



Manufacturing processes for any product is like putting together a puzzle. Products are pieced together step by step, and keeping a close eye on the process is important.

For this project, you're supporting a team that wants to improve how they monitor and control a manufacturing process. The goal is to implement a more methodical approach known as statistical process control (SPC). SPC is an established strategy that uses data to determine whether the process works well. Processes are only adjusted if measurements fall outside of an acceptable range.

This acceptable range is defined by an upper control limit (UCL) and a lower control limit (LCL), the formulas for which are:

$$ucl = avg_height + 3 * \frac{stddev_height}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$lcl = avg_height - 3 * \frac{stddev_height}{\sqrt{5}}$$

The UCL defines the highest acceptable height for the parts, while the LCL defines the lowest acceptable height for the parts. Ideally, parts should fall between the two limits.

Using SQL window functions and nested queries, you'll analyze historical manufacturing data to define this acceptable range and identify any points in the process that fall outside of the range and therefore require adjustments. This will ensure a smooth running manufacturing process consistently making high-quality products.

The data

The data is available in the `manufacturing_parts` table which has the following fields:

- `item_no`: the item number
- `length`: the length of the item made
- `width`: the width of the item made
- `height`: the height of the item made
- `operator`: the operating machine

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WITH calculated_heights AS (
SELECT
  operator,
  ROW_NUMBER() OVER (
    PARTITION BY operator ORDER BY item_no) AS row_number,
  height,
  AVG(height) OVER (
    ORDER BY item_no ASC
    ROWS BETWEEN 4 PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW) AS avg_height,
  stddev_samp(height) OVER (
    ORDER BY item_no ASC
    ROWS BETWEEN 4 PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW) as stddev_height
FROM manufacturing_parts
),
control_limits AS (
SELECT
  *,
  avg_height + 3 * stddev_height/SQRT(5) AS ucl,
  avg_height - 3 * stddev_height/SQRT(5) AS lcl
FROM calculated_heights
WHERE row_number >= 5
)
SELECT
  *,
  CASE
    WHEN (height NOT BETWEEN lcl AND ucl) THEN TRUE
  ELSE FALSE
  END AS alert
FROM control_limits
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index	...	↑↓	operator	...	↑↓	row_number	...	↑↓	height	...	↑↓	avg_height	...	↑↓	stddev_height	...	↑↓	ucl
		0	Op-1					5	19.46			19.778			1.062812307			
		1	Op-1					6	20.36			19.912			1.0908116244			
		2	Op-1					7	20.22			20.03			1.084573649			
		3	Op-1					8	21.03			19.934			0.9312249997			
		4	Op-1					9	19.78			20.17			0.5988321969			
		5	Op-1					10	20.71			20.42			0.4768123321			
		6	Op-1					11	20.62			20.472			0.4827732387			
		7	Op-1					12	19.51			20.33			0.6506535176			
		8	Op-1					13	20.06			20.136			0.5215649528			
		9	Op-1					14	20.3			20.24			0.4832701108			
		10	Op-1					15	20.25			20.148			0.4095973633			
		11	Op-1					16	20.52			20.128			0.3823218539			
		12	Op-1					17	19.33			20.092			0.4563660811			
		13	Op-1					18	19.12			19.904			0.6324792487			
		14	Op-1					19	19.37			19.718			0.6235944195			
		15	Op-1					20	18.8			19.428			0.6508993778			