

# METAL FORMING

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## BULK DEFORMATION

**ROLLING**

**FORGING**

**EXTRUSION**

**WIRE & BAR  
DRAWING**

## SHEET METAL WORKING

**BENDING**

**DEEP OR CUP  
DRAWING**

**SHEARING**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

# BULK DEFORMATION PROCESSES

- ***Bulk deformation*** processes are those where the ***thicknesses*** or cross sections are ***reduced*** or ***shapes*** are ***significantly changed***.
- Since the volume of the material remains constant, changes in one dimension require proportionate changes in others.
- Thus the enveloping ***surface area*** changes significantly, usually ***increasing*** as the product lengthens or the shape becomes more complex.

# BULK DEFORMATION PROCESSES

- *Starting geometry* of the raw material may be:
  - cylindrical bars and billets
  - rectangular billets and slabs
  - or any of the above similar shapes



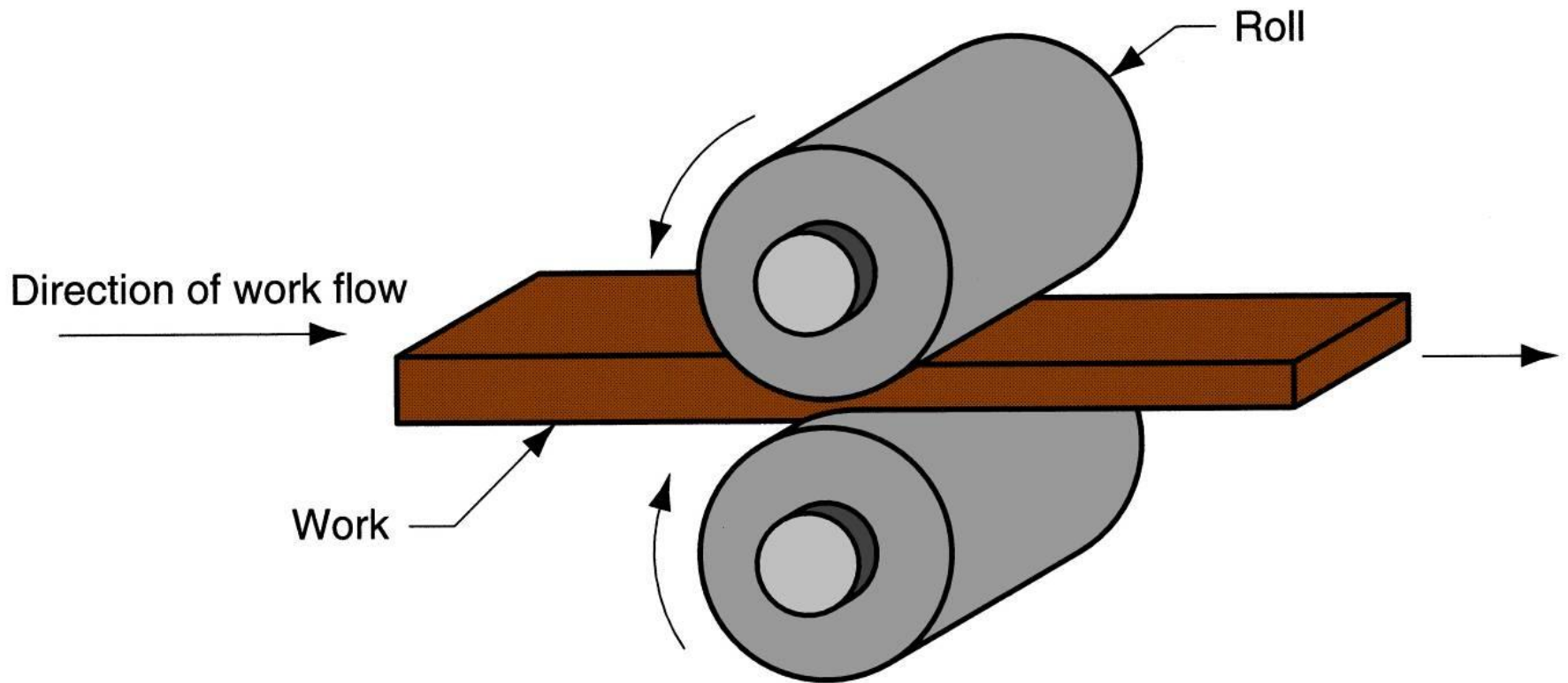




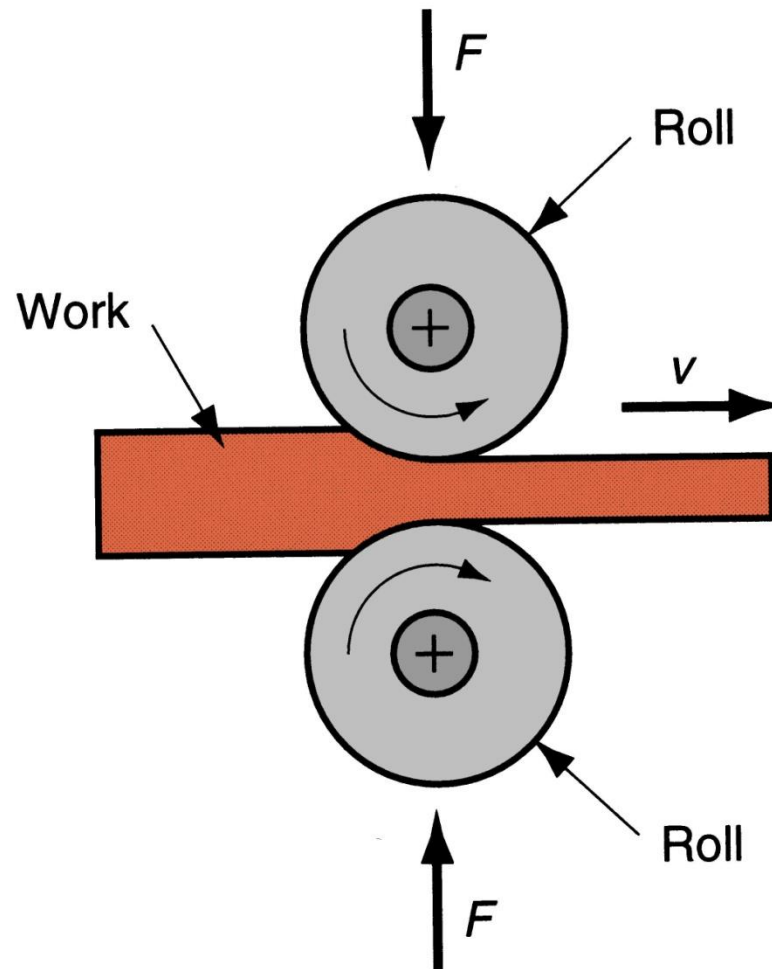
# (1) ROLLING

- Rolling is a *deformation process* in which the *thickness* of the work is *reduced* by *compressive forces* exerted by two opposing rolls.
- Rolling operations *reduce the thickness* or *change the cross section* of a material through compressive forces exerted by rolls.

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- Rotating rolls perform two main functions:
  - Pull the work into the gap between them by friction between workpart and rolls
  - Simultaneously squeeze the work to reduce its cross section

# (1) ROLLING

- Most rolling processes are *very capital intensive*, requiring massive pieces of equipment, called rolling mills, to perform them.
- Most rolling is carried out by hot working, called *hot rolling*, owing to the large amount of deformation required.
- Hot-rolled metal is generally free of residual stresses, and its properties are isotropic.
- Disadvantages of hot rolling are that the product cannot be held to close tolerances, and the surface has a characteristic oxide scale.

# (1) ROLLING

- Rolling is often the first process that is used to convert material into a finished **wrought product** (*Products such as; sheet, rod, bar, tube, plate and wire that are produced by rolling and extrusion mills as well as forging*).
- Thick starting stock can be rolled into **blooms, billets, or slabs**, or these shapes can be obtained directly from continuous casting.

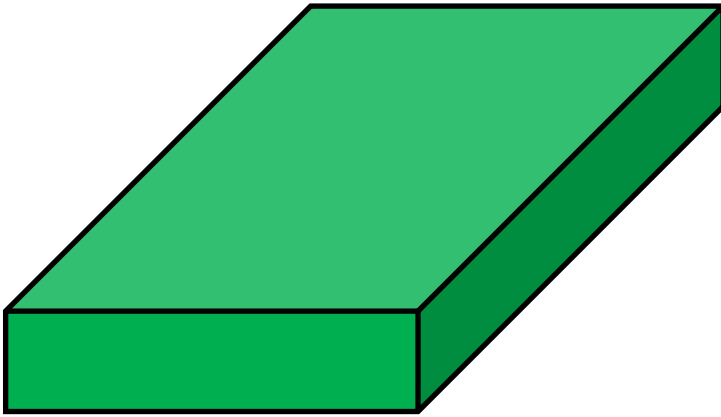
# (1) ROLLING

- A **slab** is a rectangular solid where the width is greater than twice the **thickness** (**25cm x 4 cm or more**). Or **50 – 150mm thick and width ½ to 1.5 meters**
- Slabs can be further rolled to produce plate, sheet, and strip .
- A **bloom** has a **square or rectangular** cross section, with a thickness greater than **15 cm** and a width no greater than twice the thickness. (**150 – 300mm.**)

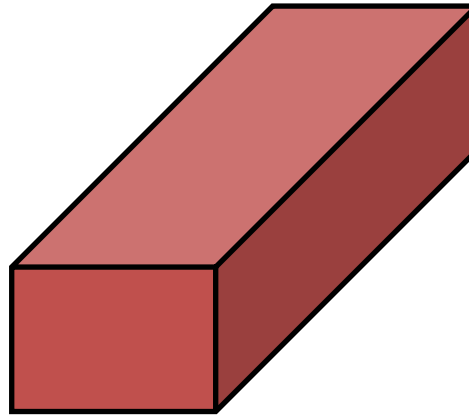
# (1) ROLLING

- A *billet* is usually *smaller than a bloom* and has a *square or circular cross section (4cm x 4 cm or more)*.
- Billets are usually produced by some form of deformation process, such as rolling or extrusion.
- *Plates* have thickness greater than *6 mm* while *sheet and strip* range from *6 mm to 0.1 mm*.

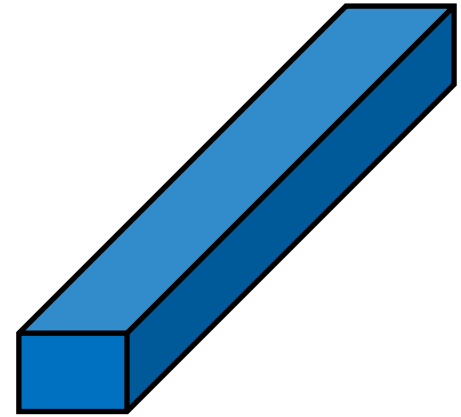
# (1) ROLLING



**SLAB**

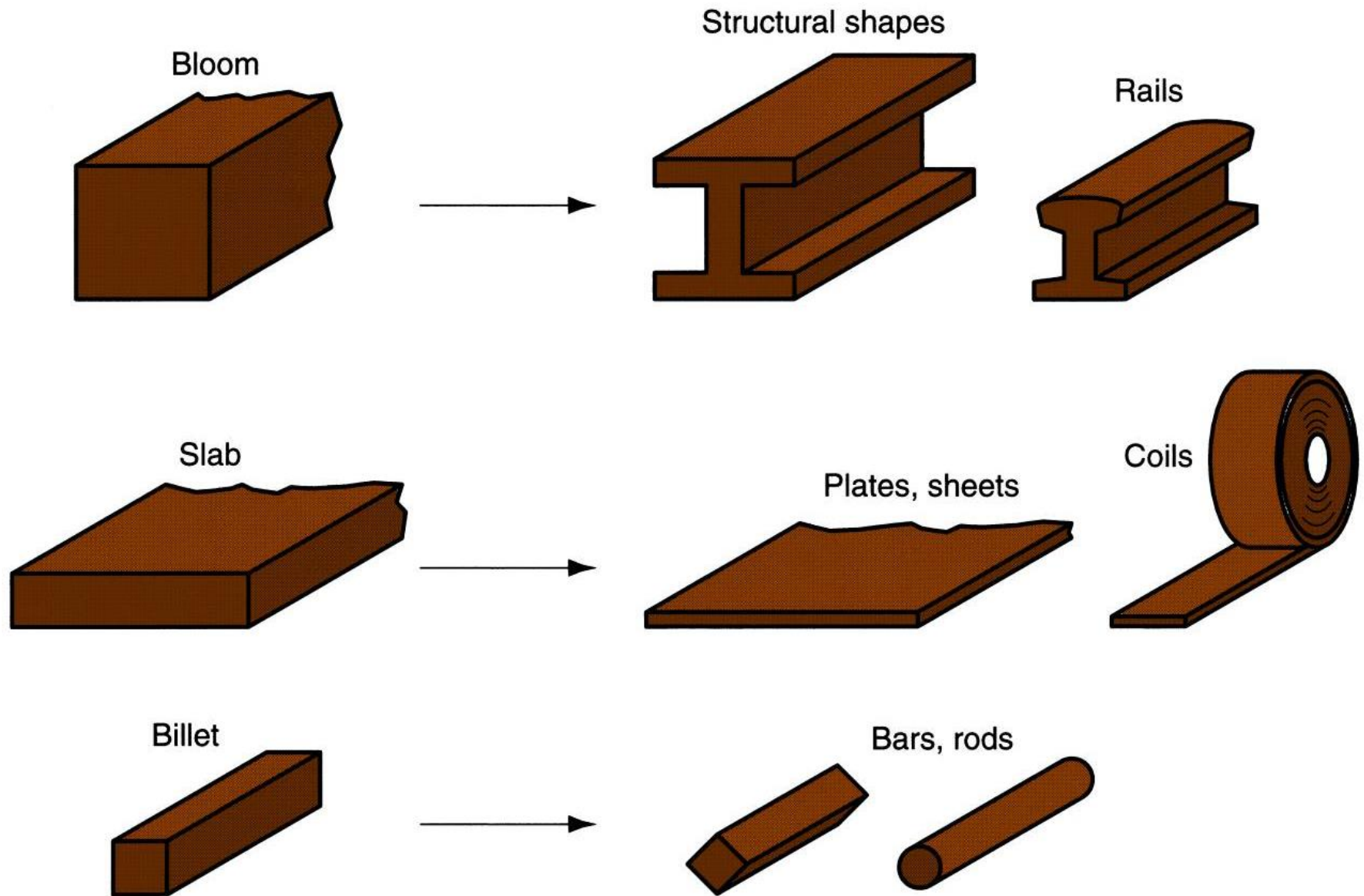


**BLOOM**



**BILLET**

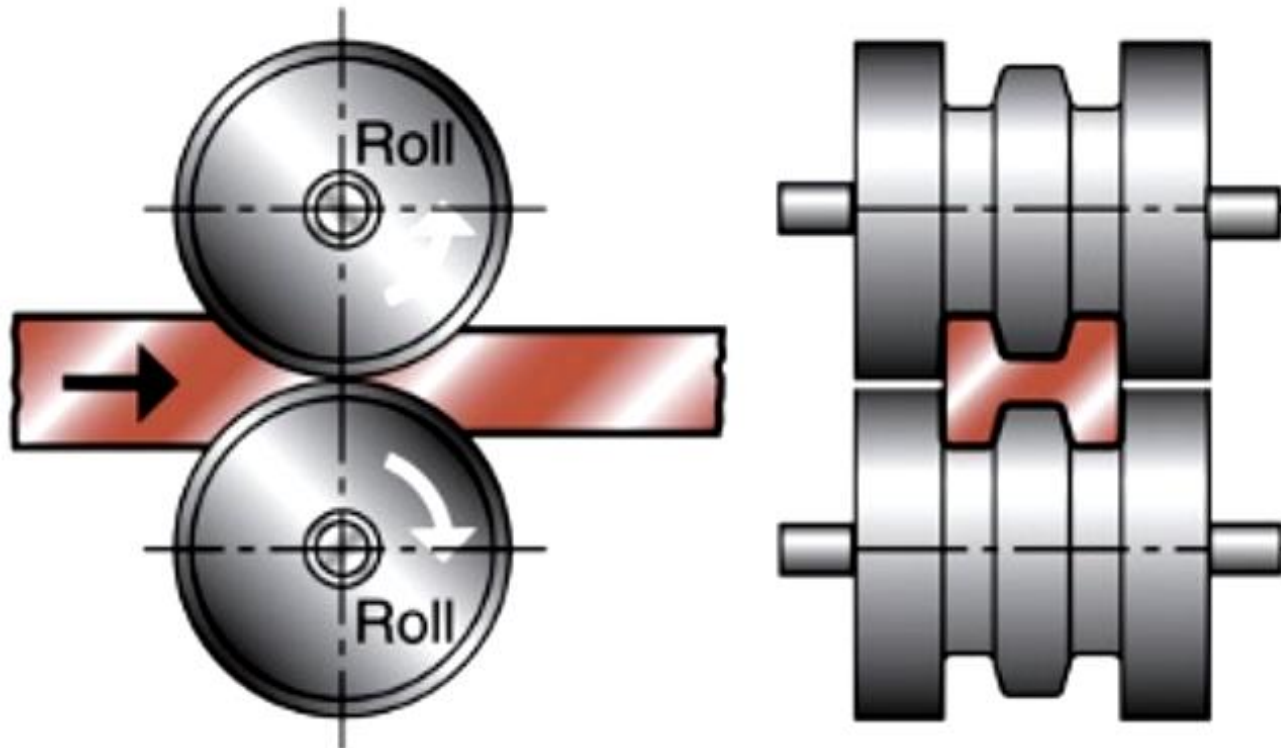




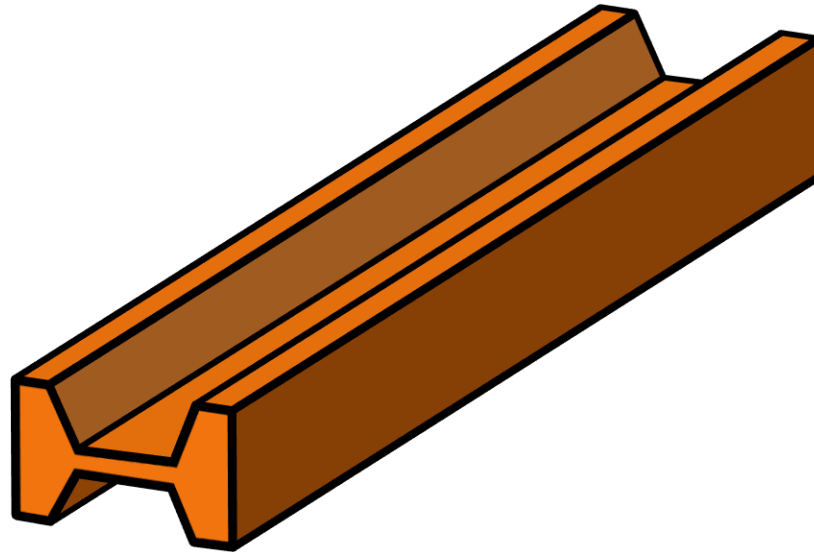
# (1.1) SHAPE ROLLING

- In shape rolling, the *work is deformed* into a *contoured cross section*.
- Products made by shape rolling include construction shapes such as *I-beams, L-beams*, and *U-channels*; *rails* for railroad tracks; and *round and square* bars and rods.
- The process is accomplished by passing the work through *rolls* that have the *reverse of the desired shape*.

# (1.1) SHAPE ROLLING



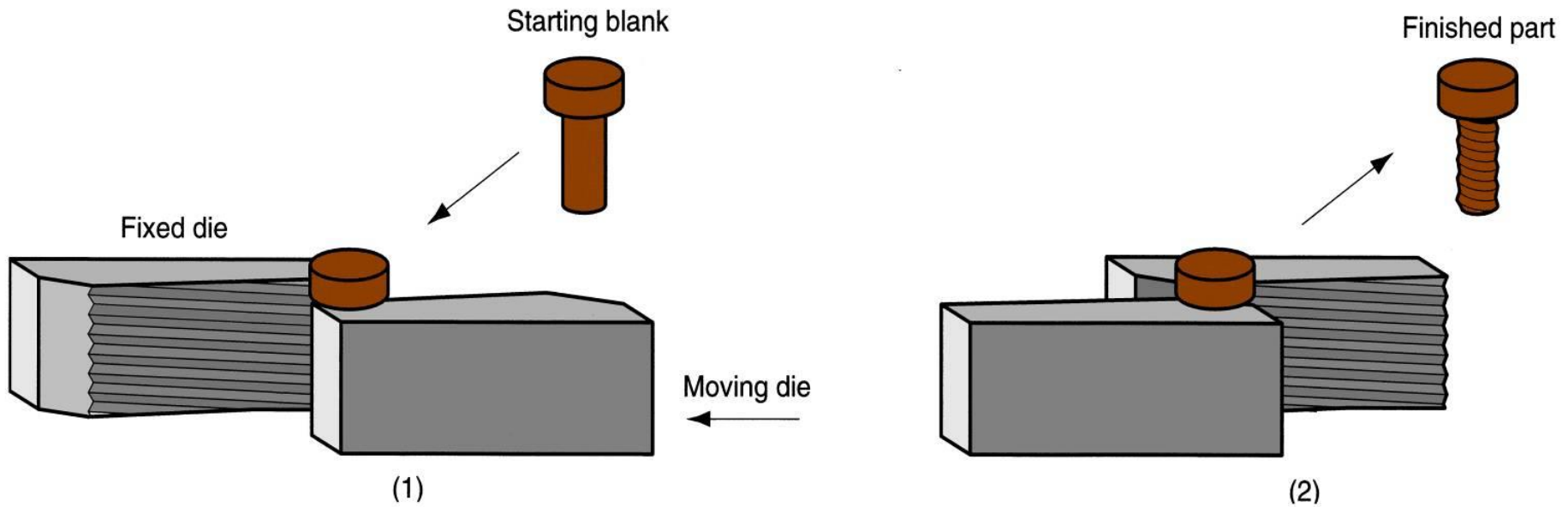
# (1.1) SHAPE ROLLING



## (1.2) Thread Rolling

- Bulk deformation process used to form threads on cylindrical parts by rolling them between two dies
- Important commercial process for mass producing bolts and screws
- Performed by cold working in thread rolling machines
- Advantages over thread cutting (machining):
  - Higher production rates
  - Better material utilization
  - Stronger threads and better fatigue resistance due to work hardening

# (1.2) Thread Rolling

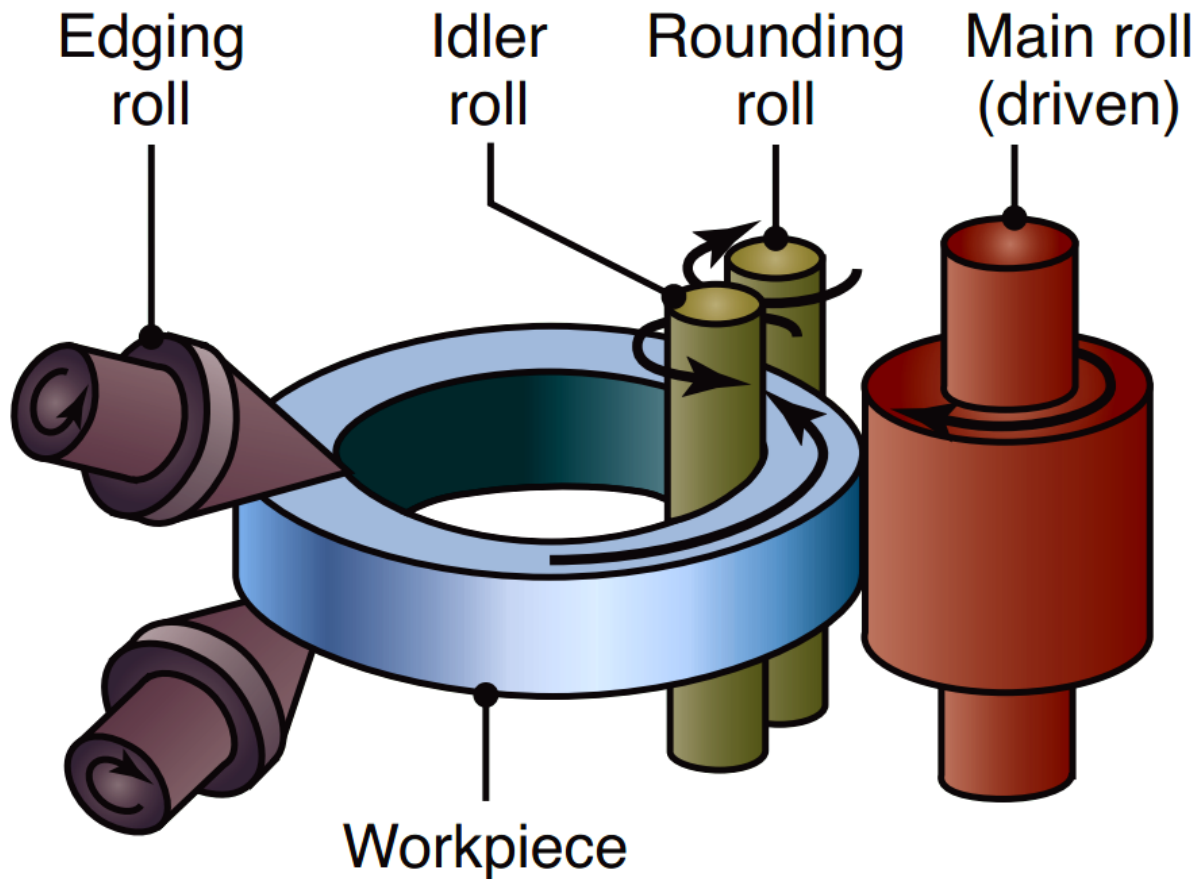




## (1.3) Ring Rolling

- Ring rolling is a deformation process in which a thick-walled ring of smaller diameter is rolled into a thin-walled ring of larger diameter.
- As the thick-walled ring is compressed, the deformed material elongates, causing the diameter of the ring to be enlarged.
- Ring rolling is usually performed as a hot-working process for large rings and as a cold-working process for smaller rings.

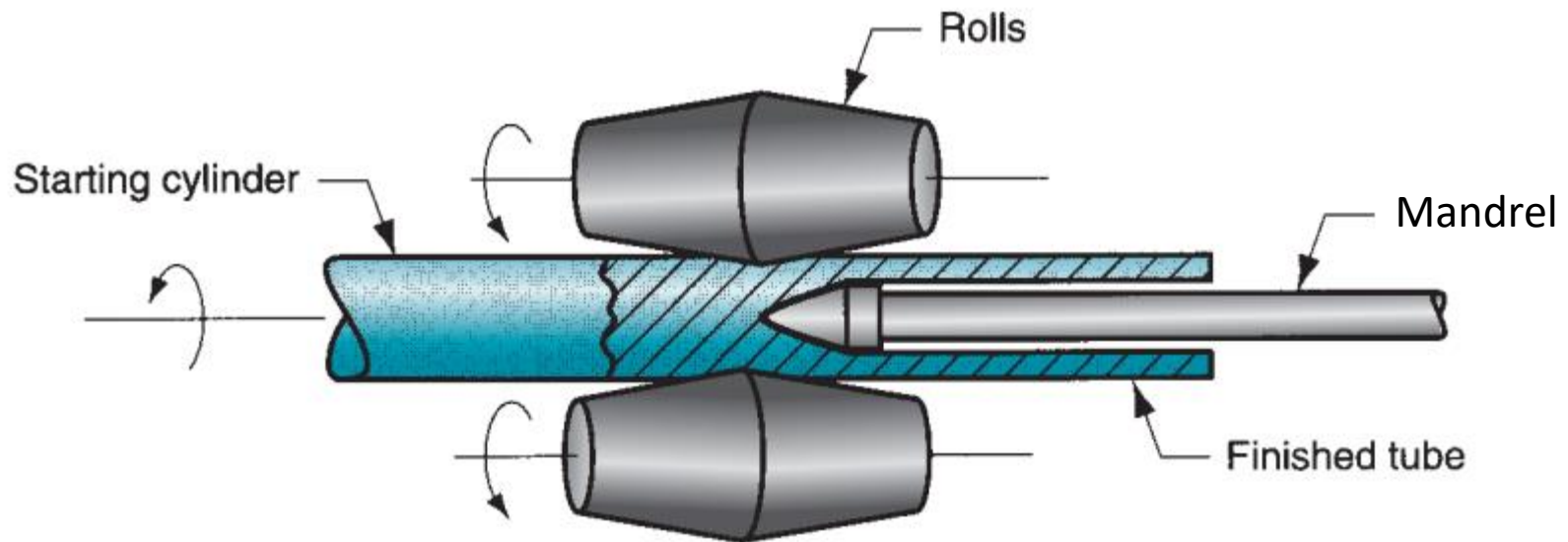
## (1.3) Ring Rolling



Reducing the ring thickness results in an increase in its diameter.

## (1.4) Roll Piercing

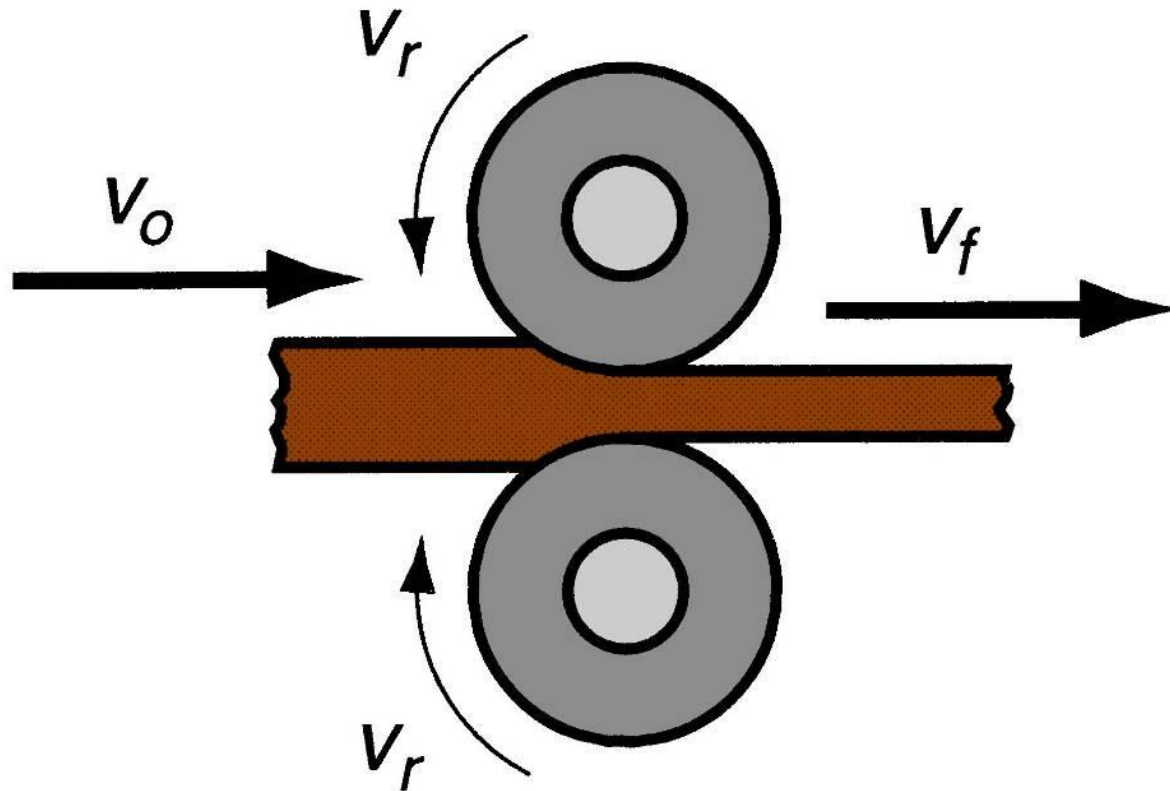
- Roll Piercing is a specialized hot working process for making seamless thick-walled tubes.
- It utilizes two opposing rolls, and hence it is grouped with the rolling processes.



# (1) ROLLING MILLS CONFIGURATIONS

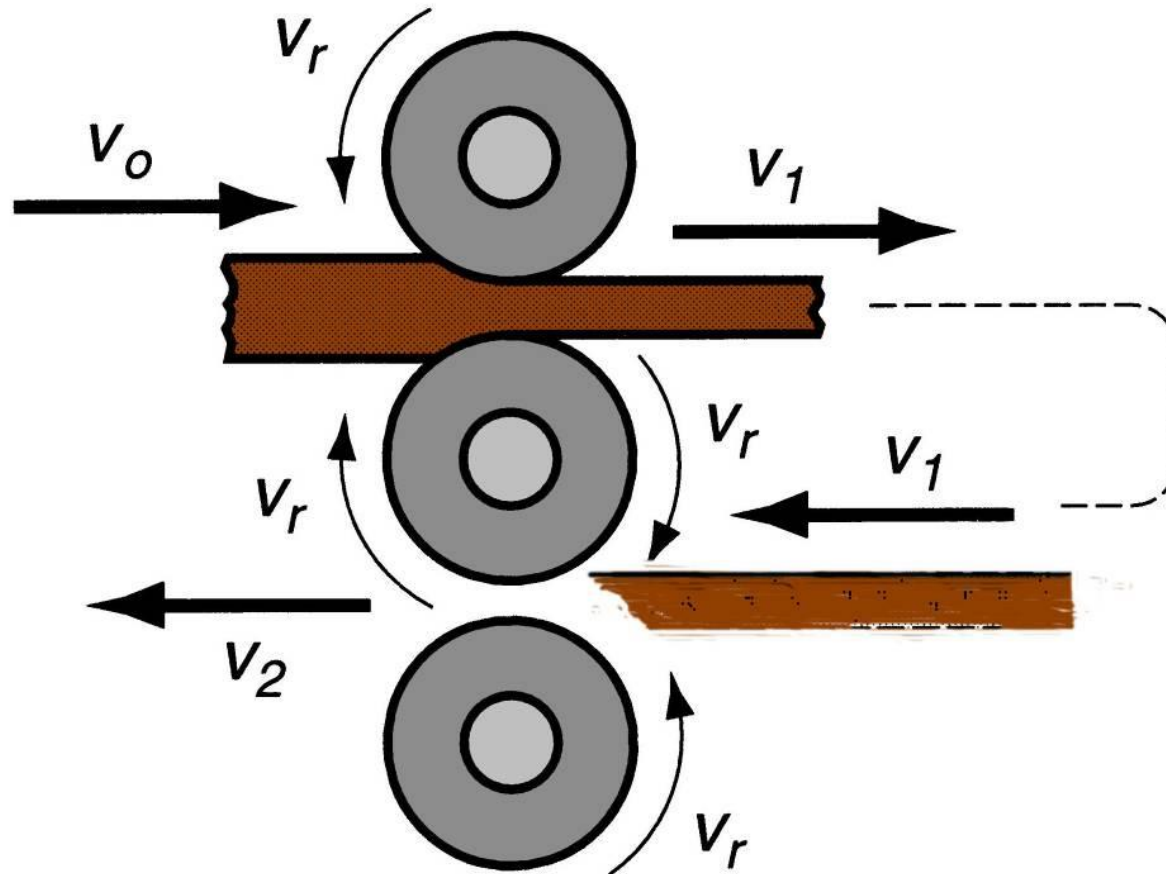
- Various rolling mill configurations are available to deal with the variety of applications and technical problems in the rolling process.
  - **Two-high** – two opposing rolls
  - **Three-high** – work passes through rolls in both directions
  - **Four-high** – backing rolls support smaller work rolls
  - **Cluster mill** – multiple backing rolls on smaller rolls
  - **Tandem rolling mill** – sequence of two-high mills

# (1.a) Two-High Rolling Mill



(a)

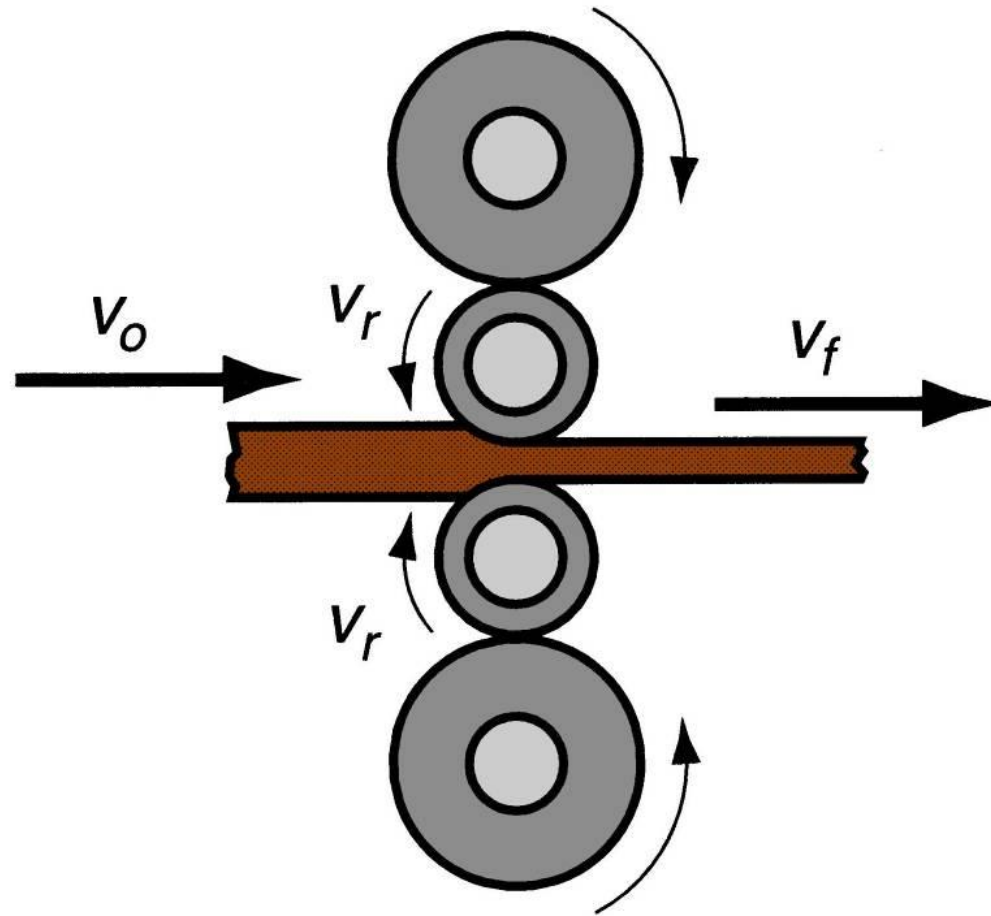
## (1.b) Three-High Rolling Mill



(b)

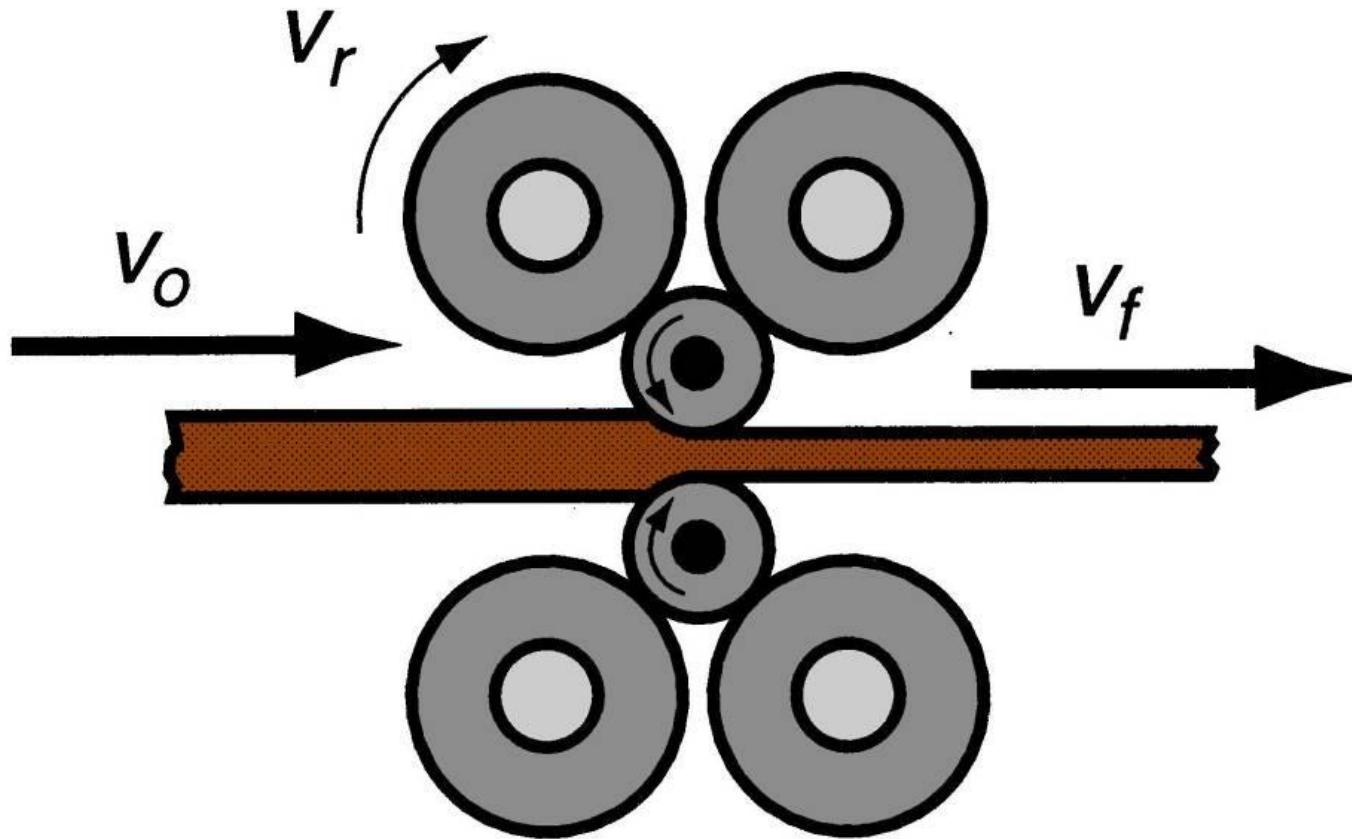


## (1.c) Four-High Rolling Mill



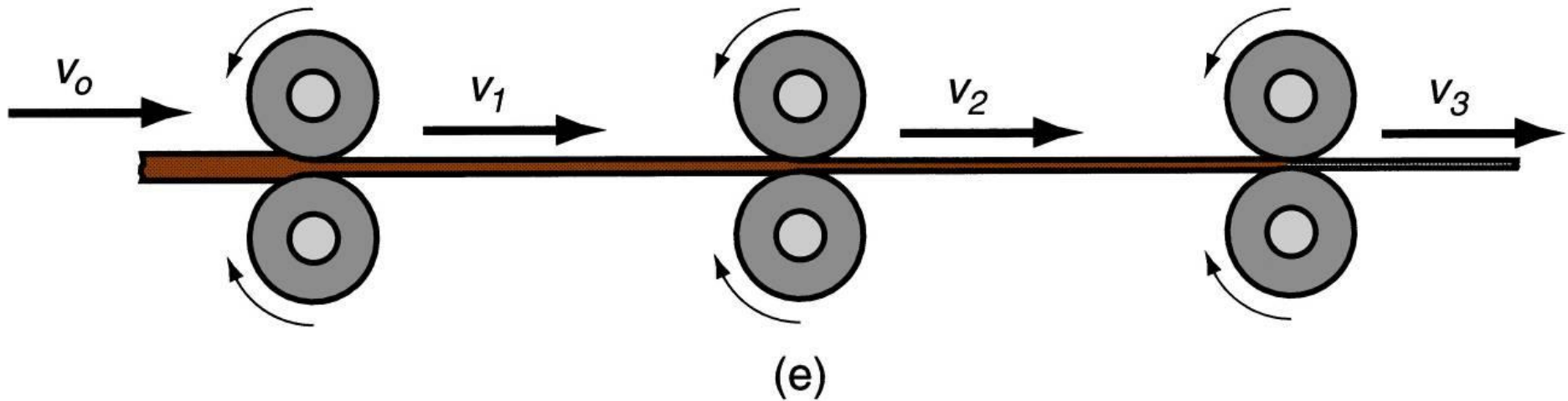
(c)

## (1.d) Cluster Mill



(d)

# (1.e) Tandem Rolling Mill



# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

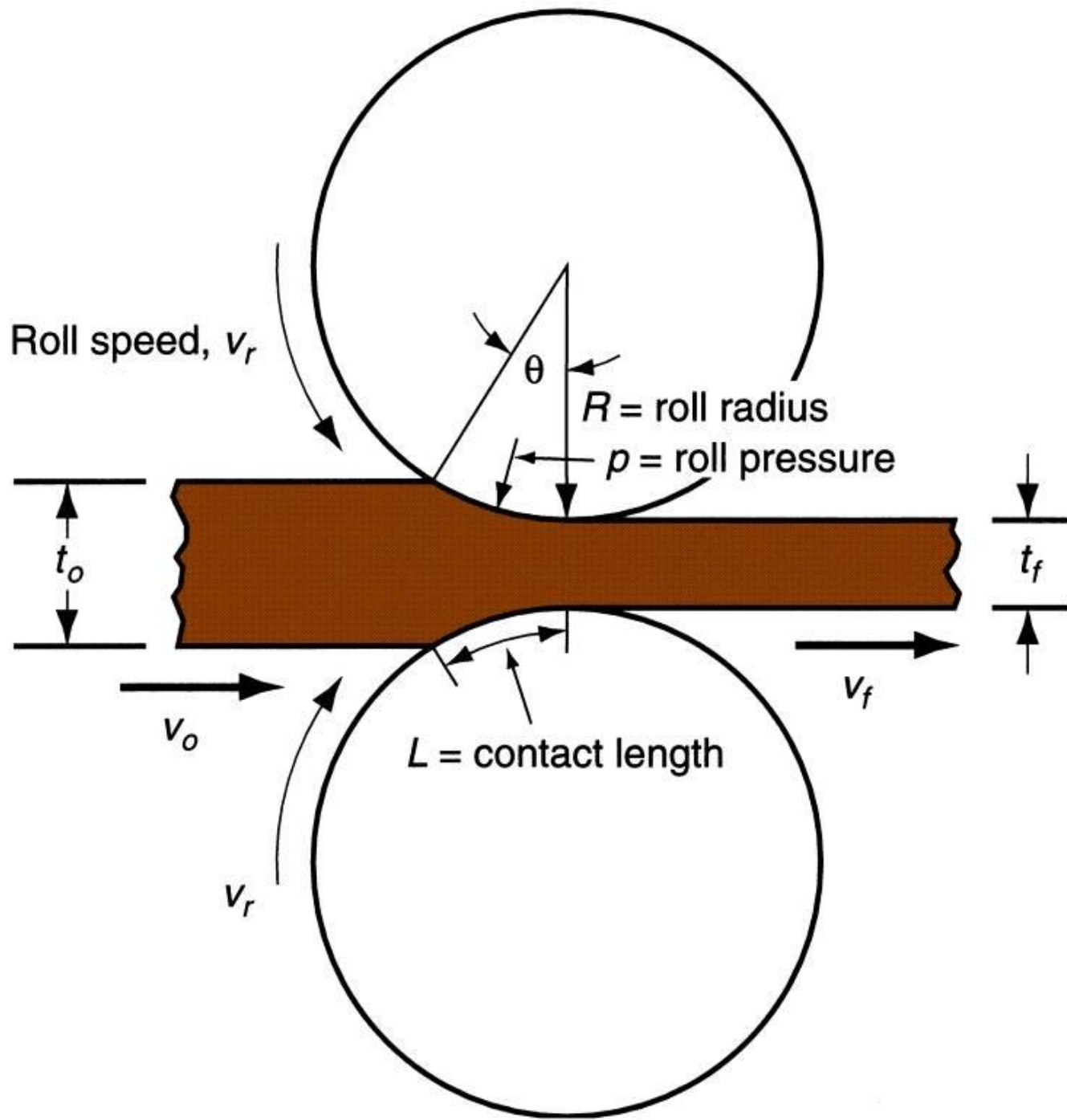
- In flat rolling, the work is squeezed between two rolls so that its thickness is reduced by an amount called the **DRAFT**:

$$d = t_o - t_f \quad (1)$$

$d$  = draft, mm

$t_o$  = starting thickness, mm

$t_f$  = final thickness, mm



# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

- Conservation of matter is preserved, so the *volume of metal exiting* the rolls equals the *volume entering*

$$t_o w_o L_o = t_f w_f L_f \quad (2)$$

$w_o$  and  $w_f$  are the before and after work widths, mm

$L_o$  and  $L_f$  are the before and after work lengths, mm



# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

- Similarly, before and after volume rates of material flow must be the same, so *the before and after velocities* can be related

$$t_o W_o v_o = t_f W_f v_f \quad (3)$$

$v_o$  and  $v_f$  are the entering and exiting velocities of the work.

# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

- The rolls contact the work along an arc defined by the angle  $\theta$ .
- Each roll has radius  $R$ , and its rotational speed gives it a surface velocity  $V_r$ .
- This velocity is greater than the entering speed of the work  $V_o$  and less than its exiting speed  $V_f$ .
- Since the metal flow is continuous, there is a gradual change in velocity of the work between the rolls.

# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

- However, there is ***one point*** along the arc where ***work velocity equals roll velocity***.
- This is called the ***no-slip point***, also known as the ***neutral point***.
- On either side of this point, slipping and friction occur between roll and work.

# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

- The amount of *slip* between the rolls and the work can be measured by means of the **FORWARD SLIP**, a term used in rolling that is defined as

$$S = \frac{v_f - v_r}{v_r} \quad (4)$$

$v_f$  = final (exiting) work velocity, m/s

$v_r$  = roll speed, m/s

# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

- There is a limit to the *maximum possible draft* that can be accomplished in flat rolling with a given coefficient of friction, defined by:

$$d_{max} = \mu^2 R \quad (5)$$

$d_{max}$  = maximum draft, mm

$\mu$  = coefficient of friction

$R$  = roll radius mm

# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

- The roll *force*  $F$  required to maintain separation between the two rolls is given by:

$$F = \sigma w L \quad (6)$$

$\sigma$  = average flow stress, N/mm<sup>2</sup>

$w L$  = roll-work contact area, mm<sup>2</sup>

# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

- *Contact length* can be approximated by

$$L = \sqrt{R(t_o - t_f)} \quad (7)$$

# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

- *Torque for each roll is*

$$T = 0.5 FL \quad (8)$$



# FLAT ROLLING ANALYSIS

- The *power required to drive each roll* is

$$P = 2\pi NT$$

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# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 1

- A **40 mm** thick plate is to be reduced to **30 mm** in one pass in a rolling operation. **Entrance speed = 16 m/min**. **Roll radius = 300 mm**, and **rotational speed = 18.5 m/min**. Determine: (a) the minimum required coefficient of friction that would make this rolling operation possible, (b) exit velocity under the assumption that the plate widens by 2% during the operation, and (c) forward slip.

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 1

- $t_o = 40 \text{ mm}$
- $t_f = 30 \text{ mm}$ .
- $V_o = 16 \text{ m/min}$ .
- $R = 300 \text{ mm}$
- *rotational speed = 18.5 m/min.*
- plate *widens by 2%* during the operation

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 1

(a) Maximum draft  $d_{\max} = \mu^2 R$  (5)

Given that  $d = t_o - t_f = 40 - 30 = 10 \text{ mm}$ ,

$$\mu^2 = 10/300 = 0.0333$$

$$\mu = (0.0333)^{0.5} = \mathbf{0.1826}$$

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 1

(b) Plate widens by 2%.

$$t_o w_o v_o = t_f w_f v_f \quad (3)$$

$$w_f = 1.02 w_o$$

$$40(w_o)(16) = 30(1.02w_o)v_f$$

$$v_f = 40(w_o)(16) / 30(1.02w_o)$$

$$= 640 / 30.6 = \mathbf{20.915 \text{ m/min}}$$

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 1

$$(c) \quad s = (v_f - v_r)/v_r \quad (4)$$

$$= (20.915 - 18.5)/18.5 = \mathbf{0.13}$$

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 2

- A **2.0 in thick** slab is **10.0 in wide** and **12.0 ft** long. Thickness is to be reduced in **three steps** in a hot rolling operation. **Each step** will reduce the slab to **25%** of its previous thickness. It is expected that for this metal and reduction, the slab will **widen by 3%** in each step. If the entry speed of the slab in the first step is **40 ft/min**, and **roll speed is the same for the three steps**, determine: (a) length and (b) exit velocity of the slab after the final reduction.

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 2

- $t_o = 2 \text{ in}$
- $w_o = 10 \text{ in.}$
- $L_o = 12 \text{ ft.}$
- *Each step* will reduce the slab to **25%** of its previous thickness
- *widen by 3%* in each step
- $v_o = 40 \text{ ft/min}$  (*same for the three steps*)



# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 2

(a) After three passes,

$$t_f = (0.75)(0.75)(0.75)(2.0)$$

$$= 0.844 \text{ in.}$$

$$w_f = (1.03)(1.03)(1.03)(10.0)$$

$$= 10.927 \text{ in.}$$

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 2

$$t_o w_o L_o = t_f w_f L_f \quad (2)$$

$$(2.0)(10.0)(12 \times 12) = (0.844)(10.927)L_f$$

$$L_f = 312.3 \text{ in.} = \mathbf{26.025 \text{ ft}}$$

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 2

*(b) Given that entry speed is the same at all three steps*

$$t_o w_o v_o = t_f w_f v_f \quad (3)$$

Step 1

$$v_f = (2.0)(10.0)(40) / (0.75 \times 2.0)(1.03 \times 10.0)$$

$$v_f = 51.78 \text{ ft/min.}$$

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 2

## Step 2

$$v_f = (0.75 \times 2.0)(1.03 \times 10.0)(40) / (0.75^2 \times 2.0)(1.03^2 \times 10.0)$$

$$v_f = 51.78 \text{ ft/min.}$$

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 2

Step 3

$$v_f = (0.75^2 \times 2.0)(1.03^2 \times 10.0)(40) / (0.75^3 \times 2.0)(1.03^3 \times 10.0)$$

$$v_f = 51.78 \text{ ft/min.}$$

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 3

- A series of cold rolling operations are to be used to reduce the thickness of a plate from **50 mm down to 25 mm** in a reversing two-high mill. **Roll diameter = 700 mm** and **coefficient of friction between rolls and work = 0.15**. The specification is that the **draft is to be equal on each pass**. Determine: (a) minimum number of passes required, and (b) draft for each pass?

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 3

- $t_o = 50 \text{ mm}$
- $t_f = 25 \text{ mm}$ .
- $R = 700/2 \text{ mm} = 350 \text{ mm}$
- $\mu = 0.15$
- *draft is to be equal on each pass.*

# FLAT ROLLING NUMERICAL 3

(a) Maximum draft  $d_{\max} = \mu^2 R$

$$= (0.15)^2 (350) = 7.875 \text{ mm}$$

Minimum number of passes  $= (t_o - t_f)/d_{\max}$

$$= (50 - 25)/7.875 = 3.17 \rightarrow 4 \text{ passes}$$

(b) Draft per pass  $d = (50 - 25)/4 = 6.25 \text{ mm}$