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Modified complete chain sampling plans for inexpensive or non-destructive products - MCChSP (c_1 , c_2 , i , j)

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Abstract

A new algorithm known to be operating procedure of Modified Complete Chain Sampling plans for inexpensive or non-destructive items during inspection or testing is developed and presented in this article. The complete Chain sampling plan gives double protection to the consumer while giving pressure on the producer to maintain the quality of the lots. Based on the new algorithm the measures of the sampling plans such as operating characteristics function, average sample number etc., are derived and provided. Necessary proofs are given in case of efficiency measures. Tables are constructed and illustration is given for easy implementation in the quality control section of industries.

Keywords: Producer, Consumer, Inexpensive, non-destructive, Complete Chain, Sampling, OC function.

1. Introduction

Acceptance sampling plans play a vital role in testing or inspection of the products and hence will control the lot quality. In industries defective products are not entertained while producing costly or destructive items. Dodge ^[1] has introduced the ChSP-1 plans for small sampling and costly situations. However due to several factors non-conformities may exist in the lots which comes from the production process. In many industries inexpensive products are manufactured and accordingly lean inspection is practiced in the quality control section. And also during inspection or testing, items or components may be non-destructive. Hence appropriate sampling plans should be developed for specific need of such inspection. At the same time double sided chaining principle is embedded in the system so that pressure is given to the producer to maintain the quality products.

The Chain Sampling Plans developed by many authors are one sided chaining and the operating procedure mainly deals with only the results of past lots to decide about the current lot acceptance or rejection. To overcome the disadvantage in Chain Sampling Plans, Devaarul S and Edna K ^[2] have designed and developed two sided complete chain sampling plans CChSP (0,1). On an improvement of chain sampling plans, Devaarul S and Vijila M ^[3] have developed relational chain sampling plans with a new operating procedure which gives more pressure on the producer to maintain the quality of the lot. Devaarul S and Vijila M ^[4] have designed and developed variable quality characteristics based complete chain sampling plans. Since products are inexpensive or non-destructive while testing or inspection few defectives may be allowed instead of zero defective maintenance during sampling inspection. In order to compensate the allowance given, the chaining principle is applied on both sides of current lot (i.e) preceding and succeeding lots. In this paper by the recommendation of internal quality auditor, the pressure on the producer is reduced by allowing few defectives during sampling inspection and at the same time double sided chaining principle is embedded in the system. The new sampling plan is known to be modified complete chain sampling plans and is termed as MCChSP(c_1, c_2, i, j).

Clark C.R ^[5] has developed OC curves for chain sampling plans. Frishman & Fred ^[6] have developed an extended chain sampling plans. Dodge H.F. and Stephens K.S. ^[7-8] have contributed towards new chain sampling inspection and evaluation of OC through Markov Chain approach. Soundararajan. V ^[9-10] has given procedure and tables for construction and

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selection of Chain sampling plans. Kuralmani .V and Govindaraju .K ^[11] have contributed towards the selection of Conditional sampling plans for the known AQL and LQL. Raju C ^[12] has developed OC functions for certain Conditional sampling plans. Suresh K.K. and Devaarul.S ^[13] have developed Mixed Sampling Plans with Chain Sampling as attribute plan. Vijila M and Devaarul S ^[14] have designed Complete Chain Sampling Plans based on Average Outgoing Quality Limit.

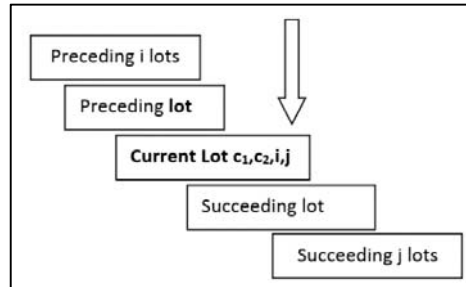


Fig 1: A schematic structure of Two-Sided-Modified Complete Chain Sampling

2. Operating Procedure Of MCChSp (C₁,C₂, i, j)

The algorithm for sentencing a lot or batch is as follows:

Step 1: Draw a random sample of size n from a lot.

Step 2: Count the number of defectives d.

Step 3: If $d \leq C_1$ accept the lot

Step 4: If $d > C_2$ reject the lot

Step 5: If d lies in the interval, $C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2$, accept the current lot provided ‘i’ preceding and ‘j’ succeeding lots are accepted on the basis of the result $d \leq C_1$

3. Measures of Sampling Plans

3.1 Operating Characteristic function (OC)

The authors have derived the new measures and are given below. The Probability of acceptance of the lot is as follows:

$$(i) P_a(p) = P[d \leq C_1] + P[d \leq C_1]^i P[C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2] P[d \leq C_1]^j, \text{ if } i \neq j$$

$$(ii) P_a(p) = P[d \leq C_1] + P[d \leq C_1]^{2i} P[C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2] \text{ if } i=j$$

In case of type B Poisson process,

$$P_a(p) = \sum_{x=0}^{C_1} \frac{e^{-np} (np)^x}{x!} + \sum_{x=C_1+1}^{C_2} \frac{e^{-np} (np)^x}{x!} \left[\sum_{x=0}^{C_1} \frac{e^{-np} (np)^x}{x!} \right]^{2i}$$

3.2 Average Sample Number (ASN)

Derivation of ASN is straight forward and is given below

$$ASN = n + in P[d \leq C_1] + nP[C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2] + jn P[d \leq C_1]^j$$

$$ASN = n + n^3 i^2 P[d \leq C_1]^{2i} P[C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2] \text{ if } i=j$$

$$ASN = n \text{ if current lot has lesser than or equal to } c_1 \text{ defectives.}$$

3.3 Average Outgoing Quality (AOQ)

$$AOQ = p P_a(p)$$

$$AOQ = p \left\{ P[d \leq C_1] + P[d \leq C_1]^{2i} P[C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2] \right\}$$

$$AOQ = p \left\{ \sum_{x=0}^{C_1} \frac{e^{-np} (np)^x}{x!} + \sum_{x=C_1+1}^{C_2} \frac{e^{-np} (np)^x}{x!} \left[\sum_{x=0}^{C_1} \frac{e^{-np} (np)^x}{x!} \right]^{2i} \right\}$$

4. Derivation of OC function

The operating Characteristics function of MCChSP(c₁,c₂,i,j) is

$$(i) P_a(p) = P[d \leq C_1] + P[d \leq C_1]^i P[C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2] P[d \leq C_1]^j, \text{ if } i \neq j$$

$$(ii) P_a(p) = P[d \leq C_1] + P[d \leq C_1]^{2i} P[C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2] \text{ if } i=j$$

Proof:

The incoming lots are accepted based on the results of the inspection. The lot is accepted if the following cases are true.

Case 1: The lot is accepted if the number of defective d is lesser than the acceptance constant c₁. The required probability of acceptance is

$$P [d \leq c_1].$$

Case 2: The lot is accepted if the number of defective lies in between c₁ and c₂ and also the number of defective should be less than or equal to c₁ in the preceding and succeeding lots. The required probability of acceptance is

$$P [d \leq c_1]^i P [c_1 + 1 \leq d \leq c_2]. P [d \leq c_1]^j$$

Case 1 and case 2 are mutually exclusive events. Therefore by addition theorem on probability we get

$$P_a(p) = P[d \leq C_1] + P[d \leq C_1]^i P[C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2] P[d \leq C_1]^j, \text{ if } i \neq j$$

Due to practical reasons one can fix i=j. The probability of acceptance is

$$P_a(p) = P[d \leq C_1] + P[d \leq C_1]^{2i} P[C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2] \text{ if } i=j$$

Hence the proof.

Table 1: Values of OC for sample size n=20, c₁, c₂ and i

P = AQL	c ₁	c ₂	Pa(p), i=1	Pa(p), i=2	Pa(p), i=3
0.001	0	1	0.999034	0.998295	0.997586
0.001	0	2	0.999222	0.998476	0.99776
0.001	0	3	0.999224	0.998478	0.997761
0.001	0	4	0.999224	0.998478	0.997761
0.001	0	5	0.999224	0.998478	0.997761
0.001	0	6	0.999224	0.998478	0.997761
0.001	0	7	0.999224	0.998478	0.997761
0.001	0	8	0.999224	0.998478	0.997761
0.001	0	9	0.999224	0.998478	0.997761

Note: Table (1) values are given for same process average and can be extended for various process average and sample sizes.

Illustration:

A production process turns out 2% defective and the agreement between producer and consumer is that 95% lot should be accepted. Determine Modified Complete Chain Sampling Plans when the allowable defectives are c₁=0 and c₂=2 with chaining index i=1.

Solution: It is given that the AQL = 2% and 1-α = 95%.

From table (2), the sample size is found to be n=85 units when c₁= 0 and c₂=2.

Operating procedure

The algorithm for sentencing a lot or batch is as follows:

Step 1: Draw a random sample of size 85 from a lot.

Step 2: Place them into testing and count the number of defectives d.

Step 3: If d = 1, accept the lot

Step 4: If d ≥ 3, reject the lot

Step 5: If d lies in-between, 1 ≤ d ≤ 2, accept the current lot provided ‘i’ preceding and ‘j’ succeeding lots are accepted on the basis of the result d=0 otherwise reject it.

5. Determination of parameters by Designing MCChSP(c₁,c₂,i=j) indexed through AQL

Find the process average AQL and corresponding probability of acceptance 1-α such that

$$P_a(p) = P[d \leq C_1] + P[d \leq C_1]^{2i} P[C_1 + 1 \leq d \leq C_2] \geq 1-\alpha$$

The above equation cannot be solved easily. An iterative program is written in Matlab to determine the parameters of the sampling plans and the estimates are given in table (2) and can be extended further.

Table 2: Values of sample size n @ 95% Probability of Acceptance for $MCChSP(c_1, c_2, i=j)$

AQL	$c_1=0$ c_2	1	2	3	4	$i=5$	6	7	8	9	10
0.001	1	150	120	105	90	85	80	75	70	65	60
0.002	2	85	65	53	48	43	40	38	35	33	30
0.003	3	60	42	35	32	28	27	25	23	22	20
0.004	4	45	31	26	24	21	20	19	18	16	15
0.005	5	36	26	21	19	17	16	15	14	13	12

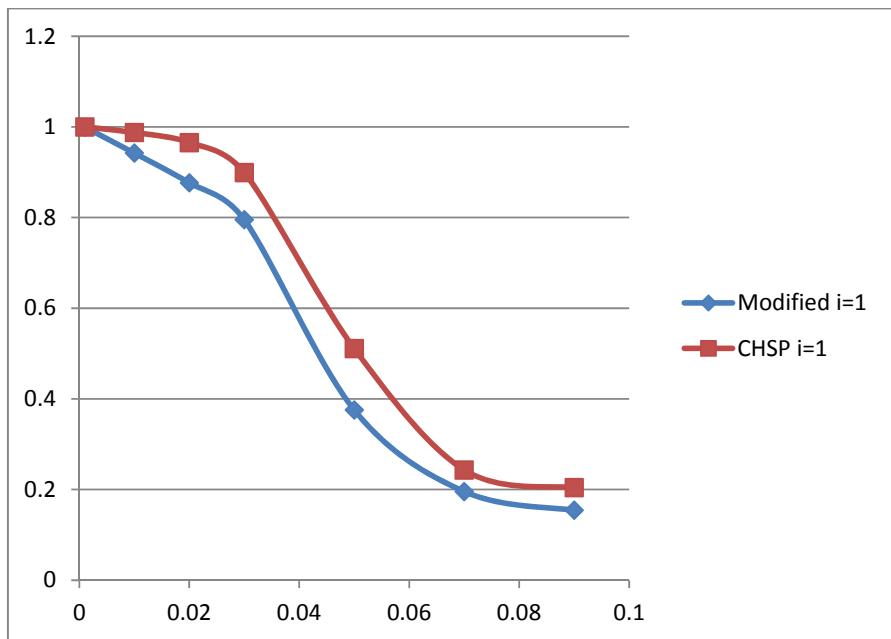


Fig 1: Plot of OC values of $MCChSP$ and $CChSP$.

6. Conclusion

A new chain sampling operating procedure for inexpensive or non-destructive items during testing is given and the related measures are derived for the first time by the authors. The new two sided complete Chain sampling plan gives more protection to the consumer while giving mild pressure on the producer to maintain the quality of the lots. It is found that the $MCChSP(i, j, c_1, c_2)$ gives pressure on the producer even though allowance is given in terms of acceptance constant when the quality deteriorates. Since few defectives are allowed during sampling inspection, the risk of producer is lesser. It is evident that the probability of acceptance decreases as the chaining index i increase. This will coerce the producer to maintain the quality of the lots. Identifying the chaining index is made easy by setting i and j are equal while designing the sampling plans Thus, this sampling plan is recommended for inexpensive or non-destructive items during testing or inspection.

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