

Theoretical Determination of Temperature Field in Orthogonal Machining

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Abstract

In this work, mathematical models were developed to simulate the thermal behaviour of a cutting tool insert in three-dimensional dry machining. Models to determine the temperature rise at the shear plane and tool insert in orthogonal cutting were developed, simulated and validated. The effects of various machining parameters/variables such as specific heat of material of 4400J/kg, Depth of cut (t) of 0.0003m, Density of 7870kg/m³, Width of cut (b) of 0.005m, Chip thickness ratio (rt) of 0.42, Tool rake angle of 100, Cutting Velocity (V) of 35m/min and Shear force (Fs) of 1257.6N on temperature rise were well analyzed.

Keywords: temperature, machining variables, orthogonal machining

1. Introduction

In orthogonal cutting, the cutting edge of the tool is perpendicular to the cutting speed direction. During the cutting, the work material ahead of the tool suffers plastic deformation and, after sliding on the rake face of the tool, goes to form the chip. The deformation process is highly concentrated in a very small zone and the temperatures generated in the deformation zones affect both the tool and the work piece (Portda, 2003). also the high cutting temperatures strongly influence tool wear, tool life, work piece surface integrity, chip formation mechanism and contribute to the thermal deformation of the cutting tool, which is considered, amongst others, as the largest source of error in the machining process, the increase in the temperature of the work piece material (mild steel) in the primary deformation zone softens the material, thereby decreasing cutting forces and the energy required to cause further shear.

Temperature at the tool-chip interface affects the contact phenomena by changing the friction conditions, which in turn affects the shape and location of both of the primary and secondary deformation zones, maximum temperature location, heat partition and the diffusion of the tool material into the chip (chiou, 2002). One of the most common operations in manufacturing is metal cutting. It is a quite complex phenomenon, of multi physics type, where elasticity and plasticity, fracture, contacts, heat transfer, among others takes place simultaneously. The purpose of a machining process is to generate a surface having a specified shape and acceptable surface finish, and to prevent tool wear and thermal damage that leads to geometric inaccuracy of the finished part.

The experimental measurement of the temperature and heat distribution in metal cutting is extremely difficult due to a narrow shear band, chip obstacles, and the nature of the contact phenomena where the two bodies, tool and chip, are in continuous contact and moving with respect to each other (Vernaza-Pena, 2002, Sutter et al, 2003). Therefore, analytical development of cutting temperature distribution can aid in addressing important metal cutting issues such as tool life and

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dimensional tolerance under practical operating conditions. Hence, as the objective of this study, mathematical models to determine the temperature fields in orthogonal machining were developed, simulated and validated using the existing data.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Mathematical Models Develo (Modeling of Temperature Distribution in Tool Insert)

The tool insert has three plane boundaries in contact with the tool holder at $x = a$, $y = b$, and $z = c$. These boundaries will be assumed to be at the ambient interface, the temperature at the bottom surface of the insert ($z = c$) could be as high as 2000C under a different set of condition. So in this work, two types of thermal boundary conditions on ambient temperature and insulated surfaces considered. The three-dimensional transient heat conduction equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha_r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad (1)$$

where α_r is the thermal diffusivity of the material (mild steel). The initial condition is

$$T(x, y, z, 0) = T_\infty$$

The boundary conditions for the model without heat pipe are the following

a(i) The heat source is considered as a plane heat source on the top face of the insert with the following expression.

$$-k \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}(x, y, z, t) \Big|_{z=0} = \begin{cases} q_c & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq L_x, 0 \leq y \leq L_y \\ h(T - T_\infty) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where q_c is the heat flux flowing into the tool insert

a(ii) The adiabatic boundary conditions are assumed for the two surfaces which are close to the heat source ($x = 0$, $y = 0$) and the bottom surface ($z = c$) are the following

$$\frac{\partial T(0, y, 0 \leq z \leq c, t)}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial T(x, 0, 0 \leq z \leq c, t)}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial T(x, y, z, t) \Big|_{z=c}}{\partial z} = 0$$

a(iii) The ambient boundary conditions are assumed for the two surfaces which are far away from the heat source ($x = a$, $y = b$) can be described as:

$$T(a, y, z, t) = T_\infty$$

$$T(x, b, z, t) = T_\infty$$

The boundary conditions for the model with heat pipe installed are:

b(i) The adiabatic boundary conditions for the two surfaces which are close to the heat source ($x = 0$, $y = 0$), the bottom surface ($z = c + q$) and the surface of insert ($x = a$, $0 < y < b$, $0 < z < c$) which is far away from heat source:

$$\frac{\partial T(0, y, 0 \leq z \leq c + q, t)}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial T(x, 0, 0 \leq z \leq c + q, t)}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial T(x, y, z, t)}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=c+q} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial T(a, 0 \leq y \leq b, 0 \leq z \leq c, t)}{\partial x} = 0$$

The ambient boundary conditions for the two surfaces of the heat pipe which are far away from the heat source ($x, a, 0 < y < p$, and $y = p$):

$$\frac{\partial T(a, 0 \leq y \leq p, c \leq z \leq q, t)}{\partial x} = T_\infty$$

$$T(x, p, z, t) = T_\infty$$

2.2. The Model

Finite difference scheme was developed to solve the temperature distribution in orthogonal cutting.

$$T_{i,j,k}^{n+1} = F_0 \left[\begin{matrix} T_{i+1,j,k}^n + T_{i-1,j,k}^n + T_{i,j+1,k}^n + T_{i,j-1,k}^n \\ + T_{i,j,k+1}^n + T_{i,j,k-1}^n \end{matrix} \right] + (1-6F_0)T_{i,j,k}^n \tag{2}$$

The stability criteria is $F_0 \leq \frac{1}{6}$ i.e.

$$\frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta^2 x} \leq \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\alpha \leq \frac{\Delta^2 x}{6 \Delta t}$$

Using implicit crank –Nicolson finite difference scheme, gives:

$$= 2 \left(3 - \frac{\Delta^2 x}{\alpha \Delta t} \right) T_{i,j,k}^n - T_{i+1,j,k}^n - T_{i-1,j,k}^n - T_{i,j+1,k}^n - T_{i,j-1,k}^n - T_{i,j,k+1}^n - T_{i,j,k-1}^n \tag{3}$$

On the LHS, we have seven unknowns and on the RHS all the seven quantities are known. This is an implicit scheme which is convergent for all values of $\frac{\Delta^2 x}{\alpha \Delta t}$

$$T_{i,j,k}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2 \left(3 + \frac{\Delta^2 x}{\alpha \Delta t} \right)} \left[\begin{matrix} T_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1} + T_{i+1,j,k}^n + T_{i-1,j,k}^{n+1} + T_{i-1,j,k}^n + T_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1} \\ + T_{i,j+1,k}^n + T_{i,j-1,k}^{n+1} + T_{i,j-1,k}^n + T_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1} + T_{i,j,k-1}^n \\ + T_{i,j,k}^{n+1} + T_{i,j,k}^n \end{matrix} \right] - \frac{\left(3 - \frac{\Delta^2 x}{\alpha \Delta t} \right)}{3 + \frac{\Delta^2 x}{\alpha \Delta t}} T_{i,j,k}^n \tag{4}$$

$$[T_{i,j,k}^{n+1}]^{N+1} = \frac{1}{2 \left(3 + \frac{\Delta^2 x}{\alpha \Delta t} \right)} \left[\begin{matrix} [T_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1}]^N + [T_{i+1,j,k}^n]^N + [T_{i-1,j,k}^{n+1}]^{N+1} + \\ [T_{i-1,j,k}^n]^{N+1} \\ + [T_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1}]^N + [T_{i,j+1,k}^n]^N + [T_{i,j-1,k}^{n+1}]^{N+1} \\ + [T_{i,j-1,k}^n]^{N+1} + [T_{i,j,k+1}^n]^N \\ + [T_{i,j,k+1}^n]^N + [T_{i,j,k-1}^{n+1}]^{N+1} + [T_{i,j,k-1}^n]^{N+1} \end{matrix} \right] - \frac{\left(3 + \frac{\Delta^2 x}{\alpha \Delta t} \right)}{3 + \left(3 + \frac{\Delta^2 x}{\alpha \Delta t} \right)} [T_{i,j,k}^n]^N \tag{5}$$

which is the Gauss’s–Seidel iterative formula for the problem under investigation

Table 1 Input values of thermal simulation of temperature distribution on tool insert

Width	100mm
Length	200mm
Thickness	5mm
Thermal conductivity	120 W/m K
Density	7800kg/ms
Specific heat	343.3J/kgK
Initial temperature	298K

2.3. Modeling Temperature Distribution in Shear Plane

Using the principle of volume constancy, we have

$$t \cdot b \cdot v = t_c \cdot b_c \cdot v_c$$

where t , b and v respectively denote the depth of cut, width of cut and cutting velocity. Similarly t_c , b_c and v_c denote chip thickness, width of chip and chip velocity respectively. When b is comparable to t , there is significant side flow (or strain in the direction of the width b) and b_c is greater than b . the side flow being more on the edges the resulting chip is not even rectangular in shape. However, when $b \gg t$, the side flow is negligible and we may take b equal to b_c . In most cutting process b is nearly equal to b_c . Hence,

$$t \cdot v = t_1 \cdot v_c$$

$$\therefore r_t = \frac{t}{t_c} = \frac{v_c}{v} = \frac{L_c}{L}$$

r_t is the chip thickness ratio and L_1 in the length of the chip formed from a layer of uncut chip of length L on the work surface. From the geometry of Fig. 2 below, we can write the length of shear plane AC as

$$AC = \frac{t}{\sin \phi} = \frac{t_c}{\cos(\phi - \alpha)}$$

where α is the rake angle of the tool. Hence,

$$\frac{t}{t_c} = r_t = \frac{\sin \phi}{\cos(\phi - \alpha)} \quad (6)$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{r_t \cos \alpha}{1 - r_t \sin \alpha} = \frac{\frac{L_c}{L} \cos \alpha}{1 - \frac{L_c}{L} \sin \alpha}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{L_c \cos \alpha}{L - L_c \sin \alpha} \quad (7)$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{L_c \cos \alpha}{L - L_c \sin \alpha} \right]$$

$$\text{or } \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{t \cos \alpha}{t_c - t \sin \alpha} \right]$$

From Fig. 3 below,

F_h = horizontal force component parallel to the cutting velocity vector

F_v = Vertical force component normal to F_h

F_s = Force component parallel to the shear plane

F_p = Force component normal to F_s

F_t = Force component parallel to the tool rake

F_n = Force component normal to F_t

If μ is the average co-efficient of friction the interface between the chip and the tool, then F_t, F_n and β are related as follows,

$$\mu = \tan \beta = \frac{F_t}{F_n}$$

$$\tan(\beta - \alpha) = \frac{F_v}{F_h}$$

Also,

$$F_h = R \cos(\beta - \alpha) \text{ and } F_s = R \cos(\phi + \beta - \alpha)$$

where R is the resultant cutting force. But

$$F_s = (AC) bk = \frac{tbk}{\sin \phi}$$

$$R \cos(\phi + \beta - \alpha) = \frac{tbk}{\sin \phi}$$

$$R = \frac{tbk}{\sin \phi \cos(\phi + \beta - \alpha)} \tag{8}$$

$$\therefore F_h = \frac{tbk \cos(\beta - \alpha)}{\sin \phi \cos(\phi + \beta - \alpha)} \tag{9}$$

where k is the yield stress of the material in shear and β is the friction angle. Velocity relationship in orthogonal cutting is shown in the Fig. 3 below. Applying the principle of triangle to the below triangle in Fig. 3 gives

$$\frac{V}{\sin(90 + \alpha - \phi)} = \frac{V_s}{\sin(90 - \alpha)} = \frac{V_c}{\sin \phi} \tag{10}$$

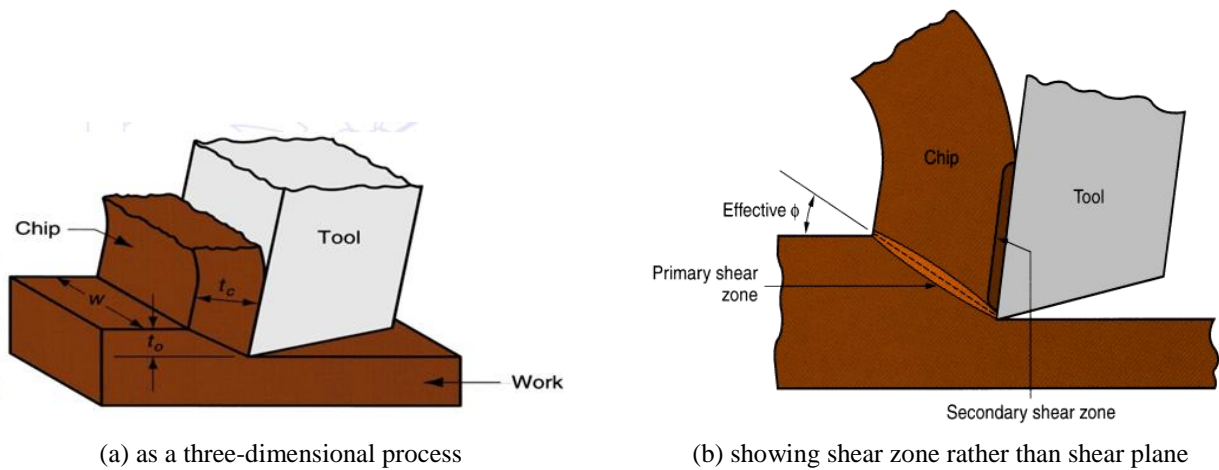


Fig. 1 Orthogonal cutting

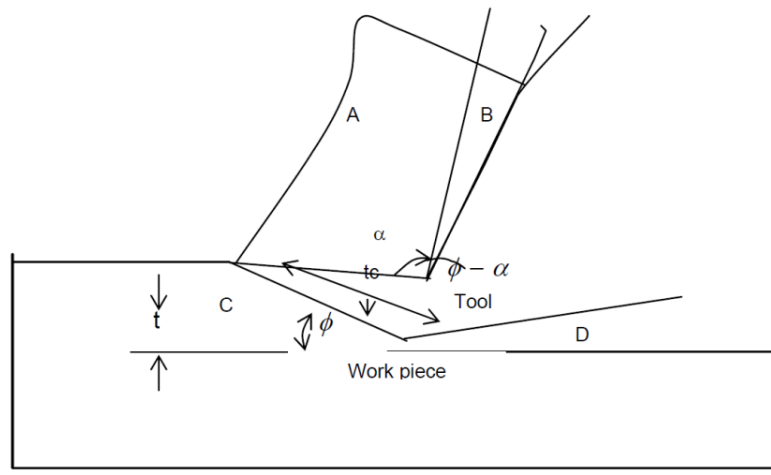


Fig. 2 Shear plane and shear plane angle

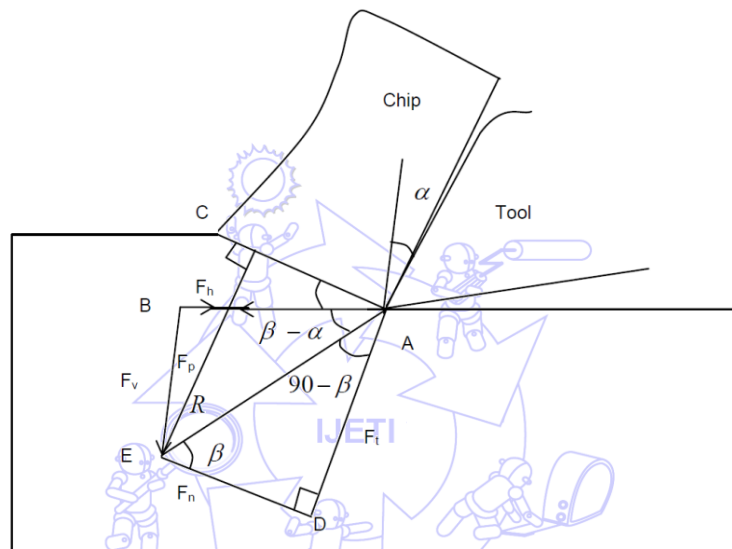


Fig. 3 Cutting force component in orthogonal machining

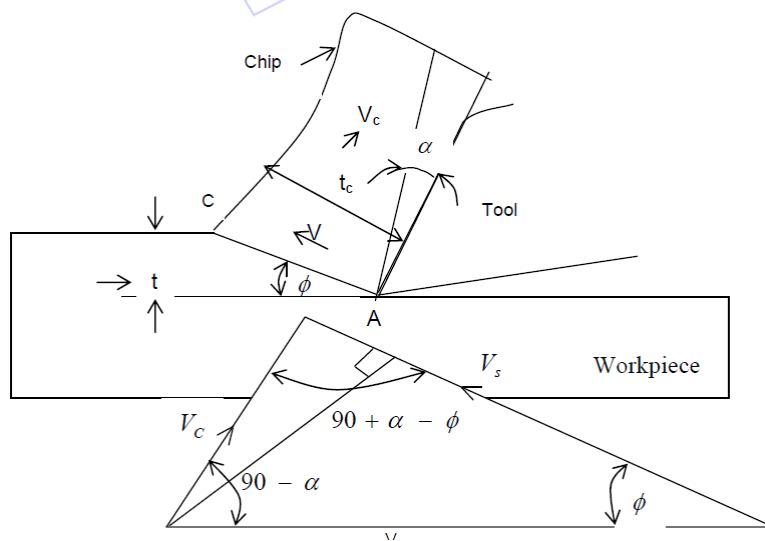


Fig. 4 Velocity relationship in orthogonal machining

Velocity relationship in orthogonal cutting is shown in the Fig. 4 above.

2.4. Shear Plane Temperature in Orthogonal Cutting

The temperature rise at the shear plane can be approximately estimated by assuming a thin zone model of metal cutting and by assuming a uniform rise of temperature all over the shear plane. If E_s be the energy per unit volume dissipated at the shear plane, then;

$$q = M C_w \Delta \theta, \quad q = M C_w (\theta_s - \theta_i), \quad q = \ell_w V C_w (\theta_s - \theta_i)$$

Introducing λ which is the factor representing the fraction of heat retained by the chip.

$$\frac{\lambda q}{V} = \ell_w C_w (\theta_s - \theta_i) \therefore \lambda E = \ell_w C_w (\theta_s - \theta_i)$$

$$\therefore \theta_s - \theta_i = \frac{\lambda E}{\ell_w C_w} \quad (11)$$

Introducing J which is the heat equivalent of mechanical energy

$$\therefore \theta_s - \theta_i = \frac{\lambda E}{J \ell_w C_w}$$

$$\theta_s = \frac{\lambda E_s}{J \ell_w C_w} + \theta_i$$

$$E_s = \frac{F_s V_s}{b t V}$$

$$V_s = \frac{V \cos \alpha}{\cos(\phi - \alpha)} \quad (12)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{0.664 + E_s}{Pe}} \quad (13)$$

$$Pe = \frac{V_s t \cos \phi}{4 \xi_s}$$

$$E_s = \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha)}$$

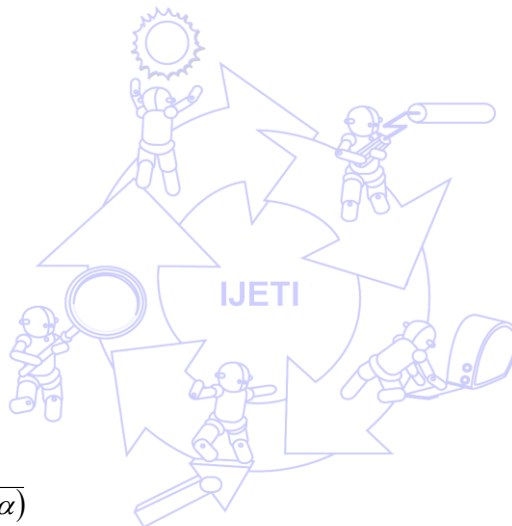
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{0.664 + \left(\frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha)} \right)}{Pe}} \quad [1]$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{0.664(\sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha)) + \cos \alpha}{Pe \sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha)}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{Pe \sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha)}{Pe \sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha) + 0.664(\sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha)) + \cos \alpha}$$

Substituting for Pe

$$\lambda = \frac{V_s t \cos \phi \sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha)}{4 \xi_s \left[\frac{V_s t \cos \phi}{4 \xi_s} \sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha) + 0.664(\sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha)) + \cos \alpha \right]}$$



Substituting for V_s where

$$V_s = \frac{V \cos \alpha}{\cos(\phi - \alpha)}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{V \cos \alpha \cdot t \cdot \operatorname{cosec} \phi \sin \phi (\cos \phi - \alpha) / \cos(\phi - \alpha)}{4 \xi_s \left[\frac{V \cos \alpha}{4 \xi_s \cos(\phi - \alpha)} \operatorname{cosec} \phi \sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha) + 0.664 (\sin \phi \cos \phi - \alpha) \right] + \cos \alpha}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{V \cos \alpha \cdot t \cdot \operatorname{cosec} \phi \sin \phi}{V \cos \alpha \operatorname{cosec} \phi \sin \phi + 2.66 \xi_s (\sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha)) + 4 \xi_s \cos \alpha} \quad (14)$$

$$\theta_s = \frac{\lambda E_s}{\lambda l_w C_w} + \theta_i \theta_s - \theta_i = \frac{\lambda E_s}{\lambda l_w C_w}$$

Substituting for E_s

$$\theta_s - \theta_i = \frac{\lambda F_s V_s}{\lambda l_w C_w b t V}$$

Also substituting for V_s

$$\theta_s - \theta_i = \frac{\lambda F V \cos \alpha}{J l_w C_w \cos(\phi - \alpha) b t v} = \frac{\lambda F_s \cos \alpha}{J l_w C_w \cos(\phi - \alpha) b t}$$

$$= \frac{F_s V \cos^2 \alpha}{J l_w C_w b \cos(\phi - \alpha) [V t \cos \alpha] + 2.66 \xi_s (\sin \phi \cos(\phi - \alpha)) + 4 \xi_s \cos \alpha}$$

Where $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{r_f \cos \alpha}{1 - r_f \sin \alpha} \right]$ (15)

The parameters used to simulate the model are in Table 2 below

Table 2 Input Values of thermal simulation of temperature rise at the shear zone

Specific heat of material	4400J/kg
Density	7870kg/m ³
Depth of cut (t)	0.0003m
Width of cut (b)	0.005m
Chip thickness ratio (r _f)	0.42
Tool rake angle	10°
Cutting Velocity (V)	35m/min
Shear force (F _s)	1257.6N

3. Results and Discussions

3.1. Results on Temperature Distribution on the Tool Insert

The tool insert was modeled using a finite element approach to study the temperature distribution behavior of a tool insert in machining. The material properties and dimension of the tool insert are shown in Table 2. The cases of the heat fluxes q_c with 9.75×10^6 W/m², 8.125×10^6 W/m², 6.5×10^6 W/m², and 4.875×10^6 W/m² similar to those by previous researchers [2, 3] are used as the inputs to the cutting tool insert.

The finite element model in Fig. 4, shows the temperature distribution on the tool insert with dimensions 100mm by 200mm at the point of maximum temperature in continuous cutting. The maximum temperature is 404K. The corresponding maximum temperatures for different input heat fluxes from simulations are 476 K (203°C), 445 K (172°C), 416K (143°C), and 386 K (113°C), respectively. From the figure, the maximum temperature does not occur at the tool tip, because part of the temperature has been convected away as a result of the cutting fluid but it occurs very close to the cutting tip, while the minimum temperature apart from the ambient condition (298K) occur at the extreme of the tool insert.

Data beside Fig. 4 shows the result generated by Chiou [4], it can be seen from their result that there is also a reduction in temperature farther from the tool tip and the maximum temperature occur at the tip. Their ambient condition is also 298K, while the maximum temperature is 386K. This validates the research study.

Fig. 5 shows the temperature distribution at the bottom surface of the tool insert, with the boundary conditions stated. The temperature distribution is evidently the same as the upper surface of the insert. This shows that at ambient conditions temperature distribution at the upper and lower surfaces of the tool insert are the same in continuous cutting. Fig. 6 shows temperature distribution on the tool insert when there is sufficient air cooling. It was shown that the temperature maintains a constant atmospheric condition.

It is noted that the air-cooled effects on the heat flux of both heat sources are rather minor. Thus, it can be suggested that the air cooled method does not alter the chip formation process. Furthermore, the simulation results of boundary conditions and coolants were done to see the effects on the cutting tool. It is noted that the Finite Element Analysis (FEA) shows that the cutting tip maintained a constant atmospheric temperature when the cutting tool is efficiently air-cooled but the temperature increases rapid when the tool is subjected to adiabatic boundary conditions without cooling. The simulated tool temperatures reasonably agree with the previous results [4, 5].

The models can be used to investigate the effects of the major parameters on the cooling efficiency. Without involving intensive computation for chip formation analysis, this study used the derived heat-source characteristics as the input of temperature simulations. FEA models can be used to study machining temperatures at external cooling conditions without complex chip formation analysis. Such an approach provides an efficient analysis, with reasonable accuracy, to evaluate cutting temperatures when external cooling is present. The current models require heat source input from machining tests.

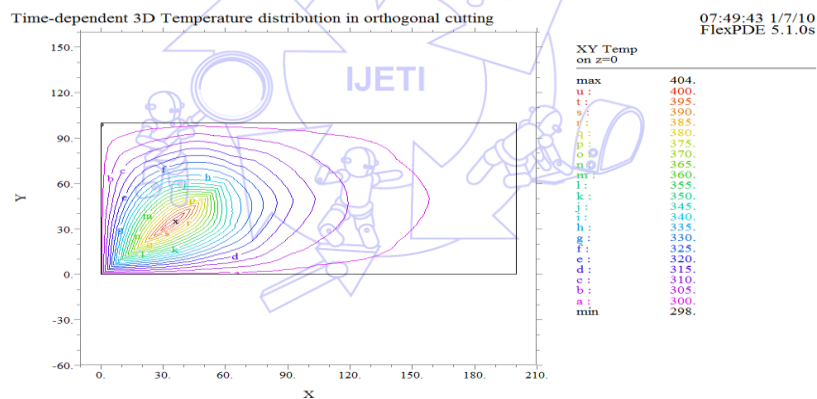


Fig. 4 The Temperature Distribution against Distance on the Tool Insert

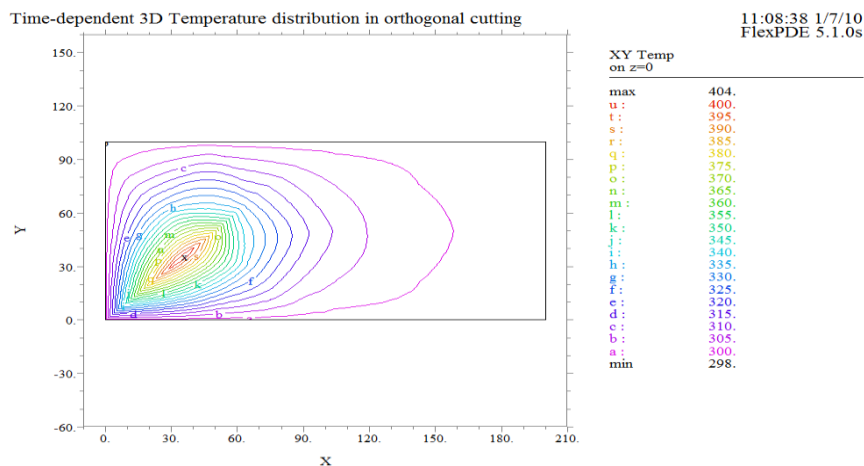


Fig. 5 The temperature distribution against distance on the cutting tool when there is a constant heat flux on the cutting tip

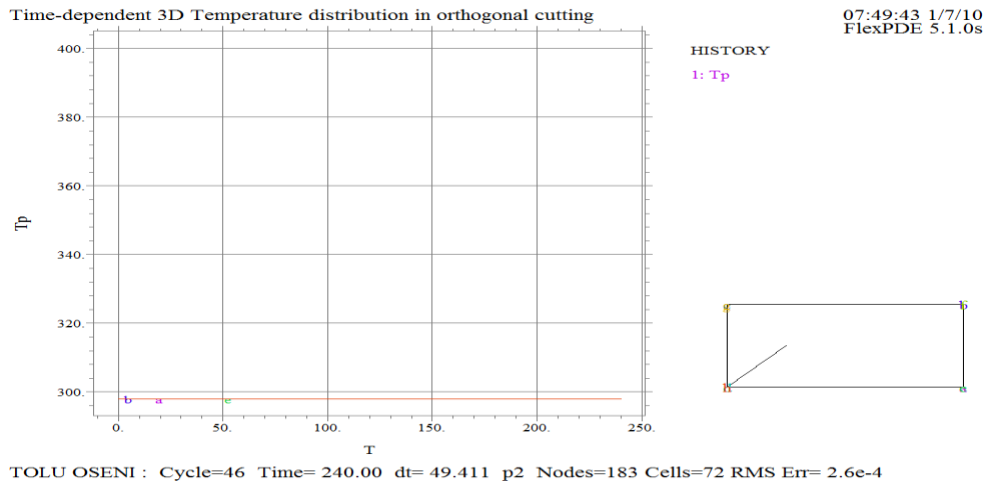


Fig. 6 The temperature distribution against time on the cutting tool when there an effective air-cooling on the cutting tool

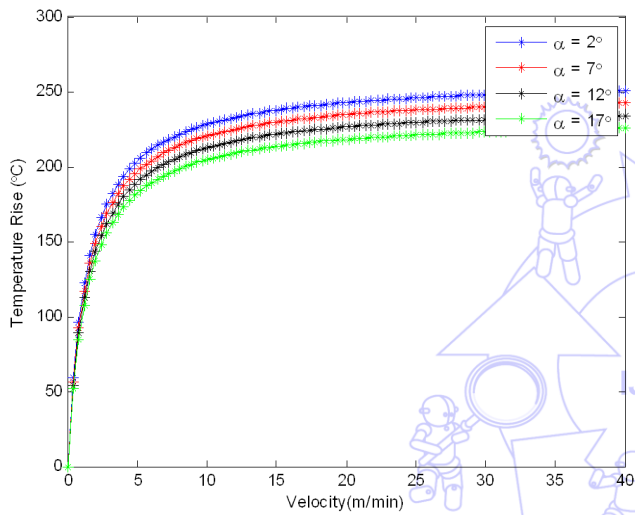


Fig. 7 Effect of velocity on temperature rise at different rake angles

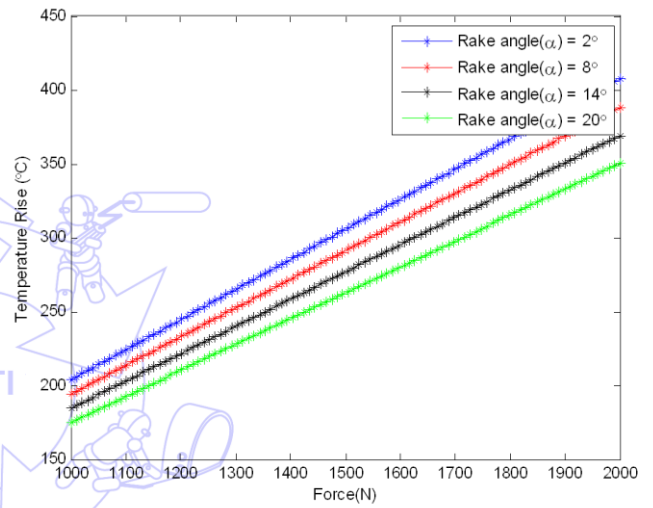


Fig. 8 Effect of force on temperature rise at different rake angles

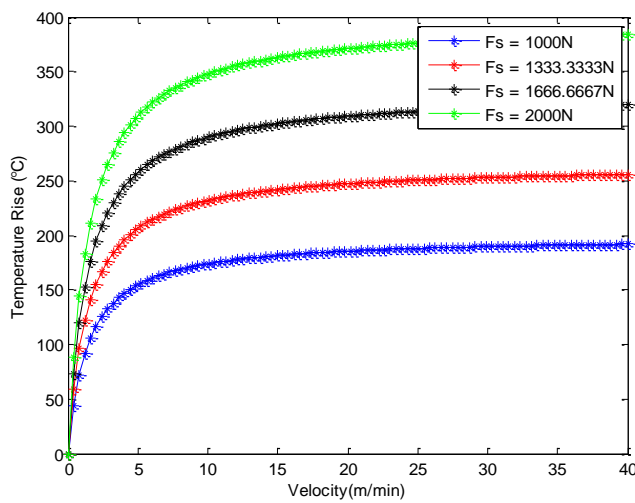


Fig. 9 Effect of velocity on temperature rise

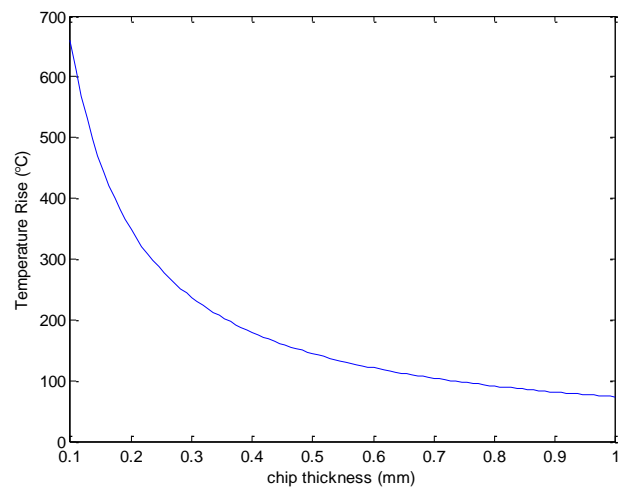


Fig. 10 Effect of chip thickness on temperature rise

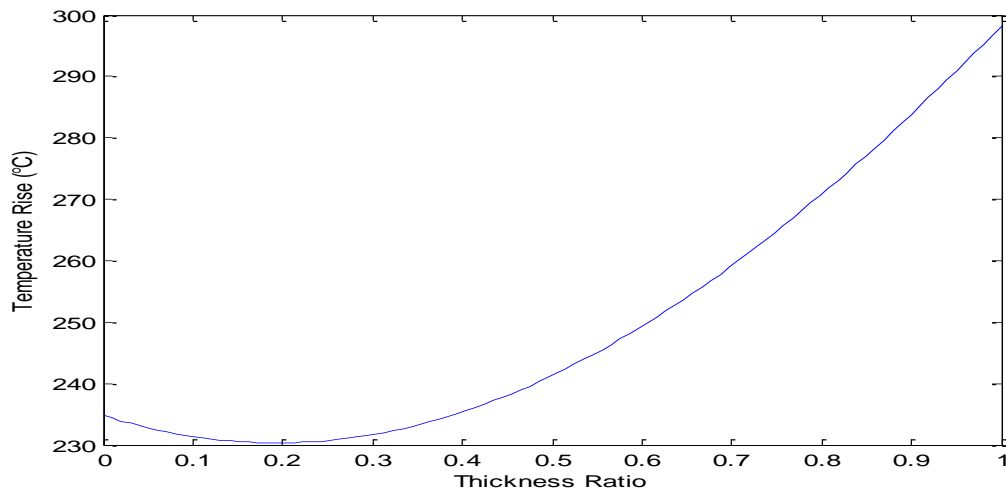


Fig. 11 Effect of thickness ratio on temperature rise

3.2. Results on Temperature Rise at the Shear Zone in Orthogonal Machining

The temperature rise at the shear plane is estimated by assuming a thin zone model of metal cutting. The shear plane is assumed as a moving source of a heat band on the work piece.

Fig. 7 above shows that the temperature increases with an increase of the cutting speed with different rake angles. The dependence of the temperature on the cutting speed is more pronounced for an increase from 0–10 m/min. For cutting speeds larger than 38 m/min, the temperature seems to stabilise at 2380C. Also, it can be noted that the higher the rake angle of cut the lower the temperature, but the different rake angles do not affect the velocity of cut. The relationship between cutting speeds and mean rake temperature measured using the so-called tool-work thermocouple method, when turning the titanium alloy was represented [6]. With decreasing feed rate, or increasing inclination angle, or both, the temperature decreases.

In addition, by increasing the inclination angle the chip curl radius and the chip contact length were reduced. The mean rake temperature was not affected by use of a coolant in continuous orthogonal turning. Also, the temperature increases with an increase of the cutting speed [7]. The dependence of the temperature on the cutting speed is more pronounced for an increase from 0–10 m/min. For cutting speeds larger than 38 m/min, the temperature seems to stabilize at 2380C. These two results validate the model shown in Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 shows that with an increase in shear force, there is a corresponding increase in temperature rise. This shows that a small increase in the shear force results in an increase in temperature irregardless of the point and there is no stability in temperature due to an increment in force. The cutting force decreases as the tool rake angle increases.

The tool rake angles have significant influence on the cutting temperature. Increase in rake angle will reduce temperature by reducing the cutting forces but too much increase in rake will raise the temperature again due to reduction in the wedge angle of the cutting edge. It is clear that the relationship between the tool rake angle and the cutting and feed forces is linear [8]. Also, he concluded that the cutting temperature increases with a decrease in the tool rake angle. Temperature measurements obtained during experimental runs were in agreement with recent work conducted [9, 10].

The result in Fig. 9 indicates an increase in velocity results in a decrease in shear force. This is due to the thermal softening effect over strain hardening effect as cutting speed increases. It is noticed that an increase in cutting velocity leads to a decrease of the force. The force decreases as the rake angle increases. as shown in Fig. 8 above, the cut was orthogonal with feed of 0.08mm/rev, depth of cut 2.55mm, and cutting speeds of 240, 600, 1000m/min with rake angle of -50.

The effect of thickness on temperature rise is presented in Fig. 10, it can be seen that the thinner the thickness, the higher the temperature rise. From Fourier law, we see that the rate of heat loss is inversely proportional to area. When thin cross section is taken compared with a thick cross section, it could be seen that there is a higher rate of temperature rise in the thin cross section compared to the thick cross section. Therefore, with the above reasoning, it could be concluded that temperature rises with reduction in thickness and reduces with increase in thickness, this also validate the result generated in this model.

Thickness ratio against temperature rise is presented in Fig. 11, from 0-0.2, the temperature reduces, at 0.2, the temperature is at a minimum (2320C), from 0.2 thickness ratio above, we have a steady increase in temperature i.e. the dependence of temperature is on the thickness ratio is more pronounced at these points.

4. Conclusions

The temperature of a tool plays an important role in thermal distortion and the machined part's dimensional accuracy, as well as in tool life in machining. Therefore, in this work, an approach using the Finite Element Analysis (FEA) was developed to simulate the thermal behaviour of a carbide cutting tool in three-dimensional dry machining. The particular temperature distribution depends on density, specific heat, thermal conductivity, shape and contact of the tool. FEA shows that the cutting tip maintained a constant atmospheric temperature when the cutting tool is efficiently air-cooled but the temperature increases rapidly when the tool is subjected to adiabatic boundary conditions.

Also, a model to determine the temperature rise at the shear plane was developed, and it was used to determine the effect of various parameters on temperature rise. Summarily, the finite element model shows the temperature distribution on the tool insert with dimensions 100mm by 200mm at the point of maximum temperature of 404K. From the result, the maximum temperature does not occur at the tool tip, because part of the temperature has been convected away as a result of the cutting fluid but it occurs very close to the cutting tip, while the minimum temperature apart from the ambient condition (298K) occurs at the extreme of the tool insert. The dependence of the temperature on the cutting speed is more pronounced for an increase from 0–10 m/min. For cutting speeds larger than 38 m/min, the temperature seems to stabilise at 2380C.

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