

[4] involuteΣ Worm and Helical Gear Design System

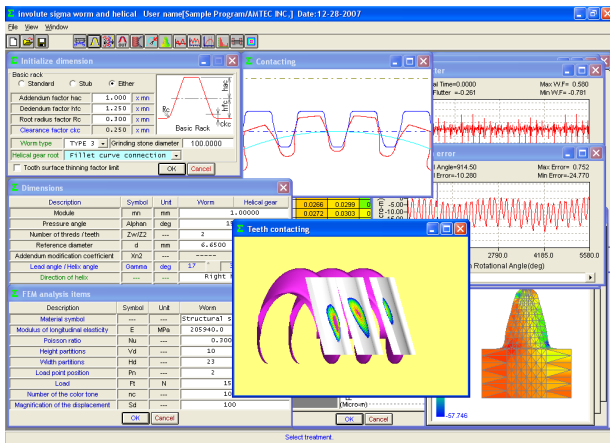


Fig. 4.1 involuteΣ Worm and Helical Gear Design System

4.1 Introduction

The *involuteΣ Worm and Helical Gear Design System* is a complete design system for worm and helical gear sets.

4.2. Software Features

Table 4.1 shows the available software features.

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○ (Supported as standard) ◎ (Optional)

4.3 Basic Rack Setting

Fig. 4.2 shows the Basic rack initial dimension setting screen. For the worm type, Type 1, 3, or 4 can be selected.

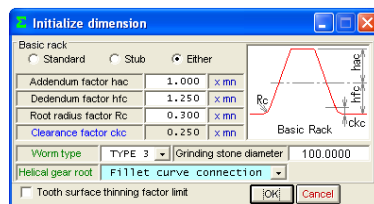


Fig.4.2 Basic Rack Initial Dimension Setting

4.4 Gear Dimension Setting

The user can specify the module, number of starts, number of teeth, pressure angle, and reference tip diameter to calculate the gear dimensions. The center distance and tooth surface thinning factor can be specified as desired. Fig. 4.3 shows the gear dimension setting screen and Fig. 4.4 shows the calculated gear dimensions. The Tooth profile modification screen shown in Fig. 4.4 enables the user to modify the tooth profile of the worm.

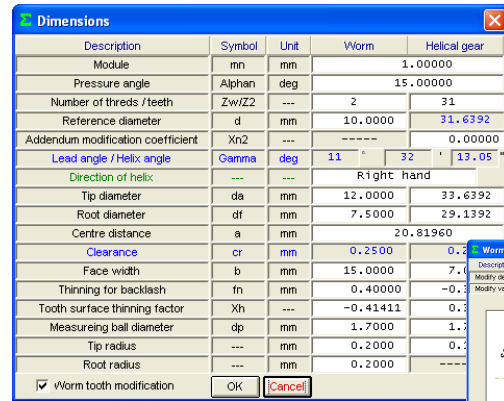


Fig. 4.3 Gear Dimension Settings

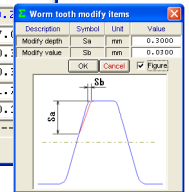


Fig. 4.4 Tooth Profile Modification

Description	Symbol	Unit	Worm	Helical gear
Axial module	mx	mm	1.04855	
Axial pressure angle	Alphax	deg	15.6931	
Pitch diameter	dw	mm	6.6500	32.5049
Base diameter	db	mm	-----	31.2933
Theoretical centre distance	ao	mm	19.57745	
Addendum	ha	mm	1.0000	1.0000
Dedendum	hf	mm	1.2500	1.2500
Tooth depth	h	mm	2.2500	2.2500
Lead	pz	mm	6.5882	323.8197
Axial pitch	tx	mm	3.2941	
Diametral quotient	Q	---	6.3421	-----
Chordal addendum	Hj	mm	1.0084	-----
Theoretical chordal tooth thickness	Sjo	mm	1.5708	-----
Chordal tooth thickness	Sj	mm	1.1567	-----
Number of teeth spanned	Zm	---	-----	3
Theoretical base tangent length	Wo	mm	-----	7.7978
Base tangent length	W	mm	-----	8.1678
Theoretical dimension over three pins (Pin-Tip)	dho	mm	9.0231	-----
Dimension over three pins	dh	mm	7.6137	-----
Theoretical over ball diameter	dmo	mm	-----	34.7967
Over ball diameter	dm	mm	-----	35.8467
Transverse contact ratio	EpsAlpha	---	-----	1.6766
Axial backlash (reference)	BLX	mm	-----	0.03489

Fig. 4.5 Calculated Worm Gear Dimensions

4.5 Tooth Profile Drawing

Fig. 4.6 shows the cross-sectional tooth profiles of the worm and the helical gear meshed at the axial center of the worm.

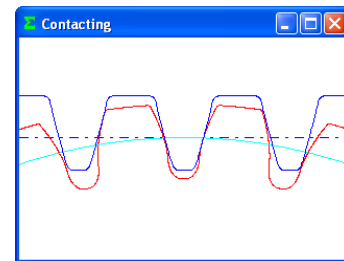


Fig. 4.6 Gear Meshing Drawing

4.6 Strength Calculation

Fig. 4.7 shows the strength setting screen. For helical gears (resin), the System calculates the strength based on the Lewis formula. The stress values are experimental values taking into account the temperature and life cycle of the material. Fig. 4.8 shows the result of the strength calculation. The available material options for helical gears are M90-44, KT-20, GH-25, and Nylon.

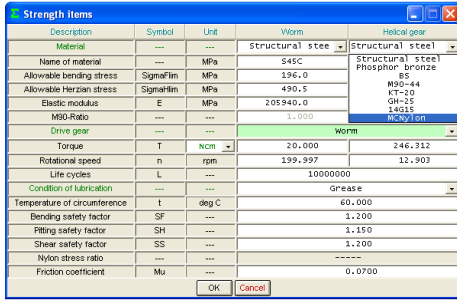


Fig. 4.7 Initial Strength Calculation Settings

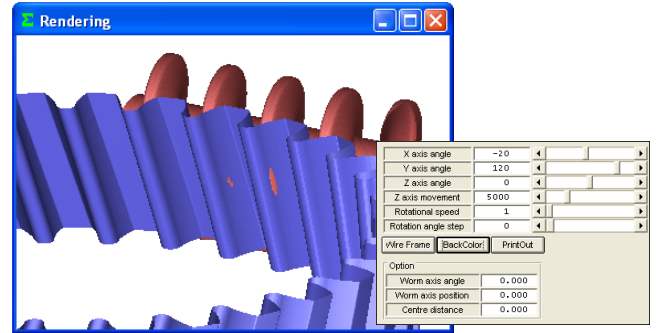


Fig. 4.11 Tooth Profile Rendering ($\beta=17.5^\circ$)

Description	Symbol	Unit	Worm	Helical gear
Sliding velocity	Vs	m/s	0.073	---
Peripheral speed	V	m/s	---	0.022
Efficiency	mu	---	---	0.795
PV value	PV	MPa m/s	62.677	---
Description (Bending)				
Tangential force	Fx	N	151.554	---
Material factor	KM	---	1.000	1.000
Tooth form factor	YF	---	0.388	0.752
Speed correction factor	Kv	---	1.000	1.000
Temperature factor	KT	---	1.000	1.000
Lubrication factor	KL	---	1.000	1.000
Compound effective face width	bw	mm	11.736	---
Allowable bending stress	Sigma _{abl}	MPa	196.000	196.000
Maximum allowable bending stress	Sigma	MPa	163.333	163.333
Allowable tangential force	Fa	N	742.917	1441.170
Bending stress	Sigma _b	MPa	33.320	17.176
Bending strength	Sft	---	4.902	9.509
Description (Pitting)				
Allowable Herzian stress	Sigma _{Hlim}	MPa	490.500	490.500
Elastic modulus	E	MPa	205940.000	205940.000
Allowable tangential force	Fh	N	49.486	49.486
Herzian stress	Sigma _H	MPa	858.380	858.380
Pitting strength	Sfh	---	0.327	---
Description (Shearing strength)				
Circular thickness	So	mm	---	1.954
Cross section	A	mm ²	---	19.142
Allowable shearing stress	Sigma _{sfl}	MPa	---	117.600
Allowable tangential force	Fs	N	---	1875.958
Shearing stress	Delta _s	MPa	---	9.501
Shearing strength	Sfs	---	---	12.378

Fig. 4.8 Strength Calculation Result

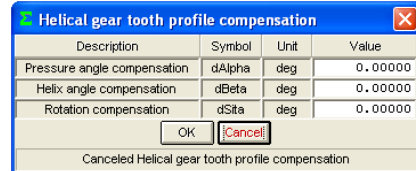


Fig. 4.12 Corrected Specifications

4.9 FEM Tooth Profile Stress Analysis

Stress analysis can be easily performed by simply clicking the [FEM] button after the strength calculation. Fig. 4.13 shows the FEM analysis setting screen. Fig. 4.14 and Fig. 4.15 show the results of FEM analysis on the worm and the helical gear, respectively.

Description	Symbol	Unit	Worm	Helical gear
Material symbol	---	---	Structural s	Structural s
Elastic modulus	E	MPa	205940.0	205940.0
Poisson ratio	Nu	---	0.300	0.350
Height partitions	Vd	---	10	10
Width partitions	Hd	---	23	26
Load point position	Pn	---	2	2
Load	Ft	N	---	151.554
Number of the color tone	nc	---	---	100
Magnification of the displacement	Sd	---	---	100

Fig. 4.13 FEM Analysis Settings

4.7 Tooth Profile Rendering

Fig. 4.9 shows a satisfactory tooth contact state. However, care should be taken when designing a gear set because setting a large lead angle may cause double contact or tip contact (as shown in Fig. 4.10) failures.

Faulty tooth contact may also occur in worm and worm wheel gear sets because the tooth profile of the worm wheel is dependent on the diameter of the gear-cutting tool.

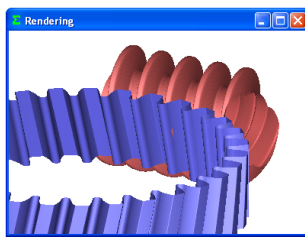


Fig. 4.9 Tooth Profile Rendering ($\gamma=11.5^\circ$)

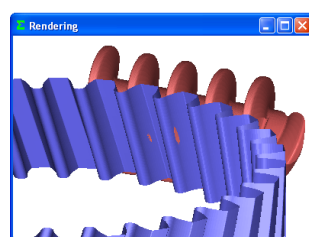


Fig. 4.10 Tooth Profile Rendering ($\gamma=16.5^\circ$)

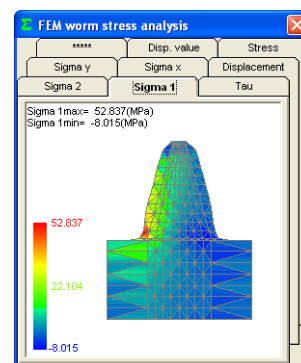


Fig. 4.14 FEM Analysis on Worm (Stress= σ_1)

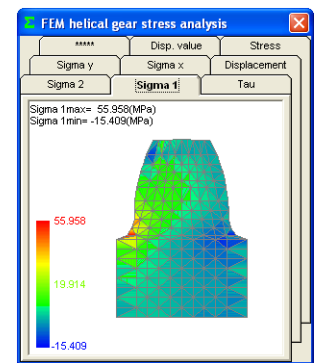


Fig. 4.15 FEM Analysis on Helical Gear (σ_1)

4.8 Helix Angle Correction (Helical Gear)

One way to improve the tooth contact state in Fig. 4.10 is to adjust the pressure angle or helix angle of the helical gear. Fig. 4.11 shows the modified tooth profile rendering image drawn by using the corrected specifications shown in Fig. 4.12 to increase the helix angle of the helical gear by 1 degree.

4.10 Transmission Error Analysis

Fig. 4.16 and Fig. 4.17 show the setting screens for transmission error analysis. The graphs in Fig. 4.18 and Fig. 4.19 show the results of analysis on the rotation transmission error and wow and flutter, respectively. These errors were raised by assembling the worm and helical gear pair to have a pitch error and rotating the helical gear by one turn. Fig. 4.20 shows a Fourier analysis graph.

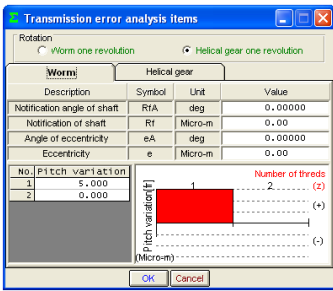


Fig. 4.16 Transmission Error Analysis Settings (Worm)

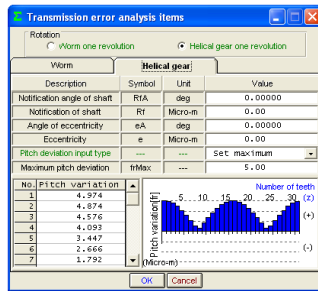


Fig. 4.17 Transmission Error Analysis Settings (Helical Gear)

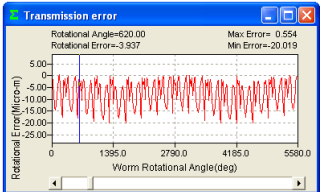


Fig. 4.18 Rotation Transmission Error

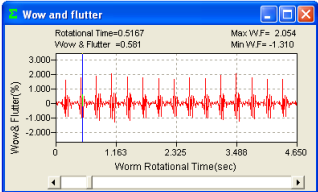


Fig. 4.19 Wow & Flutter

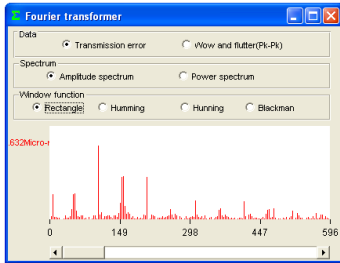


Fig. 4.20 Fourier Analysis

4.11 Sliding Speed and Hertzian Stress Graphs

Fig. 4.21 and Fig. 4.22 are graphs showing the sliding speed and the Hertzian stress, respectively. Because graphs show the results of analysis on the point of contact between the tooth flanks of the worm and helical gear, the optional transmission error analysis feature is required.

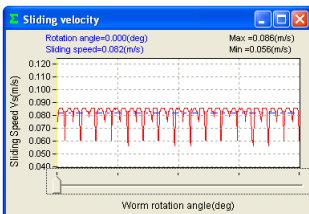


Fig. 4.21 Sliding Speed Graph

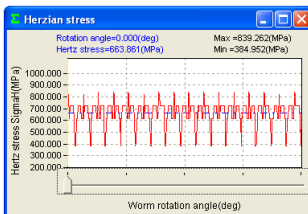


Fig. 4.22 Hertzian Stress Graph

4.12 Bearing Load Calculation

Fig. 4.23 shows the bearing load setting screen; Fig. 4.24 shows the result of the bearing load calculation.

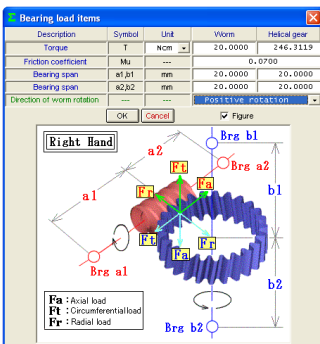


Fig. 4.23 Bearing Load Calculation Settings

Force added to worm and helical gear				
Description	Symbol	Unit	Worm	Helical gear
Circumferential force	Ft	N	60.150	151.554
Axial force	Fa	N	151.554	60.150
Radial force	Fr	N	43.576	43.576
Worm bearing load				
Description	Symbol	Unit	Brg a1	Brg a2
Thrust load	Faa	N	151.554	
Ft radial load	Fra1	N	30.075	30.075
Fr radial load	Fra2	N	21.788	21.788
Fa radial load	Fra3	N	-12.598	12.598
Radial load	Fra	N	31.448	45.683
Helical gear bearing load				
Description	Symbol	Unit	Brg b1	Brg b2
Thrust load	Fab	N	60.150	
Fr radial load	Frb1	N	21.788	21.788
Ft radial load	Frb2	N	75.777	75.777
Fa radial load	Frb3	N	-24.440	24.440
Radial load	Frb	N	75.823	88.764

Fig. 4.24 Bearing Load Calculation Result

4.13 Tooth Contact Analysis

An example of contact analysis on the tooth flanks of the worm and helical gear is shown below. The setting screen in Fig. 4.25 provides various settings for tooth contact analysis. In this example, analysis was made on the tooth contact of the worm and helical gear specified in Fig. 4.3. Here, the number of rotation position partitions is set to "3" although it accepts values in a range of 3 to 20. Fig. 4.26 shows a tooth contact state between the worm and the helical gear and Figs. 4.27 to 4.29 show their tooth contact states by 1/3 pitch. This example, however, does not take the deflection of the teeth and the pitch error into account.

It is noticeable that tooth contact pattern in Fig. 4.26 slightly differs from the tooth profile rendering image shown in Fig. 4.9. The reason for this is that the analysis in this example was made at a fineness that is two times (up to five times allowed) greater than that of the number of tooth profile partitions setting used for the tooth profile rendering image.

In addition to viewing the tooth contact state as a color pattern as shown in Fig. 4.26, to examine it in more detail, the user may click the [Tooth contact value] button in Fig. 4.25 to display the contact clearance values in Fig. 4.30. The slider control bar at the bottom of the screen can be used to change the target rotation position (1 to 3 in this example).

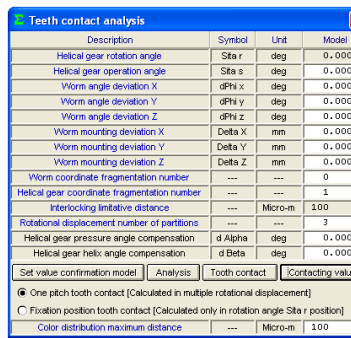


Fig. 4.25 Tooth Contact Analysis Settings

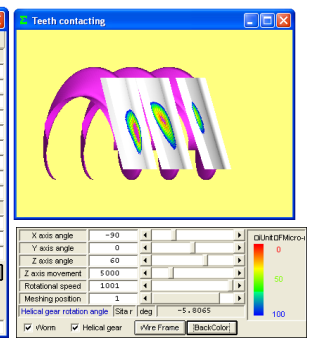


Fig. 4.26 Tooth Contact State (Worm and Helical Gear)

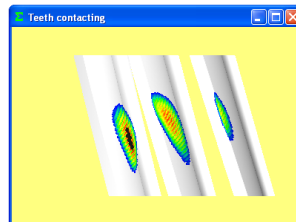


Fig. 4.27 Tooth Contact State 1

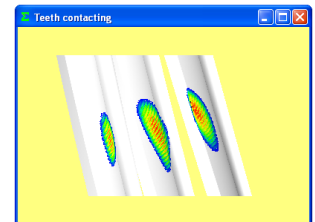


Fig. 4.28 Tooth Contact State 2

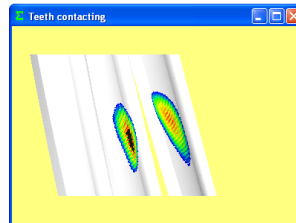


Fig. 4.29 Tooth Contact State 3

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
01	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
02	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
03	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
04	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
05	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
06	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
07	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
08	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
09	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

Fig. 4.30 Contact Clearance Values

4.14 Tooth Profile Data File Output

This feature enables the user to output gear meshing drawings into DXF-format files.

Also available is the option to output the tooth profiles of the worm and the helical gear into 3D-IGES-format files.