

Optimization for sustainable manufacturing based on axiomatic design principles: a case study of machining processes

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ABSTRACT

Despite being a wasteful process, machining is often regarded as an important manufacturing method due to the fact that it is a flexible and economic process. However, in order to gain more cost-saving and enhanced environmental performance, sustainability principles have to be incorporated into machining technologies. A step-wise optimization procedure is proposed based on axiomatic design (AD) principles for identifying an optimized sustainable manufacturing solution that comprises combinations of minimum and maximum levels obtainable within the constraints involved (cutting condition, performance and sustainability). A case study involving three alternative processes (namely conventional machining, high pressure jet-assisted machining, and cryogenic machining) is presented for demonstrating the application of the proposed approach, which indicated that the suggested procedure is able to facilitate an optimization process by varying the design parameters (DPs) within a particular sequence. In the case study, a hybrid model consisting of crisp and fuzzy AD analysis techniques was also used for analysing the sustainability performances of the processes being considered. The hybrid model is able to point out the most viable machining process that satisfies all the sustainable functional requirements (FRs) by using information content for indication purposes.

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Optimizacija za trajnostno proizvodnjo na osnovi aksiomatskih pravil: študija primera obdelovalnega postopka

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POVZETEK

Kljub temu, da je mehanska obdelava v osnovi potraten postopek, je pomembna proizvodna tehnika, še zlasti zaradi visoke prilagodljivosti in gospodarnosti. Za zmanjšanje stroškov in večjo okoljsko učinkovitost, morajo biti tudi pri mehanskih obdelavah upoštevana načela trajnostnega razvoja. V članku je predstavljen večstopenjski optimizacijski postopek, ki temelji na načelih aksiomatskega oblikovanja (angl. Axiomatic Design – AD) za iskanje optimalne trajnostne proizvodnje. To sestavljajo kombinacije najnižjih in najvišjih ravni vrednosti znotraj podanih omejitev (tj. rezalnih pogojev, zmogljivosti in trajnosti). Študija primera, ki je vključevala tri alternativne obdelovalne postopke (konvencionalno obdelavo, visokotlačno obdelavo z vodnim curkom in kriogensko obdelavo), je pokazala, da predlagani postopek lahko olajša proces optimizacije s spremenjanjem parametrov načrtovanja (angl. Design Parameters – DPs) v določenem zaporedju. V študiji primera je bil uporabljen hibridni model, sestavljen iz klasičnih analitičnih tehnik, prav tako pa mehkih tehnik analize aksiomatskega oblikovanja. Hibridni model je sposoben določiti najuspešnejši proces obdelave, ki izpolnjuje vse trajnostne funkcionalne zahteve (angl. Sustainable Functional Requirements – FRs).

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