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A Hierarchical Expert System for Process Planning and
Material Selection

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ABSTRACT

Process planning(selection and ordering of processes) and material selection for product manufacturing are two key things determined before taking full-scale manufacturing. Knowledge on product design, material characteristics, processes, time and cost all-together are mutually related and should be considered concurrently. Due to the complexity of problem, human experts have got only one of the feasible solutions with their field knowledge and experiences.

We proposed a hierarchical expert system framework of knowledge representation and reasoning in order to overcome the complexity. Manufacturing processes have inherently hierarchical relationships, from top level processes to bottom level operation processes. Process plan of one level is posted in process blackboard and used for lower level process planning. Process information on blackboard are also used to readjust the process plan in order to resolve the dead-end or inconsistency situation during reasoning.

Decision variables for process, material, tool, time and cost are represented as object frames, and their relationships are represented as constraints and rules. Constraints are for relationship among variables such as compatibility, numerical inequality etc. Rules are for causal relationships among variables to reflect human expert's knowledge such as process precedencies. CRSP(Constraint and Rule Satisfaction Problem) approach is adopted in order to obtain solution to satisfy both constraints and rules. The trade-off procedure gives user chances to see the impact of change of important variables such as material, cost, time and helps to determine the preferred solution. We are developing the prototype system using visual C++ MFC, UNIK, and UNIK-CRSP on PC.

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 (Zhang and Wright, 1989;

Prabhu 1992; Beiter et al. 1993; Dong et al. 1996; Younis and Wahab, 1997).

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 (CRSP: Constraint and Rule Satisfaction Problem) (Lee et al. 1997)

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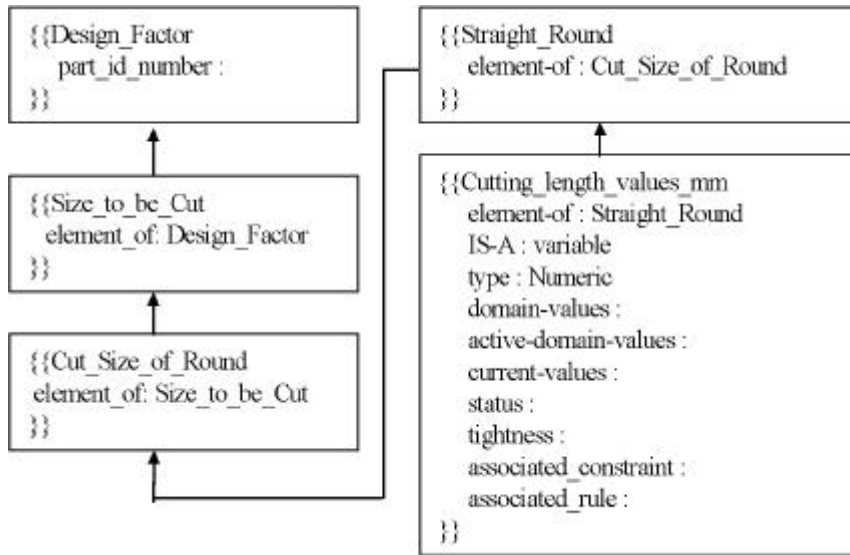
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(Preparation, Machining, Finishing)

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Milling

NC-Machining

Machining

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{{Precedence-Rule24
  IF (AND (IS Cutting_TF TRUE)
          (IS Cutting_Shape (flat_surface curved_surface inside_surface
                             outside_surface hole irregular_surface_type slot
                             hollow_type... ))
          (IS Finish_Assignment (electroplating chromating
                                  phosphating anodizing ...))
          (IS Metallic_Comp TRUE))
  THEN (IS Process_Precedence (Preparation Machining Finishing))
}}

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{{ Precedence-Rule-12
  IF (AND (< Surface_Roughness_of_Machined 250)
         (>= Surface_Roughness_of_Machined 32)
         (< Tolerance_of_Machined 0.050)
         (>= Tolerance_of_Machined 0.015)
         (<= RM_Hardness_High_HrC 32)
         (IS Part_Shape (Cylinder Block Irregular_Form)
         (IS Cutting_Shape (flat_surface curved_surface))
  THEN (IS Machining_Process (Milling NC_Machining))
}}

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2.3

(constraint) (compatibility, inequality, functional assignment, mandatory equality) (inequality) ()가 ()

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{{Constraint1
  IS-A : constraint
  type : algebraic_inequality
  associated_variables : Tensile_Strength RM_Tensile_Strength
  relation : Tensile_Strength <= RM_Tensile_Strength
}}

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(functional assignment)
가 . [5] milling tooling
(milling_tool_cost) . 가
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{{Constraint_136
  IS-A : constraint
  type : functional_assignment
  dependent_variable : milling_tooling_cost
  independent_variables : milling_tool_cost jig_fixture_cost
  relation : milling_tooling_cost = milling_tool_cost + jig_fixture_cost
}}
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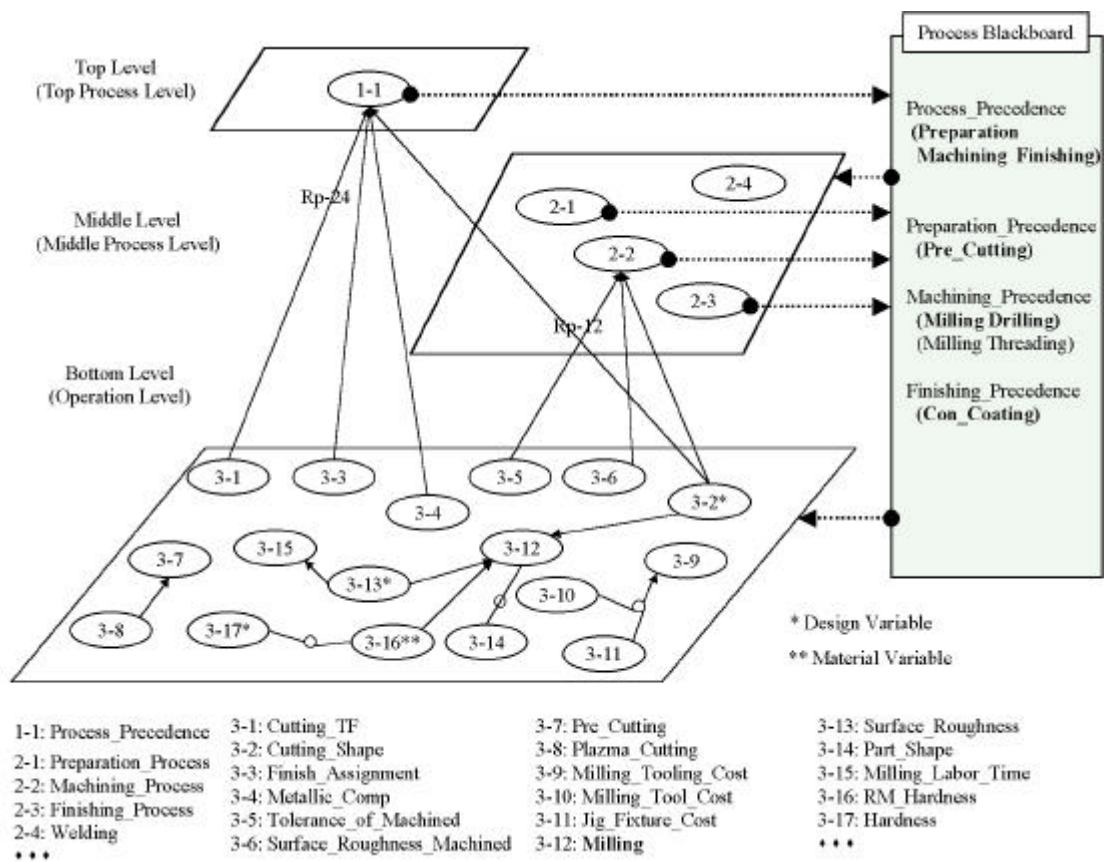
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26 , Process-precedence
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Preparation -> Machining -> Finishing ,
 Preparation Pre-cutting, Casting, Forging 가
 , 가 . Machining (Broaching,
 Milling, Grinding, Shaping, Turning, Drilling, Boring, NC-Machining ...)
 ,
 Finishing
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 , Machining
 (Milling Drilling), (Milling Threading), (Drilling Tapping) ,
 , Milling NC-Machining , Milling NC-Machining
 (Milling Drilling), (Milling Threading) ‘ , . 가
 (resolution)

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(Milling Drilling)

Milling

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(inconsistency)가

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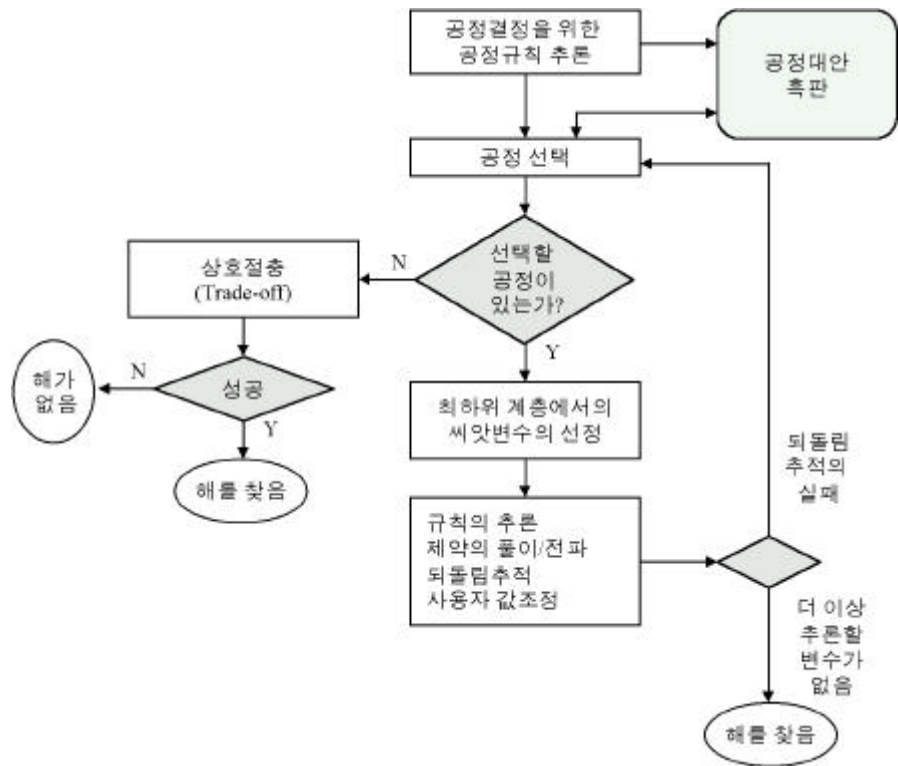
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(trade-off)

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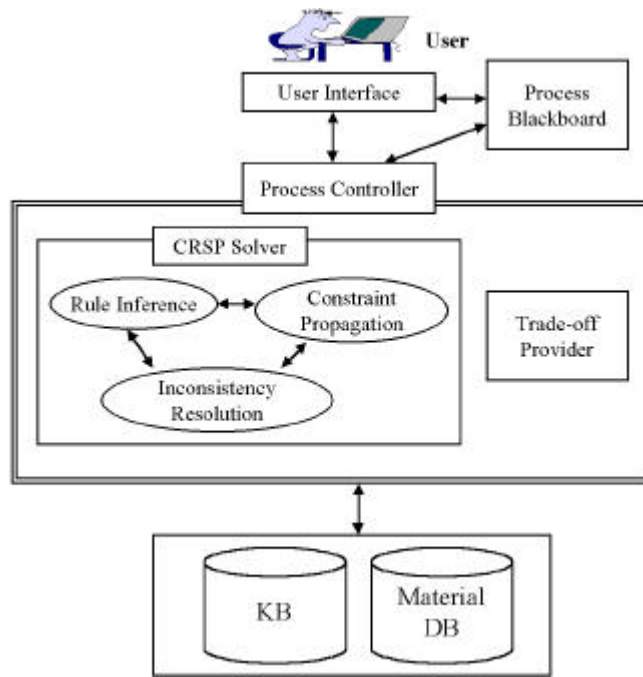
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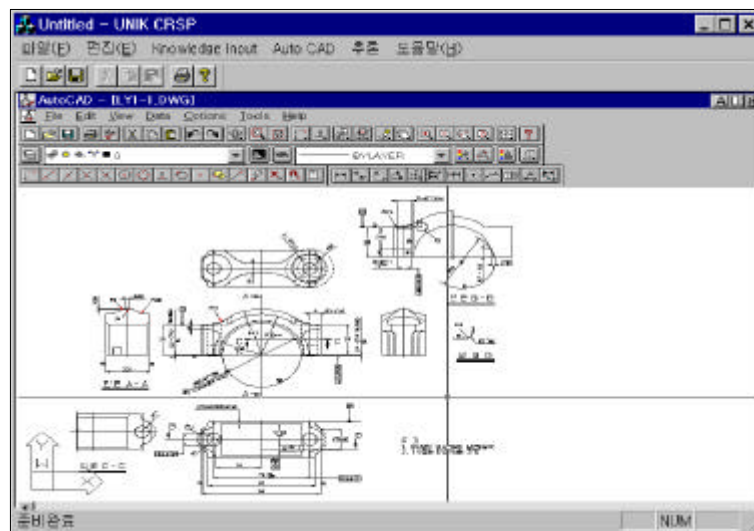
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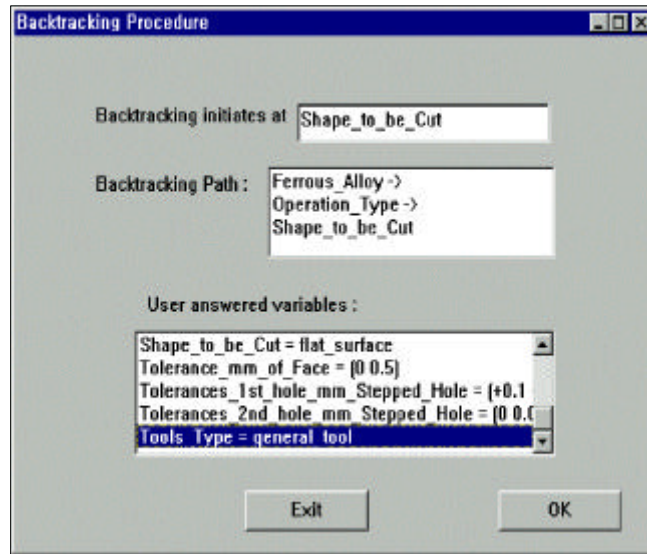
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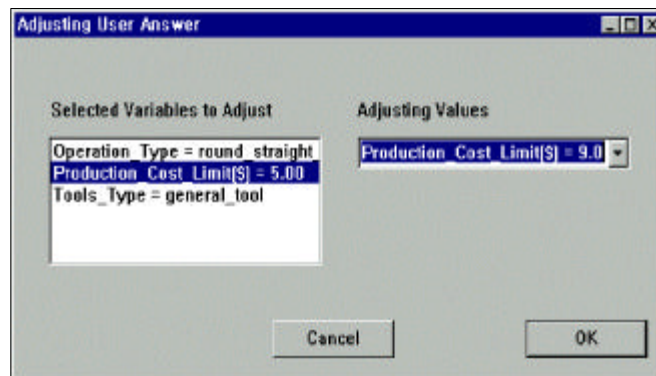


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