

## NON LINEAR OPTIMIZATION

OBJECTIVE AND/OR CONSTRAINTS  
INCLUDE NON LINEARITIES

$$x^2, \frac{1}{x}, \ln(x), e^x, \sin(x) \dots$$

GETS A LOT HARDER  
(SOMETIMES...)

EX EOQ MODEL  
"ECONOMIC ORDER QUANTITY"

INVENTORY MODEL

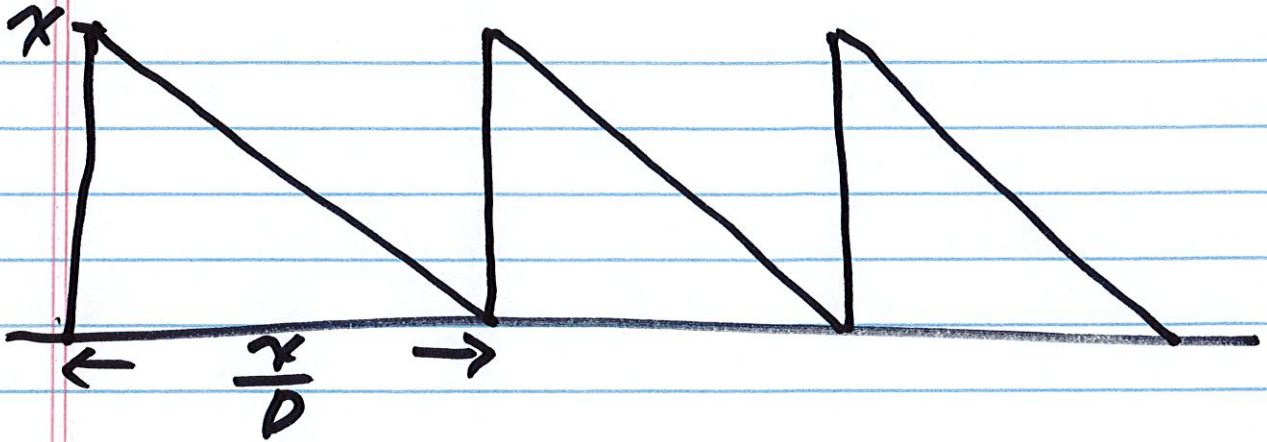
DEMAND RATE D [UNITS/TIME]

ORDER QUANTITY Q

INVENTORY HOLDING COST H

[\$/UNIT-TIME]

FIXED ORDER/PRODUCTION COST C



COST PER CYCLE:  $C + H \frac{x^2}{2D}$

↑  
AVERAGE  
INVENTORY

LENGTH OF CYCLE  $\frac{x}{D}$

$$\frac{\text{AVG COST}}{\text{TIME}} = \frac{C + H \frac{x^2}{2D}}{\frac{x}{D}}$$

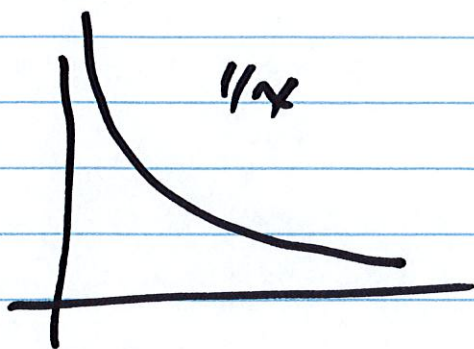
$$= \boxed{\frac{Hx}{2} + \frac{CD}{x}}$$

LINEAR

WANT TO  
MINIMIZE

NON  
LINEAR





CONSIDER  $D = 4000/\text{YR}$   
 $H = \$20$   
 $C = \$100$

$\Rightarrow$  EXCEL SOLVER USING GRG

NOTE: USING CALCULUS, CAN  
 SHOW THAT OPT ORDER  
 QUANTITY IS

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{2CD}{H}}$$

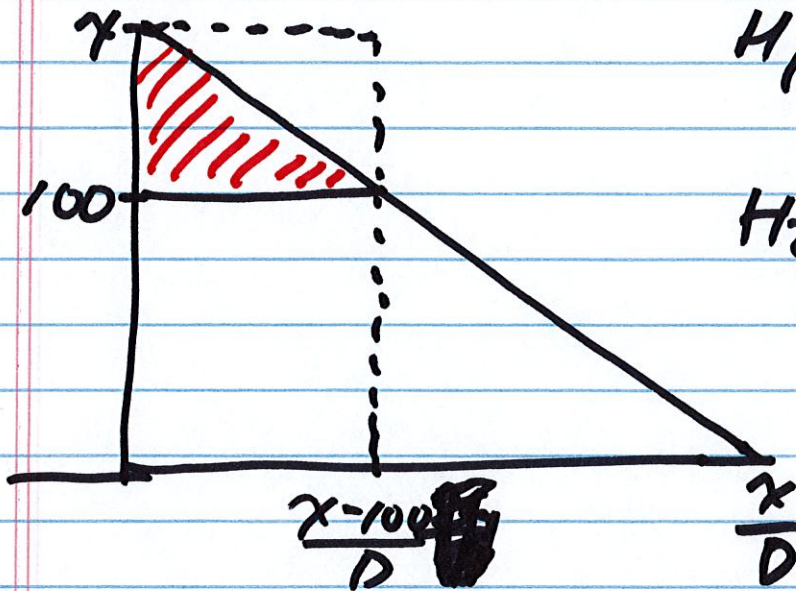
$$= \sqrt{\frac{2(100)4000}{20}}$$

$$= 200 \quad \checkmark$$

"20 TURNS PER YEAR"

SLIGHTLY MORE COMPLICATED:

ASSUME ADDITIONAL CHARGE  
FOR INVENTORY ABOVE 100



$H_1$ : ORIGINAL  
CHARGE

$H_2$ : EXTRA  
CHARGE

ASSUMING  $x > 100$ , COST PER  
CYCLE IS NOW

$$H_1 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2D} \right] + H_2 \left[ \frac{(x-100)^2}{2D} \right] + C$$

$$H_1 \frac{x^2}{2D} + H_2 \left[ \frac{x^2 - 200x + 10000}{2D} \right] + C$$

TO GET LONG-RUN AVE COST,  
DIVIDE BY  $\frac{x}{D}$



ALGORITHM ...

$$(H_1 + H_2) \frac{x}{2} + \frac{5000H_2 + CD}{x} - 100H_2$$

[SANITY CHECK:  $H_2 = 0$  GIVES  
COST FOR ORIGINAL EOQ  
MODEL]

EX:  $D = 4000$

$C = 100$

$H_1 = 20$

$H_2 = \underline{10}$  [FOR INVENTORY  
ABOVE 100]

COMPARE ORIGINAL MODEL  
WITH  $x \leq 100$  COST = 5000

TO NEW MODEL WITH  $x \geq 100$

COST = 4196  
( $x \approx 173$ )

WHAT CAN GO WRONG?

- EQQ (AND MORE ELABORATE  
VERSION)

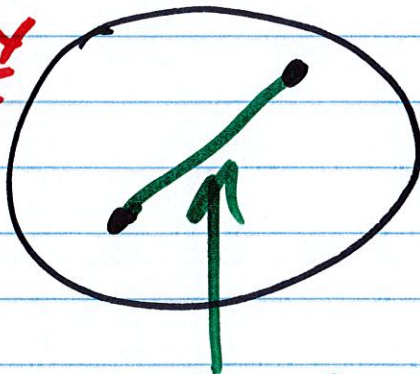
SOLVED FINE

- $\text{MAX } (x-1)^2$  TRIVIAL

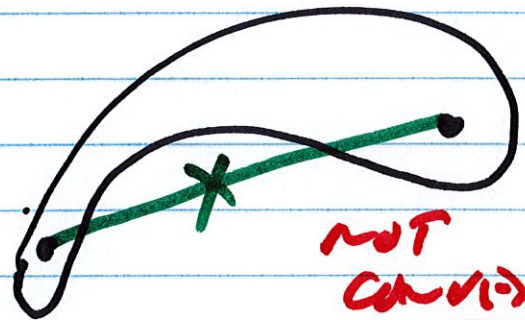
ISSUE IS CONVEXITY

FOR FEASIBLE REGION:

CONVEX



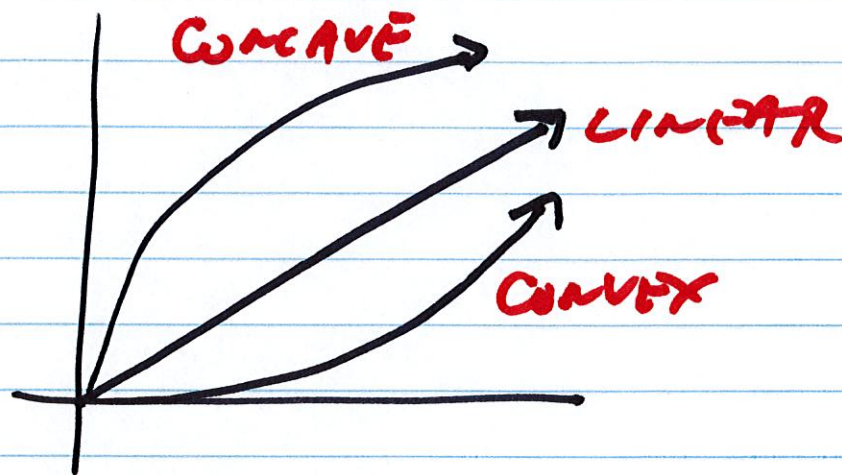
LINE SEGMENT  
CONNECTING TWO  
FEASIBLE POINTS  
IS FEASIBLE



NOT  
CONVEX



ONE VARIABLE...



TO GET CONVEX FEASIBLE REGION,  
WANT "THE FUNCTION  $f$ "

$f(x) \leq b$  WITH  $f(\cdot)$  CONVEX ✓

AND/OR  $f(x) \geq b$  WITH  $f(\cdot)$  CONCAVE ✓

AND/OR  $f(x) = b$  WITH  $f(\cdot)$  LINEAR ✓  
(ONE VARIABLE WITH MULTIPLE VARIABLES)

BUT IF  $f(\cdot)$  IS CONCAVE AND  
CONSTRAINT IS

$f(x) \leq b$  TRUE

FOR MULTIPLE VARIABLES, MAY  
BE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE  
CONVEXITY/CONCAVITY. BUT MANY  
KNOWN SPECIAL CASES



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FOR OBJECTIVE WANT TO  
ENTER

min  $f(x)$ ,  $f(\cdot)$  CONVEX  
OR MAX  $f(x)$ ,  $f(\cdot)$  CONCAVE

EQ

$$\frac{Hx}{2} + \frac{CD}{x}$$

↑  
LINEAR ✓

CONVEX ✓

OTHER EXAMPLE

(MAX)  $(x-1)^2$

CONVEX ✓

$$0 \leq x \leq 5$$



CONVEX,  
BUT OPT  
IS MAX