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Experimental Analysis and Process Parameter Optimization of Wooden Material on Wood Router

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Abstract: The area of customize design gave rise to different machines. Wood engraving or wood router machine is one of the development which can be used to perform operations like drilling, engraving, cutting etc on materials like wood, plastics, acrylics, PCB board etc. This paper discusses the effect of variable factors like spindle speed, feed rate and thickness of material on surface roughness and surface roundness of engraved surface. To calculate roundness or circularity of engraved surface coordinate measuring machine Zeiss Contura G2 is used that has least count of 0.0019 mm. For calculating roughness surface roughness tester MITUTOYO SJ 210 is used that has least count of 0.0019 mm. It is found that machine shows 99.8% accuracy for diameter and 99.4% accuracy for height achieved.

Keywords: Wood Router; Wood Engraving; Microcontroller; ArtCam; Roughness

I. INTRODUCTION

A wood router or wood engraving machine is used to engrave customize design on surface of wood. A wood router machine is capable of performing operations such as engraving, drilling, marking, cutting etc on different materials such as wood, PCB board, plastic, acrylics etc. This machine can be classified as numerical control that has fixed program that is pre-installed program and computer numeric control which allows user to load unload and modify the program into microprocessor memory as per the requirement. CNC machines are future proof.

Based material variable factors such as spindle speed, feed rate, thickness of material, number of cutting edges, type of tool, metal removal rate, accuracy and depth to be achieved is taken into account. CNC machine consist of a control box that consists of microcontroller and drivers for motors of the machine, a teach pendant to give commands and to load unload and modify the programs into microcontrollers memory in .dxf file format. It has VFD (Variable frequency drive) which allows to either increase or decrease spindle speed and cutting and speed during the operation. Machine has four stepper motors that helps to move spindle over the bed in possible working area. For X and Z direction it has one motor each and for Y direction it has two stepper motor that causes motion over the guiding rails. Spindle is mounted on gantry type support. For X and Y direction motion it has helical type Rake and Pinion mechanism and for z direction moment its uses ball screw mechanism. For experimentation three input parameters are taken into account. Spindle speed of 6000 rpm, 12000 rpm and 18000 rpm, feed rate 0.3 mm/ min, 0.5 mm/ min and 0.7 mm/ min and thickness of plywood to be 8, 10 and 12mm.

Prashil N Patel et.al [1] Elaborates about building a three Axis CNC router machine that has three stepper motors setup. The machine is capable of performing operations like engraving, marking, cutting, drilling and milling on wooden material. It uses software that reads design in form of G-code and convert it into machine readable format which is in loaded into order now using GRBL software. Machine has a spindle that operates at 6 000 RPM speed. The machine has working area of 280 x 170 x 65 mm. Researchers found that machine gives 100% and 99.99% accuracy in depth and carving respectively.

K Bangse et.al [2] Discuss about building a small capacity CNC router machine having spindle that operates at 1200 RPM and working over area of 800 x 500 x 130 mm. This machine uses microcontroller ATMEGA 320 that allows to load unload and modify the program. CAD design file in .stl file format is sent to MACH3 software that convert it into machine readable file format and then this file is send to microcontrollers memory for further operations. This machines consists of BOB i.e; break out board to limit the possibility of feedback signal that may affect the machine. It is found that this machine shows 99.5% accuracy in X and Y direction and 96% accuracy in Z direction. This successfully claim to make an alternative machine for woods craftsmens in Bali that uses traditional way for engraving and design making on wood.

Huseyin Pelit et.al [3] Discussed about carrying experiment on wooden blocks of thermally treated wood of scotch pine estern beach and Linder wood and find relationship between influencing factor and parameter such as spindle speed, feed rate on surface roughness.

Wooden blocks were thermal treated by drying it at 0% moisture and heating them simultaneously from 170 degree Celsius, 290 degree Celsius to 210 degree Celsius after which water is spread to bring moisture in range of 4 to 6%. Experiments were carried out at spindle speed of 12000 RPM, 15000 RPM and 18000 RPM. Experiment was carried on using two different tools that is straight mill tool and spiral mill tool. It was found that spiral tool gives less surface roughness error than straight mill tool. Also claimed that with increase in spindle speed results 15% decrease of roughness error and increase in feed rate results into 21% decrease of roughness error.

II. MATERIALS AND METHOD

Experimentation setup consist of a Computer Numeric Control CNC wood router machine cutting machine which typically mounts a hand-held router as a spindle which is used for cutting various materials, such as wood, composites, aluminum, steel, plastics, glass, and foams. It can be used for engraving, cutting, reaming, marking, drilling and milling on wood acrylic and PCB materials. CNC Wood Router machine has working area of 1300 mm * 2500 mm * 800 mm within which the materials can be placed to carry out engraving operation. The system consist of spindle (3.5 KW), with spindle speed ranging from 6000 rpm to 18000 rpm. It used VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) to maintain different spindle speeds. The spindle head is supported by gantry type columns support, which allows spindle head to move over the working area. For movement in X-Axis and Y-Axis direction it uses linear bearing rails and for Z-Axis movement it uses ball bearing setup for causing movements.

CNC uses internal microprocessor DSP A11 which has memory. First of all, the component to be manufactured is designed using the opensource software(ArtCam, InkScape) which supports image processing , then G-codes are generated and sent to the microcontroller through GRBL software using serial communication which then sends the signals to the actuators which performs the required motion on the job according to point coordinates. These software also allows setting up different parameters as well as simulate the process, tool path and the exact engraved part.

After generating of the design it is transferred to machines memory through pendrive. The machine supports the .dxf file format. The design can be loaded into its memory through the teach pendant that has provision to attach pendrive directly. Once the program is loaded, materials to be used is clamped within working area of machine. Tool used during process is steel made end mill drill bit having two cutting edges with diameter 6mm.

A. Coordinate Measuring Machine

CMM or Coordinate measuring Machine is used to measure geometry of objects. Coordinate Measuring Machine called Zeiss Contura G2 was used to find roundness, height achieved. Tip of CMM consist of ball ruby probe. Sensor used here is fixed passive sensor made of ruby, it has about 20,736 position with 2.5* increments. It has ability to work over area of 1000 mm * 2100 mm * 800 mm. it shows accuracy of 0.0019mm.



Fig 1. CMM Setup

B. Surface Roughness Tester

The surface roughness tester used was MITITOYO SJ210. It has measuring range of 17.5mm. it shows accuracy of 0.0019mm and tolerance of 0.5mm. measuring speed of tester is 0.5mm/s. Checks surface for a range of 3.2 mm , forms a graph and based on that it gives an average value.



Fig 2. Surface Roughness Tester

C. Input Factor Selection

The following table shows factor and its levels.

Table 2. Input-Output Factors

SR.NO	FACTORS	LEVELS		
		LOW	MEIDIUM	HIGH
1	Spindle Speed	6000	12000	18000
2	Feed Rate	0.3	0.5	0.7
3	Thickness	8	10	12

According to the mentioned factors and levels, it has been decided to use Design of Experiment so the screening design method is selected.

Table 2. Design of experiment

Spindle Speed (RPM)	Feed Rate (mm/min)	Thickness (mm)	Roundness (Microns)	Roughness (Microns)
6000	0.3	10	8.3640	0.0581
6000	0.5	8	6.7410	0.0963
6000	0.7	12	4.7145	0.0580
12000	0.3	8	9.0995	0.0800
12000	0.5	10	6.7670	0.0668
12000	0.7	12	5.1455	0.0369
18000	0.3	12	12.2595	0.0681
18000	0.5	8	9.2130	0.0785
18000	0.7	10	5.9670	0.0346



Fig 3. S.S-18000, F.R-0.5, T-8



Fig 4. S.S-12000, F.R-0.3, T-10



Fig 5. S.S-6000, F.R-0.7, T-12

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Effect of RPM, Feed Rate and Thickness on Roundness

1) ANOVA For Roughness

Table 3. ANOVA FOR Roughness

Source	DF	Adj SS	Adj MS	F-Value	P-Value
Model	5	44.3667	8.8733	21.72	0.015
Linear	3	22.4368	7.4789	18.31	0.02
Spindle Speed	1	5.2726	5.2726	12.91	0.037
Feed Rate	1	17.1431	17.1431	41.96	0.004
Thickness	1	0	0	0	0.992
2-Way	2	1.9655	0.9828	2.41	0.238
Interactions					
Spindle Speed	1	1.413	1.413	3.46	0.16
*Feed Rate					
Feed Rate *	1	0.7271	0.7271	1.78	0.274
Thickness					
Error	3	1.2255	0.4085		
Total	8	45.5922			

Table 4. Model Summary

S	R-sq	R-sq(adj)	R-sq(pred)
0.639149	97.31%	92.83%	77.59%

Table 3 shows ANOVA for Surface Roughness. According to ANOVA Feed rate and spindle speed are significant. as p-value is less than 0.05 the factors are significant (i.e; affecting the Surface Roughness values). P-value for feed rate is 0.004 and for spindle speed is 0.037 which is the most significant. R-sq is 97.31% and R-sq(adj) is 92.83 that is more than 85%. Is is predicted that model is significant.

2) Regression Equation in Uncoded Units

$$\text{ROUGHNESS} = 0.25 + 0.000455 \text{ RPM} + 10.7 \text{ FEED RATE} + 0.730 \text{ THICKNESS}$$

$$- 0.000552 \text{ RPM*FEED RATE} - 1.46 \text{ FEED RATE*THICKNESS}$$

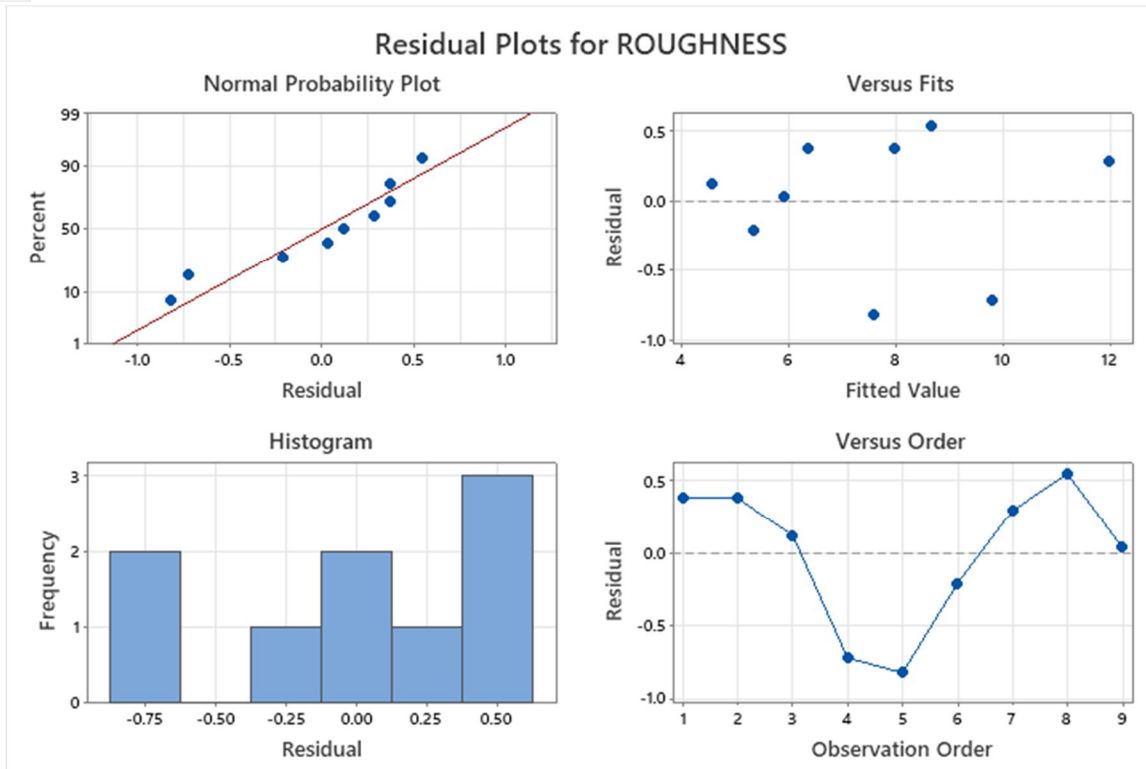


Fig 6. Residual Plots for Roughness

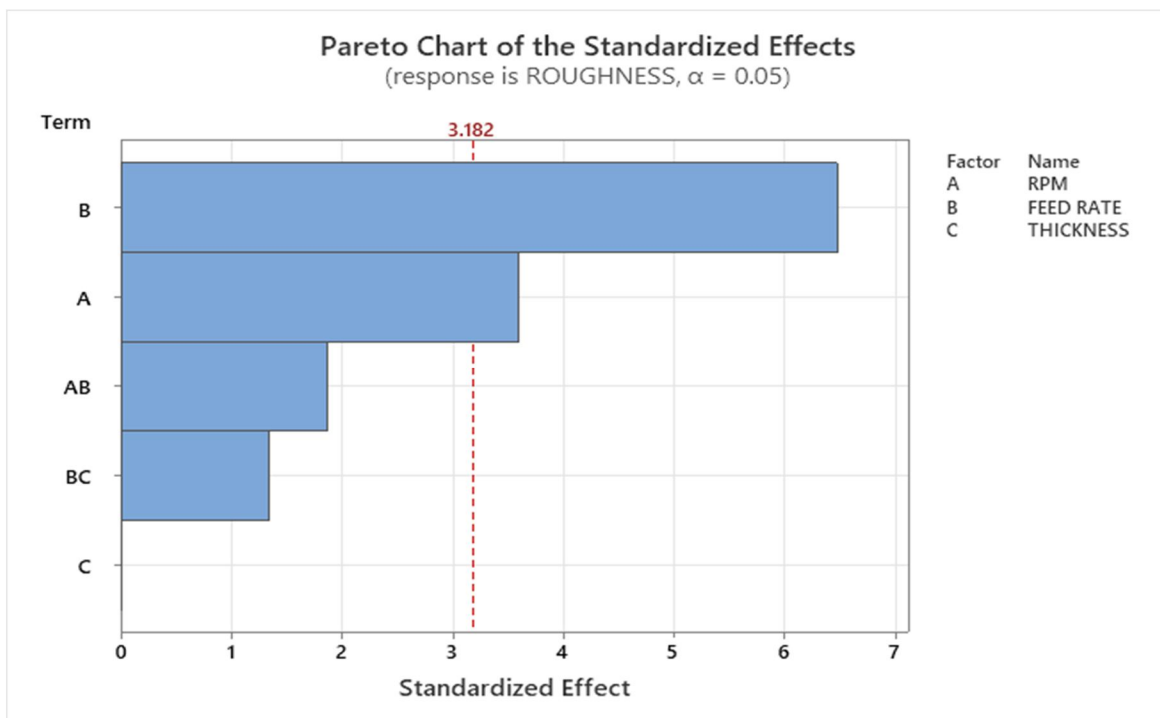


Fig 7. Pareto Chart of the standardized Effect

Figure 7 shows pareto chart for for roughness of the material. It can be observed that for better surface roughness, feed rate and spindle speed are the most affecting factor. Points on Normal Probability Graph, mostly lie close to central line which shows the model is significant. Also over Versus Fit points are evenly spread on both the sides of central line.

3) Response Table for Main for Roughness

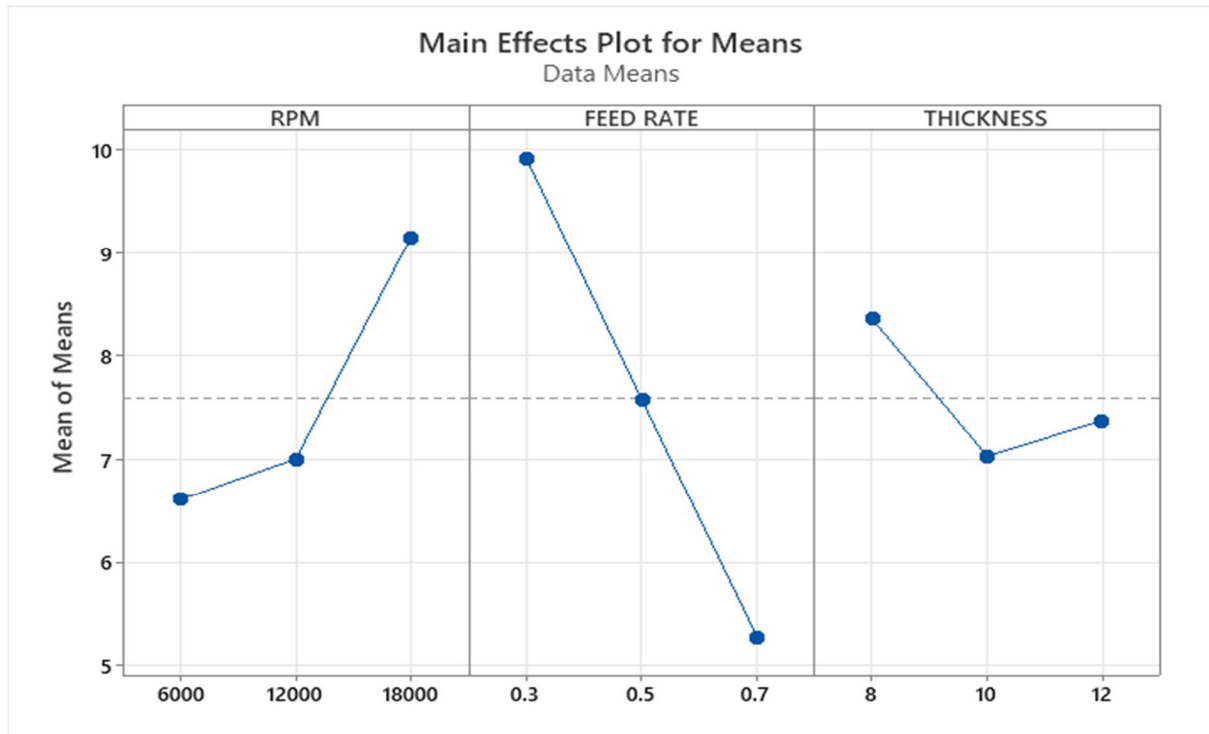


Fig 8. Main Effects Plot for Means

The main effect plot for Surface Roughness is shown in figure 8. Effect of Spindle speed is found to have direct impact on Surface Finish, whereas feed rate and depth of cut has inverse effect on surface finish. This shows that Surface Roughness increases with increase in Spindle Speed. Initially surface roughness is low at low value but gradually increases with increase in spindle speed. The Surface Roughness decreases linearly with increase in feed rate. The best Surface Roughness can be obtained at can be obtained at spindle speed of 6000 rpm at 0.3 feed rate while working on material having thickness of 8mm.

4) Interaction Plots for Roughness

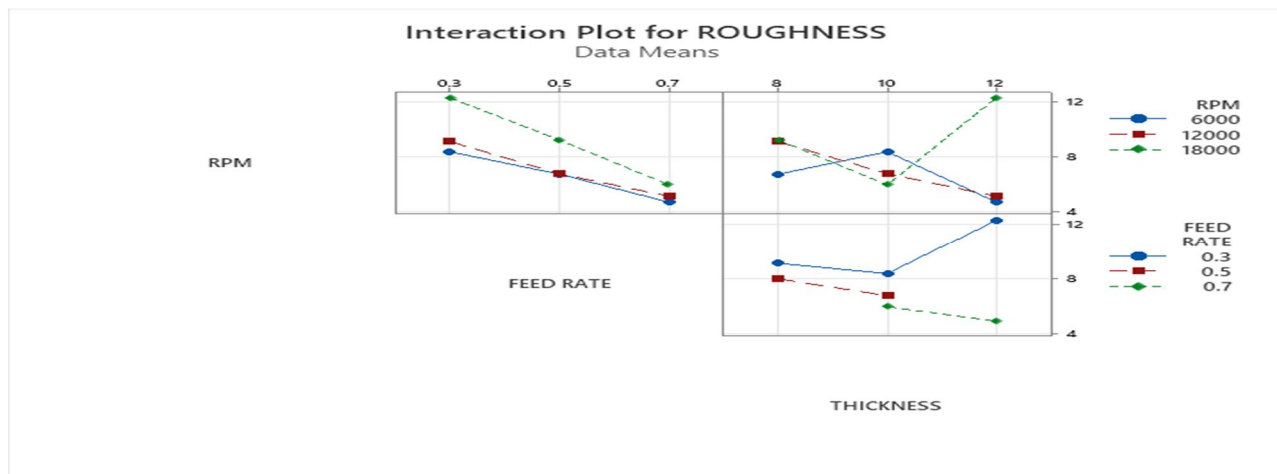


Fig 9. Interaction Plot for Roughness

Interaction of process parameters are shown in figure. It has been observed that at higher spindle speed of 18000 rpm and low feed rate of 0.3 gives good surface roughness. Also for higher feed rate of 0.5 and 0.7 surface roughness decreases with decrease in thickness of material. With higher value of spindle speed and thickness of material surface roughness decreases.

B. Effect on Spindle speed, feed rate and thickness on Roundness

1) ANOVA for Roundness

Table 5. ANOVA For Roundness

Source	DF	Adj SS	Adj MS	F-Value	P-Value
Model	6	0.004692	0.000782	12.08	0.078
Linear	3	0.004292	0.001431	22.1	0.044
SPINDLE SPEED	1	0.001535	0.001535	23.7	0.04
FEED RATE	1	0.000829	0.000829	12.8	0.05
THICKNESS	1	0.000469	0.000469	7.25	0.115
2-Way Interactions	3	0.000457	0.000152	2.35	0.312
RPM*FEED RATE	1	0.000005	0.000005	0.07	0.815
RPM*THICKNESS	1	0.000189	0.000189	2.92	0.23
FEED	1	0.000436	0.000436	6.73	0.122
RATE*THICKNESS					
Error	2	0.00013	0.000065		
Total	8	0.004821			

2) Model Summary for Roundness

Table 6. Model Summary

S	R-sq	R-sq(adj)	R-sq(pred)
0.008047	97.31%	89.26%	77.45%

Table 6 shows ANOVA analysis of Surface Roundness. According to ANOVA Feed Rate and Spindle Speed are significant. If p-value is less than 0.05 then the factors are significant (i.e; affecting the Surface Roughness values). P-value for ASed rate is 0.05 and for spindle speed is 0.04 which is the most significant. R-sq is 97.31% and R-sq(adj) is 89.26% that is more than 85%. Is can be predicted that model is significant.

3) Regression Equation in Uncoded Units

$$\text{ROUNDNESS} = -0.093 + 0.000005 \text{ RPM} + 0.343 \text{ FEED RATE} + 0.0236 \text{ THICKNESS}$$

$$0.000001 \text{ RPM*FEED RATE} - 0.000001 \text{ RPM*THICKNESS} - 0.0406 \text{ FEED RATE*THICKNESS}$$

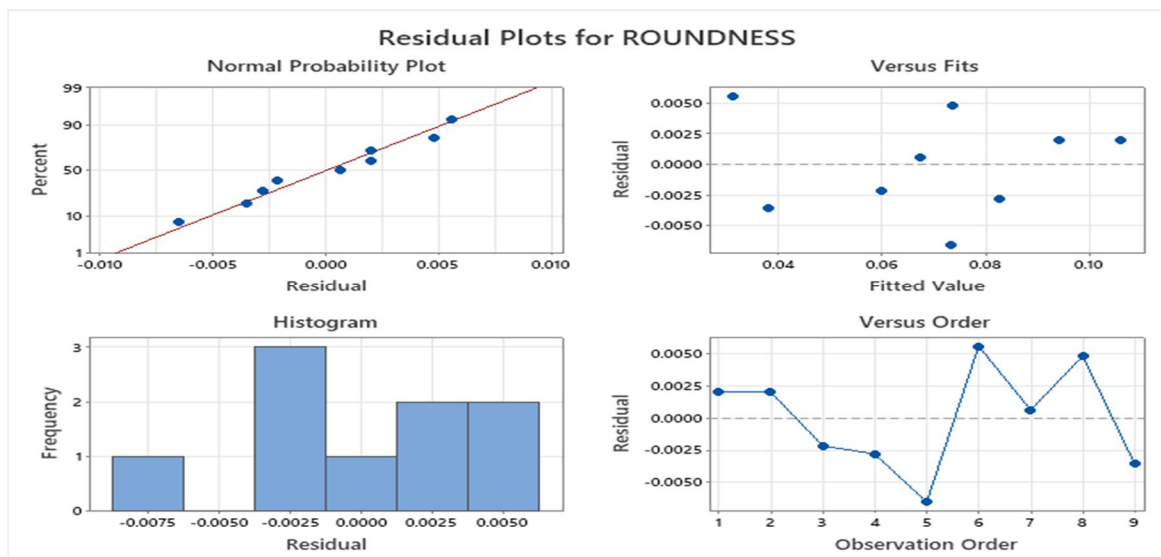


Fig 10. Residual Plots for Roughness

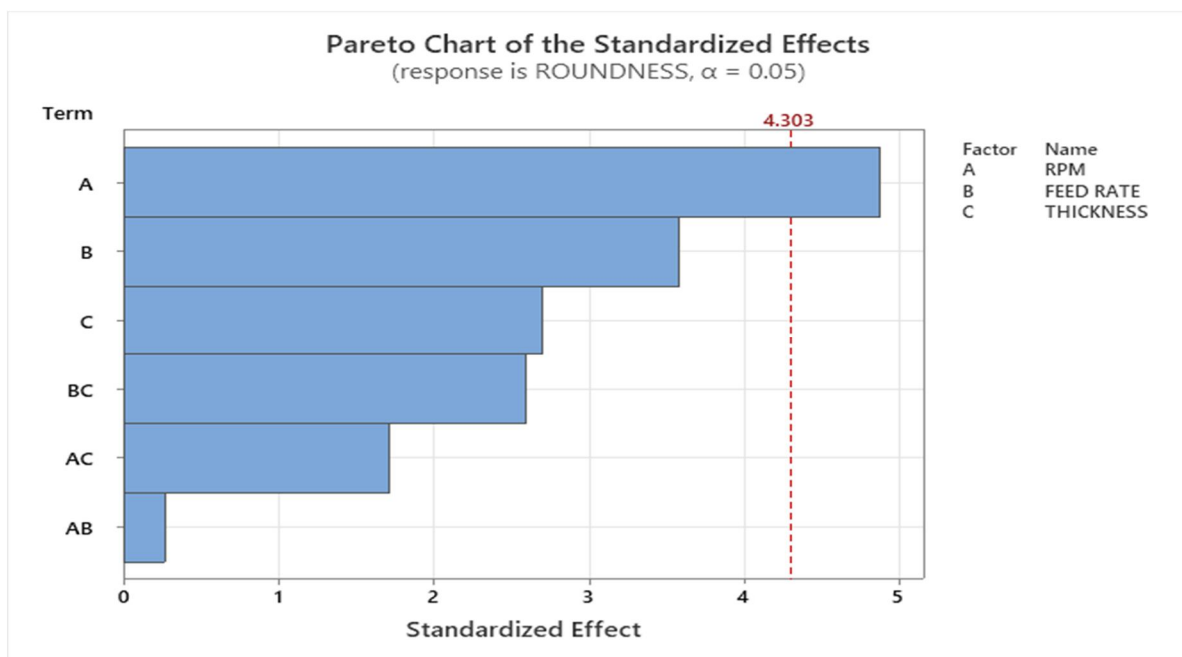


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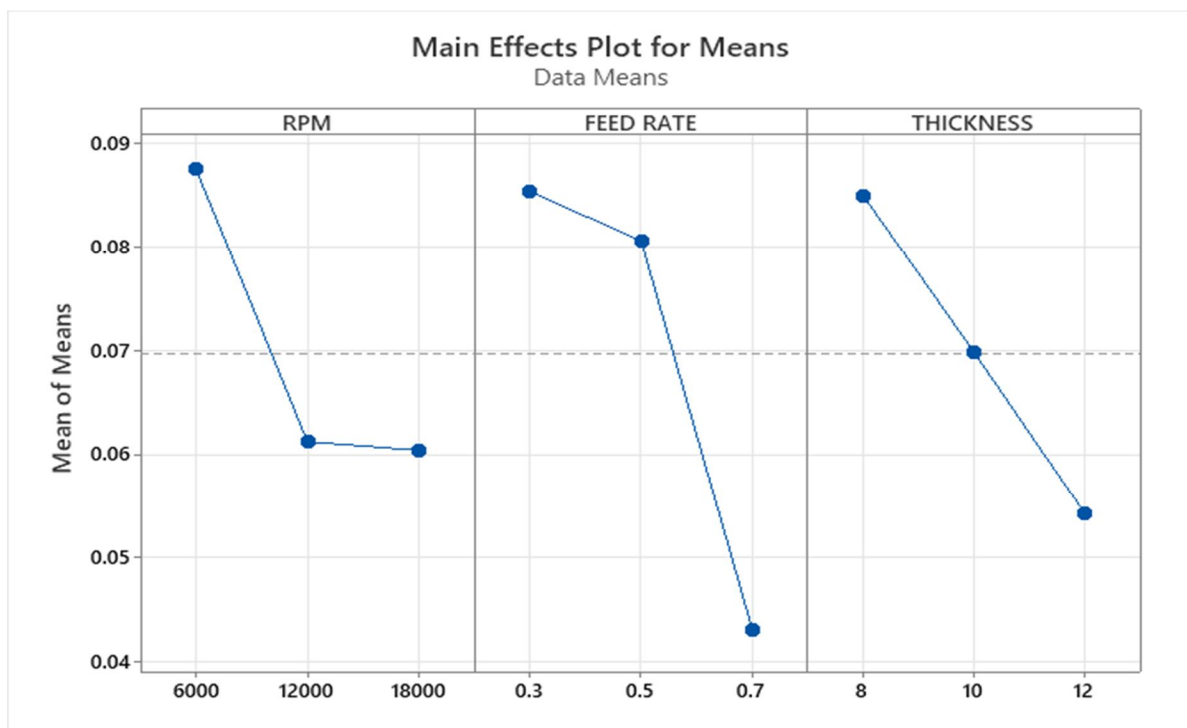


Fig 12. Main Effects Plot for Means

The main effect plot for Surface Roundness is shown in figure. This shows that Surface Roundness decreases with increase in Spindle Speed. Initially surface roundness is high at low value but gradually decreases with increase in spindle speed. The Surface Roundness decreases with increase in feed rate. The best Surface Roundness can be obtained at can be obtained at spindle speed of 6000 rpm at 0.3 feed rate while working on material having thickness of 8mm.

IV. CONCLUSION

- 1) ANOVA for roughness shows p-value for spindle speed and feed rate as 0.037 and 0.004 which is less than 0.005. it can be concluded that spindle speed and feed rate are the influencing factors that influences feed rate
- 2) It is observed that at spindle speed of 18000 rpm and feed rate of 0.3 mm we get least roughness error. At highest spindle speed and lowest feed rate gives better value of surface roughness.
- 3) ANOVA for roundness shows p-value for spindle speed as 0.004 that is significant as a result it can be concluded that spindle speed is the influencing factors that influences feed rate.
- 4) It is observed that at spindle speed of 18000 rpm and feed rate of 0.7 mm we get least roughness error.
- 5) At spindle speed of 12000 rpm and 0.7 mm feed rate we get large value of roughness and roundness error.
- 6) It is found at highest spindle speed of 18000 RPM and feed rate of 0.3 mm/min we will get best possible results.
- 7) Materials when removed in direction of particles packed gives better surface finish than that when removed against the direction of particles packed. Number of cutting edges and material of tool used influences overall surface finish of engraved part.
- 8) Accuracy for diameter and height is found to be 99.8% and 99.4% respectively as per the values calculated on CMM Machine.

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