# Continuous Improvement Toolkit

## **Scatter Plot**



Managing **Deciding & Selecting Planning & Project Management\*** Pros and Cons **PDPC** Risk Importance-Urgency Mapping **RACI** Matrix **Stakeholders Analysis Break-even Analysis RAID** Logs FMEA **Cost** -Benefit Analysis PEST PERT/CPM **Activity Diagram** Force Field Analysis Fault Tree Analysis **SWOT** Voting Project Charter Roadmaps Pugh Matrix Gantt Chart Risk Assessment\* Decision Tree **TPN** Analysis **PDCA Control Planning** Matrix Diagram Gap Analysis OFD Traffic Light Assessment Kaizen **Prioritization Matrix** Hoshin Kanri Kano Analysis How-How Diagram **KPIs** Lean Measures Paired Comparison Tree Diagram\*\* Critical-to Tree Standard work **Identifying &** Capability Indices OEE Pareto Analysis Cause & Effect Matrix Simulation TPM Implementing RTY Descriptive Statistics MSA Confidence Intervals Understanding Mistake Proofing Solutions\*\*\* Cost of Quality Cause & Effect Probability **Distributions** ANOVA Pull Systems JIT Ergonomics **Design of Experiments** Reliability Analysis Graphical Analysis Hypothesis Testing Work Balancing Automation Regression Bottleneck Analysis Visual Management **Scatter Plot** Understanding Correlation **Run Charts** Multi-Vari Charts Flow Performance 5 Whys Chi-Square Test 5S **Control Charts** Value Analysis **Relations Mapping**\* Benchmarking Fishbone Diagram SMED Wastes Analysis Sampling TRIZ\*\*\* Process Redesign Brainstorming Focus groups Time Value Map **Interviews** Analogy SCAMPER\*\*\* IDEF0 Photography Nominal Group Technique SIPOC Mind Mapping\* Value Stream Mapping **Check Sheets** Attribute Analysis Flow Process Chart Process Mapping Affinity Diagram **Measles Charts** Surveys Visioning Flowcharting Service Blueprints Lateral Thinking **Data** Critical Incident Technique Collection Creating Ideas\*\* **Designing & Analyzing Processes Observations** 

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- Used to study the relationship between variables.
- Used to determine what happens to one variable when another variable changes value.
- Used to verify the suspicion that a certain factor is causing a particular quality problem.

- Numerous problems encountered in quality require the estimation of relationships between two or more variables.

A scatter diagram is a plot of two variables

showing whether they are related.



- Scatter Plot

Each point on the scatter diagram represents one data observation.

One variable is represented along the X-axis while the other takes values along the Y-axis.

- For example, a manager may suspect that the number of defects are a function of the experience of the employees.
- After plotting the scatter diagram, any relationship between number of defects and the experience of employees should be clear.



Years of experience

#### **Other Examples:**

- The relationship between the height and the width of the man.
- The relation of the number of years of education someone has and that person's income.
- The relationship between the training frequency and the line efficiency.
- The relationship between the downtime of a machine and its cost of maintenance.



- □ We need to think about which variable is explaining the other.
- □ This will help determine which variable to plot on which axis.
- The value which explain the other called the explanatory variable which will be plotted on the x-axis.
- □ The other variable is called the **response variable**.



#### **Example:**

- The amount of sales per month generated at two locations.
- The plotted points form a negative slope
- □ The sales at location B is inversely related to the sales at location A.



# **Answer:** Not necessarily - unless the two locations were direct competitors.



#### **The Process:**

