

# **Industrial Automation**

## **(Automação de Processos Industriais)**

### **CAD/CAM and CNC**

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# Syllabus:

**Chap. 4 - GRAFCET (*Sequential Function Chart*) [1 weeks]**

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**Chap. 5 – CAD/CAM and CNC [1 week]**

Methodology CAD/CAM. Types of CNC machines.

Interpolation for trajectory generation.

Integration in Flexible Fabrication Cells.

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**Chap. 6 – Discrete Event Systems [2 weeks]**

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## Some pointers to CAD/CAM and CNC

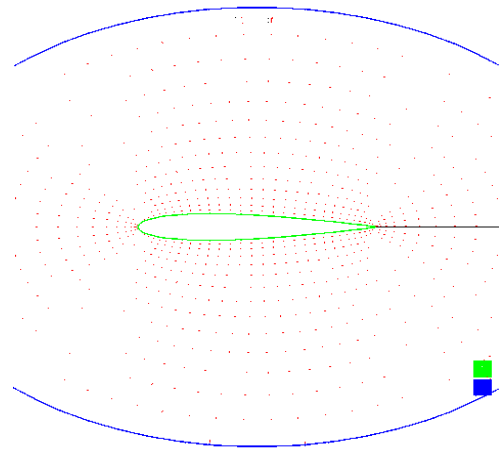
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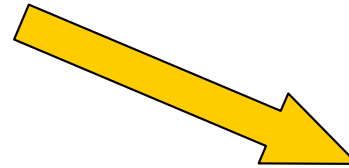
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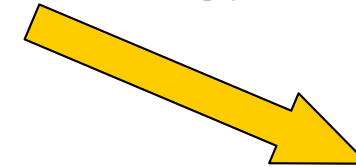
## CAD/CAM and CNC



Concept



Tool / Methodology



Prototype

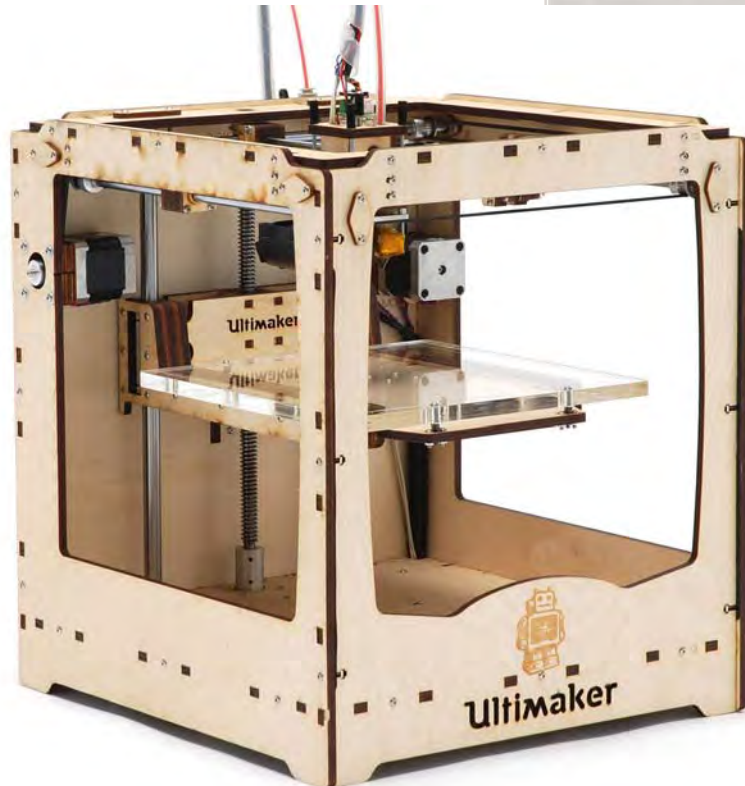


Nowadays, machines are almost perfect! the technological question is mostly about *integration*.

# CAD/CAM and CNC at home!

<http://daid.github.com/Cura/>

*Order in the internet,  
receive by mail and  
assemble yourself!*  
<http://www.ultimaker.com/>



## Brief relevant history

### NC

1947 – US Air Force needs lead John *Parsons* to develop a machine able to produce parts described in 3D.

1949 – Contract with *Parsons Corporation* to implement to proposed method.

1952 – Demonstration at MIT of a working machine tool (NC), able to produce parts resorting to simultaneous interpolation on several axes.

1955 – First NC machine tools reach the market.

1957 - NC starts to be accepted as a solution in industrial applications , with first machines starting to produce.

197x – Profiting from the microprocessor invention appears the CNC.

### *Footnotes:*

1939-1945 – Second World War, 1968 – Bedford/GM PLC, 1975-1979 – GRAFCET

Evolution in brief

## CAD/CAM and CNC

Modification of existing machine tools with **motion sensors** and **automatic advance** systems.

**Closed-loop** control systems for **axis control**.

Incorporation of the **computational advances** in the CNC machines.

Development of **high accuracy interpolation** algorithms to trajectory interpolation.

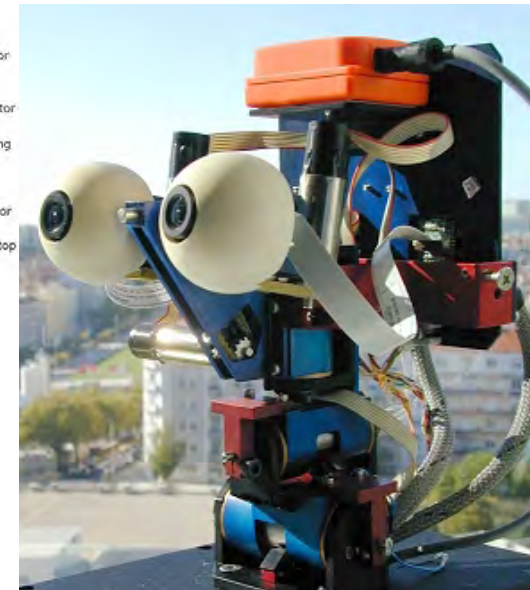
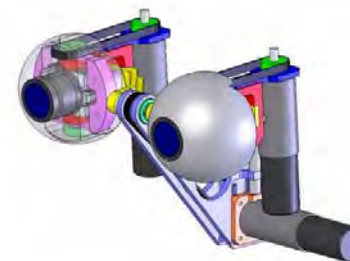
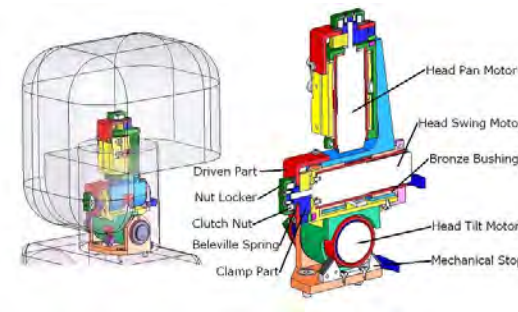
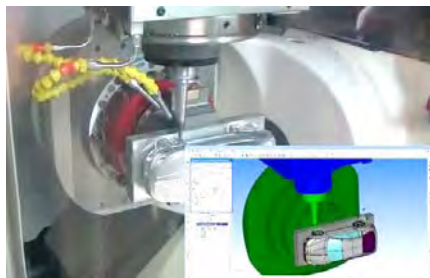
Resort to **CAD systems to design parts** and to manage the use of CNC machines.



## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Industrial areas of application:

- *Aerospace*      *e.g. designing and testing wing and blade profiles*
- *Automobiles*      *e.g. concept car design*
- *Moulds/Dies*      *e.g. bottle caps, gears, hard shell luggage*
- *Electronics*      *e.g. mounting components on PCBs*
- *Machinery*      *e.g. iCub*



WorkNC CAD/CAM software by Sescoi

iCub head design at IST



## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Objectives

- Increase accuracy, reliability, and ability to introduce changes/**new designs**
- Increase workload
- Reduce production costs
- Reduce waste due to errors and other human factors
- Carry out **complex tasks** (e.g. Simultaneous 3D interpolation)
- Increase precision of the produced parts.

### Advantages

- Reduce the production/delivery **time**
- Reduce **costs** associated to parts and other auxiliary
- Reduce **storage** space
- Reduce time to start production
- Reduce machining time
- Reduce time to market (on the design/redesign and production).

### Limitations

- High initial **investment** (30k€ to 1500k€)
- Specialized **maintenance** required
- Does not eliminate the human errors completely
- Requires more specialized **operators**
- Not so relevant the advantages on the production of small or very small series.

## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Methodology CAD/CAM

Use technical data from a *database* in the design and production stages.  
Information on parts, materials, tools, and machines are *integrated*.

CAD (Computer Aided Design)

Allows the design in a computer environment.

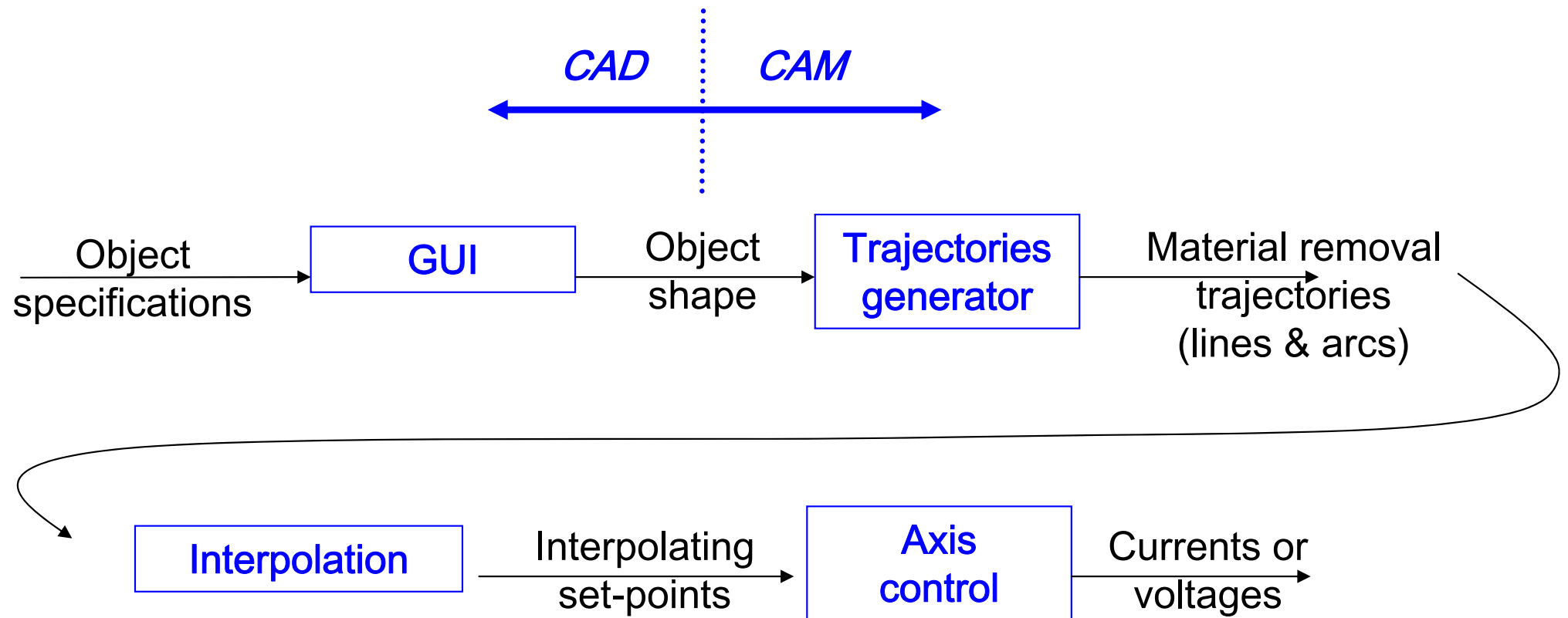
*Ideas → Design*

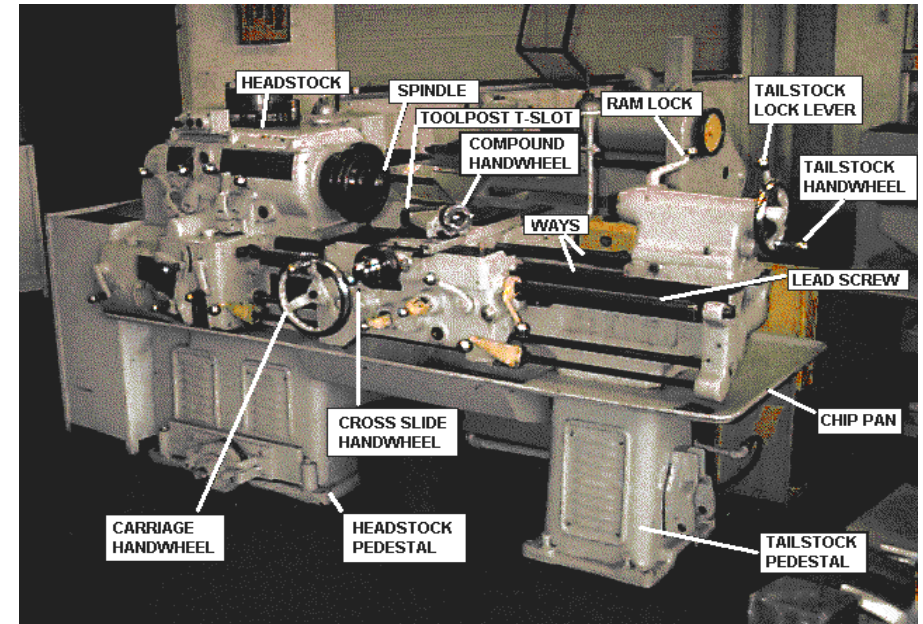
CAM (Computer Aided Manufacturing)

To manage programs and production stages on a computer.

*Design → Product*

## CAD/CAM and CNC Methodology CAD/CAM

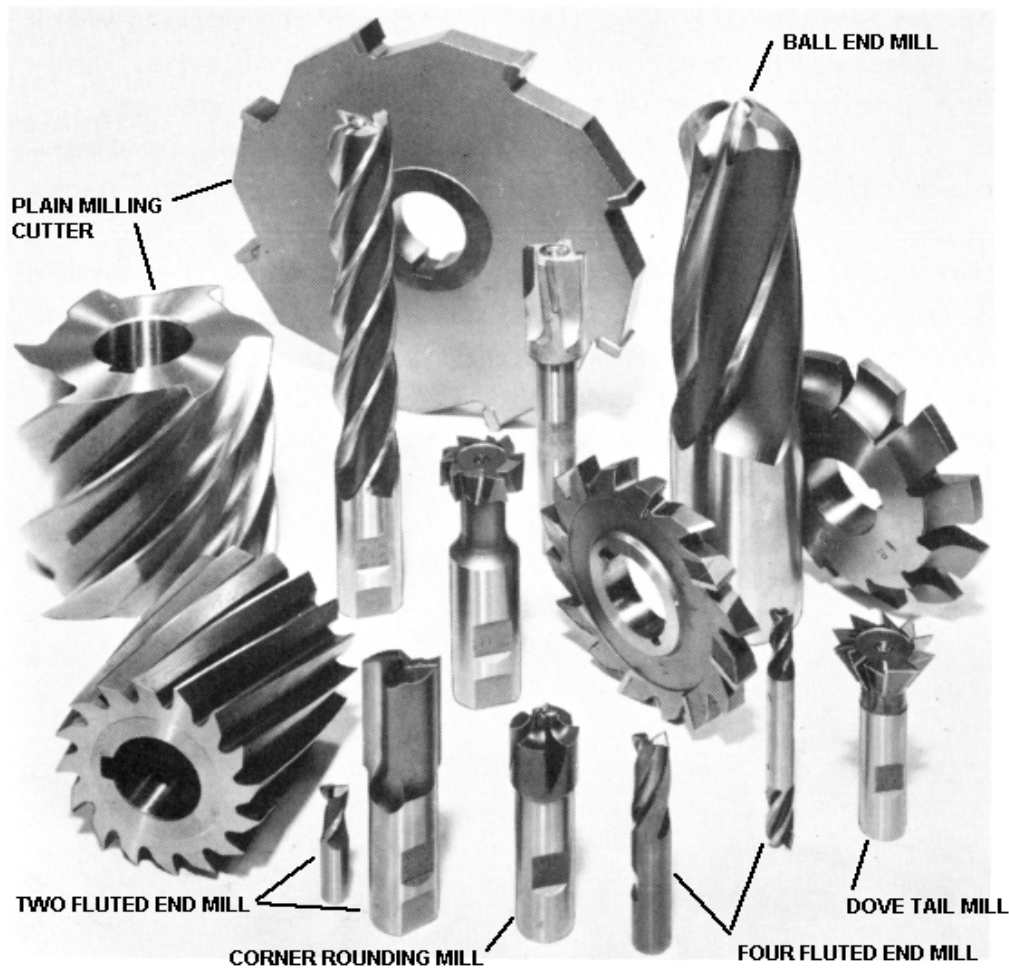






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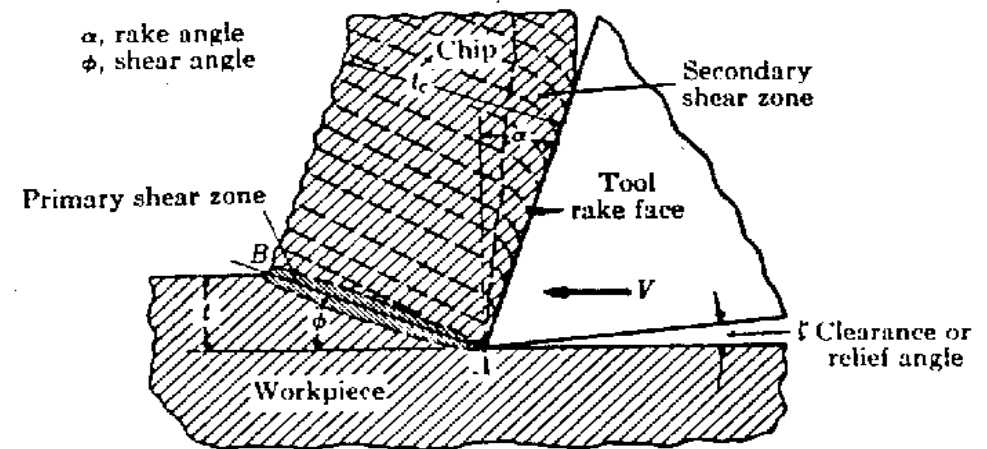
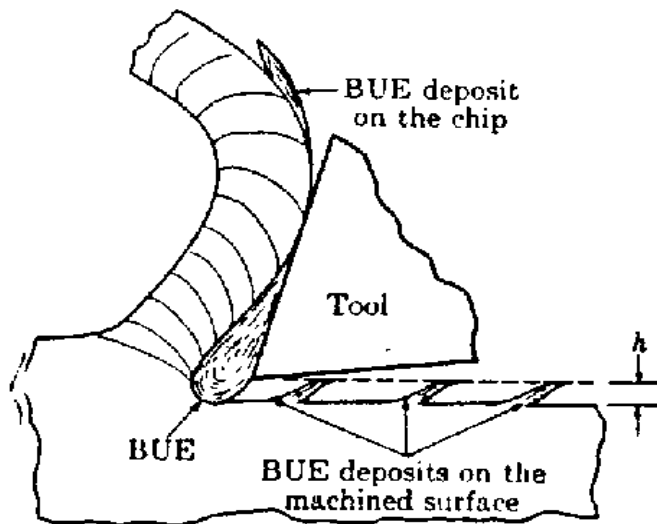
### Tools:



## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Tools:

Attention to the constraints  
on the materials used ...

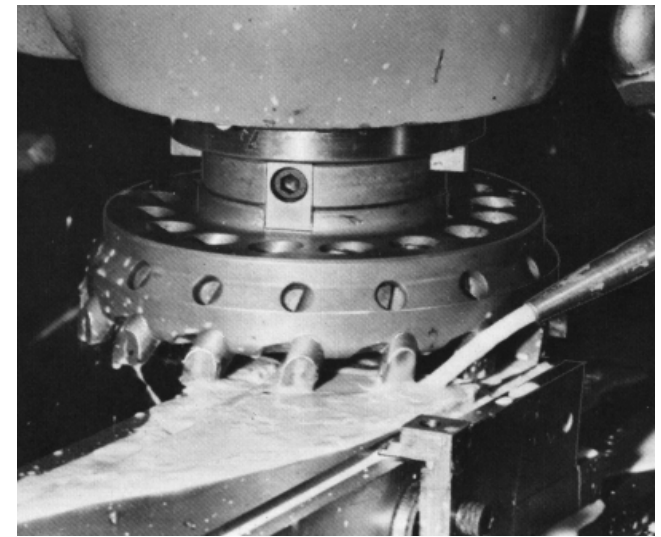
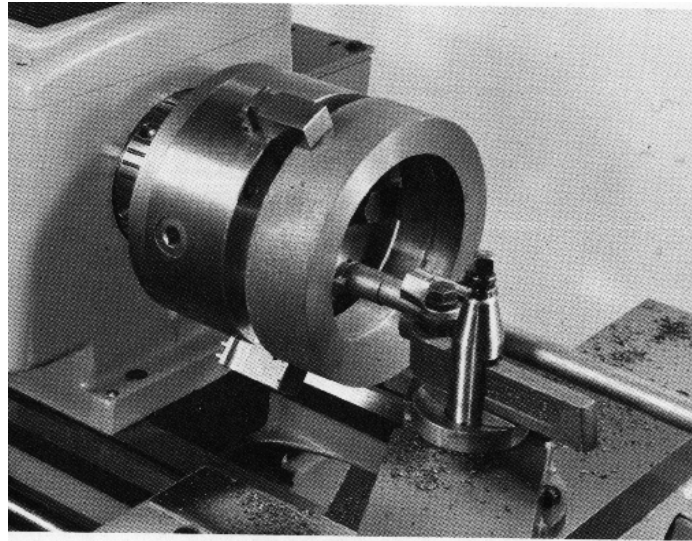


- Speed of advance
- Speed of rotation
- Type of tool



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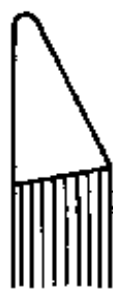
### Tools:



FACING



ROUGHING



FINISHING



ROUND NOSE



FINISHING



ROUGHING



FACING

LEFT-CUT TOOLS

RIGHT-CUT TOOLS

*Specific tools to perform different operations.*

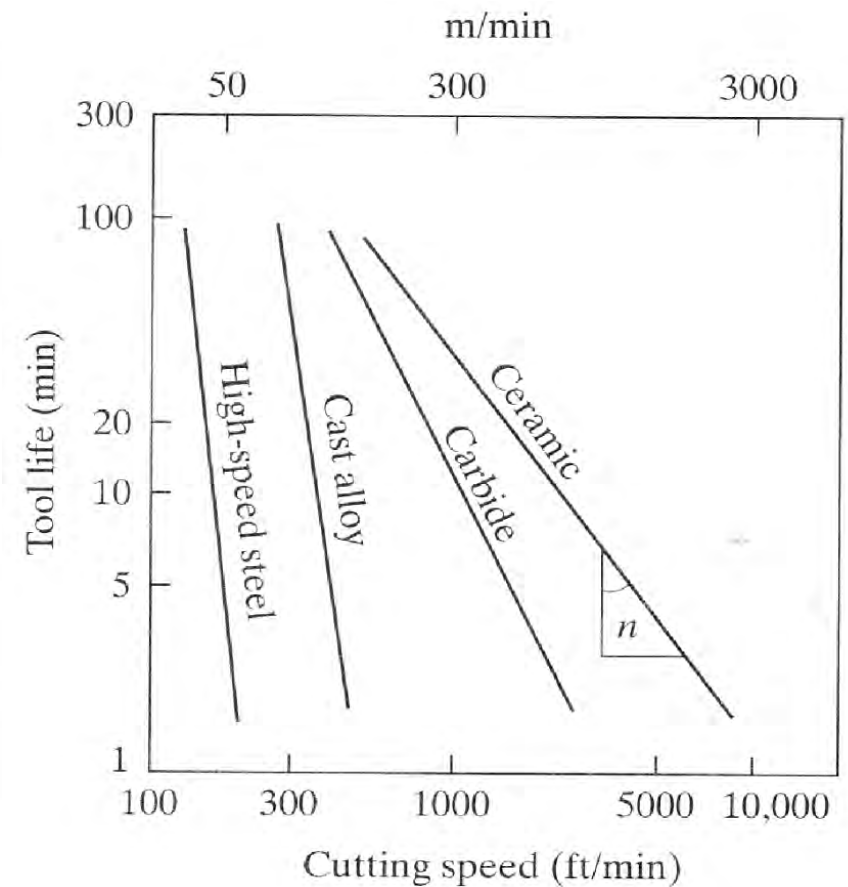
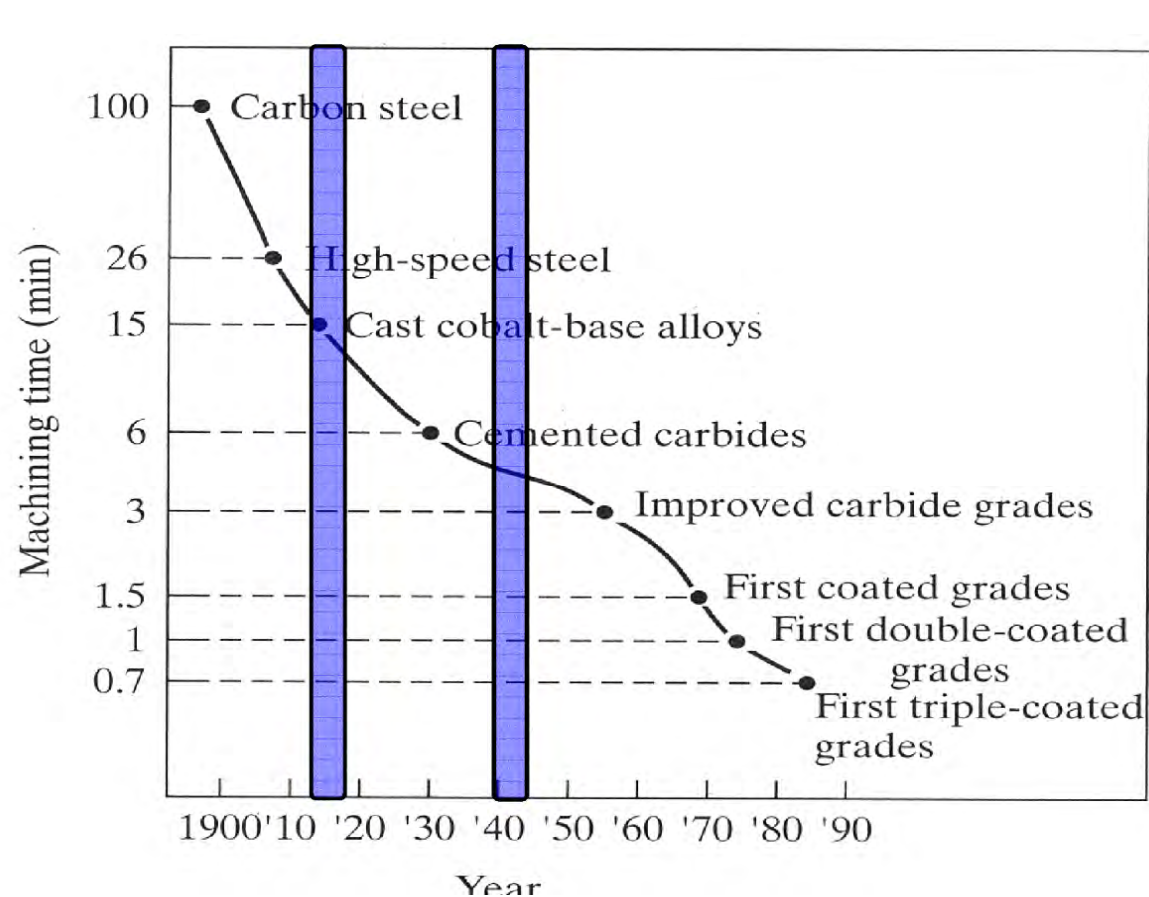
## CAD/CAM and CNC

Tools: impact on the quality of finishing ( $\mu\text{m}$ )

Method	50	25	12	6	3	1.5	.8	.4	.2	.1	.05	.025	.0125
Flame cut													
Sawing													
Planning													
Drilling													
Chemical machining													
Electrical discharge													
Milling													
Augment drilling													
Electron beam													
LASER cut													
Electrochemical cut													
Lath													
Electrolytic machining													
Extrusion													
“Afiar”													
Polishing													
“Quinar”													

## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Evolution of tools performance:



## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Tools: Energy Requirements

Approximate Energy Requirements in Cutting Operations (at drive motor, corrected for 80% efficiency; multiply by 1.25 for dull tools).		
Material	Specific energy	
	$W \cdot s/mm^3$	$hp \cdot min/in.^3$
Aluminum alloys	0.4–1.1	0.15–0.4
Cast irons	1.6–5.5	0.6–2.0
Copper alloys	1.4–3.3	0.5–1.2
High-temperature alloys	3.3–8.5	1.2–3.1
Magnesium alloys	0.4–0.6	0.15–0.2
Nickel alloys	4.9–6.8	1.8–2.5
Refractory alloys	3.8–9.6	1.1–3.5
Stainless steels	3.0–5.2	1.1–1.9
Steels	2.7–9.3	1.0–3.4

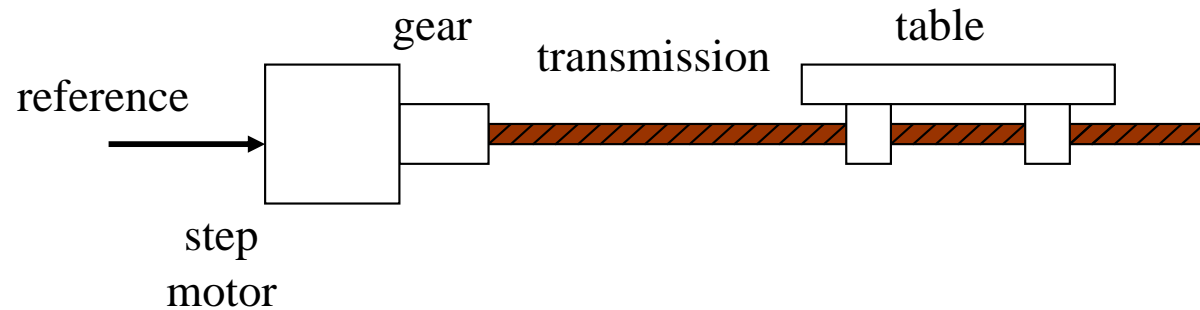
## CAD/CAM and CNC      Evolution of Numerical Control

- Numerical Control (NC)
  - Data on paper or received in serial port
  - NC machine unable to perform computations
  - Hardware interpolation
- Direct Numerical Control (DNC)
  - Central computer control a number of machines DNC or CNC
- Computer Numerical control (CNC)
  - A computer is on the core of each machine tool
  - Computation and interpolation algorithms run on the machine
- Distributive numerical control
  - Scheduling
  - Quality control
  - Remote monitoring

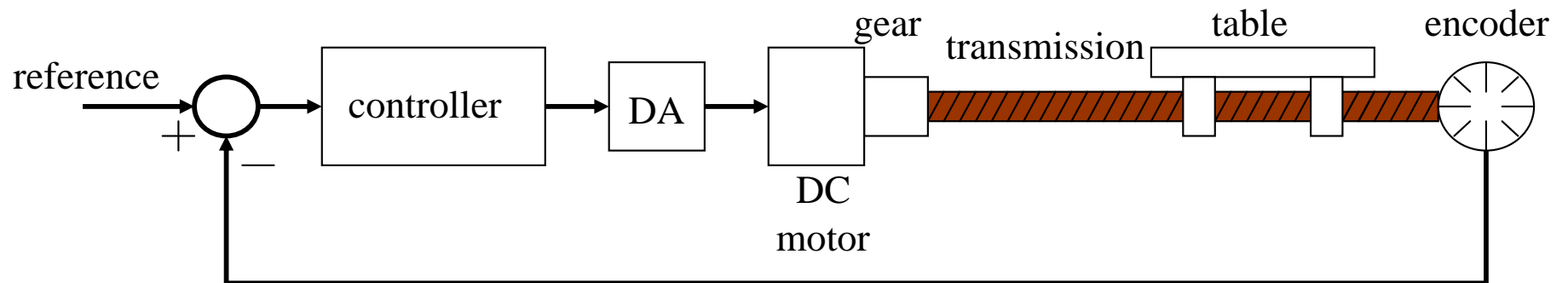
## CAD/CAM and CNC      Numeric Control

### Architecture of a NC system: 1 axis

#### Open-loop



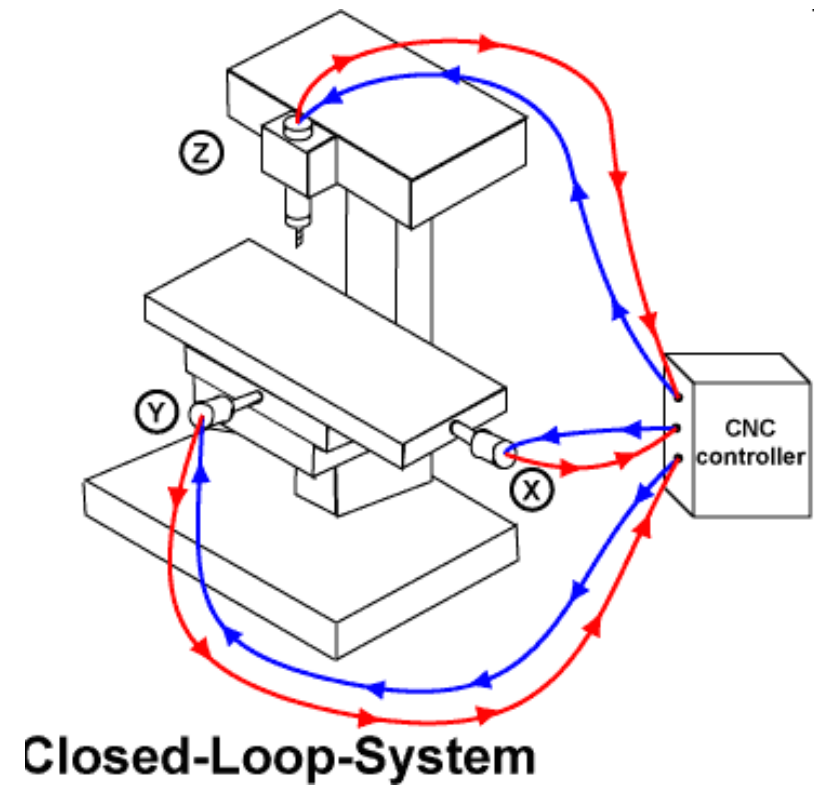
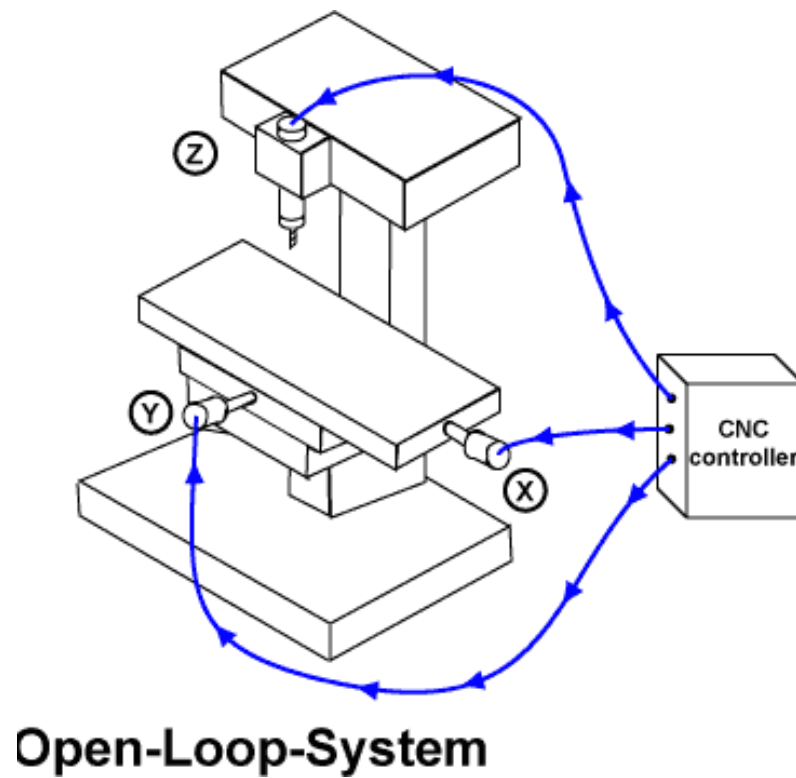
#### Closed-loop



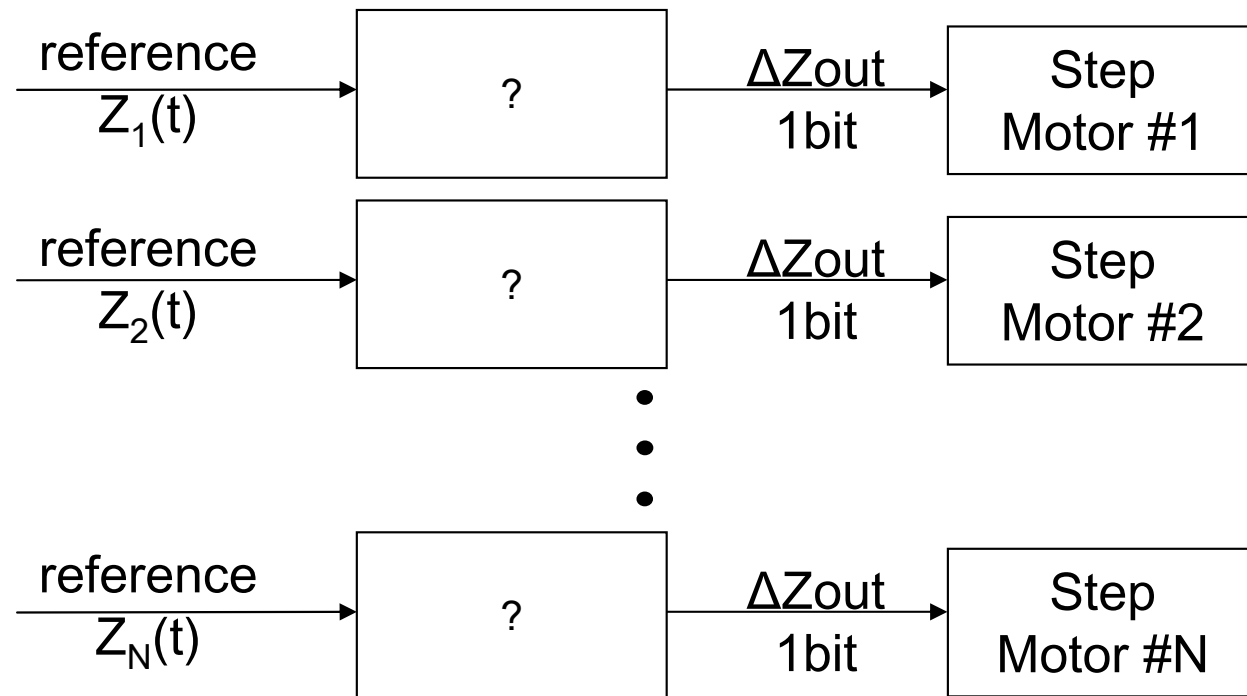


## CAD/CAM and CNC      Numeric Control

### Architecture of a NC system: 3 axis



## CAD/CAM and CNC

Interpolation  
Motivation

*Note1: The references are usually very simple, e.g.  $Z_i(t)=a_i t+b_i$*

*Note2: Step motors count steps, i.e. are numerical integrators  
hence we have to convert  $Z(t)$  to an **incremental representation**  $p_k$*

## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Interpolation: use incremental representation

#### *Motivation from numerical integration*

Area of a function

$$z(t) = \int_0^t p(\tau) d\tau \cong \sum_{i=1}^k p_i \Delta t$$

Introducing  $z_k$ , as the value of  $z$  at  $t=k\Delta t$

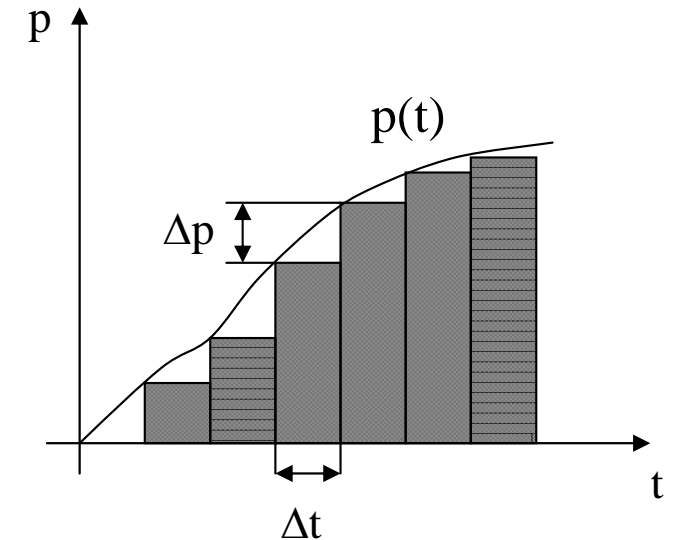
$$z_k = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} p_i \Delta t + p_k \Delta t = z_{k-1} + \Delta z_k, \quad \Delta z_k = p_k \Delta t \quad \Rightarrow \quad p_k = \Delta z_k / \Delta t$$

The integrator works at a rhythm of  $f=1/\Delta t$  and the function  $p$  is given app. by:

$$p_k = p_{k-1} \pm \Delta p_k$$

To be able to implement the integrator in registers with  $n$  bits,  $p$  must verify  $p_k < 2^n$ .

*In the following we will use  $p_k$  and  $\Delta p_k$  instead of  $z_k$  or  $z(t)$ .*



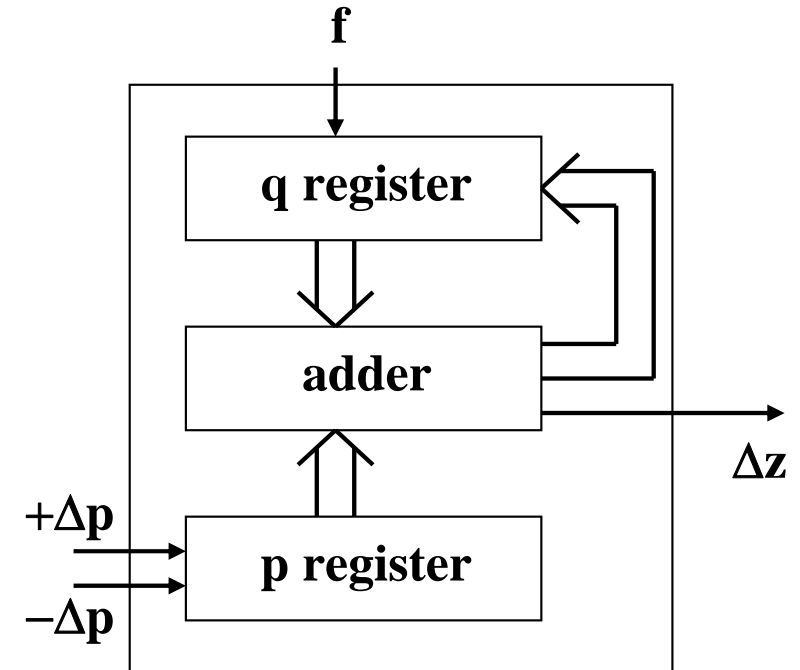
## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Implementation of a Digital Differential Analyzer (DDA)

The p register input is 0, +1 =  $\Delta p$  or -1 =  $-\Delta p$ .

The q register stores the **area integration** value

$$q_k = q_{k-1} + p_k.$$



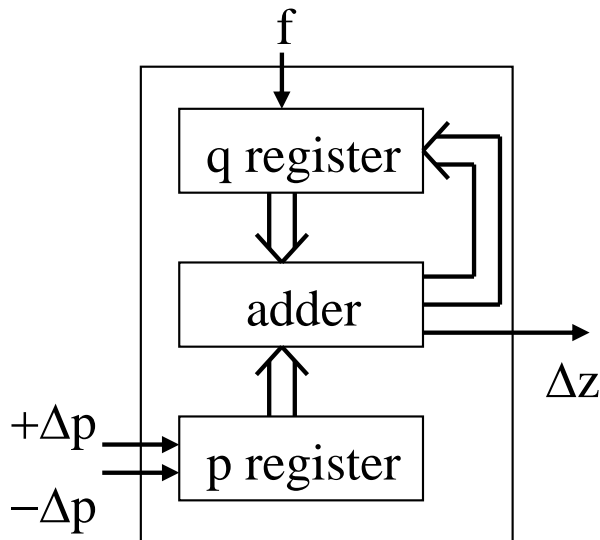
If the q register value exceeds  $(2^n - 1)$  an overflow occurs and  $\Delta z = 1$ :

$$\Delta z_k = 2^{-n} p_k$$

Defining  $C = f/2^n$ , and given that  $f = 1/\Delta t$ , one has a scale factor from  $p_k$  to  $\Delta z_k$ :

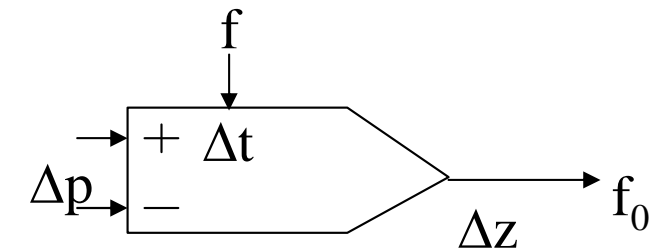
$$\Delta z_k = C p_k \Delta t$$

## CAD/CAM and CNC

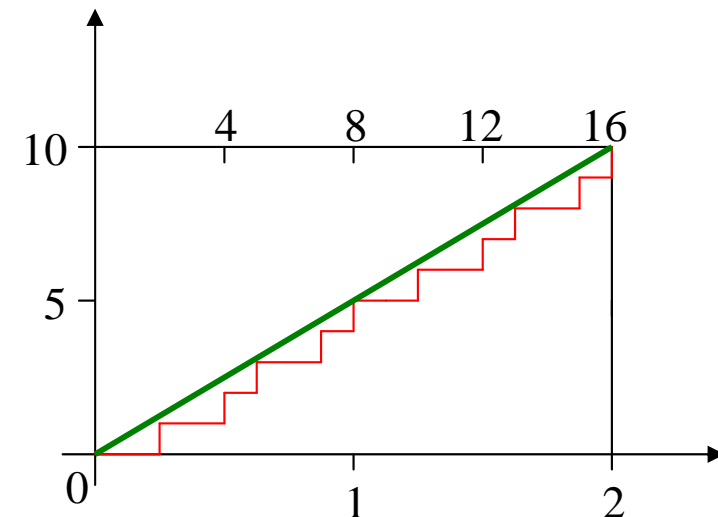
DDA for **Linear Interpolation (1 axis):**

Example: let  $p=5$ ,  $\Delta p=0$  and assume  $q$  is a 3 bits register

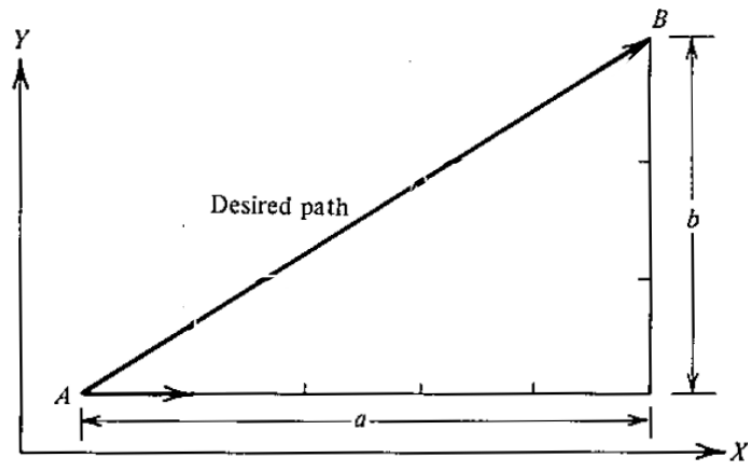
Step	q	$\Delta z$	$\Sigma \Delta z$
1	5		0
2	2	1	1
3	7		1
4	4	1	2
5	1	1	3
6	6		3
7	3	1	4
8	0	1	5
9	5		5
		...	



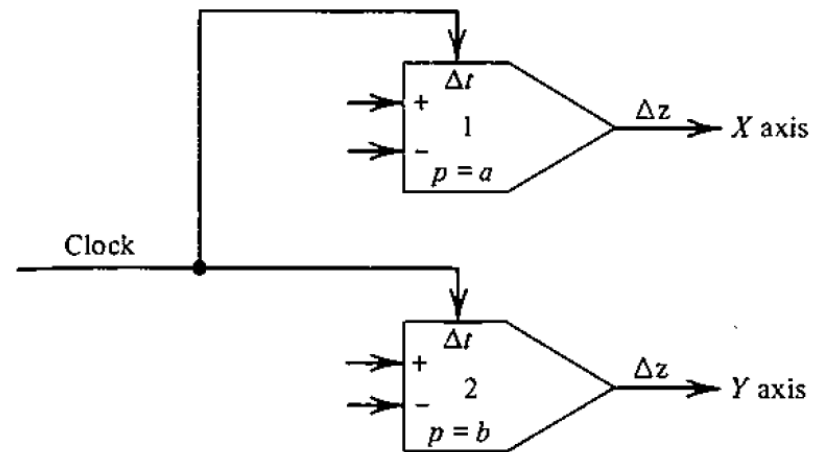
$$f_0 = \left( \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} \right)_k = C p_k, \quad \text{where} \quad C = \frac{f}{2^n}$$



## CAD/CAM and CNC

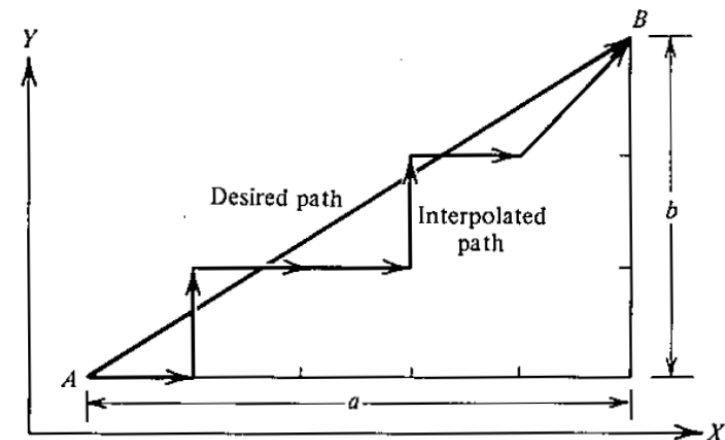
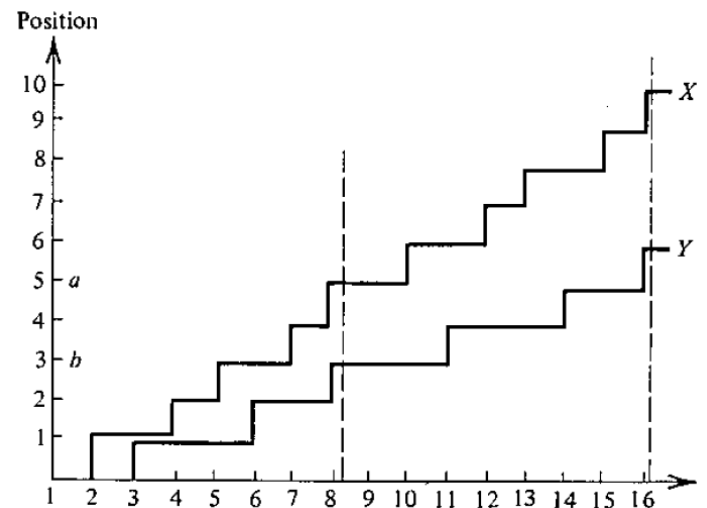
DDA for **Linear Interpolation (2 axis):**

(a) Specifications



(b) DDA solution

(c) Results





## CAD/CAM and CNC **Exponential Deceleration:**

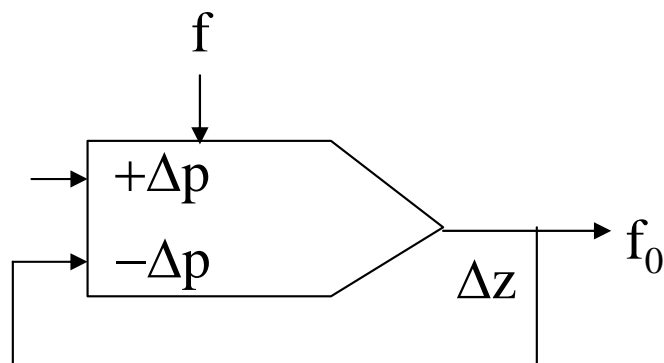
Let  $p(t) = p_0 e^{-\alpha t}$  and  $\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} = C p_k = C p_0 e^{-\alpha t}$ .

The differential of  $p(t)$  is approximate

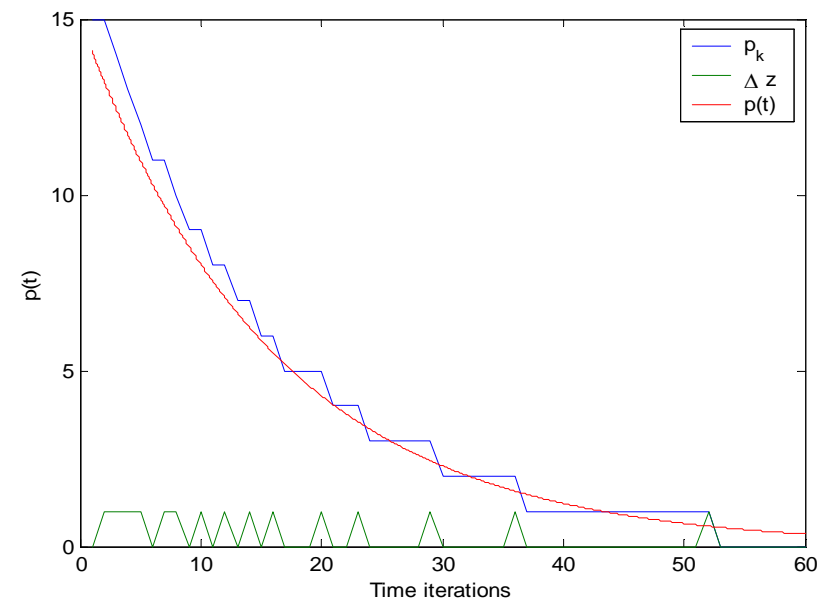
$$-\Delta p = \alpha p_k \Delta t$$

Setting  $C = \alpha$ , i.e.  $f = 2^n \alpha$ , one has

$$-\Delta p = \Delta z$$



Example:  $p(t) = 15e^{-t}$



## CAD/CAM and CNC

**Circular Interpolation:**

Let  $(X - R)^2 + Y^2 = R^2$  or

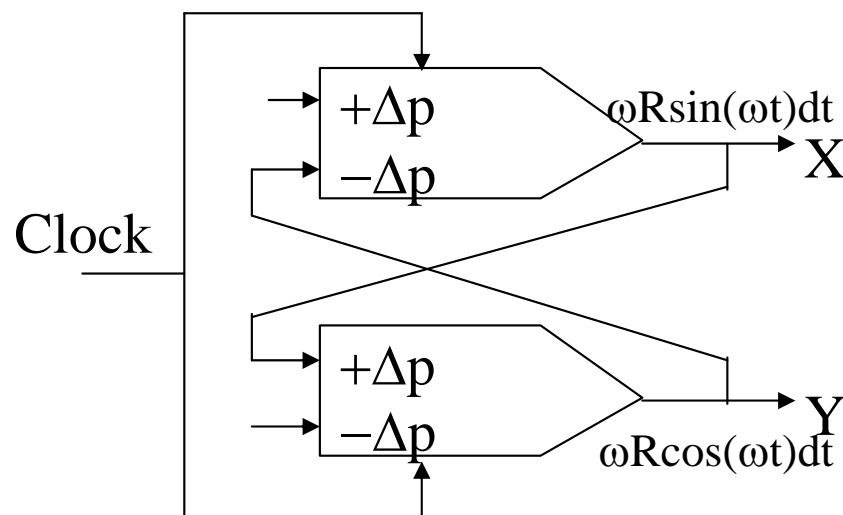
$$X = R(1 - \cos(\omega t))$$

$$Y = R \sin(\omega t)$$

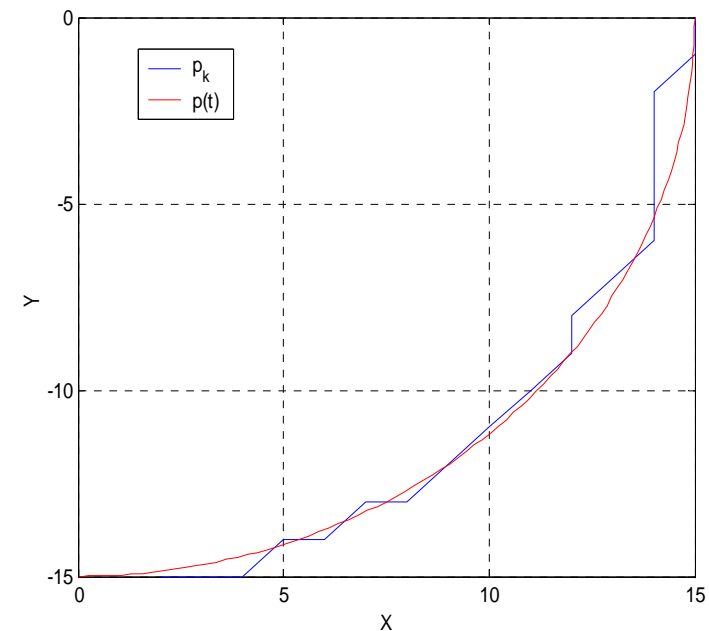
The differential is

$$dX = \omega R \sin(\omega t) dt = d(-R \cos(\omega t))$$

$$dY = \omega R \cos(\omega t) dt = d(R \sin(\omega t))$$

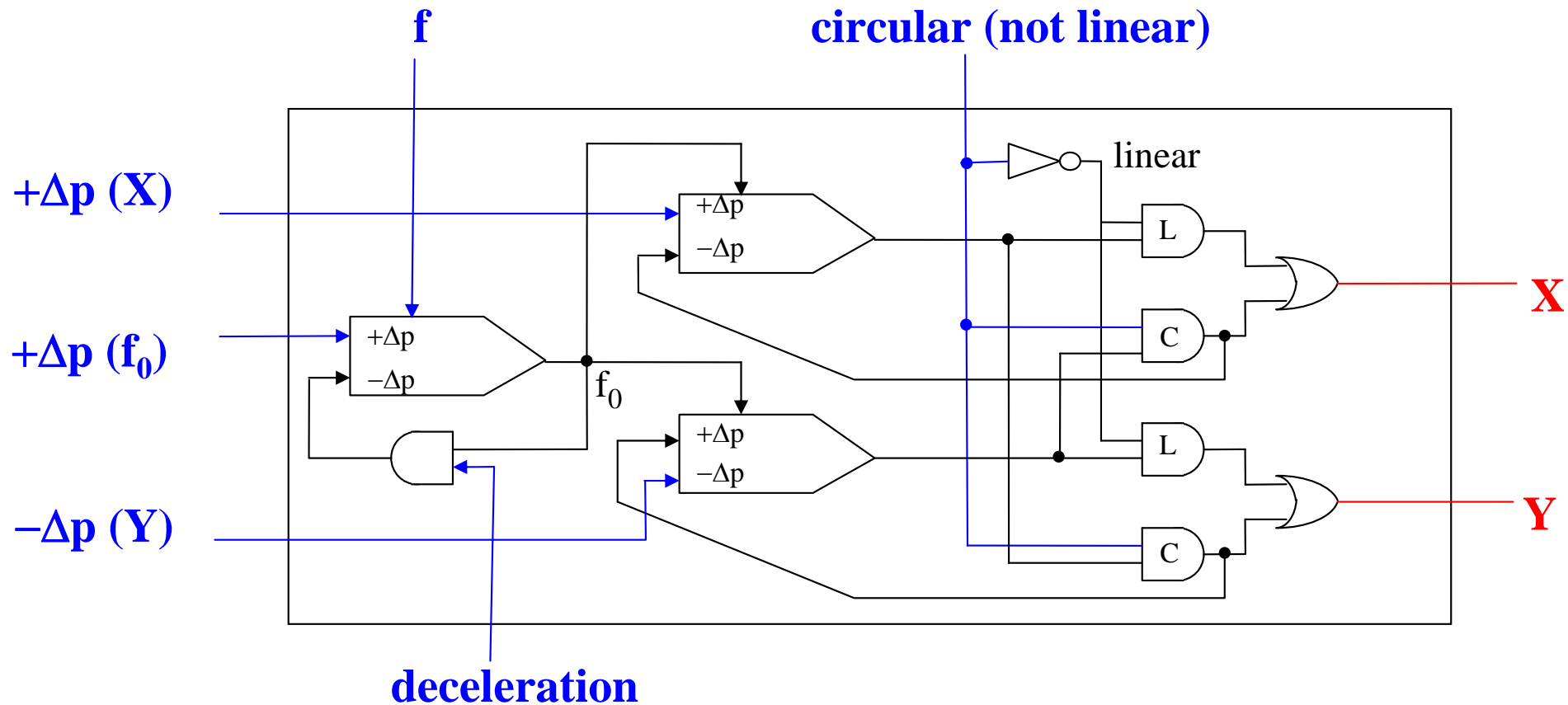


Example: Circumference of radius 15, centered at the origin.



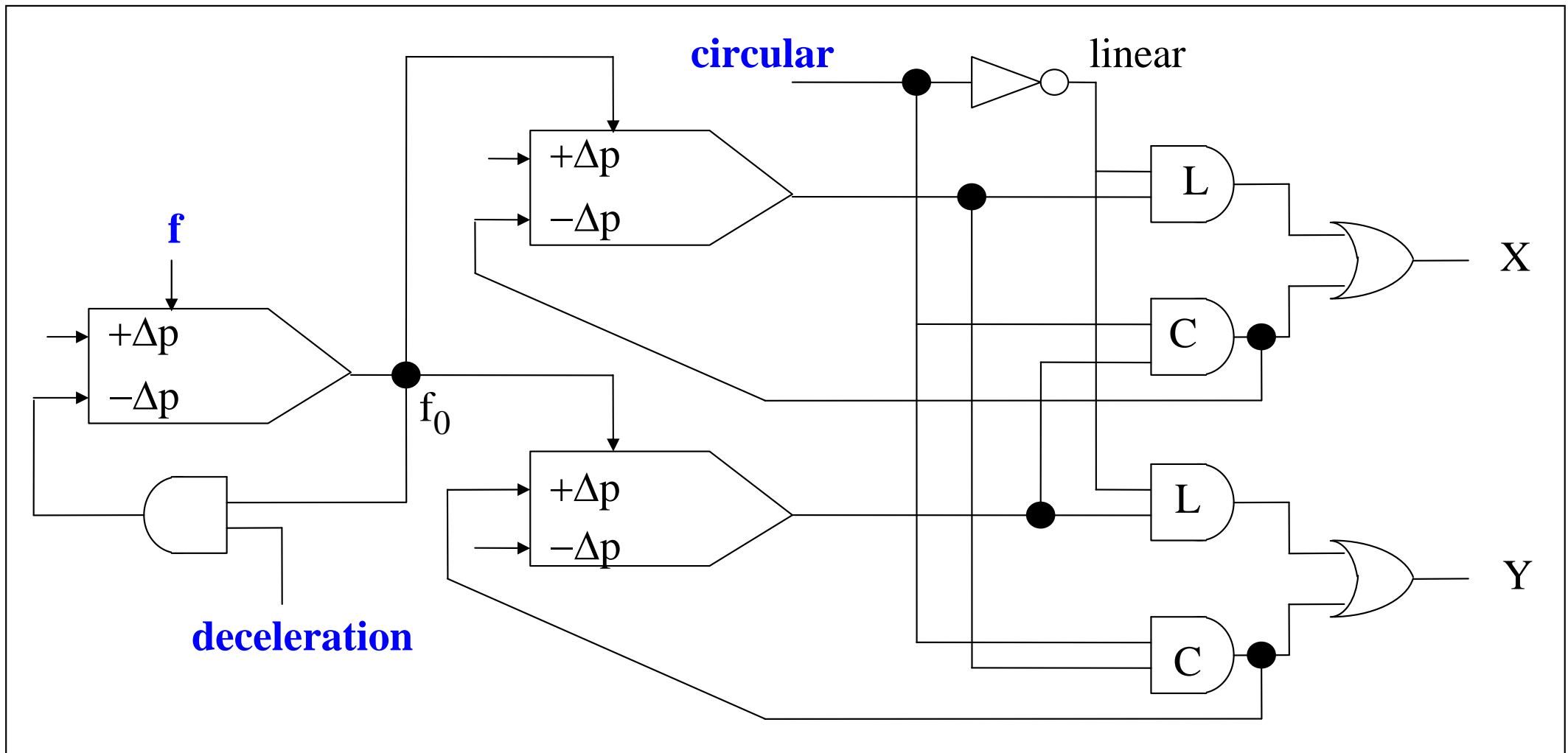
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2D Line, 2D Arc, Acceleration / Deceleration



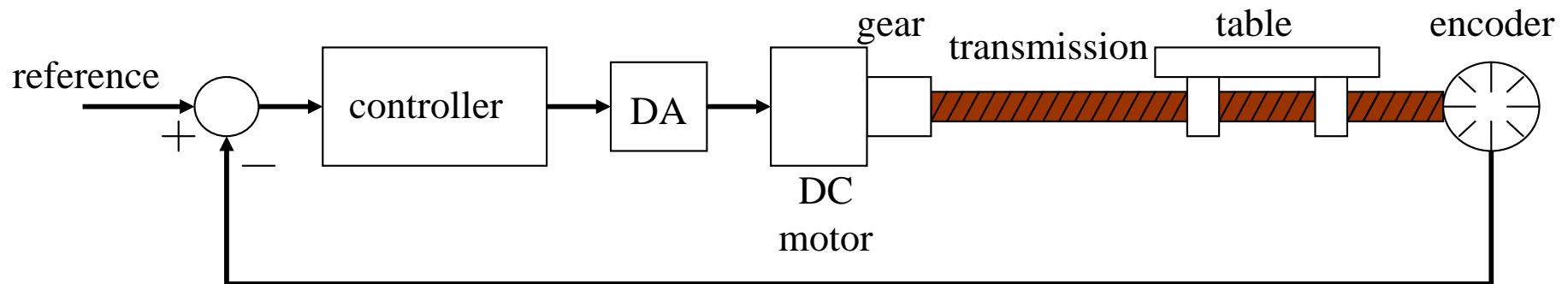
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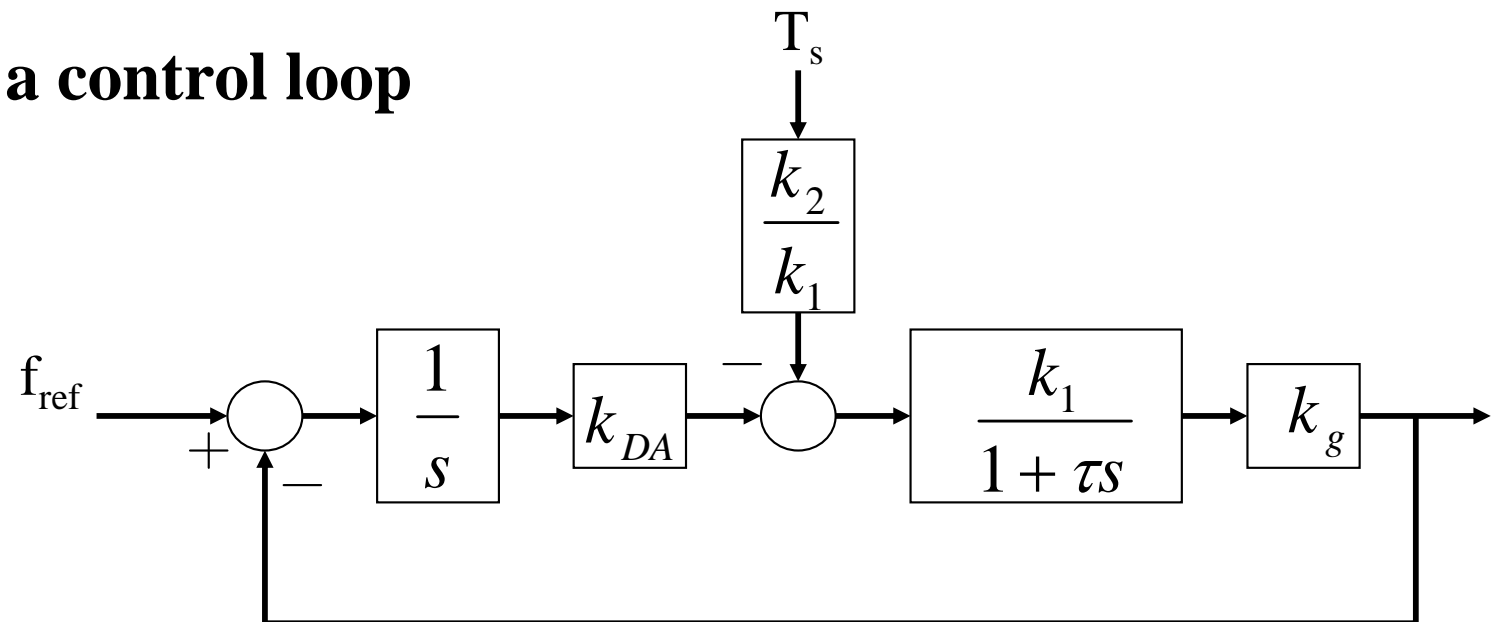


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## CNC Axes Control



## Dynamics of a control loop

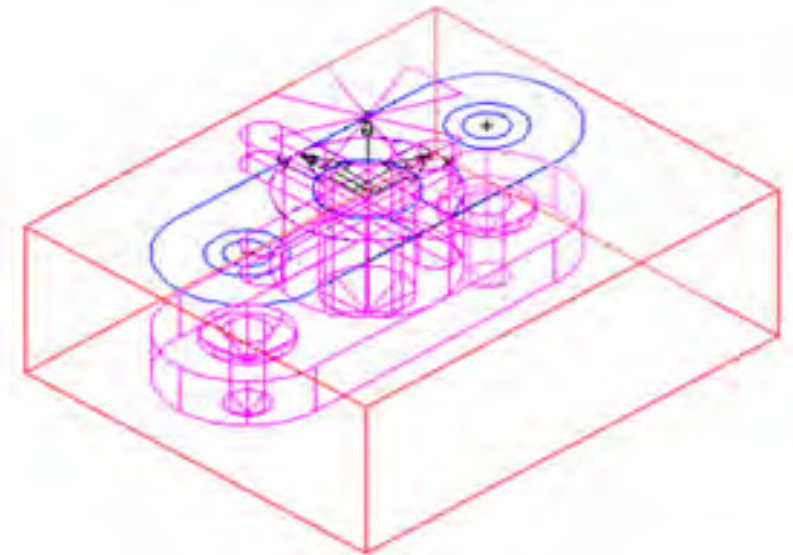
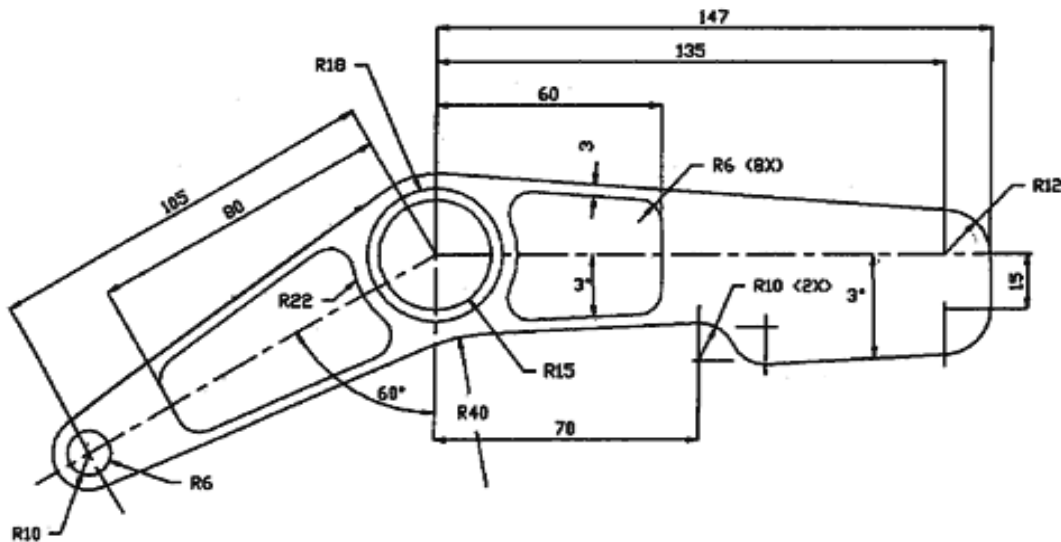


## CAD/CAM and CNC

### CNC Programming

Steps 1, 2, ... 6, to execute a part

1. Read and **interpret** the technical drawings





## CAD/CAM and CNC

### CNC Programming

2. Choose the most adequate **machine-tool** for the several stages of machining

Relevant features:

- The **workspace** of a machine versus the part to be produced
- The options available on each machine
- The **tools available**
- The mounting and the part handling
- The operations that each machine can perform

3. Choose of the most adequate **tools**

Relevant features:

- The **material** to be machined and its characteristics
- Standard tools cost less
- The quality of the mounting part is function of the number of parts to produce
- Use the **right tool** for the job
- Verify if there are backup tools and/or stored available
- Take into account tool aging

## CAD/CAM and CNC

### CNC Programming

#### 4. Cutting data

- Spindle Speed – speed of rotation of the cutting tool (rpm)

Feedrate – linear velocity of advance to machine the part (mm/minute)

- Depth of Cut – depth of machining in z (mm)

#### 5. Choice of the interpolation plane, in 2D ½ machines



## CAD/CAM and CNC

### CNC Programming

#### 5.1. Unit system

imperial –inches (**G70**) or international millimeters (**G71**).

#### 5.2. Command mode\*

Absolute – relative to world coordinate system (**G90**)

Relative– movement relative to the actual position (**G91**)

\* There are other command modes, e.g. helicoidal.

## CAD/CAM and CNC

### CNC Programming

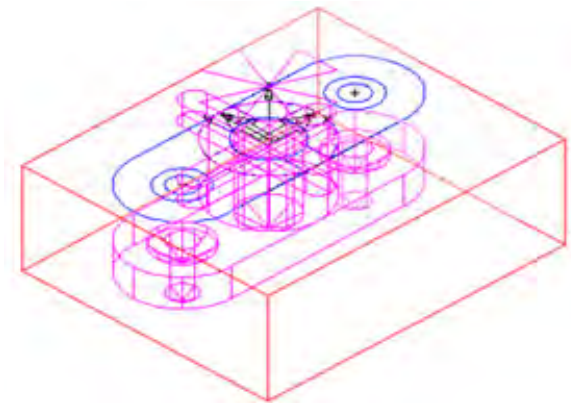
#### 6. Manual Data Input

<b>N</b>	Sequence <b>N</b> umber
<b>G</b>	Preparatory Functions
<b>X</b>	<b>X</b> Axis Command
<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b> Axis Command
<b>Z</b>	<b>Z</b> Axis Command
<b>R</b>	<b>R</b> adius from specified center
<b>A</b>	<b>A</b> ngle ccw from +X vector
<b>I</b>	X axis arc center offset
<b>J</b>	Y axis arc center offset
<b>K</b>	Z axis arc center offset
<b>F</b>	<b>F</b> eed rate
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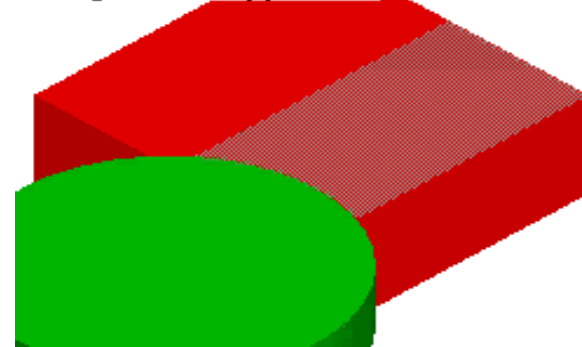
## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Example of a CNC program

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N30 G0 T1 M6  
N35 S2037 M3  
N40 G0 G2 X6.32 Y-0.9267 M8  
N45 Z1.1  
N50 Z0.12  
N55 G1 Z0. F91.7  
N60 X-2.82  
N65 Y0.9467  
N70 X6.32  
N75 Y2.82  
N80 X-2.82  
N85 G0 Z1.1  
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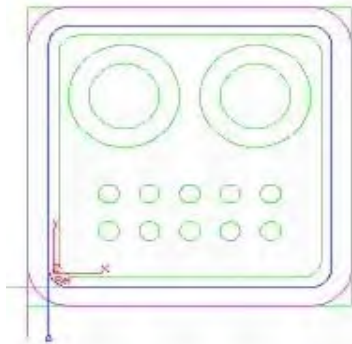
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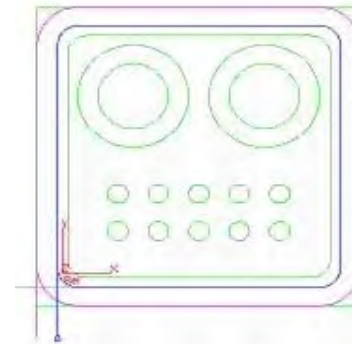
## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Preparatory functions (inc.)

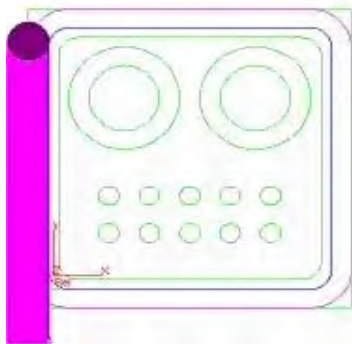
#### G00 – GO



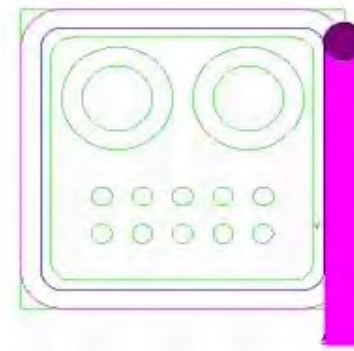
#### G01 – Linear Interpolation



#### G02 – Circular Interpolation (CW)



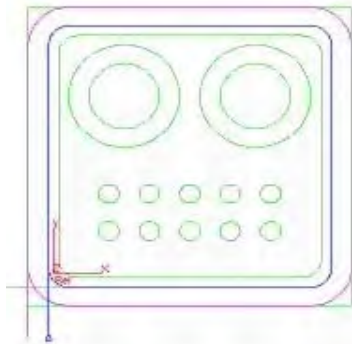
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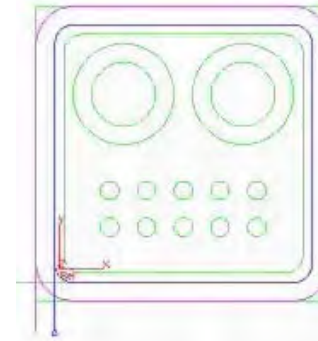
## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Preparatory functions (inc.)

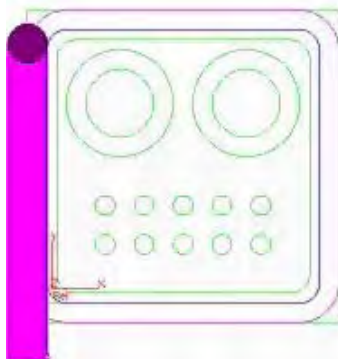
#### G00 – GO



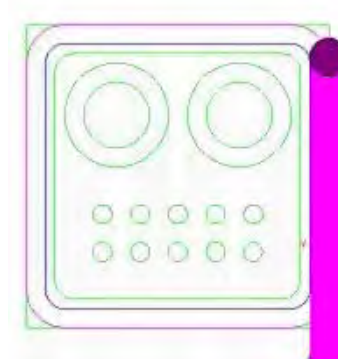
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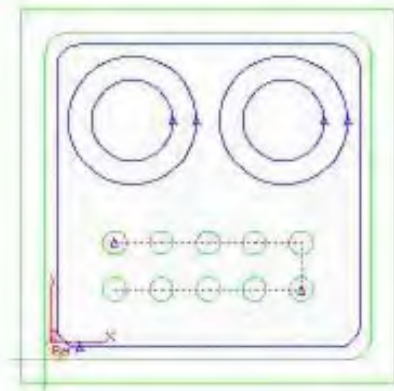




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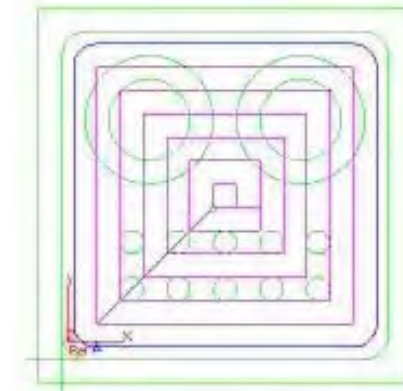
### Canned Cycles

G81 – Drilling cycle with multiple holes



### Special Cycles or Canned Cycles

G78 – Rectangular pocket cycle, used to clean a square shaped area



## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Other preparatory functions

- G04 - A temporary dwell, or **delay** in tool motion.
- G05 - A permanent hold, or **stopping** of tool motion. It is canceled by the machine operator.
- G22 - Activation of the stored **axis travel limits**, which are used to establish a safety boundary.
- G23 - Deactivation of the stored axis travel limits.
- G27 - Return to the machine **home** position via a programmed intermediate point
- G34 - Thread cutting with an increasing lead.
- G35 - Thread cutting with a decreasing lead.
- G40 - Cancellation of any previously programmed tool radius compensation
- G42 - Application of cutter radius compensation to the right of the workpiece with respect to the direction of tool travel.
- G43 - Activation of tool length compensation in the same direction of the offset value
- G71 - Canned cycle for multiple-pass turning on a lathe (foreign-made)
- ...

## CAD/CAM and CNC

### **Miscellaneous functions**

- M02 - Program end
- M03 - Start of spindle rotation clockwise
- M04 - Start of spindle rotation counterclockwise
- M07 - Start of mist coolant
- M08 - Start of flood coolant

## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Tool change

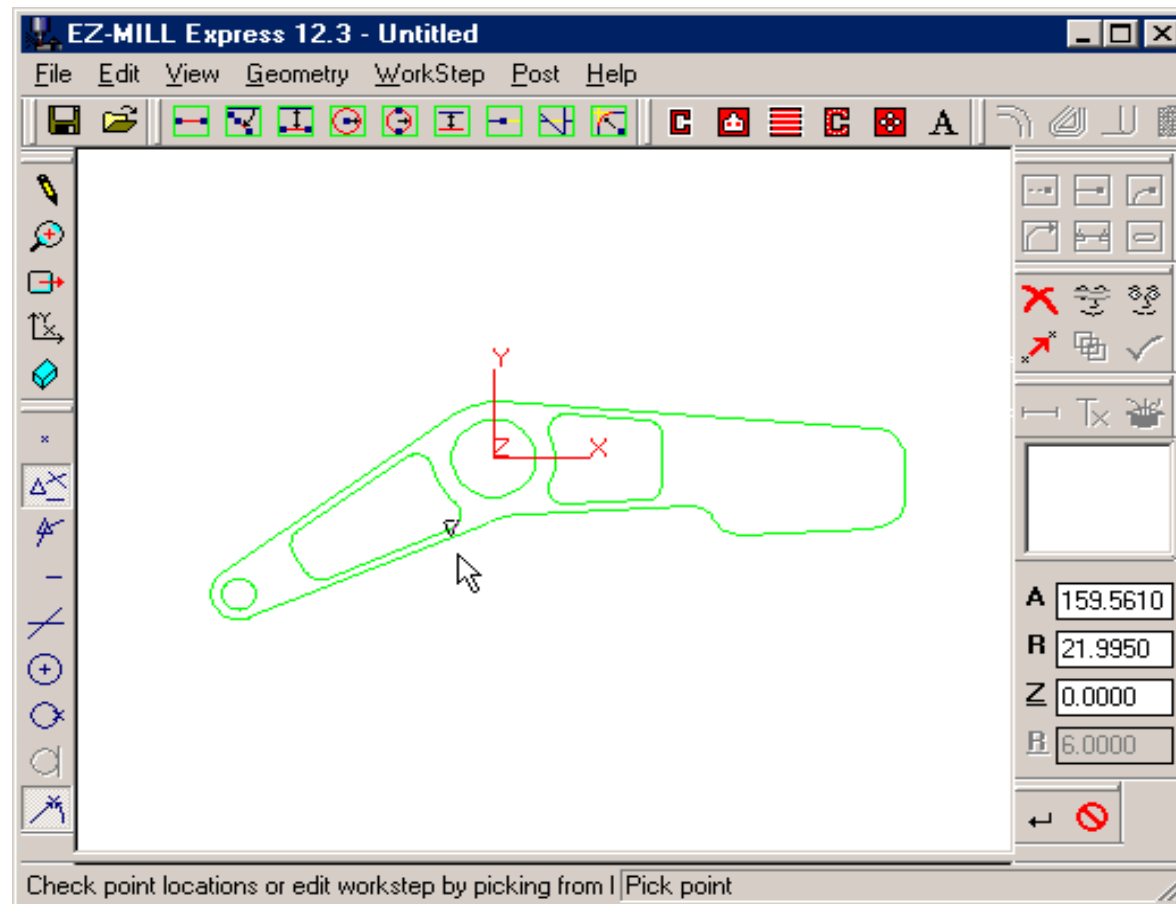


*Note: should be of easy access, when performed manually.*

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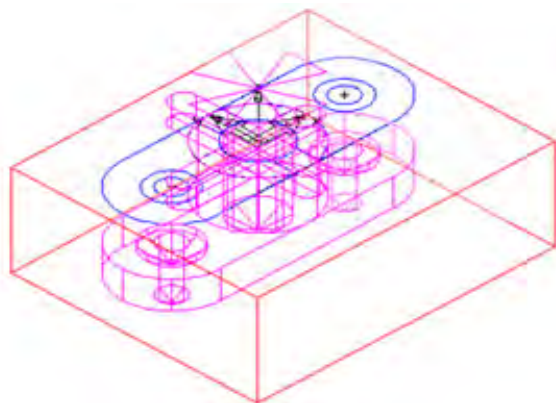
### Example of CNC programming

See <http://www.ezcam.com/web/tour/tour.htm>



## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Example of CNC programming



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### **Advanced CNC programming languages**

- Automatically Program Tool (APT)  
Developed at MIT in 1954
- Derived from APT:
  - ADAPT (IBM)
  - IFAPT (France)
  - MINIAPT (Germany)
- Compact II
- Autospot
- SPLIT

## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Machine operation

#### Rules of Security

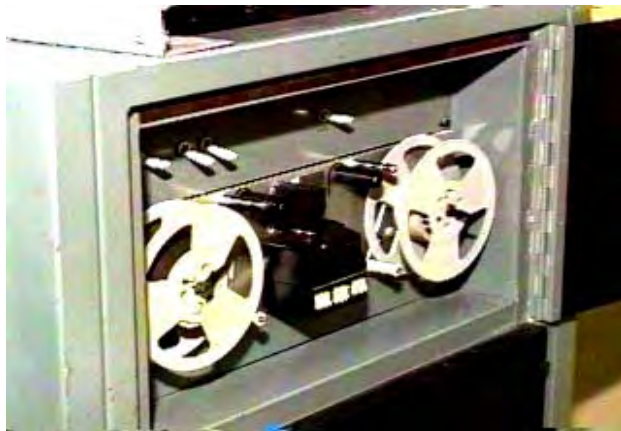
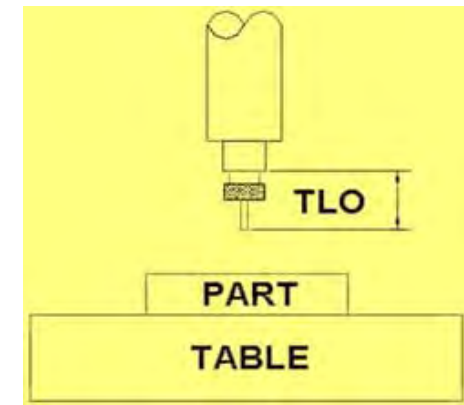
- Security is essential!
- The eyes must be always protected.
- The tools and parts must be handled and installed properly.
- Avoid the use of large cloths
- Clean the parts with a brush. Never with the hands.
- Be careful with you and the others.



## CAD/CAM and CNC

### Machine operation

Verify tolerances and tools offsets for proper operation



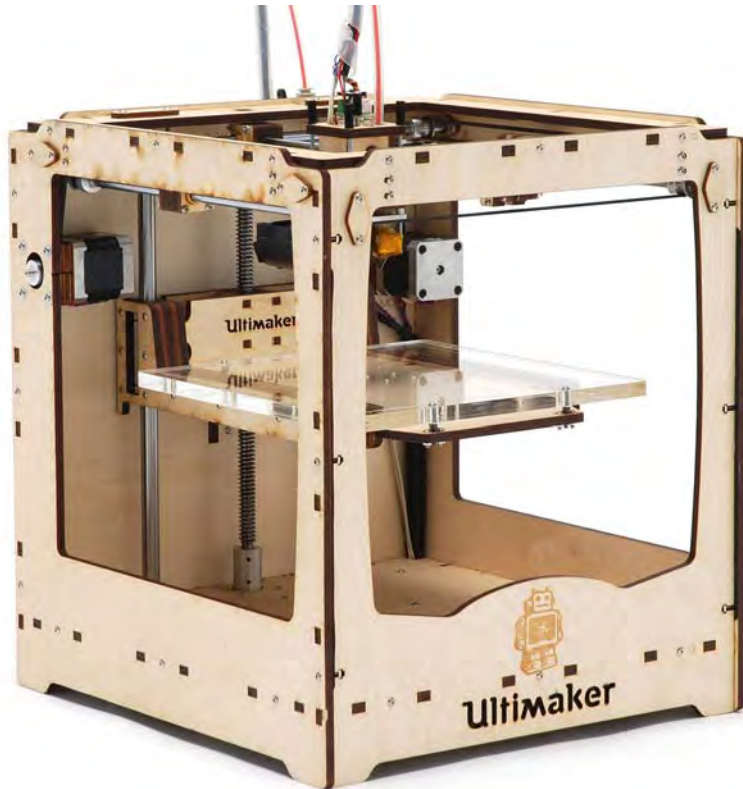
Load program  
Follow up machine operation  
Verify carefully the produced part.

## CAD/CAM and CNC at home!



```
;TYPE:CUSTOM
M92 E865.888000
M109 S210.000000
;Sliced /home/ricardo/tmp/dump_body.stl at: Sun 28 Oct 2012 22:20:23
;Basic settings: Layer height: 0.1 Walls: 0.8 Fill: 20
;Print time:      1:16
;Filament used:    1.10m      9.24g
;Filament cost:    0.37
G21                ;metric values
G90                ;absolute positioning
M107               ;start with the fan off
G28 X0 Y0          ;move X/Y to min endstops
G28 Z0             ;move Z to min endstops
G92 X0 Y0 Z0 E0     ;reset software position to front/left/z=0.0
G1 Z15.0 F180
G92 E0              ;zero the extruded length
G1 F200 E3
G92 E0              ;zero the extruded length again
;G1 X100 Y100 F9000
G1 F9000
;LAYER:0
;TYPE:SKIRT
G1 X74.244 Y116.715 Z0.3 F9000.0
G1 F4200.0
G1 E4.525
G1 F9000.0
G1 X75.623 Y120.052 Z0.3 F1200.0 E4.5922
G1 X113.604 Y120.572 E5.2993
```

## CAD/CAM and CNC at home!

A screenshot of the Marlin firmware configuration file (Configuration.h) in an Arduino IDE. The window title is "Marlin | Arduino 0022". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Sketch, Tools, and Help. The toolbar shows icons for running, stopping, saving, and other functions. The file tabs at the top include Marlin, Configuration.h, EEPROM.h, FatStructs.h, Marlin.h, and a partially visible "Ca". The code content is as follows:

```
//Implemented Codes
//-----
// G0 -> G1
// G1 - Coordinated Movement X Y Z E
// G4 - Dwell S<seconds> or P<milliseconds>
// G28 - Home all Axis
// G90 - Use Absolute Coordinates
// G91 - Use Relative Coordinates
// G92 - Set current position to coordinates given

//RepRap M Codes
// M104 - Set extruder target temp
// M105 - Read current temp
// M106 - Fan on
// M107 - Fan off
// M109 - Wait for extruder current temp to reach target temp.
// M114 - Display current position

//Custom M Codes
// M80 - Turn on Power Supply
// M20 - List SD card
// M21 - Init SD card
// M22 - Release SD card
// M23 - Select SD file (M23 filename.g)
// M24 - Start/resume SD print
// M25 - Pause SD print
```

<https://github.com/bkubicek/Marlin>

[http://wiki.ultimaker.com/How to upload new firmware to the motherboard](http://wiki.ultimaker.com/How_to_upload_new_firmware_to_the_motherboard)

# CAD/CAM and CNC at home!



The screenshot shows the Marlin Arduino IDE with the 'loop()' function highlighted in yellow. The code is as follows:

```

void loop()
{
  if(buflen<3)
    get_command();
    checkautostart(false);
  if(buflen)
  {
    process_commands();
    buflen = (buflen-1);
    bufindr = (bufindr + 1)%BUFSIZE;
  }
  //check heater every n milliseconds
  manage_heater();
  manage_inactivity(1);
  LCD_STATUS;
}

inline void get_command()
{
  while( Serial.available() > 0  && buflen < BUFSIZE) {
    serial_char = Serial.read();
    if(serial_char == '\n' || serial_char == '\r' || serial_char
  {
    ...
  }
}

```



The screenshot shows the Marlin Arduino IDE with the 'process\_commands()' function highlighted in yellow. The code is as follows:

```

inline void process_commands()
{
  unsigned long codenum; //throw away variable
  char *starpos = NULL;

  if(code_seen('G'))
  {
    switch((int)code_value())
    {
      case 0: // G0 -> G1
      case 1: // G1
        get_coordinates(); // For X Y Z E F
        prepare_move();
        previous_millis_cmd = millis();
        //ClearToSend();
        return;
        //break;

      case 4: // G4 dwell
        codenum = 0;
        if(code_seen('P')) codenum = code_value(); // milliseconds
        if(code_seen('S')) codenum = code_value() * 1000; // second
        codenum += millis(); // keep track of when we started wait
        while(millis() < codenum ){
          manage_heater();
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

# CAD/CAM and CNC at home!

```

void prepare_move()
{
    plan_buffer_line(destination[X_AXIS], destination[Y_AXIS],
        destination[Z_AXIS], destination[E_AXIS],
        feedrate*feedmultiply/60.0/100.);

    for(int i=0; i < NUM_AXIS; i++) {
        current_position[i] = destination[i];
    }
}

void plan_buffer_line(float x, float y, float z, float e, float f, float r)
// Add a new linear movement to the buffer.
// steps_x, _y and _z is the absolute position in mm.
// Microseconds specify how many microseconds the move should
// calculation the caller must also provide the physical length of the move.

// Calculate the buffer head after we push this byte
int next_buffer_head = (block_buffer_head + 1) %BLOCK_BUFFER_SIZE;

// If the buffer is full: good! That means we are well ahead
// Rest here until there is room in the buffer.
while(block_buffer_tail == next_buffer_head) {
    manage_heater();
    manage_inactivity(1);
}

// The target position of the tool in absolute steps
// Calculate target position in absolute steps
long target[4];
target[X_AXIS] = lround(x*axis_steps_per_unit[X_AXIS]);
target[Y_AXIS] = lround(y*axis_steps_per_unit[Y_AXIS]);
target[Z_AXIS] = lround(z*axis_steps_per_unit[Z_AXIS]);
target[E_AXIS] = lround(e*axis_steps_per_unit[E_AXIS]);

ISR(TIMER1_COMPA_vect)
// "The Stepper Driver Interrupt" - This timer interrupt is the workhorse.
// It pops blocks from the block_buffer and executes them by pulsing the stepper drivers.
{
    if(busy){ /*Serial.println("BUSY")*/;
        return;
    } // The busy-flag is used to avoid reentering this interrupt

    busy = true;
    sei(); // Re enable interrupts (normally disabled while inside an interrupt)
#ifdef ULTIPANEL
    static int breakdown=0;
    if((breakdown++)%100==0)
        buttons_check();
/* [ErikDeBruijn] Perhaps it would be nice to use a piece of code like this
    if(sdactive){
        sprintf("SD printing byte %i%",(int) (sdpos/filesize*100)); // perh
        Serial.print(sdpos);
        Serial.print("/");
        Serial.println(filesize);
    }
*/
#endif
}

```



## CAD/CAM and CNC at home!



## CAD/CAM and CNC at home – a word of caution

### 3D-printed gun on display at V&A museum

By Sophie Curtis, The Telegraph, 17<sup>th</sup> Sep 2013



Victoria and Albert Museum (London), acquired, for display in their collection, [the world's first 3D-printed gun](#), named "Liberator", developed and successfully fired by [Texan law student](#) Cody Wilson.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/news/10314763/3D-printed-gun-on-display-at-VandA-museum.html>

<http://www.dezeen.com/2013/09/26/movie-kieran-long-v-and-a-museum-london-3d-printed-gun/>

### UK police raise specter of 3-D printer-made guns

By Laura Smith-Spark, CNN, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013



The U.S. State Department banned the inventor of a plastic handgun, "The Liberator," from distributing its instructions.

Police in England said Friday they have seized what could be the parts for [Britain's first firearm made using 3-D printing](#) -- but later said more testing is needed to establish if this is the case.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2013/10/25/world/europe/uk-police-3d-printer-gun/>