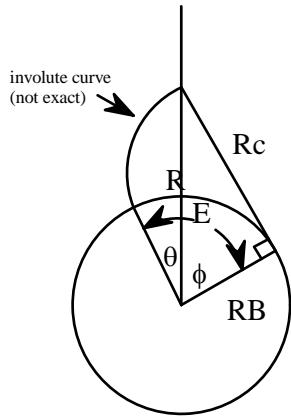


## Gear geometry

Consider the curve generated by unwrapping a string from around a disk of radius  $R_B$ . The end of the string will trace an involute curve.

To mathematically define an involute consider the following:



$$R_C = \text{length\_of\_string\_unwrapped}$$

tangent with disk at one end

$$\tan(\phi) = \frac{R_C}{R_B}$$

$$R_B = \text{radius\_of\_generating\_cylinder}$$

$\phi = \text{pressure\_angle}$  direction of loading perpendicular along involute curve

$$\theta = \text{position\_parameter\_associate\_with\_involute}$$

$$E = \theta + \phi$$

point at loose end of curve is at polar coordinates  $R, \theta$

$$E = \text{interim\_variable\_sum\_of\_angles}$$

$$\text{length of arc} = \text{radius} * \text{angle}$$

$$R_C = E \cdot R_B$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R_C}{R_B} = E = \theta + \phi \quad \text{substitute above ...} \quad \tan(\phi) = \frac{R_C}{R_B} = E = \theta + \phi \quad \tan(\phi) = \theta + \phi$$

$\theta = \tan(\phi) - \phi$  basic definition for angular coordinate of involute curve for any  $\phi$ . Curve is generated by setting  $\phi$  to range from 0 to max

$$\text{from geometry ...} \quad \cos(\phi) = \frac{R_B}{R} \Rightarrow R = \frac{R_B}{\cos(\phi)} \quad \text{the other coordinate, } R = \text{pitch\_radius} \\ \text{when } \phi = \text{pressure angle for design}$$

$$\text{involute curve} \quad \phi := 40\text{deg} \quad \text{pressure\_angle} \quad \theta1 := 0, 0.01..2\pi \quad 2\pi\text{-range\_variable}$$

$$\theta := \tan(\phi) - \phi \quad \text{involute}(\phi) \quad \theta = 8.077\text{deg} \quad R_{\text{rad}} := 0, 0.1..2 \quad \phi1_{\text{max}} = 0.85\text{rad}$$

$$R_B := 1 \quad \text{in this case we will define the base radius}$$

$$\text{calculate the pitch radius} \quad R_P := \frac{R_B}{\cos(\phi)} \quad R_P = 1.305 \quad \text{N.B. positive directions for } \theta \text{ and } \phi \text{ are opposite}$$

the involute is constructed by varying a dummy pressure angle over a range - equivalent to unwrapping the string from the disk.

$$\phi1 := 0, 0.01 .. \phi1_{\text{max}} \text{ range\_variable\_for\_construction}$$

$$\theta2(\phi1) := \tan(\phi1) - \phi1 \quad R2(\phi1) := \frac{R_B}{\cos(\phi1)}$$

a tangent is drawn from the pressure angle thru the involute at the pitch radius (perpendicular to involute)

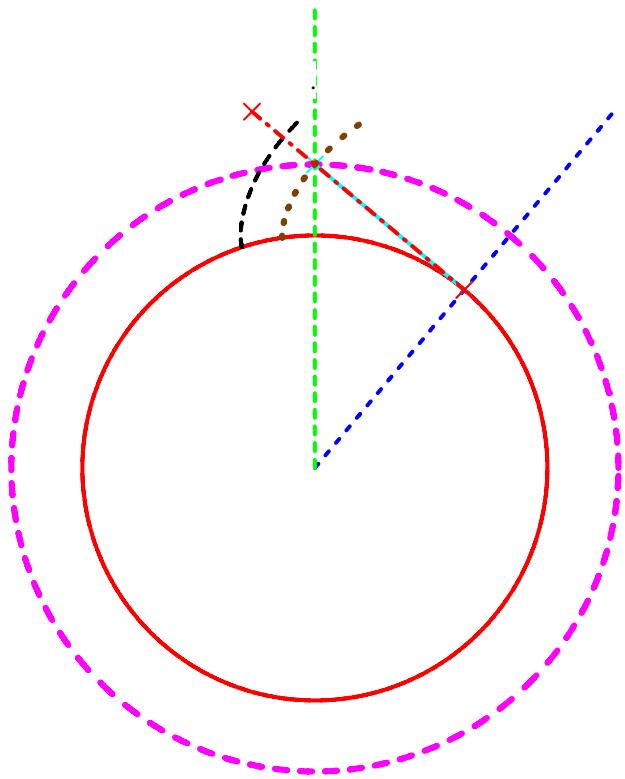
$$R_{\text{tan}} := \begin{pmatrix} R_P & \frac{\pi}{2} \\ R_B & \frac{\pi}{2} - \phi \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{draws the tangent} \quad R_{\text{tan}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.305 & 1.571 \\ 1 & 0.873 \end{pmatrix}$$

add in an involute at a nominal pressure angle of 50 deg and then rotate it by the difference between pressure angles. Notice it overlays the first tangent.

$$\phi_4 := 50\text{deg} \quad \theta_4 := \tan(\phi_4) - \phi_4 \quad \theta_4 = 18.282 \text{ deg} \quad (\phi_4 - \phi) \cdot k_4 \quad \text{does the rotation with } k_4 = 1$$

$$R_{\text{tan1}} := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{R_B}{\cos(\phi_4)} & \frac{\pi}{2} + (\phi_4 - \phi) \cdot k_4 \\ R_B & \frac{\pi}{2} - \phi_4 + (\phi_4 - \phi) \cdot k_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_{\text{tan1}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.556 & 1.745 \\ 1 & 0.873 \end{pmatrix}$$

the resulting figure is as follows:



### **tooth construction (design)**

at this point we know ...  $R_B = \text{radius\_of\_generating\_cylinder}$

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

$$R = \frac{R_B}{\cos(\phi)} \quad \text{radius as function of pressure angle} \\ = \text{pitch radius at design pressure angle}$$

$$\text{CP} = \text{circular\_pitch} = \frac{\text{circumference\_of\_pitch\_diameter}}{\text{number\_of\_teeth}}$$

set pressure angle  $\phi := 25\text{deg}$

pressure\_angle

$$DP := 10 \quad \text{diametral\_pitch} = DP = \frac{\text{number\_of\_teeth}}{\text{pitch\_diameter}} = \frac{N_G}{2 \cdot R_G} = \frac{N_P}{2 \cdot R_P} \quad CP \cdot DP = \pi \quad \text{an aside ...}$$

$$N_P := 20 \quad \text{number\_of\_pinion\_teeth} \quad N_G := 30 \quad \text{number\_of\_gear\_teeth}$$

$$BL := 0.01 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{backlash} = 0.01 \text{ beyond scope,} \\ \text{depends on DP} \end{array} \quad CTT_P := \frac{\pi}{DP \cdot 2} - \frac{BL}{2} \quad \text{circular\_tooth\_thickness}$$

calculate pitch and base radii  $CTT_G := CTT_P$  same on pitch diameter

$$R_G := \frac{N_G}{DP} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \quad R_G = 1.5 \quad \text{pitch\_radius\_gear} \quad R_{BG} := R_G \cdot \cos(\phi) \quad R_{BG} = 1.359 \quad \text{base\_diameter\_gear}$$

$$R_{BP} := \frac{N_P}{DP} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \quad R_P = 1 \quad \text{pitch\_radius\_pinion} \quad R_{BP} := R_P \cdot \cos(\phi) \quad R_{BP} = 0.906 \quad \text{base\_diameter\_pinion}$$

$$C := R_G + R_P \quad C = 2.5 \quad \text{center\_distance}$$

$$R := \frac{R_G}{R_P} \quad R = 1.5 \quad \text{gear\_ratio} \quad \text{i.e. gear ratio is ratio of pitch radii (or diameters or number of teeth)}$$

$$CTT_{P2} = 2 \cdot R_{P2} \cdot \left( \frac{CTT_P}{2 \cdot R_{P1}} + \text{inv}(\phi_1) - \text{inv}(\phi_2) \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{derived from involute geometry} \\ \text{defining function inv} \end{array}$$

at  $R_2$  point on  
thickness of tooth B is

$$B = \theta_1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{CTT_1}{R_1} - \theta_2 \quad \text{inv}(\phi) := \tan(\phi) - \phi$$

derived below ...

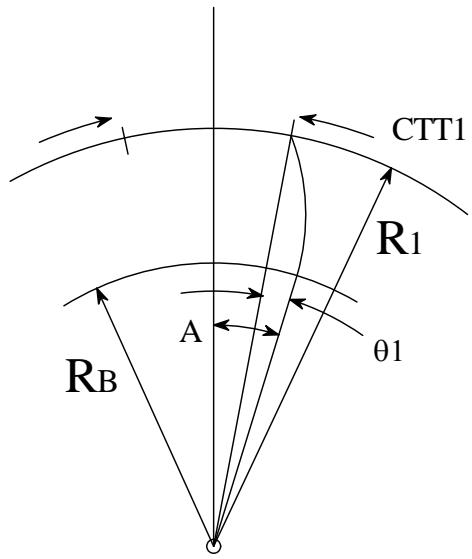


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reversed and rotated - values at pitch radius

$$A = \theta_1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{CTT_1}{R_1}$$

$CTT_1$  = circular\_tooth\_thickness

$\phi$  = pressure\_angle\_design

$\theta_1$  = involute\_of\_design\_pressure\_angle

$$R_1 = \text{pitch\_radius} = \frac{R_B}{\cos(\phi)}$$

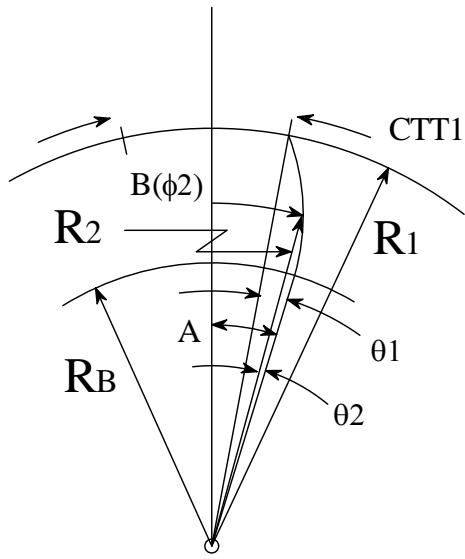


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here consider varying  $\phi$  from 0 to a value > design angle =  $\phi_2$

$\theta_2$  = involute\_of\_phi2

$$B(\phi_2) = A - \theta_2$$

$$R_2 = \frac{R_B}{\cos(\phi_2)}$$

$$\text{so ..} \quad B = \theta_1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{CTT_1}{R_1} - \theta_2$$

and points on tooth surface are  $R_2, B$

additional definitions

addendum

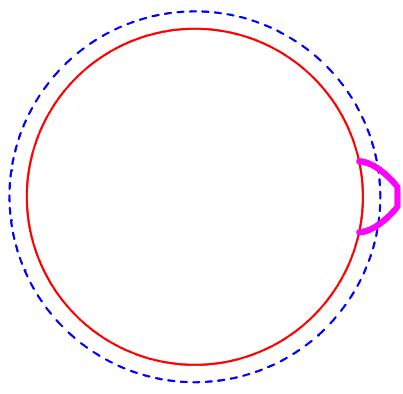
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root\_diameter

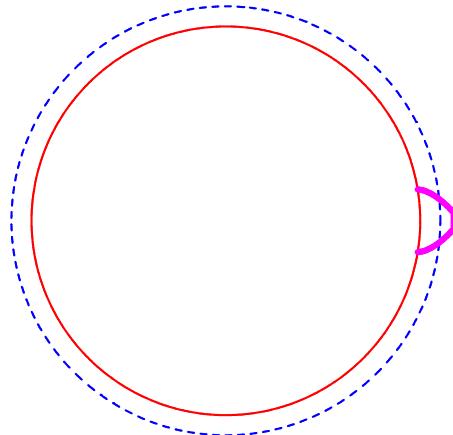
tooth profile ... with pitch radius and base radius shown ...

plot set up

pinion profile



gear profile (scale is changed)



move the pinion out to C, rotating it by  $\pi$  and offsetting both by half tooth thickness

$$\theta_{\text{plot}} G(R_G)$$

▶ geometry to shift circle

▶ plot set up

