

Problem 10 Common Grouping

E212 – Facilities Planning and Design

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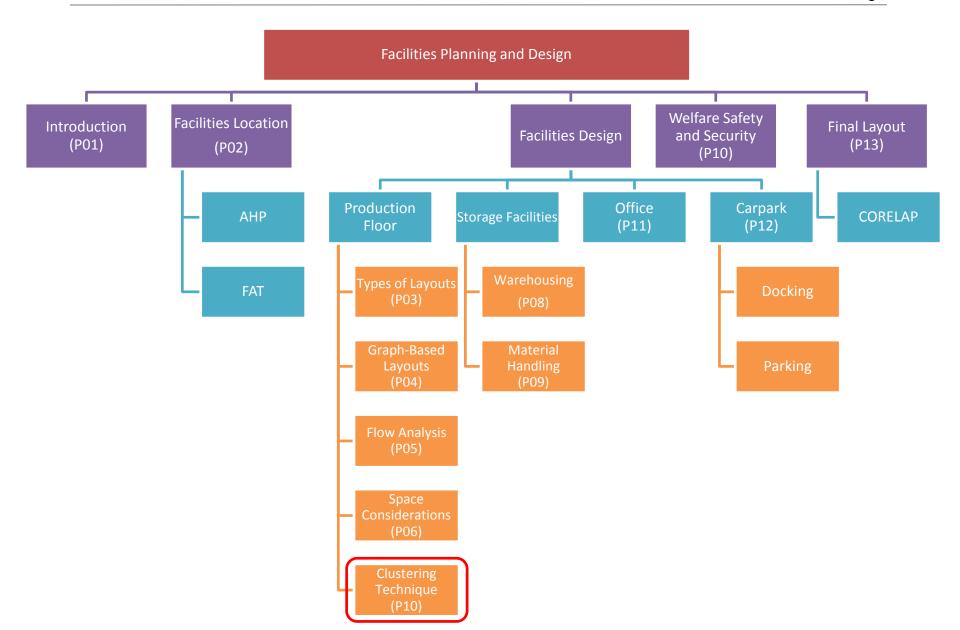






E212 Facilities Planning & Design - Topic Tree





Learning Objectives



- Describe Group Layout, Group Technology, Cellular Manufacturing, and their associated advantages and limitations.
- Identify machine cells and part families simultaneously, and to allocate part families to machine cells in order to minimize intercellular movement of parts through:
 - Row & Column Masking (R&CM) Algorithm
 - Rank Order Clustering Algorithm
- Compare and contrast the similarity and differences between using Row & Column Masking Algorithm vs Rank Order Clustering Algorithm.
- Perform an appropriate cell manufacturing (or work cell) design.
- Draft out a facility layout using AutoCAD.

Recap: Basic Layout Types

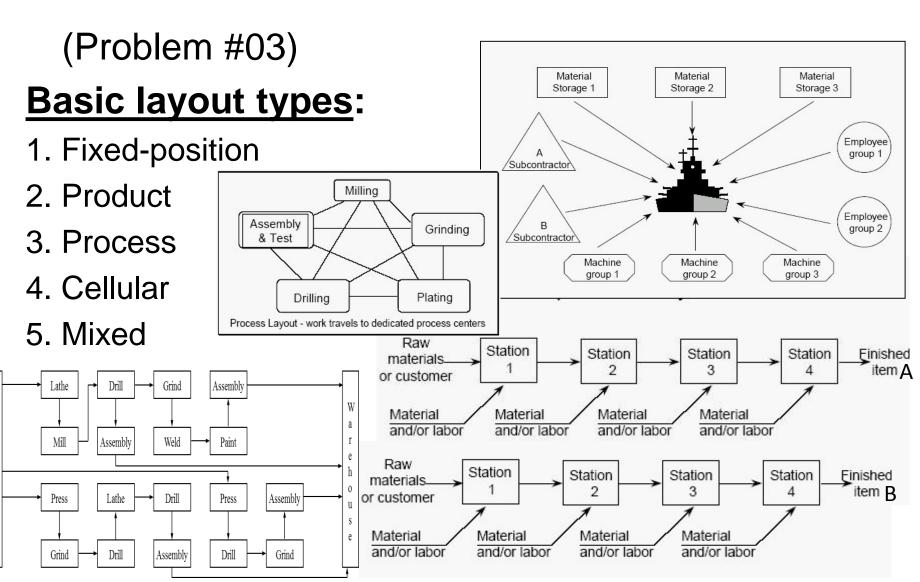
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Group Layout



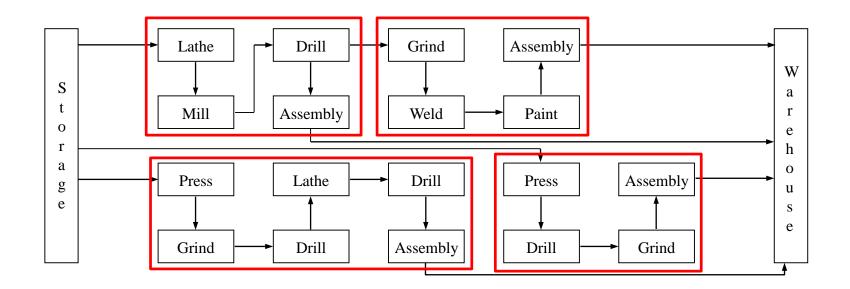
Group Layout (also known as cellular layout or group technology layout) is a type of layout in which machines are grouped into a cell that can handle items with similar processing requirements. It is often regarded as an equipment/machine layout configured to support Cellular Manufacturing (CM).

In Group Layout:

- Products/parts are being grouped into "product or part families" based on their similarities such as common processing sequences, material composition, tooling requirements, handling requirements, storage requirements, control requirements, etc.
- The processing equipment or machines required are then grouped and arranged into a manufacturing cell or work cell, based on the corresponding product or part family that they handle.

Group Layout





When the production volumes for the individual products are not sufficient to justify for pure product layouts, Group Layout is a better alternative as the equipment/machines can be better utilized for manufacturing the several type of products belonging to the same product family.

Group Layout



Some **advantages** of Group Layout include:

- 1. More products (with similarities) can be produced by the same machines
- 2. Supports the use of general purpose machines/equipment.
- 3. Compromise between product layout and process layout with associated advantages.
- 4. Shorter travel distances and smoother flow lines than for process layout.
- 5. Team attitude and job enlargement tend to occur.

Some **limitations** of Group Layout include:

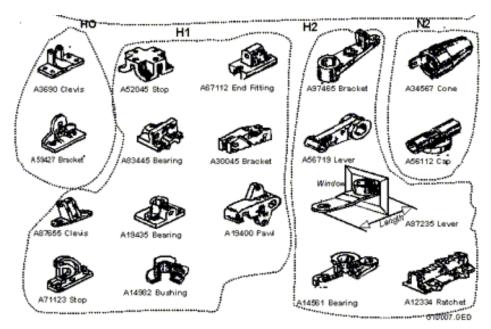
- 1. Higher skill levels is required of employees (compared to product layout).
- 2. General supervision is required.
- 3. Compromise between product layout and process layout with associated limitations.
- 4. Depends on balanced material flow through the cell. Otherwise, buffers and work-in-process inventories will be built up.

Group Technology (GT)



Group Technology (GT) - a management philosophy that attempts to group products / parts with similar design or manufacturing characteristics, or both.

By grouping similar parts together, a common set of strategy can be developed to handle their required processing, thus saving time and effort.



A group of similar parts is known as a "part family".

Cellular Manufacturing (CM)



Cellular Manufacturing (CM) - an application of GT that involves grouping equipment / machines based on the parts manufactured by them.

A group of machineries arranged to process a particular part family is known as a machine cell, or work cell.

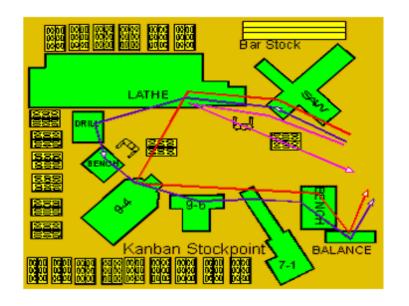
This type of manufacturing in which a part family is produced by a machine cell is known as cellular manufacturing.

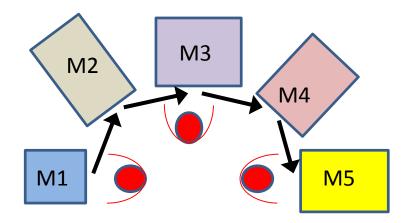


A Typical U-shaped Work Cell

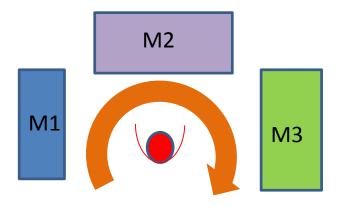
Cellular Manufacturing (Examples)



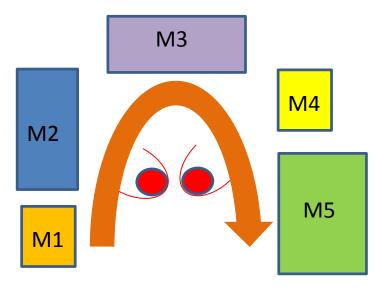




A 3 Man – 5 Machines Work Cell



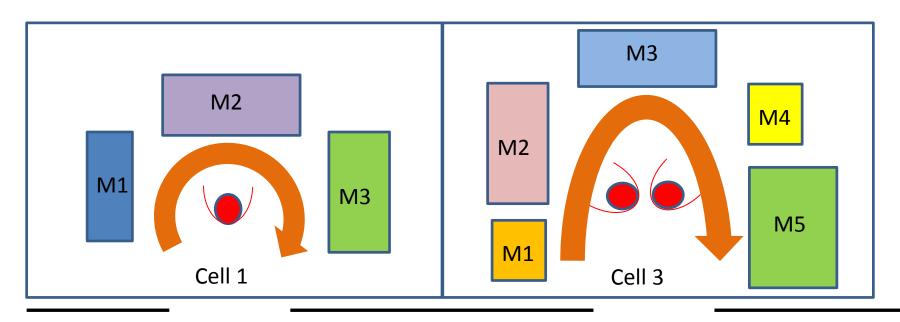
A "1 Man – 3 Machines" Work Cell

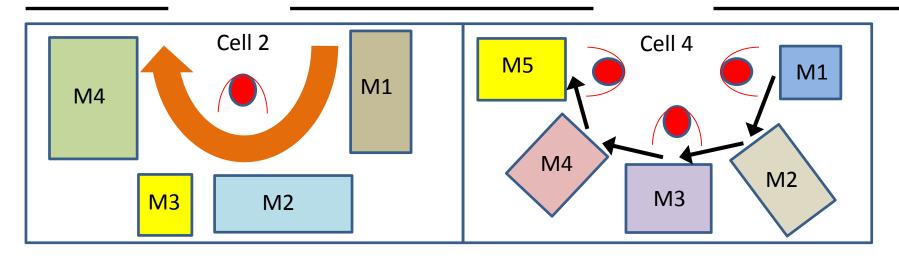


A "2 Man – 5 Machines Work Cell

Cellular Manufacturing (Examples)







Potential Benefits of Group Technology & Cellular Manufacturing



Increases:

- Productivity. (compared to process layout)
- Components standardization.
- Reliability of estimates/forecasts.
- Costing accuracy.
- Material flow.
- Machine utilization.
- Space utilization.
- Quality.
- Customer service.
- Order potential.
- Employee morale.
- Etc...

Reduces:

- Planning effort.
- Paper work
- Setup time.
- Down-time.
- Work-in-process (WIP) inventory.
- Work movement.
- Overall production time.
- Material handling cost.
- Direct/indirect labour cost.
- Overall costs.
- Etc...

Group Technology: Clustering Techniques



Clustering Techniques - a class of methods concerned with identifying machine cells, corresponding part families, or both by attempting to rearrange the row and columns of the machine-part indicator matrix until a block diagonal form can be identified.

Some of the commonly used clustering algorithms include:

- 1. Row & Column Masking (R&CM)
- 2. Rank Order Clustering (ROC)

E-learning video for Row & Column Masking (R&CM):

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3HLYdhAzz2eQlpaSGg4VmRMUzg/edit?usp=sharing

E-learning video for Rank Order Clustering (ROC):

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3HLYdhAzz2eZl92ZC1SOUw5ZHc/edit?usp=sharing



The steps in using the Row & Column Masking Algorithm are as follows:

- 1. Draw a horizontal line across the 1st row. Select any '1' entry in the matrix which is cut through only by one line.
- 2. If the entry is cut through by a horizontal line, go to step 2a. If the entry is cut through by a vertical line, go to step 2b.
- 2a. Draw a vertical line down the column in which this '1' entry appears. Go to step 3.
- 2b. Draw a horizontal line across the row in which this '1' entry appears. Go to step 3.
- 3. Look for any '1' entry with only one line cutting through it, select any one and go to step 2. Repeat until there are no more such entries left. Identify the corresponding machine cell and part family. Go to step 4.
- 4. Select any row through which there is no line yet. If there are no such rows, stop. Otherwise, draw a horizontal line across this row, and select any '1' entry in the matrix which is cut through by only one line. Go to step 2.



The steps in using the Rank Order Clustering Algorithm are as follows:

- 1. Assign **binary weights BW**_i = 2^{m-i} to each **row** *i* of the machine-part indicator matrix, where m is the number of machines.
- 2. Determine the **decimal equivalent (DE)** of the binary value of each **column** j using the formula:

 $DE_j = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (BW_i)(a_{ij})$

- 3. Rank the columns in decreasing order of their DE values. Break ties arbitrarily.. Rearrange the columns based on this ranking. If no rearrangement is necessary, stop. Otherwise, go to step 4.
- 4. For each rearranged **column** j of the matrix, assign **binary weights** $BW_j = 2^{n-j}$, where n is the number of parts
- 5. Determine the **decimal equivalent (DE)** of the binary value of each **row** i using the formula: \underline{n}

 $DE_i = \sum_{j=1} (BW_j)(a_{ij})$

6. Rank the rows in decreasing order of their DE values. Break ties arbitrarily. Rearrange the rows based on this ranking. If no rearrangement is necessary, stop. Otherwise, go to step 1.

Problem 10 Suggested Solution



Assign the codes to represent all the Parts and Machines for easy reference:

Component Parts	Raw Materials	Machines		
P1: Metal Front	2mm	M1: Drilling Machine		
Casing	Aluminium Rod	IVII. Dillillig iviacilile		
P2: Plastic Back	PP Plastic	NAZ. Nator & Floctropics Station		
Casing		M2: Motor & Electronics Station		
P3: Fan Blades	Q.5 Aluminium	NA2. Winding Machina		
P3. Fall blades	Sheet	M3: Winding Machine		
P4: Electrical -	Non metal	M4: Painting Machine		
P4. Electrical	Cable	1V14. Palliting Iviacinne		
P5: Motor	Motor Plates	M5: Cutting & Welding Machine		
		M6: Plastic Molding Machine		
		M7: Pressing Machine		
		M8: Bending Machine		

(Types of Machines/Equipment)

Row & Column Masking Algorithm



(Components Parts)

	P1	P2	Р3	P4	P5
M1	1	1	0	0	1
M2	0	0	0	0	1
M3	0	0	0	1	0
M4	1	1	0	0	0
M5	1	0	1	0	0
M6	0	1	0	0	0
M7	0	0	0	1	0
M8	1	0	1	0	0

To begin:

Arrange the machines and products into a matrix as shown on the left.

Enter a '1' for a product (P) that is processed by a machine (M).

Enter a '**0**' for a product (P) that is not processed by a machine (M).

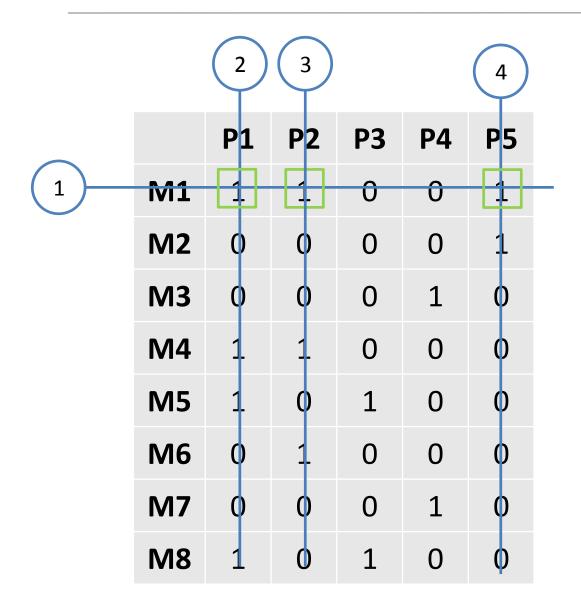


	P1	P2	Р3	P4	P5
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	_	_			_
M2	0	0	0	0	1
M3	0	0	0	1	0
M4	1	1	0	0	0
M5	1	0	1	0	0
M6	0	1	0	0	0
M7	0	0	0	1	0
M8	1	0	1	0	0

Step I:

Draw a single horizontal line (#1) across the 1st row.

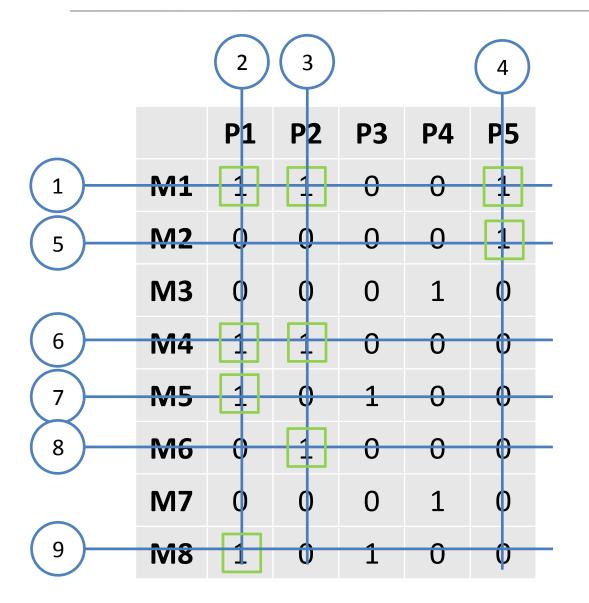




Step II:

Identify the 'I' entry in the matrix which is cut through only by one single line. As these two 'I' entry is cut through by a horizontal line, draw single vertical lines down the columns in which this 'I' entries appears.

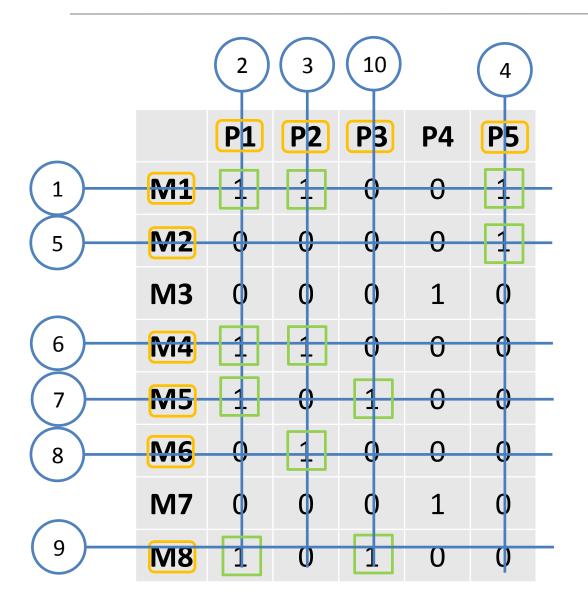




Step III:

Identify all the 'I' entries in the matrix which is cut through only by one single line. As these 'I' entries are cut through by vertical lines, draw a single horizontal line across the rows in which these 'I' entries appears.



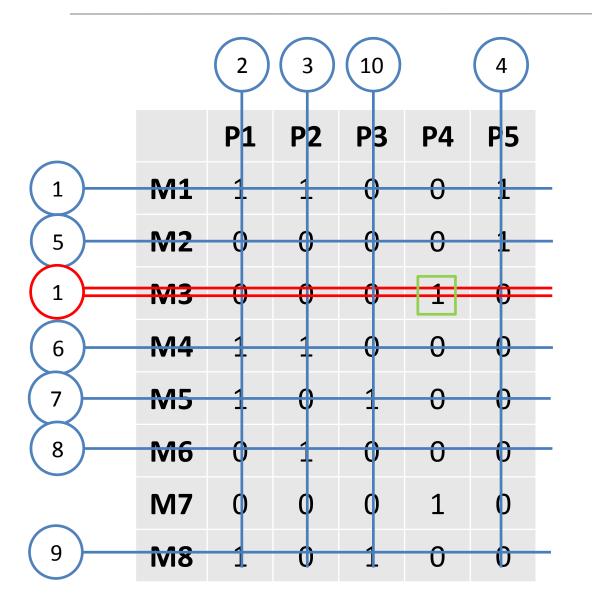


Step IV: Identify all the 'I' entries in the matrix which is cut through only by one single line.(Row 10) After it is observed that there are no more 'I' entries with only a one line cutting through it (i.e. all 'I' are now crossed), we can hence determine the first group of machine cell and part family:

Group 1:

P1, P2, P3 M1, M2, M4, M5, M6, M8

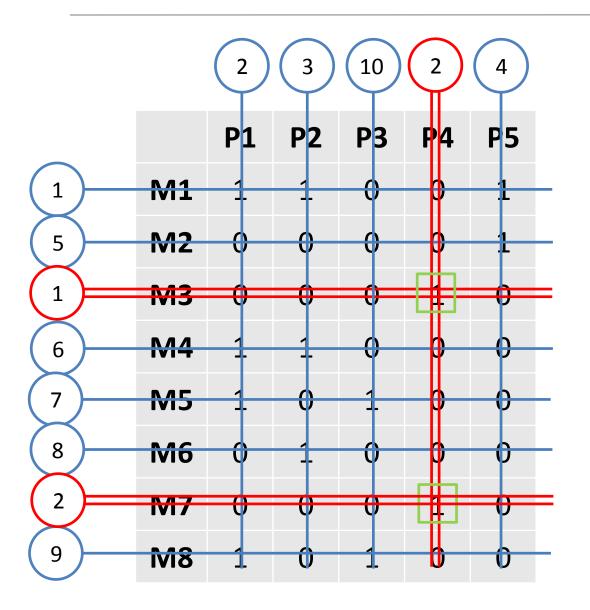




Step V:

Select any row through which there is no line yet, and draw a double horizontal line across that row.

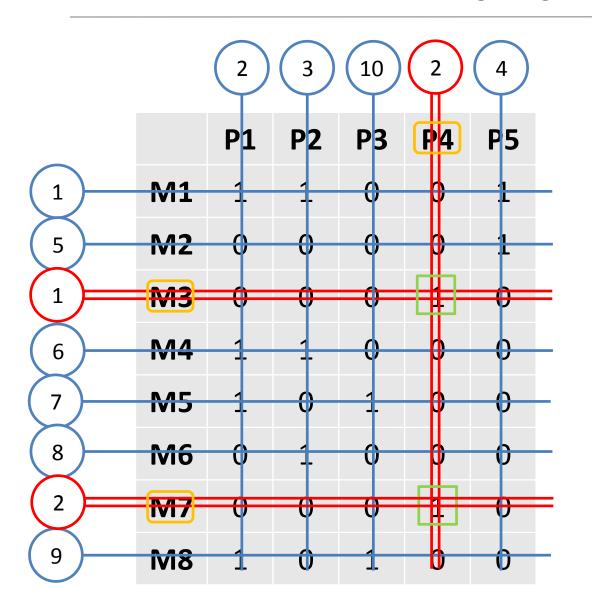




Step VI:

Identify all the 'I' entries in the matrix which is cut through only by one double line. As these 'I' entries are cut through by a horizontal line, draw a double vertical line down each of the columns in which these 'I' entries appears.





Step VII:

Now that it is observed that there are no more 'I' entries with only a one double line cutting through it, we can hence determine the second group of machine cell and part family:

Group 2:

P4

M3, M7



The following grouping, as derived from the Row & Column Masking Algorithm, shall be presented to the Goodle Corporation for consideration:

Component Parts	Machines
P1: Metal Front Casing	M1: Drilling Machine
P2: Plastic Back Casing	M2: Motor & Electronics Station
P3: Fan Blades	M3: Winding Machine
P4: Electrical	M4: Painting Machine
P5: Motor	M5: Cutting & Welding Machine
	M6: Plastic Molding Machine
	M7: Pressing Machine
	M8: Bending Machine

Group 1: (P1, P2, P3, P5), (M1, M2, M4, M5, M6, M8)

Group 2: (P4), (M3, M7)

Possible Limitation of R&CM



 If the machine-part matrix contains one or more machines that belong to more than one cell, or contains parts that are processed in more than one cell, using R&CM may provide a solution with all machines in a cell and all parts in a corresponding part family - unable to differentiate!

Possible Limitation of R&CM



- For parts that cannot be completed in one cell alone:
 - Modify manufacturing process of parts (may involve modifications to parts design)
 - Use ROC to do the parts and machine grouping, and:
 - Design effective inter-cellular material handling system.
 - Duplicate machines.



Similar to R&CM, let's assign the codes below to represent all the Parts and Machines:

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Types of Machines/Equipment)

Rank Order Clustering(ROC) Algorithm



(Components Parts)

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M3	0	0	0	1	0
M4	1	1	0	0	0
M5	1	0	1	0	0
M6	0	1	0	0	0
M7	0	0	0	1	0
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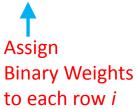
Enter a '**0**' for a product (P) that is not processed by a machine (M).



	P1	P2	Р3	P4	P5	
M1	1	1	0	0	1	2 ⁷
M2	0	0	0	0	1	2 ⁶
M3	0	0	0	1	0	2 ⁵
M4	1	1	0	0	0	24
M5	1	0	1	0	0	2 ³
M6	0	1	0	0	0	22
M7	0	0	0	1	0	2 ¹
M8	1	0	1	0	0	20

Step I:

Assign Binary Weight $\mathbf{BW}_{i} = 2^{m-i}$ to each **row** i of the matrix, where m=8 (the number of machines).



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	P1	P2	Р3	P4	P5	
M1	1	1	0	0	1	128
M2	0	0	0	0	1	64
M3	0	0	0	1	0	32
M4	1	1	0	0	0	16
M5	1	0	1	0	0	8
M6	0	1	0	0	0	4
M7	0	0	0	1	0	2
M8	1	0	1	0	0	1

Step II:

Calculate the **Decimal Equivalent (DE)** of the binary values of each **column** *j* using the formula:

$$DE_j = \sum_{i=1}^m (BW_i)(a_{ij})$$

e.g.
$$DE_5$$
= (128x1) + (64x1)
(32x0)+ (16x0) +
(8x0) + (4x0)+
(2x0) + (1x0)
= 128 + 64 + 0 + 0 +
0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 192

DE of the binary values of each column *j*

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	P1	P2	Р3	P4	P5	
M1	1	1	0	0	1	128
M2	0	0	0	0	1	64
M3	0	0	0	1	0	32
M4	1	1	0	0	0	16
M5	1	0	1	0	0	8
M6	0	1	0	0	0	4
M7	0	0	0	1	0	2
M8	1	0	1	0	0	1
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of →	2	3	5	4	1	

Step III:

Rank the columns in decreasing order of their DE values.



	P5	P1	P2	P4	Р3
M1	1	1	1	0	0
M2	1	0	0	0	0
M3	0	0	0	1	0
M4	0	1	1	0	0
M5	0	1	0	0	1
M6	0	0	1	0	0
M7	0	0	0	1	0
M8	0	1	0	0	1

Step IV:

Re-arrange the columns in the running order of the rankings.

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Columns re-arranged in order of Rankings



	P5	P1	P2	P4	Р3
M1	1	1	1	0	0
M2	1	0	0	0	0
M3	0	0	0	1	0
M4	0	1	1	0	0
M5	0	1	0	0	1
M6	0	0	1	0	0
M7	0	0	0	1	0
M8	0	1	0	0	1

Step V:

Assign binary weight $\mathbf{BW}_{j} = 2^{n-j}$ to each column j of the matrix, where n=6 (the number of parts).

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Assign
Binary Weights
to each column j



	P5	P1	P2	P4	Р3	
M1	1	1	1	0	0	2
M2	1	0	0	0	0	1
M3	0	0	0	1	0	2
M4	0	1	1	0	0	1
M5	0	1	0	0	1	9
M6	0	0	1	0	0	4
M7	0	0	0	1	0	2
M8	0	1	0	0	1	9
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Step VI:

Calculate the **Decimal Equivalent (DE)** of the binary values of each **row** *i* using the formula:

$$DE_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (BW_j)(a_{ij})$$
e.g. $DE_6 = (16x0) + (8x1) + (4x0) + (2x0) + (1x1)$

= 0+8+0+0+0+1 = 9

DE of the binary values of each row *i*



	P5	P1	P2	P4	Р3		
M1	1	1	1	0	0	28	1
M2	1	0	0	0	0	16	2 (
M3	0	0	0	1	0	2	7 t
M4	0	1	1	0	0	12	3
M5	0	1	0	0	1	9	4
M6	0	0	1	0	0	4	6
M7	0	0	0	1	0	2	8
M8	0	1	0	0	1	9	5
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Step VII:

DE values

Rank the rows in decreasing order of their DE values.



	P5	P1	P2	P4	Р3		
M1	1	1	1	0	0	28	1
M2	1	0	0	0	0	16	2
M4	0	1	1	0	0	12	3
M5	0	1	0	0	1	9	4
M8	0	1	0	0	1	9	5
M6	0	0	1	0	0	3	6
M3	0	0	0	1	0	2	7
M7	0	0	0	1	0	2	8
	16	8	4	2	1	1	

Step VIII:

Re-arrange the rows in the running order of the rankings.

Rows re-arranged in order of Rankings



	P5	P1	P2	P4	Р3
M1	1	1	1	0	0
M2	1	0	0	0	0
M4	0	1	1	0	0
M5	0	1	0	0	1
M8	0	1	0	0	1
M6	0	0	1	0	0
M3	0	0	0	1	0
M7	0	0	0	1	0

Step IX:

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 2^1

Assign binary weight $\mathbf{BW}_{i} = 2^{m-i}$ to each **row** *i* of the matrix, where m=7 (the number of machines).

(Note that this is like a repeat of step 1 again)

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Assign
Binary Weights
to each row i



	P5	P1	P2	P4	Р3	
M1	1	1	1	0	0	27
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Step XI:

Calculate the **decimal equivalent (DE)** of the binary values of each **column** *j* using the formula:

$$DE_j = \sum_{i=1}^{m} (BW_i)(a_{ij})$$



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Step X:

Rank the columns in decreasing order of their DE values.



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M2	1	0	0	0	0	2 ⁶
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M5	0	1	0	1	0	24
M8	0	1	0	1	0	2 ³
M6	0	0	1	0	0	2 ²
M3	0	0	0	0	1	2 ¹
M7	0	0	0	0	1	2 ⁰
	192	184	164	24	2	

Step XII:

Since the ranking is now already neatly arranged in order, stop the process. We can now identify the groupings.

Group 1: (P1, P2, P3, P5), (M1, M2, M4, M5, M6, M8)

Group 2: (P4),(M3, M7)



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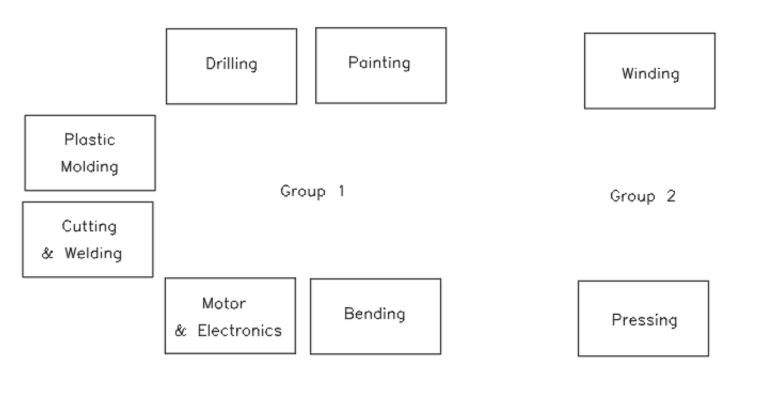
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Suggested Machine Arrangement





Group 1: (P1, P2, P3, P5)

Group 2: (P4)

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