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18.1. Introduction

The function of a governor is to regulate the mean speed of an engine, when there are variations in the load *e.g.* when the load on an engine increases, its speed decreases, therefore it becomes necessary to increase the supply of working fluid. On the other hand, when the load on the engine decreases, its speed increases and thus less working fluid is required. The governor automatically controls the supply of working fluid to the engine with the varying load conditions and keeps the mean speed within certain limits.

A little consideration will show, that when the load increases, the configuration of the governor changes and a valve is moved to increase the supply of the working fluid ; ***conversely,*** when the load decreases, the engine speed increases and the governor decreases the supply of working fluid.

Note : We have discussed in Chapter 16 (Art. 16.8) that the function of a flywheel in an engine is entirely different from that of a governor. It controls the speed variation caused by the fluctuations of the engine turning moment during each cycle of operation. It does not control the speed variations caused by a varying load. The varying demand for power is met by the governor regulating the supply of working fluid.

18.2. Types of Governors

The governors may, broadly, be classified as

1. Centrifugal governors, and 2. Inertia governors.

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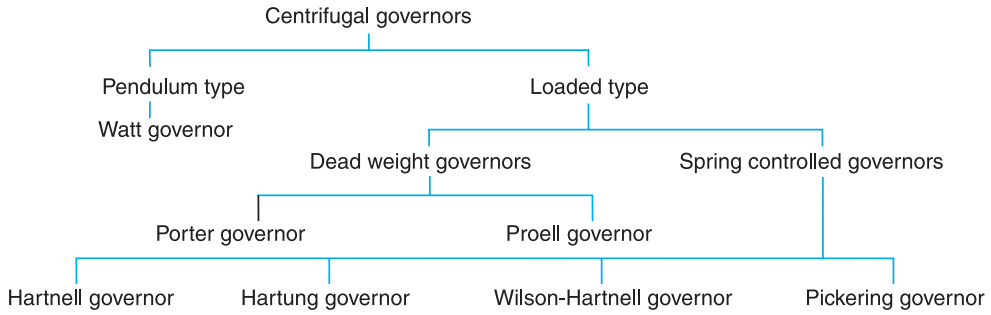
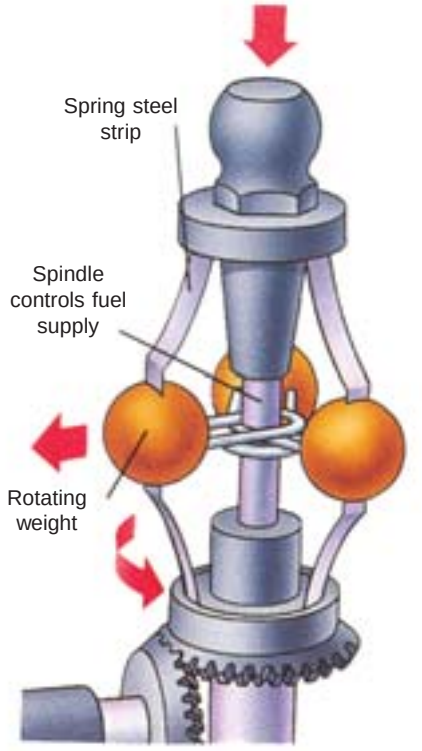
The centrifugal governors, may further be classified as follows :



18.3. Centrifugal Governors

The centrifugal governors are based on the balancing of centrifugal force on the rotating balls by an equal and opposite radial force, known as the ***controlling force****.It consists of two balls of equal mass, which are attached to the arms as shown in Fig. 18.1. These balls are known as ***governor balls*** or ***fly balls***. The balls revolve with a spindle, which is driven by the engine through bevel gears. The upper ends of the arms are pivoted to the spindle, so that the balls may rise up or fall down as they revolve about the vertical axis. The arms are connected by the links to a sleeve, which is keyed to the spindle. This sleeve revolves with the spindle ; but can slide up and down. The balls and the sleeve rises when the spindle speed increases, and falls when the speed decreases. In order to limit the travel of the sleeve in upward and downward directions, two stops *S*, *S* are provided on the spindle. The sleeve is connected by a bell crank lever to a throttle valve. The supply of the working fluid decreases when the sleeve rises and increases when it falls.

When the load on the engine increases, the engine and the governor speed decreases. This results in the decrease of centrifugal force on the balls. Hence the balls move inwards and the sleeve moves downwards. The downward movement of the sleeve operates a throttle valve at the other end of the bell crank lever to increase the supply of working fluid and thus the engine speed is increased. In this case, the extra power output is provided to balance the increased load. When the load on the engine decreases, the engine and the governor speed increases, which results in the increase of centrifugal force on the balls. Thus the balls move outwards and the sleeve rises upwards. This upward movement of the sleeve reduces the supply of the working fluid and hence the speed is decreased. In this case, the power output is reduced.



A governor controls engine speed. As it rotates, the weights swing outwards, pulling down a spindle that reduces the fuel supply at high speed.

* The controlling force is provided either by the action of gravity as in Watt governor or by a spring as in case of Hartnell governor.

Note : When the balls rotate at uniform speed, controlling force is equal to the centrifugal force and they balance each other.

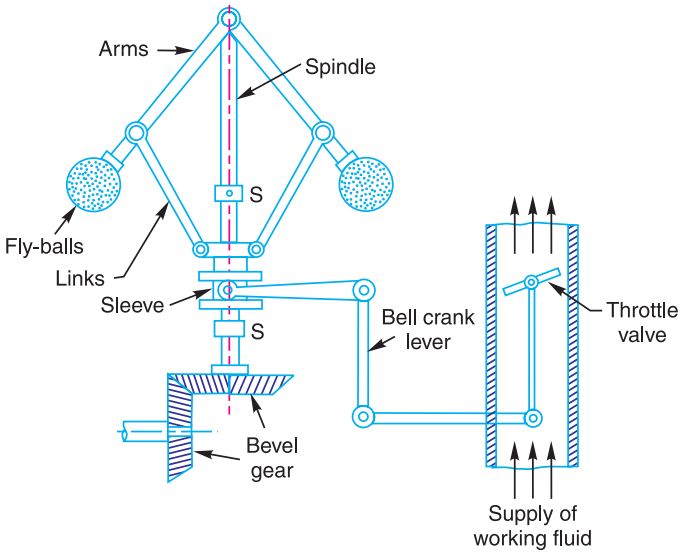


Fig. 18.1. Centrifugal governor.

18.4. Terms Used in Governors

The following terms used in governors are important from the subject point of view ;

1. *Height of a governor.* It is the vertical distance from the centre of the ball to a point where the axes of the arms (or arms produced) intersect on the spindle axis. It is usually denoted by *h*.

2. *Equilibrium speed.* It is the speed at which the governor balls, arms etc., are in complete equilibrium and the sleeve does not tend to move upwards or downwards.

3. *Mean equilibrium speed.* It is the speed at the mean position of the balls or the sleeve.

4. *Maximum and minimum equilibrium speeds.* The speeds at the maximum and minimum radius of rotation of the balls, without tending to move either way are known as maximum and minimum equilibrium speeds respectively.

Note : There can be many equilibrium speeds between the mean and the maximum and the mean and the minimum equilibrium speeds.

5. *Sleeve lift.* It is the vertical distance which the sleeve travels due to change in equilibrium speed.

Centrifugal governor

18.5. Watt Governor

The simplest form of a centrifugal governor is a Watt governor, as shown in Fig. 18.2. It is basically a conical pendulum with links attached to a sleeve of negligible mass. The arms of the governor may be connected to the spindle in the following three ways :

1. The pivot *P*, may be on the spindle axis as shown in Fig. 18.2 (*a*).
2. The pivot *P*, may be offset from the spindle axis and the arms when produced intersect at *O*, as shown in Fig. 18.2 (*b*).
3. The pivot *P*, may be offset, but the arms cross the axis at *O*, as shown in Fig. 18.2 (*c*).

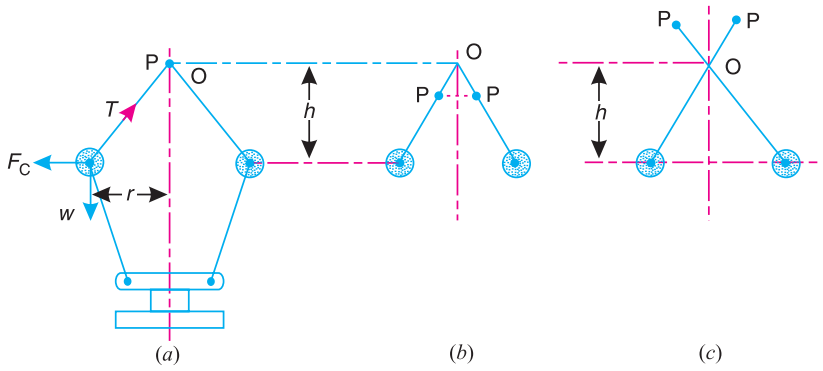


Fig. 18.2. Watt governor.

Let
m = Mass of the ball in kg,
w = Weight of the ball in newtons = $m.g$,
T = Tension in the arm in newtons,
ω = Angular velocity of the arm and ball about the spindle axis in rad/s,
r = Radius of the path of rotation of the ball *i.e.* horizontal distance from the centre of the ball to the spindle axis in metres,
F_C = Centrifugal force acting on the ball in newtons = $m.\omega^2.r$, and
h = Height of the governor in metres.

It is assumed that the weight of the arms, links and the sleeve are negligible as compared to the weight of the balls. Now, the ball is in equilibrium under the action of

1. the centrifugal force (F_C) acting on the ball, **2.** the tension (T) in the arm, and **3.** the weight (w) of the ball.

Taking moments about point *O*, we have

$$F_C \times h = w \times r = m.g.r$$

or $$m.\omega^2.r.h = m.g.r \quad \text{or} \quad h = g/\omega^2 \qquad \ldots (i)$$

When g is expressed in m/s^2 and ω in rad/s, then h is in metres. If N is the speed in r.p.m., then

$$\omega = 2\pi N/60$$

$$\therefore \quad h = \frac{9.81}{(2\pi N/60)^2} = \frac{895}{N^2} \text{ metres} \qquad \ldots (\because g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) \ldots (ii)$$

Note : We see from the above expression that the height of a governor h, is inversely proportional to N^2. Therefore at high speeds, the value of h is small. At such speeds, the change in the value of h corresponding to a small change in speed is insufficient to enable a governor of this type to operate the mechanism to give the necessary change in the fuel supply. This governor may only work satisfactorily at relatively low speeds *i.e.* from 60 to 80 r.p.m.

Example 18.1. *Calculate the vertical height of a Watt governor when it rotates at 60 r.p.m. Also find the change in vertical height when its speed increases to 61 r.p.m.*

Solution. Given : $N_1 = 60$ r.p.m. ; $N_2 = 61$ r.p.m.

Initial height

We know that initial height,

$$h_1 = \frac{895}{(N_1)^2} = \frac{895}{(60)^2} = 0.248 \text{ m}$$

Change in vertical height

We know that final height,

$$h_2 = \frac{895}{(N_2)^2} = \frac{895}{(61)^2} = 0.24 \text{ m}$$

$\therefore$ Change in vertical height

$$= h_1 - h_2 = 0.248 - 0.24 = 0.008 \text{ m} = 8 \text{ mm}$$ **Ans.**

18.6. Porter Governor

The Porter governor is a modification of a Watt's governor, with central load attached to the sleeve as shown in Fig. 18.3 (*a*). The load moves up and down the central spindle. This additional downward force increases the speed of revolution required to enable the balls to rise to any pre-determined level.

Consider the forces acting on one-half of the governor as shown in Fig. 18.3 (*b*).

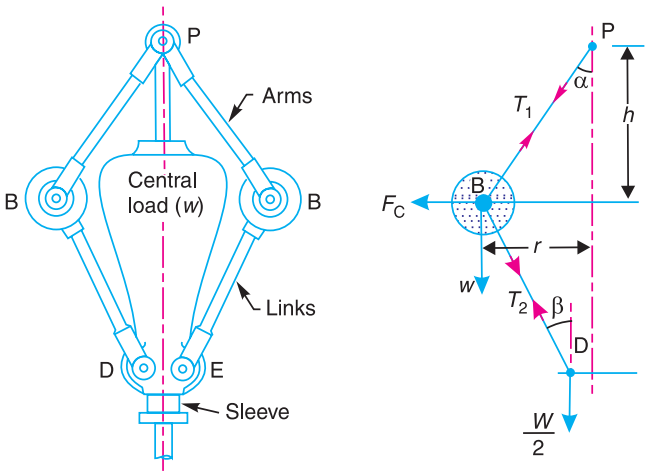


Fig. 18.3. Porter governor.

Let m = Mass of each ball in kg,

w = Weight of each ball in newtons = $m.g$,

M = Mass of the central load in kg,

W = Weight of the central load in newtons = $M.g$,

r = Radius of rotation in metres,

h = Height of governor in metres ,
N = Speed of the balls in r.p.m .,
ω = Angular speed of the balls in rad/s = $2\pi N/60$ rad/s,
F_C = Centrifugal force acting on the ball in newtons = $m.\omega^2.r$,
T_1 = Force in the arm in newtons,
T_2 = Force in the link in newtons,
α = Angle of inclination of the arm (or upper link) to the vertical, and
β = Angle of inclination of the link (or lower link) to the vertical.

A big hydel generator. Governors are used to control the supply of working fluid (water in hydel generators).

Note : This picture is given as additional information and is not a direct example of the current chapter.

Though there are several ways of determining the relation between the height of the governor (h) and the angular speed of the balls (ω), yet the following two methods are important from the subject point of view :

1. Method of resolution of forces ; and
2. Instantaneous centre method.

1. *Method of resolution of forces*

Considering the equilibrium of the forces acting at D, we have

$$T_2 \cos\beta = \frac{W}{2} = \frac{M.g}{2}$$

or
$$T_2 = \frac{M.g}{2\cos\beta} \quad \ldots (i)$$

Again, considering the equilibrium of the forces acting on B. The point B is in equilibrium under the action of the following forces, as shown in Fig. 18.3 (b).

(i) The weight of ball ($w = m.g$),
(ii) The centrifugal force (F_C),
(iii) The tension in the arm (T_1), and
(iv) The tension in the link (T_2).

Resolving the forces vertically,

$$T_1 \cos\alpha = T_2 \cos\beta + w = \frac{M.g}{2} + m.g \quad \ldots (ii)$$

$$\ldots\left(\because T_2 \cos\beta = \frac{M.g}{2}\right)$$

Resolving the forces horizontally,

$$T_1 \sin\alpha + T_2 \sin\beta = F_C$$

$$T_1 \sin\alpha + \frac{M.g}{2\cos\beta} \times \sin\beta = F_C \quad \ldots\left(\because T_2 = \frac{M.g}{2\cos\beta}\right)$$

$$T_1 \sin\alpha + \frac{M.g}{2} \times \tan\beta = F_C$$

$$\therefore \quad T_1 \sin\alpha = F_C - \frac{M.g}{2} \times \tan\beta \quad \ldots (iii)$$

Dividing equation ***(iii)*** by equation ***(ii)***,

$$\frac{T_1 \sin \alpha}{T_1 \cos \alpha} = \frac{F_C - \frac{M.g}{2} \times \tan \beta}{\frac{M.g}{2} + m.g}$$

or $$\left(\frac{M.g}{2} + m.g\right) \tan \alpha = F_C - \frac{M.g}{2} \times \tan \beta$$

$$\frac{M.g}{2} + m.g = \frac{F_C}{\tan \alpha} - \frac{M.g}{2} \times \frac{\tan \beta}{\tan \alpha}$$

Substituting $\frac{\tan \beta}{\tan \alpha} = q$, and $\tan \alpha = \frac{r}{h}$, we have

$$\frac{M.g}{2} + m.g = m.\omega^2.r \times \frac{h}{r} - \frac{M.g}{2} \times q \quad \ldots (\because F_C = m.\omega^2.r)$$

or $$m.\omega^2.h = m.g + \frac{M.g}{2}(1 + q)$$

$\therefore$ $$h = \left[m.g + \frac{M.g}{2}(1 + q)\right] \frac{1}{m.\omega^2} = \frac{m + \frac{M}{2}(1 + q)}{m} \times \frac{g}{\omega^2} \quad \ldots (iv)$$

or $$\omega^2 = \left[m.g + \frac{Mg}{2}(1 + q)\right] \frac{1}{m.h} = \frac{m + \frac{M}{2}(1 + q)}{m} \times \frac{g}{h}$$

or $$\left(\frac{2\pi N}{60}\right)^2 = \frac{m + \frac{M}{2}(1 + q)}{m} \times \frac{g}{h}$$

$\therefore$ $$N^2 = \frac{m + \frac{M}{2}(1 + q)}{m} \times \frac{g}{h}\left(\frac{60}{2\pi}\right)^2 = \frac{m + \frac{M}{2}(1 + q)}{m} \times \frac{895}{h} \quad \ldots (v)$$

$\ldots$ (Taking $g = 9.81$ m/s^2)

Notes : 1. When the length of arms are equal to the length of links and the points P and D lie on the same vertical line, then

$$\tan \alpha = \tan \beta \quad \text{or} \quad q = \tan \alpha / \tan \beta = 1$$

Therefore, the equation ***(v)*** becomes

$$N^2 = \frac{(m + M)}{m} \times \frac{895}{h} \quad \ldots (vi)$$

2. When the loaded sleeve moves up and down the spindle, the frictional force acts on it in a direction opposite to that of the motion of sleeve.

If F = Frictional force acting on the sleeve in newtons, then the equations ***(v)*** and ***(vi)*** may be written as

$$N^2 = \frac{m.g + \left(\frac{M.g \pm F}{2}\right)(1 + q)}{m.g} \times \frac{895}{h} \quad \ldots (vii)$$

$$= \frac{m.g + (M.g \pm F)}{m.g} \times \frac{895}{h} \quad \ldots (\text{When } q = 1) \ldots (viii)$$

The + sign is used when the sleeve moves upwards or the governor speed increases and negative sign is used when the sleeve moves downwards or the governor speed decreases.

3. On comparing the equation **(*vi*)** with equation **(*ii*)** of Watt's governor (Art. 18.5), we find that the mass of the central load (M) increases the height of governor in the ratio $\frac{m + M}{m}$.

2. *Instantaneous centre method*

In this method, equilibrium of the forces acting on the link BD are considered. The instantaneous centre I lies at the point of intersection of PB produced and a line through D perpendicular to the spindle axis, as shown in Fig. 18.4. Taking moments about the point I,

$$F_C \times BM = w \times IM + \frac{W}{2} \times ID$$

$$= m.g \times IM + \frac{M.g}{2} \times ID$$

$$\therefore \quad F_C = m.g \times \frac{IM}{BM} + \frac{M.g}{2} \times \frac{ID}{BM}$$

$$= m.g \times \frac{IM}{BM} + \frac{M.g}{2}\left(\frac{IM + MD}{BM}\right)$$

$$= m.g \times \frac{IM}{BM} + \frac{M.g}{2}\left(\frac{IM}{BM} + \frac{MD}{BM}\right)$$

$$= m.g \tan \alpha + \frac{M.g}{2}(\tan \alpha + \tan \beta)$$

$$\ldots\left(\because \frac{IM}{BM} = \tan \alpha, \text{ and } \frac{MD}{BM} = \tan \beta\right)$$

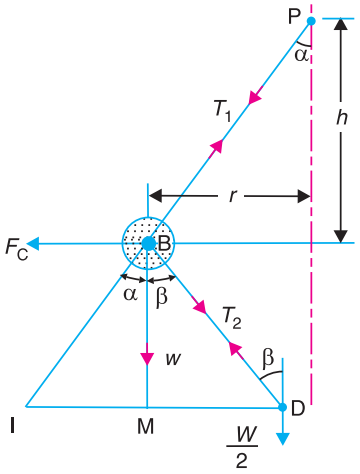


Fig. 18.4. Instantaneous centre method.

Dividing throughout by $\tan \alpha$,

$$\frac{F_C}{\tan \alpha} = m.g + \frac{M.g}{2}\left(1 + \frac{\tan \beta}{\tan \alpha}\right) = m.g + \frac{M.g}{2}(1 + q) \qquad \ldots\left(\because q = \frac{\tan \beta}{\tan \alpha}\right)$$

We know that $F_C = m.\omega^2.r$, and $\tan \alpha = \frac{r}{h}$

$$\therefore \quad m.\omega^2.r \times \frac{h}{r} = m.g + \frac{M.g}{2}(1 + q)$$

or
$$h = \frac{m.g + \frac{M.g}{2}(1 + q)}{m} \times \frac{1}{\omega^2} = \frac{m + \frac{M}{2}(1 + q)}{m} \times \frac{g}{\omega^2}$$

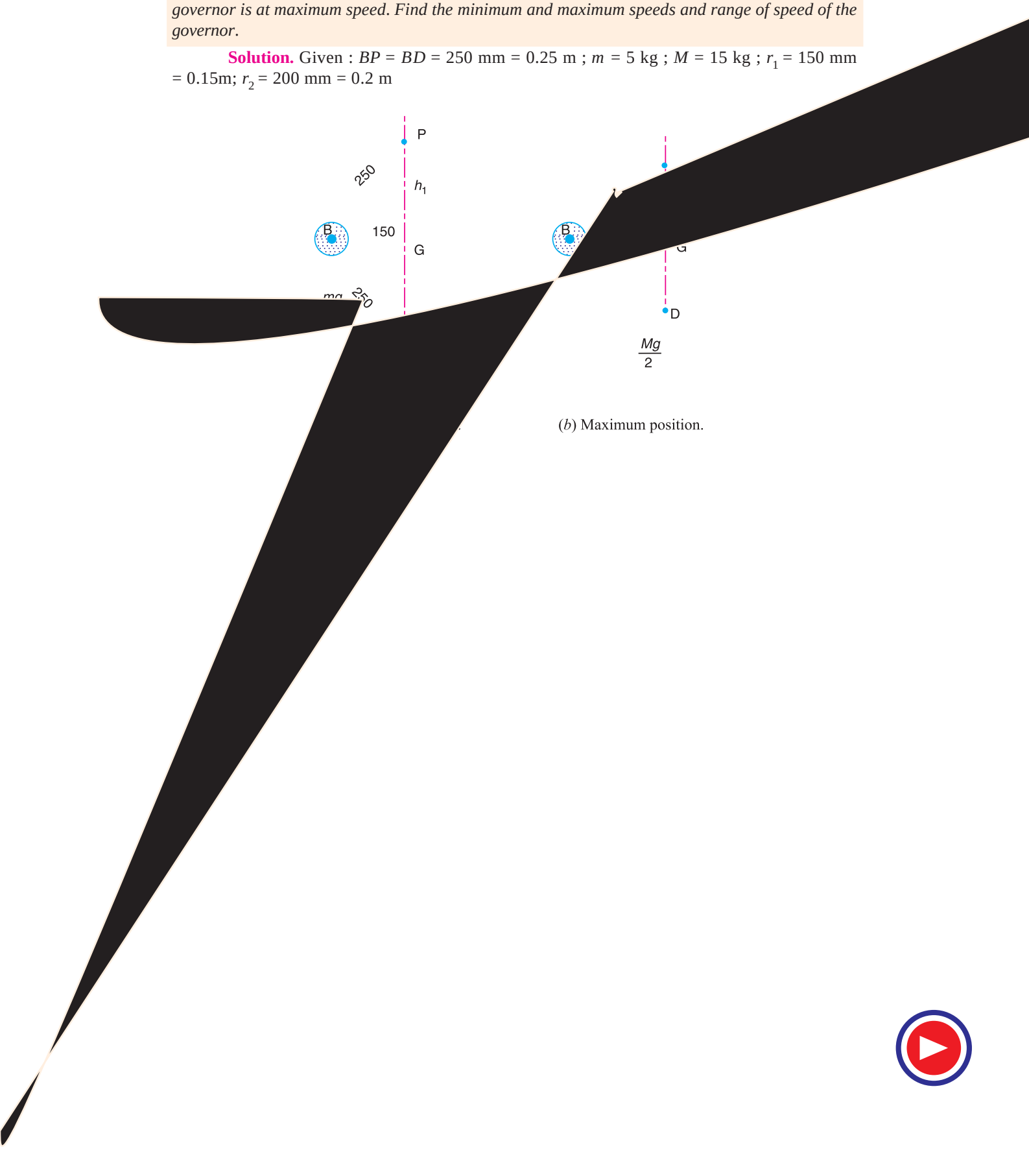
. . . (Same as before)

When $\tan \alpha = \tan \beta$ or $q = 1$, then

$$h = \frac{m + M}{m} \times \frac{g}{\omega^2}$$

Example 18.2. *A Porter governor has equal arms each 250 mm long and pivoted on the axis of rotation. Each ball has a mass of 5 kg and the mass of the central load on the sleeve is 25 kg. The radius of rotation of the ball is 150 mm when the governor begins to lift and 200 mm when the governor is at maximum speed. Find the minimum and maximum speeds and range of speed of the governor.*

Solution. Given : $BP = BD = 250$ mm $= 0.25$ m ; $m = 5$ kg ; $M = 15$ kg ; $r_1 = 150$ mm $= 0.15$m; $r_2 = 200$ mm $= 0.2$ m



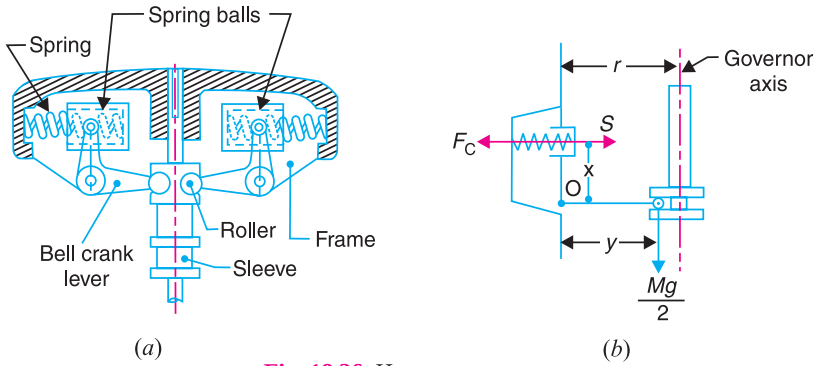
(*b*) Maximum position.

Let S = Spring force,

F_C = Centrifugal force,

M = Mass on the sleeve, and

x and y = Lengths of the vertical and horizontal arm of the bell crank lever respectively.



(*a*) (*b*)

Fig. 18.26. Hartung governor.

Fig. 18.26 (*a*) and (*b*) show the governor in mid-position. Neglecting the effect of obliquity of the arms, taking moments about the fulcrum *O*,

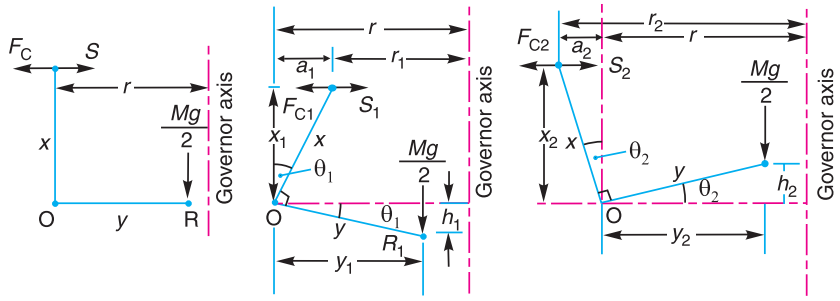
$$F_C \times x = S \times x + \frac{M \,.\, g}{2} \times y$$

Example 18.20. *In a spring-controlled governor of the Hartung type, the length of the ball and sleeve arms are 80 mm and 120 mm respectively. The total travel of the sleeve is 25 mm. In the mid position, each spring is compressed by 50 mm and the radius of rotation of the mass centres is 140 mm. Each ball has a mass of 4 kg and the spring has a stiffness of 10 kN/m of compression. The equivalent mass of the governor gear at the sleeve is 16 kg. Neglecting the moment due to the revolving masses when the arms are inclined, determine the ratio of the range of speed to the mean speed of the governor. Find, also, the speed in the mid-position.*

Solution. Given : x = 80 mm = 0.08 mm ; y = 120 mm = 0.12 m ; h = 25 mm = 0.025 m ; r = 140 mm = 0.14 m ; m = 4 kg ; s = 10 kN/m = 10 × 10^3 N/m ; M = 16 kg ; Initial compression = 50 mm = 0.05 m

Mean speed of the governor

First of all, let us find the mean speed of the governor *i.e.* the speed when the governor is in mid-position as shown in Fig. 18.27 (*a*).



(*a*) Mean position (*b*) Minimum position (*c*) Maximum position

Fig. 18.27

Let ω = Mean angular speed in rad/s, and

N = Mean speed in r.p.m.

We know that the centrifugal force acting on the ball spring,

$$F_C = m.\omega^2.r = 4 \times \omega^2 \times 0.14 = 0.56\ \omega^2\ \text{N}$$

and Spring force, S = Stiffness × Initial compression = $10 \times 10^3 \times 0.05 = 500$ N

Now taking moments about point O, neglecting the moment due to the revolving masses, we have

$$F_C \times x = S \times x + \frac{M.g}{2} \times y$$

$$0.56\ \omega^2 \times 0.08 = 500 \times 0.08 + \frac{16 \times 9.81}{2} \times 0.12 = 40 + 9.42 = 49.42$$

$$\therefore \quad \omega^2 = \frac{49.42}{0.56 \times 0.08} = 1103 \quad \text{or} \quad \omega = 33.2\ \text{rad/s}$$

and $$N = \frac{33.23 \times 60}{2\pi} = 317\ \text{r.p.m.}$$ **Ans.**

Ratio of range of speed to mean speed

Let ω_1 = Minimum angular speed in rad/s, at the minimum radius of rotation r_1,

ω_2 = Maximum angular speed in rad/s, at the maximum radius of rotation r_2,

N_1 and N_2 = Corresponding minimum and maximum speeds in r.p.m.

The minimum and maximum position is shown in Fig. 18.27 (*b*) and (*c*) respectively. First of all, let us find the minimum speed N_1.

From the geometry of the Fig. 18.27 (*b*),

$$\frac{r - r_1}{h_1} = \frac{x}{y} \quad \text{or} \quad r_1 = r - h_1 \times \frac{x}{y} = 0.14 - \frac{0.025}{2} \times \frac{0.08}{0.12} = 0.132\ \text{m}$$

$\ldots (\because\ h_1 = h/2)$

We know that centrifugal force at the minimum position,

$$F_{C1} = m\ (\omega_1)^2\ r_1 = 4\ (\omega_1)^2\ 0.132 = 0.528\ (\omega_1)^2\ \text{N}$$

and spring force at the minimum position,

S_1 = [Initial compression – $(r - r_1)$] × Stiffness

= $[0.05 - (0.14 - 0.132)]\ 10 \times 10^3 = 420$ N

Now taking moments about the fulcrum O, neglecting the obliquity of arms (*i.e.* taking $x_1 = x$ and $y_1 = y$),

$$F_{C1} \times x = S_1 \times x + \frac{M.g}{2} \times y$$

$$0.528\ (\omega_1)^2\ 0.08 = 420 \times 0.08 + \frac{16 \times 9.81}{2} \times 0.12 = 33.6 + 9.42 = 43.02$$

$$\therefore \quad (\omega_1)^2 = \frac{43.02}{0.528 \times 0.08} = 1019 \quad \text{or} \quad \omega_1 = 32\ \text{rad/s}$$

and $$N_1 = \frac{32 \times 60}{2\pi} = 305.5\ \text{r.p.m.}$$

Now let us find the maximum speed N_2. From the geometry of the Fig. 18.27 (*c*),

$$\frac{r_2 - r}{h_2} = \frac{x}{y} \quad \text{or} \quad r_2 = r + h_2 \times \frac{x}{y} = 0.14 + \frac{0.025}{2} \times \frac{0.08}{0.12} = 0.148 \text{ m}$$

$\ldots (\because h_2 = h/2)$

We know that centrifugal force at the maximum position,

$$F_{C2} = m (\omega_2)^2 r_2 = 4 (\omega_2)^2 0.148 = 0.592 (\omega_2)^2 \text{ N}$$

and spring force at the maximum position,

$$S_2 = [\text{Initial compression} + (r_2 - r) \times \text{Stiffness}$$
$$= [0.05 + (0.148 - 0.14)] \times 10 \times 10^3 = 580 \text{ N}$$

Now taking moments about the fulcrum *O*, neglecting obliquity of arms (*i.e.* taking $x_2 = x$ and $y_2 = y$),

$$F_{C2} \times x = S_2 \times x + \frac{M.g}{2} \times y$$

$$0.592 (\omega_2)^2 \ 0.08 = 580 \times 0.08 + \frac{16 \times 9.81}{2} \times 0.12 = 46.4 + 9.42 = 55.82$$

$$\therefore \quad (\omega_2)^2 = \frac{55.82}{0.592 \times 0.08} = 1178 \quad \text{or} \quad \omega_2 = 34.32 \text{ rad/s}$$

and

$$N_2 = \frac{34.32 \times 60}{2\pi} = 327.7 \text{ r.p.m.}$$

We know that range of speed

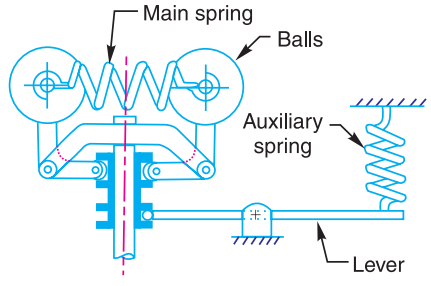
$$= N_2 - N_1 = 327.7 - 305.5 = 22.2 \text{ r.p.m.}$$

$\therefore$ Ratio of range of speed to mean speed

$$= \frac{N_2 - N_1}{N} = \frac{22.2}{317} = 0.07 \quad \text{or} \quad 7\% \quad \textbf{Ans.}$$

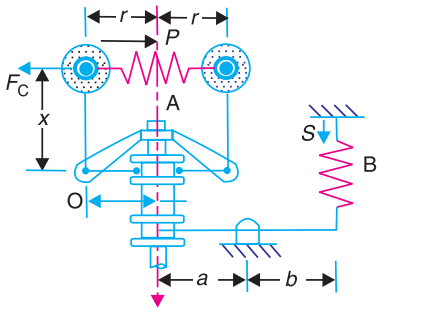
18.10. Wilson-Hartnell Governor

A Wilson-Hartnell governor is a governor in which the balls are connected by a spring in tension as shown in Fig. 18.28. An auxiliary spring is attached to the sleeve mechanism through a lever by means of which the equilibrium speed for a given radius may be adjusted. The main spring may be considered of two equal parts each belonging to both the balls. The line diagram of a Wilson-Hartnell governor is shown in Fig. 18.29.



Wilson-Hartnell governor.

Fig. 18.28



Line diagram of Wilson-Hartnell governor.

Fig. 18.29

Let P = Tension in the main spring or ball spring A,

S = Tension in the auxiliary spring B,

m = Mass of each ball,

M = Mass of sleeve,

s_b = Stiffness of each ball spring,

s_a = Stiffness of auxiliary spring,

F_C = Centrifugal force of each ball, and

r = Radius of rotation of balls,

Now total downward force on the sleeve

$$= M.g + S \times b/a$$

Taking moments about O and neglecting the effect of the pull of gravity on the ball,

$$(F_C - P)\, x = \frac{M.g + S \times b/a}{2} \times y$$

Let suffixes 1 and 2 be used to denote the values at minimum and maximum equilibrium speeds respectively.

∴ At minimum equilibrium speed,

$$(F_{C1} - P_1)\, x = \frac{M.g + S_1 \times b/a}{2} \times y \qquad \ldots \textbf{(i)}$$

and at maximum equilibrium speed,

$$(F_{C2} - P_2)\, x = \frac{M.g + S_2 \times b/a}{2} \times y \qquad \ldots \textbf{(ii)}$$

Subtracting equation **(*i*)** from equation **(*ii*),** we have

$$[(F_{C2} - F_{C1}) - (P_2 - P_1)]\, x = (S_2 - S_1)\, \frac{b}{a} \times \frac{y}{2} \qquad \ldots \textbf{(iii)}$$

When the radius increases from r_1 to r_2, the ball springs extend by the amount $2\,(r_2 - r_1)$ and the auxiliary spring extend by the amount $(r_2 - r_1)\, \frac{y}{x} \times \frac{b}{a}$

$$\therefore \qquad P_2 - P_1 = 2\, s_b \times 2\,(r_2 - r_1) = 4\, s_b\,(r_2 - r_1)$$

and

$$S_2 - S_1 = s_a\,(r_2 - r_1)\, \frac{y}{x} \times \frac{b}{a}$$

Substituting the values of $(P_2 - P_1)$ and $(S_2 - S_1)$ in equation **(*iii*),**

$$[(F_{C2} - F_{C1}) - 4\, s_b\,(r_2 - r_1)]\, x = s_a\,(r_2 - r_1)\, \frac{y}{x} \times \frac{b}{a} \times \frac{b}{a} \times \frac{y}{2}$$

$$(F_{C2} - F_{C1}) - 4\, s_b\,(r_2 - r_1) = \frac{s_a}{2}\,(r_2 - r_1) \left(\frac{y}{x} \times \frac{b}{a}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore \qquad 4\, s_b + \frac{s_a}{2} \left(\frac{y}{x} \times \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{F_{C2} - F_{C1}}{r_2 - r_1}$$

Note : When the auxiliary spring is not used, then $s_a = 0$.

$$\therefore \qquad 4\, s_b = \frac{F_{C2} - F_{C1}}{r_2 - r_1} \qquad \text{or} \qquad s_b = \frac{F_{C2} - F_{C1}}{4\,(r_2 - r_1)}$$

Example 18.21. *The following particulars refer to a Wilson-Hartnell governor :*

Mass of each ball = 2 kg ; minimum radius = 125 mm ; maximum radius = 175 mm ; minimum speed = 240 r.p.m. ; maximum speed = 250 r.p.m. ; length of the ball arm of each bell crank lever = 150 mm; length of the sleeve arm of each bell crank lever = 100 mm ; combined stiffness of the two ball springs = 0.2 kN/m. Find the equivalent stiffness of the auxiliary spring referred to the sleeve.

Solution. Given : $m = 2$ kg ; $r_1 = 125$ mm $= 0.125$ m ; $r_2 = 175$ mm $= 0.175$ m ; $N_1 = 240$ r.p.m. or $\omega_1 = 2\pi \times 240/60 = 25.14$ rad/s ; $N_2 = 250$ r.p.m. or $\omega_2 = 2\pi = 250/60 = 26.2$ rad/s ; $x = 150$ mm $= 0.15$ m; $y = 100$ mm $= 0.1$ m ; $s_b = 0.2$ kN/m $= 200$ N/m

Let s = Equivalent stiffness of the auxiliary spring referred to the sleeve

$$= s_a \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2$$

We know that centrifugal force at the minimum speed,

$$F_{C1} = m\,(\omega_1)^2\, r_1 = 2\,(25.14)^2\, 0.125 = 158 \text{ N}$$

and centrifugal force at the maximum speed,

$$F_{C2} = m\,(\omega_2)^2\, r_2 = 2\,(26.2)^2\, 0.175 = 240 \text{ N}$$

We know that

$$4\, s_b + \frac{s_a}{2}\left(\frac{y}{x} \times \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{F_{C2} - F_{C1}}{r_2 - r_1}$$

$$4 \times 200 + \frac{s_b}{2}\left(\frac{0.1}{0.15} \times \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{240 - 158}{0.175 - 0.125} = 1640$$

$$800 + 0.22\, s_a \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = 1640 \quad \text{or} \quad 0.22\, s_a \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = 1640 - 800 = 840$$

$$\therefore \quad s_a \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = 800 / 0.22 = 3818 \text{ N/m} = 3.818 \text{ kN/m} \quad \textbf{Ans.}$$

Example 18.22. *A spring loaded governor is shown in Fig. 18.30. The two balls, each of mass 6 kg, are connected across by two springs . An auxiliary spring B provides an additional force at the sleeve through the medium of a lever which pivots about a fixed centre at its left hand end. In the mean position, the radius of the governor balls is 120 mm and the speed is 600 r.p.m. The tension in each spring is then 1 kN. Find the tension in the spring B for this position.*

When the sleeve moves up 15 mm, the speed is to be 630 r.p.m. Find the necessary stiffness of the spring B, if the stiffness of each spring A is 10 kN/m. Neglect the moment produced by the mass of the balls.

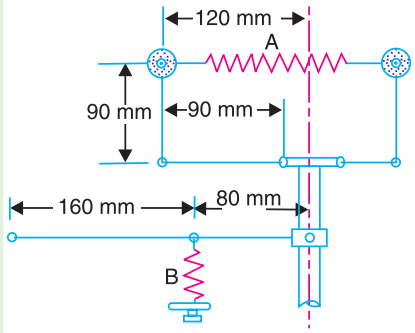


Fig. 18.30

Solution. Given : $m = 6$ kg ; $r = r_1 = 120$ mm $= 0.12$ m ; $N = N_1 = 600$ r.p.m. or $\omega_1 = 2\pi \times 600/60 = 62.84$ rad/s

Tension in spring B

Let S_{B1} = Spring force or tension in spring *B*, and

$M.g$ = Total load at the sleeve.

We know that centrifugal force at the minimum speed,

$$F_{C1} = m\ (\omega_1)^2\ r_1 = 6\ (62.84)^2\ 0.12 = 2843\ \text{N}$$

Since the tension in each spring A is 1 kN and there are two springs, therefore

Total spring force in spring A,

$$S_{A1} = 2 \times 1 = 2\ \text{kN} = 2000\ \text{N}$$

Taking moments about the pivot P (neglecting the moment produced by the mass of balls) in order to find the force Mg on the sleeve, in the mean position as shown in Fig. 18.31 (a),

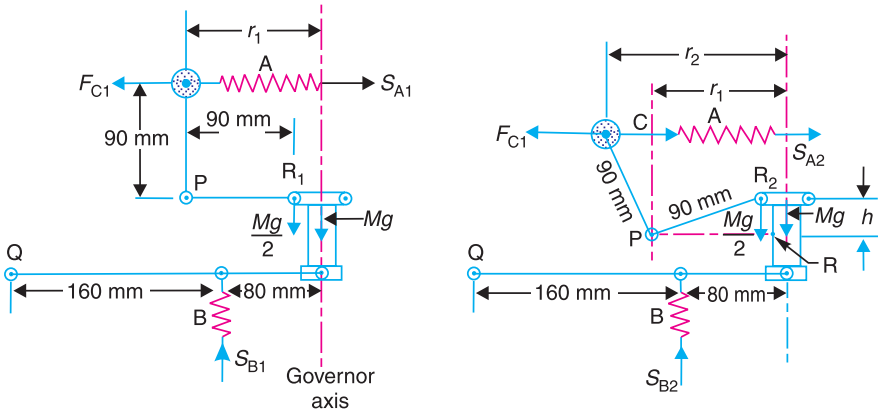
$$F_{C1} \times 90 = S_{A1} \times 90 + \frac{M.g}{2} \times 90 \quad \text{or} \quad F_{C1} = S_{A1} + \frac{M.g}{2}$$

$$\therefore \quad M.g = 2\ F_{C1} - 2\ S_{A1} = 2 \times 2843 - 2 \times 2000 = 1686\ \text{N}$$

Now taking moments about point Q,

$$S_{B1} \times 160 = M.g.\ (80 + 160) = 1686 \times 240 = 404\ 640$$

$$\therefore \quad S_{B1} = 404\ 640/160 = 2529\ \text{N} \quad \textbf{Ans.}$$



(a) Mean position. (a) Maximum position.

Fig. 18.31

Stiffness of the spring B

Given : $h = 15$ mm $= 0.015$ m ; $N_2 = 630$ r.p.m. or $\omega_2 = 2\ \pi \times 630/60 = 66$ rad/s; $S_A = 10$ kN/m $= 10 \times 10^3$ N/m

Let s_B = Stiffness of spring B.

The maximum position is shown in Fig. 18.31 (b).

First of all, let us find the maximum radius of rotation (r_2) when the sleeve moves up by 0.015 m. We know that

$$h = (r_2 - r_1)\ \frac{y}{x} \quad \text{or} \quad r_2 = r_1 + h \times \frac{x}{y} = 0.12 + 0.015 = 0.135\ \text{m}$$

$\ldots (\because\ x = y = 90\ \text{mm} = 0.09\ \text{m})$

$\therefore$ Centrifugal force at the maximum speed,

$$F_{C2} = m\ (\omega_2)^2\ r_2 = 6\ (66)^2\ 0.135 = 3528\ \text{N}$$

We know that extension of the spring A,

$$= 2\ (r_2 - r_1) \times \text{No. of springs} = 2\ (0.135 - 0.12)\ 2 = 0.06\ \text{m}$$

∴ Total spring force in spring A,

$$S_{A2} = S_{A1} + \text{Extension of springs} \times \text{Stiffness of springs } (s_A)$$
$$= 2000 + 0.06 \times 10 \times 10^3 = 2600 \text{ N}$$

Now taking moments about P, neglecting the obliquity of arms,

$$F_{C2} \times 90 = S_{A2} \times 90 + \frac{M.g}{2} \times 90 \quad \text{or} \quad F_{C2} = S_{A2} + \frac{M.g}{2}$$

$$\therefore \quad M.g = 2\,F_{C2} - 2\,S_{A2} = 2 \times 3528 - 2 \times 2600 = 1856 \text{ N}$$

Again taking moments about point Q (neglecting the moment produced by the mass of balls) in order to find the spring force (S_{B2}) when sleeve rises as shown in Fig. 18.31 (*b*),

$$S_{B2} \times 160 = M.g\,(80 + 160) = 1856 \times 240 = 445\,440$$

$$\therefore \quad S_{B2} = 445\,440 / 160 = 2784 \text{ N}$$

When the sleeve rises 0.015 m, the extension in spring B

$$= 0.015 \left(\frac{160}{80 + 160} \right) = 0.01 \text{ m}$$

∴ Stiffness of spring B,

$$s_B = \frac{S_{B2} - S_{B1}}{\text{Extension of spring } B} = \frac{2784 - 2529}{0.01} = 25500 \text{ N/m}$$
$$= 25.5 \text{ N/mm}$$ **Ans.**

18.11. Pickering Governor

A Pickering governor is mostly used for driving gramophone. It consists of *three straight leaf springs arranged at equal angular intervals round the spindle. Each spring carries a weight at the centre. The weights move outwards and the springs bend as they rotate about the spindle axis with increasing speed.

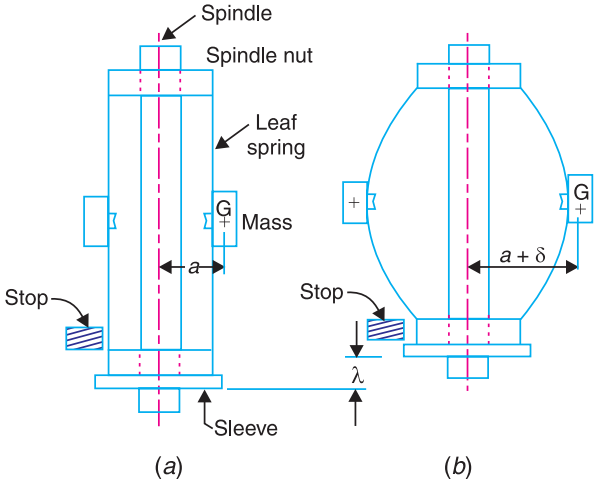


Fig. 18.32. Pickering governor.

In Fig. 18.32 (*a*), the governor is at rest. When the governor rotates, the springs together with the weights are deflected as shown in Fig. 18.32 (*b*). The upper end of the spring is attached by a

* Only two leaf springs are shown in Fig. 18.32.

screw to hexagonal nut fixed to the governor spindle. The lower end of the spring is attached to a sleeve which is free to slide on the spindle. The spindle runs in a bearing at each end and is driven through gearing by the motor. The sleeve can rise until it reaches a stop, whose position is adjustable.

Let m = Mass attached at the centre of the leaf spring,
a = Distance from the spindle axis to the centre of gravity of the mass, when the governor is at rest,
ω = Angular speed of the governor spindle,
δ = Deflection of the centre of the leaf spring at angular speed ω,
$a + \delta$ = Distance from the spindle axis to the centre of gravity of the mass, when the governor is rotating, and
λ = Lift of the sleeve corresponding to the deflection δ.

We know that the maximum deflection of a leaf spring with both ends fixed and carrying a load (W) at the centre is,

$$\delta = \frac{W.l^3}{192\ EI} \qquad \ldots (i)$$

where l = Distance between the fixed ends of the spring,
E = Young's modulus of the material of the spring, and
I = Moment of inertia of its cross-section about the neutral axis $= \frac{b.t^3}{12}$ (where b and t are width and thickness of spring).

In case of a Pickering governor, the central load is the centrifugal force.

$$\therefore \quad W = F_C = m.\omega^2\ (a + \delta) \qquad \ldots (ii)$$

Substituting the value of W in equation (i), we have

$$\delta = \frac{m.\omega^2\ (a + \delta)\ l^3}{192\ E.I}$$

Note: The empirical relation between the lift of the sleeve and the deflection δ is, $\lambda = \frac{2.4\ \delta^2}{l}$ approximately.

Example 18.23. *A gramophone is driven by a Pickering governor. The mass of each disc attached to the centre of a leaf spring is 20 g. The each spring is 5 mm wide and 0.125 mm thick. The effective length of each spring is 40 mm. The distance from the spindle axis to the centre of gravity of the mass when the governor is at rest, is 10 mm. Find the speed of the turntable when the sleeve has risen 0.8 mm and the ratio of the governor speed to the turntable speed is 10.5. Take E = 210 kN/mm².*

Solution. Given : m = 20 g = 0.02 kg ; b = 5 mm ; t = 0.125 mm ; a = 10 mm = 0.01 m ; E = 210 kN/mm² = 210 × 10³ N/mm²

We know that moment of inertia of the spring about its neutral axis,

$$I = \frac{b.t^3}{12} = \frac{5\ (0.125)^3}{12} = 0.8 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{mm}^4$$

Since the effective length of each spring is 40 mm and lift of sleeve (λ) = 0.8 mm, therefore Length of spring between fixed ends,

$$l = 40 - 0.8 = 39.2\ \text{mm}$$

We know that the central deflection (λ),

$$0.8 = \frac{2.4\ \delta^2}{l} = \frac{2.4\ \delta^2}{39.2} = 0.06\ \delta^2$$

$\therefore \quad \delta^2 = 0.8/0.06 = 13.3 \quad$ or $\quad \delta = 3.65$ mm

Let N = Speed of the governor, and

N_1 = Speed of the turntable.

$\therefore \quad N/N_1 = 10.5$ ...(Given)

We know that $\delta = \dfrac{m.\omega^2\ (a + \delta)\ l^3}{192\ E.I}$

$$3.65 = \frac{0.02\ \omega^2\ (10 + 3.65)\ (39.2)^3}{192 \times 210 \times 10^3 \times 0.8 \times 10^{-3}} = \frac{16\ 445\ \omega^2}{32\,256} = 0.51\ \omega^2$$

$\therefore \quad \omega^2 = \dfrac{3.65}{0.51} = 7.156 \quad$ or $\quad \omega = 2.675$ rad/s

and $N = \omega \times 60/2\pi = 2.675 \times 60/2\pi = 25.5$ r.p.m. **Ans.**

$\therefore \quad N_1 = N/10.5 = 25.5/10.5 = 2.43$ r.p.m. **Ans.**

18.12. Sensitiveness of Governors

Consider two governors A and B running at the same speed. When this speed increases or decreases by a certain amount, the lift of the sleeve of governor A is greater than the lift of the sleeve of governor B. It is then said that the governor A is more sensitive than the governor B.

In general, the greater the lift of the sleeve corresponding to a given fractional change in speed, the greater is the sensitiveness of the governor. It may also be stated in another way that for a given lift of the sleeve, the sensitiveness of the governor increases as the speed range decreases. This definition of sensitiveness may be quite satisfactory when the governor is considered as an independent mechanism. But when the governor is fitted to an engine, the practical requirement is simply that the change of equilibrium speed from the full load to the no load position of the sleeve should be as small a fraction as possible of the mean equilibrium speed. The actual displacement of the sleeve is immaterial, provided that it is sufficient to change the energy supplied to the engine by the required amount. For this reason, the sensitiveness is defined as the ***ratio of the difference between the maximum and minimum equilibrium speeds to the mean equilibrium speed.***

Let N_1 = Minimum equilibrium speed,

N_2 = Maximum equilibrium speed, and

N = Mean equilibrium speed $= \dfrac{N_1 + N_2}{2}$.

$\therefore$ Sensitiveness of the governor

$$= \frac{N_2 - N_1}{N} = \frac{2(N_2 - N_1)}{N_1 + N_2}$$

$$= \frac{2(\omega_2 - \omega_1)}{\omega_1 + \omega_2}$$ ... (In terms of angular speeds)

18.13. Stability of Governors

A governor is said to be ***stable*** when for every speed within the working range there is a definite configuration *i.e.* there is only one radius of rotation of the governor balls at which the governor is in equilibrium. For a stable governor, if the equilibrium speed increases, the radius of governor balls must also increase.

Note : A governor is said to be unstable, if the radius of rotation decreases as the speed increases.

18.14. Isochronous Governors

A governor is said to be ***isochronous*** when the equilibrium speed is constant (*i.e.* range of speed is zero) for all radii of rotation of the balls within the working range, neglecting friction. The isochronism is the stage of infinite sensitivity.

Let us consider the case of a Porter governor running at speeds N_1 and N_2 r.p.m. We have discussed in Art. 18.6 that

$$(N_1)^2 = \frac{m + \frac{M}{2}(1+q)}{m} \times \frac{895}{h_1} \quad \ldots \textbf{(i)}$$

and

$$(N_2)^2 = \frac{m + \frac{M}{2}(1+q)}{m} \times \frac{895}{h_2} \quad \ldots \textbf{(ii)}$$

For isochronism, range of speed should be zero *i.e.* $N_2 - N_1 = 0$ or $N_2 = N_1$. Therefore from equations **(i)** and **(ii),** $h_1 = h_2$, which is impossible in case of a Porter governor. Hence a ***Porter governor cannot be isochronous.***

Now consider the case of a Hartnell governor running at speeds N_1 and N_2 r.p.m. We have discussed in Art. 18.8 that

$$M.g + S_1 = 2\, F_{C1} \times \frac{x}{y} = 2 \times m \left(\frac{2\pi N_1}{60}\right)^2 r_1 \times \frac{x}{y} \quad \ldots \textbf{(iii)}$$

and

$$M.g + S_2 = 2\, F_{C2} \times \frac{x}{y} = 2 \times m \left(\frac{2\pi N_2}{60}\right)^2 r_2 \times \frac{x}{y} \quad \ldots \textbf{(iv)}$$

For isochronism, $N_2 = N_1$. Therefore from equations **(iii)** and **(iv),**

$$\frac{M.g + S_1}{M.g + S_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2}$$

Note : The isochronous governor is not of practical use because the sleeve will move to one of its extreme positions immediately the speed deviates from the isochronous speed.

A forklift is used to carry small loads from one place to the other inside a factory.

18.15. Hunting

A governor is said to be ***hunt*** if the speed of the engine fluctuates continuously above and below the mean speed. This is caused by a too sensitive governor which changes the fuel supply by a large amount when a small change in the speed of rotation takes place. For example, when the load on the engine increases, the engine speed decreases and, if the governor is very sensitive, the governor sleeve immediately falls to its lowest position. This will result in the opening of the control valve wide which will supply the fuel to the engine in excess of its requirement so that the engine speed rapidly increases again and the governor sleeve rises to its highest position. Due to this movement of the sleeve, the control valve will cut off the fuel supply to the engine and thus the engine speed begins to fall once again. This cycle is repeated indefinitely.

Such a governor may admit either the maximum or the minimum amount of fuel. The effect of this will be to cause wide fluctuations in the engine speed or in other words, the engine will hunt.

18.16. Effort and Power of a Governor

The ***effort of a governor*** is the mean force exerted at the sleeve for a given percentage change of speed* (or lift of the sleeve). It may be noted that when the governor is running steadily, there is no force at the sleeve. But, when the speed changes, there is a resistance at the sleeve which opposes its motion. It is assumed that this resistance which is equal to the effort, varies uniformly from a maximum value to zero while the governor moves into its new position of equilibrium.

The ***power of a governor*** is the work done at the sleeve for a given percentage change of speed. It is the product of the mean value of the effort and the distance through which the sleeve moves. Mathematically,

$$\text{Power} = \text{Mean effort} \times \text{lift of sleeve}$$

18.17. Effort and Power of a Porter Governor

The effort and power of a Porter governor may be determined as discussed below.

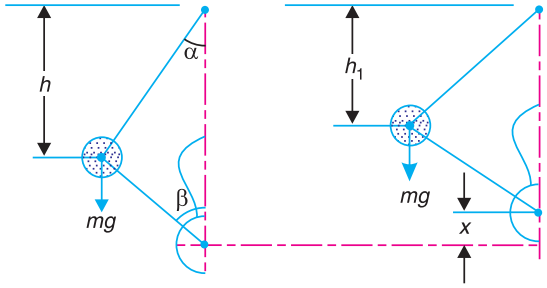
Let N = Equilibrium speed corresponding to the configuration as shown in Fig. 18.33 (*a*), and

c = Percentage increase in speed.

$\therefore$ Increase in speed = $c.N$

and increased speed = $N + c.N = N\,(1 + c)$

The equilibrium position of the governor at the increased speed is shown in Fig. 18.33 (*b*).



(*a*) Position at equilibrium speed. (*a*) Position at increased speed.

Fig. 18.33

We have discussed in Art. 18.6 that when the speed is N r.p.m., the sleeve load is $M.g$. Assuming that the angles α and β are equal, so that $q = 1$, then the height of the governor,

$$h = \frac{m + M}{m} \times \frac{895}{N^2} \text{ (in metres)} \qquad \ldots (i)$$

When the increase of speed takes place, a downward force P will have to be exerted on the sleeve in order to prevent the sleeve from rising. If the speed increases to $(1 + c)\,N$ r.p.m. and the height of the governor remains the same, the load on the sleeve increases to $M_1.g$. Therefore

$$h = \frac{m + M_1}{m} \times \frac{895}{(1 + c)^2\,N^2} \text{ (in metres)} \qquad \ldots (ii)$$

Equating equations **(*i*)** and **(*ii*),** we have

$$m + M = \frac{m + M_1}{(1 + c)^2} \quad \text{or} \quad M_1 = (m + M)\,(1 + c^2) - m$$

and $$M_1 - M = (m + M)\,(1 + c)^2 - m - M = (m + M)\,[(1 + c)^2 - 1] \qquad \ldots (iii)$$

* In comparing different types of governors, it is convenient to take the change of speed as one per cent.

A little consideration will show that $(M_1 - M)g$ is the downward force which must be applied in order to prevent the sleeve from rising as the speed increases. It is the same force which acts on the governor sleeve immediately after the increase of speed has taken place and before the sleeve begins to move. When the sleeve takes the new position as shown in Fig. 18.33 (*b*), this force gradually diminishes to zero.

Let P = Mean force exerted on the sleeve during the increase in speed or the effort of the governor.

$$\therefore \quad P = \frac{(M_1 - M)\, g}{2} = \frac{(m + M)\,[(1 + c)^2 - 1]\, g}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(m + M)\,[1 + c^2 + 2c - 1]\, g}{2} = c\,(m + M)\, g \qquad \ldots (iv)$$

... (Neglecting c^2, being very small)

If F is the frictional force (in newtons) at the sleeve, then

$$P = c\,(m.g + M.g \pm F)$$

We have already discussed that the power of a governor is the product of the governor effort and the lift of the sleeve.

Let x = Lift of the sleeve.

$\therefore$ Governor power $= P \times x$ ... (*v*)

If the height of the governor at speed N is h and at an increased speed $(1 + c)\, N$ is h_1, then

$$x = 2\,(h - h_1)$$

As there is no resultant force at the sleeve in the two equilibrium positions, therefore

$$h = \frac{m + M}{m} \times \frac{895}{N^2}, \qquad \text{and} \qquad h_1 = \frac{m + M}{m} \times \frac{895}{(1 + c)^2\, N^2},$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{h_1}{h} = \frac{1}{(1 + c)^2} \quad \text{or} \quad h_1 = \frac{h}{(1 + c)^2}$$

We know that

$$x = 2\,(h - h_1) = 2\left[h - \frac{h}{(1 + c)^2}\right] = 2\,h\left[1 - \frac{1}{(1 + c)^2}\right]$$

$$= 2\,h\left[\frac{1 + c^2 + 2c - 1}{1 + c^2 + 2c}\right] = 2\,h\left(\frac{2c}{1 + 2c}\right) \qquad \ldots (vi)$$

... (Neglecting c^2, being very small)

Substituting the values of P and x in equation **(*v*),** we have

$$\text{Governor power} = c\,(m + M)\, g \times 2\,h\left(\frac{2c}{1 + 2c}\right) = \frac{4c^2}{1 + 2c}\,(m + M)\, g.h \qquad \ldots (vii)$$

Notes : 1. If α is not equal to β, *i.e.* $\tan \beta / \tan \alpha = q$, then the equations **(*i*)** and **(*ii*)** may be written as

$$h = \frac{m + \frac{M}{2}(1 + q)}{m} \times \frac{895}{N^2} \qquad \ldots (viii)$$

When speed increases to $(1 + c)\, N$ and height of the governor remains the same, then

$$h = \frac{m + \frac{M_1}{2}(1 + q)}{m} \times \frac{895}{(1 + c)\, N^2} \qquad \ldots (ix)$$

From equations **(*viii*)** and **(*ix*),** we have

$$m + \frac{M}{2}(1+q) = \frac{m + \frac{M_1}{2}(1+q)}{(1+c)^2}$$

or $$\frac{M_1}{2}(1+q) = \left[m + \frac{M}{2}(1+q)\right](1+c)^2 - m$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{M_1}{2} = \frac{m(1+c)^2}{1+q} + \frac{M}{2}(1+c)^2 - \frac{m}{1+q}$$

or $$\frac{M_1}{2} - \frac{M}{2} = \frac{m(1+c)^2}{1+q} + \frac{M}{2}(1+c)^2 - \frac{m}{1+q} - \frac{M}{2}$$

$$= \frac{m}{1+q}[(1+c)^2 - 1] + \frac{M}{2}[(1+c)^2 - 1]$$

$$= \left[\frac{m}{1+q} + \frac{M}{2}\right][(1+c)^2 - 1]$$

$\therefore$ Governor effort, $$P = \left(\frac{M_1 - M}{2}\right)g = \left[\frac{m}{1+q} + \frac{M}{2}\right][1 + c^2 + 2c - 1]\,g$$

$$= \left(\frac{m}{1+q} + \frac{M}{2}\right)(2c)\,g = \left(\frac{2m}{1+q} + M\right)c.g \qquad \ldots \text{(Neglecting } c^2\text{)}$$

The equation **(*vi*)** for the lift of the sleeve becomes,

$$x = (1+q)\,h\left(\frac{2c}{1+2c}\right)$$

$\therefore$ Governor power $= P \times x = \left(\frac{2m}{1+q} + M\right)c.g\,(1+q)\,h\left(\frac{2c}{1+2c}\right)$

$$= \frac{2c^2}{1+2c}[2m + M(1+q)]g.h = \frac{4c^2}{1+2c}\left[m + \frac{M}{2}(1+q)\right]g.h$$

2. The above method of determining the effort and power of a Porter governor may be followed for any other type of the governor.

Example 18.24. *A Porter governor has equal arms each 250 mm long and pivoted on the axis of rotation. Each ball has a mass of 5 kg and the mass of the central load on the sleeve is 25 kg. The radius of rotation of the ball is 150 mm when the governor begins to lift and 200 mm when the governor is at maximum speed. Find the range of speed, sleeve lift, governor effort and power of the governor in the following cases* :

1. *When the friction at the sleeve is neglected, and*
2. *When the friction at the sleeve is equivalent to 10 N.*

Solution. Given : $BP = BD = 250$ mm ; $m = 5$ kg ; $M = 25$ kg ; $r_1 = 150$ mm ; $r_2 = 200$ mm ; $F = 10$ N

1. When the friction at the sleeve is neglected

First of all, let us find the minimum and maximum speed of rotation. The minimum and maximum position of the governor is shown in Fig. 18.34 (*a*) and (*b*) respectively.

Let N_1 = Minimum speed, and

N_2 = Maximum speed.

From Fig. 18.34 (*a*),

$$h_1 = PG = \sqrt{(BP)^2 - (BG)^2} = \sqrt{(250)^2 - (150)^2} = 200 \text{ mm} = 0.2 \text{ m}$$

From Fig. 18.34 (*b*),

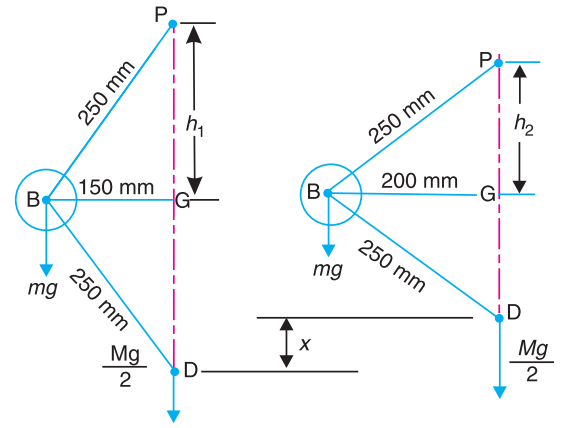
$$h_2 = PG = \sqrt{(BP)^2 - (BG)^2} = \sqrt{(250)^2 - (200)^2} = 150 \text{ mm} = 0.15 \text{ m}$$

We know that $(N_1)^2 = \frac{m + M}{m} \times \frac{895}{h_1} = \frac{5 + 25}{5} \times \frac{895}{0.2} = 26\,850$

$\therefore \quad N_1 = 164$ r.p.m.

and $(N_2)^2 = \frac{m+M}{m} \times \frac{895}{h_2} = \frac{5+25}{5} \times \frac{895}{0.15} = 35\,800$

$\because \quad N_2 = 189$ r.p.m.



(*a*) Minimum position. (*b*) Maximum position.

Fig. 18.34

Range of speed

We know that range of speed

$= N_2 - N_1 = 189 - 164 = 25$ r.p.m. **Ans.**

Sleeve lift

We know that sleeve lift,

$x = 2 (h_1 - h_2) = 2 (200 - 150) = 100 \text{ mm} = 0.1 \text{ m}$ **Ans.**

Governor effort

Let c = Percentage increase in speed.

We know that increase in speed or range of speed,

$c.N_1 = N_2 - N_1 = 25$ r.p.m.

$\therefore \quad c = 25/N_1 = 25/164 = 0.152$

We know that governor effort

$P = c (m + M) g = 0.152 (5 + 25) 9.81 = 44.7$ N **Ans.**

Power of the governor

We know that power of the governor

$$= P.x = 44.7 \times 0.1 = 4.47 \text{ N-m}$$ **Ans.**

2. *When the friction at the sleeve is taken into account*

We know that $(N_1)^2 = \dfrac{m.g + (M.g - F)}{m.g} \times \dfrac{895}{h_1}$

$$= \frac{5 \times 9.81 + (25 \times 9.81 - 10)}{5 \times 9.81} \times \frac{895}{0.2} = 25\,938$$

$\therefore$ $N_1 = 161$ r.p.m.

and $(N_2)^2 = \dfrac{m.g + (M.g + F)}{m.g} \times \dfrac{895}{h_2}$

$$= \frac{5 \times 9.81 + (25 \times 9.81 + 10)}{5 \times 9.81} \times \frac{895}{0.15} = 37\,016$$

$\therefore$ $N_2 = 192.4$ r.p.m.

Range of speed

We know that range of speed

$$= N_2 - N_1 = 192.4 - 161 = 31.4 \text{ r.p.m.}$$ **Ans.**

Sleeve lift

The sleeve lift (x) will be same as calculated above.

$\therefore$ Sleeve lift, $x = 100$ mm $= 0.1$ m **Ans.**

Governor effort

Let c = Percentage increase in speed.

We know that increase in speed or range of speed,

$$c.N_1 = N_2 - N_1 = 31.4 \text{ r.p.m.}$$

$\therefore$ $c = 31.4/N_1 = 31.4/161 = 0.195$

We know that governor effort,

$$P = c\,(m.g + M.g + F) = 0.195\,(5 \times 9.81 + 25 \times 9.81 + 10) \text{ N}$$

$$= 57.4 \text{ N}$$ **Ans.**

Power of the governor

We know that power of the governor

$$= P.x = 57.4 \times 0.1 = 5.74 \text{ N-m}$$ **Ans.**

Example 18.25. *The upper arms of a Porter governor has lengths 350 mm and are pivoted on the axis of rotation. The lower arms has lengths 300 mm and are attached to the sleeve at a distance of 40 mm from the axis. Each ball has a mass of 4 kg and mass on the sleeve is 45 kg. Determine the equilibrium speed for a radius of rotation of 200 mm and find also the effort and power of the governor for 1 per cent speed change.*

Solution. Given : $PB = 350$ mm $= 0.35$ m ; $BD = 300$ mm $= 0.3$ m ; $DE = 40$ mm $= 0.04$ m ; $m = 4$ kg ; $M = 45$ kg ; $r = BG = 200$ mm $= 0.2$ m ; $c = 1\% = 0.01$

Equilibrium speed

Let N = Equilibrium speed.

The equilibrium position of the governor is shown in Fig. 18.35. From the geometry of the figure,

$$h = PG = \sqrt{(PB)^2 - (BG)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(0.35)^2 - (0.2)^2} = 0.287 \text{ m}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{BG}{PG} = \frac{0.2}{0.287} = 0.697$$

$\therefore$ $BH = BG - HG = 0.2 - 0.04 = 0.16$ m

$\ldots (\because HG = DE)$

and $DH = \sqrt{(BD)^2 - (BH)^2}$

$$= \sqrt{(0.3)^2 - (0.16)^2} = 0.254 \text{ m}$$

$\therefore$ $\tan \beta = BH/DH = 0.16 / 0.254 = 0.63$

and $$q = \frac{\tan \beta}{\tan \alpha} = \frac{0.63}{0.697} = 0.904$$

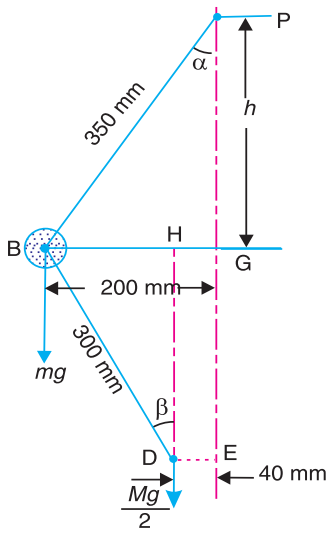


Fig. 18.35

We know that

$$N^2 = \frac{m + \frac{M}{2}(1+q)}{m} \times \frac{895}{h} = \frac{4 + \frac{45}{2}(1 + 0.904)}{4} \times \frac{895}{0.287} = 36\,517$$

$\therefore$ $N = 191$ r.p.m. **Ans.**

Effort of the governor

We know that effort of the governor,

$$P = c\left(\frac{2m}{1+q} + M\right) g = 0.01\left(\frac{2 \times 4}{1 + 0.904} + 45\right) 9.81 = 4.8 \text{ N}$$ **Ans.**

Power of the governor

We know that power of the governor

$$= \frac{4c^2}{1 + 2c}\left[m + \frac{M}{2}(1+q)\right] g.h$$

$$= \frac{4\,(0.01)^2}{1 + 2 \times 0.01}\left[4 + \frac{45}{2}(1 + 0.904)\right] 9.81 \times 0.287 = 0.052 \text{ N-m}$$

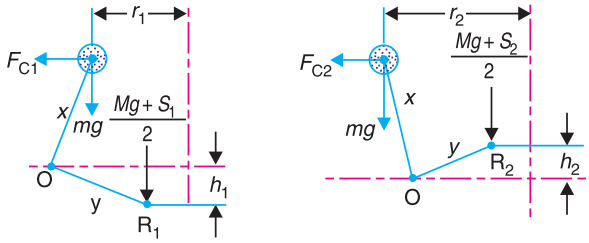
$$= 52 \text{ N-mm}$$ **Ans.**

Example 18.26. *The radius of rotation of the balls of a Hartnell governor is 80 mm at the minimum speed of 300 r.p.m. Neglecting gravity effect, determine the speed after the sleeve has lifted by 60 mm. Also determine the initial compression of the spring, the governor effort and the power.*

The particulars of the governor are given below:

Length of ball arm = 150 mm ; length of sleeve arm = 100 mm ; mass of each ball = 4 kg ; and stiffness of the spring = 25 N/mm.

Solution. Given : $r_1 = 80$ mm $= 0.08$ m ; $N_1 = 300$ r.p.m. or $\omega_1 = 2\pi \times 300/60 = 31.42$ rad/s ; $h = 60$ mm $= 0.06$ m ; $x = 150$ mm $= 0.15$ m ; $y = 100$ mm $= 0.1$ m ; $m = 4$ kg ; $s = 25$ N/mm



(*a*) Minimum position. (*b*) Maximum position.

Fig. 18.36

The minimum and maximum position of the governor is shown in Fig. 18.36 (*a*) and (*b*) respectively. First of all, let us find the maximum radius of rotation (r_2). We know that lift of the sleeve,

$$h = (r_2 - r_1)\frac{y}{x}$$

or
$$r_2 = r_1 + h \times \frac{x}{y} = 0.08 + 0.06 \times \frac{0.15}{0.1} = 0.17 \text{ m} \quad \ldots (\because h = h_1 + h_2)$$

Maximum speed of rotation

Let N_2 = Maximum speed of rotation, and

S_1 and S_2 = Spring force at the minimum and maximum speed respectively, in newtons.

We know centrifugal force at the minimum speed,

$$F_{C1} = m\,(\omega_1)^2\, r_1 = 4\,(31.42)^2\, 0.08 = 316 \text{ N}$$

Now taking moments about the fulcrum *O* of the bell crank lever when in minimum position as shown in Fig 18.36 (*a*). The gravity effect is neglected, *i.e.* the moment due to the weight of balls, sleeve and the bell crank lever arms is neglected.

$$\therefore \quad F_{C1} \times x = \frac{M.g + S_1}{2} \times y \quad \text{or} \quad S_1 = 2F_{C1} \times \frac{x}{y} = 2 \times 316 \times \frac{0.15}{0.1} = 948 \text{ N}$$

$\ldots(\because M = 0)$

We know that $S_2 - S_1 = h.s$ or $S_2 = S_1 + h.s = 948 + 60 \times 25 = 2448$ N

We know that centrifugal force at the maximum speed,

$$F_{C1} = m\,(\omega_2)^2\, r_2 = \left(\frac{2\pi N_2}{60}\right)^2 r_2 = m\left(\frac{2\,\pi\, N_2}{60}\right)^2 0.17 = 0.007\,46\,(N_2)^2$$

Now taking moments about the fulcrum *O* when in maximum position, as shown in Fig. 18.36 (*b*),

$$F_{C2} \times x = \frac{M.g + S_2}{2} \times y$$

$$0.007\,46\,(N_2)^2\, 0.15 = \frac{2448}{2} \times 0.1 \quad \text{or} \quad 0.001\,12\,(N_2)^2 = 122.4 \quad \ldots (\because M = 0)$$

$$(N_2)^2 = \frac{122.4}{0.001\,12} = 109\,286 \quad \text{or} \quad N_2 = 331 \text{ r.p.m. } \textbf{Ans.}$$

Initial compression of the spring

We know that initial compression of the spring

$$= \frac{S_1}{s} = \frac{948}{25} = 37.92 \text{ mm}$$ **Ans.**

Governor effort

We know that the governor effort,

$$P = \frac{S_2 - S_1}{2} = \frac{2448 - 948}{2} = 750 \text{ N}$$ **Ans.**

Governor power

We know that the governor power

$$= P \times h = 750 \times 0.06 = 45 \text{ N-m}$$ **Ans.**

Example 18.27. *In a Hartnell governor, the lengths of ball and sleeve arms of a bell crank lever are 120 mm and 100 mm respectively. The distance of the fulcrum of the bell crank lever from the governor axis is 140 mm. Each governor ball has a mass of 4 kg. The governor runs at a mean speed of 300 r.p.m. with the ball arms vertical and sleeve arms horizontal. For an increase of speed of 4 per cent, the sleeve moves 10 mm upwards. Neglecting friction, find :*

1. *the minimum equilibrium speed if the total sleeve movement is limited to 20 mm,* ***2.*** *the spring stiffness,* ***3.*** *the sensitiveness of the governor, and* ***4.*** *the spring stiffness if the governor is to be isochronous at 300 r.p.m.*

Solution. Given : $x = 120$ mm $= 0.12$ m ; $y = 100$ mm $= 0.1$ m ; $r = 140$ mm $= 0.14$ m ; $m = 4$ kg ; $N = 300$ r.p.m. or $\omega = 2\pi \times 300/60 = 31.42$ rad/s ; $h_1 = 10$ mm $= 0.01$ m ; $h = 20$ mm $= 0.02$ m

1. Minimum equilibrium speed

Let N_1 = Minimum equilibrium speed,

r_1 = Radius of rotation in the minimum position, *i.e.* when the sleeve moves downward, and

r_2 = Radius of rotation in the maximum position, *i.e.* when the sleeve moves upward.

Since the increase in speed is 4%, therefore maximum speed,

$$N_2 = N + 0.04\, N = 1.04\, N = 1.04 \times 300 = 312 \text{ r.p.m.}$$

or $$\omega_2 = 2\pi \times 312 / 60 = 32.7 \text{ rad/s}$$

We know that lift of the sleeve for the maximum position,

$$h_2 = h - h_1 = 0.02 - 0.01 = 0.01 \text{ m}$$

Now for the minimum position,

$$\frac{h_1}{y} = \frac{r - r_1}{x} \quad \text{or} \quad r_1 = r - h_1 \times \frac{x}{y} = 0.14 - 0.01 \times \frac{0.12}{0.1} = 0.128 \text{ m}$$

Similarly for the maximum position,

$$\frac{h_2}{y} = \frac{r_2 - r}{x} \quad \text{or} \quad r_2 = r + h_2 \times \frac{x}{y} = 0.14 + 0.01 \times \frac{0.12}{0.1} = 0.152 \text{ m}$$

We know that centrifugal force in the mean position,

$$F_C = m.\omega^2.r = 4\,(31.42)^2\, 0.14 = 553 \text{ N}$$

Centrifugal force in the minimum position,

$$F_{C1} = m\,(\omega_1)^2\, r_2 = 4\left(\frac{2\pi\, N_1}{60}\right)^2 0.128 = 0.0056\,(N_1)^2 \qquad \ldots \textbf{(i)}$$

and centrifugal force in the maximum position,

$$F_{C2} = m.(\omega_2)^2 r_2 = 4\ (32.7)^2\ 0.152 = 650\ \text{N}$$

We know that centrifugal force at any instant,

$$F_C = F_{C1} + (F_{C2} - F_{C1}) \left(\frac{r - r_1}{r_2 - r_1} \right)$$

$$553 = F_{C1} + (650 - F_{C1}) \left(\frac{0.14 - 0.128}{0.152 - 0.128} \right) = 0.5\ F_{C1} + 325$$

$$\therefore \quad F_{C1} = \frac{553 - 325}{0.5} = 456\ \text{N} \qquad \text{...(ii)}$$

From equations **(*i*)** and **(*ii*),**

$$(N_1)^2 = \frac{456}{0.0056} = 81\ 428 \qquad \text{or} \qquad N_1 = 285.4\ \text{r.p.m.}\ \textbf{Ans.}$$

2. *Spring stiffness*

Let S_1 and S_2 = Spring force at the minimum and maximum position.

Neglecting the effect of obliquity of arms, we have for the minimum position,

$$\frac{M.g + S_1}{2} \times y = F_{C1} \times x \quad \text{or} \quad S_1 = 2 F_{C1} \times \frac{x}{y} = 2 \times 456 \times \frac{0.12}{0.1} = 1094.4\ \text{N}$$

$\ldots (\because M = 0)$

and for the maximum position,

$$\frac{M.g + S_2}{2} \times y = F_{C2} \times x \quad \text{or} \quad S_2 = 2 F_{C2} \times \frac{x}{y} = 2 \times 650 \times \frac{0.12}{0.1} = 1560\ \text{N}$$

We know that spring stiffness,

$$s = \frac{S_2 - S_1}{h} = \frac{1560 - 1064.4}{20} = 23.28\ \text{N/mm}\ \textbf{Ans.}$$

3. *Sensitiveness of the governor*

We know that sensitiveness of the governor

$$= \frac{2\ (N_2 - N_1)}{N_1 + N_2} = \frac{2\ (312 - 285.4)}{285.4 + 312} = 0.089 \quad \text{or} \quad 8.9\%\ \textbf{Ans.}$$

4. *Spring stiffness for the governor to be isochronous at 300 r.p.m.*

The governor is isochronous, when $N = N_1 = N_2 = 300$ r.p.m. or $\omega = \omega_1 = \omega_2 = 31.42$ rad/s

$$\therefore \quad F_{C1} = m.\omega^2.r_1 = 4\ (31.42)^2\ 0.128 = 505.5\ \text{N}$$

and $$F_{C2} = m.\omega^2.r_2 = 4\ (31.42)^2\ 0.152 = 600\ \text{N}$$

We know that $$S_1 = 2\ F_{C1} \times \frac{x}{y} = 2 \times 505.5 \times \frac{0.12}{0.1} = 1213\ \text{N}$$

and $$S_2 = 2\ F_{C2} \times \frac{x}{y} = 2 \times 600 \times \frac{0.12}{0.1} = 1440\ \text{N}$$

$\therefore$ Spring stiffness, $s = \frac{S_2 - S_1}{h} = \frac{1440 - 1213}{20} = 11.35\ \text{N/mm}\ \textbf{Ans.}$

18.18. Controlling Force

We have seen earlier that when a body rotates in a circular path, there is an inward radial force or centripetal force acting on it. In case of a governor running at a steady speed, the inward force acting on the rotating balls is known as ***controlling force.*** It is equal and opposite to the centrifugal reaction.

$\therefore$ Controlling force, $F_C = m.\omega^2.r$

The controlling force is provided by the weight of the sleeve and balls as in Porter governor and by the spring and weight as in Hartnell governor (or spring controlled governor).

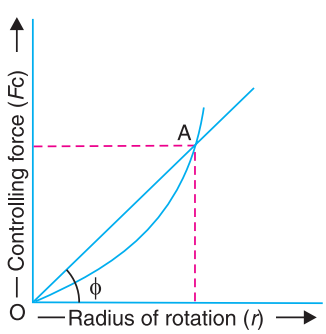


Fig. 18.37. Controlling force diargram.

When the graph between the controlling force (F_C) as ordinate and radius of rotation of the balls (r) as abscissa is drawn, then the graph obtained is known as ***controlling force diagram.*** This diagram enables the stability and sensitiveness of the governor to be examined and also shows clearly the effect of friction.

18.19. Controlling Force Diagram for Porter Governor

The controlling force diagram for a Porter governor is a curve as shown in Fig. 18.37. We know that controlling force,

$$F_C = m.\omega^2.r = m\left(\frac{2\,\pi\,N}{60}\right)^2 r$$

or $$N^2 = \frac{1}{m}\left(\frac{60}{2\pi}\right)^2\left(\frac{F_C}{r}\right) = \frac{1}{m}\left(\frac{60}{2\pi}\right)^2 (\tan\phi) \qquad \ldots\left[\because \frac{F_C}{r} = \tan\phi\right]$$

$\therefore$ $$N = \frac{60}{2\pi}\left(\frac{\tan\phi}{m}\right)^{1/2} \qquad \ldots (i)$$

where ϕ is the angle between the axis of radius of rotation and a line joining a given point (say A) on the curve to the origin O.

Notes : 1. In case the governor satisfies the condition for stability, the angle ϕ must increase with radius of rotation of the governor balls. In other words, the equilibrium speed must increase with the increase of radius of rotation of the governor balls.

2. For the governor to be more sensitive, the change in the value of ϕ over the change of radius of rotation should be as small as possible.

3. For the isochronous governor, the controlling force curve is a straight line passing through the origin. The angle ϕ will be constant for all values of the radius of rotation of the governor. From equation ***(i)***

$$\tan\phi = \frac{F_C}{r} = \frac{m.\omega^2.r}{r} = m.\omega^2 = m\left(\frac{2\pi\,N}{60}\right)^2 = C.N^2$$

where $$C = m\left(\frac{2\pi}{60}\right)^2 = \text{constant}$$

Using the above relation, the angle ϕ may be determined for different values of N and the lines are drawn from the origin*. These lines enable the equilibrium speed corresponding to a given radius of rotation to be determined. Alternatively, the same results may be obtained more simply by setting-off a speed scale along any arbitrarily chosen ordinate. The controlling force is calculated for one constant radius of rotation and for different arbitrarily chosen values of speed. The values thus obtained are set-off along the ordinate that corresponds to the chosen radius and marked with the appropriate speeds.

* See Example 18.28, Fig. 18.39.

Example 18.28. *In a Porter governor, the length of each arm is 300 mm and all the arms are pivoted on the axis of rotation. The mass of each ball is 7.5 kg and the mass of the sleeve is 45 kg. The extreme radii of rotation are 150 mm and 225 mm. Draw the controlling force curve and set-off a speed scale along the ordinate corresponding to a radius of 250 mm.*

Solution. Given : l = 300 mm = 0.3 m ; m = 7.5 kg ; r_1 = 150 mm = 0.15 m ; r_2 = 225 mm = 0.225m

Let F_C = Controlling force.

We have discussed in Art 18.6 that

$$\left(\frac{M.g}{2} + m.g\right)\tan\alpha = F_C - \frac{M.g}{2} \times \tan\beta$$

$$\therefore \quad F_C = \left(\frac{M.g}{2} + m.g\right)\tan\alpha + \frac{M.g}{2} \times \tan\beta$$

$$= \left(\frac{M.g}{2} + m.g + \frac{M.g}{2} \times \frac{\tan\beta}{\tan\alpha}\right)\tan\alpha$$

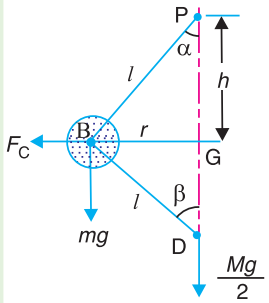


Fig. 18.38

Substituting $\frac{\tan\beta}{\tan\alpha} = q$, and $\tan\alpha = \frac{r}{h}$, we get

$$F_C = \left[\frac{M.g}{2}(1+q) + m.g\right]\frac{r}{h}$$

Since $\alpha = \beta$ as shown in Fig. 18.38, therefore $q = 1$.

$$\therefore \quad F_C = (m.g + M.g)\frac{r}{h} = g\,(m+M) \times \frac{r}{\sqrt{l^2 - r^2}} \qquad \ldots\left[\because h = \sqrt{l^2 - r^2}\right]$$

The following table shows the values of F_C for different values of r.

r (in metres)	0.025	0.05	0.075	0.1	0.125	0.15	0.175	0.2	0.225	0.25
$h = \sqrt{l^2 - r^2}$	0.2894	0.2958	0.2905	0.2828	0.2727	0.2598	0.2437	0.2236	0.1985	0.1658
F_C (in newtons)	44.5	87	133	182	236	297	370	461	584	776

These values are plotted to draw the controlling force curve as shown in Fig. 18.39. In order to set-off the speed scale along the ordinate through r = 250 mm = 0.25 m, we have

$$F_C = m.\omega^2.r = 7.5\left(\frac{2\pi N}{60}\right)^2 0.25 = 0.02\ N^2$$

The values of F_C for different values of N are given in the following table.

N (in r.p.m.)	100	125	150	160	170	180	190	200
F_C (in newtons)	200	312.5	450	512	578	648	722	800

The speed scale is now marked on the graph as shown in Fig. 18.39.

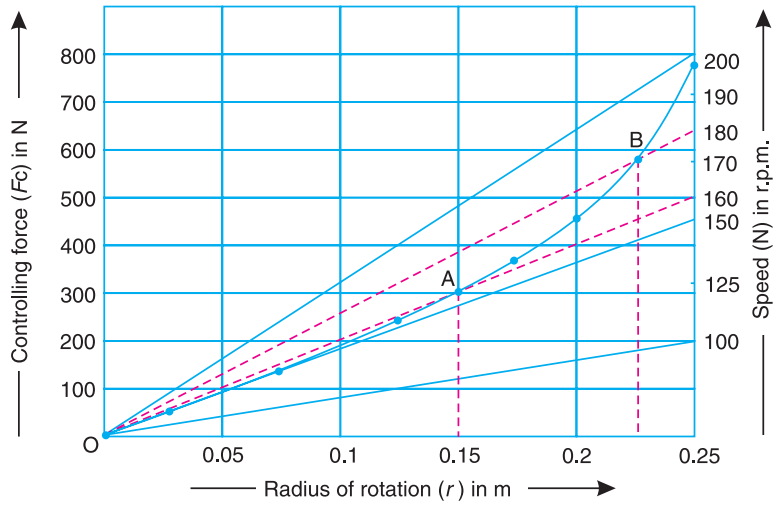


Fig. 18.39

The range of equilibrium speeds for the governor is obtained by drawing lines from the origin (shown dotted in Fig. 18.39) through the two points *A* (when $r = 0.15$ m) and *B* (when $r = 0.225$ m) on the controlling force curve.

From the graph, we see that these lines intersect the speed scale at approximately 160 r.p.m. and 180 r.p.m. **Ans.**

18.20. Controlling Force Diagram for Spring-controlled Governors

The controlling force diagram for the spring controlled governors is a straight line, as shown in Fig. 18.40. We know that controlling force,

$$F_C = m.\omega^2.r \qquad \text{or} \qquad F_C/r = m.\omega^2$$

The following points, for the stability of spring-controlled governors, may be noted :

1. For the governor to be stable, the controlling force (F_C) must increase as the radius of rotation (r) increases, *i.e.* F_C / r must increase as r increases. Hence the controlling force line AB when produced must intersect the controlling force axis below the origin, as shown in Fig. 18.40.

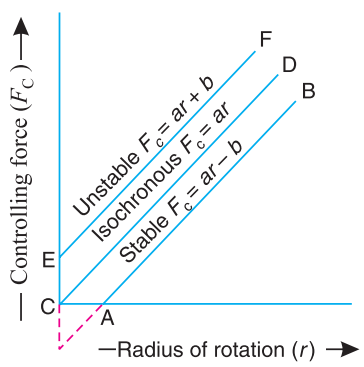


Fig. 18.40

The relation between the controlling force (F_C) and the radius of rotation (r) for the ***stability*** of spring controlled governors is given by the following equation

$$F_C = a.r - b \qquad \ldots (i)$$

where a and b are constants.

2. The value of b in equation (i) may be made either zero or positive by increasing the initial tension of the spring. If b is zero, the controlling force line CD passes through the origin and the governor becomes ***isochronous*** because F_C / r will remain constant for all radii of rotation.

The relation between the controlling force and the radius of rotation, for an ***isochronous governor*** is, therefore,

$$F_C = a.r \qquad \ldots (ii)$$

3. If b is greater than zero or positive, then F_C/r decreases as r increases, so that the equilibrium speed of the governor decreases with an increase of the radius of rotation of balls, which is impracticable.

Such a governor is said to be ***unstable*** and the relation between the controlling force and the radius of rotation is, therefore

$$F_C = a.r + b \qquad \ldots (iii)$$

Example 18.29. *The particulars of a governor of the type as shown in Fig. 18.41, are as follows:*

The mass of each ball is 1.5 kg and the mass of the sleeve is 7.5 kg. The lengths of the ball arm and sleeve arm of the bell crank lever are 112.5 mm and 50 mm respectively and are at right angles to each other. The extreme radii of rotation are 62.5 mm and 112.5 mm. At the minimum radius, the ball arm is vertical and the spring load is 160 N. The spring stiffness is 10.5 N/mm. Draw the controlling force curve and mark the speed scale along the ordinate through 125 mm.

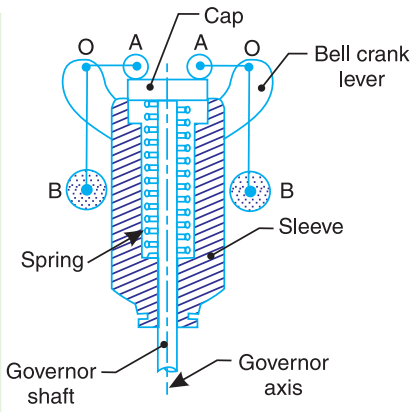
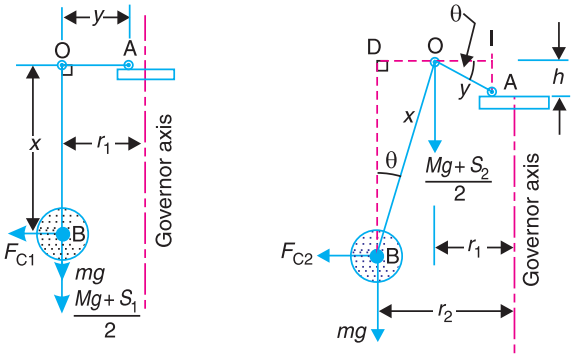


Fig. 18.41

Solution. Given : m = 1.5 kg ; M = 7.5 kg ; x = 112.5 mm = 0.1125 m ; y = 50 mm = 0.05 m ; r_1 = 62.5 mm = 0.0625 m ; r_2 = 112.5 mm = 0.1125 m ; S_1 = 160 N ; s = 10.5 N/mm = 10 500 N/m

Let S_1 and S_2 be the spring loads at the minimum and maximum radius of rotation.

The minimum and maximum position of the balls is shown in Fig. 18.42 (*a*) and (*b*) respectively. Taking moments about the instantaneous centre *I*, for the maximum position as shown in Fig. 18.42 (*b*),



(*a*) Minimum position. (*b*) Maximum position.

Fig. 18.42

$$F_{C2} \times BD = m.g \times ID + \frac{M.g + S_2}{2} \times IO$$

or
$$F_{C2} \times x \cos\theta = m.g\,(x \sin\theta + y \cos\theta) + \frac{M.g + S_2}{2} \times y \cos\theta$$

$\therefore$
$$F_{C2} = m.g\left(\tan\theta + \frac{y}{x}\right) + \frac{M.g + S_2}{2} \times \frac{y}{x} \qquad \ldots (i)$$

We know that

$$S_2 - S_1 = h.s = y \sin\theta \times s$$

$\therefore$
$$S_2 = S_1 + y \sin\theta \times s = 160 + 0.05 \times \sin\theta \times 10\,500$$
$$= 160 + 525 \sin\theta \qquad \ldots (ii)$$

Now the equation ***(i)*** may be written as

$$F_{C2} = 1.5 \times 9.81\left(\tan\theta + \frac{0.05}{0.1125}\right) + \frac{7.5 \times 9.81 + 160 + 525\sin\theta}{2} \times \frac{0.05}{0.1125}$$

$$= 14.7\tan\theta + 116.5\sin\theta + 58.5 \qquad \text{...}(iii)$$

From the geometry of Fig. 18.42 (*b*), we find that

$$r_2 = r_1 + OD = r_1 + x\sin\theta = 0.0625 + 0.1125\sin\theta \qquad \text{...}(iv)$$

In order to determine the controlling force and the radius of rotation of the ball for different values of θ, the angle θ is treated as variable. From equations ***(iii)*** and ***(iv),*** the values of controlling force (F_C) and radius of rotation (r) for different values of θ are tabulated below :

θ°	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
sin θ	0	0.0871	0.1736	0.2588	0.342	0.4226	0.5
tan θ	0	0.0875	0.1763	0.2679	0.364	0.4663	0.5773
F_C (N)	58.5	70	81.3	92.6	103.7	114.6	125.2
r (m)	0.0625	0.0723	0.082	0.092	0.101	0.11	0.1187

The graph between F_C and r is plotted as shown in Fig. 18.43. It may be seen that the controlling force curve is nearly a straight line.

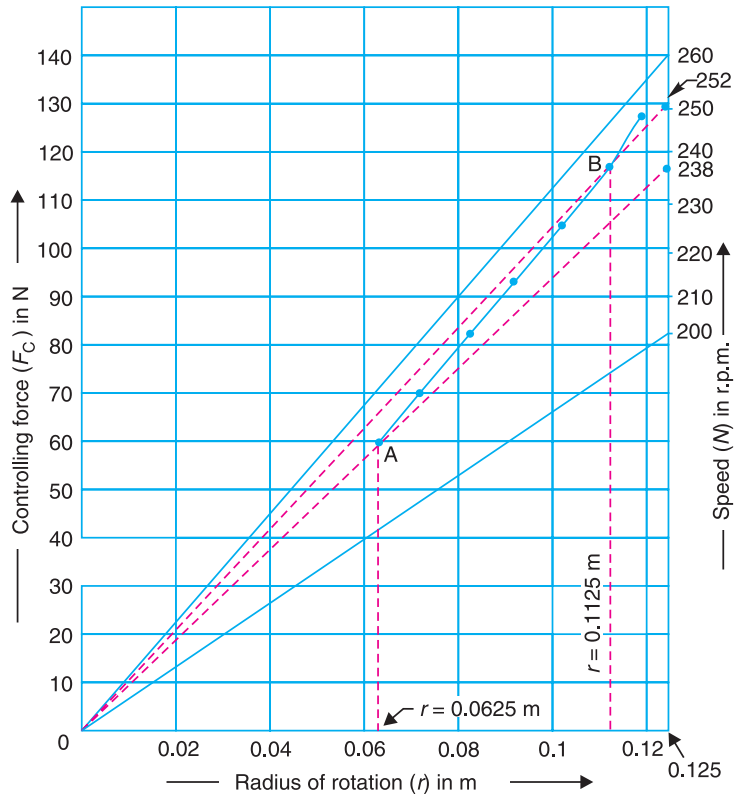


Fig. 18.43

In order to set off the speed scale along the ordinate through r = 125 mm = 0.125 m,

$$F_C = m.\omega^2.r = 1.5\left(\frac{2\pi N}{60}\right)^2 0.125 = 0.00206\ N^2$$

The corresponding values of F_C and N are given in the following table :

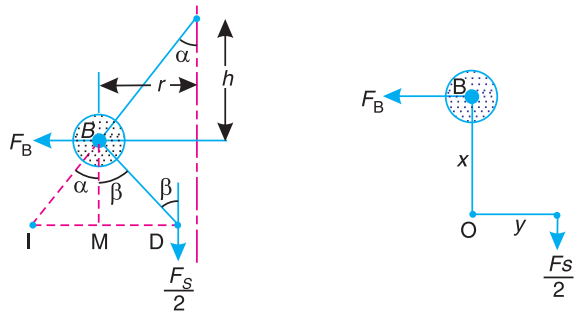
N (r.p.m.)	200	210	220	230	240	250	260
F_C (N)	82.4	90.8	99.7	109	118.6	128.7	139.2

The speed scale is now marked on the graph as shown in Fig. 18.43. The range of equilibrium speeds for the governor is obtained by drawing lines from the origin (shown dotted in Fig. 18.43) through the two points A (when r = 0.0625 m) and B (when r = 0.1125 m) on the controlling force curve.

From the graph we see that these lines intersect the speed scale at approximately 238 r.p.m. and 252 r.p.m. **Ans.**

18.21. Coefficient of Insensitiveness

In the previous articles, we have assumed the governor to be frictionless. In actual practice, there is always friction in the joints and operating mechanism of the governor. Since the frictional force always acts in the opposite direction to that of motion, therefore, when the speed of rotation decreases, the friction prevents the downward movement of the sleeve and the radial inward movement of the balls. On the other hand, when the speed of rotation increases, the friction prevents the upward movement of the sleeve and radial outward movement of the balls.



(*a*) Porter governor. (*b*) Spring loaded governor.

Fig. 18.44

Let F_S = Force required at the sleeve to overcome friction,

F_B = Corresponding radial force required at each ball,

F_C = Controlling force on each ball, and

W = Total load on the sleeve = $M.g$.

∴ For decrease in speed, sleeve load (taking friction into account),

$$W_1 = W - F_S \quad \text{or} \quad M_1.g = M.g - F_S$$

and for increase in speed, sleeve load (taking friction into account),

$$W_2 = W + F_S \quad \text{or} \quad M_1.g = M.g + F_S$$

Similarly, for decrease in speed, controlling force,

$$F_{C1} = F_C - F_B$$

and for increase in speed, controlling force,

$$F_{C2} = F_C + F_B$$

Thus for a Porter governor, as shown Fig. 18.44 (*a*), the relation between F_S and F_B may be obtained by taking moments about the instantaneous centre *I*.

$$\therefore \qquad F_B \times BM = \frac{F_S}{2}(IM + MD)$$

or
$$F_B = \frac{F_S}{2}\left(\frac{IM + MD}{BM}\right) = \frac{F_S}{2}(\tan\alpha + \tan\beta) = \frac{F_S}{2}\left(1 + \frac{\tan\beta}{\tan\alpha}\right)\tan\alpha$$

$$= \frac{F_S}{2}(1 + q)\tan\alpha = \frac{F_S}{2}(1 + q)\frac{r}{h} \qquad \ldots (i)$$

$$\ldots\left(\because q = \frac{\tan\beta}{\tan\alpha}, \text{ and } \tan\alpha = \frac{r}{h}\right)$$

Similarly, for spring loaded governors as shown in Fig. 18.44 (*b*), taking moments about the fulcrum *O* of the bell crank lever,

$$F_B \times x = \frac{F_S}{2} \times y \qquad \text{or} \qquad F_B = F_S \times \frac{y}{2x} \qquad \ldots (ii)$$

Fig. 18.45 shows the effect of friction on the controlling force diagram. We see that for one value of the radius of rotation (*i.e.* *OA*), there are three values of controlling force as discussed below:

1. For speed decreasing, the controlling force reduces to F_{C1} (or *AD*) and the corresponding speed on the speed scale is *N′*.

2. For speed increasing, the controlling force increases to F_{C2} (or *AC*) and the corresponding speed on the speed scale is *N′*.

3. For friction neglected, the controlling force is F_C (or *AB*) and the corresponding speed on the speed scale is *N*.

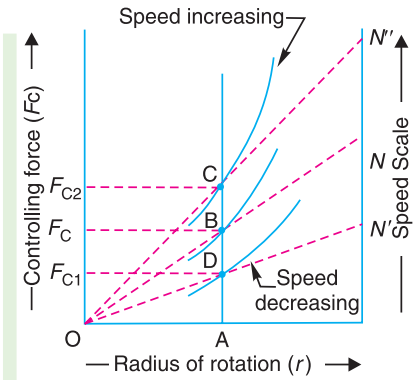


Fig. 18.45. Effect of friction on controlling force.

From above, it is concluded that when the radius of rotation is *OA*, the speed of rotation may vary within the limits *N′* and *N″* without causing any displacement (up or down) of the governor sleeve. The governor is said to be ***insensitive*** if the speed fluctuates over this range.

The ratio $\frac{N'' - N'}{N}$ is called the ***coefficient of insensitiveness*** of the governor.

Since the controlling force is proportional to the square of the speed at a given radius, therefore for a governor speed *N*,

$$F_C \propto N^2 \qquad \text{or} \qquad F_C = C.N^2 \qquad \ldots (iii)$$

Similarly, for speed *N′*,

$$F_{C1} = C(N')^2 \qquad \ldots (iv)$$

and for speed *N″*,
$$F_{C2} = C(N'')^2 \qquad \ldots (v)$$

Subtracting equation ***(iv)*** from equation ***(v),*** we have

$$F_{C2} - F_{C1} = C[(N'')^2 - (N')^2]$$

or
$$(F_C + F_B) - (F_C - F_B) = C[(N'')^2 - (N')^2]$$

$$2F_B = C[(N'')^2 - (N')^2] \qquad \ldots (vi)$$

Dividing equation ***(vi)*** by equation ***(iii)***

$$\frac{2F_B}{F_C} = \frac{(N'')^2 - (N')^2}{N^2} = \frac{(N'' + N')\,(N'' - N')}{N^2} = \frac{N'' + N'}{N} \times \frac{N'' - N'}{N}$$

Since $\frac{N'' + N'}{2}$ is approximately equal to N, therefore

$$\frac{2F_B}{F_C} = 2 \times \frac{N'' - N'}{N}$$

∴ Coefficient of insensitiveness

$$= \frac{N'' - N'}{N} = \frac{F_B}{F_C} \qquad \ldots \textbf{(vii)}$$

Notes : 1 In case of a Porter governor, as shown in Fig. 18.44 (*a*), (*i.e.* when the lower arm is not attached on the governor axis),

$$F_B = \frac{F_S}{2}(1 + q)\,\frac{r}{h}$$

∴ Coefficient of insensitiveness

$$= \frac{N'' - N'}{N} = \frac{F_B}{F_C} = \frac{F_S}{2\,F_C}(1 + q)\,\frac{r}{h} \qquad \ldots \textbf{(viii)}$$

2. When all the arms of a Porter governor are attached to the governor axis, then $q = 1$. In that case,

$$F_B = F_S \times \frac{r}{h}$$

∴ Coefficient of insensitiveness

$$= \frac{N'' - N'}{N} = \frac{F_B}{F_C} = \frac{F_S}{F_C} \times \frac{r}{h} \qquad \ldots \textbf{(ix)}$$

3. In case of a Porter governor when all the arms are attached to the governor axis, the coefficient of insensitiveness may also be determined as discussed below :

Let h = Height of the governor at the mean speed N, when friction is neglected,

F = Frictional force on the sleeve,

N' and N'' = Minimum and maximum speed when friction is taken into account.

We have discussed above that the governor is insensitive when the sleeve does not move downwards when the speed falls to N' or upwards when the speed rises to N''. In other words, the height of the governor (h) remains the same for minimum and maximum speeds N' and N'' respectively. We know that

$$N^2 = \frac{m + M}{m} \times \frac{895}{h}$$

Similarly,

$$(N')^2 = \frac{m.g + (M.g - F)}{m.g} \times \frac{895}{h}$$

and

$$(N'')^2 = \frac{m.g + (M.g + F)}{m.g} \times \frac{895}{h}$$

Now

$$(N'')^2 - (N')^2 = (N'' + N')\,(N'' - N') = 2\,N\,(N'' - N') \qquad \ldots \left(\because N = \frac{N'' + N'}{2}\right)$$

∴

$$N'' - N' = \frac{(N'')^2 - (N')^2}{2N}$$

and coefficient of insensitiveness

$$= \frac{N'' - N'}{N} = \frac{(N'')^2 - (N')^2}{2\,N^2} = \frac{\dfrac{m.g + (M.g + F)}{m.g} - \dfrac{m.g + (M.g - F)}{m.g}}{2\left(\dfrac{m+M}{m}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{2\,F}{(m+M)\,g}\right] = \frac{F}{(m+M)\,g} \qquad \text{...(x)}$$

4. In case of a Porter governor, when the upper arms are pivoted to the governor axis and the lower arms are at a certain distance from the governor axis *i.e.* when α is not equal to β (Refer Art. 18.6), then it may be proved that

Coefficient of insensitiveness

$$\frac{N'' - N'}{N} = \frac{F\,(1+q)}{2\,m.g + M.g\,(1+q)}$$

5. In case of a Hartnell governor,

$$F_B = F_S \times \frac{y}{2x}$$

$$\therefore \text{ Coefficient of insensitiveness } = \frac{N'' - N'}{N} = \frac{F_B}{F_C} = \frac{F_S}{F_C} \times \frac{y}{2x} \qquad \text{...(xi)}$$

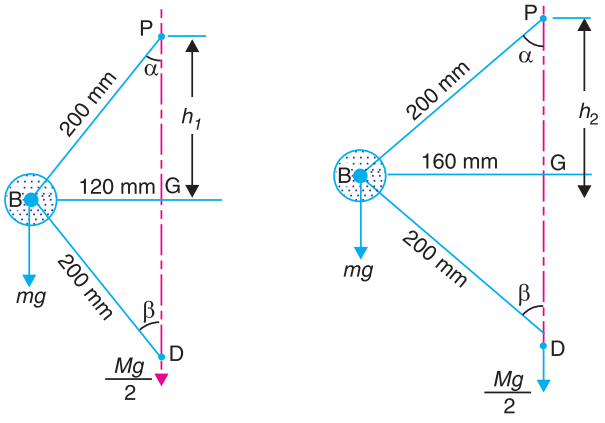
Example 18.30. *A Porter governor has equal arms 200 mm long pivoted on the axis of rotation. The mass of each ball is 3 kg and the mass on the sleeve is 15 kg. The ball path is 120 mm when the governor begins to lift and 160 mm at the maximum speed. Determine the range of speed.*

If the friction at the sleeve is equivalent to a force of 10 N, find the coefficient of insensitiveness.

Solution. Given : $BP = BD = 200$ mm $= 0.2$ m ; $m = 3$ kg ; $M = 15$ kg ; $r_1 = 120$ mm $= 0.12$ m ; $r_2 = 160$ mm $= 0.16$ m ; $F = 10$ N

Range of speed

First of all, let us find the minimum and maximum speed of rotation.



(*a*) Minimum position. (*b*) Maximum position.

Fig. 18.46

The minimum and maximum position of the balls is shown in Fig 18.46 (*a*) and (*b*) respectively.

Let N_1 = Minimum speed, and

N_2 = Maximum speed.

From Fig. 18.46 (*a*), $h_1 = \sqrt{(BP)^2 - (BG)^2} = \sqrt{(0.2)^2 - (0.12)^2} = 0.16$ m

and from Fig. 18.46 (*b*), $h_2 = \sqrt{(BP)^2 - (BG)^2} = \sqrt{(0.2)^2 - (0.16)^2} = 0.12$ m

We know that $(N_1)^2 = \frac{m + M}{m} \times \frac{895}{h_1} = \frac{3 + 15}{3} \times \frac{895}{0.16} = 33\,563$

$\therefore$ $N_1 = 183.2$ r.p.m.

Similarly $(N_2)^2 = \frac{m + M}{m} \times \frac{895}{h_1} = \frac{3 + 15}{3} \times \frac{895}{0.12} = 44\,750$

$\therefore$ $N_2 = 211.5$ r.p.m.

We know that range of speed

$= N_2 - N_1 = 211.5 - 183.2 = 28.3$ r.p.m. **Ans.**

Coefficient of insensitiveness

We know that coefficient of insensitiveness,

$$\frac{N'' - N'}{N} = \frac{F}{(m + M)\, g} = \frac{10}{(3 + 15)\, 9.81} = 0.0566 = 5.66\% \text{ Ans.}$$

Example 18.31. *The following particulars refer to a Proell governor with open arms :*

Length of all arms = 200 mm, distance of pivot of arms from the axis of rotation = 40 mm, length of extension of lower arms to which the ball is attached = 100 mm, mass of each ball = 6 kg and mass of the central load = 150 kg. If the radius of rotation of the balls is 180 mm when the arms are inclined at 40° to the axis of rotation, find :

1. the equilibrium speed for the above configuration, 2. the coefficient of insensitiveness if the friction of the governor mechanism is equivalent to a force of 20 N at the sleeve, and 3. the range of speed between which the governor is inoperative.

Solution. Given : $PF = FD = 200$ mm $= 0.2$ m ; $DK = 40$ mm $= 0.04$ m ; $BF = 100$ mm $= 0.1$ m ; $m = 6$ kg ; $M = 150$ kg ; $r = JG = 180$ mm $= 0.18$ m ; $F = 20$ N

1. *Equilibrium speed*

Let N = Equilibrium speed.

From the equilibrium position, as shown in Fig 18.47, we find that the height of the governor,

$h = PH = PF \cos 40°$

$= 0.2 \times 0.766 = 0.1532$ m

and $FH = PF \sin 40°$

$= 0.2 \times 0.643 = 0.1286$ m

$\therefore$ $JF = JG - HG - FH$

$= 0.18 - 0.04 - 0.1286$

$= 0.0114$ m

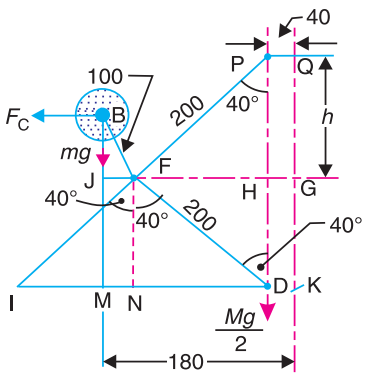
and $BJ = \sqrt{(BF)^2 - (JF)^2}$

$= \sqrt{(0.1)^2 - (0.0114)^2}$

$= 0.0993$ m

$BM = BJ + JM$

$= 0.0993 + 0.1532 = 0.2525$ m ... ($\because$ $JM = MD = PH$)



All dimensions in mm.

Fig. 18.47

$$IM = IN - MN = FH - JF = 0.1286 - 0.0114 = 0.1172 \text{ m}$$

$$ID = 2 \times IN = 2 \times FH = 2 \times 0.1286 = 0.2572 \text{ m}$$

We know that centrifugal force,

$$F_C = m.\omega^2.r = 6\left(\frac{2\pi N}{60}\right)^2 0.18 = 0.012\ N^2$$

Now taking moments about *I*,

$$F_C \times BM = m.g \times IM + \frac{M.g}{2} \times ID$$

$$0.012\ N^2 \times 0.2525 = 6 \times 9.81 \times 0.1172 + \frac{150 \times 9.81}{2} \times 0.2572$$

or $0.003\ 03\ N^2 = 6.9 + 189.2 = 196.1$

$\therefore$ $N^2 = 196.1/0.003\ 03 = 64\ 720$ or $N = 254.4$ r.p.m. **Ans.**

Coefficient of insensitiveness

Let N' and N'' = Minimum and maximum speed considering friction.

We know that centrifugal force at the minimum speed,

$$F_C' = m\ (\omega')^2\ r = 6\left(\frac{2\pi N'}{60}\right)^2 0.18 = 0.012\ (N')^2$$

and centrifugal force at the maximum speed,

$$F_C'' = m\ (\omega'')^2\ r = 6\left(\frac{2\pi N''}{60}\right)^2 0.18 = 0.012\ (N'')^2$$

Taking moments about *I*, when sleeve moves downwards,

$$F_C' \times BM = m.g \times IM + \frac{M.g - F}{2} \times ID$$

$$0.012(N')^2 0.2525 = 6 \times 9.81 \times 0.1172 + \frac{150 \times 9.81 - 20}{2} \times 0.2572$$

$$0.003\ 03\ (N')^2 = 6.9 + 186.7 = 193.6$$

$\therefore$ $(N')^2 = 193.6/0.003\ 03 = 63\ 894$ or $N' = 252.8$ r.p.m.

Again taking moments about *I*, when the sleeve moves upwards,

$$F_C'' \times BM = m.g \times IM + \frac{M.g + F}{2} \times ID$$

$$0.012\ (N'')^2\ 0.2525 = 6 \times 9.81 \times 0.1172 + \frac{150 \times 9.81 + 20}{2} \times 0.2572$$

$$0.003\ 03\ (N'')^2 = 6.9 + 191.8 = 198.7$$

$\therefore$ $(N'')^2 = 198.7/0.003\ 03 = 65\ 578$ or $N'' = 256$ r.p.m.

We know that coefficient of insensitiveness,

$$\frac{N'' - N'}{N} = \frac{256 - 252.8}{254.4} = 0.0126 \text{ or } 1.26\% \text{ **Ans.**}$$

3. Range of speed

We know that range of speed

$$= N'' - N' = 256 - 252.8 = 3.2 \text{ r.p.m. **Ans.**}$$

Example 18.32. *A spring controlled governor is shown in Fig. 18.48. The central spindle does not move axially. The mass of the sleeve is 20 kg and the frictional resistance to its movement is equivalent to 20 N. The balls attached to the right angled bell crank levers have mass 4 kg each. The stiffness of the spring is 40 N/mm compression. The radius of rotation of the balls is 125 mm when the sleeve is in its lowest position, and the ball arms are vertical and the spring exerts a force of 600 N. Determine* :

1. *the speed at which the sleeve will begin to rise from its lowest position,*
2. *the range of speed when the sleeve is 12.5 mm above its lowest position, and*
3. *the coefficient of insensitiveness at higher speed.*

Solution. Given : M = 20 kg ; F = 20 N ; m = 4 kg ; s = 40 N/mm ; r_1 = 125 mm = 0.125 m ; S_1 = 600 N

1. *Speed at which sleeve will begin to rise from its lowest position*

Let N_1 = Required speed.

The lowest position is shown in Fig. 18.49 (*a*).

We know that the centrifugal force at the lowest position,

$$F_{C1} = m\,(\omega_1)^2\ r_1 = 4\left(\frac{2\pi N_1}{60}\right)^2\ 0.125 = 0.0055\ (N_1)^2$$

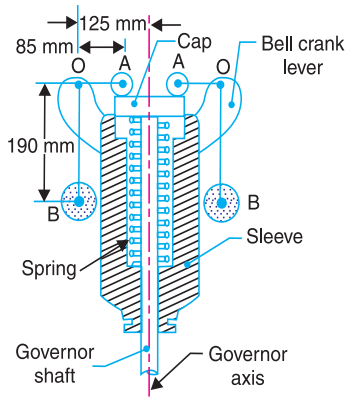


Fig. 18.48

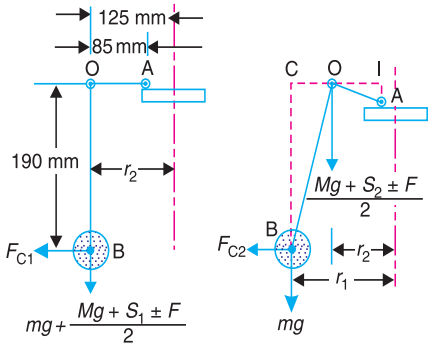


Fig. 18.49

Since the sleeve is about to rise, therefore frictional resistance is taken positive. Also the central spindle is stationary, therefore all the forces are transferred to both the pivots of the bell crank lever *i.e.* $\frac{M.g + S_1 + F}{2}$ at each pivot, as shown in Fig. 18.49 (*a*).

Since the pivot O moves vertically and the roller A moves horizontally, therefore A is the instantaneous centre of the bell crank lever.

Now taking moments about A,

$$F_{C1} \times OB = \left(m.g + \frac{M.g + S_1 + F}{2}\right) OA$$

$$0.0055\ (N_1)^2\ 0.19 = \left(4 \times 9.81 + \frac{20 \times 9.81 + 600 + 20}{2}\right) 0.085$$

$$0.001\,05\ (N_1)^2 = 3.3 + 34.7 = 38 \quad \text{or} \quad (N_1)^2 = 38 / 0.001\,05 = 36\,190$$

$$\therefore \quad N_1 = 190 \text{ r.p.m. } \textbf{Ans.}$$

2. *Range of speed*

The highest position is shown in Fig. 18.49 (*b*).

Let N_2 =Maximum speed,

h = Lift of the sleeve = 12.5 mm = 0.0125 m . . . (Given)

r_2 = Maximum radius of rotation of the balls, and

S_2 = Maximum spring force.

We know that lift of the sleeve

$$h = (r_2 - r_1) \times \frac{y}{x} = (r_2 - r_1) \times \frac{OA}{OB} \quad \text{. . (Here } x = OB, \text{ and } y = OA)$$

$$\therefore \quad r_2 = r_1 + h \times OB/OA = 0.125 + 0.0125 \times 0.19/0.085 = 0.153 \text{ m}$$

We know that centrifugal force at the highest position,

$$F_{C2} = m\,(\omega_2)^2\, r_2 = 4\left(\frac{2\pi N_2}{60}\right)0.153 = 0.0067\,(N_2)^2$$

and $S_2 - S_1 = h.s$ or $S_2 = S_1 + h.s = 600 + 12.5 \times 40 = 1100$ N

From Fig 18.49 (*b*), we find that

$$OI = \sqrt{(OA)^2 - (AI)^2} = \sqrt{(85)^2 - (12.5)^2} = 84 \text{ mm} = 0.084 \text{ m}$$

. . . ($\because AI = h$)

$$BC = \sqrt{(OB)^2 - (OC)^2} = \sqrt{(190)^2 - (153 - 125)^2} = 188 \text{ mm} = 0.188 \text{ m}$$

. . . ($\because OC = r_2 - r_1$)

and $IC = OI + OC = 84 + (153 - 125) = 112$ mm = 0.112 m

Now taking moments about the instantaneous centre *I*,

$$F_{C2} \times BC = m.g \times IC + \frac{M.g + S_2 \pm F}{2} \times OI$$

The ± sign denotes that at the highest position, the sleeve may either rise or fall. Therefore

$$0.0067\,(N_2)^2\ 0.188 = 4 \times 9.81 \times 0.112 + \left(\frac{20 \times 9.81 + 1100 \pm 20}{2}\right)0.084$$

$$0.001\,26\,(N_2)^2 = 4.4 + 54.4 \pm 0.84 = 58.8 \pm 0.84$$

Taking – ve sign, when the sleeve is about to fall,

$$0.001\,26\,(N_2)^2 = 58.8 - 0.84 = 57.96$$

$$(N_2)^2 = 57.96/0.001\,26 = 46\,000 \quad \text{or} \quad N_2 = 214.5 \text{ r.p.m.}$$

Taking + ve sign, when the sleeve is about to lift,

$$0.001\,26\,(N_2')^2 = 58.8 + 0.84 = 59.64$$

$$(N_2')^2 = 59.64/0.001\,26 = 47\,333 \quad \text{or} \quad N_2' = 217.5 \text{ r.p.m.}$$

$\therefore$ Range of speed at the maximum radius

$$= N_2' - N_2 = 217.5 - 214.5 = 3 \text{ r.p.m. } \textbf{Ans.}$$

3. *Coefficient of insensitiveness at higher speed*

We know that coefficient of insensitiveness

$$= \frac{2\,(N_2' - N_2)}{N_2' + N_2} = \frac{2\,(217.5 - 214.5)}{217.5 + 214.5} = 0.014 = 1.4\%$$ **Ans.**

Example 18.33. *In a spring controlled governor, the curve of controlling force is a straight line. When balls are 400 mm apart, the controlling force is 1200 N and when 200 mm apart, the controlling force is 450 N. At what speed will the governor run when the balls are 250 mm apart? What initial tension on the spring would be required for isochronism and what would then be the speed ? The mass of each ball is 9 kg.*

Solution. Given : When balls are 400 mm apart, *i.e.* when the radius of rotation (r_2) is 200 mm, the controlling force,

$$F_{C2} = 1200 \text{ N}$$

When balls are 200 mm apart *i.e.* when the radius of rotation (r_1) is 100 mm, the controlling force,

$$F_{C1} = 450 \text{ N}$$

Mass of each ball, $m = 9$ kg

Speed of the governor when the balls are 250 mm apart, i.e. when radius of rotation (r) is 125 mm

Let N = Required speed.

We know that for the stability of the spring controlled governors, the controlling force (F_C) is expressed in the form

$$* \; F_C = a.r - b \quad \ldots (i)$$

When $r = r_1 = 100$ mm $= 0.1$ m, then

$$450 = a \times 0.1 - b = 0.1\,a - b \quad \ldots (ii)$$

and when $r = r_2 = 200$ mm $= 0.2$ m, then

$$1200 = a \times 0.2 - b = 0.2\,a - b \quad \ldots (iii)$$

From equations **(*ii*)** and **(*iii*),** we find that

$$a = 7500, \quad \text{and} \quad b = 300$$

Now the equation **(*i*)** may be written as

$$F_C = 7500\,r - 300 \quad \ldots (iv)$$

Substituting $r = 125$ mm $= 0.125$ m, in equation **(*iv*),** we get

$$F_C = 7500 \times 0.125 - 300 = 637.5 \text{ N}$$

We know that $F_C = m.\omega^2.r = m\left(\frac{2\pi N}{60}\right)^2 r$

$$637.5 = 9\left(\frac{2\pi N}{60}\right)^2 0.125 = 0.012\,34\,N^2$$

$$\therefore \quad N^2 = 637.5 / 0.012\,34 = 51\,661 \quad \text{or} \quad N = 227.3 \text{ r.p.m.}$$ **Ans.**

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* We find that $\frac{F_{C1}}{r_1} = \frac{450}{0.1} = 4500$ and $\frac{F_{C2}}{r_2} = \frac{1200}{0.2} = 6000$.

Since F_C / r increases as r increases, therefore for stability

$F_C = a.r - b$ (See Art. 18.20)

Initial tension on the spring for isochronism

We have discussed in Art. 18.20 that for an isochronous governor, the controlling force line passed through the origin (*i.e.* $b = 0$). The value of b is made zero by increasing the initial tension of the spring to 300 N.

$\therefore$ Initial tension on the spring for isochronism = 300 N **Ans.**

Isochronous speed

Let N' = Isochronous speed, and

F_C' = Controlling force at the isochronous speed.

We know that for isochronism,

$$F_C' = a.r \quad \text{or} \quad m\,(\omega')^2\, r = a.r \quad \text{or} \quad m\,(\omega')^2 = a$$

$$\therefore \quad m\left(\frac{2\pi N'}{60}\right)^2 = a \quad \text{or} \quad 9 \times 0.011\,(N')^2 = 7500$$

$$(N)^2 = 7500 / 0.099 = 75\,758 \quad \text{or} \quad N' = 275 \text{ r.p.m. } \textbf{Ans.}$$

Example 18.34. *The controlling force (F_C) in newtons and the radius of rotation (r) in metres for a spring controlled governor is given by the expression*

$$F_C = 2800\, r - 76$$

The mass of the ball is 5 kg and the extreme radii of rotation of the balls are 100 mm and 175 mm. Find the maximum and minimum speeds of equilibrium. If the friction of the governor mechanism is equivalent to a force of 5 N at each ball, find the coefficient of insensitiveness of the governor at the extreme radii.

Solution. Given : $m = 5$ kg ; $r_1 = 100$ mm $= 0.1$ m ; $r_2 = 175$ mm $= 0.175$ m

Maximum and minimum speeds of equilibrium

Let N_2 and N_1 = Maximum and minimum speeds of equilibrium respectively.

The controlling force is given by the expression,

$$F_C = 2800\, r - 76$$

$\therefore$ Controlling force at the minimum radius of rotation (*i.e.* at $r_1 = 0.1$ m),

$$F_{C1} = 2800 \times 0.1 - 76 = 204 \text{ N}$$

and controlling force at the maximum radius of rotation (*i.e.* at $r_2 = 0.175$ m),

$$F_{C2} = 2800 \times 0.175 - 76 = 414 \text{ N}$$

We know that $F_{C1} = m\,(\omega_1)^2\, r_1 = m\left(\frac{2\pi N_1}{60}\right)^2 r_1$

or $204 = 5\left(\frac{2\pi N_1}{60}\right)^2 0.1 = 0.0055\,(N_1)^2$

$\therefore$ $(N_1)^2 = 204 / 0.0055 = 37\,091$ or $N_1 = 192.6$ r.p.m. **Ans.**

Similarly $F_{C2} = m\,(\omega_2)^2\, r_2 = m\left(\frac{2\pi N_2}{60}\right)^2 r_2$

or $414 = 5\left(\frac{2\pi N_2}{60}\right)^2 0.175 = 0.0096\,(N_2)^2$

$\therefore$ $(N_2)^2 = 414 / 0.0096 = 43\,125$ or $N_2 = 207.6$ r.p.m. **Ans.**

Coefficient of insensitiveness

Let N_1' and N_2' = Minimum and maximum speeds of the governor considering friction.

We know that frictional force at each ball

$= 5$ N ... (Given)

$$\therefore \quad F_{C1} - F = m\,(\omega_1')^2\, r_1 = m\left(\frac{2\pi N_1'}{60}\right)^2 r_1$$

$$204 - 5 = 5\left(\frac{2\pi N_1'}{60}\right)^2 0.1 = 0.0055\,(N_1')^2$$

$$\therefore \quad (N_1')^2 = \frac{204 - 5}{0.0055} = 36\,182 \text{ or } N_1' = 190.2 \text{ r.p.m.}$$

Similarly $F_{C2} + F = m\,(\omega_2')^2\, r_2 = m\left(\frac{2\pi N_2'}{60}\right)^2 r_2$

$$414 + 5 = 5\left(\frac{2\pi N_2'}{60}\right)^2 0.175 = 0.0096\,(N_2')^2$$

$$\therefore \quad (N_2')^2 = \frac{414 + 5}{0.0096} = 43\ 646 \text{ or } N_2' = 209 \text{ r.p.m.}$$

We know that coefficient of insensitiveness

$$= \frac{2\,(N_2' - N_1')}{N_2' + N_1'} = \frac{2\,(209 - 190.2)}{209 + 190.2} = 0.094 \text{ or } 9.4\% \textbf{ Ans.}$$

EXERCISES

1. The length of the upper arm of a Watt governor is 400 mm and its inclination to the vertical is 30°. Find the percentage increase in speed, if the balls rise by 20 mm. **[Ans. 3%]**
2. A Porter governor has two balls each of mass 3 kg and a central load of mass 15 kg. The arms are all 200 mm long, pivoted on the axis. If the maximum and minimum radii of rotation of the balls are 160 mm and 120 mm respectively, find the range of speed. **[Ans. 28.3 r.p.m.]**
3. In a Porter governor, the mass of the central load is 18 kg and the mass of each ball is 2 kg. The top arms are 250 mm while the bottom arms are each 300 mm long. The friction of the sleeve is 14 N. If the top arms make 45° with the axis of rotation in the equilibrium position, find the range of speed of the governor in that position. **[Ans. 15 r.p.m.]**
4. A loaded governor of the Porter type has equal arms and links each 250 mm long. The mass of each ball is 2 kg and the central mass is 12 kg. When the ball radius is 150 mm, the valve is fully open and when the radius is 185 mm, the valve is closed. Find the maximum speed and the range of speed. If the maximum speed is to be increased 20% by an addition of mass to the central load, find what additional mass is required. **[Ans. 193 r.p.m. ; 16 r.p.m.; 6.14 kg]**
5. The arms of a Porter governor are 300 mm long. The upper arms are pivoted on the axis of rotation and the lower arms are attached to the sleeve at a distance of 35 mm from the axis of rotation. The load on the sleeve is 54 kg and the mass of each ball is 7 kg. Determine the equilibrium speed when the

radius of the balls is 225 mm. What will be the range of speed for this position, if the frictional resistances to the motion of the sleeve are equivalent to a force of 30 N?

[Ans. 174.3 r.p.m. ; 8.5 r.p.m.]

6. In a Porter governor, the upper and lower arms are each 250 mm long and are pivoted on the axis of rotation. The mass of each rotating ball is 3 kg and the mass of the sleeve is 20 kg. The sleeve is in its lowest position when the arms are inclined at 30° to the governor axis. The lift of the sleeve is 36 mm. Find the force of friction at the sleeve, if the speed at the moment it rises from the lowest position is equal to the speed at the moment it falls from the highest position. Also, find the range of speed of the governor. **[Ans. 9.8 N ; 16 r.p.m.]**

7. A Porter governor has links 150 mm long and are attached to pivots at a radial distance of 30 mm from the vertical axis of the governor. The mass of each ball is 1.75 kg and the mass of the sleeve is 25 kg. The governor sleeve begins to rise at 300 r.p.m. when the links are at 30° to the vertical. Assuming the friction force to be constant, find the minimum and maximum speed of rotation when the inclination of the links is 45° to the vertical. **[Ans. 284 r.p.m. ; 347 r.p.m.]**

8. A Proell governor has all the four arms of length 250 mm. The upper and lower ends of the arms are pivoted on the axis of rotation of the governor. The extension arms of the lower links are each 100 mm long and parallel to the axis when the radius of the ball path is 150 mm. The mass of each ball is 4.5 kg and the mass of the central load is 36 kg. Determine the equilibrium speed of the governor.

[Ans. 164 r.p.m.]

9. A Proell governor has arms of 300 mm length. The upper arms are hinged on the axis of rotation, whereas the lower arms are pivoted at a distance of 35 mm from the axis of rotation. The extension of lower arms to which the balls are attached are 100 mm long. The mass of each ball is 8 kg and the mass on the sleeve is 60 kg. At the minimum radius of rotation of 200 mm, the extensions are parallel to the governor axis. Determine the equilibrium speed of the governor for the given configuration. What will be the equilibrium speed for the maximum radius of 250 mm?

[Ans. 144.5 r.p.m. ; 158.2 r.p.m.]

10. A spring controlled governor of the Hartnell type with a central spring under compression has balls each of mass 2 kg. The ball and sleeve arms of the bell crank levers are respectively 100 mm and 60 mm long and are at right angles. In the lowest position of the governor sleeve, the radius of rotation of the balls is 80 mm and the ball arms are parallel to the governor axis. Find the initial load on the spring in order that the sleeve may begin to lift at 300 r.p.m. If the stiffness of the spring is 30 kN/m, what is the equilibrium speed corresponding to a sleeve lift of 10 mm? **[Ans. 527 N ; 342 r.p.m.]**

11. In a governor of the Hartnell type, the mass of each ball is 1.5 kg and the lengths of the vertical and horizontal arms of the bell crank lever are 100 mm and 50 mm respectively. The fulcrum of the bell crank lever is at a distance of 90 mm from the axis of rotation. The maximum and minimum radii of rotation of balls are 120 mm and 80 mm and the corresponding equilibrium speeds are 325 and 300 r.p.m. Find the stiffness of the spring and the equilibrium speed when the radius of rotation is 100 mm.

[Ans. 18 kN/m, 315 r.p.m.]

12. A governor of the Hartnell type has equal balls of mass 3 kg, set initially at a radius of 200 mm. The arms of the bell crank lever are 110 mm vertically and 150 mm horizontally. Find : 1. the initial compressive force on the spring, if the speed for an initial ball radius of 200 mm is 240 r.p.m. ; and 2. the stiffness of the spring required to permit a sleeve movement of 4 mm on a fluctuation of 7.5 per cent in the engine speed. **[Ans. 556 N ; 23.75 N/mm]**

13. A spring controlled governor of the Hartnell type has the following data :

Mass of the ball = 1.8 kg ; Mass of the sleeve = 6 kg ; Ball and sleeve arms of the bell crank lever = 150 mm and 120 mm respectively. The equilibrium speed and radius of rotation for the lowest position of the sleeve are 400 r.p.m. and 150 mm respectively. The sleeve lift is 10 mm and the change in speed for full sleeve lift is 5%. During an overhaul, the spring was compressed 2 mm more than the correct compression for the initial setting. Determine the stiffness of the spring and the new equilibrium speed for the lowest position of the sleeve. **[Ans. 28.96 N/mm ; 472 r.p.m.]**

14. A spring controlled governor of the Hartnell type has two rotating balls of mass 1.35 kg each. The ball arm is 75 mm and the sleeve arm is 62.5 mm. In the mid position of the sleeve, the sleeve arm is horizontal and the balls rotate in a circle of 100 mm radius. The total sleeve movement is 30 mm.

Due to maladjustment of the spring, it is found that the equilibrium speed at the topmost position of the sleeve is 420 r.p.m. and that corresponding to the lowest position is 435 r.p.m.

Determine : 1. stiffness and initial compression of the spring, and 2. the required initial compression of the spring to give an equilibrium speed at the topmost position which is 12 r.p.m. more than at the lowest position. Neglect the moment due to mass of the balls.

[Ans. 6.3 N/mm, 87.54 mm ; 53.5 mm]

15. A Hartnell governor has two rotating balls, of mass 2.7 kg each. The ball radius is 125 mm in the mean position when the ball arms are vertical and the speed is 150 r.p.m. with the sleeve rising. The length of the ball arms is 140 mm and the length of the sleeve arms 90 mm. The stiffness of the spring is 7 kN/m and the total sleeve movement is 12 mm from the mean position. Allowing for a constant friction force of 14 N acting at the sleeve, determine the speed range of the governor in the lowest and highest sleeve positions. Neglect the obliquity of the ball arms. **[Ans. 10.7 r.pm., 6.6 r.pm.]**

16. The spring controlled governor of the Hartung type has two rotating masses each of 2.5 kg and the limits of their radius of rotation are 100 mm and 125 mm. The each mass is directly controlled by a spring attached to it and to the inner casing of the governor as shown in Fig 18.26 (*a*). The stiffness of the spring is 8 kN/m and the force on each spring, when the masses are in their mid-position, is 320 N. In addition, there is an equivalent constant inward radial force of 80 N acting on each revolving mass in order to allow for the dead weight of the mechanism. Neglecting friction, find the range of speed of the governor. **[Ans. 51 r.p.m.]**

17. In a spring controlled governor of the Hartung type, the lengths of the horizontal and vertical arms of the bell crank levers are 100 mm and 80 mm respectively. The fulcrum of the bell crank lever is at a distance of 120 mm from the axis of the governor. The each revolving mass is 9 kg. The stiffness of the spring is 25 kN/m. If the length of each spring is 120 mm when the radius of rotation is 70 mm and the equilibrium speed is 360 r.p.m., find the free length of the spring. If the radius of rotation increases to 120 mm, what will be the corresponding percentage increase in speed ?

[Ans 145.75 mm ; 10.83%]

[**Hint.** Free length of the spring = Length of the spring + compression of the spring]

18. The following particulars refer to a Wilson-Hartnell governor :

Mass of each ball = 4 kg ; minimum radius = 80 mm ; maximum radius = 90 mm ; minimum speed = 240 r.p.m.; maximum speed = 252 r.p.m.; length of the ball arm of each bell crank lever = 80 mm ; length of sleeve arm of each bell crank lever = 60 mm ; combined stiffness of the two ball springs = 750 N/m.

Find the required stiffness of the auxiliary spring, if the lever is pivoted at the mid-point.

[Ans. 6.786 kN/m]

19. A spring loaded governor of the Wilson-Hartnell type is shown in Fig 18.50. Two balls each of mass 4 kg are connected across by two springs *A*. The stiffness of each spring is 750 N/m and a free length of 100 mm. The length of ball arm of each bell crank lever is 80 mm and that of sleeve arm is 60 mm. The lever is pivoted at its mid-point. The speed of the governor is 240 r.p.m. in its mean position and the radius of rotation of the ball is 80 mm. If the lift of the sleeve is 7.5 mm for an increase of speed of 5%, find the required stiffness of the auxiliary spring *B*.

[Ans. 6.756 kN/m]

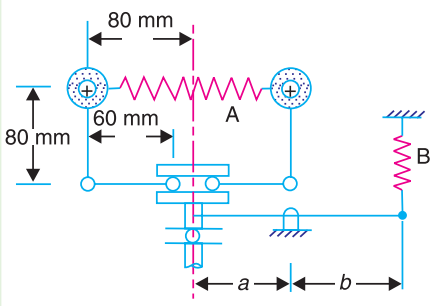

Fig. 18.50

20. A Porter governor has all four arms 200 mm long. The upper arms are pivoted on the axis of rotation and the lower arms are attached to a sleeve at a distance of 25 mm from the axis. Each ball has a mass of 2 kg and the mass of the load on the sleeve is 20 kg. If the radius of rotation of the balls at a speed of 250 r.p.m. is 100 mm, find the speed of the governor after the sleeve has lifted 50 mm. Also determine the effort and power of the governor. **[Ans. 275.6 r.p.m.; 22.4 N ; 1.12 N-m]**

21. A Porter governor has arms 250 mm each and four rotating flyballs of mass 0.8 kg each. The sleeve movement is restricted to ± 20 mm from the height when the mean speed is 100 r.p.m. Calculate the central dead load and sensitivity of the governor neglecting friction when the flyball exerts a centrifugal force of 9.81 N. Determine also the effort and power of the governor for 1 percent speed change. **[Ans. 11.76 N; 11.12; 0.196 N; 7.7 N-mm]**

22. The upper arms of a Porter governor are pivoted on the axis of rotation and the lower arms are pivoted to the sleeve at a distance of 30 mm from the axis of rotation. The length of each arm is 300 mm and the mass of each ball is 6 kg. If the equilibrium speed is 200 r.p.m. when the radius of rotation is 200 mm, find the required mass on the sleeve. If the friction is equivalent to a force of 40 N at the sleeve, find the coefficient of insensitiveness at 200 mm radius. **[Ans. 61.1 kg. ; 6%]**

23. In a spring controlled governor, the radial force acting on the balls was 4500 N when the centre of balls was 200 mm from the axis and 7500 N when at 300 mm. Assuming that the force varies directly as the radius, find the radius of the ball path when the governor runs at 270 r.p.m. Also find what alteration in spring load is required in order to make the governor isochronous and the speed at which it would then run. The mass of each ball is 30 kg. **[Ans. 250 mm ; 1500 N ; 301.5 r.p.m.]**

DO YOU KNOW ?

1. What is the function of a governor ? How does it differ from that of a flywheel ?

2. State the different types of governors. What is the difference between centrifugal and inertia type governors ? Why is the former preferred to the latter ?

3. Explain the term height of the governor. Derive an expression for the height in the case of a Watt governor. What are the limitations of a Watt governor ?

4. What are the effects of friction and of adding a central weight to the sleeve of a Watt governor ?

5. Discuss the controlling force and stability of a governor and show that the stability of a governor depends on the slope of the curve connecting the controlling force (F_C) and radius of rotation (r) and the value (F_C / r).

6. What is stability of a governor ? Sketch the controlling force *versus* radius diagrams for a stable, unstable and isochronous governor. Derive the conditions for stability.

7. Explain clearly how would you determine from the controlling force curve whether a governor is stable, unstable or isochronous. Show also how the effect of friction may be indicated on the curve.

8. Define and explain the following terms relating to governors :

1. Stability, 2. Sensitiveness, 3. Isochronism, and 4. Hunting.

9. Explain the terms and derive expressions for 'effort' and 'power' of a Porter governor.

10. Prove that the sensitiveness of a Proell governor is greater than that of a Porter governor.

11. Write short note on 'coefficient of insensitiveness' of governors.

OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

1. The height of a Watt's governor (in metres) in equal to

(*a*) $8.95/N^2$ (*b*) $89.5/N^2$ (*c*) $895/N^2$ (*d*) $8950/N^2$

where N = Speed of the arm and ball about the spindle axis.

2. The ratio of the height of a Porter governor (when the length of arms and links are equal) to the height of a Watt's governor is

(*a*) $\frac{m}{m+M}$ (*b*) $\frac{M}{m+M}$ (*c*) $\frac{m+M}{m}$ (*d*) $\frac{m+M}{M}$

where m = Mass of the ball, and

M = Mass of the load on the sleeve.

3. When the sleeve of a Porter governor moves upwards, the governor speed

(*a*) increases (*b*) decreases (*c*) remains unaffected

4. A Hartnell governor is a

(*a*) pendulum type governor (*b*) spring loaded governor

(*c*) dead weight governor (*d*) inertia governor

5. Which of the following governor is used to drive a gramophone ?

(*a*) Watt governor (*b*) Porter governor

(*c*) Pickering governor (*d*) Hartnell governor

6. Which of the following is a spring controlled governor?

(*a*) Hartnell (*b*) Hartung (*c*) Pickering (*d*) all of these

7. For two governors A and B, the lift of sleeve of governor A is more than that of governor B, for a given fractional change in speed. It indicates that

(*a*) governor A is more sensitive than governor B

(*b*) governor B is more sensitive than governor A

(*c*) both governors A and B are equally sensitive

(*d*) none of the above

8. The sensitiveness of a governor is given by

(*a*) $\frac{\omega_{mean}}{\omega_2 - \omega_1}$ (*b*) $\frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{\omega_{mean}}$ (*c*) $\frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{2\omega_{mean}}$ (*d*) none of these

where ω_1 and ω_2 = Minimum and maximum angular speed, and

ω_{mean} = Mean angular speed.

9. In a Hartnell governor, if a spring of greater stiffness is used, then the governor will be

(*a*) more sensitive (*b*) less sensitive (*c*) isochronous

10. A governor is said to be hunting, if the speed of the engine

(*a*) remains constant at the mean speed

(*b*) is above the mean speed

(*c*) is below the mean speed

(*d*) fluctuates continuously above and below the mean speed.

11. A hunting governor is

(*a*) more stable (*b*) less sensitive (*c*) more sensitive (*d*) none of these

12. Isochronism in a governor is desirable when

(*a*) the engine operates at low speeds

(*b*) the engine operates at high speeds

(*c*) the engine operates at variable speeds

(*d*) one speed is desired under one load

13. The power of a governor is equal to

(*a*) $\frac{c^2}{1+2c}(m+M)\,h$ (*b*) $\frac{2c^2}{1+2c}(m+M)\,h$

(*c*) $\frac{3c^2}{1+2c}(m+M)\,h$ (*d*) $\frac{4c^2}{1+2c}(m+M)\,h$

where c = Percentage increase in speed.

14. When the relation between the controlling force (F_C) and radius of rotation (r) for a spring controlled governor is $F_C = a.r + b$, then the governor will be

(*a*) stable (*b*) unstable (*c*) isochronous

15. For a governor, if F_C is the controlling force, r is the radius of rotation of the balls, the stability of the governor will be ensured when

(*a*) $\frac{d\,F_C}{dr} > \frac{F_C}{r}$ (*b*) $\frac{d\,F_C}{dr} < \frac{F_C}{r}$ (*c*) $\frac{d\,F_C}{dr} = 0$ (*d*) none of these

ANSWERS

1. (*c*)	**2.** (*c*)	**3.** (*a*)	**4.** (*b*)	**5.** (*c*)
6. (*d*)	**7.** (*a*)	**8.** (*b*)	**9.** (*b*)	**10.** (*d*)
11. (*c*)	**12.** (*d*)	**13.** (*d*)	**14.** (*b*)	**15.** (*a*)

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