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Tool Path Generation

- Rough Cutting
 - Remove bulk material
 - One type: the raw material has a shape close to the final shape
 - Second type: the raw material is provided in the form of block



Finish cutting

- For the machining accuracy, below relationships should be considered
 - Path interval and cups height
 - Step length and deviation
 - Generation of CC points by subdivision
 - CC point and CL point



< Various cutter paths on a surface >

Relationship between path interval and cusp height



Relationship between step length and deviation



Generation of CC point by subdivision



Relationship between the CC point and the CL point



Gouging Problem

- Choosing a tool whose radius is smaller than the minimum radius of curvature of the part surface
- However, too small tool may result in inefficient machining



Cost Estimation for Machining

• The cost to produce each component in a batch is given by

$$C_{PER PARC} = WT_{L} + WT_{M} + WT_{R}[T_{M}/T] + y[T_{M}/T]$$

Source: Kalpakjian, Manufacturing processes for engineering material

- In this equation, the symbols indclude
 - W = the machine operator's wage plus the overhead cost of the machine.
 - *WT_L* = "nonproductive" costs, which vary depending on loading and fixturing.
 - WT_M = actual costs of cutting metal.
 - WT_R = the tool replacement cost shared by all the components machined. This cost is divided among all the components because each one uses up TM minutes of total tool life, T, and is allocated of TM/T of WTR.
 - Using the same logic, all components use their share TM/T of the tool cost, y.

Actual Cost and Time for Machining



No. of Setups	3
No. of Features	9
Planning Time	0.75
Setup Time	55.22
Machining Time	33.80
Material	ABS

Cost of material	\$2.69
Cost of tool	\$2.25
Cost of planning	\$0.36
Cost of setup	\$26.69
Cost of machining	\$16.33
Total Cost	\$48.32

No. of Setups	3
No. of Features	9
Planning Time	0.83
Setup Time	40.60
Machining Time	13.33
Material	ABS

Cost of material	\$1.34
Cost of tool	\$0.88
Cost of planning	\$0.40
Cost of setup	\$19.65
Cost of machining	\$6.44
Total Cost	\$28.71

Selection of tool size

Considering cost and time





Process Selection

- At conceptual design stage
 - Manufacturing Analysis Service (MAS) at U.C. Berkeley
 - Design for X at Stanford Univ.
- For your term project, you may use following processes:
 - CNC machining metal, polymer
 - Micro machining
 - Injection molding polymer
 - Rapid Prototyping polymer

Micro Machining System (example)



Tip of 100µm endmill



- Standard input: STL
- High speed: 46,000 RPM
- Tool material: HSS & TiN coating
- Work piece: Metal, Polymer, etc

Precision stage

Prototyping Size and Time



Design for Manuf. (DFM): Micro Milling

- 10mm endmill
 - 10µm stage error
 - 0.1% for slot cutting
- 100µm endmill
 - 10µm stage error
 - 10% for slot cutting
- Cost structure is different form macro machining
 - Tool cost dominates



Tool diameter (mm)

10

100

1.000

0.1

From Concept to Part



More Meso/Micro Parts





Rib width: 60µm Height: 500µm Tool: φ200μm

Spindle: 24,000rpm DOC: 25µm Feed rate: 100µm/s Time: 3hr 28min











Ultraprecision machining



Injection Molding

- One of the most common methods of shaping plastic resins
- Accomplished by large machines called injection molding machines



Injection Molding (cont.)

- Uniform wall thickness
- Sink mark
- Taper angle

Injection Molding (cont.)

- Morgan G-100T Press
 - In IDIM lab.
 301BD Room 1255-1
 - 6 cu. in. (4 oz.) Max.
 - Single shot 20 ton max.
 - Clamping force (toggle).
 - 12,000 psi max.
 Injection pressure



< Schematic of the Morgan G-100T press >