



CNC Programming

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- •Manual [Write code directly]
- Computer-assisted [Draw cutter path]
- •CAD/CAM [Draw the part, Cutter path is generated]
- Offline programming linked to CAD programs.
- Conversational programming by the operator.
- MDI ~ Manual Data Input.
- Word-Address Coding using standard G-codes and M-codes.

Basics of NC Part Programming:

During secondary motion either the tool motion, moves relative to the workpiece or the workpiece moves relative to the tool.

In NC programming, it is always assumed that the tool moves relative to the workpiece no matter what the real situation is.

The position of the tool is described by using a **Cartesian coordinate system**. If (0,0,0) position can be described by the operator, then it is called *floating zero*.

Structure of an NC Part Program:

Commands are input into the controller in units called *blocks or statements*.

Block Format:

- 1. Fixed sequential format
- 2. Tab sequential format
- 3. Word address format

Example: Assume that a drilling operation is to be programmed as:

- 1. The tool is positioned at (25.4,12.5,0) by a rapid movement.
- 2. The tool is then advanced -10 mm in the z direction at a feed rate of 500 mm/min., with the flood coolant on
- 3. The tool is then retracted back 10 mm at the rapid feed rate, and the coolant is turned off.

Word address format

N50 G00 X25400 Y125 Z0 F0

N60 G01 Z-10000 F500 M08

N70 G00 Z0 M09

INFORMATION NEEDED by a CNC

- 1. Preparatory Information: units, incremental or absolute positioning
- 2. Coordinates: X,Y,Z, RX,RY,RZ
- 3. Machining Parameters: Feed rate and spindle speed
- 4. Coolant Control: On/Off, Flood, Mist
- 5. **Tool Control**: Tool and tool parameters
- 6. Cycle Functions: Type of action required
- 7. **Miscellaneous Control**: Spindle on/off, direction of rotation stops for part movement rotation,

This information is conveyed to the machine through a set of instructions arranged in a desired sequence – **Program**.

BLOCK FORMAT

Sample Block

N135 G01 X1.0 Y1.0 Z0.125 F5

Restrictions on CNC blocks

- Each may contain only one tool move
- Each may contain any number of non-tool move Gcodes
- Each may contain only one feedrate
- Each may contain only one specified tool or spindle speed
- The block numbers should be sequential
- Both the program start flag and the program number must be independent of all other commands (on separate lines)
- The data within a block should follow the sequence shown in the above sample block

Example CNC Program

N5 G90 G20

N10 M06 T3 N15 M03 S1250

N20 G00 X1 Y1

N25 Z0.1

N30 G01 Z-0.125 F5

N35 X3 Y2 F10

N40 G00 Z1

N45 X0 Y0

N50 M05 N55 M30 Each instruction to the machine consists of a letter followed by a number.

Each letter is associated with a specific type of action or piece of information needed by the machine.

Letters used in Codes

N,G,X,Y,Z,I,J,K,F,S,T,M

Table of Important G codes

- **G00** Rapid Transverse
- **G01** Linear Interpolation
- G02 Circular Interpolation, CW
- G03 Circular Interpolation, CCW
- G17 XY Plane, G18 XZ Plane, G19 YZ Plane
- G20/G70 Inch units
- G21/G71 Metric Units
- G40 Cutter compensation cancel
- G41 Cutter compensation left
- G42 Cutter compensation right
- G43 Tool length compensation (plus)
- G43 Tool length compensation (plus)
- G44 Tool length compensation (minus)
- G49 Tool length compensation cancel
- G80 Cancel canned cycles
- G81 Drilling cycle
- G82 Counter boring cycle
- G83 Deep hole drilling cycle
- G90 Absolute positioning
- **G91** Incremental positioning

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Table of Important M codes M00 Program stop M01 Optional program stop M02 Program end M03 Spindle on clockwise M04 Spindle on counterclockwise M05 Spindle stop M06 Tool change M08 Coolant on M09 Coolant off ☐ M10 Clamps on ☐ M11 Clamps off M30 Program stop, reset to start

N Codes

Gives an identifying number for each block of information.

It is generally good practice to increment each block number by 5 or 10 to allow additional blocks to be inserted if future changes are required.

X,Y, and Z Codes

X, Y, and Z codes are used to specify the coordinate axis.

Number following the code defines the coordinate at the end of the move relative to an incremental or absolute reference point.

I,J, and K Codes

I, J, and K codes are used to specify the coordinate axis when defining the center of a circle. Number following the code defines the respective coordinate for the center of the circle.

F-code: used to specify the feed rate

S-code: used to specify the spindle speed

T-code: used to specify the tool identification number associated with the tool to be used in

subsequent operations.

Part program: A computer program to specify.

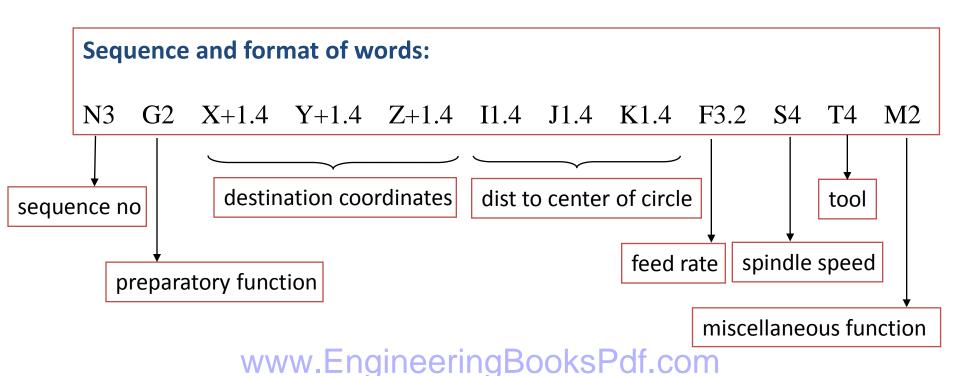
- Which tool should be loaded on the machine spindle;
- What are the cutting conditions (speed, feed, coolant ON/OFF etc)
- The start point and end point of a motion segment
- How to move the tool with respect to the machine.

Standard Part programming language: RS 274-D (Gerber, GN-code)

The RS274-D is a word address format

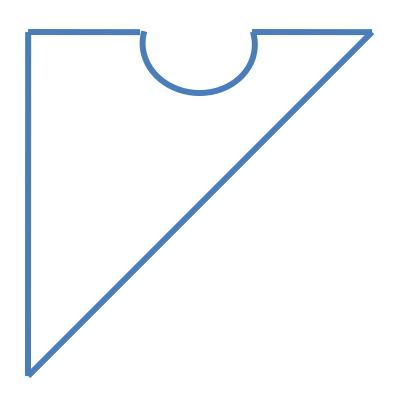
Each line of program == 1 **block**

Each block is composed of several instructions, or (words)



Manual Part Programming Example

Write a G-code program for the part shown below



N010 G70 G90 G94 G97 M04

N020 **G17 G75 F**6.0 **S**300 **T**1001 **M08**

N030 **G01** X3.875 Y3.698

N040 **G01** X3.875 Y9.125

N050 **G01** X5.634 Y9.125

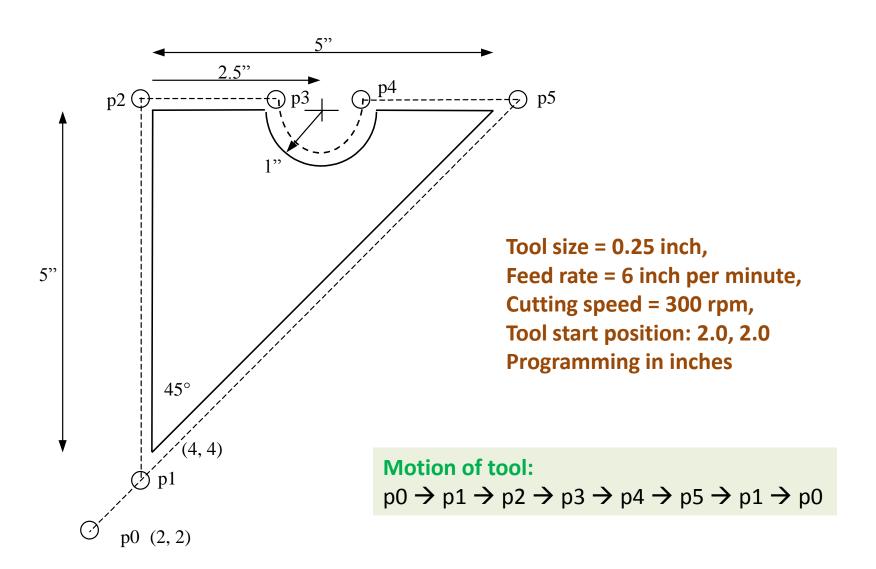
N060 **G03** X7.366 Y9.125 I6.5 J9.0

N070 **G01** X9.302

N080 **G01** X3.875 Y3.698

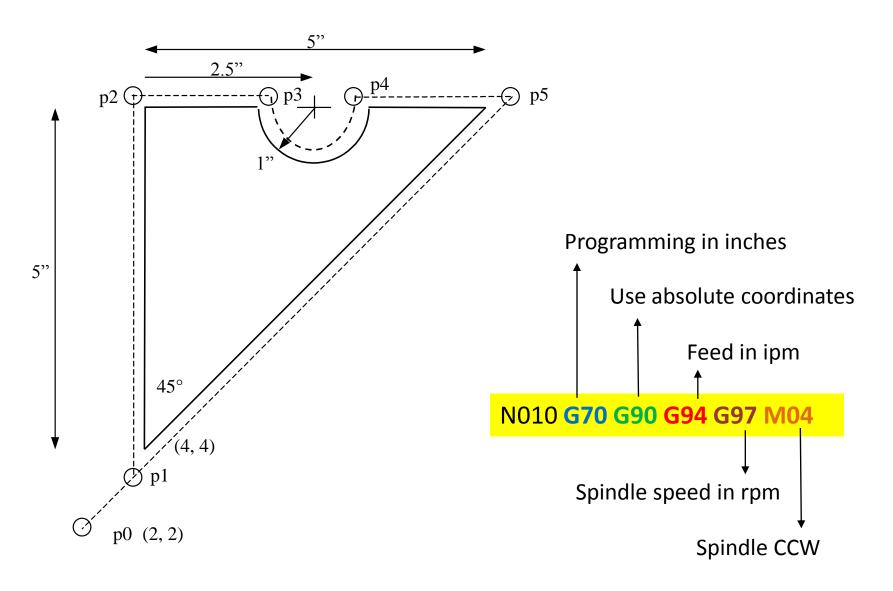
N090 **G01** X2.0 Y2.0 **M30**

N100 M00



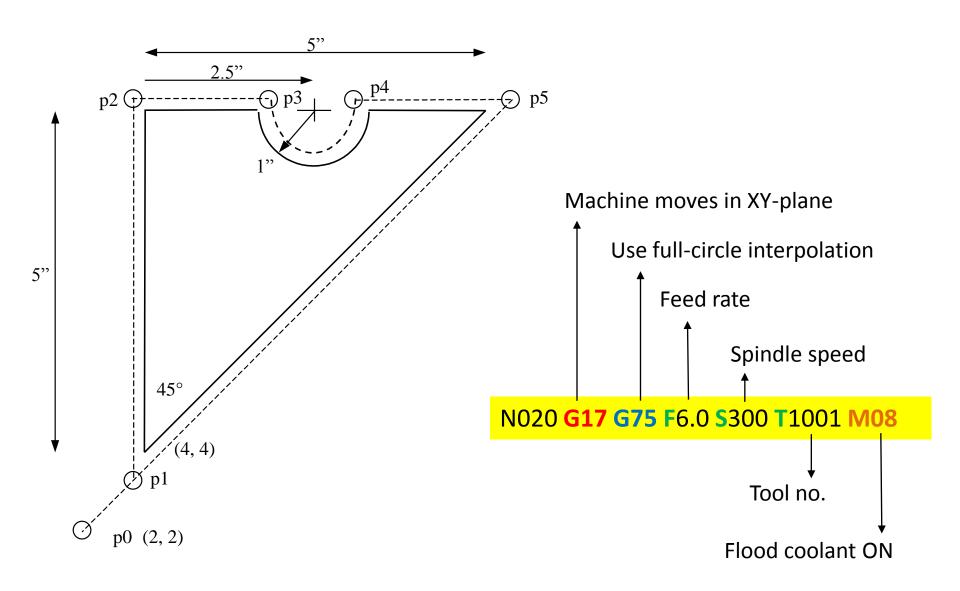
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1. Set up the programming parameters



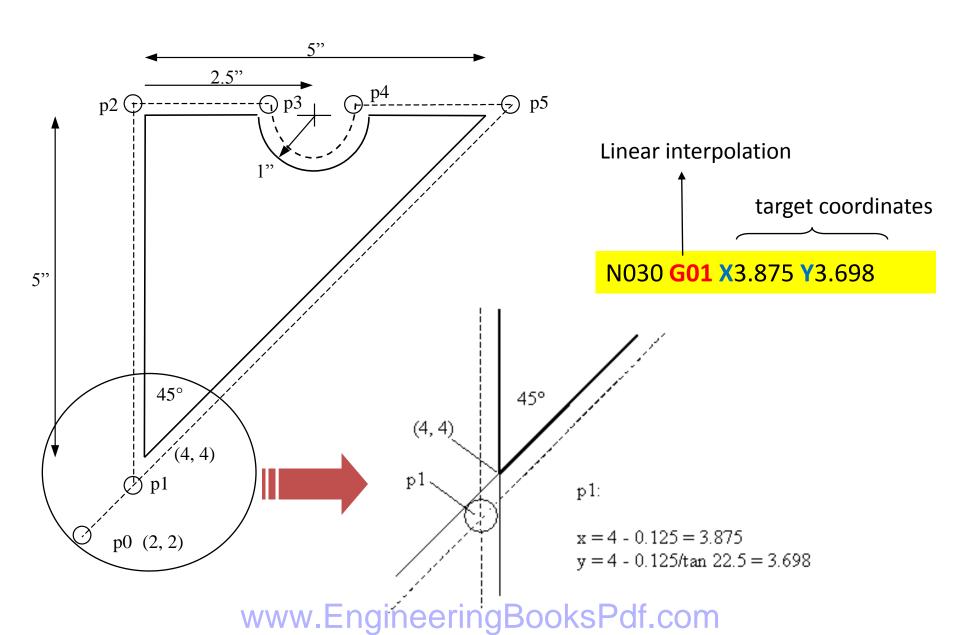
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2. Set up the machining conditions

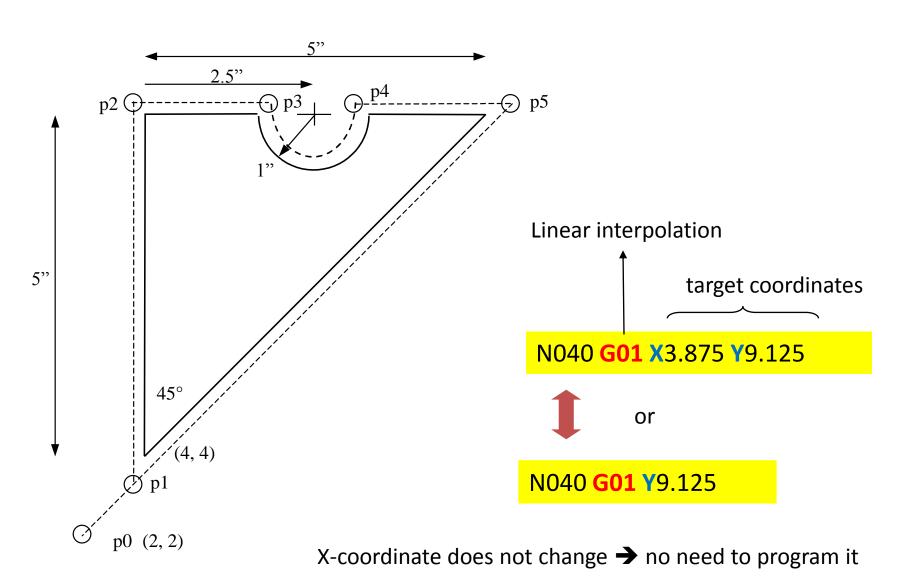


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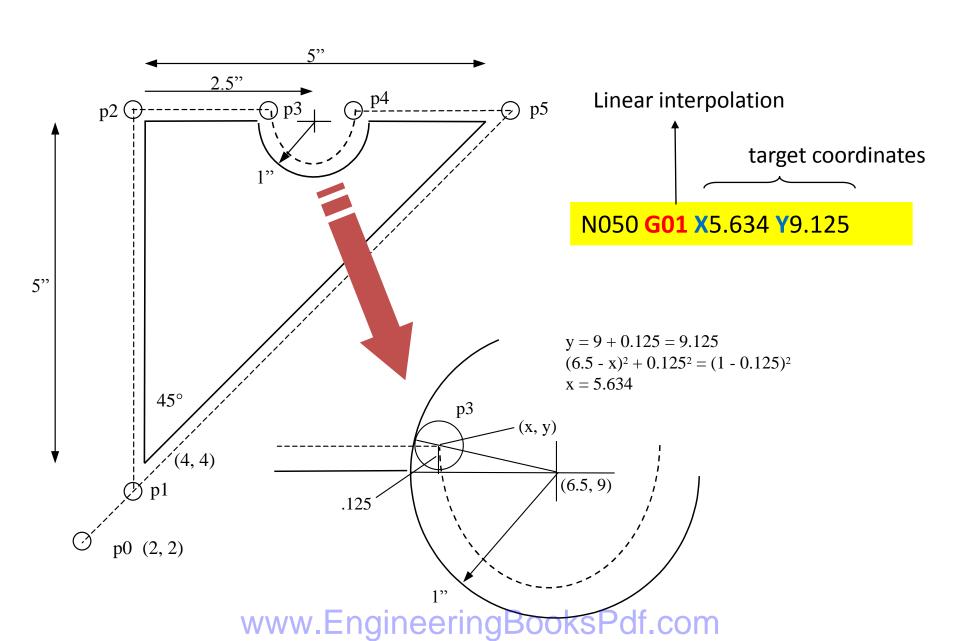
3. Move tool from p0 to p1 in straight line



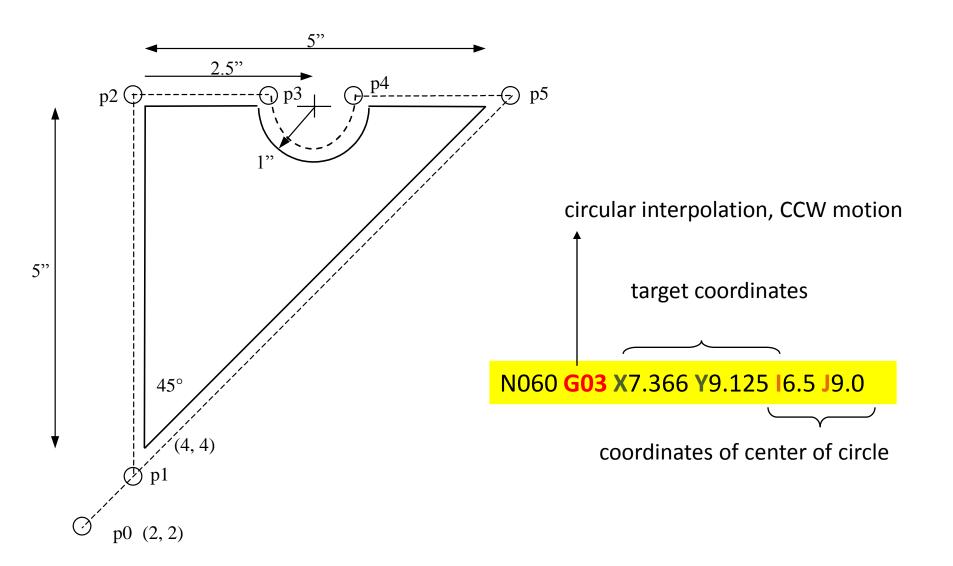
4. Cut profile from p1 to p2



5. Cut profile from p2 to p3

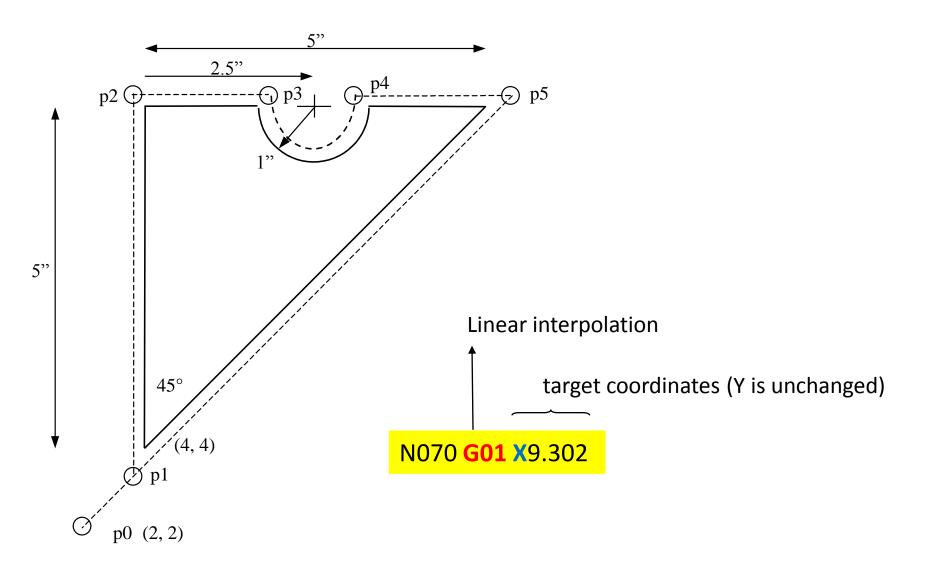


6. Cut along circle from p3 to p4



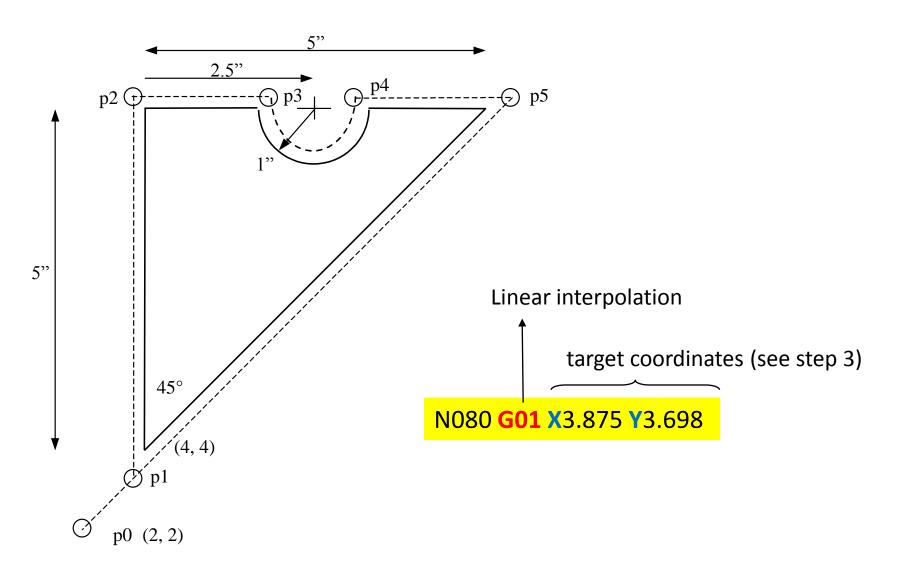
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7. Cut from p4 to p5



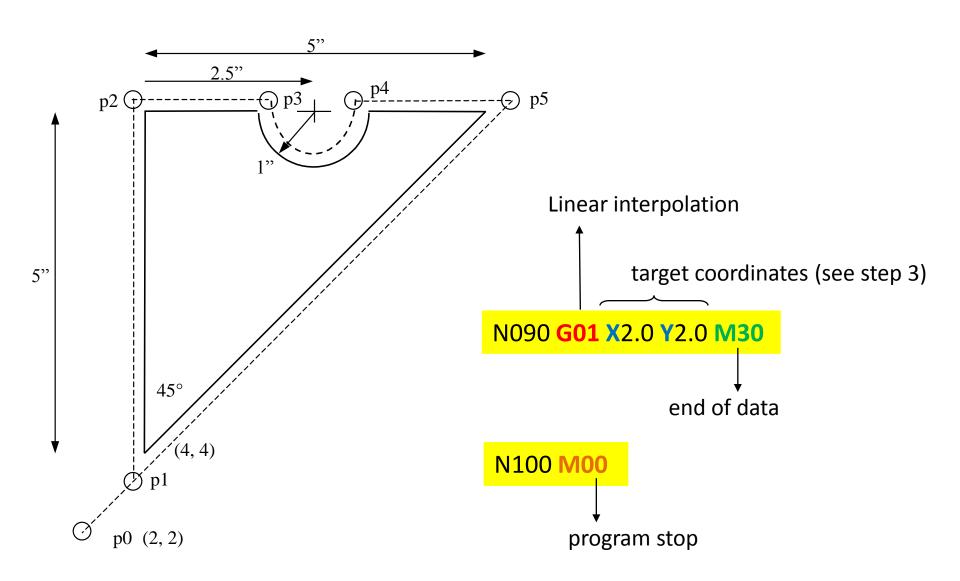
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8. Cut from p5 to p1



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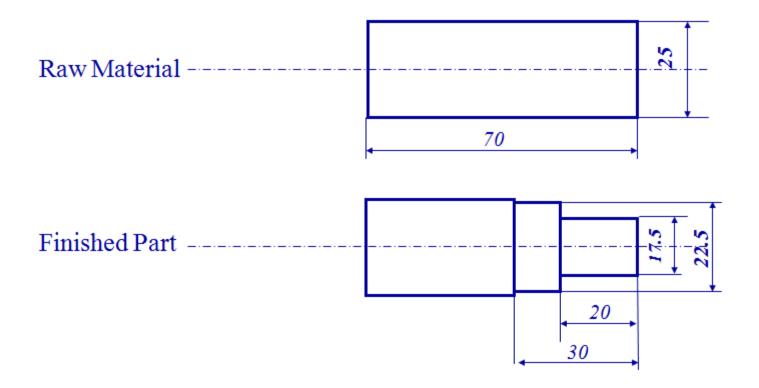
9. Return to home position, stop program



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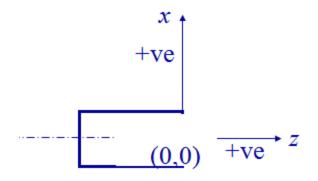
CNC Programming Example [2]

Cylindrical Part



N0005 G53 N0010 T0404

N0020 G57 G00 X26.0 Z0.0 S500 M04



To cancel any previous working zero point

N0010 Sequence number

T0404 Select tool number 404

G57 To set the working zero point as saved

G00 Rapid movement (no cutting)

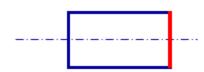
X26.0 X location (as a diameter; 13 form zero)

Z0.0 Z location

S500 Spindle speed is 500 rpm

M04 Rotate spindle counterclockwise

N0030 G01 X-0.20 F100



N0040 G00 Z2.0

N0050 X50.0 Z50.0

N0060 T0404

G01 Linear interpolation (cutting)

X-0.20 Move only in x direction until you pass the center by 0.1 mm (facing)

F100 Set feed rate to 100 mm/min.

G00 Move rapidly away from work piece (no cutting)

Z2.0 the movement is 2 mm away from the face.

Go to a safe location away from the workpiece [x = 50]

(25 from zero), z = 50] to change the tool.

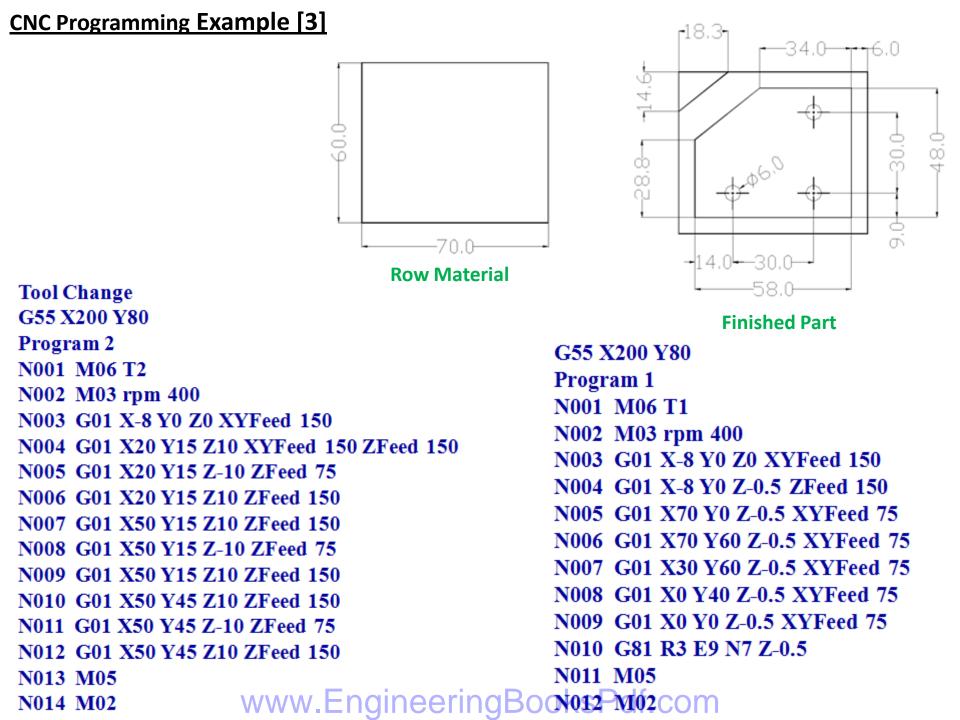
T0404 Select tool number 404

N0070 G57 G00 X22.50 Z2.0 S500 **G57 PS0 G00** Rapid movement (no cutting) X22.50 X location (as a diameter; 11.25 form zero) Z2.0 Z location S500 Spindle speed is 500 rpm N0080 G01 Z-30.0 F100 **G01** Linear interpolation (cutting) **Z-30 Move only in z direction (external turning)** F100 Set feed rate to 100 mm/min. N0090 G00 X23.0 Z2.0 S500 G00 Move rapidly away from work piece (no cutting) to location x = 23.0(11.50 from zero) and z = 2.0.N0100 G84 X17.5 Z-20.0 D0=200 D2=200 D3=650 **G84 Turning cycle for machining the step** X17.5 final diameter Z-20 length of step is 20 mm D0=200 Finish allowance in X direction (0.2 mm) D2=200 Finish allowance in Z direction (0.2 mm)D3=650 Depth of cut in each pass (0.65 mm) N0110 G00 Z2.0 G00 Move rapidly away from workpiece (no cutting) **Z2.0** the movement is 2 mm away from the face. N0120 X50.0 Z50.0 **X50.0 Z50.0 Move to the tool changing location**

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M30 Program End

N0130 M30



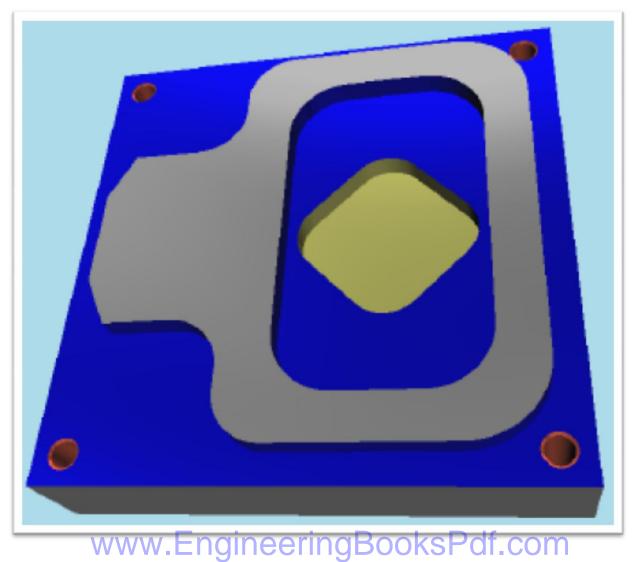
Flow of Computer-Aided CNC Processing

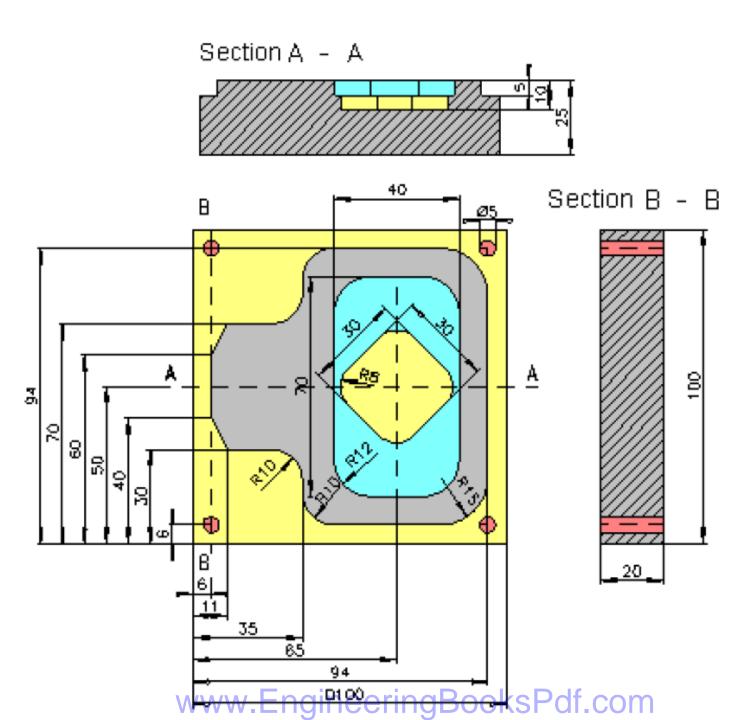
- Develop or obtain the 3D geometric model of the part, using CAD.
- Decide which machining operations and cutter-path directions are required (computer assisted).
- Choose the tooling required (computer assisted).
- •Run CAM software to generate the CNC part program.
- Verify and edit program.
- Download the part program to the appropriate machine.
- •Verify the program on the actual machine and edit if necessary.
- •Run the program and produce the part.



Exercise CNC Milling Programming: Contact plate

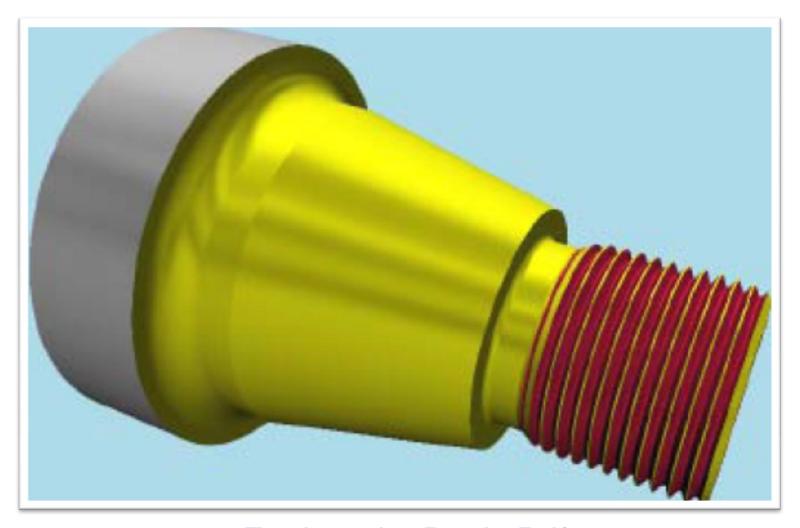
The contact plate on the drawing is to be produced on a CNC vertical milling machine from a blank of AlMg1 dimensioned $100 \times 100 \times 25$ mm. Prepare, test and correct the manufacturing process with the MasterCAM CNC Milling Simulator. Define the workpart zero, work out the process layout, set-up form and NC program.



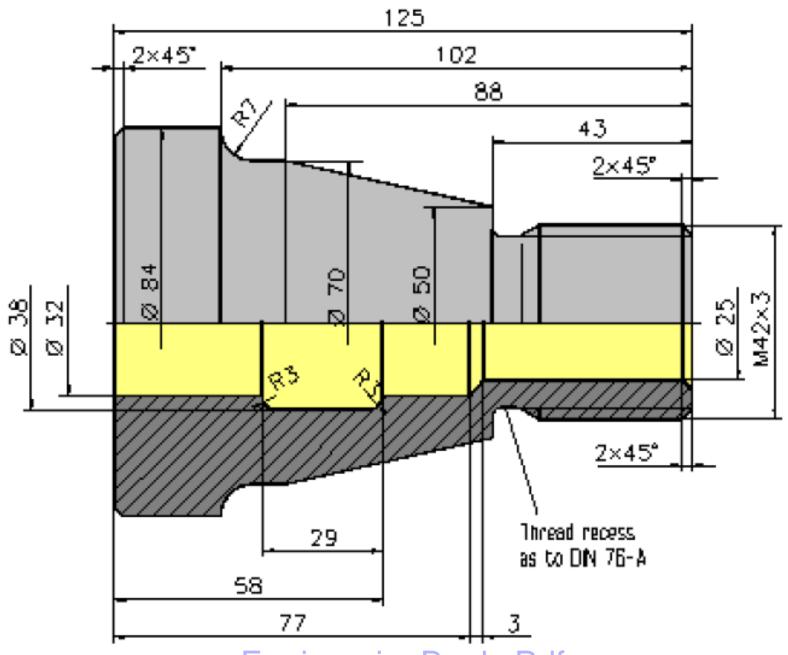


Exercise CNC Turning Programming: Drill sleeve

The drill sleeve is to be produced on a CNC lathe as to the drawing from a blank made of AlMg1 dimensioned \emptyset 90 x 128 mm. The manufacturing process is to be prepared with the MasterCAM CNC Simulator including all planning documentation. Use the compound fixed cycle G71. Test, correct and print the NC program.



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