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Gears 3

Gear design analysis

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Gears related Lecture sessions

Gears 1 • Introduction to gears

- Functions & types
- Gear terminologies & conjugate action
- Involute profile, fundamental equations, tooth system

Gears 2 • Gear trains and their applications

- Simple and compound trains
- Planetary train
- Differential unit
- Applications

Gears 3 • Gear stress analysis & design

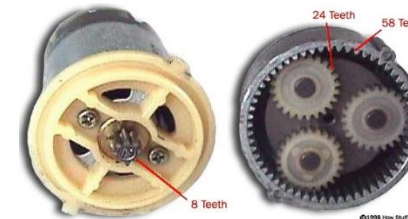
- Common forms of gear failure
- Gear force analysis
- AGMA gear stress analysis and design



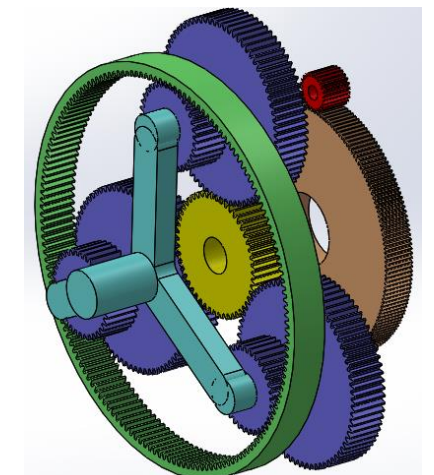
Future geared turbofan engine, like [RR Ultrafan](#)



Nissan Leaf gearbox



Planetary gearbox of mini hand drill



A SW model of WT gearbox

Outline of Gears 3

- **Gear stress analysis and design**

Part 1:

- Common forms of gear failure
- Gear force analysis

Part 2:

- Basic equations of gear **bending and contact stresses**

Part 3:

- AGMA based gear stress analysis and design
 - **AGMA bending & contact stress** calculations
 - **AGMA allowable bending & contact stresses** of a chosen material
 - General gear design procedure

Part 4:

- A worked example

Common forms of gear failure

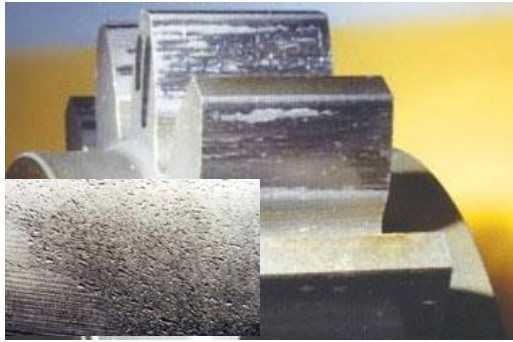


Bending fatigue (due to cyclic bending stress at tooth root)



Pitting (common gear failure caused by surface damage from cyclic contact stress)

<http://machinedesign.com/article/recognizing-gear-failures-0621>



Micropitting (surface failure due to use of surface hardened gears, small craters)



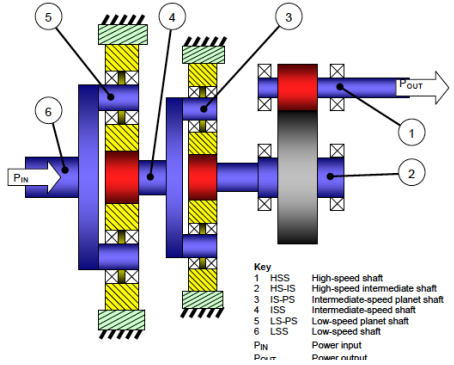
Scuffing (adhesive wear which instantly damages tooth surfaces in relative motion)



A **1.5MW WT**, Portsmouth, RI, **Gearbox failed aft 3yrs operation** with a **20yrs design life**.

Gearbox configuration: 2 planetary stages + 1 stage of parallel gears with a ratio of 1:120 to convert 17rpm from rotor to 2000rpm of generator

<https://www.wind-watch.org/documents/gearbox-failure-investigation/>

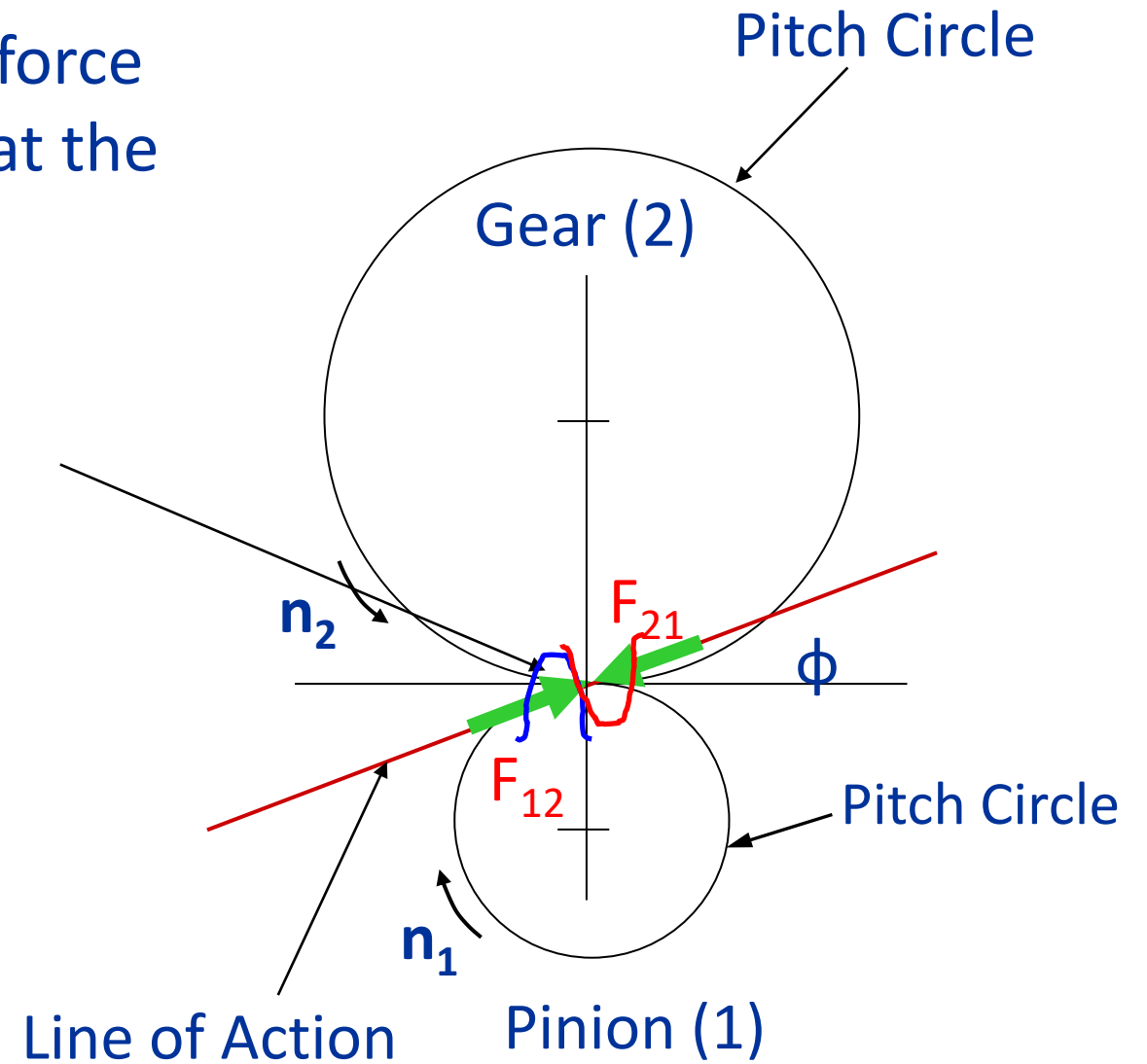
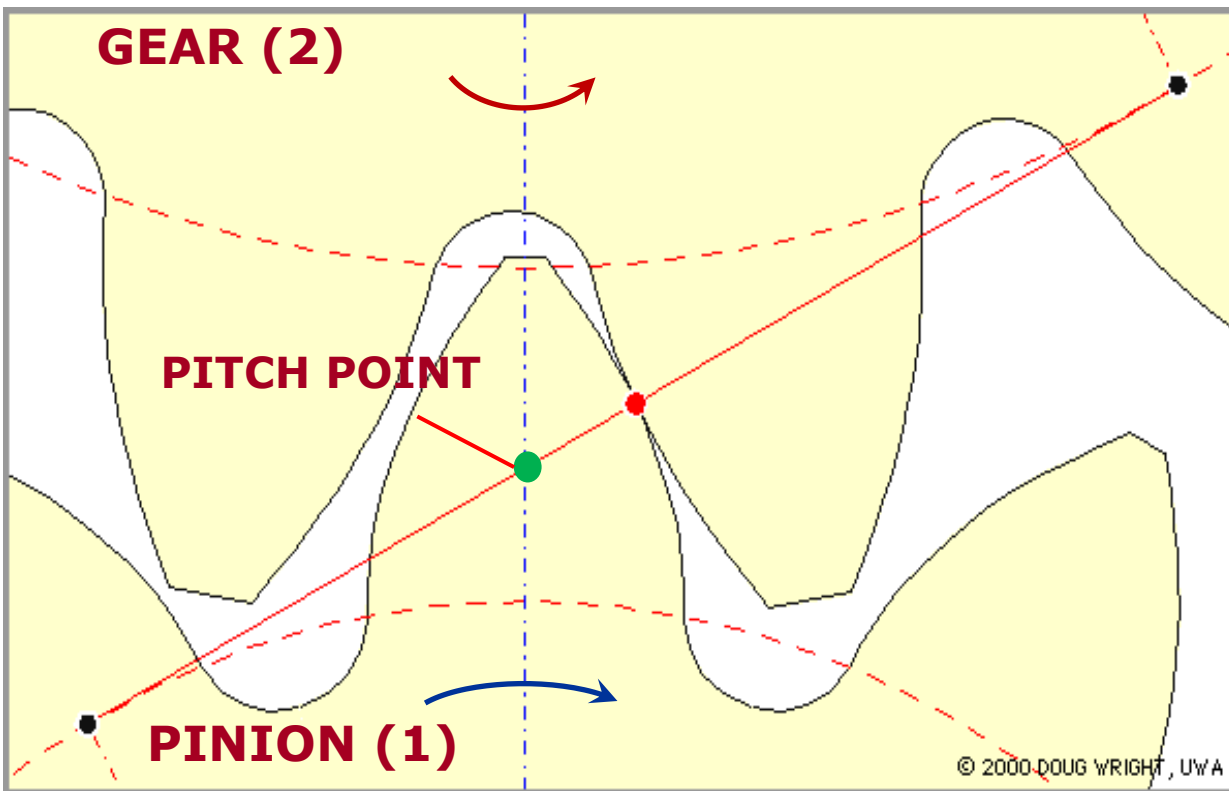


Key questions for gear design analysis

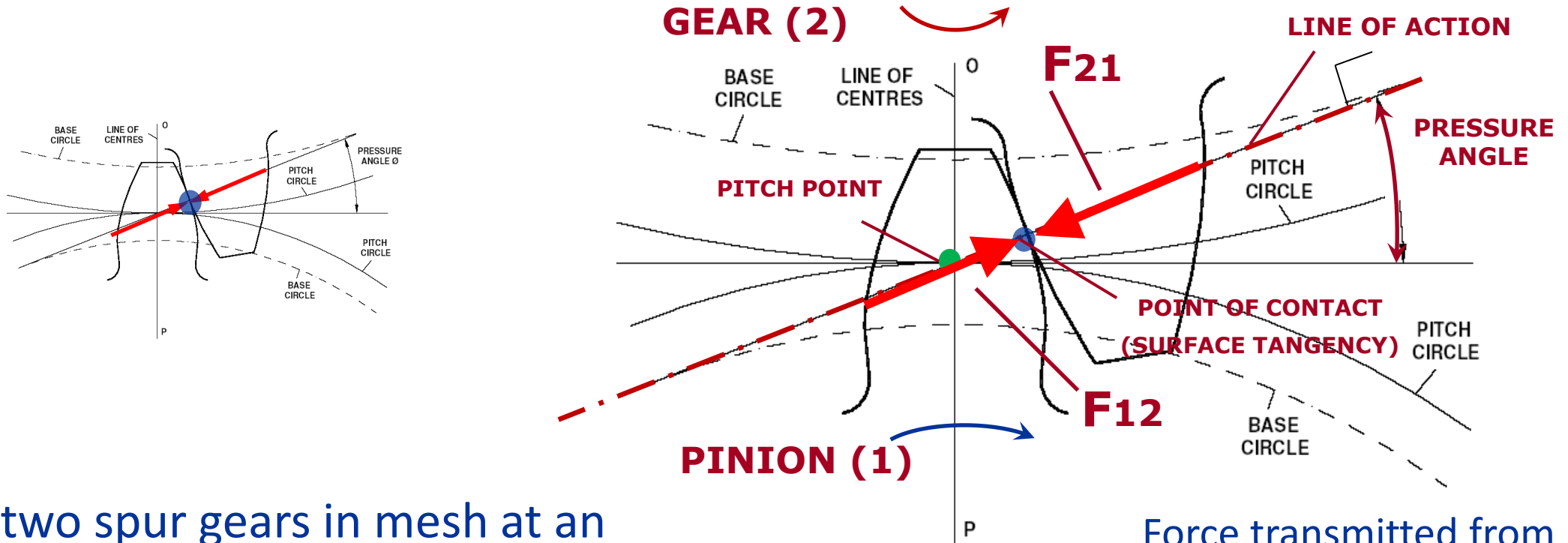
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Gear force analysis

Gear Design Calculation is based on force transmitted along the line of action at the **Pitch Point**



Gear force analysis



For two spur gears in mesh at an arbitrary point on the **line of action**

Force transmitted from the pinion to the gear

F₁₂ - Force by the Pinion (1) on Gear (2)

F₂₁ – Force by the Gear (2) on Pinion (1)

Gear force analysis

F_{21}^T = Force by Gear 2 on Pinion 1 - Tangential

W_T = Transmitted load, i.e. $W_T = F_{21}^T$

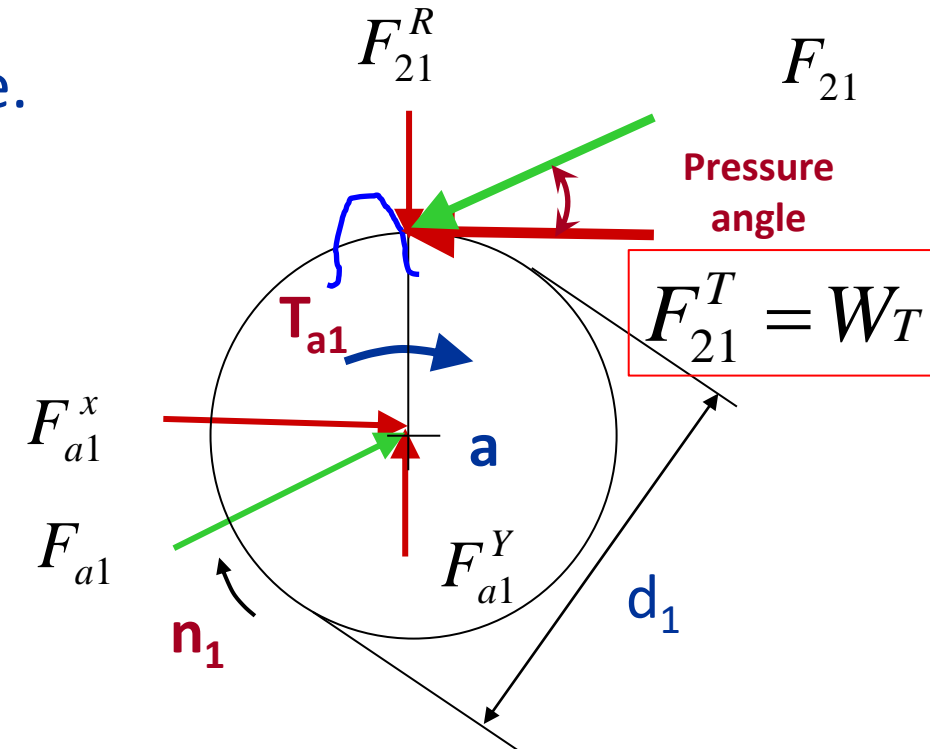
T_{a1} = Torque exerted by **Shaft a** on Pinion (1), i.e.

$$T_{a1} = \frac{W_T d_1}{2} \quad P = T_{a1} \omega_1 \quad \text{or} \quad P = W_T V_{d_1/2}$$

$$V_{d_1/2} = \frac{d_1}{2} \omega_1, \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{60} n(\text{rpm})$$

where, **P** is power (kW), **d1** is pitch diameter of the pinion (mm), **ω 1** is pinion speed (rad/s) and **n1** is pinion speed (rpm).

$$W_T = \frac{60 \times 10^3 P}{\pi d_1 n_1} \text{ (kN)} \quad \text{or} \quad W_T = \frac{P}{V_{d_1/2}}$$



Free Body Diagram:
Forces acting on **Pinion (1)**

Gear force analysis

F_{12}^T = Force by Pinion (1) on Gear (2) - Tangential $W_T = F_{12}^T$

F_{12}^R = Force by Pinion (1) on Gear (2) - Radial

F_{b2}^x = Force by **Shaft b** on Gear (2)–x Direction

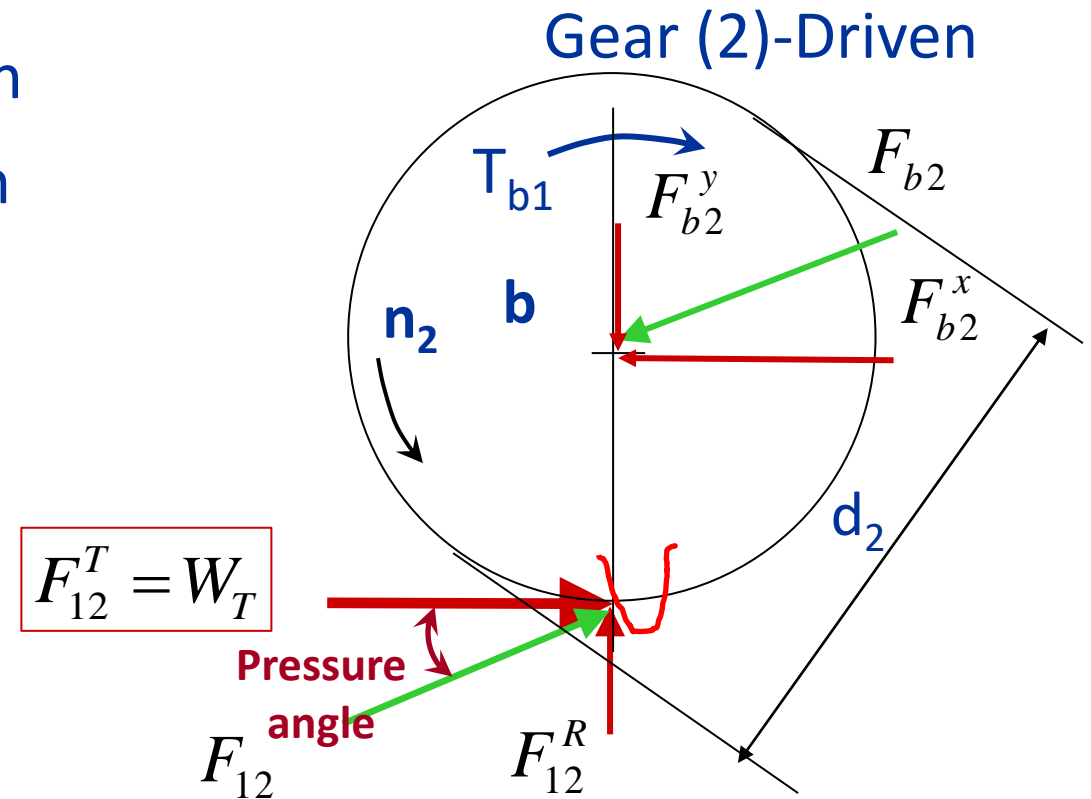
F_{b2}^y = Force by **Shaft b** on Gear (2)-y Direction

T_{b2} = Torque exerted by **Shaft b** on Gear (2)

$$T_{b2} = \frac{W_T d_2}{2}$$

Transmitted load on Gear (2)

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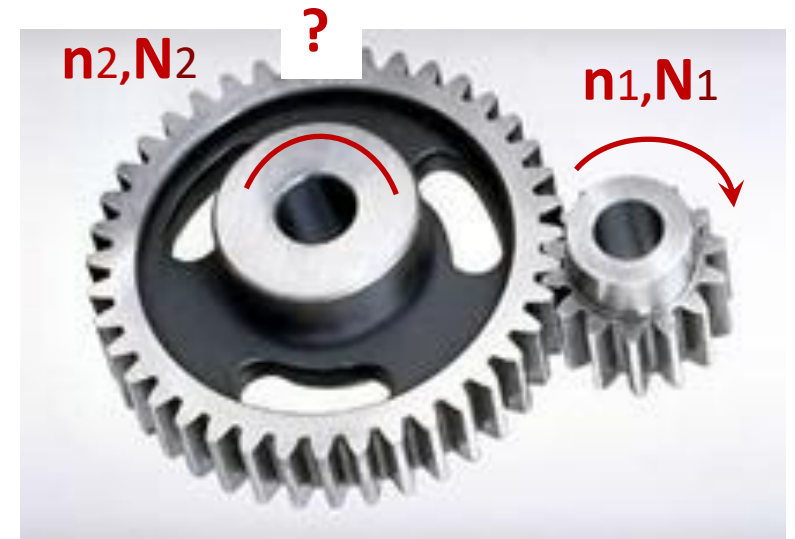
**Free Body Diagram:
Forces acting on Gear (2)**

Worked example 1: transmitted load

For a pair of spur gears, the **module** for the pinion and gear is $m=2$ mm. The **numbers of teeth** for the pinion and gear, are $N_1=20$ and $N_2=40$, respectively. The rotating speed of the pinion is $\omega_1=900$ rpm (clockwise). The rated power for this gear set is $P=0.94$ kW.

Determine:

- 1) the speed and direction of rotation of the gear n_2 ,
- 2) the transmitted load W_T of the gear set.



Worked example 1: solution

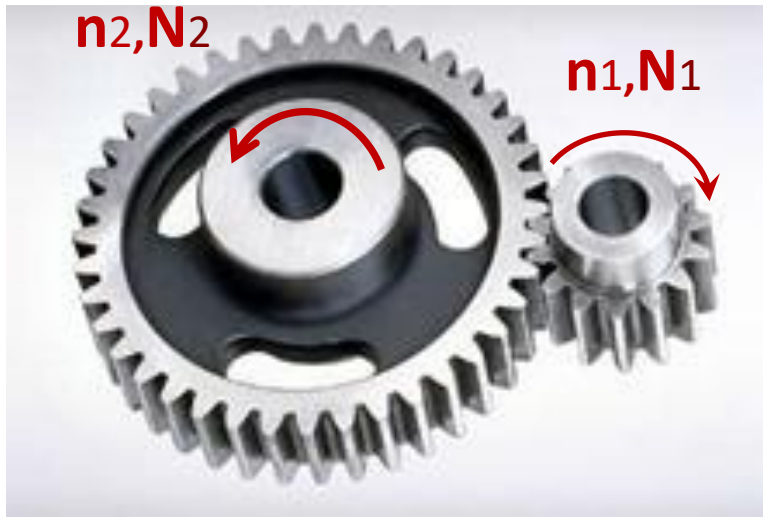
1) The speed and direction of the gear, ω_2 :

Use the gear ratio equation:

$$Z = \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} = -\frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

$$n_2 = -\frac{N_1}{N_2} n_1 = -\frac{20}{40} \times 900 = -450 \text{ (rpm)}$$

The direction of rotation of the gear is **anti-clockwise**.



2) The transmitted load, W_T :

The pitch diameter of the pinion, $d_1 = mN_1 = 2 \times 20 = 40 \text{ (mm)}$

The transmitted load, W_T $V_{\frac{d_1}{2}} = \frac{d_1}{2} \frac{2\pi}{60} n_1 = 1.85 \text{ (m/s)}$

$$W_T = \frac{60 \times 10^3 P}{\pi d_1 n_1} = \frac{60 \times 10^3 \times 0.94}{3.1416 \times 40 \times 900} = 0.5 \text{ (kN)}$$

$$W_T = \frac{10^3 P}{V_{\frac{d_1}{2}}} = \frac{10^3 \times 0.93}{1.85} = 502.7 \text{ (N)}$$



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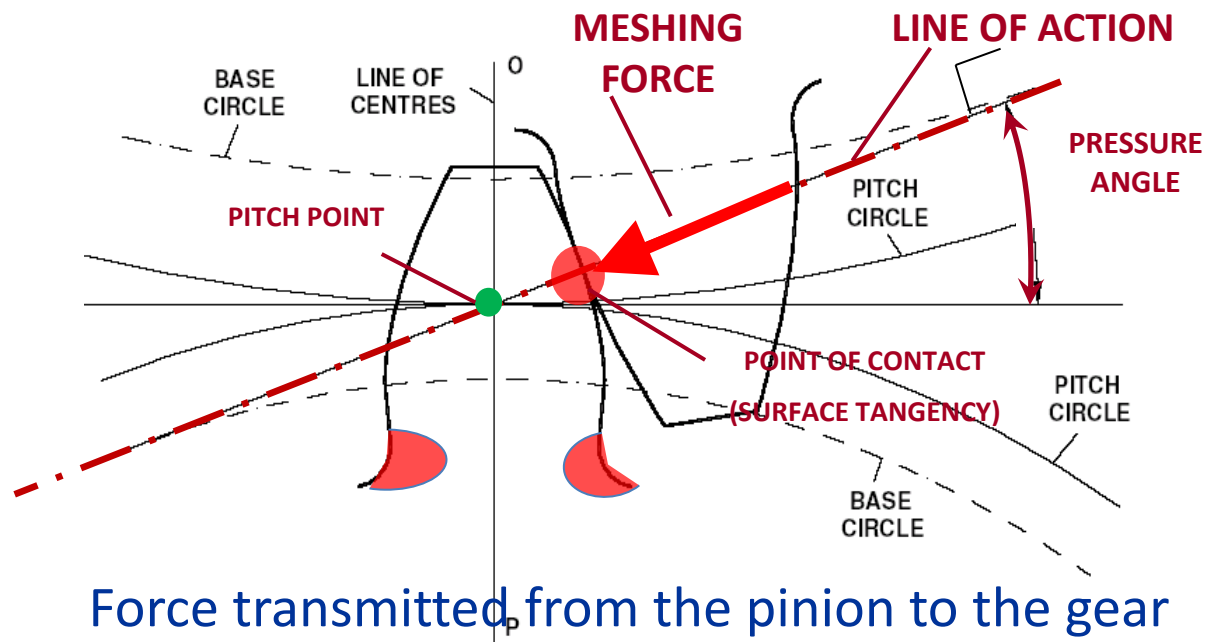
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Gear stress analysis



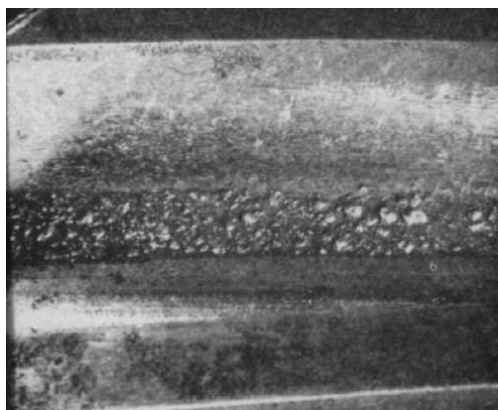
Tooth bending fatigue



Force transmitted from the pinion to the gear



Pitting
(surface
fatigue failure)



Micro pitting

- Force is always normal to the meshing point along the **line of action**,
- which generates a **bending moment thus stress** at the root of the gear &
- a stress concentration called **contact stress** at the meshing point

Spur gear stress analysis

Gears experience **two types of stresses**:

1. **Bending stress** (at the root of tooth)
2. **Contact stress** (on teeth faces) due to meshing

Standards for Gear Stress Analysis:

- **AGMA** (American Gear Manufacturers Association) – **(ANSI/AGMA 2101-C95)** (~70 pages)
- **BS ISO 6336-1~6: 2006** (~300 pages)



Approach:

1. Calculate **maximum bending and contact stresses** in gears
2. Compare to **allowable bending and contact stresses** with a chosen gear material

In using **AGMA** or **BS/ISO** in gear design calculation, **it is important to**

- understand **basic concepts & methods, important assumptions;**
- be careful of many **parameters (units) & empirical nature of affecting factors.**

Basic equation for gear bending stress

Gear tooth may be simplified as a cantilever beam (**Lewis Bending Equation, 1892**)

Worst case assumption:

- W_t (transmitted Load) applied at the top of tooth
- One pair of teeth in contact.

Maximum Bending Stress:

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M \cdot y}{I} = \frac{(W_t \cdot l) \cdot \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{f \cdot t^3}{12}\right)} = \frac{6 \cdot W_t \cdot l}{f \cdot t^2}$$

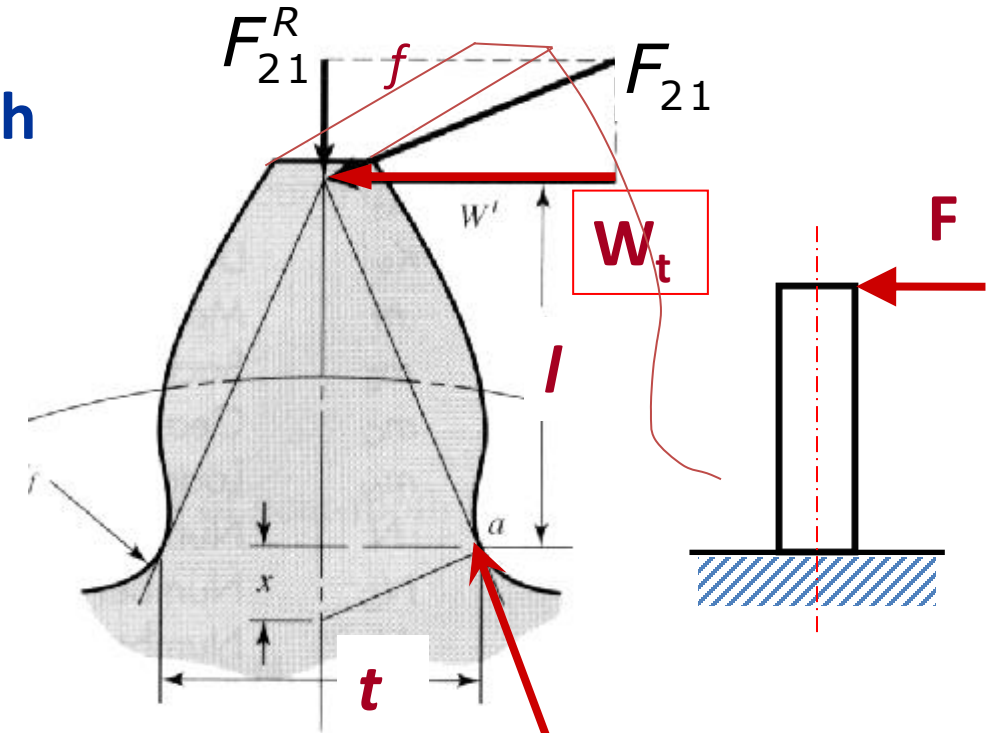
W_t = transmitted load

I = 2nd moment of area ($I = \frac{f \cdot t^3}{12}$)

l = height of tooth

t = thickness of tooth at flank

f = face width of tooth



σ_b = Maximum Bending Stress

Basic equation for gear bending stress

Rearrangement of the maximum bending stress

σ_b = Maximum Bending Stress

$$\sigma_b = \frac{W_t}{F m Y}$$

W_t = transmitted load

F = face width

m = Module

Y = geometry factor

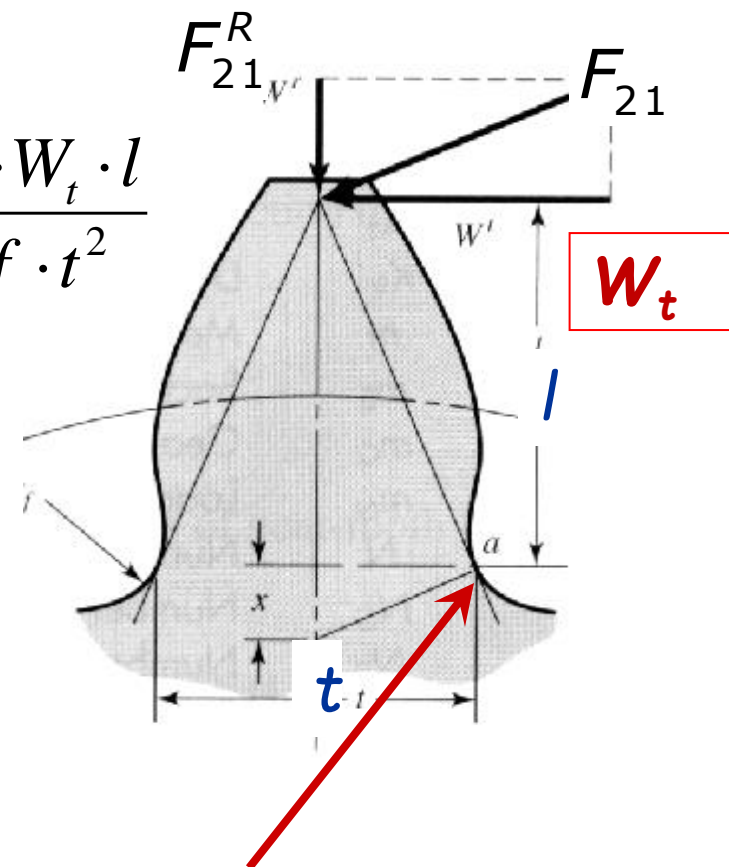
Geometry factor Y accounts for stress concentration at root of tooth

$$\sigma_b = \frac{6 \cdot W_t \cdot l}{f \cdot t^2}$$

$$\frac{t/2}{x} = \frac{l}{t/2} \rightarrow t^2 = 4xl$$

and assume

$$Y = \frac{2}{3} x/m$$



σ_b = Maximum Bending Stress

Basic equation for gear contact stress

Contact stress between two cylinders (Hertzian contact stress equation, 1882)

$$p_{\max} = \frac{2F}{\pi b l}$$

p_{\max} = maximum surface pressure

F = force applied to the cylinders

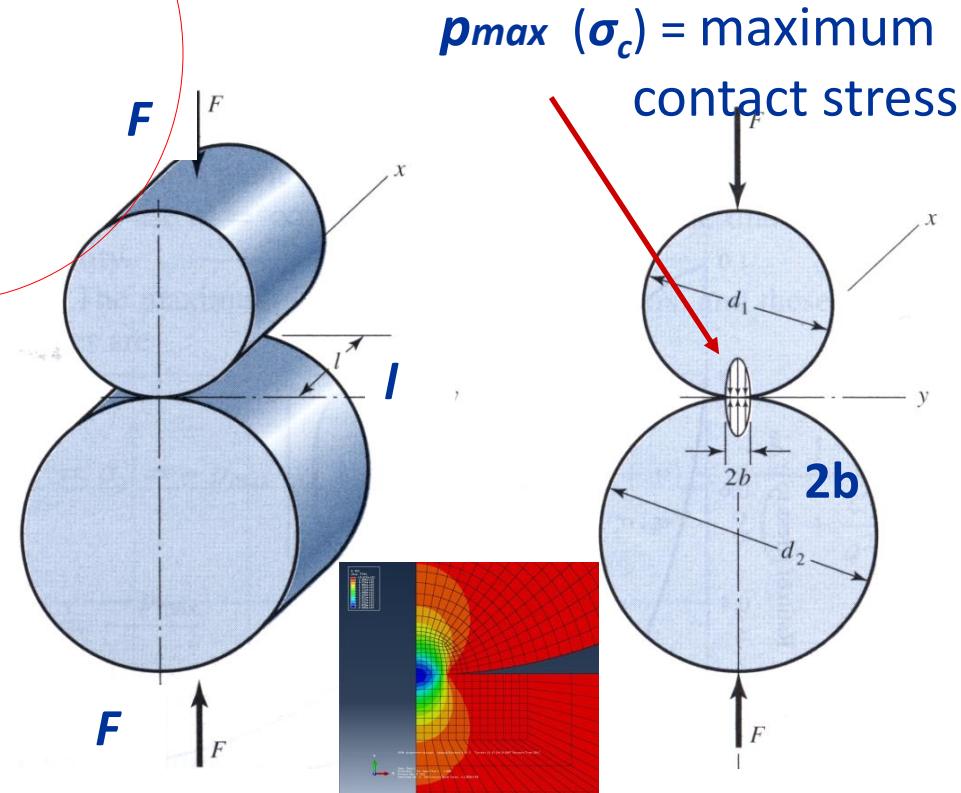
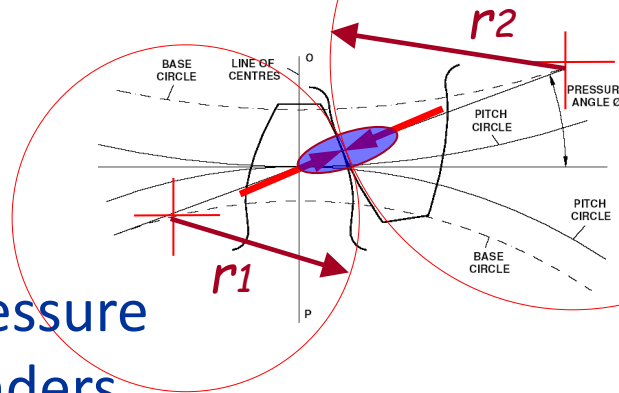
l = length of cylinders

b = width of the contact zone, and

$$b = \left\{ \frac{2F}{\pi l} \frac{\left[\frac{(1-\nu_1^2)/E_1}{(1/d_1) + (1/d_2)} \right] + \left[\frac{(1-\nu_2^2)/E_2}{(1/d_1) + (1/d_2)} \right]}{(1/d_1) + (1/d_2)} \right\}^{1/2}$$

so

$$p_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\pi l} \frac{(1/r_1 + 1/r_2)}{\left[\frac{(1-\nu_1^2)/E_1}{(1/d_1) + (1/d_2)} \right] + \left[\frac{(1-\nu_2^2)/E_2}{(1/d_1) + (1/d_2)} \right]}}$$



$1/r = (1/r_1 + 1/r_2)$ effective radius
between two cylinders

E_1, E_2 , are Young's Modulus and
 ν_1, ν_2 are Poisson's ratio

Basic equation for gear contact stress

Replacing F by $Wt/\cos\phi$ and l by the Face width F

$$\sigma_c = \left\{ \frac{W_t}{\pi F \cos \phi} \frac{[(1/r_1) + (1/r_2)]}{\left[\frac{(1-\nu_1^2)}{E_1} + \frac{(1-\nu_2^2)}{E_2} \right]} \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$p_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\pi l} \frac{(1/r_1 + 1/r_2)}{\left[\frac{(1-\nu_1^2)}{E_1} + \frac{(1-\nu_2^2)}{E_2} \right]}}$$

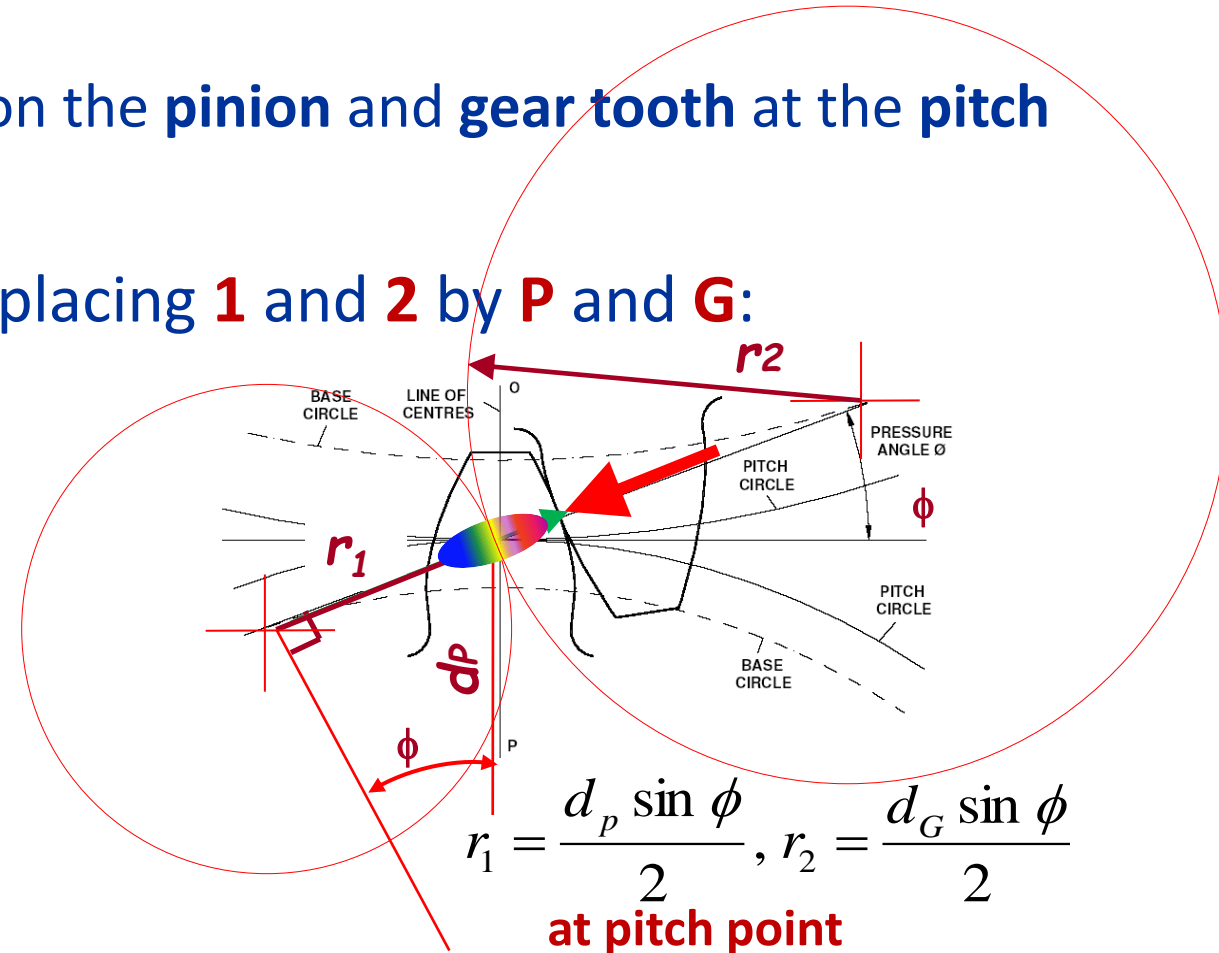
r_1, r_2 are the instantaneous radii of curvature on the pinion and gear tooth at the pitch point of contact.

Introducing an elastic coefficient, Z_e and replacing 1 and 2 by P and G:

$$Z_e = \left\{ 1 / \left[\pi \left(\frac{1-\nu_P^2}{E_P} + \frac{1-\nu_G^2}{E_G} \right) \right] \right\}^{1/2}$$

Therefore, maximum contact stress

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





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AGMA equations for bending stress (ANSI/AGMA 2101-C95)

Gear bending stress

$$\sigma = \frac{W_t K_o K'_v K_s}{F m Y_J} \frac{1}{K_H K_B}$$

σ = Max bending stress (N/mm²)

W_t = Transmitted load (N)

F = Face width (mm)

m = Module (mm)

Y_J = geometry factor including stress concentration

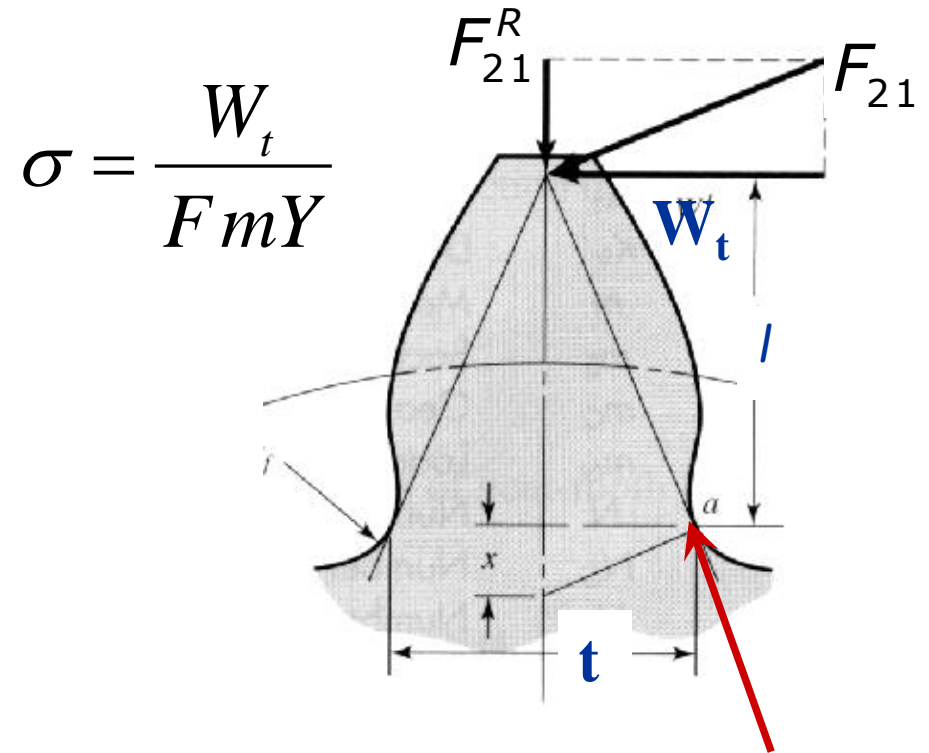
K_o = overload factor

K'_v = dynamic factor

K_s = size factor

K_H = load-distribution factor

K_B = rim-thickness factor



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

Maximum Bending Stress

AGMA equations for bending stress

$$\sigma = W_t \underbrace{K_o}_{\text{overload factor}} \underbrace{K_v'}_{\text{dynamic factor}} K_s \frac{1}{Fm} \frac{K_H K_B}{Y_J}$$

K_o = overload factor, to account for externally applied loads in excess of the nominal transmitted load W_t , **$K_o = 1 \sim 2.75$** .

K_v' = dynamic factor, to account for inaccuracies in manufacturing and meshing of gear teeth at different speeds.

$$K_v' = \left(\frac{A + \sqrt{200V}}{A} \right)^B \quad \text{where, } A = 50 + 56(1 - B) \quad \text{and} \quad B = \frac{(12 - Q_v)^{2/3}}{4}$$

V = velocity of gear (m/s);

Q_v = AGMA transmission accuracy level number,

$3 \leq Q_v \leq 7$ for most commercial quality gears, agricultural & plant machinery, etc.

$8 \leq Q_v \leq 12$ for precision quality gears, power tools & cars.

AGMA equations for bending stress

$$\sigma = W_t K_o K_v' K_s \frac{1}{Fm} \frac{K_H K_B}{Y_J}$$

Ks = size factor, to account for non-uniformity of material properties due to size, normally **Ks = 1**.

KH = load-distribution factor, to account for non-uniform distribution of load across **tooth face width (F)**.

$$K_H = 1 + C_{mc} (C_{pf} C_{pm} + C_{ma} C_e)$$

$$C_{mc} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for uncrowned teeth} \\ 0.8 & \text{for crowned teeth} \end{cases}$$

$$C_{pm} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } S_1/S < 0.175 \\ 1.1, & \text{for } S_1/S \geq 0.175 \end{cases}$$

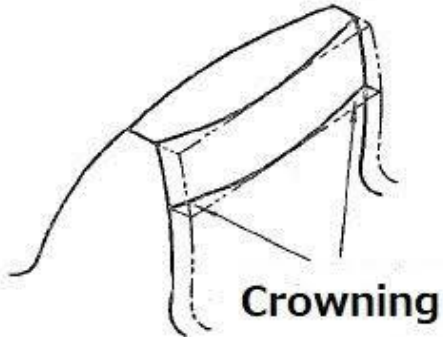
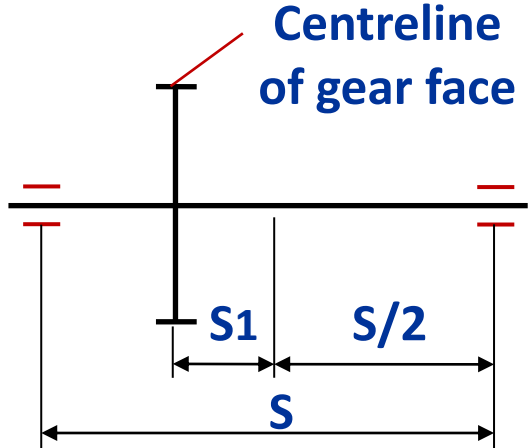
$$C_e = \begin{cases} 0.8 & \text{for gearing adjusted at assembly} \\ 1. & \text{for all other conditions} \end{cases}$$

$$C_{pf} = \begin{cases} \frac{F}{10d} - 0.025 & \text{if } F \leq 0.0254(m) \\ \frac{F}{10d} - 0.0375 + 0.4921F & \text{if } 0.0254(m) < F \leq 0.4318(m) \\ \frac{F}{10d} + 0.815F - 0.3534F^2 & \text{if } 0.4318(m) < F \leq 1.016(m) \end{cases}$$

(See above Figure)

$$C_{ma} = A + BF + CF^2$$

Condition	A	Bx10-3	Cx10-7
Commercial gear units	0.127	0.622	-1.69
Precision gear units	0.0675	0.504	-1.44



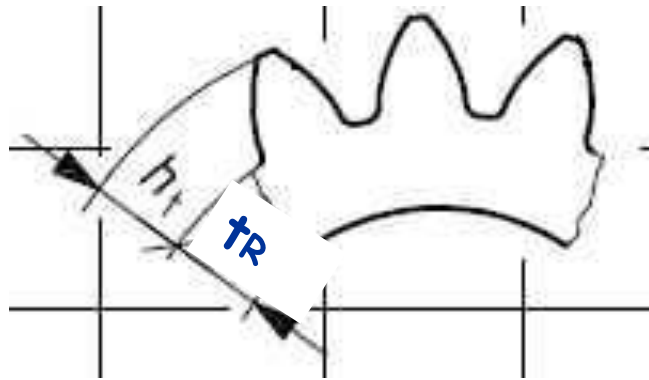
crowned tooth

for $F/10d < 0.05$, set $F/10d = 0.05$,
 $F = \text{face width} \ \& \ d = \text{pitch diameter}$

AGMA equations for bending stress

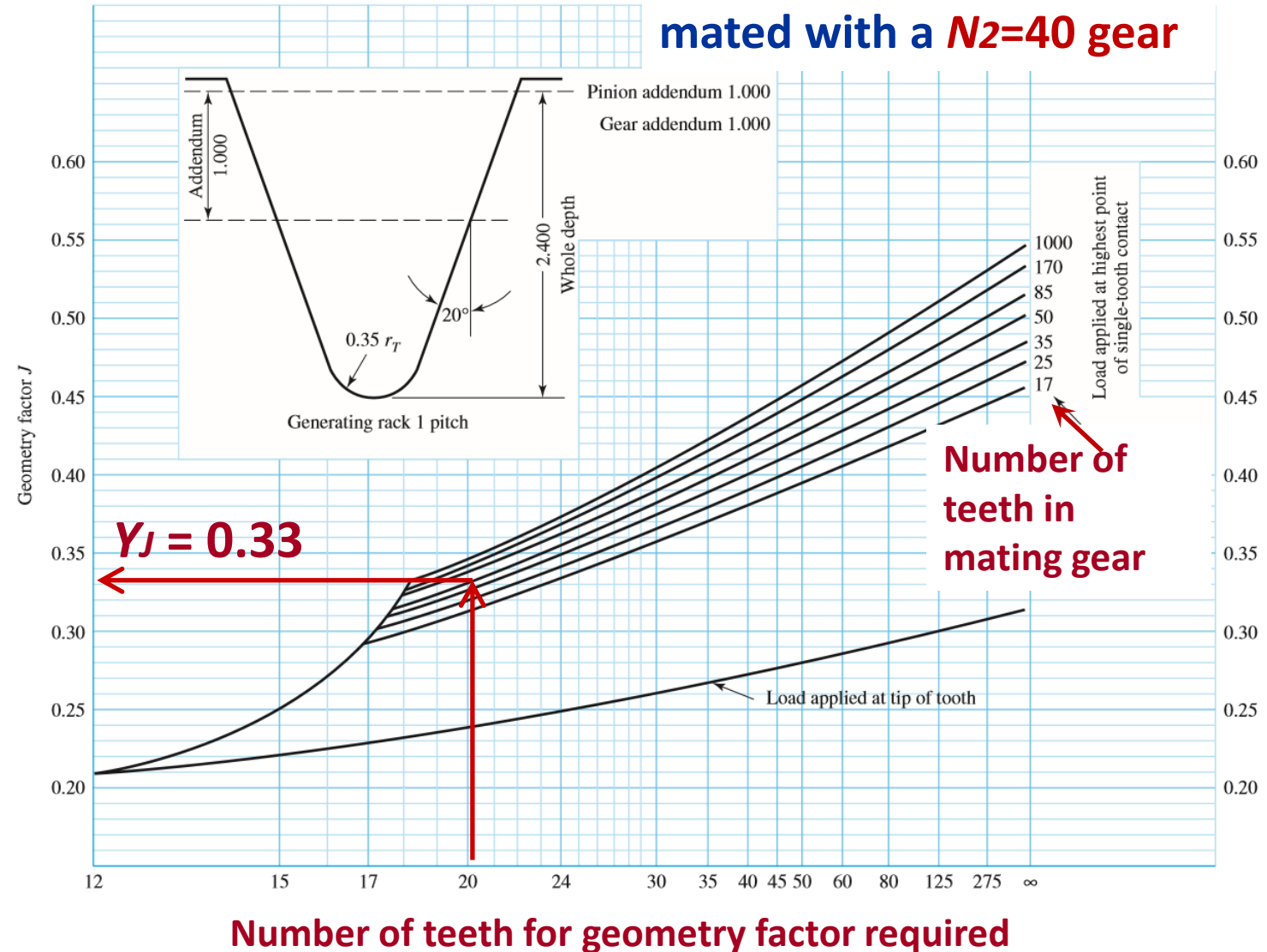
$$\sigma = W_t K_O K_V K_S \frac{1}{F m} \frac{K_H K_B}{Y_J}$$

K_B = rim-thickness factor, to account for adjustment of the estimated bending stress for the thin-rimmed gear, $K_B = 1$ when $t_R/h_t \geq 1.2$.



Y_J = geometry factor for bending strength, a modified value for the Lewis form factor & stress concentration (also in Appendix).

For example, find Y_J for a $N_1=20$ pinion, which is mated with a $N_2=40$ gear



AGMA equations for **contact stress** (ANSI/AGMA 2101-C95)

Gear contact stress (pitting resistance)

$$\sigma_c = Z_e \sqrt{W_t K_O K'_V K_S \frac{K_H}{F d_p} \frac{Z_R}{Z_I}}$$

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

σ_c = contact stress (MPa)

W_t = transmitted load (N)

F = face width (mm)

d_p = pitch diameter (mm)

Z_e = elastic coefficient (MPa^{0.5})

K_O = overload factor

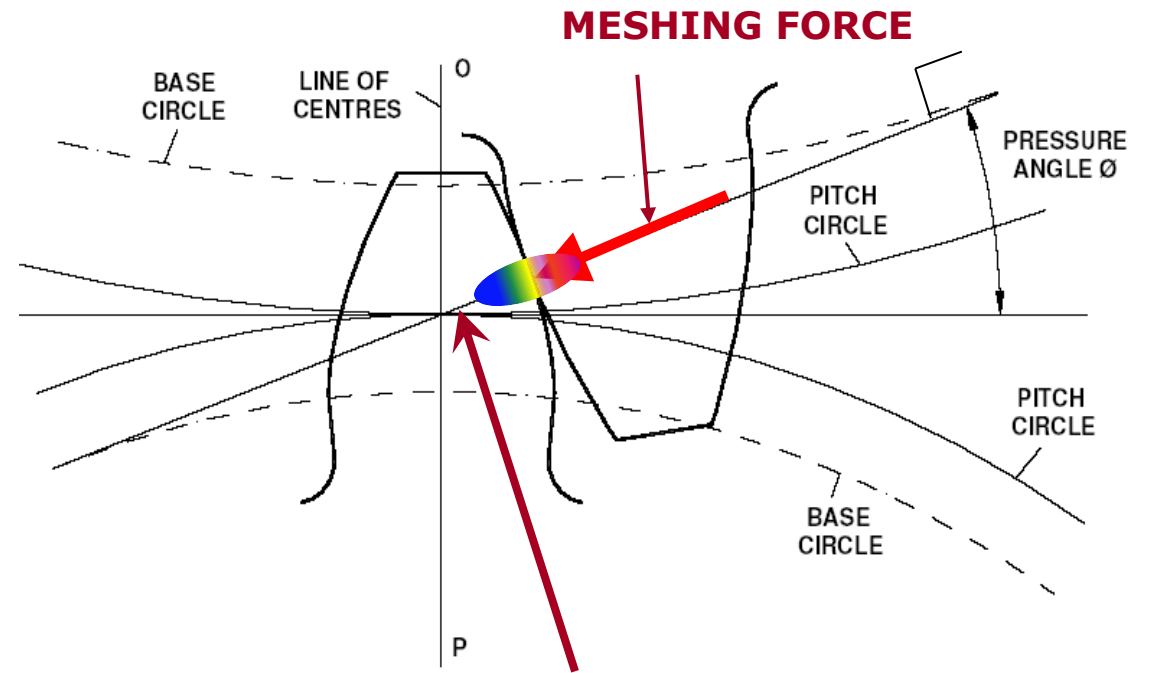
K'_V = dynamic factor

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Z_R = surface condition factor

Z_I = geometry factor



Maximum Contact Stress

AGMA equations for contact stress

$$\sigma_c = Z_e \sqrt{W_t K_O K_V K_S \frac{K_H Z_R}{F d_p Z_I}}$$

$$\sigma_c = \sqrt{\frac{W_t \left[\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right]}{\pi F \cos \phi \left[\frac{(1-\nu_1^2)}{E_1} + \frac{(1-\nu_2^2)}{E_2} \right]}}$$

Z_e = an elastic coefficient (MPa^{0.5}), directly from Hertzian equation

$$Z_e = \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi \left(\frac{1-\nu_P^2}{E_P} + \frac{1-\nu_G^2}{E_G} \right)} \right\}^{1/2}$$

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

Z_R = surface condition factor, to account for surface finish, residual stress & work hardening.

(Standard surface conditions **have not yet been established**. When a detrimental surface finish effect is known to exist, **AGMA suggests a value of greater than 1, i.e. $Z_R \geq 1$.**)

AGMA equations for contact stress

$$\sigma_C = Z_e \sqrt{W^t K_O K_V K_S \frac{K_H Z_R}{F d_p Z_I}}$$

$$\sigma_C = Z_e \left[\frac{W^t}{F \cos \phi} \left(\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

Z_I = geometry factor for contact strength,

As $r_1 = \frac{d_p \sin \phi}{2}, r_2 = \frac{d_G \sin \phi}{2}$

and $m_G (= Z) = \frac{N_G}{N_P} = \frac{D_G}{D_P}$

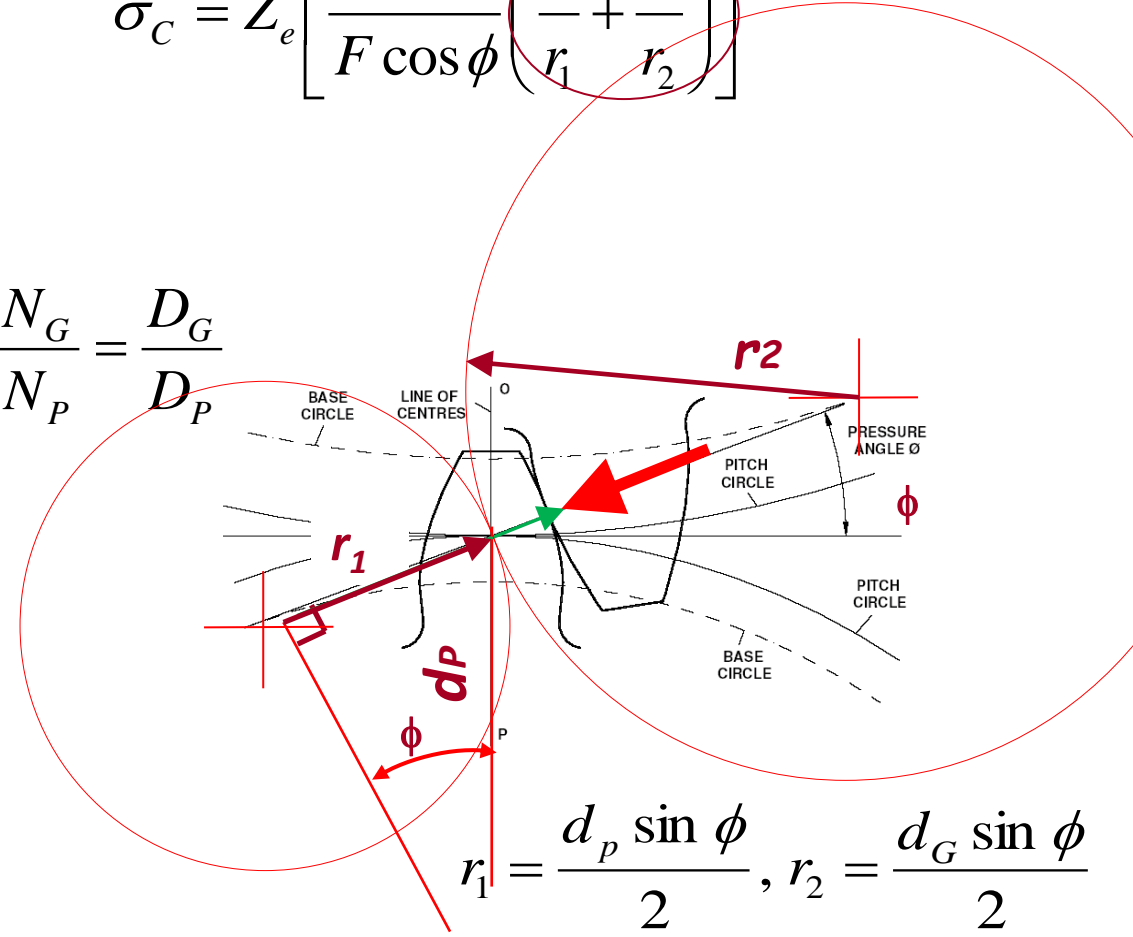
then $\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} = \frac{1}{d_p \sin \phi} \frac{2}{m_G + 1}$

at pitch point

$$\sigma_C = Z_e \left[\frac{W^t}{d_p F} \frac{1}{\frac{\cos \phi \sin \phi}{2} \frac{m_G}{m_G + 1}} \right]^{1/2}$$

Therefore,

$$Z_I = \frac{\cos \phi \sin \phi}{2} \frac{m_G}{m_G + 1}$$



$$r_1 = \frac{d_p \sin \phi}{2}, r_2 = \frac{d_G \sin \phi}{2}$$

at pitch point.

Summary of AGMA gear **bending and contact** stress equations

- **AGMA equations for bending & contact stresses**


Bending stress



$$\sigma = W_t K_O K_V' K_S \frac{1}{F m} \frac{K_H K_B}{Y_J}$$

Contact stress

$$\sigma_C = Z_e \sqrt{W_t K_O K_V' K_S \frac{K_H}{F d_p} \frac{Z_R}{Z_I}}$$

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AGMA allowable bending stress (ANSI/AGMA 2101-C95)

AGMA equation for the **allowable bending stress**

$$\sigma_{all} = \frac{\sigma_{FP}}{S_F} \frac{Y_N}{Y_\theta Y_Z}$$

σ_{FP} = allowable bending stress (MPa)

S_F = AGMA safety (reserve) factor (often in the range of $S_F=1.5\sim 2$)

Y_N = stress cycle or life factor

Y_θ = temperature factor

Y_Z = reliability factor

Note: σ_{FP} is the allowable bending stress (at specific test conditions) for a given material whereas σ_{all} is the modified allowable bending stress with the consideration of factors such as life Y_N , temperature Y_θ and reliability Y_Z .

AGMA allowable bending stress

$$\sigma_{all} = \frac{\sigma_{FP}}{S_F} \frac{Y_N}{Y_\theta Y_Z}$$

σ_{FP} = allowable bending stress (MPa)

Tested at 10^7 cycles and 99% reliability, the allowable bending stress for **through hardened steels**

for **grade 1** steel gears: $\sigma_{FP} = 0.533H_B + 88.3(MPa)$

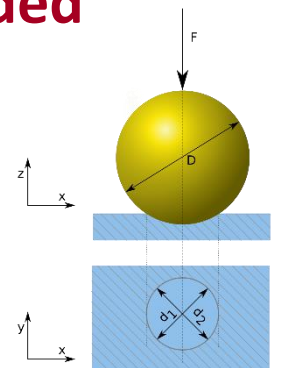
for **grade 2** steel gears: $\sigma_{FP} = 0.703H_B + 113(MPa)$

Tested at 10^7 cycles and 99% reliability, the allowable bending stress for **nitrided through hardened steels**

for **grade 1** steel gears: $\sigma_{FP} = 0.568H_B + 83.8(MPa)$

for **grade 2** steel gears: $\sigma_{FP} = 0.749H_B + 110(MPa)$

where, H_B is the **Brinell hardness** (often in the range of $H_B = 160 \sim 400$)



AGMA allowable bending stress

$$\sigma_{all} = \frac{\sigma_{FP} Y_N}{S_F Y_\theta Y_Z}$$

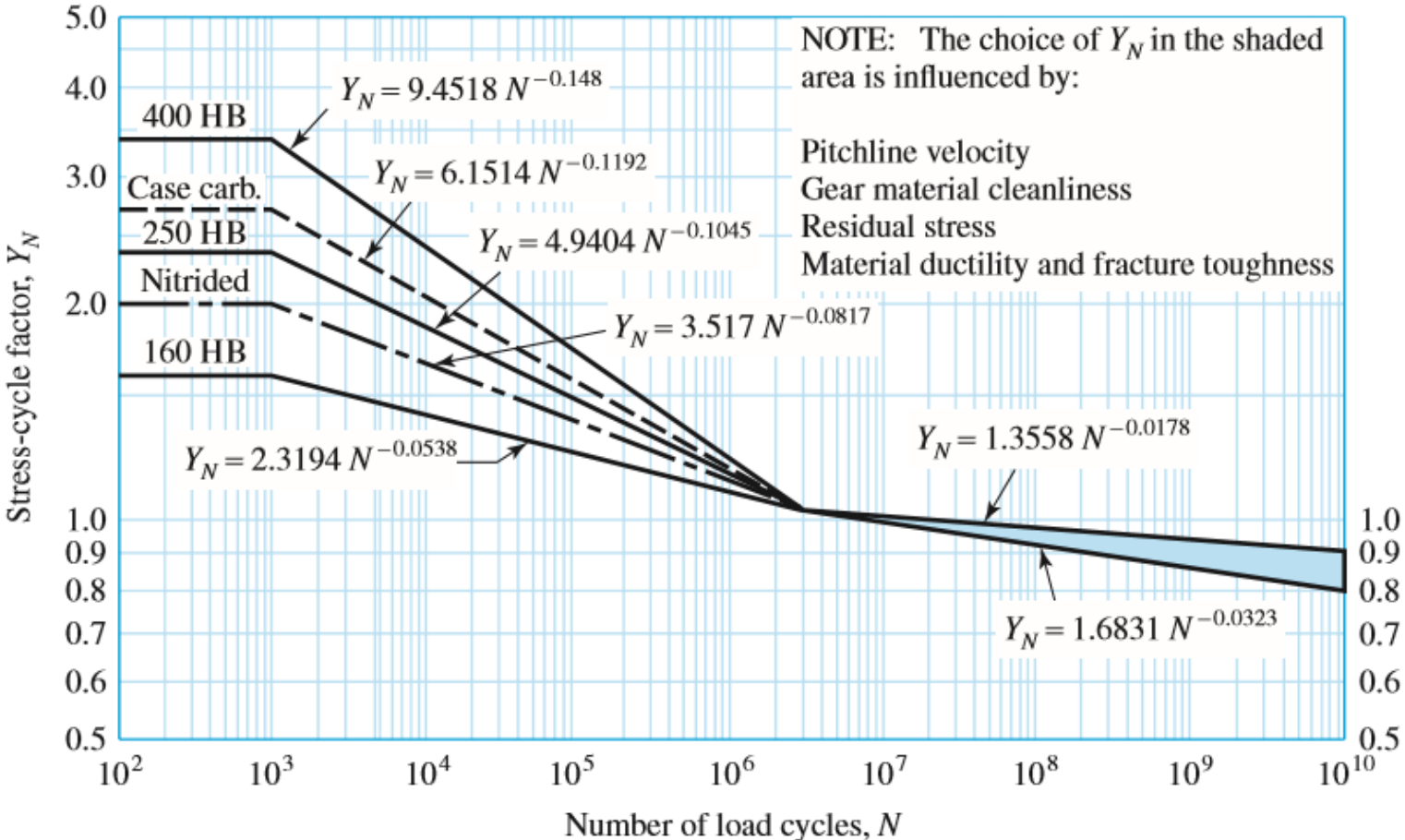
Reliability factor Table

Reliability	Y_Z
0.5	0.70
0.90	0.85
0.99	1.00
0.999	1.25
0.9999	1.50

Y_N = life factor (stress-cycle factor) for bending strength other than 10^7 cycles (also in Appendix).

Y_θ = temperature factor, for oil or gear temperature up to 120°C , $Y_\theta = 1$.

Y_Z = reliability factor, to account for the statistical distribution of failure of material by fatigue.



AGMA allowable contact stress (ANSI/AGMA 2101-C95)

AGMA equation for the **allowable contact stress**

$$\sigma_{C,all} = \frac{\sigma_{HP}}{S_H} \frac{Z_N Z_W}{Y_\theta Y_Z}$$

σ_{HP} = allowable contact stress (MPa)

S_H = AGMA safety (reserve) factor (often in the range of $S_F=1.5\sim 2$)

Z_N = stress cycle or life factor

Z_W = hardness ratio factor

Y_θ = temperature factor

Y_Z = reliability factor

Similarly, σ_{HP} is the **allowable contact stress** for a given material whereas $\sigma_{C,all}$ is the **modified allowable contact stress** with the consideration of a number of factors as given above.

AGMA allowable contact stress

$$\sigma_{C,all} = \frac{\sigma_{HP}}{S_H} \frac{Z_N Z_W}{Y_\theta Y_Z}$$

σ_{HP} = allowable contact stress (MPa)

Tested at **10⁷** cycles and **99%** reliability, the **allowable contact stress** for **through hardened steels**

for **grade 1** steel gears: $\sigma_{HP} = 2.22H_B + 200(\text{MPa})$

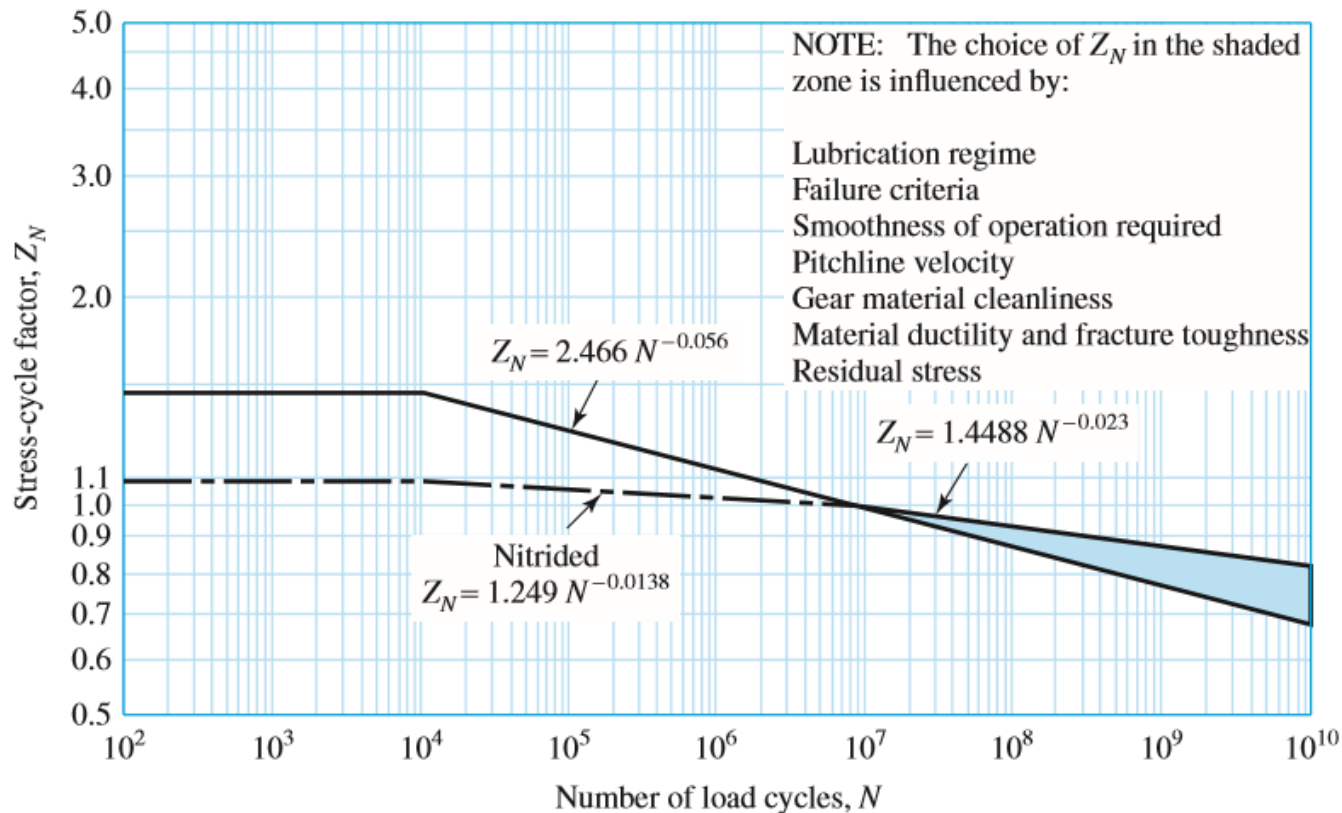
for **grade 2** steel gears: $\sigma_{HP} = 2.41H_B + 237(\text{MPa})$

Note: between **250 HB** and **up to 450 HB** surface hardness can be obtained by through-hardening and Nitriding for **AISI 4340** and **4140 gear steels**.

AGMA allowable contact stress

$$\sigma_{C,all} = \frac{\sigma_{HP}}{S_H} \frac{Z_N Z_W}{Y_\theta Y_Z}$$

Z_N = **life factor (stress-cycle factor)** for pitting resistance other than 10^7 cycles (also in **Appendix**)



Z_W = **hardness ratio factor**, to account for different hardness of the pinion & gear (**only for gear, i.e. $Z_W = 1$ for pinion**).

$$Z_W = 1 + A'(m_G - 1)$$

where,

$$A' = 8.98 \times 10^{-3} \left(\frac{H_{BP}}{H_{BG}} \right) - 8.29 \times 10^{-3}$$

for

$$1.2 \leq \left(\frac{H_{BP}}{H_{BG}} \right) \leq 1.7$$

where, H_{BP} & H_{BG} are the Brinell hardness of the **pinion & gear**

and,

$$m_G = \frac{N_G}{N_P}$$

Summary of AGMA bending and contact stress analysis equations

- AGMA equations for bending & contact stresses

Bending stress
$$\sigma = W_t K_O K_V' K_S \frac{1}{F m} \frac{K_H K_B}{Y_J}$$


Contact stress
$$\sigma_C = Z_e \sqrt{W_t K_O K_V' K_S \frac{K_H}{F d_p} \frac{Z_R}{Z_I}}$$



- AGMA equations for allowable bending & contact stresses


Allowable bending stress
$$\sigma_{all} = \frac{\sigma_{FP}}{S_F} \frac{Y_N}{Y_\theta Y_Z} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma \leq \sigma_{all}$$

Allowable contact stress
$$\sigma_{C,all} = \frac{\sigma_{HP}}{S_H} \frac{Z_N Z_W}{Y_\theta Y_Z} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma_C \leq \sigma_{C,all}$$

Key questions for gear design analysis

- What is the mechanism of forces transmitted and how to quantify them in gear meshing operations? 

- What are the typical forms of stresses and how can they be accurately calculated?
 - ✓ Methods of determining stresses under ideal conditions 
 - ✓ Considerations given to accommodate the effects of real working conditions **based on GAMA standard** 

- With selected material and manufacturing methods, how to quantify the strength or allowable stress of a gear train? 

A general procedure of gear design analysis

- 1) **Understand requirements** of function, power and speed, reliability, life, mounting & operation conditions.
- 2) **Select suitable gear types & trains**, e.g. simple and compound train, planetary train or differential unit (**covered in the session Gears 2**).
- 3) **Determine** numbers of teeth, gear ratio.
- 4) **Calculate** torque, **choose** a module, face width and **determine** pitch circle diameter.
- 5) **Select** a suitable material and hardness achieved by heat treatment.
- 6) **Calculate gear bending and contact stresses** using **AGMA** or **BS/ISO** standards.
 - ✓ Gear force analysis (transmitted load)
 - ✓ Calculation of gear **bending & contact stresses & allowable stresses**
- 7) If $\sigma \leq \sigma_{all}$ and $\sigma_c \leq \sigma_{c,all}$, acceptable; if not, go back to **4)** or **5)** and iterate

Normally a number of **iterations** of design & analysis are necessary to reach a **satisfactory or optimum design solution**.

Quiz: **True or False** to each of the following statements

Gears 3

- A. **Scuffing** is a form of adhesive wear commonly caused by lack of lubrication in high speed gear system.
- B. **Transmitted load** is the radial component of the exerted force in a pair of spur gears.
- C. **Gear bending stress** calculation is based on Hertzian contact theory.
- D. **Contact stress** is localised stresses created between two curved bodies under loading.
- E. In gear design analysis, **AGMA standard** is commonly used to calculate gear **bending and contact stresses** in operation conditions.
- F. **AGMA allowable bending and contact stresses** are dependent upon chosen material, treatment and other operational conditions.

Quiz: **True or False** to each of the following statements

Gears 3

- A. **Scuffing** is a form of adhesive wear commonly caused by lack of lubrication in high speed gear system. (true)
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- C. **Gear bending stress** calculation is based on Hertzian contact theory. (false)
- D. **Contact stress** is localised stresses created between two curved bodies under loading. (true)
- E. In gear design analysis, **AGMA standard** is commonly used to calculate gear **bending and contact stresses**. (true)
- F. **AGMA allowable bending and contact stresses** are only dependent upon chosen material. (false)

Revision questions

- What are the **common forms of gear failure** and what are the root causes for these failures?
- Can you calculate the **transmitted load** of a gear system with given power and rotating speed?
- Can you explain **the general methods** used to calculate gear bending and contact stresses?
- What is the main difference between the basic Lewis bending and Hertz contact stress equations and **those used in AGMA standard**?
- Why are so many factors, e.g. life factors, Y_N or Z_N , used in calculating the AGMA allowable bending and contact stresses?
- In gear design, what would you do if the calculated bending or contact stress **is larger than** the allowable bending or contact stress?

Gear Design Resources

- Budynas, R.C., Nisbett, J.K., 2015, Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design, 10th edition, McGraw-Hill (TJ230 SHI)
 - Chapter 14 Spur and Helical Gears
- Shigley, J.E., Mischke, C.R., Budynas, R.G., 2003. Mechanical Engineering Design, 7th edition, McGraw-Hill (TJ230 SHI)
 - Chapter 14 Spur and Helical Gears
- Childs, R.N., 2014. Mechanical Design Engineering Handbook, Elsevier, (TJ230 CHI)
 - Chapter 9 Spur and Helical Gear Stressing (*online version available via NUSearch*)
- ANSI/AGMA 2101-C95, Fundamental rating factors and calculation methods for involute spur gear and helical gear teeth, (Metric edition of ANSI/AGMA 2001-C95)
- BS ISO 6336-1~6: 2006, British and ISO Standards of gear load capacity, calculation of tooth bending strength & surface durability, strength and quality of materials (*available via BSI website*).



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Part 4

Worked example 2: A case study of gear stress analysis and design*

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- Calculate AGMA bending and contact stresses and the factors of safety (reserve factor) for both the pinion and gear of a simple spur gear drive.

Design specifications:

- Numbers of teeth for both pinion and gear are $NP=18$, $NG=50$ with a pressure angle $\phi=20^\circ$.
- The module is $m=2.5$ mm and the face width is $F=30$ mm.
- The rotating speed of the pinion is $np=1425$ rpm and the gear drive is to transmit a power of $P=3$ kW under smooth running conditions.
- The gear material is grade 1 steel with the Brinell hardness to be $HB=240$ and 200 for the pinion and gear, respectively.
- The gears are manufactured to $Qv=6$ AGMA accuracy and the teeth are uncrowned.
- The gear drive is required to have a life of 10^8 cycles and 90% reliability.
- The gears are straddle mounted within an enclosed unit.

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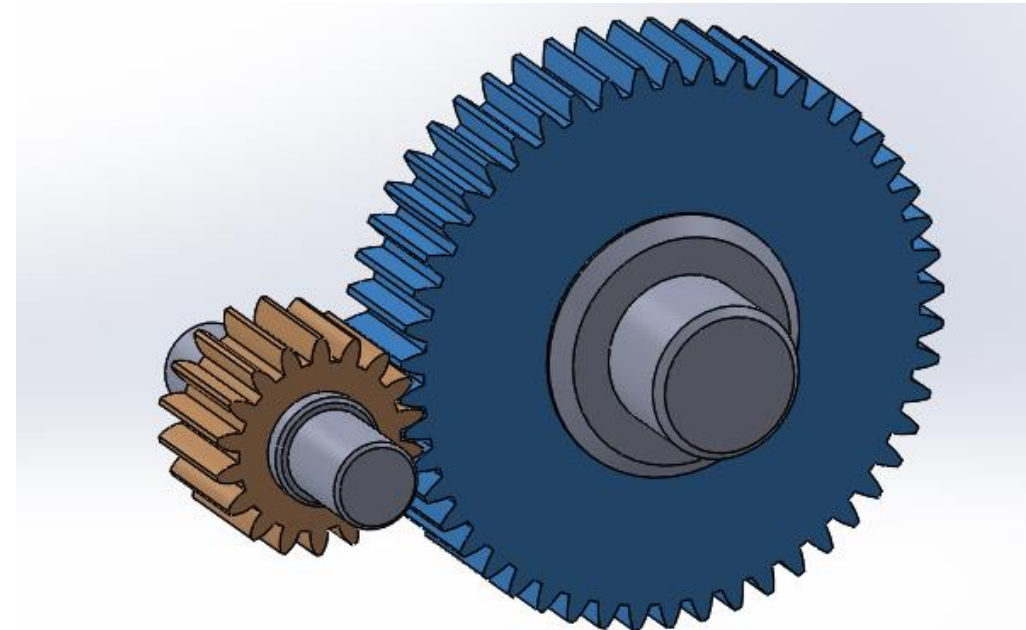
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Design specifications:

- Numbers of teeth: $N_P=18$, $N_G=50$; pressure angle: $\phi=20^\circ$
- Module: $m=2.5$ mm; face width: $F=30$ mm
- Rotating speed of the pinion: $n_p=1425$ rpm; power: $P=3$ kW

See separate Handouts available on Moodle for detailed calculations.

Be aware there is a corrected error in gear contact stress result.



Solidworks assembly model without details of shafts, keys/keyways & bearings, etc



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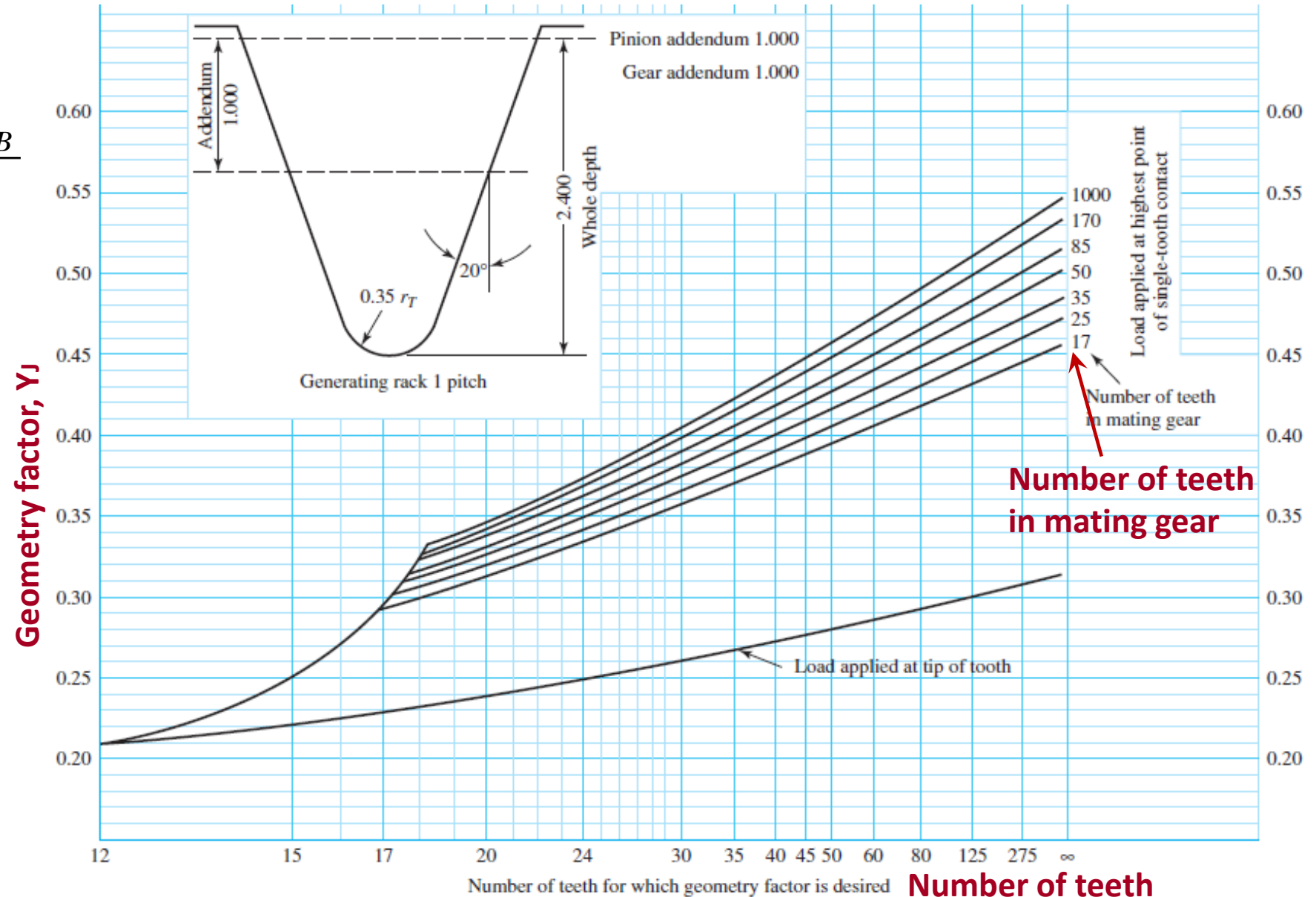
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Appendix: AGMA charts of gear bending and contact stress factors

$$\sigma = W_t K_O K_V K_S \frac{1}{Fm} \frac{K_H K_B}{Y_J}$$

where Y_J = geometry factor for bending strength

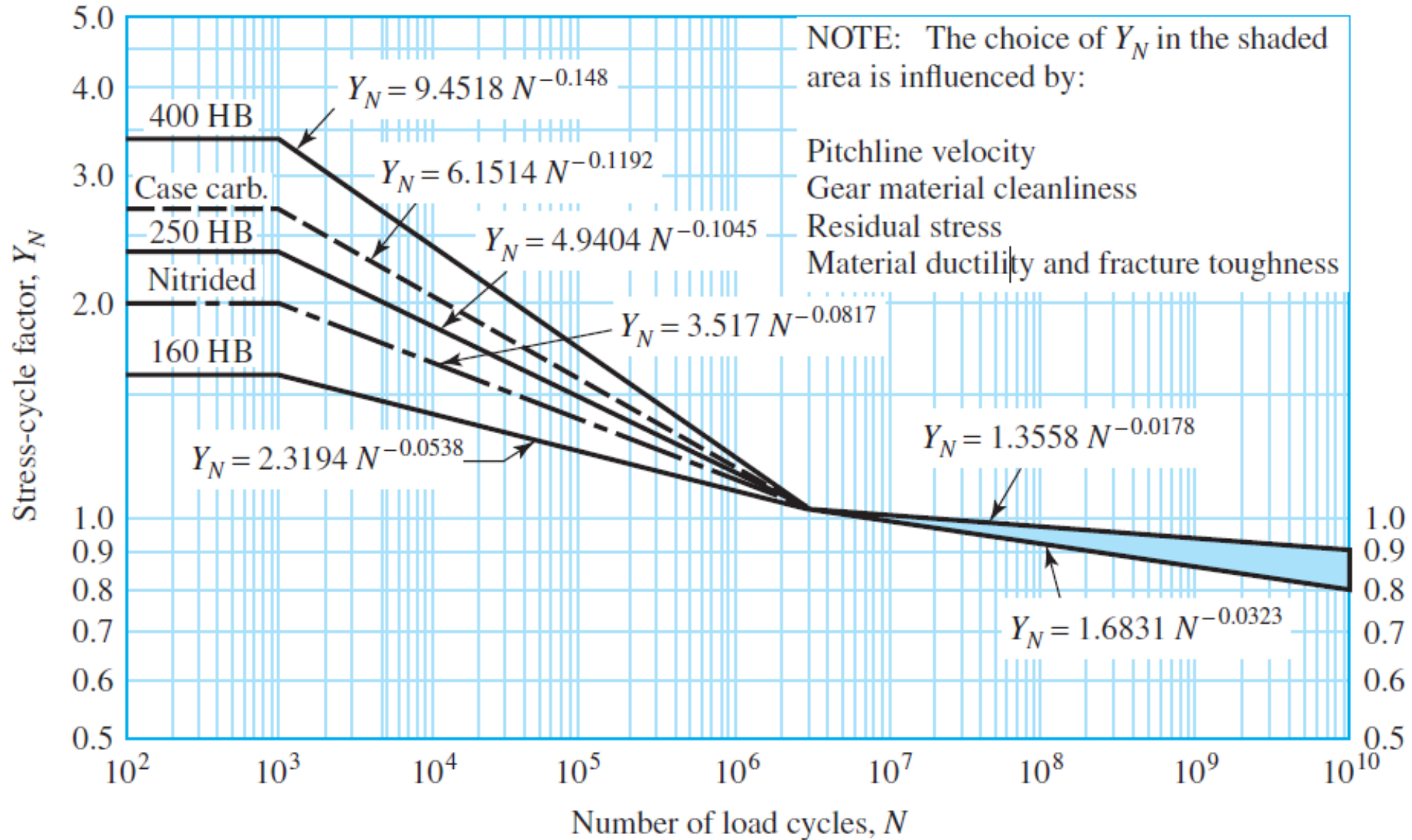




Appendix: AGMA Charts of gear bending and contact stress factors

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where $Y_N =$ life factor (or stress cycle factor) for allowable bending stress





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