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AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS



- The concept of automatic transmission exhibits remarkable advantages with regards to the driver comfort, especially in urban driving and heavy traffic conditions:
 - Smooth start from standstill using hydraulic couplers/converters
 - Easy change of gear ratio taking advantage of planetary gear trains
- The mental load reduction for the driver reduces drastically the accident occurrence and improves road safety.
- There are also other advantages, for instance the <u>average</u> improvement of fuel economy and the reduction of pollutant emissions for a fleet of vehicles since, in average, the automatic systems have a better performance than the average driver.

- The AT systems are appreciated on luxury and high-power vehicles. Market shares are different in Europe, USA and Japan:
 - 90% of the market in the USA
 - 20% of the market in Europe
- The AT systems are as old as the beginning of automobiles in 1920ies
- But AT has taken benefit of a continuous improvement of the technology: increasing number of gear ratios with a fixed or even reducing volume.

- Several solutions are possible for automatic transmissions:
 - Automated manual transmission
 - Conventional AT transmission using epicyclic gear trains and a hydraulic converter.
 - Continuous variable transmissions (CVT)
 - Infinite variable transmission (IVT)





Automated MT



CVT



IVT

- Automatic transmissions mostly combine a hydraulic torque transmission and several epicyclical gear trains
 - A hydraulic torque converter
 - A mechanical system enabling the variable reduction ratio mostly planetary gear trains
 - A hydraulic actuation and control system including clutches and band brakes using lubricated discs to operate the gear changes





• The fundamental building bloc of AT is the planetary gear



Sun = planétaire

Planet = satellite

Annulus = $Couronne_{H}$







The solution is very compact

- Geometrical consideration
 - S: sun
 - PC: planet carrier (or arm)
 - A: annulus (or ring)



 Relations between the radii of the planet and of the planet carrier and the radii of the sun and of the annulus

$$R_{PC} = R_S + R_P \qquad \qquad R_A = R_S + 2 R_P$$

• It comes

$$R_P = \frac{R_A - R_S}{2} \qquad \qquad R_{PC} = \frac{R_A + R_S}{2}$$

 Equality of the velocities between the sun and the planet

the planet

 $\omega_A R_A = \omega_{PC} R_{PC} + \omega_P R_P$

 $\omega_S R_S = \omega_{PC} R_{PC} - \omega_P R_P$

It comes:

$$\omega_S R_S + \omega_A R_A = \omega_{PC} \left(R_S + R_A \right)$$

In terms of the number of teeth of the sun and the annulus

$$\omega_S Z_S + \omega_A Z_A - \omega_{PC}(Z_S + Z_A) = 0$$

- Two factors that control the number and the spacing of the planets
- 1/ Maximum number of planets is limited by the space available: Tooth tips must not interfere
- 2/ The teeth of the planet must align simultaneously with teeth of the sun and the annulus
 - A necessary condition for the possibility of equidistant assembling

$$\frac{N_S + N_R}{n} = i$$

- N_s and N_R the number of teeth on the sun and the ring
- n: the number of planets
- i: an integer

If one defines the reduction ratio

$$i = \frac{Z_A}{Z_S} = \frac{R_A}{R_S}$$

One finds the Willys formula



$$\omega_S + \omega_A \ i = \omega_{PC} \ (1+i)$$

Or under the alternative form

$$\frac{\omega_A - \omega_{PC}}{\omega_S - \omega_{PC}} = -\frac{1}{i}$$

 Willys formula establishes the relation between the rotation speeds of the three gear sets and the reduction ratio

If the sun is fixed

 $\omega_S = 0$

 The Willys formula gives the reduction ratio between the planet carrier and the annulus

$$\frac{\omega_{PC}}{\omega_A} = \frac{1 + Z_A/Z_S}{Z_A/Z_S}$$

• For $Z_A/Z_s=2$



 If we clamp together the planet carrier and the sun

 $\omega_S = \omega_{PC}$

$$\frac{\omega_{PC}}{\omega_A} = 1.5$$
 • One finds $\frac{\omega_{PC}}{\omega_A} = 1$

The planetary gear set

Sun	Planet Carrier	Annulus	Reduction Ratio	Remark
Fixed	Input	Output	$\frac{\omega_{PC}}{\omega_A} = \frac{1 + Z_A / Z_S}{Z_A / Z_S}$	$1.12 \leq i \leq 1.67$
Fixed	Output	Input	$\frac{\omega_A}{\omega_{PC}} = \frac{Z_A/Z_S}{1+Z_S/Z_A}$	$0.6 \leq i \leq 0.8$
Input	Output	Fixed	$\frac{\omega_S}{\omega_{PC}} = 1 + Z_A / Z_S$	$2.5 \le i \le 5.0$
Output	Input	Fixed	$\frac{\omega_{PC}}{\omega_S} = \frac{1}{1 + Z_A/Z_S}$	$0.2 \leq i \leq 0.4$
Input	Fixed	Output	$\frac{\omega_S}{\omega_A} = -Z_A/Z_S$	$-0.4 \leq i \leq -1.45$
Output	Fixed	Input	$\frac{\omega_A}{\omega_S} = \frac{-1}{Z_A/Z_S}$	$-0.25 \le i \le -0.67$



Let's define

$$\lambda = -i = -\frac{Z_A}{Z_S}$$

 For the sake of convenience, we also note by 1, 3, 4 respectively the Sun, the Annulus and the Planet Carrier

> $\omega_1 = \omega_S$ $\omega_3 = \omega_A$ $\omega_4 = \omega_{PC}$

The Willys formula writes

$$\omega_1 - \lambda \,\omega_3 - (1 - \lambda) \,\omega_4 = 0$$
$$-\omega_1 + \lambda \,\omega_3 + (1 - \lambda) \,\omega_4 = 0$$

• Equilibrium and conservation of power are given by

$$C_{1} + C_{3} + C_{4} = 0$$

$$P_{1} + P_{3} + P_{4} = 0$$

$$C_{1} \omega_{1} + C_{3} \omega_{3} + C_{4} \omega_{4} = 0$$

• We are going to show that:

$$\boxed{\frac{C_1}{1} = \frac{C_3}{-\lambda} = \frac{C_4}{\lambda - 1}}$$

$$\frac{P_1}{\omega_1} = \frac{P_3}{-\lambda\omega_3} = \frac{P_4}{(\lambda-1)\omega_4}$$

- These formulae can be established as follows.
 - Let's eliminate the velocity and the torque of the planet carrier (4)

$$\omega_4 = \frac{\omega_1 - \lambda \,\omega_3}{1 - \lambda}$$
$$C_4 = -(C_1 + C_3)$$

Then insert into the torque equilibrium

$$C_1 \,\omega_1 \,+\, C_3 \,\omega_3 \,-\, (C_1 + C_3) \,\left(\frac{\omega_1 - \lambda \omega_3}{1 - \lambda}\right) \,=\, 0$$

- These formulae can be established as follows.
 - After some algebra, we have:

$$C_{1} \omega_{1} \left[1 - \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} \right] + C_{3} \omega_{3} \left[1 + \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} \right] + C_{1} \omega_{3} \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} - C_{3} \omega_{1} \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} = 0$$

$$C_{1} \omega_{1}(-\lambda) + C_{3} \omega_{3} + C_{1} \omega_{3} \lambda - C_{3} \omega_{1} = 0$$

$$C_{1} \lambda (\omega_{3} - \omega_{1}) + C_{3} (\omega_{3} - \omega_{1}) = 0$$

• Finally, the result is:

$$C_1 = -\frac{C_3}{\lambda}$$

- A similar formula can be established between the torques 1 & 4
 Let's eliminate the annulus quantities
 - $C_3 = -(C_1 + C_4) \qquad \qquad \omega_3 = \frac{\omega_1 + (\lambda 1)\omega_4}{\lambda}$
 - Inserting into the power conservation

$$C_{1} \omega_{1} - (C_{1} + C_{4}) \frac{\omega_{1} + (\lambda - 1)\omega_{4}}{\lambda} + C_{4} \omega_{4} = 0$$

$$C_{1} (\omega_{1} - \omega_{4}) \frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda} + C_{4} \frac{1}{\lambda} (\omega_{4} - \omega_{1}) = 0$$

Finally, the result is

$$C_1 = \frac{C_4}{\lambda - 1}$$



The relations between the torques

$$\frac{C_1}{1} = \frac{C_3}{-\lambda} = \frac{C_4}{\lambda - 1}$$

can be reformulated to put forward the powers

$$\frac{P_1}{\omega_1} = \frac{P_3}{-\lambda\omega_3} = \frac{P_4}{(\lambda-1)\omega_4}$$

 Using the usual reduction ratio, one has the relation between the torques

$$\frac{C_S}{1} = \frac{C_A}{i} = \frac{C_{PC}}{-(i+1)}$$

And the powers

$$\frac{P_S}{\omega_S} = \frac{P_A}{i\,\omega_A} = \frac{P_{PC}}{-(i+1)\,\omega_{PC}}$$

Complex planetary gears



Ravigneaux complex gear trains

Double planetary gears by Nash Fig. 19.3

Complex planetary gears

Working principle of basic planetary gear
 <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1JAWoAvK-E</u>
 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBB1sC7LCuQ

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UakeTEJIXGw https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQMSSKfs4m4

Simpson compound planetary gear
 <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1BYOOJKyaQ</u>

Ravigneaux planetary gear: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1zbE21Pzl0</u>

AT USING PLANETARY GEAR TRAINS

- Main components of automatic transmissions using planetary gear trains:
 - Complex planetary gear trains: Simpson, Ravigneaux...
 - → create at least 3 or 4 gear ratios with an appropriate distribution and a rear gear
 - A set of brakes, hydraulic clutches, and free wheels
 - ➔ To perform the clamping, the motion transfer or to obtain reaction forces from some gear train elements
 - A hydraulic system to actuate the brakes and the clutches: a gear pump, a pressure regulation system, servo systems, and hydraulic reservoir.
 - A command system using hydraulic or electro-hydraulic systems accounting for the vehicle speed, the engine torque, the pressure on the acceleration pedal...

- 1: Torque converter
- 2: Planetary gears
- 3: Housing
- 4: Differential
- 5: Oil pump
- 6: Hydraulic distribution
- 7: Electrohydraulic servo
- Clutches E1 and E2
- Brake F1 and F2 clamping the planet carrier PS
- Free wheel RL





AT USING COMPLEX GEAR TRAINS

- Gear trains implemented in AT gear boxes are usually:
 - Gear trains with double planetary gear trains and two planet sets e.g. SIMPSON
 - Gear trains with double sun and two sets of planetary gears e.g. RAVIGNEAUX



Fig. Nash 31

Complex gear trains

- Small sun gears P1
- Large sun gears P2
- Planet gears S1
- Planet gears S2 mounted on a planet carrier PS free to spin in one way due to free rolling RL device
- Annulus C



Mèmetaux Fig 5.9



Band brakes can be easily adapted in AT



Multiple disk clutch in AT

Hydraulic multiple disk clutches are well appropriate in AT



S 450 Series clutch with splined bore and lube port for increased lubrication.



Multiple disk clutch in AT

Hydraulic multiple disk clutches are well appropriate in AT



- Clutch E1: connecting sun P1 to engine
- Clutch E2: connecting sun P2 to engine
- Brake F1 blocking the rotation of the planet carrier PS
- Brake F2 blocking the rotation of the sun P2
- A free wheel RL is blocking the rotation of PS in a reverse direction with respect to the rotation of the annulus C



Working principle of an AT gear box with a complex double planetary gear train. Mèmetaux Fig 5.9 36

- For all gear ratio, one can identify
 - An input component that is connected to the power source
 - An output component, connected to the driveline and the wheels
 - A reaction element whose rotation is blocked because of a brake or a one-way rotation wheel



Gear ratio 1

- P₁ is connected to the engine by clutch E₁
- Planet gears S₁ are spinning, and
- Rotation of S₁ is transferred to pinion S₂
- Rotation of S₂ is transmitting the motion to the annulus C
- The large sun P₂ spins freely
- Annulus is connected to the wheels.





- The reactive torque developed by the annulus C blocks the rotation of the planet carrier PS because of the freewheel device RL
- PS is playing the role of reaction element
- The overall reduction ratio is governed by

$$i = \frac{\omega_C}{\omega_{P1}}$$







- In this configuration, the vehicle braking can not generate any engine brake because of the one-way constraint of the freewheeler RL.
- To develop an engine brake behavior in gear 1, it is necessary to actuate brake F1 that stop the rotation of the planet carrier of S2



- par RL. — transmission du mouvement par S₁, S₂ et C.
- éléments non sollicités.



 P_2^{1} . Élément de réaction.

S1, S2, C. Éléments récepteurs.

PS tourne.







Les pignons étant de diamètres

différents, le train se trouve bloqué.

 P_2 . Moteur. PS bloqué (élément de réaction). S_2 , C. Récepteurs.

Gear ratio 2

- The small sun P_1 is connected to the engine via clutch E_1
- The large sun P_2 rotation is blocked by brake F₂
- The rotation of the sun P₁ creates a spin of the short pinion S_1 and thus the spin of long pinion S_2 , and finally of the annulus C.
- The planet carrier PS also rotates because the pinion S_2 rolls on sun gear P_2 that works as a reaction element.





PS tourne.

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Gear ratio 2

 The final gear ratio is governed by the equation

$$\frac{\omega_C \left(\omega_{P1} + \omega_{P2}\right)}{\omega_{P2}(\omega_{P2} + \omega_C)}$$





Gear ratio 3

- P₁ is always the input because it is connected to the engine via clutch E₁
- P₂ is also connected to the input (engine) through clutch E2
- Both suns P₁ and P₂ having different diameters but rotating at the same speed, they block the rotation of the planet carrier motion and the pinions S₁ and S₂ spins as a solid element.
- The annulus spins at the same rotation speed as well
- Gear ratio = 1





Reverse Gear ration

- P₂ is the input, and it is connected to the engine through E₂
- The planet carrier PS is clamped by brake F₁ and serves as reaction element.
- Sun P₂ rotation is transferred to pinion S₂
- Rotation of pinions S₂ drives the annulus C in reverse direction compared to the sun P₂
- Reduction ratio is

 ω_C ω_{P2}





(b)



Continuous Variable Transmission - CVT



Continuous Variable Transmissions

- Growing interest for fuel economy and reduction of pollutant emissions
- A continuous variable reduction ratio allows the engine working at its optimal fuel conditions within a large range of wheel rotation speeds and vehicle ground speed.
- Two important technological implementations
 - Van Doorme system: the most famous variable pulley variator system
 - Perburry system: system using two toroidal rollers connecting two input and output discs.



DAF Variomatic

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Variomatic System was invented and applied in DAF (DAF = Van Dorne Automobile Fabrik)
- Nowadays, it is famous for its application in many midsize cars such as FIAT or FORD.
- It is adopted in many modern vehicles

APPLICATIONS

- Mainly for small vehicles with low power engines (< 1.6 L)
- Small passenger cars, motorscooters, and snow mobile



Focus C-max



Toyota Yaris







Fiat Punto 1.2L



Honda Insight



Toyota Estima Hybrid



CVT implemented in the Honda Civic





CVT in Audi multitronic





- OPERATION PRINCIPLE
 - The system includes two pairs of conical pulley sheaves and a fixed length V metal belt.
 - By modifying the distance between the pulleys, the belt rolling radius is changed and so the rotation speed of the pulleys.
 - When the radii are modified in a synchronized manner, the reduction ratio can be changed continuously.
 - As in V-belts, the no slip condition between the pulleys and the belt depends on a sufficient normal force. The pressure control between the pulley sheaves produce a tension load in the belt.
 - Initially the modification of the pulley distances was realized using a pure mechanical system based on centrifugal forces and an actuator working with depression.
 - Modern systems include an actuator controlled by a microprocessor.



PERFORMANCE

- The reduction ratio can be modified with a range of 4 to 6.
- The transmission efficiency is function of the input torque and rotation



Variation of the transmission efficiency is a function of the input torque . See figure Wong Fig 3.34 and 3.35 given for a reduction ratio fixed to 1



- THE BELT
 - The belt is assembled from two packs of flexible high strength steel bands with a set of individual trapezoidal segment blocks (2 mm thick) retained by these bands.
 - The design improves the efficiency and reduces the noise.
 - The belt is able to work only under compression so the name of « compression belt ».
 - The working principle is contrary to that of rubber belt.







Heisler: Advanced Vehicle Technology Fig 5.28 & 5.29

Infinite Variable Transmission - IVT



Traction drive designs





- The alternative mechanical alternative to pulley-belt systems are based on the idea of transmitting the rotation via a rotating element between an input and an output discs.
- The ratio of the radii of the contact points between the rotating elements and the input/output discs determines the reduction ratio.
- One modifies the reduction ratio by changing the axis of a rotating element (the roller) between input and output discs.



Happian Smith Fig 13.31

- In the variation device of the Perburry system, the input and output discs have a toroid profile.
- The rotation motion is transmitted via the rotation of the intermediate disc, i.e. the roller, whose inclination is variable.
- Generally there are several rollers which are distributed over the circumferences and spins about their axis.
- The inclination of the roller is controlled by an actuation mechanism.

- Please notice that the roller carrier remains fixed with respect to the chassis.
- The torque transmission is assured by the friction force between the input/output discs and the roller. To avoid a gross slip, one requires:
 - The application of a high compressive force between the discs and the roller since the dry friction coefficient is about μ =0,1
 - The lubrication problem is a crucial issue to reduce the wear. The elasto-hydrodynamic film is typically 0,5 µm thick.
- The material selection and the lubricant choice are key issues to ensure the reliability and the durability of the system.
- Typically a small angular slip of 1 2% between input and output speed is accepted

- The Perburry system provides reduction ratios within the range of 1 to 5.
- The transmission drive is not able to deliver a zero-output power, so that to interrupt the power it is necessary to couple it with a hydraulic torque converter to implement start from rest.
- The device is not able to invert the rotation speed so that it is generally coupled with a planetary gear set to provide a reverse speed.
- The Perburry Systems were developed for small and large powertrain systems: Bus with 375 kW engine or Nissan Gloria 3L engine with 370 Nm
- The energy efficiency of the system is about 90%, which is generally a better transmission efficiency than equivalent AT



A dual-cavity half-toroidal transmission system Happian Smith Fig 13.32

Working principle of Torotrak transmission from *Happian Smith Fig 13.33*

















Extroïd system











