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Project: LSS implementation (DMAIC) on employee Attrition Reduction

Dep: Human Resource

Project Charter

Project Leader: Tathagata Chakrabarty

(Project leader 'S' & 'B')

Project Sponsor: AZ

Team Members: ABC

Business Process: Human Resources - New hire Retention & Attrition Reduction

Business Case:

The company has a high new hire attrition rate of 40% compared to industry average of 15%. Reducing attrition & improving retention, the company expects to save \$ 0.81 million annually.

Focus on Reducing Attrition among New hires

Business Scope:

Improving the tenure of employees

Data collection & process improvements to be implemented within a 3 months timeline.

CTQ

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Project Leader B: Reduce Attrition from 40% to 15%
Project Leader S: Increase the Avg tenure

Business Impact

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Estimated savings of \$ 0.81 million/years
\$30K for training, \$50K for SAP changes

Schedule (milestone & timeline)

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	Start Date	End Date
Define	Day 1	Week 2
Measure	Week 3	Week 5
Analyze	Week 6	Week 7
Improve	Week 8	Week 10
Control	Week 11	Week 12

Approval:

Sponsor Approval:

Team Buy-In: completed

Define Phase

Cost Estimation

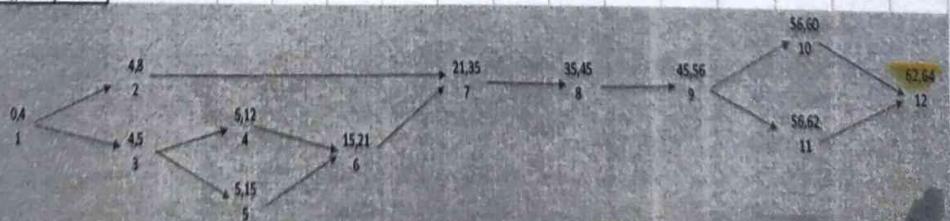
Resource	Hours	Cost/hr
Project Champion	40	\$120.00
Project Leader	320	\$45.00
Coordinator	80	\$25.00
Quality Supervisor	120	\$35.00
Finance Team Exe 1	40	\$25.00
Subject Matter Expert	80	\$30.00
Process Owner	80	\$35.00
Technical Support	40	\$40.00
MIS Support	120	\$35.00

Estimated Project Human Resource cost	
Project Champion	\$4,800.00
Project Leader	\$14,400.00
Coordinator	\$2,000.00
Quality Supervisor	\$4,200.00
Finance Team Exe 1	\$1,000.00
Subject Matter Expert	\$2,400.00
Process Owner	\$2,800.00
Technical Support	\$1,600.00
MIS Support	\$4,200.00
Total HR cost	\$37,400.00
Training	\$30,000.00
SAP changes	\$50,000.00
Total cost	\$1,17,400.00

Revenue	\$10,00,00,000.00
Total Project cost	\$1,17,400.00
Percent to revenue	0.12%
Savings	\$8,10,000.00
Percent to savings	14.49%

S.No	Task	Predecessor	Duration
1	Identify CTQ and Project Charter		4
2	Detailed Process Map	1	4
3	CTQ Definition Sheet	1	1
4	Measurement System Analysis	3	7
5	Data Collection Plan	3	10
6	Baseline Current Performance	4,5	6
7	Identification of Critical Xs	2,6	14
8	Improvement Plan Design	7	10
9	Implementation of Improvement Plan	8	9
10	Post Improvement Data Collection and Improvement check	9	4
11	Create Control Plan	9	6
12	Handover to Process Owner	10,11	2

CP = 62,64



Critical path analysis

Based on the inputs & the stakeholders associated
the SIPOC diagram is formulated below

Supplier	Input	Process	Output	Customer
Senior Managers	Budget	1. Select Institutes for hiring	Performance assessments	HR Head
Institutes	Selection process	2. Decide selection process	New hires	Department Head
Departments	Job Description	3. Create and communicate career progression plan	Training	New Joinees
HR Department	Policies & Guidelines	4. Conduct selection process	Shortlisted candidates	Hiring Panel
Trainers	Training Materials	5. Conduct Induction and training	Trained employees	New Joinees
Managers	Company Expectations	6. Establish expectations	Defined Performance Criteria	Employees
Supervisors	Training Feedback	7. Evaluate candidates after training	Performance Reports	HR & Managers
Leadership Team	Promotion Criteria	8. Deliberate potential candidates for promotion	Promotion Recommendations	Management
HR & Managers	Performance Reviews	9. Assess new hire performance annually	Annual Performance Review Reports	HR & Department Heads

SIPOC Diagram

Measure

CTQ performance characteristics

CTQ	Data type	Unit of Measure	Operational Definition	LSL	USL	Target
Attrition Rate (B's CTQ)	Attribute	percentage (%)	% of New hires leaving the comp	15%	40%	15%
New Hire Turnover (S's CTQ)	variable	Avg No of months new hire stays (months)	No of months new hire stays	12 months	24 months	18 months

Attribute Agreement Analysis (Minitab implementation)

Appraisers	1	2	3	(Supervisor is taken as standard)
Repeatability	93.33%	86.67%	90.00%	
Accuracy	93.33%	83.33%	86.67%	
Reproducibility : P value = 0.000	73.33% (CI : 54.11 - 87.72)			Agreement is statistically significant

Interpretation

- ↳ Appraisers show good repeatability with APP1 being most consistent
- ↳ APP2 has lowest self agreement
- ↳ From Reproducibility agreement among appraisers is acceptable but not perfect (validation in decision making)
- ↳ APP1 has highest accuracy closest to standard.

↳ mixed decisions

project leaders want to collect data from 'Y' to baseline performance:

Data collection format:

Operational Definition of project 'Y': clearly define 'Y'

→ if attrition rate
: % of new hires
leaving within 1 year

→ if tenure: Avg num
of months new hires
stay

Data source

- → HRM database
- Employee Exit Records
- payroll & attendance records
- past HR survey/reports

Data collection process

- → Extract reports from HRM systems
- conduct Exit Interviews
- Review Emp Lifecycle Reports

Data period

- Time frame: Past 24 months of new hire data (2022-2024)
- HR Analyst, HRMIS support, project leaders.

Data collection Analysts

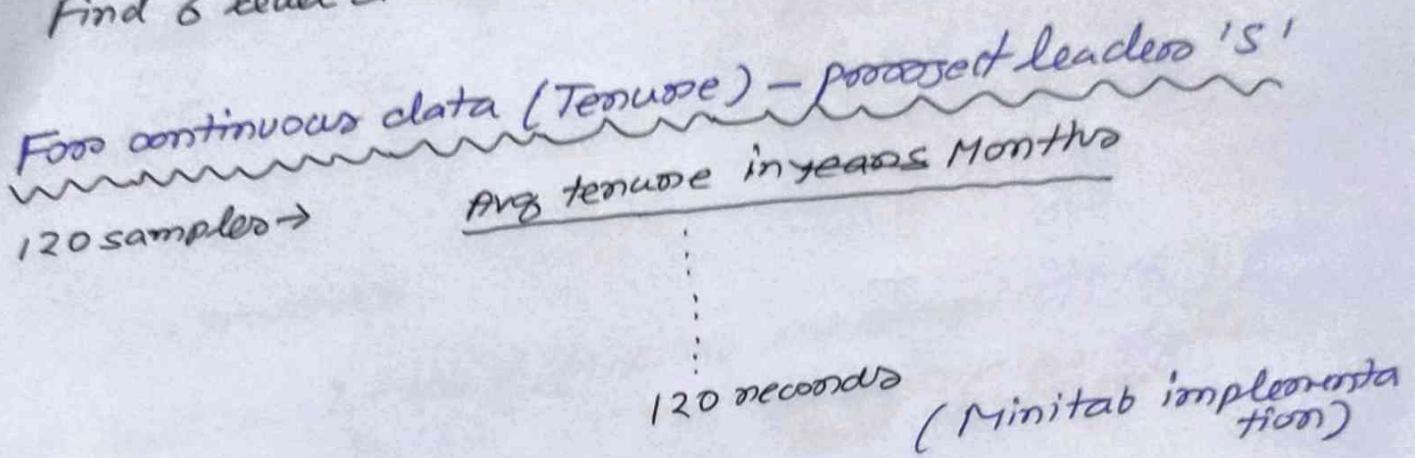
- = IT support for data extraction
- Finance team for cost validation
- process owners for operational insights

Risks & issues

- Data inconsistencies across HR DBs
- Resistance from emps to share exit reasons.

project leaders 'S' & project leaders 'B' selected a sample of 120 hired candidates & checked 'Time in company' for them & whether they left company within 1 year or not.

Find 6 level & Baseline.



$$\text{Mean} \hookrightarrow 9.847$$

$$\text{Std Dev} \hookrightarrow 3.326$$

Z_{lt} (long term sigma level)

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{\text{Mean} - LSL}{\sigma} / \sqrt{6}$$

Z_{st} (short term sigma level)

$$\hookrightarrow Z_{st} = Z_{lt} + 1.5$$

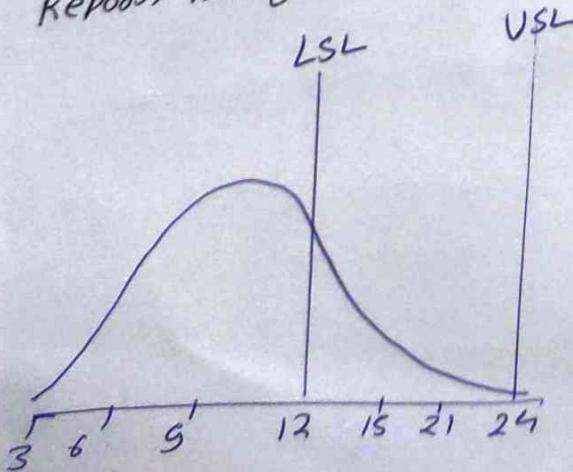
$$Z_{lt} = \frac{9.847 - 12}{3.326} / \text{We can use minitab}$$

↪ stat

↪ Quality tools

↪ Capability Analysis

Report Analysis



	Normal
Z_{bench}	→ -0.65
Z_{LSL} (short term sigma)	→ -0.65
Z_{USL} (long term sigma)	→ 1.26
PPK	→ -0.23

For Attribute data (Attribute Rate) - project leaded
B

Candidate	Defectives	Assessment
ABC	0	More than 12 months
BCD	0	More than 12 months
CDE	1	Defective
:		
:		

120 seconds

5-level calculation (Minitab implementation) /
we can use sigma level calculations

stat
↳ Quality tools

↳ capability Analysis

↳ Binomial

we get
PPK
 $Z_{st} = PPK \times 3$

Total Defective = 26

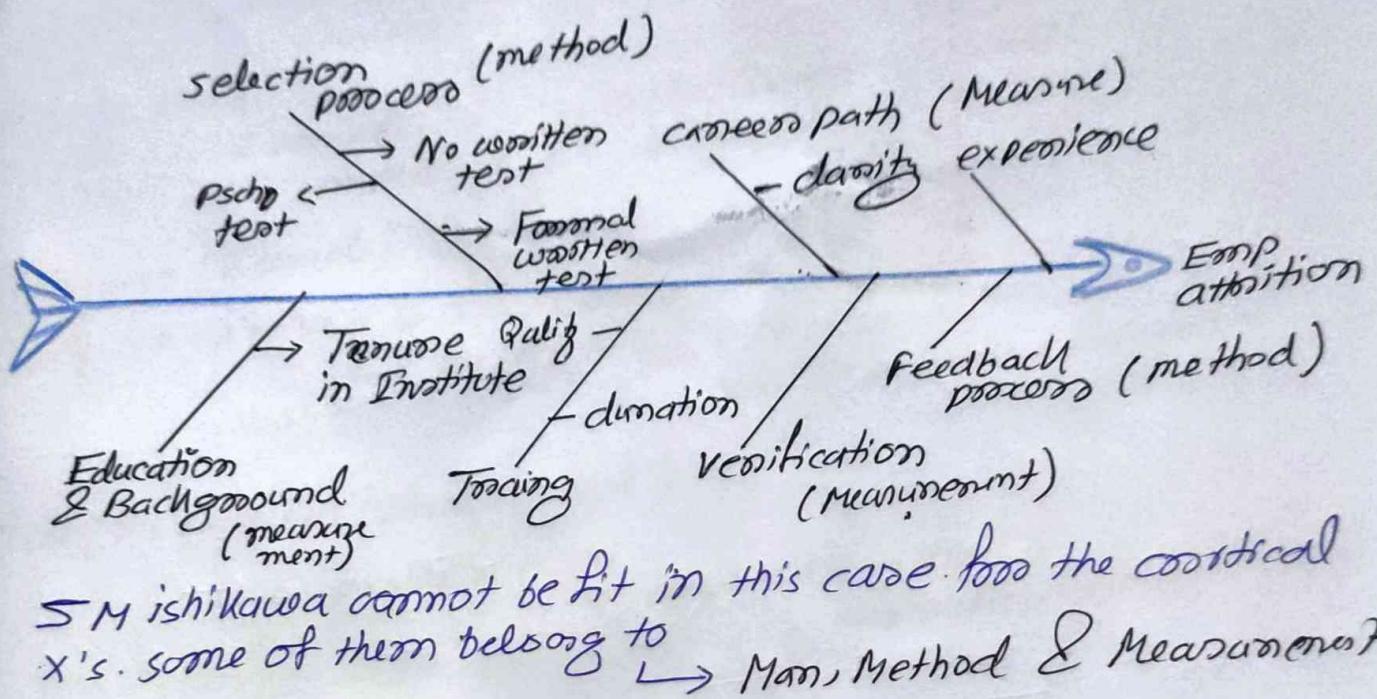
Not Defective = 94

Defective Rate = $\frac{26}{120} \times 100 = 21.66\% \quad (DPMO = 216600)$

$Z_{st} = \phi^{-1}(1 - D\%) = \text{In excel=Norm.S.Inv}(1 - 0.2166)$
= 0.7837 → long term process performance is slow

$Z_{st} = Z_{lt} + 1.5$
= 2.29 → still needs improvement

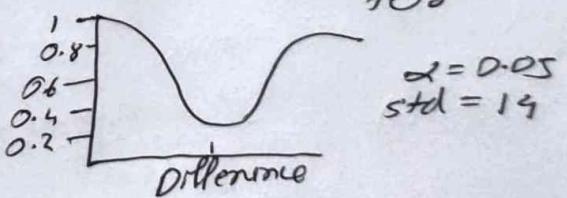
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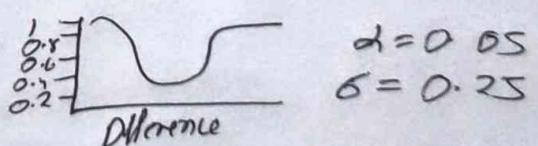
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Minitab implementation → stat → power & sample size → 2 sample + proportion test

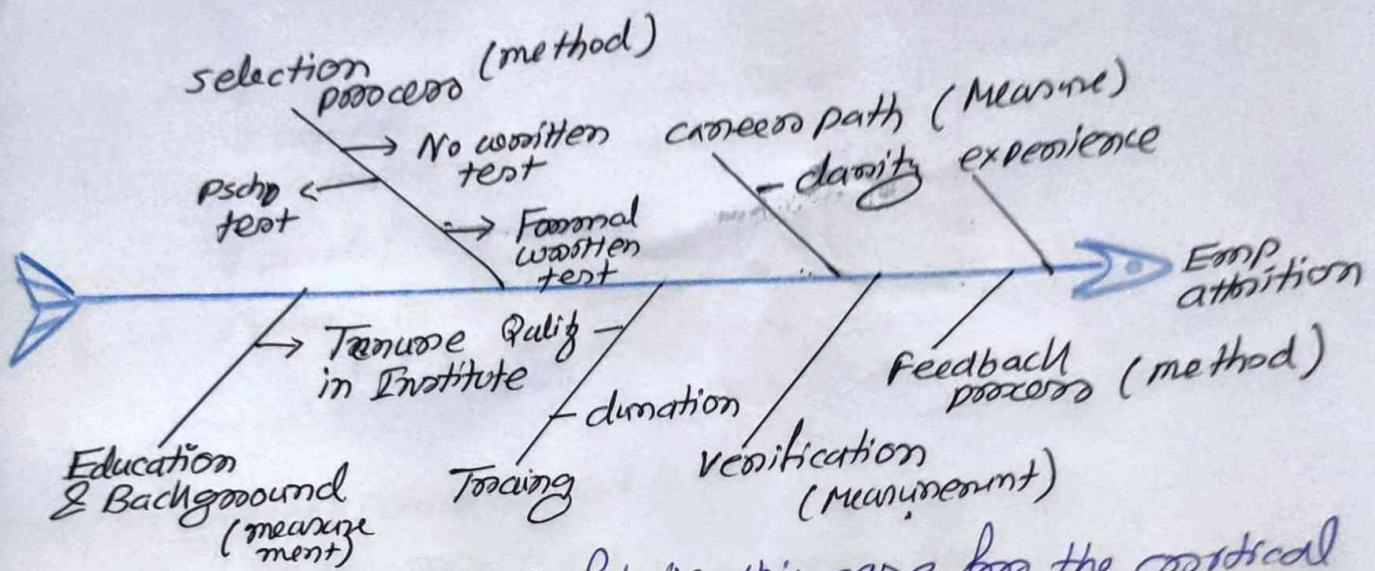
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(power = 0.9)



For project B → Min sample size = 186
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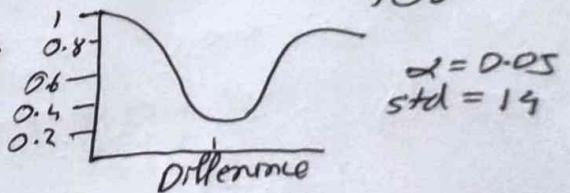


5M ishikawa cannot be fit in this case. for the control X's. some of them belongs to ↳ Man, Method & Measurement

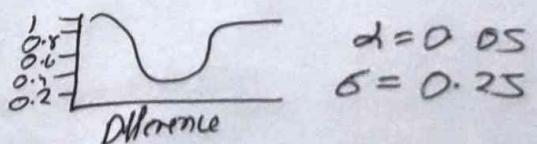
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critical x finding out (minitab implementation)
assumption: Data is Normal (Normality test is done)

continuous data

2 sample → 2 sample +
> 2 sample → Anova

Discrete Data

2 sample → 2 proportion +
> 2 sample → chisquaretest

Tenure (2 sample)

| ↳ pvalue = 0.000 (< 0.05)
 ↳ reject null hypothesis
 ↳ It's a critical factor

Hypothesis testing
with a confidence level
of = 95%

Test (> 3 samples) (stack is used)

↳ pvalue = 0.351
 ↳ accept null hypothesis
 ↳ not a critical factor

cancerpath (2 sample)

↳ pvalue = 0.001
 ↳ reject null hypothesis
 ↳ reject
 ↳ critical factors

Hours of training (3 sample)

↳ pvalue = 0.000
 ↳ accept null hypothesis
 ↳ critical factors

verification (3 sample)

↳ pvalue (0.894)
 ↳ accept null hypothesis
 ↳ not a critical factor

worker (in month) (3 sample)

↳ pvalue (0.412)
 ↳ accept null hypothesis
 ↳ not a critical factor

Feedback (2 sample)

↳ pvalue (0.148)
 ↳ accept null hypothesis
 ↳ not a critical factor

FMEA analysis

Failure Mode	Effect of Failure	Potential Causes	Severity (S)	Occurrence (O)	Detection (D)	Risk Priority Number (RPN)	Recommended Action
Short tenure (Grade X vs. Grade Y)	High attrition, increased hiring costs	Training quality difference	8	6	5	240	Standardize training
No written test	Unqualified candidates hired	Inconsistent selection process	7	5	6	210	Implement written assessment
Inadequate initial training (40/56/72 hours)	Poor job performance, slow adaptation	Lack of structured training plan	9	7	4	252	Standardize training duration
Unclear career path	Employee disengagement, lack of motivation	Poor career planning communication	8	6	5	240	Define and communicate career paths clearly
No/limited verification	Hiring unfit candidates	Weak background verification process	9	6	4	216	Strengthen verification checks
Hiring candidates with no/low experience	Low productivity, increased training time	Hiring criteria not well-defined	7	5	6	210	Adjust experience requirements
Feedback only at end	Lack of improvement, delayed course correction	No regular feedback system	8	6	5	240	Introduce periodic feedback system

Failure Mode Effective Analysis

This is based on RPN numbers which considers severity, occurrence & detection.

Defects	sigma loc (LT)	sigma loc (N)
category A = 286	0.57	2.07
category B = 221	0.77	2.27
category C = 172	0.95	2.45
category D = 129	1.13	2.63
category E = 126	1.15	2.65
category F = 48	1.66	3.16
category G = 17	0.95	2.45

Improve

By Ideating (Note)

→ Have a problem-solving call with students
is best (4-2 note)

Reason (X)	Alternative	Effectiveness	Feasibility	Cost	Impact	Total Score
X1: Institute Grade	Review student databases	1	2	1	1	5
	Define criteria for batch approval	2	1	0	2	5
	Mistake-proof key elements	2	0	-1	2	3
Best Solution	Define criteria for batch approval					
X2: Induction Training	Schedule 72-hour training	2	0	-1	2	3
	Initial job training approach	1	2	1	2	6
Best Solution	Initial job training approach					
X3: Career Path	Chart out 18-month career plan	2	1	0	2	5
	Follow up with supervisors	1	2	1	2	6
	Follow up with supervisors					
X4: Feedback	Quarterly feedback for trainees	2	1	0	2	5
	Online performance documentation	1	2	1	2	6
	Online performance documentation					
Best Solution	Online performance documentation					

pugh Matrix for alternative solution choice

Checking the results after deploying solution & comparing it with previous value

CTQ	Zst (Before)	Zst (After)
Tenure (project leaders)	-0.65 (LSL)	1.73 (LSL)
Attrition Rate (project leader B)	$Z_{st} = 2.29 (Z_{st} = 0.78)$	$Z_{st} = 1.71 (Z_{st} = 0.21)$

(*) Attrition Rate (discretes) got Reduced.

(*) Avg tenure has been increased to 18 months from 9 with less 6

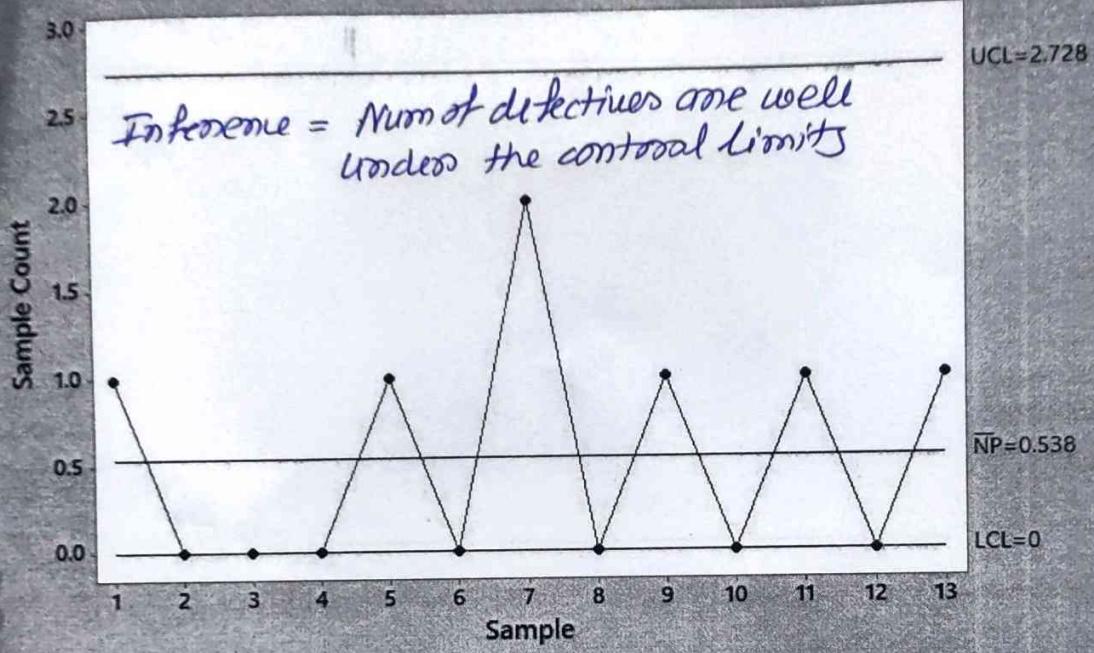
→ yellows are the selected solution under each reason

This is a custom one done by me.

Control

Both are of count data (numbers of defectives)
for a fixed sample size (50/week)
so we used
NP chart

NP Chart of No. of unclear career path resp



NP Chart of No feedback cases

