

Predictive analysis of criterial yield during travelling wire electrochemical discharge machining of Hylam based composites

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ABSTRACT

Travelling wire electrochemical discharge machining (TW-ECDM) has great potential for machining advanced non-conducting materials such as zirconia, alumina, silicon nitride, diamond glass, rubies and composites such as FRP etc. Composite materials possess higher strength, stiffness, and fatigue limits which enable structural design more flexible than with conventional metals. Over recent years precision machining of composite materials has gained in importance. The presented research paper includes a description of an indigenously developed TW-ECDM set-up for performing experiments on composite materials such as fibre reinforced plastic. This paper also presents analyses of machining parameters such as material removal rate and radial overcut for different input parameters such as pulse on time, frequency of power supply, applied voltage, concentration of electrolyte and wire feed rate. Taguchi method-based optimization analysis was also done for achieving minimum radial overcut and maximum material removal rate during the cuttings of grooves on Hylam based fibre reinforced composites. Multiple regression models were also established for both material removal rate and radial overcut by considering the more important process parameters for cutting grooves on Hylam based fibre reinforced composites. Finally, a back propagation neural network was applied for predicting the responses and those predictions are compared with the experimental results.

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Predikcijska analiza kriterijev učinkovitosti med obdelavo kompozitov Hylam s pomočjo elektrokemične erozijske obdelave s potujočo žico

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POVZETEK

Elektrokemična erozijska obdelava s potujočo žico (TW-ECDM) ima velike možnosti obdelave naprednih neprevodnih materialov, kot so cirkonij, aluminijev oksid, silicijev nitrid, diamantno steklo in tudi kompozitov, kot je npr. FRP. Kompozitni materiali imajo visoko čvrstost, togost in mejo utrujenosti materiala, kar omogoča višjo prilagodljivost pri načrtovanju izdelkov kot pa pri običajnih materialih. V zadnjih letih je natančna obdelava kompozitnih materialov vse pomembnejša. Pričujoča raziskava vključuje opis doma razvite obdelave TW-ECDM, ki je bila preizkušena za obdelavo kompozitnih materialov, kot je npr. z vlakni okrepljena plastika. Prispevek opisuje tudi analizo obdelovalnih parametrov, kot so stopnja odvzema materiala in *overcut*, in sicer za različne vhodne parametre, kot so čas trajanja impulza, frekvenca električnega vira, velikost napetosti, koncentracija elektrolita in podajanje žice. Da bi dosegli minimalni radialni *overcut* in čim večjo stopnjo odvzema materiala pri rezanju utora na kompozitu Hylam, učvrščenem z vlakni, je bila narejena optimizacija s pomočjo metode Taguchi. Prav tako smo s pomočjo multipla regresijske metode razvili modele za stopnjo odvzema materiala in radialni *overcut*, upoštevajoč najbolj pomembne procesne parameter. Na koncu je bila aplicirana še umetna nevronska mreža z vzvratnim razširjanjem za napovedovanje odzivov, ki smo jih primerjali tudi z eksperimentalnimi rezultati.

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