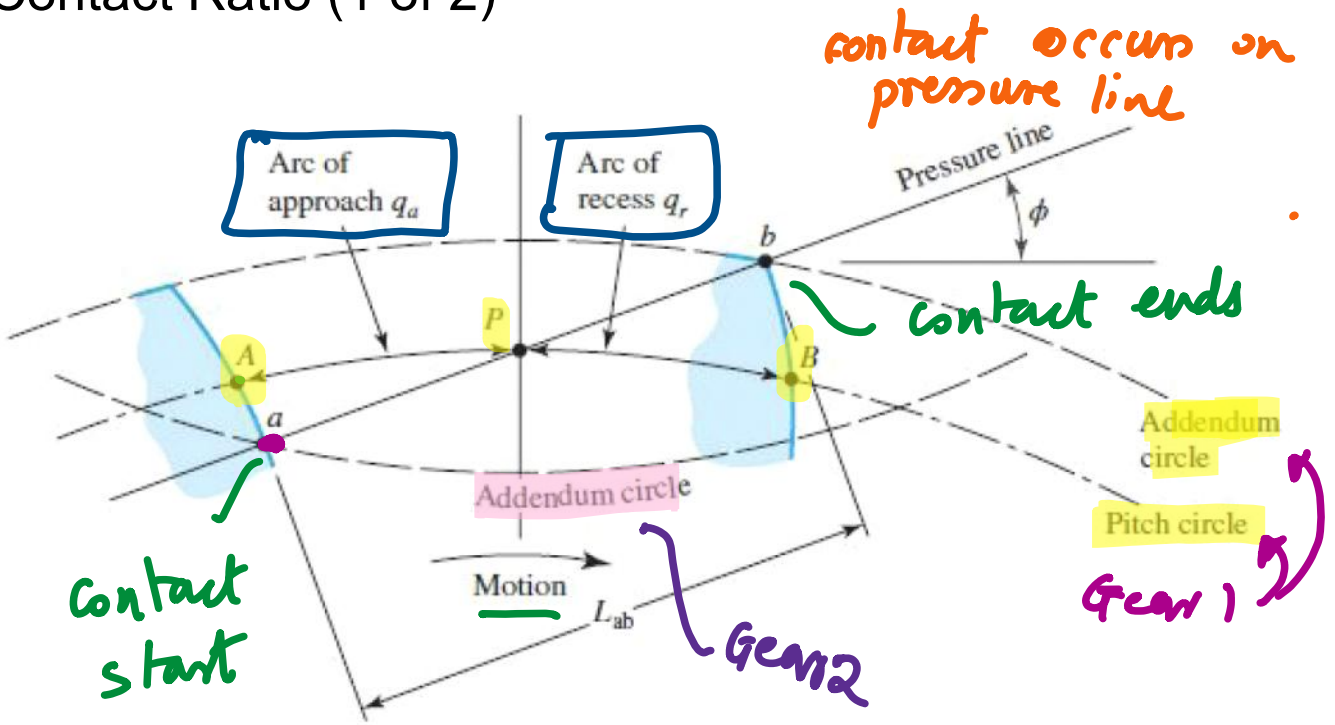


Contact Ratio (1 of 2)



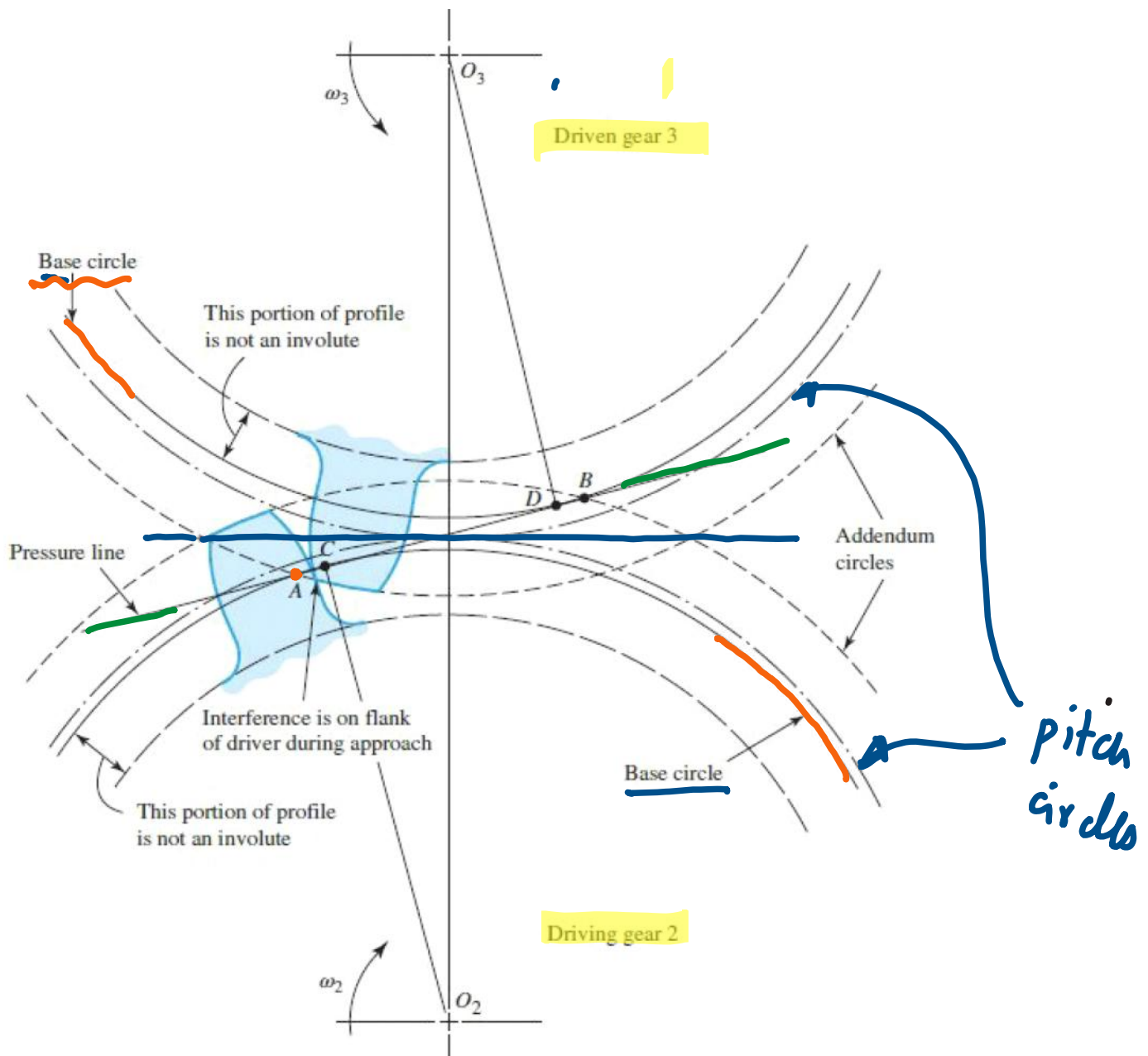
- contact starts at 'a' and ends at 'b'
- 'a' & 'b' are where the pressure line intersects the addendum circle
- Teeth drawn at 'a' and 'b' intersect the pitch circle at A and B.
- AP is the arc of approach (q_a)
PB is the arc of recess. (q_r)
AP+PB is the arc of action q_t .

Contact Ratio (2 of 2)



- If the arc of action is equal to the pitch. i.e., $q_t = p$. This means that exactly one tooth + space occupies the arc of action. In other words, when a tooth is beginning contact at 'a', the adjoining tooth is leaving contact at 'b'. Thus only one tooth will be in contact
- If $q_t = 1.2p$ implies that one tooth + 20% of the second tooth are in contact
- contact ratio (m_c) $\cdot m_c = \frac{q_t}{p}$
- General recommendation is $1 \leq m_c \leq 1.2$ because inaccuracies in mounting might increase the m_c , increasing the possibility of impact between the teeth.

Interference (1 of 2)



- A and B on the pressure line are the initial & final contact points
- C and D are contacts on base circle
- C & D inside A & B leads to interference.

- Interference is explained as follows.
- CD is the involute portion of the gear
- But AC and DB are outside the involute portion
- Hence there interference at AC & DB
- Since this is a geometric phenomenon, we can compute the minimum number of teeth to avoid interference

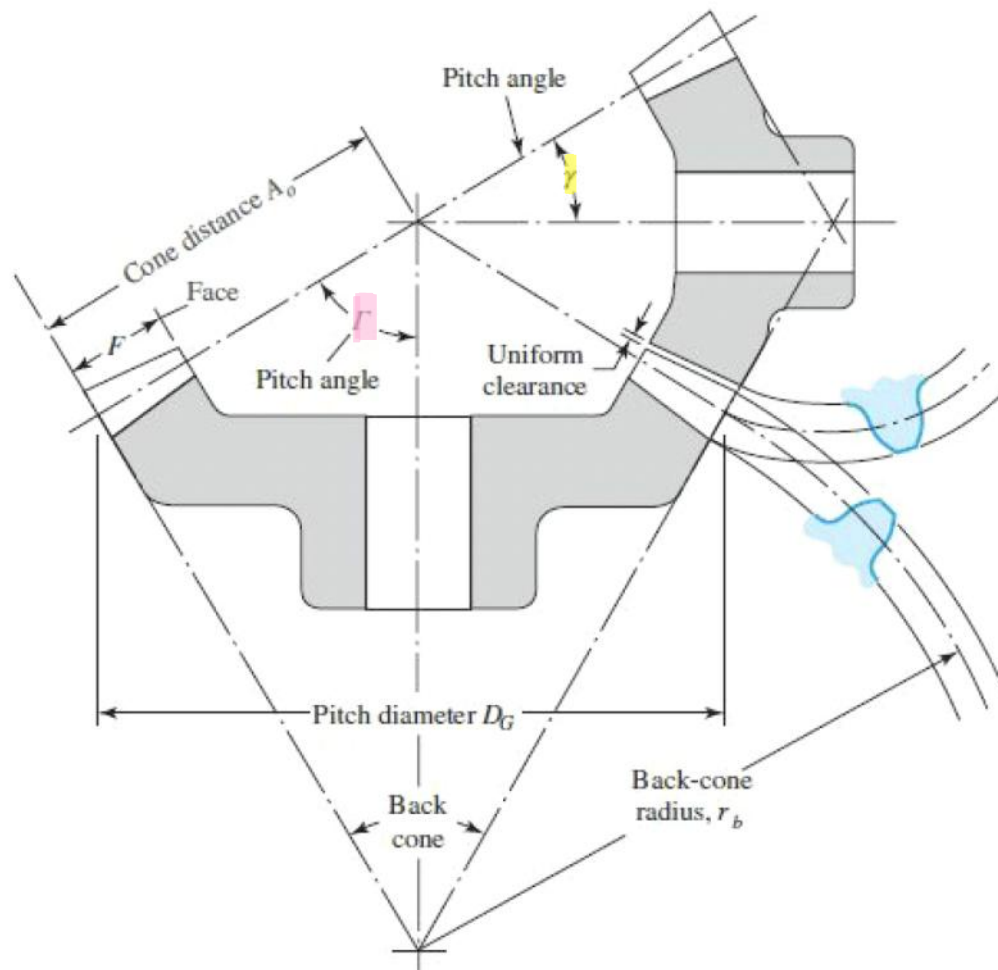
$$N_p = \frac{2k}{(1+2m)\sin^2\phi} \left(m + \sqrt{m^2 + (1+2m)\sin^2\phi} \right)$$

$$m = N_G / N_p$$

$$k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{full depth} \\ 0.8 & \text{stub teeth} \end{cases}$$

$$\phi = \text{pressure angle}$$

Bevel Gears



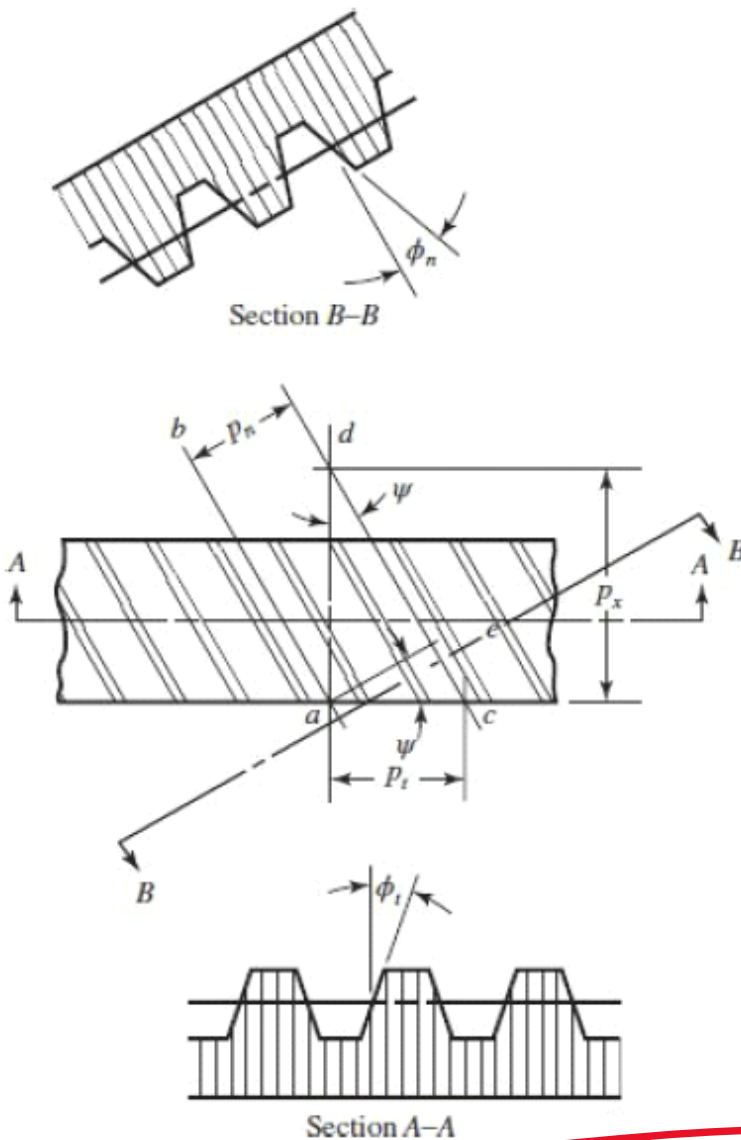
$$\tan \gamma = \frac{N_p}{N_G} \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \Gamma = \frac{N_G}{N_p}$$

N_p, N_g - number of teeth of pinion and gear

γ, Γ - pitch angle of pinion & gear

ttrr

Helical Gears



$$\cos \psi = \frac{\tan \phi_n}{\tan \phi_t}$$

ϕ_n, ϕ_t pressure angle in the normal and tangential direction.

ψ - helix angle

P_t, P_n - transverse, normal circular pitch

P_x - axial pitch

P_t, P_n - transverse normal diametral pitch.

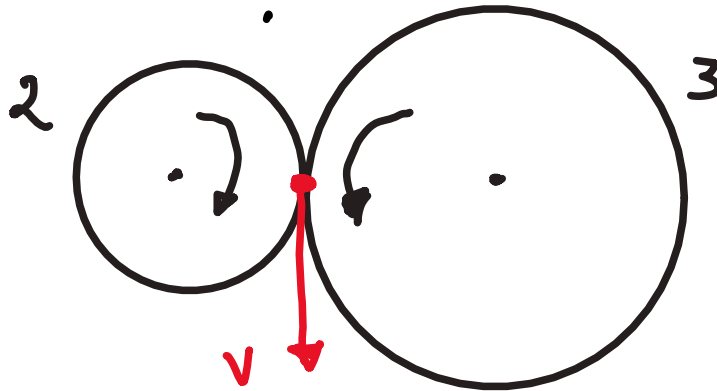
$$P_t = \frac{\pi}{d} \quad P_n P_n = P_t P_t = \pi$$

$$P_n = \frac{P_t}{\cos \psi} \quad P_n = P_t \cos \psi$$

$$P_x = \frac{P_t}{\tan \psi}$$

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Gear Trains Formula



$$\frac{N_2}{N_3} = \frac{d_2}{d_3} = -\frac{n_3}{n_2}$$

N - number of teeth

d - pitch diameter

n - speed in rev/min

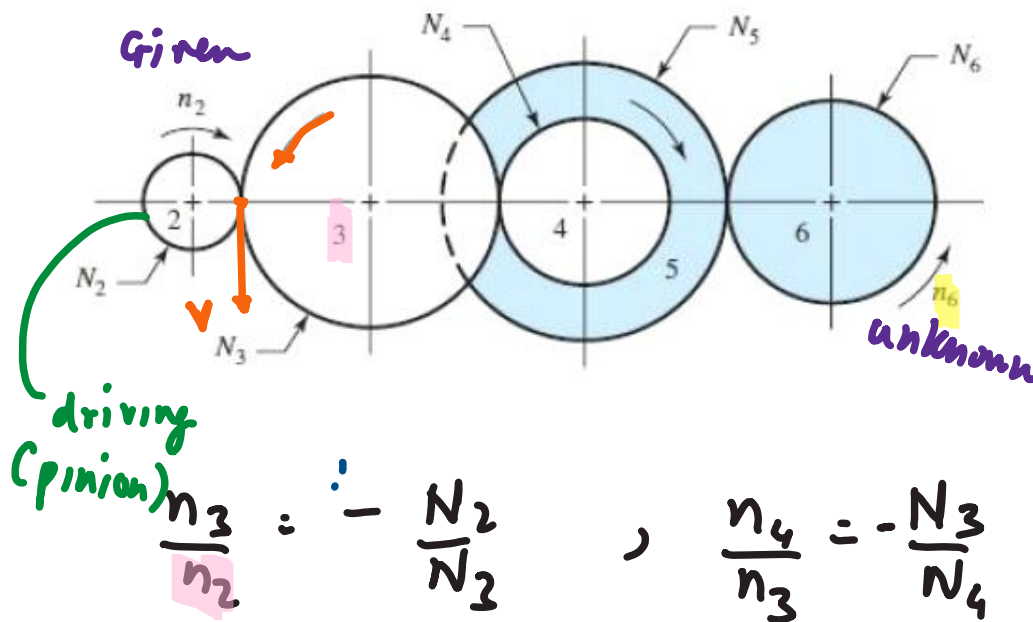
NOTE

$$N \propto d \propto \frac{1}{n} \propto \frac{1}{\omega}$$

$$p = N/d$$

↑
pitch

Gear Train Example



always start numbering with 2 because 1 is reserved for the shaft for gear 2.

$$\frac{n_3}{n_2} = -\frac{N_2}{N_3}, \quad \frac{n_4}{n_3} = -\frac{N_3}{N_4}$$

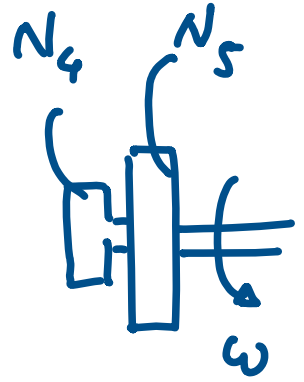
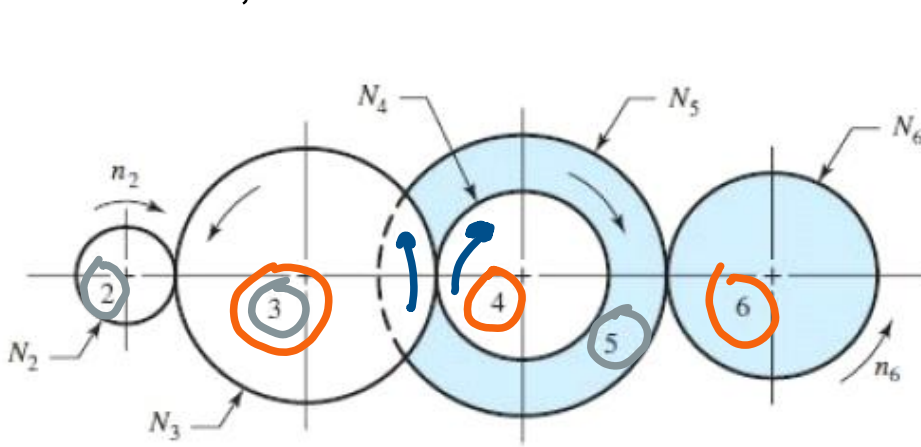
$$\left(\frac{n_5}{n_4} = 1 \right) \quad \text{same shaft} \quad , \quad \frac{n_6}{n_5} = -\frac{N_5}{N_6}$$

$$n_6 = \left(-\frac{N_5}{N_6} \right) (1) \left(-\frac{N_3}{N_4} \right) \left(-\frac{N_2}{N_3} \right) n_2$$

$$n_6 = -\left(\frac{N_5}{N_6} \right) \left(\frac{N_2}{N_4} \right) n_2$$

Note. N_3 does not appear in this expression. It acts as an idler ensuring that 2 and 4 spin in the same direction.

Gear Trains, Generalization



Train value (e)

$$e = \pm \frac{\text{product of driving tooth numbers}}{\text{product of driven tooth numbers}}$$

If last gear rotates in the same direction as the first the sign of e is positive else it is negative

$$n_L = e n_F$$

n_L, n_F is speed of last & first gear

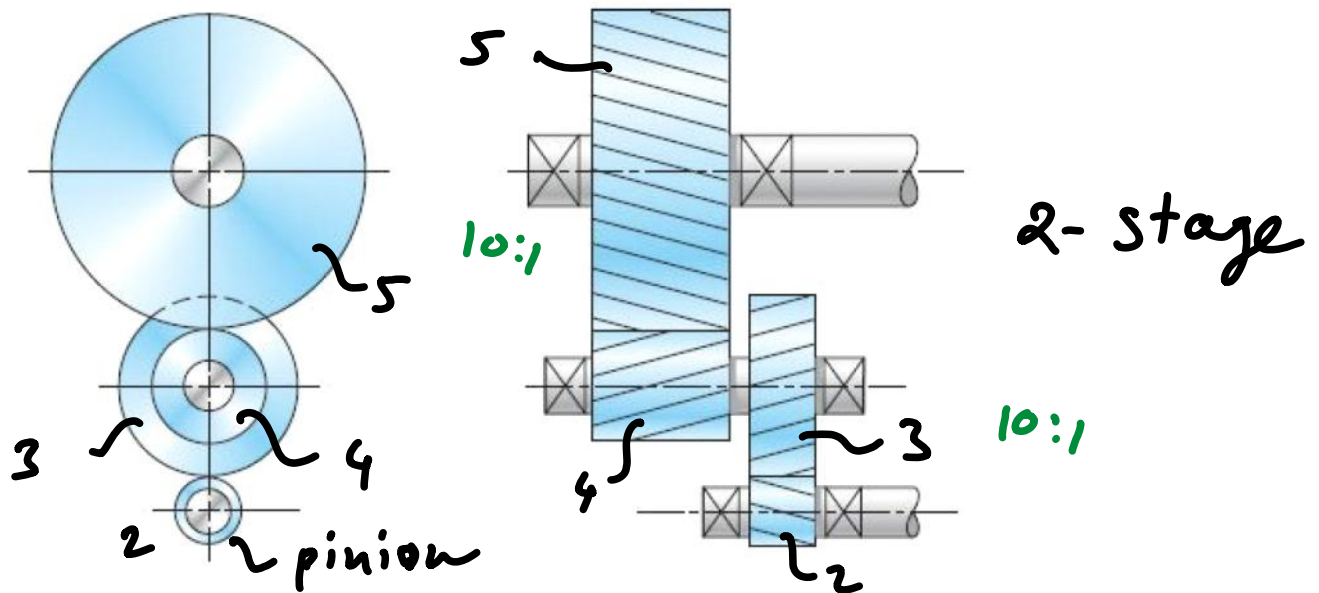
$2, 3, 5$ are drivers, $3, 4, 6$ are driven
last gear rotates in opposite direction of first

$$e = - \frac{N_2 \cancel{N_3} N_5}{\cancel{N_3} N_4 N_6} = - \frac{N_2}{N_4} \frac{N_5}{N_6}$$

$$n_6 = e n_2 \Rightarrow n_6 = - \frac{N_2}{N_4} \frac{N_5}{N_6} n_2$$

$$n_6 = e n_2 \Rightarrow n_6 = -\frac{N_2}{N_4} \frac{N_5}{N_6} n_2$$

Compounding gear train



A gear reduction of 10:1 can be obtained with a pair of gears.

To obtain a larger reduction within a limited space compound gears as shown above are used.

In the above compound gear train a reduction of 100:1 is obtained using 2-stage gear reduction.

To choose gear in a n-stage compound gear train with a gear ratio of m , use $m^{1/n}$ for reduction at each stage. Then tune them up for other constraints.

$(100)^{1/2} \approx 10 \quad n=2$

then make them up for the constraints.

$$(10^6)^{1/n} \approx 10 \quad n=6$$

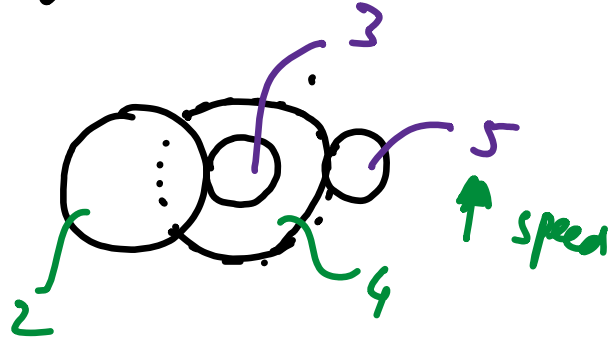
Q1

A gear box is needed to provide 30:1 increase in speed while minimizing the overall gearbox size. Specify appropriate tooth numbers

Since the reduction is between 10:1 and $10^2:1$, we need 2-stages.

Each stage we want

$$(m)^{1/n} = (30)^{1/2} \\ = 5.4472$$



Lets compute the minimum number of gears.

$$N_p = \frac{2k}{(1+2m) \sin^2 \phi} m + \sqrt{m^2 + (1+2m) \sin^2 \phi}$$

$$m = 5.4472, \phi = 20^\circ, k=1 \text{ (full depth)}$$

$$\text{Solve } N_p = 15.86 \approx 16 \text{ (minimum number of teeth to avoid interference)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_3 = N_5 = N_p = 16 \quad (\text{driven / gear}) \\
 N_2 = N_4 = 16 (5.4472) = 87.16 \approx 88 \\
 (\text{driving gear/pinion})
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} N_3 = N_5 = N_p = 16 \\ N_2 = N_4 = 16 (5.4472) = 87.16 \approx 88 \end{aligned}} \right] \text{Design}$$

Check

$$\underline{e} = \frac{\text{driving gear}}{\text{driven gear}} = \frac{N_2 \cdot N_4}{N_3 \cdot N_5} = \frac{88 \cdot 88}{16 \cdot 16}$$

$$e = 30.25 > 30$$

$$N \propto d \propto \frac{1}{n} \propto \text{Torque}$$

$$\text{Torque} \times n \propto \text{Power}$$

Q2

A gear box is needed to provide exact 30:1 increase in speed while minimizing the overall gearbox size. Specify appropriate tooth numbers

Previous example, we got a gear reduction of 30:25.

Choose minimum teeth for N_3, N_5

$$N_3 = N_5 = 16$$

$$e = \left(\frac{N_2}{N_3} \right) \left(\frac{N_4}{N_5} \right) = 30$$
$$= (6)(5)$$

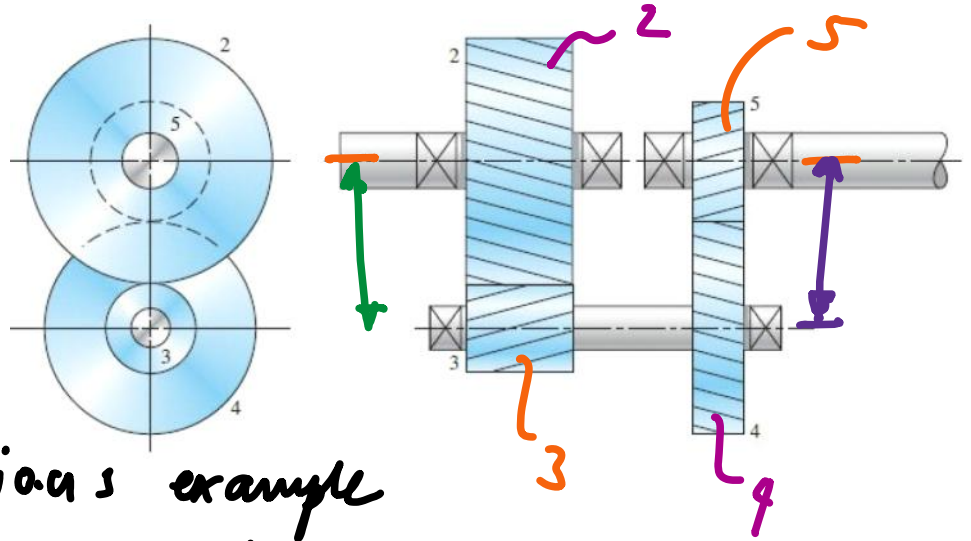
$$N_2 = 6(16) = 96$$

$$N_4 = 5(16) = 80$$

Design

Q3

The compound reverted gear train needs to provide exact 30:1 increase in speed. Specify appropriate tooth numbers



From previous example

$$\frac{N_2}{N_3} = 6 \text{ } \textcircled{1}, \quad \frac{N_4}{N_5} = 5 \text{ } \textcircled{2}$$

We also need to have

$$\frac{d_2}{2} + \frac{d_3}{2} = \frac{d_4}{2} + \frac{d_5}{2}$$

Since $p = N/d$

$$\frac{N_2}{\cancel{2p}} + \frac{N_3}{\cancel{2p}} = \frac{N_4}{\cancel{2p}} + \frac{N_5}{\cancel{2p}} \text{ } \textcircled{3}$$

We have 3 equations and 4 unknowns.

(i) Assume N_3 based on minimum gear formula and calculate the rest using the equations

$$\textcircled{\times} \underline{N_3 = 16}; \quad N_2 = 6N_3 = 96$$

$$N_2 + N_3 = \underline{N_4} + N_5 \quad \textcircled{\times}$$

$$96 + 16 = \underline{5N_5} + N_5$$

$$112 = 6N_5$$

$$\Rightarrow N_5 = \frac{112}{6} = \boxed{18.67} \approx 19 \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{round} \end{array}$$

But the issue is that

$$\checkmark e = \left(\frac{N_2}{N_3} \right) \left(\frac{N_4}{N_5} \right) = \left(\frac{96}{16} \right) \left(\frac{5 \cdot 19}{19} \right) = 30 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{\times} 96 + 16 = 5(19)$$

$$112 \neq 114 \quad [N_2 + N_3 \neq N_4 + N_5]$$

We need to solve with

$$N_3 = 17, 18, \dots$$

till both the condition e & distance equations are satisfied

(ii) Assume $N_3 = N$ (parameter)

$$N_2 = 6 N_3 = 6N$$

$$N_4 = 5 N_5$$

$$N_2 + N_3 = N_4 + N_5$$

$$6N + N = 5N_5 + N_5$$

$$7 \underline{N} = 6 N_5$$

Find integer solutions to this equation

$$N = 6 ; N_5 = 7 \quad (\text{X})$$

 $N_{\min} = 16$

$$7N = 6N_5$$

$$a) \quad 7 \cdot 16 = 6 \cdot N_5$$

$$N_5 = 18.67 \quad (\times)$$

$$b) \quad 7 \cdot 17 = 6 \cdot N_5$$

$$N_5 = 19.8 \quad (\times)$$

$$(c) \quad 7 \cdot \underline{18} = 6N_5$$

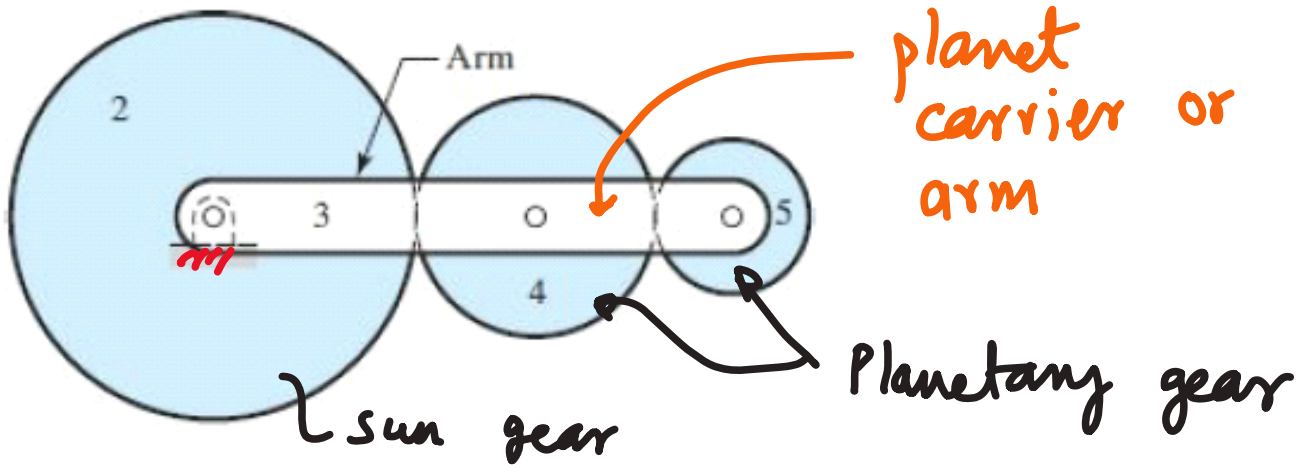
$$N_5 = \underline{21} \quad (\checkmark)$$

$$N_5 = 21$$

$$; \quad N_4 = 5N_5 = 105$$

$$N = N_3 = 18 ; \quad N_2 = 6N = 108$$

Planetary or Epicyclic Gear Trains



Planetary gears include (i) sun gear
(ii) planet gears (iii) planet carrier or arm

We need to specify 2 inputs to be able to analyze motion. However, most often the arm is fixed to the frame and has zero speed

$$\frac{n_5 - n_3}{n_2 - n_3} = e$$

More generally,

$$\frac{n_L - n_A}{n_F - n_A} = e$$

L, F, A are last gear
first gear and
arm

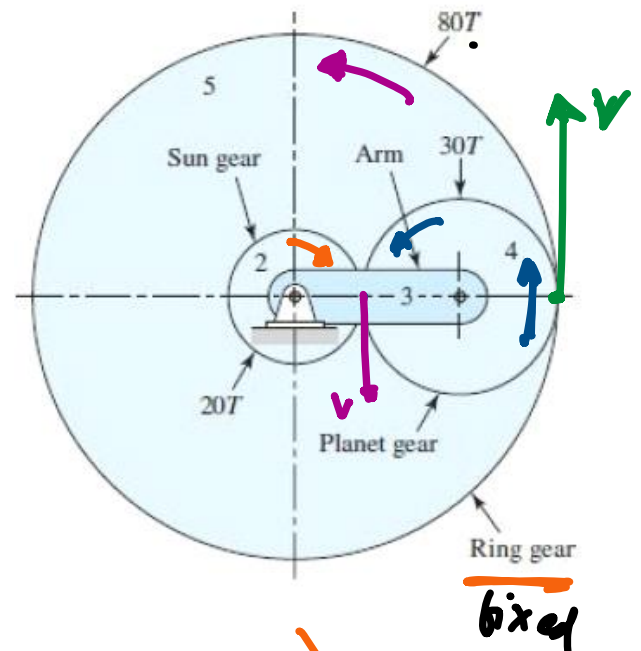
Q4

The sun gear is the input and it is driven clockwise at 100 rev/min. The ring gear is held stationary as it is fastened to the frame. Find the rev/min and direction of rotation of the arm and the gear 4

$$n_3 = ?$$

$$n_4 = ?$$

- unlock ring gear
- lock arm 3
- planet / ring



$$e = - \frac{\text{teeth on driving}}{\text{teeth on driven}} = - \frac{N_2}{N_4} \cdot \frac{N_4}{N_5} = - \frac{20}{80}$$

$$e = -0.25$$

$$\frac{n_L - n_A}{n_F - n_A} = e \Rightarrow \frac{0 - n_A}{-100 - n_A} = -0.25$$

$$\Rightarrow n_A = -20 \text{ rev/min}$$

$$n_A = 20 \text{ rev/min CW}$$

$$\frac{n_{43}}{n_{23}} = \frac{n_4 - n_3}{n_2 - n_3} = - \frac{\text{teeth driving}}{\text{teeth driven}}$$

$$= - \frac{N_2}{N_4} = - \frac{20}{30}$$

$$\frac{n_4 - (-20)}{-100 - (-20)} = - \frac{20}{30}$$

Solving

$$n_4 = +33.5 \text{ rev/min}$$

$$n_4 = 33.5 \text{ rev/min (CW)}$$