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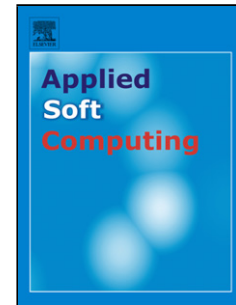
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# Six sigma robust multi-objective optimization modification of machine-tool settings for hypoid gears by considering both geometric and physical performances

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## Highlights

- $6\sigma$  robust optimization formulation to evaluate machine-tool setting modification.
- MOO modification mode considering the both geometric and physical performances.
- $6\sigma$  robust MOO machine-tool setting modification for the hypoid gears.
- A data-driven decision and optimization process to get the accurate computation.

## Abstract:

With the increasing demands of low noise and high strength from gear transmission system in industry applications, a collaborative optimization considering both geometric and physical performances has been increasingly significant for high-performance complex manufacturing of the hypoid gears. More recently, the machine-tool setting modification has provided an important access to this optimization design. However, its data-driven robustness or reliability is of a great difficulty. To deal with this problem, this paper presents a six sigma ( $6\sigma$ ) robust multi-objective optimization (MOO) modification of machine-tool settings. Firstly, the  $6\sigma$  robust optimization formulation is applied in the numerical result evaluations. Then, a novel data-driven model for MOO modification of machine-tool settings is established by establishing the functional relationships between the machine-tool settings and the performance evaluations, respectively. They can be integrated into a  $6\sigma$  robust MOO machine-tool setting modification for hypoid gears having higher quality requirements. Finally, with the decision and optimization process, an achievement function approach was applied to solve MOO modification for the Pareto front, and the sensitivity-based variability estimation is used to identify the robust solution. The numerical applications are given to verify the proposed methodology.

**Keywords:** hypoid gears; machine-tool setting modification; multi-objective optimization (MOO); six sigma ( $6\sigma$ ) robust optimization; an achievement function approach.

## Nomenclature

$6\sigma$	six sigma
MOO	multi-objective optimization
UMC	universal motion concept
LTCA	loaded tooth contact analysis
SGEs	spatial geometric errors
TCA	tooth contact analysis
UTCA	unloaded tooth contact analysis
eTCA	tooth contact analysis with errors
DTCA	dynamic tooth contact analysis
SOA	service-oriented architecture
DFSS	design for six sigma
ppm	parts per million
$S_{Rob}$	robust solution
$S_{Opt}$	optimal solutions
$S_0$	the initial design
$S_i$	the $i$ -th design
LSL	lower performance specification limit
USL	upper performance specification limit

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