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Introduction

Manufacturing always face the difficulties in testing the product at various test insert on different testers, i.e. yield variation from tester to tester. We would like to analysis if there is any significant different in yield due to tester at each test insert. In addition, we also interested to know if any day to day variation as well. The statistical analysis methods used are of variance, non-parametric tests, Tukey's test and etc. The result or of finding was summarized in subsequent section.

Summary of Findings

We would like to determine whether there are any significant differences average yield by tester at TOS, TLO and THI test process. The analysis results from non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test shown that the median scores for four testers are equal at TOS test insert. As for TLO and THI test insert, we see that there is significance differences in the average yield performance of the testers. In order to determine which of the means are significantly different from each other, Tukey's T method was used and we found that that there is no significant difference between each pair of means at TLO test insert. However, there is significance difference between tester KLM53 and KLM58 at THI test insert, we conclude that KLM58's yield performance is the best.

We wanted to determine whether there is evidence of a difference in yield performance by day at each test insert. Kruskal-Wallis test was used due to both normality and homogeneity-of-variance is seriously violated. From the analysis

we conclude that the yield were the same with respect to median yield
ance.

We have examined the yield across the various test inserts and have
ed that TLO insert is the lowest yield, which results in most defects. We
ed the analysis and investigated the major defect type from TLO test
from Pareto chart, we observed that the most defects fell in bin 6.

Discussion

We found that there is day to day variation in yield performance. There
gnificant yield differences at the THI test insert and KLM 58 was the best
s determined by Tukey's test. In examining yield across the test insert, we
nat TLO insert is the lowest yield as compared to the other two test inserts.
ther investigated and discover that the highest reject bin was contributed by
It would be useful to identify and select process variable in bin 6 which
ute most to yield loss.

The engineer at company A analyzed the defects in bin 6. There are
process variables that are categorized under bin six. In order to increase
ciency of integrated circuit process surveillance and simplify the task, only
key process variables and disturbances that have a significant effect on
s output were selected for monitoring. The selection of these process
es was based on the results of sensitivity analysis (Sharifzadeh S et al,

Among all the process variables and disturbances, one variable was each time to be shifted from its nominal value by 3δ , while keeping all variables at their nominal values, δ is the standard deviation of the total manufacturing variation. If the yield loss (reject quantity divided by total quantity) being observed showed a significant shift from its nominal values, or beyond the predetermined control limits, then this unusual shift was attributed to the change of the process variables disturbance shifted. This process variable was then taken as one of the process variables that have significant influence on yield loss, and thus placed in the set of process variables to be monitored. If yield loss showed a significant shift, on the other hand, the variable disturbance shifted was considered insignificant and no further monitoring necessary. This procedure was used to identify one of the process variables, DRET, as contributing to the greatest yield loss at TLO.

Among all the process variables, the engineer found that DRET has caused the most significant shift from its nominal values. The outcome is given in Table 6.2 below.

Table 6.2 Sample of DRET when the correlated disturbance shifted to 3δ

| Sample | DRET |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 64.121 |
| 2 | 64.093 |
| 3 | 64.125 |
| 4 | 64.153 |
| 5 | 64.127 |
| 6 | 64.116 |
| 7 | 64.126 |
| 8 | 64.075 |
| 9 | 64.097 |
| 10 | 64.095 |
| \bar{x} | 64.1128 |
| S | 2.2622e-2 |

Using the equation as stated below:

$$t_0 = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}}$$

$$= \frac{64.1128 - 64.3706}{0.0226/\sqrt{10}}$$

$$= -36.0387$$

Decision rule $= |t_0| > t_{0.0005,9}$

$\alpha=0.001$, so the hypothesis $H_1: \mu \neq \mu_0$ holds true with $100(1-\alpha) =$ confidence. These findings actually correlated with the daily highest yield after lot's data that had been gathered regularly by engineer, which showed being the highest functional fallout or greatest yield lost at TLO.

Shortcoming or Limitation of Analysis

The primary factor that has not been addressed in this analysis is the errors in the line. In industry, variability in the production line introduced by errors is an important concern. This study only covered one aspect of operator error, i.e. day to day variation but not shift to shift variation.

A manufacturing line undergoes a lot of changes during its lifetime. Equipment is removed or added as old products are phased out or new products are introduced. This might increase machine-to-machine variations.

There are unequal sample sizes in different groups exist in the data set. Large variances from group to group can have serious effects on drawing conclusions made from the analysis of variance. Furthermore, power computations are difficult to produce, as it is depends on the magnitude of the true differences and the sample size too (Marija J. Norusis, 1994).

We were not able to quantify and rank which process variable or defect was the most or the second most and etc. significant contributor to yield loss. In addition, the main reject test was not able to analyze in depth too.

Prospects for Further Work

It is recommended that further investigations be made in the following

Firstly, one can perform analysis-of-variance to determine if there is any significant yield difference by shift, which the variation in yield might be introduced by factors.

Secondly, to present multiple regression analysis, it is used to quantify the effect of defect units on yield at different test insert. Multiple regression is used to model a dependent variable by several independent variables, where it is assumed that the dependent variable is normally distributed. The coefficient of determination (R^2) expresses the proportion of the total variation in the values of the dependent variable that can be accounted for or explained by the linear relationship with the values of the independent variables.

Thirdly, to present a generalized linear model (GLM). It is a process more correlated with the reject rate of an electrical test. GLM is an extension of linear regression in which two main factors – linearity and the normality of the dependent variable are not assumed (Bergeret. F, 1999). The principle, however, is the same, i.e. to calculate a test statistic to determine whether the independent variables have a significant effect on the dependent variable. And multiple regression was also performed, i.e. a stepwise selection was used to determine the main significant test rejects.