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MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS

110427 Stochastic cell loading to minimize nT subject to maximum acceptable probability of tardiness [1]

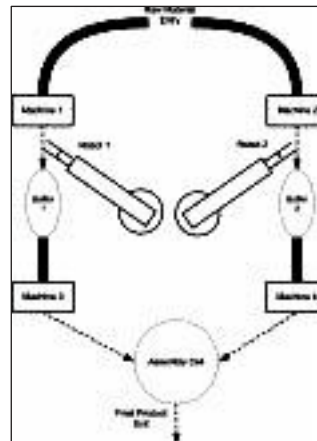
Gökhan Eğilmez, Gürsel A. Süer [*J of Manufacturing Systems, v 35, Apr 2015, Starting Page 136, Pages 8*] In this paper, stochastic cell loading problem is addressed. The problem is observed in labor-intensive manufacturing cells where operation times and hence in-cell times are probabilistic due to continuous operator involvement throughout the manufacturing processes. The objective is to minimize the number of tardy jobs subject to maximum acceptable probability of tardiness (risk level). A job is called "tardy" if the probability of tardiness is greater than the risk level otherwise it is called early. The risk level is used as a preferred scheduling risk that will be taken by operations planner. A stochastic non-linear mathematical model is developed. Normally distributed processing times and deterministic due dates are used in the experimentation. Various experiments are carried out to study the impacts of risk level, problem size and operation time variance on the optimal schedule. Proposed stochastic approach lets scheduler to sequence the jobs subject to an acceptable risk level. As the risk level increased, the number of jobs included in the schedule increased as well. Similarly, as the risk level increased, the probability of tardiness also increased especially for the jobs that are scheduled in the later positions. Unlike the deterministic model, the results of proposed approach are sensitive to the change in operation time variance. It is recommended to work with the safest schedule (0% risk), when the operation time variance is significantly high. (60 refs 2 figs 5 tables) (AA)

110428 Synthesis and PLC implementation of hybrid modular supervisors for real time control of an experimental manufacturing system [2]

Gelen, Gökhan; Uzam, Murat [*J of Manufacturing Systems, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting Page 535, Pages 16*] In this paper, synthesis and PLC based implementation of hybrid modular supervisors for real time supervisory control of an experimental manufacturing system are proposed. The hybrid approach couples Ramadge–Wonham (RW) supervisors in the form of automata to uncontrolled PN models through inhibitor arcs.

The RW supervisors can be obtained in monolithic or modular forms. In the monolithic case, there is only a single supervisor that has complex structure and huge number of states and events. The modularity of supervisors provides simple and small control structures compared to monolithic ones. Modular hybrid approach offers fewer states for the PLC implementation of the hybrid controller with less memory requirements. The applicability and effectiveness of the modular hybrid approach are demonstrated by the PLC based real-time control of an experimental manufacturing system for different cases. The obtained results show that modular supervisors require less memory space compared to monolithic counterparts. (31 refs, 18 figs, 3 tables) (AA)

110429 Identifying FMS repetitive patterns for efficient search-based scheduling algorithm: A colored Petri net approach [3]



Olatunde T. Baruwa, Miquel A. Piera [*J of Manufacturing Systems, v 35, Apr 2015, Starting Page 120, Pages 16*] The multiple lot size scheduling problem plays a crucial role in minimizing production and setup costs in order to respond to constant fluctuations in customer demands. However, the computational cost to optimize a scheduling problem increases as the lot size of jobs increases, leading to a scalability problem for most scheduling algorithms. This paper presents an efficient search approach based on colored Petri net (CPN) formalism that addresses the state explosion problem of reachability graphs used for finding the optimal solutions to scheduling problems. To reduce the memory requirements, the proposed approach exploits the structural equivalence found in the reachability graphs of flexible manufacturing systems' (FMS) CPNs to discard states once they are no longer needed to explore the state space. The hypothetical structural equivalence is attributed to the repetitive patterns identified in the execution of manufacturing processes when the lot sizes of jobs are scaled for FMS whose

underlying layout configuration is fixed. We present the concept of structural equivalence based on duplicate state detection for FMS of different lot sizes and give sufficient conditions under which the structural equivalence obtained from a few lot size (smaller) instances holds for the same FMS of a larger size. The approach is validated experimentally on different FMS examples which confirm that the behavior of an FMS of any large lot size can be inferred from the FMS of a smaller size. Experimental results indicate that this work performs better than prior search methods and obtains optimal schedules of FMS with large lot sizes. Also, we show that the approach is applicable to FMS problems of similar configurations where the problem size differs by the number of jobs, resources and operations. (70 refs 2 figs 5 tables) (AA)

110430 Estimating arrival times of transportation jobs for automated material handling in LCD fabrication facilities [4]

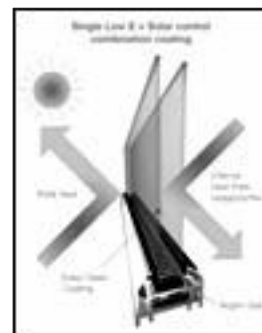
Jaewoo Chung [*J of Manufacturing Systems*, v 35, Apr 2015, Starting Page 112, Pages 8] A modern LCD fabrication facility uses state-of-art automation technology to enhance manufacturing competitiveness driven by shorter cycle times, faster deliveries, and higher quality products. All transportation jobs from a process toolset to other toolsets during fabrication are done by automated material handling systems such as industrial robots, automated cranes, and AGVs (automated guided vehicles) in the industry. Estimating transportation times are important since the information can be used to improve the performance of the material handling systems by providing the expected arrival time of a job compared to its arrival due time, which can be used to change the priority of the transportation more dynamically. This paper develops a new heuristic method based on a stochastic approach to estimate the arrival times of transportation jobs to their final destinations in an LCD fabrication facility. To analyze the performance of the new method, the author collected a set of actual transportation data from the industry and the analysis shows that the new method outperforms an existing method that uses simple statistics based on historical data. (20 refs 8 figs 2 tables) (AA)

110431 Optimizing a closed-loop supply chain with manufacturing defects and quality dependent return rate [5]

B.C. Giri, S. Sharma [*J of Manufacturing Systems*, v 35, Apr 2015, Starting Page 92, Pages 20]

The paper considers a closed-loop serial supply chain consisting of a raw material supplier, a manufacturer, a retailer and a collector who collects the used product from consumers. The retailer's demand is met up by both manufacturing and remanufacturing. The manufacturing process is assumed to be imperfect as it can produce some defectives which are reworked in the same cycle itself. The remanufacturing of used items solely depends on the quality level of collected items. Two mathematical models are developed. The first model considers a single manufacturing–remanufacturing cycle, while the second model considers multiple manufacturing and remanufacturing cycles. Both the models are solved using algorithms developed for sequential and global optimizations. Numerical studies show that (i) the acceptance quality level of returned items and the length of the replenishment cycle for the retailer are lower in case of sequential optimization than those in global optimization, (ii) integration among supply chain members results in less number of shipments from the manufacturer to the retailer, and (iii) the joint total profit is higher when the integrated approach is adopted. The percentage increase in joint total profit with the integrated policy is 1.24% in the first model while it is 0.544% in the second model. (20 refs 5 figs 14 tables) (AA)

110432 Robust Phase I monitoring of profile data with application in low-E glass manufacturing processes [6]

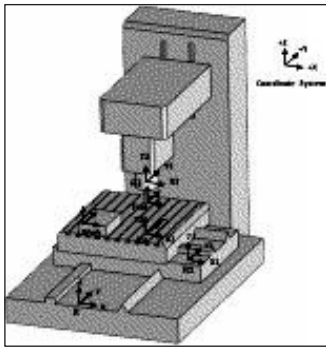


Zeng, Li; Neogi, Smriti; Zhou, Qiang [*J of Manufacturing Systems*, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting Page 508, Pages 14]

Normality is usually assumed in profile monitoring. However, there are many cases in practice where normality does not hold. In such cases, conventional monitoring techniques may not perform well. In this study, we propose a robust strategy for Phase I monitoring of quality profile data in the presence of non-normality. This strategy consists of three components: modeling of profiles, independent component analysis (ICA) to transform multivariate coefficient estimates in profile modeling to independent univariate data, and univariate nonparametric control charts to detect location/scale shifts in the data. Two methods for multiple change point detection are also studied. The properties of the proposed

method are examined in a numerical study and it is applied to optical profiles from low-E glass manufacturing in the case study. (36 refs, 15 figs, 5 tables) (AA)

110433 Virtual machining considering dimensional, geometrical and tool deflection errors in three-axis CNC milling machines [7]



Soori, Mohsen; Arezoo, Behrooz; Habibi, Mohsen [J of Manufacturing Systems, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting Page 498, Pages 10] Virtual manufacturing systems can provide useful means for products to be

manufactured without the need of physical testing on the shop floor. As a result, the time and cost of part production can be decreased. There are different error sources in machine tools such as tool deflection, geometrical deviations of moving axis and thermal distortions of machine tool structures. Some of these errors can be decreased by controlling the machining process and environmental parameters. However other errors like tool deflection and geometrical errors which have a big portion of the total error, need more attention. This paper presents a virtual machining system in order to enforce dimensional, geometrical and tool deflection errors in three-axis milling operations. The system receives 21 dimensional and geometrical errors of a machine tool and machining codes of a specific part as input. The output of the system is the modified codes which will produce actual machined part in the virtual environment. (28 refs, 20 figs) (AA)

110434 Application of the Analytic Network Process to facility layout selection [8]

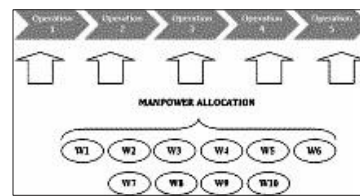


Al-Hawari, Tarek; Mumani, Ahmad; Momani, Amer [J of Manufacturing Systems, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting Page 488, Pages 10]

This paper applies the Analytic Network Process (ANP) method to the selection of the best facility layout plan based on multiple dependent and independent criteria. This is the first time that this method is used in such a context. An ANP model is built taking into account the interdependencies

between criteria that are found based on experts' opinions and fundamental equations. A network structure is built that shows all elements and clusters and their interactions that can be used to find the most effective layout. Limit priorities are computed which identify the most important factors in the selection process. A case study is conducted in a wood factory which represents a real demonstration of the developed model. A comparison is conducted between ANP and Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) which shows the differences between the two methods. Finally, sensitivity analysis shows the robustness of the model. (34 refs, 5 figs, 8 tables) (AA)

110435 Stochastic skill-based manpower allocation in a cellular manufacturing system [9]

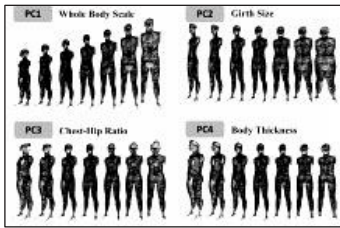


Egilmez, Gokhan; Erenay, Bulent; Suer, Gursel A [J of Manufacturing Systems, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting

Page 578, Pages 11] In this paper, stochastic skill-based manpower allocation problem is addressed, where operation times and customer demand are uncertain. A four-phased hierarchical methodology is developed. Egilmez and Suer's [1] stochastic general manpower allocation problem is extended such that each worker's individual performance is considered for a more accurate manpower allocation to manufacturing cells to maximize the production rate. The proposed methodology optimized the manpower levels, product-cell formations and individual worker assignment hierarchically with respect to a specified risk level. Three stochastic nonlinear mathematical models were developed to deal with manpower level determination, cell loading and individual worker assignment phases. In all models, processing times and demand were assumed to be normally distributed. Firstly, alternative configurations were generated. Secondly, IID sampling and statistical analysis were utilized to convert probabilistic demand into probabilistic capacity requirements. Thirdly, stochastic manpower allocation was performed and products were loaded to cells. In the final phase, individual worker assignments were performed. The proposed methodology was illustrated with an example problem drawn from a real manufacturing company. The hierarchical approach allows decision makers to perform manpower level determination, cell loading and individual worker assignment with respect to the desired risk level. The main contribution of this

approach is that each worker's expected and standard deviation of processing time on each operation is considered individually to optimize the manpower assignment to cells and maximize the manufacturing system production rate within a hierarchical robust optimization approach. (43 refs, 3 figs, 10 tables) (AA)

110436 Ergonomic job rotation strategy based on an automated RGB-D anthropometric measuring system [10]



Huang, Szu-Hao; Pan, Ying-Cheng [*J of Manufacturing Systems*, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting Page 699, Pages 12] Ergonomic job

rotation is a novel strategy to increase work efficiency and decrease work fatigue of the operators in manufacturing lines. In this paper, we proposed an automated anthropometric measuring system based on RGB-D camera and a job rotation strategy based on particle swarm optimization (PSO). The first training stage involved a series of 3D data-processing techniques to generate parametric models from scanning human database. The second stage can estimate the anthropometric measurements from the depth maps captured by RGB-D camera system. Finally, a novel job rotation strategy is proposed with PSO based on three target functions, which are designed to measure the work discomfort levels and risks. The experimental data is a real case which includes the operators of a quartz blanks manufacturing line. The experimental results show that our proposed system can effectively and dramatically reduce the average risk and decrease the number of operators who experienced either a high risk or a medium risk levels. (38 refs, 6 figs, 9 tables) (AA)

110437 Cost performance dynamics in lean production leveling [11]

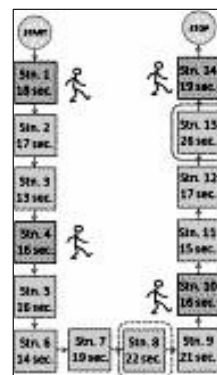


Deif, Ahmed M; ElMaraghy, Hoda [*J of Manufacturing Systems*, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting Page 613, Pages 11] Balancing of production systems is one of the main lean manufacturing principles as it reduces in-process storage and

related forms of waste. A dynamic systems

approach is proposed to investigate challenges of implementing production leveling and associated costs. A lean cell producing at takt time is modeled using system dynamics. The model captures various lean tools influencing production leveling and their implications. Comparative cost analysis between various leveling implementation policies for stochastic demand with multiple products is conducted. Results showed that determining the most feasible leveling policy is highly dictated by both the cost and limitations of capacity scalability. In addition, delivery sequence plans of different products/parts needed to achieve mix leveling and lot sizes affect the feasible production leveling policy while implementing lean principles. The developed model and insights gained from the results can help lean manufacturing practitioners to better decide when and how to implement production leveling as well as determine both production lot sizes and sequence. They also emphasize the importance of cost analysis as assisting decision support tool in the trade-off required between the benefits of different levels of lean policies and their associated cost. (34 refs, 8 figs, 2 tables) (AA)

110438 On the complexity of using performance measures: Enhancing sustained production improvement capability by combining OEE and productivity [12]



Andersson, C; Bellgran, M: [*J of Manufacturing Systems*, v 35, Apr 2015, Starting Page 144, Pages 11] The global speed of change within the manufacturing industry forces companies to constantly improve production performance. In that effort, performance measures are critical for driving and managing production improvements. Two of the most commonly used

measures in operations are productivity and overall equipment efficiency (OEE). However, the potential of using these measures as improvement drivers is not fully utilized in industry today due, for example, to ambiguities in definitions and their interpretation. A study of available theory indicates a gap between these implications from a theoretical perspective vs. the industrial perspective. Bridging this theory-practice gap implies great potential for competitiveness and growth in manufacturing, since the latent production capacity that could be utilized is tremendous. Even if a high degree of complexity in

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definition and calculation when applied in operational conditions might be perceived, this paper will show that a systematically used combined set of OEE and productivity measures can successfully drive production improvements. Also, two new productivity measures for driving improvements at the shop floor level are proposed. The empirical findings are based on a two-year case study within a manufacturing company in the automotive industry using an interactive research approach. (40 refs 6 figs 1 table)(AA)

MATERIALS & TREATMENT

110439 Oxidation behavior of gas-atomized Al and Al alloy powder green compacts during heating before hot extrusion and the suggested heating process [13]

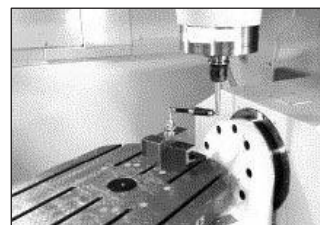
Krizik, Peter; Balog, Marin; Illekova, Emilia; Svec Sr., Peter; Matko, Igor; Stepanek, Matej; Nosko, Marin; Simancik, Franisek [*J of Materials Processing Technology*, v214, n6, Jun 2014, Starting Page 1165, Pages 8] The oxidation behavior of gas-atomized Al and Al alloy powder green compacts during heating prior to hot extrusion compaction was studied at laboratory and industrial scales by TGA, DSC, DTA, EDX, TEM and XRD methods. The effect of the heating of green compacts on the mechanical properties of the powder-extruded samples was assessed. Significant oxidation of Al and Al alloy powder green compacts takes place in the solid state during heating in air. An exothermic heat associated with the oxidation of Al and Al alloy powders resulted in intense overheating of bulky powder green compacts during heating in air. The samples extruded from the powder green compacts heated in air exhibited reduced strength. The loss in strength was especially pronounced in the case of Mg-containing Al alloy powders. Mg diffuses from a powder metallic core toward the native Al₂O₃ surface layer present on gas-atomized Al alloy powders; it reacts with oxygen present in air and in the Al₂O₃ surface layer where the MgO phase forms, eventually resulting in the depletion of Mg from the powder core. Materials extruded from Al powders depleted of Mg do not exhibit effective Al-Mg solid solution strengthening or strengthening by Mg-containing precipitates. Economically viable approaches to avoiding the detrimental effects of powder oxidation during the heating of green compacts prior to hot working consolidation are discussed. (18 refs 8 figs 5 tables)(AA)

MEASUREMENT & TESTING

110440 Evaluation of the influence of a planned interference fit on the expected fatigue life of a conjugate cam mechanism—a case study [14]

Català, Pau; Santos, Maria Antònia De los; Veciana, Joaquim M; Cardona, Salvador [*J of Mechanical Design*, v 135, n 8, Aug 2013, Starting Page 081002, Pages 8] Due to dynamic effects, clearances, manufacturing and assembly errors in form-closed cam mechanisms, the follower jump can also occur. For conjugate cam mechanisms a technique to avoid the follower jump without the use of a spring involves making the conjugate cam profiles bigger than the kinematical ones by adding an external offset. This strategy produces an interference fit between the conjugate cam profiles and the follower train. This paper presents an ordered procedure to study the influence that the planned interference fit has on the evaluation of the contact forces, the expected fatigue life of the rollers, contact pressures and the lubrication conditions. The study is based on a conjugate cam mechanism with translational roller followers used in a real automatic process for manufacturing moselets. A three-degree-of-freedom dynamic model is proposed and the Hertzian theory for general profiles is used to model the nonlinear contact stiffness between the cams and the crowned rollers. The dynamic model predicts that it is difficult to obtain conjugate cam mechanisms with an infinite expected fatigue life of the rollers just by considering typical achievable manufacturing errors or clearances, and as happens in reality, a set-up process is highly recommended. The procedure is also tested with measured manufacturing errors on a coordinate measure machine—CMM—and with measured radial internal clearances for the rollers measured by an experimental apparatus. Also, to evaluate lubrication conditions, surface finishing measurements have been taken of the cams and the rollers with a surface profiler. (21 refs 17 figs 4 tables)(AA)

110441 Ballbar dynamic tests for rotary axes of five-axis CNC machine tools [15]

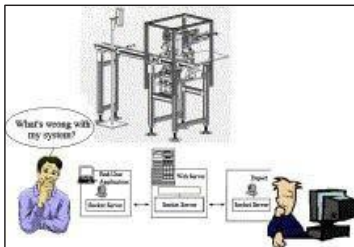


Lei, Wei-Tai; Wang, Wen-Chung; Fang, Tien-Ching [*Int J of Machine Tools & Manufacture*, v 82-83, Jul-Aug 2014, Starting Page 29, Pages 13] This paper proposes a

new ball bar test method for the inspection of dynamic errors of rotary axes in five-axis CNC machine tools. The test circle is defined in a workpiece coordinate system and the ball bar test is performed by simultaneously driving of linear-rotary axis couple. The effects of the center position and the radius on the sensing values, rotational range and measurement sensitivity of the rotary axis were investigated. The proposed ball bar test is performed in two steps: the circular positioning and the circular tracking with a continuous feed. Axial dynamic errors are obtained by subtracting the measured tracking errors from the positioning errors. A ball bar test system (BBTS) was developed to plan the tool path and the tool orientation, to communicate with the five-axis CNC controller and to process the measured data. Error patterns were simulated regarding the gain mismatch, backlash and tracking direction to help a fast diagnosis of the error sources. Simulations and experimental results prove the effectiveness of the new test method. (16 refs 20 figs 2 tables) (AA)

PRODUCT DESIGN & MANUFACTURE

110442 Study of factors impacting remote diagnosis performance on a PLC based automated system [16]

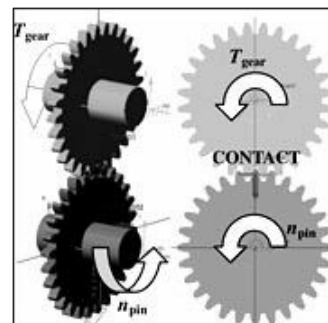


Wu, Zhenhua; Sekar, Ramnath; Hsieh, Sheng-jen ("Tony") [J of Manufacturing Systems, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting Page 589, Pages 15]

In this paper, we present systematically experimental and analytical evaluations on design of remote fault diagnosis systems for a programmable logic controller (PLC) based automated system. In order to investigate the factors of remote architecture, operator's skill level, and fault's effect on diagnosis performance, comprehensive experimental evaluations, statistical analysis and survey were conducted. The experiment compared three levels of remote architectures, two levels of operators' skill levels on four typical faults in an automated system. Performance evaluation including detection time, amount of information search, number of diagnostic tests, number of asked questions, number of system runs, and performance score, were extracted from the experiment record. Two-stage statistical analysis

including (1) analysis of variance (ANOVA) and (2) least significant difference (LSD) paired comparison was conducted on the performance evaluation data. From the statistical analysis results and expert survey, we concluded that: (1) the architecture sophistication eased the diagnosis on the faults that are related to the measurement signals, and (2) the diagnosis performance also increased with the sophistication of the architecture, but (3) operator's skill level did not significantly affect the diagnosis performance. The survey results on troubleshooters' opinions and preferences about the diagnosis were also summarized, which can be applied for improvement on design of remote diagnosis system. The proposed evaluation approach is systematic; it can be applied on design and evaluation of diagnosis systems on other PLC based automated systems such as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), robotics assembly. (27 refs, 7 figs, 17 tables) (AA)

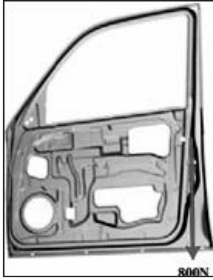
110443 Uncertainty Considerations in the Dynamic Loading and Failure of Spur Gear Pairs [17]



Alemayehu, Fisseha M; Ekwaro-Osire, Stephen [J of Mechanical Design, v 135, n 8, Aug 2013, Starting Page 084501, Pages 7] Gears and gear systems, like any other mechanical system, are subjected to design parameter,

and loading uncertainties emanating from inherent randomness, manufacturing, and assembly errors. The traditional deterministic approach to the design of such systems overlooks these uncertainties. This work presents a novel probabilistic multibody dynamic analysis (PMBDA) that enhances the deterministic design practice of gears and gear systems. A contact based, rigid multibody spur gear pair model with random loading, and design parameters has been developed. An advanced mean based on fast probability integration method was implemented to perform a reliability analysis of performance measurements: dynamic factor, root bending stress, and fatigue life of gears. Probabilistic sensitivity analysis of these performance functions to several random variables was also determined. In addition to revealing system reliability or probability of failure, the PMBDA approach also helps designers to consider certain variables critically. (19 refs 10 figs 3 tables) (AA)

110444 Parallel reanalysis method based on approximate inverse matrix for complex engineering problems [18]



Wang, Hu; Li, Enying; Li, Guangyao [*J of Mechanical Design*, v 135, n 8, Aug 2013, Starting Page 081001, Pages 8] The combined approximations (CA) method is an effective reanalysis approach providing high quality results. The CA method is suitable for a wide range of structural

optimization problems including linear reanalysis, nonlinear reanalysis and eigenvalue reanalysis. However, with increasing complexity and scale of engineering problems, the efficiency of the CA method might not be guaranteed. A major bottleneck of the CA is how to obtain reduced basis vectors efficiently. Therefore, a modified CA method, based on approximation of the inverse matrix, is suggested. Based on the symmetric successive over-relaxation (SSOR) and compressed sparse row (CSR), the efficiency of CA method is shown to be much improved and corresponding storage space markedly reduced. In order to further improve the efficiency, the suggested strategy is implemented on a graphic processing unit (GPU) platform. To verify the performance of the suggested method, several case studies are undertaken. Compared with the popular serial CA method, the results demonstrate that the suggested GPU-based CA method is an order of magnitude faster for the same level of accuracy. (33 refs 15 igs 4 tables) (AA)

110445 Virtual try-on system in augmented reality using RGB-D cameras for footwear personalization [19]



Yang, Yu-I; Yang, Chih-Kai; Chu, Chih-Hsing [*J of Manufacturing Systems*, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting Page 690, Pages 9] This paper presents a system for design evaluation of footwear using commercial depth-sensing technologies. In a mixed reality environment, the

system allows users to virtually try on 3D shoe models in a live video stream. A two-stage object tracking algorithm was developed to correctly align shoe models to moving feet during the try-on process. Color markers on the user's foot enabled markerless tracking. Tracking was driven by an

iterative closest point (ICP) algorithm that superimposed the captured depth data and predefined reference foot models. Test data showed that the two-stage approach resulted in increased positional accuracy compared with tracking using only surface registration. Trimming the reference model using the instant view angle increased the computational efficiency of the ICP algorithm. The proposed virtual try-on function is an effective tool for realizing human-centered design. This study also demonstrated a new application of RGB-D cameras to product design. (29 refs, 14 igs, 1 table) (AA)

110446 Evolutionary algorithm based approach to design optimization using evidence theory [20]

Srivastava, Rupesh Kumar; Deb, Kalyanmoy; Tulshyan, Rupesh [*J of Mechanical Design*, v 135, n 8, Aug 2013, Starting Page 081003, Pages 12] For problems involving uncertainties in design variables and parameters, a bi-objective evolutionary algorithm (EA) based approach to design optimization using evidence theory is proposed and implemented in this paper. In addition to a functional objective, a plausibility measure of failure of constraint satisfaction is minimized. Despite some interests in classical optimization literature, this is the first attempt to use evidence theory with an EA. Due to EA's flexibility in modifying its operators, nonrequirement of any gradient, its ability to handle multiple conflicting objectives, and ease of parallelization, evidence-based design optimization using an EA is promising. Results on a test problem and two engineering design problems show that the modified evolutionary multi-objective optimization algorithm is capable of finding a widely distributed trade-off frontier showing different optimal solutions corresponding to different levels of plausibility failure limits. Furthermore, a single-objective evidence-based EA is found to produce better optimal solutions than a previously reported classical optimization algorithm. Furthermore, the use of a graphical processing unit (GPU) based parallel computing platform demonstrates EA's performance enhancement around 160–700 times in implementing plausibility computations. Handling uncertainties of different types are getting increasingly popular in applied optimization studies and this EA based study is promising to be applied in real-world design optimization problems. (43 refs 8 igs 16 tables) (AA)

110447 Assembling Creative Teams in New Product Development Using Creative Team Familiarity [21]

Sosa, Manuel E; Marle, Franck [*J of Mechanical Design*, v 135, n 8, Aug 2013, Starting Page 081009, Pages 13] Creativity is strongly influenced by the way individuals are organized. One of the most difficult and important challenges when managing innovation is to identify the individuals within an organization who must work closely with each other to maximize the generation of creative ideas. This paper aims to inform managers of new product development (NPD) organizations about forming creative teams. To do so, we extend the notion of team familiarity (i.e., the extent to which team members have worked together before becoming members of a team) by considering the quality of past interactions. We define creative team familiarity as the degree to which team members have triggered the generation of creative ideas in one another during task-related interactions prior to joining the team. This paper argues that a high level of creative team familiarity (rather than simply a high level of team familiarity) is positively associated with a team's capability to produce innovative outcomes. We test this hypothesis in a unique empirical setting involving participants in an international executive MBA program. We also illustrate the implications of our findings by identifying members in a real NPD organization who would form a creative task force with maximum level of creative team familiarity. (58 refs 6 igs 3 tables) (AA)

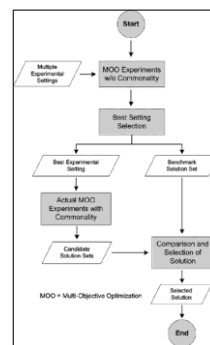
110448 Optimal Magnetorheological Damper Configuration Using the Taguchi Experimental Design Method [22]



Parlak, Zekeriya; Engin, Tahsin; Şahin, İsmail [*J of Mechanical Design*, v 135, n 8, Aug 2013,

Starting Page 081008, Pages 9] Magnetorheological (MR) dampers have attracted the interest of suspension designers and researchers because of their variable damping feature, mechanical simplicity, robustness, low power consumption and fast response. This study deals with the optimal configuration of an MR damper using the Taguchi experimental design approach. The optimal solutions of the MR damper are evaluated for the maximum dynamic range and the maximum damper force separately. The MR dampers are constrained in a cylindrical container defined by radius and height. The optimal damper configurations obtained from this study are fabricated and tested for verification. The verification tests show that the dampers provide the specified damper force and dynamic range. (22 refs 9 igs 16 tables) (AA)

110449 Product Family Design Through Ontology-Based Faceted Component Analysis, Selection, and Optimization [23]



Liu, Ying; Lim, Soon Chong Johnson; Lee, Wing Bun [*J of Mechanical Design*, v 135, n 8, Aug 2013, Starting Page 081007, Pages 17] Product family design (PFD) is a widely adopted strategy for product realization, especially when design requirements are diversified and multi-faceted. Due to ever-changing customer needs and the increasingly

complex and integrated product design structure, PFD and its optimization have been concerned more about a rapid and contextual product analysis and variant derivation based on a multi-objective optimization scheme subject to design concerns, which are often cross disciplinary, such as product service, carbon footprint, user experience, aesthetics, etc. Existing PFD modeling approaches, which are primarily structured using component attributes and assembly relationships, possess notable limitations in representing complex component and design relationships. Hence, it has restricted comprehensive PFD analysis in an agile and contextual manner. Previously, we have studied and demonstrated the feasibility of using ontology for product family modeling and have suggested a framework of faceted information search and retrieval for product family design. In this paper, several new perspectives towards PFD based on ontology modeling are presented. Firstly, new metrics of ontology-based commonality that better reveal conceptual similarity under various design perspectives are formed. Secondly, faceted concept ranking is proposed as a new ranking approach for ontology-based component search under complex and heterogeneous design requirements. Thirdly, using these ranked results, a platform selection approach that considers a maximum aggregated ranking with a minimal platform modification among various platform choices is researched. From the selected platform and the newly proposed metrics, a modified multi-objective evolutionary algorithm with an embedded feature of configuration incompatibility check is studied and deployed for the optimal selection of components. A case study of PFD using four laptop computer families is reported as our first attempt to showcase how faceted component analysis, selection, and optimization can be accomplished based on the proposed family ontology. (40 refs 9 igs 14 tables) (AA)

110450 Improvement in Ballistae Design From Euitonon to Palintonon: A Study on the Mechanical Advantages [24]

Rossi, C; Pagano, S [*J of Mechanical Design*, v 135, n 8, Aug 2013, Starting Page 081006, Pages 7] This study investigated why the design of ancient throwing machines evolved from euitonon (arms outside the mainframe) to palintonon (arms inside the mainframe) from the end of the 1st century B.C. to the 1st century A.D. and evaluated the mechanical advantages of the new design. Palintonon was first used for big machines; in the following centuries, it was also used for much smaller machines. Essentially, the palintonon design has several advantages: more elastic energy can be stored in the hair bundles representing the motors of these machines, heavier projectiles can be thrown with the same charging effort, projectiles are stressed by lower acceleration in the machine with the same muzzle velocity, and the throwing machines have higher efficiency. Results are also presented regarding the "internal ballistics" of these ancient throwing machines by using simulation software. (27 refs 12 igs) (AA)

110451 Robust Design Optimization Under Mixed Uncertainties With Stochastic Expansions [25]

Zhang, Yi; Hosder, Serhat [*J of Mechanical Design*, v 135, n 8, Aug 2013, Starting Page 081005, Pages 11] The objective of this paper is to introduce a computationally efficient and accurate approach for robust optimization under mixed (aleatory and epistemic) uncertainties using stochastic expansions that are based on nonintrusive polynomial chaos (NIPC) method. This approach utilizes stochastic response surfaces obtained with NIPC methods to approximate the objective function and the constraints in the optimization formulation. The optimization approach is demonstrated on two model problems with mixed uncertainties: (1) the robust design optimization of a slider-crank mechanism and (2) robust design optimization of a beam. The stochastic expansions are created with two different NIPC methods, Point-Collocation and Quadrature-Based NIPC. The optimization results are compared to the results of another robust optimization technique that utilizes double-loop Monte Carlo sampling (MCS) for the propagation of mixed uncertainties. (21 refs 12 igs 12 tables) (GM)

110452 Maximizing design confidence in sequential simulation-based optimization [26]

Jing Li, Mourelatos, Zissimos P; Kokkolaras, Michael; Papalambros, Panos Y; Gorsich, David J [*J of Mechanical Design*, v 135, n 8, Aug 2013, Starting

Page 081004, Pages 8] Computational simulation models support a rapid design process. Given model approximation and operating conditions uncertainty, designers must have confidence that the designs obtained using simulations will perform as expected. The traditional approach to address this need consists of model validation efforts conducted predominantly prior to the optimization process. We argue that model validation is too daunting of a task to be conducted with meaningful success for design optimization problems associated with high-dimensional space and parameter spaces. In contrast, we propose a methodology for maximizing confidence in designs generated during the simulation-based optimization process. Specifically, we adopt a trust-region-like sequential optimization process and utilize a Bayesian hypothesis testing technique to quantify model confidence, which we maximize by calibrating the simulation model within local domains if and when necessary. This ensures that the design iterates generated during the sequential optimization process are associated with maximized confidence in the utilized simulation model. The proposed methodology is illustrated using a cantilever beam design subject to vibration. (30 refs 8 igs 3 tables) (AA)

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110453 Design and manufacturing of mobile micro manipulation system with a compliant piezoelectric actuator based micro gripper [27]

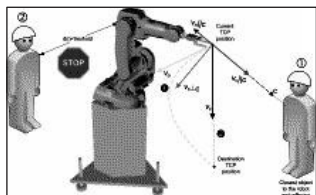
Ravi K. Jain, Somajoyi Majumder, Bhaskar Ghosh, Surajit Saha [*J of Manufacturing Systems*, v 35, Apr 2015, Starting Page 76, Pages 16] This paper presents a new design of mobile micro manipulation system for robotic micro assembly where a compliant piezoelectric actuator based micro gripper is designed for handling the miniature parts and compensation of misalignment during peg-in-hole assembly is done because piezoelectric actuator has capability of producing the displacement in micron range and generates high force instantaneously. This adjusts the misalignment of peg during robotic micro assembly. The throughput/speed of mobile micro manipulation system is found for picking and placing the peg from one hole to next hole position. An analysis of piezoelectric actuator based micro gripper has been carried out where voltage is controlled through a proportional-derivative (PD) controller. By developing a prototype, it is demonstrated that compliant piezoelectric actuator based micro gripper is capable of handling

the peg-in-hole assembly task in a mobile micro manipulaion system. (46 refs 30igs 4 tables) (AA)

110454 Flexible ANN-GA-mulivariate algorithm for assessment and opimizaion of machinery productivity in complex production units [28]

A. Azadeh, H. Shams Mianaei, S.M. Asadzadeh, M. Saberi, M. Sheikhalishahi [*J of Manufacturing Systems, v 35, Apr 2015, Staring Page 46, Pages 30*] This paper presents a lexible algorithm based on arificial neural networks (ANNs), geneic algorithms (GAs), and mulivariate analysis for performance assessment and opimizaion of complex production units (CPUs) with respect to machinery productivity indicators (MPIs). Mulivariate techniques include data envelopment analysis (DEA), principal component analysis (PCA) and numerical taxonomy (NT). Two case studies are considered to show the applicability of the proposed approach. In the irst case, the machinery productivity indicators are categorized into four standard classes as availability, machinery stoppage, random failure and value added and production value. In the second case, the productivity of production units in terms of health, safety, environment and ergonomics indicators is evaluated. The lexible algorithm is capable of handling both linearity and complexity of data sets. Moreover, ANN and GA are eiciently applied to cover nonlinearity and complexity of CPUs. The results are also validated and veried by the internal mechanism of the algorithm. The algorithm is applied to a large set of production units to show its superiority and applicability over conventional approaches. Results show that, in the case of having non-linear data sets, ANN outperforms GA and conventional approaches. The lexible algorithm of this study may be easily extended to other units for assessment and opimizaion of CPUs with respect to machinery indicators. (64 refs 7 igs 23 tables) (AA)

110455 Depth camera based collision avoidance via acive robot control [29]



A new type of depth cameras can improve the efeciveness of safety monitoring in human–robot collaboraive environment. Especially on today’s manufacturing shop loors, safe human–robot collaboraion is of

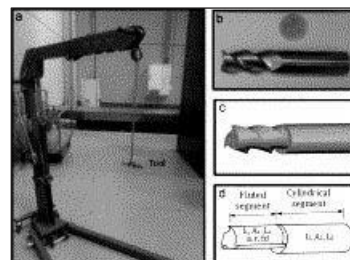
Schmidt, Bernard; Wang, Lihui [*J of Manufacturing Systems, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Staring Page 711, Pages 8*]

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paramount importance for enhanced work eiciency, lexibility, and overall productivity. Within this context, this paper presents a depth camera based approach for cost-efecive real-time safety monitoring of a human–robot collaboraive assembly cell. The approach is further demonstrated in adapive robot control. Staionary and known objects are irst removed from the scene for eicient detecion of obstacles in a monitored area. The collision detecion is processed between a virtual model driven by real sensors, and 3D point cloud data of obstacles to allow diferent safety scenarios. The results show that this approach can be applied to real-time work cell monitoring. (20 refs, 13 igs, 1 table) (AA)

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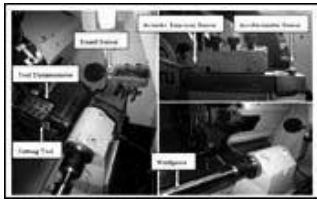
110456 Receptance coupling for tool point dynamic predicion by ixed boundaries approach [30]



Mancisidor, Iker; Urkiola, Aitor; Barcena, Rafael; Munoa, Jokin; Dombovari, Zoltan; Zatarain, Mikel [*Int J of Machine Tools & Manufacture, v 78, Mar 2014, Staring*

Page 18, Pages 12] The material removal capability of machines is parially condiioned by self-excited vibraions, also known as chatter. In order to predict chatter free machining condiions, dynamic transfer funcion at the tool ip is required. In many applicaions, such as high-speed machining (HSM), the problemaic modes are related to the lexibility of the tool, and experimental calculaion of the Frequency Response Funcion (FRF) should be obtained considering every combinaion of tool, toolholder and machine. Therefore, it is a ime consuming process which disturbs the producion. The bibliography proposes the Receptance Coupling Substructure Analysis (RCSA) to reduce the amount of experimental tests. In this paper, a new approach based on the calculaion of the ixed boundary dynamic behavior of the tool is proposed. Hence, the number of theoreical modes that have to be considered is low, instead of the high number of modes required for the models presented up today. This way, the Timoshenko beam theory can be used to obtain a fast predicion. The accuracy of this new method has been veried experimentally for diferent tools, toolholders and machines. (24 refs, 14 igs, 8 tables) (AA)

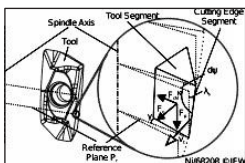
110457 Monitoring the tool wear, surface roughness and chip formation occurrences using multiple sensors in turning [31]



Bhuiyan, MSH; Choudhury, IA; Dahari, M [*J of Manufacturing Systems, v 33, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting Page 476, Pages 12*]

Tool wear, chip formation and surface roughness of workpiece under different cutting conditions have been investigated in machining using acoustic emission (AE) and vibration signature in turning. The investigation has shown that the AE and vibration components can effectively respond to the different occurrences in turning including tool wear and surface roughness. The AE has shown a very significant response to the tool wear progression whereas the resultant vibration (V) represented the surface roughness in turning. The vibration components V_x , V_y and V_z described the chip formation type and are found to have the most significant response to the change of feed, depth of cut and cutting speed respectively. The amplitude of vibration components, V_x , V_y and V_z increased with the increase of feed rate, depth of cut and cutting speed respectively. Even though the frequency of different signal components fluctuated at the different stages of tool wear and at different cutting conditions, the frequency of vibration components was always within a band of 98–40 kHz, and the AE has varied between 51 kHz and 620 kHz. (31 refs, 6 figs, 3 tables) (AA)

110458 Identification of the specific cutting force for geometrically defined cutting edges and varying cutting conditions [32]



Denkena, Berend; Vehmeyer, Jost; Niederwestberg, Daniel; Maaß, Peter [*Int J of Machine Tools & Manufacture, v 82-83, Jul-Aug 2014, Starting Page 42, Pages 8*]

Cutting force modeling is a major discipline in the research of cutting processes. The exact prediction of cutting forces is crucial for process characterization and optimization. Semi-empirical and mechanistic force models have been established, but the identification of the specific cutting force for a pair of tool and workpiece material is still challenging. Existing approaches are depending on geometrical idealizations and on an extensive calibration process, which make practical and industrial application difficult. For nonstandard

tools and five axis kinematics there does not exist a reasonable solution for the identification problem. In this paper a cooperative force model for the identification of the specific cutting forces and prediction of integral forces is presented. The model is coupled bidirectionally with a multi-degree based material removal model that provides geometrical contact zone information. The nonlinear specific forces are modeled as polynomials of uncut chip thickness. The presented force model is not subjected to principal restrictions on tool shape or kinematics, the specific force and phase shift are identified with help of least square minimization. The benefit of this technique is that no special calibration experiments are needed anymore, which qualifies the method to determine the specific forces simultaneously during the machining process. In this paper, experiments with different cutting conditions are analyzed and systematically rated. Finally, the method is validated by experiments using different cutting conditions. (15 refs, 10 figs) (AA)

TRIBOLOGY

110459 Feasibility of lignin as additive in metalworking fluids for micro-milling [33]



Zhang, Yanqiao; Jun, Marin BG [*J of Manufacturing Processes, v 16, n 4, Oct 2014, Starting Page 503, Pages 8*]

In this paper, lignin is dissolved in 5% conventional MWF aqueous solutions in 8 different concentrations through injection and atomization methods. Then, experiments are conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of lignin containing MWFs in micro-milling operations. The performance is compared with that of 5% conventional cutting fluid in terms of machining forces, tool wears, and burr formations. The results show that the concentration of 0.015% lignin leads to the least cutting forces, tool wear and burrs. The results also show that an appropriate concentration of lignin in MWFs can help to improve the cooling and lubrication performances during machining. The results of this paper thus indicate that lignin has a potential to be used as an additive in metalworking fluids. (14 refs, 14 figs, 1 table)(GM) ■

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