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Part 7:
Geometric accuracy of axes of rotation

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Partie 7: Exactitude géométrique des axes de rotation

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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Geometric accuracy of machines operating under no-load or quasi-static conditions*
- *Part 2: Determination of accuracy and repeatability of positioning numerically controlled axes*
- *Part 3: Determination of thermal effects*
- *Part 4: Circular tests for numerically controlled machine tools*
- *Part 5: Determination of the noise emission*
- *Part 6: Determination of positioning accuracy on body and face diagonals (Diagonal displacement tests)*
- *Part 7: Geometric accuracy of axes of rotation*
- *Part 9: Estimation of measurement uncertainty for machine tool tests according to series 230, basic equations [Technical Report]*

The following part is under preparation:

- *Part 8: Determination of vibration levels [Technical Report]*

Test code for machine tools —

Part 7: Geometric accuracy of axes of rotation

1 Scope

This part of ISO 230 is aimed at standardizing methods of specification and test of the geometric accuracy of axes of rotation used in machine tools. Spindles, rotary heads and rotary and swivelling tables of machine tools constitute axes of rotation, all having unintended motions in space as a result of multiple sources of errors.

This part of ISO 230 covers the following properties of spindles:

- axis of rotation error motion;
- speed-induced axis shifts.

The other important properties of spindles, such as thermally induced axis shifts and environmental temperature variation-induced axis shifts, are dealt with in ISO 230-3.

This part of ISO 230 does not cover the following properties of spindles:

- angular positioning accuracy (see ISO 230-1 and ISO 230-2);
- runout of surfaces and components (see ISO 230-1);
- tool holder interface specifications;
- inertial vibration measurements (see ISO 230-8);
- noise measurements (see ISO 230-5);
- rotational speed range and accuracy (see ISO 10791-6 and ISO 13041-6);
- balancing measurements or methods (see ISO 1940-1 and ISO 6103);
- idle run loss (power loss);
- thermal drift (see ISO 230-3).

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 230-1:1996, *Test code for machine tools — Part 1: Geometric accuracy of machines operating under no-load or finishing conditions*

ISO 230-2:2006, *Test code for machine tools — Part 2: Determination of accuracy and repeatability of positioning numerically controlled axes*

ISO 230-3:—¹⁾, *Test code for machine tools — Part 3: Determination of thermal effects*

ISO 841:2001, *Industrial automation systems and integration — Numerical control of machines — Coordinate system and motion nomenclature*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE They are presented in this sequence to help the user develop an understanding of the terminology of axes of rotation. The alphabetical cross-references for these definitions are given in Annex G.

3.1 General concepts

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spindle unit

device which provides an axis of rotation

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NOTE Other devices such as rotary tables, trunnions and live centres are included within this definition.

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spindle rotor

rotor

rotating element of a spindle unit

3.1.3

spindle housing

stator

stationary element of a spindle unit

3.1.4

bearing

element of a spindle unit that supports the spindle (rotor) and enables rotation between the spindle and the spindle housing

3.1.5

axis of rotation

line segment about which rotation occurs

See Figure 1 a).

NOTE In general, during rotation this line segment translates (in radial and axial directions) and tilts within the reference coordinate frame due to inaccuracies in the bearings and bearing seats, structural motion or axis shifts, as shown in Figure 1 a) and b).

1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 230-3:2001)

3.1.6**reference coordinate axes**

mutually perpendicular X, Y, and Z-axes, fixed with respect to a specified object

See Figure 1 a).

NOTE The specified object can be fixed or rotating.

3.1.7**positive direction**

in accordance with ISO 841, the direction of a movement that causes an increasing positive dimension of the workpiece

3.1.8**perfect spindle**

spindle having no error motion of its axis of rotation relative to its axis average line

3.1.9**perfect workpiece**

rigid body having a perfect surface of revolution about a centreline

3.1.10**axis average line**

straight line segment located with respect to the reference coordinate axes representing the mean location of the axis of rotation

See Figure 1 a).

NOTE 1 The axis average line is a useful term to describe changes in location of an axis of rotation in response to load, temperature or speed changes.

NOTE 2 Unless otherwise specified, the axis average line should be determined by calculating the least-squares centre of two data sets of radial error motion taken at axially separated locations (see 3.4).

NOTE 3 ISO 841 defines the Z axis of a machine as being "parallel to the principal spindle of the machine". This implies that the machine Z axis is parallel to the axis average line of the principal spindle. However, since axis average line definition applies to other spindles and rotary axes as well, in general not all axes of rotation are parallel to the machine Z axis. An axis average line should be parallel to the machine Z axis only if it is associated with the principal spindle of the machine.

3.1.11**axis shift**

quasi-static relative displacement, between the tool and the workpiece, of the axis average line due to a change in conditions

See Figure 1 c).

NOTE Causes of axis shift include thermal drift, load changes, and speed changes.

3.1.12**displacement sensor**

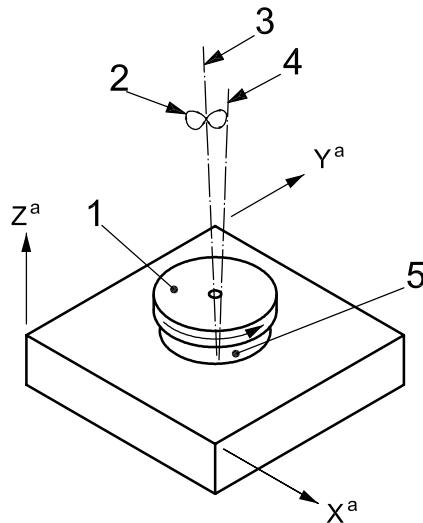
device that measures displacement between two specified objects

EXAMPLE Capacitance gage, linear variable differential transformer (LVDTs), eddy current probe, laser interferometer, dial indicator.

3.1.13**structural loop**

assembly of components which maintains the relative position between two specified objects

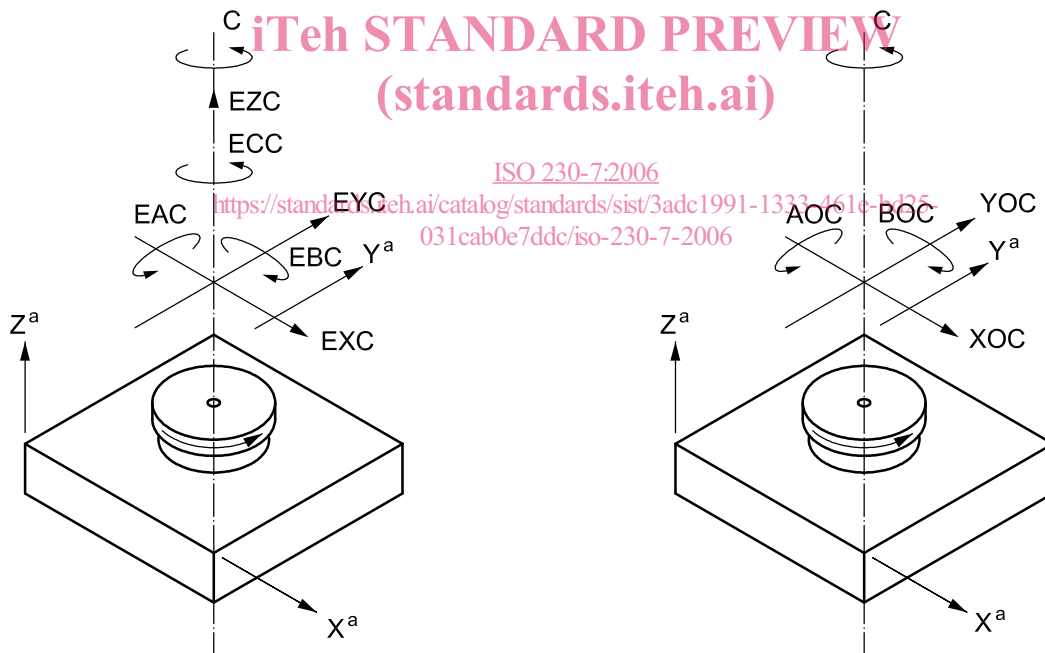
NOTE A typical pair of specified objects is a cutting tool and a workpiece: the structural loop would include the spindle, bearings and spindle housing, the machine head stock, the machine slideways and frame, and the tool and work holding fixtures.



Key

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 spindle (rotor) | 4 axis of rotation (at angle C) |
| 2 error motion of axis of rotation (prior to angle C) | 5 spindle housing (stator) |
| 3 axis average line | |

a) Reference coordinate axes, axis of rotation, axis average line, and error motion of a spindle



Key

- EXC radial motion in X direction
- EYC radial motion in Y direction
- EZC axial motion
- EAC tilt motion around X
- EBC tilt motion around Y axis
- ECC angular positioning error

Key

- XOC X position of C
- YOC Y position of C
- AOC squareness of C to Y
- BOC squareness of C to X

^a Reference axis.

b) Error motions of axis of rotation

c) Location errors (axis shift) of axis average line

Figure 1 — Reference coordinate axes, axis of rotation, axis average line and error motion of a spindle shown for a C spindle or a C rotary axis

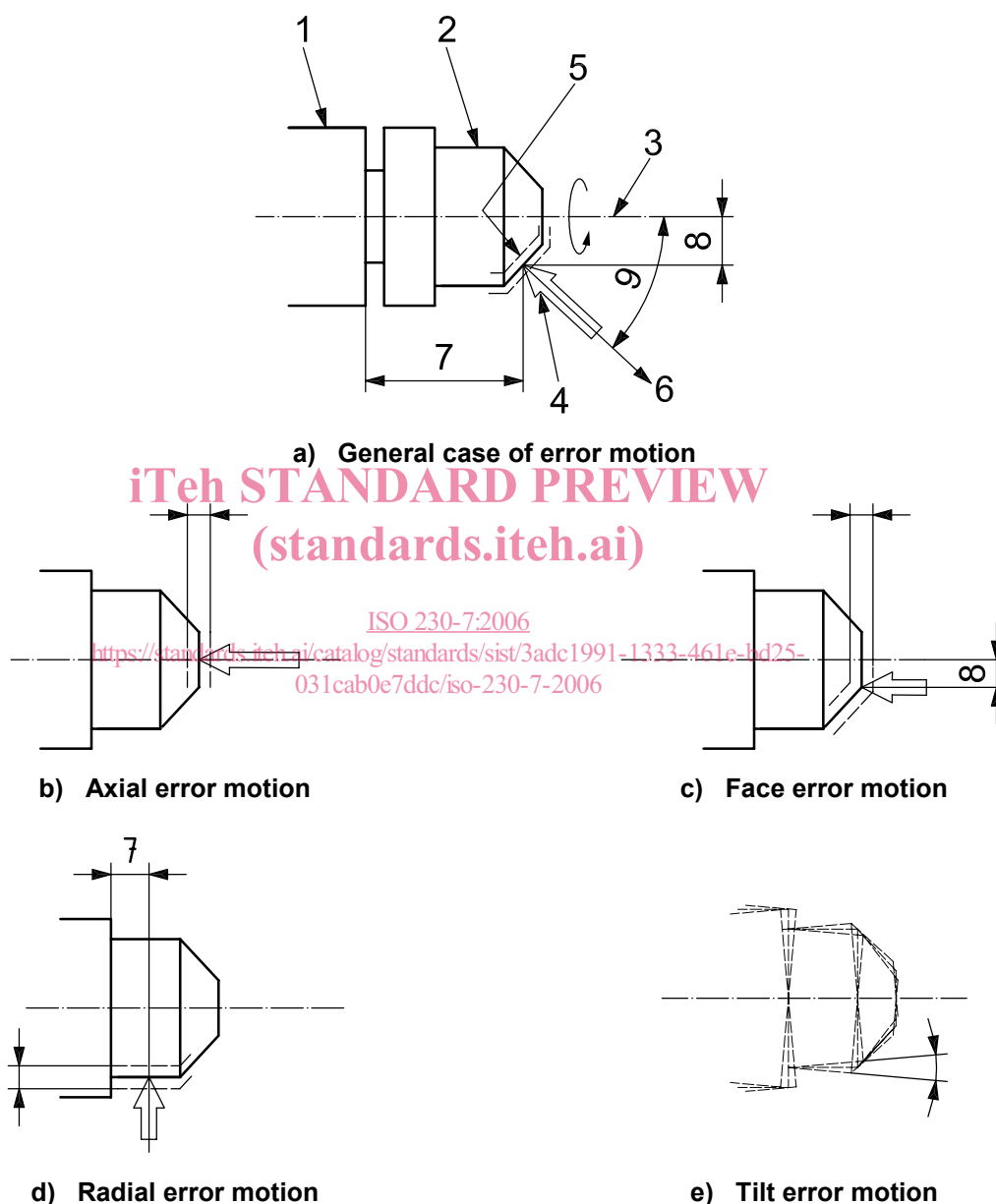
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sensitive direction

direction perpendicular to the perfect workpiece surface through the instantaneous point of machining or measurement

See Figure 2.

NOTE For a fixed sensitive direction, the results of the measurement of the relative displacement between the tool and the workpiece correspond to the shape error of the manufactured surface of a workpiece.



Key

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 spindle | 6 sensitive direction |
| 2 perfect workpiece | 7 axial location |
| 3 axis average line | 8 radial location |
| 4 displacement sensor | 9 direction angle |
| 5 error motion | |

Figure 2 — General case of error motion and axial, face, radial and tilt error motions for fixed sensitive direction

3.1.15

non-sensitive direction

any direction perpendicular to the sensitive direction

3.1.16

fixed sensitive direction

sensitive direction where the workpiece is rotated by the spindle and the point of machining or measurement is fixed

3.1.17

rotating sensitive direction

sensitive direction where the workpiece is fixed and the point of machining or measurement rotates with the spindle

NOTE A lathe has a fixed sensitive direction, a jig borer has a rotating sensitive direction.

3.1.18

runout

total displacement measured by a displacement sensor sensing against a moving surface or moved with respect to a fixed surface

NOTE 1 For runout of a component at a given section, see ISO 230-1:1996, 5.611.4.

NOTE 2 The terms "TIR" (total indicator reading) and "FIM" (full indicator movement) are equivalent to runout.

3.1.19

stationary point runout

total displacement measured by a displacement sensor sensing against a point on a rotating surface which has negligible lateral motion with respect to the sensor when both the sensor and the surface rotate together

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See Figure 3.

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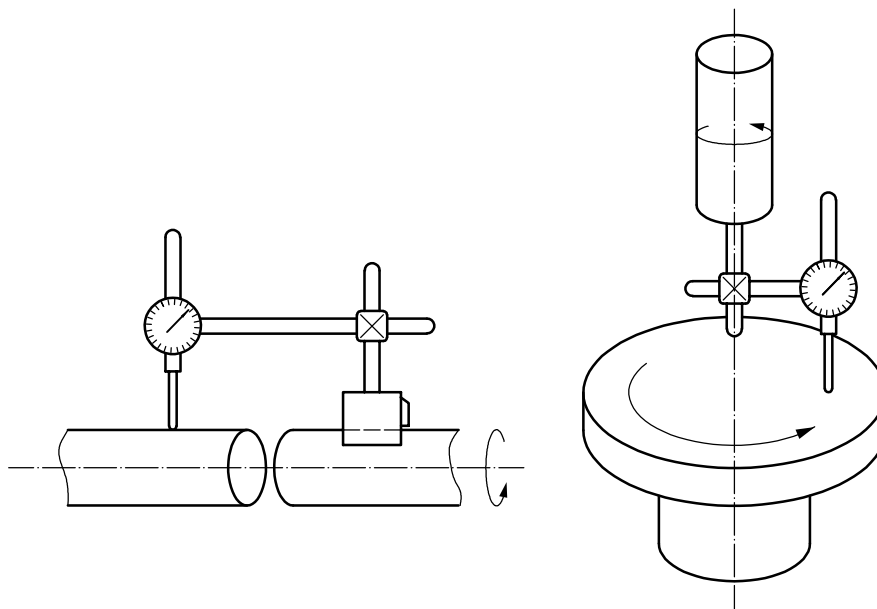


Figure 3 — Schematics of sample applications for use of stationary point runout (radial test for concentricity and face test for parallelism)

3.1.20 squareness perpendicularity

angular relationship between two planes, two straight lines, or a straight line and a plane in which the angular deviation from 90 degrees does not exceed a given value

NOTE A plane surface is “square” to an axis of rotation if coincident polar profile centres are obtained for an axial and a face motion polar plot or for two face motion polar plots at different radii. *Perpendicularity of motion* refers, for machine tools, to the successive positions on the trajectory of a functional point on a moving part of the machine in relation to a plane (support or slideway), a straight line (axis or intersection of two planes) or the trajectory of a functional point on another moving part. See ISO 230-1:1996, 5.5.

3.1.21 play

condition of zero stiffness over a limited range of displacement due to clearance between elements of a structural loop

3.1.22 hysteresis

linear (or angular) displacement between two objects resulting from the sequential application and removal of equal forces (or moments) in opposite directions.

NOTE Hysteresis is caused by mechanisms, such as drive train clearance, guideway clearance, mechanical deformations, friction and loose joints.

3.1.22.1 setup hysteresis

hysteresis of various components in a test setup, normally due to loose mechanical connections

3.1.22.2 machine hysteresis

hysteresis of the machine structure when subjected to specific loads

3.2 Error motion

(axis of rotation) unintended relative displacement in the sensitive direction between the tool and the workpiece

NOTE Error motions are specified as location and direction as shown in Figure 2 a) and do not include motions due to axis shifts associated with changes in temperature, load or rotational speed.

3.2.1 axis of rotation error motion

changes in position and orientation of axis of rotation relative to its axis average line as a function of angle of rotation of the spindle

NOTE This error motion may be measured as motions of the surface of a perfect cylindrical or spherical test artefact with its centreline coincident with the axis of rotation.

3.2.2 structural error motion

error motion due to internal or external excitation and affected by elasticity, mass and damping of the structural loop

See 3.6

3.2.3 bearing error motion

error motion due to imperfect bearing

NOTE See Annex A.

3.2.4

total error motion

complete error motion as recorded, composed of the synchronous and asynchronous components of the spindle and structural error motions

3.2.5

static error motion

special case of error motion in which error motion is sampled with the spindle at rest at a series of discrete rotational positions

NOTE This is used to measure error motion exclusive of any dynamic influences.

3.2.6

synchronous error motion

portion of the total error motion that occurs at integer multiples of the rotation frequency

NOTE It is the mean contour of the total error motion polar plot averaged over the number of revolutions.

3.2.7

fundamental error motion

portion of the total error motion that occurs at the rotational frequency of the spindle

3.2.8

residual synchronous error motion

portion of the synchronous error motion that occurs at integer multiples of the rotation frequency other than the fundamental

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3.2.9

asynchronous error motion

portion of the total error motion that occurs at frequencies other than integer multiples of the rotation frequency

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NOTE 1 Asynchronous error motion is the deviations of the total error motion from the synchronous error motion.

NOTE 2 Asynchronous error motion comprises those components of error motion that are

- a) not periodic,
- b) periodic but occur at frequencies other than the spindle rotational frequency and its integer multiples, and
- c) periodic at frequencies that are subharmonics of the spindle rotational frequency.

3.2.10

radial error motion

error motion in a direction perpendicular to the axis average line and at a specified axial location

See Figure 2 d).

NOTE 1 This error motion may be measured as the motions, in the radial direction, of the surface of a perfect cylindrical or spherical test artefact with its centreline coincident with the axis of rotation.

NOTE 2 The term “radial runout” has an accepted meaning, which includes errors due to centring and workpiece out-of-roundness, and hence is not equivalent to radial error motion.

3.2.11

pure radial error motion

error motion in which the axis of rotation remains parallel to the axis average line and moves perpendicular to it in the sensitive direction

NOTE Pure radial error motion is just the concept of radial error motion in the absence of tilt error motion. There should be no attempt to measure it.

3.2.12**tilt error motion**

error motion in an angular direction relative to the axis average line

See Figure 2 e).

NOTE 1 This motion may be evaluated by simultaneous measurements of the radial error motion in two radial planes separated by a distance along the axis average line.

NOTE 2 “Coning,” “wobble,” “swash,” “tumbling” and “towering” errors are non-preferred terms for tilt error motion.

NOTE 3 The term “tilt error motion” rather than “angular motion” was chosen to avoid confusion with rotation about the axis or with angular positioning error of devices such as rotary tables.

3.2.13**axial error motion**

error motion coaxial with the axis average line

See Figure 2 b).

NOTE 1 This error motion may be measured as the motions, in the axial direction along the axis average line, of the surface of a perfect flat disk or spherical test artefact with its centreline coincident with the axis of rotation.

NOTE 2 “Axial slip,” “end-camming,” “pistoning” and “drunkenness” are non-preferred terms for axial error motion.

3.2.14**face error motion**

error motion parallel to the axis average line at a specified radial location

See Figure 2 c).

NOTE Face error motion is a combination of axial and tilt error motions. The term “face runout” has an accepted meaning analogous to “radial runout” and hence is not equivalent to face error motion.

3.2.15**error motion measurement**

measurement record of error motion, which includes all pertinent information regarding the machine, instrumentation and test conditions

3.3 Error motion polar plot

representation of error motions of axes of rotation generated by plotting displacement versus the angle of rotation of the spindle

See Figure 4.

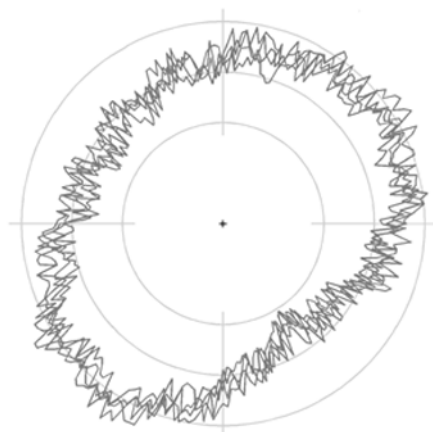
3.3.1**total error motion polar plot**

polar plot of the complete error motion as recorded

3.3.2**synchronous error motion polar plot**

polar plot of the error motion components having frequencies that are integer multiples of the rotation frequency

NOTE It is acceptable to create the synchronous error polar plot by averaging the total error motion polar plot.



a) Total error motion



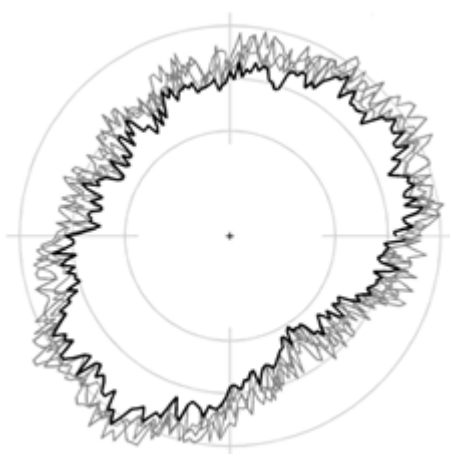
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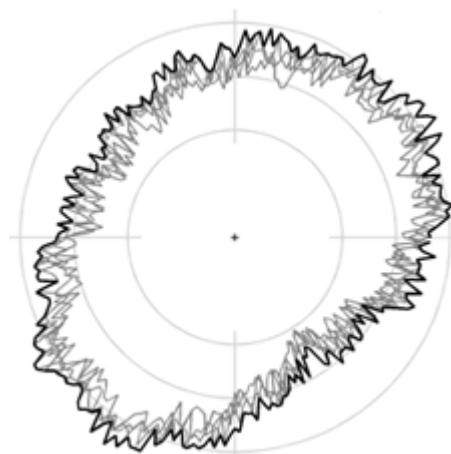
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b) Synchronous error motion

c) Asynchronous error motion



d) Inner error motion



e) Outer error motion

Figure 4 — Error motion polar plots

3.3.3**asynchronous error motion polar plot**

polar plot of that portion of the total error motion that occurs at frequencies that are not integer multiples of the rotational frequency

3.3.4**fundamental error motion polar plot**

best-fit circle passed through the synchronous axial or face error motion polar plot about a specified polar profile centre

3.3.5**axial error motion polar plot**

polar plot of the axial error motion, including the fundamental, synchronous residual and asynchronous axial error motions

3.3.6**residual synchronous error motion polar plot**

polar plot of the portion of the synchronous error motion that occurs at frequencies other than the fundamental

NOTE The division of synchronous error motion into fundamental and residual components is only applicable to axial and face error motions. In the radial and tilt directions, fundamental error motion does not exist — the measured value that occurs at the fundamental frequency is not a characteristic of the axis of rotation.

3.3.7**inner error motion polar plot**

contour of the inner boundary of the total error motion polar plot

3.3.8**outer error motion polar plot**

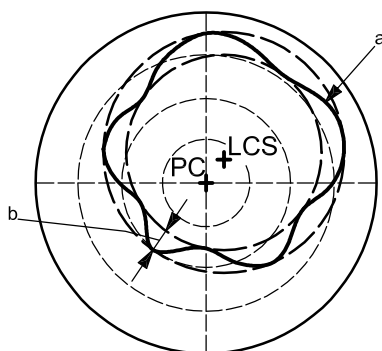
contour of the outer boundary of the total error motion polar plot

3.4 Error motion centre

centre defined for the assessment of error motion polar plots

See Figure 5.

NOTE Table 1 provides the preferred centres for the assessment of error motion values. If the centre is not specified, the preferred centre is to be assumed.



^a Error motion polar plot.

^b Error motion value for LSC centre.

Figure 5 — Error motion polar plot, PC (polar chart) centre and LSC (least-square circle) centre and error motion value for LSC centre