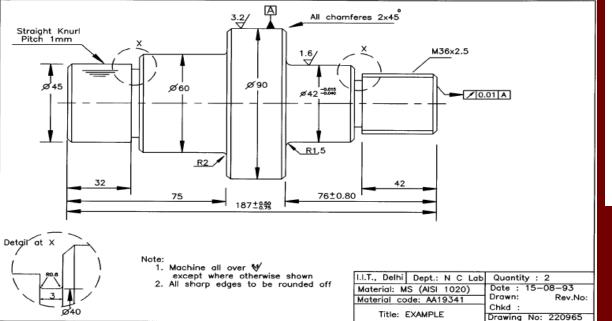
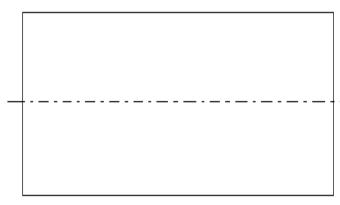
- Process planning can be defined as the systematic determination of the detailed methods by which workpieces or parts can be manufactured economically and competitively from initial stages (raw material form) to finished stages (desired form).
- Geometrical features, dimensional sizes, tolerances, materials, and surface finishes are analyzed and evaluated to determine an appropriate sequence of processing operations.

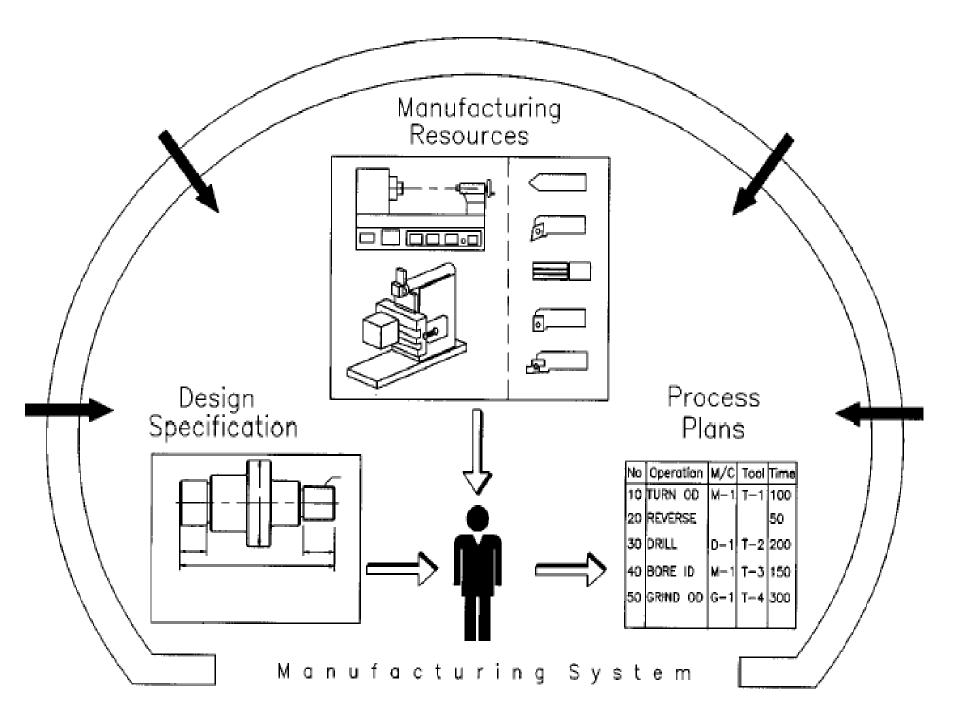
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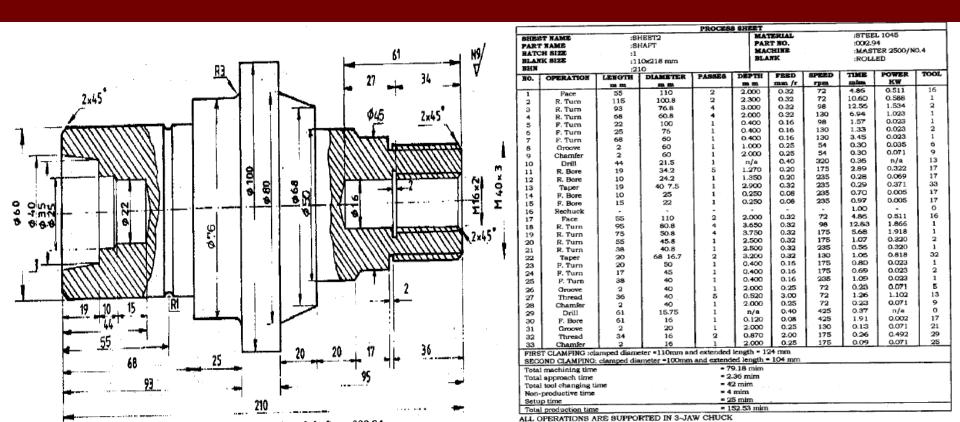
Initial Form



- In general, the inputs to process planning are
 - design data,
 - raw material data,
 - facilities data (machining data, tooling data, fixture data, etc.),
 - quality requirements data, and
 - production type data.
- The output of process planning is the process plan.
- The process plan is often documented into a specific format and called
 - process plan sheet,
 - > process sheet,
 - operation sheet,
 - planning sheet,
 - > route sheet,
 - > route plan, or
 - > part program.



- A process plan is an important document for production management. The process plan can be used for
 - Management of production,
 - Assurance of product quality,
 - Optimization of production sequencing, and
 - Determination of equipment layout on the shop floor.



 Recent research results have also demonstrated that process planning plays an important role in Computer Integrated Manufacturing – CIM

Process planning is the key link for integrating design and manufacturing

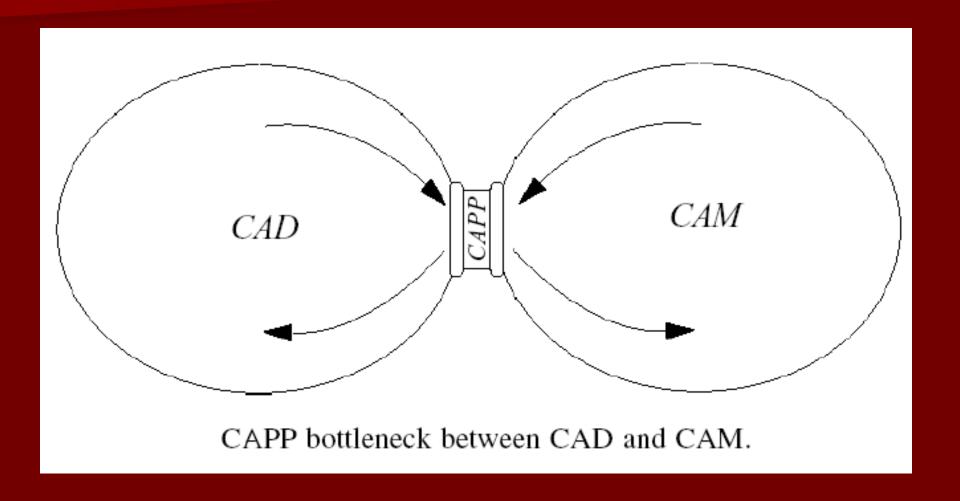
- the process plan provides necessary information for technical and equipment preparation, such as:
 - > tools,
 - > jigs and fixtures,
 - > machines,
 - > inspection devices,
 - > raw material stocks,
 - inventory plans,
 - purchasing plans,
 - > personal requirements,
 - > etc.

Defining Computer Aided Process planning - CAPP

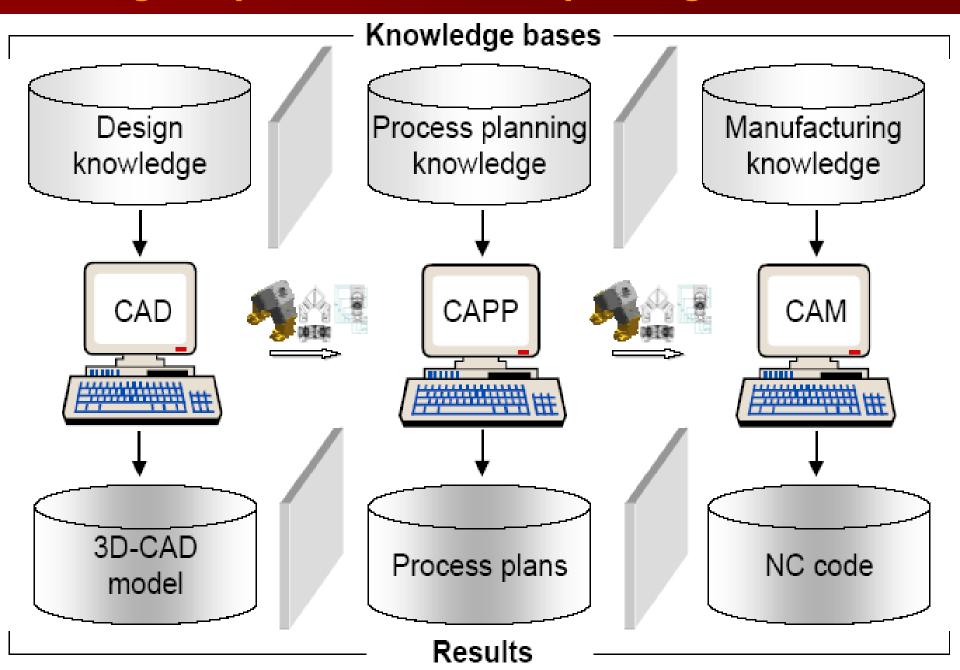
- Computer Aided Process Planning (CAPP) can be defined as the functions which use computers to assist the work of process planners.
- The levels of assistance depend on the different strategies employed to implement the system.
 - Lower level strategies only use computers for storage and retrieval of the data for the process plans which will be constructed manually by process planners, as well as for supplying the data which will be used in the planner's new work.
 - ☐ Higher level strategies use computers to automatically generate process plans for some workpieces of simple geometrical shapes.

Defining Computer Aided Process planning - CAPP

CAPP a key factor in CAD/CAM integration because it is the link between CAD and CAM.



Defining Computer Aided Process planning - CAPP



Benefits of CAPP

- 1. Reduction in process planning time.
- 2. Reduction in the required skill of the process planner.
- 3. Reduction in costs due to efficient use of resources.
- 4. Increased productivity.
- 5. Production of accurate and consistent plans.

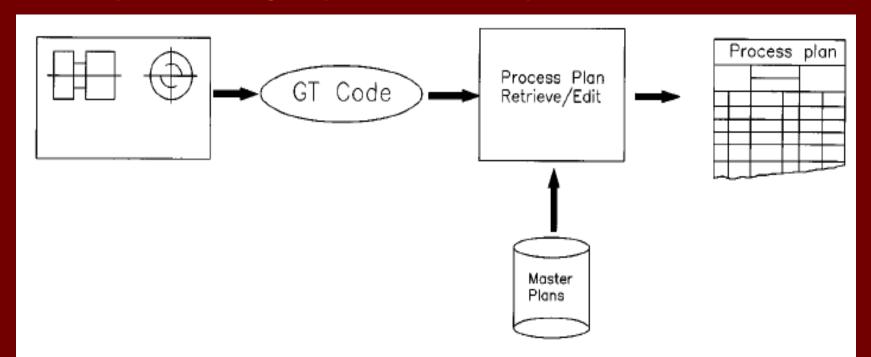
Approaches of CAPP

In general, three approaches to CAPP are traditionally recognized:

- the variant approach,
- the generative approach, and
- the hybrid (semi-generative) approach

The Variant approach of CAPP

- The variant approach, which is also called retrieval approach, uses a group technology (GT) code to select a generic process plan from the existing master process plans developed for each part family and then edits to suit the requirement of the part.
- Variant approach is commonly implemented with GT coding system. Here, the parts are segmented into groups based on similarity and each group has a master plan.



Advantages of Variant approach of CAPP

1. Once a standard plan has been written, a variety of components can be planned.

2. Programming and installation are comparatively simple.

3. The system is understandable, and the planner has control of the final plan.

4. It is easy to learn and easy to use.

Disadvantages of Variant approach of CAPP

1. The components to be planned are limited to previously planned similar components.

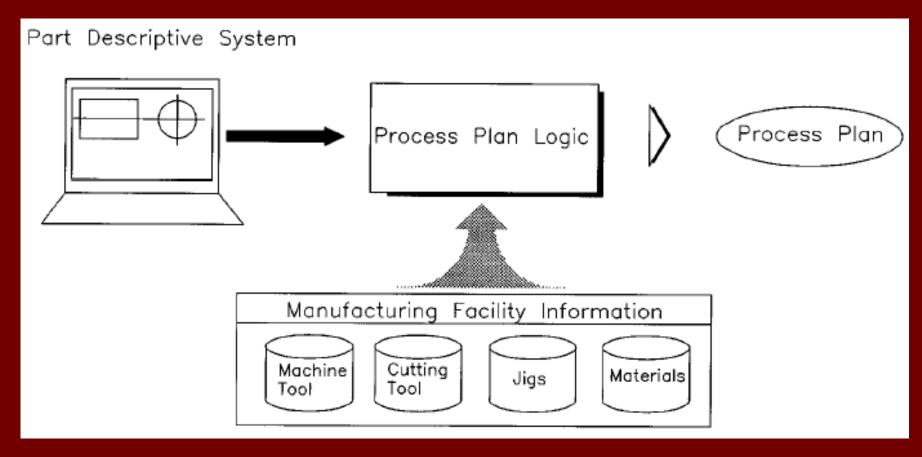
2. Experienced process planners are still required to modify the standard plan for the specific component.

3. Details of the plan cannot be generated.

4. Variant planning cannot be used in an entirely automated manufacturing system, without additional process planning.

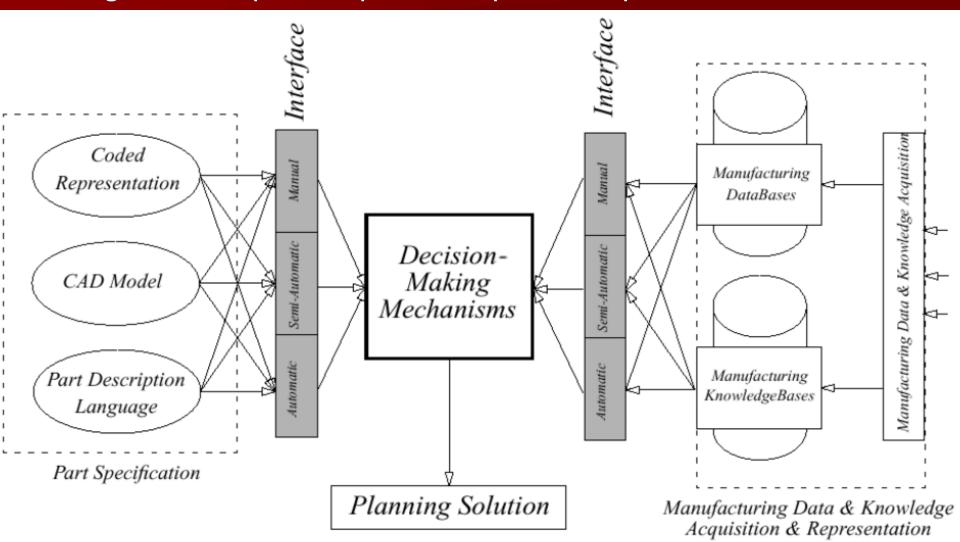
The Generative approach of CAPP

 In a generative approach, a process plan for each component is created from scratch without human intervention. These systems are designed to automatically synthesize process information to develop a process plan for a part



The Generative approach of CAPP

• Generative CAPP systems contain the logic to use *manufacturing* data bases, knowledge bases and suitable part description schemes to generate a process plan for a particular part.



Advantages of Generative approach of CAPP

1. Consistent process plans can be generated rapidly.

2. New components can be planned as easily as existing components.

3. It has potential for integrating with an automated manufacturing facility to provide detailed control information.

The Hybrid (Semi-Generative) approach of CAPP

A hybrid planner, for example, might use a variant,
GT-based approach to retrieve an existing process plan, and generative techniques for modifying this plan to suit the new part

Main Steps of CAPP Systems

- Identification of part specifications.
- Selection of blanks or stock.
- Selection of machining operations.
- Selection of machine tools.
- Selection of cutting tools.
- Calculation of cutting parameters.
- Generation of setup plans.
- Selection of work holding devices (fixtures).
- Calculation of times and costs.
- Generation of process plans