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## Introduction to Cam Design

At the end of this video, you should be able to:

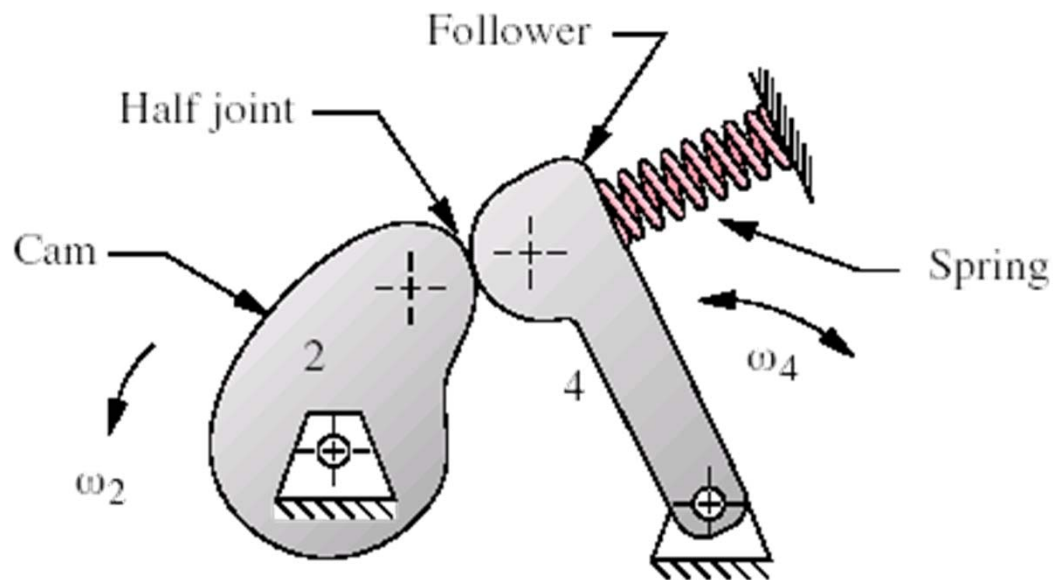
- Explain what a cam is, how it is used, and the typical types of cams
- Identify force closed and form closed followers and explain the benefits and limitations of each
- Describe the primary types of cam motion programs

# What is a Cam and Follower?

Cam: specially shaped part designed to move a follower in a controlled fashion

Follower: a link constrained to rotate or translate

- A cam-follower is a degenerate 4-bar linkage

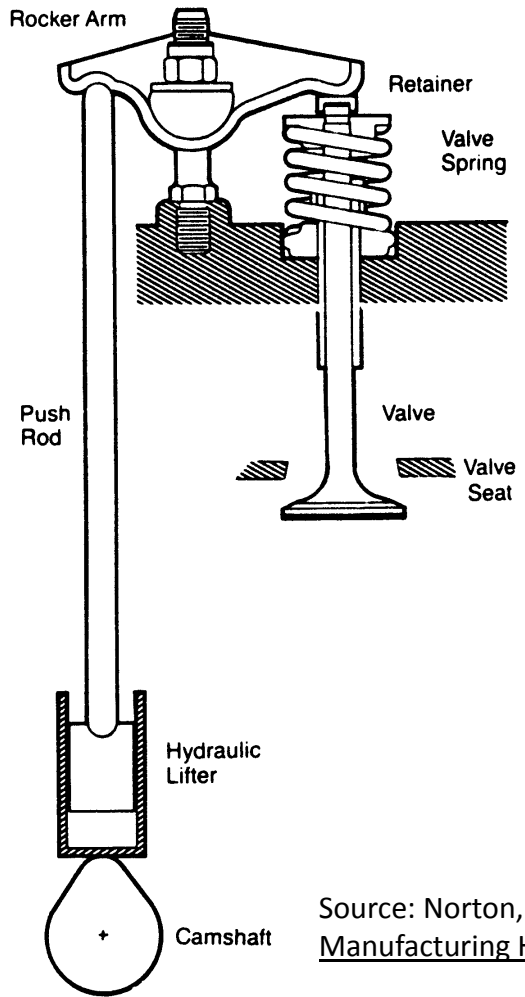


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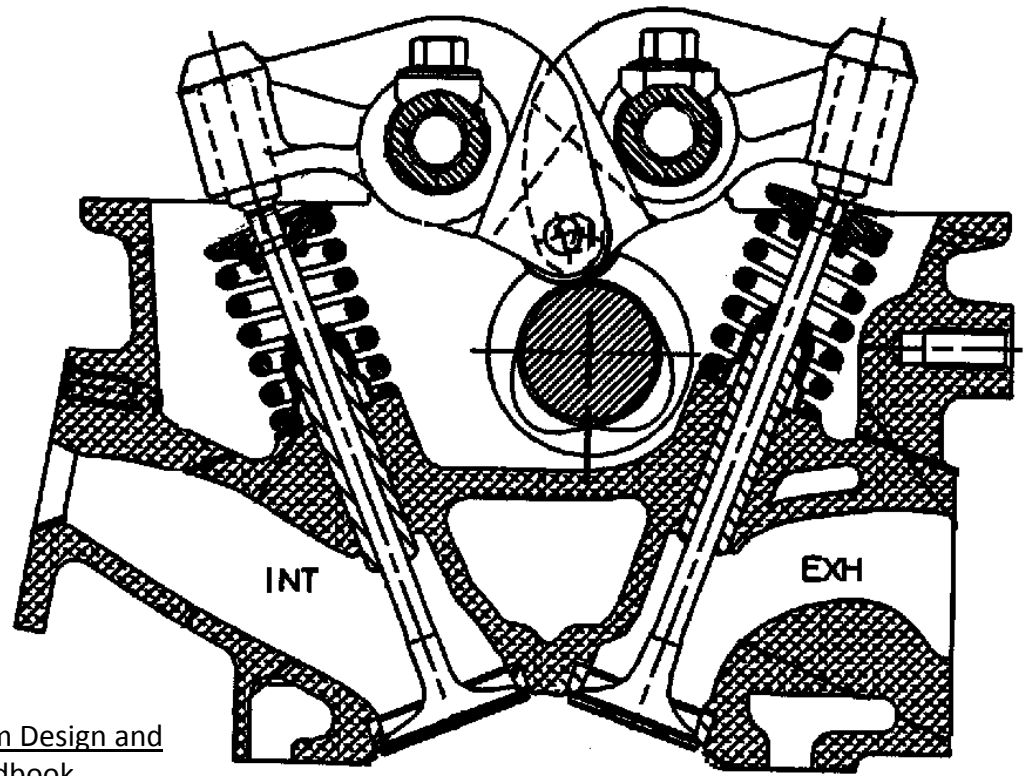
# What are Cams Used For?

- Valve actuation in IC engines
- Motion control in machinery
- Force generation
- Precise positioning
- Event timing

# Valve Trains



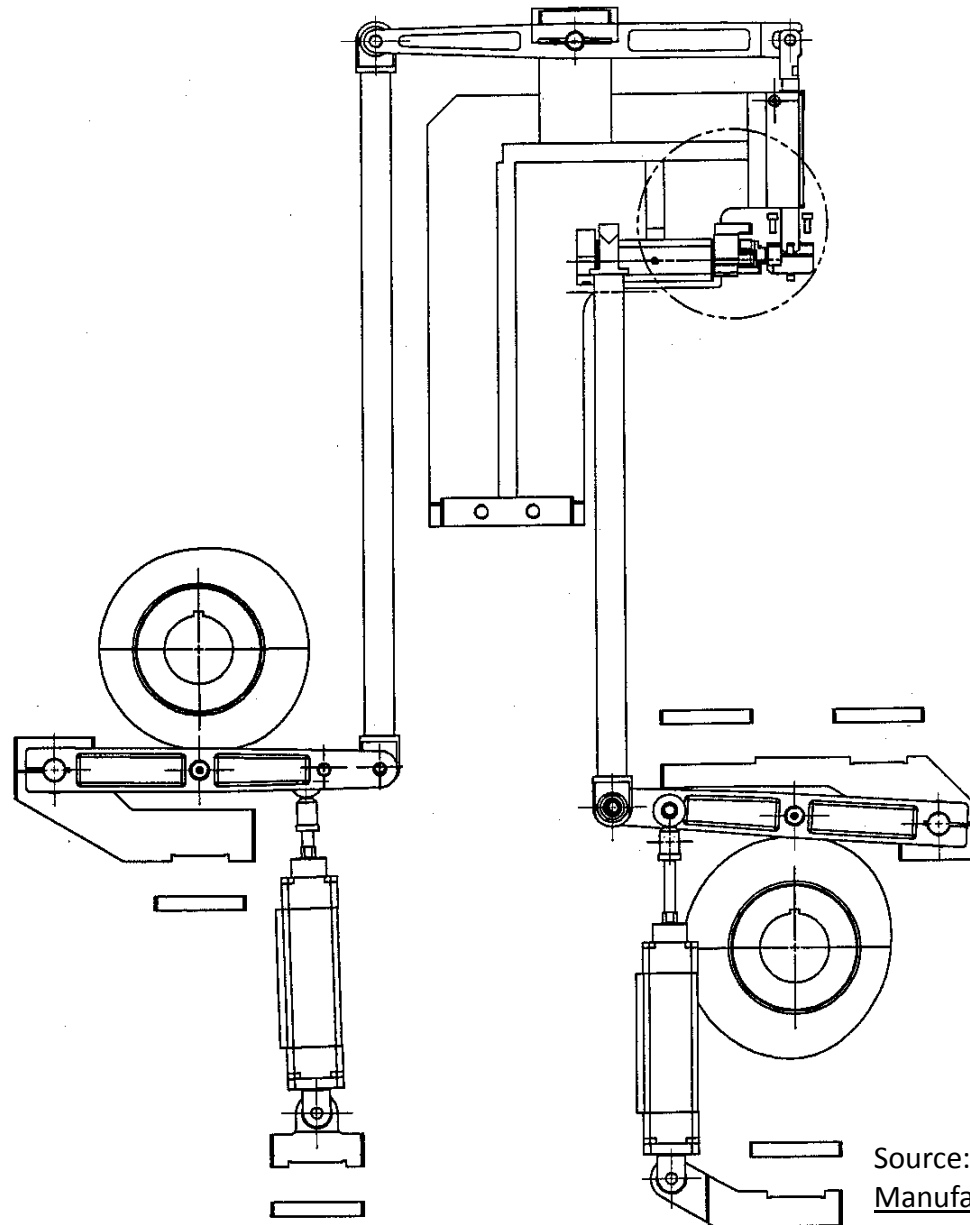
Overhead Valve



Overhead Camshaft

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# Industrial Cam Trains



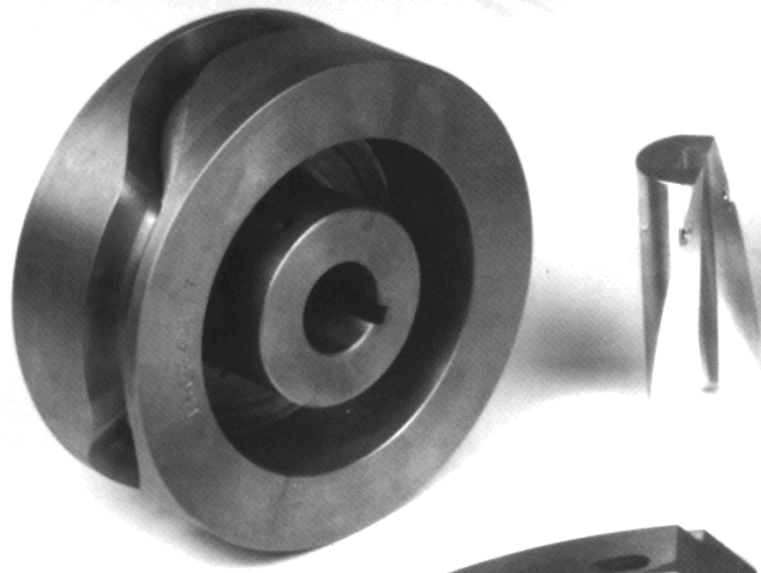
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# Hydraulic Pump Application

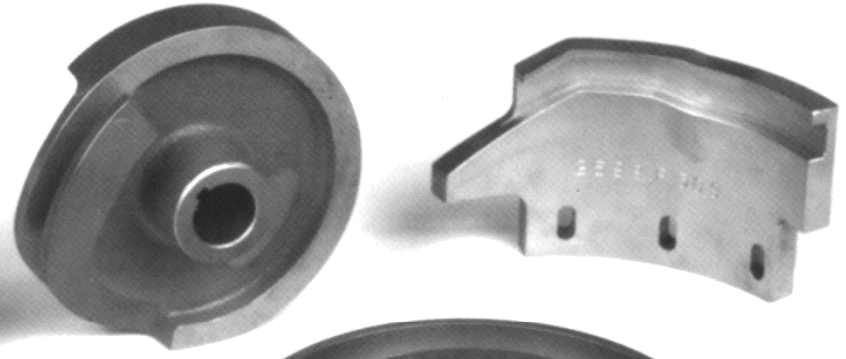


# Types of Cams

Barrel or axial - track



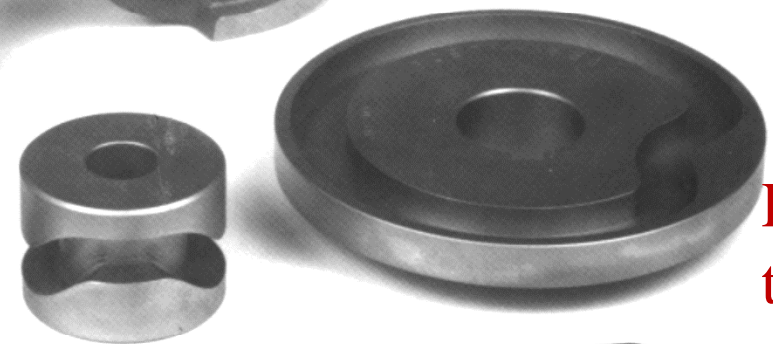
Stationary-axial-track



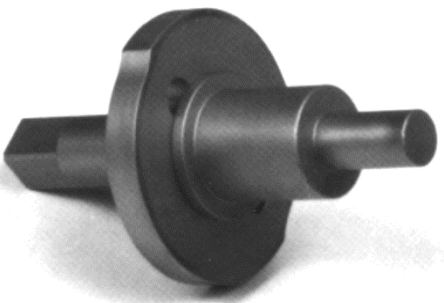
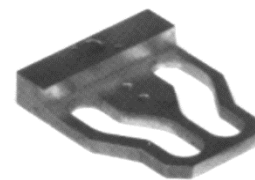
Stationary segment



Radial track

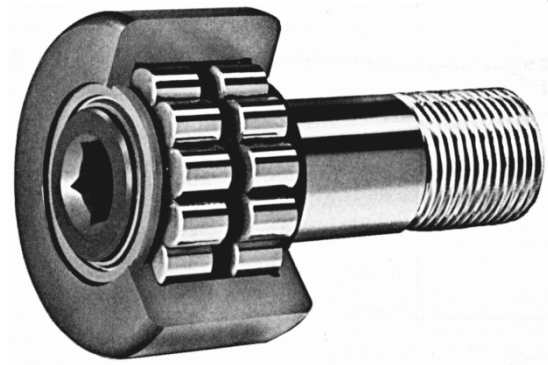


Radial or plate

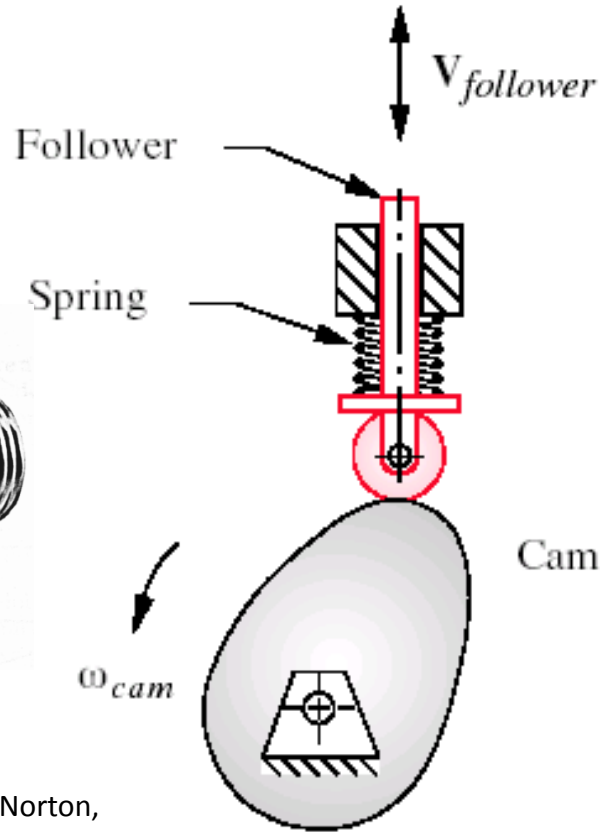


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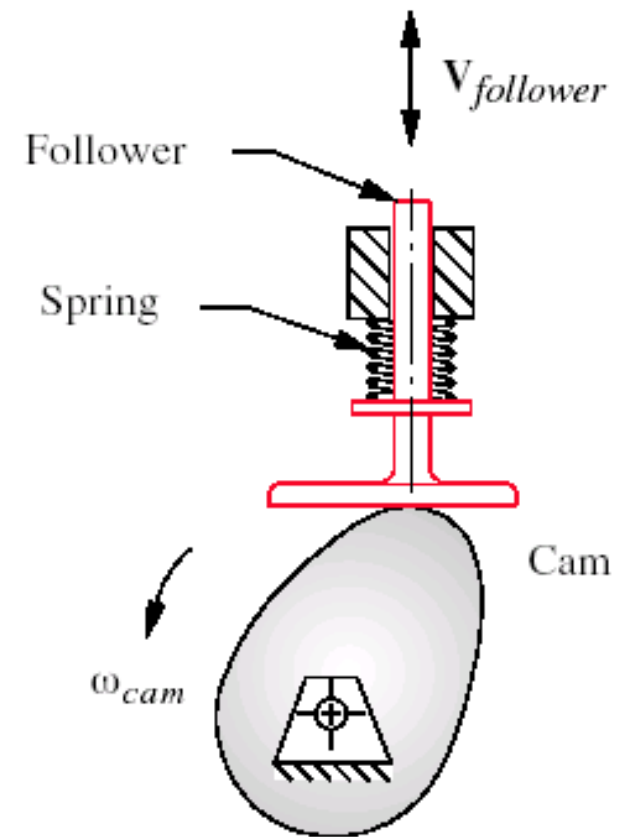
# Types of Followers



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(a) Roller follower

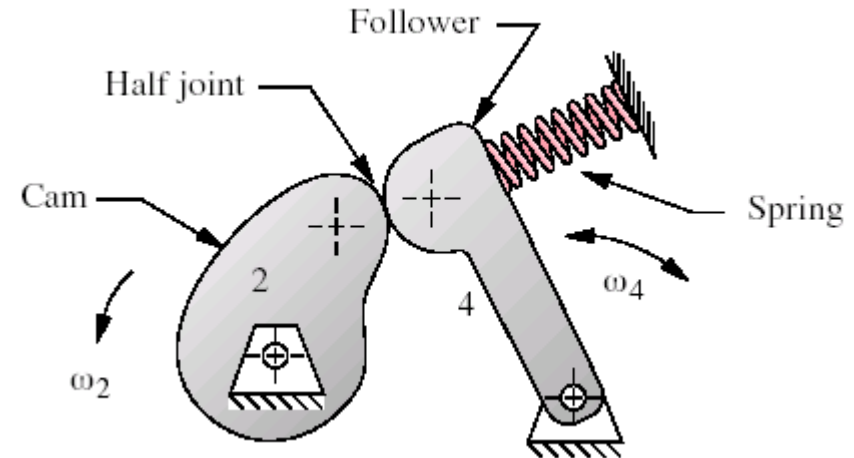
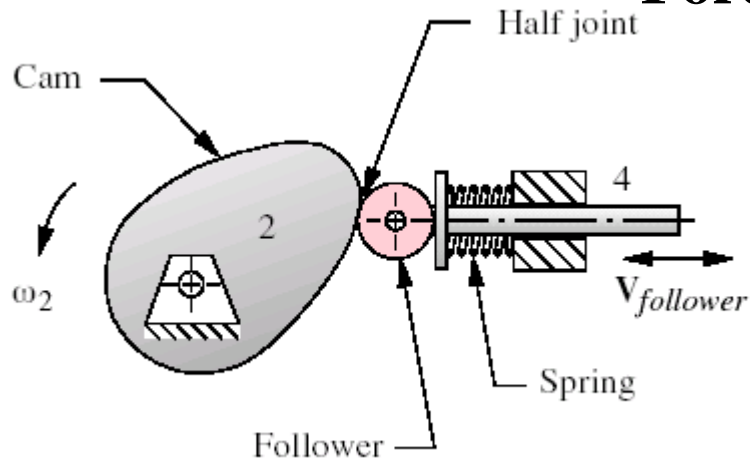


(c) Flat-faced follower

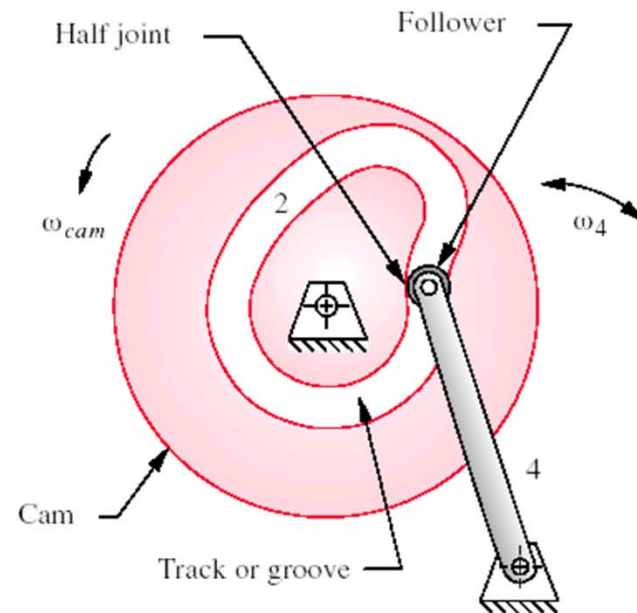
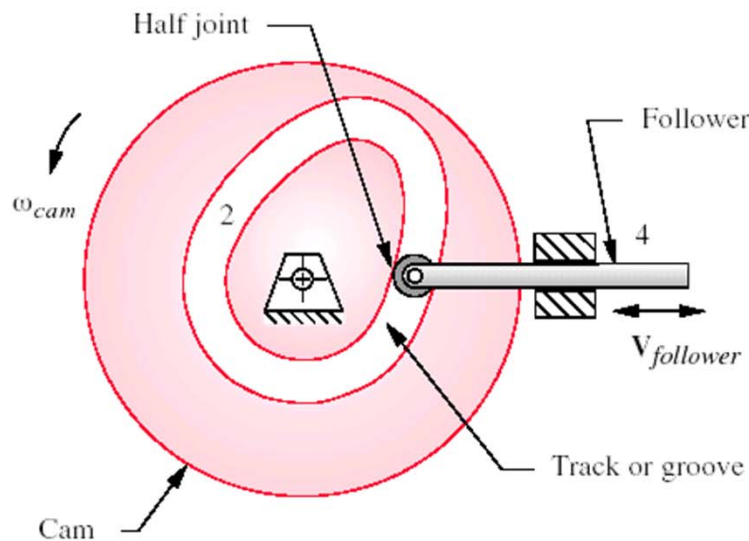


# Two Ways to Close Follower Joint

## Force Closed:

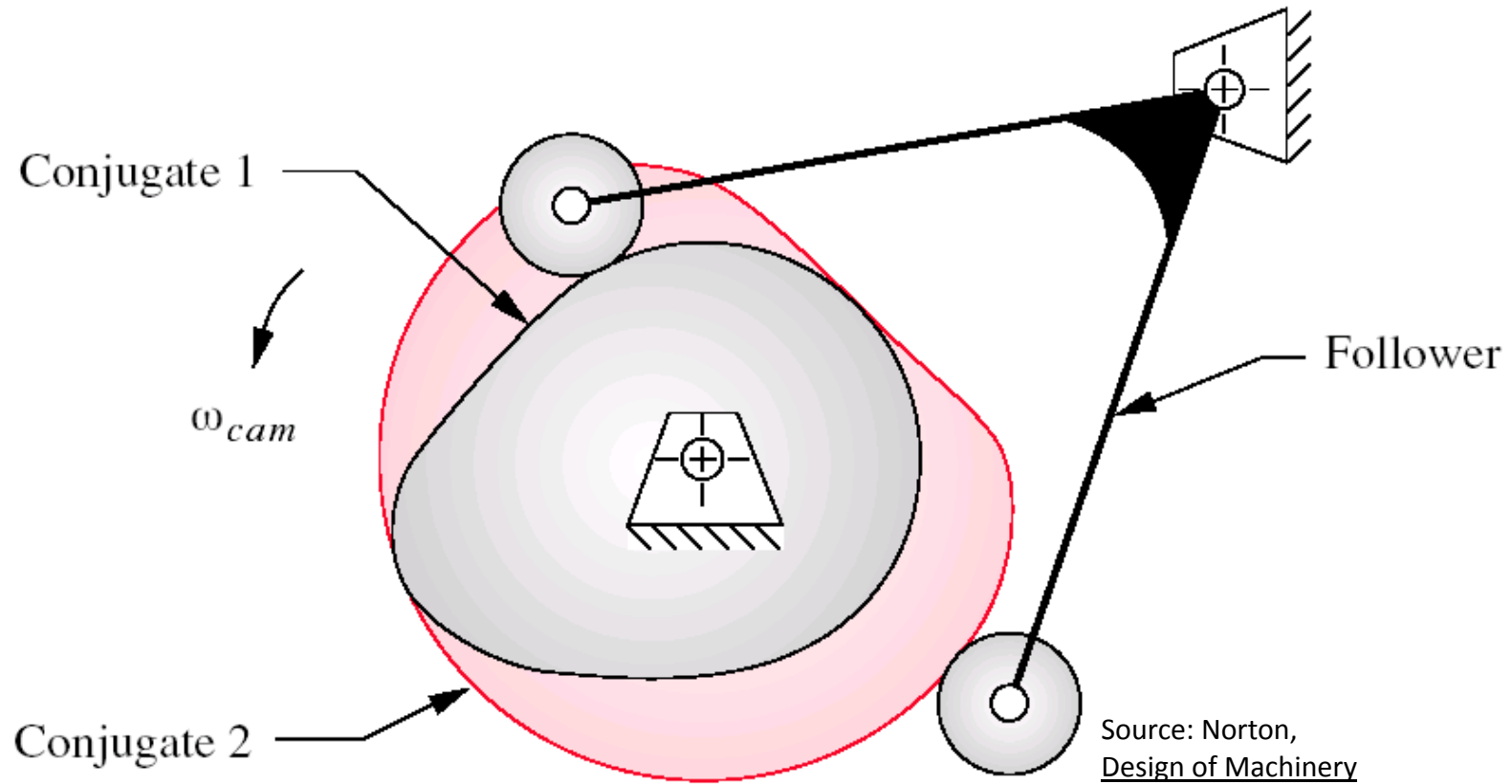


## Form Closed:



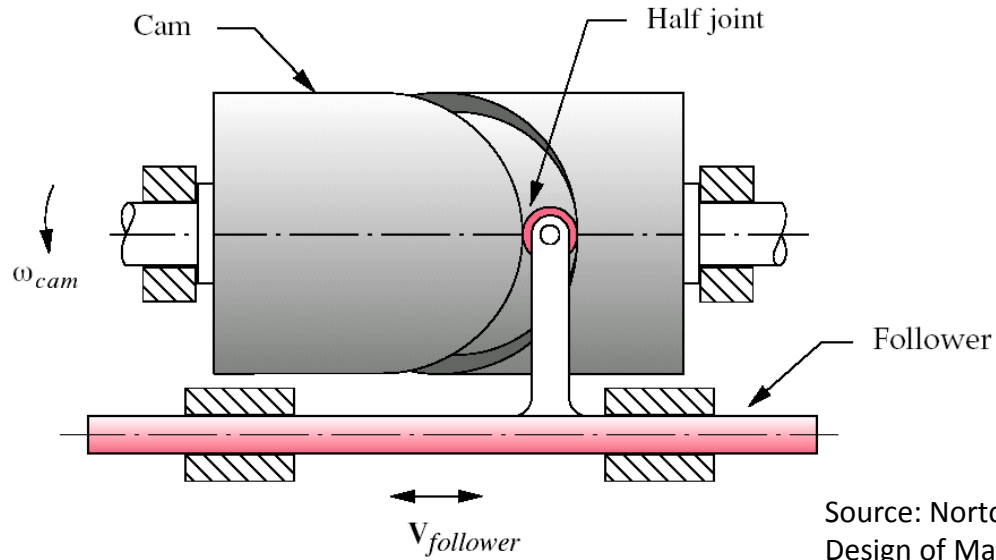
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# Conjugate Cams

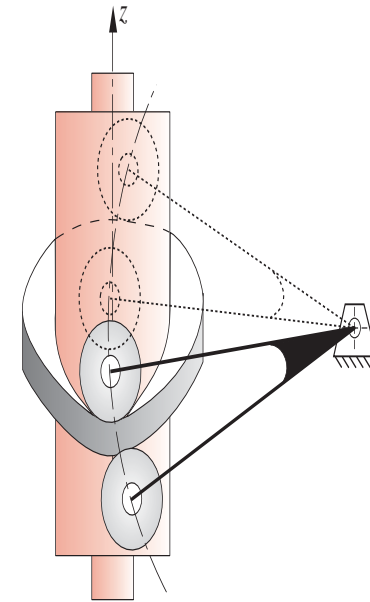


# Barrel Cams

## Tracked:



## Ribbed:

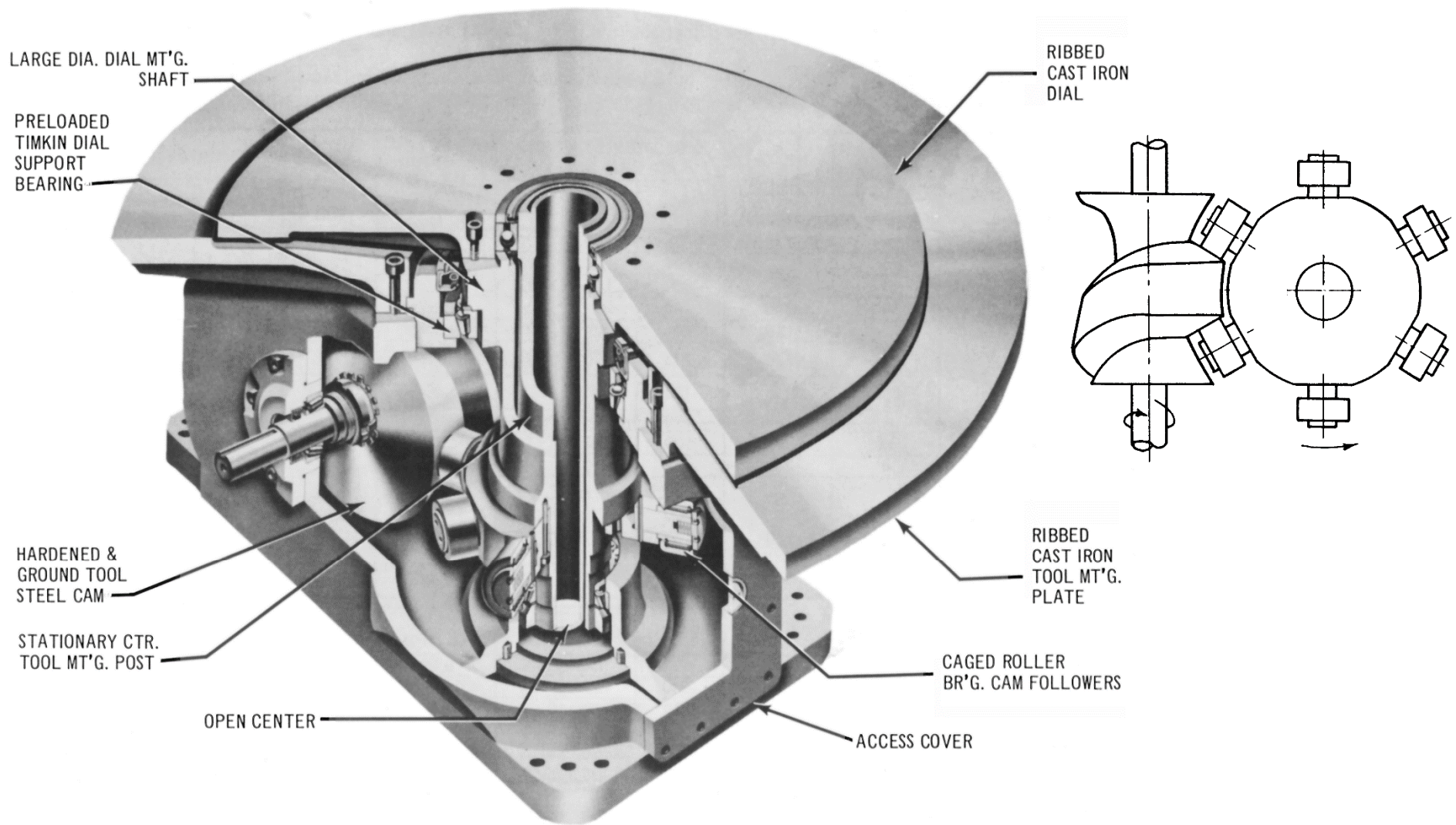


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FIGURE 13-13

Ribbed barrel cam with oscillating roller follower

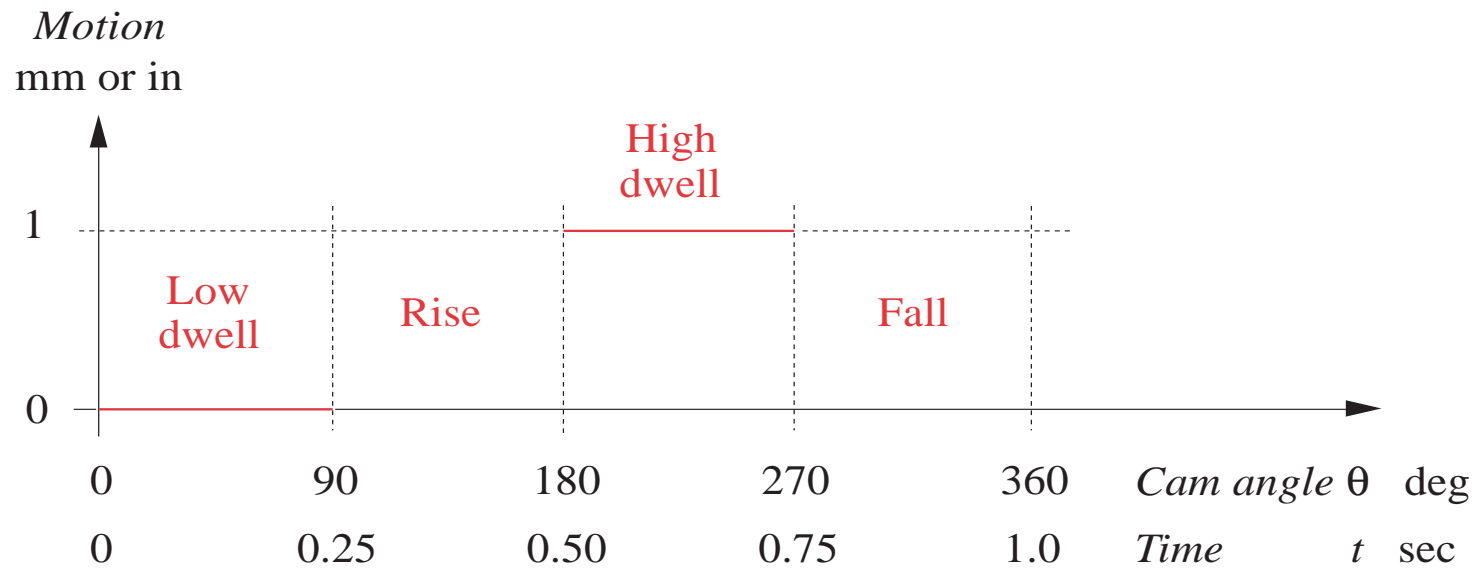
# Rotary Indexers Use Ribbed Barrel Cams



# Types of Cam Motion Programs

- No-Dwell or Rise-Fall (RF)
- Single-Dwell or Rise-Fall-Dwell (RFD)
- Double-Dwell (RDFD)
- Multi-Rise-Multi-Dwell-Multi-Fall
  
- Different Motion Programs Needed for Each

# A Cam Timing Diagram

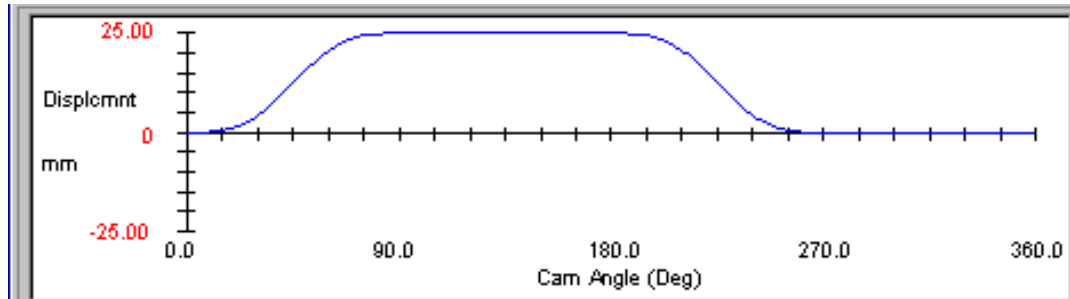


**FIGURE 2-2**

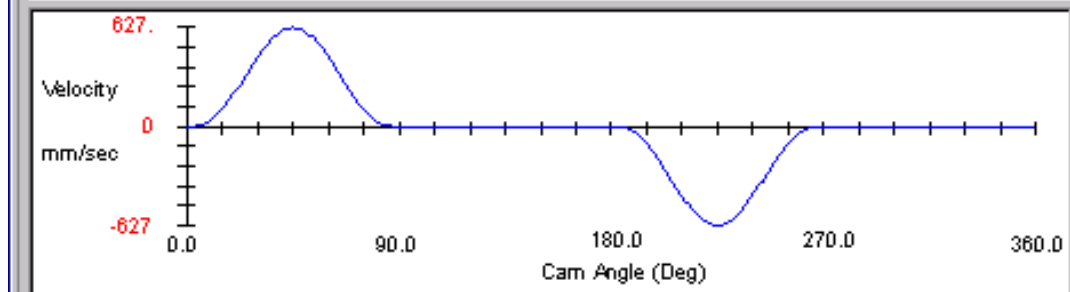
A cam timing diagram

# SVAJ Diagrams

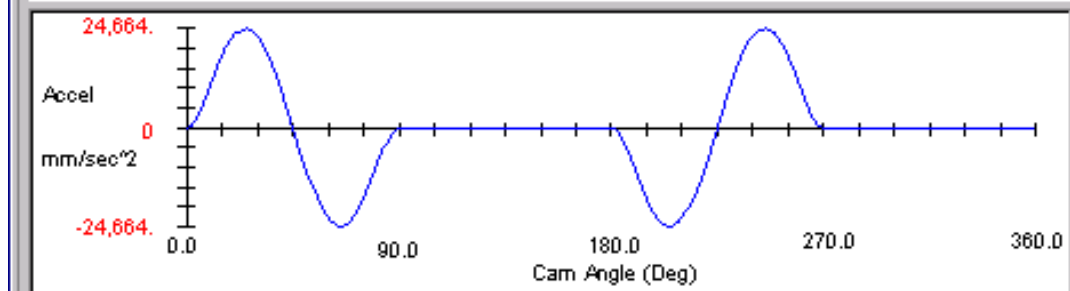
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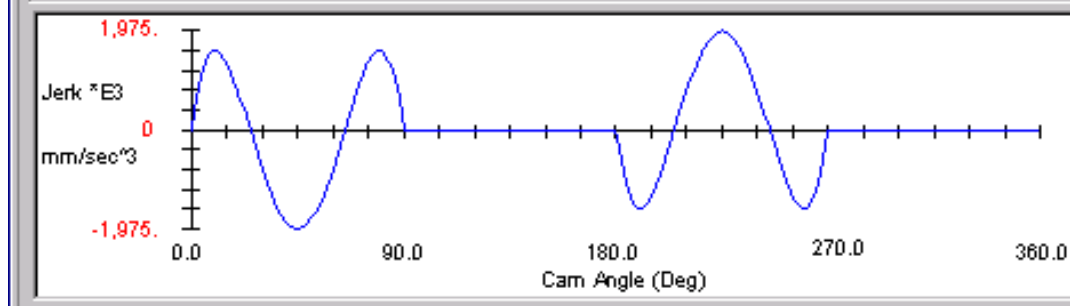
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**A**

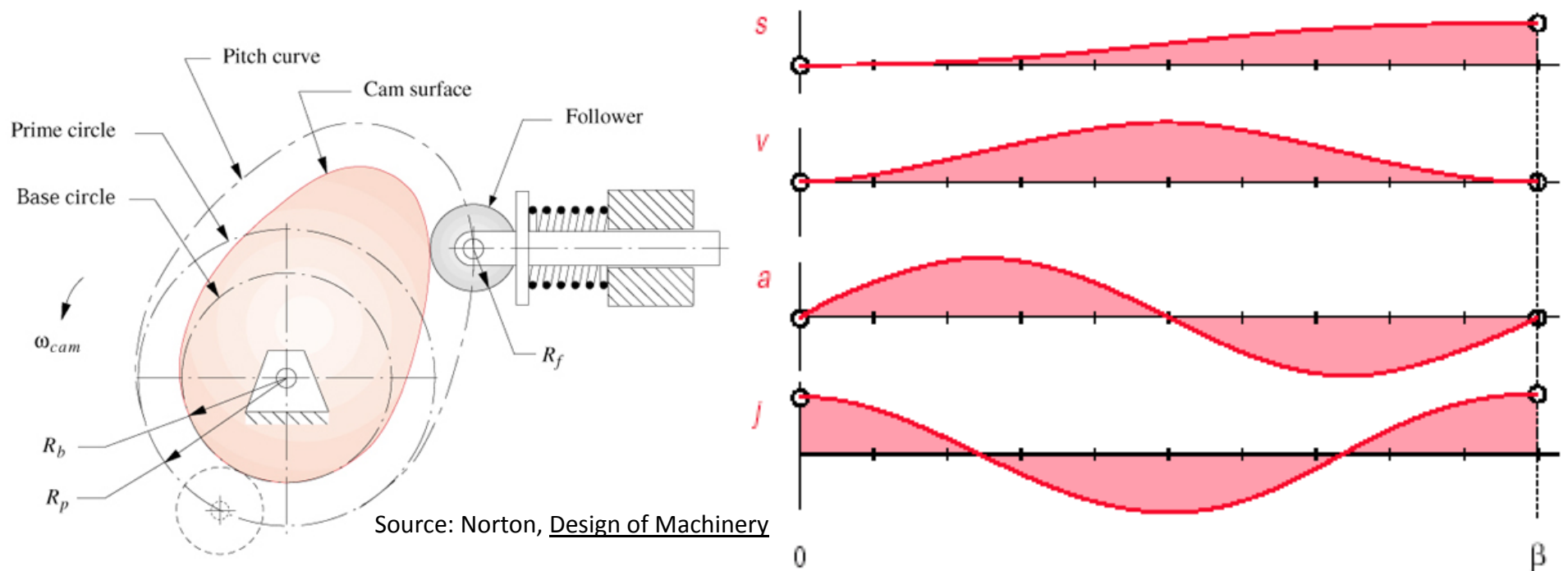


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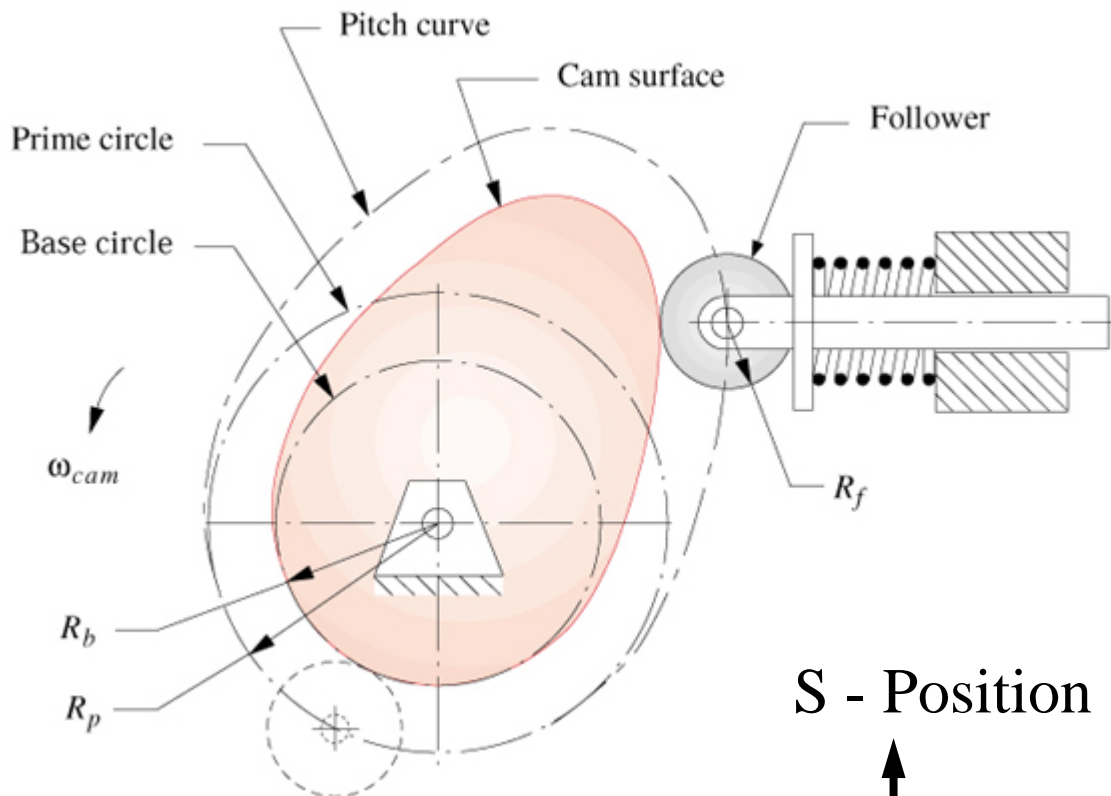


## Cam Motion Design: Critical Extreme Position

At the end of this video, you should be able to:

- Describe the difference between critical extreme position and critical path motion
- Explain how the fundamental law of cam design applies to selecting an appropriate cam profile
- Design double dwell cam profiles using a variety of motion types

# Unwrapping Cam Profile

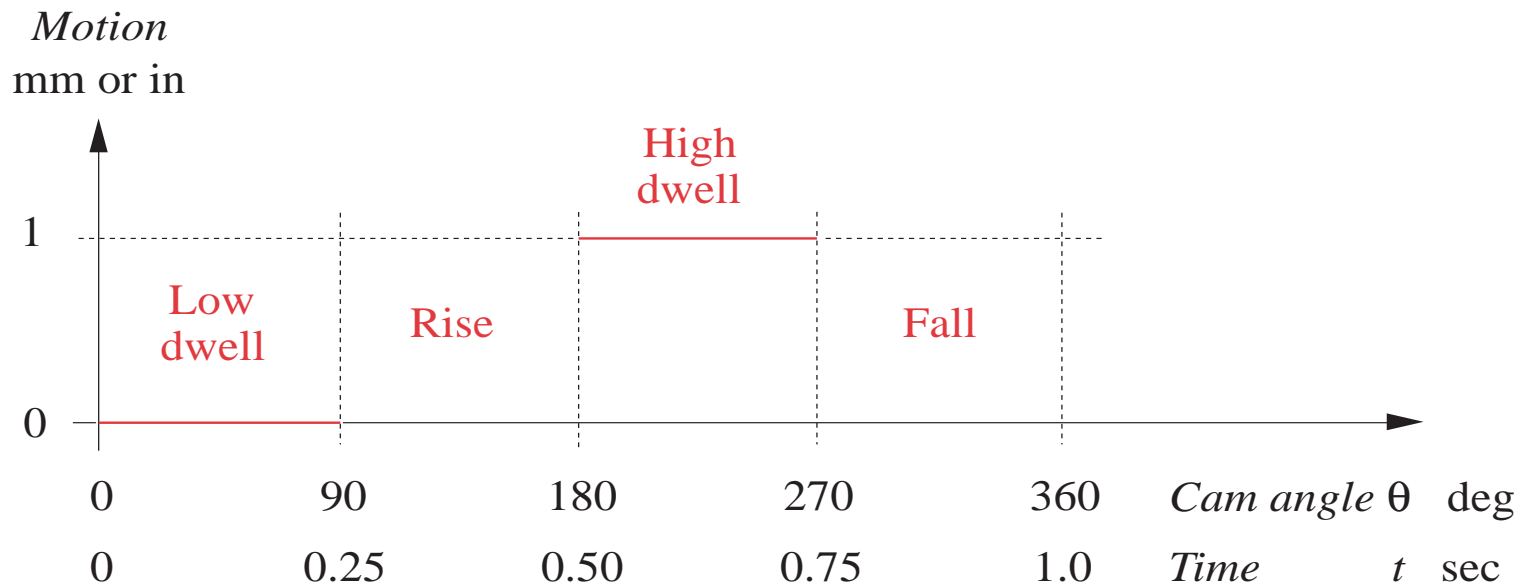


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# Type of Motion Constraints

- Critical Extreme Position (CEP)
  - End points of motion are critical
  - Path between endpoints is not critical
- Critical Path Motion (CPM)
  - The path between endpoints is critical
  - Displacements, velocities, etc. may be specified
  - Endpoints usually also critical

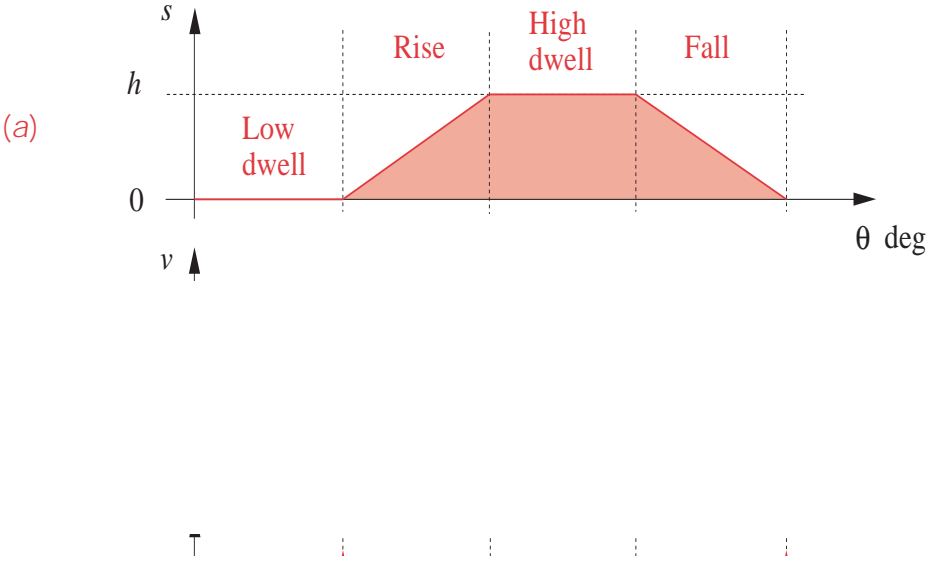
# Double Dwell Cam Timing Diagram



**FIGURE 2-2**

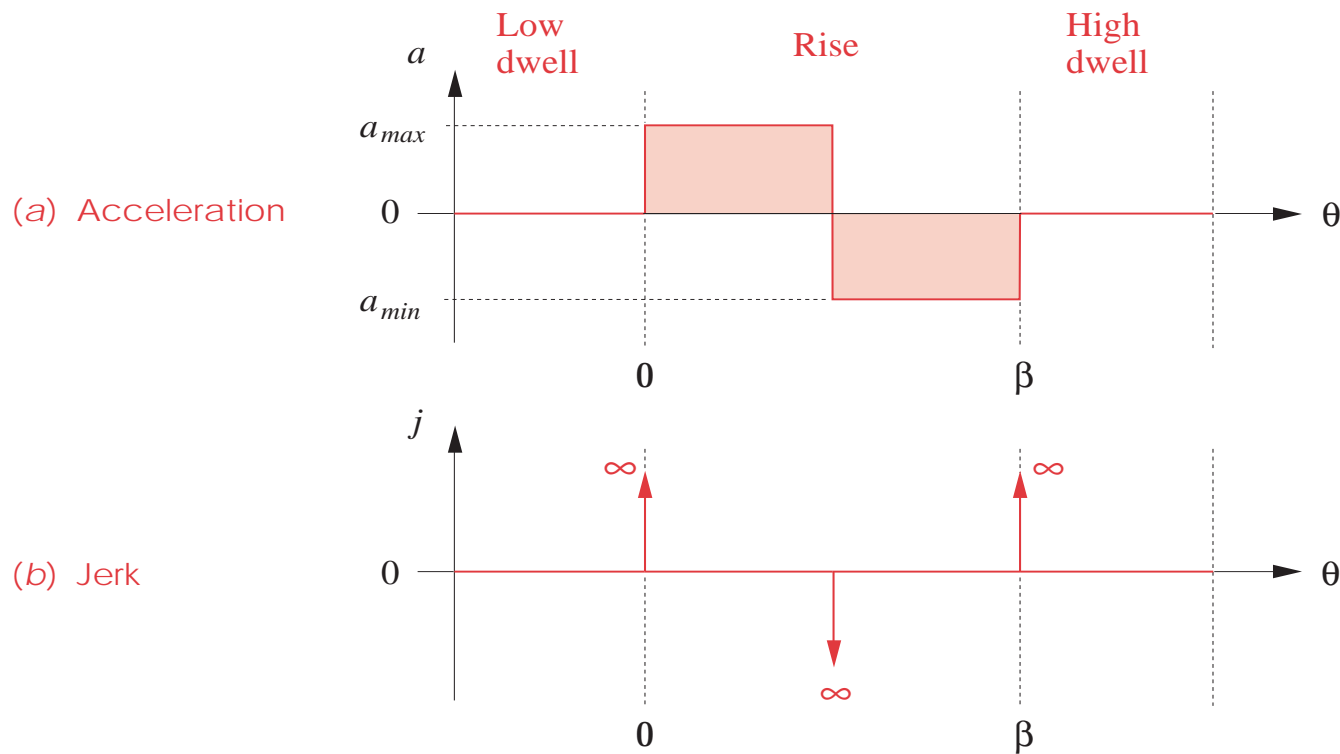
A cam timing diagram

# Naïve and Poor Cam Design: Constant Velocity



# Constant Acceleration (Parabolic Displacement)?

**Unacceptable**



**FIGURE 2-6**

Constant acceleration gives infinite jerk

# Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)?

Unacceptable

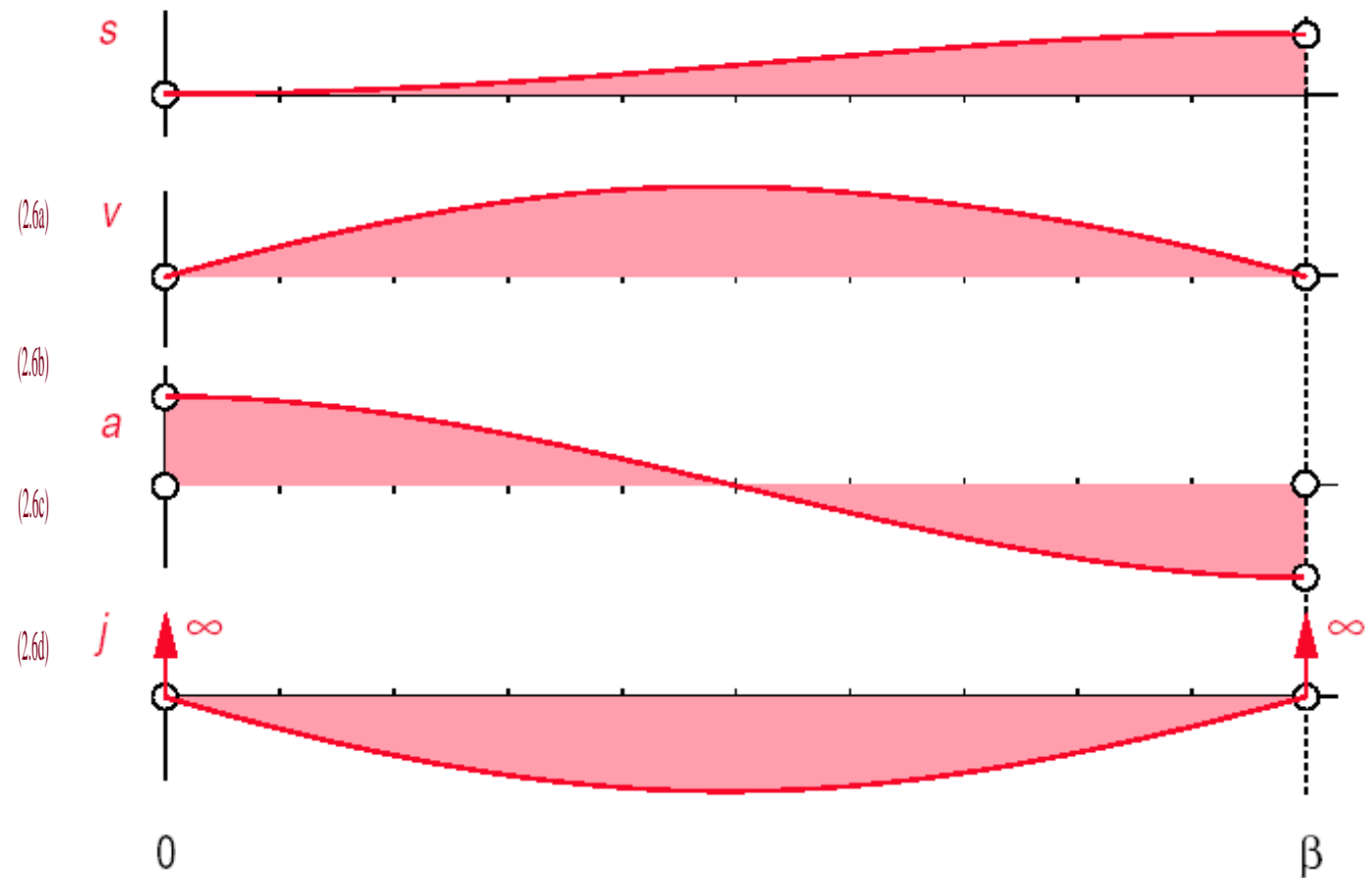
$s v a j$  Plots for Simple Harmonic Rise

$$s = -\frac{h}{2} \left[ 1 - \cos \left( \pi \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right) \right]$$

$$v = -\frac{\pi h}{\beta^2} \sin \left( \pi \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right)$$

$$a = \frac{\pi^2 h}{\beta^2} \cos \left( \pi \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right)$$

$$j = -\frac{\pi^3 h}{\beta^3} \sin \left( \pi \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right)$$



## **Norton's Fundamental Law of Cam Design:**

The cam-follower function must have continuous velocity and acceleration across the entire interval, thus making the jerk finite.

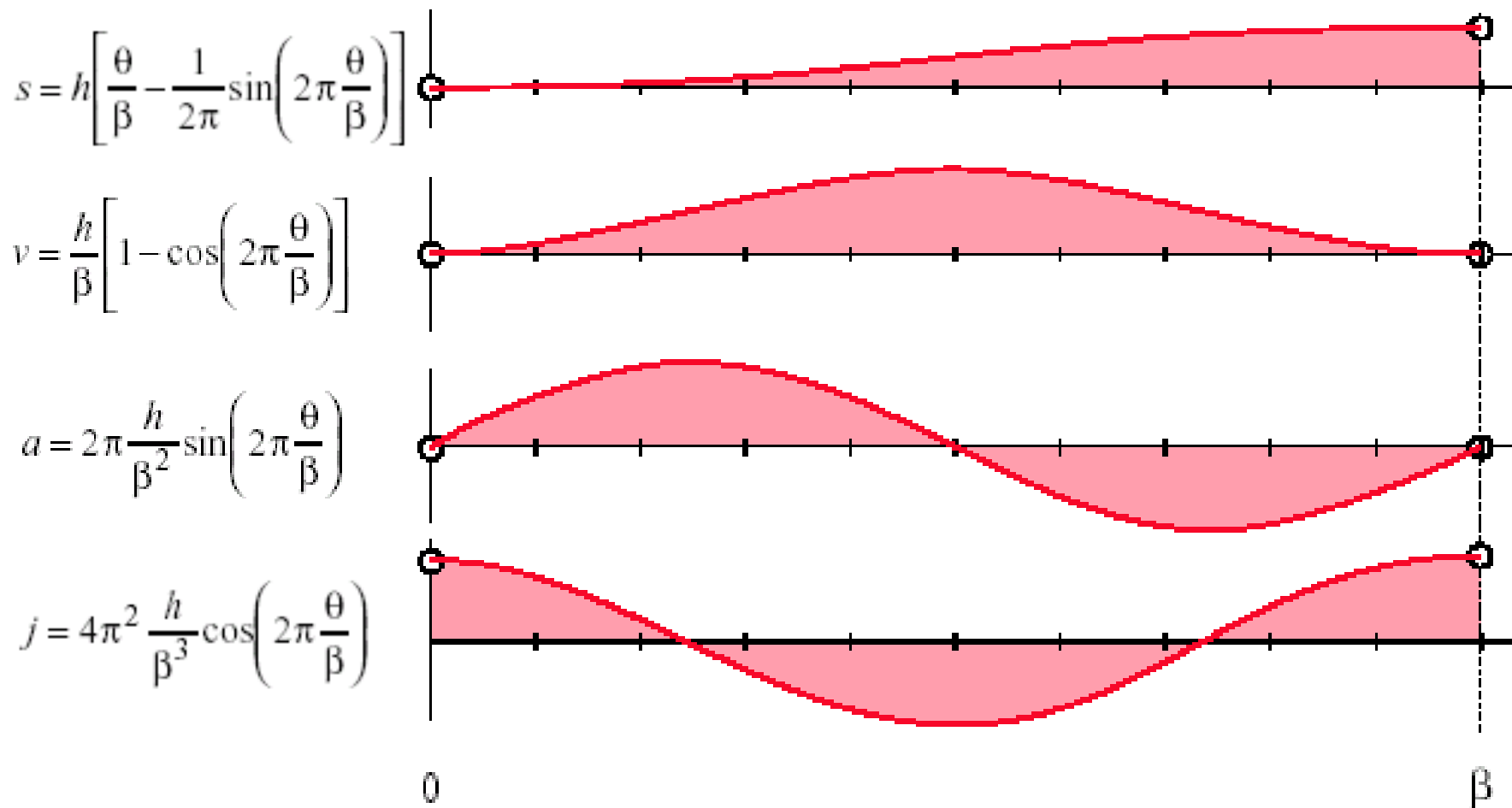


# Choosing Cam Functions

- They must obey the fundamental law
- Lower peak acceleration is better:  $F = ma$
- Lower peak velocity lowers  $KE = 0.5 mv^2$
- Smoother jerk means lower vibrations
- Magnitude of jerk is poorly controlled in manufacturing

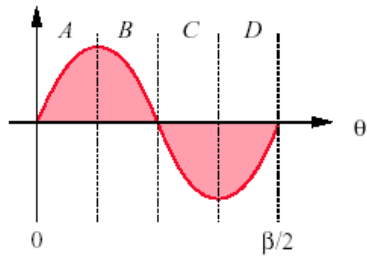
# Acceptable Double Dwell Function: Cycloidal Motion

*s v a j* Plots for Cycloidal Displacement Rise

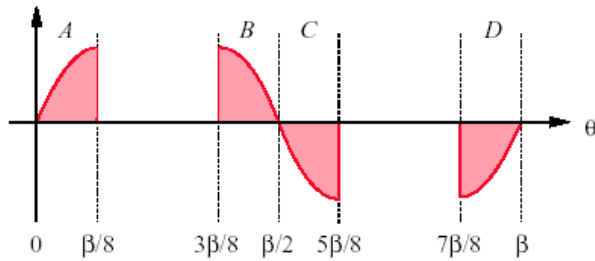


# Acceptable Double Dwell Function: Modified Trapezoidal Acceleration

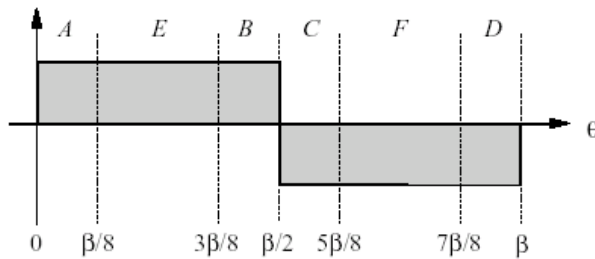
Take a sine wave



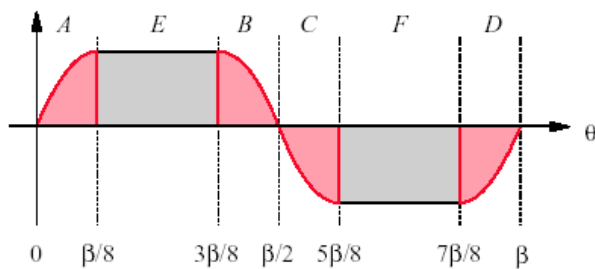
Split the sine wave apart



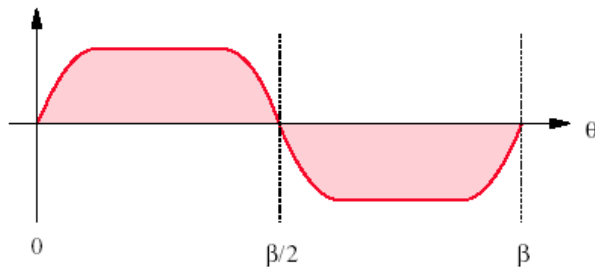
Take a constant acceleration square wave



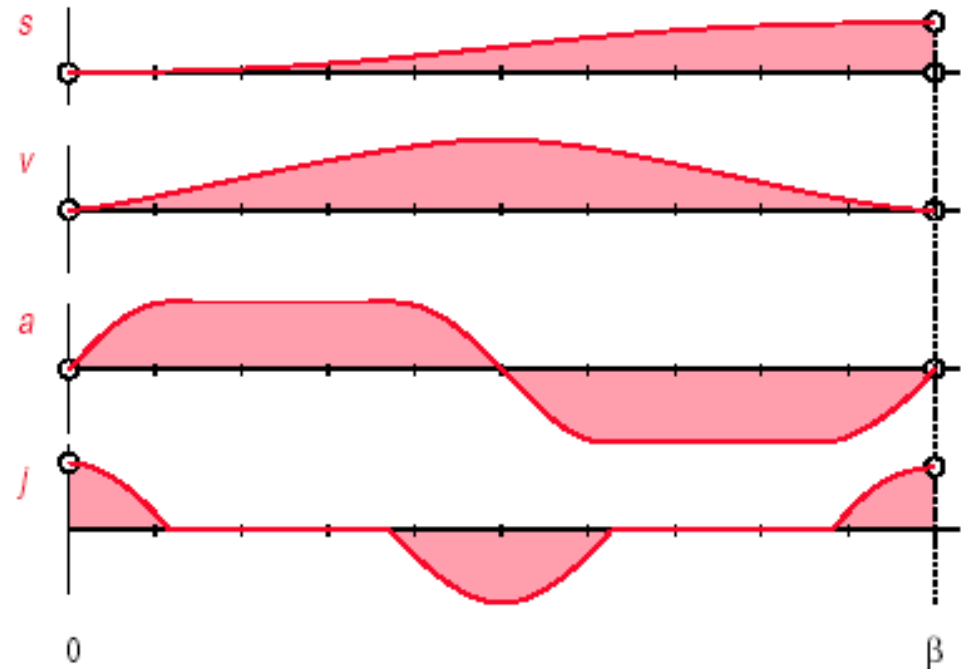
Combine the two



Modified trapezoidal acceleration

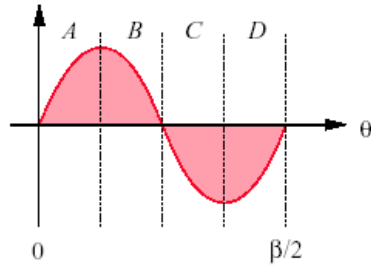


*s v a j* Plots for Modified Trapezoidal Acceleration Rise

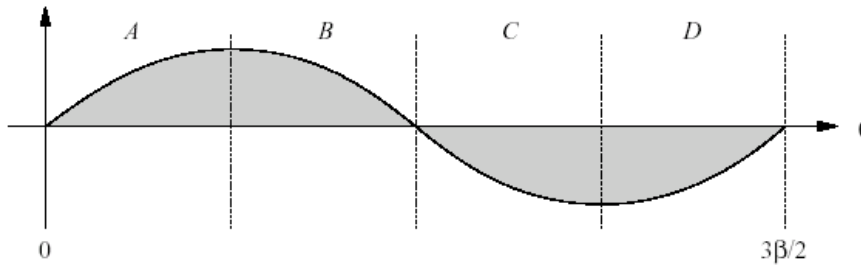


# Acceptable Double Dwell Function: Modified Sine Acceleration

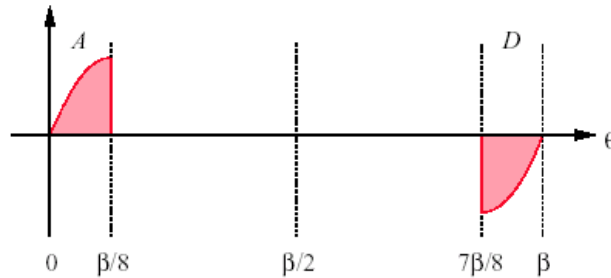
Sine wave #1  
of period  $\beta/2$



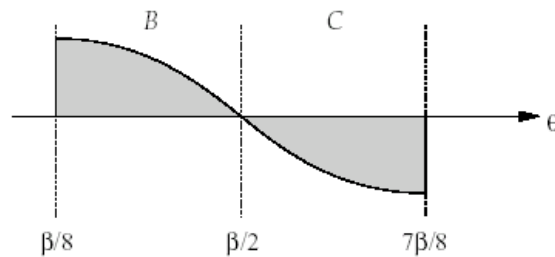
Sine wave #2  
of period  $3\beta/2$



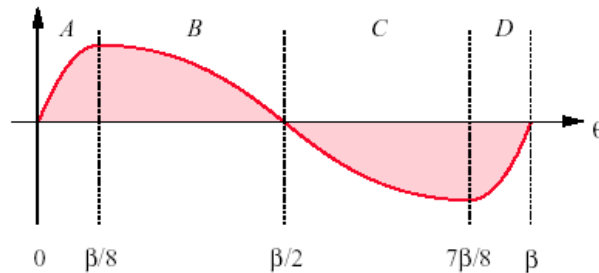
Take 1st and 4th  
quarters of #1



Take 2nd and 3rd  
quarters of #2

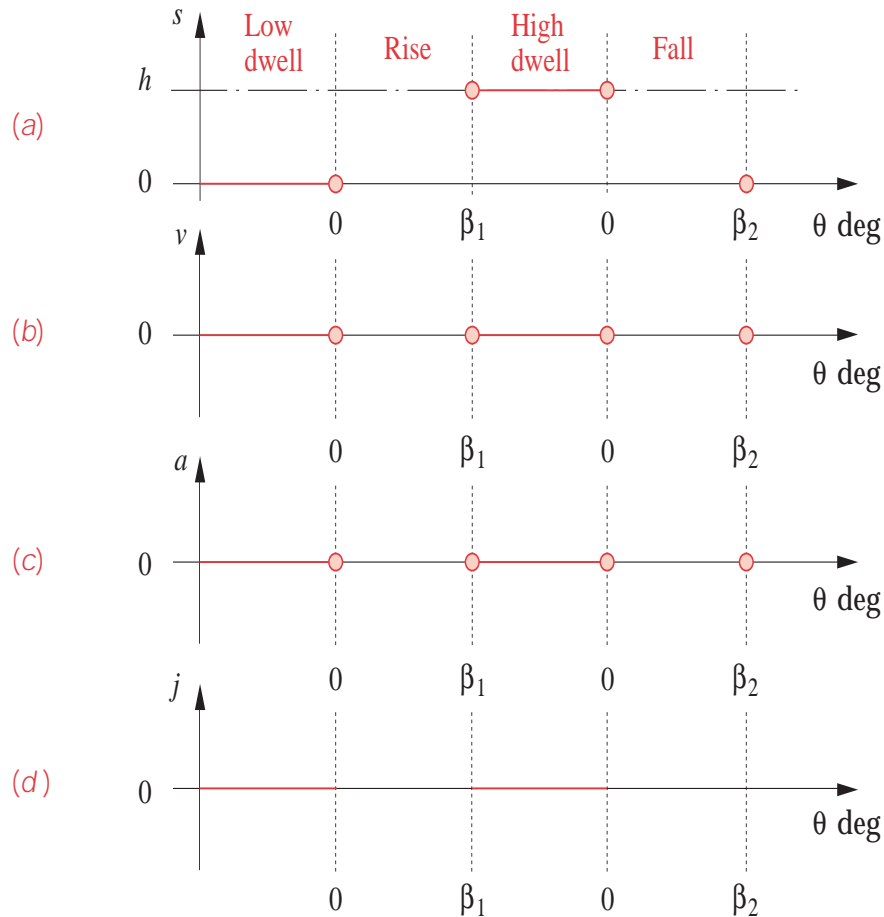


Combine to get  
modified sine



# Polynomial Functions

$$s = C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + C_3x^3 + C_4x^4 + C_5x^5 + C_6x^6 + \dots + C_nx^n \quad (3.19)$$



**FIGURE 3-13**

Minimum boundary conditions for the double-dwell case

when  $\theta = 0$ ; then  $s = 0, v = 0, a = 0$

when  $\theta = \beta_1$ ; then  $s = h, v = 0, a = 0$

(a)

$$s = C_0 + C_1\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right) + C_2\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right)^2 + C_3\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right)^3 + C_4\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right)^4 + C_5\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right)^5 \quad (c)$$

$$v = \frac{1}{\beta} \left[ C_1 + 2C_2\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right) + 3C_3\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right)^2 + 4C_4\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right)^3 + 5C_5\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right)^4 \right] \quad (d)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ 2C_2 + 6C_3\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right) + 12C_4\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right)^2 + 20C_5\left(\frac{\theta}{\beta}\right)^3 \right] \quad (e)$$

$$0 = C_0 + 0 + 0 + \dots$$

$$C_0 = 0 \quad (f)$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{\beta} [C_1 + 0 + 0 + \dots]$$

$$C_1 = 0 \quad (g)$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{\beta^2} [C_2 + 0 + 0 + \dots]$$

$$C_2 = 0 \quad (h)$$

$$h = C_3 + C_4 + C_5 \quad (i)$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{\beta} [3C_3 + 4C_4 + 5C_5] \quad (j)$$

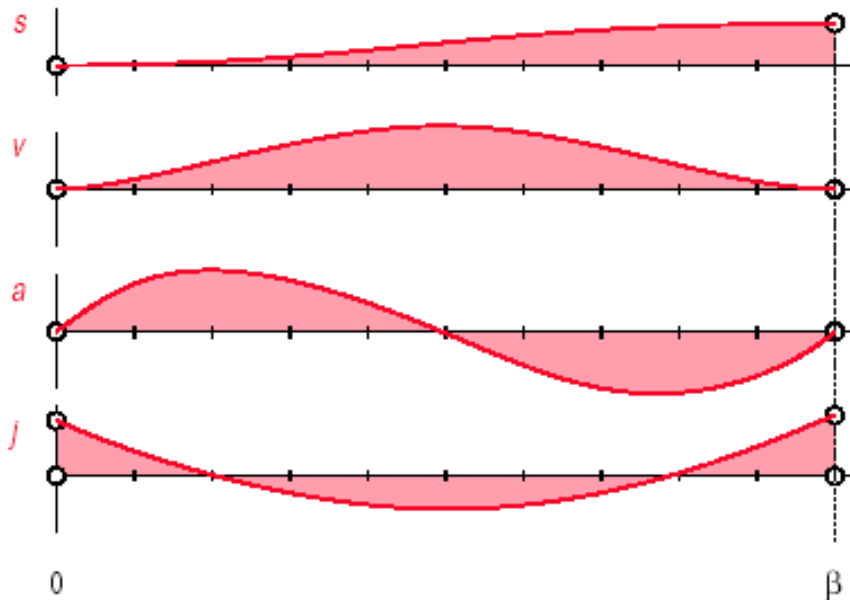
$$0 = \frac{1}{\beta^2} [6C_3 + 12C_4 + 20C_5] \quad (k)$$

$$C_3 = 10h; \quad C_4 = -15h; \quad C_5 = 6h \quad (l)$$

# The 3-4-5 and 4-5-6-7 Polynomials

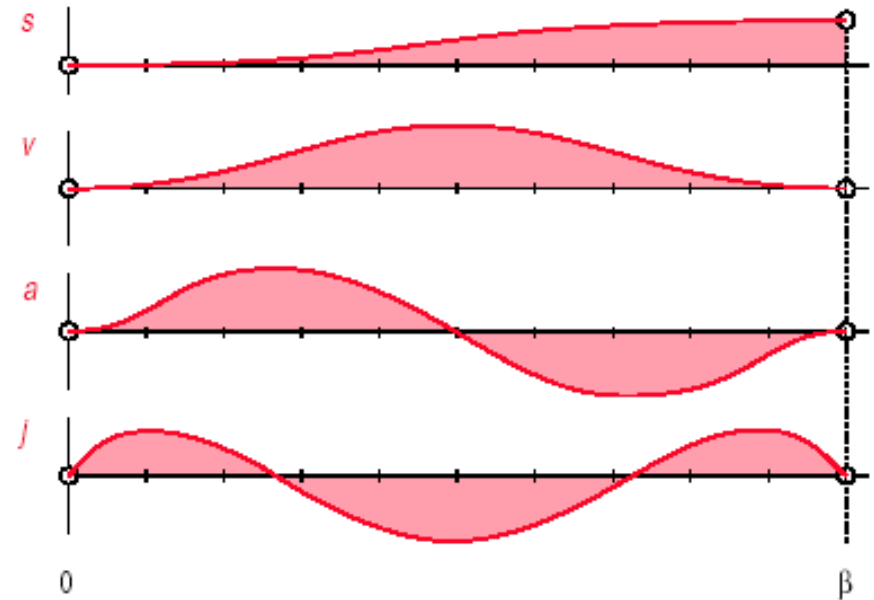
## 3-4-5 Polynomial

$$s = h \left[ 10 \left( \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right)^3 - 15 \left( \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right)^4 + 6 \left( \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right)^5 \right]$$

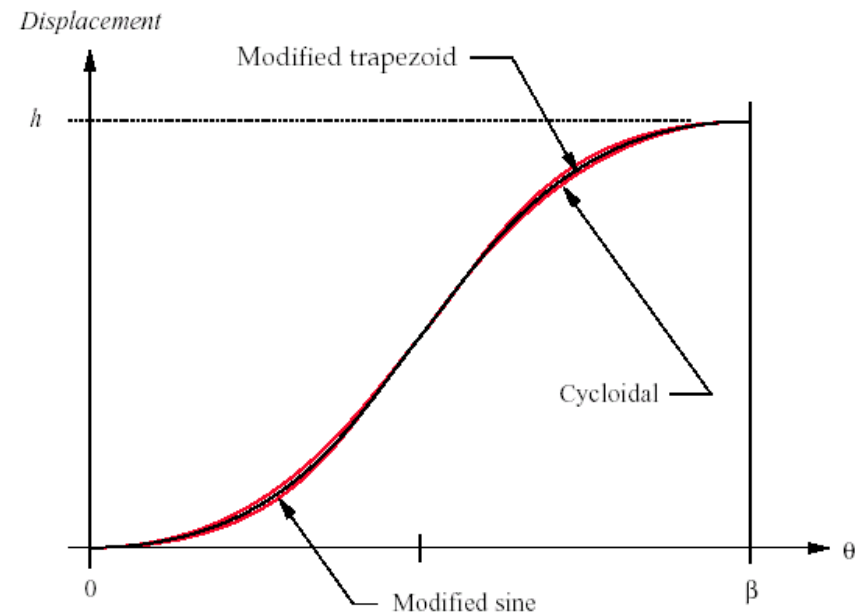
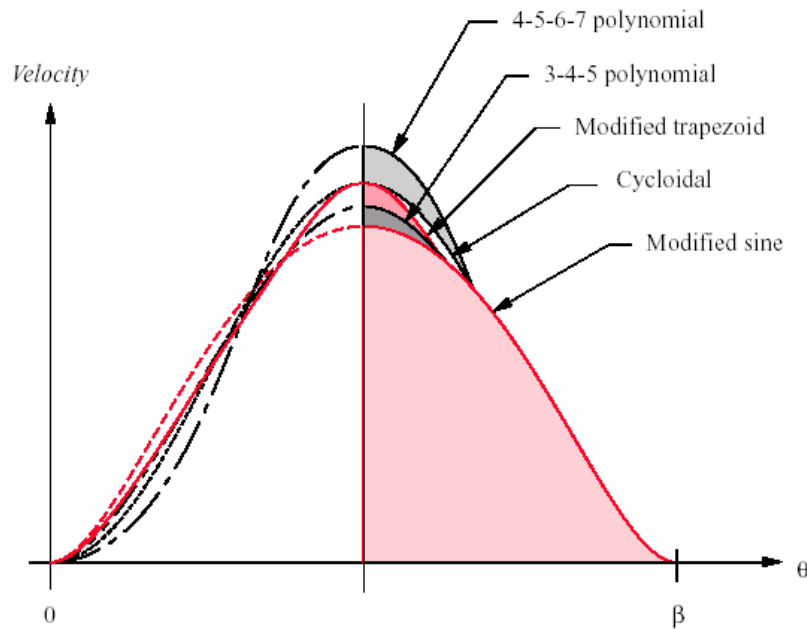
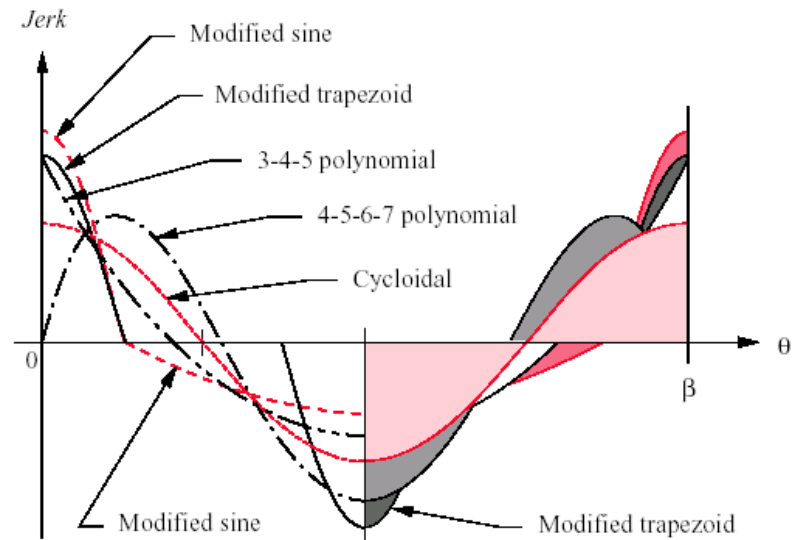
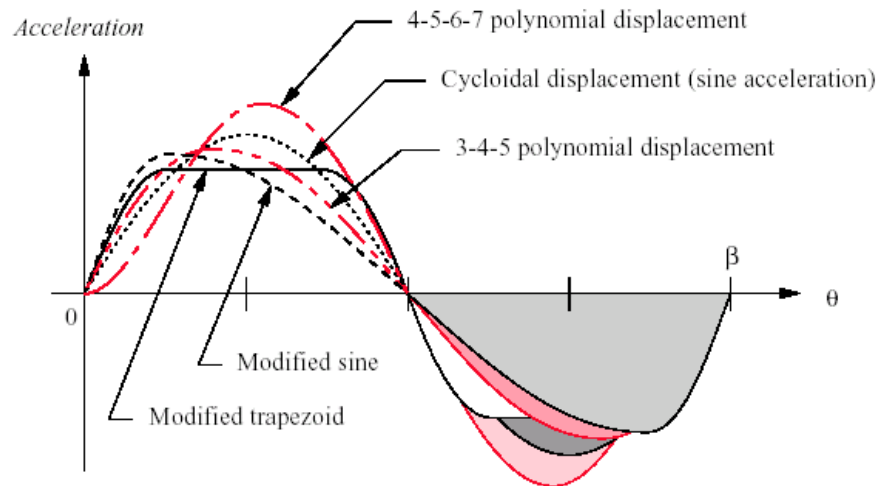


## 4-5-6-7 Polynomial

$$s = h \left[ 35 \left( \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right)^4 - 84 \left( \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right)^5 + 70 \left( \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right)^6 - 20 \left( \frac{\theta}{\beta} \right)^7 \right]$$

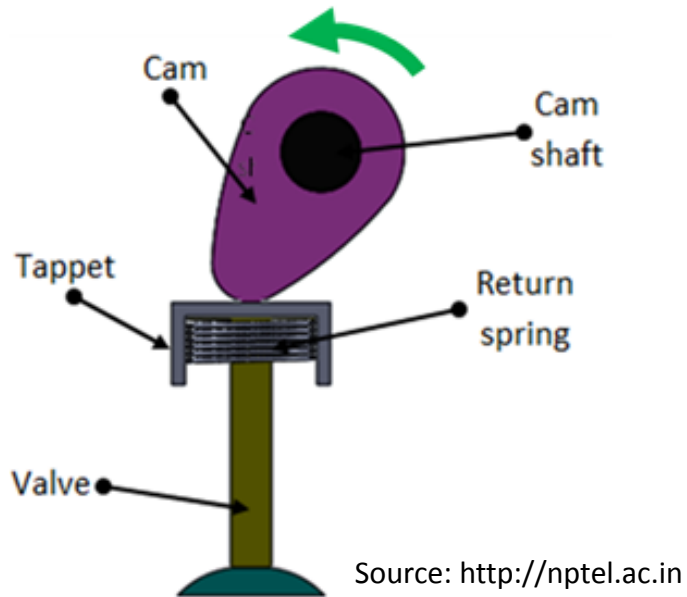


# Comparison of Five Double-Dwell Fcns









## Cam Motion Design: Polynomial Deep Dive

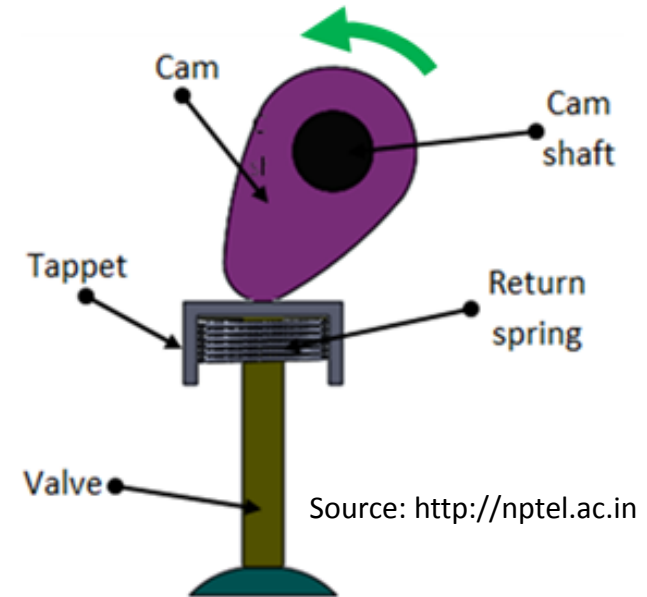
At the end of this video, you should be able to:

- Describe why a double-dwell profile is not ideal for a single-dwell cam
- Construct the boundary conditions for a polynomial cam segment
- Solve for the coefficients of a polynomial cam segment

# Task: Rise-Fall-Dwell

## Single Dwell Cam Design

- Rise: 1 inch in  $90^\circ$
- Fall: 1 inch in  $90^\circ$
- Dwell:  $180^\circ \rightarrow 360^\circ$



## 2 Double-Dwell Profiles?

