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本套教材适用于各级各类举办高职高专教育的院校使用。希望各用书学校积极选用这批经过系统论证、严格审查、正式出版的规划教材,并组织本校教师以对事业的责任感对教材教学开展研究工作,不断推动规划教材建设工作的发展与提高。

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## 前 言

今天,从乡镇的小企业到全球的500强企业,数控技术无处不在,而且应用范围已经超出了机械制造行业。这些创新性的技术触及到制造业的方方面面,因此,从事制造业的人都必须清楚这些复杂机床的功能。在快速发展的数控技术专业领域,大量的原版英文技术资料 and 互联网提供的最新技术信息与动态,使得英语水平对于专业技术的学习和提高有着举足轻重的作用。

编者根据高等职业教育数控技术应用专业领域技能型紧缺人才的培养目标,结合专业英语的教学实践编写了本教材。学生在具备一定数控专业知识的基础上,通过大量阅读和本专业有关但文字内容相对浅显的英文文章,获得专业英语阅读理解能力和英汉转换能力,加深对数控专业知识的了解。

本书共8个单元,介绍了数控技术的基础知识、数控技术在各个方面的应用、数控车床及车削加工的基本知识、数控车床的编程技术、数控编程、数控机床操作以及机电一体化方面的知识。除此之外,书后还附有科技英语中的语法和翻译,以及一些与数控技术专业相关的阅读材料。材料选自国内外的专业书刊和大专院校教科书的部分章节,语言简明流畅,实用性较强。不仅可以使读者学习专业英语,而且可熟悉有关数控专业的词汇。在编写本书的过程中,考虑到高职学生的英语水平,我们尽可能使每篇文章的长短适量、难易适中,每篇课文后均有注释和词汇表。课文中出现的难句和语法难点,均在课后的注释中加以解释,并译为中文。为便于查阅和学习,书后还附有参考译文。

另外,我们还向读者提供一些建议,也许会有所帮助。一般来说,即使掌握了一定程度的英语,在阅读专业英语时,也会有一定的困难。所以,在阅读本书时,可先找出生词,标出词义。然后分析句子的结构,弄清全句的意思。为了便于读者学习,书后附有参考译文,仅供参考。

本书由常红梅主编、孙志学任副主编。本书由曾小珊教授主审。各单元编写的具体分工如下:第一部分的Unit 2、Unit 4、Unit 6、Unit 8、第二部分的相应参考译文、第三部分、第四部分、第六部分由常红梅编写,Unit 1、Unit 5、Unit 7及其第二部分的相应参考译文由孙志学编写,Unit 3及其第二部分的相应参考译文由王李云编写,第五部分由常红梅、孙志学共同编写,全书由常红梅负责统稿。

在编写过程中,因水平有限,不妥之处在所难免,敬请读者批评指正。

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## SECTION ONE TEXTS

### 第一部分 课文

## UNIT 1 COMPUTER NUMERICAL CONTROL OF MACHINE TOOLS

### Lesson 1 Introduction

One of the most fundamental concepts in the area of advanced manufacturing technologies is numerical control (NC). The NC concept was proposed in the late 1940s by John Parsons of Traverse City, Michigan. Numerical Control (NC) is any machining process in which the operations are executed automatically in sequences as specified by the program that contains the information for the tool movements.<sup>①</sup> In its earliest stages, NC machines were able to make straight cuts efficiently and effectively.

In 1949, the U. S. Air Force awarded Parsons a contract to develop a new type of machine tool that would be able to speed up production methods. Parsons commissioned the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M. I. T. ) to develop a practical implementation of his concept. Scientists and engineers at M. I. T. built a control system for a two-axis milling machine that used a perforated paper tape as the input media. In a short period of time, all major machine tool manufacturers were producing some machines with NC, but it was not until the late 1970s that computer-based NC became widely used. NC matured as an automation technology when inexpensive and powerful microprocessors replaced hard-wire logic-making computer-based NC systems.

When Numerical Control is performed under computer supervision, it is called Computer Numerical Control (CNC) (Fig. 1-1).

Computers are the control units of CNC machines; they are built in or linked to the machines via communications channels. When a programmer inputs some information in the program by tape

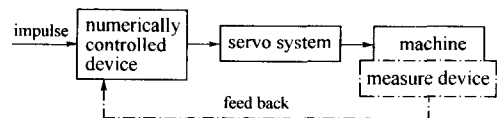


Fig. 1-1 Components of CNC

disk and so on, the computer calculates all necessary data to get the job done.

When the first Numerically Controlled (NC) machine was controlled by punched tape, and because of that, the NC systems were known as tape-controlled machines.<sup>②</sup> They were able to control a single operation entered into the machine by punched or magnetic tape. There was no possibility of editing the program on the machine. To change the program, a new tape had to be made.

Today's systems have computers to control data, they are called Computer Numerically

Controlled (CNC) machines. For both NC and CNC systems, the work principles are the same. Only the way in which the execution is controlled is different.<sup>③</sup> Normally, new systems are faster, more powerful, and more versatile.

### New Words and Phrases

numerical control (NC)	数字控制	measure device	测量装置
computer numerical control (CNC)	计算机数字控制	impulse	<i>n.</i> 脉冲
advanced manufacturing technologies	先进制造技术	milling cutter	铣刀
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	(M. I. T.) 麻省理工学院	implementation	<i>n.</i> 工具, 仪器, 执行过程
servo system	伺服系统	hard-wire	<i>n.</i> 硬线连接
		two-axis	<i>n.</i> 两坐标
		versatile	<i>adj.</i> 多方面的, 多变的, 多用途的

### Notes

- ① Numerical Control (NC) is any machining process in which the operations are executed automatically in sequences as specified by the program that contains the information for the tool movements.

数字控制是按照含有机床(刀具)运动信息程序所指定的顺序自动执行操作的加工过程。此句中包含两个定语从句, 第一个从句的先行词是 machining process, in which 引导从句 the operations are executed automatically in sequences as specified by the program that contains the information for the tool movements. 在定语从句中 that contains the information for the tool movements 作定语从句, 修饰 the program.

- ② When the first Numerically Controlled (NC) machine was controlled by punched tape, and because of that, the NC systems were known as tape-controlled machines.

第一台数控机床的数据是由穿孔纸带控制的, 因此数控系统被称为纸带控制机床。

- ③ Only the way in which the execution is controlled is different.

只是控制执行的方式不同。

此句的主干结构是 “the way is different”, “in which the execution is controlled” 作为定语从句修饰 the way.

## Lesson 2 The Types of NC Machine

Since its introduction, NC technology has found many applications, including lathes and turning centers, milling machines and machining centers, punches, electrical discharge machines (EDM), flame cutters, grinders, and testing and inspection equipment.<sup>①</sup> The most complex CNC machine tool is the turning center (Fig. 1-2). And the machining center (MC) (Fig. 1-3) (Vertical machining center, with the tool magazine on the left and the control panel on the right, which can be swiveled by the operator) and (Fig. 1-4) (Horizontal machining center, equipped with an automatic tool changer). The EDM and flame cutter are special type of NC machines (Fig. 1-5 and Fig. 1-6).

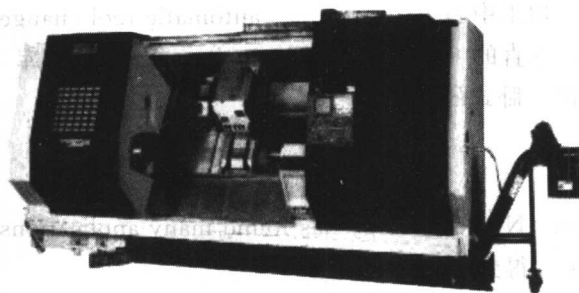


Fig. 1-2 A modern turning center

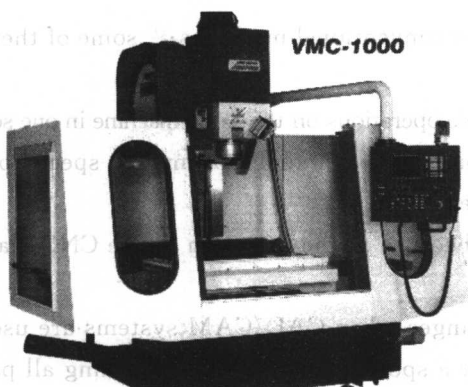


Fig. 1-3 A vertical-spindle machining center

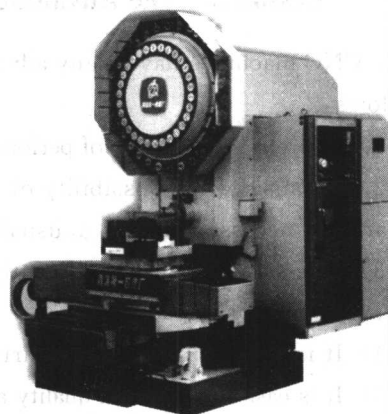


Fig. 1-4 A horizontal-spindle machining center

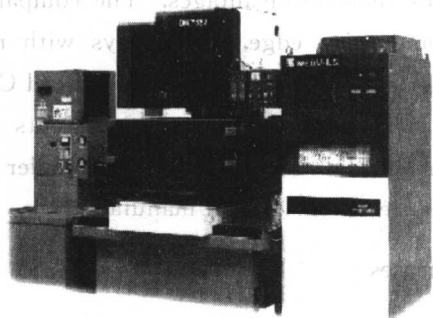


Fig. 1-5 A EDM

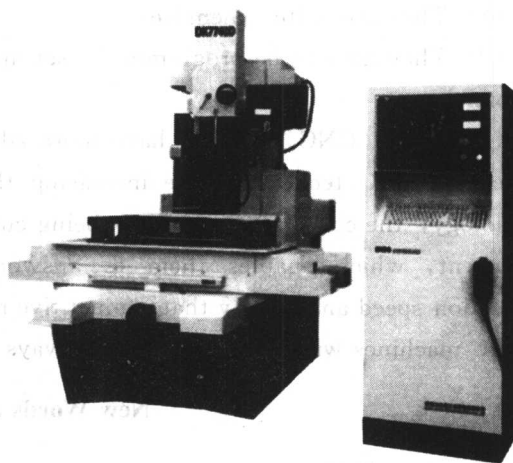


Fig. 1-6 A flame cutter machine

### New Words and Phrases

lathe *n.* 车床  
turning center *n.* 车削加工中心  
milling machine *n.* 铣床  
machining center *n.* 铣削加工中心

electrical discharge machine (EDM) *n.* 电  
火花加工机床  
flame cutter *n.* 线切割机床  
grinder *n.* 磨床

machine center (MC) 加工中心  
vertical *adj.* 立式的, 垂直的  
horizontal *adj.* 水平的, 卧式的

automatic tool changer 自动刀具交换机构  
tool magazine 刀库

### Notes

① Since its introduction, NC technology has found many applications...

数控技术自发明以来, 得到了广泛的应用……

此句中 its 指代 NC technology

## Lesson 3 The Advantages and Disadvantages of CNC Machines

1. CNC machines have many advantages over conventional machines;<sup>①</sup> some of them are as follows:

(1) There is a possibility of performing multiple operations on the same machine in one set-up;

(2) Because of the possibility of simultaneous multi-axis tool movement, special profile tools are not necessary to cut unusual part shapes;

(3) The scrap rate is significantly reduced because of the precision of the CNC machine and lesser operator impact;<sup>②</sup>

(4) It is easy to incorporate part design changes when CAD/CAM systems are used;<sup>④</sup>

(5) It is easier to perform quality assurance by a spot-check instead of checking all parts;

(6) Production is significantly increased.

2. CNC machines also have some disadvantages:

(1) They are quite expensive;

(2) They have to be programmed, set up, operated, and maintained by highly skilled personnel.

Obviously, CNC machines have more advantages than disadvantages. The companies that adopt CNC technology are increasing their competitive edge. As always with new technology, the cost per CNC unit is being cut further and more companies can afford CNC equipment, which enables them to answer the increasingly strong requirements for production speed and quality that competitive markets demand. In the future the broader use of CNC machines will be one of the best ways to enhance automation in manufacturing.

### New Words and Phrases

advantage *n.* 优点

disadvantage *n.* 缺点

perform *v.* 执行

multiple *adj.* 多个

simultaneous *adj.* 联动

conventional *adj.* 传统的

set up 安装

special profile tools 成形刀具

precision *n.* 精度

scrap *n.* 废品

CAD (computer aided design) 计算机辅助设计

CAM (computer aided manufacturing) 计算机辅助制造

maintain *v.* 维护, 护养

## Notes

- ① NC machines have many advantages over conventional machines;  
计算机数控机床和传统机床相比具有很多优点;  
over, 介词, 超过, 越过
- ② The scrap rate is significantly reduced because of the precision of the CNC machine and lesser operator impact;  
由于计算机数控机床的精度高, 受操作者影响小, 废品率明显降低。  
because of 因为, 由于……的原因
- ③ It is easy to incorporate part design changes when CAD/CAM systems are used;  
采用 CAD/CAM 系统后, 对零部件装配设计的修改就变得很容易。  
此句中 it 作形式主语, 真正的主语是 “to incorporate part design changes”。

## Lesson 4 The Construction of CNC Machines

CNC machine tools are complex assemblies. However, in general, any CNC machine tool consists of the following units:

- Computers
- Control systems
- Drive motors
- Tool magazine and changers

## 1. Computers

The computer reacts on. As with all computers, the CNC machine computer works on a binary principle using only two characters 1 and 0, for information processing precise time impulses from the circuit. There are two states, a state with voltage, 1, and a state with voltage, 0. Series of ones and zeroes are the only states in which the computer distinguishes a so-called machine language; it is the only language the computer understands. When creating the program, the programmer need not care about the machine language. He or she simply uses a list of codes and keys in the meaningful information. Special built-in software compiles the program into machine language and the machine moves the tool by its servomotors. However, the programmability of the machine is dependent on whether there is a computer in the machine's control. ① If there is a minicomputer programming, say, a radius (which is a rather simple task), the computer will calculate all the points on the tool path. On the machine without a minicomputer, this may prove to be a tedious task, since the programmer must calculate all the points of intersection on the tool path. Modern CNC machines use 32-bit processors in their computers that allow fast and accurate processing of information.

## 2. Control Systems

There are two types of control systems on NC/CNC machines: open loop (Fig. 1-7) and closed loop (Fig. 1-8). The type of control loop used determines the overall accuracy of the machine.

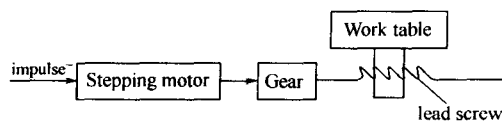


Fig. 1-7 Typical open loop control systems

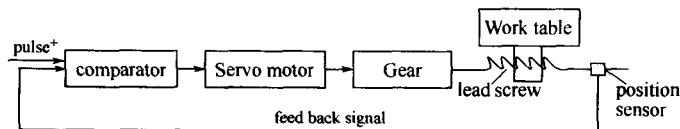


Fig. 1-8 Typical close loop control systems

The open-loop control system does not provide positioning feedback to the control unit. The movement pulses are sent out by the control unit and they are received by a special type of servomotor called a stepper motor. The number of pulses that the control unit sends to the stepper motor controls the amount of the rotation of the motor. ② The stepper motor then proceeds with the next movement command. Since this control system only counts pulses and cannot identify discrepancies in positioning, the machine will continue this inaccuracy until somebody finds the error.

The open-loop control can be used in applications in which there is no change in load conditions, such as the NC drilling machine. The advantage of the open-loop control system is that it is less expensive, since it does not require the additional hardware and electronics needed for positioning feedback. The disadvantage is the difficulty of detecting a positioning error.

In the closed-loop control system, the electronic movement pulses are sent from the control unit to the servomotor, enabling the motor to rotate with each pulse. The movements are detected and counted by a feedback device called a transducer. With each step of movement, a transducer sends a signal back to the control unit, which compares the current position of the driven axis with the programmed position. When the numbers of pulses sent and received match, the control unit starts sending out pulses for the next movement.

Closed-loop systems are very accurate. Most have an automatic compensation for error, since the feedback device indicates the error and the control unit makes the necessary adjustments to bring the slide back to the position. They use AC, DC or hydraulic servomotors.

### 3. Drive Motors

The drive motors control the machine slide movement on NC/CNC equipment. They come in four basic types: ③

- (1) Stepper motors
- (2) DC servomotors
- (3) AC servomotors
- (4) Hydraulic servomotors



Stepper motors are used in open-loop control systems, while AC, DC and hydraulic servomotors are used in closed-loop control systems.

#### 4. Tool magazine and changers

Most of the time, several different cutting tools are used to produce a part. The tools must be replaced quickly for the next machining operation. For this reason, the majority of NC/CNC machine tools are equipped with automatic tool changers, such as magazines on machining centers and turrets on turning centers.

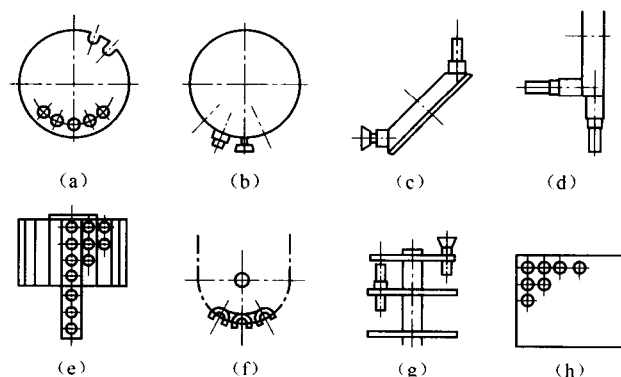


Fig. 1-9 A magazine

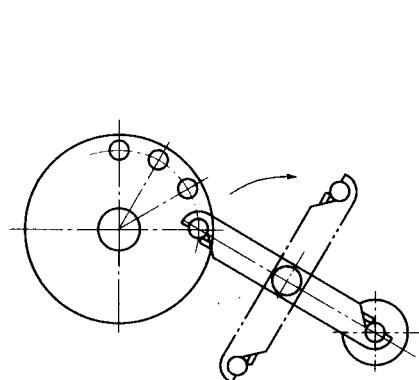


Fig. 1-10 An automatic tool changer

They allow tool changing without the intervention of the operator. Typically, an automatic tool changer grips the tool in the spindle, pulls it out, and replaces it with another tool. On most machines with automatic tool changers, the turret or magazine can rotate in either direction, forward or reverse, shown in Fig. 1-9, Fig. 1-10.

Tool changers may be equipped for either random or sequential selection. In random tool selection, there is no specific pattern of tool selection. On the machining center, when the program calls for the tool, it is automatically indexed into waiting position, where it can be retrieved by the tool-handling device. On the turning center, the turret automatically rotates, bringing the tool into position.

#### New Words and Phrases

assembly *n.* 装配, 组装件, 集合

in general 一般地

consist *v.* 包括, 组成

binary *adj.* 二进制的

impulse *n.* 脉冲

sensing *n.* 传感器

graduate *n.* 刻度

servomotor *n.* 伺服电机

tool path 刀具路径

minicomputer *n.* 微型计算机

tedious *adj.* 烦琐的

intersection *n.* 交点

processor *n.* 处理器

feed back 反馈

discrepancies *n.* 偏差

transducer *n.* 传感器

DC (direct current) 直流

AC (alternative current) 交流

open loop 开环

close loop 闭环

control system 控制系统

drive *v. & n.* 驱动, 驾驶

hydraulic servomotors	液压伺服电机, 液压马达	sequential selection	顺序选刀
automatic tool changers	自动换刀机构	stepper motor	步进电机
random selection	随机选刀	turret	n. 转塔刀架

### Notes

- ① However, the programmability of the machine is dependent on whether there is a computer in the machine's control.  
然而, 机床程序的可用性是依赖于机床控制系统中是否有计算机。  
此句中从句 “whether there is a computer in the machine's control” 作介词 on 的宾语从句。
- ② The number of pulses that the control sends to the stepper motor controls the amount of the rotation of the motor.  
控制单元发送给步进电机的脉冲数控制电机的旋转角度。  
此句中 “that the control sends to the stepper motor” 为定语从句, 修饰 “The number of pulses”。
- ③ They come in four basic types:  
它们有四种基本类型:  
come in: 归纳起来

## UNIT 2 NUMERICAL CONTROL TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

As with other expanding technologies, there is a tendency to consider numerical control as a final solution to a broad range of manufacturing problems; However, NC application in certain manufacturing situations would be highly undesirable. The appropriate application areas for NC, based on the criteria of number of parts to be produced and their complexity.

A NC machine is most efficiently used in an environment that takes advantage of the inherent flexibility of NC. The precise level of control attributed to a numerically controlled device enables it to perform complex operations often beyond the capability of a human operator. For these reasons, numerical control is best suited to relatively low volume runs of complex and varied components. However, NC can also be used to produce large numbers of complex components and/or small numbers of simple ones.

Specific application areas for numerical control range from the manufacture of knitted fabrics to the fabrication of structural members for jet air craft. ① In the following sections we presented a brief overview of some specific applications in which NC has been utilized.

### 1. Metal-Cutting Machine Tools

Numerical control was introduced and developed in the metalworking industry, and the largest concentration of NC equipment remains in metalworking shops. NC has been successfully implemented for milling, drilling, grinding, boring, punching, turning, and