

Optimization of Machining Parameters on 7075 Aluminum Alloy using Taguchi and ANOVA for Surface Roughness



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Abstract: Optimization of the parameter to provide best solution to reduce the tool wear, surface roughness, cutting forces presented using optimization technique. In present work an experimental study is made. In this Taguchi design of experiment methodology for optimization of parameters on 7075 Aluminum alloy using tungsten coated electrode. Experiments were conducted based on L27 standard orthogonal array with three processes parameters are cutting speed, feed, depth of cut. Electrical discharge machining is generally calculated on the basis of Surface Roughness (SR), Tool wear rate (TWR) and cutting force (CF). The ANOVA (Analysis Of Variance) is used to study the performance characteristics in turning operation. ANOVA placed an important role for producing higher roughness. Finally the software, MINITAB 17 was used and results obtained.

Keywords : 7075 Aluminum alloy, SR, Taguchi, ANOVA.

I. INTRODUCTION

Taguchi method is developed by Dr, Genichi Taguchi. Taguchi method is statistical method to improve the product quality. In this method two stages are involved: system design, parameter design, by using Taguchi design to reduce the number of experiments. It also best technique for high quality system design. The manufacturing industries are continuously challenged for achieving higher productivity within less time. Engineers faced a problem to find out the optimal parameters for the output and to increase the output

by using available resources. 7075 Aluminum alloy is widely used in non-ferrous material in engineering applications. It is used for manufacturing of gears, regulating valve parts, meter shaft, aircraft, keys, gears and defense applications. Analysis of Variance is used to study the performance characteristics. Aluminum alloy used in advanced applications because of high strength, durability, low density, machinability and relatively lower cost. Productivity play main role in today's manufacturing market. Taguchi method is used to improve the product quality. EDM (Electrical Discharge Machining) is a non-traditional manufacturing process used in industry for machining of all types of materials. In EDM material is removed by melting and vaporization of work material due to occurring electrical sparks with in a dielectric medium.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Payaghan et al., [1] results revealed that pulse current and on time are significant factors in MRR. The value of MRR steadily increases with increase in values of current and pulse on time. Gopalakannan et al., [2] stated that material removal rates, SR and tool wear rates are incremented as with increment in pulse current and on time. Nanimina et al., [3] results revealed that MRR is increasing as the levels of pulse on time and current are growing. However, TWR showed decreasing trend with increase in above parameters. Karthikeyan & Sornakumar [4] observed that MRR and SR are increased by the increase in current. The material removal rate was found to be decreasing with increase in the percent weight of silicon carbide. Nagit et al., [5] found that an increase in pulse duration will result in increased electrode wear and increased material removal rates. EWR was also found to be more with small values of diameter. High value of pulse-on time decreased the dimensional accuracy. Adrian et al., [6] stated that an increase in electrode diameter increase the MRR and reduce the tool wear rate. Increasing pulse on time gives more tool wear rates. Also, increase in pulse on time increase metal removal rate. Lin et al., [7] assisted the standard EDM with magnetic force and obtained better MRR, SR and lesser TWR. Assisted magnetic force helped to expel debris from the machining gap more easily and quickly. Yilmaz et al., [8] machined Inconel 718 and Ti-6Al-4V with single and multichannel electrodes and revealed that single channel electrodes give better MRR but had made more damage to surface. Ahamed et al., [9]

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stated that MRR and SR are increasing as current is increasing, while MRR decreased as pulse on time increased. MRR showed rise with increasing pulse off time levels. Khan [10] found that the increase in current and gap voltage values increased the electrode wear rates. Wear ratio was also found to be increasing with increasing current. Mohan et al., [11] found that the positive polarity gives high MRR and increase in current levels increased the MRR further. TWR also increased with increase in current levels, while decreased pulse on time values decreased the SR. Karthikeyan et al., [12] reported that the increase in current increases MRR, TWR and SR. Also, increase in pulse time, decreases the MRR, TWR and slightly increases the surface roughness. Muller & Monaghan [13] reported increasing MRR with increasing pulse on time and current levels, but upto an optimal value. Hocheng et al., [14] stated that MRR was proportional to input current and pulse on time values. They recommended short pulse on time and large current combination to obtain minimal crater size while machining. Ramulu & Taya [15] found that material removal rate show growth with increase made in the power of the electrode while machining 2124 Aluminium MMC. S. S. Mahapatra et al. [16] investigated Optimization of WEDM process parameters using Taguchi method. Machining operation in WEDM is a challenging one because of more responses like metal removal rate (MRR), surface finish (SF) and cutting width (KERF). The relationship between control factors and responses are recognized by nonlinear regression analysis through mathematical model, GA and , a popular revolutionary approach were employed to multiple objectives optimisation. Spedding and Wang [17]formed a mathematical models to forecast material removal rate Ra and MRR during WEDM of D-2 tool steel for various machining conditions. Zahid A.Khan et al.[18] carried out multi objective optimization of WEDM Control process parameters using Taguchi Grey Relational Analysis method. Taguchi's L 16 Orthogonal Array have been used for conducting experiments and investigates the effect of the WEDM process parameters on the average surface roughness and the KERF width of the stainless steel (SS 304).

III. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

The tests on the work piece were conducted on ELECTRONICA EZEE Cut NXG WEDM Machine shown in fig 1. 7075 aluminium is used to this experiments . DOE are designed by full factorial design experiments . In this work turning of 7075 aluminum alloy , experiments were conducted by considering these main processes parameters such as speed , feed , depth of cut at 3 level –low, medium and high .According to the 3 level full factorial design of experiments 27 were designed and conducted .CNC machine play an main role in modern machining industry .



Figure 1. Electronica Ezee Cut Nxg Wedm Machine

Table 1 : Chemical composition 7075 Aluminium alloy

Element	Weight (%)
Aluminium	87.1-91.4
Zinc	5.1-6.1
Copper	1.2-2.0
Chromium	0.18-0.28
Iron	Max 0.5
Magnesium	2.1-2.9
Manganese	Max 0.4
Silicon	Max 0.4
Titanium	Max 0.2
Other	0.05

Table 2 : Mechanical Properties of 7075 Aluminium alloy.

Property	Value	Units
Ultimate strength	572	Mpa
Yield strength	503	Mpa
Fatigue strength	159	Mpa
Shear strength	331	Mpa
Hardness	150	BHN
	53.5	Rockwell A
	87	Rockwell A
	175	Vickers
Density	2.8	gm/cm ³

Elongation	9-Mar	%
Modulus of elasticity	71.7	GPa
Poisson's ratio	0.33	-
Thermal conductivity	130	W/m-K
Melting point	477-635	°C

1. **Control factors** : Experiments were planned using 3 level full factorial design .These cutting parameters are : cutting speed (m/min), feed (mm/sec) , depth of cut (mm) and over all 27 experiments were conducted .

2. **Instruments used for measuring weight of work piece in initial and final weight .**

$$MRR = (W_c - W_f) / \rho \times T \text{ mm}^3 / \text{sec}$$

W_c = Initial weight of work piece (gm)
 W_f = final weight of work piece (gm)
 T = machining time (sec)
 ρ = density of material (kg/m³)

3. **Taguchi approach** : It used to determine the quality of characteristics . Loss function value are connected to S/N ratio. 'Signal' represents the desired values for output characteristics and 'Noise' represents the undesirable value for output characteristics . These categories are used to analyze S/N ratio i.e lower is better , nominal is better , higher is better .

Table 3 : Parameters with Levels

S.No	Parameters	Units	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
1	Cutting speed	rpm	150	200	250
2	feed	mm/rev	0.1	0.15	0.2
3	Depth of cut	mm	0.25	0.5	1

Table 4: Response table for Material Removal Rate (MRR)

Level	Cutting speed	Feed rate	Depth of cut
1	4.606	6.606	5.236
2	5.426	5.152	5.268
3	5.862	4.135	5.39
Delta	1.257	2.471	0.154
Rank	2	1	3

Table 5: Machining conditions of for full factorial design .

	Cutting speed	Feed rate	Depth of cut	Surface roughness	Tool wear
1	200	0.2	1	1.5	0.31

2	200	0.1	0.25	1.23	0.21
3	150	0.1	0.5	1.59	0.14
4	200	0.1	1	1.62	0.11
5	250	0.2	1	1.29	0.27
6	250	0.15	0.25	1.85	0.28
7	150	0.1	0.25	1.45	0.16
8	150	0.15	0.5	1.78	0.28
9	200	0.15	1	1.65	0.26
10	250	0.1	0.5	1.15	0.13
11	250	0.15	0.5	1.72	0.27
12	150	0.15	0.25	1.82	0.3
13	250	0.15	1	1.24	0.21
14	200	0.15	0.25	1.89	0.35
15	150	0.2	0.25	2.12	0.35
16	200	0.2	0.25	2.31	0.4
17	250	0.1	0.25	1.15	0.15
18	150	0.2	0.5	1.98	0.33
19	250	0.2	0.25	2.5	0.35
20	200	0.1	0.5	1.39	0.18
21	150	0.2	1	1.7	0.27
22	250	0.2	0.5	2.1	0.32
23	250	0.1	1	1.14	0.07
24	200	0.15	0.5	1.78	0.32
25	150	0.1	1	2.13	0.08
26	200	0.2	0.5	2.04	0.37
27	150	0.15	1	1.89	0.22

Table 6 : Response table for Machining time

Level	Cutting speed	Feed rate	Depth of cut
1	1.829	1.428	1.813
2	1.712	1.736	1.726
3	1.571	1.949	1.573
Delta	0.258	0.521	0.24
Rank	2	1	3

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS :

Minitab 17 statistic software has been used for analysis of experiential work .It provides for calculation results of S/N ratio .The objective of present work is to reduce the machining time and increase the MRR and SR in turning processes operation.

a) Analysis for Signal -to- noise ratio

Larger is better performance characteristics is selected to obtain material removal rate .Smaller the better performance characteristics is selected to obtain machining time .

b) Response table for machining time

$$S = 0.298941 \quad R\text{-sq} = 50.19\% \quad R\text{-sq(adj)} = 35024\%$$

$$R\text{-sq(pred)} = 9.22\%$$

(c) Regression Equations

$$\text{Surface roughness} = 1.7041 + 0.1248 \text{ cutting speed}_{150} + 0.0081 \text{ cutting speed}_{200} - 0.1330 \text{ cutting speed}_{250} - 0.2763 \text{ feed rate}_{0.10} + 0.0315 \text{ feed rate}_{0.15} + 0.2448 \text{ feed rate}_{0.20}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ 0.1093 \text{ depth of cut}_{0.25} + 0.0215 \text{ depth of cut}_{0.50} \\
 &- 0.1307 \text{ depth of cut}_{1.00} \\
 \text{Cutting force} &= 13.94 - 2.19 \text{ cutting speed}_{150} \\
 &+ 0.34 \text{ cutting speed}_{200} \\
 &\quad + 1.85 \text{ cutting speed}_{250} \\
 &+ 4.31 \text{ feed rate}_{0.10} - 0.50 \text{ feed rate}_{0.15} \\
 &\quad - 3.82 \text{ feed rate}_{0.20} \\
 &- 0.33 \text{ depth of cut}_{0.25} - 0.12 \text{ depth of cut}_{0.50} \\
 &\quad + 0.45 \text{ depth of cut}_{1.00} \\
 \text{Tool wear} &= 0.247778 \\
 &- 0.01111 \text{ cutting speed}_{150} + 0.03111 \text{ cutting speed}_{200} \\
 &\quad - 0.02000 \text{ cutting speed}_{250} \\
 &- 0.11111 \text{ feed rate}_{0.10} + 0.02889 \text{ feed rate}_{0.15} \\
 &\quad + 0.08222 \text{ feed rate}_{0.20} \\
 &+ 0.03556 \text{ depth of cut}_{0.25} + 0.01222 \text{ depth of cut}_{0.50} \\
 &\quad - 0.04778 \text{ depth of cut}_{1.00}
 \end{aligned}$$

Depth of cut	2	0.2654	0.13271	1.49	0.25
Error	20	1.7873	0.08937		
Total	26	3.5881			

b) Analysis for Signal -to- noise ratio

Larger is better performance characteristics is selected to obtain material removal rate .Smaller the better performance characteristics is selected to obtain machining time .

$$S = 0.0050553 \quad R\text{-sq} = 99.77\% \quad R\text{-sq(adj)} = 99.71\% \quad R\text{-sq(pred)} = 99.59\%$$

Table 7 shows the results of ANOVA for surface roughness .From the results , it is observed that the feed is the most significant parameter followed by cutting speed and depth of cut has less significant in controlling the surface roughness values . P-Value of feed (0.005) which is less than 0.05.It means the feed influence significantly on work piece surface roughness between three cutting parameters.

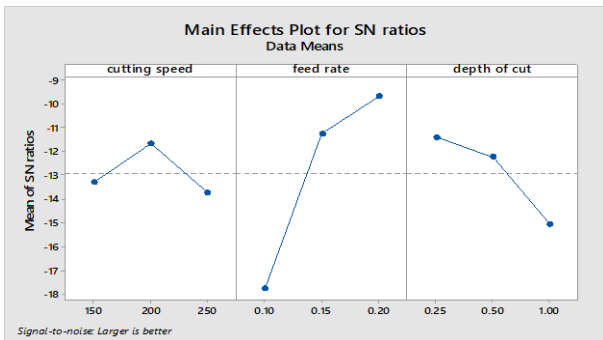


Figure 2. Main effect and S/N ratio for MRR

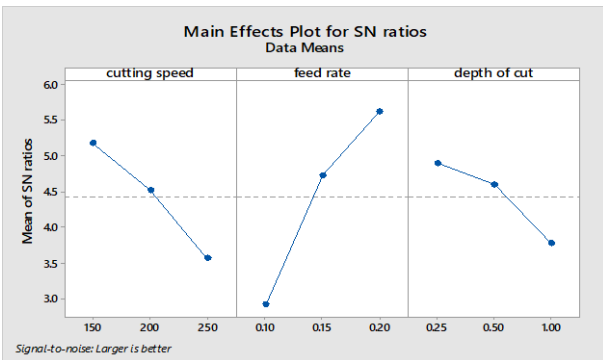


Figure 3.: Main effect plots for machining time

a) Analysis Of Variance (ANOVA)

The experimental results of surface roughness values were analyzed. The percentage of individual parameters were well determined using ANOVA. Taguchi cannot create and find the effect of individual parameters on entire processes . Using MINITAB17 software and ANOVA module is used to investigate the effect of parameters .

Table 7 : ANOVA –Result for surface roughness

Source	DOF	Adj SS	Adj MS	F-value	P-value
Cutting speed	2	0.2999	0.14996	1.68	0.212
Feed rate	2	1.2354	0.61769	6.91	0.005

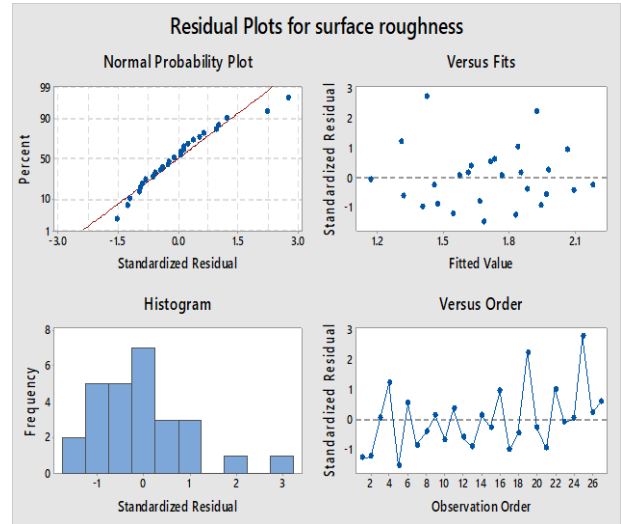


Figure 4 . Residual Plots for Surface Roughness

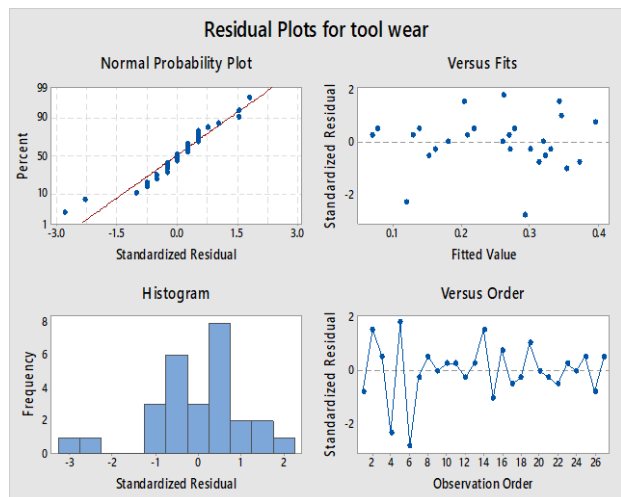


Figure 5. Residual plots for Tool Wear

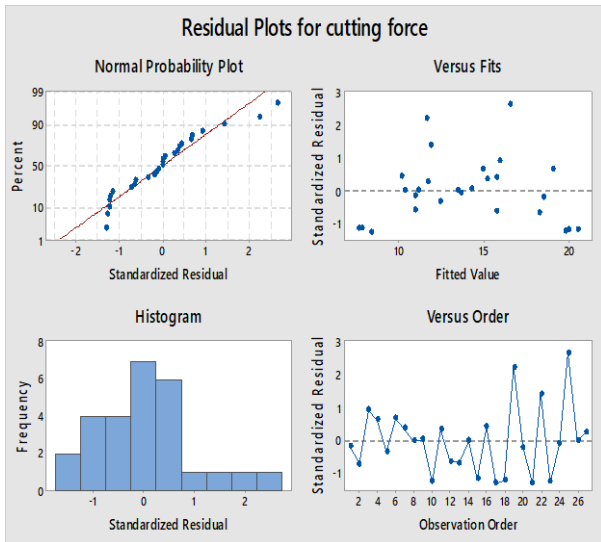


Figure 6. Residual plots for cutting force

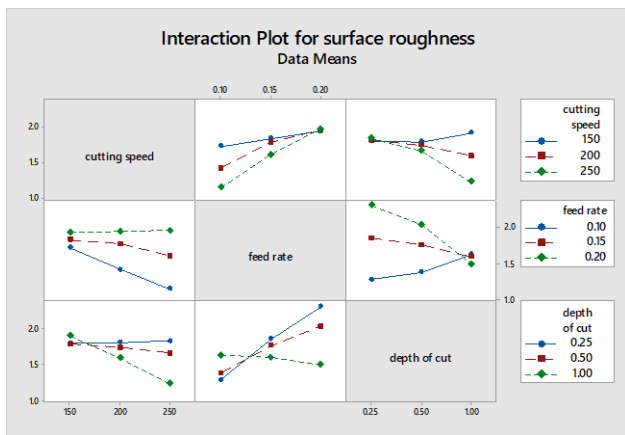


Figure 7. Interaction plots for Surface Roughness



Figure 8 . Interaction plots for Tool wear

V. CONCLUSION

1. It is observed that the speed is most influence the MRR and less significance of depth of cut .In case of machining time speed is most significance parameter followed by feed rate . The combination of cutting parameters to achieve a high material removal rate (MRR) and low surface roughness (SR) is obtained .

2. From Taguchi results , the optimal combinations of cutting parameters for low surface roughness was found.

3. From ANOVA results , for achieving minimum surface roughness values , feed has high influence followed by speed and depth of cut has low influence .

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