Failure of Cutting Tools and Tool Wear

- Fracture failure
  - Cutting force becomes excessive, leading to brittle fracture
- Temperature failure
  - Cutting temperature is too high for the tool material
- Gradual wear
  - Gradual wearing of the cutting tool
Preferred Mode of Tool Failure: Gradual Wear

- Fracture and temperature failures are premature failures.
- Gradual wear is preferred because it leads to the longest possible use of the tool.
- Gradual wear occurs at two locations on a tool:
  - *Crater wear* – occurs on top rake face.
  - *Flank wear* – occurs on flank (side of tool).
Figure - Diagram of worn cutting tool, showing the principal locations and types of wear that occur.
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(a) Crater wear, and

(b) flank wear on a cemented carbide tool, as seen through a toolmaker's microscope

(Source: Manufacturing Technology Laboratory, Lehigh University, photo by J. C. Keefe)
Flank wear (FW) is used here as the measure of tool wear. Crater wear follows a similar growth curve.
Figure - Effect of cutting speed on tool flank wear (FW) for three cutting speeds, using a tool life criterion of 0.50 mm flank wear
Taylor Tool Life Equation

This relationship is credited to F. W. Taylor (~1900)

\[ \nu T^n = C \]

where \( \nu \) = cutting speed; \( T \) = tool life; and \( n \) and \( C \) are parameters that depend on feed, depth of cut, work material, tooling material, and the tool life criterion used

- \( n \) is the slope of the plot
- \( C \) is the intercept on the speed axis
### Typical Values of $n$ and $C$ in Taylor Tool Life Equation

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<th>Tool material (ft/min)</th>
<th>n</th>
<th>C (m/min)</th>
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<td>High speed steel:</td>
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<td>Non-steel work</td>
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<td>Steel work</td>
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Tool Life Criteria in Production

1. Complete failure of cutting edge
2. Visual inspection of flank wear (or crater wear) by the machine operator
3. Fingernail test across cutting edge
4. Changes in sound emitted from operation
5. Chips become ribbony, stringy, and difficult to dispose of
6. Degradation of surface finish
7. Increased power
8. Workpiece count
9. Cumulative cutting time
Variables Affecting Tool Life

- Cutting conditions.
- Tool geometry.
- Tool material.
- Work material.
- Cutting fluid.
- Vibration behavior of the machine-tool work system.
- Built-up edge.
Single-Point Tool Geometry

Tool specifications (all six angles, and nose radius): 7-8-5-6-9-4-1 mm

This specification indicates the following:

- Back rake angle (7°)
- Side rake angle (8°)
- End clearance (relief) angle (5°)
- Side clearance (relief) angle (6°)
- End cutting edge angle (9°)
- Side cutting edge angle (4°)
- Nose radius (1 mm)
Increasing the Rake Angle reduces the cutting force and the cutting temperature resulting in increased tool life.

However, for large rake angle, tool edge is weakened resulting in increased wear due to chipping of the cutting edge.

These conditions give an optimum rake angle which gives the maximum tool life.

Higher is the strength of workpiece material, lower is the value of optimum rake angle.
Tool Geometry: Flank Angle

- Increasing the Flank Angle reduces rubbing between tool and the workpiece and hence improves the tool life.

- However, too high a value of flank angle weakens the tool and reduces its life.

- Optimum value of flank angles is also affected by the feed rates. Higher is the feed rate, lower is the optimum value. The flank angle, therefore, should be low if higher feed values are to be used.

Why?
This is necessary for providing increased strength and better heat dissipation when the feed is increased.
Selection of Cutting Conditions

- One of the tasks in process planning
- For each operation, decisions must be made about machine tool, cutting tool(s), and cutting conditions
- These decisions must give due consideration to workpart machinability, part geometry, surface finish, and so forth
- Cutting conditions: speed, feed, depth of cut, and cutting fluid
Selecting Depth of Cut

- Depth of cut is often predetermined by workpiece geometry and operation sequence
  - In roughing, depth is made as large as possible to maximize material removal rate, subject to limitations of horsepower, machine tool and setup rigidity, and strength of cutting tool
  - In finishing, depth is set to achieve final part dimensions
Determining Feed

- In general: *feed first, speed second*
- Determining feed rate depends on:
  - *Tooling* – harder tool materials require lower feeds
  - *Roughing or finishing* - Roughing means high feeds, finishing means low feeds
  - *Constraints on feed in roughing* - Limits imposed by cutting forces, setup rigidity, and sometimes horsepower
  - *Surface finish requirements in finishing* – select feed to produce desired finish
Optimizing Cutting Speed

- Select speed to achieve a balance between high metal removal rate and suitably long tool life
- Mathematical formulas are available to determine optimal speed
- Two alternative objectives in these formulas:
  1. Maximum production rate
  2. Minimum unit cost
Maximum Production Rate

- Maximizing production rate = minimizing cutting time per unit
- In turning, total production cycle time for one part consists of:
  1. Part handling time per part $= T_h$
  2. Machining time per part $= T_m$
  3. Tool change time per part $= T_t/n_p$, where $n_p =$ number of pieces cut in one tool life

Total time per unit product for operation:

$$T_c = T_h + T_m + T_t/n_p$$

Cycle time $T_c$ is a function of cutting speed
Cycle Time vs. Cutting Speed

- Total time per piece
- Tool change time
- Part handling time
- Machining time
Minimizing Cost per Unit

In turning, total production cycle cost for one part consists of:

1. *Cost of part handling time* = $C_o T_h$, where $C_o$ = cost rate for operator and machine
2. *Cost of machining time* = $C_o T_m$
3. *Cost of tool change time* = $C_o T_t/n_p$
4. *Tooling cost* = $C_t/n_p$, where $C_t$ = cost per cutting edge

Total cost per unit product for operation:

$$C_c = C_o T_h + C_o T_m + C_o T_t/n_p + C_t/n_p$$

Again, unit cost is a function of cutting speed, just as $T_c$ is a function of $v$. 
Unit Cost vs. Cutting Speed

- Total cost per piece
- Cost of tool change time
- Tool cost
- Part handling time cost
- Machining time cost

Cost per workpart vs. Cutting speed
Comments on Machining Economics

- As $C$ and $n$ increase in Taylor tool life equation, optimum cutting speed should be reduced
  - Cemented carbides and ceramic tools should be used at speeds significantly higher than for HSS

- As tool change time $T_t$ and/or tooling cost $C_t$ increase, cutting speed should be reduced
  - Tools should not be changed too often if either tool cost or tool change time is high
  - Disposable inserts have an advantage over regrindable tools because tool change time is lower
Classification of Machined Parts

1. *Rotational* - cylindrical or disk-like shape
2. *Nonrotational* (also called *prismatic*) - block-like or plate-like

Figure - Machined parts are classified as: (a) rotational, or (b) nonrotational, shown here by block and flat parts
Each machining operation produces a characteristic part geometry due to two factors:

1. Relative motions between the tool and the workpart
   - Generating – part geometry is determined by the feed trajectory of the cutting tool

2. Shape of the cutting tool
   - Forming – part geometry is created by the shape of the cutting tool
Figure - Generating shape: (a) straight turning, (b) taper turning, (c) contour turning, (d) plain milling, (e) profile milling
Figure - Forming to create shape: (a) form turning, (b) drilling, and (c) broaching
Figure - Combination of forming and generating to create shape: (a) thread cutting on a lathe, and (b) slot milling
Operations Performed on Lathe (Other than Turning)

(a) facing
(b) taper turning
(c) contour turning
(d) form turning
(e) chamfering
(f) cutoff
(g) threading
(h) Boring
(i) drilling
(j) knurling
Operations Performed on Lathe (Other than Turning)

**Facing:** Tool is fed radially inward to create a flat surface

**Taper turning:** The tool is fed at an angle instead of feeding parallel to the axis of rotation of work

**Contour turning:** Instead of feeding the tool parallel to the axis of rotation, tool follows a contour that is other than straight, thus creating a contoured form

**Form turning:** The tool has a shape that is imparted to the work by plunging the tool radially into work

**Chamfering:** Cutting edge cuts an angle on the corner of the cylinder, forming a "chamfer"
Operations Performed on Lathe (Other than Turning)

**Cutoff:** Tool is fed radially into rotating work at some location to cut off end of part

**Threading:** Pointed form tool is fed linearly across surface of rotating workpart parallel to axis of rotation at a large feed rate, thus creating threads

**Boring:** The tool is fed parallel to the axis of rotation on the inside diameter of an existing hole

**Drilling:** Drill is fed into the rotating work along its axis

**Knurling:** Used to produce a regular cross-hatched pattern in the work surface. Not a machining operation.
Boring

- Difference between boring and turning:
  - *Boring* is performed on the inside diameter of an existing hole
  - *Turning* is performed on the outside diameter of an existing cylinder
- In effect, boring is an internal turning operation
- Boring machines
  - Horizontal or vertical – refers to the orientation of the axis of rotation of machine spindle
Drilling

Creates a round hole in a workpart

- Contrasts with boring which can only enlarge an existing hole
- Cutting tool called a *drill* or *drill bit*
- Customarily performed on a *drill press*

*Through-holes*

Drill exits the opposite side of work

*Blind-holes*

Drill does not exit work on opposite side
Machining Operations Related to Drilling

(a) Reaming  (b) Tapping  (c) Countreboring

Reaming: Used to slightly enlarge a hole, provide better tolerance on diameter, and improve surface finish.

Tapping: Used to provide internal screw threads on an existing hole. Tool called a tap.

Countreboring: Provides a stepped hole, in which a larger diameter follows a smaller diameter partially into the hole.
Milling

Machining operation in which work is fed past a rotating tool with multiple cutting edges

- Axis of tool rotation is perpendicular to feed direction
- Creates a planar surface; other geometries possible either by cutter path or shape

- Other factors and terms:
  - Milling is an *interrupted cutting* operation
  - Cutting tool called a *milling cutter*, cutting edges called "teeth"
  - Machine tool called a *milling machine*
Peripheral Milling vs. Face Milling

- Peripheral milling
  - Cutter axis is parallel to surface being machined
  - Cutting edges on outside periphery of cutter

- Face milling
  - Cutter axis is perpendicular to surface being milled
  - Cutting edges on both the end and outside periphery of the cutter
Peripheral Milling

FIGURE 22.18
Peripheral milling: (a) slab milling, (b) slotting, (c) side milling, (d) straddle milling, and (e) form milling.
Slab Milling

The basic form of peripheral milling in which the cutter width extends beyond the workpiece on both sides

Figure (a) slab milling
Slotting

- Width of cutter is less than workpiece width, creating a slot in the work

Figure (b) Slotting
Peripheral Milling: Two Forms

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<td>Chip starts from thin to thick</td>
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<td>Chip length is more</td>
<td>Chip length is less</td>
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<td>Cutter engaged in the work for longer time/volume of material cut</td>
<td>Cutter engaged for shorter time so better tool life</td>
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<td>Lifting of workpart as the teeth exit the w/p</td>
<td>Tends to hold the w/p against the milling m/c table</td>
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Conventional Face Milling

Cutter overhangs work on both sides

Figure (a) conventional face milling
End Milling

Cutter diameter is less than work width, so a slot is cut into part.

Figure - (c) end milling
Profile Milling

Form of end milling in which the outside periphery of a flat part is cut

Figure (d) profile milling
Pocket Milling

Another form of end milling used to mill shallow pockets into flat parts.

Figure (e) pocket milling
Surface Contouring

Ball-nose cutter is fed back and forth across the work along a curvilinear path at close intervals to create a three-dimensional surface form.

Figure (f) surface contouring
Figure (a) horizontal knee-and-column milling machine
Figure (b) vertical knee-and-column milling machine
Shaping and Planing

- Similar operations
- Both use a single point cutting tool moved linearly relative to the workpart

Figure 29 - (a) Shaping, and (b) Planing
Shaping and Planing

- A straight, flat surface is created in both operations
- Interrupted cutting
  - Subjects tool to impact loading when entering work
- Low cutting speeds due to start-and-stop motion
- Usual tooling: single point high speed steel tools
Figure - Components of a shaper
Figure - Open side planer
Broaching

- Moves a multiple tooth cutting tool linearly relative to work in direction of tool axis

Features:
- Good surface finish
- Close tolerances
- Variety of work shapes possible
- Owing to complicated and often custom-shaped geometry, tooling is expensive
Internal Broaching

- Performed on internal surface of a hole
- A starting hole must be present in the part to insert broach at beginning of stroke

Figure - Work shapes that can be cut by internal broaching; cross-hatching indicates the surfaces broached
Sawing

- Cuts narrow slit in work by a tool consisting of a series of narrowly spaced teeth
- Tool called a *saw blade*
- Typical functions:
  - Separate a workpart into two pieces
  - Cut off unwanted portions of part

Figure power hacksaw – linear reciprocating motion of hacksaw blade against work
Process Planning For A Component

Example part to be made on a mill-turn center

Sequence of operations