Experimental studies and multi-response optimisation of duplex turning parameters using grey relational analysis with entropy measurement

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Abstract: In present work, the effect of turning parameters like cutting velocity, feed rate, primary depth of cut (DOC) and secondary-DOC on responses like primary cutting force (Fp), secondary cutting force (Fs) and surface roughness (Ra) using duplex turning process are observed. The preliminary experiments and entropy-grey relational analysis (GRA) has been utilised to plan the experiment. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) analyses the influence of each parameter on the responses. It is observed that feed rate has more effect as compared to other parameters. The confirmation experiment at GRA optimal condition shows the improvement in all responses as Fp = 15.34%, Fs = 17.20% and Ra = 10.14% positively.

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1 Introduction

In duplex turning, two parallel tools are used and both tools are moved forward and cut the commonly shared surface with same feed/revolution, with variable depth of cut (DOC) as shown in Figure 1. Therefore, it offers less machining forces, less cutting time which helps in increasing productivity, it eliminates finishing operation as one tool performed rough turning and other tool perform finish turning, it reduces tool vibration also increases tool life as it reduces the temperature at cutting zone.

Figure 1 Configurations of duplex turning



The efficiency of duplex turning process greatly depends upon machining parameters as it impacts surface quality and machining forces. The selection is either based on machine, or product to be machined but it is difficult to find best parameter combination for newly developed process (Kalidasan et al., 2014; Brecher et al., 2015; Kumar et al., 2020).

Taguchi methodology (TM) is a very useful optimisation technique for single-response problem. However, TM shows several drawbacks when problem is highly complex and multi-objective (Mukherjee and Ray, 2006). To solve multi-objective problems in which relationship with responses are uncertain grey relational analysis (GRA) technique can be used. GRA converts multi-objective problem into single grey relational grade (GRG) (Deng, 1989; Priyadarshini and Pal, 2016; Angappan et al., 2017). The GRA optimisation has been used in various machining problems and can effectively optimise the duplex turning parameters.

2 Literature review

The utilisation of two-tools in turning was first discussed by Tang et al. (2008), they optimised the duplex turning parameters by utilising heuristic particle swarm technique and found that the proposed optimisation technique reduced cutting time as well as solve the machining problem very effectively. Budak and Ozturk (2011) utilised the stability model of duplex turning and compared it experimentally. They found better surface quality and chatter-free surfaces at primary-DOC = 1.5 mm and secondary-DOC = 0.5 mm.

Kalidasan et al. (2014) performed the experiments by varying offset distance of two parallel tools in turning. They observed that cutting forces increased significantly by increasing tool offset distance. Brecher et al. (2015) analysed the effect of radial angle of tool and cutting speed. They observed that chip removal rate increases significantly at increasing cutting speed. They also observed the improvement in cutting performance at appropriate radial angle. Kalidasan et al. (2016) performed experiments with two tools in turning. They observed the reduction in diametric error at cutting speed as 116 m/min, feed as 0.24 mm/rev and DOC as 1.0 mm. They also found that secondary tool experienced higher cutting temperature as compared to primary tool. Yadav (2017) used two-tools in turning and analysed surface quality at varying DOC's, speed and feed rate. They found that low feed rate and secondary-DOC produced better surface quality. Kumar et al. (2017) analysed the duplex turned parameters effect in turning of Ti-allov. They observed the improvement in surface quality and machining forces at higher cutting velocity. Kalidasan et al. (2017) analysed the parameters effect in turning of cast iron and steel. They revealed that surface quality of both the materials increased with increasing feed rate. Yadav (2018) developed the model for cutting forces and surface roughness. They revealed that developed model was very well fitted to experimental values.

The research work related to turning effects are discussed here briefly. Bouacha et al. (2010) analysed the variation of parameters in turning of steel. They revealed that cutting speed influenced the surface quality and DOC influenced cutting forces. Chinchanikar and Choudhury (2013) analysed the parameter effects in turning of hard steel. They revealed that flank wear influenced surface quality and also dimensional accuracy. Satyanarayana et al. (2015) analysed the influence of feed rate, DOC and cutting velocity in turning of Ti-alloy. They found better surface quality at cutting velocity of 75 m/min. Manivel and Gandhinathan (2016) analysed the effects of parameters in turning. They revealed that surface quality improved at higher cutting velocity. Meddour et al. (2018) analysed the variation of nose radius, DOC, cutting speed and feed rate in turning of

steel. They observed low feed rate and nose radius works in favour of surface quality and cutting forces. Zerti et al. (2019) analysed the variation of parameters in turning of steel. They observed that feed rate affects the surface quality while DOC affects the cutting forces.

The GRA technique was successfully tested by various researchers and some of them are discussed here briefly. The weighted-GRA method was utilised by Pawade and Joshi (2011) in turning of Ni-718 alloy. They found maximum GRG and better surface quality with moderate machining forces at low feed rate, DOC and high cutting speed. Suhail et al. (2012) utilised GRA in turning for analysing surface roughness, vibration and workpiece temperature. They observed the improvement in all responses at optimum condition of GRA. Pradhan (2012) utilised GRA in EDM at varying cutting parameters. They observed the improvement in surface quality and material removal at optimum condition of GRA. Gopikrishnan et al. (2015) utilised GRA in micro-turning of Cr-cobalt alloy at different level of parameters. They observed that speed of 17.6 mm/min, feed rate of 4 μ m/rev and DOC of 15 μ m were found good for surface quality. Sivaiah and Chakradhar (2017) utilised GRA in turning of steel in cryogenic condition.

Angappan et al. (2017) utilised GRA in turning of Ni-800 alloy. They observed overall improvement in responses as 48.98% at cutting velocity = 35 m/min, feed rate = 0.06 mm/rev and DOC = 1.0 mm. Viswanathan et al. (2018) utilised GRA in turning of Mg-alloy. They observed the improvement in surface quality at optimal condition. Thakur et al. (2019) utilised GRA in turning of steel by adding silicon particles by weight (0.5%, 1% and 1.5%) with minimum quality lubricant (MQL). They observed that SiC-nano fluid gives better surface quality as compared to MQL. Suneesh and Sivapragash (2019) utilised L₁₈ (OA) with GRA in turning of Mg/Al composite under MQL condition. They observed that feed rate had a maximum contribution (53.33%) on GRG, followed by DOC (16.38%).

Generally, GRG has been calculated by aggregating all values of grey relational coefficient (GRC). But the responses show distinct behaviour concerning process factors variation, therefore grey entropy weight measurement techniques had been utilise by few researchers (Rao and Yadava, 2009; Sharma and Yadava, 2011; Kumar et al., 2019). Pradhan (2018) utilised entropy-weight with GRA in EDM process. They found the effectiveness of the approach. Velayutham et al. (2018) utilised entropy-weight with GRA in laser cutting of stainless steel thin plate. They observed that proposed optimisation technique gives better results. Palanisamy and Selvaraj (2018) utilised entropy-weight with GRA in turning of Ni-800H alloy. They found that the responses get improved by 39.07% by using GRA.

In this work, parameters of duplex turning are analysed for multi-responses using GRA optimisation. For this, firstly parameter ranges are selected by using preliminary experimental observation and then, Taguchi L₉ (OA) is used for experimental work and entropy weighted GRA approach is used for optimising cutting speed, feed rate, primary-DOC and secondary-DOC. The primary cutting force, secondary cutting force and surface roughness are considered as multiple responses. Finally, the optimal result of GRA is experimentally confirmed and discussed.

3 Experimental procedure

All experiments are performed on Lathe machine attached with secondary tool post. In this process, two tools are used both tools operate with same speed and feed rate. The process of duplex turning is given in Figure 2.

Figure 2 Photographic view of experimental setup (see online version for colours)



Work material for experiments is Ti-alloy (diameter = 25 mm and length = 300 mm). The chemical composition of Ti-alloy is listed in Table 1. The carbide tool is taken for experimentation purpose. The parameters for experimentation are cutting velocity (V), feed rate (f), primary-DOC (Dp) and secondary-DOC (Ds). The multi-responses are primary force (Fp), secondary force (Fs) and average surface roughness (Ra), respectively. For measuring surface roughness, a TR-200 surface roughness tester is used and for measuring cutting forces, strain gauge dynamometer is used.

Ti	Al	Мо	Fe	V
88.67	6.28	0.14	0.50	4.41

The levels of parameters are decided by preliminary observation and listed in Table 2. Experimental data according to L_9 OA is listed in Table 3. Further, signal to noise (S/N) ratio and normalised S/N ratio is obtained for analysis according to GRA technique.

Cutting parameters	Symbol	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cutting velocity (m/min)	V	50	70	90
Feed rate (mm/rev)	f	0.12	0.16	0.20
Primary-DOC (mm)	Dp	0.40	0.60	0.80
Secondary-DOC (mm)	Ds	0.20	0.30	0.40

 Table 2
 Parameters and levels for L₉ experimentation

Exp.		Parameter levels				Responses		
no.	V	f	Dp	Ds	Fp	Fs	Ra	
1	1	1	1	1	78.46	76.23	2.07	
2	1	2	2	2	87.21	81.23	2.11	
3	1	3	3	3	107.91	98.10	2.13	
4	2	1	2	3	77.21	82.23	2.01	
5	2	2	3	1	91.23	79.23	2.69	
6	2	3	1	2	99.10	90.23	2.98	
7	3	1	3	2	87.21	76.23	1.98	
8	3	2	1	3	76.21	86.21	2.03	
9	3	3	2	1	101.21	76.21	3.02	

Table 3Experimental data using L9 (OA)

4 Preliminary experimental observations

4.1 Range of cutting speed

The variation of cutting velocity (30-110 m/min) at f = 0.08 mm/rev, Dp = 0.2 mm and Ds = 0.2 mm on responses Ra, Fp and Fs are presented in Figures 3(a)-3(c). It is observed from Figure 3(a) that Ra values of the turned surface decrease with increasing the cutting velocity from 30 to 90 m/min and after that Ra increase from 90 to 110 m/min. The reason might be that, due to high thermal influence at cutting region the discontinuities get smeared out and surface quality gets enhanced. On further increasing the velocity (90 to 110 m/min) more heat is generated which causes the blunting of tool, therefore, surface quality deteriorates.

Figure 3(b) shows that Fp decreases with increasing cutting velocity from 30 to 90 m/min and after that Fp increases. Using two tools diminishes the shear stress of cutting material, therefore the magnitude of Fp decreases (30 to 90 m/min). For cutting velocity of 110 m/min, high amount of heat is generated and tool gets blunt, therefore, Fp increases. The similar types of observations are found in Figure 3(c) at varying cutting velocity.

From Figures 3(a)-3(c), the cutting velocity from 50 m/min to 90 m/min is found better for surface quality as well as for moderate cutting forces.

4.2 Range of feed rate

Figures 4(a)–4(c) show variation of feed rate (0.08-0.24 mm/rev) at V = 50 m/min, Dp = 0.2 mm and Ds = 0.2 mm on responses Ra, Fp and Fs. Figure 4(a) shows Ra of turned surface decreases from 0.08 to 0.12 mm/rev and after that Ra increases with increasing the feed rate. High feed rate significantly increase the frictional resistance. This causes the increase in tool tip temperature and results in poor surface quality. The effect is more predominant from 0.2 to 0.24 mm/rev.

Figure 3 Cutting velocity vs. (a) Ra, (b) Fp and (c) Fs



Figure 4 Feed rate vs. (a) Ra, (b) Fp and (c) Fs



(c)

Figure 5 Primary-DOC vs. (a) Ra, (b) Fp and (c) Fs



Figure 6 Secondary-DOC vs. (a) Ra, (b) Fp and (c) Fs



(c)

It is observed from Figure 4(b) that Fp first decreases from 0.08 to 0.12 mm/rev and after that Fp increases, increasing the feed rate increases the temperature at tool tip and work surface causing higher cutting forces. Figure 4(c) also shows a similar type of behaviour.

From Figures 4(a)-4(c), the range 0.12 mm/rev to 0.2 mm/rev has been found better for surface quality as well as moderate cutting forces.

4.3 Range of primary-DOC

Figures 5(a)-5(c) show variation of primary-DOC (0.2–1.0 mm) at V = 50 m/min, f = 0.08 mm/rev and Ds = 0.20 mm on responses Ra, Fp and Fs. Figure 5(a) shows Ra decreases from 0.2 to 0.4 mm and after that surface quality diminishes. As DOC increase contact area of tool tip and work surface increase causes poor surface quality. This effect is more predominant at 1.0 mm.

Figure 5(b) shows that cutting forces increases with increasing primary-DOC from 0.2 to 1.0 mm. This may be due to an increase in undeformed chip thickness which leads to high resistance at contact area causing higher cutting forces and this phenomenon is more predominant from 0.8 mm to 1.0 mm. Figure 5(c) shows secondary force remains unaffected by variation of primary-DOC.

Figures 5(a)-5(c) show primary-DOC of 0.4 mm to 0.8 mm has been better for surface quality as well as moderate cutting forces.

4.4 Range of secondary-DOC

Figures 6(a)-6(c) show variation of secondary-DOC (0.10–0.50 mm) at V = 50 m/min, f = 0.08 mm/rev, Dp = 0.2 mm on responses (Ra, Fp and Fs). Figure 6(a) shows that Ra of turned surface is increasing from 0.1 to 0.5 mm. As contact area of tool increases, surface quality diminishes and at higher DOC (0.5 mm) the tool may get blunt which causes poor surface quality.

Figure 6(b) shows that the Fp is not changing much by varying secondary-DOC. From Figure 6(c), it is seen that Fs decrease from 0.1 to 0.2 mm and after that it increases. It is observed that increasing secondary-DOC, the contact area between tool and workpiece increases, therefore, Fs increases. This effect is more predominant from 0.4 to 0.5 mm.

Figures 6(a)-6(c) the secondary-DOC as 0.2 mm to 0.4 mm has been better for surface quality as well as for moderate cutting forces.

5 Result and discussion

In this section, entropy-GRA optimisation is used for finding the optimal parameter for duplex turning. For this, firstly the L₉ OA is performed according to Table 2. S/N ratio (η) calculated from L₉ OA data (Table 2). This data is further used for finding the GRG and optimal setting of duplex turning using GRA optimisation.

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5.1 TM for finding S/N ratio

In this section, TM experimental data L_9 (OA) is used for calculating S/N ratio. This L_9 (OA) relies on degree of freedom (DF) and for four parameters and three levels, DF is 9, therefore, minimum nine numbers of experiments are required for optimising experimental data (Rose, 1996; Subburam et al., 2018). The η is calculated by equation (1) and listed in Table 4.

$$\eta = -10\log\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i^2$$
(1)

Here, y_i = experimental data and n = number of replicates.

Exp.	S/N ratio			 S/N	ratio (normal	ised)
no.	Fp	Fs	Ra	 Fp	Fs	Ra
1	-37.8930	-37.6425	-6.31941	0.083	0.001	0.106
2	-38.8113	-38.1943	-6.48565	0.38	0.25	0.151
3	-40.6612	-39.8334	-6.56759	1.00	1.00	0.173
4	-37.7535	-38.3006	-6.06392	0.03	0.30	0.036
5	-39.2028	-37.9778	-8.59505	0.51	0.15	0.726
6	-39.9215	-39.1070	-9.48433	0.75	0.67	0.968
7	-38.8113	-37.6425	-5.93330	0.38	0.001	0.000
8	-37.6402	-38.7112	-6.14992	0.00	0.49	0.0591
9	-40.1045	-37.6402	-9.60014	0.81	0.00	1.00

Table 4S/N ratio and normalised S/N ratio

5.2 Methodology of GRA

GRA solve multi-objective optimisation problems having uncertain models and complex inter-relation. GRA utilises experimental data of TM (S/N ratio) and normalised S/N ratio is calculated. From normalised values, GRC and GRG is calculated. Maximum GRG from all GRG values represents the desired value of the multi-response (Dieguez et al., 2007; Mohapatra et al., 2017; Babu et al., 2016). The procedures for solving GRA are as follows.

The S/N ratio (Table 4) is normalised from zero to one by 'smaller-the-better' approach using equation (2). The normalised S/N ratio is also listed in Table 4.

$$z_{i}^{*}(p) = \frac{\max x_{i}(p) - x_{i}(p)}{\max x_{i}(p) - \min x_{i}(p)}$$
(2)

Here, *i* = number of experiments, *p* = number of responses, $z_i^*(p)$ = normalised value, max $x_i(p)$ = maximum response value, min $x_i(p)$ = minimum response value and $x_i(p)$ = referral value.

GRC is calculated by using normalised value (Table 4) in equation (3), GRC value is listed in Table 5. It states relationship in referral and comparable sequence for each response.

$$\xi_i(p) = \frac{\Delta_{\min} + \lambda \Delta_{\max}}{\Delta_{oi}(p) + \lambda \Delta_{\max}}$$
(3)

Here, $\zeta_i(p) = \text{GRC}$ value of p^{th} response and $\Delta_{oi}(p) =$ deviation coefficient calculated by given relations.

$$\Delta_{oi}(k) = |x_0(k) - x_i(k)|, \Delta_{\max} = \max_i \max_k |x_o^k(k) - x_i^k(k)|, \\ \Delta_{\min} = \min_i \min_k |x_o^k(k) - x_i^k(k)|$$

Here, $\lambda = \text{coefficient}$ of distinguishing and taken as 0.50 (Tosun, 2006; Mohapatra et al., 2017; Mishra et al., 2018).

Exp. no.	GRC (Fp)	GRC (Fs)	GRC (Ra)	GRG	Rank
1	0.858	0.998	0.825	0.893	1
2	0.568	0.667	0.768	0.667	5
3	0.333	0.333	0.742	0.469	8
4	0.943	0.625	0.932	0.833	3
5	0.495	0.769	0.408	0.557	7
6	0.400	0.427	0.341	0.389	9
7	0.568	0.998	1.000	0.855	2
8	1.000	0.505	0.894	0.799	4
9	0.382	1.000	0.333	0.571	6

Table 5GRC, weighted GRG and rank

GRC values (Table 5) is transformed in GRG by multiplying the weights of each response using entropy weight method. For calculating entropy weight, a function of entropy is defined in the range 0 to (1 - x) (Wen et al., 1998; Velayutham et al., 2018) as given by equation (4).

$$W(A) = \frac{1}{(e^{0.50} - 1)n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} W_e(X_i)$$
(4)

 $W_e(X_i)$ is used as mappings function and solved by equation (5)

$$W_e(X_i) = xe^{(1-x)} + (1-x)e^x - 1$$
(5)

The weights for each GRC for responses is calculated by equations (4)–(5) and found as Fp = 0.3333, Fs = 0.3333 and Ra = 0.3334 positively.

After getting the GRC and weights of each GRC (Fp, Fs and Ra), the GRG is calculated by equation (6). The maximum GRG shows the closeness with desired value of the responses. The GRG are listed in Table 5.

$$\gamma_i = \sum_{p=1}^{j} w_j \xi_i(p), \quad i = 1, \mathbf{K} , n.$$
(6)

Here, $\gamma = \text{GRG}$ value and $w_j =$ weights assigned to each GRC.

The GRG values (Table 5) are plotted with rank in Figure 7 and observe that rank 1 is associated with experiment number 1 from nine experimental data.





Table 6Mean value of weighted GRG

Eastona			GRG with level	ls	
r actors	1	2	3	Max. – min.	Rank
V (m/min)	0.676	0.593	0.742	0.149	2
f (mm/rev)	0.861	0.674	0.476	0.385	1
Dp (mm)	0.694	0.690	0.627	0.067	3
Ds (mm)	0.674	0.637	0.700	0.063	4

Figure 8 Parameter level vs. GRG (see online version for colours)



The mean GRG is listed in Table 6, plotted in Figure 8. The maximum GRG (Table 6) has given as V = 90 m/min, f = 0.12 mm/rev, Dp = 0.40 mm and Ds = 0.40 mm and it shows the optimal value and it gives moderate cutting forces (Fp and Fs) and minimum surface roughness (Ra).

Difference in GRG (Table 6) is as follows: V = 0.149, f = 0.385, Dp = 0.067 and Ds = 0.063. The maximum difference is 0.385. It shows feed rate has a main effect on responses (Fp, Fs and Ra) compared to other parameters.

5.3 ANOVA analysis

Analysis of variance (ANOVA) results are listed in Table 7 and it shows that percentage contributions of each cutting parameter in increasing order are Ds = 2.24%, Dp = 2.98%, V = 12.31%, and f = 82.46%. The contribution of each parameter is plotted in Figure 9. From Table 7 and Figure 9, it is observed that feed rate has a maximum contribution on responses (Fp, Fs and Ra) fallowed by cutting velocity, primary-DOC and secondary-DOC positively.

Factor	Sum square	DF	Mean square	F-ratio	% PC
V	0.033	2	0.017	4.250	12.31
F	0.221	2	0.111	27.75	82.46
Dp	0.008	2	0.004	1.000	2.98
Ds	0.006#	2	0.003	0.750	2.24
Pooled error#	0.014	4	0.004		
Total	0.268	12			

Table 7ANOVA analysis

Figure 9 % PC of parameters on responses (see online version for colours)



5.4 Validation of optimal result

The optimal result of GRA is experimentally validated to check and confirm optimal condition. The validation experiment is performed at optimum level of GRA as 90 m/min of cutting velocity, 0.12 mm/rev of feed rate as, 0.40 mm of primary-DOC and 0.40 mm

of secondary-DOC. The results from confirmation test is compared with initial setting and listed in Table 8 and following improvement in responses are obtained Fp = 15.34%, Fs = 17.20% and Ra = 10.14% positively.



Figure 10 SEM images at, (b) initial setting (b) optimal settings

5.5 Scanning electron microscopy analysis

Figure 10(a) shows the scanning electron microscopy (SEM) image at initial setting (V = 50 m/min, f = 0.12 mm/rev, Dp = 0.40 mm and Ds = 0.20 mm), it is seen that at low

cutting velocity frictional resistance is high therefore high heat is generated which causes the tool marks and grooves at turned surfaces. It is also observed from high response values (Fp = 78.46 N, Fs = 76.23 N and Ra = 2.07 μ m). Figure 10(b) shows the SEM image as optimal settings (V = 90 m/min, f = 0.12 mm/rev, Dp = 0.40 mm and Ds = 0.40 mm) which is considerable smoother as less particle deposition are observed. It is possible because at high velocity (90 m/min), the work surface become softer and cutting tool removes the hills and valley of the work surface and better surface quality (Ra = 1.86 μ m) and moderate cutting forces (66.42 N and 63.12 N) are observed.

	Initial sotting	Optimum results			
Response	Initial setting	Experiment	- % improvement		
	$V_1 f_1 DP_1 DS_1$	$V_3 f_1 DP_1 DS_3$			
Fp (N)	78.46	66.42	15.34%		
Fs (N)	76.23	63.12	17.20%		
Ra (µm)	2.07	1.86	10.14%		

 Table 8
 Confirmation experiment

6 Conclusions

In this work, duplex turning experiments are carried for Ti-alloy to find the cutting range for parameters and further GRA technique has been used to optimise the control factors. For this, entropy function is used to calculate the weight of responses (Fp, Fs and Ra). The results show that the maximum contribution of feed rate = 82.46% while other parameters show the contribution as 12.31%, 2.98% and 2.24% for cutting velocity, primary-DOC and secondary-DOC, respectively. It is also observed that combination of higher level of cutting velocity (90 m/min), lower feed rate (0.12 mm/rev) and primary-DOC (0.40 mm) with higher secondary-DOC (0.40 mm) is better for duplex turning of Ti-alloy within the range of selected parameters. The optimal results shows that percentage improvement in Ra = 15.34%, Fp = 17.20% and Fs = 10.14% as compared to initial settings.

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