

# Learning Curve Analysis Methods

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□ CUSUM Analysis

□ Moving Average Plots

□ Regression Analysis

□ Time to Task Completion

□ Failure Rate Tracking

Regarding [Competency-based education in neurosurgery](#) for [residents](#), you want a method that doesn't just show improvement over time, but detects when a resident achieves [mastery](#) or consistent [performance](#).

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□ CUSUM Analysis (Cumulative Sum)

□ Best suited for [competency-based training](#)

Strengths: It detects small shifts in performance and shows when a resident has reached a predefined competency level (e.g., acceptable error rate or success rate).

Highly sensitive to deviations, making it ideal for identifying the transition from novice to competent.

It can be customized per procedure and gives a real-time sense of when a trainee is consistently competent.

□ Moving Average Plots Strengths: Good for smoothing out fluctuations and showing general trends.

Limitations: Less precise for pinpointing when competence is reached. Doesn't account for variation around target performance levels.

□ Regression Analysis Strengths: Shows correlation between experience and performance.

Limitations: More useful for research or group-level trends. Not very actionable for individual assessments in real-time.

□ Time to Task Completion Strengths: Easy to measure and often improves with skill.

Limitations: Speed is not always a good proxy for safety or competency, especially in neurosurgery. Residents might go faster before they're safe.

□ Failure Rate Tracking Strengths: Tracks adverse events or critical failures.

Limitations: Important for patient safety, but not sensitive enough to guide training progression unless combined with another metric.

□ Conclusion: CUSUM is your best pick Why? Because competency-based education is about ensuring residents perform consistently above a set standard, and CUSUM analysis can flag exactly when that happens. It aligns beautifully with milestones and entrustable professional activities (EPAs) in surgical training.

If you're building a framework for assessing neurosurgical residents, consider pairing CUSUM with qualitative feedback and task-specific benchmarks for a robust system.

Would you like a simple CUSUM spreadsheet or Python template tailored for neurosurgery tasks (e.g., ventricular drain placement or aneurysm clip application)?

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