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Preface

Titanium and its alloys have outstanding corrosion resistance, superior biocompatibility, notable tissue inertness, good weld-ability, and other properties [1, 2]. These alloys have several uses in a variety of industries, including the chemical processing industry, the oil and gas industry, the marine and aviation industries, and the medical sector [3]. The aforementioned intrinsic qualities and practicality of titanium alloys compel researchers to investigate and scrutinize a variety of these alloys' machining features. Recent years have seen increased interest from other commercial and industrial sectors in the studies on the machinability characteristics of these alloys. On the other hand, restricted use of titanium alloys is caused by their high initial cost and extraction process challenges. Additionally, due to lower productivity, these alloys can only be machined at a limited range of cutting rates (about 30-60 m/min) due to their high chemical affinity and poor heat conductivity [2].

Titanium alloys are challenging to manufacture because the thin chips create a small surface area between the cutting tool and the work piece. High cutting temperatures are a result of titanium alloys' inadequate heat conductivity and excessive stress created by the narrow contact area. This study focuses on the optimization of the impact on tool life, surface roughness, crater wear, and flank wear. The process variables for turning Ti-6Al-4V alloy take tool life, surface roughness, crater wear, and flank wear into consideration. Results were analyzed using Taguchi-based SAW, VIKOR, TOPSIS, and Electre techniques. The outcomes of the experiment demonstrate that Ti-6Al4V alloy has been successfully turned using CIMCOOL 360 coolant with a 15% concentration. By selecting the best alternative at cutting speed = 80 rpm, feed rate = 0.18mm/rev, depth of cut = 0.12mm, and rake angle = 14 degrees, where the surface roughness and tool life are, respectively, 0.716 μ m and 48.3998 min, the research work shows the importance of the suitability of TOPSIS in solving the Multiple Criteria Decision Making (MCDM). From ANOVA results, for surface finish, it is noticed that the process parameter rake angle is having Rank 01 for all levels. Thus rake angle is the major influencing parameter to achieve a better quality of surface roughness. While in the case of flank wear it is crystal clear that process parameter DOC is having Rank 01 for all levels. Thus DOC is the most influencing parameter to achieve lesser flank wear and better quality of tool life.

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Nomenclature

γ -	Rake angle
α -	Clearance angle
F_c -	Cutting force
F_f -	Feed force
F_p -	Back force
D -	Diffusion coefficient
J -	Diffusion flux of titanium
C -	Concentration
t -	Time
∇ -	Gradient operator
MCDM -	Multi-criteria decision making
OA –	Orthogonal array
TGRA –	Taguchi-based grey relational analysis
DFA –	Desirability function analysis
PCA –	Principal component analysis
GA –	Genetic algorithm
PSO –	Particle swarm optimization
SA –	Simulated annealing
ANN –	Artificial neural network
ASTM –	American society for testing materials
MOORA-	Multi-Objective Optimization by Ratio Analysis.
TOPSIS –	Technique for order performance by similarity to ideal solution.
SAW –	Simple additive weighting.
VIKOR –	Vlekriterijumsko K Ompromisno Rangiranje
ELECTRE –	Elimination and choice Expressing Reality

CNC –	Computer Numerical control
AC –	Air Conditioner.
ADXL335-	Accelerometer (Three axis Sensor)
DNMG –	A Diamond shaped turning inserts with a 55 degree angle.
PVD –	Physical vapor deposition
V_c -	Cutting Speed
T –	Tool life.
C –	Taylor's constant
F –	Feed rate
DOC –	Depth of cut
n -	Constant for tool life
m -	Constant for feed rate
V^+ -	Ideal best
V^- -	Ideal worst
S_i^+ -	Euclidean distance from the ideal best
S_i^-	Euclidean distance from the ideal worst
P_i -	Performance score