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Chapter 1

Solution

The dilemma here is whether to ship the product even though it will cause data loss for the customers or not to ship the product. Let's see the advantages and disadvantages of each decision.

1.1 Ship The Product

1.1.1 Advantages

- 1. Her company will still be in the race for market dominance.
- 2. A lot of people will keep their job.
- 3. Her company will continue to earn money maybe without loosing customers.
- 4. The product won't cause physical harm to the customers.

1.1.2 Disadvantages

- 1. Customers may loss important data (Minor likelihood).
- 2. Customers may loss trust in their product.

1.2 Don't Ship The Product

1.2.1 Advantages

- 1. Customers won't loss important data.
- 2. Customers won't loss trust in their product.

1.2.2 Disadvantages

- 1. Competitor Company will take over the market.
- 2. If her company suffers a financial setback, a lot of it's employee may loss their job.

So, from the above study, I think she should ship the product.

1.3 Reasoning

She will decide to ship a product only when the product has minor likelihood of failure resulting in data loss for the customer. Let's focus on the word **minor likelihood**. So it is guaranteed that the chances of failure is less. So, if she does ship the product she will safe a lot of people's job sacrificing only some peoples data loss. The situation would be different if the product could cause any physical damage. As it's not doing that she can ship it in my opinion.

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