

TAGUCHI SN PLOT

PURPOSE

Generates a Taguchi signal-to-noise plot for the “target is better” (= “nominal is better”) case with a “variance is dependent on the mean” subcase.

DESCRIPTION

This primary Taguchi SN plot answers the question: “What level of the independent variable yields the “best” value of the response as measured by the largest value of the signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio?” For this “target is better” case, the S/N ratio is defined as:

$$SN = -20 \times \log_{10} \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{s} \right) \quad (\text{EQ 2-32})$$

where \bar{x} is the subsample mean and s is the subsample standard deviation. The Taguchi SN plot consists of the following:

- Vertical axis = the Taguchi S/N value for each sub-group;
- Horizontal axis = sub-group designation.

A reference line is drawn at the full sample S/N ratio.

SYNTAX

TAGUCHI SN PLOT <y> <x> <SUBSET/EXCEPT/FOR qualification>

where <y> is the response (= dependent) variable that contains the raw data values;

<x> is an independent variable that contains the sub-group identifications;

and where the <SUBSET/EXCEPT/FOR qualification> is optional.

EXAMPLES

TAGUCHI SN PLOT YIELD CATALYST
TAGUCHI SN PLOT Y X SUBSET MATERIAL 4

DEFAULT

None

SYNONYMS

The word TAGUCHI is optional (i.e., SN PLOT is a synonym for TAGUCHI SN PLOT).

S/N, SN0, S/N0, S/NT, and S/NT are synonyms for SN.

RELATED COMMANDS

TAGUCHI SN (LET)	=	Compute the Taguchi SN statistic for a variable.
TAGUCHI SN+ PLOT	=	Generates a (larger is better) signal-to- noise plot.
TAGUCHI SN- PLOT	=	Generates a (smaller is better) signal-to- noise plot.
TAGUCHI SN00 PLOT	=	Generates a (target variable is independent of the mean) signal-to-noise plot.
MEAN PLOT	=	Generates a mean plot.
SD PLOT	=	Generates a standard deviation plot.
CONTROL CHART	=	Generates a mean, range, standard deviation, P, C, U, or NP control chart.
Q CONTROL CHART	=	Generates a Quesenberry style control chart.
CHARACTERS	=	Sets the types for plot characters.
LINES	=	Sets the types for plot lines.
SPIKES	=	Sets the on/off switch for plot spikes.

REFERENCE

“Statistical Methods and Applications,” Jack Elliot, Allied Signal, 1987 (pp. 4-3, 4-4).

APPLICATIONS

Experiment Design and Quality Control

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

88/8

PROGRAM

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SKIP 25
READ GEAR.DAT DIAMETER BATCH
CHARACTERS X ALL
CHARACTER SIZE 3 ALL
TITLE AUTOMATIC
X1LABEL BATCH
Y1LABEL DIAMETER
XTIC OFFSET 0.5 0.5
TIC LABEL SIZE 3
MULTIPLY 2 1; MULTIPLY CORNER COORDINATES 0 0 100 100
PLOT DIAMETER BATCH BATCH
CHARACTER X BLANK
LINE BLANK SOLID
Y1LABEL SN RATIO
TAGUCHI SN PLOT DIAMETER BATCH
END OF MULTIPLY

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