Analyze Stability Using Control Charts

A stable process produces predictable results consistently. It is in statistical control and shows variation due to common causes.

An unstable process is out of statistical control and shows variation due to special causes.

Common Stability Rules Identifying Unstable Conditions:

An unstable (i.e., out of control) condition can either be a point, set of points or trend in your data.

Control limits (1, 2, and 3 sigma lines) and stability rules are used to determine unstable conditions.

Types of Control Charts

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Other Control Charts

- EWMA and Cusum charts for small shifts in a process
- g charts and t charts for rare events
- Levey Jennings standard deviation chart - used in healthcare labs

Choosing the Right Control Chart - see other side

Control Chart Tools in the QI Macros

Capability Suite of Six Charts

Use the Capability Suite or the X Chart Templates to Evaluate:

- Process Stability using Control Charts
- Process Capability using Histogram with Cp Cpk, Capability Plot, Values Plot
- Data Normality using Probability Plot

Create Control Charts Using the QI Macros Menu

1. Just select your data and the chart you want from the QI Macros menu. If you don’t know which chart, the QI Macros Control Chart Wizard can select the correct one for you.
2. QI Macros draws the chart and does all the calculations for you.
3. Use the Chart Menu to Add Data, Stair Step Limits, Target Lines, etc.

Control Chart Dashboard

1. Input up to 25 data sets into one worksheet.
2. Create a control chart dashboard with one click.
3. Add new data and refresh charts each period.
4. Rolling dashboards: add new data and only show the most recent X points on the chart.

Learn More at: www.qimacros.com/control-chart/

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Using the Control Chart Wizard

The QI Macros Control Chart Wizard will analyze your data and choose the correct control chart for you.

1. Just click and drag over your data to select it.
2. Then click on the QI Macros Menu and Control Chart Wizard.

QI Macros Chart Menu

Automates Chart Updates:
- Add New Data, Target Lines, or Text to a Point.
- Add Stair-Step Control Limits to Show a Process Change.
- Ghost or Delete points.
- Analyze Stability, Recalculate Control Limits
- Show/Hide Sigma Lines
- Remember Chart Format

Choosing The Right Control Chart Yourself

Defect Data

- More than one defect per item
  - Defects
  - People
  - Events

- Count Defective Items

- Defective

Attribute (counted) integer: 1,2
- Defective? Yes/No
- How many defects?
- Count Number of Defects Per Item
- Rates or Ratios?

Variable (Measured) decimal: 1.3
- Sub-groups

Variable Data
- Length
- Time
- Cost

Cycle Time

Variable Data

Sample Size

QI Macros Sample Data

QI Macros Control Chart Wizard

To automate these charts, try the QI Macros for Excel. Download a FREE 30 day trial at: www.qimacros.com

The QI Macros can analyze your data and select and run the right control chart for you.