

# BELT DRIVE

## \* Flexible Drive :-

It is having flexible elements which provide flexibility to drive

### Advantages

- used for long centre distance
- Absorb shock & vibration
- tolerate centre distance due to flexibility
- cheap, low maintenance

### Disadvantages :-

- require more space
- velocity ratio - small
- velocity ratio - is not constant

## \* Belt Drive :-

### Advantages :-

- used for considerable center distance (long)
- smooth & silent operation
- Transmit definite load
- Absorb shock & vibration
- simple design
- low initial cost

### Disadvantages :-

- Require more space
- velocity ratio is not constant
- impose heavy load on shaft
- low power transmission & also efficiency is low
- short service life.

## \* Comparison between flat Belt & V-Belt :-

### \* Flat Belt

#### Advantages

- cheap
- act as clutch.
- simple & inexpensive

- Different velocity ratio can be obtained by shifting mechanism
- work in dusty and abrasive environment
- centre distance - long (15 m)
- efficiency is more than v-belt

#### Disadvantages :-

- Power transmitting capacity is low
- velocity ratio is lower ( $\phi : 1$ )
- large dimension
- noisy
- used for horizontal position power transmission

#### \* V-Belt :-

##### Advantages

- large power transmitting capacity
- compact
- $i = 7 : 1$
- smooth & quiet at high speed
- no slip  $\rightarrow$  positive drive
- can be used in vertical position.

##### Disadvantages :-

- $h/diameter = \text{large} \rightarrow$  so large bending stress
- efficiency - low - creep high
- costlier

#### \* Desirable Properties of Belt

- High coefficient of friction, tensile strength & flexibility
- low wear and low rigidity.

# Geometric Relationships :-

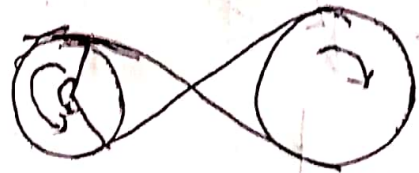
- Two types of Belt construction

- 1) open
- 2) crossed

} Both constructions - shafts are parallel

Open Belt Construction

Cross Belt construction



i) belt proceeds from top of one pulley to top of another without crossing

ii) driving & driven pulley rotates in same direction.

iii) angle of wrap is small so power transmitting capacity is less

iv) so rubbing & bending so less wears & more life

v) with large centre distance belt whips & vibrates in transverse direction.

- for small centre dist<sup>n</sup>. slip increases

more popular.

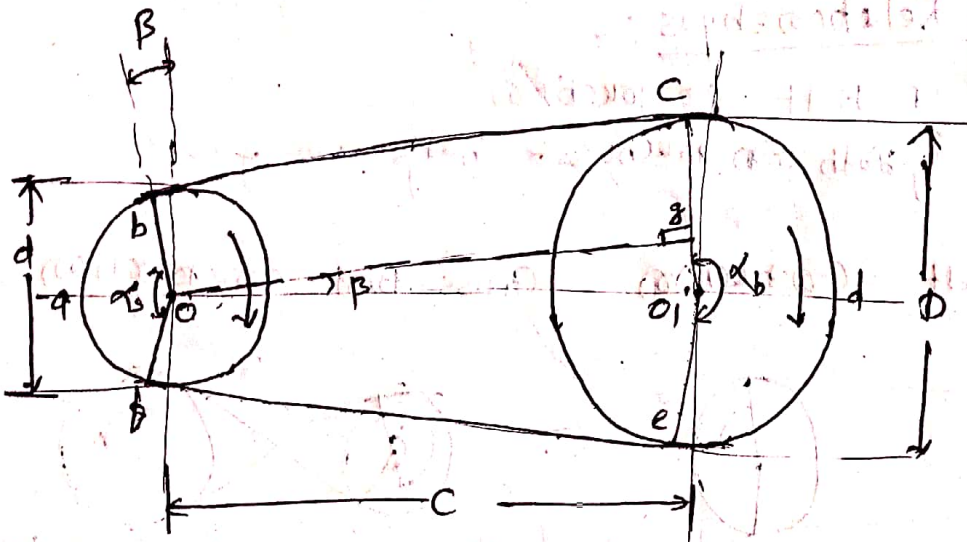
i) Belt proceeds from top of one pulley to bottom of another & cross over itself

ii) driving & driven pulley rotates in opposite direction.

iii) angle of wrap is large so power transmitting capacity is more

iv) Belt rub against each other while crossing & belt has to bend in two diff. plane. so increases wears & reduces life of bearings

v) cross belt drive does not have this limitation.



Open Belt drive is shown in figure.

$\alpha_s$  = wrap angle of small pulley

$\alpha_b$  = wrap angle of big pulley

$D$  = Diameter of big pulley

$d$  = Diameter of small pulley

$C$  = centre distance.

— Draw a line  $og \perp$  to line  $O_1O_2$ .

Area  $ogcb$  is rectangle.

$$ob = gc$$

— From  $\Delta ogO_1$ ,

$$\sin \beta = \frac{og}{O_1g} = \frac{O_1C - gc}{O_1g} = \frac{O_1C - ob}{O_1g}$$

$$\sin \beta = \frac{(D/2) - (d/2)}{C} = \frac{D-d}{2C}$$

—  $\alpha_s = (180 - 2\beta)$

$\alpha_b = (180 + 2\beta)$

— Therefore  $\alpha_s = 180 - 2 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{D-d}{2C} \right)$

$\alpha_b = 180 + 2 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{D-d}{2C} \right)$

From figure, length of belt (L) is given by

$$L = \text{arc}(fab) + \bar{bc} + \text{arc}(cde) + e\bar{b}$$

$$= \frac{d}{2}(\alpha_s) + \bar{b}g + \frac{D}{2}(\alpha_b) + \bar{b}g$$

$$= \frac{d}{2}(\pi - 2\beta) + \cancel{c \cos \beta} + \frac{D}{2}(\pi + 2\beta) + c \cos \beta$$

$$L = \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \beta(D-d) + 2c \cos \beta \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

for small value of  $\beta$ ,

$$\beta = \sin \beta = \left( \frac{D-d}{2c} \right)$$

$$\& \cos \beta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \left( \beta/2 \right) = 1 - \frac{\beta^2}{2}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{(D-d)^2}{8c^2}$$

Substituting value of  $\beta$  &  $\cos \beta$  in --- (a)

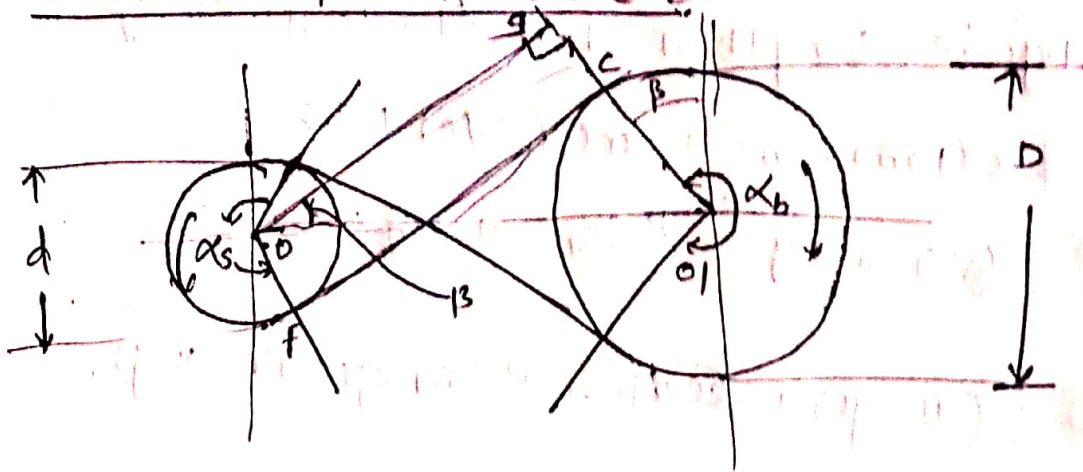
$$L = \frac{\pi}{2}(D+d) + \left( \frac{D-d}{2c} \right) (D-d) + 2c \left[ 1 - \frac{(D-d)^2}{8c^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2}(D+d) + \frac{(D-d)^2}{2c} + 2c - \frac{(D-d)^2}{4c}$$

$$L = 2c + \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \frac{(D-d)^2}{4c}$$

for flat belt drive.

For Crossed Belt Drive :-



- Draw line  $O_1G \perp$  to line  $O_2C$
- $\square OFCG$  is rectangle

- from  $\Delta O_1GO_2$

$$\sin \beta = \frac{O_1G}{O_1O_2} = \frac{O_1C + CG}{O_1O_2} = \frac{O_1C + OF}{O_1O_2}$$

$$\sin \beta = \frac{(D/2) + (d/2)}{c} = \left( \frac{D+d}{2c} \right)$$

$$\alpha_s = \alpha_b = 180 + 2\beta$$

$$\alpha_s = \alpha_b = 180 + 2\sin^{-1} \left( \frac{D+d}{2c} \right)$$

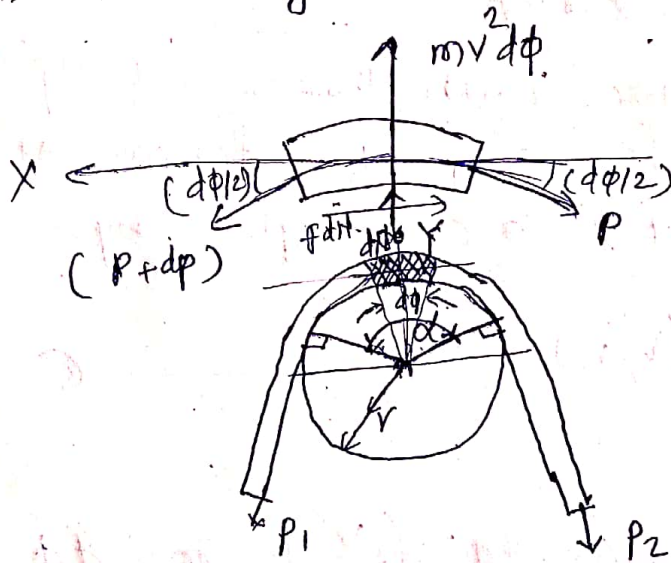
- length of cross belt drive

$$L =$$

$$\left[ L = 2c + \pi \left( \frac{D+d}{2} \right) + \frac{(D+d)^2}{4c} \right]$$

## \* Analysis of Belt tensions: -

- The forces acting on the elements of a flat belt are shown in fig.



$P_1$  = belt tension in tight side (N)

$P_2$  = belt tension in loose side (N)

$m$  = mass of one meter length of belt (kg/m)

$v$  = belt velocity m/s

$\phi$  = coeff. of friction

$\alpha$  = angle of wrap (radians)

- Element of belt subtending an angle ( $d\phi$ ) is in equilibrium under the action of the following forces

i) tension ( $P$ ) & ( $P + dp$ ) on loose side & tight side respectively.

ii) normal reaction bet<sup>n</sup> surfaces of belt and pulley. ( $dN$ ) & frictional force ( $f \times dN$ ) at the interface

iii) centrifugal force in radially outward direction.

$$\text{centrifugal force} = m \alpha m \times v^2 \alpha \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

length of element is  $(r d\phi)$  and mass per unit length is  $m$

$$\therefore \text{mass of elemnt} = m r d\phi \quad \text{--- (b)}$$

If a particle revolves with linear velocity 'v' at a radius 'r' from axis of rotation, the normal or centripetal accel<sup>n</sup> is given by

$$a = \frac{v^2}{r} \quad \text{--- (c)}$$

From (b) & (c)

$$\text{centrifugal force} = (m r d\phi) \left( \frac{v^2}{r} \right) = m v^2 d\phi.$$

considering the equilibrium of forces in X & Y direction.

$$\rightarrow (P + dP) \cos\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) - P \cos\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) - f dN = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\rightarrow (P + dP) \sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) + P \sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) - m v^2 d\phi - dN = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

for small values of  $(d\phi/2)$

$$\cos\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) \approx 1$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) \approx \left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right)$$

substituting above values in (1)

$$(P + dP) - P - f dN = 0.$$

$$dP - f dN = 0.$$

$$\boxed{dN = \frac{dP}{f}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



Similarly substituting  $\sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) \approx \frac{d\phi}{2}$  in ②

$$(P + dP) \frac{d\phi}{2} + P \left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) - mv^2 d\phi - dH = 0.$$

$$P \frac{d\phi}{2} + dP \cdot \frac{d\phi}{2} + P \frac{d\phi}{2} - mv^2 d\phi - dH = 0$$

Neglecting  $(dP \times d\phi)$  as second order term is so small.

$$P d\phi - mv^2 d\phi - dH = 0.$$

Substituting ③ in above eqn.

$$(P - mv^2) d\phi - \frac{dP}{f} = 0$$

$$\frac{dP}{(P - mv^2)} = f d\phi.$$

Integrating above expression.

$$\int_{P_2}^{P_1} \frac{dP}{(P - mv^2)} = f \int_0^{\alpha} d\phi$$

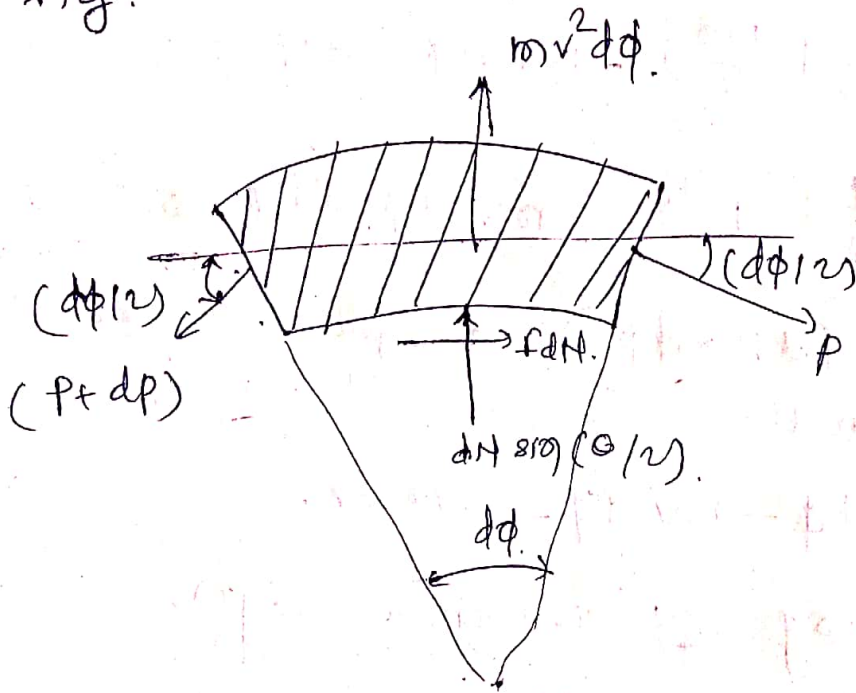
$$\left[ \log (P - mv^2) \right]_{P_2}^{P_1} = f [\phi]_0^{\alpha}$$

$$\log_e (P_1 - mv^2) - \log_e (P_2 - mv^2) = f(\alpha - 0)$$

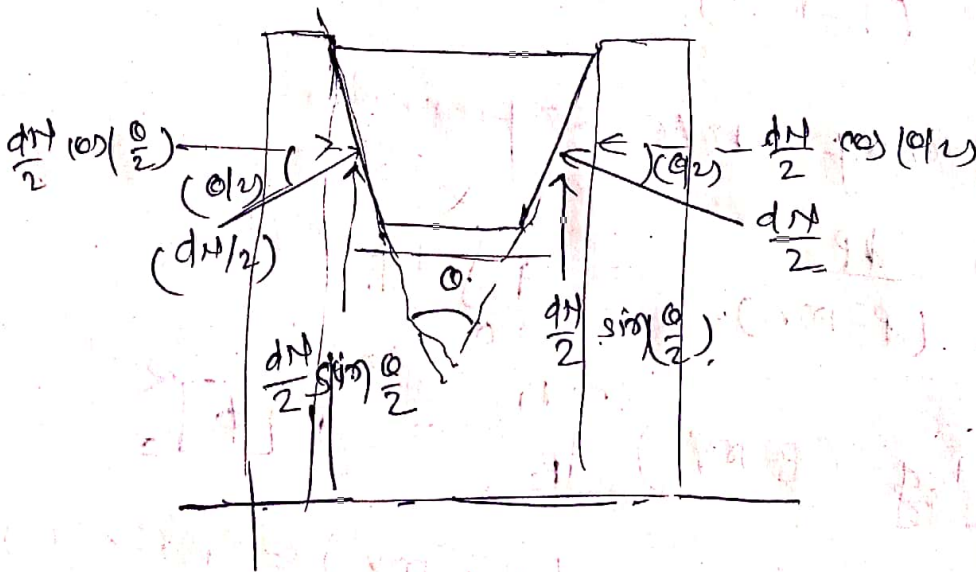
$$\log_e \left[ \frac{P_1 - mv^2}{P_2 - mv^2} \right] = f\alpha.$$

$$\boxed{\frac{P_1 - mv^2}{P_2 - mv^2} = e^{f\alpha}}$$

\* The forces acting on v-belts are shown in fig.



$$\frac{P_1 - mv^2}{P_2 - mv^2} = e^{[f \times / \sin(\theta/2)]}$$



- The forces acting on element of v-belt are
  - 1)  $P$  &  $(P + dp)$  = tension on loose & tight side resp.
  - 2)  $mv^2 d\phi$  = centrifugal force, acting outwards.
  - 3)  $fdN$  = will be the frictional force, i.e.  $\frac{1}{2} fdN$  on one side &  $\frac{1}{2} fdN$  on other straight surface of belt.
  - 4) The normal reaction is inclined to surface.

- The normal reaction in  $x-y$  plane is ~~acting~~.  
 its vertical component =  $\frac{dN}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \frac{dN}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$   
 $= dN \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$

- considering equilibrium of particles in horizontal & vertical direction in  $x-y$  plane.

$$\sum H = 0: (P + dP) \cos\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) - P \cos\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) - b dN = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\sum V = 0 \quad (P + dP) \sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) + P \sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) - m v^2 d\phi - dN \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

for small values of  $\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right)$

$$\cos\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) \approx 1$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) \approx \left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right)$$

substituting above values in (1)

$$(P + dP) - P - b dN = 0$$

$$dP = b dN$$

$$dN = \frac{dP}{b} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

substituting  $\sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) \approx \left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right)$  in eq (2)

$$(P + dP) \frac{d\phi}{2} + P \left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) - m v^2 d\phi - dN \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$P d\phi + dP \cdot \frac{d\phi}{2} - m v^2 d\phi - dN \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = 0$$

$\left(dP \cdot \frac{d\phi}{2}\right) = \text{neglecting} \Rightarrow$  terms of second order differentials

$$(P - mv^2) d\phi - dN \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$(P - mv^2) d\phi = dN \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

Substituting eq<sup>n</sup> (3) in above equation

$$(P - mv^2) d\phi = \frac{dP}{b} \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{b d\phi}{\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)} = \frac{dP}{(P - mv^2)}$$

Integrating above expression.

$$\int_0^{\alpha} \frac{b d\phi}{\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)} = \int_{P_2}^{P_1} \frac{dP}{(P - mv^2)}$$

$$\frac{b}{\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)} [\phi]_0^{\alpha} = \left[ \log_e (P - mv^2) \right]_{P_2}^{P_1}$$

$$\frac{b \alpha}{\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)} = \log (P_1 - mv^2) - \log (P_2 - mv^2)$$

$$\left[ \frac{b \alpha}{\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)} \right] = \log \left( \frac{P_1 - mv^2}{P_2 - mv^2} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{P_1 - mv^2}{P_2 - mv^2} = e^{b \alpha / \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}}$$

Comparing expression for flat belt & V-belt

i) Coeff of friction in flat belt is  $f / \sin(\alpha/2)$  coeff of friction in V-belt

ii) for V-belt  $\alpha = 40^\circ$ . so

$$f / \sin(\alpha/2) = f / \sin(40/2) = f / 0.342 = 2.92 f$$

- for identical material of belt, pulley & ~~same~~ coeff of friction of V-belt is 2.92 times of flat belt, so power transmitting capacity is more in V-belt

### \* Condition for Maximum Power: -

- Belt has given initial tension ( $P_i$ ) for power transmission
- initial tension depends upon length of belt, elasticity of belt, geometry of pulley & centre distance.

#### Assumption: -

- i) length of belt is constant
- ii) belt has linear elasticity
- When the driving pulley begins to rotate, the elongation on tight side is proportional to  $(P_1 - P_i)$  while contraction on loose side is proportional to  $(P_i - P_2)$
- above condition is must for constant length of belt.

$$(P_1 - P_i) = (P_i - P_2)$$

$$P_i = \frac{1}{2}(P_1 + P_2) \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

We know that

$$\frac{P_1 - mv^2}{P_2 - mv^2} = e^{f\alpha}$$

$$\frac{P_2 - mv^2}{P_1 - mv^2} = \frac{1}{e^{f\alpha}} = \frac{e^{-f\alpha}}{1}$$

$$\frac{(P_2 - mv^2) + (P_1 - mv^2)}{(P_2 - mv^2) - (P_1 - mv^2)} = \frac{e^{-f\alpha} + 1}{e^{-f\alpha} - 1}$$

$$\frac{(P_1 + P_2) - 2mv^2}{(P_2 - P_1)} = \frac{e^{-f\alpha} + 1}{e^{-f\alpha} - 1}$$

Substituting (1) in above equation.

$$\frac{2P_i - mv^2}{-(P_1 - P_2)} = \frac{e^{-f\alpha} + 1}{e^{-f\alpha} - 1}$$

$$2P_i - mv^2 = \frac{e^{-f\alpha} + 1}{e^{-f\alpha} - 1} \times -(P_1 - P_2)$$

$$(P_1 - P_2) = 2 (P_i - mv^2) (-1) \frac{(e^{-fx} - 1)}{(e^{-fx} + 1)}$$

$$(P_1 - P_2) = 2 (P_i - mv^2) \left( \frac{1 - e^{-fx}}{1 + e^{-fx}} \right)$$

We know

$$\text{Power} = (P_1 - P_2) v$$

$$= 2 (P_i - mv^2) \left( \frac{1 - e^{-fx}}{1 + e^{-fx}} \right) v$$

$$\left( \frac{P}{v} \right) = 2 (P_i v - mv^3) \left( \frac{1 - e^{-fx}}{1 + e^{-fx}} \right)$$

Differentiating above eq<sup>n</sup> w.r.t  $v$  & equating it to (0) zero

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} (\text{Power}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left[ 2 (P_i v - mv^3) \left( \frac{1 - e^{-fx}}{1 + e^{-fx}} \right) \right] = 0$$

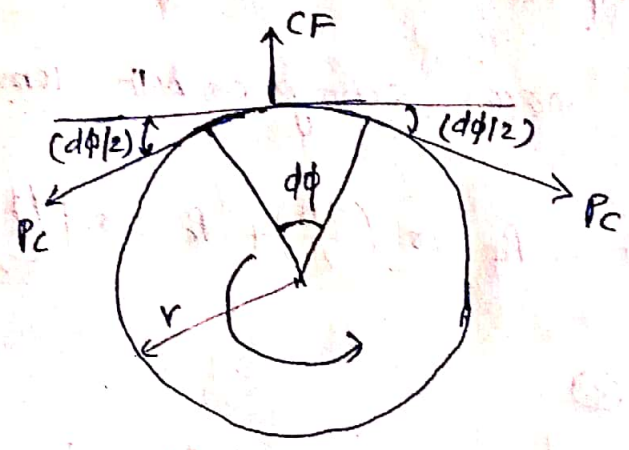
$$2 \cdot [P_i - 3mv^2] \left( \frac{1 - e^{-fx}}{1 + e^{-fx}} \right) = 0$$

$$P_i - 3mv^2 = 0$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{P_i}{3m}}$$

Optimum velocity of the belt for maximum power transmission

# \* Condition for maximum Power (Alternative Approach)



- When belt passes over pulley, centrifugal force due to its own weight tends to lift belt from surface of pulley.

- An element of belt subtending an angle  $\phi$  at the center of pulley is shown in fig.

length of belt element =  $r \times \theta = r d\phi$

Mass of element =  $r d\phi \cdot m$

where  $m$  = mass per unit length of belt

- Acceleration of belt rotating about axis of pulley is  $\left(\frac{v^2}{r}\right)$

- centrifugal force =  $CF = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$   
 $= m r d\phi \times \left(\frac{v^2}{r}\right)$

$[CF = m v^2 d\phi]$  — (1)

- This centrifugal force induces belt tension  $P_c$  which is equally divided on two sides of belt

- Resolving the forces acting on belt element in vertical position

$$CF = P_c \sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) + P_c \sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) = 2P_c \sin\frac{d\phi}{2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from (1) + (2)

$$mv^2 d\phi = 2 P_c \sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right)$$

for small value of  $d\phi$ ,  $\sin\left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right) \approx \frac{d\phi}{2}$

$$\therefore mv^2 d\phi = 2 P_c \left(\frac{d\phi}{2}\right)$$

$$\boxed{P_c = mv^2}$$

→ Belt can transmit maximum power when following two conditions are simultaneously satisfied.

i) Tension on belt reaches maximum permissible value for the belt cross-section.

ii) The belt on point of slipping i.e. maximum frictional force is developed in belt.

Suppose  $b =$  width of belt

$t =$  thickness.

$\sigma =$  max. permissible tensile stress for belt

- Maximum belt tension  $P_{max} = bt\sigma$

- Since there is tension due to centrifugal force  $P_i = P_{max} - P_c$



We know

$$\frac{P_1}{P_2} = e^{fk}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{P_1}{e^{fk}}$$

Power transmitted by belt is given by

$$\text{Power} = (P_1 - P_2) v = \left( P_1 - \frac{P_1}{e^{fk}} \right) v$$

$$= P_1 v \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{e^{fk}} \right]$$

$$\text{Power} = P_1 v k \quad \dots \quad k = \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{e^{fk}} \right] = \text{constant}$$

$$= (P_{\max} - P_c) v k$$

$$= (P_{\max} - mv^2) v k$$

$$= (P_{\max} v - mv^3) k$$

Power transmitted will be maximum when

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} (\text{Power}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left\{ [P_{\max} v - mv^3] v \right\} = 0$$

$$P_{\max} - 3mv^2 = 0$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{P_{\max}}{3m}}$$

③  
→ Optimum velocity of belt for maximum power transmission.

from ③

$$P_{\max} - 3mv^2 = 0$$

$$P_{\max} - 3P_c = 0$$

$$P_{\max} = 3P_c$$

$$\therefore P_c = \frac{P_{\max}}{3}$$

$$P_1 = P_{max} - P_c = 3P_c - P_c = 2P_c$$

$$P_1 = 2P_c$$

Conclusion : condition for maximum power transmission

i) maximum permissible tension in belt should be three times tension due to centrifugal force

$$(P_{max} = 3P_c)$$

ii) Tension in tight side of belt should be twice the tension due to centrifugal force

$$(P_1 = 2P_c)$$

iii) Belt ~~tension~~ velocity should be

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{P_{max}}{3m}}$$

## \* Selection of Belt from Manufacturer's catalogue

- In practice, while selecting a flat belt from mfg catalogue, the following parameter values should be known to the designer

- i) power to be transmitted
- ii) input and output speed
- iii) centre distance depending upon availability of space
- iv) type of load.

- The maximum power transmitted by belt is obtained by multiplying rated power of load correction factors

$$(P_{kw})_{max} = f_a (P_{kw})$$

$(P_{kw})_{max}$  = power transmitted by belt for design purpose.

$(P_{kw})$  = actual power transmitted by belt

$f_a$  = load correction factor.

Type of load

Normal load  $f_a = 1$

steady load  $f_a = 1.2$

Intermittent load  $f_a = 1.3$

shock load  $f_a = 1.5$

- Power transmitting capacity of belt are calculated for  $180^\circ$  arc of contact.

- actual arc of contact will be different for diff. appl.

- when arc of contact is lesser than  $180^\circ$ , there will be an additional tension in belt. which is counted by considering arc of contact factor.

$$(P_{kw})_{corrected} = (P_{kw})_{max} \times f_d$$

→ arc of contact should not be less than  $180^\circ$ .

→ these are two varieties of belt in desktop transmission belt.

\* HI-SPEED duct belting - general application  
( $P_{kw}$ ) → 0.0118 kW per mm width per ply

\* FORT duct belting - heavy application.  
( $P_{kw}$ ) → 0.0147 kW per mm width per ply.

- optimum belt velocity for these belts  
= 17.8 to 22.9 m/s.

- The above values of power based on two assumptions

arc of contact =  $180^\circ$ .

belt velocity = 5.08 m/s

\* Power rating / load rating of flat belt :-

- power transmitting capacity of the belt per mm width ply at  $180^\circ$  arc of contact.

Ques 1 - Flat Belt selection.

i) Optimum belt velocity  $\Rightarrow$  17.8 to 22.9 m/s

Assume belt velocity 18 m/s (in this range) & calculate.

- diameter of smaller pulley

$$d = \frac{v \times 60 \times 10^3}{\pi n}$$

$$v = \frac{\pi d n}{60 \times 10^3}$$

$n =$  input speed in rpm for smaller pulley

- diameter of bigger pulley (D)

$$\frac{D}{d} = \frac{\text{speed of smaller pulley}}{\text{speed of bigger pulley}} = \frac{\text{input speed}}{\text{output speed}}$$

- Modify values of  $d$  &  $D$  to nearest preferred diameter for CI & mild steel, pulley dia. are

100, 112, 125, 140, 160, 180, 200, 224, 250, 280, 315, 355, 400, 450, 500, 560, 630, 710, 800, 900, 1000.

- calculate correct velocity for this preferred pulley diameter & check whether the actual velocity is in the range of optimum belt velocity (17.8 to 22.9 m/s)

ii) Determine load correction factor  $f_a$  from table (It depends on type of load)

find  $P_{max}$ .

$$(P_{kw})_{max} = f_a (P_{kw})$$

iii) Calculate angle of wrap for smaller pulley

$$\alpha_s = 180 - 2 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{D-d}{2C} \right)$$

- find arc correction of contact factor  $f_c$  (from table).

iv) Calculate corrected power.

$$(P_{KW})_{corrected} = (P_{KW})_{max} \times f_d$$

v) Calculate corrected power rating for belt

- for high speed belt

$$corrected \text{ } P_{KW} \text{ rating} = \frac{0.0118 v}{5.08}$$

- for FORT belt.

$$corrected \text{ } P_{KW} \text{ rating} = \frac{0.0147 v}{5.08}$$

$$v = \text{corrected belt velocity in m/s}$$

vi) Calculate Belt width.

$$(\text{Width} \times \text{No. of ply}) = \frac{\text{corrected Power}}{\text{corrected belt rating}}$$

- calculate width by assuming suitable no. of plies

- Alternative sol<sup>n</sup> - belt whose width is near the value of standard width is optimum solution. (from table)

- select standard belt width.

vii) Calculate belt length.

$$L = 2C + \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \frac{(D-d)^2}{4C}$$

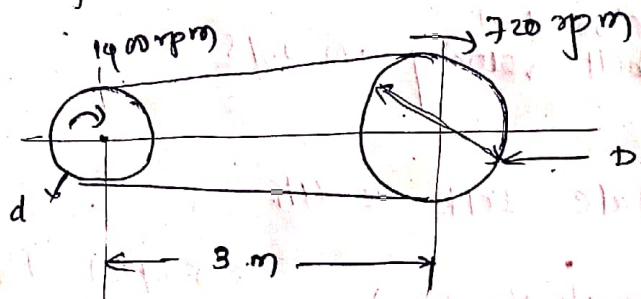
### Example :-

It is required to select a flat belt drive for a compressor running at 720 rpm, which is driven by a 25 kW, 1440 rpm motor. Space is available for a centre distance of 3 m. The belt is open type

→  $P_{kW} = 25 \text{ kW}$ ,  $n_1 = 1440 \text{ rpm}$ ,  
 $n_2 = 720 \text{ rpm}$ .

$C = 3000 \text{ mm}$ .

i) Diameter of pulley  
using velocity of belt 18 m/s.



We know  $v = \frac{\pi d n}{60 \times 10^3}$

$$d = \frac{60 \times 10^3 \times v}{\pi n_1} = \frac{60 \times 1000 \times 18}{\pi \times 1440} = 238.73 \text{ mm}$$

selecting the preferred pulley diameter of 250 mm

$d = 250 \text{ mm}$

$$D = d \left( \frac{1440}{720} \right) = 250 \times 2 = 500 \text{ mm (same as preferred dia.)}$$

Belt Velocity for this dimensions

$$v = \frac{\pi d n_1}{60 \times 10^3} = \frac{\pi \times 250 \times 1440}{60 \times 1000} = 18.85 \text{ m/s which}$$

is in belt's optimum velocity range.

ii) Maximum Power for selection,  
load correction factor for compressor is

$$f_a = 1.3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximum } P_{kW} &= f_a (P_{kW}) \\ &= 1.3 \times 25 \\ &= 32.5 \text{ kW.} \end{aligned}$$

iii) Angle of wrap for smaller pulley

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_s &= 180 - 2 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{D-d}{2C} \right) \\ &= 180 - 2 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{550-250}{2 \times 3000} \right) \\ &= 175.23^\circ \text{ C.} \end{aligned}$$

for finding ~~is~~  $f_d \rightarrow$  arc of contact factor at  $175.23^\circ \text{ C}$   
of wrap angle, use interpolation.

$$f_d = 1.019$$

iv) corrected Power

$$\begin{aligned} (P_{kW})_{\text{corrected}} &= (P_{kW})_{\text{max}} \times f_d \\ &= 32.5 \times 1.019 \\ &= 33.12 \text{ kW.} \end{aligned}$$

v) corrected Power rating of Belt  
for HI speed belt

$$\text{corrected belt rating} = \frac{0.0118 (18.85)}{5.08} = 0.0438 \text{ kW.}$$

vi) selection of Belt width:

$$(\text{Width} \times \text{no. of plies}) = \frac{\text{corrected power}}{\text{corrected belt rating}}$$



$$= \frac{33.12}{0.0438}$$

$$(\text{width} \times \text{no. of plies}) = 756.17$$

for Belt width using trial & error method

$$\text{for 4 plies } w = \frac{756.17}{4} = 189.04 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{for 5 plies } w = \frac{756.17}{5} = 151.23 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{for 6 plies } w = \frac{756.17}{6} = 126.03 \text{ mm}$$

~~for~~ comparing calculated width with preferred width of corresponding plies in standard series. 152 is very close to 151.23 of 5 plies in standard series

so selecting 5 plies & 152 mm width belt.

vii) Belt length

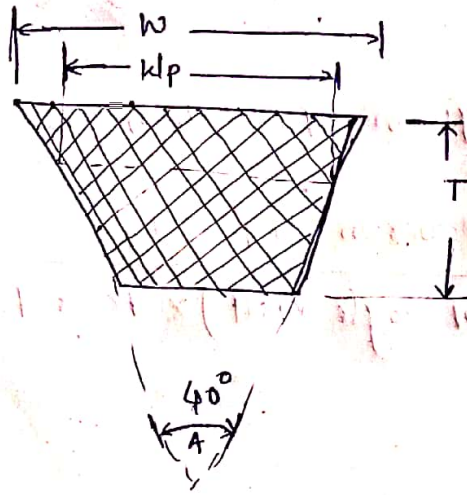
$$L = 2C + \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \frac{(D-d)^2}{4C}$$

$$= 2(3000) + \frac{\pi(500+250)}{2} + \frac{(500-250)^2}{4(3000)}$$

$$= 7183.31 \text{ mm}$$

Belt Dimension ∴ 7.2 m length  
152 mm width  
5 plies belt at HI speed.

## \* Selection of V-Belts :-



- i) Pitch width ( $W_p$ ) :- width of the belt at its pitch zone
- ii) Nominal top width ( $W$ ) :- top width of trapezium
- iii) Nominal height ( $T$ ) :- height of trapezium
- iv) Angle of Belt ( $A$ ) :- included angle obtained by extending sides of belt ( $40^\circ$ )
- v) Pitch length ( $L_p$ ) :- length of pitch line of belt or circumferential length of belt at pitch width.

- six basic standardised cross-section of belt

A, B, C, D, E & Z.

Z → used for low power transmission

A, B, C, D & E → widely used for general purpose application

- Designation of Belt :-

B4430Lp ⇒ V-belt of cross section B & pitch length 4430 mm

- Groove angle for belt =  $40^\circ$  & for pulley ( $34-38^\circ$ )  
This result in wedging action thereby increasing frictional force & consequently transmitted power.

## \* Selection of cross-section :-

- It depends on power to be transmitted & speed of faster pulley.
- In case of borderline, some alternative design calculations are made to determine best solution.

- V-belt dimensions are taken from preferred pitch dia & pitch length from table.

- No. of belts required for given application is calculated

by

$$\text{No. of belts} = \frac{(\text{transmitted power in kW}) \times F_a}{(\text{kW rating of single v-belt}) \times F_c \times F_d}$$
$$= \frac{P \times F_a}{P_r \times F_c \times F_d}$$

where  $P =$  Power to be transmitted.

$P_r =$  Power rating of single v-belt.

$F_a =$  correction factor for service conditions

$F_c =$  correction factor for belt length

$F_d =$  correction factor for arc of contact.

## \* Basic Procedure for selection of V-Belts:-

Designer has to select a V-belt from manufacturer's catalogue based on following requirement

- i) Type of driving unit.
- ii) Type of driven unit
- iii) Operational hours per day
- iv) Power to be transmitted
- v) Input and output speeds
- vi) Centre distance

### Basic Steps

#### ① Correction factor according to service ( $F_a$ ):-

Determine correction factor according to service condition i.e. type of driving & driven unit, operational hours per day from design data book.

#### ② Design Power

Calculate design power  $\left[ \text{Design Power} = F_a \times (\text{transmitted Power}) \right]$

#### ③ Cross-section of Belt

- Based on design power & speed of faster pulley, the cross-section of belt is selected
- In case of borderline, alternative calculations are made to find out best cross-section.

#### ④ Diameters of pulley:-

+ Diameter of smaller pulley i.e. pitch diameter is taken from preferred values (it depends on cross-section of belt)

- Diameter of bigger pulley calculated by

$$D = d \left[ \frac{\text{input speed}}{\text{output speed}} \right]$$

- The values of  $D$  &  $d$  are compared with preferred pitch diameter and standardized diameter is chosen.

⑤ Pitch length of belt ( $L$ )

$$L = 2C + \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \frac{(D-d)^2}{4C}$$

⑥ Compare calculated  $L$  with preferred pitch length  $L$  & nearest pitch length is taken from table

⑦ Calculated corrected centre distance  $C$  :-

$$L = 2C + \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \frac{(D-d)^2}{4C}$$

It will be quadratic equation in  $C$  & after solving ' $C$ '

⑧ Correction factor ( $f_c$ )

find  $f_c$  from table as it depends upon type of cross section & pitch length of belt.

⑨ Calculate Arc of contact for small pulley:  $\alpha_d$

$$\alpha_d = 180 - 2 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{D-d}{2C} \right)$$

calculate  $f_d$  for arc of contact

- It is advisable to use an arc of contact less than  $120^\circ$  for V-belt

⑩ Power rating ( $P_r$ )

- Determine power rating ( $P_r$ ) of single V-belt as it depends on speed of faster shaft, pitch dia. of smaller pulley & speed ratio.

(ii) No. of belts :-

It depends on design power, power transmitting capacity of belt

$$\text{No. of belts} = \frac{P \times f_d}{P_r \times f_c \times f_d}$$

### Example:-

It is required to design a V-belt drive to connect a 7.5 kW 1440 rpm induction motor to a fan, running at approx. 480 rpm, for a service of 24 hrs per day. Space is available for a center distance of about 1 m.

→ Given:-  $P_{kW} = 7.5$

$$n_1 = 1440 \text{ rpm}$$

$$n_2 = 480 \text{ rpm}$$

$$C = 1 \text{ m}$$

service = 24 hrs per day

#### i) Correction factor ( $f_a$ )

Induction motor is driving fan of 7.5 kW for 24 hrs per day  
so from table  $f_a = 1.3$

#### ii) Design Power

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Design Power} &= f_a \times (\text{transmitted power}) \\ &= 1.3 (7.5) \\ &= 9.75 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

#### iii) Type of cross-section for belt.

From  $P_{kW} = 9.75 \text{ kW}$  &  $n = 1440 \text{ rpm}$   
from graph, B-section belt is suitable.

#### iv) Diameter of pulley

Diameter of smaller pulley from table

$$d = 200 \text{ mm, for B-section belt}$$

$$D = d \left( \frac{1440}{480} \right) = 200 (3) = 600 \text{ mm}$$

from table  $d = 200 \text{ mm}$  &  $D = 600 \text{ mm}$  are preferred diameter. so

v) pitch length of belt :-

$$L = 2C + \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \frac{(D-d)^2}{4C}$$
$$= 2(1000) + \frac{\pi(600+200)}{2} + \frac{(600-200)^2}{4(1000)}$$

$$\boxed{L = 3296.64 \text{ mm}}$$

vi) Preferred pitch length :-

from preferred pitch length for B-section belt is  
3200 to 3600 mm

So 3200 is closer to 3296.64 mm

So standard value taken from table  $L = 3200 \text{ mm}$

vii) Correct center distance :-

substituting  $L = 3200 \text{ mm}$

$$L = 2C + \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \frac{(D-d)^2}{4C}$$

$$3200 = 2C + \frac{\pi(600+200)}{2} + \frac{(600-200)^2}{4C}$$

$$\boxed{C = 950.64 \text{ mm}}$$

viii) correction factor for belt pitch length ( $F_c$ )

from table for B-section of  $L = 3200 \text{ mm}$  pitch

$$F_c = 1.08$$

ix) correction factor for arc of contact ( $F_d$ )

$$\alpha_s = 180 - 2 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{D-d}{2C} \right)$$

$$= 180 - 2 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{600-200}{2 \times 950.64} \right)$$

$$= 155.7 \approx 156^\circ$$



From table for  $\alpha = 156^\circ$

$$f_d = 0.94$$

(ix) Power rating of single V-belt

From table for 1440 rpm, 200 mm pulley of B-section.

$$\phi \text{ speed ratio} = 3$$

$$P_r = 5.9 + 0.46 \\ = 6.36 \text{ kW}$$

(x) Number of belts :-

$$\begin{aligned} \text{No. of belts} &= \frac{P \times f_a}{P_r \times f_c \times f_d} \\ &= \frac{7.5 \times (1.3)}{6.36 (1.08)(0.94)} \\ &= 1.57 \approx 2 \text{ belts.} \end{aligned}$$

## Chain Drive

- chain drive is an intermediate between belt & gear drive in performance.

- It can be used for short as well as long centre distance, also efficiency is in bet<sup>n</sup> gear & belt.

- It consists of endless chain wrapped around two sprocket

- chain is a series of link connected by pin joint & sprocket

is a toothed wheel

- used for velocity ratio upto 10:1 & chain velocity upto 25 m/s & power transmission upto 100 kW

### \* Advantages of chain Drive compared with belt & gear drive.

i) used for long as well as small center distance

ii) No. of shafts can be driven in same or opposite direction by single chain from single driving sprocket

iii) small overall dimension as compared to belt drive so compact

iv) does not slip and to that extent, it is positive drive

v) Properly lubricated chain drive an efficiency of 96% to 98%.

vi) Does not require initial tension so reduces forces on shaft

vii) chains are easy to replace

viii) Atmospheric conditions & temp. does not affect performance of drive.

### \* Disadvantages :-

i) operate without lubricant film so more wear that will increase pitch of chain & chain may leave sprocket

ii) Not suitable for non parallel shaft

iii) unsuitable where precise motion required due to polygonal effect

- velocity of chain is not constant so non-uniform speed to driven shaft

iv) requires housing

v) compared to belt drive, it requires precise alignment of shaft

vi) lubrication need :-

vii) noisy

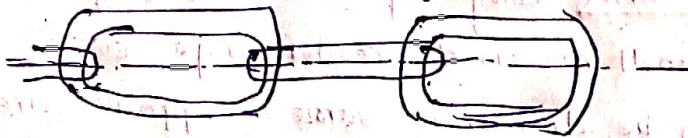
\* Different types of chains are their with respect to their purpose.

- i) load lifting chain
- ii) Hauling chains
- iii) Power transmission chains.

### ① Load lifting chains

- used for suspending, raising or lowering loads in material handling equipments

ex: link chain in low capacity hoists, hand operated cranes etc.



#### Advantages.

- i) good flexibility in all direction
- ii) operate with small diameter pulley & drum
- iii) simple to design & easy to manufacture
- iv) noiseless at low speed (ie. 0.1 m/s)

#### Disadvantages:-

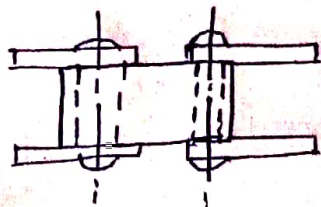
- i) heavy
- ii) susceptible to jerk & overloads
- iii) sudden & complete failure
- iv) operate at low speed.

### ② Hauling chains:-

- used for carrying materials continuously by sliding, pulling or carrying in conveyor.

ex:- Block chain.

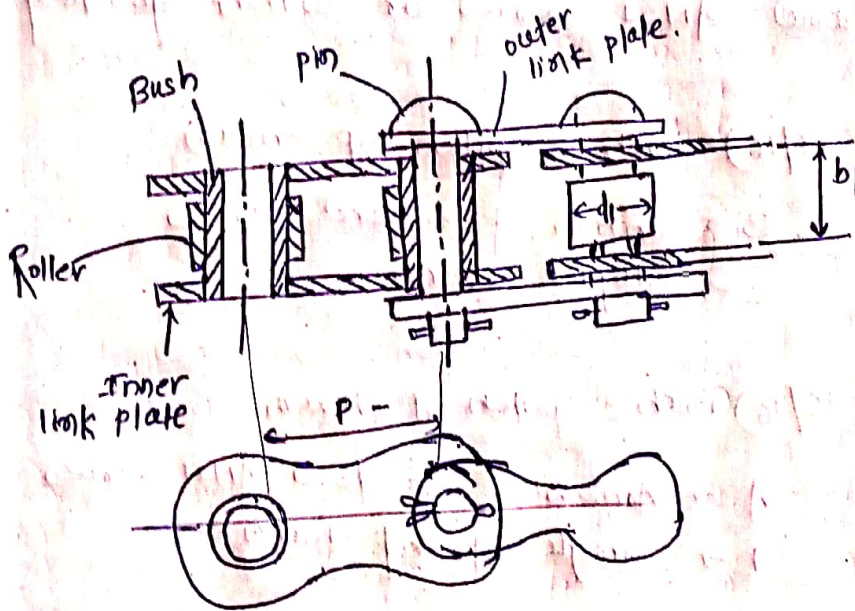
- operate at medium velocity upto 2 to 4 m/s
- have long pitch due to long length.
- noisy and wear rapidly



### ③ Power transmission chain :-

- used for transmitting power.
- ex: - Roller chain

### \* Construction of Roller chain :- components



- i) pin
- ii) Bushing
- iii) Roller
- iv) Inner link plate
- v) Outer link plate.

- Pin is press fitted to two outer link plate while bush is press fitted to two inner link plate.
- Bush and pin form a swivel joint and outer link is free to swivel with respect to inner link.
- Rollers are freely fitted on bush & during engagement turn with the teeth of sprocket wheel. This result in rolling friction instead of sliding friction. & reduces wear & improves efficiency of drive.

### Material :-

- Inner & outer plate  $\rightarrow$  Medium carbon steel. (Blended form cold rolled shafts & hardened to 50 HRC)
- Pin, bush, roller  $\rightarrow$  case carburized alloy steel with 50 HRC.

Pitch → linear distance bet<sup>n</sup> axes of adjacent rollers

single or multistrand — multi row of chains.

Breaking load :- maximum tensile load which if applied is result in chain failure.

Designation :-

American standard ANSI series or British standard series

08 B-2 → (08/16) inch ⇒ pitch of chain.

B → British standard series

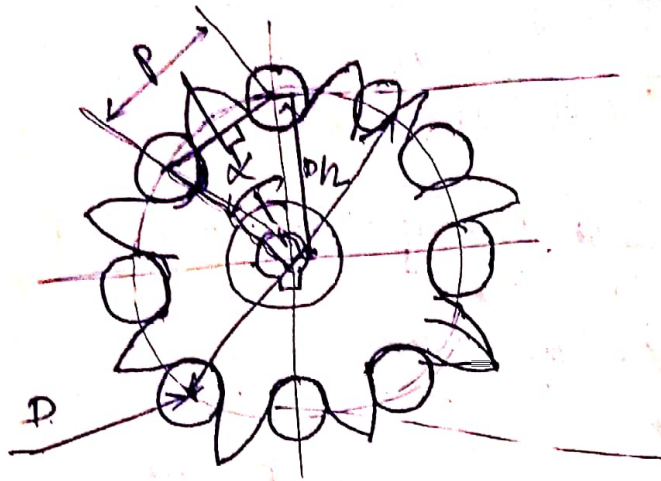
2 → duplex chain.

16 A-1 → (16/16) inch = pitch of chain

A → American standard ANSI series

1 → single strand chain.

↑ chain length - Geometrical Relationships: -



$D$  = pitch circle Dia. of sprocket  
 $\alpha$  = pitch angle  
 $p$  = pitch.

$Z$  = no. of teeth on sprocket.  
 $n_1$  = speed of driving shaft rpm  
 $n_2$  = speed of driven shaft rpm  
 $Z_1$  = no. of teeth on ~~driving~~ <sup>smaller</sup> sprocket  
 $Z_2$  = no. of teeth on ~~driven~~ <sup>larger</sup> sprocket.

Pitch circle Dia :- Imaginary circle ~~dia of sprocket~~ that passes through centers of link pins. as chain wrapped on sprocket

$$\alpha = \frac{360}{Z}$$

$$\sin(\alpha/2) = \frac{(P/2)}{(D/2)}$$

$$\left[ D = \frac{P}{\sin(180/Z)} \right]$$

- velocity ratio 'i' of chain drive is given by

$$i = \frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{Z_2}{Z_1}$$

- angular velocity of sprocket is given by

$$V = \frac{\pi D n}{60 \times 10^3} \quad \dots \quad \pi D = Zp \text{ substituting}$$

$$V = \frac{Zpn}{60 \times 10^3}$$

$V$  = average velocity in m/s.

- The length of chain is always expressed in terms of no. of links.

$$L = L_n \times p$$

$L$  = length of chain  
 $L_n$  = no. of links in chain  
 $p$  = pitch.

- The no. of links in the chain is determined by the following approximate relationships

$$L_n = 2 \left( \frac{a}{p} \right) + \left( \frac{Z_1 + Z_2}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{Z_2 - Z_1}{2\pi} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{p}{a} \right)$$

- $a$  = centre distance bet<sup>n</sup> axes of driving & driven sprocket
- $Z_1$  = no. of teeth on smaller sprocket
- $Z_2$  = no. of teeth on larger sprocket

- It is always prefer to have even no. of links since chain consist of alternate pairs of inner & outer link plates.

- When chain have ~~additional~~ <sup>odd</sup> link than additional link (offset link) is provided (which is weaker than main link)

- After selecting exact no. of links, centre to centre distance bet<sup>n</sup> axes of two sprocket is calculated by following formula:

$$a = \frac{p}{4} \left\{ \left[ L_n - \left( \frac{Z_1 + Z_2}{2} \right) \right] + \sqrt{\left[ L_n - \left( \frac{Z_1 + Z_2}{2} \right) \right]^2 - 8 \left[ \frac{Z_2 - Z_1}{2\pi} \right]^2} \right\}$$

- The above centre distance ~~do~~ formula does not provide any sag.

- In practice small amount of sag is essential for link to take best position sprocket wheel. so. centre distance is reduced by margin of 0.0029 to 0.0049 to account for sag.

## \* Selection of Roller chain from Manufacturer's Catalogue: -

The power transmitted by roller chain can be expressed by elementary equation.

$$P_{KW} = (P_1 V / 1000) K_H$$

$P_1$  = allowable tension in the chain (N) =  $F$

$V$  = average velocity of chain m/s.

- Allowable tension depends upon no. of factors such as type of chain, pitch of chain link, no. of teeth on smaller sprocket, chain velocity, type of power source & driven machinery & system of lubrication.

- The power ratings are generally given for simple (single strand) roller chain and are based on assumption that there are 17 teeth on driving sprocket.

→ Power rating of chain is determined by following relationship

$$P_{KW} \text{ rating of chain} = \frac{(P_{KW} \text{ to be transmitted}) \times K_3}{K_1 \times K_2}$$

where  $K_3$  = service factor  
 $K_1$  = multiple strand factor.  
 $K_2$  = tooth correction factor

$K_3$  ⇒ It takes into consideration the effect of shocks & vibration on power to be transmitted

$K_2$  = It account for variation in no. of teeth on driving sprocket as power rating is generally given for 17 no. of teeth on driving sprocket

$K_1$  = power rating is generally given for single strand chain, if no. of strands are more it will compensate for that.



- For satisfactory performance of roller chains, the center distance between sprockets should provide at least a  $120^\circ$  wrap angle on smaller sprocket.

- In practice, it is recommended that center distance is between 30 to 50 chain pitches.

$$30p < C < 50p$$

- Expected service life of these chains is 15000 hr.

- velocity ratio should be kept below 6:1 to get satisfactory performance.