

# EPITA Information Management Master

## Introduction to Six Sigma 6σ Module 3

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## Course Schedule

- **3 Theoretical sessions : Jan 11, Jan 25**
- **1 Practical session with a game : Jan 12**



## Exam

- **Participation to the 4 modules/sessions ( 40% of your score )**
- **Practical session ( game play ) 40%**
- **Quiz ( 20 questions ) with no document 20%**



## DMAIC

- **DEFINE** – Clarify opportunities/issues, set goals, make sure we're working on the right things. Understand and balance stakeholder needs.
- **MEASURE** – Target the right facts and data to build understanding, improve decisions, evaluate results
- **ANALYZE** – Assess relationships between actions and results, reasons for problems, potential impact of new solutions or innovations
- **IMPROVE** – Develop effective new ways to get things done that gets results
- **CONTROL** – Ensure solutions and innovations last, and can be leveraged to maximize benefit





## ANALYZE

- In the Analyze phase, the team reviews data collected during the measure phase. The goal is to narrow down and verify root causes of waste and defects
  - Process Analysis
  - Brainstorm Root Causes
  - Pareto Charts
  - Develop Hypothesis
- Analyze the data to investigate and verify cause-and effect relationships. Determine what the relationships are, and attempt to ensure that all factors have been considered. Seek out root cause of the defect under investigation.



## Analyze

- **What might be causing the problem?**
- **How can we pinpoint the root cause?**
- **Have we verified the cause(s)?**





## Analyze objectives

- **Use data and process knowledge to identify contributors to/causes of problems**
- **Verify analysis using facts and data**
- **For design efforts, clarify the key Xs that will drive the Ys**
- **How to best achieve the goal and vision?**
- **Refine Project SMART Objective as needed**
- **Prepare to develop/execute effective solutions**



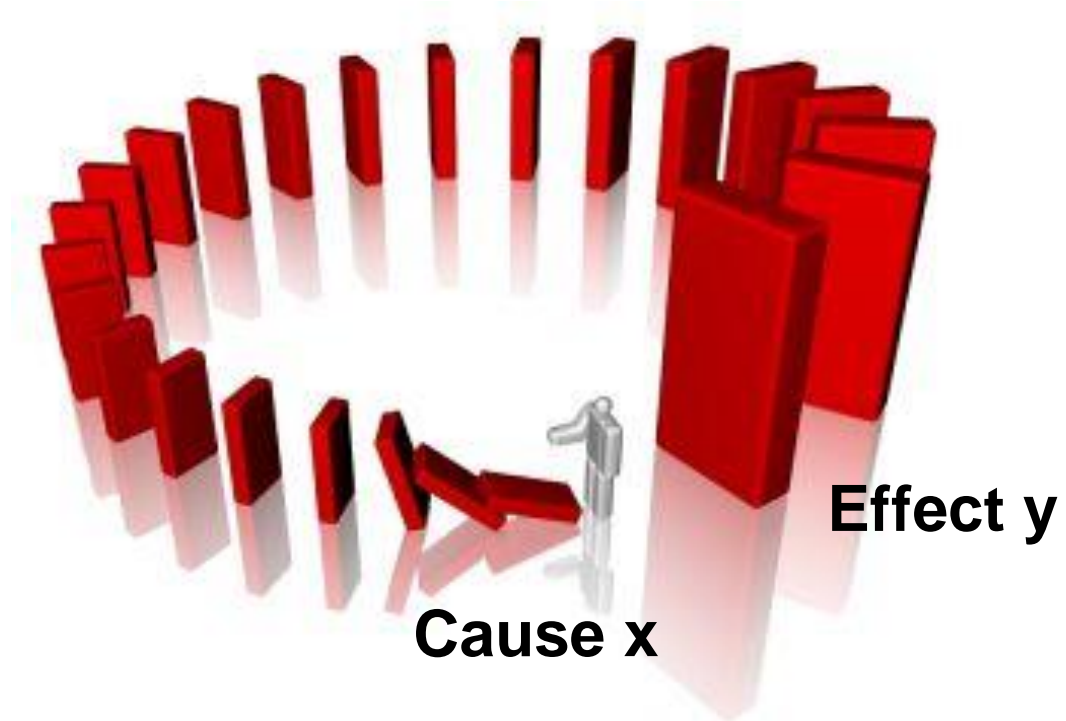
## Analyze



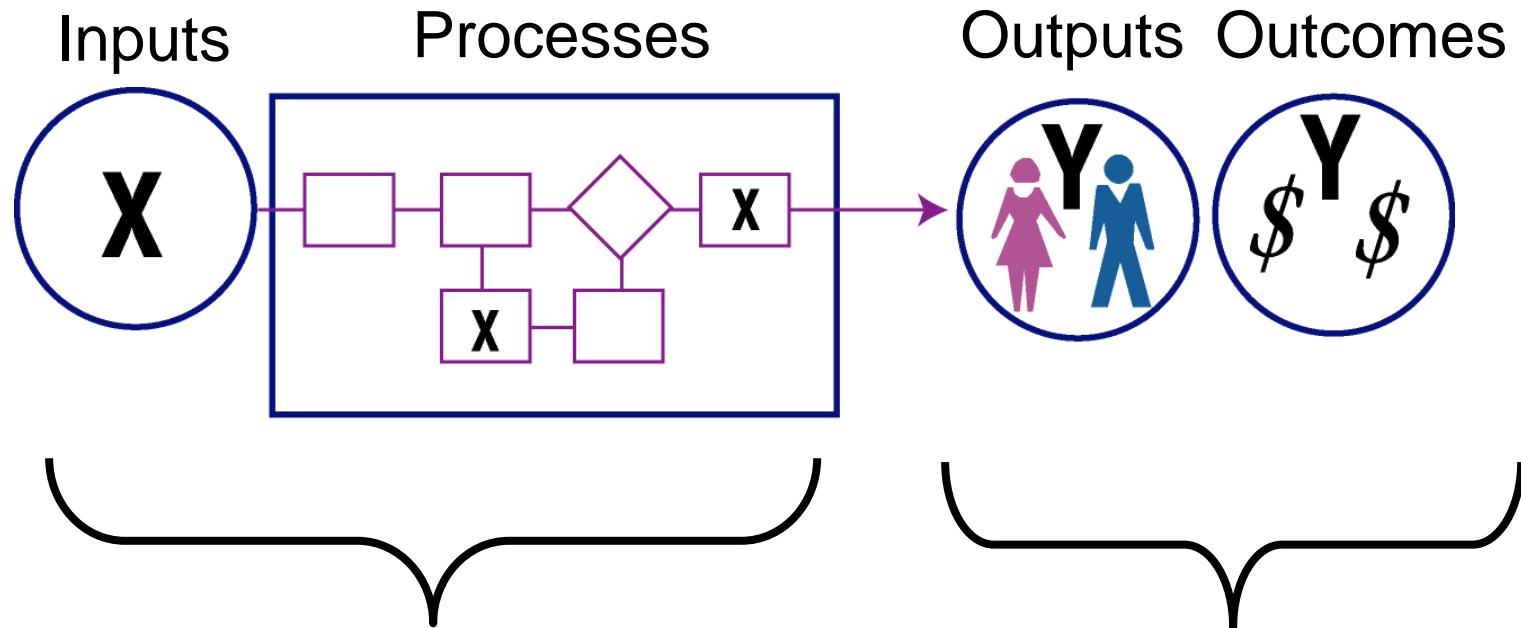


**Analyze**

**Find the root cause  $y=f(x)$**



$$Y=f(X)$$



**Which factors  
here...**

**Are really impacting  
results *here*?**

*(i.e., causing downtime, delays,  
defects etc.)*



## Things to remember

- Goal is to understand the problem and process so you can develop and implement effective solutions
- It's like a investigating a mystery
  - You're the detective!
- Adjust level of effort to the situation
  - Higher complexity & Risk = More careful analysis
- Don't let the case go on too long
  - No 100% proof in solving for cause





## Cause Type Examples

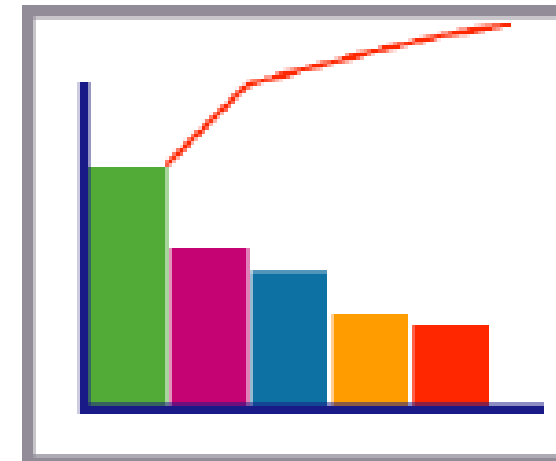
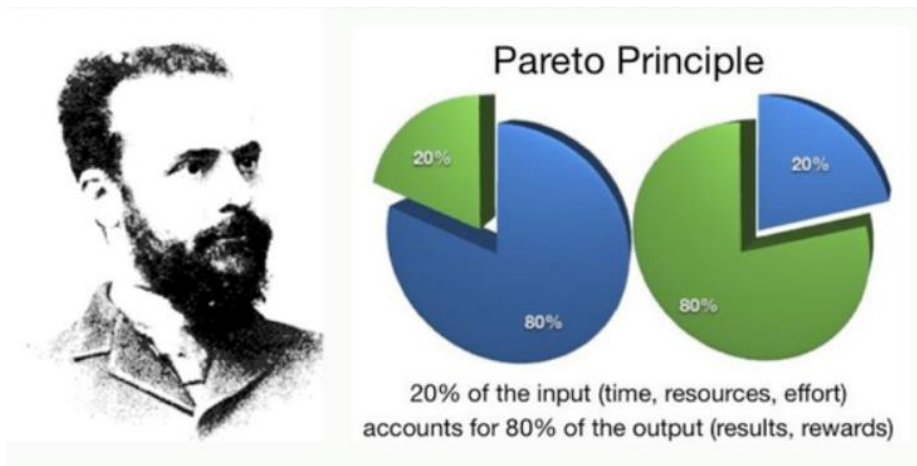
- **Problem/Situation: High staff turnover**
  - **Common Causes:** Working conditions, local economy, ongoing training programs, caliber of supervisors
  - **Special Causes:** New local employer, benefit cutbacks, change in leadership
- **Problem/Situation: Lost shipments**
  - **Common Causes:** Address database, mail room/department communication, size of packages
  - **Special Causes:** Change in tracking system, influx of new staff, opening of new facilities





## Pareto Chart & Analysis

- Based on "Pareto Principle"
- Built on stratified data
  - Discrete (error types, region, season)
  - Continuous, when grouped (income levels)
- Allows quantitative comparison of factors relating to the process and/or problem
- Orders groupings from largest to smallest





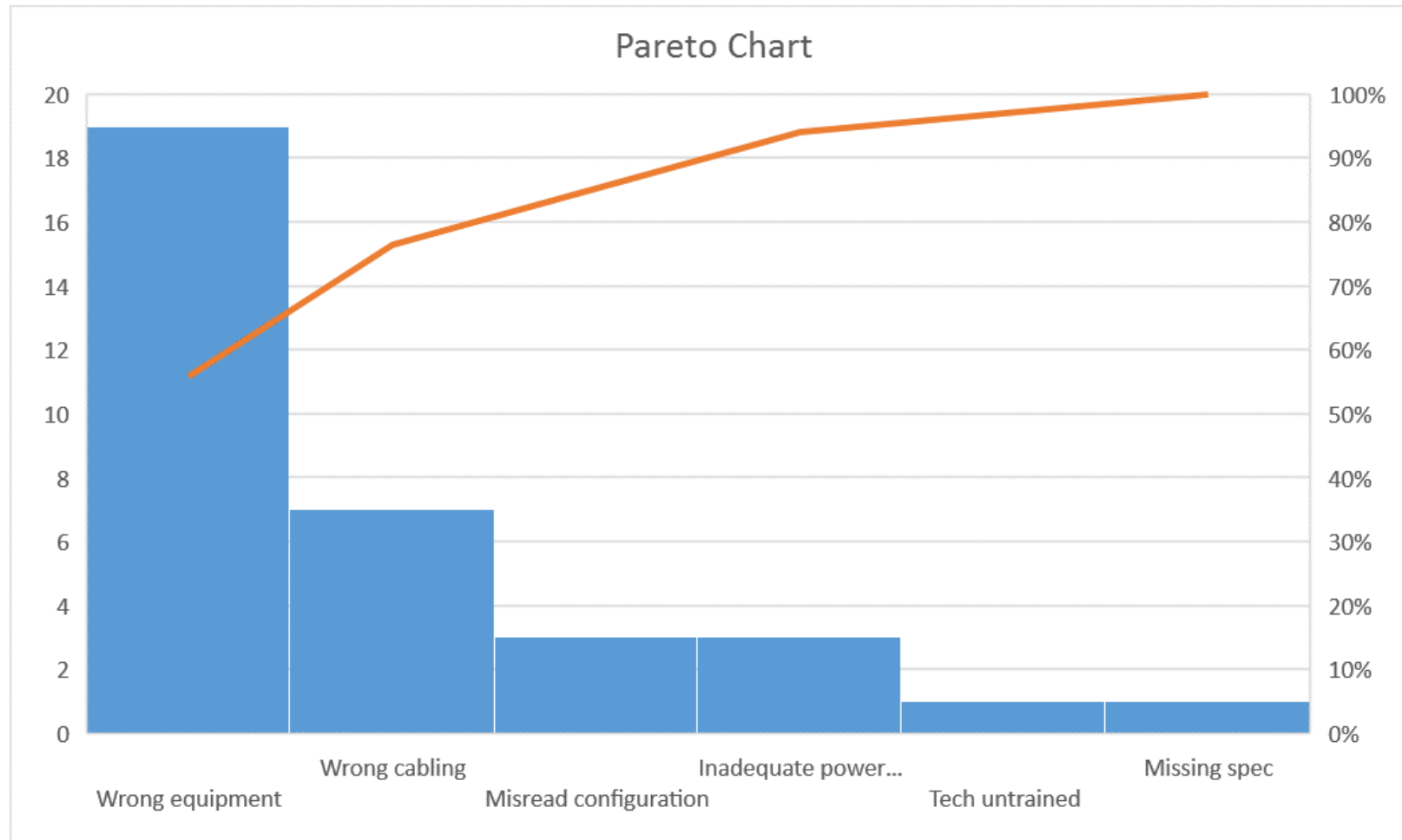
## Exercise Pareto (spreadsheet)

- **Classify 34 incidents using the following predefined categories**
- **Group them and calculate the # of incidents per category**
- **Represent the Pareto chart graphically**
- **Conclusions ?**





## Exercise Pareto (spreadsheet)





## Histograms

- Provides a “snapshot” of the process for a period of time
- Demonstrate pattern and amount of variation
- Allows easy comparison between process capability and customer specifications
- Illustrates the operations of the process
  - Frequency of occurrence of specific values
  - Amount and type of variation

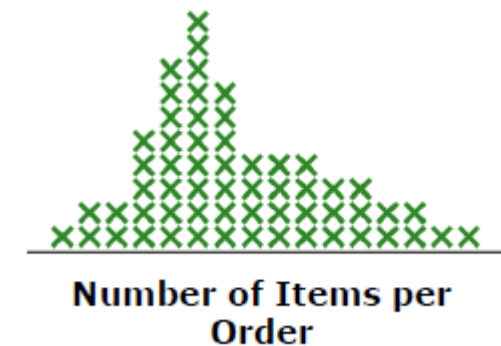
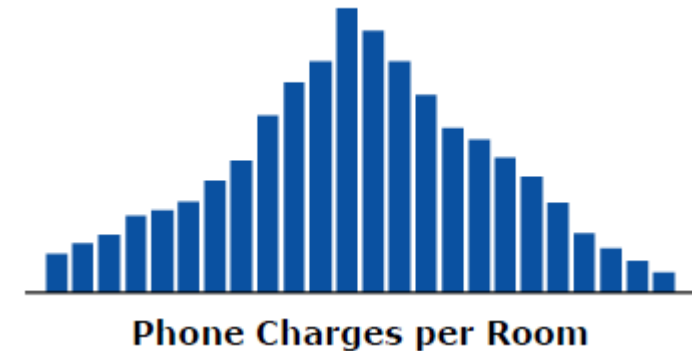


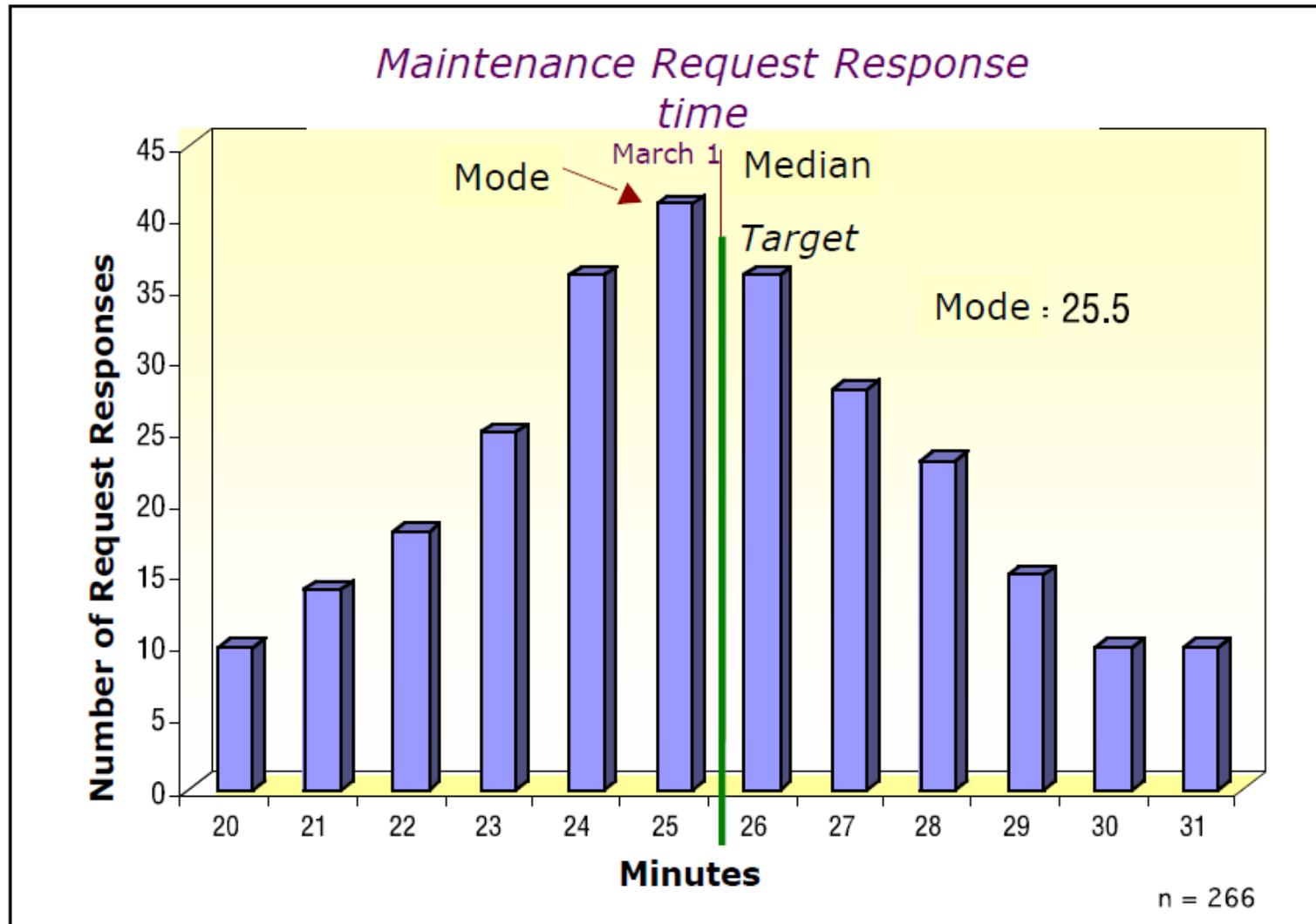




## Histogram Types & Characteristics

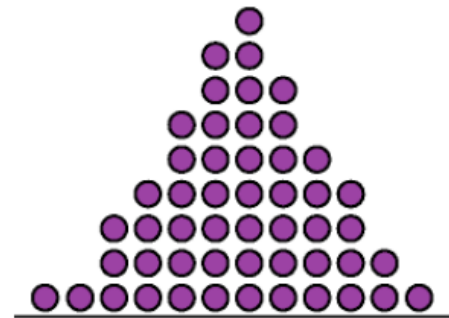
- **“Standard” Histogram**
  - Use continuous data (min 50–100 data points)
  - Plots ranges in a continuous scale on x-axis
  - Examples: Weight (grams) — 0-5, 5.1-10, 10.1-15, etc;
  - Percent — 0-1.9%, 2.0-3.9%, 4.0-5.9%
- **Frequency Plot**
  - Use count data
  - Plots items on an ascending “discrete” scale
  - Examples: Number of Defects — 0-10, 11-20, 21-40 etc;
  - Orders/Week — 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, etc.



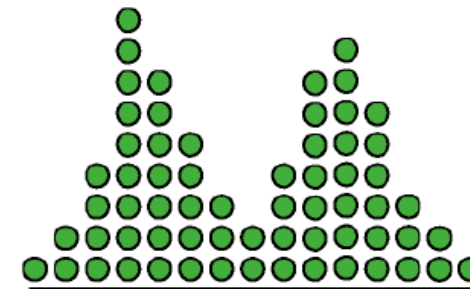




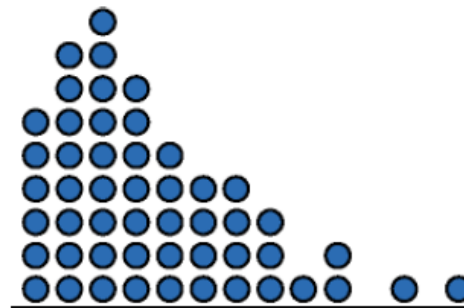
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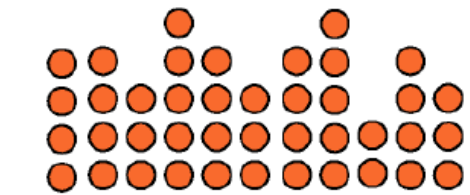
**Normal distribution**  
(Symmetrical)



**Bimodal distribution**  
(Two peaks in the data)



**Skewed distribution**  
(Data clusters near one end,  
tails off in the other direction)



**Evenly distributed data values**  
(This seldom occurs naturally)

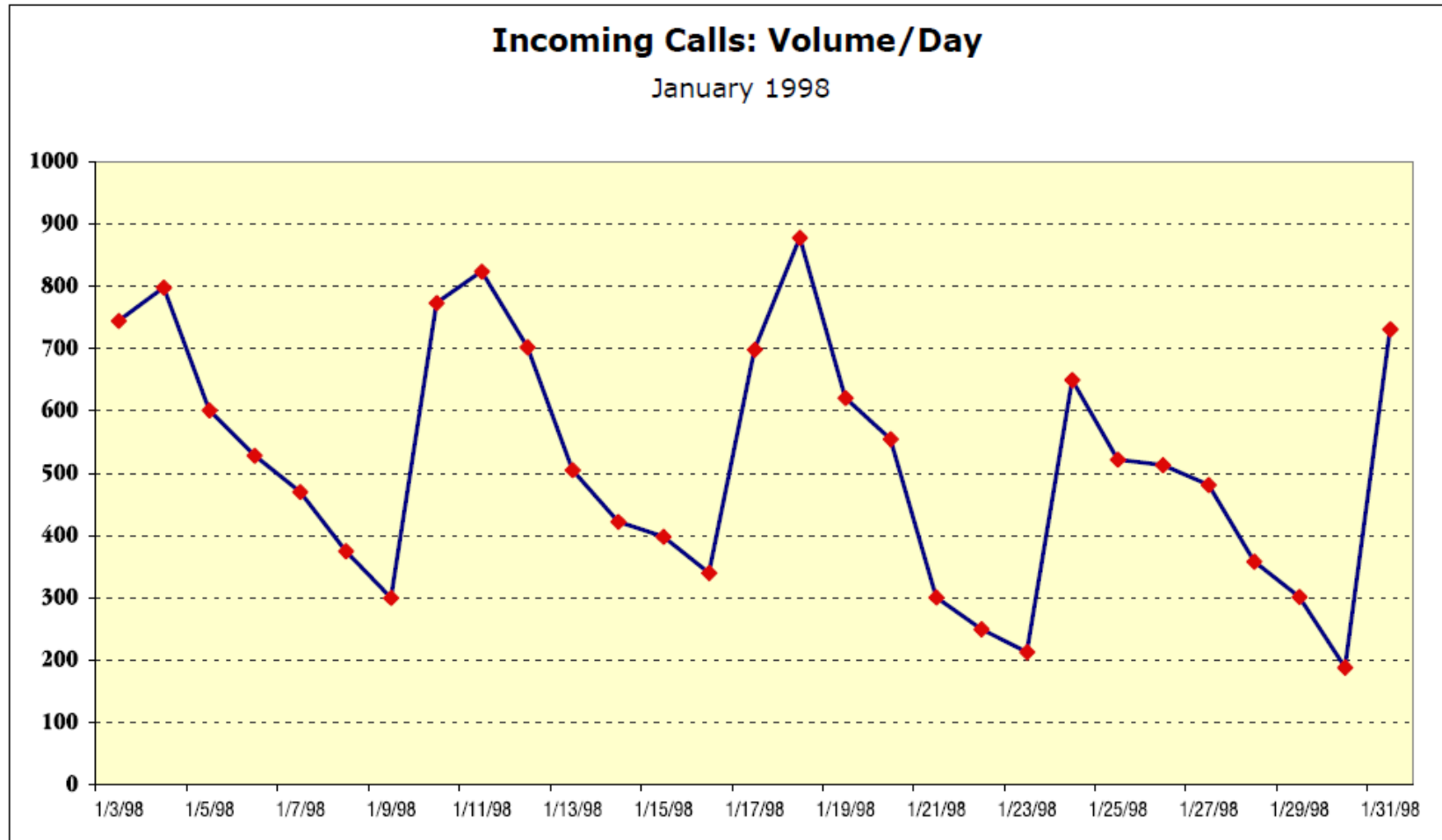


## Run or Trend chart

- Uses time-ordered data to see patterns
- Another way to see amount of “variation” in a process
- Helps differentiate between “common” and “special” causes of variation
  - Focuses on times of special interest/concern
- Valuable in ongoing monitoring of process



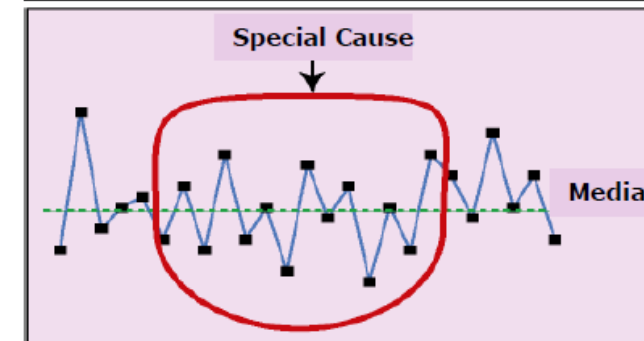
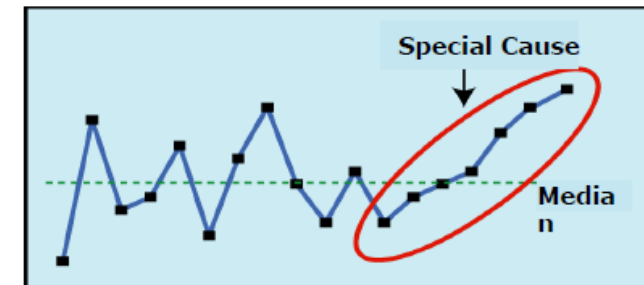
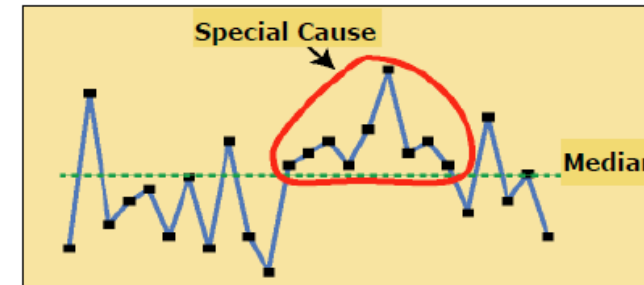
## Run Chart Sample



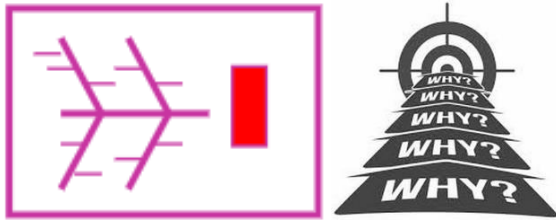
## Patterns



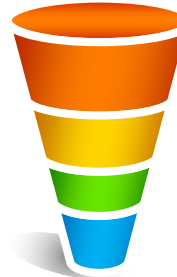
- **Shifts:** Eight or more consecutive points on same side of median
- **Trends:** Seven or more points continuously increasing or decreasing
- **Alternating Points:** Fourteen or more consecutive points “up-and-down”



## Tools



Fishbone of  
potential root  
causes

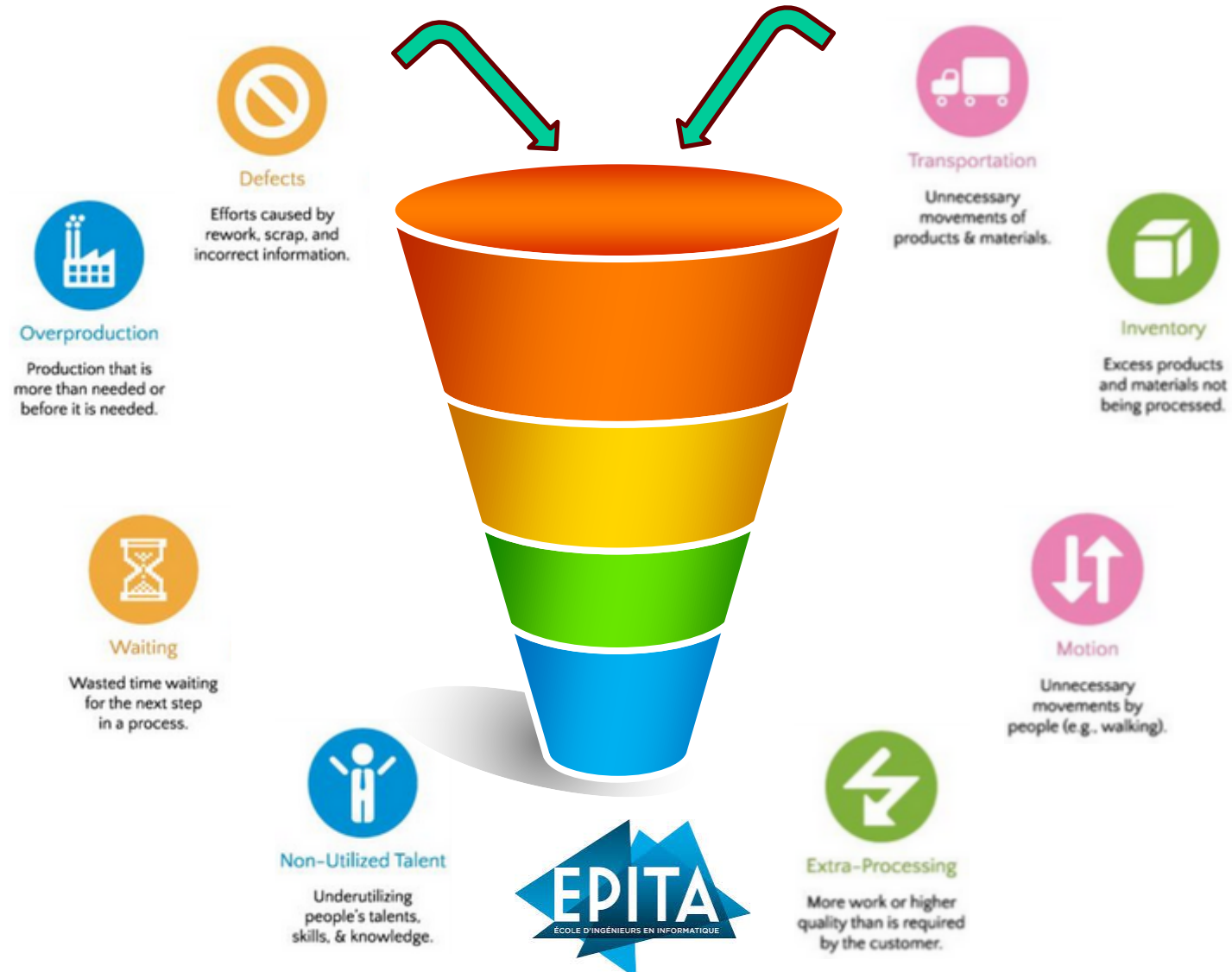


Identification  
of wastes



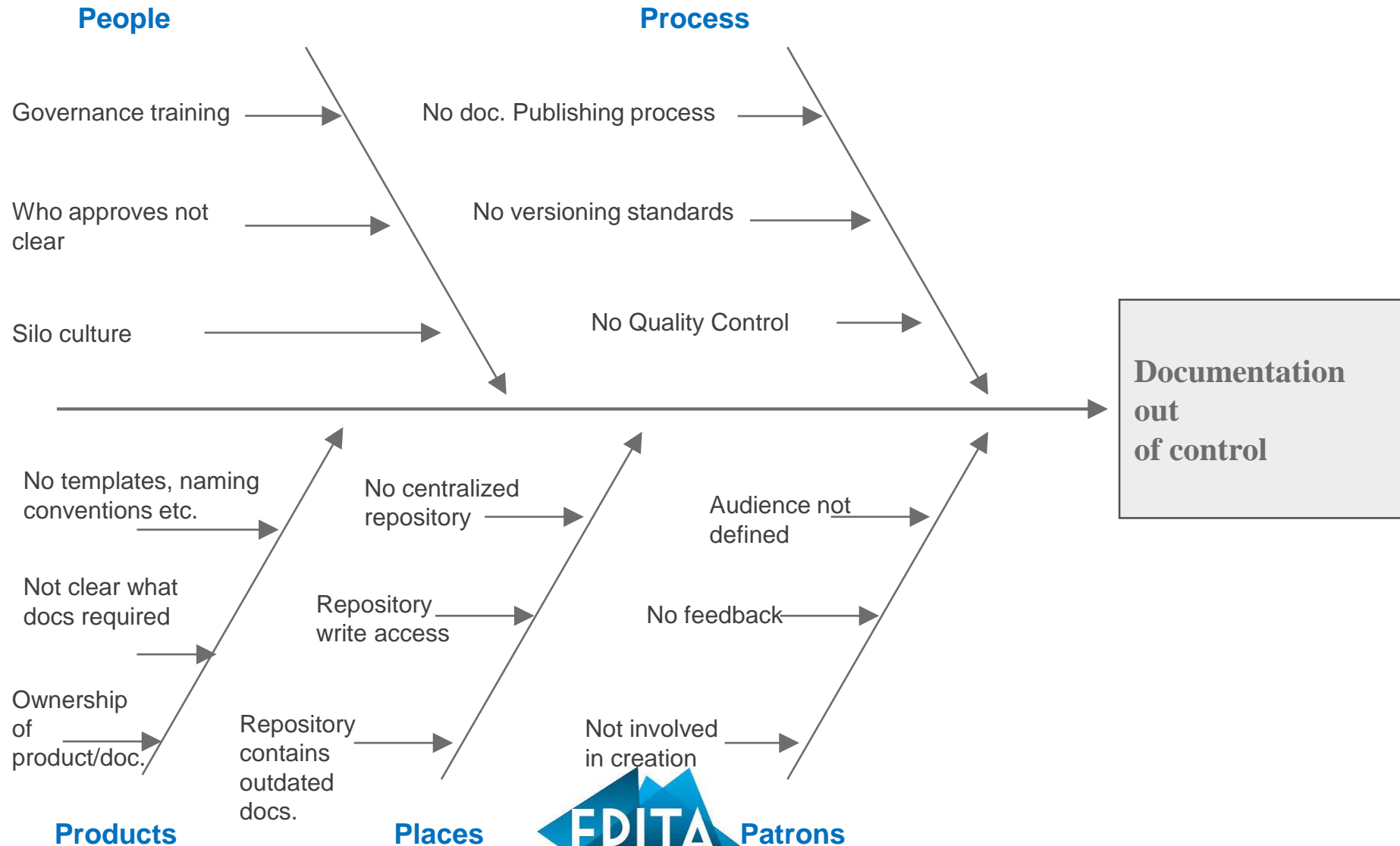
Most impactful  
root cause  
(to deliver value if fixed)

## The 8 wastes





# Fishbone or Cause-And-Effect Diagram



## The 5 WHY's



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZ32BZT9pnk>



## Exercise



**My car runs out of gas on the highway**





## **My car runs out of gas on the highway**

- **I run out of gas because I did not go to the last gas station**
- **Because I did not have my credit card with me**
- **Because it was in the cupboard at home**
- **Because the cupboard was locked**
- **Because I had not the second key**
- **Because the second key was in my wife's car and I was going to my wife's office to get the key**