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**MEC 3102 MACHINE TOOLS AND PRINCIPLES OF ELECTRICITY II
MACHINE TOOLS
Laboratory No. 1.**

Orthogonal Cutting Analyzed with a Two Component Lathe Tool Dynamometer.

Date of Laboratory: Monday, 17th October 2022

Venue: Mechanical Engineering Machine Shop

Time: 08.00 to 11.00 hours

1. OBJECTIVES:

- i. To measure the cutting forces F_c , and F_a , in two perpendicular directions, (ii)
- ii. To determine the influence of:
 - a) Depth of cut d
 - b) Feed rate f
 - c) Cutting velocity V_c
 - d) Rake angle α of the cutting tool on the cutting forces
- iii. To compare the practical results with the theoretically obtained values of F_c and F_a .

2. APPARATUS:

- i. Specify the lathe used and list the apparatus.

- ii. Sketch and describe the lathe dynamometer. The sketch should include clear indication of the force vectors F_c and F_a that are measured. Sketch and describe the experiment set up.

3. THEORY

Refer to lecture notes for single point cutting theory. Refer to text books.

4. PROCEDURE:

- a) Calibrate the lathe dynamometer for both directions. Explain the calibration process for the force sensors in your report.
- b) Remove the compound slide.
- c) Align the dynamometer.
- d) Mount the correct tool and set it to the correct overhang L .

$$L = 10.16mm \pm \frac{1}{2}(\text{depth of cut})$$

- e) Check the working of the electronic gauge.
- f) Conduct actual tests and record deflections which are to be converted to forces for conditions set in Tests 4.1 to 4.5 below.

4.1. Variable depth of cut d

Speed: $n = 125\text{rev/min}$

Feed $f = 0.13\text{mm/rev}$

Rake angle $\alpha = +10^\circ$

Work piece diameter $D = 65\text{mm}$ $D=65$ mm (measure actual diameter workpiece)

Depth of cut $d = 1, 1.75, 2.50, 3.25, 4$ mm

4.2. Variable tool feed f

Speed: $n = 125\text{rev/min}$

Depth of cut $d = 2.5 \text{ mm}$

Work piece diameter $D = 65 \text{ mm}$ (measure actual work piece diameter) Rake

Rake angle $\alpha = +10^\circ$

Feed $f = 0.13, 0.11; 0.097; 0.084; 0.070 \text{ mm/rev}$

4.3. Variable Cutting Speed V_c

Depth of cut $d = 2.5 \text{ mm}$

Work piece diameter $D = 65 \text{ mm}$ (measure actual diameter)

Rake angle $\alpha = +10^\circ$

Speed: $n = 80, 125, 160, 200, 315, 400 \text{ rev/min}$

Feed $f = 0.070 \text{ mm/rev}$

4.4. Variable tool rake angle α

Speed: $n = 125 \text{ rev/min}$

Feed $f = 0.14 \text{ mm/rev}$

Depth of cut $d = 2.5 \text{ mm}$

Workpiece diameter $D = 65 \text{ mm}$ (measure actual workpiece diameter)

Rake angle $\alpha = 0^\circ, 5^\circ, 10^\circ, 15^\circ, 20^\circ, 25^\circ$

Collect sample chips for known cutting parameters for use in Section 4.5. The chip thicknesses should be measured using a dial type **vernier caliper**.

4.5. Chip ratio

For test 4.4 collect chips from known lengths/diameter of work-piece, **depth of feed** and measure the chip thicknesses in order to calculate **chip cutting ratios**.

5. RESULTS:

- i. All results for Experiments 4.1 to 4.5 should be presented in tabular and graphical forms.
- ii. Calculate the theoretical cutting forces F_c and F_a for **Test 4.1** with of cut d of 2.50, 3.25 and 4.0 mm.
- iii. Derive from the results of **Test 4.4** the power consumption for the cutting action and plot a graph of **power consumption** as a function of the **rake angle**.
- iv. For **Test 4.5** calculate the power expended in overcoming chip/tool friction.
- v. Use results of **Tests 4.4** and **4.5** to verify Merchant's hypothesis given by the expression:

$$C = 2\phi + \tau - \alpha$$

Give a Table representing the various values of ϕ , τ , c for each rake angle α in **Test 4.4**. Plot the values of C versus α .

6. DISCUSSIONS

Discuss all results from the tests. Discuss the verification of Merchant's hypothesis.

7. CONCLUSIONS:

Draw Conclusions from the Results of each Test.

8. REFERENCES

Give references.

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Submit Laboratory by **24/10/22**

Quality of the Lab Report and Format should be of acceptable university standard.