

Minimax Multivariate Control Chart Using a Polynomial Function

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Abstract

Minimax control chart uses the joint probability distribution of the maximum and minimum standardized sample means to obtain the control limits for monitoring purpose. However, the derivation of the joint probability distribution needed to obtain the minimax control limits is complex. In this paper the multivariate normal distribution is integrated numerically using Simpson's one third rule to obtain a non-linear polynomial (NLP) function. This NLP function is then substituted and solved numerically using Newton Raphson method to obtain the control limits for the minimax control chart. The approach helps to overcome the problem of obtaining the joint probability distribution needed for estimating the control limits of both the maximum and the minimum statistic for monitoring multivariate process.

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1. Introduction

Multivariate statistical process control (MSPC) is particularly important in the industries where data are collected on more than one variable. In practice, most of the quality characteristics to be controlled and monitored are not independent. The reason is that most of the variables involved are interconnected, that is, they are correlated. Hence, to monitor these interconnected or correlated variables is not simple but rather complex, especially for manufacturing processes. The use of multiple univariate control charts does not deliver a useful solution in this situation. The problems are that, the overall probability of signaling a false "out-of-control" situation is not controlled and more seriously the correlation among the variables are ignored.

In recent years, multivariate statistical process control (MSPC) procedures have enjoyed wide application in industry. This has resulted from expanded capability to monitor the key variables of a process with sensor and measurement technology, and the widespread availability of computers and statistical software programs that incorporate multivariate SPC capability.

Simultaneously, there have been many new technical developments that have made multivariate SPC more useful. For example, many authors have investigated methods of monitoring multivariate continuous data. [1] developed the multivariate T^2 statistic for quality control purposes. Multivariate generalizations of the CUSUM procedure have been studied by [2] and [3] developed and investigated multivariate exponentially weighted moving averages to identify quality problems. The use of multivariate exponentially weighted moving averages in monitoring multivariate data have been enhanced by [4]. Monitoring principal components of multivariate data has been studied by [5]. [6] discussed multivariate minimax control chart and he used the joint probability distribution function of the minimum and maximum standardized sample means to derive the control limits to make decision if the process is in or out of control. However, the derivation of the joint probability distribution needed to obtain the minimax control limits as discussed by [6] is complex. In this paper we propose a Non-Linear Polynomial function (NLP) approach to multivariate minimax control chart to monitor continuous data as an alternative approach to the use of joint probability for both the ma-

braic techniques, we will restrict the separator to the class of polynomial functions in x_1, \dots, x_Q , that is, $\forall_i, g_i \in C[x]$.

2.1. Simpson One Third Rule

The *Simpson's 1/3rd* rule is a numerical method for finding the integral $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ within some finite limits a and b . *Simpson's 1/3rd* rule approximates $f(x)$ with a polynomial of degree two $p(x)$, i.e., a parabola between the two limits a and b , and then finds the integral of that bounded parabola, and is used to represent the approximate integral $\int_a^b f(x)dx$. The integral of the approximated function is the area under the parabola bounded by the points a and b by the positive side of the x axis. The quadratic function has three points common to the function $f(x)$, as follows: The end points of the approximate quadratic function $p(x)$ is the same as the function $f(x)$ at points a and b . $p(x)$ takes the same value of the function $f(x)$ at point $m = (a+b)/2$.

Thus three points are fixed each in equal interval $a > m > b$ and a parabola is drawn through these three points $f(a), f(m), f(b)$. The area under the parabola through these points bounded by a and b with the positive side of the X axis is found and used as the approximated integral value. The iterative formula below can be used to find the integral of a function $f(x)$ using *Simpson's 1/3rd* rule.

$$I_{SI} = \frac{h}{3} [f(x_0) + f(x_1) + f(x_2)] \tag{2.3}$$

2.2. Newton Raphson Method

The Newton-Raphson method is based on the principle that if the initial guess of the root of $f(x) = 0$ is at x_i , then if one draws the tangent to the curve at $f(x_i)$, the point (x_{i+1}) where the tangent crosses the x -axis is an improved estimate of the root.

Using the definition of the slope of a function, at $x = x_i$

$$f'(x) = \tan \theta = \frac{f(x) - 0}{x_i - x_{i+1}} \tag{2.4}$$

Form Equation (2.4) we have

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)} \tag{2.5}$$

Equation (2.4) is called the Newton-Raphson formula for solving nonlinear equations of the form $f(x) = 0$. So starting with an initial guess, x_i , one can find the next guess, x_{i+1} by using Equation (2.5). One can repeat this process until one finds the root within a desir-

able tolerance.

Algorithm

The steps of the Newton-Raphson method to find the root of an equation $f'(x) = 0$ are:

Step 1. Evaluate $f'(x)$ symbolically

Step 2. Use an initial guess of the root, $i x_i$, to estimate the new value of the root, x_{i+1} as $x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$

Step 3. Find the absolute relative approximate error $|\varepsilon_\alpha|$ as

$$|\varepsilon_\alpha| = \left| \frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{x_{i+1}} \right| * 100$$

Step 4. Compare the absolute relative approximate error with the pre-specified relative error tolerance, ε_s . If $|\varepsilon_\alpha| > \varepsilon_s$, then go to Step 2, or else stop the algorithm. Also, check if the number of iterations has exceeded the maximum number of iterations allowed. If so, one needs to terminate the algorithm and notify the user.

2.3. Minimax Control Chart

The Minimax control chart developed by Sepulveda [6], and as discussed in [13] is similar to the charts proposed by [14] and [15]. The minimax control chart uses the minimum and maximum standardized sample means to make the decision if the process should be considered in control or out of control. However, the minimax chart uses both lower and upper control limits on both the maximum and minimum standardized sample means. This is facilitated by the development of the capability to determine the value of the joint density function of the maximum and minimum standardized sample means. This not only facilitates a method for setting the control limits, but also allows for the comparison of the performance of the minimax chart relative to other charts through computation of the out-of-control average run length.

Minimax control chart is used to standardize all p means and to monitor the maximum and the minimum of those standardized sample means. To do this, the sample average vector $\bar{X} = (\bar{X}_1, \bar{X}_2, \dots, \bar{X}_p)$ is calculated and its elements are standardized using the expression:

$$Z = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma} \tag{2.6}$$

where μ is the population mean and σ is the standard deviation. The vector $\underline{Z} = [Z_i], i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ is now defined as the standardized sample mean vector. The maximum sample mean (Z_p) is defined as the maximum of the elements of the vector Z , that is, $Z_{[p]} = \max(Z_i)$. Also, the minimum standardized sam-

ple mean ($Z_{[1]}$) is defined as the minimum of the elements of the vector Z .

The control limits that was proposed by [6] is modified to solve for both upper and lower of maximum and upper and lower of minimum as given in the expression below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 UCL_{[p]} &= \left\{ \tau : \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} f(Z) dz = 1 - \alpha \right\} \\
 LCL_{[p]} &= \left\{ \tau : \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} f(Z) dz = \alpha \right\} \\
 UCL_{[1]} &= \left\{ \tau : 1 - \int_{\tau}^{\infty} \dots \int_{\tau}^{\infty} f(Z) dz \right\} \\
 LCL_{[1]} &= \left\{ \tau : 1 - \int_{\tau}^{\infty} \dots \int_{\tau}^{\infty} f(Z) dz = \alpha \right\}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.7}$$

3. Results

The data for this research work were collected from the production line of a manufacturing company that produces soft drinks. The samples were drawn from the lines on each variable of the production. The data are secondary and multivariate in nature. The data had five variables which are: X_1 = Contents in ml, X_2 = Brev brix, X_3 = pressure, X_4 = Gas volume (CO₂) and X_5 = Temperature. Thus, $X = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$. We assumed that the variables are normally distributed since we are dealing with continuous data. The multivariate normal distribution was integrated numerically using Simpson’s one third rule. Simpson’s rule is a numerical method that approximates the value of a definite integral by using quadratic polynomials. This approach was applied to the multivariate normal distribution to obtain a non-linear polynomial (NLP) function. This (NLP) function overcomes the problem of obtaining the joint probability distribution needed for the control limits of both the maximum ($Z_{[p]}$) and the minimum ($Z_{[1]}$) statistic. This method was used to determine the position of the five control limits of the chart stated in Equation (2.4). In order to obtain the control limits, an algorithm was developed and implemented on C language to fit the polynomial function in the form $Z = 0.0024x^5 + 0.000005x^4 - 0.0444x^3 - 0.00006x^2 + 0.3805x + 0.4988$. Using the obtained polynomial equation, the algorithm in 2.2.1 was then used to obtain the control limits for both the minimum and the maximum statistics. The numerical solution for the control limits using the developed algorithm is presented in the Appendix. The control limits for minimum and maximum statistics for the five variables under consideration are presented in **Table 1**.

Using the obtained control limits in **Table 1**, the process under study was tested for stability. To test for the stability of the process, Equation (2.6) was used to transform the data to obtain the minimum and the maximum

Table 1. The upper and lower control limit for both maximum and minimum statistics.

$UCL_{[p]}$	$LCL_{[p]}$	$UCL_{[1]}$	$LCL_{[1]}$
2.4185	1.954	3.0306	2.7195
-2.9458	-1.3148	-3.877	-3.3942

Table 2. The maximum and the minimum values.

Maximum	0.018725	0.021426	0.021987	0.022794	0.0357959
Minimum	0.005012	-0.00226	-0.03127	-0.03031	-0.00954

values for the five variables. The obtained minimum and maximum values are presented in **Table 2**.

4. Discussion of Result

The values in **Table 2** are arranged from the lowest to the highest. Thus minimum of $Z_{[p]}$ is 0.018725, and maximum of $Z_{[p]}$ is 0.0357959. Also the minimum of $Z_{[1]}$ is -0.031271 and the maximum of $Z_{[1]}$ is 0.005012. Comparing these values with the control limit in **Table 1**, the result shows that the minimum and maximum values obtained are within the control limits. Hence, the production process under consideration can be adjudged as being stable.

5. Conclusions

Minimax multivariate control chart is another sensitive multivariate control chart that has upper and lower control limits for both maximum and the minimum statistics for monitoring a multivariate process. The paper has addressed the use of numerical solution for obtaining the control limits of the minimax control chart as an alternative to the use of joint probability distribution.

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Appendix: Numerical Solution

The numerical solutions for the control limits is

$$Z(x) = 0.0024X^5 + 5 \times 10^{-5} X^4 - 0.444X^3 - 6 \times 10^{-5} X^2 + 0.3805X + 0.4988$$

The multiple integral of Equation (2.6) is solved below:

$$\int \left(0.0024X^5 + 5 \times 10^{-5} X^4 - 0.444X^3 - 6 \times 10^{-5} X^2 + 0.3805X + 0.4988 \right) dx =$$

$$\frac{0.0024X^6}{6} + \frac{5 \times 10^{-6} X^5}{5} - \frac{0.444X^4}{4} - \frac{6 \times 10^{-5} X^3}{3} + \frac{0.3805X^2}{2} + 0.4988X$$

$$\int \left(\frac{0.0024X^6}{6} + \frac{5 \times 10^{-6} X^5}{5} - \frac{0.444X^4}{4} - \frac{6 \times 10^{-5} X^3}{3} + \frac{0.3805X^2}{2} + 0.4988 \right) dx =$$

$$\frac{0.0024X^7}{7 \times 6} + \frac{5 \times 10^{-6} X^6}{6 \times 5} - \frac{0.444X^5}{5 \times 4} - \frac{6 \times 10^{-5} X^4}{4 \times 3} + \frac{0.3805X^3}{3 \times 2} + \frac{0.4988X^2}{1 \times 2}$$

$$\int \left(\frac{0.0024X^7}{7 \times 6} + \frac{5 \times 10^{-6} X^6}{6 \times 5} - \frac{0.444X^5}{5 \times 4} - \frac{6 \times 10^{-5} X^4}{4 \times 3} + \frac{0.3805X^3}{3 \times 2} + \frac{0.4988X^2}{1 \times 2} \right) dx =$$

$$\frac{0.0024X^8}{7 \times 6 \times 8} + \frac{5 \times 10^{-6} X^7}{6 \times 5 \times 7} - \frac{0.444X^6}{5 \times 4 \times 6} - \frac{6 \times 10^{-5} X^5}{4 \times 3 \times 5} + \frac{0.3805X^4}{3 \times 2 \times 4} + \frac{0.4988X^3}{1 \times 2 \times 3}$$

$$\frac{0.0024X^9}{7 \times 6 \times 8 \times 9} + \frac{5 \times 10^{-6} X^8}{6 \times 5 \times 7 \times 8} - \frac{0.444X^7}{5 \times 4 \times 6 \times 7} - \frac{6 \times 10^{-5} X^6}{4 \times 3 \times 5 \times 6} + \frac{0.3805X^5}{3 \times 2 \times 4 \times 5} + \frac{0.4988X^4}{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4}$$

The possible solutions for the numerical algorithm of the multiple integral are given below.

- 7.5249
- 4.2219 - 4.8351i
- 4.2219 + 4.8351i
- 2.9458

$3.1708 \times 10^3 x^5 + 2.0783 \times 10^2 x^4 - 0.95$, roots :

- 0.24197 - 2.5085i
- 0.24197 + 2.5085i
- 2.4185
- 8.0042 - 4.6104i
- 8.0042 + 4.6104i

$7.9366 \times 10^{-7} x^9 + 2.9763 \times 10^{-9} x^8 - 5.2857 \times 10^{-5} x^7 - 1.6667 \times 10^{-7} x^6 +$

- 7.5651
- 4.223 - 4.7726i
- 4.223 + 4.7726i
- 1.3148

$3.1708 \times 10^{-3} x^5 + 2.0783 \times 10^{-2} x^4 - 0.05$, roots :

- $5.8498 \times 10^{-2} - 1.2355i$, roots
- $5.8498 \times 10^{-2} + 1.2355i$
- 1.1954
- 8.0048 - 4.6049i
- 8.0048 + 4.6049i

$$1 - \sqrt{2 * 3.141592654} - (7.9366 \times 10^{-7} x^9 + 2.9763 \times 10^{-9} x^8 - 5.2857 \times 10^{-5} x^7 - 7.4507 - 4.2262 - 4.928i - 4.2262 + 4.928i - 3.877$$

$$1.6667 \times 10^{-7} x^6 + 3.1708 \times 10^{-3} x^5 + 2.0783 \times 10^{-2} x^4)) - 0.95, \text{root :}$$

$$0.36978 - 3.1125i$$

$$0.36978 + 3.1125i$$

$$3.0306$$

$$8.0031 - 4.6195i$$

$$8.0031 + 4.6195i$$

$$1 - (\sqrt{2 * 3.141592654} - (7.9366 \times 10^{-7} x^9 + 2.9763 \times 10^{-9} x^8 - 5.2857 \times 10^{-5} x^7 - 74962 - 4.2229 - 4.8741i - 4.2229 + 4.8741i - 3.3942$$

$$1.6667 \times 10^{-7} x^6 + 3.1708 \times 10^{-3} x^5 + 2.0783 \times 10^{-2} x^4)) - 0.05, \text{roots :}$$

$$0.30276 - 2.8096i$$

$$0.30276 + 2.8096i$$

$$2.7195$$

$$8.0037 - 4.614i$$

$$8.0037 + 4.614i$$