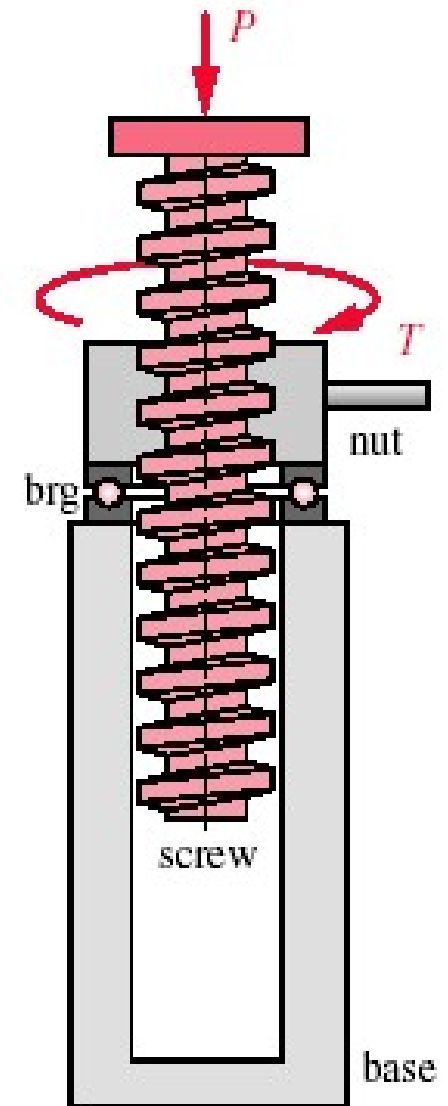


# Power Screw

-A **power screw** convert a rotary motion into a linear motion

-Either the **screw** or the nut is held at re other member rotates as it moves axially



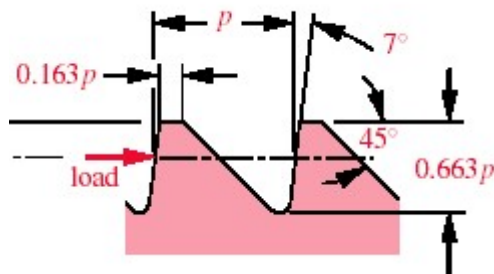
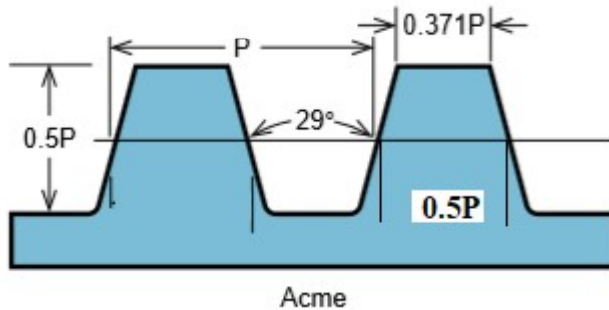
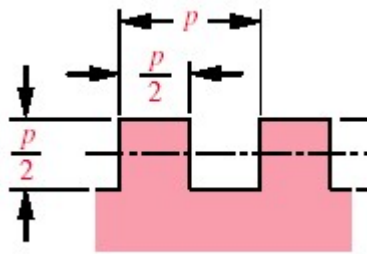
# Power Screw Applications

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## *Where have you seen power screws?*

- ❖ jacks for cars
- ❖ C-clamps
- ❖ vises
- ❖ Instron material testing machines
- ❖ machine tools (for positioning of table)

# Power Screw Types



## ❖ Square

- strongest
- no radial load
- hard to manufacture

## ❖ Acme

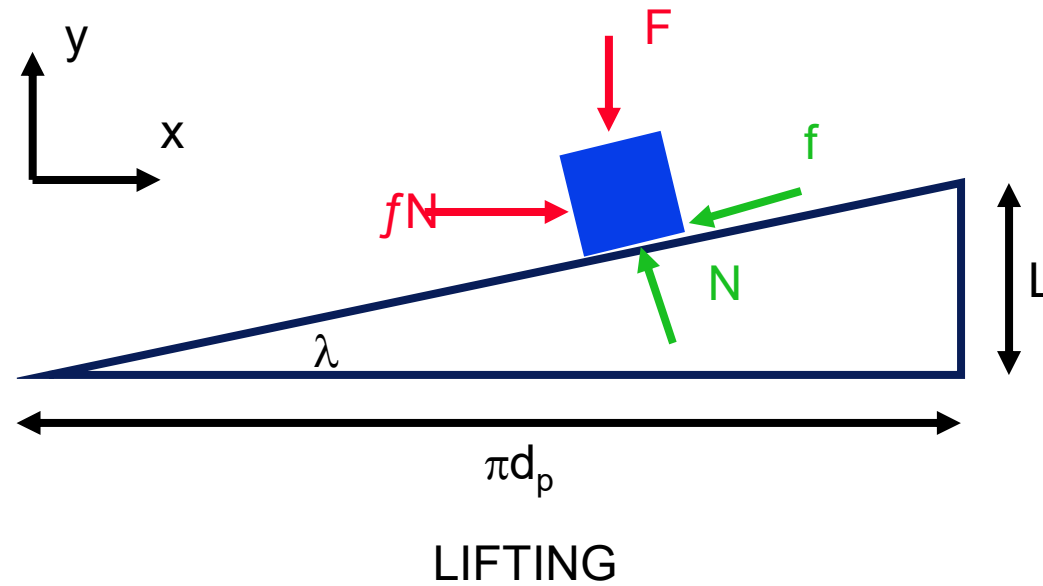
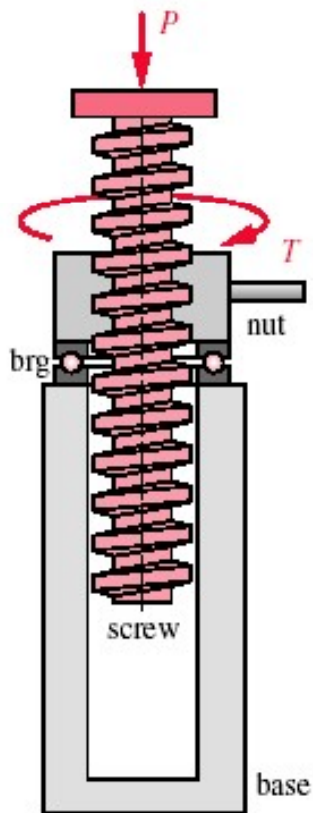
- $29^\circ$  included angle
- easier to manufacture
- common choice for loading in both directions

## ❖ Buttress (contrafuerte)

- great strength
- only unidirectional loading

# Load Analysis

What “simple machine” does a power screw utilize?



# Mechanics of Power Screws

- Used to change angular motion into linear motion
- Find expression for torque required to raise or lower a load
- Unroll one turn of a thread
- Treat thread as inclined plane
- Do force analysis

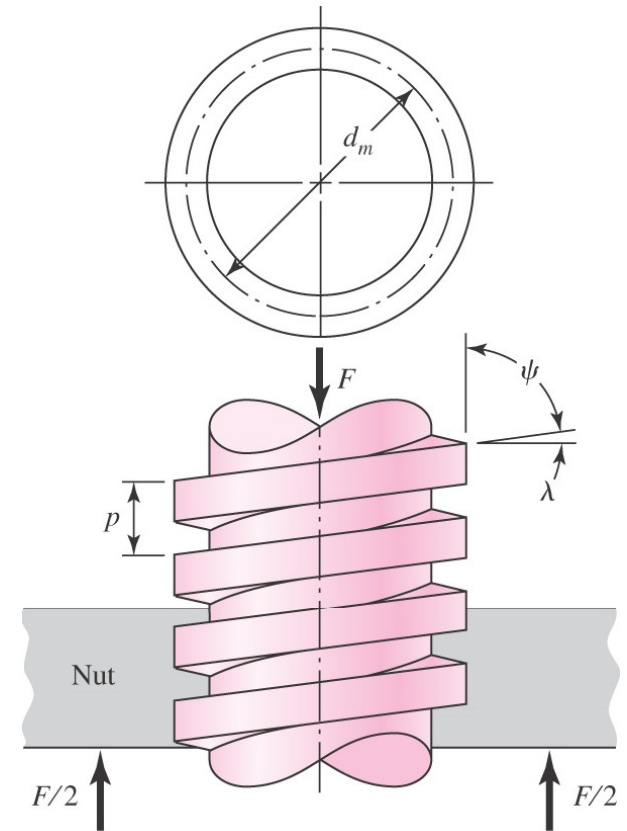
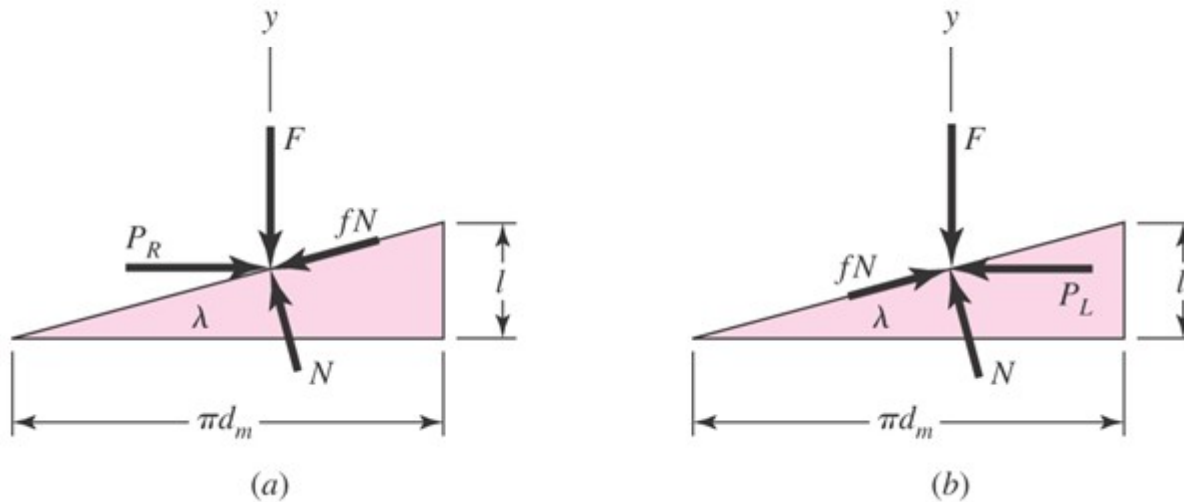


Fig. 8-5

$$\lambda = \tan^{-1} \frac{\text{Lead}}{\pi d_m} \quad \text{Lead angle}$$

- For raising the load

$$\sum F_x = P_R - N \sin \lambda - fN \cos \lambda = 0$$

(a)

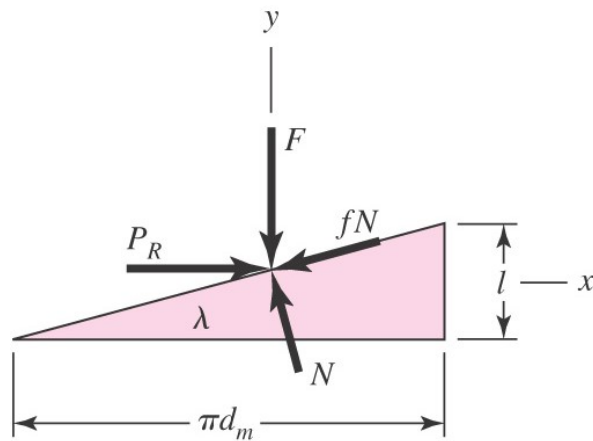
$$\sum F_y = -F - fN \sin \lambda + N \cos \lambda = 0$$

- For lowering the load

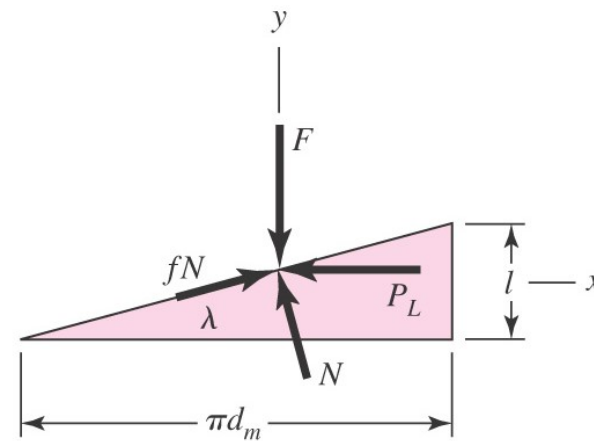
$$\sum F_x = -P_L - N \sin \lambda + fN \cos \lambda = 0$$

(b)

$$\sum F_y = -F + fN \sin \lambda + N \cos \lambda = 0$$



(a)



(b)

# Mechanics of Power Screws

- Eliminate  $N$  and solve for  $P$  to raise and lower the load

$$P_R = \frac{F(\sin \lambda + f \cos \lambda)}{\cos \lambda - f \sin \lambda} \quad (c)$$

$$P_L = \frac{F(f \cos \lambda - \sin \lambda)}{\cos \lambda + f \sin \lambda} \quad (d)$$

- Divide numerator and denominator by  $\cos \lambda$  and use relation  $\tan \lambda = l / \pi d_m$

$$P_R = \frac{F[(l/\pi d_m) + f]}{1 - (fl/\pi d_m)} \quad (e)$$

$$P_L = \frac{F[f - (l/\pi d_m)]}{1 + (fl/\pi d_m)} \quad (f)$$

# Raising and Lowering Torque

- Noting that the torque is the product of the force  $P$  and the mean radius  $r_m$ ,

$$T_R = \frac{F d_m}{2} \left( \frac{l + \pi f d_m}{\pi d_m - fl} \right) \quad (8-1)$$

$$T_L = \frac{F d_m}{2} \left( \frac{\pi f d_m - l}{\pi d_m + fl} \right) \quad (8-2)$$



# Self-locking Condition

$$T_L = \frac{F d_m}{2} \left( \frac{\pi f d_m - l}{\pi d_m + f l} \right) \quad (8-2)$$

- If the lowering torque is negative, the load will lower itself by causing the screw to spin without any external effort.
- If the lowering torque is positive, the screw is *self-locking*.
- Self-locking condition is  $\pi f d_m > l$
- Noting that  $l / \pi d_m = \tan \lambda$ , the self-locking condition can be seen to only involve the coefficient of friction and the lead angle.

$$f > \tan \lambda \quad (8-3)$$

# Power Screw Efficiency

- The torque needed to raise the load with no friction losses can be found from Eq. (8-1) with  $f = 0$ .

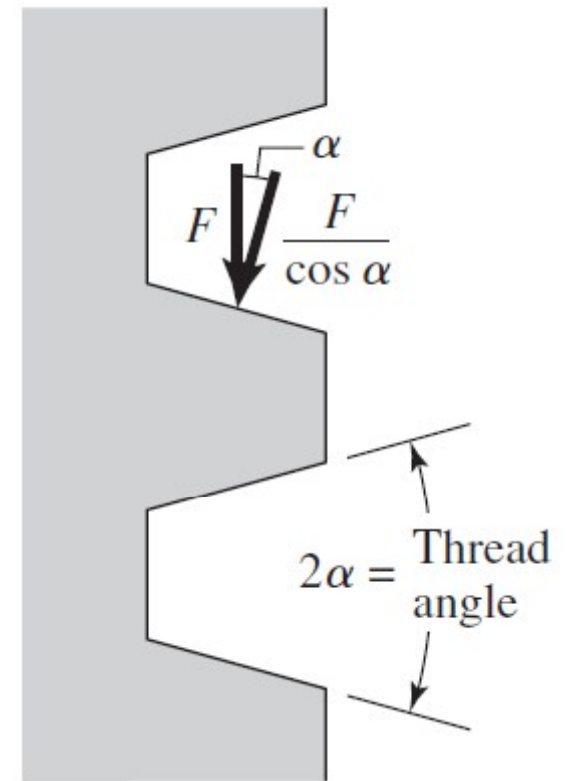
$$T_0 = \frac{Fl}{2\pi} \quad (g)$$

- The efficiency of the power screw is therefore

$$e = \frac{T_0}{T_R} = \frac{Fl}{2\pi T_R} \quad (8-4)$$

# Power Screws with Acme Threads

- If Acme threads are used instead of square threads, the thread angle creates a wedging action.
- The friction components are increased.
- The torque necessary to raise a load (or tighten a screw) is found by dividing the friction terms in Eq. (8–1) by  $\cos \alpha$ .



(a)

$$T_R = \frac{F d_m}{2} \left( \frac{l + \pi f d_m \sec \alpha}{\pi d_m - f l \sec \alpha} \right)$$

(8-5)

# Collar Friction

- An additional component of torque is often needed to account for the friction between a collar and the load.
- Assuming the load is concentrated at the mean collar diameter  $d_c$

$$T_c = \frac{F f_c d_c}{2} \quad (8-6)$$

$$T_R = \frac{F d_m}{2} \left( \frac{l + \pi f d_m}{\pi d_m - f l} \right) + \frac{F f_c d_c}{2}$$

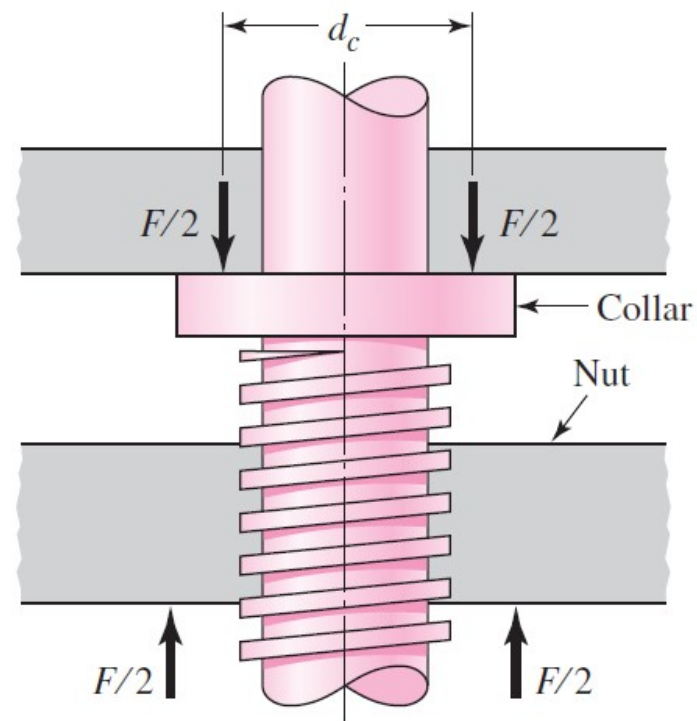
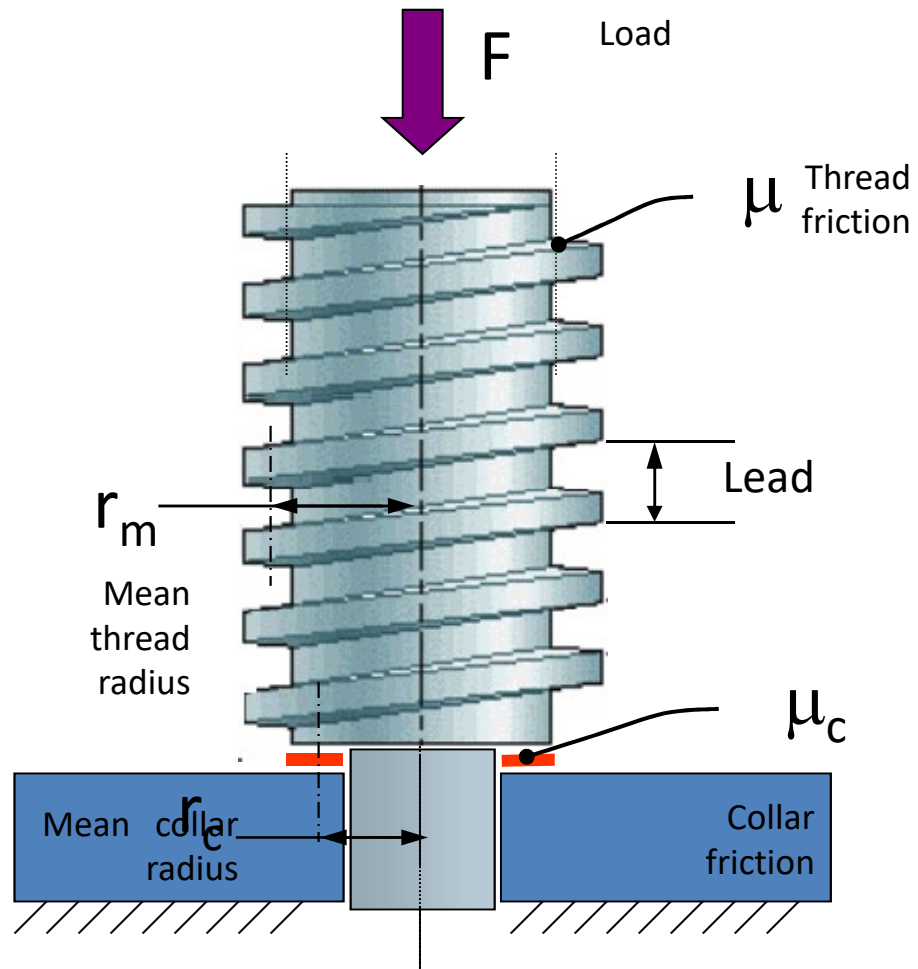


Fig. 8-7

(b)

# Power Screws



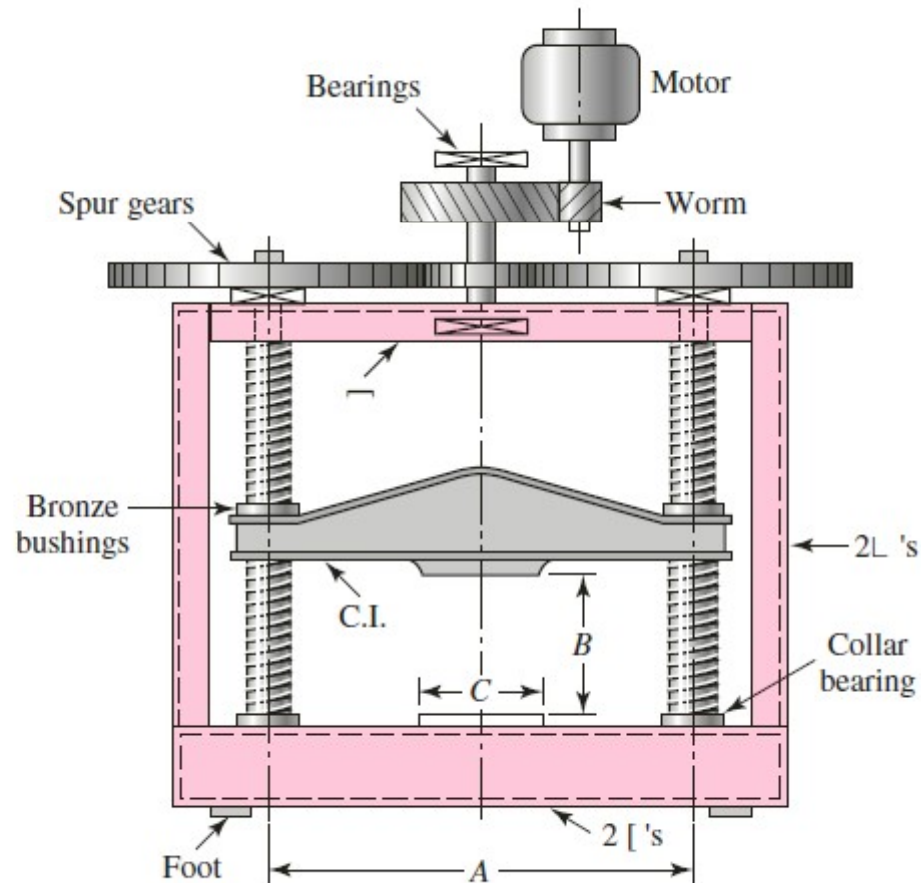
$$T_c = \frac{F f_c d_c}{2}$$

**8-6**

The press shown for Prob. 8-5 has a rated load of 5000 lbf. The twin screws have Acme threads, a diameter of 2 in, and a pitch of  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. Coefficients of friction are 0.05 for the threads and 0.08 for the collar bearings. Collar diameters are 3.5 in. The gears have an efficiency of 95 percent and a speed ratio of 60:1. A slip clutch, on the motor shaft, prevents overloading. The full-load motor speed is 1720 rev/min.

- (a) When the motor is turned on, how fast will the press head move?  
(b) What should be the horsepower rating of the motor?

Problem 8-5



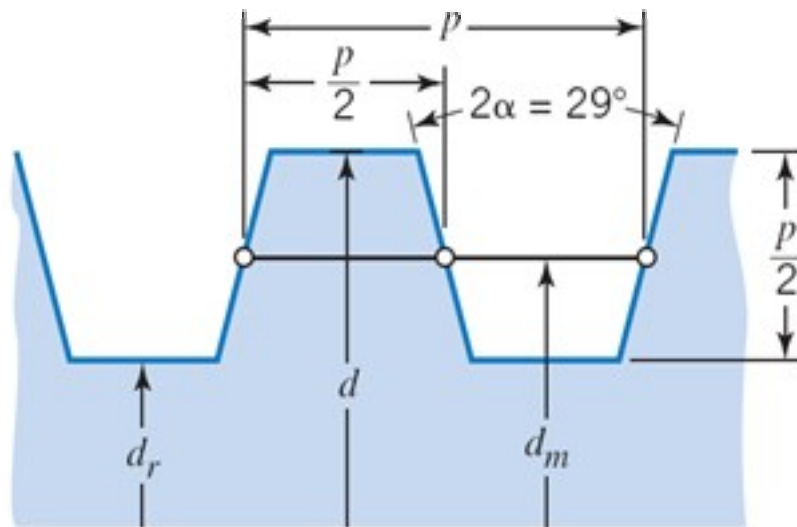
The gear rotates with a rotational speed of

$$n = \frac{1720}{60} = 28.67 \text{ rev/min}$$

The linear speed of the twin screws is

$$V = 28.67(0.25) = 7.17 \text{ in/min}$$

To find the dimensions of the screw



(a) Acme

$$d_m = 2 - 0.25 / 2 = 1.875 \text{ in}$$
$$\therefore \alpha = 29^\circ / 2$$

$$\cos(29^\circ / 2) = \frac{1}{1.033}$$

The Raising torque can be calculated using

$$T_R = \frac{F d_m}{2} \left( \frac{l + \pi f d_m \sec \alpha}{\pi d_m - f l \sec \alpha} \right) \quad (8-5)$$

$$T_R = \frac{2500(1.875)}{2} \left( \frac{0.25 + \pi(0.05)(1.875)(1.033)}{\pi(1.875) - 0.05(0.25)(1.033)} \right) = 221.0 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{in}$$



The collar torque is calculated using>

$$T_c = \frac{F f_c d_c}{2}$$

$$T_c = 2500(0.08)(3.5 / 2) = 350 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{in}$$

$$T_{total} = 350 + 221.0 = 571 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{in/screw}$$

$$T_{motor} = \frac{571(2)}{60(0.95)} = 20.04 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{in}$$

$$H = \frac{Tn}{63\,025} = \frac{20.04(1720)}{63\,025} = 0.547 \text{ hp}$$