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Optimization of Surface Finish and Material Removal Rate with Different Insert Nose Radius for Turning Operation on CNC Turning Center

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ABSTRACT— In this research work the effect of insert nose radius and machining parameters including cutting speed, feed rate and depth of cut on surface roughness and material removal rate (MRR) in a turning operation are investigated by using the Taguchi optimization method. A three level four parameter design of experiment, the signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio are employed to the study the performance characteristics in the turning of Aluminium Alloy 6061 using nose radius of 0.4, 0.8 and 1.2 mm carbide inserts on CNC turning centre. The conclusions revealed that the feed rate and nose radius were the most influential factors on the surface roughness and Material Removal Rate (MRR) in CNC turning process is greatly influenced by depth of cut followed by cutting speed. For simultaneous optimization of Surface roughness (R_a) and material removal rate (MRR) depth of cut is the most significant parameter affecting the performance followed by the nose radius.

KEYWORDS: Inserts, Taguchi, S/N ratio, Aluminium, MRR, Surface Roughness, Nose radius.

I. INTRODUCTION

Turning is the removal of metal from the outer diameter of a rotating cylindrical work piece. Turning is used to reduce the diameter of the work piece, usually to a specified dimension, and to produce a smooth finish on the metal. Turning is the machining operation that produces cylindrical parts. The three primary factors in any basic turning operation are speed, feed, and depth of cut. Other factors such as kind of material and type of tool have a large influence, of course, but these three are the ones the operator can change by adjusting the controls, right at the machine. Tool geometry parameters play an important role in determining the overall machining performance, including cutting forces, tool wear, surface finish, chip formation and chip breaking. Several angles are important when introducing the cutting tool's edge into a rotating work piece. These angles include the angle of inclination, rake angle, effective rake angle, lead or entry angle, and tool nose radius.

On the strength of the review of work done by previous researchers [1-13], it is found that a considerable amount of work has been carried out by previous investigators for modeling, simulation and parametric optimization of surface properties of the product in turning operation. Issues related to tool life, tool wear, cutting forces have been addressed to. But a very little work has been found in uses of different inserts with different nose radius as a parameter for optimizing the surface properties.

This study demonstrates detailed methodology of the proposed optimization technique which is based on Taguchi method; and ranks the parameters namely cutting speed, feed, depth of cut and nose radius of inserts through S/N ratio. MRR of a turned product along with surface finish of work piece have been optimized.



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II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. CNC Turning Centre

ACE Designers Ltd. make CNC turning centre with Fanuc Oi-mate-TD controller is used to carry out the experimentation.

Table I Specifications of CNC turning center					
Max. Turning diameter	190 mm				
Max. Turning length	200 mm				
Chuck Size	135 mm				
Spindle Speed	50- 4000 rpm				
Spindle motor power	5.5 kW/ 3.7 kW				

Table 1 Specifications of CNC turning center

B. Selection of Cutting Tools

The cutting tool selected for present work is carbide inserts. The inserts (ANSI coding) used in present work are WNMG 331 RP (a), WNMG 332 RP (b) and WNMG 333 RP (c).

Table 2: The tool	l geometry of the inserts used	

Insert	Shape	Clearance angle	Inscribed circle size	Thickness	Nose radius
WNMG 331 RP	Trigon	0°	9.5mm	5mm	0.4mm
WNMG 332 RP	Trigon	0°	9.5mm	5mm	0.8mm
WNMG 333 RP	Trigon	0°	9.5mm	5mm	1.2 mm

C. Selection of Work piece Material

The work piece material used for current work is Aluminium Alloy 6061 circular bars of diameter 25mm and length 50mm.

D. Process Parameters and Levels used in the Experiment

The machining process on CNC lathe is programmed by cutting speed, feed and depth of cut. The parameters and levels used in the experiment are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Process parameters and levels							
Levels		Varia	bles				
	Cutting Speed, m/min	Cutting Speed, m/min Feed, mm/rev Depth of cut, mm Nose radius					
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)			
Level 1	100	0.25	1	0.4			
Level 2	150	0.3	1.5	0.8			
Level 3	200	0.35	2	1.2			



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E. Design Matrix

In the present work there are three levels and four parameters. According to Taguchi approach L9 orthogonal array has been selected. So, according to Taguchi L9 array design matrix of variables are formed. Table 4. Design matrix of variables

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1	100	0.25	1	0.4					
2	100	0.3	1.5	0.8					
3	100	0.35	2	1.2					
4	150	0.25	1.5	1.2					
5	150	0.3	2	0.4					
6	150	0.35	1	0.8					
7	200	0.25	2	0.8					
8	200	0.3	1	1.2					
9	200	0.35	1.5	0.4					

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

A. Material Removal Rate (MRR)

Initial and final weights of work pieces are noted using digital weighing machine. Machining time is also recorded. The density of the Aluminium is taken as $2.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g/mm}^3$.

B. Surface Roughness (R_{a)}

Surface Roughness measurement has been done using a portable stylus-type profilometer, Mitutoyo- Surftest SJ-201P/M. The evaluation length of 2.5 mm is used to measure response R_a value in μ m.

C. Response Table

Response table for the experimental design matrix is shown in table 5.

-	Table 5: Response table of R _a and MRR								
Exp.	А	В	С	D	R _a	MRR			
1	100	0.25	1	0.4	3.25	10591.34			
2	100	0.3	1.5	0.8	3.72	21369.38			
3	100	0.35	2	1.2	4.65	27777.78			
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4	150	0.25	1.5	1.2	3.81	19779.39			
	100	0.20							
5	150	0.3	2	0.4	4.11	31162.79			
5	150	0.5	-	0.1		51102.75			

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6	150	0.35	1	0.8	3.97	16653.81
7	200	0.25	2	0.8	4.02	32354.2
8	200	0.3	1	1.2	4.35	16138.9
9	200	0.35	1.5	0.4	3.99	27204.3

D. Analysis of Single Response Stage

The optimal settings and the predicted optimal values for surface roughness and MRR are determined individually by Taguchi's approach. Table 8 shows these individual optimal values and its corresponding settings of the process parameters for the specified performance characteristics. It is observed that the feed is most significantly influences the R_a followed by nose radius. In case of MRR, depth of cut is the most significant parameter followed by cutting speed.

	Table 6: Means of R_a at different levels								
Levels		Mean valı	ue of R _a						
	Cutting Speed, m/min (A)	Feed, mm/rev (B)	Depth of cut, mm (C)	Nose radius, mm (D)					
Level 1	3.87	3.69	3.65	3.78					
Level 2	3.96	4.06	3.84	3.9					
Level 3	4.12	4.2	4.26	4.27					

Table 7: Means of MRR at different levels

Levels	Mean value of MRR						
	Cutting Speed, m/min (A)	Feed, mm/rev (B)	Depth of cut, mm (C)	Nose radius, mm (D)			
Level 1	19912.83	20908.31	14461.35	23986.14			
Level 2	22531.99	22890.35	22784.35	23459.13			
Level 3	25232.46	23878.62	30431.58	21232.02			

Table 8: Individual optimal values and corresponding setting of process parameters

Performance characteristics	Optimal parameter level	Optimum level
$R_a(\mu m)$	A1-B1-C1-D1	3.25
MRR (mm ³ /min)	A3- B3-C3-D1	31256.94

F. Analysis of Multi- response stage

The S/N ratio considers both the mean and the variability. In the present work, a multi- response methodology based on Taguchi technique and Utility concept is used for optimizing the multi-responses (Ra and MRR). Taguchi proposed many different possible S/N ratios to obtain the optimum parameters setting. Two of them are selected for the present work. Those are, Smaller the better type S/N ratio for R_a



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$$\left[\eta_{1}\right] = -10\log_{10}\left[R_{a}^{2}\right];$$

Larger the better S/N ratio for MRR

$$\left[\eta_{2}\right] = -10 \log_{10} \left[\frac{1}{MRR^{2}}\right]$$

From the utility concept, the multi-response S/N ratio of the overall utility value is given by

$$\eta_{obs} = W_1 \eta_1 + W_2 \eta_2$$

Where $W_1 \& W_2$ are the weights assigned to the R_a and MRR. Assignment of weights to the performance characteristics are based on experience of engineers, customer's requirements and their priorities. In the present work equal importance is given for both Ra and MRR. Therefore $W_1 \& W_2 = 0.5$.

The optimal combination of process parameters (A3-B3-C3-D1) for simultaneous optimization of Surface roughness (R_a) and material removal rate (MRR) is obtained by the mean values of the multi-response S/N ratio of the overall utility value are shown in Table 10. According to the Table 10 for the results of S/N ratio multiple performance characteristics, depth of cut is the most significant parameter affecting the performance followed by the nose radius. The percent contribution of the feed rate is lower and the cutting speed is much lower.

Exp.	А	В	C	D	η_1 for R_a	η_2 for MRR	η_{obs}
1	100	0.25	1	0.4	-10.24	80.49	35.13
2	100	0.3	1.5	0.8	-11.41	86.59	37.59
3	100	0.35	2	1.2	-13.35	88.87	37.76
4	150	0.25	1.5	1.2	-11.62	85.92	37.15
5	150	0.3	2	0.4	-12.28	89.87	38.79
6	150	0.35	1	0.8	-11.97	84.43	36.22
7	200	0.25	2	0.8	-12.08	90.19	39.06
8	200	0.3	1	1.2	-12.77	84.16	35.69
9	200	0.35	1.5	0.4	-12.02	88.69	38.34

Table 9: Design matrix with multi- response S/N ratio

Table 10: Mean value of η_{obs} at different levels

Levels		Mean value of η_{obs} for process parameters				
Levels	Cutting speed (m/min)	Feed (mm/rev)	Depth of cut (mm)	Insert used		
Level 1	36.83	37.11	35.68	37.42		
Level 2	37.39	37.36	37.69	37.25		
Level 3	37.69	37.44	38.54	36.87		



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G. Interpretation of Plots

The data is plot and developed. These results are analyzed using S/N ratio for the purpose of identifying the significant factors which affect the surface roughness and material removal rate. The plots show the variation of individual response with the four parameters i.e. cutting speed, feed, depth of cut and nose radius separately. In the plots, the x-axis indicates the value of each process parameter at three level and y-axis the response value. Figure 1 shows the main effect plot for MRR. It is observed that the maximum MRR is obtained at the 200 m/min of cutting speed, 0.35mm/rev of feed, 2 mm depth of cut and 0.4 mm nose radius. Figure 2 shows the main effect plot for surface roughness. It is observed that the maximum surface finish or minimum roughness is obtained at the 100 m/min of cutting speed, 0.25mm/rev of feed, 1 mm depth of cut and 0.4 mm nose radius. Figure 3 shows the optimum levels of process parameters for the multi-response optimization are thus determined to be 200 m/min of cutting speed, 0.25mm/rev of feed, 2 mm depth of cut and 0.4 mm nose radius.

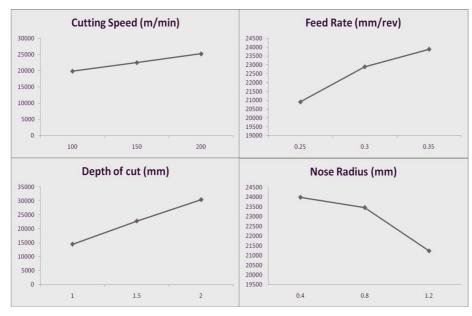


Fig. 1: Response Graph for MRR



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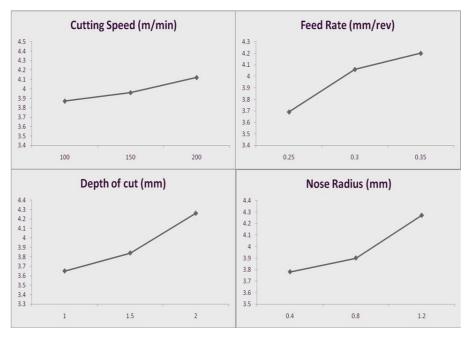


Fig. 2: Response Graph for R_a

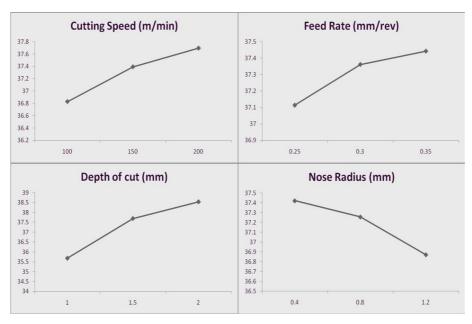


Fig. 3: Multi- Response S/N Ratio Graph

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Turning tests were performed on Aluminium Alloy 6061 work piece using three different carbide insert of varying nose radius. The influences of cutting speed, feed rate, depth of cut and nose radius were investigated on the machined surface roughness and Material Removal Rate (MRR). Based on the results obtained, the following conclusions have been drawn:



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- The analysis of the experimental observations highlights that MRR in CNC turning process is greatly influenced by depth of cut followed by cutting speed.
- \succ It is observed that the feed is most significantly influences the R_a followed by nose radius.
- For simultaneous optimization of Surface roughness (R_a) and material removal rate (MRR) depth of cut is the most significant parameter affecting the performance followed by the nose radius.

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