# INTERPOLATION

Chapter 22 & 29

#### Review

■ Work Offsets replace the use of G92

Newer machines use offsets to prevent having to complete large amounts of math

- TLO (Z) and Work offsets work together
- Can program many different offsets G54, G55, G59, G54.1 P1, G54.1 P48.....
- Z offset is not used in G54 but is required in G55 and above

#### Linear Interpolation

- G01 is the G code for linear interpolation
- Must always be accompanied by a F word....Feed.
- Linear interpolation is how the CNC moves across a straight line

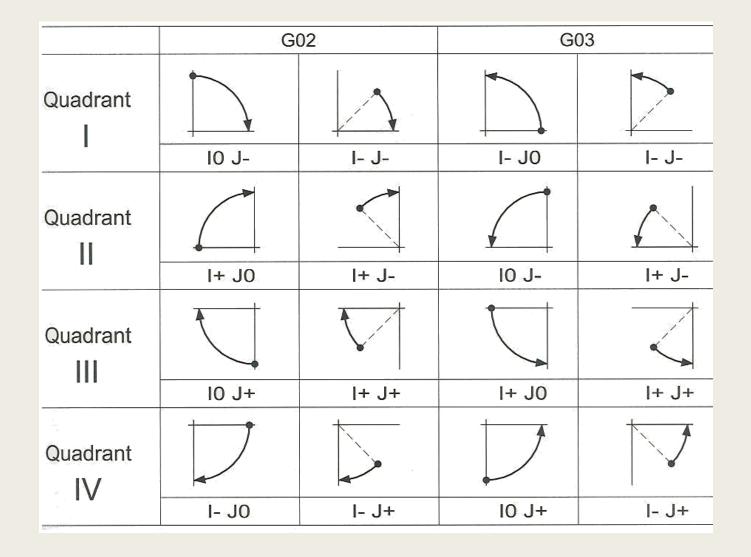
#### Linear Interpolation

- Can be in X, Y, Z, A, B..... axis
- It can be done on three axis machines using all three axis at once but requires a large amount of math
- Differs from Linear motion in that all axis movements are combined to make a single straight line

- Radius line reference from the center point to any point on the circle
- Diameter line reference from one point on the circle to another point on the circle that goes through the center point
- G code for Circular interpolation
  - G02 will cut clockwise
  - GO3 will cut Counterclockwise
- MUST include the Plane identifier in safety line
  - G17 on the XY, G18 on the XZ, G19 on the YZ plane

- G code for Circular interpolation are modal and will stay in effect until replaced by another in their group
- Can use basic method which is the arc center and radius (will not cut full circles)
  - Give / move to a start point for the arc
  - Use G02/3 with an end point and a radius
  - Can give a –(neg) R value to switch the orientation of the arc from fillet to concave contour
  - Must be careful of start and end points

- Can use the I, J, K method or Vectoring
  - Reference page 247 to see vectoring quadrants and symbols
  - Vector I is the distance / direction from the start point of the arc to the center of the arc parallel to the X axis
  - Vector J is the distance / direction from the start point of the arc to the center of the arc parallel to the Y axis
  - Vector K is the distance / direction from the start point of the arc to the center of the arc parallel to the Z axis
- G17 uses I and J G18 Uses I and K G19 Uses J and K



# Circle Cutting Cycle

Some controls have a cutting cycle specifically for circles (pockets)

Most use a G12 and G13

- 12 for CW 13 for CCW
- Must start at the center of the pocket
- There are many differences between models and you must check prior to programming

#### Feed Rate Compensation

- Being the tool must be moved farther or shorter distances feed rate must be adjusted
- Most CAM software compensates for this but...
- Outside of a circle = Feed x (outside radius + cutter radius) / Outside radius
- Inside of a circle = Feed x (inside radius + cutter radius) / Inside radius

# Homework

- Programming examples on FlashCut
- Use lab computers to complete

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