Process capability



OBIECTIVES

- Understanding the principle of process capability
- Providing an understanding meaning of capability indices Cp,Cpl, Cpu and Cpk
- Use of capability indicies in specofications.

INTRODUCTION

Bad news first

No two products, process, machines, operations or individuals are exactly alike

Good news

Variation when measured overtime producepattern

Gausss curve

Understanding thr pattern of variations allowes us to predict future performance, and to manage the process.

CONSEQUENCES of VARIATIONS

High process variability compared to specification

- Process difficoult to manage.
- Non conforming productis produced randomly.
- Cost of rework, repair and scrap are high.
- No prdictions can be made.

Low process variability compared to specification

- Non conforming product may be produced, but amount of that product is predictable.
- Production in specification is not by chance.
- Adjustment of process are minimized.

WHY PROCESS VARIATIONS

INPUT → PROCESS → OUTPUT

Influence criteria starting material

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Influence criteria process parameter Succes criteria

= CONSEQUENCE

Raw materials Energie Equipment etc. Procedures Adjustment Operation etc. Product Quality Cost etc.

Causes of variations ?

- Variation due only to the machine = Machine Variability .
- Machine variability can be measured by analysing about 30 products taken in a raw or during a short period.
- Variation due to Common causes . Sources of variation within process that behave in a reasonably constant manner over time. Sources are various and difficult to identify separately.
 Process variability can be estimated by analysing at least 100 pieces not taken in a raw, during a period of time not too short and too long (one shift for example).
- Variation due to Special causes (or assignable causes) : shift change, Raw Material lot change, breakdown, …...

CAUSES of VARIATION ?

If only common couses of variations are present, the output of a process forms a distribution that is stable over time and is prdictable



Causes of Variation

 If special causes of variation are present, the process output is not stable over time and is not predictable

Capability study

Requirements :

- Parameter measurable
- Normally distribution

(Check if parameter is ND, if not Cpk will not apply)



Tolerances defined

Examples of different situations



Process Characteristic



Normal distribution shape



Capability and defect level

<u>Spec Width</u>	Process Width	<u>Cpk</u>	<u>Defect level</u>	% of Data Covered
1 sigma	3 sigma	0,33	37 %	66 %
2 sigma	3 sigma	0,67	4,6 %	95 %
3 sigma	3 sigma	1,00	0,27 %	99 ,73 %
4 sigma	3 sigma	1,33	64 ppm	99,99 36 %
5 sigma	3 sigma	1,67	0,6 ppm	99,9999 5 %

Overview of capability study proocess



- What process/machine? Measurements? Which methods and tools? Who?
- Sampling size must be 50min to 200
- Samples must be collected subsequently when the machine is considered as stable and adjusted.
- Determine the total range (max min)
- Collected the data.
- Check the data
- Check the process is following a normal distribution
- Correct the process until the distribution is "normal" if not, capability index and control limits are not relevant.

 σ = standard deviation of the values

- **Cp** (process capabillity index) = USL LSL / 6σ
- **Cpk** (process centring capabillity index) the lovest value between :

USL-X/3σ & X-LSL/3σ

Overview of capability study proocess



Cp or Cpk	0,5	0,7	1,0	1,2	1,8	1,5	1,7
Out of	13,4	3,6	0,3	318	96	7 ppm	0,34
tolerance	%	%	%	ppm	ppm		ppm

•Set up corrective action to improve or modify the machine or the process or change the specification

• Set up SPC on regular basis including capability index measurements at scheduled period

Controle the product vs. specification and performance is posible.
Capability index measurement enable us to controle andmaintain the ability of the machine/process to deliver good quality all the time

Some definitions

σ	Standard deviation (the whole population)	Distance to average of distribution	$\sqrt{\frac{\sigma(Xi-X)^2}{n_i}}$
Cm	Machine capability	Variability capability How good could we be ?	USL-LSL 6σ
Cmk	Centring machine capability	Variability capability How good are we?	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Minimum of:} \\ \underline{\text{USL} - X} \\ 3\sigma \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{X-LSL}} \\ 3\sigma \\ \end{array}$
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USL	Upper specification limit	Distance to average of distribution
LSL	Lower specification limit	Distance to average of distribution
CpU	Process capability USL	Process capability relative to upper specification
CpL	Process capability LSL	Process capability relative to lower specification



Specification



How good could we be ?



How good we are ?



From Cpk=1.....to Cpk=1,33



Overview of capability study proocess

- USL LSL Cp < 1 Cp = 1Cp>
- Variation of the process extend the standard Out of specification products to be produced

- Variation of the process is placed just in the standard. No less than 0,3% of product will come out of specification, especially when process is not centered.
- Variation of the process is lower then standard.
 Faults will appear when process will be not centered.

REMINDER



Thank you for your attention