

Forming Processes:

shaping solid materials by plastic deformation w/o melting: sheet metal forming, forging, extrusion, rolling

Plasticity: ability of a material to flow as a solid w/o deterioration of props.

Deformation: requires large forces

Yield Strength: stress which deform. begins

Ductility: ability to elongate before fracture

Strain Hardening: $\uparrow$ in resistance to deform. w/ plastic strain

States of Stress:

Uniaxial Stress: single normal stress (tension / compression)

Biaxial Stress: sheet metal forming processes where in-plane stresses (σ_x, σ_y) exist; shear stress τ_{xy} too, sometimes.

Triaxial Stress: when all 3 normal stresses ($\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$) are present: forging / extrusion

General Parameters:

- strength or resistance for deform
- conditions at diff. temp.
- formability limits
- reaction to lubricants
- speed of deform. & its effects
- speed-sensitive materials requires more energy to produce same results

Bulk Deformation Process:

involve significant volume change of workpiece; **bulk:** work parts w/ relatively low surface-to-volume ratios

starting work shapes: cylindrical billets & rectangular bars.

E.g. forging, rolling, extrusion, & drawing

Drawing Optical Fibers:

Optical Fiber: thin transparent strands of glass / plastic that transmit light signals; telecommunications, medical imaging, & industrial sensing.

Pros: higher bandwidth, lower signal loss, & immunity to EM interference

Principle:

- light travels through fiber core by reflecting off cladding;
- diff. in refractive index: light reflects btwn. core & cladding;
- total internal reflection: minimal loss.

Manufacturing:

- reactive gases $\rightarrow$ inside a glass tube;
- heating: chemical reaction;
- composition of inner tube changes;
- outer side (lower IOR): cladding
- inner side: higher IOR;
- tube pulled until inner sides converge in the center: uniform & no holes

Total Internal Reflection (TIR):

occurs b/c of **Snell's Law** (how light bends when passing btwn. mat. w/ diff. refractive index). $\frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$

angle of light hitting cladding $>$ critical $^\circ$: insufficient bend to enter cladding (slower) $\rightarrow$ TIR. $\rightarrow$ traps & transmits light

Rolling: reduces thickness & refines grain structure of metal sheets / bar stocks by passing it through rollers.

Flat Rolling: creates metal sheet of various thickness

Shape Rolling: reduce specific shapes like I-beams or angles

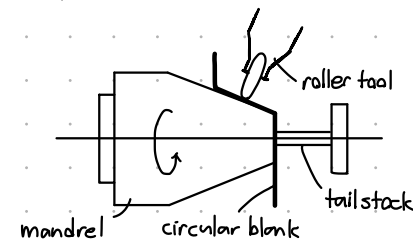
Forging: shaping metals by compressive forces btwn dies.

Open-die forging: no closed die cavity; shape changes in multiple directions

Closed-die forging: use matched dies to form specific shapes

Isothermal Forging: high-temp to improve material props. & reduce forces

Shear Spinning: a sheet metal disc pressed against a rotating mandrel & roller tool; creates axisymmetric cups, cones, & bowls; suitable for thin-walled parts w/ high depth-to-diameter ratios



Tube Spinning: similar to shear spinning but uses tubular blanks; close/open-ended tubular parts; high material utilization & good surface finish

Swagging (Kneading): reduces diameter & increases length of solid / tubular pieces; hammering / comp. forces btwn. dies; improves strength & surface finishes

Stretching: thinning of a metal sheet by applying tensile forces; specific shapes / reduce weight; req. control of blank dimensions & tooling geometry.

Extrusion: extrusion forces a heated metal billet through a die to create continuous profile

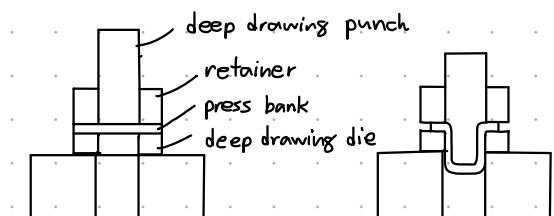
Direct Extrusion: ram pushes billet directly through a die.

Indirect Extrusion: container holds billet & ram pushes against container's bottom to extrude material.

Hydrostatic Extrusion: fluid pressure transmits force to billet, reducing friction & enabling complex shapes

Drawing

Deep Drawing: sheet metal blank is drawn over a punch into a die cavity; cup-like shapes; req. careful control of blank holder force & lubrication



Tube / Wire Drawing: cont. reduce diameter & increase length; uses multiple dies w/ decreasing diameters; high strength & precise tolerance

Straight Bending: creates linear bends in sheet metals using bending tools; req. consider **springback** & material prop.

Contoured Flanging: bends sheet metal along a curved edge to create flanges; strengthening, stiffening, & joining parts; specialized tooling & careful process control

Independent Variables: aspects of processes engineers/operators have direct control over

- temp., strain rate, tooling geometry, lubrication, product geometry

Dependent Variables: outcomes of a forming process / influenced by indep. vars.; optimization, QC, predicting prop's

- force/power consump., product prop., exit temps, surface finish, dimensional precision, material flow details.

Experience: trial & error / can be slow/costly, often lacks quantitative data

Experiment: direct observation of cause & effect relationships

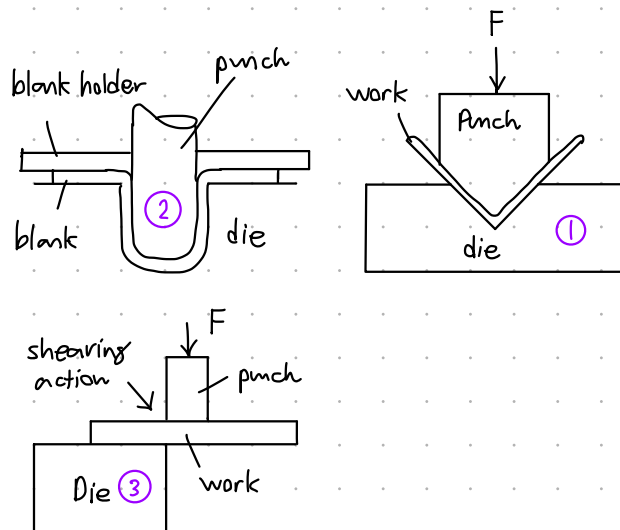
Process Modeling: enables analysis of complex scenarios / interaction btwn. vars.

Simulation Techniques

Finite Element Method (FEM):
numerically solves equations to analyze stress, strain, & deform.

Analytical Modeling:
simplified equations to predict specific aspects of process

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD):
models fluid flow behavior in processes



Essential Material Properties (Metal Forming):

desirable prop: low Y.S. & high ductility

Yield Strength: stress which plastic deform. starts
lower Y.S. = better formability

Ductility: ability to elongate before fracture
higher ductility = higher complexity shapes

Strain Hardening: ↑ in Y.S. w/ plastic deform.
can limit formability & req. higher forming forces

Strain Rate Sensitivity: mat's dependence on deform. speed: careful process control if sensitive

Anisotropy: variation in prop. depending on direction;
can affect forming behavior

Sheet Metal Working: steel / aluminum / brass

any forming performed on metal sheets / strips / coils

- high surface area - to - volume ratio of starting mat.
- AKA press working / parts called stampings
- Usual tool: punch & die

Pros: lightweight & high strength: weight, formability (complex shapes), cost effective (large scale prod.), good surface finish & recyclability (e.g. automotive / aerospace comp., enclosures, & building + HVAC).

① Bending Sheet Metal:

Factors: material props, sheet thickness, bend radius & angle, tooling selection & setup

② Drawing Sheet Metal:

Factors: material props, blank holder force & lubrication, tooling design / geometry

③ Shearing Sheet Metal:

Edge Quality & Burr Control: tool sharpness, clearance, & material prop.; imperfect-shearing → burr

Minimizing Burr: proper tool maintenance / sharpening, lubrication / coatings, specialized shearing techniques (laser cutting / water jet).

Material Behavior for Optimal Forming Processes

Material's response to force

predicting final shape / props., avoiding defects, ensure functionality, optimizing correct process / params.

Flow Curve: true stress & strain account for ↓ in cross-sec A. as mat deforms;
more accurate v.s. engineering stress-strain curves
primary interest: plastic region where mat's behavior is expressed by:

$$\sigma = K\epsilon^n \quad K: \text{strength coeff.}, \quad n = \text{strain hardening exponent}$$

Lubrication: reduces friction btwn tool & workpiece