

Variables, Definitions, Assumptions

Angle = α

Angle of perpendicular-to-tangent line = $\tau = 90 - \alpha/2$

Slope of perpendicular-to-tangent line = $s = \tan(\tau)$

Base circle radius = r_b

Base circle center is located at (0, 0)

Location of tangent point on base circle = (b_x, b_y) = ($r_b * \cos(\tau), r_b * \sin(\tau)$)

Lift = l

Nose circle radius = r_n

Nose circle center is located on the vertical center line above the base circle center

Location of nose circle center = (n_x, n_y)

Unknowns:

Location of flank circle center = (x, y)

Radius of flank circle = r

Equivalencies:

$y = sx$ (because the center of the flank circle is located on the perpendicular-to-tangent line with slope s)

$b_y = sb_x$ (because the tangent point is located on the perpendicular-to-tangent line with slope s)

$n_x = 0$ (because the nose circle is on the vertical center line)

$n_y = r_b + l - r_n$

Useful constants:

Let $k = (1+s^2)$

Let $u = 2n_y s - 2kb_x = 2(n_y s - kb_x)$

Let $v = kb_x^2 - n_y^2 - r_n^2$

Radius of flank circle, r

$$\begin{aligned}
r &= \sqrt{(x - b_x)^2 + (y - b_y)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{(x - b_x)^2 + (sx - sb_x)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{(x^2 - 2b_x x + b_x^2) + (s^2 x^2 - 2s^2 b_x x + s^2 b_x^2)} \\
&= \sqrt{(x^2 + s^2 x^2) + (-2b_x x - 2s^2 b_x x) + (b_x^2 + s^2 b_x^2)} \\
&= \sqrt{x^2(1+s^2) - 2b_x x(1+s^2) + b_x^2(1+s^2)} \\
&= \sqrt{(1+s^2)(x^2 - 2b_x x + b_x^2)} \\
&= \sqrt{k(x^2 - 2b_x x + b_x^2)} \\
\text{or } r &= \sqrt{k(x - b_x)^2} \\
\text{or } r &= \sqrt{k}(x - b_x)
\end{aligned}$$

Distance from flank circle center (x, y) to nose circle center (n_x, n_y), d_n

$$\begin{aligned}
d_n &= \sqrt{(x - n_x)^2 + (y - n_y)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{(x - 0)^2 + (sx - n_y)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{x^2 + (sx - n_y)^2} \\
&= \sqrt{x^2 + s^2 x^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2} \\
&= \sqrt{(1+s^2)x^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2} \\
&= \sqrt{kx^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2}
\end{aligned}$$

If flank circle is tangent to nose circle, then $r = d_n + r_n$

$$r = \sqrt{kx^2 - 2kb_x x + kb_x^2}$$

$$d_n = \sqrt{kx^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2} \quad -$$

$$\sqrt{kx^2 - 2kb_x x + kb_x^2} = \sqrt{kx^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2} + r_n$$

$$kx^2 - 2kb_x x + kb_x^2 = kx^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2 + 2r_n \sqrt{kx^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2} + r_n^2$$

$$kx^2 - 2kb_x x + kb_x^2 - kx^2 + 2n_y sx - n_y^2 - r_n^2 = 2r_n \sqrt{kx^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2}$$

$$2n_y sx - 2kb_x x + kb_x^2 - n_y^2 - r_n^2 = 2r_n \sqrt{kx^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2}$$

$$(2n_y s - 2kb_x) x + (kb_x^2 - n_y^2 - r_n^2) = 2r_n \sqrt{kx^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2}$$

$$ux + v = 2r_n \sqrt{kx^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2}$$

$$u^2 x^2 + 2uvx + v^2 = 4r_n^2 (kx^2 - 2n_y sx + n_y^2)$$

$$u^2 x^2 + 2uvx + v^2 = 4r_n^2 kx^2 - 8r_n^2 n_y sx + 4r_n^2 n_y^2$$

$$u^2 x^2 + 2uvx + v^2 - 4r_n^2 kx^2 + 8r_n^2 n_y sx - 4r_n^2 n_y^2 = 0$$

$$(u^2 x^2 - 4r_n^2 kx^2) + (2uvx + 8r_n^2 n_y sx) + (v^2 - 4r_n^2 n_y^2) = 0$$

$$(u^2 - 4r_n^2 k)x^2 + (2uv + 8r_n^2 n_y s)x + (v^2 - 4r_n^2 n_y^2) = 0$$

In standard quadratic equation form, $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$,

$$a = u^2 - 4r_n^2 k$$

$$b = 2uv + 8r_n^2 n_y s$$

$$c = v^2 - 4r_n^2 n_y^2$$