

S-Chart::

S-Chart is used to monitor process dispersion or variability. It is generally applied when we have sample size greater than 10. R-chart & S-chart both can be applied when we have a sample of size less than 10. But due to simplicity R-chart is preferred. Keeping in mind efficiency S-chart is better.

As we know that $s^2 = \frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$ is an unbiased estimator of pop'n standard deviation or process standard deviation (σ^2).

$$E(s^2) = \sigma^2$$

But sample standard deviation

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$$

is not an unbiased estimator of σ

$$E(s) \neq \sigma$$

$$P = \frac{s}{\sigma}$$

$$E(P) = E\left(\frac{s}{\sigma}\right) = C_4$$

$$= E(s) = \sigma C_4$$

If the quality characteristic follows $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then sample standard deviation (s) actually estimates $C_4 \sigma$

$$\mu_s = E(s) = C_4 \sigma$$

where C_4 is a constt & depends upon ^{sample size} n . And we know that by definition

$$\text{Var}(s) = E(s^2) - [E(s)]^2$$

$$= \sigma^2 - (C_4 \sigma)^2$$

$$= \sigma^2 - C_4^2 \sigma^2$$

$$\text{Var}(s) = \sigma^2 (1 - C_4^2)$$

So that

$$S_d(s) = \sigma \sqrt{1 - C_4^2}$$

$$\sigma_s = \sigma \sqrt{1 - C_4^2}$$

Now the control limits of \bar{X} -Chart become

$$UCL = E(s) + 3 S_d(s)$$

$$CL = E(s)$$

$$LCL = E(s) - 3 S_d(s)$$

Replace the values

$$UCL = C_4 \sigma + 3 \sigma \sqrt{1 - C_4^2} = \beta_6 \sigma$$

$$CL = C_4 \sigma = C_4 \sigma$$

$$LCL = C_4 \sigma - 3 \sigma \sqrt{1 - C_4^2} = \beta_5 \sigma$$

where

$$\beta_6 = C_4 + 3 \sqrt{1 - C_4^2}$$

$$\beta_5 = C_4 - 3 \sqrt{1 - C_4^2}$$

where C_4 , β_5 & β_6 are functions of n & can be found from the Appendix of the book.

Now if any standard deviation falls out of the limits process is said to be out of control, otherwise process is in-control.

Note:-

If the behaviour of the plotting statistic is symmetric or approximately symmetric the limits approach is generally used. And if the behaviour or distⁿ of plotting statistic is skewed or asymmetric then prob. limits are preferred.