

Design of Shafts



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Introduction

- Torque and Power Transmission
- Most of rotary prime movers either motors or turbines use shaft to transfer the power
- Bearings are required for support
- Shaft failure analysis is critical



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Shaft Design

- Material Selection (usually steel, unless you have good reasons)
- Geometric Layout (fit power transmission equipment, gears, pulleys)
- Failure strength
 - Static strength
 - Fatigue strength
- Shaft deflection
 - Bending deflection
 - Torsional deflection
 - Slope at bearings and shaft-supported elements
 - Shear deflection due to transverse loading of short shafts
- Critical speeds at natural frequencies



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Shaft Materials

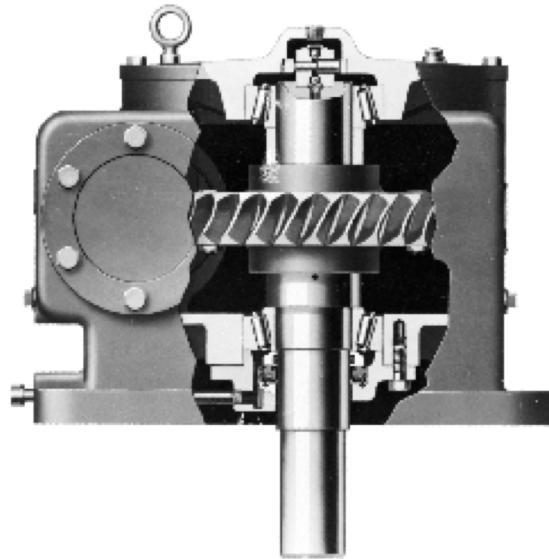
- Deflection primarily controlled by geometry, not material
- Strain controlled by geometry but material has a role in stress
- Strength, Yield or UTS is a material property. Cold drawn steel typical for $d < 3$ in.
- HR steel common for larger sizes. Should be machined all over.
- Low production quantities: Machining
- High production quantities: Forming



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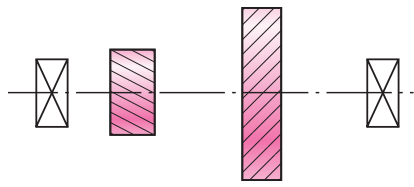
Shaft Layout

- Shafts need to accommodate bearings, gears and pulleys which should be specified
- Shaft Layout
 - Axial layout of components
 - Supporting axial loads (bearings)
 - Providing for torque transmission (gearing/sprockets)
 - Assembly and Disassembly(repair & adjustment)

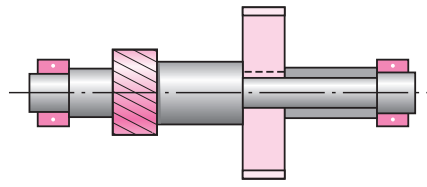


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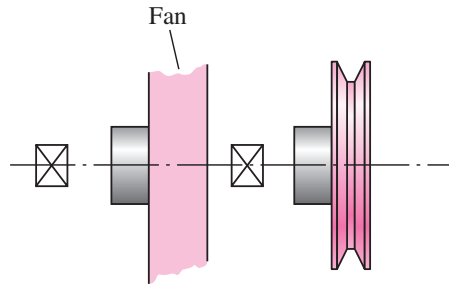
Axial Layout of Components



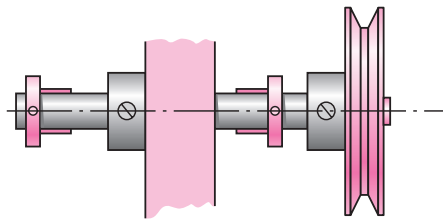
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



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Supporting Axial Load

- Axial loads must be supported through a bearing to the frame
- Generally best for only one bearing to carry axial load to shoulder

Figure 7-3

Tapered roller bearings used in a mowing machine spindle. This design represents good practice for the situation in which one or more torque-transfer elements must be mounted outboard. (Source: Redrawn from material furnished by The Timken Company.)

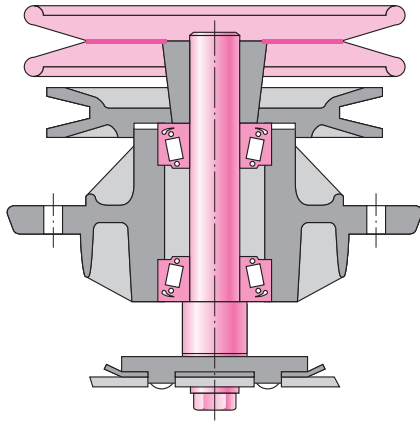
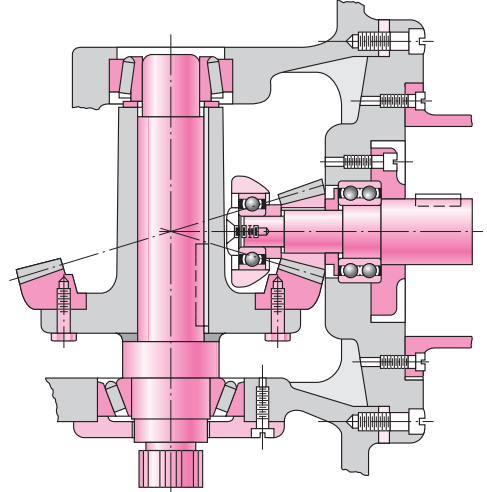


Figure 7-4

A bevel-gear drive in which both pinion and gear are straddle-mounted. (Source: Redrawn from material furnished by Gleason Machine Division.)



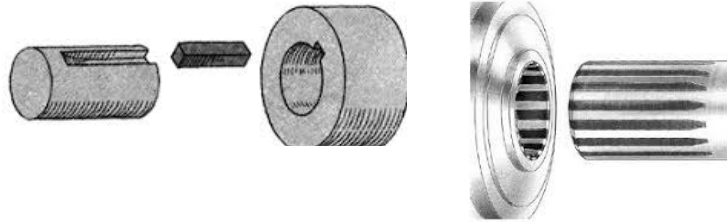
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Torque Transmission

- Common means of transferring torque to shaft

- Keys
- Splines
- Setscrews
- Pins
- Press or shrink fits
- Tapered fits



- Keys are one of the most effective◦

- Slip fit of component onto shaft for easy assembly
- Positive angular orientation of component
- Can design the key to be weakest link to fail in case of overload



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Shaft Design for Stresses

- Stresses are only evaluated at critical location
- Critical locations are usually
 - On the outer surface
 - Where the bending moment is large
 - Where the torque is present
 - Where stress concentrations exist



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Shaft Stresses

- Standard stress equations can be customized for shafts
- Axial loads are generally small so only bending and torsion will be considered
- Standard alternating and midrange stresses can be calculated

$$\sigma_a = K_f \frac{M_a c}{I} \quad \sigma_m = K_f \frac{M_m c}{I}$$

$$\tau_a = K_{fs} \frac{T_a c}{J} \quad \tau_m = K_{fs} \frac{T_m c}{J}$$

$$\sigma_a = K_f \frac{32 M_a}{\pi d^3} \quad \sigma_m = K_f \frac{32 M_m}{\pi d^3}$$

$$\tau_a = K_{fs} \frac{16 T_a}{\pi d^3} \quad \tau_m = K_{fs} \frac{16 T_m}{\pi d^3}$$



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Design Stresses

- Calculating vonMises Stresses

$$\sigma'_a = (\sigma_a^2 + 3\tau_a^2)^{1/2} = \left[\left(\frac{32K_f M_a}{\pi d^3} \right)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{16K_{fs} T_a}{\pi d^3} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\sigma'_m = (\sigma_m^2 + 3\tau_m^2)^{1/2} = \left[\left(\frac{32K_f M_m}{\pi d^3} \right)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{16K_{fs} T_m}{\pi d^3} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$



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Modified Goodman

- Substituting vonMises into failure criterion

$$\frac{1}{n} = \frac{\sigma'_a}{S_e} + \frac{\sigma'_m}{S_{ut}}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} = \frac{16}{\pi d^3} \left\{ \frac{1}{S_e} [4(K_f M_a)^2 + 3(K_{fs} T_a)^2]^{1/2} + \frac{1}{S_{ut}} [4(K_f M_m)^2 + 3(K_{fs} T_m)^2]^{1/2} \right\}$$

- Solving for diameter

$$d = \left(\frac{16n}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{S_e} [4(K_f M_a)^2 + 3(K_{fs} T_a)^2]^{1/2} + \frac{1}{S_{ut}} [4(K_f M_m)^2 + 3(K_{fs} T_m)^2]^{1/2} \right\} \right)^{1/3}$$



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Design of shafts

- Similar approach can be taken with any of the fatigue failure criteria
- Equations are referred to by referencing both the Distortion Energy method of combining stresses and the fatigue failure locus name. For example, DE-Goodman, DE-Gerber, etc.
- In analysis situation, can either use these customized equations for factor of safety, or can use standard approach from Ch. 6.
- In design situation, customized equations for d are much more convenient.



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Gerber

- *DE-Gerber*

$$\frac{1}{n} = \frac{8A}{\pi d^3 S_e} \left\{ 1 + \left[1 + \left(\frac{2BS_e}{AS_{ut}} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right\}$$
$$d = \left(\frac{8nA}{\pi S_e} \left\{ 1 + \left[1 + \left(\frac{2BS_e}{AS_{ut}} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right\} \right)^{1/3}$$

where

$$A = \sqrt{4(K_f M_a)^2 + 3(K_{fs} T_a)^2}$$

$$B = \sqrt{4(K_f M_m)^2 + 3(K_{fs} T_m)^2}$$



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Other Criteria

- ASME Elliptic

$$\frac{1}{n} = \frac{16}{\pi d^3} \left[4 \left(\frac{K_f M_a}{S_e} \right)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{K_{fs} T_a}{S_e} \right)^2 + 4 \left(\frac{K_f M_m}{S_y} \right)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{K_{fs} T_m}{S_y} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (7-11)$$

$$d = \left\{ \frac{16n}{\pi} \left[4 \left(\frac{K_f M_a}{S_e} \right)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{K_{fs} T_a}{S_e} \right)^2 + 4 \left(\frac{K_f M_m}{S_y} \right)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{K_{fs} T_m}{S_y} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right\}^{1/3} \quad (7-12)$$

- DE Soderberg

$$\frac{1}{n} = \frac{16}{\pi d^3} \left\{ \frac{1}{S_e} [4(K_f M_a)^2 + 3(K_{fs} T_a)^2]^{1/2} + \frac{1}{S_{yt}} [4(K_f M_m)^2 + 3(K_{fs} T_m)^2]^{1/2} \right\} \quad (7-13)$$

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Rotating Shaft

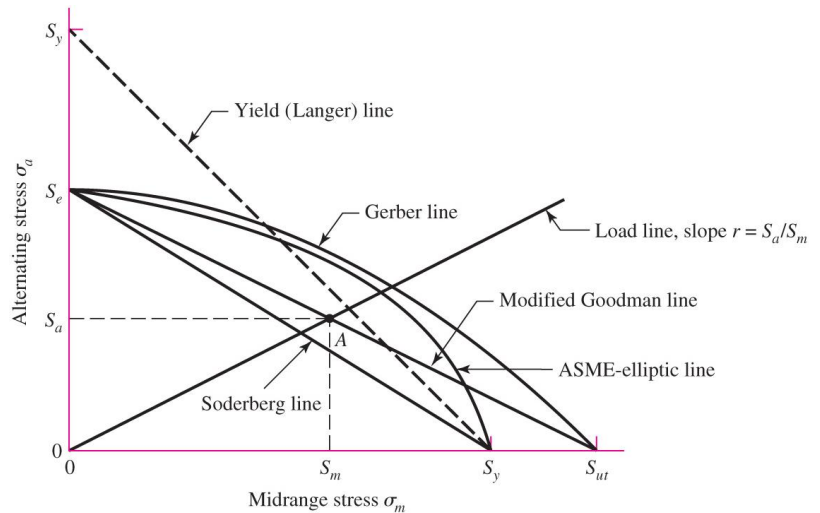
- For rotating shaft with steady, alternating bending and torsion
 - Bending stress is completely reversed (alternating), since a stress element on the surface cycles from equal tension to compression during each rotation
 - Torsional stress is steady (constant or static)
 - Previous equations simplify with M_m and T_a equal to 0



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Yielding Check

- Always necessary to consider static failure, even in fatigue situation
- Soderberg criteria inherently guards against yielding
- ASME-Elliptic criteria takes yielding into account, but is not entirely conservative
- Gerber and modified Goodman criteria require specific check for yielding



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Yield Check

- Use von Mises maximum stress to check for yielding,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma'_{\max} &= [(\sigma_m + \sigma_a)^2 + 3(\tau_m + \tau_a)^2]^{1/2} \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{32K_f(M_m + M_a)}{\pi d^3} \right)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{16K_{fs}(T_m + T_a)}{\pi d^3} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ n_y &= \frac{S_y}{\sigma'_{\max}}\end{aligned}$$

- Alternate simple check is to obtain conservative estimate of σ'_{\max} by summing

$$\sigma'_{\max} \approx \sigma'_a + \sigma'_m$$



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Deflection Considerations

- Deflection analysis requires complete geometry & loading information for the entire shaft
- Allowable deflections at components will depend on the component manufacturer's specifications.

Table 7-2

Typical Maximum
Ranges for Slopes and
Transverse Deflections

Slopes	
Tapered roller	0.0005–0.0012 rad
Cylindrical roller	0.0008–0.0012 rad
Deep-groove ball	0.001–0.003 rad
Spherical ball	0.026–0.052 rad
Self-align ball	0.026–0.052 rad
Uncrowned spur gear	< 0.0005 rad
Transverse Deflections	
Spur gears with $P < 10$ teeth/in	0.010 in
Spur gears with $11 < P < 19$	0.005 in
Spur gears with $20 < P < 50$	0.003 in

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Determination of deflections

- Linear & angular deflections, should be checked at gears and bearings
- Deflection analysis is straightforward, but very lengthy and tedious to carry out manually. Consequently, shaft deflection analysis is almost always done with the assistance of software(usually FEA)
- For this reason, a common approach is to size critical locations for stress, then fill in reasonable size estimates for other locations, then check deflection using FEA or other software
- Software options include specialized shaft software, general beam deflection software, and finite element analysis (FEA) software.



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Critical Speeds

- For a rotating shaft if the centripetal force is equal to the elastic restoring force, the deflection increases greatly and the shaft is said to "whirl"
- Below and above this speed this effect is not pronounced
- This critical (whirling speed) is dependent on:
 - The shaft dimensions
 - The shaft material and
 - The shaft loads



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Critical speeds of shafts

Force balance of restoring force and centripetal,

$$m\omega^2 y = ky$$

k is the stiffness of the transverse vibration

$$\omega = 2\pi N_c = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

The critical speed for a point mass of m,

$$N_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

For a horizontal shaft,

$$N_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{y}}$$

Where y = the static deflection at the location of the concentrated mass



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Ensemble of lumped masses

- For ensemble of lumped masses Raleigh's method of lumped masses gives,

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{g \sum w_i y_i}{\sum w_i y_i^2}}$$

- where w_i is the weight of the i^{th} location and y_i is the deflection at the i^{th} body location



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Beam Theory

- m = Mass (kg)
- N_c = critical speed (rev/s)
- g = acceleration due to gravity ($m.s^{-2}$)
- O = centroid location
- G = Centre of Gravity location
- L = Length of shaft
- E = Young's Modulus (N/m^2)
- I = Second Moment of Area (m^4)
- y = deflection from δ with shaft rotation = $\omega \delta$ static deflection (m)
- ω = angular velocity of shaft (rads/s)

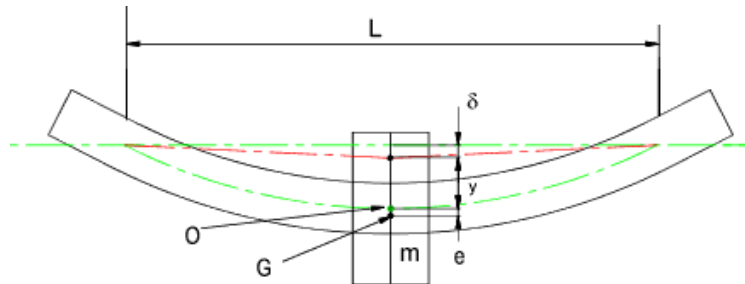


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Whirling Speed

- The centrifugal force on the shaft = $m \omega^2(y + e)$ and the inward pull exerted by the shaft, $F = y 48EI / L^3$ for simply supported. For a general beam $F = y K EI / L^3$

where K is constant depending on the loading and the end support conditions



$$m \omega^2(y + e) = y \frac{KEI}{L^3} \text{ therefore } y = \frac{e}{\left(\frac{KEI}{m\omega^2 L^3} - 1 \right)}$$

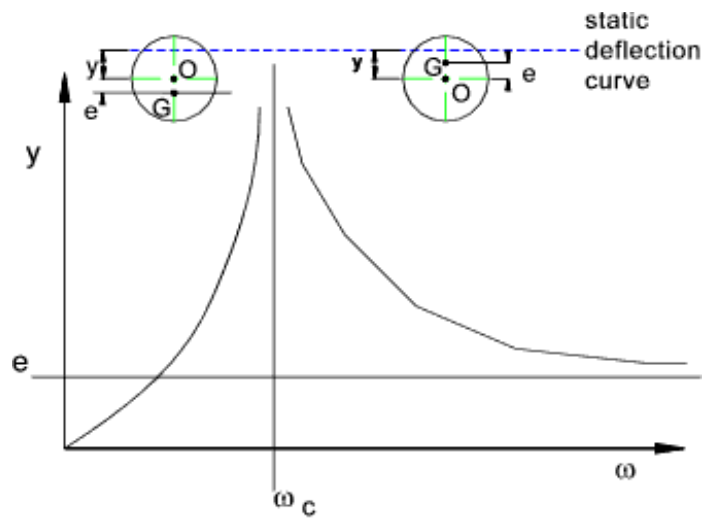
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Critical Speed

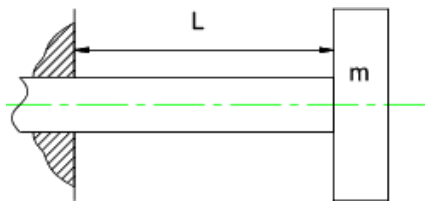
- The critical speed is given by

$$y = \frac{\omega^2 \cdot e}{(\omega_c^2 - \omega^2)}$$



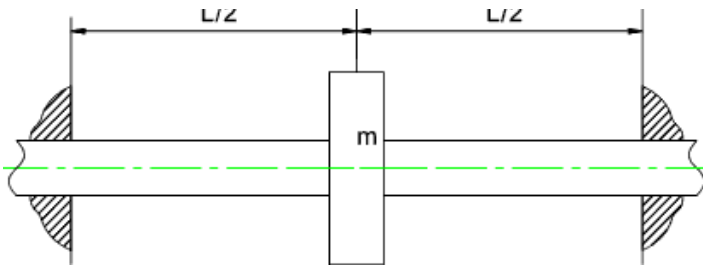
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Critical speeds of some configurations



$$N_c = \frac{\sqrt{3EI / mL^3}}{2\pi}$$

Cantilevered Shaft
with disc at end

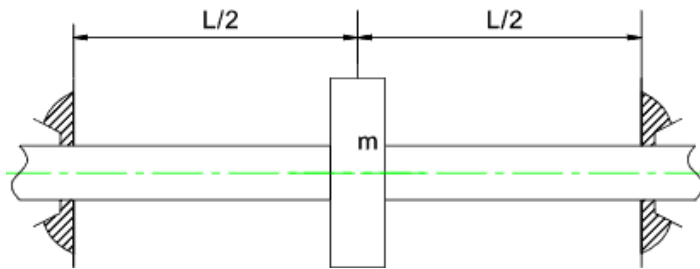


$$N_c = \frac{\sqrt{192EI / mL^3}}{2\pi}$$

Central Disc
with long bearings

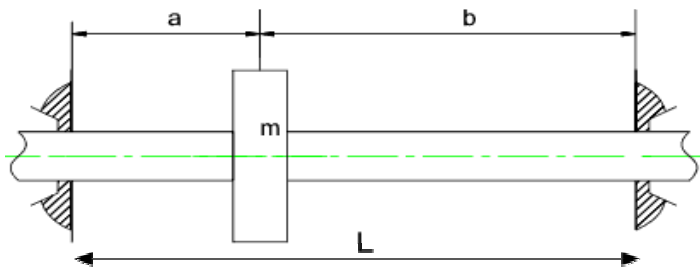


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$$N_c = \frac{\sqrt{48EI / mL^3}}{2\pi}$$

Central Disc
with short bearings



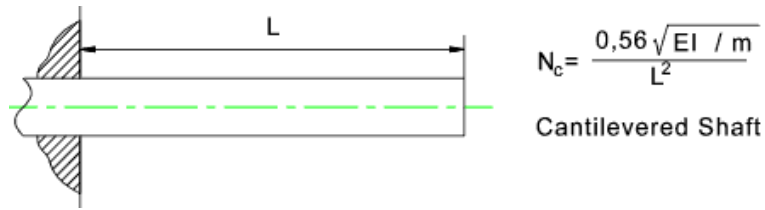
$$N_c = \frac{L}{2\pi} \sqrt{3EIL / ma^2 b^2}$$

Non-central disc
with short bearings



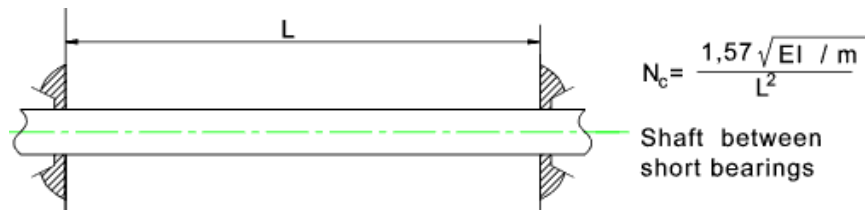
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Cantilevered Shaft



n = mass /unit length

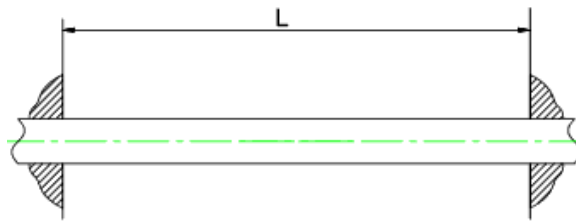
Shaft Between short bearings



m = mass /unit length



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$$N_c = \frac{3,57 \sqrt{EI / m}}{L^2}$$

Shaft between
long bearings

m = mass /unit length

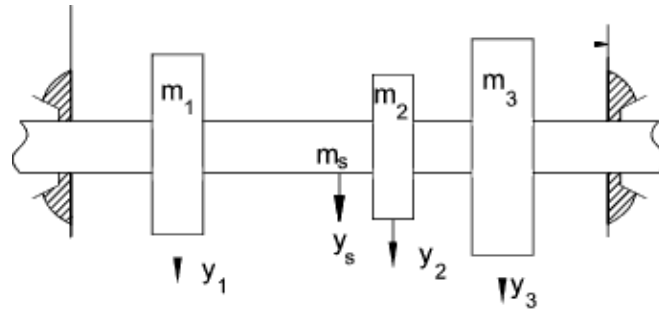


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Dunkerley's Method

This is known as Dunkerley's method and is based on the theory of superposition....

$$\frac{1}{N_c^2} = \frac{1}{N_s^2} + \frac{1}{N_1^2} + \frac{1}{N_2^2} + \dots$$



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