

# Formation of Engineering Capability Matrix of Production Procedure

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## ABSTRACT

This article is devoted to the issue of formation of engineering capability matrices of production procedure using intelligent system of process development based on decomposition of procedure design to elementary level. Insufficient information at the stage of preproduction significantly increases the risk of adoption of inefficient decision with considerable increase in time consumption for management. Production procedure depends both on numerous factors of production and on those described by typical elements and links (informational, spatial, time related) of process procedure. The engineering capability matrix of production process is developed on the basis of decomposition of production procedure to seven levels of description.

**Key words :** artificial intelligence, production procedure, capability matrix, production process.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Intelligent system of metal-forming processes was analyzed in [1, 2], which made it possible to conclude that the main tasks of processing strategy for technologist were such components of design system as processing machine, accessory, and cutting tool. Correct selection of each component of design system influences the processing quality of piece and competitiveness of production with consideration for subjective and rational selection at each design step. The methods of object-oriented approach to formalized solution to processing strategy are described in [3, 4].

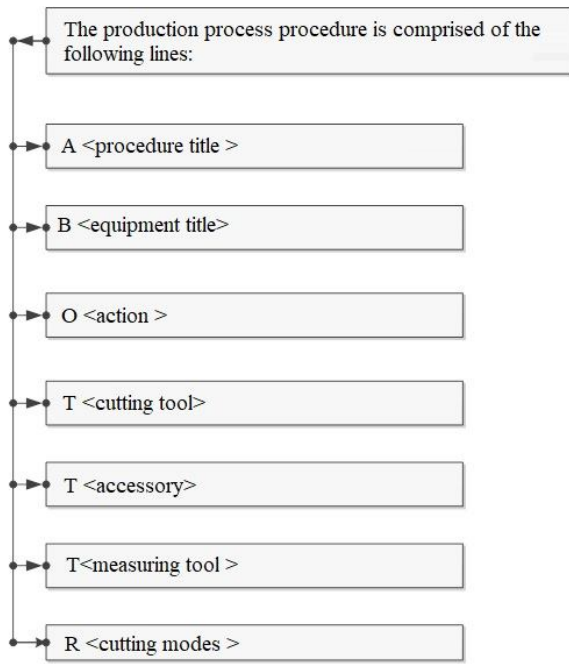
While generating matrices of engineering capabilities of production process procedure, each component of decision making is considered as separate system with its properties, input and output parameters aiming at detection of common properties and development of functional models of engineering capabilities during decision making [5, 6]. It is proposed [7] to consider designed product in terms of variations of production processes. With this aim, it was proposed [8] to present information about workpiece by its design properties, which allowed to develop integrally matrices of engineering capabilities of production process procedure in intelligent system of development of production processes on the basis of decomposition of procedure designing to elemental level.

## 2. METHODS

Generally, numerous orders are processed at the place of production, which exerts different effect on load of equipment and, finally, on total cost of production. In order to adopt automated engineering solution at the level of procedure, the possibility to present it in the form of matrices is required, which are described by typical elements and their interlinks (informational, spatial, time related). Thus, it is necessary to select alternative decisions on the basis of consideration of several indices. The structure of engineering procedures is predetermined at the stage of engineering preproduction by ranking in terms of integral indices. For exact determination of equipment–piece properties, for selection of structure of engineering procedures, the methods are developed on the basis of matrix approach. Engineering equipment for process description is systematized by main properties of production process. The same is carried out for a piece. This is required for efficiency and completeness of data for all possible variants of implementation of engineering procedure. Design technology is also analyzed for prediction of final performances. The most labor consuming procedure is prediction of all quantitative properties of engineering procedure for each designed variant. Such quantitative properties include engineering transitions, system of criteria for selection of the most optimum structure of engineering procedures with consideration for total expenses. Engineering procedure is comprised of numerous constituents, each of them performs definite function. Such interdependence of the functions is structured on the basis of hierarchical levels (Fig. 2). In our case, in the development of matrix of procedure engineering capabilities, a structural element is the finalized process executed in a simple cell of organization structure and embedded technology, which is presented as a system of predictions.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the frames of existing approach to automated design of mechanical processing, the  $i$ -th procedure of production process (Fig. 1) is generated by the sequence of selection of specification lines from database of automated system in strict order defined by Unified system for technological documentation. While generating matrices of procedure engineering capabilities, let us analyze the lines of the  $i$ -th production process procedure aiming at decomposition of process and system of further predictions [9].

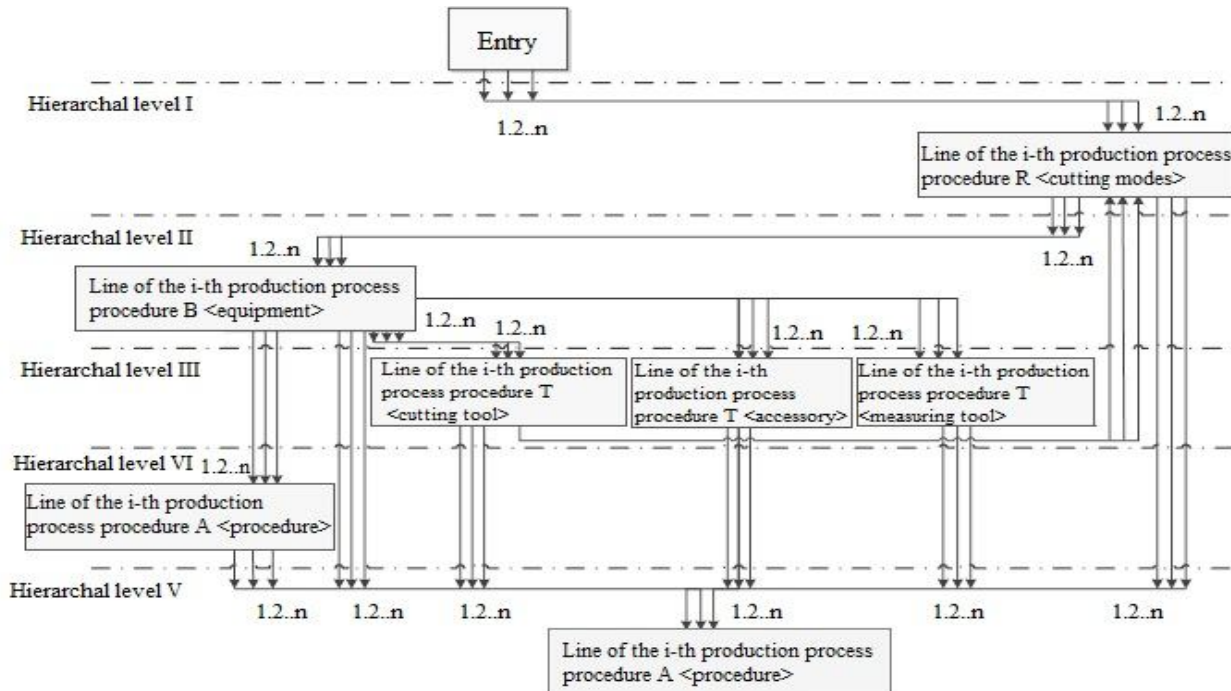


**Figure 1:** The *i*-th production process procedure.

Line A <procedure title> is generated by selection from databases of automated system;  
 Line B <equipment title > is generated by selection from databases of automated system;  
 Line O <action > is formed by heuristic activity of technologist;  
 Line T <cutting tool > is generated by selection from databases of automated system;

Line T <accessory> is generated by selection from databases of automated system;  
 Line T <measuring tool> is generated by selection from databases of automated system;  
 Line R <cutting modes> is formed by computation of cutting modes the main constituents of which are stored in databases of automated system.  
 The lines of route and process technology are generated from databases of automated system of process development. In intelligent system of process development, each line of route and process technology is presented by individual functional module which contains elementary tables of databases and functional dependences in the form of rules combining these tables into single structure. Operation of intelligent system requires for development of rules and base of precedents, which are functional dependences of adoption of engineering solutions under actual production conditions. The base of precedents stores templates of engineering solutions on processing certain design element and includes the stages of generation of engineering solution.

The stages of formation of technological solution, generated by thinking of technologist nearly automatically on the basis of his experience and knowledge for creation of intelligent system of process development, are multivariant and multilevel task (Fig. 2) with numerous variables both for entry into the system and logout, as well as interaction in the system [5].



**Figure 2:** Information flows of clusters of the *i*-th procedure of production process.

In order to form optimum structure of route and process

technology, the matrices (Tables 1, 2) of initial data and

restrictions of engineering capabilities of production process procedure are developed. The matrix lines reflect hierarchy of levels of production process, and the columns contain information about the properties determining conditions of

obtaining required precision of mechanical processing, that is, restrictions to meet these requirements stipulated by material and technical support of production.

**Table 1:** Matrix of initial data of production process procedure

	Requirements preset by drawing (piece)	Characteristic of production object (what piece?)	Conditions of production design elements (piece complexity)	Properties of processing method (how to process?)	Tools of processing (how to process?)	Number of restrictions (what will be affected by the selection?)
<b>TP</b>	workpiece type	piece material, workpiece type				Batch processing time, electric power, time of order fulfillment
<b>OP</b>		output volume, material hardness	number of DE	Machine type (center, milling, drilling machine, etc.)	MCS	Processing time
<b>UST</b>		number of processed piece sides	piece complexity	CT (cutting tools)	fastening tools	Time pf piece refastening
<b>POZ</b>			number of processed piece sides	equipment capabilities (3-, 4-, 5-axis machine)	additional CT tools	Processing time, set-up time, output volume
<b>PER</b>			number of CT in assembly	CT	CT tools, tool type	Set-up time
<b>RKh</b>		precision, roughness	CT replacement	processing type	CT	Processing time

**Table 2:** Matrix of restrictions of production process procedure

	Requirements preset by drawing (piece)	Characteristic of production object (what piece?)	Conditions of production design elements (piece complexity)	Properties of processing method (how to process?)	Tools of processing (how to process?)	Number of restrictions (what will be effected by the selection?)
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In final form, production process is presented as follows:

$$PP = \sum_{i=1}^n O_i, \quad (1)$$

where  $O_i$  is the procedure of production process.

The optimum route and procedure technology are formed step by step. At the first step, initial matrix of alternative variants of engineering capabilities of production process procedure is formed. At the second step of planning and preparation of production, the matrix of alternative variants of engineering capabilities of production process procedure is exposed to restrictions by production process. At the third step, optimum structure of route and process technology is selected with consideration for expenses

#### 4. SUMMARY

The matrices of initial data and restrictions of engineering capabilities of production process procedure in intelligent system of production process development make it possible to obtain optimum structure of piece processing.

#### 5. CONCLUSION

This article has described methodology of formation of matrix of initial data and restrictions of engineering capabilities of production process procedure in intelligent system of production process development. Mechanical processing procedure is decomposed to seven levels, the properties of obtaining required precision are analyzed during mechanical processing with consideration for restrictions by material and technical support of production.

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