

## 2 Lot-sizing and Safety Stocks

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# The Trade-Off

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**Large Lots**  
**reduce the setup costs by**  
**requiring less frequent**  
**setup**

**Small Lots**  
**reduce inventory by**  
**bringing in product closer**  
**to the time it is used**

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# Economic Order Quantity (EOQ) Model

## Assumptions

1. Continuous time, infinite planning horizon
2. Constant demand rate  $d$  (units/time)
3. No backorders, no lead time, infinite supply rate
4. Inventory holding cost per unit and unit of time:  $h$
5. Fixed ordering (setup) cost per order/batch:  $A$
6. Procurement cost per unit:  $c$
7. Orders in constant batches of size  $Q$

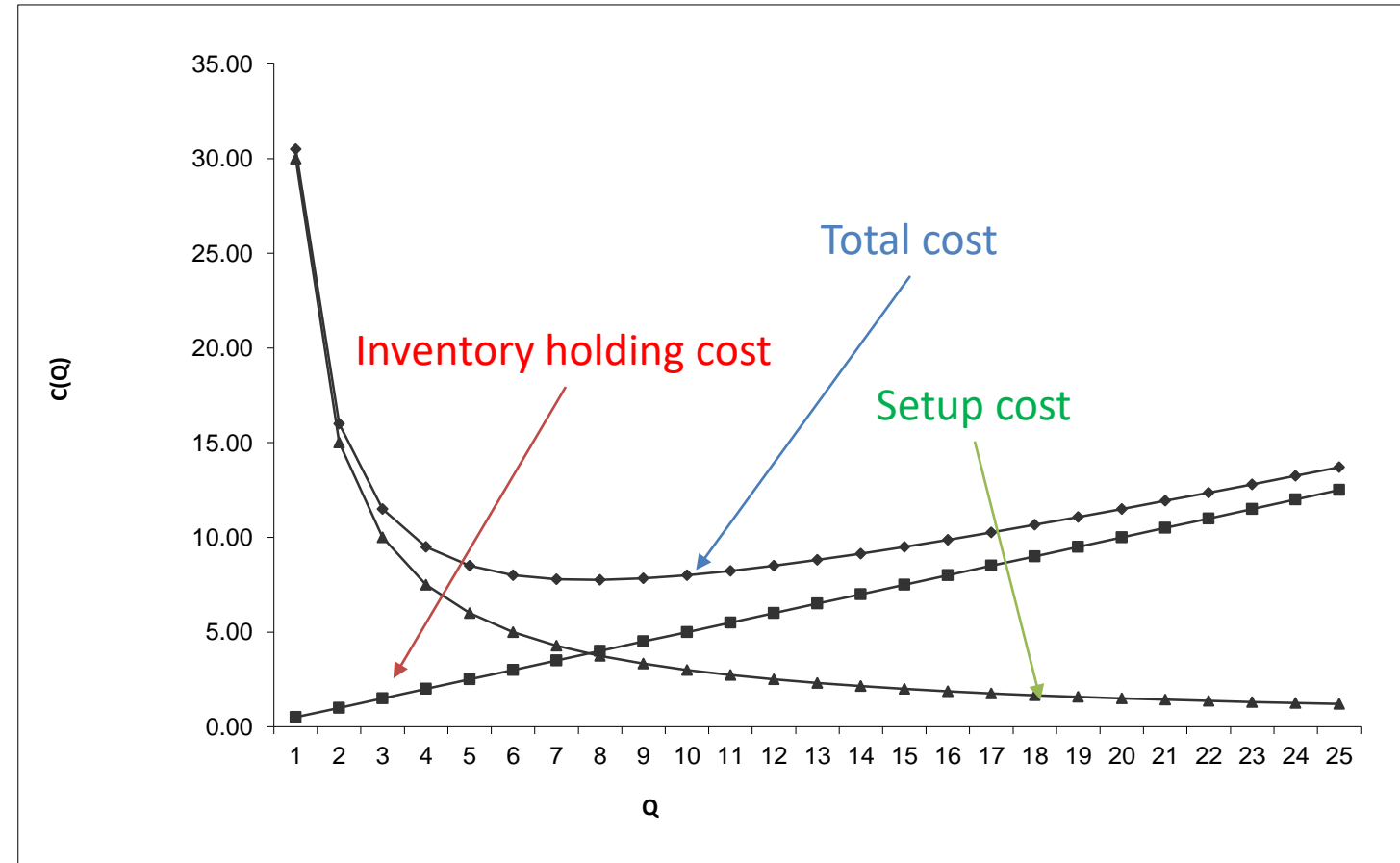
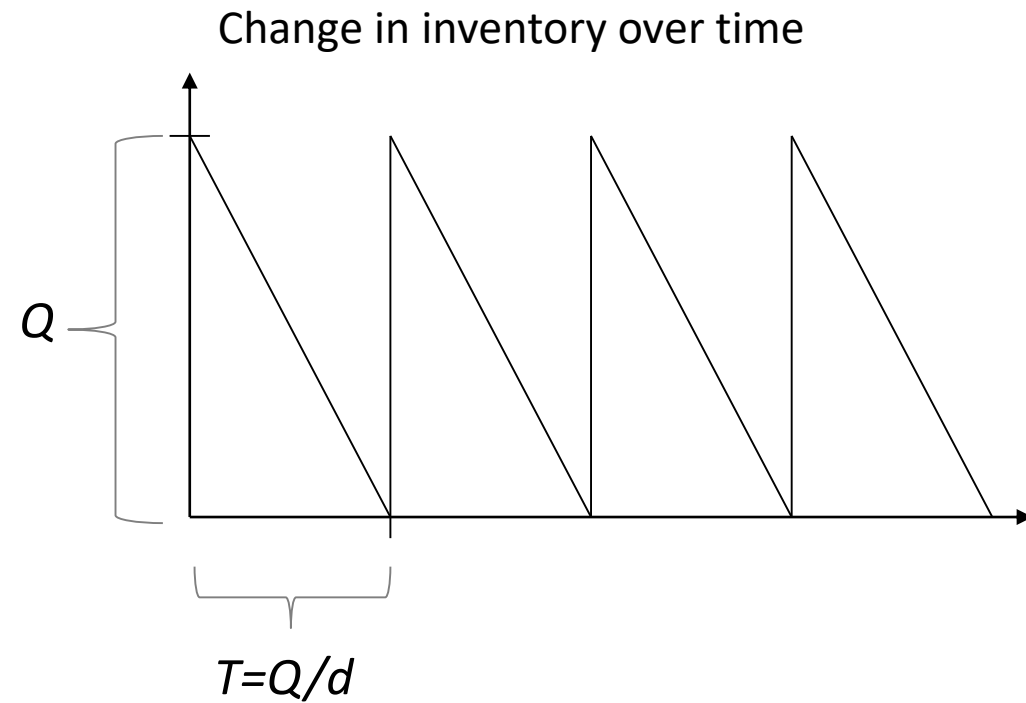


Ford Whitman Harris  
1877-1962

# Economic Order Quantity (EOQ) Model

- Inventory management of a single item
- Restrictive modeling assumptions
- But, in many practical situations model performs well
- Leads to solution in closed form:
  - Easy to compute
  - Provides managerial insights

# Economic Order Quantity (EOQ)



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- Decision variable: Economic order quantity  $Q$
- Average cost formulation

$$C(Q) = \underbrace{\frac{d}{Q} A}_{\substack{\text{\#of orders} \\ \text{in a year}}} + \underbrace{\frac{h}{2} Q}_{\substack{\text{Holding} \\ \text{cost in a} \\ \text{year}}} + \underbrace{cd}_{\substack{\text{Direct cost} \\ \text{Independent} \\ \text{of decision } Q}}$$

- Total relevant cost:  $TRC(Q) = \frac{d}{Q} A + \frac{h}{2} Q$
- Cost trade-off : Fixed costs per order vs Inventory holding costs

# Economic Order Quantity (EOQ)

- Decision variable: Economic order quantity  $Q$
- Average cost formulation

$$C(Q) = \frac{d}{Q}A + \frac{h}{2}Q + cd$$

$$\frac{dC(Q)}{dQ} = -\frac{dA}{Q^2} + \frac{h}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2dA}{h}}$$

$$C(Q^*) = \sqrt{2dAh} + cd$$

- Total relevant cost

$$TRC(Q^*) = \sqrt{2dAh}$$

# Economic order quantity

- Cost function per time unit
- Optimality condition
- Solution
  - Optimal lot size
  - Optimal order interval
  - Minimal costs per time unit

$$C(Q) = \frac{d}{Q} \cdot A + \frac{h}{2} \cdot Q + c \cdot d$$

$$\frac{dC}{dQ} = -\frac{d}{Q^2} \cdot A + \frac{h}{2} = 0$$

$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2dA}{h}}$$

$$T^* = \sqrt{\frac{2A}{hd}}$$

$$C^* = \sqrt{2dhA} + cd$$



# Example

- Demand of 1000 units/year
- Unit variable cost  $c = \$250/\text{unit}$
- Metalworking shop charges a fixed cost of \$ 500 per order
- Interest rate  $I = 0.1 \$/\$/\text{yr}$
- Assume that  $h = Ic$

$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2dA}{h}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 500 \cdot 1000}{250 \cdot 0.1}} = 200$$

- Total relevant cost:

$$TRC(Q^*) = \sqrt{2dAh} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 500 \cdot 1,000 \cdot 250 \cdot 0.1} = 5,000$$

# Sensitivity Analysis of EOQ

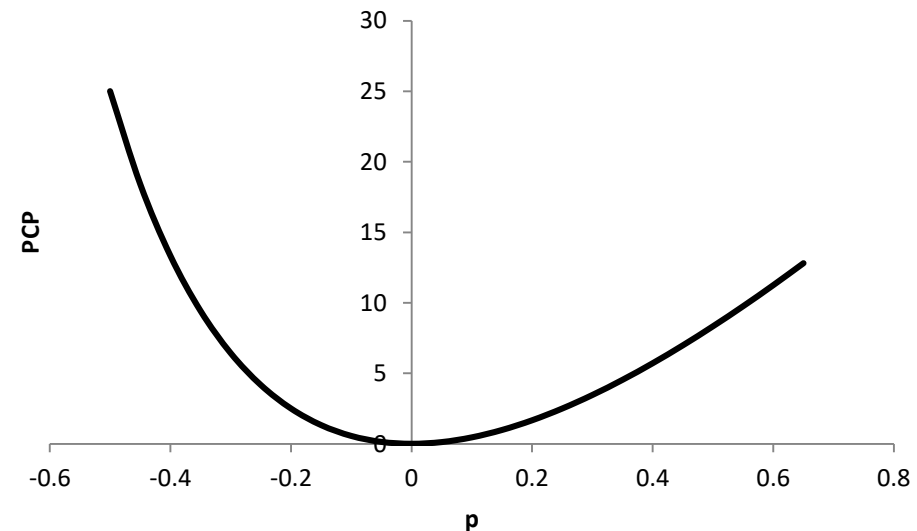
- Assume we set an order quantity  $Q'$  that deviates from EOQ

$$Q' = (1 + p)Q^*$$

- Percentage cost penalty:

$$\begin{aligned} PCP &= \frac{TRC(Q') - TRC(Q^*)}{TRC(Q^*)} \times 100 \\ &= 50 \left( \frac{p^2}{1 + p} \right) \end{aligned}$$

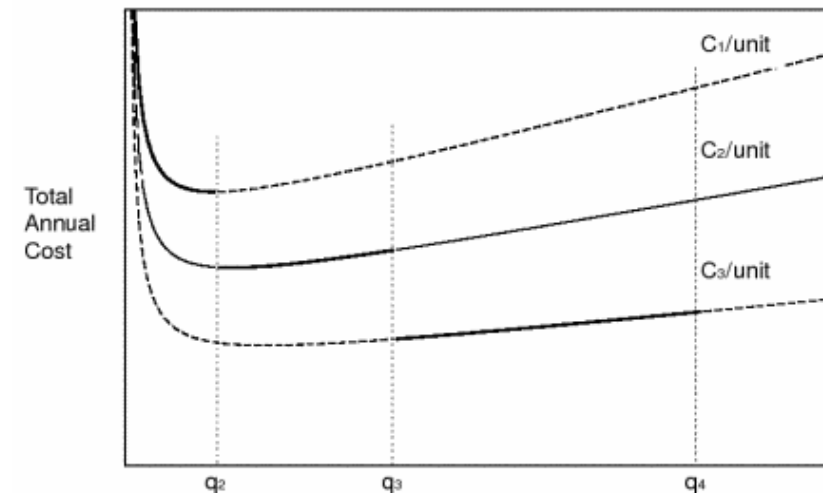
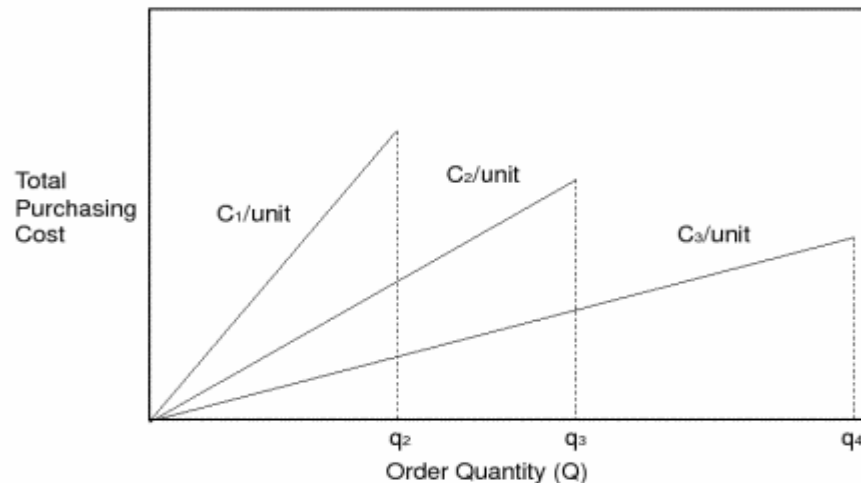
- Example continued:  $Q'=250$   
 $\rightarrow p=0.25 \rightarrow PCP=2.5\%$



# Quantity Discount Models

- All-unit Quantity Discounts
- In this model as the order quantity increases, the unit purchasing cost decreases for every unit purchased.

- Purchasing cost = 
$$\begin{cases} C_1 Q & \text{for } q_1 \leq Q < q_2 \\ C_2 Q & \text{for } q_2 \leq Q < q_3 \\ C_3 Q & \text{for } q_3 \leq Q \end{cases}$$



# Algorithm: All-unit discount

- Step 1: Calculate EOQ for the discounted price:

$$Q_2^* = \sqrt{\frac{2dA}{I \cdot C_2}}$$

Note: assumption is that  $h = I \cdot C$   
 I: Interest rate  
 C: Procurement price

- Step 2: Check if  $Q_2^* \geq q_2$ . Yes? Order  $Q_2^*$ . No? Continue to step 3
- Step 3: Calculate EOQ without discount:

$$Q_1^* = \sqrt{\frac{2dA}{I \cdot C_1}}$$

- Step 4: Compare  $C(Q_1^*)$  with  $C(q_2)$ . Order  $Q_1^*$  if  $C(Q_1^*) \leq C(q_2)$ , else order  $q_2$
- Note:  $C(Q) = \frac{d}{Q}A + \frac{IC}{2}Q + Cd$ . Select the right C for each order quantity!

## Example (see Silver Pyke Thomas 4.5 p. 158):

- Consider three components in the below table.
- The supplier offers a **2% discount** on any replenishment of **100 units or higher** of a single item.
- What are the optimal order sizes for item A, B and C ?

<i>Item</i>	<i>D (Units/Year)</i>	<i>v<sub>0</sub> (\$/Unit)</i>	<i>A (\$)</i>	<i>r (\$/\$/Year)</i>
A	416	14.20	1.50	0.24
B	104	3.10	1.50	0.24
C	4,160	2.40	1.50	0.24

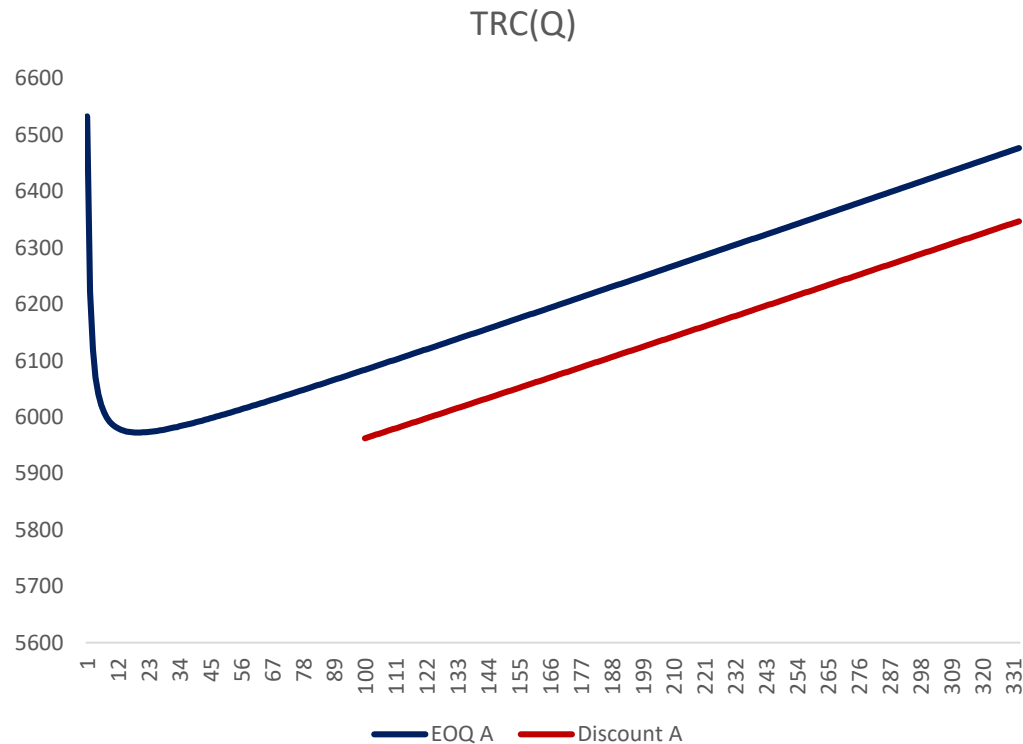
$D$  : Annual Demand

$v_0$  : Unit Cost

$A$ : Ordering Cost/Setup Cost

$r$ : Carrying Charge

- Item A



Step 1 EOQ (discount) = 19 units < 100 units.

Step 2 EOQ (discount) <  $Q_b$ ; therefore, go to Step 3.

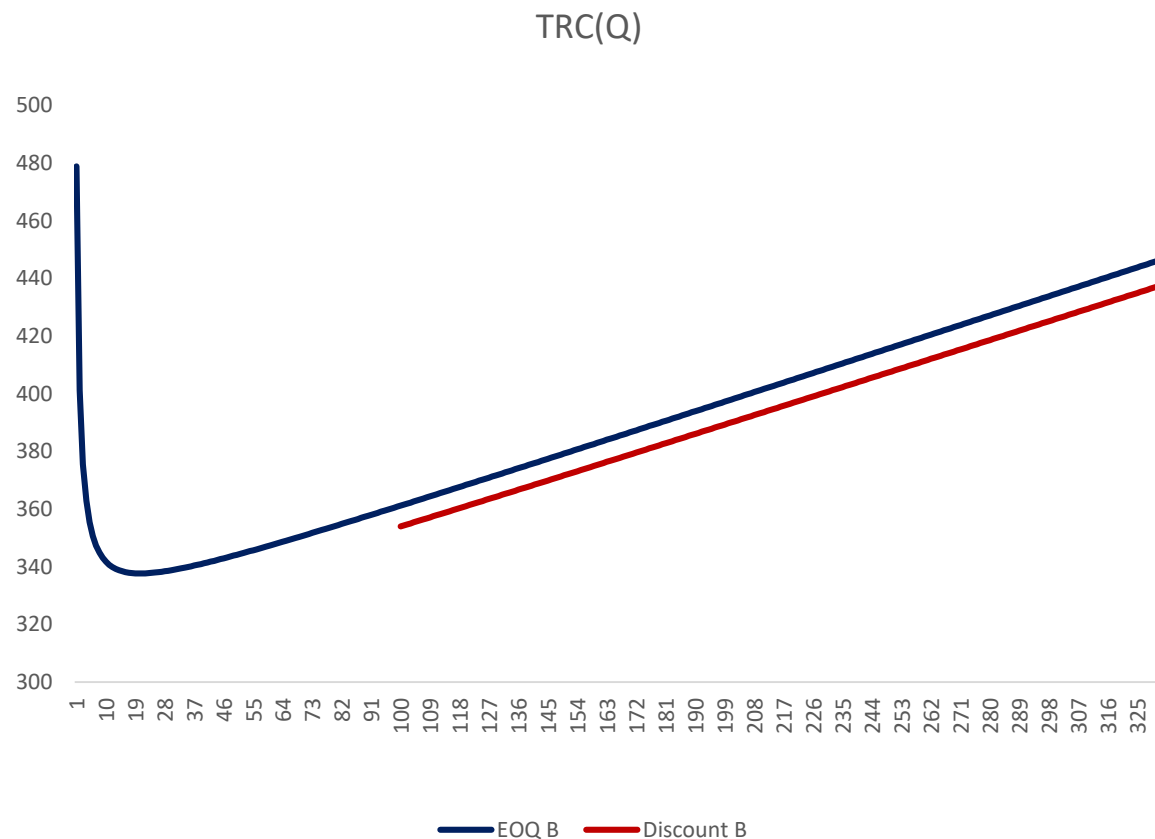
Step 3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TRC}(\text{EOQ}) &= \sqrt{2 \times 1.50 \times 416 \times 14.20 \times 0.24} + 416 \times 14.20 \\ &= \$5,972.42/\text{year} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TRC}(Q_b) &= \text{TRC}(100) = \frac{100 \times 14.20 \times 0.98 \times 0.24}{2} + \frac{1.50 \times 416}{100} \\ &\quad + 416 \times 14.20 \times 0.98 \\ &= \$5,962.29/\text{year} \end{aligned}$$

$\text{TRC}(\text{EOQ}) > \text{TRC}(Q_b)$ . Therefore, the best order quantity to use is  $Q_b$ , that is, 100 units.

- Item B



Step 1 EOQ (discount) = 21 units < 100 units.

Step 2 EOQ (discount) <  $Q_b$ ; therefore, go to Step 3.

Step 3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TRC}(\text{EOQ}) &= \sqrt{2 \times 1.50 \times 10^4 \times 3.10 \times 0.24} + 10^4 \times 3.10 \\ &= \$337.64/\text{year} \end{aligned}$$

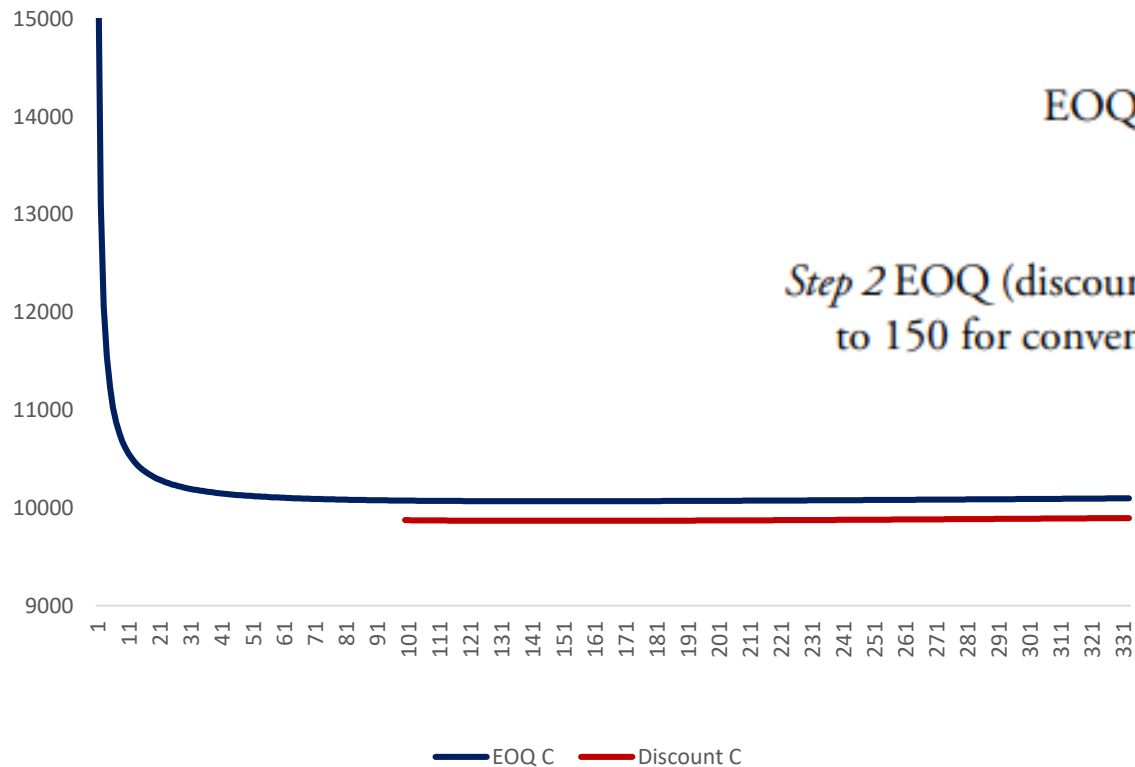
$$\begin{aligned} \text{TRC}(Q_b) &= \text{TRC}(100) = \frac{100 \times 3.10 \times 0.98 \times 0.24}{2} + \frac{1.50 \times 10^4}{100} \\ &\quad + 10^4 \times 3.10 \times 0.98 \\ &= \$353.97/\text{year} \end{aligned}$$

$\text{TRC}(\text{EOQ}) < \text{TRC}(Q_b)$ . Therefore, use the EOQ without a discount; that is,

$$\text{EOQ} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 1.50 \times 10^4}{3.10 \times 0.24}} \approx 20 \text{ units}$$

- Item C

TRC(Q)

*Step 1*

$$\text{EOQ}(\text{discount}) = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 1.50 \times 4,160}{2.40 \times 0.98 \times 0.24}} = 149 \text{ units} > 100 \text{ units}$$

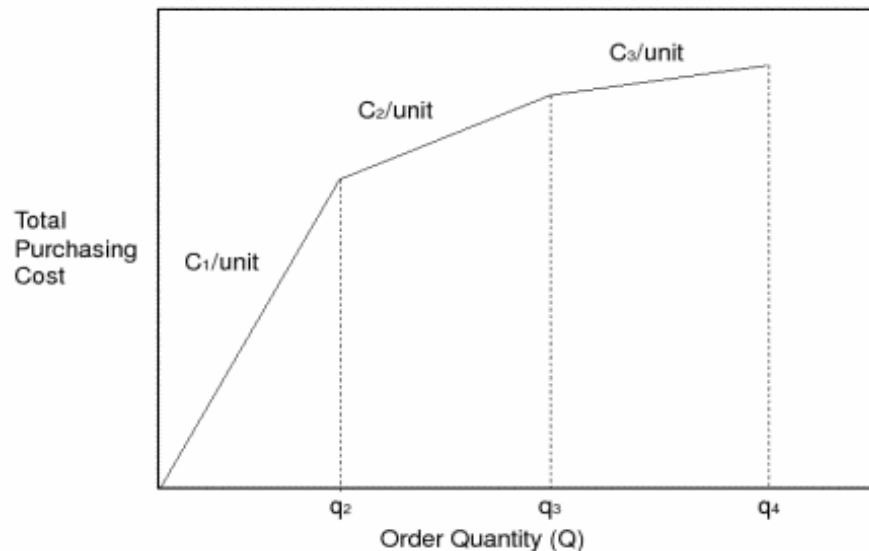
*Step 2* EOQ (discount) is greater than  $Q_b$ . Therefore, the  $Q$  to use is 149 units (perhaps rounded to 150 for convenience).



# Incremental quantity discounts

- In this model, unit purchasing cost decreases only for units beyond a certain threshold and not for every unit.

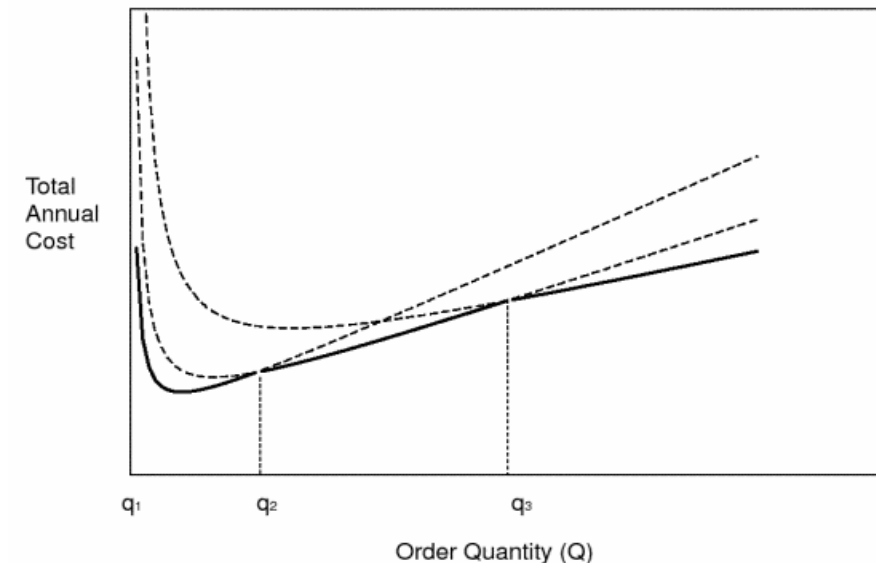
- Purchasing cost  $c(Q) = \begin{cases} C_1(Q - q_1) & \text{for } q_1 \leq Q < q_2 \\ C_1(q_2 - q_1) + C_2(Q - q_2) & \text{for } q_2 \leq Q < q_3 \\ C_1(q_2 - q_1) + C_2(q_3 - q_2) + C_3(Q - q_3) & \text{for } q_3 \leq Q \end{cases}$



Holding cost is now:

$$h = I * c(Q)/Q$$

See e.g. Muckstadt & Sapro 2.3.3



# Algorithm: Incremental

$R_j$  denotes the sum of the terms that are independent of  $Q$  in purchasing cost, if  $q_j \leq Q < q_{j+1}$

$$R_j = C_1 (q_2 - q_1) + C_2 (q_3 - q_2) + \dots + C_{j-1} (q_j - q_{j-1}), \quad j \geq 2$$

1) Compute  $Q_j^* = \sqrt{\frac{2(R_j - C_j q_j + A)d}{IC_j}}$  for all  $j$

2) Check if  $q_{j+1} > Q_j^* \geq q_j$  and disregard the ones that do not satisfy this inequality

3) For each remaining  $Q_j^*$  compute the corresponding costs  $C(Q_j^*)$

$Q_j^*$  that produces the least cost is the optimal order quantity

## Example (see Muckstadt & Sapro 2.3.3 p. 39):

- Consider incremental discount table offered by a supplier
- The retailer sells one product. What are the optimal order sizes for the retailer ?

Quantity (Q)	Price (C)	Demand (d)	Ordering Cost (A)	Carrying Charge (I%)
$0 \leq Q < 110$	\$ 5	520	10	20%
$110 \leq Q < 150$	\$ 4.75			
$150 \leq Q$	\$ 4.5			

$$R_1 = 0$$

$$R_2 = C_1(q_2 - q_1) = (5)(110 - 0) = 550$$

$$R_3 = C_1(q_2 - q_1) + C_2(q_3 - q_2) = R_2 + (4.75)(150 - 110) = 740$$

1) Compute  $Q_j^*$  for all  $j$

$$Q_1^* = \sqrt{\frac{2(0 - 0 + 10)(520)}{(0.2)(5)}} = 101.98,$$

$$Q_2^* = \sqrt{\frac{2(550 - (4.75)(110) + 10)(520)}{(0.2)(4.75)}} = 202.61,$$

$$Q_3^* = \sqrt{\frac{2(740 - (4.5)(150) + 10)(520)}{(0.2)(4.5)}} = 294.39.$$

## Example (Cont.):

Quantity (Q)	Price (C)	Demand (d)	Ordering Cost (A)	Carrying Charge (I%)
$0 \leq Q < 110$	\$ 5	520	10	20%
$110 \leq Q < 150$	\$ 4.75			
$150 \leq Q$	\$ 4.5			

2) Check if  $q_{j+1} > Q_j^* \geq q_j$  and disregard the ones that do not satisfy this inequality

- $Q_1^* \in [0, 110)$
- $Q_2^* \notin [110, 150) \longrightarrow$  Only  $Q_1^*$  and  $Q_3^*$  are feasible
- $Q_3^* \in [150, \infty)$

3) For  $Q_1^*$  and  $Q_3^*$  compute the corresponding costs  $C(Q_j^*)$

$$C(Q_1^*) = (5)(520) + (0 - 0 + 10) \frac{520}{101.98} + \frac{(0.2)(5)(101.98)}{2} + \frac{(0.2)(0 - 0)}{2}$$

$$= 2701.98,$$

$$C(Q_3^*) = (4.5)(520) + (740 - (4.5)(150) + 10) \frac{520}{294.39} + \frac{(0.2)(4.5)(294.39)}{2} + \frac{(0.2)(740 - (4.5)(150))}{2}$$

$$= 2611.45.$$

$\therefore$  The retailer should order  $Q_3^* = 294.39$

# Power-of-Two Policies

Assume we are interested in the optimal reorder interval rather than the optimal order quantity.

$$T^* = \sqrt{\frac{2A}{hd}}$$

For practical reasons we may need the reorder interval to be an integer multiple of a base planning period

$$T = n \cdot T_L$$

In a power-of-two policy, further,  $n$  can only be a power of two.

$$T = \{T_L, 2T_L, 4T_L, 8T_L, \dots\}$$

For example, joint ordering of multiple different items.

# Power-of-Two Policies

- Inventory Management problem under a power of two policy is:

$$\min_{T \geq 0} C(T) = \frac{A}{T} + \frac{1}{2}hdT,$$

$$T=Q/d$$

$$s.t. \quad T = 2^l T_L, l = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

- $l^*$  is the smallest non-negative integer (including zero) that satisfies

$$C(2^{l^*} T_L) \leq C(2^{l^*+1} T_L)$$

# Sensitivity of EOQ with respect to T

- One can show that  $\frac{C(T)}{C(T^*)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{T^*}{T} + \frac{T}{T^*} \right)$
- From this, and the condition  $C(2^{l^*} T_L) \leq C(2^{l^*+1} T_L)$

it can be shown that  $\frac{T^*}{\sqrt{2}} \leq 2^{l^*} T_L \leq T^* \sqrt{2}$ .

Hint: the solution should satisfy  $\frac{C(T)}{C(T^*)} \leq \frac{C(2T)}{C(T^*)}$ .

Thus:  $\frac{C(2^{l^*} T_L)}{C(T^*)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{2} \right) \approx 1.06$

- So, a power-of-two policy leads to at most a 6% cost disadvantage compared to the optimal order interval

# Marketing – Operations Interface

- Sequential marketing-operation decision versus simultaneous planning
- Sequential planning

- Stage 1: Price optimization

$$\Pi = (p - c)(a - bp), \quad p^* = \frac{a + bc}{2b}$$

- Stage 2: Lot-size optimization

$$C(d) = \sqrt{2Ah(a - bp^*)}$$

- Simultaneous planning

$$\Pi = (p - c)(a - bp) - \sqrt{2Ah(a - bp)}$$





# Dynamic single product lot-sizing

- Finite-horizon
- Discrete-time  $t=1,2,\dots,T$
- Deterministic, non-stationary demand:  $d_t$
- Single product at a single stage
- Other assumptions as in EOQ model
- Planning problem (Wagner/Whitin)
  - Decision variables
    - $q_t$  Lot-size (Production quantity) in  $t$
    - $y_t$  Inventory level at the end of period  $t$
    - $\gamma_t$  Setup indicator,  $\gamma_t=1$  if a lot is placed in period  $t$ ,  $\gamma_t=0$  otherwise
  - Cost minimization (fixed order cost  $A$ , holding cost  $h$  for inventory at the end of a period)
  - Constraints

# Mixed-integer Linear Program

- Model

$$\min \sum_{t=1}^T (A \cdot \gamma_t + h \cdot y_t)$$

$$y_t = y_{t-1} + q_t - d_t \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T$$

$$q_t \leq M\gamma_t \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T$$

$$y_0 = y_T = 0$$

$$q_t, y_t \geq 0, \gamma_t \in \{0, 1\} \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T$$

- No fixed order cost: optimal to place an order in every period.
- Positive fixed cost: combine multiple periods' demands into a single order.

# Mixed-integer Linear Program

- Solution Properties

If out of inventory after t-1, then order in t for exactly some number of periods ahead

$$q_t^* = \begin{cases} \sum_{\tau=t}^z d_{\tau} & \text{if } y_{t-1}^* = 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T$$

Positive order in period t only if no inventory left at end of t-1

$$q_t^* \cdot y_{t-1}^* = 0 \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, T$$

# Wagner-Whitin Algorithm

- Algorithm guarantees an optimal solution.
- An application of dynamic programming.
- $F(t)$ : total costs of the best replenishment strategy that satisfies the demand in periods 1, 2, . . . ,  $t$ .
- For period  $t$ , there are  $t$  possible options to evaluate.

Period	1	2	3	4	5	6
Demand	750	100	50	100	400	1000

$A=400, h=2$




- $F(1)=A=400$
- $F(2)=\min\{\text{Option 1, Option 2}\}=600$ 
  - Option 1 (Produce in this period)  $\rightarrow F(1)+A=800$
  - Option 2 (Produce in period 1)  $\rightarrow A+h*100=600$



# Wagner-Whitin Algorithm

Period	1	2	3	4	5	6
Demand	750	100	50	100	400	1000

$A=400, h=2$

- $F(3)=\min\{\text{Option 1, Option 2, Option 3}\}=800$ 
  - Option 1 (Produce in this period)  $\rightarrow F(2)+A=1000$
  - Option 2 (Produce in period 2)  $\rightarrow F(1)+A+h*50=900$
  - Option 3 (Produce in period 1)  $\rightarrow A+h*100+h*2*50=800$  
- $F(4)=\min\{\text{Option 1, Option 2, Option 3, Option 4}\}=1200$ 
  - Option 1 (Produce in this period)  $\rightarrow F(3)+A=1200$  
  - Option 2 (Produce in period 3)  $\rightarrow F(2)+A+h*100=1200$  
  - Option 3 (Produce in period 2)  $\rightarrow F(1)+A+h*50+h*2*100=1300$
  - Option 4 (Produce in period 1)  $\rightarrow A+h*100+h*2*50+h*3*100=1400$
- Option 4 is actually redundant (no need to compute), since
 
$$h * 3 * 100 > A$$

# Wagner-Whitin Algorithm

- If  $d_j \cdot h > A$  the optimal solution will have a replenishment at the beginning of period  $j$ .
- Since  $d_5 \cdot h > A$  and  $d_6 \cdot h > A$ , for  $F(5)$  and  $F(6)$ , the only meaningful option is the first one (Produce in the period).
- $F(5) = F(4) + A = 1600$
- $F(6) = F(5) + A = 2000$

# Wagner-Whitin Algorithm

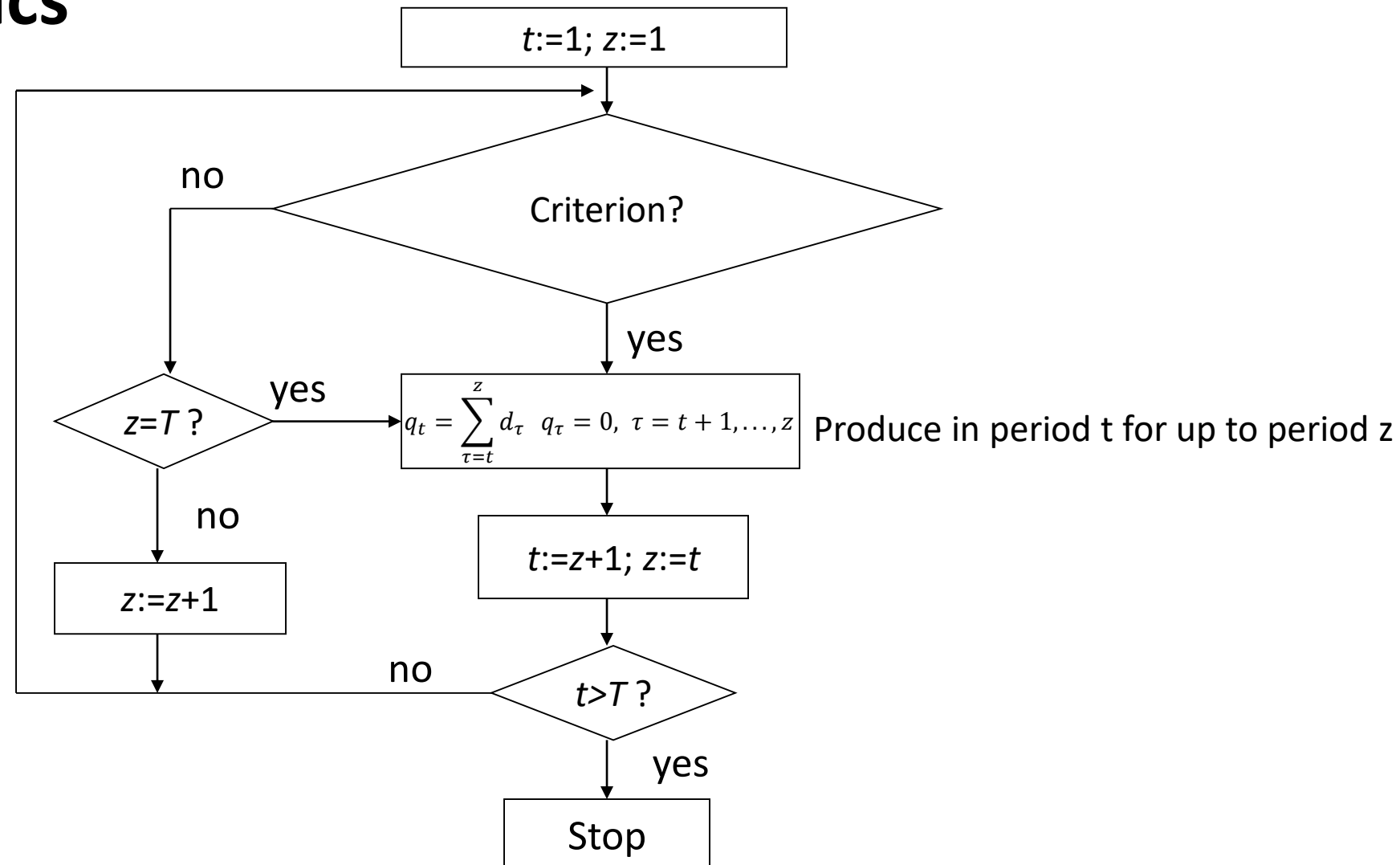
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3			1000	<b>1200</b>	2800	8800
4				1200	2000	6000
5					<b>1600</b>	3600
6						<b>2000</b>
<b>Order</b>	850	0	150	0	400	1000



# Lot-sizing heuristics

## Algorithm:

Successive  
extension of a lot  
by a future demand  
until termination  
criterion fulfilled



# Lot-sizing heuristics

- Average demand  $\bar{d} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T d_t$
- Economic order interval (EOI) heuristic
  - Combine demands of EOI periods

$$EOI = \sqrt{\frac{2A}{\bar{d}h}} \quad r = \max\{1; \text{round}(EOI)\} \quad q_t = \begin{cases} \sum_{\tau=t}^{t+r-1} d_{\tau} & t = k \cdot r + 1, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- Economic order quantity heuristic
  - Combine demands until lot-size comes closest to EOQ

$$EOQ = \sqrt{\frac{2\bar{d}A}{h}} \quad z(t) := \operatorname{argmin} \left\{ i = t, t+1, \dots, T \left| \sum_{\tau=t}^i d_{\tau} - EOQ \right| \right\} \quad q_t = \sum_{\tau=t}^{z(t)} d_{\tau}$$

# Lot-sizing heuristics

- Least unit cost (LUC)

- Extend z, until average cost per unit increases ( $k_{t,z+1} > k_{tz}$ )

$$k_{tz} = \frac{A + h \cdot \sum_{\tau=t}^z (\tau - t) \cdot d_{\tau}}{\sum_{\tau=t}^z d_{\tau}}$$

- Silver-Meal (SM)

- Extend z, until average cost per period increases ( $k_{t,z+1} > k_{tz}$ )

$$k_{tz} = \frac{A + h \cdot \sum_{\tau=t}^z (\tau - t) \cdot d_{\tau}}{z - t + 1}$$

- Part period balancing (PP)

- Extend z, until fixed cost and cumulative holding costs are (almost) equal

$$A \geq h \cdot \sum_{\tau=t}^z (\tau - t) \cdot d_{\tau}$$

$$A < h \cdot \sum_{\tau=t}^{z+1} (\tau - t) \cdot d_{\tau}$$

# Example Silver-Meal (SM)

Period	1	2	3	4	5	6
Demand	750	100	50	100	400	1000

$A=400, h=2$

Include  $d_2$  when producing in period 1?

- $k_{11} = A = 400, k_{12} = \frac{A+h \cdot 100}{2} = 300$



- $k_{12} < k_{11}$

Include  $d_3$  when producing in period 1?



- $k_{13} = \frac{A+h \cdot 100+2 \cdot h \cdot 50}{3} = 266.67$

- $k_{13} < k_{12}$

Include  $d_4$  when producing in period 1?



- $k_{14} = \frac{A+h \cdot 100+2 \cdot h \cdot 50+3 \cdot h \cdot 100}{4} = 350$



- $k_{14} > k_{13}$

$$k_{tz} = \frac{A + h \cdot \sum_{\tau=t}^z (\tau - t) \cdot d_{\tau}}{z - t + 1}$$

## Example Silver-Meal (SM) continued

- So, produce in period 1 for periods 1,2, and 3.
- Start again in period 4:
  - Include  $d_5$  when producing in period 4?
  - $k_{44} = A = 400$ ,  $k_{45} = \frac{A+h*400}{2} = 600$  
- Start again in period 5:
  - Include  $d_6$  when producing in period 5?
  - $k_{55} = A = 400$ ,  $k_{56} = \frac{A+h*1000}{2} = 1200$  
- So, produce in period 1 for periods 1,2, and 3; produce in period 4 for period 4; produce in period 5 for period 5; produce in period 6 for period 6

# All heuristic solutions to this example

- Demands over the next 6 months  
750, 100, 50, 100, 400, 1000
- Setup cost:  $A=400$
- Inventory holding cost per unit and month:  $h=2$
- Results of the heuristics

See the Excel file!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Cost
EOI	750	100	50	100	400	1000	2400
EOQ	750	250	0	0	400	1000	2100
LUC	750	150	0	500	0	1000	2500
SM	900	0	0	100	400	1000	2000
PP	900	0	0	100	400	1000	2000
Optimal	850	0	150	0	400	1000	2000

- A rolling-horizon & Demand Uncertainty: Why to use heuristics ?

Rank	Rule	Mean	Std. Dev.
1	WW	0	0
2	GMR	2.24	2.47
3	SM	3.06	3.83
4	WMR1	3.34	2.85
5	PPB w. LA-LB	4.09	3.70
6	WMR3	4.89	5.06
7	OM	4.93	5.10
8	PPB	5.74	5.18
9	WMR2	5.78	4.87
10	POQ	10.72	9.35
11	EOQ-D	13.06	12.69
12	LUC	17.16	18.02
13	EOQ	33.87	29.53
14	LFL	108.27	97.57

Mean and Std of relative cost increase (%) when forecast errors are zero

- WW: Wagner-Whitin Algorithm
- SM: Silver-Meal Procedure
- PPB w. LA-LB: Part Period Balancing with Look-Ahead & Look-Back
- POQ: Period Order Quantity
- EOQ: Economic Order Quantity
- EOQ-D: Discrete Economic Order Quantity

Rank	Rule	Mean	Std. Dev.
1	PPB	-0.67	4.91
2	WMR3	-0.57	4.94
3	WMR2	-0.26	4.95
4	OM	-0.25	4.25
5	WW	0	0
6	EOQ	0.19	9.24
7	WMR1	1.24	4.17
8	EOQ-D	1.27	8.41
9	GMR	1.45	4.34
10	PPB w. LA-LB	1.73	4.39
11	POQ	2.58	5.29
12	SM	2.71	5.89
13	LUC	6.02	14.59
14	LFL	63.71	69.70

Mean and Std of relative cost increase (%) when forecast errors are present

- OM: Order Moment Procedure
- PPB: Part Period Balancing
- LUC: Least Unit Cost
- LFL: Lot-for-Lot
- GMR: Groff Method
- WMR1: Wemmerloev Method 1
- WMR2: Wemmerloev Method 2
- WMR3: Wemmerloev Method 3

If uncertainty and a rolling schedule are present, it is no longer obvious that WW should be used as a reference rule

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**Percentage Deviation from Optimality**  
**Uniform Distribution,  $P_t = .2$ , Set-Up Cost = 800**

Window	R = 0				R = 35				R = 75				R = 150			
	WW	MSM	SM	PP	WW	MSM	SM	PP	WW	MSM	SM	PP	WW	MSM	SM	PP
2	25.04	25.04	25.04	25.04	25.61	25.61	25.61	25.61	26.55	26.55	26.55	26.55	29.74	29.74	29.74	29.74
3	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.70	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	9.26	9.32	9.32	9.26
4	3.34	3.99	3.99	3.34	3.70	4.05	4.05	3.70	4.49	3.72	3.72	4.49	7.30	4.40	4.40	7.26
5	6.81	2.46	3.99	4.44	6.74	2.18	4.05	4.65	6.27	2.02	3.61	5.27	6.93	2.48	3.49	7.42
6	3.72	1.40	3.99	4.67	3.90	1.37	4.05	5.09	4.27	1.59	3.61	5.74	3.89	1.90	3.35	7.58
7	2.00	1.40	3.99	4.93	1.56	1.35	4.05	5.26	1.59	1.46	3.61	5.96	1.85	1.81	3.27	7.76
8	1.23	1.31	3.99	4.93	1.31	1.28	4.05	5.26	1.34	1.48	3.61	5.96	1.22	1.77	3.27	7.76
9	.56	1.31	3.99	4.93	1.03	1.34	4.05	5.26	.85	1.46	3.61	5.96	.67	1.71	3.27	7.76
10	.66	1.32	3.99	4.93	.57	1.35	4.05	5.26	.64	1.51	3.61	5.96	.68	1.76	3.27	7.76

• WW: Wagner-Whitin Algorithm / MSM: Modified Silver-Meal Procedure / SM: Silver-Meal Procedure / PPB w. LA-LB: Part Period Balancing

- With short forecast horizons, SM heuristics outperform WW
- While heuristics may provide less effective than WW in a static framework, their myopia reduces the amount of schedule instability in a rolling-horizon.

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