

Individuals and Moving Range Charts – Known Mathematical Model

**Data Science for Quality Management:
X and Moving Range Charts for
Non-Normally Distributed Data
with Wendy Martin**

Learning objectives:

Calculate Control Limits for data that is distributed exponentially

Generate the X and MR chart using R software for exponential data

X and MR Charts Non-Normal Distributions

- The difficulty associated with mathematical distributions as skewed as the Exponential function relates not so much to the X chart, but to the control limits to be employed for the Moving Ranges.

X and MR Charts Non-Normal Distributions

- The constants associated with the Moving Range chart simply do not accommodate the expected distribution of Moving Ranges at $n=2$ that one would anticipate from an Exponential function.

X and MR Charts Non-Normal Distributions

- Review the following distribution of Moving Ranges generated from a Monte Carlo simulation of values anticipated from a standard exponential function with an Omicron of 6.76 and a mean of 15.84:

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```
rexp.low(n = 100000, low = 6.76, mean =  
mean(RFP_Response_Time$Time))  
mr.exp.low<- c(abs(diff(mc)))
```

Shape Test indicates the data are distributed exponentially

X and MR Charts - Expected Moving Range Values

```
nqtr(natural.tolerance.exp(x =  
mr.exp.low),5)
```

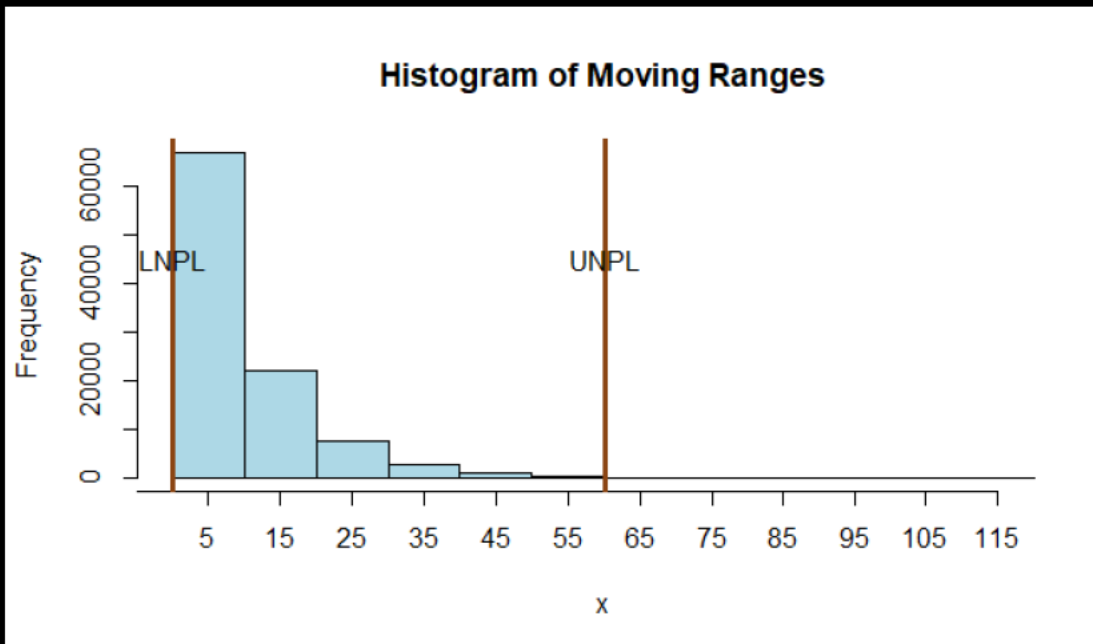
natural.tolerance 60.2142

lower.limit 0.01231

upper.limit 60.22655

lower.area 0.00135

upper.area 0.00135



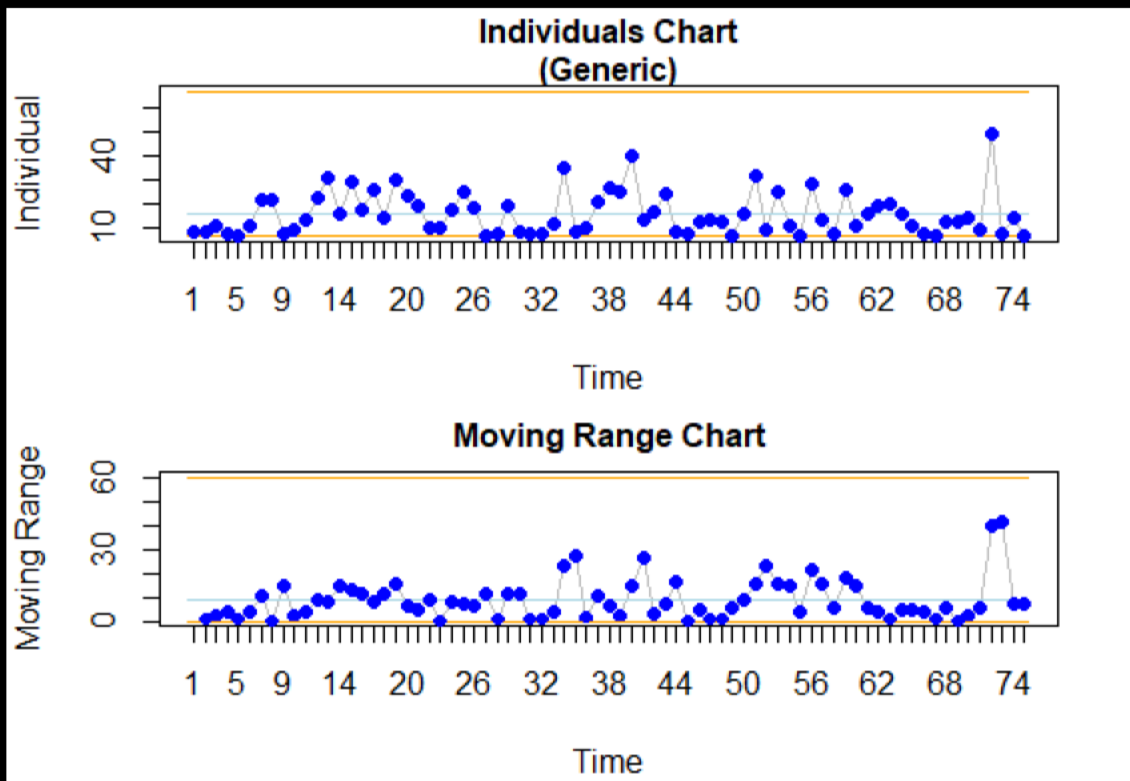
X and MR Charts

Standard Exponential Formula-Based MR Chart

- Using the estimates of control limits generated for the X chart from the Exponential distribution, but with the standard exponential Moving Range values, we would obtain:

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Standard Exponential Formula-Based MR Chart



X and MR Charts Non-Normal Distributions

- What would you use as a centerline?
 - Mean?
 - Gives you real information from all points
 - Need to recalculate the run rules
 - How would you do this?

X and MR Charts Non-Normal Distributions

- $0.6321^x = 0.0027$ below the mean
 - The lowest value is the mode – you expect to see it a lot!
 - Run below $= \frac{\ln .0027}{\ln .6321} = 12.894$ and
- $0.3679^x = 0.0027$ above the mean
 - Run above $= \frac{\ln .0027}{\ln .3679} = 5.914$

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Define new rules

```
# Changing rules
```

```
rules <-  
spc.rulesets.nelson.1984.test.1.2.3.4()
```

```
# Turn off the lower control limit rule
```

```
rules$outside.limits <-  
spc.controlviolation.nelson.1984.test1.outside.zone.a.upper
```

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Define new rules

```
# If using the mean for the X chart, adjust the run rules
```

```
rules$runs          <- NULL
```

```
rules$runs.above <-  
spc.controlviolation.nelson.1984.test2.runs.above.create(point.count = 6)
```

```
rules$runs.below <-  
spc.controlviolation.nelson.1984.test2.runs.below.create(point.count = 13)
```

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Define new rules

```
# Test for run rules
```

```
runs.overall <-  
unique(exp.chart$chart1.is.control.violation$  
rule.results$runs.above |  
exp.chart$chart1.is.control.violation$rule.re  
sults$runs.below)
```

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- Median?
 - Allows you to use the traditional run rules of 8 above or below
 - Less precise estimate of the location

Sources

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