COMPUTER NUMERICAL CONTROL OF MACHINE TOOLS

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Chapter 5: Programming Coordinates

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Objectives of Chapter 5

- Explain what a hole operation is
- Define the **drill selection** procedure

- Program hole operation coordinates using absolute and incremental positioning
- **Program milling coordinates** using absolute and incremental positioning



Hole Operations

- **Drilling** is one of the most common processes
- In most cases, the creation of a hole requires the repetition of particular steps
- The standardization of these steps allows the introduction of drilling cycles to simplify programming
- For drilling a hole a **control method from point to point** is used
 - Control the movement of the cutter at X-Y axes with maximum speed

Control of the Z axis with cutting speed (feed-rate)

Hole operations



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Drill Selection Procedure



 Define your hole diameter, depth and quality requirements. Consider also production economy and machining reliability aspects



2. Select the type of drill: Choose a drill for roughing and/or finishing holes. Check that the drill is suitable for the workpiece material, hole quality demands and that it provides the best hole economy

Source :Sandvik Coromant

Drill Selection Procedure



3. Choose the drill grade and geometry. If an indexable insert drill has been selected, inserts have to be selected separately. Find the right inserts for the drill diameter and recommended geometry and grades for the workpiece material



4. Select the **right style**. Many drills are available with different **mounting** options. Find the style compatible with the machine

Source :Sandvik Coromant

Machining Holes

Machining Holes

- Holes are either made or finish machined. Most workpieces have at least one hole and depending upon the function of the hole, it needs machining to various limitations
- The **main factors** that characterize a hole from a machining point of view are:
 - > Diameter
 - Depth
 - Quality
 - Material
 - Conditions
 - Reliability
 - Productivity

Source :Sandvik Coromant

Drilling a Hole

Minimum number of steps for drilling a hole:

- 1st Step : Rapid cutting tool movement at the hole ... movement in axes X and / or Y
- 2nd Step : Rapid movement at the cutting height movement in the Z axis
- 3rd Step : Cutting with feed-rate speed to the desired depth of the hole movement in the Z axis
- 4th Step : Return to the reference plane movement in the Z axis

Different Types of Canned Drilling Cycles

G code

- **G80** Cancel canned cycle
- **G81** Simple drilling cycle
- **G82** Drilling cycle with dwell
- **G83** Peck drilling cycle
- **G84** Tapping cycle, right-hand thread
- **G85** Reaming cycle
- **G86** Boring cycle and spindle stop



Hole Operations



FIGURE 2: Datum dimensioned part drawing

Absolute Positioning – Datum Dimensioning - Drilling

- The holes on the part are to be drilled
- All positions on the part are taken from the (X0, Y0) point at the lower left corner of the part
- The hole #1 will have coordinates of (X0.7500, Y1.7500)
- The hole #2 will have coordinates of (X2.0000, Y0.2500)
- The hole #3 will have coordinates of (X3.0000, Y1.0000)
- If no sign given the machine will assume a positive movement

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Hole Operations



FIGURE 3: Part to be drilled



Absolute Positioning – Datum Dimensioning - <u>Drilling</u>

- The holes on the part are to be drilled
- All positions on the part are taken from the (X0,Y0) point at the CENTER of the part
- Part is symmetric
- The signs of (X,Y) change as the coordinate locations move from quadrant to quadrant

Coordinates:

- #1 X1.0000, Y0.5000 #2 X0.5000, Y1.0000 #3 X-0.5000, YI.0000 #4 X-1.0000, Y0.500
- #5 X-1.0000, Y-0.5000 #6 X-0.5000, Y-1.0000 #7 X0.5000, Y-1.0000 #8 X1.0000, Y-0.5000



Hole Operations Example



FIGURE 4 :Delta dimensioned part drawing

Incremental Positioning – Delta Dimensioning - Drilling

- The holes on the part are to be drilled
- All positions on the part are taken from the (X0, Y0) point at the lower left corner of the part
- If no sign given the machine will assume a **positive movement**



Hole Operations Example



FIGURE 5: Part to be drilled



Incremental Positioning – Delta Dimensioning - <u>Drilling</u>

- The holes on the part are to be drilled
- All positions on the part are taken from the (X0,Y0) point at the CENTER of the part
- Part is **symmetric**
- The signs of (X,Y) change as the coordinate locations move from quadrant to quadrant

Coordinates:

#1 X1.0000, Y0,5000	#5 X0.0000, Y-1.0000
#2 X-0.5000, Y0.5000	#6 X0.5000, Y-0.5000
#3 X-1.0000, Y0.0000	#7 X1.0000, Y0.0000
#4 X-0.5000, Y-0.5000`	#8 X0.5000, Y0.5000

MILLING Operations

- The system of coordinates presented thus far is used for centering a spindle over a particular location specified on a drawing
- This means that when a coordinate location is given to the machine the center of the spindle is sent to that location

Milling Cutters PROBLEM

- More than the correct amount of stock would be removed from the part
- This amount will be equal to the *Radius of the Cutter*

SOLUTION

 When positioning the spindle for the milling operation an *allowance* must be made for the radius of the cutter



FIGURE 6: Part to be milled

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- A 0.500-inch –diameter end mill will be used to mill the part of Fig.6
- All positions on the part are taken from the (X0,Y0) point at the *left down corner of the part*
- An *Absolute Positioning* mill will be used
- Sending the cutter to X0, Y0 to begin a milling pass from #1 to #2 will remove an additional 0.250 inch of metal from the part
- To allow for the radius of the cutter calculate the cutter coordinate by *subtracting half the diameter of the cutter* from the coordinate location in each axis

#1 X-0.2500, Y-0.2500 #2 X-0.2500, Y2.2500 #3 X3.2500, Y2.2500 #4 X3.2500, Y-0.2500





- A 0.500-inch –diameter end mill will be used to mill the part of Fig.7
- All positions on the part are taken from the (X0,Y0) point at the *left down corner of the part*
- An Absolute Positioning mill will be used
- A *Datum Dimensioning* system is used



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Milling Operations Example



- A 0.500-inch –diameter end mill will be used to mill the part of Fig.8
- On each position (# j) on the part is located the (X0,Y0) point
- An *Incremental Positioning* mill will be used
- A *Datum Dimensioning* system is used



FIGURE 8: Part to be milled

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FIGURE 9: Part to be milled

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- A 0.500-inch –diameter end mill will be used to mill the part of Fig.9
- On each position (# j) on the part is located the (X0,Y0) point
- An *Incremental Positioning* mill will be used
- A Datum Dimensioning system is used

Coordinates:

#1 X0.7500, Y0.7500

#2 X0.0000, Y0.5000

#3 X1.5000, Y0.0000

#4 X0.0000, Y-0.5000

Meing Absolute and Incremental Positioning



FIGURE 10:Part to be drilled that combines Absolute & Incremental Positioning

Mixing Absolute and Incremental Positioning

• Great flexibility in programming parts

Drilling Example:

- #1: Absolute Positioning
- #2, #3, #4: Incremental
- #5: Absolute
- #6, #7, #8: Incremental

Coordinates:

#1 X0.5000, Y-0,5000 #2 X0.0000, Y-0.7500 #3 X1.0000, Y0.0000 #4 X0.0000, Y0.7500 #5 X2.7500, Y-2.0000 #6 X0.0000, Y-0.7500 #7 X0.7500, Y0.0000 #8 X0.0000, Y0.7500

Summary

- To program a hole location coordinate, the center line for the hole is used
- To program a coordinate for milling operations, the coordinate for the location must include an appropriate allowance for the radius of the cutter
- For absolute positioning, the datum reference plane remains the X0, Y0 point for all programmed moves
- For incremental positioning, the current coordinate location is the X0, Y0 point for the next move
- CNC machines are capable of mixing absolute and incremental positioning. This allows for flexibility in programming
- Metric measurement in the machine shop is based on the millimetre, where: 0.02mm is roughly equivalent to 0.001inch
- To **convert** an inch dimension to millimetres, **multiply the inch dimension by 25.4**
- To convert a metric dimension to inches, multiply the metric dimension by 0.03937, or
- Divide the metric dimension by 25.4

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