

## **Applying Computer Programs to fill the gap between Metric and British standard systems of spur Gears**

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### **Abstract:**

Globally, there are two standard units for gears, so it is difficult to exchange between them. The first is called the metric system, and the second is the British system. By choosing one of the types of computer programming Visual Basic is intended to fill the gap and difference to facilitate the exchange through the two systems in the program, such as (the number of teeth, center distance, stress, and standard) to easily change from the British system to the most common metric system. With a proposal for technical terms suitable for the type of gear instead of traditional and inappropriate technical terms.

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## **Introduction:**

Gears have been working since ancient times to transfer the movement from one movement shaft to another through the interlocking of the two gears. In calculating some of the components that go into completing the design of the gear, There is difficult to achieve because there are two different international standard systems in units, namely the metric system and the British system. [2]

Recently, there have been dramatic advances in procedures for computer aided design of mechanical system. In particular there have been significant advances infinite element analysis and in associated computer graphics procedures . Indeed finite element analysis and computer graphics have become standard procedures in mechanical design. [8 -9]

Nowadays , many gear standards societies , organization , associations , and/or institutes are present. Some of them are: the International standards organization(ISO)[7-11].the American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA). [12]

The American National standards Institute (ANSI) [13]. the American society of mechanical Engineers (ASME)[3].

Interchangeability of gears from different systems is still difficult. the main of this work is to fill gabs and improve Interchangeability between gears from different standardizing systems .

The components include the criterion, the number of teeth, the central distance between the gears, and, most importantly, the stress. Using one of the types of programming Visual Basic to

reduce and fill the gap and the difference between the two systems by setting correct values for the components of the British system to get through the program directly the values of the metric system. [11-12]

Recently, for gears, **THE TECHNICAL PARAMETER TERMINOLOGY** is known as pitch circle or base circle. It is recommended that technical terms be associated with the type of gear. For instance, regarding the type of the face gear in the interlock, the suitable term is a plane instead of a circle because the shape is a plane shape, not a circle shape, and regarding rack type gear, the term should be a line because the shape of the gear is line shape, not a circle shape. [10-14]

### Governing Equations : [2]

1.  $C_{in} = ((\frac{Z_1}{pd})/2) + ((\frac{Z_2}{pd})/2)$  Gear center Distance (in)
2.  $C_{mm} = C_{in} * 25.4$  Gear center Distance (mm)
3.  $Md \text{ ( module )} = \frac{25.4}{pd}$
4.  $X = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$
5.  $Y = (2 * C_{mm}) / Md$
6.  $Pd = \frac{25.4}{Md}$  ( in )
7.  $rp = z_1 * 25.4 / (2 * pd)$  (in)
8.  $Ft = \frac{power}{w * rp} (1000000) / (((2 * 3.14 * 1000) / (60) * rp)$   
(in)
9.  $TP = (Ft * Pd) / (Y_1 * b)$  (in)
10.  $rp = \frac{Md * z_1}{2}$  (mm)
11.  $Ft = (1000000) / ((\frac{(2 * 3.14 * 1000)}{60} * rp)$  (mm)
12.  $TP = (Ft) / Y_1 * b * Md$  (mm)

**Gear Parameters:**

Gear identifying parameters as shown in table (1):

**Table (1) lists most of gear design and values for a normal pressure angle degree.[2]**

| Term                                                                    | Metric   |       | English  |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
|                                                                         | Symbol   | Units | Symbol   | Units |
| Gear center Distance                                                    |          |       | $C_{in}$ | $in$  |
| Gear center Distance                                                    | $C_{mm}$ | $mm$  |          |       |
| Diametral pitch                                                         |          |       | $pd$     | $in$  |
| Number of Teeth First Mating Gear                                       | $n_1$    |       |          |       |
| Number of Teeth Second Mating Gear                                      | $n_2$    |       |          |       |
| Number of Teeth First Mating Gear                                       |          |       | $z_1$    |       |
| Number of Teeth Second Mating Gear                                      |          |       | $z_2$    |       |
| module                                                                  | $Md$     | $mm$  |          |       |
| gear ratio                                                              | $X$      |       |          |       |
| Face width                                                              | $b$      | $mm$  | $b$      | $in$  |
| The distance from the neutral axis of the gear tooth base cross section | $Y$      |       |          |       |
| Lewis factor                                                            | $Y_1$    |       |          |       |
| Pitch radius                                                            |          |       | $rp$     | $in$  |
| Tangent force                                                           | $Ft$     |       |          |       |
| bending stress                                                          | $Tp$     |       |          |       |

- Preparation and steps for entering all data for the two global standard systems in the Visual Basic program

Public  $n2, z1, z2$  As Integer

Public  $cin, cmm, Pd, Md, X, b, Y, Y1, rp, Ft, Tp, Pdd$  As single:

On Error Go To aa:

$z1 = Val(Int(Text2.Text))$  'Number of Teeth first  
Mating Gear

$z2 = Val(Int(Text1.Text))$  'Number of Teeth second  
Mating Gear

$Text1.Text = z2$

$Text2.Text = z1$

If ( $z1 > 4$  And  $z2 > 4$ ) Then

$Pd = Val(Text7.Text)$  'Diametral  
Pitch

$cin = ((z1 / Pd) / 2) + ((z2 / Pd) / 2)$  'Gear Center  
Distance (in)

$cmm = cin * 25.4$  'Gear Center  
Distance (mm)

$Md = 25.4 / Pd$

$X = 0.5$

$Y = (2 * cmm) / Md$

$n1 = (Y * X) / (1 + X)$

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n2 = n1 / X
Text6.Text = Round(cin, 2)
Text5.Text = Round(cmm, 2)
Text3.Text = Round(n1, 0)
Text4.Text = Round(n2, 0)
Text8.Text = Round(Md, 2)
'in
b = 1
If (Option1 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.527
End If
If (Option2 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.577
End If
If (Option3 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.6
End If
If (Option4 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.583
End If
If (Option5 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.657
End If
If (Option6 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.693
End If
If (Option7 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.64
End If
If (Option8 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.673
End If
Pd=  $\frac{25.4}{Md}$ 
rp = z1 * 25.4 / (2 * Pd)

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Ft = (1000000) / (((2 * 3.14 * 1000) / 60) * rp)
Tp = (Ft * Pdd) / (Y1 * b)
Text9.Text = Round(Tp, 5)
'mm
rp = Ft = Tp = 0
rp = Md * z1 / 2
Ft = (1000000) / (((2 * 3.14 * 1000) / 60) * rp)
Tp = (Ft) / (Y1 * b * Md)
Text12.Text = Round(Tp, 5)
Else
sad = MsgBox("İÈ Çä íßæä Úİİ ÇáÇÓäÇä ÇßÈÑ ää ÇÑÈÚÉ", , "
äíßÇäíßÇ")
Text1.Text = ""
Text2.Text = ""
End If
Exit Sub
aa:
MsgBox Err.Description
End Sub
Private Sub Command1_Click()
Text1.Text = ""
Text2.Text = ""
Text3.Text = ""
Text4.Text = ""
Text5.Text = ""
Text6.Text = ""
Text7.Text = ""
Text8.Text = ""
Text9.Text = ""
Text12.Text = ""
End Su

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- Diagram shows the preparation steps to fill the gap between the two systems within the Visual Basic program and the final form obtained.

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Project1 - Microsoft Visual Basic [design] - [Form1 (Code) (Read Only)]
File Edit View Project Format Debug Run Query Diagram Tools Add-Ins Window Help
Ln1, Col1

General
Public n1, n2, z1, z2 As Integer
Public cin, cmm, Pd, Md, X, Y, Y1, rp, Ft, Tp, Pdd As Single

Private Sub Command1_Click()
On Error GoTo aa1
z1 = Val(Int(Text2.Text)) 'Number of Teeth first Mating Gear
z2 = Val(Int(Text1.Text)) 'Number of Teeth second Mating Gear

Text1.Text = z2
Text2.Text = z1
If (z1 > 4 And z2 > 4) Then
Pd = Val(Text7.Text) 'Diametral Pitch

cin = ((z1 / Pd) / 2) + ((z2 / Pd) / 2) 'Gear Center Distance (in)
cmm = cin * 25.4 'Gear Center Distance (mm)

Md = 25.4 / Pd
X = 0.5
Y = (2 * cmm) / Md
n1 = (Y * X) / (1 + X)
n2 = n1 / X

Text6.Text = Round(cin, 2)
Text5.Text = Round(cmm, 2)
Text3.Text = Round(n1, 0)
Text4.Text = Round(n2, 0)
Text8.Text = Round(Md, 2)
'in
b = 1

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Project1 - Microsoft Visual Basic [design] - [Form1 (Code) (Read Only)]
File Edit View Project Format Debug Run Query Diagram Tools Add-Ins Window Help
Ln1, Col1

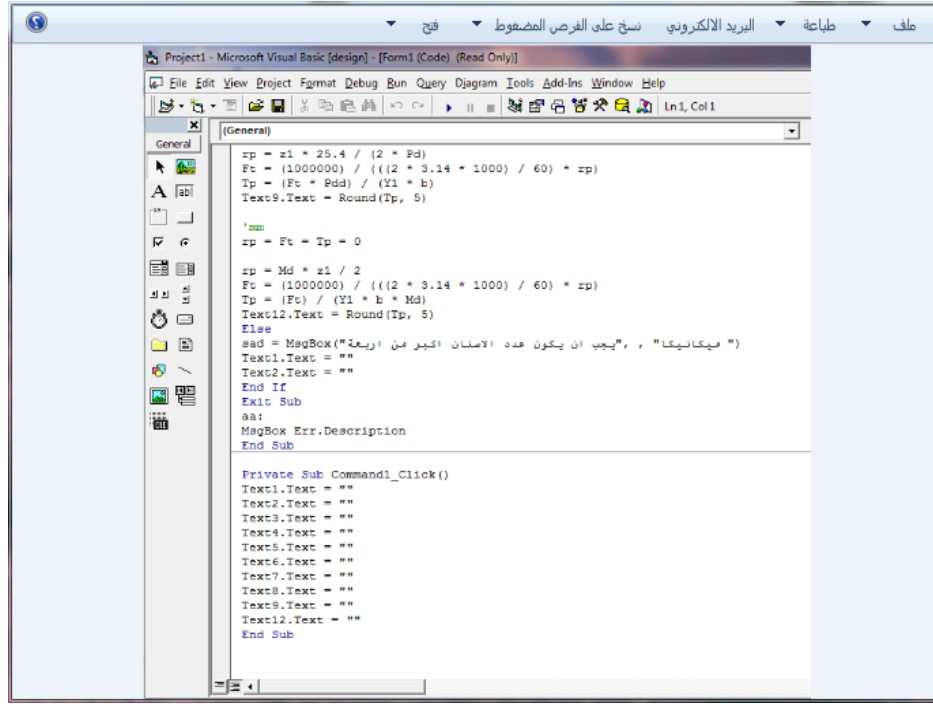
General
If (Option1 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.527
End If
If (Option2 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.577
End If
If (Option3 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.6
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If (Option6 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.693
End If
If (Option7 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.64
End If
If (Option8 = True) Then
Y1 = 0.673
End If

Pdd = Pd / 25.4
rp = z1 * 25.4 / (2 * Pd)
Ft = (1000000) / ((2 * 3.14 * 1000) / 60) * rp
Tp = (Ft * Pdd) / (Y1 * b)
Text9.Text = Round(Tp, 5)

'mm
rp = Ft = Tp = 0

rp = Md * z1 / 2
Ft = (1000000) / ((2 * 3.14 * 1000) / 60) * rp

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| SI (Module) Standard System   |                                                                                                | British (Diametral pitch) Standard System                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Number of Teeth second Mating | Number of Teeth first Mating                                                                   | Number of Teeth second Mating Gear                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Number of Teeth first Mating Gear |
| <input type="text"/>          | <input type="text"/>                                                                           | <input type="text"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="text"/>              |
| Module                        |                                                                                                | Diametral Pitch                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                   |
| <input type="text"/>          |                                                                                                | <input type="text"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                   |
| Gear Center Distance , mm     | Lewis bending stress ,MPa (Calculated per unit face width (1mm) , per KW of transmitted power) | Y Factors for standard                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                   |
| <input type="text"/>          | <input type="text"/>                                                                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 0.527 <input type="radio"/> 0.600 <input type="radio"/> 0.657 <input type="radio"/> 0.640<br><input type="radio"/> 0.577 <input type="radio"/> 0.583 <input type="radio"/> 0.693 <input type="radio"/> 0.673 |                                   |
| Gear Center Distance , inch   | Lewis bending stress ,MPa (Calculated per unit face width (1mm) , per KW of transmitted power) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                   |
| <input type="text"/>          | <input type="text"/>                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                   |
| Clear Fields                  | Estimate equivalent SI (metric) gear set                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                   |

## Discussion and Conclusions:

1. In the Visual Basic program, an example was made in the number of teeth of the first and second, 25, 30, and the diametral Pitch is 4, with choosing the value of Lewis Factor coefficient for the British system (by clicking on Clear Fields) we get (the number of teeth, the standard, the centre distance, the stress) directly in the metric system as shown the following diagram:

The screenshot displays a software interface for gear calculations, divided into two main sections: SI (Module) Standard System and British (Diametral pitch) Standard System.

**SI (Module) Standard System:**

- Number of Teeth second Mating: 18
- Number of Teeth first Mating: 37
- Module: 6.35
- Gear Center Distance, mm: 174.62
- Lewis bending stress, MPa (Calculated per unit face width (1mm), per KW of transmitted power): 35.9686
- Buttons: Clear Fields, Estimate equivalent SI (metric) gear set

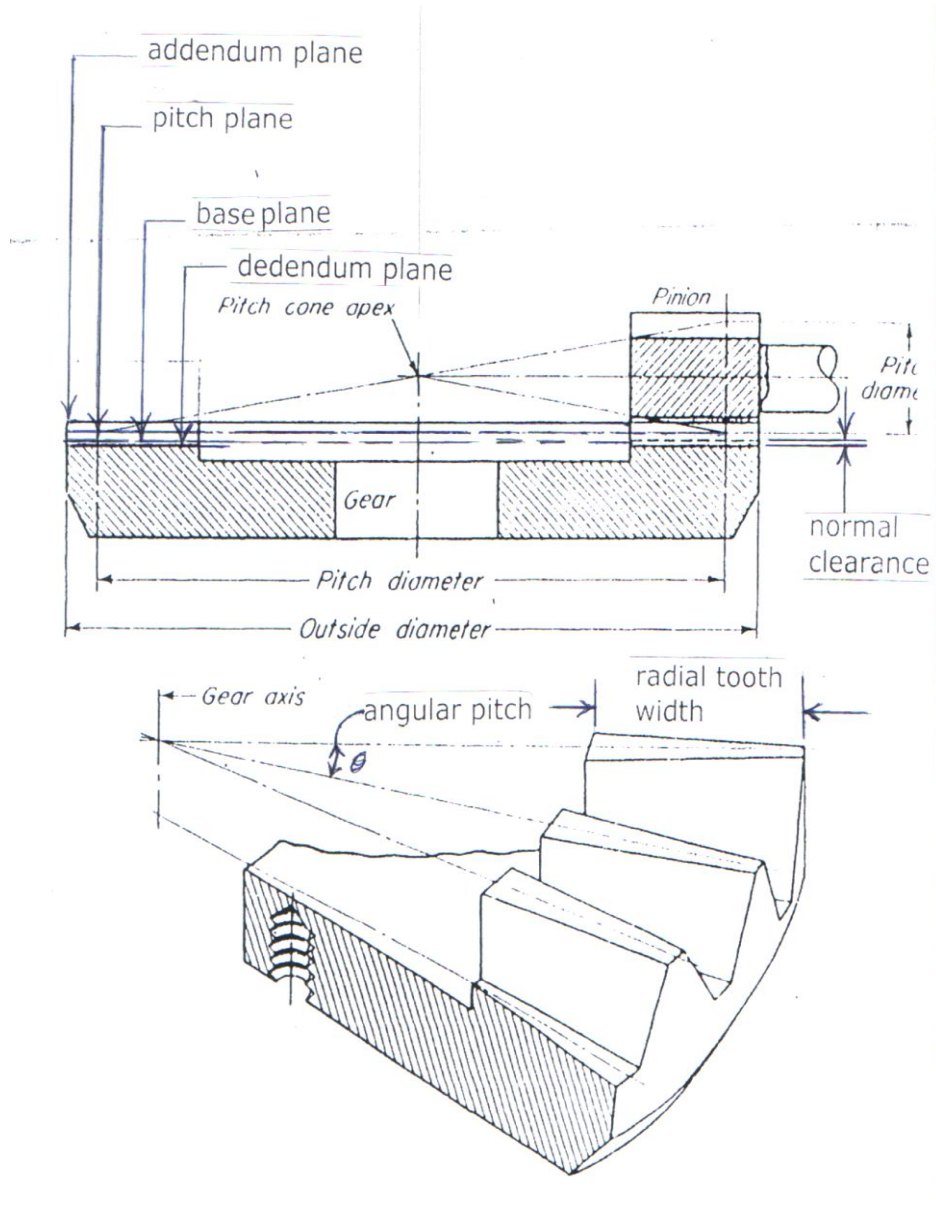
**British (Diametral pitch) Standard System:**

- Number of Teeth second Mating Gear: 30
- Number of Teeth first Mating Gear: 25
- Diametral Pitch: 4
- Y Factors for standard:
  - ☒ 0.527
  - ☐ 0.600
  - ☐ 0.657
  - ☐ 0.640
  - ☐ 0.577
  - ☐ 0.583
  - ☐ 0.693
  - ☐ 0.673
- Gear Center Distance, inch: 6.88
- Lewis bending stress, MPa (Calculated per unit face width (1mm), per KW of transmitted power): 35.9686

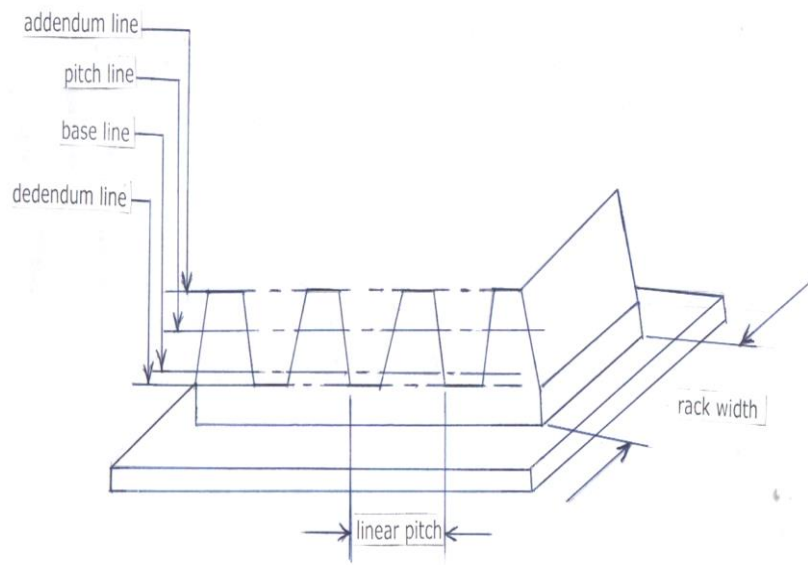
2. Although the gear standard systems are apparently two, they are basically the same in most aspects except the units. Therefore it is suggested to use a unified parameter to define either metric or English gears. the suggest that diametral pitch should be departed and replaced by the unified module. The unified module should be essentially expressed in units of millimeters (SI).
- **Face gears:** with face gears, classical definition of module has no meaning. Pitch circle is replaced by a mean circular pitch line. There is no addendum, or dedendum circles. Instead, there are outer and inner circles. Radial tooth width which is equal to  $(R_o - R_i)$ .
  - **Racks:** racks are straight gears. The involute curve for a rack becomes a straight line because the base circle radius is infinity. For a rack, no circles are present. Pitch, base, addendum, and dedendum circles all are becoming straight lines. Table (2) and Figures (1) and (2) summarize this point.

**Table (2) shows the differences between the inappropriate and suggested parameters**

| <b>Gear Type</b> | <b>Inappropriate Parameter<br/>(Meaningless)</b> | <b>Equivalent Parameter</b> | <b>Suggested Standard Measuring Parameter</b> |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Face gear</b> | <b>addendum circle</b>                           | <b>addendum plane</b>       | <b>outermost circle</b>                       |
|                  | dedendum circle                                  | dedendum plane              | innermost circle                              |
|                  | pitch circle                                     | pitch plane                 | mean circular pitch line                      |
|                  | base circle                                      | base cylinder               |                                               |
|                  | face width                                       | radial tooth width          | radial tooth width                            |
|                  | circular pitch                                   |                             | angular pitch                                 |
|                  | radial clearance                                 | normal clearance            | face clearance                                |
|                  |                                                  |                             |                                               |
| <b>Rack</b>      | addendum circle                                  | addendum line               | addendum line                                 |
|                  | dedendum circle                                  | dedendum line               | dedendum line                                 |
|                  | pitch circle                                     | pitch line                  | pitch line                                    |
|                  | base circle                                      | base line                   | base line                                     |
|                  | face width                                       | rack width                  | rack width                                    |
|                  | circular pitch                                   | linear pitch                | linear pitch                                  |



**Fig.(1) Face Gear Corrected Terminology**



**Fig ( 2) Rack Corrected Terminology**

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