

Engrenarium

User's Guide



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1. Introduction

1.1. What is Engrenarium

Engrenarium is an interactive tool for modeling, visualization, and kinematic analysis of planetary gear systems. The program allows users to build simple or multi-stage assemblies, define known speeds, create couplings between components, calculate speed ratios, and observe system behavior through a 3D visualization.

In practice, the software was designed to support both educational use and technical exploration. This means it is well suited for classroom demonstrations, individual study, comparison between transmission arrangements, and the construction of classic examples of planetary gear systems.

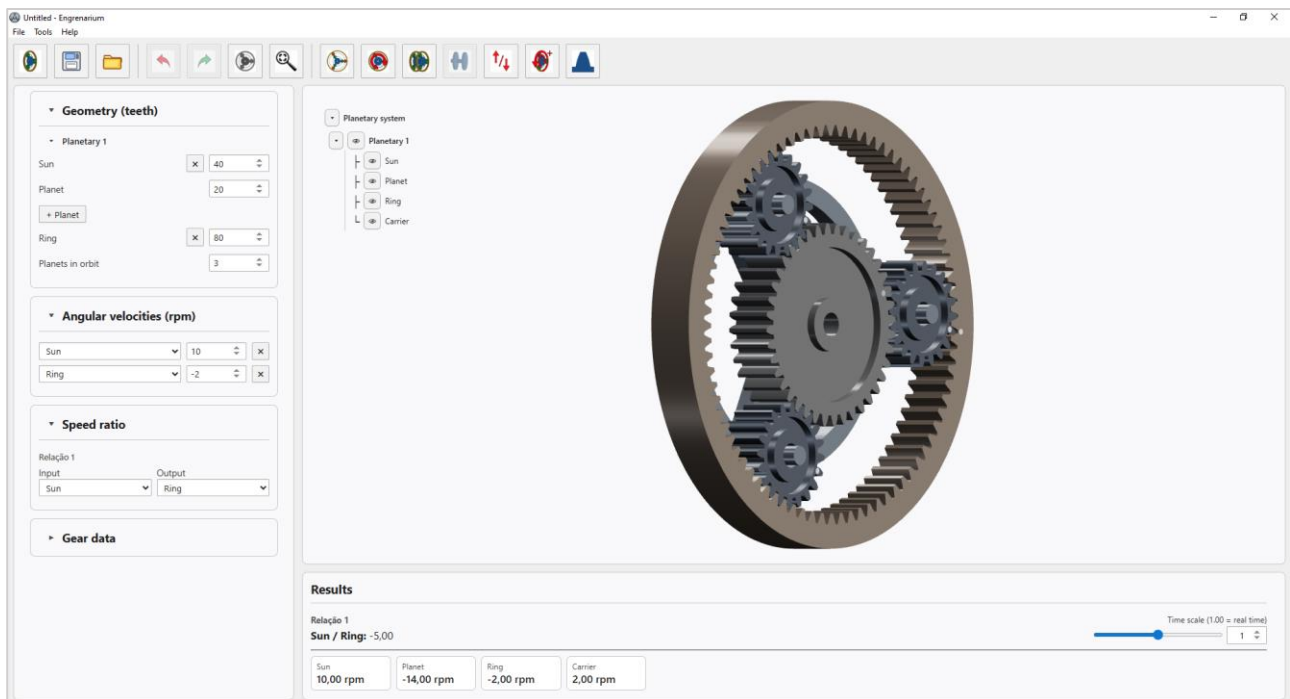


Figure 1 – Engrenarium home screen

Engrenarium can be used in different contexts. For students, it helps relate the theory of planetary gears to a visual and interactive model. For instructors, it serves as a teaching aid, as it facilitates the demonstration of inputs, outputs, constraints, and couplings. For users with a more technical focus, it also works as a conceptual verification tool before more advanced design stages.

- Build a simple planetary gear set to study basic relationships;
- Compare different combinations of input, output, and fixed elements;
- Assemble multi-stage systems;
- Test couplings between components from different stages;
- Visualize the assembly in 3D and interpret the calculated results.

1.2. Nomenclature and basic concepts

Before starting to use the program, it is important to establish the terminology of the main components. Engrenarium uses the most common names in its interface and organizes each planetary system based on four main elements.

- **Sun gear:** Central gear of the assembly;
- **Planet gear:** Gear that rotates around the sun gear and typically meshes with the ring gear;
- **Ring gear:** Outer gear with internal teeth;
- **Carrier:** Component that holds the planet gears and defines the rotation of the carrier.

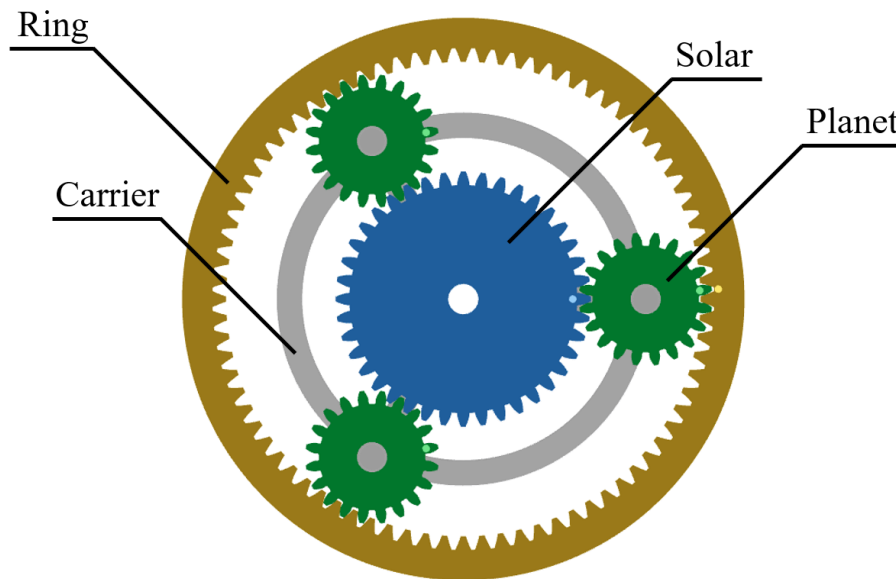


Figure 2 – Components of a planetary gear set

Throughout the software, these elements are associated with other basic concepts, listed below:

- **Angular velocity:** The speed at which a gear rotates about its own axis;
- **Speed ratio:** The ratio between input speed (usually from the motor) and output speed of two gears;
- **Coupling:** A way to connect components from different planetary systems, making their angular velocities equal.

1.3. General Workflow in Engrenarium

O fluxo de uso do Engrenarium segue uma sequência lógica. Essa sequência é importante porque o programa separa claramente a definição geométrica da definição cinemática.

- I. Create a new project or open an existing one;
- II. Define the basic parameters of the planetary stage(s);
- III. Enter known speeds and, when necessary, add couplings;
- IV. Select the speed ratio to be observed;
- V. Check the 3D rendering and interpret the calculated results;
- VI. Save the project or export the assembly as needed.

By following this order, the user reduces the likelihood of leaving the system underdetermined, overdetermined, or geometrically inconsistent.

2. Engrenarium interface

2.1. Overview of the main window

The main window of Engrenarium was designed so that input data is placed on one side, the assembly visualization is highlighted, and the calculated results remain accessible at the same time. In practical terms, the interface consists of a top command area, a data panel, a rendering area, and a results panel.

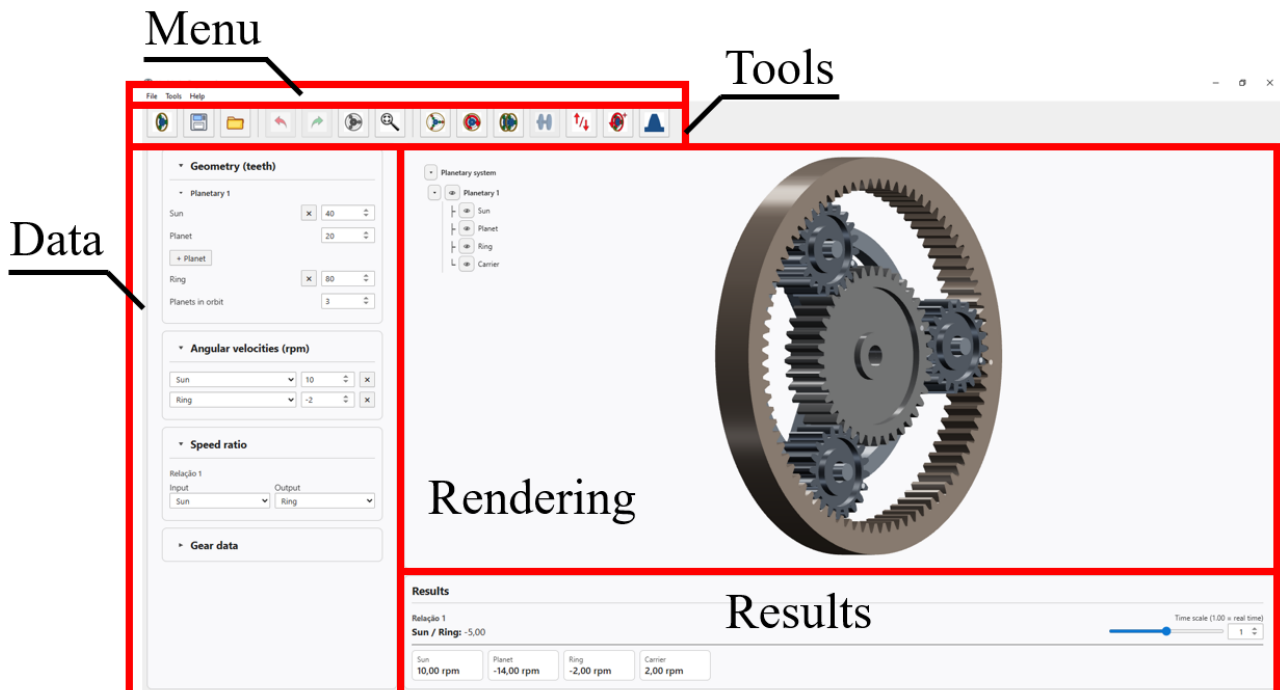


Figure 3 – Engrenarium areas

- Menu bar: General commands such as file, tools and help;
- Input data panel: Gathers sections for basic parameters, speeds, couplings, ratios, and gear data;
- Toolbar: Quick access to the most commonly used commands;
- Rendering area: Displays the planetary assembly in 3D at real speed;
- Results panel: Shows calculated ratios, angular velocities in rpm, and error or inconsistency messages.

2.2. Menu bar

2.2.1. File:

New:

Creates a new project.

Open:

Opens a previously saved project. Engrenarium uses files with the **.enigr** extension.

Save, Save As:

Allows saving the created project. The number of teeth, velocities, couplings, results, data, etc. are saved.

Export:

Allows exporting the model to **STL** and **DXF 3D** files.

The export generates ZIP-compressed files based on the meshes created by the editor. This feature is intended for transferring geometry to other tools. When the final goal is manufacturing, the exported model should be treated as a working base rather than a final production file.

The project is saved as multiple files, with a separate file for each component.

Save video:

Engrenarium allows saving videos of the rendering window with a time limit of 600 seconds. During recording, the editor displays a visual indicator with the elapsed time and allows cancellation.

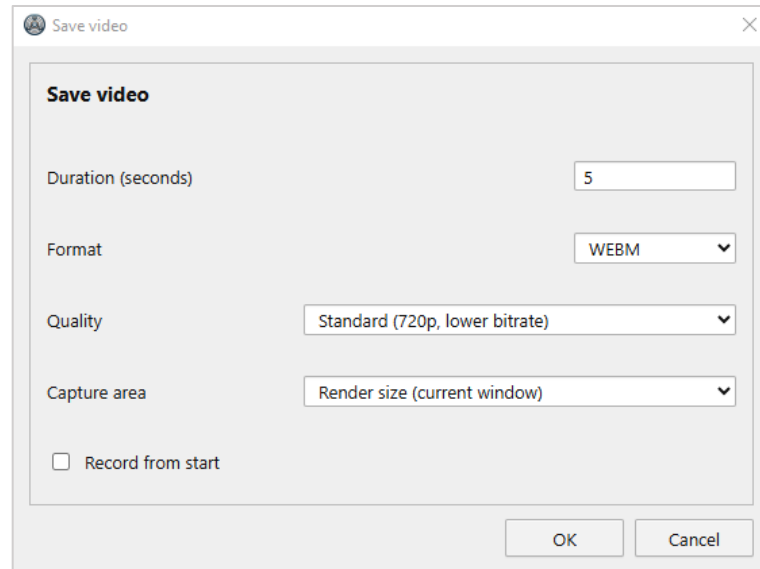


Figure 4 – Save video window

The available video formats are **.webM** and **.avi**. For each format, it is possible to choose between:

- Standard quality (720p, low bitrate);
- High quality (1080p, high bitrate).

There are two options for the video capture area. The first is the **current window**, where the user can manually adjust the final size. The second is a **16:9 area**; the software creates the video from a central area with that aspect ratio.

If the **Record from start** option is selected, the planetary gear simulation resets before starting the video; otherwise, the video begins from the current moment.

Engrenarium does not include a built-in codec. For **.webM** videos, no codec installation is required, and the video will be saved with the selected quality.

For **.avi** videos, installing a codec is necessary to achieve good quality. Windows includes a native codec called Microsoft Video 1 (MSVC), which produces very low-quality videos. The **x264vfw** codec produces high-quality videos, is free, and can be installed from the link below. After installation, restart Engrenarium so it can recognize the codec. The default settings should be enough for video creation.

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/x264vfw/>

Examples:

Engrenarium provides four examples so that the user may explore planetary gear systems of varying complexity and their associated features.

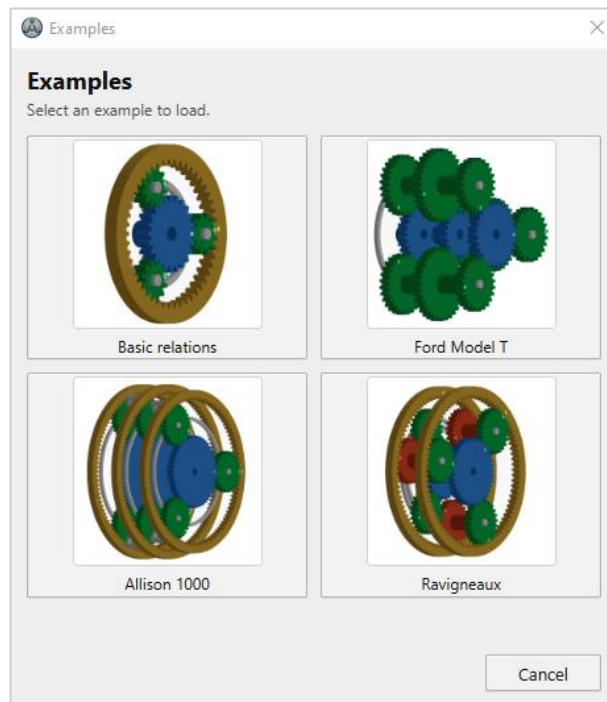


Figure 5 – Examples window

Preferences:

It is possible to modify several parameters related to units, components, windows, languages, and others, according to the user's needs and preferences.

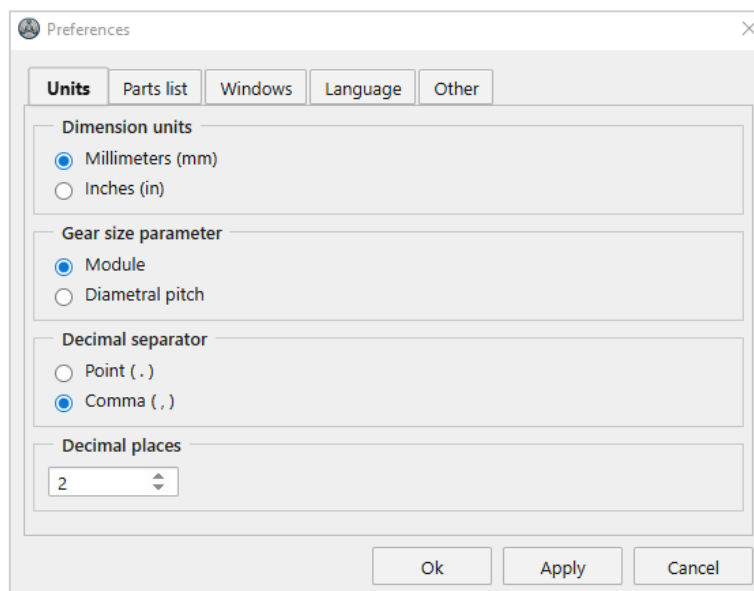


Figure 6 – Preferences window

Under **Units**, it is possible to select **millimeters** or **inches**, the fundamental gear parameter (**module** or **diametral pitch**), the decimal separator **dot** (.) or **comma** (,), and the number of **decimal places**.

Under **Parts**, there are options for **metallic colors** or **solid colors** for the appearance of the gears.

In this tab, it is also possible to enable or disable the **parts list** displayed in the rendering window.

The option **Export visible parts only** allows that, when a component is hidden in the parts list, it is not exported to STL or 3D DXF. In multi-stage planetary systems, this can result in significantly smaller file sizes.

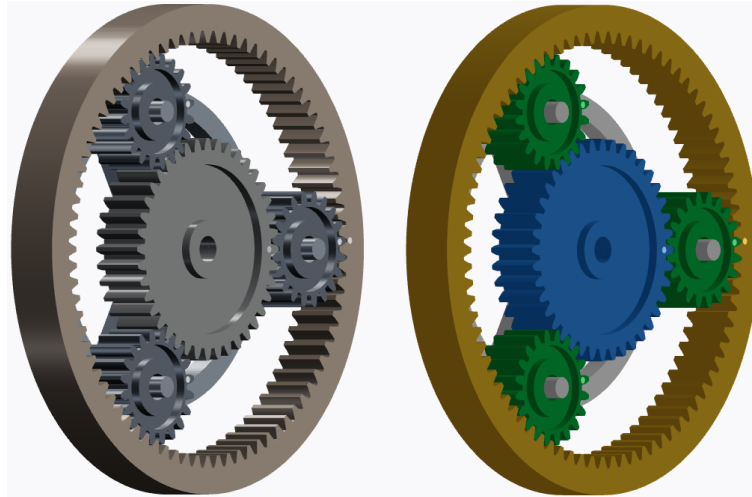


Figure 7 – Gear appearance options

Under **Windows**, it is possible to modify the layout of the Engrenarium windows, with the options **Fixed windows** and **Floating windows**.

With fixed windows, it is possible to manually adjust the height and width of the windows, but they remain fixed in place.

With floating windows, it is possible to reposition the windows by dragging them according to the user's preference.

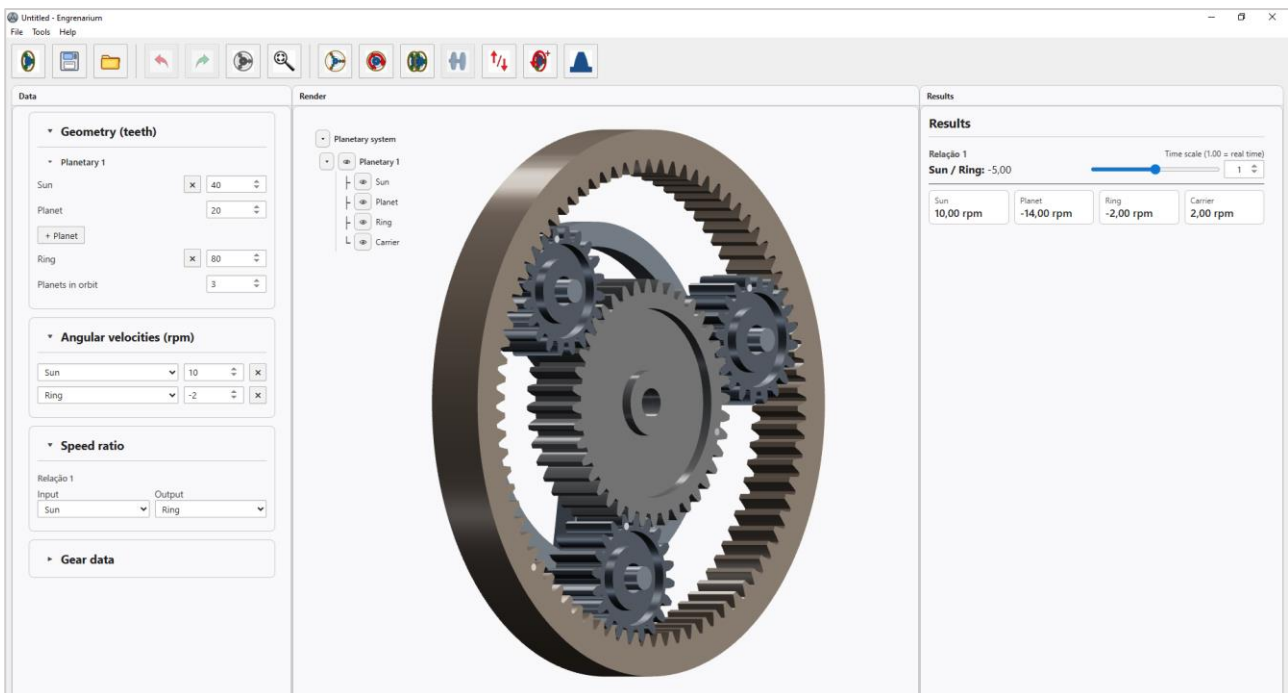


Figure 8 – New layout based on the Floating windows option

Under **Language**, the user may change the software language. Currently, Engrenarium supports English and Brazilian Portuguese.

Under **Other**, there is an option to select between **light** and **dark themes**.

It is also possible to choose the viewing camera, with the options **Orthographic projection** and **Perspective projection**. Orthographic projection is more neutral for visual dimensional analysis, while perspective projection tends to provide a more intuitive spatial perception.

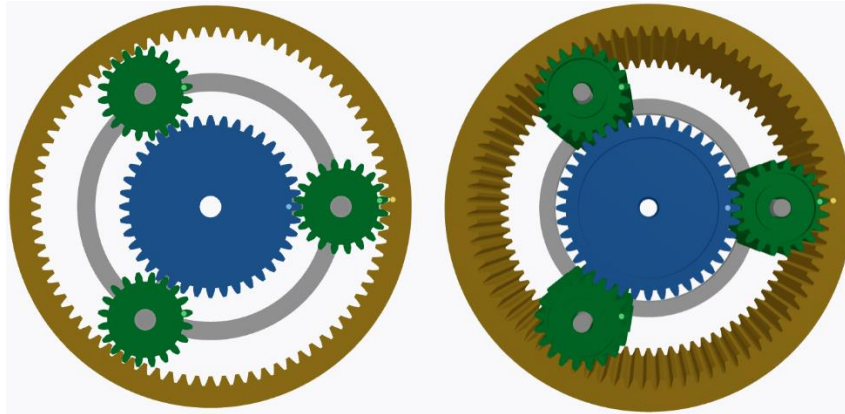


Figure 9 – Comparison between orthographic projection (left) and perspective projection (right)

2.2.2. Tools:

The options available under the Tools menu are listed below:

- Add planet;
- Add angular velocity;
- Add planetary;
- Add coupling;
- Add speed ratio;
- Save data;
- Gear data.

Refer to section **2.4. Toolbar** for a detailed description of each item.

2.2.3. Help:

User Guide:

Opens a PDF containing this guide.

License:

The License window indicates whether the user's license is **Free** or **Pro**. From this window, it is possible to purchase the Pro license (the user is redirected to an external website for the purchase) and to activate the Pro license using a license key received directly via email.

The Pro license has **perpetual validity**, granting access to all future updates of Engrenarium. In case of issues with the license, please make contact for resolution.

About:

This window displays information such as the current **version** and a **contact email address**. The **Check for updates** button allows the user to manually check for software updates.

2.3. Input data panel

The data panel is the input interface of Engrenarium. It is divided into collapsible sections, each with a specific function.

The input data panel is organized into several sections:

- Geometry (teeth):** Contains two planetary stages. Each stage has input fields for Sun (40), Planet (20), Ring (80), and Planets in orbit (3). Buttons for '+ Planet' and 'Remove' are provided for each stage.
- Speed ratio:** Shows 'Relação 1' with 'Input' set to 'Planetary 1 • Sun' and 'Output' set to 'Planetary 1 • Ring'.
- Gear data:** Includes fields for Pressure angle ϕ (20,00), Helix angle Ψ (0,00), Gear width (10,00), Module (1,00), Ring thickness (5,00), Distance between stages (20,00), Backlash (0,00) with a 'Planets only' checkbox, Teeth depth (Full depth), Undercutting (interference) (Enabled), and Same data for all planetaries (Enabled). 'Apply' and 'Reset' buttons are at the bottom.
- Angular velocities (rpm):** Lists 'Planetary 1 • Sun' at 10 rpm and 'Planetary 1 • Ring' at -2 rpm, each with a remove button.
- Couplings ($\omega_A = \omega_B$):** Provides two rows of dropdown menus for selecting components A and B, each with a remove button.

Figure 10 – Input data panel

2.3.1. Basic parameters:

Defines the number of teeth of the sun gear, planet gears, and ring gear, as well as the number of planets in orbit.

The user may create assemblies without the sun gear and/or without the ring gear.

The + **Planet** button allows the addition of more planet gears within the same planetary stage.

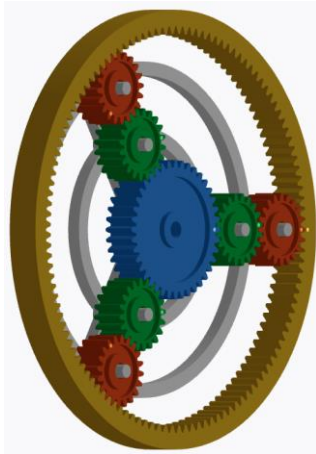


Figure 11 – Example of a planetary system with two planet gears in series

Engrenarium uses different approaches to enable the simulation of planetary gear systems.

For the case in which there is only one set of planet gears, the calculation required to allow simulation is:

$$N_r = N_s + 2N_p \quad (1)$$

- N_r – Number of teeth of the ring gear;
- N_s – Number of teeth of the sun gear;
- N_p – Number of teeth of the planet gear.

If Equation 1 is not satisfied, the simulation is halted and an error message is displayed indicating the required value of N_r for correction. Alternatively, modifying N_s or N_a is also possible.

Figure 12 – Example of an impossible assembly and the corresponding error message

For the case in which there are two or more planet gears in series, the calculation changes to:

$$N_r \leq N_s + 2 \sum N_{p_i} \quad (2)$$

N_{p_i} – Number of teeth of the planet gear i .

Note that Equation 2 uses the symbol \leq . This occurs because Engrenarium allows situations in which the planet gears are not aligned in a straight line, resulting in a bent carrier.

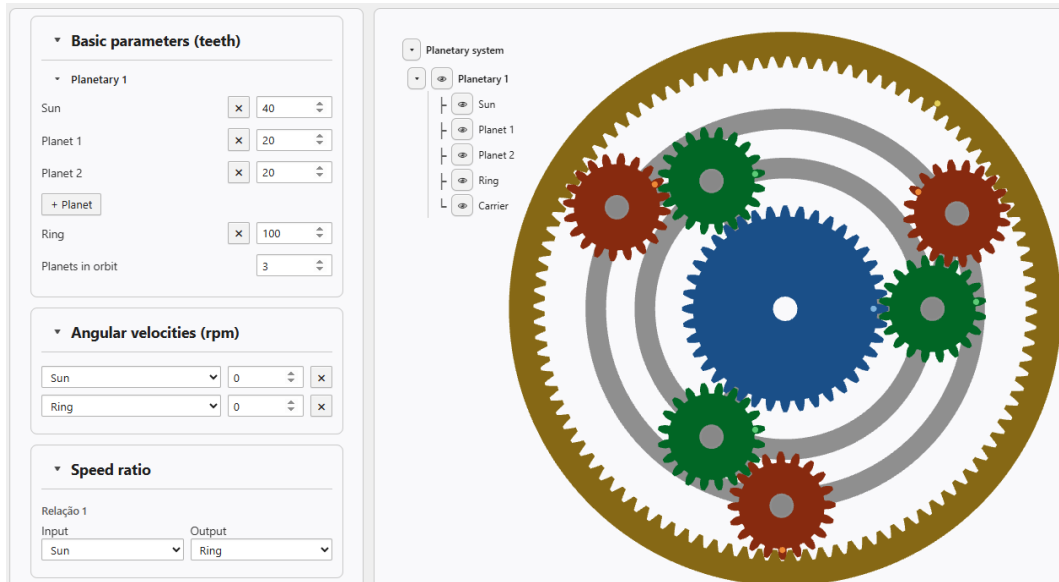


Figure 13 – Example of planet gears in series with a bent carrier

2.3.2. Angular velocities

Engrenarium uses only the unit of angular velocity in **revolutions per minute (rpm)**, creating a real-time simulation in the rendering window. However, it is possible to modify the time scale of the rendering using the **Time scale** slider in the **Results** panel.

By default, Engrenarium considers counterclockwise rotations as positive values and clockwise rotations as negative values.

2.3.3. Couplings

The couplings panel appears only when the system has two or more planetary stages. In this case, at least one coupling is required.

Coupling allows the connection of two planetary systems, ensuring that the coupled components have equal angular velocities.

When a new planetary stage is added to the system, the number of required inputs increases, such as speeds and couplings. Engrenarium indicates how many speeds or couplings are required for the system to cease being **underdetermined** so that the simulation can be performed.

If the user defines too many speeds and couplings, the software displays a message indicating that the system is **overdetermined**, requesting the removal of a certain number of boundary conditions.

If the user defines contradictory conditions, the software also indicates that the system is overdetermined, but does not specify which condition caused the error. It is up to the user to identify the contradiction. (An example of contradiction is a coupling connecting **Planetary 1 - Sun** with **Planetary 2 - Sun** while the user sets the speed of **Sun 1 = 0** and the speed of **Sun 2 = 10**)

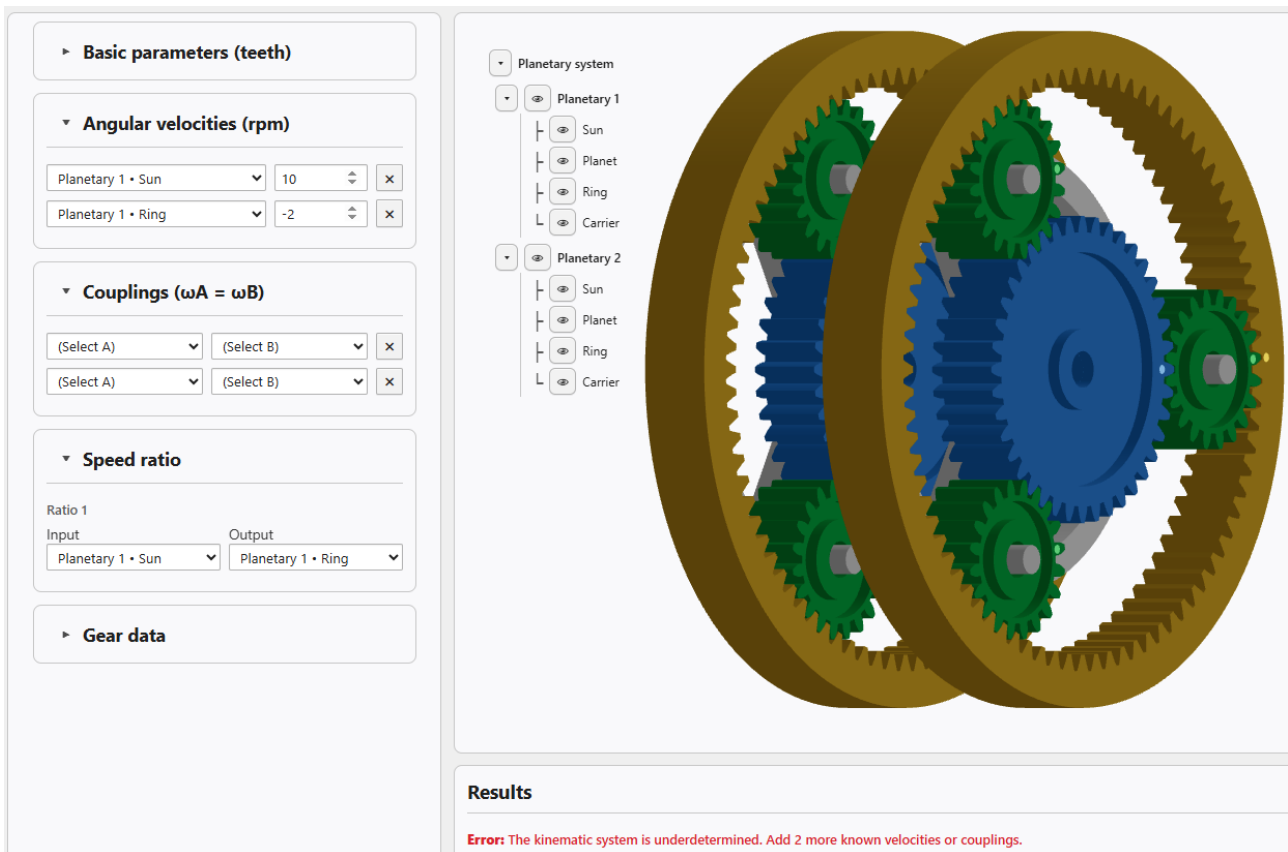


Figure 14 – System with two planetary stages and the underdetermined system error message

When couplings are created, the software rendering displays a connection between the two coupled components. When the project is exported, the coupled components are exported as a single part.

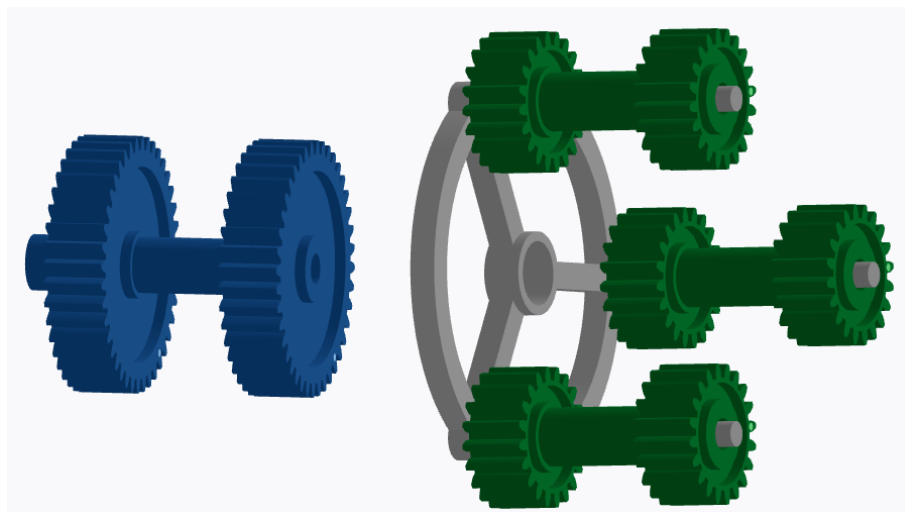


Figure 15 – Rendering of different couplings

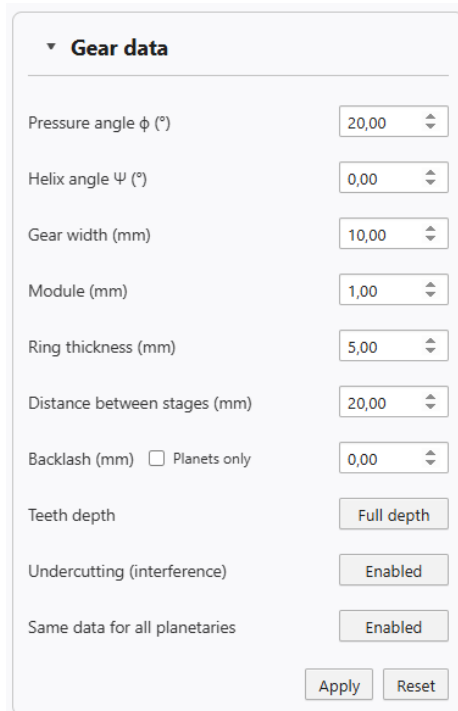
2.3.4. Speed ratio

As explained in **section 1.2**, the speed ratio is the ratio between the input speed (usually from the motor) and the output speed of two gears.

When the gears are selected, the calculation is displayed in the **Results** panel. It is possible to select different ratios, and all of them are shown in the **Results** panel.

2.3.5. Gear data

The gear data panel allows the modification of different gear parameters with the purpose of adjusting the final model for potential export. The parameters that can be modified do not affect the calculated speeds or speed ratios.



The screenshot shows a 'Gear data' panel with the following parameters and values:

Parameter	Value
Pressure angle ϕ (°)	20,00
Helix angle Ψ (°)	0,00
Gear width (mm)	10,00
Module (mm)	1,00
Ring thickness (mm)	5,00
Distance between stages (mm)	20,00
Backlash (mm) <input type="checkbox"/> Planets only	0,00
Teeth depth	Full depth
Undercutting (interference)	Enabled
Same data for all planetaries	Enabled

Buttons: Apply, Reset

Figure 16 – Gear data panel with default values

Changing the **pressure angle** modifies the tooth profile of the gears; standard values are 14.5°, 20°, and 25°. **Helix angle** values greater than zero convert spur gears into helical gears.

Engrenarium allows modification of the **widths** of its components. All gears within a planetary stage have equal widths; therefore, changing this value applies to all components.

The ring gear includes an additional editable dimension, namely its **thickness**, allowing the creation of a more robust and resistant component.

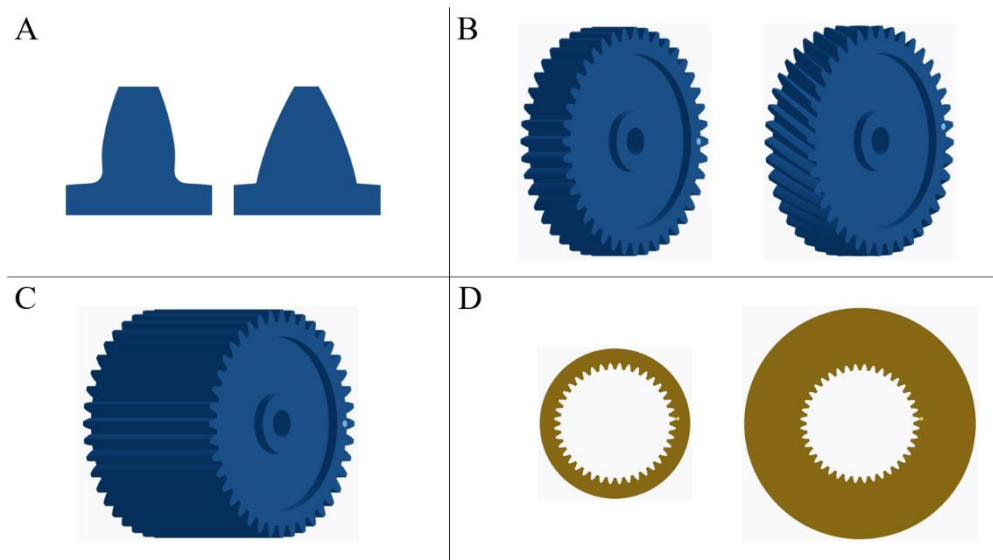


Figure 17 – A) Different pressure angles. B) Gears with helix angles of 0° and 30°. C) Increased gear width. D) Different ring gear thickness values.

The **module** (or **diametral pitch**) of the gears may appear, at first glance, not to modify the geometry of the planetary assemblies. However, planetary stages with different modules produce gears of different sizes, even when they have the same number of teeth. Furthermore, since the pitch diameter of a gear follows the formulas below, when exporting the project to STL or DXF, the gear sizes will follow the same principle.

$$D = mN \tag{3}$$

$$D = \frac{N}{P_d} \tag{4}$$

D – Pitch diameter;
m – Module;
P_d – Diametral pitch.

The **distance between stages** is disabled when the project contains only one stage. When there is more than one planetary stage, it is possible to modify the distance between them by adjusting this parameter.

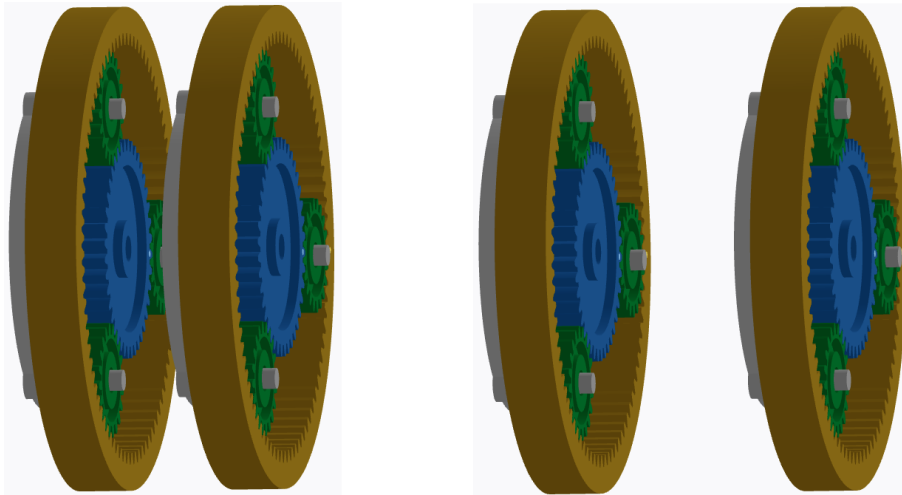


Figure 18 – Same project with two stages and different distances between them

The **Backlash** option reduces the thickness and height of the teeth. The maximum clearance value is equal to the gear module. There is also an option to apply clearance only to the planet gears.

It is recommended to apply a non-zero clearance value for those who intend to 3D print the gears, in order to reduce issues related to manufacturing tolerances.

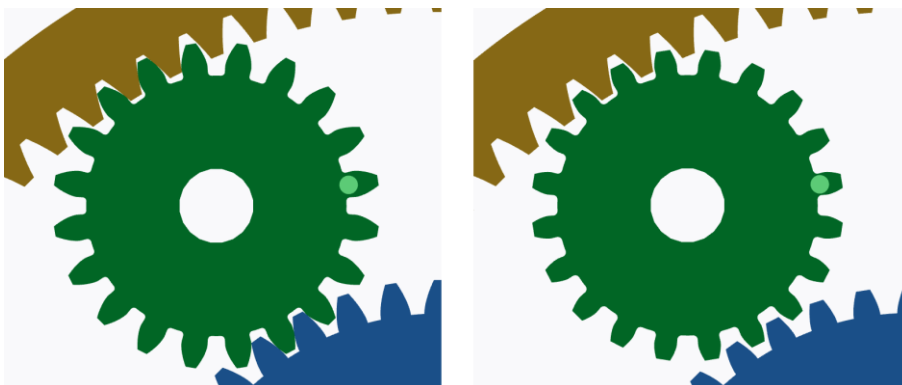


Figure 19 – Comparison between gears without and with clearance

Engrenarium operates with standardized addendum and dedendum values; however, the **teeth depth** option allows the parameter to be adjusted to reduced-depth teeth, in which the addendum and dedendum values are 20% smaller.



Figure 20 – Standard and reduced tooth depth

By default, Engrenarium has the profile shift option enabled, which modifies the tooth profile with a trochoidal curve to avoid interference. This option can be disabled if desired by the user.

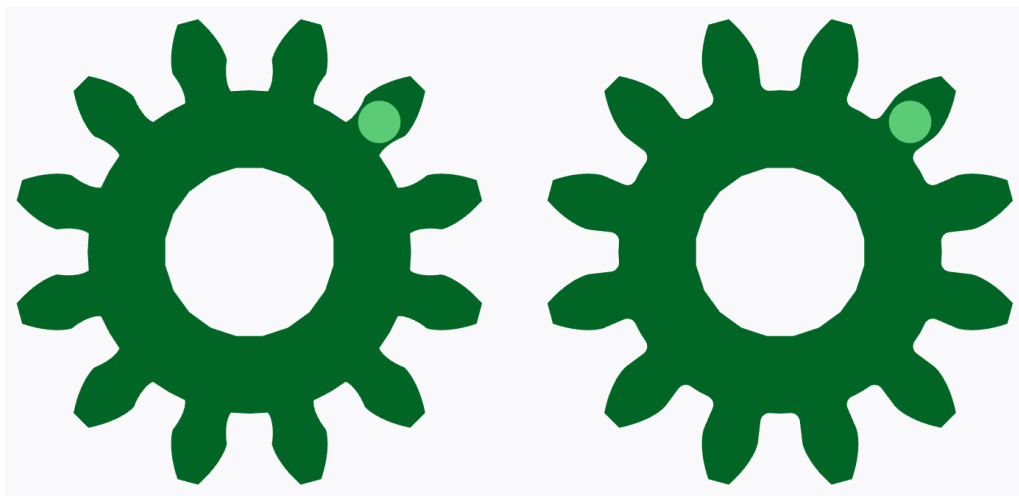


Figure 21 – Same gear with the profile shift option enabled and disabled

When the project contains multiple planetary stages, the user has the possibility of creating stages with identical or different gear data. When the option **Same data for all planetaries** is disabled, the Gear data panel displays additional parameter columns.

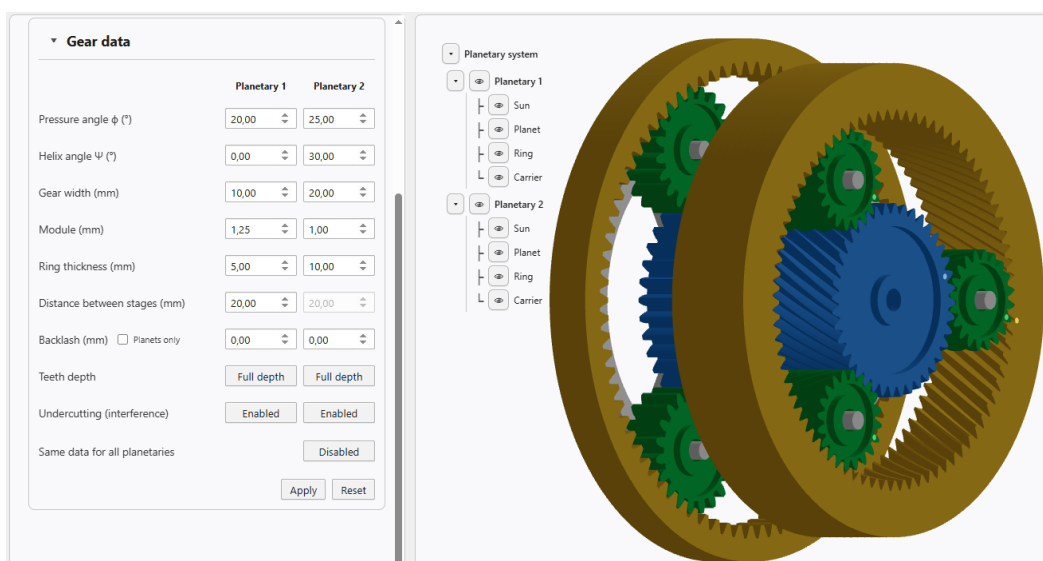


Figure 22 – Planetary stages with different gear data

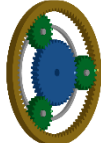








2.4. Toolbar

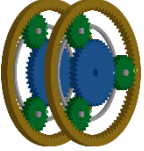

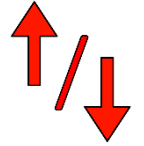
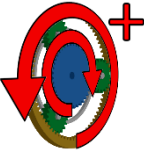

The toolbar was designed to speed up the user's workflow. Instead of searching for each action in the menu, it is possible to directly access the main commands through the icons below.



Figure 23 – Toolbar

Table 1 – Description of toolbar icons

Icon	Name	Function
	New project	Creates a new project;
	Save	Saves the current project;
	Open	Opens a project;
	Undo	Undoes the last action;
	Redo	Redoes the last undone action;
	Front view	Sets the planetary system to a front view;
	Fit to screen	Adjusts the zoom to fit the entire planetary system within the rendering area;
	Add planet	Adds a planet gear. In the case of multiple planetary stages, a list is displayed to select the stage where the planet gear will be added;
	Add angular velocity	Adds a new angular velocity entry in the input data panel;

	Add planetary	Adds a new planetary stage to the current project;
	Add coupling	Adds a new coupling field in the input data panel;
	Add speed ratio	Adds a new speed ratio field in the input data panel;
	Save data	Saves the current input data in a side panel within the rendering area;
	Gear data	Opens a window with the gear parameters.

Some of the commands listed in Table 1 are self-explanatory. For those that require further clarification, additional details are provided below.

2.4.1. Add planet

The add planet function always inserts a planet gear after the last existing one. In projects with multiple planetary stages, a list is displayed so that the user can select the stage in which the planet gear should be added.



Figure 24 – List of planetary stages for adding a planet gear

2.4.2. Add angular velocity

By default, Engrenarium provides two angular velocity input fields for the user. The Add speed button creates an additional field in the input data panel.

This option is useful when the user has multiple planetary stages in a project and needs to add more boundary conditions for a proper simulation.

Angular velocities (rpm)		
Sun	10	x
Ring	-2	x
(Choose gear/carrier)	0	x

Figure 25 – Additional speed field after selecting Add speed

2.4.3. Add planetary

When clicking **Add planetary**, a new planetary stage is added to the project with the same data as the previous stage. The data panel displays an additional field in the Basic parameters section so that the user can modify the number of teeth as desired.

After adding a new planetary stage, the software labels each stage as Planetary 1, Planetary 2, etc., in order to distinguish them when selecting speeds, couplings, and other parameters.

When there are two or more planetary stages, they can be removed using the Remove button next to the stage name.

Basic parameters (teeth)	
Planetary 1 Remove	
Sun	x 40
Planet	20
+ Planet	
Ring	x 80
Planets in orbit	3
Planetary 2 Remove	
Sun	x 40
Planet	20
+ Planet	
Ring	x 80
Planets in orbit	3
Angular velocities (rpm)	
Planetary 1 • Sun	10 x
Planetary 1 • Ring	-2 x
(Choose gear/carrier)	0 x

Figure 26 – Basic parameters panel with two planetary stages and their names

2.4.4. Add coupling

The Add coupling button appears only when the system contains two or more planetary stages. In this case, at least one coupling is required. The coupling allows the connection of two planetary systems, ensuring that the coupled components have equal angular velocities. When couplings are created, the software rendering displays a connection between the two coupled components. When the project is exported, the coupled components are exported as a single part.

In order for the connection between two planet gears from different stages to appear, certain conditions must be satisfied:

- There must be a coupling between the carriers of the two planetary stages;
- The distances from the center of the planetary stage to the center of the planet gear must be equal in both stages.

Engrenarium verifies this distance in millimeters (or inches), and planetary stages with different modules (or diametral pitches) may still satisfy the conditions required for coupling between planet gears.

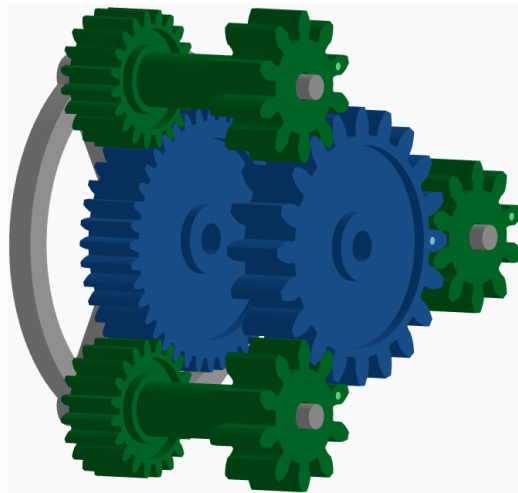


Figure 27 – Coupling between planetary stages with different modules

When there is coupling between planet gears, the number of planets in orbit remains the same across all stages. If the user changes the number of planets in orbit in one planetary stage, this change is automatically applied to the other stage.

2.4.5. Add speed ratio

Engrenarium calculates one speed ratio by default. When additional ratios are added, a new input and output field appears in the input data panel. The results panel displays all ratios, following the simple formula:

$$\text{Speed ratio} = \frac{\omega_{input}}{\omega_{output}} \quad (5)$$

ω_{input} – Input angular velocity;
 ω_{output} – Output angular velocity.

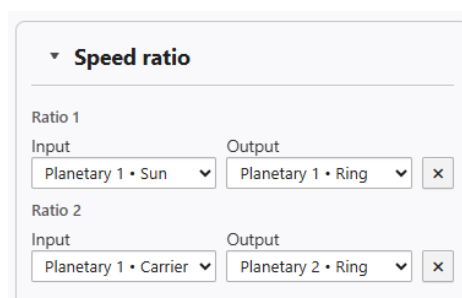


Figure 28 – Multiple input and output fields for speed ratios

2.4.6. Save data

For a given planetary system, it is possible to modify velocities, couplings, and input/output relationships, resulting in completely different outcomes. Engrenarium provides the ability to save these different scenarios so that the user can switch between them quickly.

When clicking Save data, a panel appears on the side of the rendering window containing the saved data. It is possible to edit the panel title as well as the title of each saved configuration.

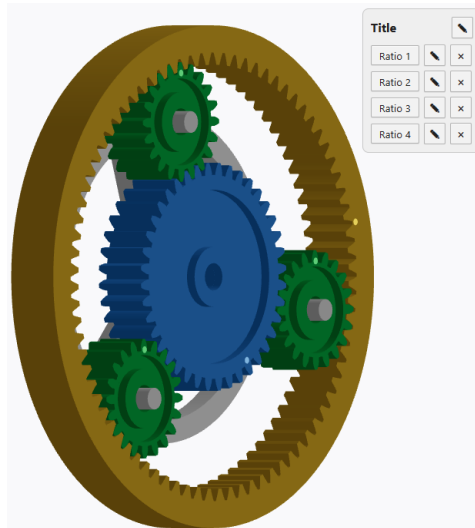


Figure 29 – Rendering window with panel created by Save data

The simplest way to understand the importance of this feature is by examining the saved examples under **File** → **Examples**. The example **Allison 1000 Automatic Transmission** presents an automatic transmission used in several vehicle models, in which the Save data panel is used to display different gear states, demonstrating how boundary conditions and speed ratios produce different results for a real system.

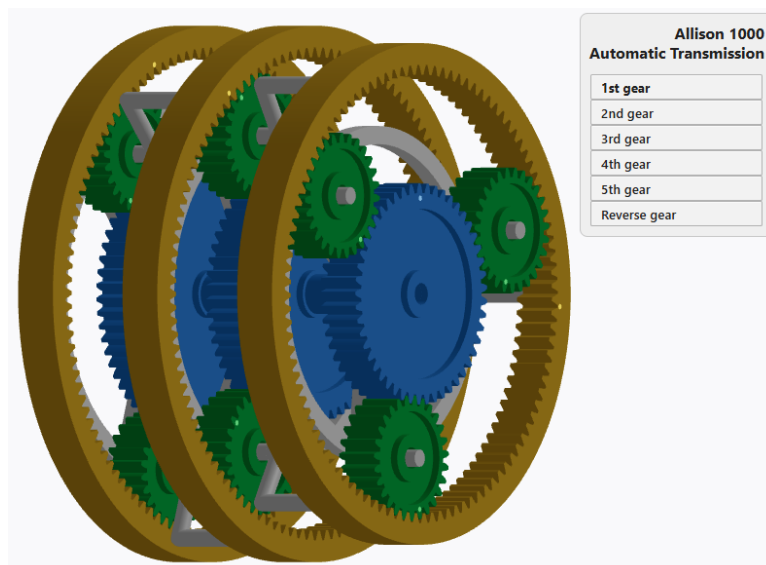


Figure 30 – Allison 1000 Automatic Transmission example

2.4.7. Gear data

The **Gear data** button opens a window that displays the same options as the Gear data panel located on the left side of the input data panel.

For details about this window, refer to section **2.3.5. Gear data**.

2.5. Rendering area

The rendering area displays the constructed assembly in three dimensions. It is where the user verifies whether the assembly corresponds to what was defined in the data panel.

The mouse controls for manipulating the model are:

- Left button – Rotates the planetary system;
- Scroll wheel – Zooms in or out;
- Right button – Translates the planetary system.

The keyboard controls for manipulating the model are:

- Arrow keys – Translate the planetary system;
- Ctrl + arrow keys – Rotate the planetary system.

In addition to the main model, this area may display auxiliary panels, such as the list of saved configurations described in section 2.4.6. **Save data.**

When the **parts list** is enabled, the rendering also displays a panel on the left side containing the list of rendered components. The list is organized by planetary stages, and within each stage, each component is shown with its respective name.

This parts list feature also allows components to be hidden or shown, including the option to hide an entire planetary system at once. Hiding a component does not affect the results.

When the option **Export visible parts only** is enabled (File → Preferences → Parts), hidden components in the parts list are not exported to STL or 3D DXF.

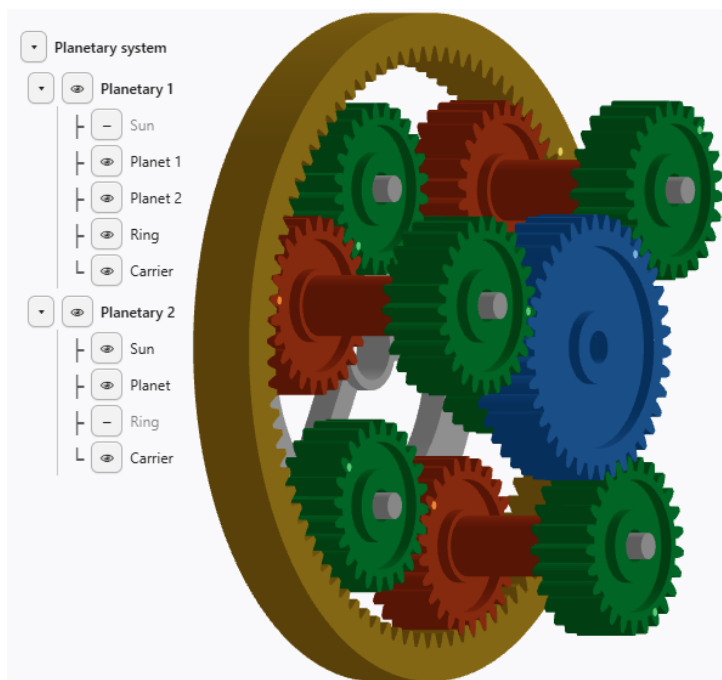


Figure 31 – Rendering area with the parts list. Note that some components are hidden.

2.6. Results panel

The results panel displays the kinematic output calculated by the software. When the system is properly defined, the user can observe the speed ratios and the velocities of each component in revolutions per minute (rpm).

In the case of multiple planetary stages and multiple speed ratios, the panel organizes the results in the order defined in the **input data panel**.

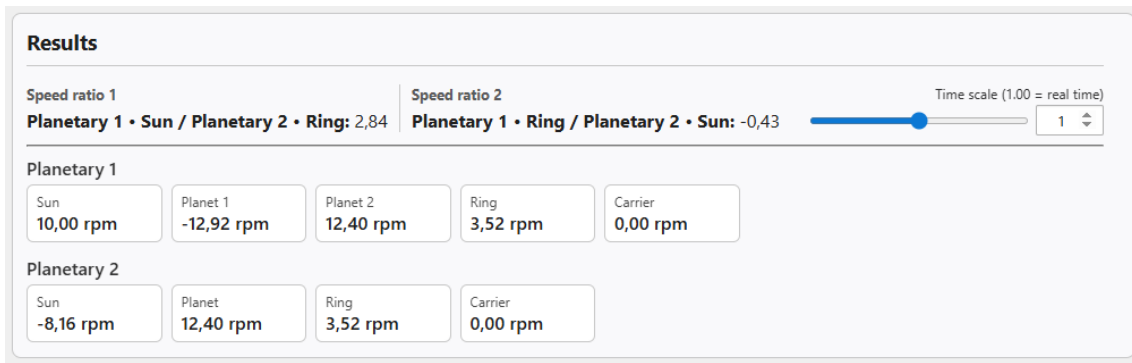


Figure 32 – Results panel with two planetary stages and two speed ratios

In situations where a planetary stage has an impossible combination of tooth numbers, the results panel displays a message indicating the required number of teeth for the ring gear to correct the issue (see **Figure 12**). Alternatively, adjusting the number of teeth of the sun gear or the planet gear can also resolve the error and remove the message.

When there is a problem in the definition of boundary conditions, the panel displays messages indicating whether information is missing (**underdetermined system**) or whether there are excessive constraints (**overdetermined system**).

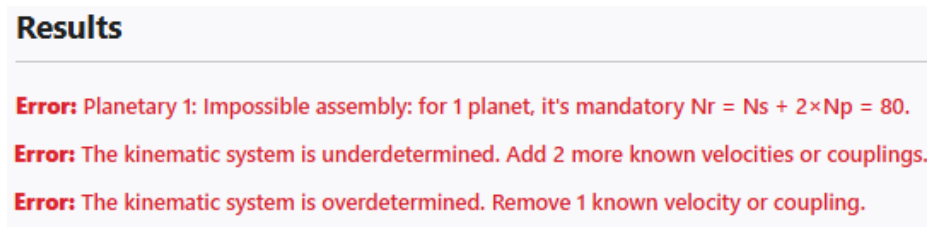


Figure 33 – Examples of error messages

The results panel also includes a manual **Time scale** control. Since Engrenarium renders the simulation in real time, in some cases the velocities may be too high or too low for comfortable visualization. Therefore, it is possible to adjust the time scale without affecting the calculated results. The time scale ranges from a minimum of 0.1 to a maximum of 10.

3. Examples of assembling a planetary system

3.1. Single-stage planetary system with two ratios

Open a new project. In the Basic parameters panel, click the + **Planet** button to add an additional planet gear to the system. Then, set the following tooth numbers:

- Solar: 40;
- Planet 1: 15;
- Planet 2: 15;
- Ring: 100.

Under angular velocities, set:

- Solar: 10,0 rpm;
- Ring: 10,0 rpm.

Under Speed ratio, set:

- Input: Solar;
- Output: Carrier.

The results panel should display the following values:

Ratio 1: Sun/Carrier: 1.0.

Angular velocities:

- Solar: 10,0 rpm;
- Planet 1: 10,0 rpm;
- Planet 2: 10,0 rpm;
- Ring: 10,0 rpm;
- Carrier: 10,0 rpm.

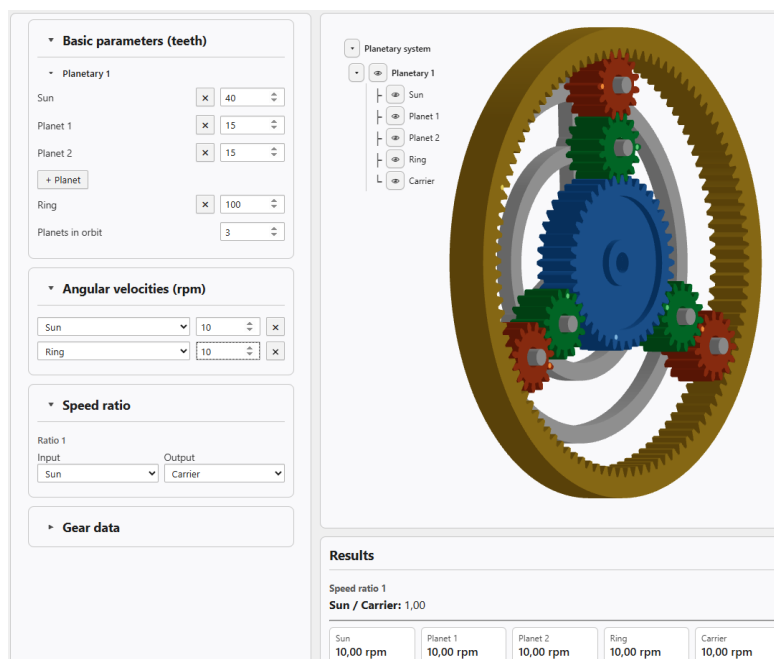



Figure 34 – First ratio of Example 3.1



Now click the Save data button . This will store the speeds for later retrieval. In the panel that appears in the rendering area (upper right corner), click the pencil icon next to **Title** and type **CVT Transmission**, then press Enter. Next, click the pencil icon next to **Ratio 1** and type **Forward gear**, then press Enter.

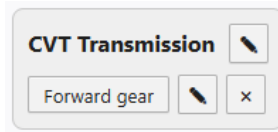


Figure 35 – Saved data panel

Now modify the ring speed:

- Ring: 0 rpm.

The results panel should display the following values:

Ratio 1: Solar/Carrier: - 1,5.

Angular Velocities:

- Solar: 10,0 rpm;
- Planet 1: - 51,1 rpm;
- Planet 2: 37,8 rpm;
- Ring: 0,0 rpm.
- Carrier: -6,7 rpm

Click the Save data button, then click the pencil icon next to **Ratio 2** and type **Reverse gear**. By clicking on Ratio 1 and Ratio 2, the system returns to the respective boundary conditions.

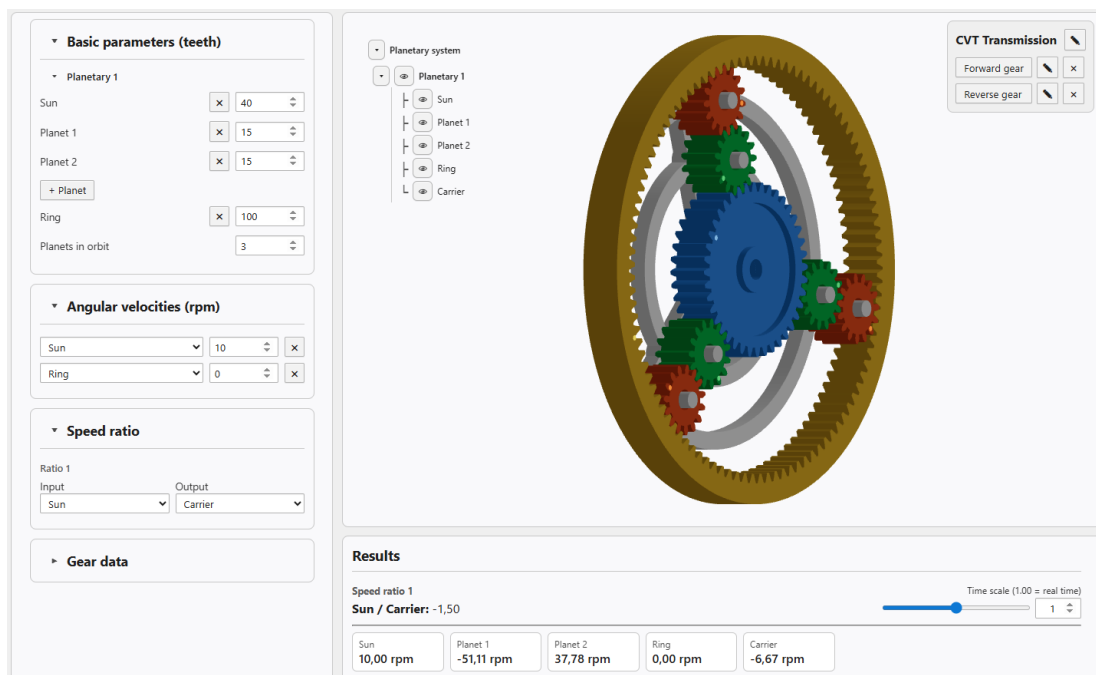


Figure 36 – Example 3.1 with two saved gears

This example demonstrates how a CVT transmission modifies its boundary conditions to move the vehicle forward and to engage reverse.

3.2. Two-stage planetary system

Open a new project. In the Basic parameters panel, set the following tooth numbers:

- Solar: 20;
- Planet: 28;
- Ring: 76.



Now click the Add planetary stage button. Note that the simulation stops and the following message appears: “Error: The kinematic system is underdetermined. Add 2 more known velocities or couplings.”

In Planetary 2, click the X button next to Sun to remove the sun gear. Then set the following tooth numbers:

- Planet: 30;
- Ring: 78.

Under angular velocities, set:

- Planetary 1 - Solar: 10,0 rpm;
- Planetary 1 - Carrier: 5,0 rpm.

Under Couplings, set:

- Planetary 1 - Carrier | Planetary 2 - Carrier
- Planetary 1 - Planet | Planetary 2 - Planet

Under Speed ratio, set::

- Input: Planetary 1 - Solar;
- Output: Planetary 2 - Ring.

The results panel should display the following values:

Ratio 1: Planetary 1 - Sun / Planetary 2 - Ring: 2.8.

Angular velocities:

Planetary 1:

- Solar: 10,0 rpm;
- Planet: 1,4 rpm;
- Ring: 3,7 rpm.
- Carrier: 5,0 rpm

Planetary 2:

- Planet: 1,4 rpm;
- Ring: 3,6 rpm.
- Carrier: 5,0 rpm

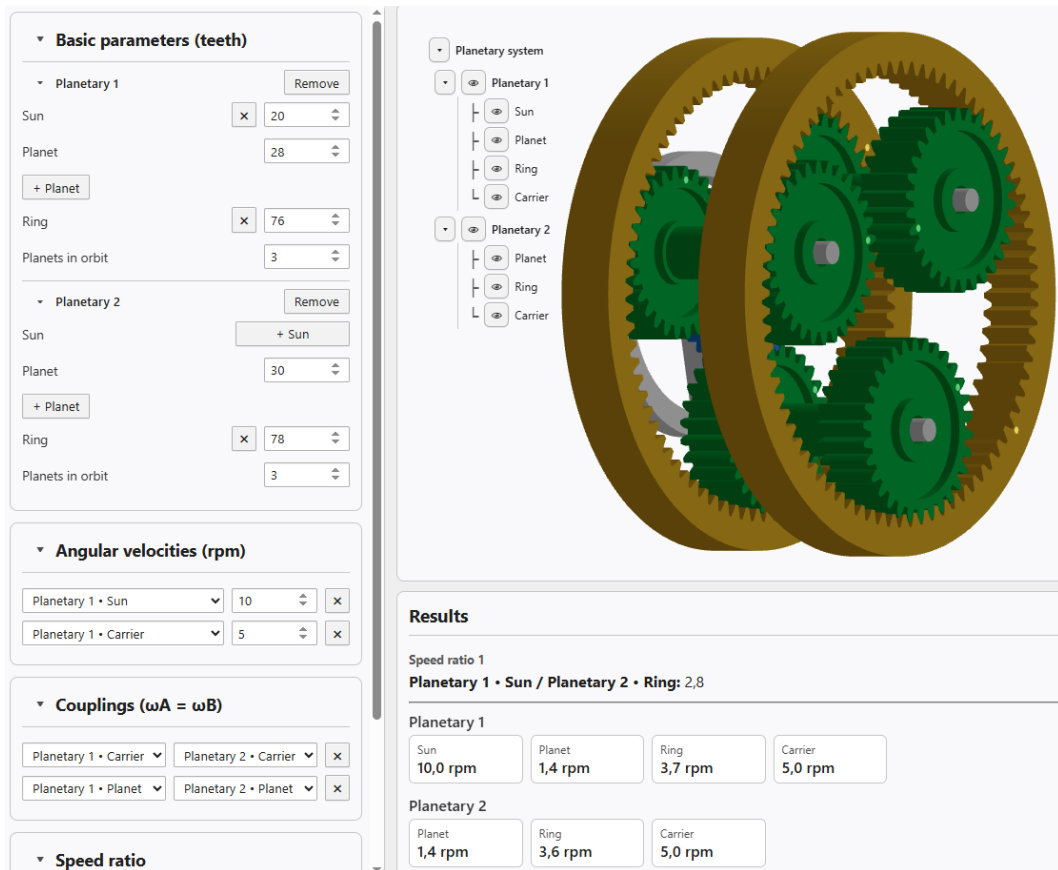


Figure 37 – Example 3.2 with two planetary stages

Some aspects of this example are noteworthy. Observe that the planetary system does not require all components to function, as in Planetary 2 where the sun gear is absent.

Another important point concerns the conditions required for coupling between planetary stages. Two couplings were established, ensuring that the carriers and planet gears of both stages have equal angular velocities. A coupling only between carriers leaves the system underdetermined, since it is physically possible for the carriers to share the same angular velocity while the planet gears of Planetary 1 have different velocities from those of Planetary 2. Therefore, coupling between planet gears is also essential.

Also note that, in the rendering, the carrier of Planetary 2 is no longer visible. Due to the coupling between carriers, the rendering is adjusted to correctly connect the stages, with the shafts of the carrier of Planetary 1 extending to engage the planet gears of both stages.

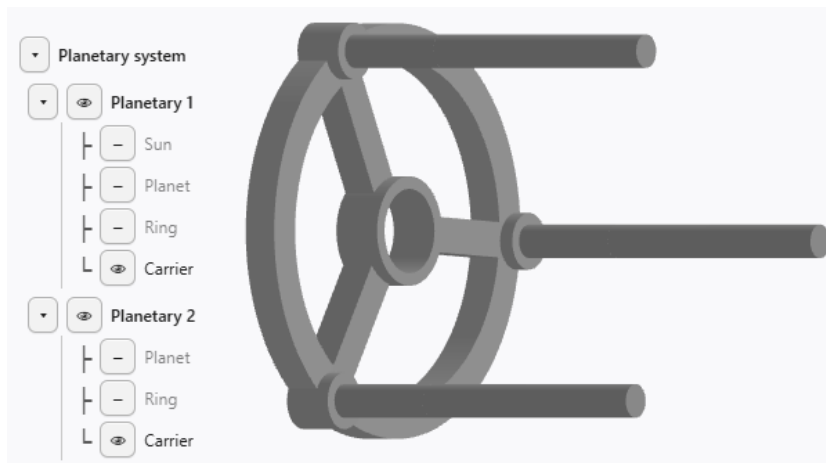


Figure 38 – Carrier of Planetary 1 with extended shafts

4. Free e Pro Features

The Free version covers essential usage, while the Pro version adds advanced capabilities, broader deployment options, and licensing plans for individuals and institutions.

The Pro version unlocks the following features:

- Export of 3D models in STL and DXF formats;
- Export of simulation videos in AVI and WebM formats;
- Ability to save projects;
- Ability to store multiple operating conditions within a project, such as different gear states or gear ratios;
- Support for multiple selectable gear ratios. The Free version allows only one;
- Support for an unlimited number of planetary stages in a model. The Free version allows up to two;
- Support for an unlimited number of planet gears per planetary stage. The Free version allows up to two planets per stage;
- Ability to modify fundamental gear geometry parameters, including module, pressure angle, and helix angle;
- Ability to define independent gear parameters for each planetary stage.