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Abstract. The common often used control chart on the quality control process is Shewhart Control Chart. However, the Shewhart Control Chart seems to be less sensitive in small shifting on process control. The ISRT p EWMA Control Chart is proposed to detecting a small shifting, which can be used the condition for the value of $np \geq 5$. The data have been processed and calculated using the Shewhart p control chart and the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart using defects on shift drums. When the process has been controlled, then start to calculate the capability process for each control chart. There are two parameters on the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart, which are λ and L , and the weight value was given will significantly affect shift detection. From the calculation, it was known that the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart was better at detecting out-of-control data. The smaller parameter value is given, then the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart was more sensitive on shifting detection, and the smaller parameter value, then the capability process will decrease. The parameter value of λ is 0.20 and $L = 2.962$ is the lowest value to find the capability process larger than 1.00.

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15 Introduction

Statistical Process Control (SPC) is a very useful technique for analyzing a quality problem and improving production process performance. It is a powerful collection of problem-solving tools to achieve the process's stability and a capability improvement for variability reduction. [1]

There are two types of control chart, variable control chart ($\bar{X} - R$, and $\bar{X} - S$) and attribute control chart (p , np , c , u). The other control chart is the Exponentially Weighted Moving Average (EWMA) chart is an alternative control chart to detect a small shifting. The EWMA Control Chart is adequate to detect a small shift in the mean process. EWMA parameter design is a multiplication of sigma (σ) which is used in control limit (L) and lambda (λ) value. With a normal approximation for the binomial distribution, EWMA is not suitable for the large sample size or $np \geq 5$. [6]

The shift drum manufacturer was determined to control the process, and an attribute control chart was used to monitoring the number of defects. However, due to a 100% inspection, a large sample size resulted in many false alarms to detect a small shift.

Tsai, T-R, et al. proposed Improved Square Root Transformation (ISRT) for binomial distribution to be applied on the p control chart. ISRT can overcome a small value of p for the small sample size to larger sample size [3]. A modified EWMA Control Chart was proposed based on the ISRT method to detect a shifting in a binomial distribution, and the ISRT p EWMA control chart can be used on the value of $np \geq 5$. [6]

This research's objectives are applying the ISRT p EWMA control chart on producing the shift drums, analyzing process capability for defects using Shewhart p control chart, and using the ISRT p EWMA control chart.

2. Method

Shewhart proposed a control chart's statistical principles for fractions of nonconforming based on the binomial distribution. If the production process has already been stable, the probability of nonconforming to a specification is p . If a random sample on n units of a product is selected, and D is the number of nonconforming units of product, then D is a binomial distribution with parameters n and p ,

$$P\{D = x\} = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}; x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

$$\text{While } \hat{p} = \frac{D}{n}, \text{ and } \mu_{\hat{p}} = p, \text{ and } \sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \quad (2)$$

So that, when p is the true fraction of nonconforming in the production process, then the center line and control limits are as follow,

$$UCL = p + 3\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}; \text{ Center line} = p; \text{ LCL} = p - 3\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \quad (3)$$

EWMA control chart is an alternative control chart for the Shewhart control chart for a small shifting leading to the defectives. There are two parameters, [1]

- λ is the first weight given to the data, and its value is between 0 to 1.
Some recommendations from previous research, the λ value is $0.05 \leq \lambda \leq 0.25$ or $0.2 \leq \lambda \leq 0.3$
- L is a multiplication of rational subgroups of standard deviation used on the construction of the control limit so that the L value is usually 3. When the λ value is low, the L value must be decreased as well.

The first step on the construction of the EWMA control chart is, [2]

$$Z_i = \lambda p_i + (1-\lambda)Z_{i-1} \quad (4)$$

Where $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ is constant and initial value (first sample at $i = 1$) is process target, so $Z_0 = \mu$, and for some cases, the initial value of EWMA is the mean, so that $Z_0 = \bar{p}$.

To show that EWMA is weighted mean from all sample mean, Z_{i-1} can be replaced by Z_i to find

$$Z_i = \lambda p_i + (1-\lambda)[\lambda p_{i-1} + (1-\lambda)Z_{i-2}] \\ = \lambda p_i + \lambda(1-\lambda)p_{i-1} + (1-\lambda)^2 Z_{i-2} \quad (5)$$

To Simplify $j = 2, 3, 4, \dots$, Z_i can be stated as

$$Z_i = \lambda \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (1-\lambda)^j p_{i-j} + (1-\lambda)^i Z_0 \quad (6)$$

The weight of $\lambda(1-\lambda)^j$ is geometrically decreased by the sample mean so that the weight will become,

$$\lambda \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (1-\lambda)^j = \lambda \left[\frac{1-(1-\lambda)^i}{1-(1-\lambda)} \right] = 1 - (1-\lambda)^i \quad (7)$$

The EWMA control limits are,

$$UCL = p + k \sqrt{\frac{pq}{n} \frac{\lambda}{2-\lambda} - (1 - (1-\lambda)^{2i})} \\ UCL = p + k \sqrt{\frac{pq}{n} \frac{\lambda}{2-\lambda}} \quad (8)$$

and

$$LCL = p - k \sqrt{\frac{pq}{n} \frac{\lambda}{2-\lambda} - (1 - (1-\lambda)^{2i})} \\ LCL = p - k \sqrt{\frac{pq}{n} \frac{\lambda}{2-\lambda}} \quad (9)$$

When p is small and n small, the sample size is not adequate to normal distribution. An ISRT p control chart has been used. The control limits are,

$$UCL_p = \sqrt{p} + \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-p}{n}} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1-p}{n\sqrt{p}} \right)$$

$$\text{Center line} = CL_p = \sqrt{p}$$

$$LCL_p = \sqrt{p} - \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-p}{n}} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1-p}{n\sqrt{p}} \right) \dots \dots \dots (10)$$

These control limits are in low defect, $p \leq 0.1$. If the parameter p is unknown, it can be estimated by,

$$\bar{p} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m D_i}{mn} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \hat{p}_i}{m} \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

Where D = defect item in sample i , and m = initial sample size n
 Sukparungse proposed shift detection in a binomial distribution, an Improved square Root Transformation (ISRT) can be applied to three control charts: p , np , and c . [2][6][4]

The upper control limit is,

$$E(X) = \sqrt{\bar{p}}; \text{ and}$$

$$V(X) = \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-p}{n}} - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1-p}{n\sqrt{p}} \right) \right]^2 \dots \dots \dots (12)$$

The lower control limit is,

$$E(X) = \sqrt{\bar{p}}; \text{ and}$$

$$V(X) = \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-p}{n}} - \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{1-p}{n\sqrt{p}} \right) \right]^2 \dots \dots \dots (13)$$

So that, the modified the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart is,

$$UCL_{ISRTEWMA} = \sqrt{p} + L \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2-\lambda} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-p}{n}} - \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1-p}{n\sqrt{p}} \right) \right]} \dots \dots \dots (14)$$

and

$$LCL_{ISRTEWMA} = \sqrt{p} - L \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2-\lambda} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1-p}{n}} - \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{1-p}{n\sqrt{p}} \right) \right]} \dots \dots \dots (15)$$

With L is the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart coefficient.[3]

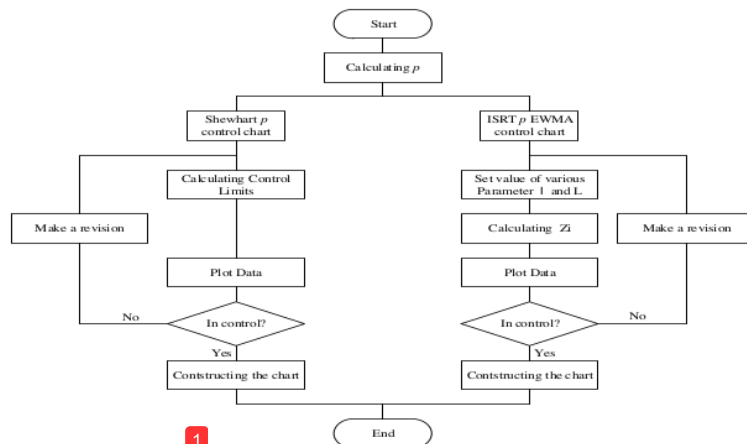


Figure 1. Flow Chart of Shewhart p Control Chart and the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart

The capability process can be determined as, [1]

$$\bar{p} \approx \mu = \frac{\sum pi}{\sum n} \dots\dots\dots (16)$$

Then, determine the σ value as,

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{p} x (1-\bar{p})}{\sum n}} \dots\dots\dots (17)$$

Calculating Capability Potential (C_p) as

$$C_p = \frac{USL-LSL}{6\sigma} \dots\dots\dots (18)$$

Calculating upper specification and lower specification as

$$C_{pu} = \frac{USL-\mu}{3\sigma} \text{ and } C_{pl} = \frac{\mu-LSL}{3\sigma} \dots\dots\dots (19)$$

Calculating Capability Index (C_{pk})

$$C_{pk} = \min(C_{pu}; C_{pl}) \dots\dots\dots (20)$$

The number of shift drum been produced on January 2019 to March 2020 were 13,902 units. There are four defect types, A. Chips defect, B. Dirty defect, C. Notch defect, and D. Slit defect, as shown in figure 2.

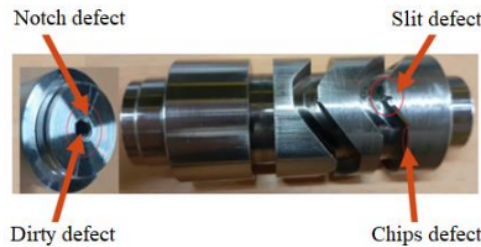


Figure 2. Defects Classification

3. Result and Discussion

3.1 Constructing the Shewhart p Control Charts and the Capability Processes

After completing all calculation for constructing the Shewhart p Control Chart for all defect types using equations no (2) and (3), the charts are as follow,

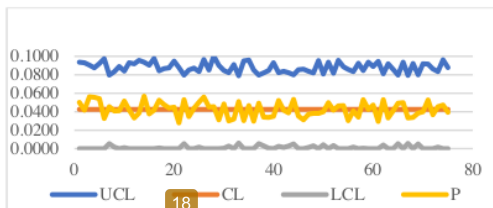


Figure 3. p Control Chart for Chips

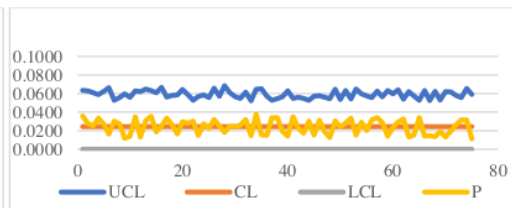


Figure 4. p Control Chart for Dirty

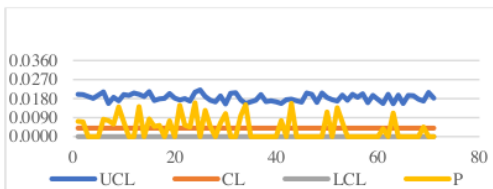


Figure 5. p Control Chart for Notch

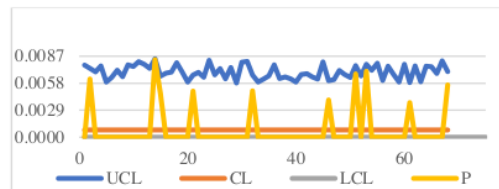


Figure 6. p Control Chart for Slit

Then the capability process for each defect types was calculated using equations no (16) to (20) are as follow,

Table 1. Capability Process for Defect Types on *Shewhart p*

Defect Types	LSL	USL	μ	σ	C_p	C_{pu}	C_{pl}	C_{pk}
Chips	0,0011	0,0880	0,0425	0,0017	8,46	8,86	8,07	8,07
Dirty	0,0000	0,0591	0,0244	0,0013	7,54	8,86	6,21	6,21
Notch	0,0000	0,0184	0,0040	0,0006	5,51	8,61	2,41	2,41
Slit	0,0000	0,0070	0,0008	0,0002	4,74	8,42	1,05	1,05

From Table 1, it was obvious that C_p value for all defect types is larger than 1.33, which means that the capability process is in good value. Also, the table shows that C_{pk} value for all defect types is larger than 1.0, which means that no action is needed since they are in a good value.

3.2 Constructing the ISRT *p* EWMA Control Charts and the Capability Processes

Several calculations were conducted using equations no (4) to (15) to constructing control charts for all defect types, and there were out-of-control conditions, and there were special causes found only for defect type Slit. The revisions were conducted for defect type Chips, Dirty, and Notch, while defect type Slit cannot be revised due to there were special causes found, and the process has to be stopped to conducting a full inspection on machine setup and machine configuration. However, defect type Slit is still included in the constructing ISRT *p* EWMA Control Charts.

The various parameters were applied to construct ISRT *p* EWMA Control Charts, [2] which were, $\lambda = 0.40$; $L = 3.054$, $\lambda = 0.25$; $L = 2.998$, $\lambda = 0.20$; $L = 2.962$, $\lambda = 0.10$; $L = 2.814$, $\lambda = 0.05$; $L = 2.615$.

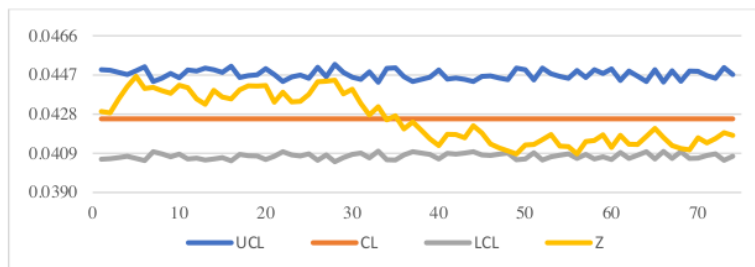


Figure 7. Controlled Chart for Chips ($\lambda = 0.05$; $L = 2.615$)

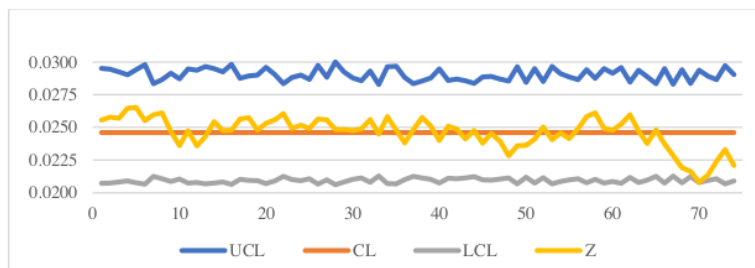


Figure 8. Controlled Chart for Dirty ($\lambda = 0.10$; $L = 2.814$)

Table 2 shows that the lower parameter value λ was given, the value of C_p and C_{pk} also getting lower. This means that with the lower C_p , the capability process is low, and the low value of C_p indicates the process is producing a nonconforming product to the specification.

When the C_{pk} value is negative, it shows that the mean process is beyond the specification limit, while $C_{pk} = 1.0$ means that one variation of the process is out of specification, $C_{pk} < 1.0$ means that the process will produce a nonconforming to the specification product, and $C_{pk} = 0$ shows the mean and the value of C_{pk} is equal to specification.[4]

Table 2 shows that the value of C_{pk} is lower as the value of λ decreased, it means that the process will produce a nonconforming to the specification product.

The optimum value of λ as shown in Table 2 is $\lambda = 0.20$ and $L = 2.962$.

For defect type slit, the value of C_p and C_{pk} was very close to 1.0 for Shewhart p Control Chart and the value of C_p and C_{pk} not available for ISRT p EWMA Control Chart because there was a special cause condition so that the process has to be stopped to conducting a full inspection on machine setup and machine configuration.

Comparing the value of C_p and C_{pk} of Shewhart p Control Chart and the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart shows that the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart can detect a small shift at the parameter of $\lambda = 0.20$ and $L = 2.962$.

4. Conclusion

Based on the calculation, the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart can detect a small shift at the parameter of $\lambda = 0.20$ and $L = 2.962$.

The ISRT p EWMA Control Chart is suitable for whether np_i is greater or equal to 5. The calculation showed that the chips defect, dirty defect, notch defect, the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart could detect a small shift, while for slit defect, the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart was failed to detect a small shift.

The lowest λ value on the ISRT p EWMA Control Chart is $\lambda = 0.20$ and $L = 2.962$, to find the value of capability process larger than 1.0.

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