Derivation of Tooth Stiffness of Asymmetric Gears for Loaded Tooth Contact Analysis

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What are asymmetric gears?

- Asymmetric gears stand out by an individual pressure angle of each flank
- Can have significantly larger pressure angle compared to symmetric gears without violating minimum topland criteria





Why can asymmetric teeth be of interest?

- Increased torque capacity for gears with mostly unidirectional load
- Reduced contact stress due to high pressure angle
- Reduced power loss

Drawback:

- Low contact ratio and therefore asymmetric gears can produce more noise
- More expensive to produce (in case of steel gears)



Tooth Stiffness of Symmetric Teeth

- 1. Stiffness calculation based upon deflection calculation according to the paper "Formänderung und Profilrücknahme bei gerad- und schrägverzahnten Rädern" (Weber/Banaschek)
- 2. Weber/Banaschek defines 3 components

• Bending
$$\delta_b \to C_b = \frac{1}{\delta_b}$$

• Tilting
$$\delta_t \to C_t = \frac{1}{\delta_t}$$

• Hertzian Flattening
$$\delta_{H1,2} \rightarrow C_{H1,2} = \frac{F}{\delta_{H1,2}}$$

3.
$$\delta = \delta_{b1} + \delta_{b2} + \delta_{t1} + \delta_{t2} + \delta_{H1,2}$$

4.
$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_{b1}} + \frac{1}{C_{b2}} + \frac{1}{C_{t1}} + \frac{1}{C_{t2}} + \frac{1}{C_{H1,2}}$$



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Tooth Stiffness of Symmetric Teeth (tilting and bending)



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Tooth Stiffness of Symmetric Teeth (Hertzian flattening)



$$\delta_{H1,2} = \frac{F_{bti}}{\pi b_g} \left[\left| \frac{1 - \nu_1^2}{E_1} \ln\left(\frac{b_H^2}{4t_1^2}\right) + \frac{\nu_1(1 + \nu_1)}{E_1} \right| + \left| \frac{1 - \nu_2^2}{E_2} \ln\left(\frac{b_H^2}{4t_2^2}\right) + \frac{\nu_2(1 + \nu_2)}{E_2} \right| \right]$$

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Tooth Stiffness of Asymmetric Teeth according to Dissertation of Andreas Langheinrich: "Geometrie, Beanspruchung und Verformung asymmetrischer Stirnradverzahnungen", 2014, Technische Universität München



Tooth Stiffness of Asymmetric Teeth



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The plane of tooth and gear body separation can't be defined by the intersection of the 20° root fillet tangent with the root diameter d_f





Tooth Stiffness of Asymmetric Teeth

Bending:
$$\frac{1}{2}P\delta_b = \frac{1}{2}\int_0^{h_{FPy}} \frac{M^2}{\frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \cdot \frac{b}{12}\bar{S}_{Zy}^3} dy + \frac{1}{2}\int_0^{h_{FPy}} \frac{1.2F_{bx}^2}{G \ b \ \bar{S}_{Zy}} dy + \frac{1}{2}\int_0^{h_{FPy}} \frac{F_{by}^2}{\frac{E}{1-\nu^2}b \ \bar{S}_{Zy}} dy$$

Tilting:
$$\frac{1}{2}P\delta_t = \frac{9(1-\nu^2)}{\pi E b \bar{S}_{Z\nu}^2}M^2 + 2\frac{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)}{2E b \bar{S}_{Z\nu}}MF_{bx} + \frac{2.4(1-\nu^2)}{\pi E b}F_{bx}^2 + 0.294\tan\alpha_F\frac{2.4(1-\nu^2)}{\pi E b}F_{by}^2$$

Flattening:
$$\delta_{H1,2} = \frac{F_{bti}}{\pi b_g} \left[\left| \frac{1 - \nu_1^2}{E_1} \ln \left(\frac{b_H^2}{4t_1^2} \right) + \frac{\nu_1 (1 + \nu_1)}{E_1} \right| + \left| \frac{1 - \nu_2^2}{E_2} \ln \left(\frac{b_H^2}{4t_2^2} \right) + \frac{\nu_2 (1 + \nu_2)}{E_2} \right| \right]$$

$$M = F_{bx}h'_{FZ} = F_{bx}(y_V - y_M)$$

$$y_V = y_Z + (x_M - x_Z) \tan \alpha_{FZ}$$

$$x_M = \frac{\bar{S}_{Zy}}{2}, y_M = \frac{d_f}{2}$$

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$\alpha_{nL}/\alpha_{nR}[^{\circ}]$	m_n [mm]	z_{1}/z_{2}	<i>b</i> [mm]	<i>a</i> [mm]
15/30	6	25/76	44	303
h_{fP}^{*}	$oldsymbol{ ho}_{fP}^{*}$	h_{aP}^{*}	$F_n[N/mm]$	ε_{lpha}
0.955	0.38	0.705	532	1.494/0.981



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Туре	$y_P = h_{FPy}$ [mm]	<i>M</i> (<i>x</i> / <i>y</i>) [mm]	$\sigma_{F(Y_sY_F)max}$ [N/mm ²]	$\sigma_{F(Y_sY_F)30^\circ}$ [N/mm ²]	FEMmax [N/mm ²]	FEM30° [N/mm ²]
Asymmetric R 30°	3.57	0.53/69.13	163.25	150.79	151.33	133.32
Asymmetric L 15°	4.76	0.53/69.13	206.23	192.02	214.63	203.09

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X = Results of FEM calculation

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To prove Langheinrich's adaption of W/B, calculations of a symmetric and an almost symmetric tooth shape are compared.

$\alpha_{nL}/\alpha_{nR}[^{\circ}]$	m_n [mm]	z_{1}/z_{2}	<i>b</i> [mm]	<i>a</i> [mm]
19.9999/20	6	25/76	44	303
h_{fP}^{*}	$oldsymbol{ ho}_{fP}^{*}$	h_{aP}^{*}	$F_n[N/mm]$	$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\alpha}$
0.955	0.38	0.705	532	1.245



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Туре	$y_P = h_{FPy}$ [mm]	<i>M</i> (<i>x</i> / <i>y</i>) [mm]	$\sigma_{F(Y_sY_F)max}$ [N/mm ²]	$\sigma_{F(Y_sY_F)30^\circ}$ [N/mm ²]	FEMmax [N/mm ²]	FEM30° [N/mm²]
Symmetric	4.68	0/68.80	201.23	188.23	201.06	179.69
Asymmetric R	4.38	~0/69.11	201.22	188.22	201.31	179.97
Asymmetric L	4.38	~0/69.11	200.86	187.79	201.23	180.15











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To compensate stiffness step effect, in case of $\alpha_{nL} \approx \alpha_{nR}$, two solutions are possible:

- 1. Considering fixpoint of W/B as $M_y = \frac{d_f}{2}$
- 2. Interpolate between W/B and $M_y = \frac{d_f}{2}$ approach

Approach according to W/B, no 20° root fillet tangent exist in case of high pressure angle

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In case of a high pressure angle combined with the load close to the root fillet the lever h_{FZ}' of the load application point P gets negative.

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- 1. Asymmetric gears have benefits with respect to flank safety in case of mostly unidirectional load
- 2. With Langheinrich's adaption of W/B equations asymmetric gears can be considered in LTCA
- 3. Tooth stiffness of asymmetric gears are slightly higher due to differences in the definition of the fixpoint M
- 4. Root stress and stiffness calculation of asymmetric gears is reliable if certain peculiarities are kept in mind

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