Gears & Mechanisms

Simple Gear

- 1. Identify the input and output gears.
- 2. What is the gear ratio of gear train?
- 3. In gear train from input to output does the speed increased, decreased, or constant?
- 4. In gear train from input to output does the torque increased, decreased, or constant?
- 5. Is the flow of power reversible? (Can you make the input shaft turn by turning the output shaft?)
- 6. Do the gears move in the same or in the opposite direction?
- 7. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a simple gear.





Simple Gear Train with Idler

- 1. Identify the input and output gears.
- 2. What is the gear ratio of gear train?
- 3. In gear train from input to output does the speed increased, decreased, or constant?
- 4. In gear train from input to output does the torque increased, decreased, or constant?
- 5. Is the flow of power reversible? (Can you make the input shaft turn by turning the output shaft?)
- 6. Do the gears move in the same or in the opposite direction?
- 7. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a simple gear train with idler.





Bevel Gear

- 1. Identify the input and output gears.
- 2. What angle is input to output?
- 3. What is the gear ratio?
- 4. In gear train from input to output does the speed increased, decreased, or constant?
- 5. In gear train from input to output does the torque increased, decreased, or constant?
- 6. Is the flow of power reversible? (Can you make the input shaft turn by turning the output shaft?)
- 7. Do the gears move in the same or in the opposite direction?
- 8. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a bevel gear.





Chain Drive

- 1. Identify the input and output gears.
- 2. What is the gear ratio of gear train?
- 3. In gear train from input to output does the speed increased, decreased, or constant?
- 4. In gear train from input to output does the torque increased, decreased, or constant?
- 5. Is the flow of power reversible? (Can you make the input shaft turn by turning the output shaft?)
- 6. Do the gears move in the same or in the opposite direction?
- 7. What is an advantage of a chain drive?
- 8. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a chain drive.





Compound Gear

- 1. Identify the input and output gears.
- 2. What is the gear ratio of gear train?
- 3. In gear train from input to output does the speed increased, decreased, or constant?
- 4. In gear train from input to output does the torque increased, decreased, or constant?
- 5. Is the flow of power reversible? (Can you make the input shaft turn by turning the output shaft?)
- 6. Do the gears move in the same or in the opposite direction?
- 7. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a compound gear.





Belt Drive

- 1. Identify the input and output gears.
- 2. In gear train from input to output does the speed increased, decreased, or constant?
- 3. In gear train from input to output does the torque increased, decreased, or constant?
- 4. Is the flow of power reversible? (Can you make the input shaft turn by turning the output shaft?)
- 5. Do the gears move in the same or in the opposite direction?
- 6. What happens when you cross the belt?
- 7. What is an advantage of a belt drive?
- 8. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a belt drive.





Worm and Wheel

- 1. Identify the input and output gears.
- 2. Identify the worm & the wheel.
- 3. What is the gear ratio ?
- 4. In gear train from input to output does the speed increased, decreased, or constant?
- 5. In gear train from input to output does the torque increased, decreased, or constant?
- 6. Is the flow of power reversible? (Can you make the input shaft turn by turning the output shaft?)
- 7. What is the angle of input to output?
- 8. What is an advantage of a using a Worm and Wheel?
- 9. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a simple gear.





Rack and Pinion

- 1. Identify the input and output gears.
- 2. Identify the rack and the pinion.
- 3. What is the type of input movement? (rotary, reciprocating, or linear)
- 4. What is the type of output movement? (rotary, reciprocating, or linear)
- 5. Is the flow of power reversible? (Can you make the input shaft turn by turning the output shaft?)
- 6. If the diameter of the pinion gear were increased, would the rack move a shorter or longer distance with one revolution of the axle?
- 7. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a rack and pinion.



Crank and slider

- 1. Identify the crank and slider.
- 2. The input to this system is what type of motion (rotary, reciprocating, or linear)?
- 3. The output of this system is what type of motion (rotary, reciprocating, or linear)?
- 4. If the diameter of the crank gear were increased, would the slider move a shorter or longer distance?
- 5. Is the flow of power reversible? (Can you make the crank gear turn by pushing the slider?)
- 6. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a crank and slider?





Universal Joint

- 1. What is the angular range between the input shaft and the output shaft in which this mechanism will work? (acute, right, or obtuse)
- 2. Is the speed increased, decreased, or constant?
- 3. Is the torque increased, decreased, or constant?
- 4. What is the speed ratio of the input shaft to the output shaft?
- 5. Is the flow of power reversible? (Can you make the input shaft turn by turning the output shaft?)
- 6. Do the input and output shafts turn in the same direction?
- 7. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a universal joint?





Differential Gear

- 1. What types of gears does it use?
- 2. What is the purpose of a differential gear?
- 3. Give at least one real world example of something that uses a differential gear?





Four Bar Linkage

- 1. What is an advantage?
- 2. What is a disadvantage?
- 3. Give an real world example:





Rotating Joint

- 1. What is an advantage?
- 2. What is a disadvantage?
- 3. Give an real world example:





Elevator Lift

- 1. What is an advantage?
- 2. What is a disadvantage?
- 3. Give an real world example:





Multi-Stage Elevator Lift

- 1. What is an advantage?
- 2. What is a disadvantage?
- 3. Give an real world example:

