

## Algorithm for Gear Shaped Tool Profiling by Bezier Approximation

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### ABSTRACT

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**Keywords:** Gear shaped tool, cutting l tools, Bezier polynomials.

### 1. Introduction

The profiling of tools associated with centrodes, which generated by enwrapping, by rolling method, ordered profiles curls —the case of the gear shaped cutter and rotary cutter, may be done, as in the case of rack-gear tool using the surfaces fundamentals methods: Olivier theorem and Gohman method [2],[4]; as so as the complementary theorems as "the minimum distance method" [7], the "substitutive circles family" method [7], the tangents method [7], the in-plane generating trajectories [7], [10] and solid modelling [3].

Also, the problem may be solved using the solid modelling method [5],[10].

All these methods offer rigorous solutions which allow the very precisely profiling of the gear shaped tool's teeth.

Multiple situations in the industrial practice doesn't need a very rigorous in the defining of these profiles (for example in case on tool's profiling for polygonal bore — square, hexagon or tools for internal flute).

As follow, the elaboration of a method and adequate algorithms which allow the profiling, in certain precision limits, of the tools, but in simple calculus forms, for various

types of elementary profiles, may be useful in industrial appliances.

In this paper, is proposed a method to approximate the gear shaped tool, regarding the representation using the Bezier polynomials of 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree [1], [8], [9].

A small Bezier polynomials degree leads at simple expressions of the polynomials coefficients, allowing a pre-calculus of these.

The goal is to verify this method by comparing the results obtained by proposed method, for elementary profiles: straight segment, circle arc, involute arc, regarding the classical methods for enveloping generating tools profiling.

### 2. Reference systems – generation kinematics

They are defined:

- the rolling centrodes couple,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , of the blank and respectively of the tool;

-  $xyz$  — the global reference system, with  $z$  axis, as axis of centrode associated with the profiles curl to be generated;

-  $XYZ$  — relative reference system, joined with the profile to be generated;

-  $\xi\eta\zeta$  — relative reference system joined with the gear shaped tool.

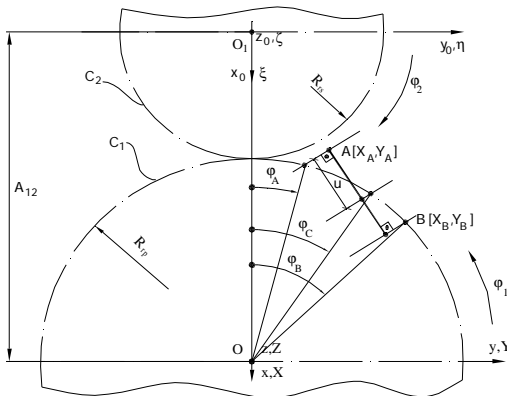


Fig. 1. Reference systems

The generating process kinematics presume the rotation movement of the two centrodes, with the respect of the rolling condition:

$$R_{rp} \cdot j_1 = R_{rs} \cdot j_2. \quad (1)$$

The absolute movement of the two centrodes are described by transformation:

$$x = w_3^T(j_1) \cdot X, \quad (2)$$

representing the rotation of the  $C_1$  centrode and of the space joined with these, around the z axis;

$$x_0 = w_3^T(-j_2) \cdot x, \quad (3)$$

representing the rotation of the tool's centrode.

The relative position of the global reference systems is give by transformation:

$$x_0 = x + A \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} -A \\ 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; A_{12} = R_{rp} + R_{rs} \quad (4)$$

so, from (2),(3) and (4), may be defined the relative movement:

$$x = w_3(-j_2) \cdot [w_3^T(j_1) \cdot X - A], \quad (5)$$

movement, which describe the profiles family (the trajectory family of points belong to the profile to be generated) regarding the gear shaped tool's reference system.

### 3. Gear shaped tool profiling algorithm

Is proposed, as profile to be generated, the  $\overline{AB}$  straight segment, with equations:

$$\Delta \begin{cases} X = X_A + u \cos a; \\ Y = Y_A + u \sin a. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

In equation (6) are defined:

- the ends coordinates of the  $\overline{AB}$  straight segment,

$$A[X_A, Y_A] \text{ and } B[X_B, Y_B]; \quad (7)$$

- the  $a$  angle,

$$\operatorname{tg} a = \frac{|Y_B - Y_A|}{|X_B - X_A|}. \quad (8)$$

Now, we can determine the  $j_1$  rolling angles values for various points from  $\overline{AB}$  profile, see figure 1.

Corresponding to the point  $A$ , is determined, along the normal in  $A$  to  $\overline{AB}$  profile, the intersection point with the  $C_1$  centrode, with  $R_{rp}$  radius, be  $A'$  this point.

The rolling angle corresponding to the  $A'$  point is determined with relation

$$j_{1A} = \arccos \left[ \frac{X_A \cos a + Y_A \sin a}{R_{rp}} \right] + a. \quad (9)$$

Similarly may be determined the angles:

$$j_{1B} = \arccos \left[ \frac{X_B \cos a + Y_B \sin a}{R_{rp}} \right] + a, \quad (10)$$

corresponding to  $B'$  (for the end point  $B$ ) and

$$j_{1C} = \arccos \left[ \frac{X_C \cos a + Y_C \sin a}{R_{rp}} \right] + a, \quad (11)$$

for an intermediate point on the profile (not represented in figure).

The knowledge of these angular values allow to know the coordinated of points belong to the gear shaped profile, in the  $xhz$  reference system, form (5), in form:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= [X_A + u \cos a] \cos[(1+i)j_1] - \\ &\quad - [Y_A + u \sin a] \sin[(1+i)j_1] + A_{12} \cos(ij_1); \quad (12) \\ h &= [X_A + u \cos a] \sin[(1+i)j_1] + \\ &\quad + [Y_A + u \sin a] \cos[(1+i)j_1] + A_{12} \sin(ij_1), \end{aligned}$$

for 
$$j_2 = i \cdot j_1 = \frac{R_{rp}}{R_{rs}} \cdot j_1, \quad (13)$$

$i$  — is the gear ratio.

For various values of the "u" parameter:

$$u = 0 - \text{pentru punctul } A;$$

$$u = 0.5u_{\max}, u_{\max} = \sqrt{[X_B - X_A]^2 + [Y_B - Y_A]^2}, \quad (14)$$

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$$u = u_{\max}, \text{ pentru punctul } B,$$

in table 1, are calculated the Bezier polynomial coefficients, of the gear shaped cutter, reciprocally enveloping with the straight segment profile (6).

They are defined, in table 1, the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree substitution Bezier polynomial, for approximation of a gear shaped tool, reciprocally enveloping with an ordered profile curl in straight line form of segment  $\overline{AB}$  :

Similarly, for a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree approximation Bezier polynomial, on form:

$$x = I^3 A_x + 3 \cdot I^2 \cdot (1-I) \cdot x + 3 \cdot I \cdot (1-I)^2 \cdot C_x + (1-I)^3 \cdot D_x;$$

$$h = I^3 A_h + 3 \cdot I^2 \cdot (1-I) \cdot B_h + 3 \cdot I \cdot (1-I)^2 \cdot C_h + (1-I)^3 \cdot D_h, \quad (16)$$

in table 2, are represented the calculus relations of the polynomial coefficients.

**Table 1** Bezier 2<sup>nd</sup> polynomial coefficients

	Coordinates of profile to be generated	Rolling angle
0	$X_A, Y_A$	$j_A = \arccos \left[ \frac{X_A \cos a + Y_A \sin a}{R_{rp}} \right] + a$
0.5 $u_{\max}$	$X_C = 0.5 \cdot X_A + 0.5 \cdot X_B$ $Y_C = 0.5 \cdot Y_A + 0.5 \cdot Y_B$	$j_C = \arccos \left[ \frac{X_C \cos a + Y_C \sin a}{R_{rp}} \right] + a$
$u_{\max}$	$X_B, Y_B$	$j_B = \arccos \left[ \frac{X_B \cos a + Y_B \sin a}{R_{rp}} \right] + a$
$\lambda$	Points on rack-gear profile	Approximation polynomial coefficients
1	$x_A = X_A \cos[(1+i)j_{1A}] -$ $-Y_A \sin[(1+i)j_{1A}] + A_{12} \cos(ij_{1A})$ $h_A = X_A \sin[(1+i)j_{1A}] +$ $+Y_A \cos[(1+i)j_{1A}] + A_{12} \sin(ij_{1A})$	$A_x = x_A$ $A_h = h_A$
0.5	$x_C = X_C \cos[(1+i)j_{1C}] -$ $-Y_C \sin[(1+i)j_{1C}] + A_{12} \cos(ij_{1C})$ $h_C = X_C \sin[(1+i)j_{1C}] +$ $+Y_C \cos[(1+i)j_{1C}] + A_{12} \sin(ij_{1C})$	$C_x = \frac{x_C - 0.25 \cdot x_A - 0.25 \cdot x_B}{0.5}$ $C_h = \frac{h_C - 0.25 \cdot h_A - 0.25 \cdot h_B}{0.5}$
0	$x_B = X_B \cos[(1+i)j_{1B}] -$ $-Y_B \sin[(1+i)j_{1B}] + A_{12} \cos(ij_{1B})$ $h_B = X_B \sin[(1+i)j_{1B}] +$ $+Y_B \cos[(1+i)j_{1B}] + A_{12} \sin(ij_{1B})$	$B_x = x_B$ $B_h = h_B$

**4. Analytical profiling method**

Is proposed the comparing of results for the profiling algorithm by Bezier polynomial approximation, with results obtained for the

$$x = I^2 A_x + 2 \cdot (1-I) \cdot I \cdot C_x + (1-I)^2 \cdot B_x; \quad (15)$$

$$h = I^2 A_h + 2 \cdot (1-I) \cdot I \cdot C_h + (1-I)^2 \cdot B_h.$$

same profile, by a rigorous analytical method — the in-plane generating trajectories [8], [10].

According to this method, the gear shaped tool’s profile may be obtained associating with the equations (12), the enveloping condition

**Table 2** Bezier 3<sup>rd</sup> polynomial coefficients

	Coordinates of profile to be generated	Rolling angle
0	$X_A, Y_A$	$j_A = \arccos \left[ \frac{X_A \cos a + Y_A \sin a}{R_{rp}} \right] + a$
1/3 $u_{max}$	$X_C = X_A + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)[X_B - X_A]$ $Y_C = Y_A + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)[Y_B - Y_A]$	$j_C = \arccos \left[ \frac{X_C \cos a + Y_C \sin a}{R_{rp}} \right] + a$
2/3 $u_{max}$	$X_D = X_A + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)[X_B - X_A]$ $Y_D = Y_A + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)[Y_B - Y_A]$	$j_D = \arccos \left[ \frac{X_D \cos a + Y_D \sin a}{R_{rp}} \right] + a$
$u_{max}$	$X_B, Y_B$	$j_B = \arccos \left[ \frac{X_B \cos a + Y_B \sin a}{R_{rp}} \right] + a$
$\lambda$	Points on rack-gear tool's profile	Approximation polynom coefficients
1	$x_A = X_A \cos[(1+i)j_{1A}] -$ $-Y_A \sin[(1+i)j_{1A}] + A_{12} \cos(ij_{1A})$ $h_A = X_A \sin[(1+i)j_{1A}] +$ $+Y_A \cos[(1+i)j_{1A}] + A_{12} \sin(ij_{1A})$	$D_x = x_A$ $D_h = h_A$
1/3	$x_C = X_C \cos[(1+i)j_{1C}] -$ $-Y_C \sin[(1+i)j_{1C}] + A_{12} \cos(ij_{1C})$ $h_C = X_C \sin[(1+i)j_{1C}] +$ $+Y_C \cos[(1+i)j_{1C}] + A_{12} \sin(ij_{1C})$	$C_x = \frac{18 \cdot x_C - 9 \cdot x_B + 2 \cdot x_A - 5 \cdot x_D}{6}$ $C_h = \frac{18 \cdot h_C - 9 \cdot h_B + 2 \cdot h_A - 5 \cdot h_D}{6}$
2/3	$x_D = X_D \cos[(1+i)j_{1D}] -$ $-Y_D \sin[(1+i)j_{1D}] + A_{12} \cos(ij_{1D})$ $h_D = X_D \sin[(1+i)j_{1D}] +$ $+Y_D \cos[(1+i)j_{1D}] + A_{12} \sin(ij_{1D})$	$B_x = \frac{-5 \cdot x_A + 2 \cdot x_D + 18 \cdot x_B - 9 \cdot x_C}{6}$ $B_h = \frac{-5 \cdot h_A + 2 \cdot h_D + 18 \cdot h_B - 9 \cdot h_C}{6}$
0	$x_B = X_B \cos[(1+i)j_{1B}] -$ $-Y_B \sin[(1+i)j_{1B}] + A_{12} \cos(ij_{1B})$ $h_B = X_B \sin[(1+i)j_{1B}] +$ $+Y_B \cos[(1+i)j_{1B}] + A_{12} \sin(ij_{1B})$	$A_x = x_D$ $A_h = h_D$

$$\frac{x'_{j1}}{x'_u} = \frac{h'_{j1}}{h'_u} \tag{17}$$

where,  $x'_{j1}, h'_{j1}, x'_u, h'_u$  are partial derivative of the equations, regarding the values  $j_1$  and  $u$ .

**5. Numerical results**

In figure 2 and tables 3 and 4, are presented the numerical results regarding the gear shaped tool for a straight segment, with notations:

- ends segments coordinates,  $A[X_A, Y_A]$  and  $B[X_D, Y_D]$ ;
- the rolling radius value  $R_{rp}$ ;
- gear ratio,  $i$ ;
- error regarding the profile determined based on the analytical method of in-plane generating trajectories, measured normal at the theoretically profile - *Err*.
- approximation with a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree polynomial, table 3;
- approximation with a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree polynomial, table 4;
- rolling angle value -  $j$ .

**a) External gear shaped cutter**  
 End coordinates: A[-100,0]; B[-80, 20];  
 $R_{rp} = 100\text{mm}$

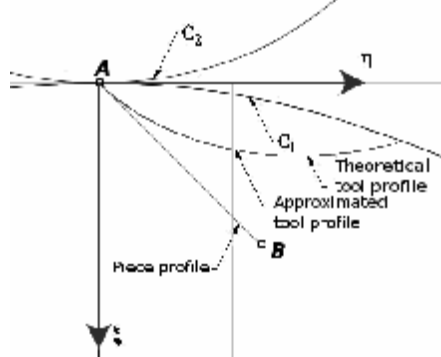


Fig. 2. Straight segment – external gear shaped cutter

**b) Internal gear shaped cutter**  
 End coordinates: A[-100,0]; B[-80, 20];  
 $R_{rp} = 100\text{mm}$

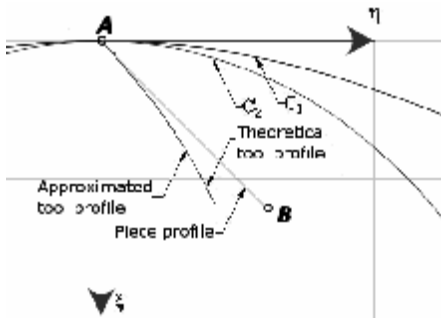


Fig. 3. Straight segment – internal gear shaped cutter

**6. Conclusion**

1. The profiling method for gear shaped tool, generating the profiles curl composed by straight line segments, are rigorous enough, even at approximation using Bezier polynomial with inferior degree.
2. The tabulate algorithm is simple, the approximating polynomial coefficients being pre-calculated.
3. It was used an original software, programmed in Java language, for the results presentation regarding a rigorous profiling method, accepted as comparing element.
4. The increase of approximation polynomial degree leads to the substantial decreasing of the profiling error.

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**Table 3** Bezier 2<sup>nd</sup> polynomial approximation

$\lambda$	Approx $\xi$ [mm]	Approx $\eta$ [mm]	Tool profile $\xi$ [mm]	Tool profile $\eta$ [mm]	Err. [mm]	$\phi$ [rad]
<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>
0.05	1.01	1.02	0.99	1.05	0.041	0.019
0.1	2.02	2.19	1.98	2.23	0.057	0.039
0.15	2.98	3.48	2.93	3.52	0.059	0.058
0.2	3.90	4.91	3.85	4.92	0.050	0.077
0.25	4.76	6.41	4.73	6.42	0.032	0.095
0.3	5.55	8.02	5.54	8.02	0.012	0.113
<b>0.33</b>	<b>6.05</b>	<b>9.13</b>	<b>6.05</b>	<b>9.13</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.125</b>
0.35	6.29	9.72	6.29	9.72	0.005	0.131
0.4	6.95	11.50	6.97	11.49	0.020	0.149
0.45	7.54	13.36	7.57	13.35	0.029	0.166
0.5	8.04	15.29	8.08	15.28	0.032	0.184
0.55	8.47	17.28	8.50	17.28	0.028	0.201
0.6	8.80	19.34	8.82	19.33	0.019	0.218
0.65	9.04	21.44	9.04	21.44	0.005	0.234
<b>0.66</b>	<b>9.09</b>	<b>22.12</b>	<b>9.09</b>	<b>22.12</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.240</b>
0.7	9.18	23.59	9.17	23.59	0.011	0.251
0.75	9.21	25.77	9.18	25.78	0.028	0.267
0.8	9.13	27.99	9.09	27.99	0.043	0.283
0.85	8.94	30.23	8.89	30.23	0.051	0.299
0.9	8.62	32.49	8.57	32.49	0.050	0.315
0.95	8.18	34.75	8.15	34.76	0.034	0.331
<b>1.0</b>	<b>7.61</b>	<b>37.03</b>	<b>7.61</b>	<b>37.03</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.347</b>

**Table 4** Bezier 3<sup>rd</sup> polynomial approximation

$\lambda$	Approx $\xi$ [mm]	Approx $\eta$ [mm]	Tool profile $\xi$ [mm]	Tool profile $\eta$ [mm]	Err. [mm]	$\phi$ [rad]
<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>
0.05	1.00	0.97	1.00	0.98	0.005	0.019
0.1	2.00	1.91	2.00	1.92	0.007	0.039
0.15	3.00	2.82	3.00	2.82	0.007	0.058
0.2	4.00	3.69	4.00	3.70	0.006	0.077
0.25	5.00	4.53	5.00	4.54	0.003	0.095
0.3	6.00	5.35	6.00	5.35	0.001	0.113
<b>0.33</b>	<b>6.66</b>	<b>5.87</b>	<b>6.66</b>	<b>5.87</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.125</b>
0.35	7.00	6.13	7.00	6.13	0.001	0.131
0.4	8.00	6.88	8.00	6.88	0.002	0.149
0.45	9.00	7.61	9.00	7.61	0.003	0.166
0.5	10.00	8.31	10.00	8.30	0.003	0.184
0.55	11.00	8.98	11.00	8.98	0.003	0.201
0.6	12.00	9.63	12.00	9.63	0.002	0.218
0.65	13.00	10.25	13.00	10.25	0.001	0.234
<b>0.66</b>	<b>13.32</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>13.32</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.240</b>
0.7	14.00	10.85	14.00	10.86	0.001	0.251
0.75	15.00	11.43	15.00	11.44	0.003	0.267
0.8	16.00	11.99	16.00	12.00	0.004	0.283
0.85	17.00	12.53	17.00	12.53	0.005	0.299
0.9	18.00	13.05	18.00	13.05	0.005	0.315
0.95	19.00	13.54	19.00	13.55	0.003	0.331
<b>1.0</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>14.03</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>14.03</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.347</b>

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## L'algorithme de profilage par approximation Bezier pour le couteaux roue

### Resumé

En cette ouvrage, on propose une méthode pour profilage de couteaux roue, en utilisant les polynômes Bezier du 2-ème ou 3-ème degré. Un petit degré des polynômes Bezier mène aux expressions simples des coefficients des polynômes, permettant un pré calcul de ces derniers.

## Algoritm pentru profilarea prin aproximare cu polinoame Bezier a sculelor de tip roată

### Rezumat

Profilarea sculelor asociate unor centroide care generează prin înfășurare, prin metoda rulării, vârtejuri ordonate de profiluri – cazul cuțitului - roată și a cuțitului rotativ – poate fi făcută, ca și în cazul cremalierii prin utilizarea metodelor fundamentale ale înfășurării suprafețelor: teorema OLIVIER și metoda GOHMAN; precum și teoremele complementare ca: "metoda distanței minime"; metoda "familiei de cercuri substitutive", metoda tangentelor, metoda traiectoriilor plane de generare. În lucrare, se propune o metodologie de aproximare a profilurilor sculelor de tip roată, având în vedere o reprezentare a acestora în forma unor polinoame Bezier, de gradul 2 sau 3. Un grad mic al polinoamelor Bezier conduce la exprimări simple a coeficienților polinomului, permițând o formă de precalculare a acestora.

Se urmărește verificarea acestei metode prin compararea rezultatelor furnizate prin aplicarea metodologiei propuse, pentru profilul elementar, segment de dreaptă, în raport cu metodele clasice de profilare a sculelor generatoare prin înfășurare.