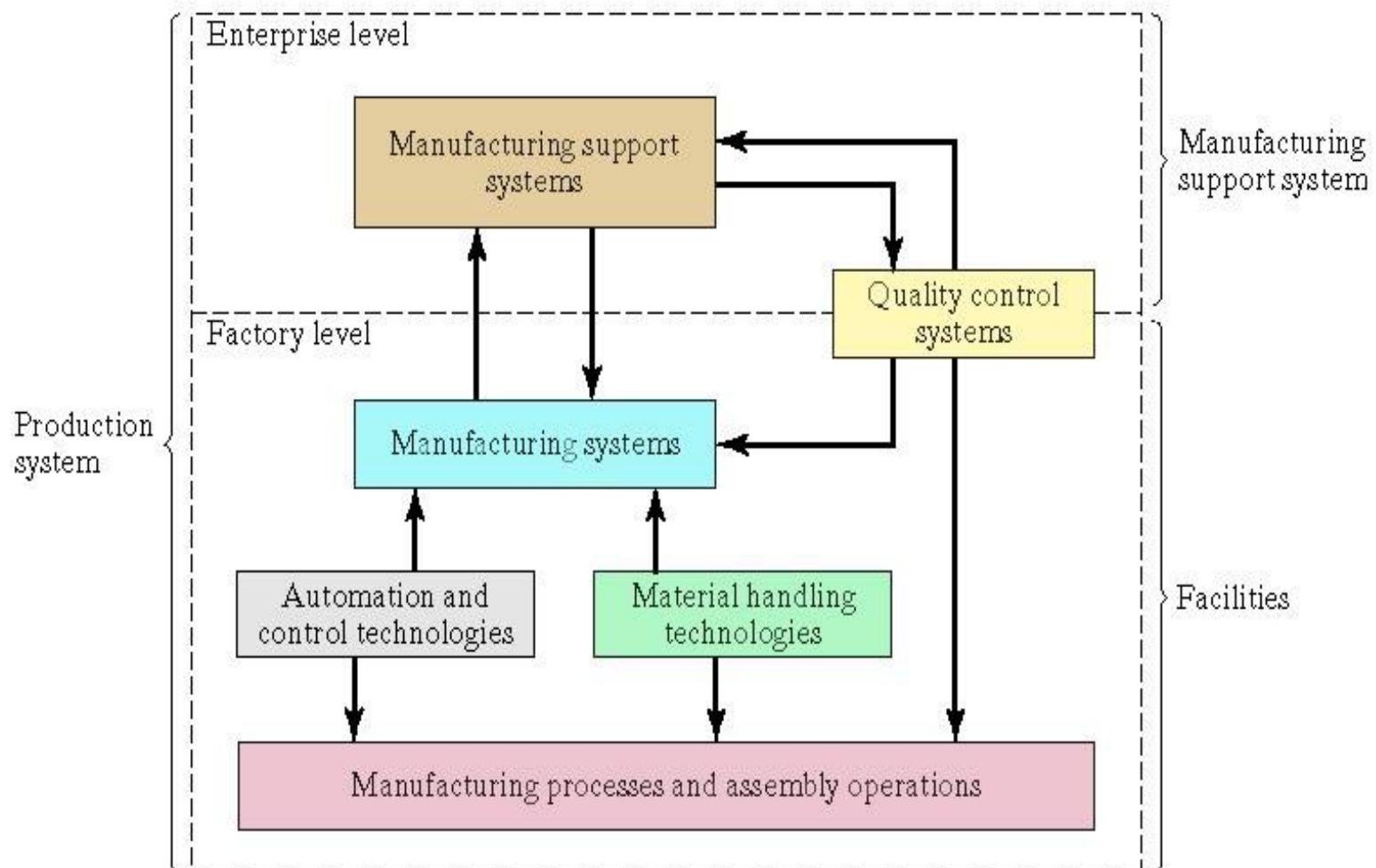


AUTOMATION AND NUMERICAL CONTROL

INTRODUCTION TO PRODUCTION SYSTEM



TYPES OF PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

1. Continuous flow type production systems
2. Mass production systems
3. Batch production systems
4. Job production systems

AUTOMATION

- Automation can be defined as the technology used for the application of integrated mechanical, electronic and computer based systems in the operation and control of production systems.

Need for automation:

1. To increase productivity
2. To reduce cost of production
3. To improve product quality
4. To mitigate the effects of labour shortages
5. To reduce production time
6. To avoid high cost of not automating
7. To have better control over manufacturing activities
8. To improve workers safety
9. To reduce or eliminate routine manual and clerical tasks

Types of Automation

- **Fixed(Hard)Automation**

- Sequence of processing operations is fixed by production equipment configuration

- **Programmable Automation**

- Production equipments are designed with a capability to change the sequence of operations so as to accommodate different product configurations.

- **Flexible Automation**

- Automation system capable of producing products of design variations. Continuously with virtually little or no time loss for changeovers from one product to other.

Comparison parameters	Fixed Automation	Programmable Automation	Flexible Automation
Initial investment	High initial investment for custom-engineered equipment.	High initial investment for general purpose equipment.	High initial investment for custom-engineered equipment.
Production rate	high	Low to medium	medium
Flexibility	Highly inflexible	Flexible in accommodating changes in product variety.	Flexible in accommodating product design variations
Production systems	Suitable for continuous flow type and mass production systems	Suitable for batch production systems	Suitable for continuous production of variable products
Tool setup time	No tool setup time as tooling is fixed.	Tool setup time varies from batch to batch.	Minimal tool setup time.

Advantages of Automation

- Improves standard of living
- Reduces working hours
- Bring ssafer working environment
- Automation in production results in better quality products in lower prices
- Overall skill of manufacturing labour will be upgraded

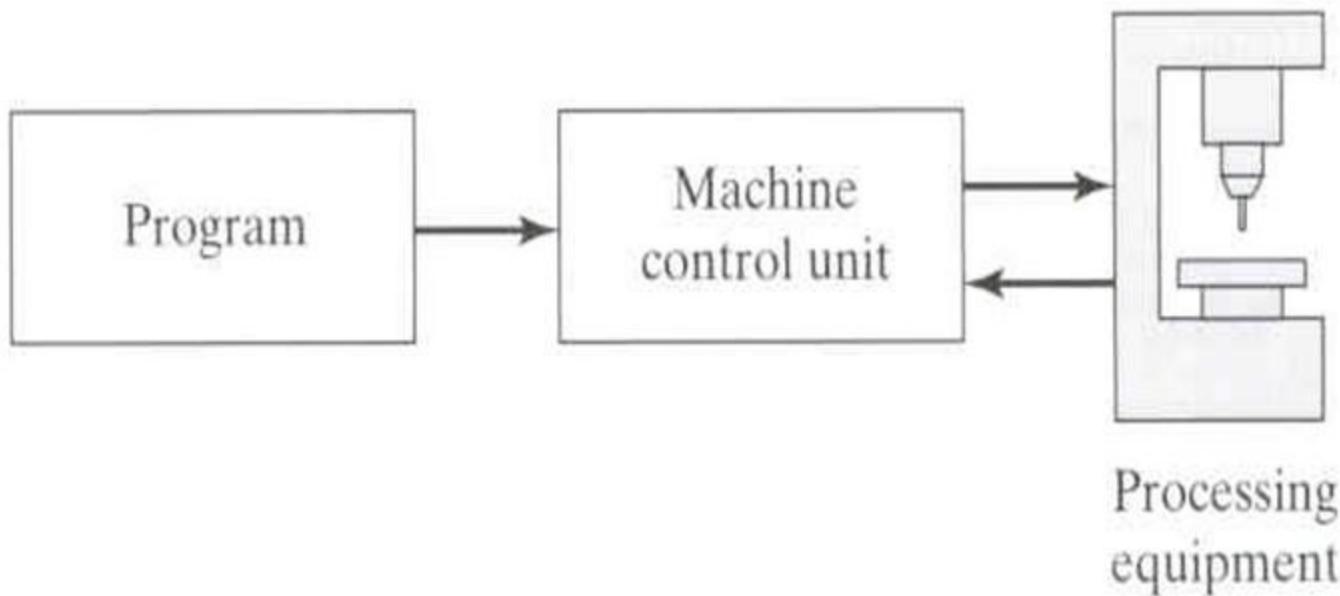
Disadvantages of Automation

- Reduced labour requirement may increase unemployment
- Unemployment can result in reduced purchasing power and economic slowdown.

Numerical Control

- Numerical Control (NC) - A control system which primarily processes numeric input. Limited programming capability at the machine tool. Limited logic beyond direct input. These types of systems are referred to as "hardwire controls" and were popular from the 1950's to 1970's.
- Numerical control is a method of automatically operating a manufacturing machine based on a code of letters, numbers, and special characters.
- The numerical data required to produce a part is provided to a machine in the form of a program, called *part program* or *CNC program*.
- The program is translated into the appropriate electrical signals for input to motors that run the machine.
- Modern NC machine has a computer on board, Computer Numerical Control (CNC). They can run unattended at over 20,000 rpm (spindle speed) with a feed rate of over 600 ipm and an accuracy of 0.0001.

Basic components of NC system



Basic components of an NC system.

CNC Machines

Machining Centers, equipped with automatic tool changers, are capable of changing 90 or more tools. Can perform milling, drilling, tapping, boring...on many faces.



CNC Machines

Turning Centers are capable of executing many different types of lathe cutting operations simultaneously on a rotating part.



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Classification of NC machine tool systems

- According to control loop feedback system
 - 1. Openloop system
 - 2. Closedloop system
- According to type of tool motion control
 - 1. Point-to-point
 - 2. Straightcut
 - 3. Continuous path
- According to program method
 - 1. Absolute programming
 - 2. Incremental Programming

- According to type of controller
 1. NC based controller
 2. CNC based controller

CNC Controllers

The NC controller is the brain of the NC system, it controls all functions of the machine.

- Motion control deals with the tool position, orientation and speed.
- Auxiliary control deals with spindle rpm, tool change, fixture clamping and coolant.

Many different types of controllers are available in the market (GE, Fanuc, Allen-Bradley, Okuma, Bendix, ...).

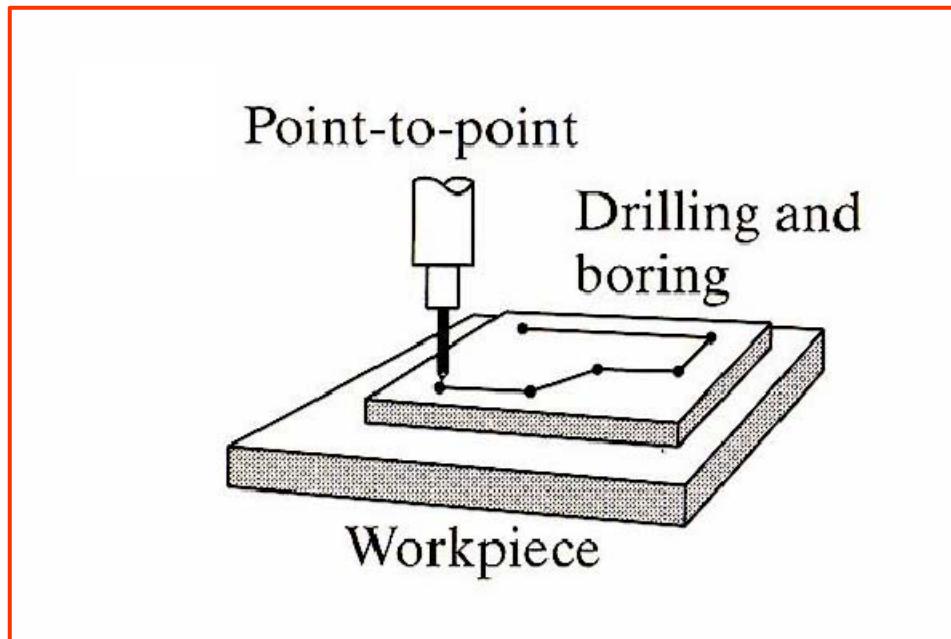
There are two basic types of control systems:

point-to-point and continuous path.

Point-to-Point Tool Movements

Point-to-point control systems cause the tool to move to a point on the part and execute an operation at that point only. The tool is not in continuous contact with the part while it is moving.

Drilling, reaming, punching, boring and tapping are examples of point-to-point operations.



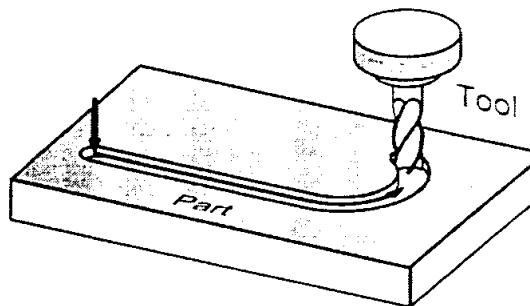
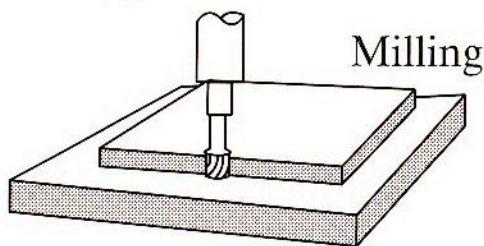
Continuous-Path Tool Movements

Continuous-

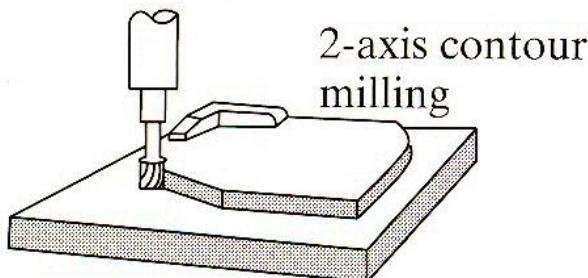
path controllers cause the tool to maintain continuous contact with the part as the tool cuts a contour shape.

These operations include milling along any lines at any angle, milling arcs and lathe turning.

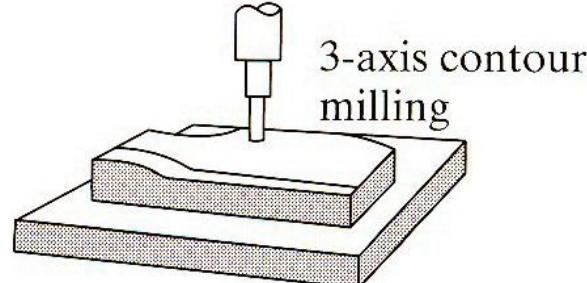
Point-to-point and straight line



2-axis contouring with switchable plane

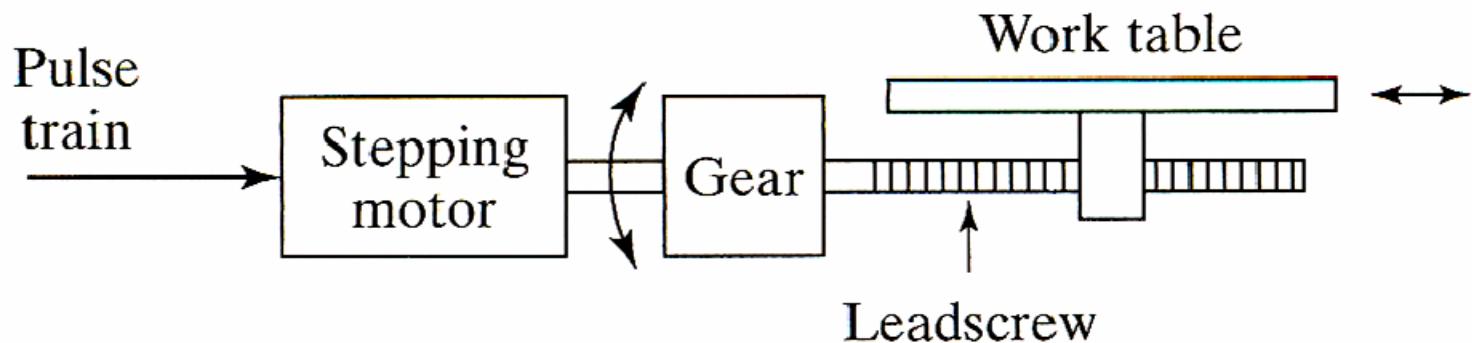


3-axis contouring continuous path



Open Loop Systems for Controlling Tool Movement

Uses stepping motor to create movement. Motors rotate a fixed amount for each pulse received from the MCU. The motor sends a signal back indicating that the movement is completed. No feedback to check how close the actual machine movement comes to the exact movement programmed.

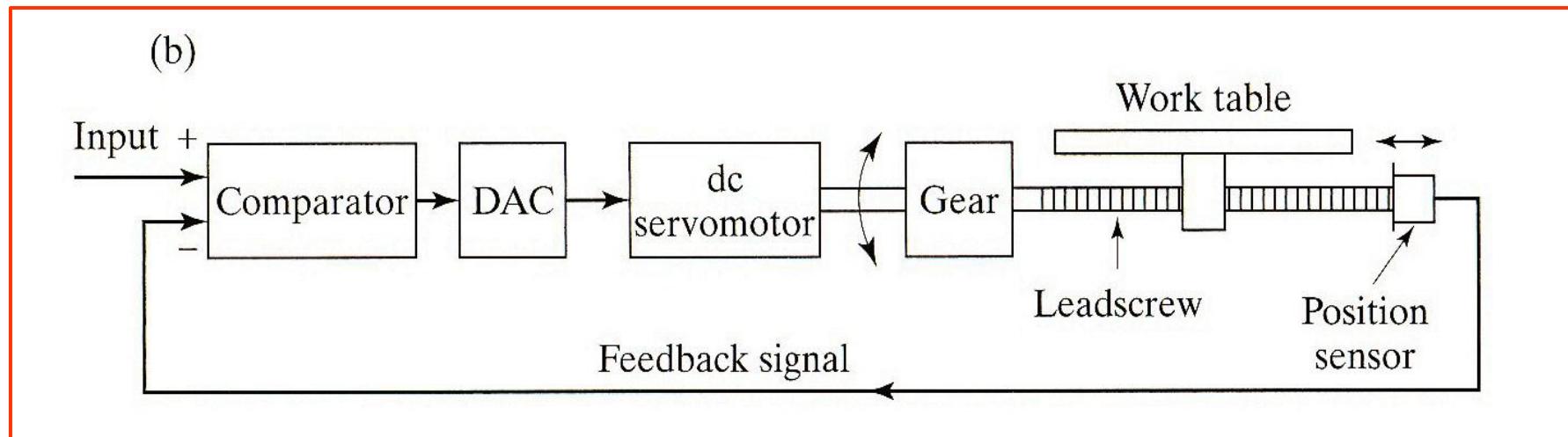


Control Systems

- Open-Loop Control
 - Stepper motor system
 - Current pulses sent from control unit to motor
 - Each pulse results in a finite amount of revolution of the motor
- Open-Loop Limitations
 - Control unit “assumes” desired position is achieved
 - No positioning compensation
 - Typically, a low torque motor
- Open-Loop Advantages
 - Less complex, less costly, and lower maintenance costs

Closed Loop Systems for Controlling Tool Movement

AC, DC, and hydraulic servo-motors are used. The speed of these motors are variable and controlled by the amount of current or fluid. The motors are connected to the spindle and the table. A position sensor continuously monitors the movement and sends back a signal to Comparator to make adjustments.



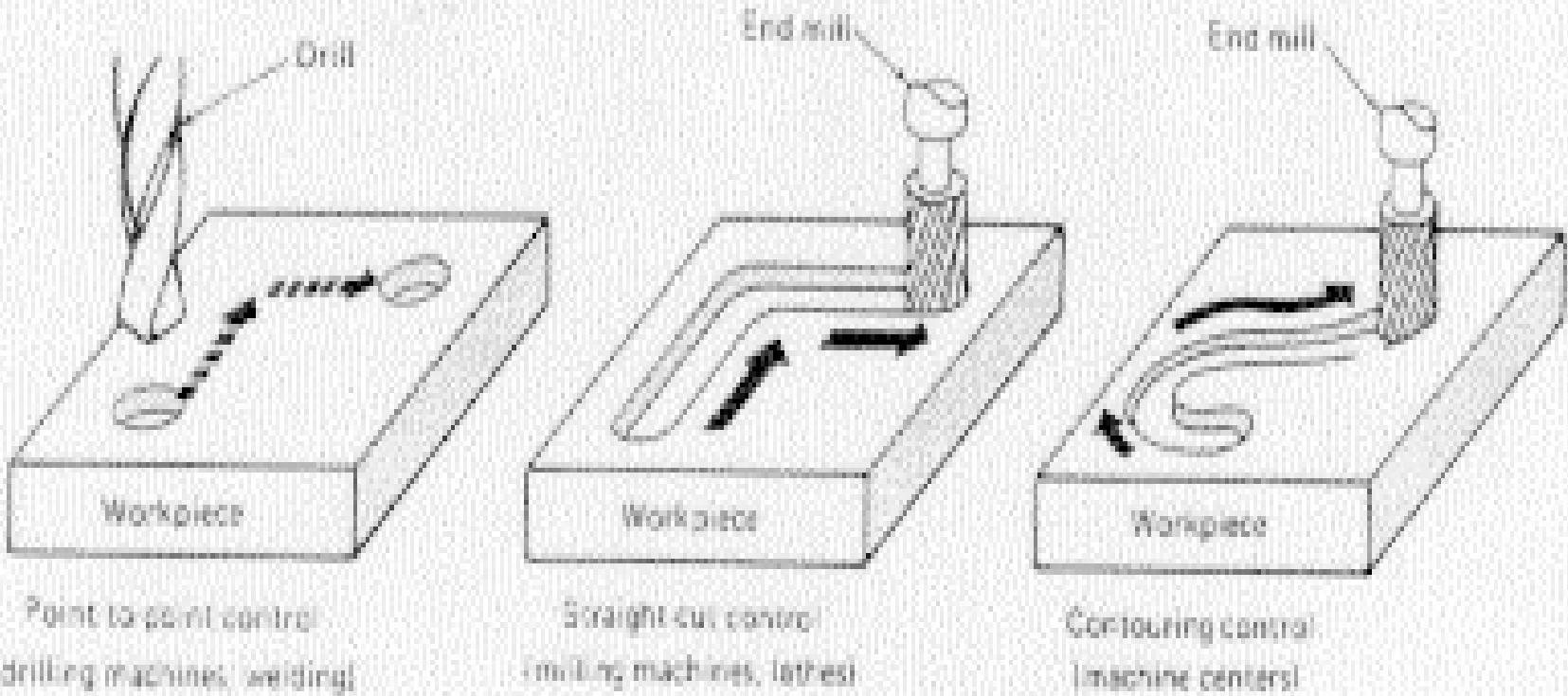
Control Systems

- Closed-Loop Control
 - Variable DC motors - Servos
 - Positioning sensors - Resolvers
 - Feedback to control unit
 - Position information compared to target location
 - Location errors corrected
- Closed-Loop Advantages
 - DC motors have the ability to reverse instantly to adjust for position error
 - Error compensation allows for greater positional accuracy (.0001")
 - DC motors have higher torque ranges vs.. stepper motors
- Closed-loop limitations
 - Cost

Three Basic Categories of Motion Systems

- Point-to-Point - No contouring capability
 - Straight cut control - one axis motion at a time is controlled for machining
 - Contouring - multiple axes' s controlled simultaneously

Three Basic Categories of Motion Systems



Flow of Computer-Aided CNC Processing

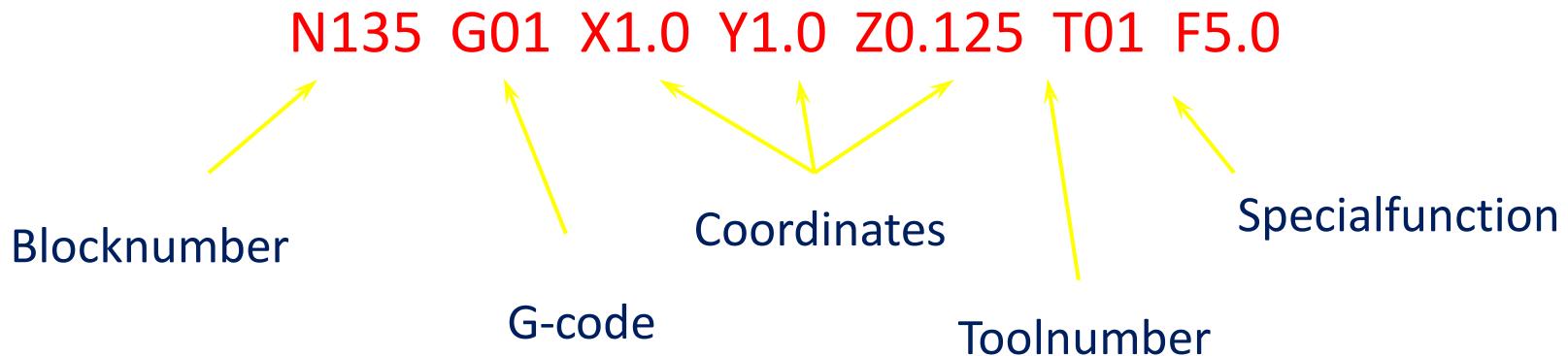
- Develop or obtain the 3D geometric model of the part, using CAD.
- Decide which machining operations and cutter-path directions are required (computer assisted).
- Choose the tooling required (computer assisted).
- Run CAM software to generate the CNC part program.
- Verify and edit program.
- Download the part program to the appropriate machine.
- Verify the program on the actual machine and edit if necessary.
- Run the program and produce the part.

BasicConceptofPartProgramming

Partprogrammingcontainsgeometricdataaboutthepartand motioninformationtomovethecuttingtoolwithrespecttothe workpiece.

Basically,themachinereceivesinstructionsas asequenceof blockscontainingcommandstosetmachineparameters;speed,fee d andotherrelevantinformation.

Ablockis equivalenttoalineofcodesinapartprogram.



BasicConceptofPartProgramming

The G codes prepare the MCU for a given operation, typically involving a cutter motion.

G00 rapid motion, point-to-point positioning

G01 linear interpolation (generating a sloped or straight cut)

G02 parabolic interpolation (produces a segment of a parabola)

G03 XY plane selection

G20 input values in inches

G28

 automatic return to reference point G

G33 thread cutting

M00 program stop

M03

startspindlerotation(cw)

M06 toolchange

M07 turncoolanton

NC words used in part programs

N-

wordsG-

words

X,Y,Z words

Feed commands(F code)

Used to specify the cutter feed rates in inch per minute.

Speed commands(S code)

Used to specify the spindle speed in rpm.

Tool commands(T code)

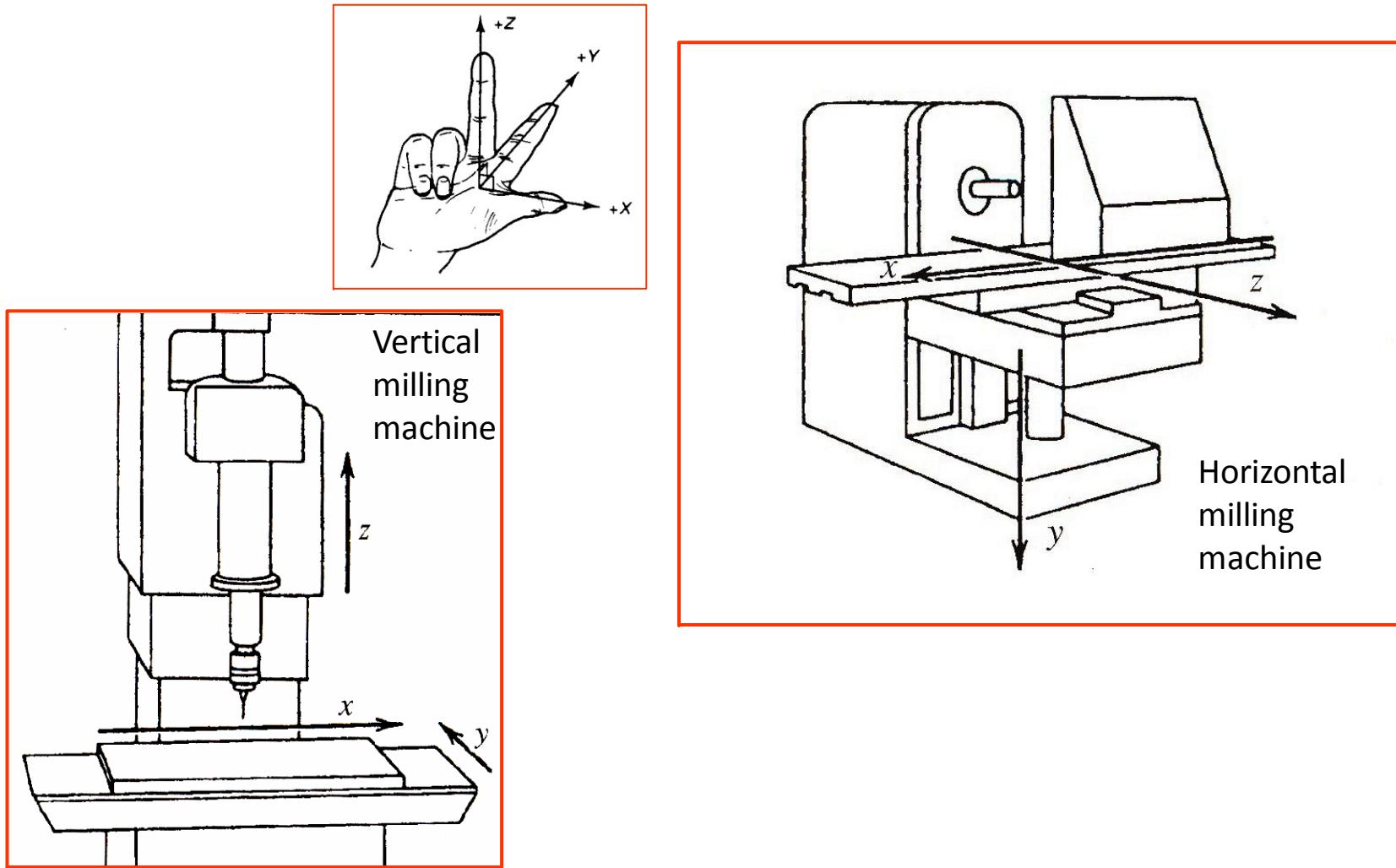
Specifies which tool to be used, machines with automatic tool changer.

M-words

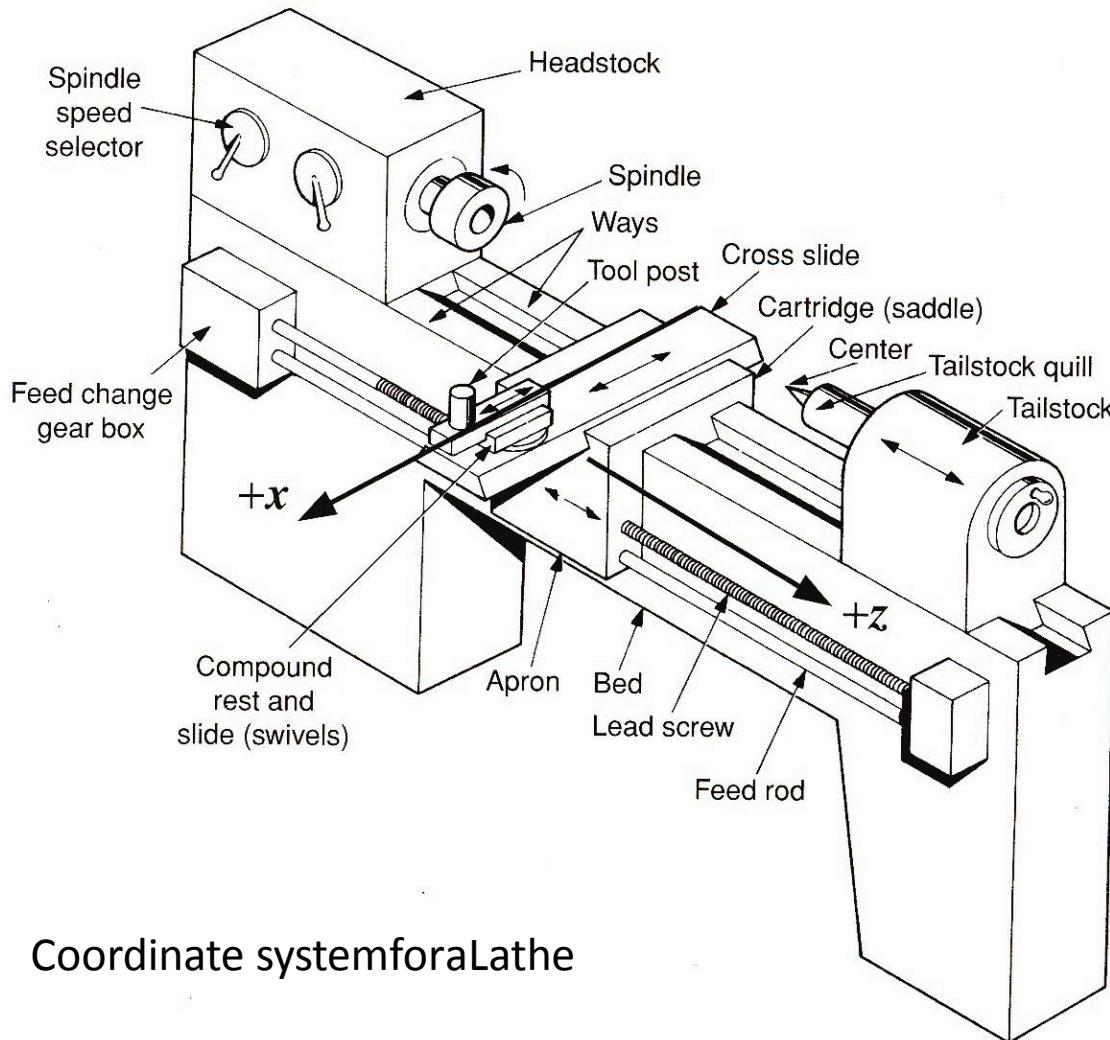
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CNC Machine Axes of Motion

The coordinate system used for the toolpath must be identical to the coordinate system used by the CNC machine. The standards for machine axes are established according to the industry standard report EIARS-267A.

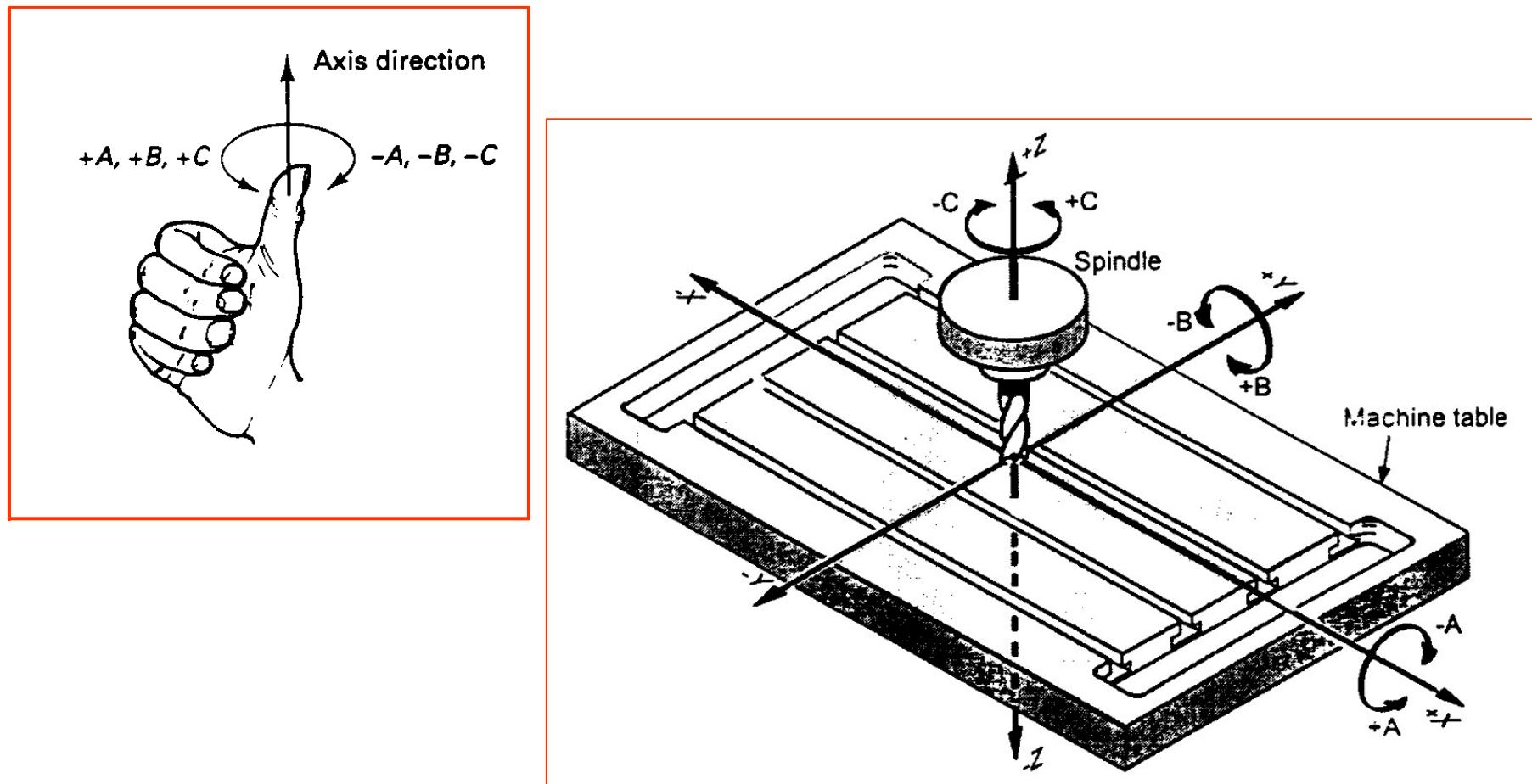


CNC Machine Axes of Motion

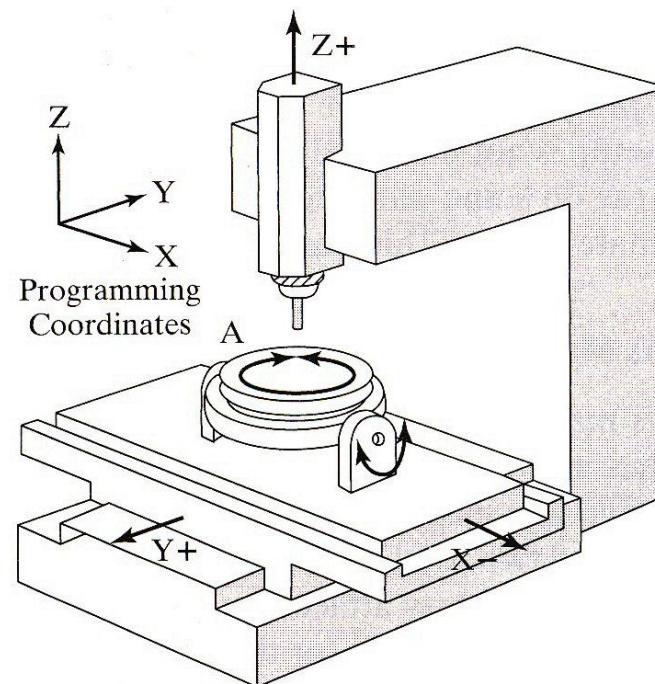
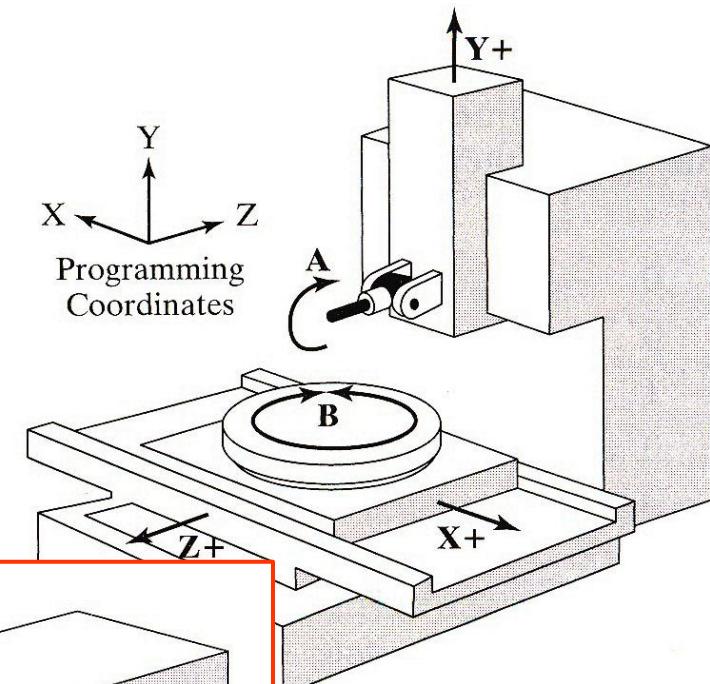
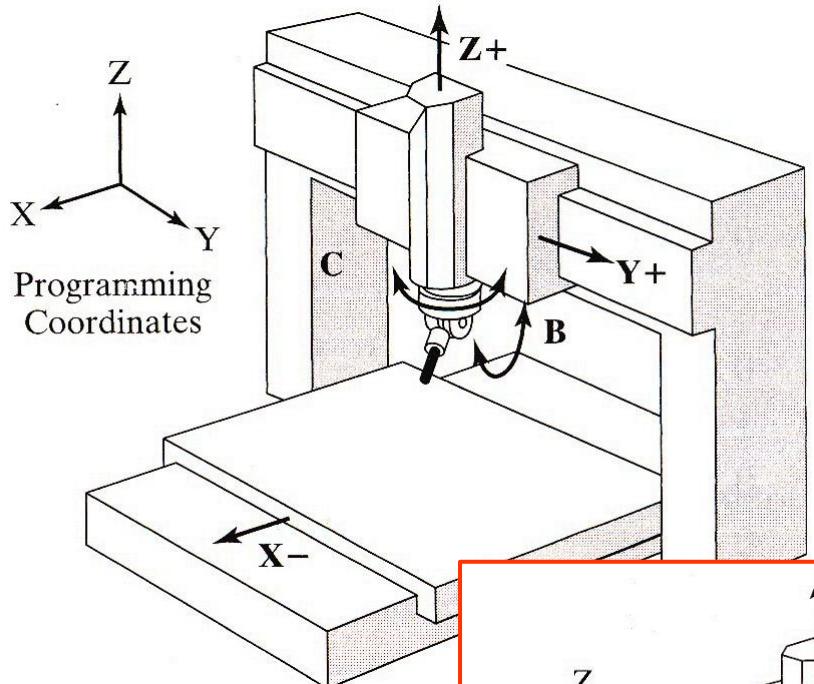


CNC Machine Axes of Motion

More complex CNC machines have the capability of executing additional rotary motions (4th and 5th axes).



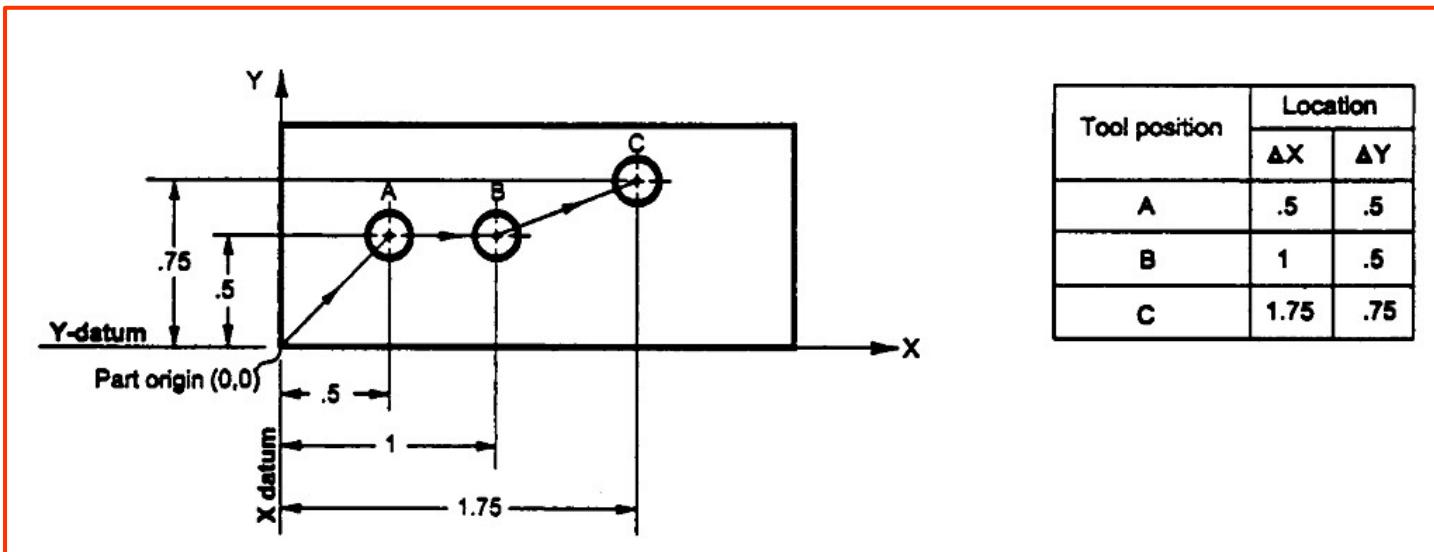
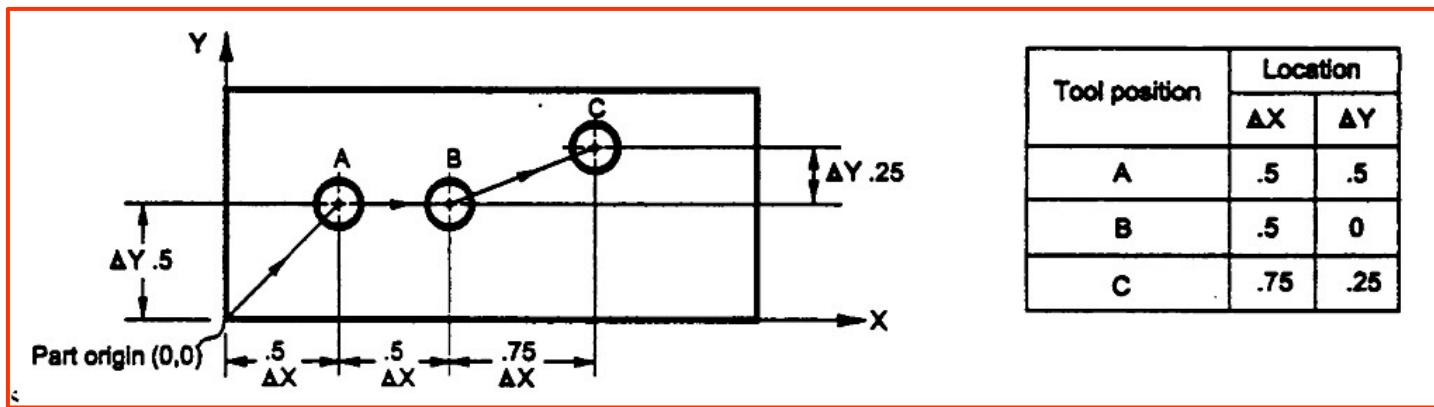
CNC Machine Axes of Motion



Five-axis machine configurations

CNC Machine Tool Positioning Modes

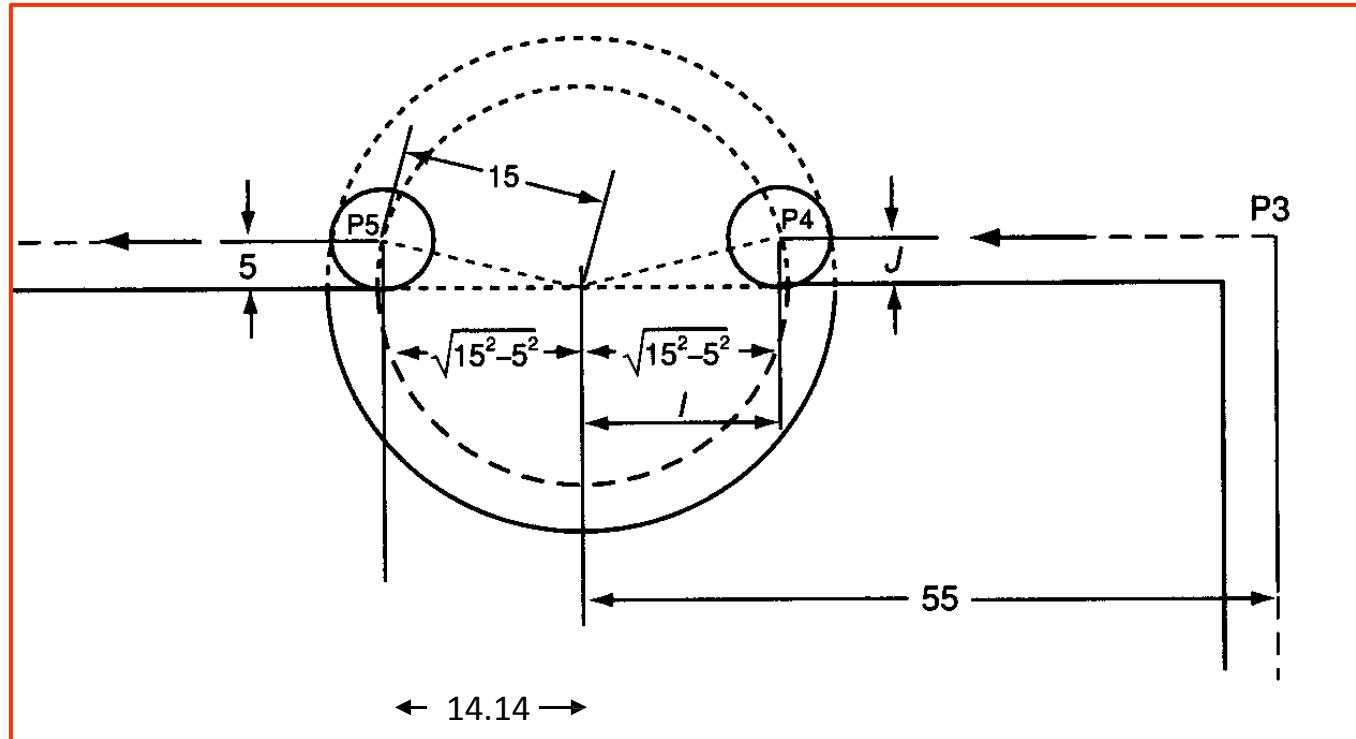
Within a given machine axes coordinate system, CNC can be programmed to locate tool positions in the following modes; incremental, absolute, or mixed.



Example of a part program

X and Y specify the endpoint of the arc (P5) with respect to the start point (P4).

I and J specify the center of the arc with respect to the start point.



N008G02X-28.28Y0.0I-14.14J-5.0

Computer-AssistedPartProgramming

- Identify the part geometry, cutter motions, speeds, feeds, and cutter parameter.
- Code the above information using ATP.
- Compile to produce the list of cutter movements and machine control information (Cutter Location data file, CL).
- Use post-processor to generate machine control data for a particular machine. This is the same as NC blocks.

Part Programming from CAD Database

“Integrated CAD/CAM Systems”

- In an integrated CAD/CAM system, the geometry and tool motions are derived automatically from the CAD database by the NC program (Pro/E, Unigraphics,....)
- No need for manual programming or using APT language.

IntegratedCAD/CAMSystem

- CADandCam(ComputerAidedManufacturing)together createalinkbetweenproductdesignandmanufacturing.
- TheCADsystemisusedtodevelopageometricmodelof thepartwhichisthenusedbytheCAMsystemtogeneratepart programsforCNCmachinetools.
- BothCADandCAMfunctionsmaybeperformedeitherbythes amesystemorseparatesystemsindifferentroomsoreven countries.
- ExtendingtheconnectionbetweenCADandCAMtoits logicallimitswithinacompanyyieldstheconceptofthecom puter-integratedenterprise(CIE).In CIE allaspectsof theenterpriseiscomputeraided,frommanagementandsalestoproductdesignandmanufacturing.

CAD/CAM

- CAD/CAM systems allow for rapid development and modifying of designs and documentation.
- The 3D geometric model produced becomes a common element for engineering analysis (FEA), machining process planning (including CNC part programming, documentation (including engineering drawings), quality control, and so on).
- The coupling of CAD and CAM considerably shortens the time needed to bring a new product to market.
- Increased productivity is generally the justification for using CAD/CAM system.

Manual NC programming

Part program: A computer program to specify

- Which tool should be loaded on the machine spindle;
- What are the cutting conditions (speed, feed, coolant ON/OFF etc)
- The start point and end point of a motion segment
- how to move the tool with respect to the machine.

Standard Part programming language: RS274-D (Gerber, GN-code)

Output:NCCode

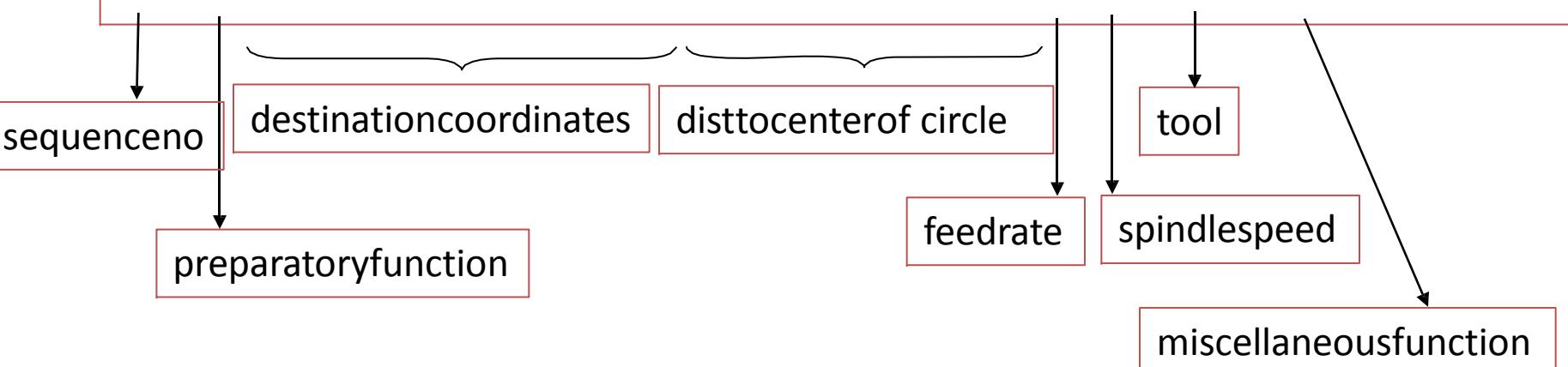
- Numerical Control (NC) Language
 - A series of commands which “direct” the cutter motion and supports systems of the machine tool.

Output:NC Code

- G-Codes(G00,G1,G02,G81)
- Coordinatedata(X,Y,Z)
- FeedFunction(F)
- Miscellaneousfunctions(M13)
- N-Programsequencenumber
- T-Toolcall
- S-Spindle command

Sequenceandformatofwords:

N3 G2 X+1.4 Y+1.4 Z+1.4 I1.4 J1.4 K1.4 F3.2 S4 T4 M2



Output:NCCode

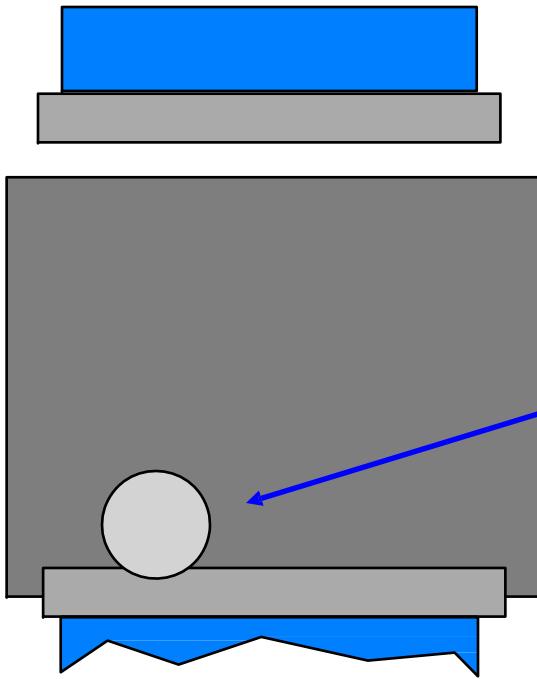
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- N03GOOT12M06
- N05 GOOX0 Y0 Z.1F10S2500 M13
- N07G1Z-.5
- N09 G02 X-10. I0J0F20
- N13X0Y10
- N17 X10Y0
- N19X0Y-10
- N21 X-10Y0
- N23M2

Example of CNC Programming

- *What Must Be Done To Drill A Hole On A CNC Vertical Milling Machine*

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View**



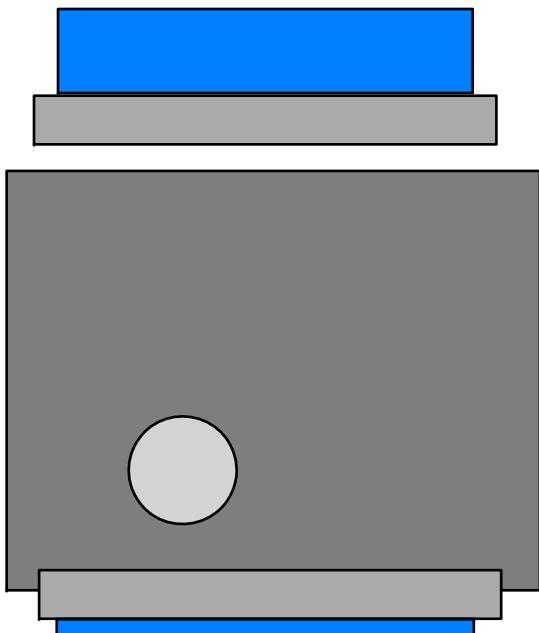
ToolHome

**Front
View**



1.) X&YRapidToHolePosition

**Top
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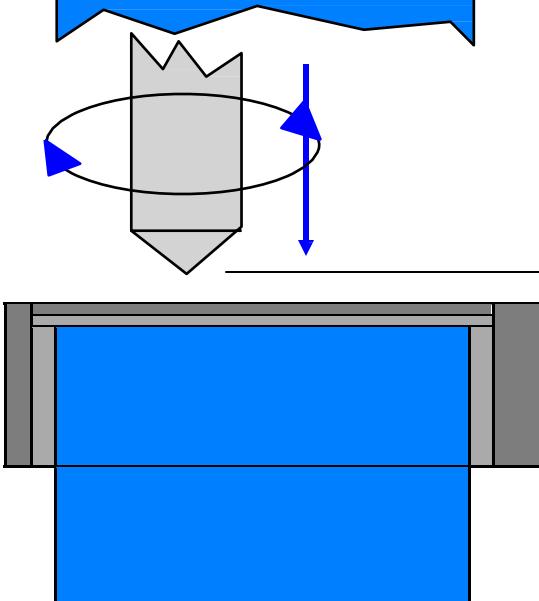
2.) ZAxisRapidMove

JustAboveHole

3.) TurnOnCoolant

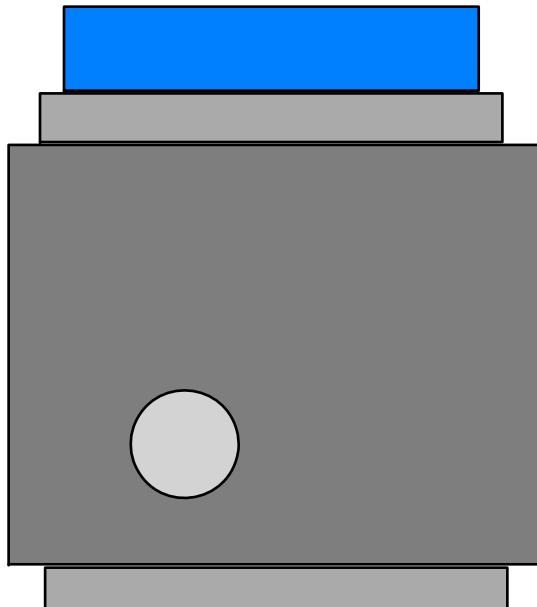
4.) TurnOnSpindle

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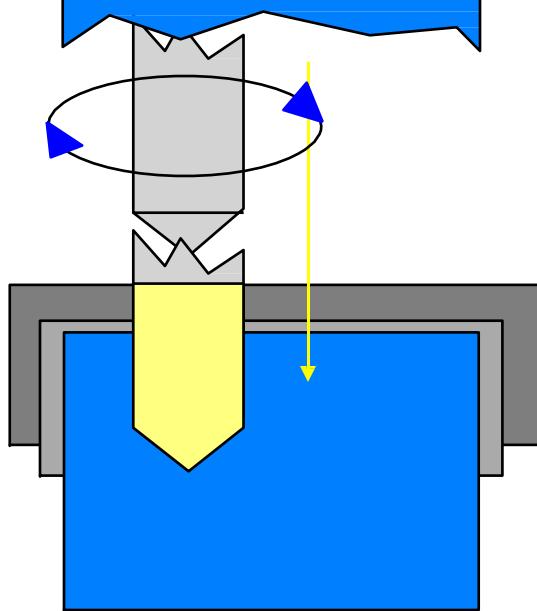


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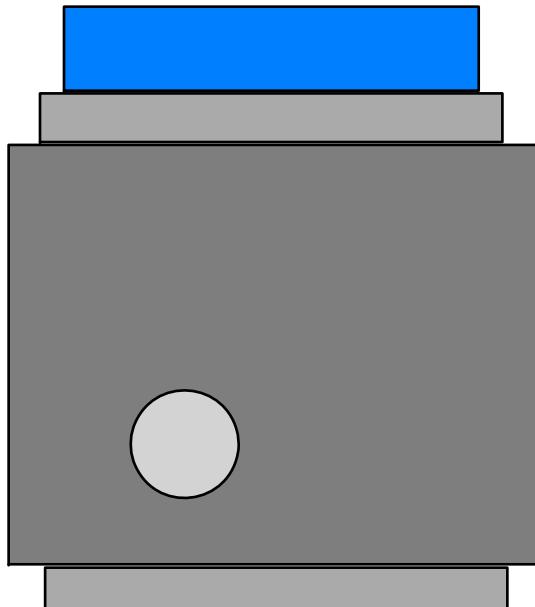


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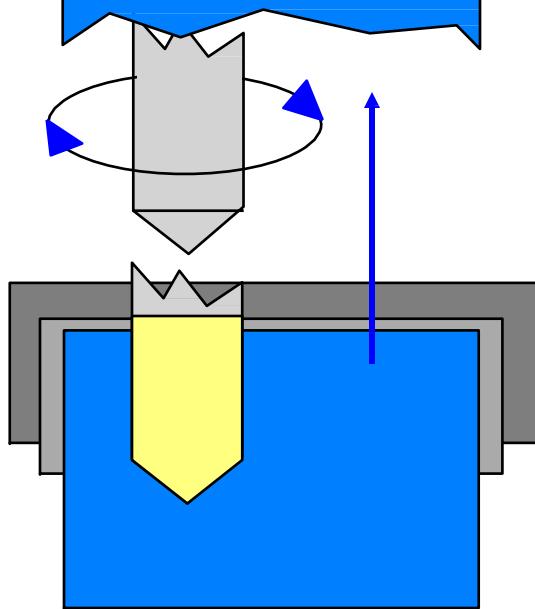


**5.)ZAxis FeedMoveto
DrillHole**

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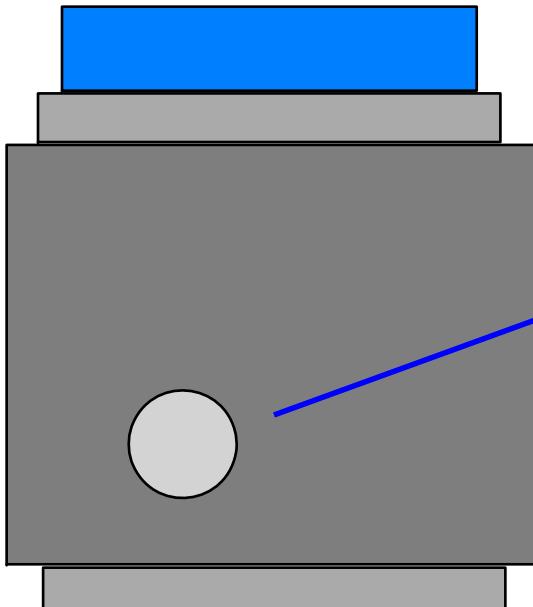


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**6.)RapidZAxisMove
OutOfHole**

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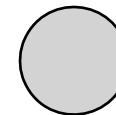
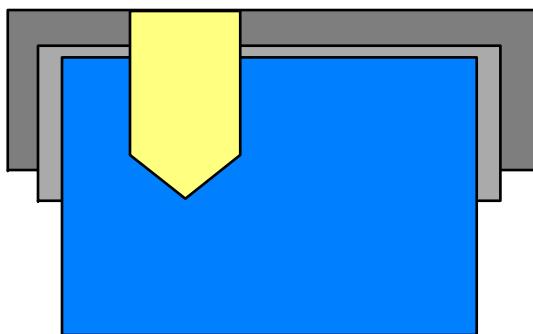


7.)TurnOffSpindle

8.)TurnOffCoolant

**9.)X&YAxisRapid
MoveHome**

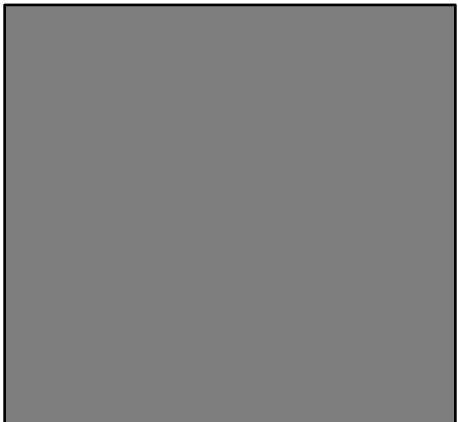
**Front
View**



Here'sTheCNCProgram!

ToolAtHome

Top
View



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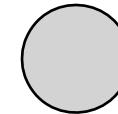
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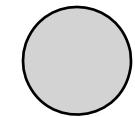
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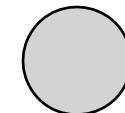
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Front View



Top View



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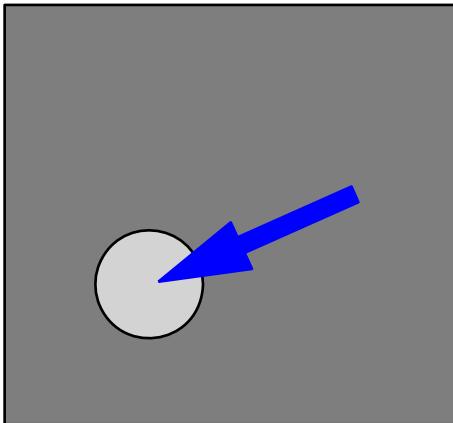
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N005	SequenceNumber
G54	FixtureOffset
G90	AbsoluteProgrammingMode
S600	SpindleSpeedsetto600 RPM
M03	SpindleoninClockwiseDirection

Front View



Top View



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G00 RapidMotion

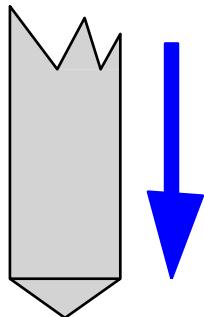
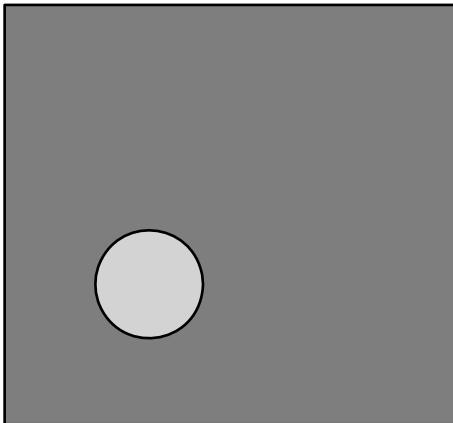
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Front View



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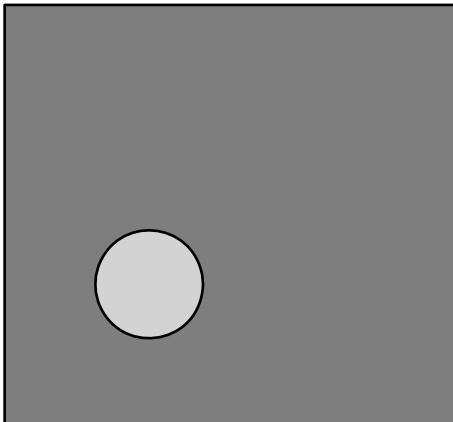
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H01 SpecifiesToollengthcompensation

Z.1 ZCoordinate .1in.fromZero

M08 FloodCoolantOn

Top View



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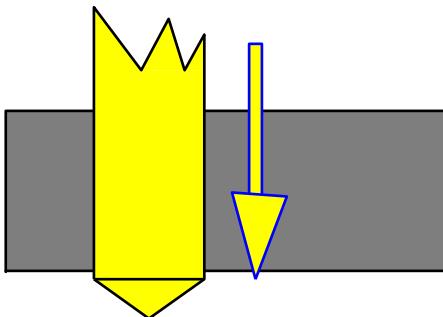
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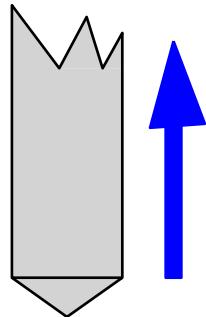
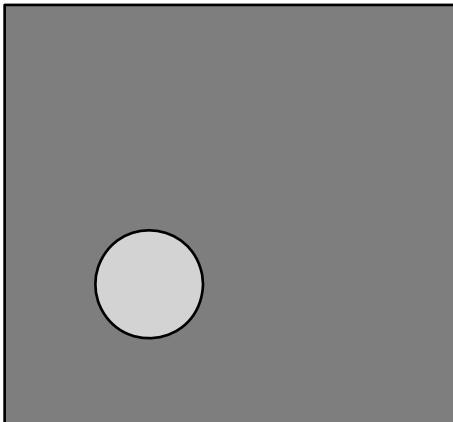


G01 Straight LineCutting Motion

Z-.75 ZCoordinate-.75in.fromZero

F3.5 FeedRate set to3.5 in./min.

Top View



Front View



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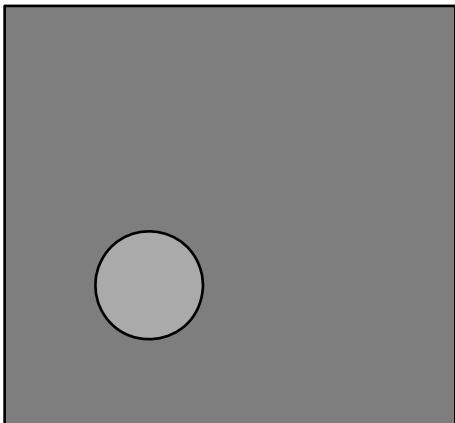
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Top View



Front View



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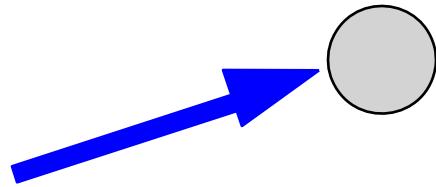
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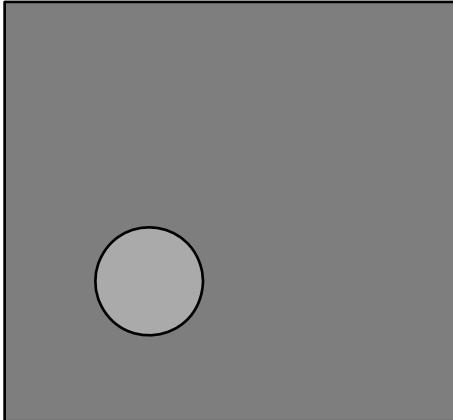
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Top View



Front View



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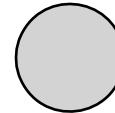
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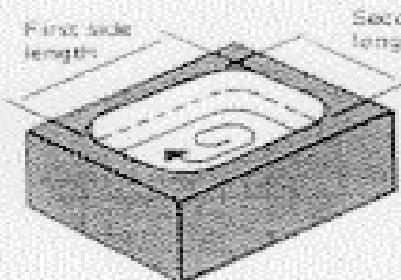
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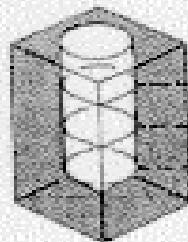
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Rectangular pocket milling

Control menu asks for:

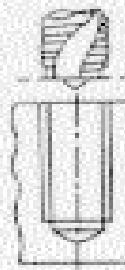
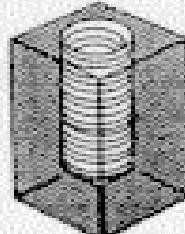
- Setup clearance
- Milling depth
- Roughing depth
- Feed rate for roughing
- First side length
- Second-side length
- Feed rate
- Direction of rotation



Peck drilling

Control menu asks for:

- Setup clearance
- Total hole depth
- Pecking depth
- Dwell time (seconds)
- Feed rate

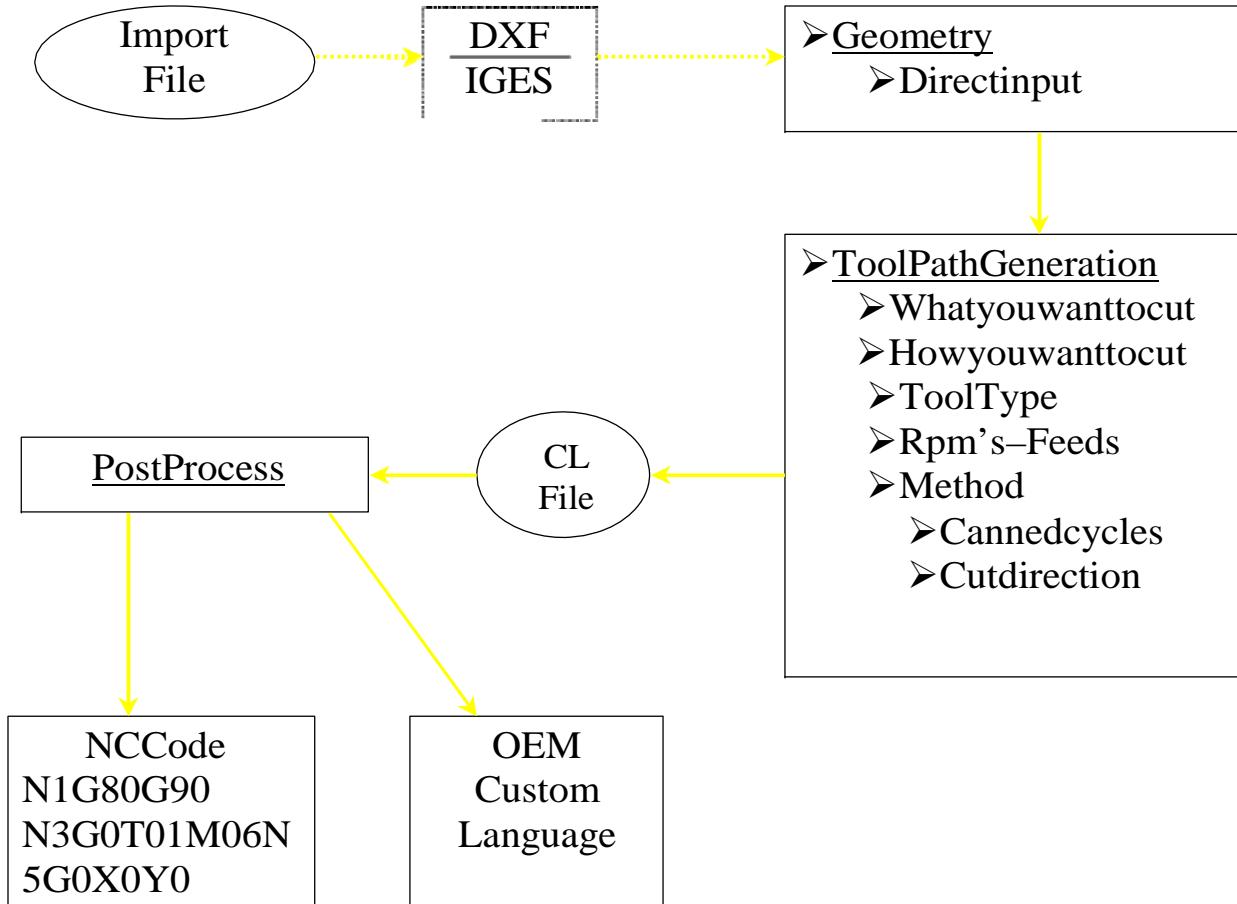


Tapping

Control menu asks for:

- Setup clearance
- Total hole depth
- Dwell time (seconds)
- Feed rate

CADtoNCCode



Advantages of CNC Machine Tools

- Ease of part duplication
- Flexibility
- Repeatability
- Quality control through process control
- Accommodates simple to complex parts geometry
- Improved part aesthetics
- Increased productivity
- Technology costs are decreasing

Advantages of CNC Machine Tools

- Reduced set-up time
- Reduced lead times
- Reduced inventory
- Better machine utilization
- Job advancement opportunities
- CNC machine tools are more rigid than conventional machine tools
 - Climb milling requires about 10-15% less horsepower vs. conventional cutting, but requires a rigid machine tool with no backlash
 - Increased rpm's and feeds

Programming Methods

- Automatically Programmed Tools (APT)
 - A text-based system in which a programmer defines a series of lines, arcs, and points which define the overall part geometry locations. These features are then used to generate a cutter location (CL) file.
 - Developed as a joint effort between the aerospace industry, MIT, and the USAirforce
 - Still used today and accounts for about 5-10% of all programming in the defense and aerospace industries

ProgrammingMethods-APT

- Requires excellent 3D visualization skills
- Capable of generating machine code for complicated part programs
 - 5 axis machine tools
- Part definition
 - P1=Point/12,20,0
 - C1=Circle/Center,P1,Radius,3
 - LN1=Line/C1.ATANGL,90
- Cutter Commands
 - TLRT,GORT/LN1.TANTO,C1
 - GOFWD/C1,TANTO,L5

ProgrammingMethods-CAM

- ComputerAidedMachining(CAM)Systems
 - Graphicrepresentationofthepart
 - PCbased
 - IntegratedCAD/CAMfunctionality
 - “Some”built-inexpertise
 - Speed&feeddata basedonmaterialandtoolspecifications
 - Tool&materiallibraries
 - Toolpathsimulation
 - Toolpathediting
 - Toolpathoptimization
 - Cuttimecalculationsforcostestimating

ProgrammingMethods-CAM

- Import/export capabilities to other systems
 - Examples:
 - Drawing Exchange Format (DXF)
 - Initial Graphics Exchange Standard (IGES)
 - Start with graphic representation of part
 - Direct input
 - Import from external system
 - Example DXF/IGES
 - 2D or 3D scan
 - Model or Blueprint
- (At this point you have a graphics file of your geometry)*

The ProcessCAD to NCF file

- Define cutter path by selecting geometry
 - Contours
 - Pockets
 - Hole patterns
 - Surfaces
 - Volume to be removed

(At this point the system knows what you want to cut)

- Define cut parameters
 - Tool information
 - Type, Rpm, Feed
 - Cut method
 - Example - Pocket mill zig-zag, spiral, inside-out
 - Rough and finish parameters

(At this point the system knows how you want to cut the part)

The ProcessCAD to NC File

- Execute cutter simulation
 - Visual representation of cutter motion
- Modify/delete cutter sequences

(At this point the system has a “generic” cutter location (CL) file of the cut paths)

- Post Processing
 - CL file to machine specific NC code
- Filters CL information and formats it into NC code based on machine specific parameters
 - Work envelope
 - Limits - feed rates, tool changer, rpm's, etc.
 - G & M function capabilities

GROUPTECHNOLOGY

- Concept of Group Technology
- Parts classification and coding
- Product flow analysis
- Manufacturing cell design
- Transfer lines

Why Group Technology?

- **Average lot size decreasing:**

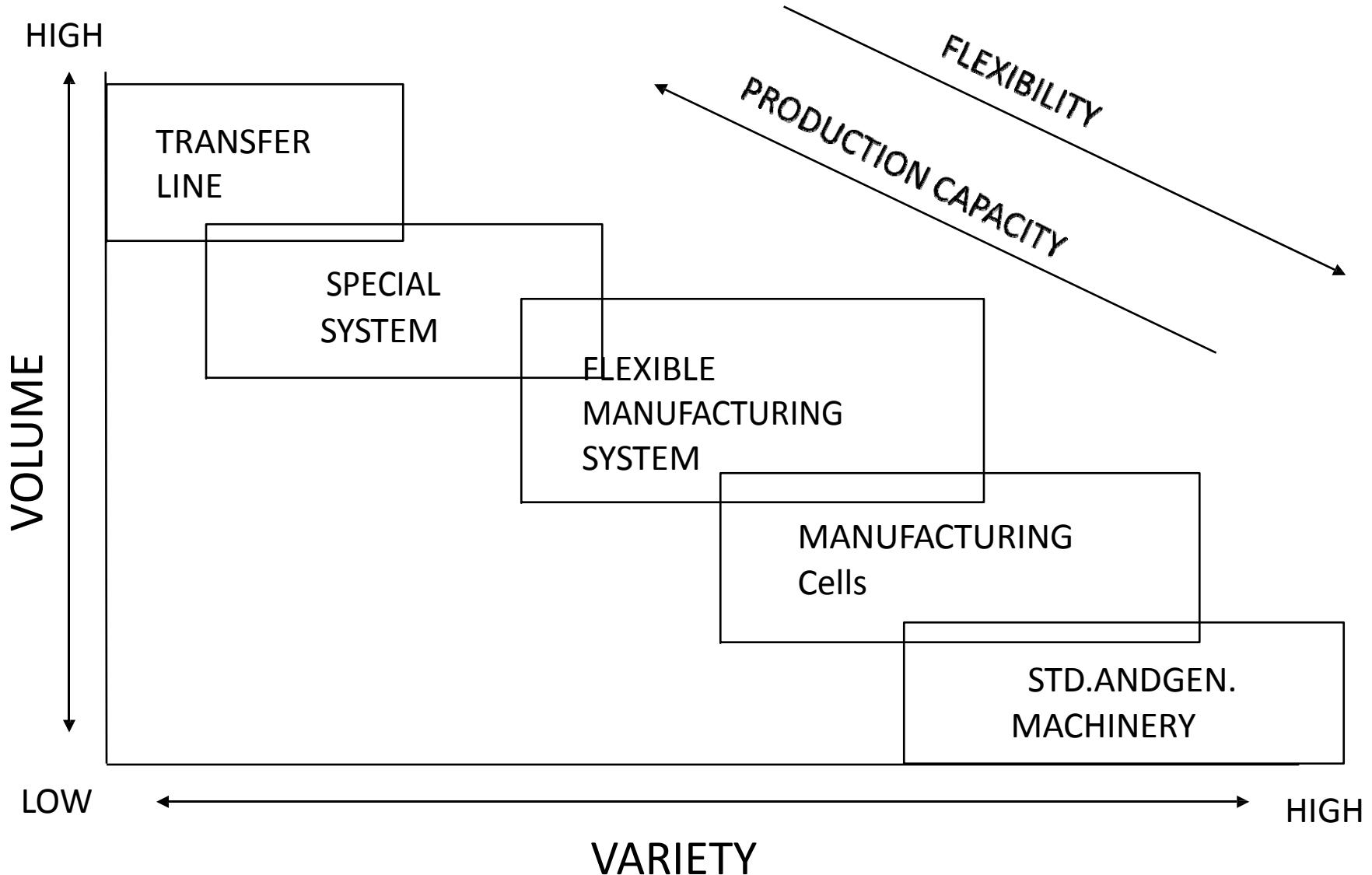
Parts in medium production quantity range
are usually made in batches

Disadvantages of batch production:

- Downtime for changeovers
- High inventory carrying costs

GT minimizes these disadvantages by recognizing that although the parts are different, there are families of parts that possess similarities

- Part variety increasing
- Increased variety of materials with diverse properties
- Requirements for closer tolerances
- GT exploits the part similarities by utilizing similar processes and tooling to produce them
- GT can be implemented by manual or automated techniques
 - When manual, the system is called *cellular manufacturing*
 - When automated, the system is called a *flexible manufacturing system*



GroupTechnology

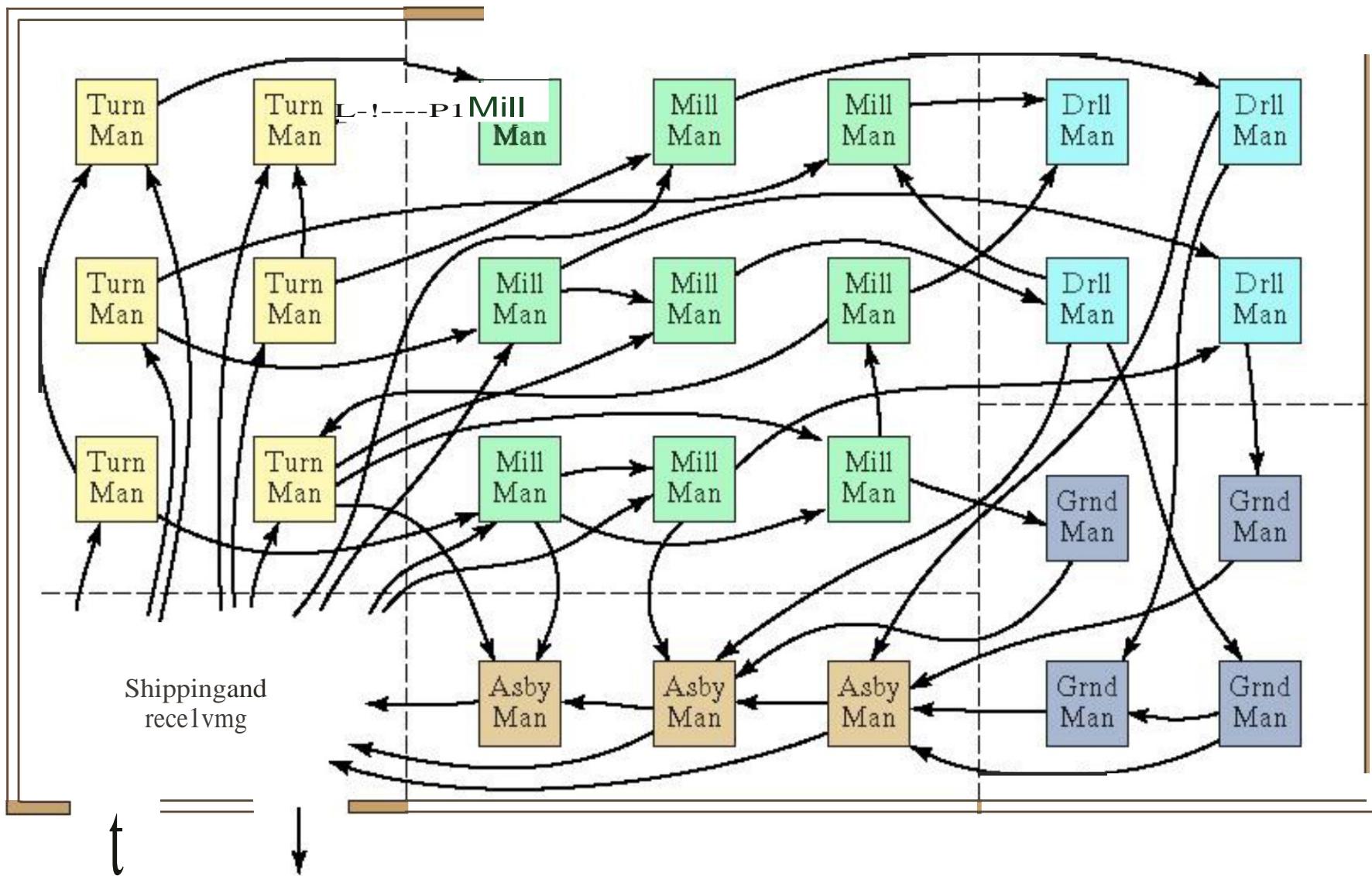
GroupTechnology is a manufacturing concept according to which, various parts manufactured by a company are replaced in small batches or groups based on similarities in their design and manufacturing process. These groups are called part families.

Thus Group Technology is the realization that many problems are similar, and that by grouping similar problems, a single solution can be found to a set of problems thus saving time and effort.

WhentoUseGT?

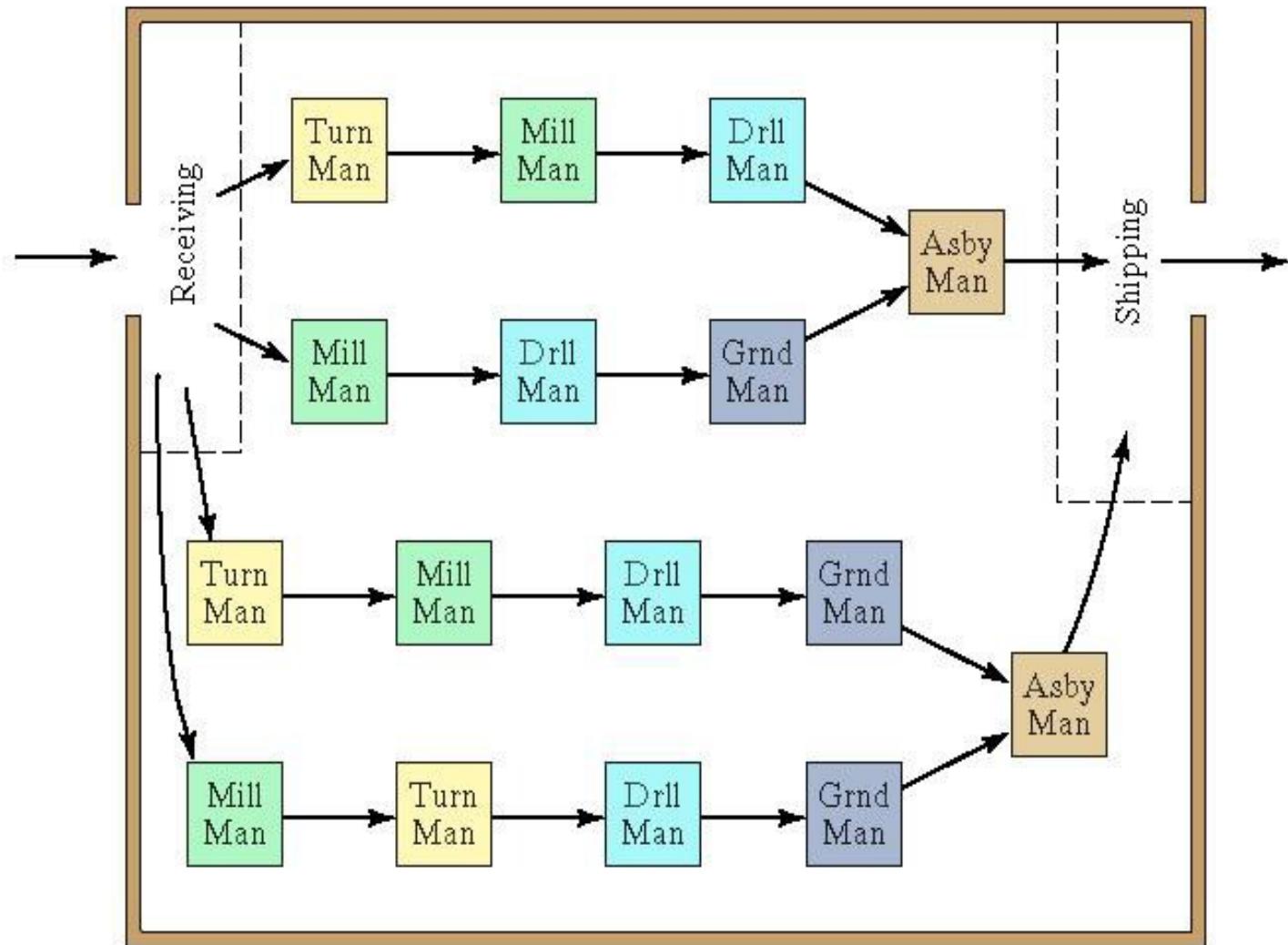
1. The plant currently uses traditional batch production and a process type layout
 - This results in much material handling effort, high in-process inventory, and long manufacturing lead times
2. The parts can be grouped into part families
 - A necessary condition to apply group technology
 - Each machine cell is designed to produce a given part family, or a limited collection of part families, so it must be possible to group parts made in the plant into families

Traditional Process Layout

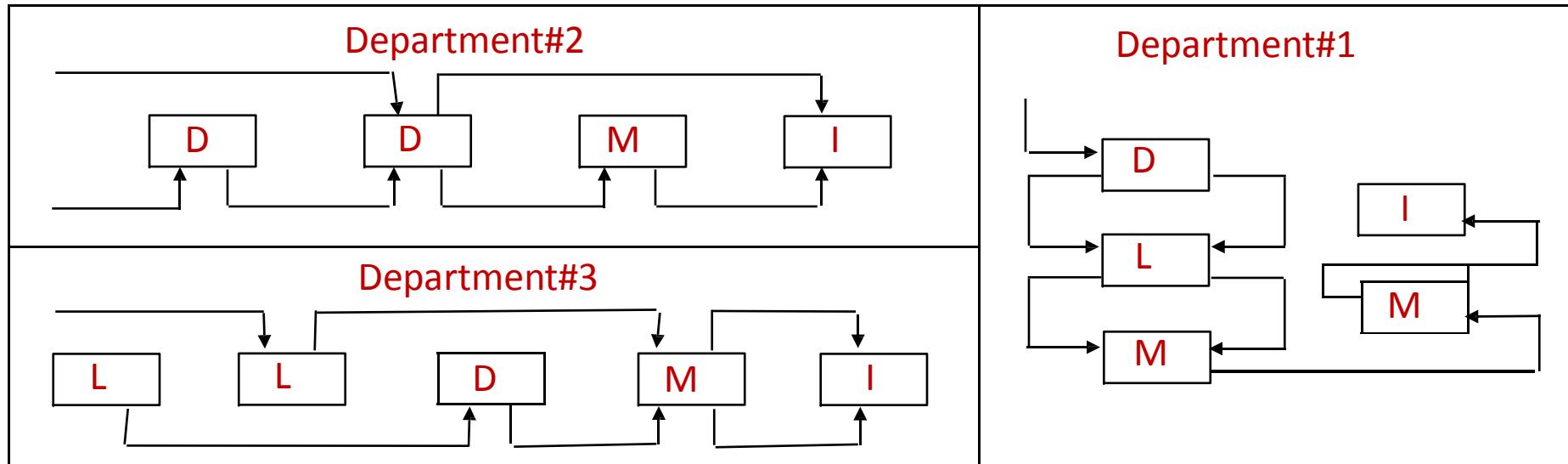


CellularLayoutBasedonGT

Each cell specifies in production one or a limited number of part families



CellularLayout



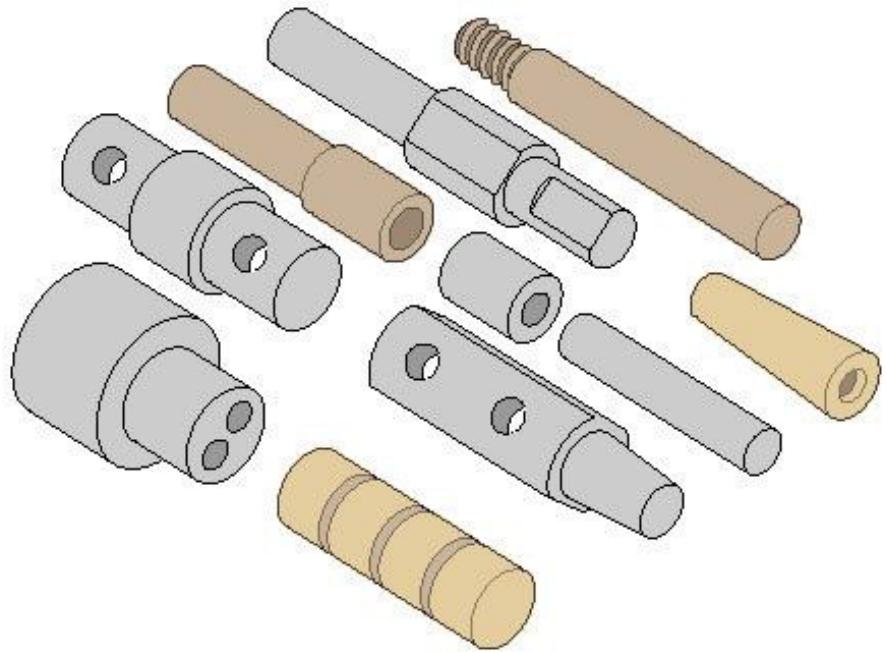
PartFamily

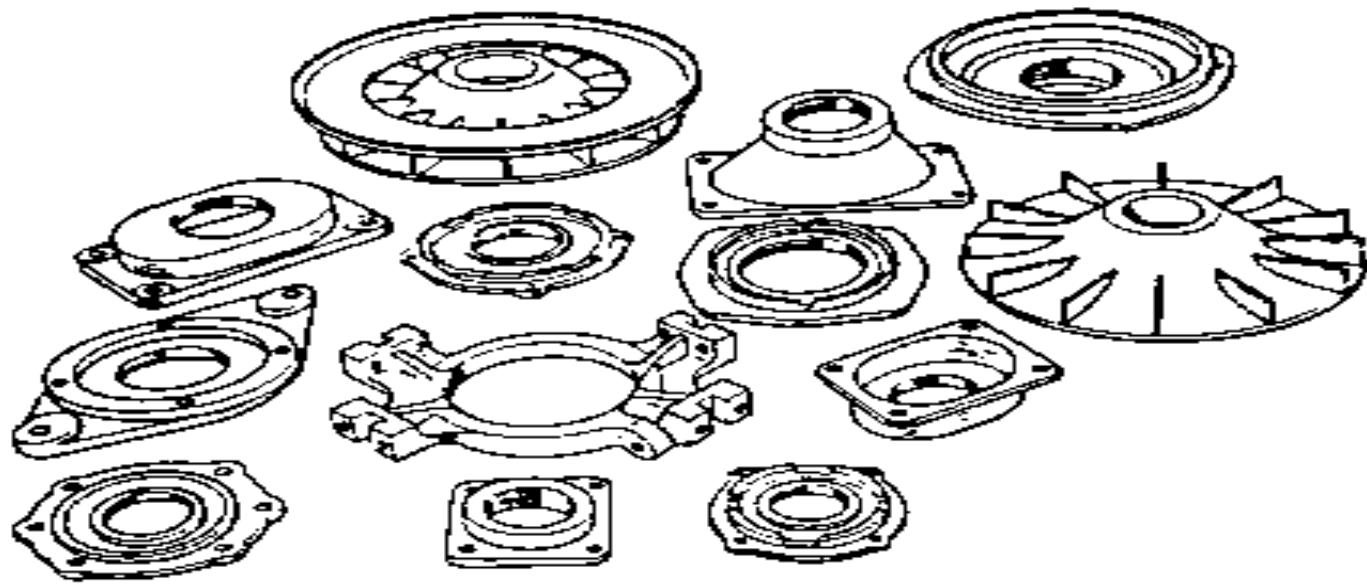
A collection of parts that possess similarities in geometric shape and size, or in the processing steps used in their manufacture

- Part families are a central feature of group technology
 - There are always differences among parts in a family
 - But the similarities are close enough that the parts can be grouped into the same family

Part Families

- Ten parts are different in size, shape, and material, but quite similar in terms of manufacturing
- All parts are machined from cylindrical stock by turning; some parts require drilling and/or milling





Thirteen parts with similar manufacturing Process requirements but different Design attributes

Methods of grouping parts into part families

1. Visual inspection

- Using best judgment to group parts into appropriate families, based on the parts or photos of the parts

2. Composite Part method

3. Parts classification and coding

- Identifying similarities and differences among parts and relating them by means of a coding scheme

4. Production flow analysis

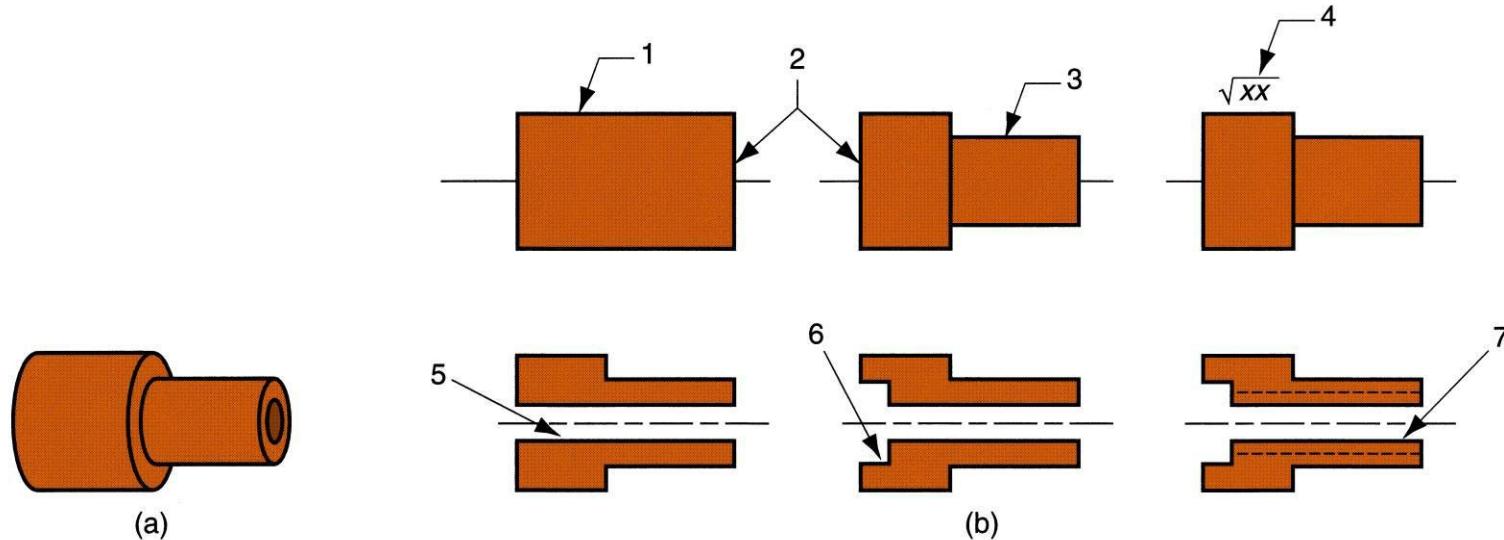
- Using information contained on route sheets to classify parts

CompositePart Concept

A composite part for a given family is a hypothetical part that includes all of the design and manufacturing attributes of the family

- An individual part in the family will have some of the features of the family, but not all
- A production cell for the part family would consist of those machines required to make the composite part
- Such a cell would be able to produce any family member, by omitting operations corresponding to features not possessed by that part

Figure-Composite partconcept:(a)thecompositepartforafamilyofmachined rotationalparts, and(b)theindividualfeaturesofthecompositepart.



<u>Design feature</u>	<u>Corresponding operation</u>
1. External cylinder	Turning
2. Face of cylinder	Facing
3. Cylindrical step	Turning
4. Smooth surface	External cylindrical grinding
5. Axial hole	Drilling
6. Counterbore	Counterboring
7. Internal threads	Tapping

Parts Classification and Coding

Parts Classification is the process of grouping of parts on the basis of essential features of the parts, while **coding** is the process of assigning the codes of the parts.

PartsClassificationSystems

Most classification and coding systems are one of the following:

- Systems based on part design attributes
 - Useful for design standardization
- Systems based on part manufacturing attributes
 - Useful for computer aided process planning, tool design and other production related functions.
- Systems based on both design and manufacturing attributes
 - combines attributes and advantages of above two types of systems.

Design and Manufacturing Attributes

Part Design Attributes

Basic external shape

Basic internal shape

Material

Part function

Part Mfg. Attributes

Major processes
Minor operations
Fixtures needed
Production time
Annual production

Length/diameter ratio

Surface finish

Tolerances----machine tool

Operation sequence

Major dimension

Tooling

Batch size

PartsCodingsystems

Partscodingsystemconsistsofasequenceofsymbols that identify parts design and/or manufacturing attributes.

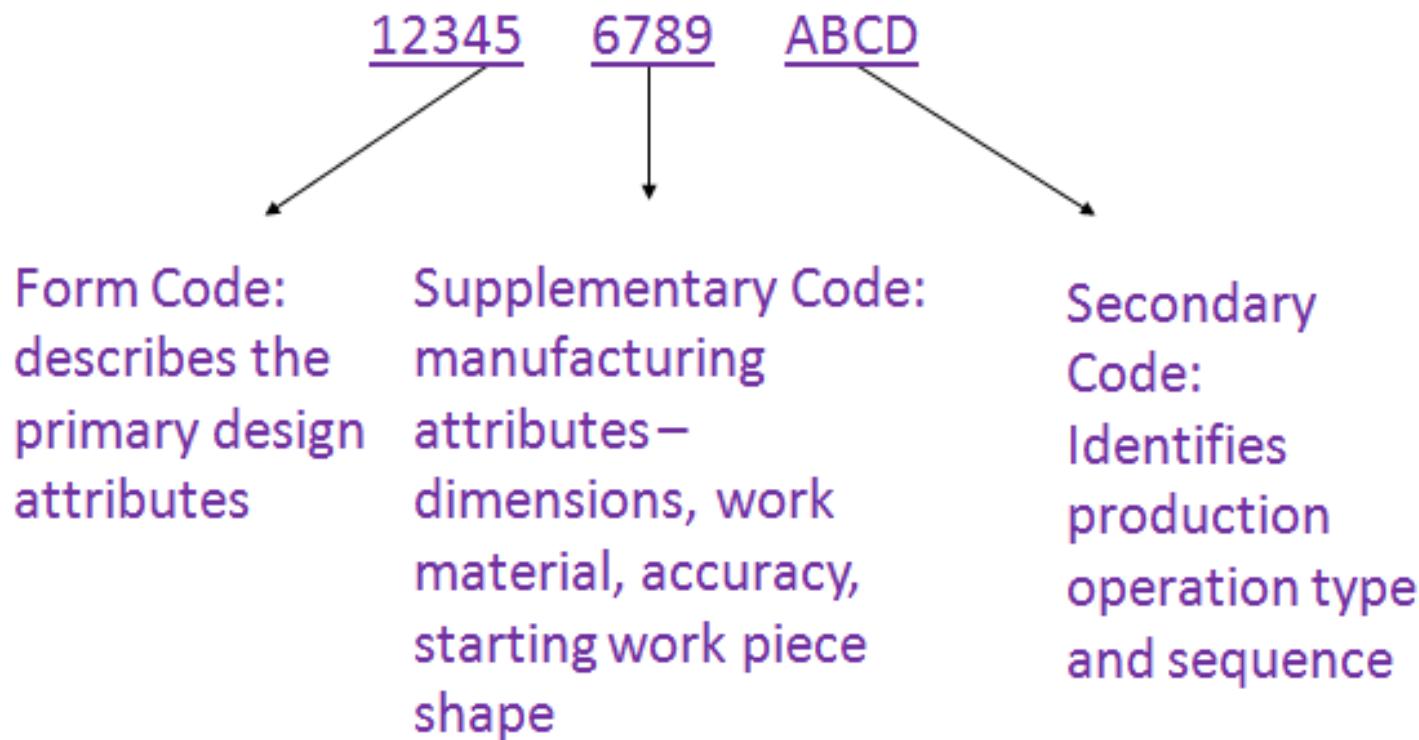
1. Hierarchical structure (monocode)
 - Interpretation of each successive digit depends on the value of the preceding digit
2. Chain-type structure (polycode)
 - Interpretation of each symbol is always the same
 - No dependence on previous digits
3. Mixed-code structure
 - Combination of hierarchical and chain-type structures

Commercial Parts Classification and Coding Systems

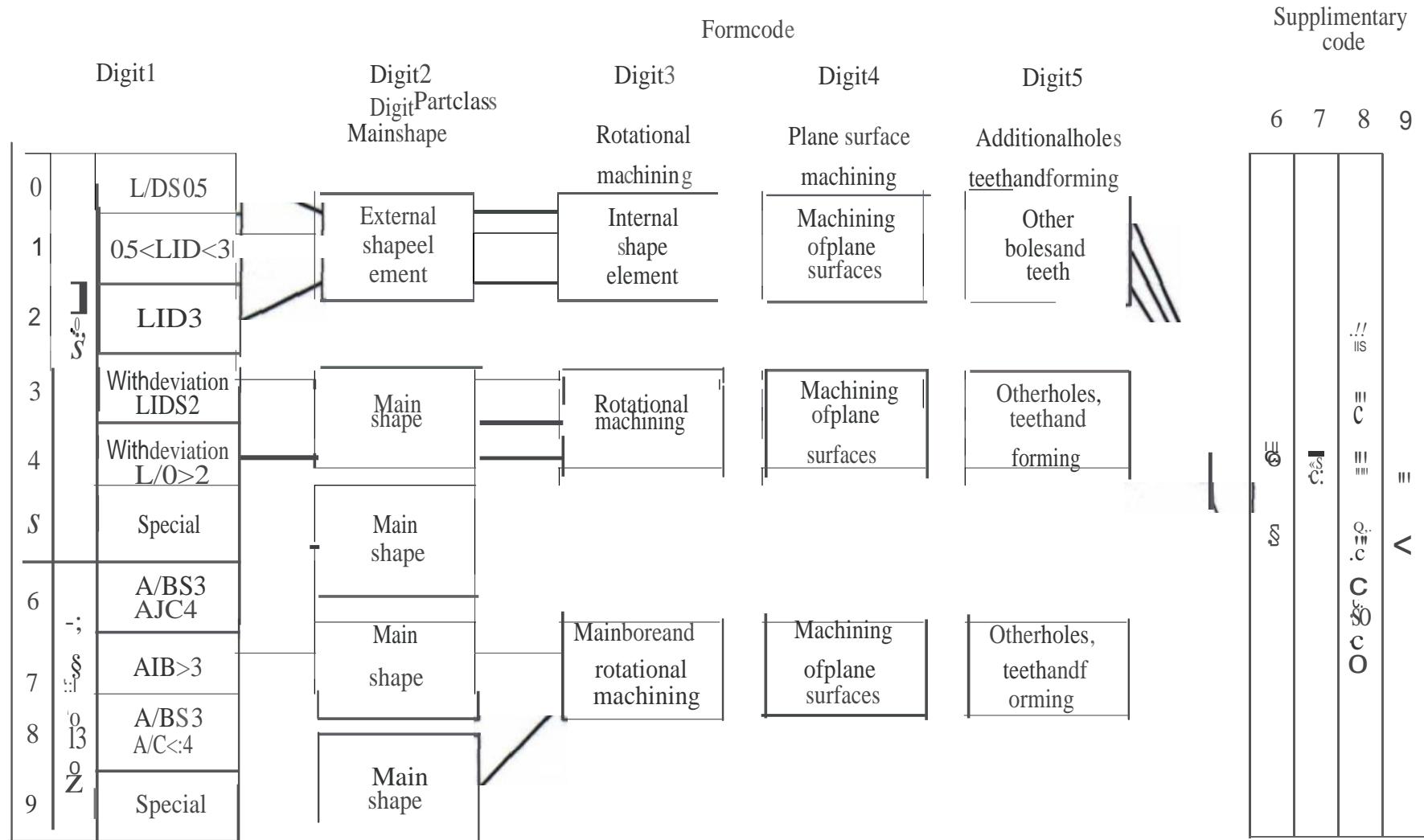
1. OPTIZSystem
2. CODESystem
3. BRISCHSystem
4. KK-3System
5. MICLASSSystem
6. DCLASSSystem
7. COFORMSystem
8. TOSHIBASystem

The OPTIZ Classification System

- Developed by Professor H. Optiz of Achene Technical University, Germany.



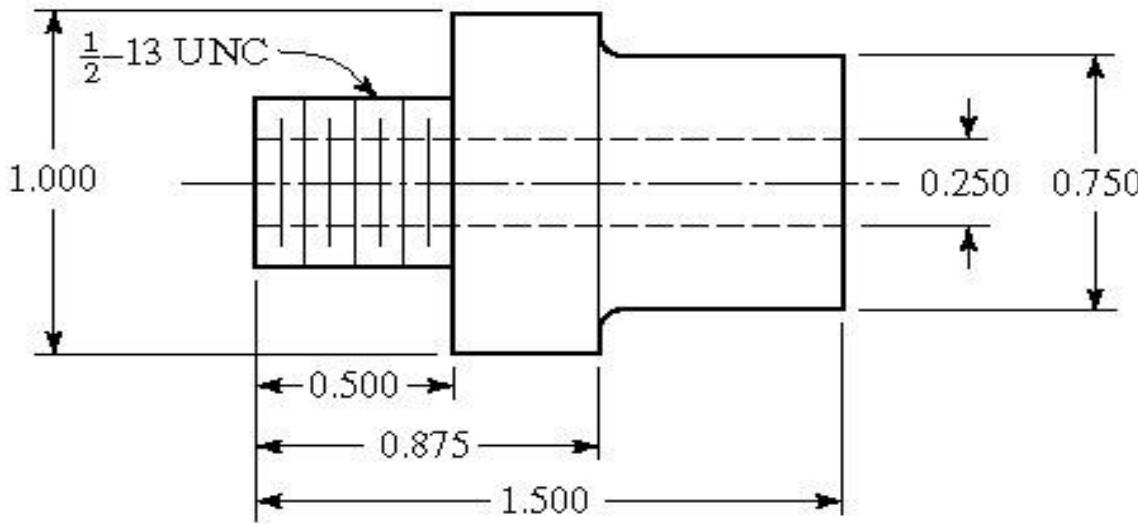
Opitz coding and classification system



OpitzFormCode(Digits1through5)

Digit1		Digit2		Digit3		Digit4		Digit5	
Partclass		Externalshape,exte rnalshapeelements		Internalshape, internalshapeelements		Planesurface machining		Auxiliaryholes andgearteeth	
0	LID0.5	0	Smooth,noshape elements	0	Nobole, nobreakthrough	0	Nosurface machining	0	Noauxiliaryhole
1	0.5<LID<3	1	Noshape elements	1	Nosbape elements	1	Surfaceplaneand/or curvedinonedirection,external	1	Axial,notonpitch circlediameter
2	LID2:3	2	Thread	2	Thread	2	Externalplanesurfer elatedbygraduationaro undthecircle	2	Axialonpitch circlediameter
3		3	Functional groove	3	Functional groove	3	Externalgroove and/orslot	3	Radial,noton pitch circle
4		4	Noshape elements	4	Noshape elements	4	Externalspline(4	diameter Axial and/orradial and/orother direction
5		5	Thread	5	Thread	5	Externalplanesurface and/orslot. externalspline	5	Axialand/orradial onPCDand/or otherdirections
6		6	Functional groove	6	Functional groove	6	Internalplanesurface and/orslot	6	Spurgearteeth
7		7	Functionalcone	7	Functionalcone	7	Internalspline (polygon)	7	Bevelgearteeth
8		8	Operatingthread	8	Operatingthread	8	Internalandexternalg olygon,groove and/orslot	8	Othergearteeth
9		9	Allothers	9	Allothers	9	All others	9	

Example:OpitzFormCode



FormcodeinOpitzsystemis15100

- Length-to-diameter ratio, L/D=1.5
- External shape: stepped on both ends with screw thread on one end
- Internal shape: part contains a through-hole
- Plane surface machining: none
- Auxiliary holes, gear teeth, etc.: none

Digit1= 1
Digit2=5
Digit3=1
Digit4=0
Digit5=0

15100

The parts's form code in the Opitz system is

Production Flow Analysis (PFA)

Method for identifying part families and associated machine groupings based on production route sheets rather than part design data

- Work parts with identical or similar route sheets are classified into part families
- Advantages of using route sheet data
 - Parts with different geometries may nevertheless require the same or similar processing
 - Parts with nearly the same geometries may nevertheless require different processing

Steps in Production Flow Analysis

1. Data collection –
operation sequence and machine routing for each part
2. Sorting of process routings – parts with same sequences and routings are rearranged into “packs”
3. PF A chart – each pack is displayed on a PF A chart
 - Also called a *part-machine incidence matrix*
4. Cluster analysis – purpose is to collect packs with similar routings into groups
 - Each machine group = a machine cell

Before Scheduling

	MachineCodeLetter									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	J
1							X			
2		X	X							
3				X						
4							X	X		
5	X	X	X							
6								X	X	
7	X		X							
a										
9							X	X		
10				X	X					
11	X	X	X				X			
12							X			
13								X		
14				X	X					
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17	X									
18	X	X								
19				X	X	X				
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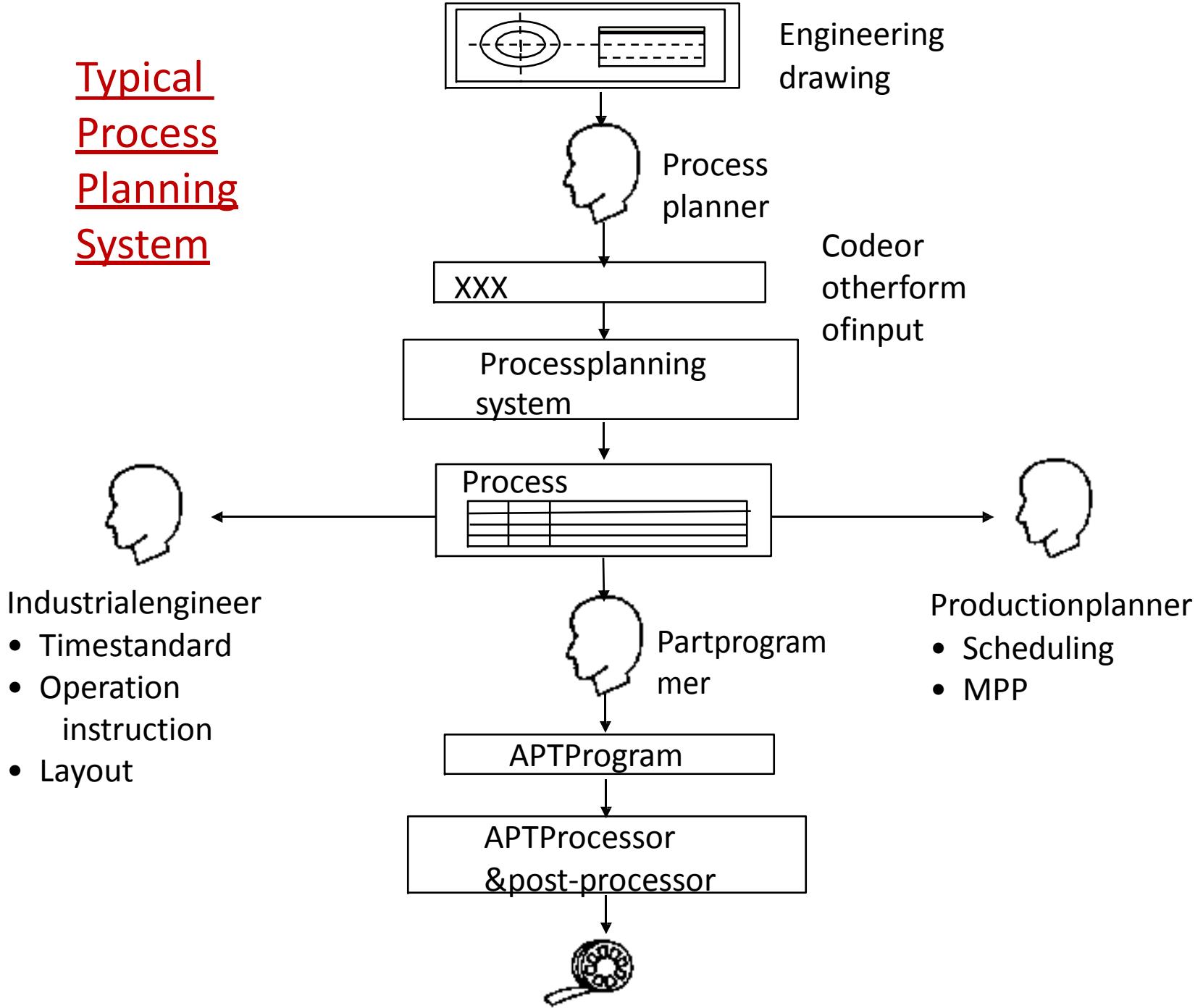
A matrix of jobs (by number) and machine tools (by code letter) as found in the typical job shop.

After Scheduling

	MachineCodeLetter									
	A	B	C	O	E	F	G	H	J	J
7	x			X:					:	
11	X	X	X	:					:	
2		x	x	:					:	
5	X	X	X	:					:	
18	x	x								
14				X	X					machines F, G, H, form manufacturer
3										
10				X	X					
20										
12						X	X		:	
4							X	X	:	
19						X	X	X	:	
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A matrix rearranged to yield families of parts and associated groups of machines that can form each U.

Typical Process Planning System

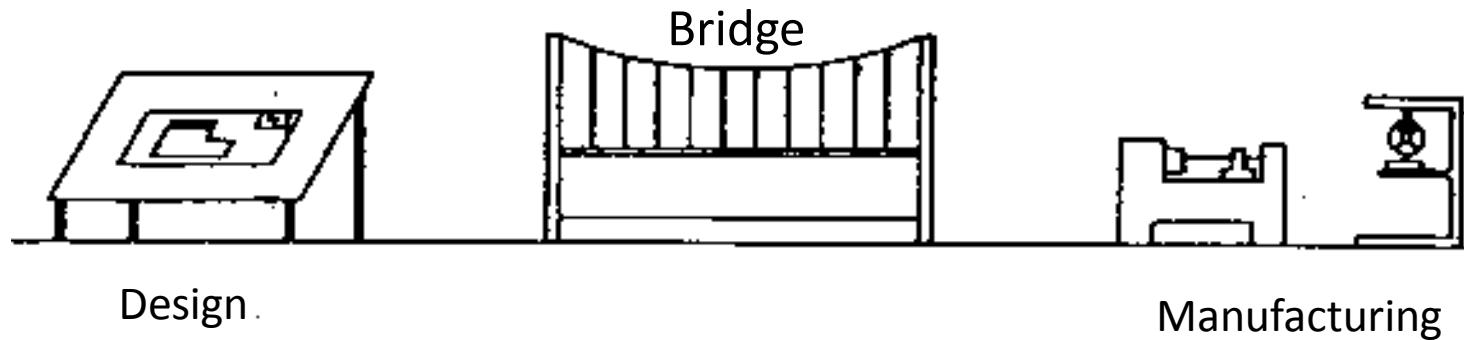


Process Planning

“Process planning” is that function within a manufacturing Facility that establishes which machining processes and Parameters are to be used (as well as those machines capable of performing these processes) to convert (machine) a piece Part from its initial form to a final form predetermined (usually by a design engineer) from an engineering drawing.

(I.E. The preparation of the detailed work instructions to produce a part)

Process planning bridges design and manufacturing



BenefitsofGroupTechnology

Reductions in

Throughput time

Set-

uptime Overdue

orders

Production floor space

Raw material stocks

In-process inventory

Capital expenditures

Tooling costs

Engineering time and costs

New parts design

New shop drawings

Totalnumberofdrawings

Other Benefits Of Group Technology

Easier to justify automation

Standardization in design

Data retrieval

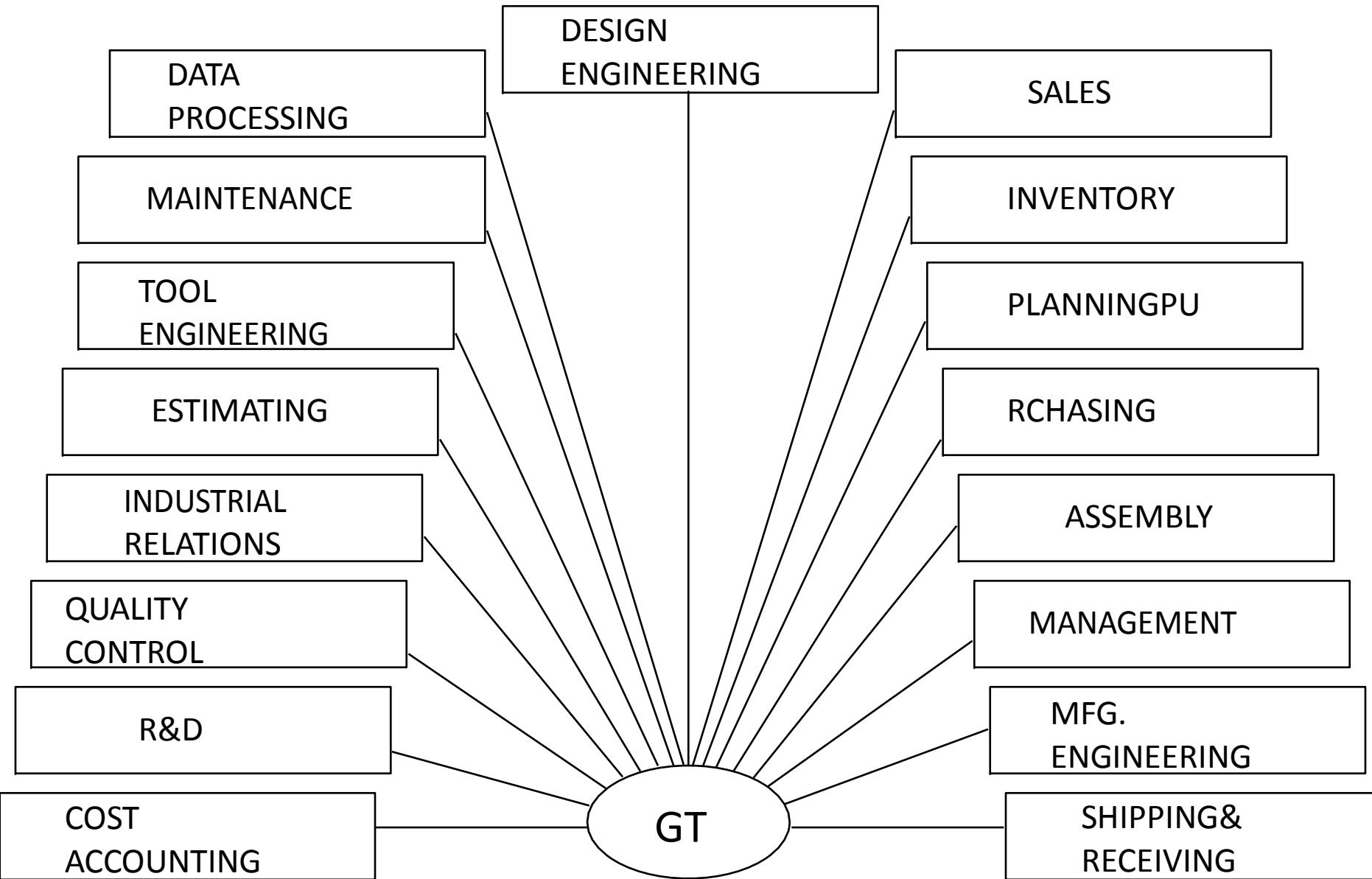
Easier, more standardized process plans

Increases in quality

Limitations of GT

- Lot of time and efforts are required initially to make part family.
- High initial cost
- If range of products being manufactured by company changes, GT codes have to be revised.
- There are number of GT codes but no single classification and coding system suits all applications.
- It is time consuming and costly to rearrange the machines into machine cells.
- Inertia to change: normally there is resistance from worker, for any change in manufacturing system.

GT affects most every operating and staff function. It is more than merely a technique, but a total Manufacturing philosophy.



Cellular manufacturing(Manufacturingcell)

- A manufacturing cell is a self-sufficient manufacturing facility which includes all machines and equipment that are needed to make a part or subassembly. This concept is called cellular manufacturing.
- Considers concept of group technology.
- Should be well planned and designed in order to operate it profitably.
- It may be designed for a particular part family.

Machine Cell Classifications

- Single machine
- Multiple machines with manual handling
- Multiple machines with mechanized handling
- Flexible manufacturing cell
- Flexible manufacturing system

Types of GT Cells

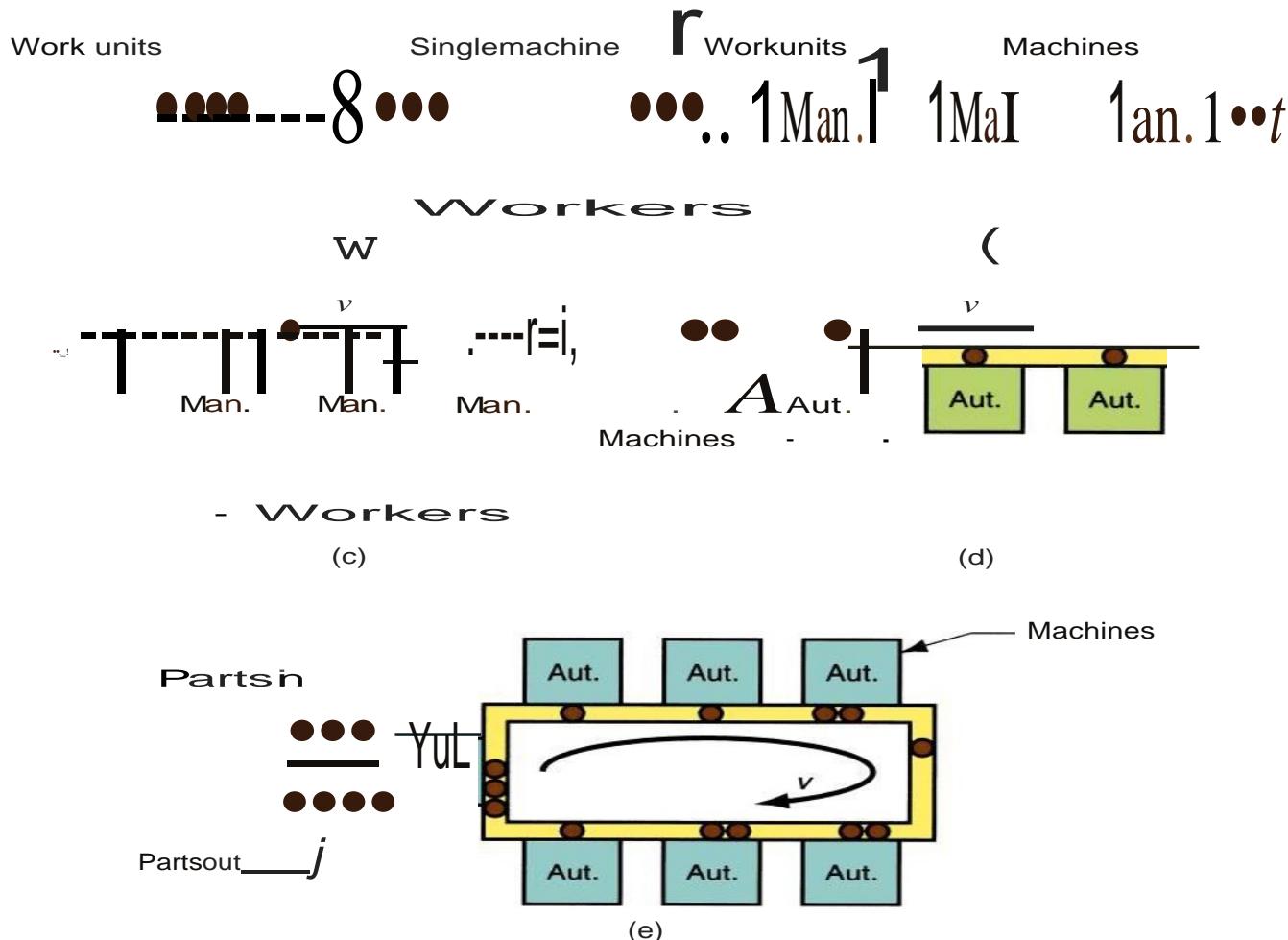


Figure 40.4 Types of GT cells: (a) single machine, (b) multiple machines with manual handling, (c) multiple machines with mechanized handling, (d) flexible manufacturing cell, (e) flexible manufacturing system.

Machine Cell Designs

Factors to be considered while implementing cellular manufacturing.

1. Volume of work to decide number of machines.
2. Variation in the process routings of parts belonging to a part family to decide type of machine arrangement and material handling system required.
3. Workpiece attributes like part size, shape, weight etc. to decide size and type of machines, material handling and other processing equipments required.

Benefits of Cellular Manufacturing

- Tooling and fixturation
- Material handling
- Process planning
- Production and inventory control