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Calculating Variation

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Introduction

What is it?

Six Sigma is a disciplined, data-driven approach and methodology for eliminating defects and minimizing variability in any process, from manufacturing to transactional and from product to service.

Lean Methodologies are focused on Waste, **Six Sigma** is focused on understanding and controlling variation.

Lean Six Sigma leverages the **best problem-solving methodologies** to help organizations achieve their missions and become competitive.

LEAN



Lean foundations and methodologies to achieve continuous improvement

SIX SIGMA



DMAIC framework and statistical analysis to achieve continuous improvement

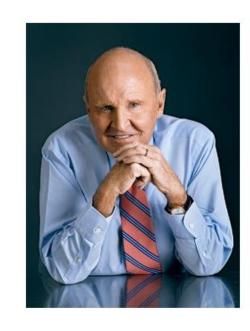


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Purpose and Benefits

- 1. Six Sigma is a measure of quality that **strives for near perfection** and **reduces variation** at its lowest economically possible level.
- 2. The fundamental objective of the Six Sigma methodology is the implementation of a measurement-based strategy that focuses on **process improvement** and **variation reduction** through the application of Six Sigma improvement projects.

We accomplish this using two Six Sigma methodologies: **DMAIC** and **DMADV**.



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Jack Welch

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Purpose and Benefits

DMAIC

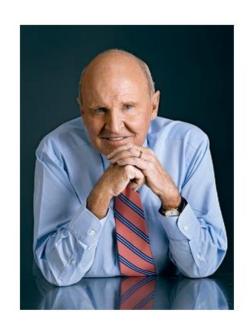
Define, measure, analyze, improve, control

Is an improvement system for existing processes falling below specification and looking for incremental improvement.

DMADV

Define, measure, analyze, design, verify

Is an improvement system used to develop new processes or products at Six Sigma quality levels.

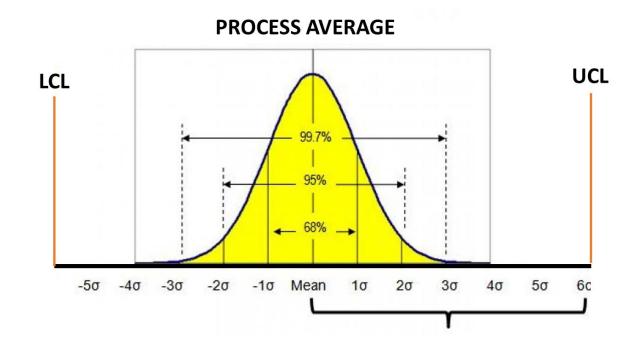


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The Six Sigma Approach



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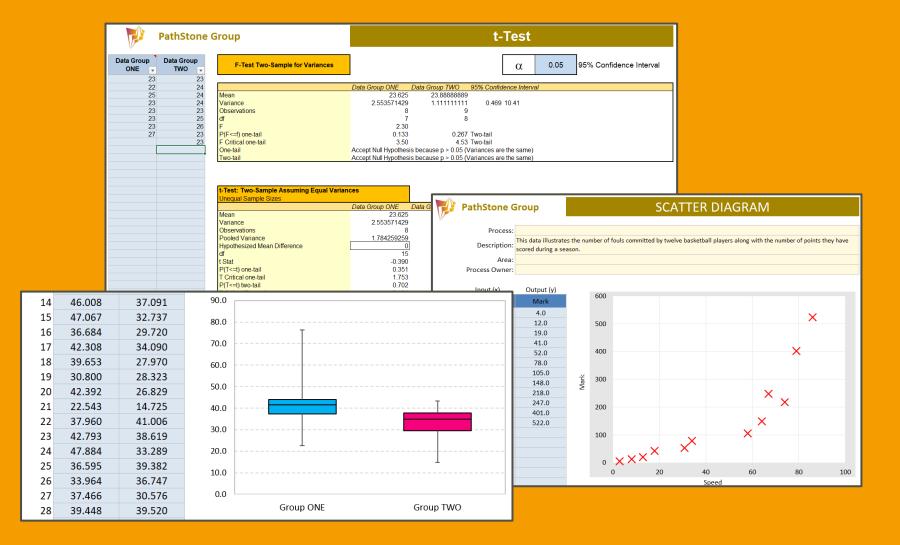
The Six Sigma Approach

The **standard deviation** (Sigma, σ for the population, or S for a sample within the population) of a data series is a measure related to the **distribution** of the numbers in that series.

It is a value that tells us how much on average we deviate from the mean. The smaller the standard deviation (and thus the spread), the better it is.

TOOLBOX Descriptive Stats Template

Descriptive Statistics Template



Takeaways

- Six Sigma Tools are the foundations for Statistical Process Control
- Processes with high variation or "out of control" must be solve first before initiating a Lean Transformation strategy.
- Lean and Six Sigma work together
 Lean -> Improve flow and reduce waste
 Six Sigma -> Minimize variation in processes
- When applied, will: -> reduce costs
 - -> improve quality
 - -> shorten process times
 - -> improve employee engagement



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