

# Fuzzy Control Charts based on Ranking of Pentagonal Fuzzy Numbers

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## Abstract

*A Control Chart is a fundamental approach in Statistical Process Control. When uncommon causes of variability are present, sample averages will plot beyond the control boundaries, making the control chart a particularly effective process monitoring approach. Uncertainties are caused by the measuring system, including the gauges operators and ambient circumstances. In this paper, the concept of fuzzy set theory is used for dealing with uncertainty. The control limits are converted into fuzzy control limits using the membership function. The fuzzy  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -S control chart is developed by using the ranking of the pentagonal fuzzy number system. An illustrative example is done with the discussed technique to make fuzzy  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -R control charts and increase the flexibility of the control limit.*

**Keywords:** Statistical Process Control, Rank Membership Function, Fuzzy Pentagonal Number

## I. Introduction

Quality has long been recognized as a significant influencing element in the performance and competitiveness of manufacturing and service organizations in both domestic and global markets. The return on capital is the consequence of well-executed strategies. Appropriate quality techniques provide productive outcomes. Fuzzy number ranking is a component of the quality control planning system. The fuzzy mathematical model for transportation of vegetable diet plan based on the ranking function of fuzzy pentagonal number (FPN) and solved by Vogel's approximation method to minimize the cost is discussed by Venkatesh and Manoj [1]. In constructing an FPN and related arithmetic operations, A. Panda and M. Pal [2] established the logical definition. The construction and fundamental features of pentagonal fuzzy matrices (PFMs) are investigated using FPN. The algebraic natures of several particular types of PFMs (trace of PFM, adjoint of PFM, determinant of PFM, etc.) are addressed. Pathinathan and Ponnivalavan [3] discussed FPN in continuation with the other defined fuzzy numbers and addressed some basic arithmetic operations. A. Chakraborty et al. [4] discuss different measures of interval-valued pentagonal fuzzy numbers (IVFPN) associated with assorted membership functions, and the ranking function is the main feature. The ranking functions of FPN develop real application and comprehend the uncertainty of the parameters more precisely in the evaluation process. A.

Chakraborty et al. [5] dealt with the idea of pentagonal neutrosophic number (PNN) from a different frame of reference and discussed some properties of PNN with real-life operational research applications, which is more reliable than the other method. A. Shafqat et al. [6] used the lower record values for developing the  $\bar{X}$  control chart for the Inverse Rayleigh Distribution (IRD) is designed under repetitive group sampling. The mean and standard deviation of the Inverse Rayleigh Distribution based on lower record values are used to determine the width and power of the  $\bar{X}$  control limits. Lim S. A. H. [7] evolved  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -S chart for the food industry in the UK. The control charts developed using triangular and trapezoidal fuzzy control for balanced and unbalanced [8, 9, 10]. Ozdemir [11] developed the fuzzy control chart with a triangular fuzzy system into three phases for  $\bar{X}$ -S chart and process capability indices using unbalanced data, converted the data for each sample into the fuzzy form and then decided the fuzzy limits and illustrated it for uncertain data. Yeh [12] Shows an example of weighted triangular approximation of fuzzy numbers, which Zheng and Li propose. Senturk et al. [13] researched the most popular control chart for univariate data, the exponential weighted moving average control chart under fuzzy environment and applied this work into real case applications in Turkey. Senturk et al. [14] consider the control chart for fuzzy nonconformities per unit by using alpha cut and applied this technique in real case applications for truck engine manufacture. Alipour and Noorossana [15] created a control chart using a fuzzy multivariate exponentially weighted moving average (F-MEWMA). The proposed technique is developed using a combination of multivariate statistical quality control and fuzzy set theory in this study. Erginel and Şentürk [16] derived the fuzzy exponential weighted moving average and cumulative sum control chart (CUSUM) with a suitable example. Erginel [17] developed a fuzzy P control chart by using the rules that introduces the fuzzy np chart based on the constant sample size and variable sample size. In addition, the decision is taken whether it is under control or out of control. In the uncertainty theory for modelling, fuzzy sets theory plays numerous important roles. An essential consideration is that if somebody wants to take an FPN, what should its graphical representations (uncertainty quantification area) look like? How should the membership functions be defined? From this perspective, we developed the phases of an FPN control chart that may be a good choice for a decision-maker in a real-world scenario. In this study we proposed a Fuzzy control chart by using rank membership function of Pentagonal fuzzy number and the example is done with this proposed technique.

## II. Development of Proposed Methodology

There are many articles published related to FPN. Venkatesh and Manoj [1] developed the pentagonal fuzzy model for transportation problems using the ranking membership function. Some definitions of FPN are as follows:

**Definition 1:** (Zadeh [19]) Let  $X$  be a fixed set. A fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  of  $X$  is an object having the form  $\tilde{A} = \{(x, \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)) : x \in X\}$  where  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) \in [0,1]$  represents the degree of membership of the element  $x \in X$  being in  $\tilde{A}$ , and  $\mu_{\tilde{A}} : X \rightarrow [0,1]$  is called the membership function.

**Definition 2:** The  $\alpha$  -cut of the fuzzy set  $\tilde{A}$  is defined as:

$$\bar{A}_{\alpha} = \{x \in X / \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) \geq \alpha, \text{ where } \alpha \in (0, 1).\}$$

**Definition 3:** A set  $\tilde{A}$  is defined on the real numbers  $\mathfrak{R}$  is said to be a fuzzy number if its membership function  $\mu_{\tilde{A}} : X \rightarrow [0,1]$  follows:

- (i)  $\tilde{A}$  is continuous.
- (ii)  $\tilde{A}$  is normal such that  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) = 1$  there exists an  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$

**Definition 4:** A fuzzy number  $\tilde{A}_p$  is an FPN denoted by  $\tilde{A}_p = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5)$ , where  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5$  are real numbers, and its membership function will be:

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}_p}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x < a_1 \\ \frac{(x-a_1)}{(a_2-a_1)} & , a_1 \leq x \leq a_2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-a_2)}{(a_3-a_2)} & , a_2 \leq x \leq a_3 \\ 1 & , x = a_3 \\ \frac{(a_4-x)}{2(a_4-a_3)} & , a_3 \leq x \leq a_4 \\ \frac{(a_5-x)}{(a_5-a_4)} & , a_4 \leq x \leq a_5 \\ 0 & , x > a_5 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

**Ranking of FPN:** Ranking a fuzzy number entails comparing up to two fuzzy numbers, and defuzzification is a technique for converting a fuzzy number to an estimated crisp number. Just as the decision-maker compares two ideas that are the same, we must convert the fuzzy number to a comparable crisp number and compare the numbers based on crisp values in this problem.

Fuzzy numbers become the real line directly by using the ranking method [1]. Let  $\tilde{A}_p$  be a generalized FPN. The ranking of  $\tilde{A}_p$  is symbolised by  $R(\tilde{A}_p)$  and it is calculated as follows:

$$R(\tilde{A}_p) = \left[ \frac{a_1+2a_2+3a_3+2a_4+a_5}{9} \right] \quad (2)$$

**Statistical Process Control:** Many quality attributes may be stated numerically. A bearing's diameter, for example, might be measured using a micrometre and represented in mm. A variable is a single quantifiable qualitative attribute, such as a dimension, weight, or volume. Control charts for variables are widely used. When dealing with a variable quality characteristic, it is frequently required to monitor both the mean value and the variability of the quality characteristic. The control chart for means, or the control chart, is typically used to regulate the process average or mean quality level. Process variability may be tracked using either a control chart for the standard deviation known as an S control chart or a control chart for the range, known as an R control chart. The  $\bar{X}$ , R-chart and  $\bar{X}$ , S-chart is the most widely used control chart for the production process [16, 18].

**$\bar{X}$  and R control charts**

**Table 1:** Formula for  $\bar{X}$  and R Control Charts

Chart	Lower Control Limit (LCL)	Central Line	Upper Control Limit (UCL)
$\bar{X}$	$\bar{\bar{X}} - A_2\bar{R}$	$\bar{\bar{X}}$	$\bar{\bar{X}} + A_2\bar{R}$
R	$\bar{R}D_3$	$\bar{R}$	$\bar{R}D_4$

where,  $\bar{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sum \bar{x}}{m}$ ,  $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^5 R(\tilde{A}_p(x_i))}{n}$ ,  $A_2$  is constant tabulated value for n.  
 where,  $\bar{R} = \frac{\sum Range(R(\tilde{A}_p(x_i)))}{m}$ , and  $D_3, D_4$  are constant tabulated values for n.

**$\bar{X}$  and S Control Charts**

**Table 2:** Formula for  $\bar{X}$  and S Control Charts

Charts	LCL	Central Line	UCL
$\bar{X}$	$\bar{\bar{X}} - A_3\bar{S}$	$\bar{\bar{X}}$	$\bar{\bar{X}} + A_3\bar{S}$
S	$B_3\bar{S}$	$\bar{S}$	$B_4\bar{S}$

where,  $\bar{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sum \bar{x}}{m}$ ,  $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^5 R(\bar{A}_P(x_i))}{n}$ ,  $S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)}}$ ,  $\bar{S} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m S}{m}$  and  $A_3, B_3, B_4$  are constant tabulated values for n.

The next step will be complete with three steps for the proposed fuzzy control chart by using the following procedure.

**Step 1: Normality Assumption-** Check the normality assumption using Anderson Darling Test (Anderson and Darling, 1954).

**Step 2: Use of FPN Control Chart for  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -S**

A summary of the work on the FPN Control Chart is as follows:

- (i) The development of FPN
- (ii) The representation of the FPNs in parametric form.
- (iii) Apply ranking and defuzzification of FPN for the data.
- (iv) Put the calculated crisp value into the control chart formula and set up the FPN control limit.

**Step 3: Interpretation of FPN Control Chart for  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -S.** The fuzzy CLs of the recommended  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -S control charts are used to assess the fuzzy sample mean and standard deviation. If the fuzzy sample mean and standard deviation are inside the control bounds, the process is under control for the sample. Otherwise, the process will spiral out of control.

**III. Illustrative Example**

In this article, we choose the simulation data shown in Table 3 are the deviations from milling a slot in an aircraft terminal block. A high rate of rejections for many of the components manufactured in an aviation company's machine shop highlighted the necessity for an investigation into the causes of the problems. Because the majority of the rejections were for failing to satisfy dimensional limits, it was decided to utilize  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -S charts to try to pinpoint the source of the problem. These charts, which needed real dimension measurement, were to be utilized just for the dimensions that were creating a high number of rejections. Among many such dimensions, the ones chosen for control charts were those with significant spoilage costs and reworked for those where rejections caused delays in assembly processes. Although the primary objective of all of the  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -S charts was to diagnose problems, it was expected that some of the charts would be kept for routine process control and potentially for acceptance inspection.

**Table 3:** Data for width of slot in an aircraft terminal block.

Sample	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5
1	773	803	780	720	776
2	757	786	734	740	735
3	755	774	720	761	746
4	745	779	755	775	772
5	800	728	747	759	745

6	784	806	787	763	758
7	745	765	754	759	768
8	789	751	782	769	763
9	757	747	741	746	747
10	746	731	762	781	744
11	742	731	754	736	750
12	748	726	764	735	733
13	748	763	779	786	770
14	770	768	784	771	767
15	772	759	770	772	772
16	765	768	773	791	787
17	780	777	742	761	761
18	775	765	746	782	745
19	759	748	781	764	756
20	765	782	739	754	768
21	770	784	730	759	781
22	773	765	777	760	750
23	758	780	761	746	757
24	761	771	756	772	758
25	752	785	764	758	773
26	745	774	786	739	796
27	759	766	790	730	781
28	739	795	750	780	776
29	747	781	763	768	756
30	767	752	774	746	769

The first step is to test the normality assumption. It is shown that Figure 1 holds the normality assumption for the above data.

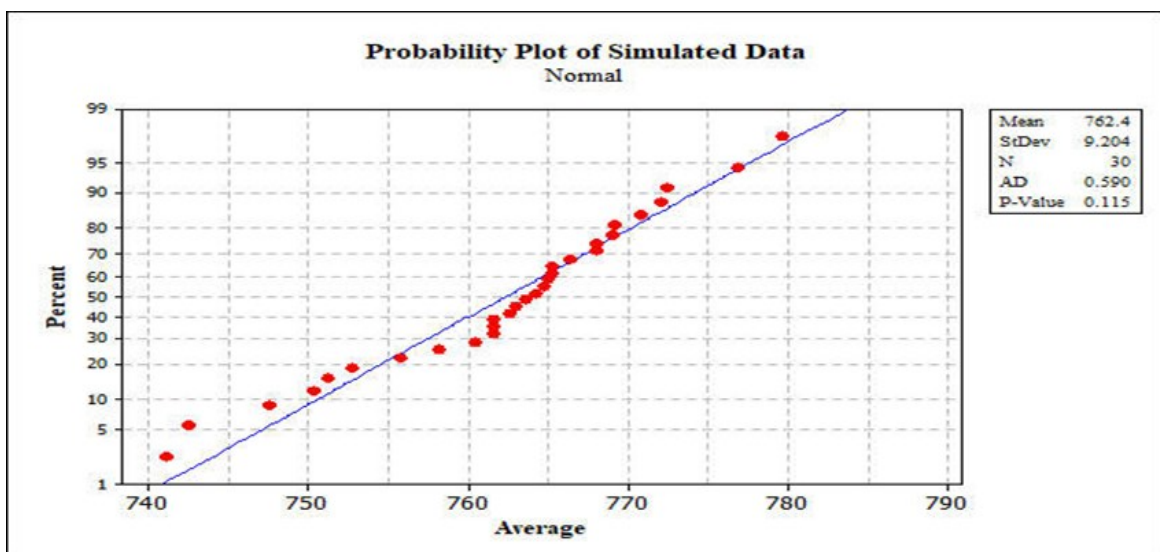


Figure 1: Normal Probability Plot

Now the data shows normal, and we convert the data into FPN form. Table [4-8] shows the FPN form for the variables X1, X2, X3, X4 and X5.

**Table 4: FPN for X1**

<b>Xa1</b>	<b>Xb1</b>	<b>Xc1</b>	<b>Xd1</b>	<b>Xe1</b>	<b><math>R(\tilde{A}_p(x_1))</math></b>
768	770	773	777	785	774
752	754	757	761	771	758.2222
750	752	755	759	768	756.1111
740	742	745	749	757	746
795	797	800	804	812	801
777	781	784	788	796	784.7778
738	741	745	749	757	745.5556
781	786	789	793	801	789.6667
748	754	757	760	769	757.3333
740	743	746	749	752	746
721	727	730	733	741	730.2222
739	745	748	751	758	748.1111
740	744	748	751	759	748.1111
764	767	770	773	780	770.4444
766	769	772	775	778	772
757	761	765	769	786	766.4444
775	777	780	784	792	781
770	772	775	779	788	776.1111
749	756	759	763	771	759.4444
758	763	765	769	778	766.1111
763	767	770	774	783	770.8889
768	770	773	777	785	774
750	755	758	762	770	758.6667
756	758	761	765	774	762.1111
745	749	752	756	764	752.7778
738	743	745	750	759	746.4444
754	756	759	763	772	760.1111
734	736	739	743	751	740
740	745	747	751	760	748.1111
760	764	767	771	779	767.7778

**Table 5: FPN for X2**

<b>Xa2</b>	<b>Xb2</b>	<b>Xc2</b>	<b>Xd2</b>	<b>Xe2</b>	<b><math>R(\tilde{A}_p(x_2))</math></b>
796	799	803	808	816	803.8889
778	781	786	790	798	786.2222
768	771	774	779	785	775
771	776	779	784	791	779.8889
719	724	728	735	742	729.2222
799	802	806	811	819	806.8889
758	762	765	770	776	765.8889
746	749	751	758	765	753.1111

741	745	747	752	759	748.3333
725	729	731	736	744	732.4444
724	728	731	735	745	732
719	723	726	730	737	726.6667
757	760	763	769	775	764.3333
760	765	768	773	778	768.6667
752	755	759	764	772	759.8889
760	765	768	774	780	769.1111
770	774	777	781	789	777.7778
760	762	765	769	778	766.1111
743	745	748	752	760	749
774	779	782	786	794	782.6667
777	782	784	788	797	785.1111
758	762	765	769	777	765.7778
772	777	780	784	792	780.6667
764	769	771	775	780	771.6667
780	782	785	789	796	785.8889
768	771	774	779	789	775.4444
759	761	766	771	782	767
790	793	795	799	808	796.3333
776	779	781	786	794	782.5556
747	750	752	757	765	753.5556

**Table 6:** FPN for X3

<b>Xa3</b>	<b>Xb3</b>	<b>Xc3</b>	<b>Xd3</b>	<b>Xe3</b>	<b><math>R(\tilde{A}_p(x_3))</math></b>
773	777	780	783	788	780.1111
727	731	734	740	744	735
715	717	720	725	728	720.7778
750	753	755	760	764	756.1111
741	745	747	753	755	748.1111
782	785	787	793	796	788.3333
749	752	754	760	763	755.3333
777	779	782	788	791	783.1111
737	740	741	747	750	742.6667
756	759	762	765	769	762.1111
748	751	754	760	763	755
758	761	764	770	773	765
772	775	779	785	787	779.5556
778	781	784	791	793	785.2222
764	767	770	776	779	771
768	771	773	780	782	774.5556
737	740	742	748	756	743.8889
740	744	746	750	758	747.1111
775	779	781	786	794	782.4444
734	737	739	746	754	741.2222
725	728	730	737	746	732.3333
771	774	777	783	791	778.5556

757	759	761	768	776	763.3333
751	754	756	760	768	757.2222
759	762	764	769	777	765.5556
781	784	786	790	798	787.2222
785	788	790	795	805	791.7778
745	747	750	758	768	752.5556
758	760	763	768	775	764.2222
768	771	774	779	787	775.2222

**Table 7:** FPN for X4

<b>Xa4</b>	<b>Xb4</b>	<b>Xc4</b>	<b>Xd4</b>	<b>Xe4</b>	<b><math>R(\tilde{A}_p(x_4))</math></b>
715	717	720	727	729	721.3333
736	738	740	749	751	742.3333
756	759	761	768	771	762.6667
770	773	775	781	784	776.3333
753	756	759	766	768	760.2222
758	761	763	769	771	764.2222
753	756	759	766	768	760.2222
764	767	769	775	778	770.3333
740	743	746	753	756	747.3333
776	779	781	787	789	782.2222
728	733	736	742	743	736.5556
729	732	735	741	743	735.8889
781	783	786	793	795	787.3333
766	769	771	778	781	772.6667
768	770	772	778	782	773.5556
787	789	791	797	799	792.3333
755	758	761	768	775	762.7778
777	780	782	787	794	783.4444
757	760	764	769	778	765
748	752	754	759	767	755.4444
754	757	759	765	773	760.8889
755	758	760	765	774	761.6667
741	744	746	750	758	747.2222
767	770	772	777	784	773.4444
753	755	758	764	773	759.7778
734	736	739	745	755	740.8889
725	728	730	735	743	731.5556
775	778	780	785	794	781.6667
763	765	768	772	780	769
741	744	746	751	760	747.6667



**Table 8:** FPN for X5

Xa5	Xb5	Xc5	Xd5	Xe5	$R(\tilde{A}_P(x_5))$
770	773	776	782	784	776.8889
729	733	735	742	745	736.5556
741	744	746	753	755	747.5556
767	769	772	778	780	773
739	743	745	751	753	746.1111
752	754	758	764	767	758.7778
762	766	768	774	776	769.1111
758	760	763	769	772	764.1111
741	745	747	754	758	748.6667
738	741	744	750	752	744.8889
744	747	750	756	758	750.8889
727	730	733	739	743	734.1111
764	768	770	776	779	771.2222
761	765	767	774	778	768.6667
767	770	772	778	781	773.3333
782	785	787	793	795	788.2222
756	758	761	766	772	762.1111
740	743	745	750	759	746.6667
751	754	756	760	768	757.2222
763	766	768	771	779	768.8889
776	779	781	785	793	782.2222
745	748	750	755	762	751.4444
752	754	757	761	769	758
753	755	758	763	770	759.2222
768	770	773	778	784	774.1111
790	793	796	800	808	796.8889
776	779	781	786	794	782.5556
771	774	776	780	788	777.2222
751	753	756	760	767	756.8889
765	767	769	773	780	770.2222

After the FPN form, we use the rank membership function (equation (1)) for the crisp value.

**Table 9:** The crisp value for X1, X2, X3, X4, X5

$R(\tilde{A}_P(x_1))$	$R(\tilde{A}_P(x_2))$	$R(\tilde{A}_P(x_3))$	$R(\tilde{A}_P(x_4))$	$R(\tilde{A}_P(x_5))$
774	803.8889	780.1111	721.3333	776.8889
758.2222	786.2222	735	742.3333	736.5556
756.1111	775	720.7778	762.6667	747.5556
746	779.8889	756.1111	776.3333	773
801	729.2222	748.1111	760.2222	746.1111
784.7778	806.8889	788.3333	764.2222	758.7778
745.5556	765.8889	755.3333	760.2222	769.1111
789.6667	753.1111	783.1111	770.3333	764.1111
757.3333	748.3333	742.6667	747.3333	748.6667
746	732.4444	762.1111	782.2222	744.8889

730.2222	732	755	736.5556	750.8889
748.1111	726.6667	765	735.8889	734.1111
748.1111	764.3333	779.5556	787.3333	771.2222
770.4444	768.6667	785.2222	772.6667	768.6667
772	759.8889	771	773.5556	773.3333
766.4444	769.1111	774.5556	792.3333	788.2222
781	777.7778	743.8889	762.7778	762.1111
776.1111	766.1111	747.1111	783.4444	746.6667
759.4444	749	782.4444	765	757.2222
766.1111	782.6667	741.2222	755.4444	768.8889
770.8889	785.1111	732.3333	760.8889	782.2222
774	765.7778	778.5556	761.6667	751.4444
758.6667	780.6667	763.3333	747.2222	758
762.1111	771.6667	757.2222	773.4444	759.2222
752.7778	785.8889	765.5556	759.7778	774.1111
746.4444	775.4444	787.2222	740.8889	796.8889
760.1111	767	791.7778	731.5556	782.5556
740	796.3333	752.5556	781.6667	777.2222
748.1111	782.5556	764.2222	769	756.8889
767.7778	753.5556	775.2222	747.6667	770.2222

All the crisp calculated value of the simulated data is in Table 9. Now we calculate the mean of crisper value and then put it into the formula of  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -S, which is given in Table [1&2]. Now we found that the Control limits for the data are as follows:

UCL=785.65, LCL=741.39 and CL=763.52 for  $\bar{X}$  chart,

UCL=81.11, LCL=0 and CL=38.36 for R chart and

UCL=32.38, LCL=0 and CL=15.50 for S chart.

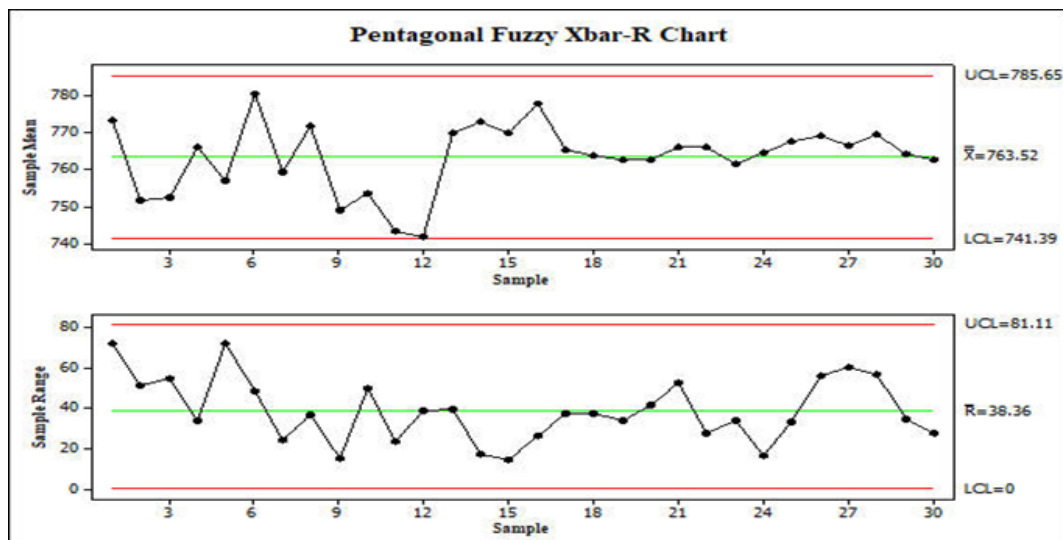


Figure 2: Pentagonal Fuzzy  $\bar{X}$  – R Chart

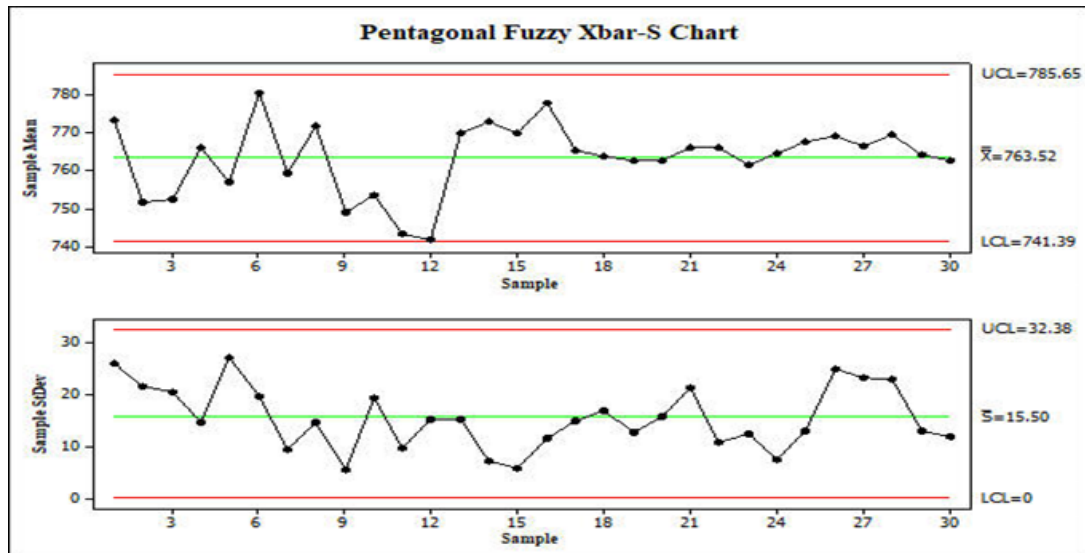


Figure 3: Pentagonal Fuzzy  $\bar{X} - S$  Chart

It is shown that there is no point out of control after plotting the  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -S control charts.

#### IV. Conclusion

In this paper, it is shown that FPN is suitable for traditional variable control charts. If uncertainty is presented in the data, the FPN control chart theory should control the process. In this study, the population parameter ( $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ ) is unknown, and we develop the theory for fuzzy  $\bar{X}$ -R and  $\bar{X}$ -S chart by using the rank membership function of FPN. More fuzzy control charts for variable and attribute data were done by  $\alpha$ -cut, triangular and trapezoidal fuzzy numbers in several published articles. The result of the illustrative example is done with this proposed technique, and it is shown that the fuzzy process is under control and capable. The proposed FPN control chart effectively increases the process flexibility. For further studies, the process capability indices, p-np chart, fuzzy CUSUM and fuzzy EWMA chart can be used to detect the slight shifting in the FPN process control with fuzzy data.

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