



Optimization of CNC Milling Process by using Different Coatings - A Review

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Abstract: Quality and productivity play important role in today's manufacturing market. In machining operations, achieving desired surface quality features of the machined product, is really a challenging job on CNC machine. Now a day's due to very stiff and cut throat competitive market condition in manufacturing industries. The main objective of industries reveal with producing better quality product at minimum cost and increase productivity. CNC milling is most vital and common operation use for produce machine part with desire surface quality and higher productivity with less time and cost constrain. To obtain main project an attempt is made to understand the effect of machining parameters such as cutting speed (m/min), feed rate (mm/min), depth of cut (mm) that are influences on responsive output parameters such as Surface Roughness, material removal rate, diametrical accuracy in this the flatness can be measured by using optimization philosophy. In this work three levels and three parameters are considered; and L27 orthogonal array should be carried out by using two different insert coatings. For the experimentation the wet conditions is taken. In this optimization of milling process parameters using Taguchi method in machining of AISI 316 stainless steel is carried out.

Keywords: CNC milling, Taguchi method, Surface roughness, MRR, AISI stainless steel 316.

I. INTRODUCTION

Machining is process of producing work piece by removing unwanted material from in the form of chips. This process is very important since almost all the products get their final shape and size by metal removal. Machining offers important benefits such as excellent dimensional tolerances, external and internal geometrical features, surface finish, Removal of heat treat distortion. The machining efficiency is improved by reducing the machining time with high speed machining. Milling is the process of removing extra work piece material with a rotating multi-point cutting tool, called milling cutter. The machine tool employed for milling is called milling machine.

Milling machines are basically classified as vertical milling machine or horizontal milling machine. These machines are also classified as knee-type, ram-type, planer-type and bed type. Most milling machines have self-contained electric drive motors, coolant systems, variable spindle speeds, and power-operated and table feeds. The three primary factors in any basic milling operation are speed, feed and depth of cut. Other factors such as kind of material and type of tool materials have a large influence, of course, but these three are the ones the operator can change by adjusting the controls, right at the machine vary from one make of controller to the next. The metal cutting inserts have found wide spread use in today's manufacturing industry especially for hard

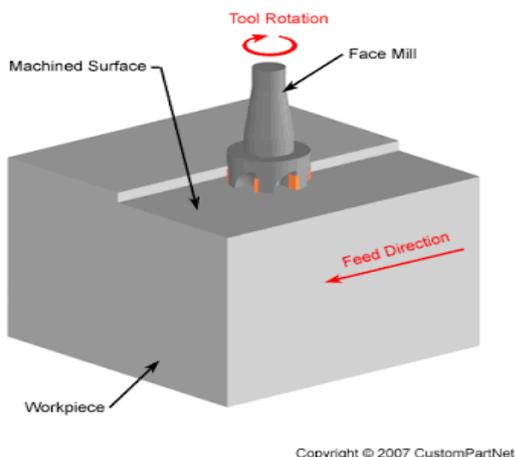


Fig.1 Milling operation



Fig.2 CNC Machining Center (VMC 850)



materials, which have brought significant improvement in tool performance and cutting parameters through lower tool wear, reducing cutting forces and better surface finish of the work piece. Coated and uncoated inserts are widely used in the metal-working industry.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CNC MACHINE

- Flexibility in automation
- Change-over (product) time, effort and cost are much less.
- Less or no jigs and fixtures are needed
- Complex geometry can be easily machined
- High product quality and its consistency
- Optimum working condition is possible
- Lesser breakdown and maintenance requirement.
- Faster deliver a product.

• Surface roughness

Surface roughness tests are to be conducted on all the samples, after each of the trial with the help of surface roughness tester instrument. The surface roughness is one of the measurable characteristic of surface. There are many different roughness parameters like Ra, Rq, Rz, Rt among which Ra is most commonly used.

Arithmetical mean roughness (Ra)-

The average roughness is the area between the roughness profile and its mean line, or the integral of the absolute value of the roughness profile height over the evaluation length.

$$Ra = \frac{1}{L} \int_{x=0}^{x=L} |h_i| dx$$

L = Sampling length

h_i = Deviation from nominal surface

• Material Removal Rate (MRR)

The material removal rate of the workpiece is measured by ratio of the difference between weight of the workpiece before machining and weight of the workpiece after machining to the machining time that is achieved.

Mathematically,

$$MRR = \frac{W_b - W_a}{t \times q} \times 1000$$

Where,

W_b = Weight of the workpiece before machining (grams).

W_a = Weight of the workpiece after machining (grams).

t = Machining time period (minutes).

q = Density of work piece material (grams/cm³).

• Dimensional Accuracy

In the output parameter dimensional accuracy, flatness of the machined work piece can be measured. Flatness for plate production has proven to be important and demands increase as plates become harder, wider and thinner. Today more or less every plate producer checks the flatness either manually or automatically.

Flatness is can be measured using a height gauge run across the surface of the part if only the reference features

is held parallel. Making sure that any point along the surface does not go above or below the tolerance zone. Modern CMM's are best for measuring the part as they can create virtual planes that the true surface profile can be compared to. Flatness can be measured by simply placing the part on granite slab and running height gauge over it.

CUTTING PARAMETERS

- Cutting speed: Cutting speed may be defined as the rate (or speed) that the material moves past the cutting edge of the tool, irrespective of the machining operation used. Speed is calculated from the equation;

$$V_c = \frac{\pi DN}{1000}$$

Where; V_c = cutting speed,

D = diameter of milling cutter,

N = rotational speed of the cutter.

- Feed: Feed rate is the velocity at which the cutter is fed, that is, advanced against the work piece. It is expressed in mm/min.
- Depth of cut: Depth of cut is the material removal rate, which is the volume of work piece material (metal, wood, plastic, etc.) that can be removed per time unit.

LITERATURE SURVEY

In concerned with proposed dissertation work, following of the few research work have been reviewed as follows;

Surasti Rawangwong et.al [01] investigates the effect of the main factors on the surface roughness in semi-solid AA 7075 face milling. A 63 mm diameters fine type carbide tool with twin cutting edge was used for experimentation. The variable factors were the speed, feed rate and depth of cut. The result revealed that the factors affected the surface roughness were the feed rate ratio and the speed, while the depth of cut unaffected the surface roughness. The result of the test showed that the surface roughness was likely to reduce when using the speed 3,800 rpm and the feed rates was 1,000 mm/min.

W. Li et.al [02] studied the effect of tool wear on surface integrity and its impact on fatigue performance of Inconel 718 alloy by end milling using PVD coated tools. The surface integrity including surface roughness, microstructure, and micro hardness were characterized at three levels of tool flank wear for study. At each level of tool flank wear, the effects of cutting speed, feed, and radial depth-of-cut on surface integrity were investigated. All the milled surfaces had roughness of less than 0.4 μm , and the majority surface roughness less than 0.25 μm . Higher tool wear produced less surface roughness.

M. S. Sukumar et.al [03] used taguchi method to identify the optimal combination of influential factors in the milling process. Milling experiment has been performed on Al 6061 material, according to Taguchi orthogonal array (L16) for various roughness (Ra) was measured and recorded for each experimental run and analyzed using Taguchi S/N ratios and the optimum controllable parameter combination is identified. An Artificial neural



network (ANN) model has been developed and trained with full factorial design experimental data and a combination of control parameters have been found from ANN for the surface roughness (Ra) value, obtained from confirmation test, for the optimum control parameters which are obtained from Taguchi S/N ratios analysis. Taguchi method and ANN found different sets of optimal combinations but the confirmation test revealed that both got almost same Ra values.

V. Krishnaraj et.al [04] investigates high speed end milling of titanium alloy (Ti-6% Al-4% V) using carbide insert based end mill cutter. The experiments have been carried out under dry cutting conditions. The cutting speeds selected for the experiments are 120, 150 and 180 m/min. The depth of cuts and feed rate were selected to suit finish machining. For conducting the experiments single insert based cutting tool is used. Experiments were conducted based on the Taguchi's design of experiments, in order to analyse the effect of cutting parameters on cutting force, temperature and surface roughness. From this study it is found that depth of cut and feed rate have higher effect on cutting forces when compared to cutting speed whereas the effect of cutting speed has higher effect on temperature. Results have shown that the milled surface shows the anisotropic nature with the range of surface roughness values from 0.27 to 0.45 μ m and the range values are highly suitable for finish milling of Ti alloy.

N. Mismiati et.al [05] work focuses on investigating the effect of machined surface inclination angle, axial depth of cut, spindle speed and feed rate for better surface integrity in inclined end milling process utilizing titanium coated carbide ball end mill. Through the analysis, it was found that machined surface inclination angle had great influence on micro hardness and residual stress in the feed direction. As the machined surface inclination angle was increased, the micro hardness also increased. However, residual stress showed the opposite results.

Lohithaksha M. Maiyar et.al [06] investigates the parameter optimization of end milling operation for Inconel 718 super alloy with multi-response criteria based on the taguchi orthogonal array with the grey relational analysis. Cutting speed, feed rate and depth of cut are input parameters and performance characteristics namely surface roughness and material removal rate are selected. It has been also found that the optimal cutting parameters for the machining process lies at 75m/min for cutting velocity, 0.06 mm/tooth for feed rate and 0.4 mm for depth of cut. It has been observed that there is a 64.8% increase in material removal rate and at the same time a 9.52% decrease in surface roughness. Analysis of variance shows that the cutting velocity is the most significant machining parameter followed by feed rate affecting the multiple performance characteristics with 56.88% and 34.64% influence respectively.

Surasit Rawangwong et.al [07] investigates the effect of the main factors of the surface roughness in aluminium semi-solid 2024 face milling. The controlled factors were the speed, feed rate and depth of cut. The surface

roughness of aluminium semi-solid 2024 was significantly effect by cutting speed, and feed rate. The surface roughness was likely to reduce when the speed was 3,600 rpm and the feed rates were 1,000 mm/min. The result also indicated that higher values of speed and lower feed tended to decrease the surface.

H. S. Lu et.al [08] investigates optimization design of the cutting parameters for rough cutting processes in high-speed end milling on SKD61 tool steel. The performance measures are tool life and metal removal rate, and the corresponding cutting parameters are milling type, spindle speed, feed per tooth, radial depth of cut, and axial depth of cut. The optimal combination of the cutting parameters obtained from the proposed method is the set with A1, V1, F1, Da2, and Dr3. The corresponding confirmation tests shows that tool life, metal removal rate, and total removal volumes increase by 26.31%, 27%, and 60.39%, respectively.

Saurin sheath et.al [09] studied the effect of machining parameters spindle speed, feed and depth of cut were investigated during Face Milling of Wrought Cast Steel grade B (WCB). 23 full factorial designs with four centre points are selected to perform the reliable experiments. Here the response parameters selected are surface roughness and flatness, a form control of Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing (GD&T). To achieve the desire value of flatness and surface roughness machining parameters need to be controlled. The right selection of process parameters can be achieved through a predictive model. ANOVA has been carried out to know the significance of input parameters. The values predicted from the model and experimental values are very close to each other.

Nik Mismiati et.al [10] performed work on effects of lubricant and milling mode during end milling of S50C medium carbon steel. Numerical factors, namely, spindle speed, feed rate and depth of cut and categorical factors, namely, lubrication and milling mode is optimized using D-optimal experimentation. Results show that minimum residual stress and cutting force can be achieved during up milling, by adopting the MQL-SiO₂Nano lubrication system. During down milling minimum residual stress and cutting force can be achieved with flood cutting. Moreover, minimum surface roughness can be attained during flood cutting in both up and down milling. The response surface plots indicate that the effect of spindle speed and feed rate is less significant at low depth of cut but this effect significantly increases the residual stress, cutting force and surface roughness as the depth of cut increases. The obtained values are residual stress of 619.50 MPa, cutting force of 36.48 N and surface roughness of 0.66 μ m.

Thomas Vopat et.al [11] the aim was to determine and compare the wear of ball nose end mill for different types of copy milling operations for various tool materials. Surface roughness in up-copying and down-copying was also measured and compared. In the experiment, the cutting tool material was changed and on the other hand



cutting speed, feed rate, axial depth of cut and radial depth of cut were not changed. The cemented carbide and high speed steel were tested as tool materials. The cutting tool wear was measured on Zoller Genius 3s universal measuring machine. For carbide mills, the tool life of S2 is 40% longer than S1 and in case of HSS-Co5 mills; the tool life of S4 is 50% longer than S3. The results showed that tool life of mills in down-copying is longer than mills in up-copying due to lower effective cutting speed during the copy-milling.

A. Shokrani et.al [12] presents one of the very first studies on cryogenic CNC end milling of the Inconel 718 nickel based alloy using TiAlN coated solid carbide tools. Cutting parameters selected were tool diameter, cutting speed, feed rate, depth of cut and immersion rate whereas response factors selected were surface roughness, tool wear and power consumption. Statistical analysis of the results revealed that cryogenic cooling has resulted in 33% and 40% reduction in Ra and ISO Rz surface roughness of the machined parts as compared to dry machining without noticeable (1.9%) increase in power consumption of the machine tool. Cryogenic cooling significantly reduced the tool life of the coated solid carbide end mills.

A.K.M. Nurul Amin et.al [13] focuses on a novel approach of minimizing surface roughness in end milling of Mild (Low Carbon) Steel using uncoated WC-Co inserts under magnetic field from permanent magnets. The cutting parameters such as cutting speed, feed and depth of cut and response factor was surface roughness were selected. The feed had the most significant effect on Ra, followed by speed and depth of cut. The optimum cutting speed, feed, and depth of cut were 70m/min, 0.10mm/tooth, and 1.02mm, respectively. The significant improvement in surface finish ($Ra < 0.4\mu\text{m}$) eliminates the need for grinding and polishing

Ahmad Hamdan et.al [14] presents an optimization method of the machining parameters in high speed machining of stainless steel using coated carbide tool to achieve minimum cutting forces and better surface roughness. The standard orthogonal array of L9 was employed in this research work and the results were analysed for the optimization process using S/N ratio response analysis and ANOVA to identify the most significant parameters affecting the cutting forces and surface roughness. The input parameters include lubrication modes, feed rate, cutting speed, and depth of cut. The result showed a reduction of 25.5% in the cutting forces and 41.3% improvement on the surface roughness performance.

Lakshminpathi Tammineni et.al [15] investigated the effect of cutting speed, feed and depth of cut on the surface roughness and flatness of Aluminum 1050 during milling operation. Took trained flatness values and surface roughness are analyzed through graphs generated by using Response Surface Methodology (RSM) of Minitab Software. The surface roughness has been tested using TR-200 surface roughness tester, and the flatness has been tested by using Coordinate Measuring Machine (CMM).

V S Thangarasu et.al (2012) [16] proposed experimentation on AISI 304 Stainless steel material is taken for the study to determine the parameters and to optimize with Design Of Experiments (DOE) based Response Surface Method (RSM) to find the optimal parameter set as per the requirements of the user of the high speed CNC machine. Machining parameters used for optimization are cutting speed, feed rate and depth of cut.

Hardik G. Soni et.al (2015) [17] studied the optimal machining parameters on surface roughness and tool wear in CNC end milling using AISI 316 as a work piece material and tool used is solid carbide. The machining is done on dry condition. Machining parameters used for optimization are cutting speed, feed rate, depth of cut. In this paper it is studied that there is very few investigator research worked on SS316 stainless steel material.

Alpesh R. Patel A et.al (2013) [18] to studied the effect of machining parameters such as cutting speed, feed rate, depth of cut, no of cutting flute that are influences on responsive output parameters such as Surface Roughness and Material Removal Rate by using optimization philosophy in CNC end milling. This is review paper in this it is find out that there is very few investigator research worked on SS316 stainless steel material so, they want to do work on this material. In this research work we want to investigate influences of input machining parameters like cutting speed, feed rate, depth of cut and no of flute on response parameters like surface roughness and MRR.

V. S. Thangarasu et.al [19] investigates the AISI 304 stainless steel by using Taguchi based Box-Behnken Response Surface Methodology (RSM) method is used to develop prediction formula and Multi Objective Genetic Algorithm (MOGA) is used for High speed CNC milling process optimization with higher Spindle speed, Feed rate and Depth of cut for better surface finish and material removal rate.

Muhammmad Yasiret et.al (2016) [20] investigates the effect of cutting parameters on the surface topography of stainless steel AISI 316L with tungsten carbide tool by using response surface methodology. The experiment is conducted in dry condition. The cutting speeds ranges from 80 m/min to 120 m/min while feed rates ranges from 0.10 mm/rev to 0.14 mm/rev were used. Scanning electron microscope (SEM) and Mitutoyo surface tester were used to study in detail the surface topography of stainless steel AISI 316L. According to the results of analysis of variance (ANOVA), feed rate (f) is the most significant parameter on the surface roughness while cutting speed (V_c) is less significant parameter. Constant cutting speed has no effect on the surface roughness but when feed rate was varied the roughness get altered.

Harish Holkar et.al [21] studied the end milling parameters of AISI 321 grade of stainless steel are optimized by using Taguchi method. The end milling tests were carried out with PVD multilayer coated cemented carbide end mill tools. The multilayer coating consists of TiN/TiAlN/TiN coating and the experiments were



conducted at three different cutting speeds, with three different feed rates, and a constant depth of cut. The results at optimum cutting condition are predicted using estimated signal to noise ratio equation. Analysis and optimization of the dry end milling process has been performed in this research work with help of Taguchi method and ANOVA. The optimization has been done to reduce surface roughness and flank wear with maximization of MRR.

SELECTION OF WORKPIECE MATERIAL

All Stainless steel materials are tough to work with usually more tough than hard. The Stainless steel is most common and familiar type, they are most easily recognized as non-magnetic. Stainless steel 316 have some properties such as higher strength, better creep resistance, excellent mechanical properties, excellent corrosion properties, superior oxidation resistance, good fabric ability etc.

TABLE I Chemical composition

Element	Composition
Carbon (C)	0.08 max
Manganese (Mn)	2.00 max
Silicon(Si)	0.75 max
Sulphur (S)	0.030 max
Phosphorus (P)	0-0.045
Chromium (Cr)	16.0-18.0
Molybdenum (Mo)	2.00-3.00
Nickel (Ni)	10.0 -14.0

APPLICATIONS OF STAINLESS STEEL 316

1. Jet engine parts
2. Food productions and storage equipment's
3. Laboratory benches and equipment's
4. Oil and petroleum refining equipment's
5. Medical applications
6. Heat exchangers

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