

# **ME 343: Mechanical Design-3**

## **Design of Shaft**

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# Outline

- Practical information
- Shaft design

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# Course Materials

**Slides:** Available online.

Available at the department copy center.

**Course website:**

[www.engr.uconn.edu/~aly/ME343](http://www.engr.uconn.edu/~aly/ME343)

**References:**

- Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design, Eighth Edition, The McGraw–Hill Companies, Inc., 2006.

# Grading

- Class participation
- Assignments
- Reports
- Midterm exam
- Final examination

# Policy

- Attendance to lectures and exercises is compulsory.
- We may check the attendance at the beginning of lessons.
- Everybody should attend his scheduled classes according to his name and student number.  
We will be ***VERY STRICT about this rule.***
- *Come to lessons about 5 min before the starting time.*

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# Definition of shaft?

- It is a rotating member, in general, has a circular cross-section and is used to transmit power.
- The shaft may be solid or hollow. It is supported on bearings and it rotates a set of gears or pulleys for the purpose of power transmission.
- The shaft is generally acted upon by bending moments, torsion and axial forces.

# Shaft versus axle and spindle

**Axle** is a non-rotating member used for supporting rotating wheels, etc., and do not transmit any torque. **Spindle** is simply defined as a short shaft. However, design method remains the same for axle and spindle as that for a shaft.

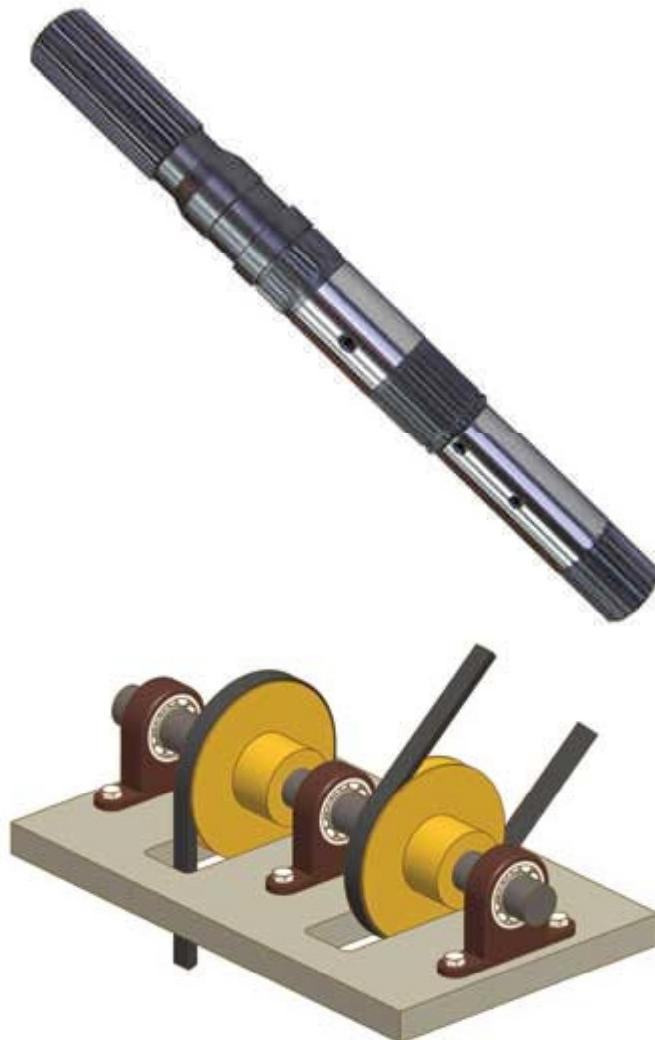
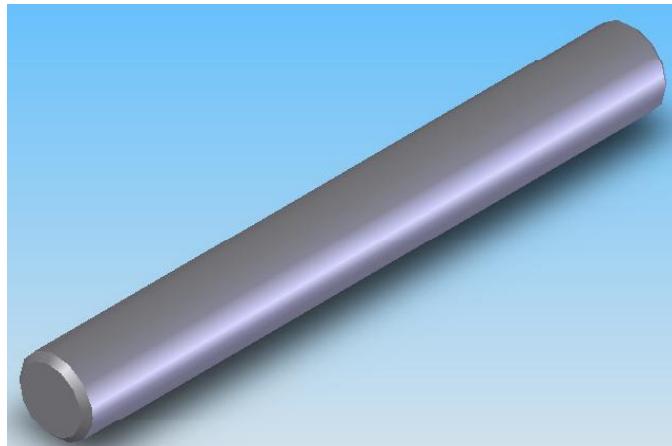
# What does it mean “shaft design”?

- Material selection
- Geometric layout
- Stress and strength: static and fatigue
- Deflection and rigidity: bending defl., torsional twisting, slope at bearings and shaft-supported elements, and shear deflection due to transverse loading on short shafts.
- Vibration: critical speed

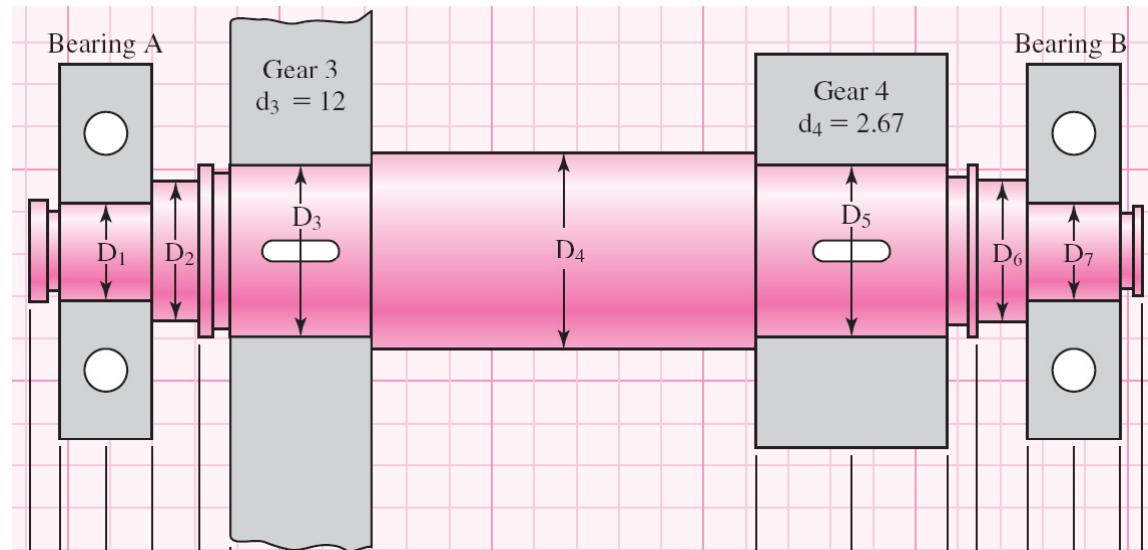
# Material selection

- Many shafts are made from **low carbon**, cold-drawn or hot-rolled steel.
- **Alloy steel:** Nickel, chromium and vanadium are some of the common alloying materials. However, alloy steel is expensive.
- Shafts usually don't need to be surface hardened unless they serve as the actual journal of a bearing surface.
- ***Hardening of surface (wear resistant):*** case hardening and carburizing ; cyaniding and nitriding.

# Geometric layout



# Geometric layout



- The geometry of shaft is generally that of stepped cylinder.
- There is no magic formula to give the shaft geometry for any given design situation.

# Geometric layout

- The best approach is to learn from similar problems that have been solved and combining the best to solve your own problem.
- A general layout to accommodate shaft elements, e.g. gears, bearings, and pulleys, must be specified early in the design process.
- **Shoulders** are used for axially locating shaft elements and to carry any thrust loads.
- **Common Torque Transfer Elements:** keys, set screws, pins, press or shrink fits, tapered fits.

# Geometric layout

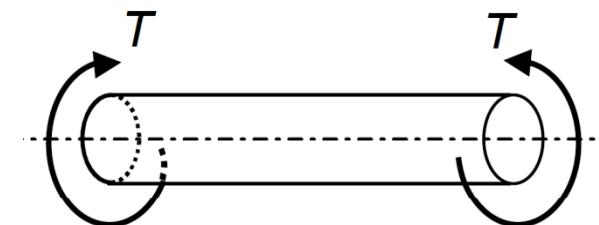
- Small pinions are often machined onto shafts.
- Sequence of assembly should be thought.
- Use chamfers to ease assembly and avoid interferences.
- Consider stress risers due to grooves and sharp steps in shafts.
- What can fail and how will it happen?

# Shaft design based on strength

Design is carried out so that stress at any location of the shaft should not exceed material yielding.

*Stress due to torsion:*

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{T \times r}{J} = \frac{16T}{\pi d_o^3 (1 - c^4)}$$



$\tau_{xy}$  : Shear stress due to torsion

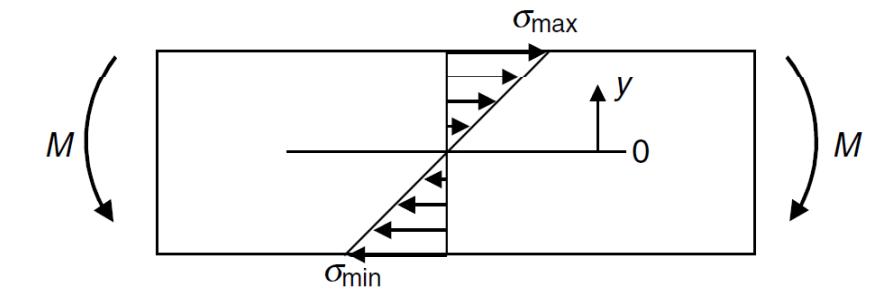
T : Torque on the shaft

*Note:*  $T \approx \frac{7024 \times h_p}{N (RPM)} \approx \frac{9549 \times kW}{N (RPM)}$

# Shaft design based on strength

*Bending stress:*

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M \times y}{I} = \frac{32M}{\pi d_o^3 (1 - c)}$$



M : Bending moment at the point of interest

do : Outer diameter of the shaft

c:  $d_i/d_o$

# Shaft design based on strength

*Axial stress:*

$$\sigma_a = \frac{F_a}{A} = \frac{4\alpha F_a}{\pi d_o^2 (1 - c^2)}$$



$F_a$ : Axial force (tensile or compressive)

$\alpha$ : Column-action factor (= 1.0 for tensile load)

$\alpha$  arises due to the phenomenon of buckling of long slender members which are acted upon by axial compressive loads.

# Shaft design based on strength

*Axial stress (continue):*

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{1 - 0.0044\lambda}, \quad (\lambda = L / r) \leq 115$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\lambda^2 s_{yc}}{\pi^2 n E}, \quad \lambda > 115$$

$n = 1.0$  for hinged end;  $n = 2.25$  for fixed end

$n = 1.6$  for ends partly restrained, as in bearing ,  
 $L$  = shaft length

$s_{yc}$  = *yield stress in compression*

# Shaft design based on strength

*Maximum shear stress theory (ductile mat.):*

Failure occurs when the maximum shear stress at a point exceeds the maximum allowable shear stress for the material. Therefore,

$$\tau_{\max} = \tau_{allowable} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$

$$\tau_{allowable} = \frac{16}{\pi d_o^3 (1 - c^4)} \sqrt{\left( M + \frac{\alpha F_a d_o (1 + c^2)}{8} \right)^2 + T^2}$$

# Shaft design based on strength

*Maximum normal stress theory (brittle mat.):*

$$\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_{allowable} = \frac{\sigma_x}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$
$$\sigma_{allowable} = \frac{16}{\pi d_o^3 (1 - c^4)} \left[ \left( M + \frac{\alpha F_a d_o (1 + c^2)}{8} \right) + \sqrt{\left( M + \frac{\alpha F_a d_o (1 + c^2)}{8} \right)^2 + T^2} \right]$$

# Shaft design based on strength

Von Mises/*Distortion-Energy theory:*

$$\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_{allowable} = \sqrt{\sigma_x^2 + 3\tau_{xy}^2}$$

$$\sigma_{allowable} = \frac{16}{\pi d_o^3 (1 - c^4)} \sqrt{\left( 2M + \frac{\alpha F_a d_o (1 + c^2)}{4} \right)^2 + 3 \times T^2}$$

# Shaft design based on strength

*ASME design code (ductile material):*

$$\tau_{allowable} = \frac{16}{\pi d_o^3 (1 - c^4)} \sqrt{\left( k_m M + \frac{\alpha F_a d_o (1 + c^2)}{8} \right)^2 + (k_t T)^2}$$

where,  $k_m$  and  $k_t$  are bending and torsion factors accounts for shock and fatigue. The values of these factors are given in ASME design code for shaft.

# Shaft design based on strength

*ASME design code (brittle material):*

$$\sigma_{allowable} = \frac{16}{\pi d_o^3 (1 - c^4)} \left[ \left( k_m M + \frac{\alpha F_a d_o (1 + c^2)}{8} \right) + \sqrt{\left( k_m M + \frac{\alpha F_a d_o (1 + c^2)}{8} \right)^2 + (k_t T)^2} \right]$$

# Shaft design based on strength

*ASME design code:*

*Combined shock and fatigue factors*

Type of load	Stationary shaft		Rotating shaft	
	$k_m$	$k_t$	$k_m$	$k_t$
Gradually applied load	1	1	1.5	1
Suddenly applied load, minor shock	1.5-2	1.5-2	1.5-2	1-1.5
Suddenly applied load, heavy shock	---	---	2-3	1.5-3

# Shaft design based on strength

*ASME design code:*

Commercial steel shafting

$\tau_{allowable} = 55 \text{ MPa}$  for shaft without keyway

$\tau_{allowable} = 40 \text{ MPa}$  for shaft with keyway

Steel under definite specifications

$\tau_{allowable} = 30\%$  of the yield strength but not over 18% of the ultimate strength in tension for shafts without keyways. These values are to be reduced by 25% for the presence of keyways.

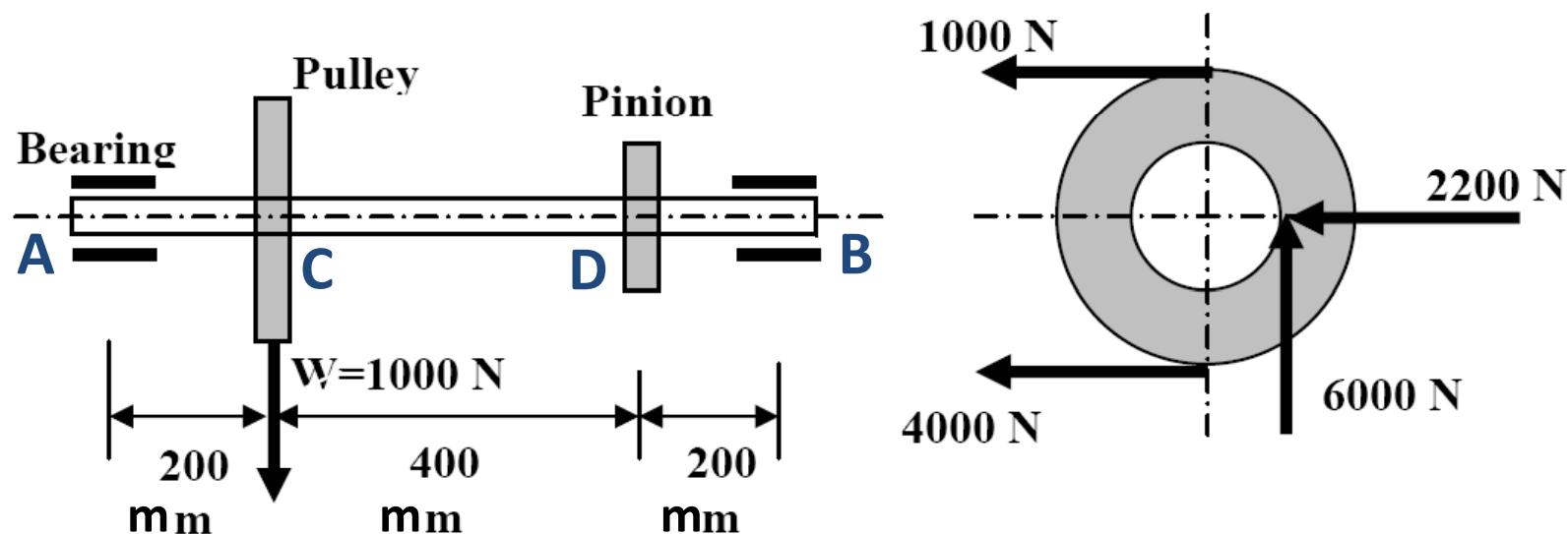
# Standard sizes of shafts

Typical sizes of solid shaft that are available in the market are:

diameter	increments
up to 25 mm	0.5 mm
25 to 50 mm	1.0 mm
50 to 100 mm	2.0 mm
100 to 200 mm	5.0 mm

# Example: problem

A pulley drive is transmitting power to a pinion, which in turn is transmitting power to some other machine element. Pulley and pinion diameters are 400 mm and 200 mm respectively. Shaft has to be designed for minor to heavy shock.



# Example: solution

Torsion:

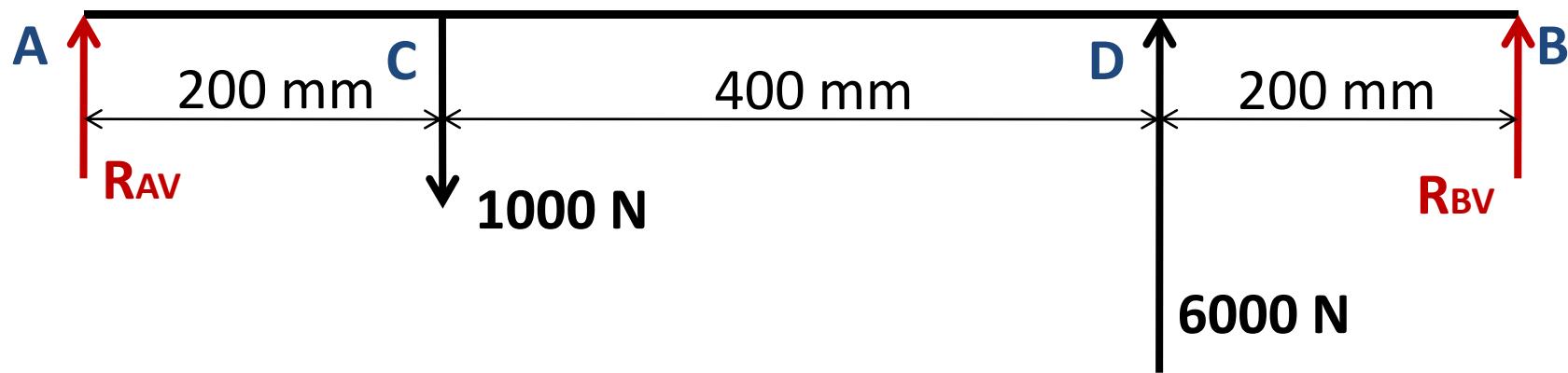
$$\begin{aligned}T_D &= 6000 \times (D_{\text{pinion}}/2) \\&= 6000 \times (200/2) \\&= 6 \times 10^5 \text{ N.mm}\end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned}T_C &= (4000 - 1000) \times (D_{\text{pulley}}/2) \\&= 3000 \times (400/2) = 6 \times 10^5 \text{ N.mm}\end{aligned}$$

# Example: solution

Bending (vertical plane):



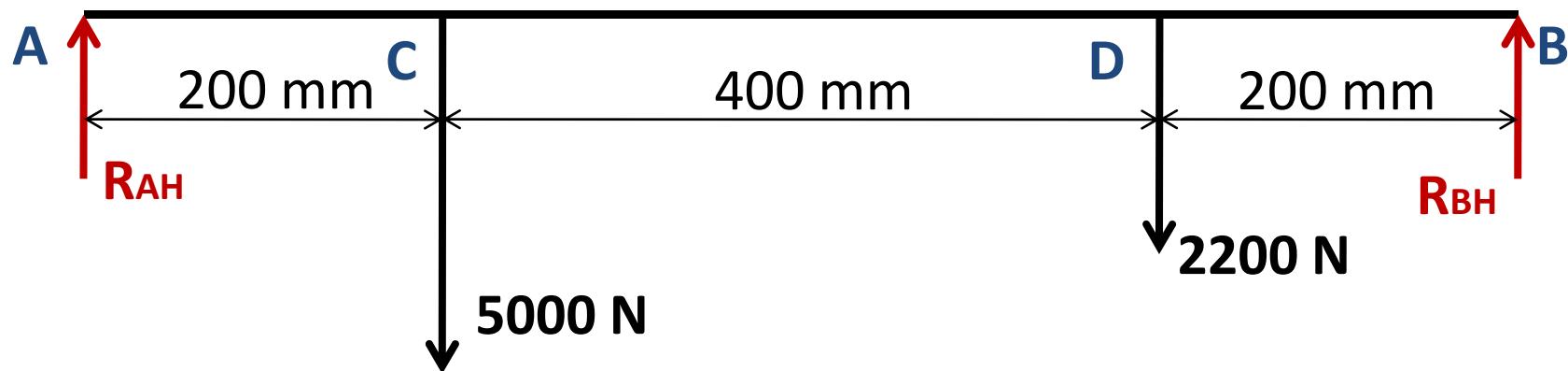
$$R_{BV} = (1000 \times 200 - 6000 \times (400 + 200)) / (200 + 400 + 200) = -4250 \text{ N}$$

$$M_{DV} = -4250 \times 200 = -8.5 \times 10^5 \text{ N.mm}$$

$$M_{CV} = 6000 \times 400 - 4250 \times 600 = -1.5 \times 10^5 \text{ N.mm}$$

# Example: solution

Bending (horizontal plane):



$$R_{BH} = (5000 \times 200 + 2200 \times (400+200)) / (200+400+200)$$
$$= 2900 \text{ N}$$

$$M_{DH} = 2900 \times 200 = 5.8 \times 10^5 \text{ N.mm}$$

$$M_{CH} = 2900 \times 600 - 2200 \times 400 = 8.6 \times 10^5 \text{ N.mm}$$

# Example: solution

Bending (resultant):

$$\begin{aligned}M_D &= \sqrt{(M_{DV})^2 + (M_{DH})^2} \\&= 10.29 \times 10^5 \text{ N.mm}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}M_C &= \sqrt{(1.5 \times 10^5)^2 + (8.6 \times 10^5)^2} \\&= 8.73 \times 10^5 \text{ N.mm}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $T_C = T_D$  and  $M_D > M_C$ , section-D is critical.

# Example: solution

ASME code:

Under minor to heavy shock, let us consider  $k_m = 2$  and  $k_t = 1.5$ . Also let us assume the shaft will be fabricated from commercial steel, i.e.  $\tau_{allowable} = 40 \text{ Mpa}$ .

$$d_o^3 = \frac{16}{40 \times \pi} \sqrt{(2 \times 10.29 \times 10^5)^2 + (1.5 \times 6 \times 10^5)^2}$$

$$d_o = 65.88 \text{ mm}$$

The value of standard shaft diameter is 66 mm.