

## Determining Pulley Speeds

### What speed do I have here?

an example of the calculations, based on a motor speed of 1725 rpm, with the motor pulley and the spindle pulley having equal step diameters but inverted placement (see drawing below). We will assume the 4-step pulleys have step diameters of 2", 3", 4", and 5". Follow these steps to find the approximate spindle speeds:

**1.** Divide the diameter of the driving (or motor) pulley step by the corresponding step size of the pulley mounted on the drill press spindle:

$$2 \div 5 = 0.4$$

$$3 \div 4 = 0.75$$

$$4 \div 3 = 1.33$$

$$5 \div 2 = 2.5$$

**2.** Then, multiply the motor speed by the results of the above calculation to get the approximate spindle speed at each pulley step:

$$1725 \times 0.4 = 690 \text{ rpm}$$

$$1725 \times 0.75 = 1293.75 \text{ rpm}$$

$$1725 \times 1.33 = 2294.25 \text{ rpm}$$

$$1725 \times 2.5 = 4312.5 \text{ rpm}$$

