

# Operations Management I

## Inventory Management (4)

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# Inventory Management

## Stochastic Inventory Models

- Overview
- Continuous Review Models
- Periodic Review Model

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# Inventory Management

## ◆ Stochastic Inventory Models

### Overview (1)

- Stochastic elements in inventory systems
  - ✓ Stochastic demand ←----- Demand is considered to be a random variable.
    - Two basic approaches
      - Model demand as if it were deterministic, and modify the solution to account for randomness
        - ←----- appropriate when planning horizon is long
      - Explicitly represent randomness in the model
  - ✓ Stochastic lead time ←----- Lead time is considered to be a random variable.
    - Model lead time considering randomness

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## ◆ Stochastic Inventory Models

### Overview (2)

- Models – Overview
  - ✓ Single-period model
    - News boy problem ◀----- ordering quantity
  - ✓ Multi-period models
    - Continuous review models
      - Base stock model ◀----- reorder point
      - (Q, r) model ◀----- ordering quantity and reorder point (approximation)
    - Periodic review model
      - (R, T) model (order up to R policy)

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### Single-Period Model – Newsboy Problem (1)

- Example (Manufacturer of Christmas lights)
  - ✓ Demand is somewhat unpredictable and occurs in such a short burst prior to Christmas.
  - ✓ If inventory is not on the shelves, sales are lost. The cost of collecting unsold inventory and holding it until next year is too high to make year-to-year storage an attractive option. Instead, any unsold sets of lights are sold after Christmas at a steep discount.



#### Key question

- ✓ How many lights to produce must be made prior to the holiday season?
  - ◀----- One replenishment (order quantity)
  - ◀----- Related information to consider
    - Anticipated demand
    - Cost of producing (ordering) too much (overage cost)
    - Cost of producing (ordering) too little (shortage cost)

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### Single-Period Model – Newsboy Problem (2)

- Problem description

- ✓ Situation

A news vendor purchase newspapers at the beginning of the day, sells a random amount, and then must discard any leftovers

- ✓ Assumptions

- Products are separable. ◀----- single product type
    - Planning is done for a single period. (Neglect future periods)
    - Demand is random. ◀----- random variable with known probability distribution
    - Deliveries are made in advance of demand. ◀----- All stock ordered or produced is available to meet demand.
    - Costs of shortage and leftover are linear.



- ✓ Decision variable

Order quantity ◀----- No constraint on the amount of purchase

- ✓ Objective

Minimizing the sum of underage (shortage) and overage (leftover) costs

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### Single-Period Model – Newsboy Problem (3)

- Expected total cost

#### ✓ Expected units over

Number of units of overage if  $Q$  units are on hand at the beginning of the period

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \max\{Q - x, 0\} g(x) dx &\leftarrow \text{Units over} = \max\{0, Q - X\} \\ &= \int_0^Q (Q - x) g(x) dx \\ &= \begin{cases} Q - X, & \text{if } Q \geq X \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

#### ✓ Expected units short

Number of units of shortage if  $Q$  units are on hand at the beginning of the period

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \max\{x - Q, 0\} g(x) dx &\leftarrow \text{Units short} = \max\{0, X - Q\} \\ &= \int_Q^{\infty} (x - Q) g(x) dx \\ &= \begin{cases} X - Q, & \text{if } X \geq Q \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$Y(Q) = \underbrace{c_o \int_0^Q (Q - x) g(x) dx}_{\text{Expected overage cost}} + \underbrace{c_s \int_Q^{\infty} (x - Q) g(x) dx}_{\text{expected shortage cost}}$$

## Parameters

$E(X) = \mu$	$\rightarrow$	$X$	demand (in units) during a period, a random variable
$Var(X) = \sigma^2$		$G(x)$	$= P(X \leq x)$ cumulative distribution function of demand (continuous or discrete)
		$g(x)$	density function of demand, $g(x) = dG(x)/dx$
		$c_o$	cost per unit leftover after demand is realized (overage) (\$/unit)
		$c_s$	cost per unit of shortage (\$/unit)

## Decision variable

$Q$  order quantity

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### Single-Period Model – Newsboy Problem (4)

- Optimal solution

Find the value of Q that minimizes the expected total cost Y(Q)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dY(Q)}{dQ} &= c_0 \cdot \int_0^Q 1 \cdot g(x) dx + c_s \int_Q^\infty (-1) \cdot g(x) dx \\ &= c_0 \cdot G(Q) - c_s \cdot [1 - G(Q)] = 0\end{aligned}$$

✓ Convexity

$$\frac{d^2Y(Q)}{dQ^2} = c_0 \cdot g(Q) - c_s \cdot (-g(Q)) = c_0 \cdot g(Q) + c_s \cdot g(Q) > 0$$

$$G(Q^*) = \frac{c_s}{c_0 + c_s}$$

Q\* should be chosen such that the probability of having enough stock to meet demand is  $c_s / (c_0 + c_s)$ .

$$Y(Q) = c_o \int_0^Q (Q - x) g(x) dx + c_s \int_Q^\infty (x - Q) g(x) dx$$

Leibnitz's rule

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{\partial}{\partial Q} \int_{a_1(Q)}^{a_2(Q)} f(x, Q) dx \\ &= \int_{a_1(Q)}^{a_2(Q)} \frac{\partial}{\partial Q} [f(x, Q)] dx + f(a_2(Q), Q) \frac{da_2(Q)}{dQ} - f(a_1(Q), Q) \frac{da_1(Q)}{dQ}\end{aligned}$$



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### Single-Period Model – Newsboy Problem (5)

- Optimal solution

$$G(Q^*) = \frac{c_s}{c_0 + c_s}$$

✓ When  $G$  is normal distribution

$$G(Q^*) = \Phi\left(\frac{Q^* - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \frac{c_s}{c_0 + c_s}$$

cumulative distribution function of the standard normal distribution

$$\frac{Q^* - \mu}{\sigma} = z \quad \longrightarrow \quad Q^* = \mu + z \cdot \sigma$$

$z$  is the value in the standard normal table for which  $\Phi(z) = c_s / (c_0 + c_s)$ .

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### Single-Period Model – Newsboy Problem (6)

- Example (Manufacturer of Christmas lights)
  - ✓ Suppose that a set of lights costs \$1 to make and distribute and sells for \$2.
  - ✓ Any sets not sold by Christmas will be discounted to \$0.5.
  - ✓ Suppose that demand has been forecasted to be 10,000 units with a standard deviation of 1,000 units and normal distribution is a reasonable representation of demand.

#### Solution

- ✓ Unit overage cost  $c_o = \$1 - 0.5 = \$0.5$
- ✓ Unit shortage cost  $c_s = \$2 - 1 = \$1$

$$G(Q^*) = \frac{c_s}{c_o + c_s} = \frac{1}{0.5 + 1} \approx 0.67$$

$$\Phi(0.44) = 0.67$$

$$\text{-----} \rightarrow Q^* = \mu + z \cdot \sigma = 10000 + (0.44)1000 = 10440$$

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### Single-Period Model – Newsboy Problem (7)

- Insights

- ✓ In an environment of uncertain demand, the appropriate production or order quantity depends on both the distribution of demand and the relative costs of overproducing versus underproducing

← 
$$G(Q^*) = \frac{c_s}{c_0 + c_s}$$

- ✓ If demand is normally distributed, then increasing the variability (standard deviation) of demand will

- increase the production or order quantity if  $c_s / (c_0 + c_s) > 0.5$  and
- decrease the production or order quantity if  $c_s / (c_0 + c_s) < 0.5$

← 
$$\frac{c_s}{c_0 + c_s} > 0.5 \rightarrow z > 0 \rightarrow Q^* = \mu + z \cdot \sigma \uparrow \text{ as } \sigma \text{ increases}$$

$$\frac{c_s}{c_0 + c_s} < 0.5 \rightarrow z < 0 \rightarrow Q^* = \mu + z \cdot \sigma \downarrow \text{ as } \sigma \text{ increases}$$

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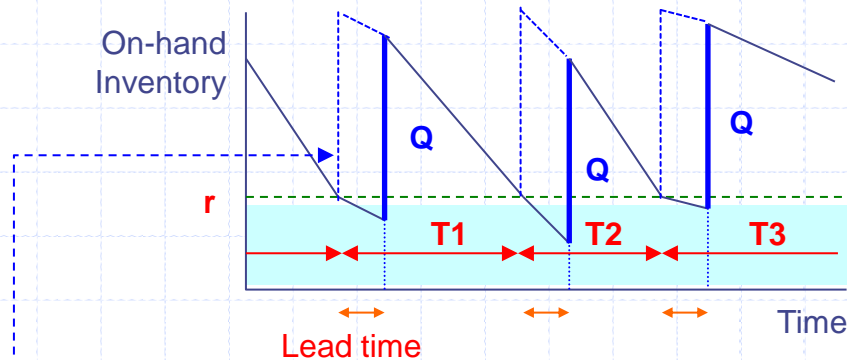
## Stochastic Inventory Models

### Continuous Review Models (1)

- Overview

Tracks the remaining inventory of an item each time a withdrawal is made to determine whether it is time to order

- ✓ Reorder point (ROP) system
- ✓ Fixed order quantity system



Inventory position  
= net inventory + replenishment orders  
= (on-hand inventory – backorders) + replenishment orders

↑  
physical inventory in stock  
(always positive)

- ✓ Method

Order the fixed quantity ( $Q$ ) if the inventory level reaches the reorder point ( $r$ )

- ✓ Decision variables:  $Q$  and  $r$

- Models

- ✓ Base stock Model ( $Q = 1$ )
- ✓ ( $Q, r$ ) Model ( $Q > 1$ )

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## ◆ Stochastic Inventory Models

### Continuous Review Models (1)

- Base stock model

- ✓ Example (refrigerator store)

- Because space is limited and the manufacturer makes frequent deliveries, the store finds it practical to order replacement refrigerators each time one is sold.

- ←---- A system that places purchase orders automatically whenever a sale is made. (no ordering (setup) cost)

- But because the manufacturer is slow to fill replenishment orders, the store must carry some stock in order to meet customer demands promptly.

- ←---- Replenishment lead time  $> 0$



Key question

- ✓ How much stock to carry?

- ←---- Base-stock system  
(Special case of  $(Q, r)$  model ( $Q = 1$ ))

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## ◆ Stochastic Inventory Models

### Continuous Review Models (2)

- Base stock model

- ✓ Assumptions

- A system that places purchase orders automatically whenever a sale is made. ←--- No ordering (setup) cost
- Products can be analyzed individually. ←----- single product type
- Demand is uncertain and occurs one at a time
- Unfilled demand is backordered.
- Replenishment lead times are fixed and known. } ←--- Backorder may occur during lead time



- ✓ Problem description

- Decision variable

Number of stocks to carry  
(base stock level in terms of inventory position)

- Objective

Minimizing the sum of inventory and backorder costs

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## Stochastic Inventory Models

### Continuous Review Models (3)

- Base stock model

- ✓ Notation

$l$  replenishment lead time (constant)

$X$  demand during the replenishment lead time (random variable)

←  $g(x) = P\{X = x\}$  probability density function (of demand during lead time)

$G(x) = P(X \leq x)$  cumulative distribution function

$\theta = E(X)$  average demand during lead time

$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X)$  variance of demand during lead time

$h$  cost to carry one unit of inventory for one year (\$/unit-year)

$b$  cost to carry one unit of backorder for one year (\$/unit-year)

$r$  reorder point (units), inventory level that triggers a replenishment order

- ✓ Decision variables

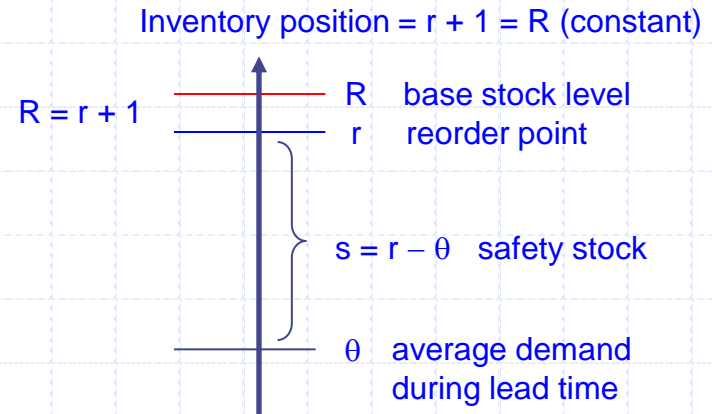
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R \\ s \end{array} \right.$ 
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{base stock level (units), } R = r + 1 \\ \text{safety stock level (units), } s = r - \theta \end{array} \right.$

Inventory position  
(not on-hand inventory)

How much stock to carry?

Finding the reorder point  $r$

- Finding the optimal base stock level  $R (= r + 1)$
- Finding safety stock level  $s = r - \theta$



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### Continuous Review Models (4)

- Base stock model

#### ✓ Approach 1

Specify the desired customer service level (fill rate) and find the smallest reorder point that attains it

#### ➤ Service level (= fill rate)

Fraction of demand that will be filled from stock

$$S(r) = 1 - P(X \geq r+1) = P(X \leq r+1) = G(r+1)$$

X demand during the replenishment lead time (continuous random variable)

Because the lead-time is a constant, all the other  $R - 1$  items either in inventory or on order will be available to fill new demand before the order under consideration arrives.

If demand is normally distributed,

$$S(r) = G(r+1) = \Phi\left(\frac{r+1-\theta}{\sigma}\right)$$

Cumulative distribution function of the standard normal distribution

**Step 1.** Set the service level  $S(r)$

**Step 2.** Obtain the reorder point  $r$

- Base stock level  $R = r + 1$
- Safety stock  $s = r - \theta$



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### Continuous Review Models (5)

- Base stock model

#### ✓ Approach 1

#### ➤ Example

- Average demand for the refrigerator = 10 units/month.
- Replenishment lead time = one month

←--- Demand during lead time ~ Poisson distribution

Solution

$$\sigma = \sqrt{10} \approx 3.16$$

- ✓ Fill rate  $\geq 0.9$

$$S(13) = G(14) = \Phi\left(\frac{14-10}{3.16}\right) = \Phi(1.26) = 0.896$$

$$S(14) = G(15) = \Phi\left(\frac{15-10}{3.16}\right) = \Phi(1.58) = 0.942 > 0.9$$

---->  $r = 14$

- Base stock level (R) =  $r + 1 = 14 + 1 = 15$
- Safety stock level (s) =  $r - \theta = 14 - 10 = 4$

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## Stochastic Inventory Models

### Continuous Review Models (6)

- Base stock model
- ✓ Approach 2

Formulate a cost function and find the reorder point that minimizes the cost function (under a base stock policy)

➤ Total cost = inventory holding cost + backorder cost

#### Backorder level

Backorder level when the number of orders is  $x$

$$\text{Backorder level} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < r+1 \\ x - r - 1 & \text{if } x \geq r+1 \end{cases}$$

number of orders at any time  
= number of demands during the lead time

Expected backorder level

$$\begin{aligned} B(r) &= \int_{r+1}^{\infty} (x - r - 1)g(x)dx \\ &= \int_r^{\infty} (x - r)g(x)dx \end{aligned}$$

#### On-hand inventory level

on-hand inventory – backorders =  $r + 1 - X$

Expected on-hand inventory level

$$I(r) = r + 1 - \theta + B(r)$$

✓ If demand is normally distributed,

$$B(r) = (\theta - r) \cdot [1 - \Phi(z)] + \sigma \cdot \Phi(z)$$

$$z = \frac{r - \theta}{\sigma}$$

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## Stochastic Inventory Models

### Continuous Review Models (7)

- Base stock model

#### ✓ Approach 2

#### ➤ Total cost function

$$\begin{aligned} Y(r) &= h \cdot I(r) + b \cdot B(r) \\ &= h \cdot (r + 1 - \theta + B(r)) + b \cdot B(r) \\ &= h \cdot (r + 1 - \theta) + (b + h) \cdot B(r) \end{aligned}$$

➡ Optimal reorder point

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dY(r)}{dr} &= h + (h + b) \cdot \frac{dB(r)}{dr} \\ &= h - (h + b) \cdot [1 - G(r + 1)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$G(r^* + 1) = \frac{b}{b + h}$$

### Leibnitz's rule

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial}{\partial Q} \int_{a_1(Q)}^{a_2(Q)} f(x, Q) dx \\ &= \int_{a_1(Q)}^{a_2(Q)} \frac{\partial}{\partial Q} [f(x, Q)] dx + f(a_2(Q), Q) \frac{da_2(Q)}{dQ} - f(a_1(Q), Q) \frac{da_1(Q)}{dQ} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dB(r)}{dr} &= \frac{d}{dr} \int_{r+1}^{\infty} (x - r - 1) g(x) dx \\ &= - \int_{r+1}^{\infty} g(x) dx = -[1 - G(r + 1)] \end{aligned}$$

If demand is normally distributed,

$$\begin{aligned} r^* + 1 &= \theta + z \cdot \sigma \\ \Phi(z) &= \frac{b}{b + h} \end{aligned}$$

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### Continuous Review Models (8)

- Base stock model

#### ✓ Approach 2

#### ➤ Example

- Average demand for the refrigerator = 10 units/month.
- Replenishment lead time = one month
  - ←---- Demand during lead time (X) ~ normal with  $\theta = 10$  and  $\sigma = 3.16$
- Inventory holding cost (h) = 15 \$/unit-month
- Backorder cost (b) = 25 \$/unit-month

#### Solution

$$G(r^*+1) = \frac{b}{b+h} = \frac{25}{25+15} = 0.625$$

$$\text{----} \rightarrow r^*+1 = \theta + z \cdot \sigma = 10 + 0.32(3.16) = 11.01 \approx 11$$

#### ✓ Fill rate

$$S(10) = G(11) = \Phi\left(\frac{11-10}{3.16}\right) = \Phi(0.316) = 0.62$$

low fill rate due to low backorder cost

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### Continuous Review Models (9)

- Base stock model

#### ✓ Insights

- Reorder points control the probability of stockouts by establishing safety stock.

$$\leftarrow \text{fill rate } (S(r)) = 1 - P(X \geq r+1) = P(X \leq r+1) = G(r+1)$$

$$\text{safety stock level } (s) = r - \theta$$

- The required base stock level that achieves a given fill rate is an increasing function of the mean and standard deviation of the demand during replenishment lead time (provided that unit backorder cost exceeds unit holding cost).

$$\leftarrow R^* = r^* + 1 = \theta + z \cdot \sigma$$

$$b > h \rightarrow \frac{b}{b+h} > 0.5 \rightarrow z > 0$$

- The optimal fill rate is an increasing function of the backorder cost and a decreasing function of the holding cost.

$$\leftarrow S(r^*) = G(r^* + 1)$$

$$G(r^* + 1) = \frac{b}{b+h}$$

If we fix the holding cost, we can use either a service constraint or a backorder cost to determine the appropriate base stock level.

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## Stochastic Inventory Models

### Continuous Review Models (10)

- (Q, r) Model

#### ✓ Method

Order the fixed quantity (Q) if the inventory level reaches the reorder point (r)

←--- Generalization of the base-stock model ( $Q > 1$ )

#### ✓ Models

##### ➤ Backorder cost approach

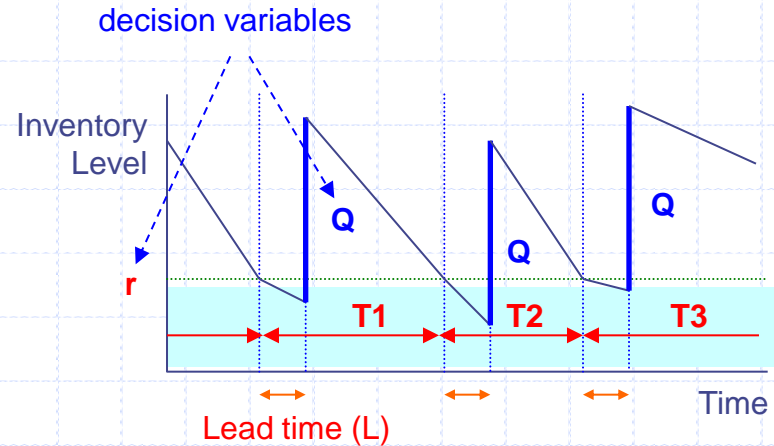
$$\min_{Q, r} \{ \text{fixed setup cost} + \text{backorder cost} + \text{holding cost} \}$$

charge a penalty that is proportional to the length or time a customer order waits to be filled (\$/unit-year)

##### ➤ Stockout cost approach

$$\min_{Q, r} \{ \text{fixed setup cost} + \text{stockout cost} + \text{holding cost} \}$$

charge a cost each time a demand cannot be filled from stock (\$/unit)



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## Stochastic Inventory Models

### Continuous Review Models (11)

- (Q, r) Model
  - ✓ Backorder cost approach – Approximate solution
    - Order quantity (Q) – EOQ

$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2AD}{h}} \quad \leftarrow \text{annual unit holding cost (\$/unit-year)}$$

- Reorder point (r) – Base stock model

$$G(r^*) = \frac{b}{b+h} \quad \leftarrow \text{annual unit backorder cost (\$/unit-year)}$$

$$\rightarrow X \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$$

$$r^* = \theta + z \cdot \sigma \quad \text{--- Safety stock: } s = r^* - \theta$$

$$\Phi(z) = \frac{b}{b+h}$$

- A setup or purchase order cost per replenishment (\$)
- D expected demand per year (in units)
- h cost to carry one unit of inventory for one year (\$/unit-year)
- L replenishment lead time (days) – constant
- X demand during replenishment lead time (random variable)

$$\leftarrow \theta = E(X) = \frac{D \cdot L}{365}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X)$$

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## Stochastic Inventory Models

### Continuous Review Models (12)

- (Q, r) Model
- ✓ Stockout cost approach – Approximate solution
  - Order quantity (Q) – EOQ

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

- Reorder point (r)

$$G(r^*) = \frac{k \cdot D}{k \cdot D + h \cdot Q}$$

cost per stockout (\$/unit)

➔  $X \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$

$$r^* = \theta + z \cdot \sigma$$

Safety stock:  $s = r^* - \theta$

$$\Phi(z) = \frac{k \cdot D}{k \cdot D + h \cdot Q}$$

- A setup or purchase order cost per replenishment (\$)
- D expected demand per year (in units)
- h cost to carry one unit of inventory for one year (\$/unit-year)
- L replenishment lead time (days) – constant
- X demand during replenishment lead time (random variable)

$$\theta = E(X) = \frac{D \cdot L}{365}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X)$$



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### Continuous Review Models (13)

- (Q, r) Model

- ✓ Example

- Solution

- Order quantity

$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2AD}{h}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(15)(14)}{30}} = 3.7 \approx 4$$

- Reorder point

Backorder model  $\frac{b}{b+h} = \frac{100}{100+30} = 0.769$

-----➤  $r^* = \theta + z \cdot \sigma = 1.726 + 0.736 \cdot \sqrt{1.726} = 2.693 \approx 3$

Stockout model  $\frac{k \cdot D}{k \cdot D + h \cdot Q} = \frac{40(14)}{40(14) + 30(4)} = 0.824$

-----➤  $r^* = \theta + z \cdot \sigma = 1.726 + 0.929 \cdot \sqrt{1.726} = 2.946 \approx 3$

- Annual demand (D) = 14 units
- Unit cost of the part (c) = \$150
- Inventory holding cost (h) = 0.2(150) = 30 \$/unit-year (Interest rate (i) = 20 %)
- Replenishment lead time (L) = 45 days  
→ Average demand during a replenishment lead time ( $\theta$ )  
=  $(14/365) \times 45 = 1.726$
- Cost to place a purchase order (A) = \$15
- Backorder cost (b) = 100 (\$/unit-year)
- Cost per stockout event (k) = 40 (\$/unit)

Demand during lead time ~ Poisson distribution

Approximate Poisson by normal

$$X \sim N(1.726, 1.726)$$

←-----  $\Phi(0.736) = 0.769$

←-----  $\Phi(0.929) = 0.824$

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### Continuous Review Models (14)

- (Q, r) Model
  - ✓ Setting reorder point (r) using customer service level

reorder point (r) = average demand during lead time ( $\theta$ ) + safety stock (s)

- Average demand during lead time ( $\theta$ )

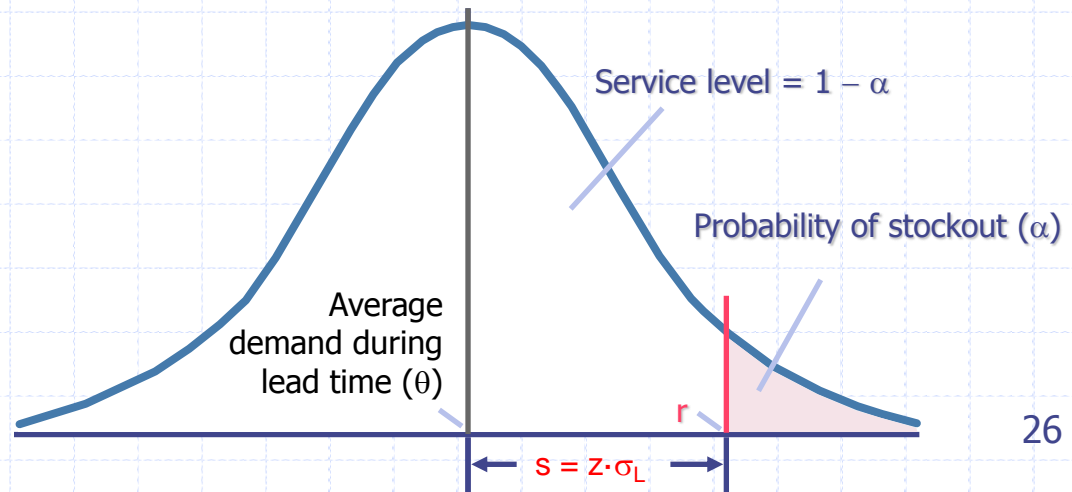
$$\theta = E(X) = \frac{D \cdot L}{365}$$

X demand during replenishment lead time (random variable)  
L replenishment lead time (days) – constant  
D expected demand per year (in units)

- Safety stock (s)

$$s = z \cdot \sigma$$

$$\Phi(z) = 1 - \alpha$$



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### Continuous Review Models (15)

- (Q, r) Model

- ✓ Insights

- Increasing the average annual demand  $D$  tends to increase the order quantity  $Q$ .

←-----  $Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2AD}{h}}$

- Increasing the average demand  $\theta$  during a replenishment lead time tends to increase the reorder point  $r$ .
- Increasing the variability  $\sigma$  of the demand process tends to increase the reorder point  $r$ .

←-----  $r^* = \theta + z \cdot \sigma$  ←-----

- ✓ High demand or long replenishment lead times tend to require more inventory in stock.
- ✓ Highly variable demand process typically requires more safety stock as protection against stockouts than does a very stable demand process.

- Increasing the holding cost  $h$  will tend to decrease both the replenishment quantity  $Q$  and reorder point  $r$ .

←-----  $Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2AD}{h}} \quad G(r^*) = \frac{b}{b+h} \quad G(r^*) = \frac{k \cdot D}{k \cdot D + h \cdot Q}$

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### Continuous Review Models (16)

- (Q, r) Model

- ✓ Modeling lead time variability ←----- fixed lead time → variable lead time

Compute the formula for  $\sigma$  (standard deviation of demand during lead time) that considers the lead time variability  
(Others same as those of the (Q, r) model)

←----- The primary effect of the additional variability is to inflate the standard deviation  $\sigma$  of the demand during the replenishment lead time

- ✓ Demand during the variable lead time (L)

$$X = \sum_{t=1}^L D_t \quad \longrightarrow \quad E[X] = E[L]E[D_t] = l \cdot d = \theta \quad \leftarrow \text{L, } D_t: \text{random variables}$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = E[L] \cdot \text{Var}[D_t] + E[D_t]^2 \cdot \text{Var}[L] = l \cdot \sigma_D^2 + d^2 \cdot \sigma_L^2$$

Formula for  $\sigma$  that considers the lead time variability

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]} = \sqrt{l \cdot \sigma_D^2 + d^2 \cdot \sigma_L^2}$$

When demand is Poisson

$$\sigma = \sqrt{l \cdot d + d^2 \cdot \sigma_L^2} = \sqrt{\theta + \boxed{d^2 \cdot \sigma_L^2}} \quad \text{Additional term compared with the case of constant lead time}$$

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### Continuous Review Models (17)

- (Q, r) Model

#### ✓ Modeling lead time variability

#### ➤ Example (base stock model)

- Demand for refrigerators ~ Poisson with mean 10 per month  
-----➤ Daily demand  $d = 10 / 30 = 1 / 3$
- Holding cost ( $h$ ) = 15
- Backorder cost ( $b$ ) = 25

#### ✓ Optimal base stock level

$$G(r^*+1) = \frac{b}{b+h} = \frac{25}{15+25} = 0.625$$

$\Phi(0.32) = 0.625$

-----➤  $R^* = r^* + 1 = \theta + z \cdot \sigma = \theta + z \cdot \sqrt{\theta + d^2 \cdot \sigma_L^2}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \sigma_L = 0 & \text{-----➤ } R^* = 11.01 \\ \sigma_L = 30 & \text{-----➤ } R^* = 13.34 \end{array}$$

Additional 2.33 units for achieving the same service level in the face of more variable demand

# Inventory Management

## ◆ Stochastic Inventory Models

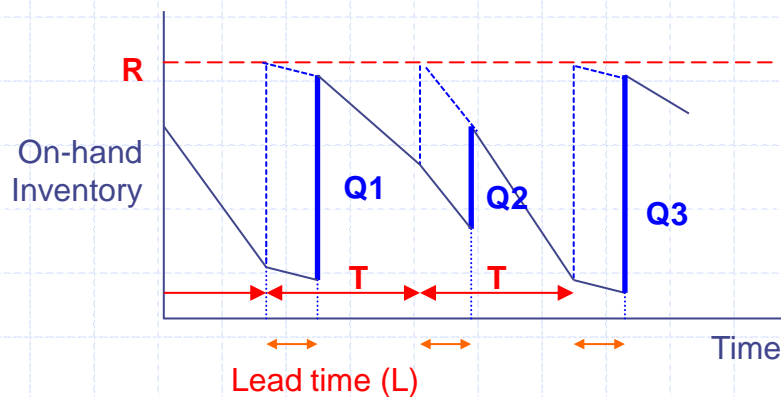
### Periodic Review Model (1)

- (R, T) Model

#### ✓ Method

Tracks the remaining inventory of an item periodically

- Order with the fixed interval  $T$
- Ordering quantity is the difference between the target inventory level  $R$  and the inventory level at the ordering time



✓ Decision variables:  $R$  and  $T$

#### ✓ Characteristics

- Constant ordering cycle
- Variable ordering quantity

# Inventory Management

## Stochastic Inventory Models

### Periodic Review Model (2)

- (R, T) Model
  - ✓ Approximate solution
    - Time between reviews (T) – EOQ

$$T = \frac{Q}{D} = \frac{\sqrt{2AD/h}}{D} = \sqrt{\frac{2A}{hD}}$$

- Target Inventory level (R)

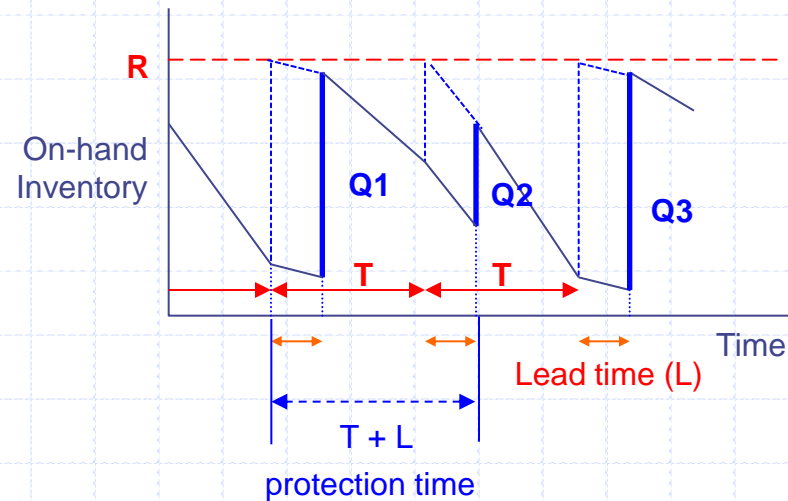
$$R = D \cdot (T + L) + z \cdot \sigma \quad \leftarrow \text{--- safety stock (s)}$$

↑  
average demand during  
protection time (T + L)

$\sigma$  = standard deviation of demand  
during protection time (T + L)

$$\Phi(z) = 1 - \alpha$$

service level



- A setup or purchase order cost per replenishment (\$)
- D expected demand per year (in units)
- h cost to carry one unit of inventory for one year (\$/unit-year)
- L replenishment lead time (days) – constant