



Two forces with equal magnitude of F act on a gear in opposite directions. If the gear has radius r , find the magnitude of the resultant moment experienced by the gear and the perpendicular distance between the forces, d .

Assuming counterclockwise rotation is positive:

$$M_R = r \cdot F \cos \theta - r \cdot F \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow M_R = r \cdot F (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)$$

Assuming $0^\circ < \theta < 45^\circ$

Since $M = Fd$, $d = r \cdot (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)$