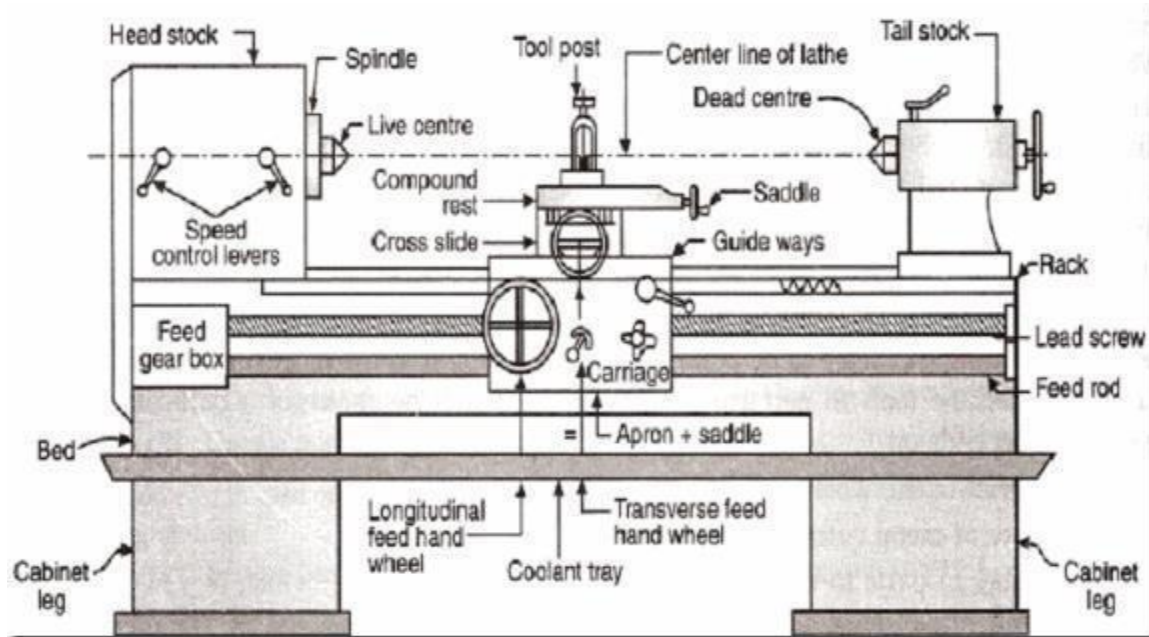


UNIT- II

Lathe removes undesired material from a rotating work piece in the form of chips with the help of a tool which traverses across the work and can be fed deep into work. The tool material should be harder than the work piece. The work piece is held securely and rigidly on the machine. The cutting tool is rigidly held and supported in a toolpost and is fed against the revolving work while the work revolves about its own axis the tool is made to move either parallel to it or at an inclination with its axis to cut the desired material. It produces a cylindrical surface if it is fed at an inclination.



Specification of a Lathe: A lathe is generally designed by

- a) Swing, i.e. the largest work diameter that can be swung over the lathe bed.
- b) Distance between headstock centers.

Classification of a Lathe: According to size, design, method of drive, arrangement of gears, different precision classes and purpose.

i) Speed Lathe: It is so named because of the very high speed of head stock spindle. It is a simplest form of lathe and consists of a simple head stock, a tail stock and tool post. It has no gear box, lead screw and carriage. Tools are hand operated. Cone-pulley is the only source provided for the speed variation of the spindle. Mainly used for wood turning, metal spinning and polishing operations.

ii) Engine Lathe or Centre Lathe: It is most widely used one. Its name is derived from the fact that early machine tools were driven by a separate engine or from a central engine with overhead belts and shafts. The stepped cone-pulley or geared head is often used for varying the speed of lathe spindle. A tail stock is provided to facilitate holding the work between the centers and permit the use of tools like drills and taps etc. The cutting tools are controlled either by hand or by power and can be fed both in cross and longitudinal directions with ref to lathe axis with the help of a carriage feed rod and lead screw. A wide range of attachments can be fitted on it to increase its utility. These are available in sizes to handle up to 1 m dia jobs and 1 to 4 m long.

iii) Turret Lathe: It is a production machine used to perform a large number of operations simultaneously. Several tools are set on a revolving turret to facilitate doing large number of operations on a job in minimum time. An indexable square toolpost is provided on the cross slide for mounting the turning and parting off tools.

The turret usually accommodates six tools for different operations like drilling, counter sinking, reaming, tapping etc, which can be successively brought in to working positions by indexing the turret. Some special toolholders to perform simultaneous multi-tool operations are also available. They are widely used in repetitive batch production.

iv) Capstan Lathe: It is similar to turret lathe and incorporates capstan slide which moves on an auxiliary slide and can be clamped in any position. It is best suited for fast production of small parts because of its light weight and short stroke of capstan slide.

v) Tool room Lathe: It is the modern engine lathe which is equipped with all necessary accessories for accurate toolroom work. It is a geared head driven machine with considerable range in spindle speeds and feeds. It is suited for production of small tools, dies, gauges etc.

vi) Bench Lathe: It is a small lathe which can be mounted on the workbench for doing small precision and light jobs.

vii) Gap bed Lathe: In these lathes, a gap is provided on the bed near the head stock with a view to handle jobs having flanges or some other producing parts. Very often a removable portion is provided in the bed so that when not required, it can be inserted.

viii) Hollow Spindle Lathe: These lathes are provided with spindles having large through bores in order to facilitate turning the ends of long tubular work pieces. The long jobs are supported on a steady or some other out board support.

ix) Vertical turret Lathes: These have vertical orientation and are used for turning large components which can be conveniently mounted on the machine table. The turret head moves in two axes to enable turning, boring and facing.

x) Automatic Lathes: They are designed for all working and job handling movements of the complete manufacturing of a job are done automatically. Operator participation is not required during the operation. In semi-automatic lathes, mounting and removal of work is done by the operator and all other operations are performed by the machine automatically.

xi) Special purpose Lathes: These are designed to suit a definite class of work and to perform a specific operation only. They prove to be more efficient and effective as compared to the common engine lathe.

❖ Work Holders

1. CHUCKS:

It is the most important device for holding the work pieces, particularly of short length or larger diameter.

a) Independent or Four Jaw Chuck: It has four jaws and each jaw is independently actuated and adjusted by a key for holding the job. This type of chuck is used for irregular shapes, rough casting.

b) Three Jaw or Universal Chuck: In this all the three jaws move simultaneously by turning a key and thus the work piece may be automatically held in the centre of chuck-opening. It is used for holding round, hexagonal bar or other symmetrical work.

c) Collect Chuck: It is mostly used for holding bars of small sizes (below 63 mm) and is normally used where production work is required such on capstan lathe or automates.

d) Magnetic Chuck: They are either electrically operated or of permanent magnet type.

2. LATHE CENTRES:

Lathe centers are used for work holding during turning operation. A centre hole of particular depth and shape is made at each end of work piece. The lathe centers acts as the supports for the work piece and take up the thrust due to metal cutting. These are made of very hard materials to withstand wear and resist the deflection. The included angle of the centre is 60° for general purpose work and 75° for heavy work.

The various types of centers are:

- i. Ordinary centre, which is used for most general work.
- ii. Tipped centre, which contains a hard alloy tip brazed into a steel shank.
- iii. Ball centre, which has a ball shape at the end of the centre, instead of a sharp point and is used to minimize the wear and strain on the ordinary centre while taper turning.
- iv. Half centre in which case less than half of the centre is ground away, thus facilitating facing of bar ends without removal of centers.
- v. Rotating dead centre is used in tail stock for supporting heavy work revolving at high speed.

3. COLLETS:

A collet is used for holding small semi finished or finished parts so that additional operations may be performed. It is a practical device for quickly and accurately chucking symmetrical work pieces. Collets are available in several shapes i.e. round, square and hexagonal holes to accommodate corresponding shapes of work pieces. The front portion is made conical and transverse slope is made in $\frac{3}{4}$ this length. The other end is threaded and has a keyway to prevent the collet from turning in the collet sleeve

i) **Draw in type:** Which exerts the grip over the bar when it is drawn in.

ii) **Push out type:** Which exerts the grip over the bar when it is pushed outwards.

4. FACEPLATE:

It is a circular cast iron disc having a threaded hole at its centre so that it can be screwed to the threaded nose of the spindle. It consists of holes and slots by means of which the work can be secured to it. Both, nuts washers clamping plates and metallic packing pieces etc. are required for holding the work properly on a face plate.

5. ANGLEPLATE:

It is used for holding work in conjunction with a face plate. When the size or a shape of the work is such that it is not possible to mount the work directly on the face plate, the angle plate is secured to the face plate and the work is mounted on it.

6. LATHE MANDRELS:

Mandrels are a solid shaft or spindle used for holding bored parts for machining their outside surface on lathe. The mandrel is fitted in to the hole tightly and supports the job during machining of the outer surface. Mainly used for small jobs as bigger jobs will rotate over the mandrels. The solid or plain mandrel is ground to have a shape and a standard taper of 0.5 mm per meter is provided. The milled flat portions at the ends enable the screw of the dog to have a firm grip. Both the ends are made to have centres. The above taper facilitates an easy fitting of the mandrel in to the job hole and also allows for a little variation in the hole dimensions.

The collar mandrel enables a considerable reduction in weight. It is normally used for job above 100 mm dia. The stepped mandrel facilitates use of the same mandrel for various jobs having different size of holes which correspond to the step dimensions.

7. RESTS:

When a very long job is to be turned between centres on a lathe, due to its own weight it provides a springing action and carries a lot of bending movement which results in turning tool spoil and many even break. To avoid this, such jobs are always supported on an attachment known as steady rest or centre rest. This prevents the deflection of job and enables the operator to take heavy cuts.

8. JIGS AND FIXTURES:

They are used in conjunction with the face plate on a lathe for supporting and holding odd shaped and eccentric jobs during the operation. Their specific use is in mass production of identical parts. If a single item is to be made the cost of product on of jigs or fixtures itself will be too high, prevent their use.

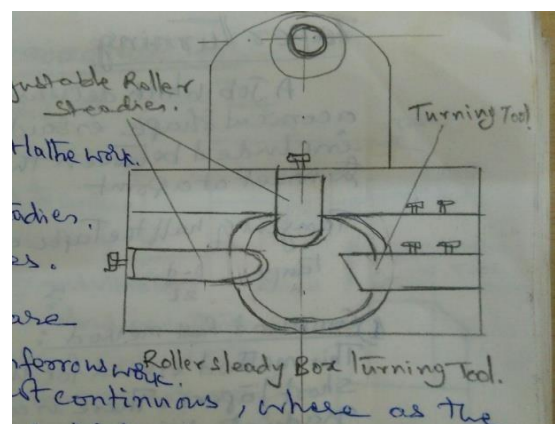
9. DRIVING PLATE:

It is cast circular disc having a projected Boss at its rear. The boss carries internal threads so that it can be screwed onto the spindle nose. It also carries a hole to accommodate a pin which engages with the tail of lathe dog or carrier when the job is held in the lathe dog or carrier. When a bent tail dog is used their pin is taken out and the bent portion of tail inserted in the hole, which serves the same purpose, or else the bent tail can be engaged in the slot made in the plate opposite to the pin hole.

BOX TOOLS

A large number of box tools are in application in capstan and turret lathe work. The common types are.

1. Those having V-shaped steadies.
2. Those having Roller steadies.



V-shaped steadies are mainly used for brass and nonferrous work. Where chips produced are not continuous, whereas the roller steadies is mainly used for steel work, where

continuous chips are produced. Except difference in the types of steadies, the rest of the mechanical features are same in both types of box tools.

Roller-steady box turning tool consists of a strong body, fitted with two adjustable slides, which carry hardened roller each. By moving the slides, the rollers can be adjusted at any desired distance from the centre of the work to act as travelling steadies during the operation. a single cutting tool is mounted in front of the attachment. In case of heavier type of such tools a supporting bush is fitted at the top to accommodate the pilotbar. This bush can be fitted either in front or back of the body according to the requirement. It is unavoidable when very heavy cuts are to be taken, to prevent vibrations.

The rollers, apart from acting as steadies, provide a burnishing action on the machined surface to give fine finish. The use of these tools sometime enable the job to be finished in a single cut only. They facilitate the application of very high speeds.

Some imported designs of box tools take use of ball bearings as steadies in place of the rollers. These tools are normally of V-shape. One arm of these carries the shank and other opposite to it, the ball bearing, which is concentric with the shank. A bush is fitted in the bearing, which is a sliding fit on the bar to be turned. The bush and inner race of the bearing rotate with the bar as the tool is moved forward. The tool is fitted inside the „V“ construction to act radially on the job.

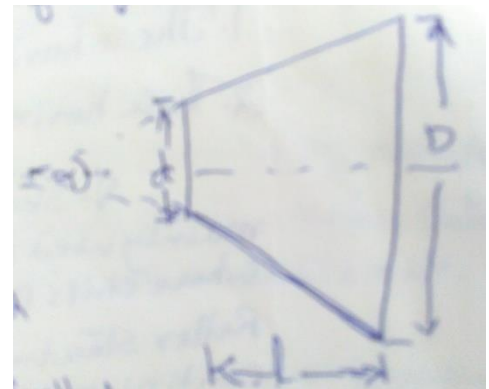
Taper Turning

A job which decreases in diameter gradually so that assumes a conical shape is said to be tapered. Taper angle is the angle included between the tapering sides of the job when extended to meet at a point.

$$\text{Tangent of half the taper angle} = \frac{D-d}{2l}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = \frac{D-d}{2l}$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{D-d}{2l}\right)$$



1. Compound Rest Method:

This method is used for turning steep and short tapers. There is a circular base graduated in degrees which can be swiveled at any angle from the centre line of the lathe centers.

While turning a taper, the base of compound rest is swiveled through an angle equal to the half of the taper angle. In this case, feed of the tool is given with the compound rest feed handle. This method is used for internal tapers.

2. Tail Stock Setover Method:

This method is used for turning small tapers on long jobs is confined to external tapers only. In this case tail stock may be set over by loosening the nut of the clamping bolt. Then by means of setscrews, provided on the both the front and rear sides of the tail stock,

the dead centre is shifted from the original position by a predetermined amount of set over. If the larger dia. of the tapered part is to be obtained on the tail stock side, the centre will be shifted away from the operator and if the same is to be obtained on the head stock side the dead centre should be shifted towards the operator. Graduations provided on the flat surface of the tail stock, facing the head stock help in adjusting the required set over. However in the absence of such graduations a steel rule can be used for this purpose.

The required amount of tail stock set over can be calculated as follows: Set

over = taper length $\sin \alpha$ of half the taper angle

$$\frac{D-d}{l} = \sin \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

Where D = Larger dia.

d = Smaller dia.

l = Length of taper.

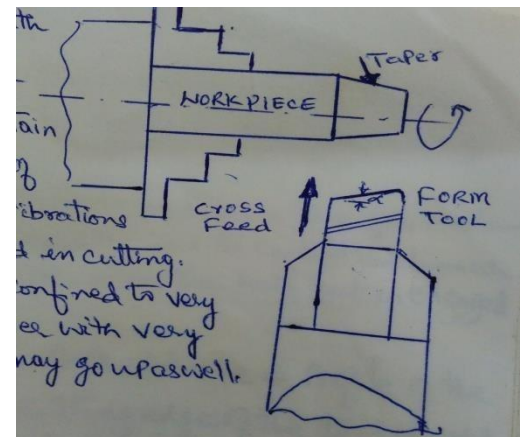
When a part of length of job is to be tapered

$$\text{The tail stock set over} = \left(\frac{D-d}{2} \right) \times \frac{\text{Total length of job}}{\text{Taper Length}}$$



Taper Turning by form or Broad Nose Tool:

Very sharp tapers can easily be turned with a form or broad nose tool in which the cutting edge of the tool is ground to contain the half taper angle α . However use of this tool will cause a lot of chatter and vibrations because the full cutting edge of tool is involved in cutting. Therefore this method of taper turning is confined to very short tapers of length max 20 mm. However with very heavy and rigid type of lathe their limit may go up as well.



Taper turning attachment:

This attachment is confined to give external taper only. It is bolted on the back of the lathe and has a guide bar which may be set at the desired angle of taper. As the carriage moves along the lathe bed length, a slide over the bar causes the tool to move in and out according to the setting of the bar. i.e. the taper setting of the bar is duplicated on the work. The main advantage of this system is that the lathe centers are kept in alignment, and the same taper may be turned on various pieces, even though they vary in length.

Advantages of using a taper turning attachment:

1. Its setting is very easy and can be done very quickly.
2. Its use does not call for too much of skill on the part of the operator.
3. Accurate tapers can be readily obtained in single setting.
4. Normal setup and alignment of lathe and its main parts is not disturbed during the operation.
5. It is equally suitable for external and internal tapers.
6. It gives better surface finish and increased rate of production because longitudinal power feeds can easily be employed.

In some taper turning attachments instead of graduations in degrees, carries divisions in millimeters. In such cases it is required to find out, then, the no. of mm divisions through which the guide plate should be swiveled. These divisions can be found out from the formula.

$$M = \frac{D-d}{2} \times C$$

M = Required no. of mm divisions. D =

Larger dia.

d = Smaller dia.

L = Length of Taper.

C = Half the total length of guide plate in mm

Thread Cutting On Lathe

Internal and external threads are cut either with the help of a threading tool or with the help of tap and die respectively. While cutting threads with the help of a tool, the following requirements are fulfilled.

1. There should be a certain relation between the job revolutions and the revolutions of the lead screw to control the linear movement of the tool parallel to the job when the half nut is engaged with the lead screw.
2. The tool should be ground to the proper shape or profile of the thread to be cut. i.e. the tip or cutting edge of the tool should have an included angle corresponding to the included angle of the particular type of thread to be produced.

Irrespective of the shapes and sizes the common factor in all the threads is they are formed on the principle of helix and have a specified longitudinal movement of the cutting tool as the work revolves.

Both external and internal threads can be cut on the lathe. For both of these, the main requirement is to have a proper system of gearing between the lathe spindle and the lead screw so as to establish the required ratio of speeds between the two. For this some lathes are provided with quick-change gear box which provides required speed ratio quickly. This is done by simply shifting the position of the gear change lever. Such gear boxes are made to have a no. of gears inside them, mounted on two or three or more shafts and the different combinations of these gears provide different speed ratios. These combinations are obtained by shifting the gear change

lever to different positions. A chart is provided on the gear box which carries the complete information of speed and recommended feed corresponding to a particular position of the said lever.

In the absence of such gear box, the change gears, provided at the left hand side of the head stock are used to obtain the said ratio of speeds.

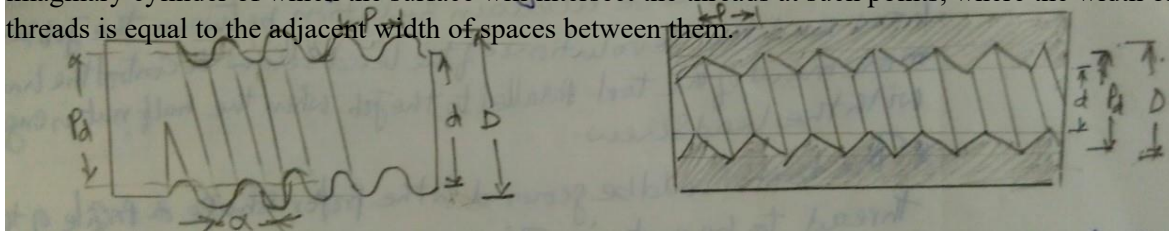
The chief elements of all the screw threads are:

1. Pitch (P): It is the distance from the one point on one thread to the corresponding point on the adjacent thread. This distance is measured parallel to the axis of the job and is expressed in mms in metric threads and inches for other threads.

2. Major Diameter (D): it is the largest diameter of a screwed part, measured at right angle to the axis of the piece.

3. Minor Diameter (D_i): It is the smallest diameter of the screwed part measured normal to the axis of the piece.

4. Pitch Diameter (P_d): For cylindrical screw parts this dimension represents the diameter of the imaginary cylinder of which the surface will intersect the threads at such points, where the width of the threads is equal to the adjacent width of spaces between them.



5. Depth of threads (t): It is the distance, measured normal to the axis of the part, between the crest and root of the thread. Mathematically, it can be expressed as

$$t = \frac{D - d}{2}$$

6. Thread angle (α): It is the total included angle between the flanks of a thread or two adjacent flanks of two threads.

Right And Left-Hand Threads

When we look at a screwed part in a direction normal to its axis its threads will be found sloping downwards from top, either from left to right or from right to left. The former case represents the right handed threads and the latter left-hand threads.

A similar distinction can be observed and the hand of threads reckoned readily by observing the direction of movement when one member, out of the two mating screwed components is rotated. Hold a bolt in your left hand and try to screw on a nut on the same way by your right hand. Note the direction of rotating of the nut and its corresponding axial movement. If the nut advances axially when rotated in a clockwise direction it indicates right hand threads.

If this advancement is attained by rotating the nut in an anticlockwise direction, presence of left-hand threads is indicated. Right hand threads are most commonly employed in engineering practice.

START OF THREADS:

It is the no. of separate threads grooves running parallel to each other along the surface of the screwed part. The threads can be single or multiple starts. In case of single start, the thread is cut with only one thread groove all along its length. When the threads are cut with two, three or more separate thread grooves, each having same dimensions and being equidistant from one another, they are known as double, triple or multiple starts respectively. The advancement for the same amount of rotation of the screw part as compared to the single start threads. If the pitch in both cases remains the same, the axial advancement for the same amount of rotation will become as many times of the single start as the no. of start of the threads. The axial advancement in one rotation of the screwed part is known as lead of the threads or screw. It will obviously, be the distance measured parallel to the axis, between two corresponding points on the same thread. Pitch in the case of multiple starts

threads = $\frac{\text{lead}}{\text{no. of starts}}$ i.e. the pitch will be equal to the lead in case of single start threads.

Lathe setting for screw cutting:

When the lathe is not equipped with a quick change gearbox, a suitable set of gears have to be found and mounted at the proper position for cutting the threads of different pitches. Setting up of lathe for such work includes proper holding of the job, concentric with the lathe centers, setting of tool at proper height and mounting of the calculated change gears at proper location.

For cutting threads it is necessary that for every revolution of the spindle or the work, the tool should move parallel to the axis of the job by a distance equal to the lead of the longitudinal feed of the tool and the speed of the spindle. The desired ratio is obtained with the help of lead screw by connecting it to the spindle through a train of gears.

The speed of the lead screw will be as many times lower than that of spindle as its pitch is greater than that of the screw to be cut.

To affect the variation in speeds, change gears are employed and the amount by which the speed of the lead screw should be higher or lower than that of the work is determined by gear ratio.

$$\text{Gearing ratio} = \frac{\text{Speed of the lead screw}}{\text{Speed of the work}}$$

The pitch of the screw to be cut and the pitch of the lead screw determine the gear ratio of speeds.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gearing ratio} &= \frac{\text{Pitch of the screw to be cut}}{\text{pitch of lead screw}} \\ &= \frac{\text{Lead of screw to be cut}}{\text{Lead of lead screw threads}} \\ &= \frac{\text{No. of teeth of driver (slide gear)}}{\text{No. of teeth of driven (lead screw gear)}} \end{aligned}$$

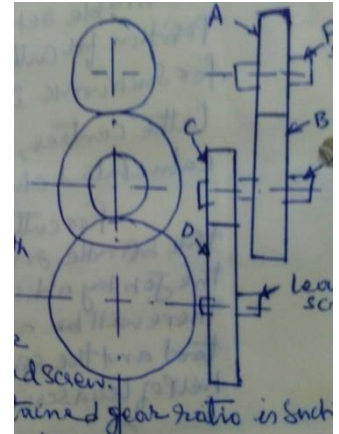
Simple Geartrain:

It consists of a driving gear (mounted on the stud), A driven gear (mounted on the lead screw), and one or two intermediate gears. The intermediate gears (idle gears) have no effect on the speed ratio but are used only

- i) to fill the gap between the driver and driven gears, and
- ii) to obtain desired direction of rotation of the screw.

Compound geartrain:

It consists of two studs instead of one. The second stud is suitably mounted on the bracket or quadrant carrying the change gears. The first driver A is mounted on the first stud, which meshes with the first driven B on the second stud. The second driver C is also mounted on the second stud and it meshes with the second driven D mounted on the lead screw. Such gear train is employed when the obtained gear ratio is such that it is not possible to arrange a simple gear train out of the given set of gear trains. It is not possible to arrange a simple gear train out of the given set of gear trains.



Cutting Metric thread on English standard Lead Screw or Vice-Versa:

When it is required to cut metric threads on a lathe having British standard lead screw i.e. pitch in inches. The relation for conversion

$$\frac{\text{Driver}}{\text{Driven}} = \frac{5}{127} \times \frac{\text{Lead of the screw to be cut in mm}}{\text{Lead of the threads on lead screw in inches}}$$

In case of reverse requirement i.e. when threads of British standard pitch are to be cut on the lathe having lead screw of metric pitch.

$$\frac{\text{Driver}}{\text{Driven}} = \frac{127}{5} \times \frac{\text{Lead of the screw to be cut in inches}}{\text{Lead of the threads on lead screw in mm}}$$

$\frac{5}{127} = \frac{1}{25.4}$ or $\frac{127}{5} = 25.4$ is the multiplied ratio for conversion from British standard to metric and vice-versa.

Setting Tools for Threading:

In cutting threads, the cutting tools should be carefully set exactly at the height of the centers and normal to the axis of the work. If it is incorrectly set, the thread angle will not be correct and the flanks formed will not be proper. This setting is essential both for external and internal threads. A centre gauge is always used for setting the threading tool correctly.

Feeding the tool in thread cutting:

Two methods are commonly used for feeding the tool in thread cutting. In one case, the tool is set normal to the axis of the work and is fed straight in to the job. Once a cut is complete, the tool is withdrawn from the formed groove, the carriage returned to the starting

position and then the tool is fed forward for the next cut. The graduated dial provided on the cross feed screw helps in adjusting the required depth of each cut. The operation is repeated till full depth thread is obtained. In this case, the tool cuts the threads uniformly in each successive cut as both of its sides and its tip do the cutting. If this method is used for cutting coarse threads, the amount of material removed in the form of chips will be too much and it may ultimately jamming the tool and the flanks of the threads will be rough. It is advisable to confine its use only to finishing cuts on coarse threads. However it can be safely used for threads having below 2 mm pitch.

The second method is to feed the tool at an angle to the axis of the work. This angle is half of the total included angle of the thread. The tool is set at a usual and required inclination is obtained by swiveling the compound rest to this angle. After every cut the tool is withdrawn by means of cross slide and then set for the next cut. In this case most of the cutting is done by the left edge and tip of the tool.

When threading is to be done large scale, the cutting tool will be provided with top rake angle for easy flow of chips on the tool face and "digging-in" tenderly of the tool is required.

Providing Undercut:

Under cuts are necessary when cutting threads on stepped work. When the job has two different diameters and the threads are to be cut on smaller dia. it is essential to provide an undercut where two steps meet. It allows for the over run of the tool after one cut is over. In the absence of this undercut there is always a likely hood of the tool running in to the larger dia. after finishing the cut. This will lead to tool to dig which result is riding of the job over tool, bending of job, breaking of job and breaking of tool.

Thread Catching:

The complete depth of the thread can't be obtained in a single cut. Several cuts have to be taken, one after the other, till the required depth is obtained. For this, the tool has to be withdrawn from the thread groove after completing each cut and then brought to the starting position. Then we have to use some suitable method to take the tool follow the previously cut thread groove. In case it does not follow this path, the threads will be spoiled. The process of engaging the tool with the same groove in all the cuts is called thread catching or thread chasing. The following methods can be used for returning the tool to the starting position.

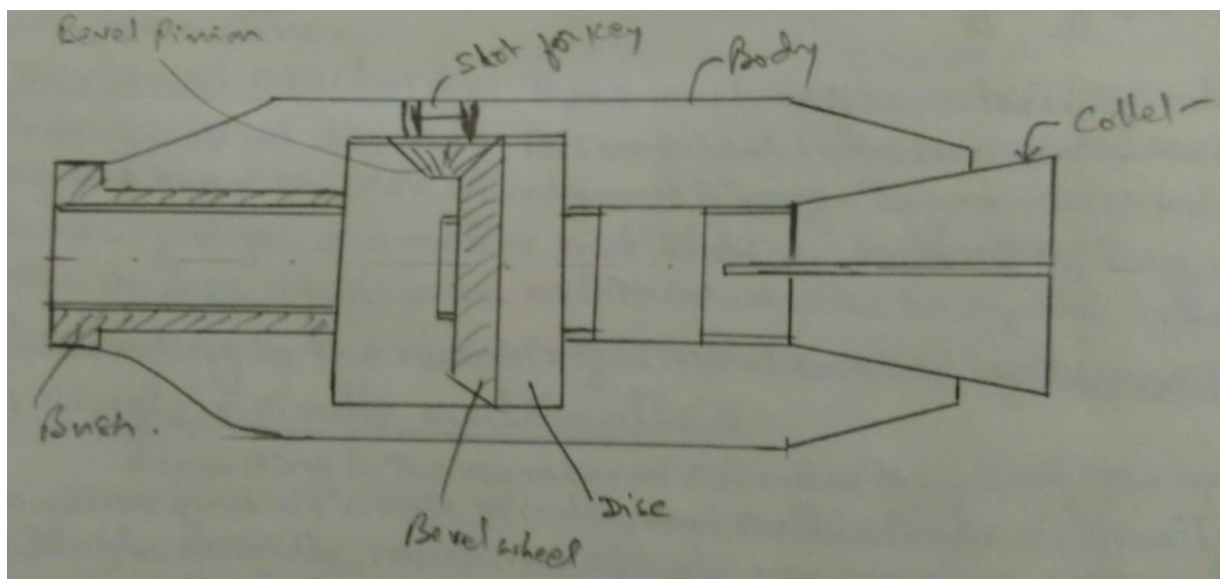
1. After a cut is over the tool is abruptly withdrawn and the machine stopped. The carriage is disengaged from the lead screw by disengaging the half nut and then brought to the starting point by hand. This is usually done in case of long threaded length.
2. When a very short length is to be threaded an alternate method is that, at the end of the cut we do not disengage the carriage from the lead screw. At the end of the cut the tool is withdrawn as usual and the machine stopped. Then the carriage is brought back to its starting position by reversing the direction of rotation of the lead screw. This method is very advantageously used for threading blind holes or for cutting such threads of which the pitch does not allow the use of chasing dial also. Since the carriage and lead screw are never disengaged, the tool automatically follows the previous path.

Correct engagement of the tool with the previously cut thread groove is a must for cutting the threads successfully.

Collect Chuck

It can be used with equal advantage on a centre lathe, capstan lathe or turret lathe for producing items from bar stock. It consists of the main body having a tapered inside surface which corresponds to the outside tapered surface of collet. A disc is incorporated in the chuck which carries inside threads to receive the rear threaded end of the collet on the outside surface of the disc, teeth are cut to form a bevel wheel which meshes with the bevel pinion, operated by hand by means of a key. Usually an adapter bush is fitted to the rear side of the chuck which carries internal threads. The assembly is then screwed onto the nose of the lathe spindle.

In operation, when the key is rotated, the disc rotates and in doing so, it either draws in or pushes out the collet, depending upon the direction of its rotation. When the collet is drawn in its spitted body is pressed against the tapered inside surface of the chuck, making a firm grip over the bar. When the collet is pushed out, the pressure on its body is relieved and it opens out, releasing the grip on bar, which can be then fed forward.



❖ Automatic Lathes

Automatic lathes are best suited for production of identical parts on mass scale. They require the application of large number of tools. Once they are properly set, they produce the components at 3 times the rate of the turret lathe of same capacity.

Classification of Automatic Lathes:

Classified according to the type of stock material they use, the operations performed on them, principle of operation and number and position of spindles etc. The main classifications are:

1. According to the type of stock material used:

- a) Bar Automatics: The machines designed to produce various components using bar or pipe stock are known as bar automatics.
- b) Chucking Machines: These machines are used for machining separate blanks like forgings and castings etc and are also known as magazine loaded automatics.

2. According to the direction of the axis of the Machine Spindle:

- a) Horizontal Machines: This classification is according to the arrangement of spindles. These machines have their spindles in a horizontal direction and are used for machining long job of small diameters.
- b) Vertical Machines: These machines have their spindles set in a vertical direction. As compared to the horizontal machines, they are heavier, more sturdy and strong. They can accommodate blanks of larger diameters but shorter in length. They occupy less floor area as compared to the horizontal lathes.

3. According to the number of spindles carried by the Machine:

a) Single Spindle automatic: According to the no. of spindles they carry, the machines are classified as single spindle and multi spindles automatics. The single spindle machines are classified as single spindle machines operate on a single component at a time and include some cutting off machines and Swiss type automatic screw machines etc. The automatic cutting off machine is designed to produce short components, requiring turning, forming, drilling, threading, cutting off etc.

Two cross-slides are provided, which are operated by means of cams mounted on a cam shaft. A longitudinal slide is also mounted to carry tools for drilling, remaining, threading etc. All the operations are performed automatically.

The Swiss type automatically screw machines are used for machining slender parts of small diameter. They have a capacity to machine components of 2 to 25 mm dia. they differ from the above machine in that the longitudinal feed are obtained by moving the headstock with the bar instead of tools.

Automatic screw machine is fully automatic bar type turret lathe. They are used for manufacturing screw, both and pins etc from the bar stock. Ten different tools can be mounted at a time. The collet, bar feed mechanism, cross slide and turret slides etc are controlled and operated automatically.

b) Multi-spindle automatics: They are the improved types of single of spindle automatics. They are made to have 2 to 8 spindles, but 4 and 6 spindles are commonly used. The spindles are arranged in a carrier which is periodically indexed from position. The indexing takes place through 90° or 60° , depending upon whether there are 4 or 6 spindles. A gear is centrally mounted in the carrier which drives all the spindles, which are free to rotate in the carrier. This gear rotates independent of carrier. Out of all the positions, one position of the bar forms, cutting off positions, where the finished component is cut off and the bar fed forward up to the stop for the next operation to be performed at the following position station. At each station (position) the work is machined by tools from two sides, i.e. the cross slide and the main or longitudinal slide. The spindles rotate at constant speed in all the positions.

Operating parts of the machine are controlled by means of cams, mounted on a cam shaft. The rate of production increases with multi spindle machines but the machining accuracy of single spindle automatic lathe is much higher.

In automatic machines, cams play the important role and they operate various tool slides, turret and working features of automatic machines. The cams may be made from circular discs or segmental form mounted on circular drums.

LATHE BED

The bed of the lathe acts as the base on which different fixed and operating parts of the lathe are mounted. It provides for location of fixed parts and controlled movement of the operating part (carriage). It has to withstand the various forces during the cutting tool operation. It must be very rigid and robust construction.

Lathe beds are made as single piece casting of semi-steel (i.e. toughened cast Iron) with the addition of small quantity of steel scrap to the cast Iron during melting. Cast Iron facilitates an easy sliding action & high vibration damping quality. In case of large machines the bed may be made two or more pieces, bolted together. Bed castings usually made to have a box section with cross ribs.

During solidification of the casting, distortion takes place due to cooling stresses. To avoid this natural seasoning called ageing is done. For this the bed castings are rough machined to the required size for final assembly accurately and finely finished. The common bed casting are fine grained with a hardness of $200 \pm 10\%$ BHN.

The additional steps taken to improve the wear resistance are:

1. Chilling of Castings.
2. Increasing the hardness of the wearing surfaces by flame hardening.
3. Superimposing separately hardened steel slide ways and prismatic (Inverted „V“) ways over the top of the bed casting.

The prismatic ways are preferred over flat ways as their construction totally disallows the entry of chips and dirt etc between the saddle and bed and thus preventing scratching. They provide very efficient guiding surfaces and the wear of the bed does not have any appreciable effect on the overall alignment to the lathe. In most cases the combination of the flat and prismatic shapes of bed ways are adopted. The flat ways act as supports i.e. taking max load and stress and prismatic shapes act as guide ways. Tail stock is usually guided along the bed way by a combination of one prismatic and one flat way.

Proper leveling of the bed during installation and afterward is very important as this will affect the accuracy of the work very seriously. Therefore the bed should be tested for level both length wise as well as cross wise.

Head Stock:

The headstock serves as housing for the driving pulleys and back gears, provides bearing for the machine spindle and keeps alignment with bed.

It consists of the following main parts:

1. Cone pulley
2. Back gears and back gear lever
3. Main spindle or Headstock spindle
4. Live Centre
5. Feed reverse lever

Need for change of speed

There are several reasons due to which different spindle speeds are needed, because the work piece has to be rotated at different speeds under different machining conditions. The main parameters are

- 1. Work material:** Harder and tougher materials need slower speeds while softer materials are machined at faster speeds.
- 2. Cutting tool material:** The harder the cutting tool material the higher is the cutting speed, to take full advantage of higher hot hardness
- 3. Types of operation:** Operations like external and internal threading by means of single point tools, tapping, dicing, reaming etc on lathe need much slower speeds than many other operations like turning, drilling boring, facing, under-cutting etc.
- 4. Work piece Size:** Larger the dia. of work piece to be turned the slower is spindle speed required and smaller the work dia. the higher rotating speed.
- 5. Surface Finish:** Rough machining, where the main requirement is to remove maximum amount of material, needs a deeper cut and slower speed. Against this in finish machining the depth of cut is less and a higher speed used.
- 6. Cutting Fluid:** Use of proper cutting fluid, depending upon the cutting tool and work piece materials and other parameters, facilitates the use of higher cutting speeds and thus increased rate of production and reduction in machining time.
- 7. Rigidity of Machine Tool:** A rigid machine tool in perfect running condition enables use of higher spindle speeds.

TOOL-LAYOUT (For Turret & Capstan Lathes)

Tools for Capstan and Turret Lathe are similar in construction to those of centre lathe tools, except material. The tools used are made of H.S.S or Tungsten Carbide because the machines are more rigid and also operated at higher cutting speeds. The tools mounted on cross slide are used for turning, facing, necking, parting etc, and those mounted on the Turret head are used for drilling, boring reaming etc.

The tool layout for a job constitutes the pre-determined plan for machining operations of a particular component. The layout independent upon the no. of pieces to be manufactured i.e. lot size. As a general rule standard tools should be used as much possible and also for small batches of work, the layout should be simple. For large quantities and long run special tools should be used as they minimize machining time and retain their cutting qualities for the maximum period. The accuracy and cost of component largely depends upon the tool layout.

For preparation of tool layout, it is necessary to have the finished drawings of the part to be machined and if it is a forging or casting, the forged or cast blank will determine, how much machining has to be done on various faces.

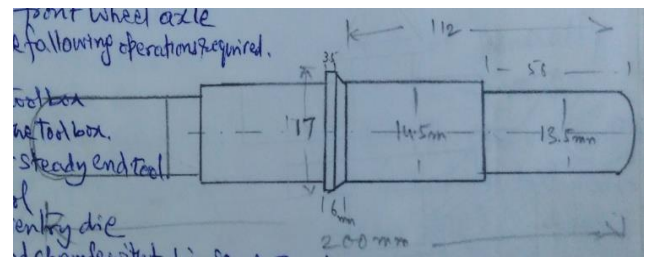
After preliminary list-giving the order of operations has been decided upon with details as the tools required, a tool layout to the scale is prepared on the tracing paper by super-imposing the layout of the machine capacity chart, drawn to the same scale with the component in position. A simple preliminary trial is conducted on the drawing board before it is put on the machine.

Ex: Tool Layout for front wheel axle.

Tool layout shows types of tools required and the sequence in which they are to be used. While preparing the tool layout the capacity chart of the machine showing the capabilities should not be lost sight of. It also ensures that tool movements and turret indexing etc clear the various machine parts. Machining time can be established by listing the operations required systematically in the form of tool – layout.

To machine the front wheel axle from 18mm steel bar, the following operations required.

1. Feed out the bar
2. Turn 14.5mm dia. with tool box
3. Turn 13.5mm dia. with the tool box
4. Round end with roller steady end tool
5. Centre with centre tool
6. Cut thread with Coventry die
7. Form 17mm diameter and chamfer with tool in square turret
8. Part off with stepped cutoff tool in the rear tool post



❖ Tool Posts

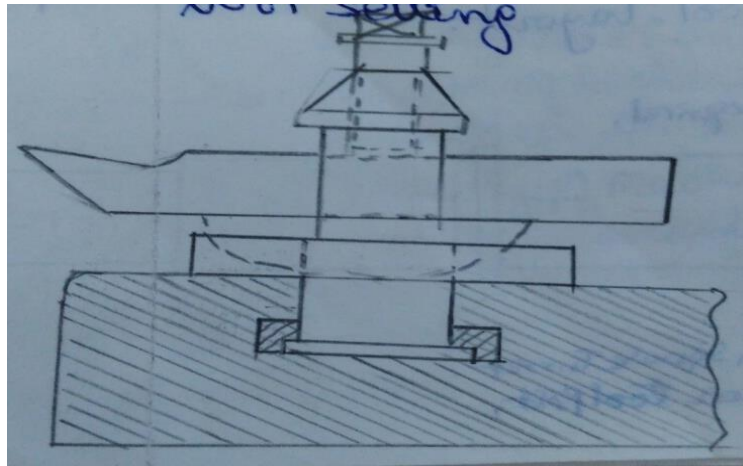
Tool posts are the device used on various machines for holding the tools in position and providing a rigid support to them during the operation.

American type single tool post is used for holding a single tool holder or a solid forged tool only. It is commonly used in light work. It consists of a vertical body having a slot to accommodate the tool shank and a flange at its bottom. The collar carries a spherical groove in which a rocker is placed. This rocker can be tilted to adjust the height of the cutting edge of the tool.

Open side tool post is a better form of a single tool post. The main clamping bolt is used for securing the tool post and the adjusting screws for gripping the tool in position. Height of the tool is adjusted by using flat packing pieces under the tool. This form of tool post is used as rear tool post on lathes.

Another useful form of tool post usually employed on heavy duty lathes. It is provided with 4 bolts, each carrying a coiled spring. Two tools can be simultaneously mounted on it. The tools are held between the bases and clamping bars and gripped firmly by tightening the bolts. The springs help in keeping the bars in position when the tools have been withdrawn.

A square tool post vastly used in mass production. It can accommodate 4 tools at a time. It is also called a turret tool post. It facilitates mounting of 4 different tools prior to starting the operation and bringing them to the desired position, one after the other, by rotating the handle. Such arrangement is an asset and a vital necessity in repetition work, because it saves a lot of time in tool setting.



LAYOUT OF SPINDLE SPEEDS

The following factors have to be decided for designing a stepped drive:

- Max. output RPM (N_{max})
- Min. output RPM (N_{min})
- No. of steps of the transference (n)
- No. of sub-division of steps
- No. of stages in which steps are to be mounted

In multipurpose machines the selection of speeds is very complex, as correct speed depends upon various factors i.e. the proper toes of job material, shape of the cutting tools, wear resistance of tool material, type of operation to be performed and the process capability of the machine. However in single purpose machine the selection of particular speed depends upon the machining characteristics of that process only. In case of cylindrical work piece, the cutting speed V_C is related to the diameter of the work (D) and the spindle speed (N) by the relation,

$$V_C = \frac{\pi DN}{1000} \quad \text{Spindle speed } N = \frac{1000V}{\pi D} \quad \text{_____ (1)}$$

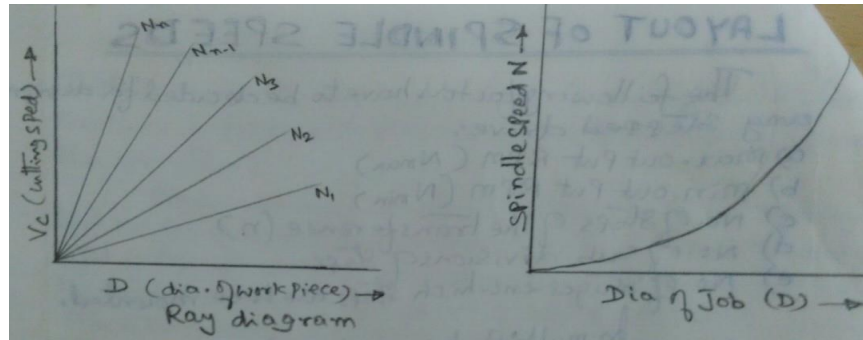
From the above equation the min. speed of the spindle in depend upon the max. dia of work that can be accommodated in the machine. Also depend upon the min. speed required for screw cutting and tapping.

Again from the above equation the max. Speed (N_{max}) depend upon

- The greatest possible cutting speed (V_C) and
- When the diameter is minimum possible.

For design purpose the value of minimum diameter is taken as $= (\eta/8)$ where η is the height of the centers above the bed.

From the above equation it is also obvious that for constant value of V_C as the diameter increases, the speed N should decrease and vice-versa. The output spindle speeds generally form a series which may be in arithmetical progression (A.P), Geometrical Progression(G.P) or Logarithmic Progression(L.P). It is now obvious that for constant N the relation between V_C and D is a straight line. Graphically, the relation between V_C , D and N is represented by Ray diagram.



Let us study the most suited series in all respects for machine tools. Let us assume that a bar is to be machined on a lathe and its diameter D varies from some min. dia to some max. dia. Assuming V_C to be constant, the variation of spindle speed with change in job diameter is observed. Initially as the dia of job increases the speed change is not much, but after a while, even for small changes in diameter the spindle speed changes rapidly. This condition is fulfilled by G.P. series. Whereas A.P. series follows a straight line and can't fulfill this requirement. This G.P. series is preferred as it can provide more number of ranges of speed at lower range.

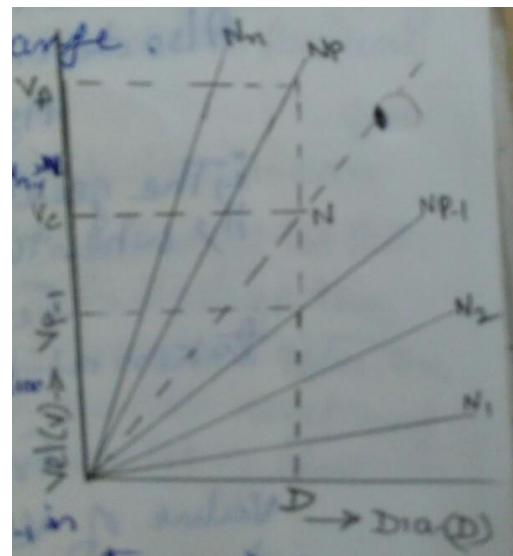
Kinematic Advantages of Geometric Progression:

The various speeds in some progression in several steps be $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_{n-1}, V_C$. Corresponding to certain dia D , the required RPM (N) for accurate cutting velocity (V_C) is not available.

We have to select lower speed V_{p-1} . In that case

Loss of Speed = $V_C - V_{p-1}$

and percentage loss of speed = $\frac{V_C - V_{p-1}}{V_C} \times 100$
 $= \frac{\pi D N - \pi D N_{p-1}}{\pi D N} \times 100 = \left(1 - \frac{N_{p-1}}{N}\right) \times 100$



Max. Possible speed loss in between two steps N_p and N_{p-1} is = $\left(1 - \frac{N_{p-1}}{N}\right) \times 100$

This loss should be constant for any two available ranges of speeds and for that should be a constant (Say $=$). This is possible if $\frac{N_{p-1}}{N} = Q$ or if it follows G.P. If N_{max} and N_{min} are max. and min rotational speeds and these are achieved in step then $\frac{N_{max}}{N_{min}} = \text{Range}$. Range Ratio 40-60 for lathes, 80-100 for capstan lathe, 40 for shapes Range Ratio (R) = Q^{n-1} or $Q = \frac{1}{n-1} \log_e R$ further max. Loss = $1 - \frac{1}{Q} = \frac{Q-1}{Q}$. 20-30 for

drilling machines 30-50 mm machines 1-10 grinders for an efficiency of 50%

$$\frac{Q-1}{Q} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or}$$

$Q=2$, for steps less output $Q \rightarrow 1$ and loss of velocity in that case = 0. Thus for G.P. the useful value of common ratio lies between 1 and 2 i.e. $1 < Q < 2$. Value of Q 1.12, 1.26, 1.41, 1.56 & 2

Automatic lathes 1-10.

TOOL LAYOUT FOR AUTOMATIC LATHES

Tool layout is a definite schedule or sequence of different operations to be performed for producing a job and preparing a list and sequence of application of the tools to be used. The important points to be considered are

1. To minimize machining time, try to put as many tools to operate simultaneously. This can be done by overlapping the corresponding machining operations.
2. The job handling operations should also be overlapped with machining operations. This will reduce manufacturing time and increase rate of production.
3. Cutting tools should be planned that during the operation the cutting forces are counter balanced by one another. This will increase tool life and surface finish on the job.
4. If several tools are used separately for rough turning a surface. This will minimize unevenness of the surface.
5. In order to maintain perfect concentricity between external and internal surfaces of a part, these surfaces should be finish machined out the same station.
6. To have a better finished component, avoid overlapping of roughing and finishing operations.
7. In planning the drilling operation the following points to be taken care
 - a) Centre drill should always be used for spot drilling (centering) before hole is drilled.
 - b) Deep holes should not be drilled continuously, it should be taken out of the hole many times during the operation in order to break the chips and allow the drill to cool. This will improve tool life and give better finish.
 - c) When a hole of varying diameter is to be drilled, always use the drills in a descending order of their diameters. This will minimize total drilling time.
8. Cutting of deep grooves and parting off should invariably be the last but one and last operations respectively.
9. The operations are planned in such a way that the machining time taken at each station is nearly the same and particularly in multi spindle automatics.
10. Extraordinarily long single operations should be divided into many small operations in order to meet the requirement of proceeding point q .

Exp: Producing a Circular Pin on a Capstan Lathe from Bar Stock

The tooling layout for producing the above part is

Procedure:

1. Feed the bar against stop.
2. Rough turn the pin with roller steady box tool.
3. Finish turn the pin with roller steady box tool.
4. Chamfer the pin end.

5. Knurl with concentric knurling tool
6. Cutoff by using the parting off tool in the rear tool post.

Exp: Making a hex. Head bolt on a Capstan lathe from hexagonal bar stock

The tooling layout for producing the given bolt. The operations at station 4 and 5 can be done simultaneously

Procedure:

1. Feed the bar against stop.
2. Rough turn the bolt dia. with a roller steady box tool.
3. Finish turn the bolt dia. with a roller steady box tool.
4. Cut threads with self-opening dia. head.
5. Face and form turn the head by the tools mounted on the front tool post.
6. Cutoff parting off tool held in the rear tool post.