

In-Class Agenda

1. What is a Power Screw?

2. Forces on a screw
3. Torques

4. Efficiency

Upcoming Assignments

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Riddle

A hunter encountered a bear in a wasteland. There was nobody else there. Both were frightened and ran away. The hunter ran to the north, and the bear to the west. Suddenly the fellow stopped, aimed his gun to the south and shot the bear. What color was the bear?



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# Elements of

# Machine Design

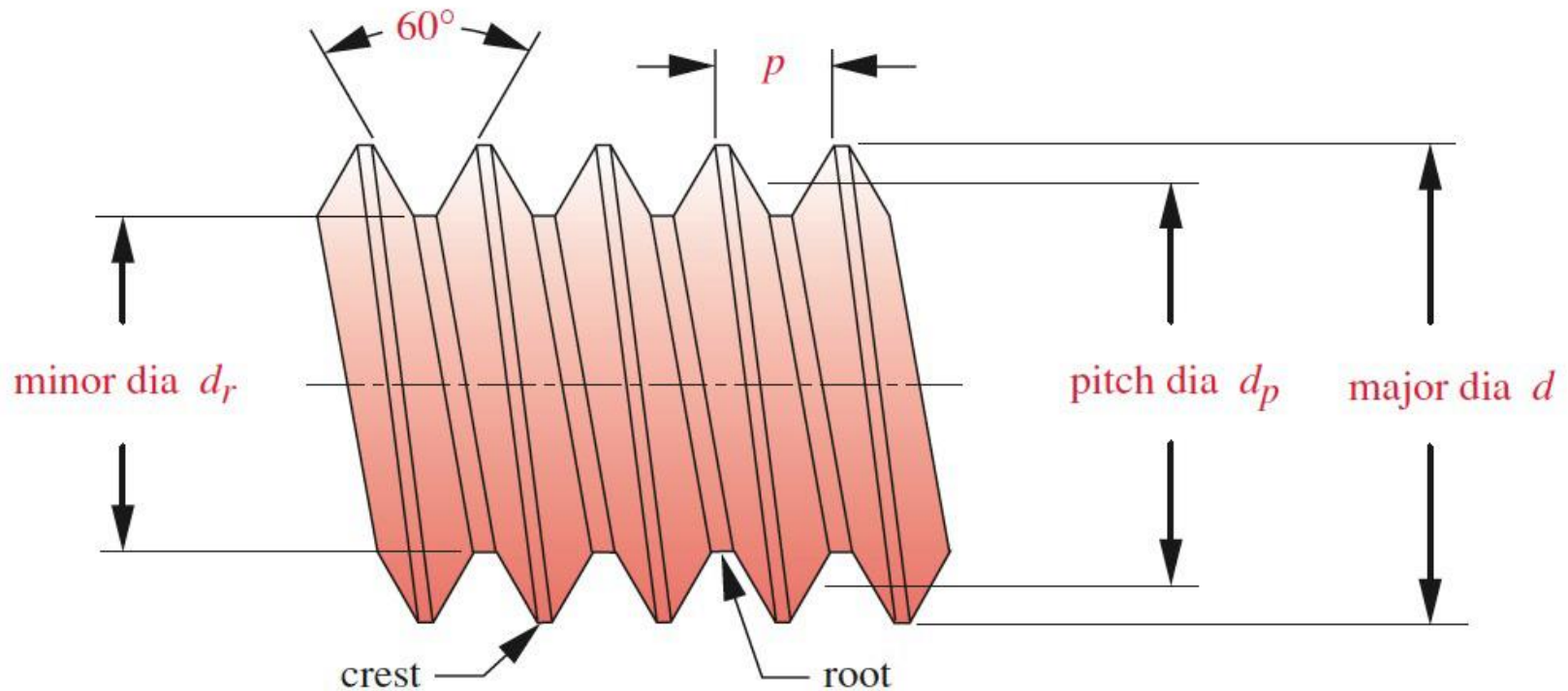
Lecture 37

Introduction to Power Screws



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# What type of simple machine is a thread?



**FIGURE 15-2**

Unified National and ISO Standard Thread Form

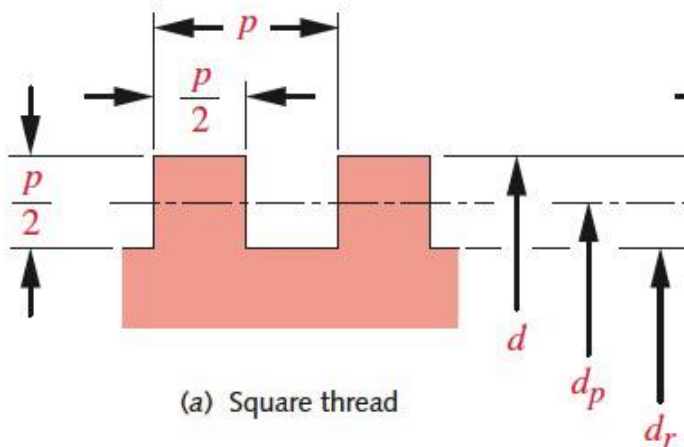
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# Threads used to drive serve two functions:

- Power transmission
  - Rotational to linear, or linear to rotational
  - Examples: Car jack
- Accurate locating
  - Servomotor-driven linear actuators
  - Examples: All CNC machines, robots, manufacturing equipment

# To transmit power, 60° angle is too inefficient.

- Square thread:
  - Greatest strength and efficiency
  - Hard to manufacture



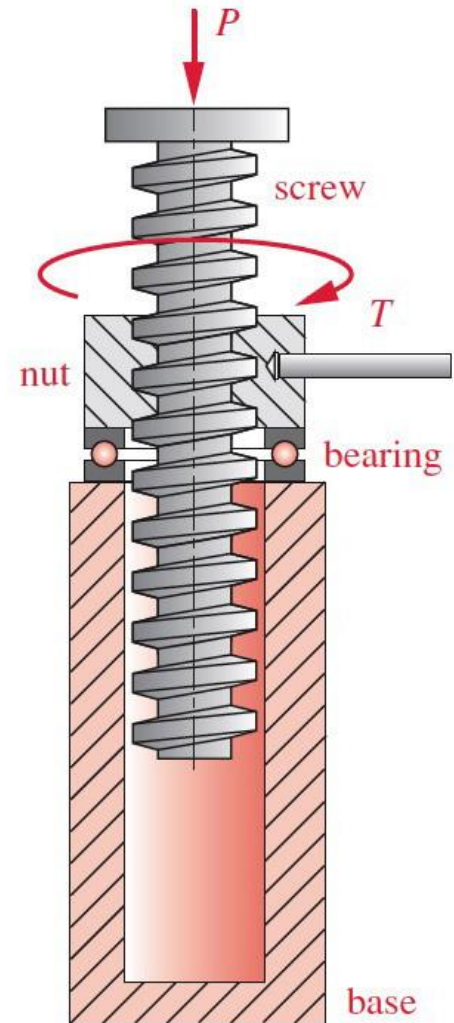
**FIGURE 15-3**

Square, Acme, and Buttress Threads



# Example of a power screw

- Notice:
  - Thrust bearing
  - Effect of gravity

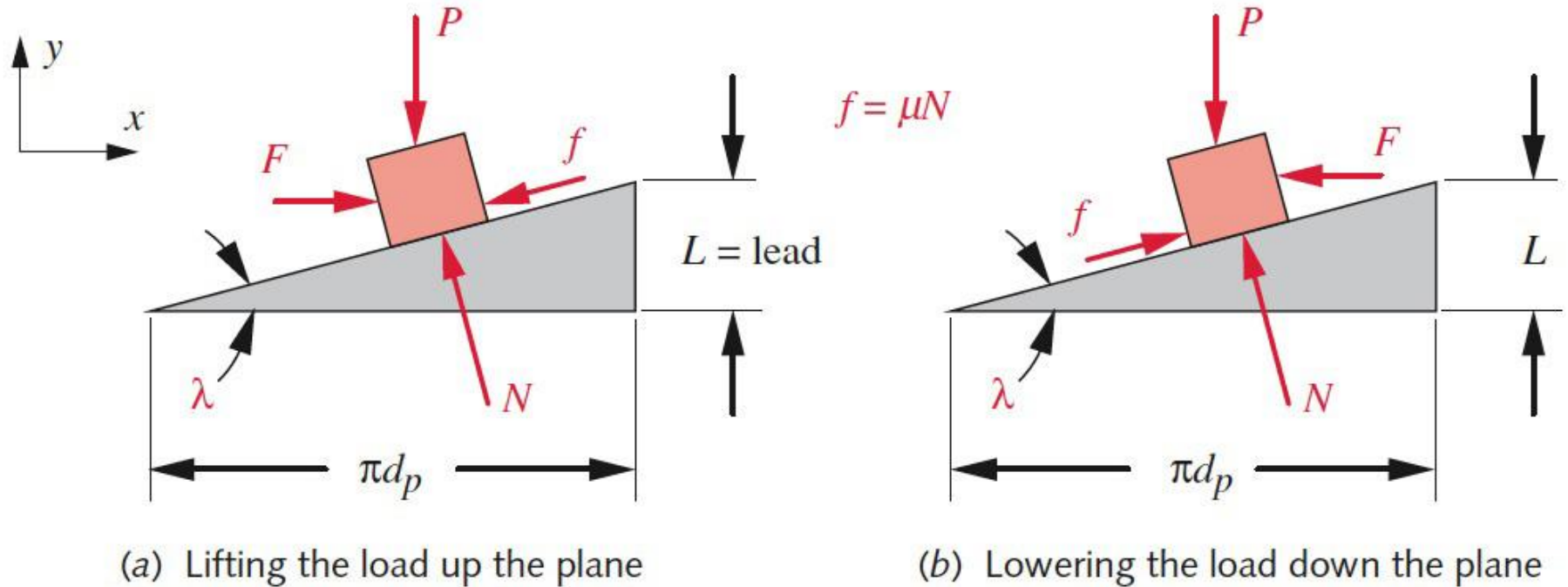


**FIGURE 15-4**

An Acme-Thread  
Power-Screw Jack

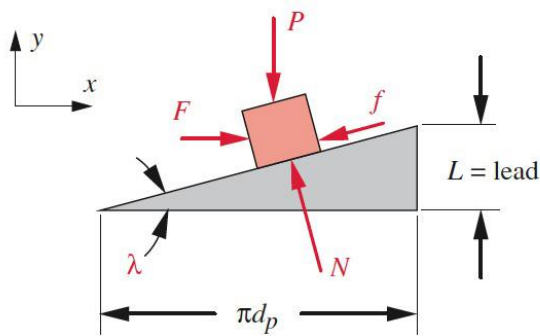
# Square nut Force Analysis

- $d_p = \text{pitch diameter}$

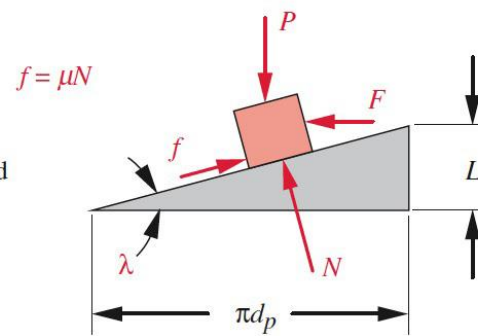


**FIGURE 15-6**

Force Analysis at the Screw-Nut Interface



(a) Lifting the load up the plane



(b) Lowering the load down the plane

## Square threads:

$$\tan \lambda = \frac{L}{\pi d_p}$$

$$F = N(\mu \cos \lambda + \sin \lambda)$$

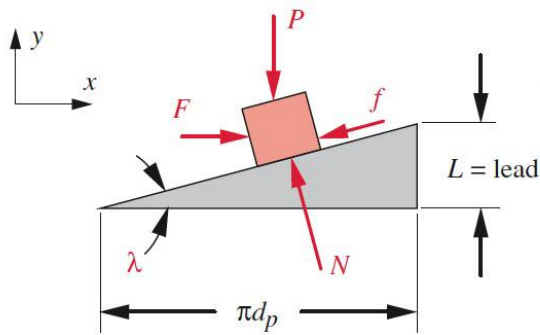
$$N = \frac{P}{\cos \lambda - \mu \sin \lambda}$$

$$F = P \frac{(\mu \cos \lambda + \sin \lambda)}{\cos \lambda - \mu \sin \lambda}$$

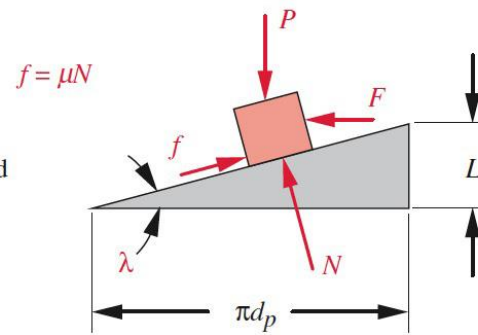
- Torque:

$$T_{su} = F \frac{d_p}{2} = P \frac{d_p}{2} \frac{(\mu \cos \lambda + \sin \lambda)}{\cos \lambda - \mu \sin \lambda} = P \frac{d_p}{2} \frac{(\mu \pi d_p + L)}{\pi d_p - \mu L}$$





(a) Lifting the load up the plane



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## Square threads:

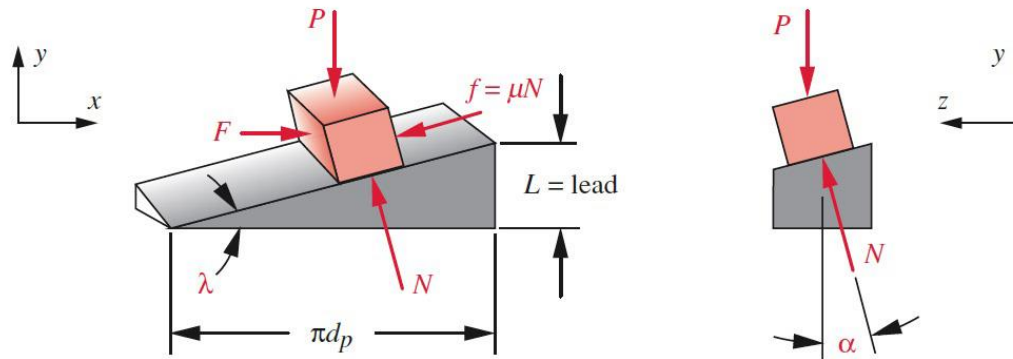
Torque at the the thrust collar (because of friction)

$$T_C = \mu_c P \frac{d_c}{2}$$

Total torque to lift against the load (up) and with the load (down)

$$T_u = T_{s_u} + T_C = P \frac{d_p}{2} \frac{(\mu \pi d_p + L)}{\pi d_p - \mu L} + \mu_c P \frac{d_c}{2}$$

$$T_d = T_{s_d} + T_C = P \frac{d_p}{2} \frac{(\mu \pi d_p - L)}{\pi d_p + \mu L} + \mu_c P \frac{d_c}{2}$$



Acme threads:

Torque at the thrust collar (because of friction)

$$T_C = \mu_c P \frac{d_c}{2}$$

New terms because of  $\alpha$ . (Acme:  $\alpha = 14.5^\circ$ )

$$T_u = T_{su} + T_C = P \frac{d_p}{2} \frac{(\mu \pi d_p + L \cos \alpha)}{\pi d_p \cos \alpha - \mu L} + \mu_c P \frac{d_c}{2}$$

$$T_d = T_{su} + T_C = P \frac{d_p}{2} \frac{(\mu \pi d_p - L \cos \alpha)}{\pi d_p \cos \alpha + \mu L} + \mu_c P \frac{d_c}{2}$$

*CAN THESE TERMS BE NEGATIVE?*

# Self-Locking vs Back-Drivable

- Sometimes we want self-locking (jack)

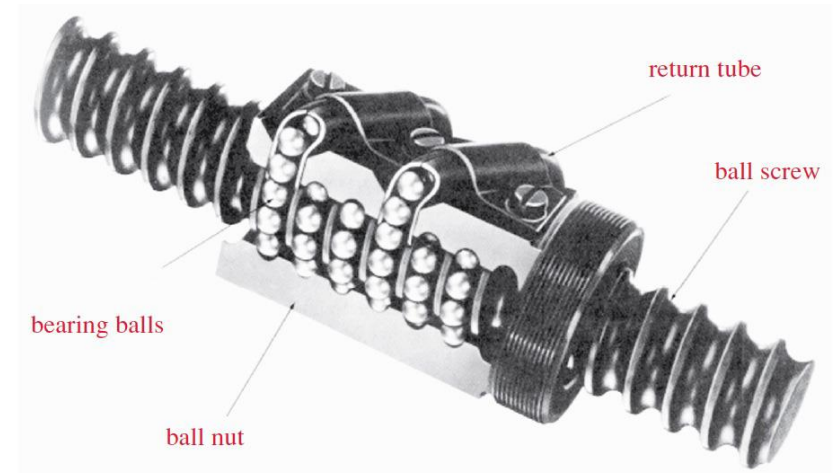
$$T_d = T_{s_d} + T_c = P \frac{d_p}{2} \frac{(\mu \pi d_p - L \cos \alpha)}{\pi d_p \cos \alpha + \mu L} + \mu_c P \frac{d_c}{2}$$

$$\mu \geq \frac{L}{\pi d_p} \cos \alpha = \tan \lambda \cos \alpha$$

- Sometimes we want back-drivable (robotics)

# Friction values

- For oil-lubricated thread-nut combination:
  - $\mu = 0.15 \pm 0.05$
  - $\mu_c \approx \mu$
- For roller-element thrust bearings:
  - $\mu_c = 0.01 \text{ to } 0.02$
- You can also use roller-elements in the threads.



**FIGURE 15-9**

A Ball Screw and Ball Nut Courtesy of Thompson-Saginaw Ball Screw Co., Saginaw, Mich.

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# Screw Efficiency

The general equation for efficiency is:

$$e = \frac{W_{out}}{W_{in}} = \frac{PL}{2\pi T}$$

For Square Threads, not including the collar friction:

$$e = \frac{1 - \mu \tan \lambda}{1 + \mu \cot \lambda}$$

**Table 15-4**

Lead Angle and Efficiency for  
Standard Acme Threads with  
Coefficient of Friction  $\mu = 0.15$

Size	Lead Angle (deg)	Efficiency %
1/4 - 16	5.2	36
5/16 - 14	4.7	34
3/8 - 12	4.5	34
7/16 - 12	3.8	30
1/2 - 10	4.0	31
5/8 - 8	4.0	31
3/4 - 6	4.5	34
7/8 - 6	3.8	30
1 - 5	4.0	31
1 1/8 - 5	3.6	28
1 1/4 - 5	3.2	26
1 3/8 - 4	3.6	29
1 1/2 - 4	3.3	27
1 3/4 - 4	2.8	24
2 - 4	2.4	21
2 1/4 - 3	2.9	25
2 1/2 - 3	2.6	23
2 3/4 - 3	2.4	21
3 - 2	3.3	27
3 1/2 - 2	2.8	24
4 - 2	2.4	21
4 1/2 - 2	2.1	19
5 - 2	1.9	18