# METU Dept. of Business Administration BA4318 Business Data Processing with Python TEST 1 / 29.03.2019

#### Duration for this test is 75 minutes

#### The Business Case

A friend of yours runs a very small cofee corner in the mornings as a side gig. The corner is so small that she sells around 150-200 cups of coffee a month and profits about 150-200 TL as well. She does not want to run out of coffee grounds but also wants fresh coffee so she buys some every month.

You see that her coffee purchase habits are not consistent with what she sells. Besides coffee prices tend to change every month and she might be buying too much when coffee is most expensive and carry expensive inventory over to the next month. You tell her about concepts like demand and supply, inventory carrying costs, economic order quantities, etc but she refuses to change behavior.

Group 1	Group 2
You want to show her that she actually has a	You want to show her that a constant order
foreseeable demand and because she is not	level Q would be more efficient and still have
ordering coffee to meet demand, she has too	no risk of running out of coffee.
much inventory carrying cost.	So you will develop a Python program that
So you will develop a Python program that	<ul> <li>Shows the total amount of coffee</li> </ul>
illustrates	ordered and total amount paid now,
The mean level of consumption	Calculates and shows the minimum
The mean of inventory carried over to	value for Q, the order quantity that
next month	would never run out of inventory
The mean of monthly carried over	Calculate the total amount of coffee
inventory value	that would be ordered and the total
	cost for that Q

### The Data

The data is really simple. A tab separated text file named Coffee Consumption.txt. There are a number of columns, for each month: The "Bought" column represents coffee in grams, the "Cost" column represents amount paid in TL and the "Consumed" column represents actual coffee consumption at that month in grams. The file has data for 14 months.

# **Rules and Submission**

- All online resources including course notes, sample programs, tutorials, etc are allowed as long as they are not used to cheat.
- You will write a comment on the first line of your program with your name, number, and exam group.
- When you are done, submit your program at ODTUCLASS. After 12:00, you can also download from ODTUCLASS and upload into your Github account for future referral.
- You must use functions in your program. Code with **no functions will get a 20 points penalty.**
- You must use comments to explain your code. Code with <u>no comments will get a 5 points</u> <u>penalty.</u>

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# Hints about Python

- 1. When Pandas tries to read from a CSV file with whitespace delimiters (i.e. spaces and tabs) there is actually an optional parameter for read\_csv() function to help you.
- 2. Recall that a Dataframe in Pandas has very neat and functional columns, also called a Series. Each series has some built in functions such as min(), max(), mean(), and sum(). So when you need to run these operations on a Series, you can do this very easily, i.e. df['name'].min()
- 3. If you assign a single value to a Pandas Series, all row items in the Series get to be the same value, i.e. df['Column'] = 0 sets all values in the column to zero.
- 4. If you want to add a column to a Dataframe, just assign an initial value to a column with a new name, i.e. df['New'] = 0 creates the column and sets values at the same time.
- 5. Iterating through Pandas rows is easy with a function called iterrows() but you can also convert Series into arrays and iterate over arrays. Both are fine for the course. If you choose iterrows(), you should take note that the row you access is a copy, not the original DataFrame. If you want to change data in the DataFrame while using iterrow() refer to the original DataFrame.
- 6. You should round calculated outputs for better display. Use the round() function which is trivial in its use, i.e. roundedvalue = round(calculatedvalue, 2)

## **Hints about Inventory levels**

- 1. Every inventory starts at a level of zero before you fill it up for the first time.
- 2. An order quantity is not enough if the following consumption is more than the accumulated inventory.
- 3. At a given time, carried inventory is valued at the most current (i.e. latest) unit price.
- 4. For this exam you don't need any formulas from the Operations Management course.

To self check your outputs. Here are sample results produced by the exam solution.

Group 1	Group 2
Mean level of consumption: 1126.43	Actual ordering method ends up ordering 16250
Mean level of inventory carried: 1585.71	grams coffee at total cost of 1337.55
Mean level of inventory value: 126.5	A constant order level of 1127 results in
	ordering 15778 grams coffee at total cost of
	1291.35