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Question:

A pulley is driven by the flat belt running at speed of 600m/min. and transmit 4 kW. The coefficient of friction between belt and pulley is 0.3 and angle of lap is 160° . Find maximum tension in the belt.

Answer:

Flat belt speed = $V = 600 \text{ m/min} = 600/60 \text{ m/sec} = 10 \text{ m/sec}$;

Power transmitted = $P = 4 \text{ kW}$;

Coefficient of friction = $\mu = 0.3$;

Angle of lap = $\theta = 160^\circ$

Belt tension ratio = $T_1 / T_2 = e^{\mu\theta} = e^{0.3(160 \times \pi/180)} = 2.31$; $T_1 / T_2 = 2.31$;

$$T_1 = T_2 \times 2.31 \text{-----(1)}$$

$$P = (T_1 - T_2) \times V ; \text{-----(2)}$$

$P = (T_2 \times 2.31 - T_2) \times 10$; Putting value of power

$$P = 4 \text{ kW} \quad 4 \times 1000 = (T_2 \times 2.31 - T_2) \times 10;$$

$$\mathbf{T_2 = 305.34 \text{ N}}$$

$$\mathbf{T_1 = 705.34 \text{ N}}$$
