |
| Addendum (a) | $\mathrm{a}=\mathrm{m}$ | 10 |
| Dedendum (d) | $1.25 \times \mathrm{m}$ | 12.5 |
| Clearance | $\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{a}$ | 2.5 |
| Tip circle diameter | $\mathrm{PCD}+2 \mathrm{a}$ | 220 |
| Root circle diameter | $\mathrm{PCD}-2 \mathrm{~d}$ | 175 |
| Circular pitch (p) | $\pi \times \mathrm{m}$ | 31.4 |
| Tooth thickness | $\mathrm{p} \div 2$ | 15.7 |
| Pitch angle | $360^{\circ} \div \mathrm{t}$ | 18 |


| Rack | Result |
| :--- | :---: |
| Module | 10 |
| Pressure angle | $20^{\circ}$ |
| Addendum | 10 mm |
| Dedendum | 12.5 mm |
| Clearance | 2.5 mm |
| Pitch | 31.4 mm |
| Tooth thickness | 15.7 mm |


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## Links to Dynamic Mechanisms

- http://www.ul.ie/~nolk/maincontents.htm
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