

Given these historical price and demand data points:

`{data_points}`

With a unit cost =  $\{cost:.2f\}$ , conduct a comprehensive and meticulous analysis to determine the profit-maximizing price. Perform the below steps to obtain the best mathematical model to approximate demand as a function of price.

1. Data Examination and Model Selection:

- Conduct some analysis on the price-demand data to understand overall trends and variability in the data.
- Consider multiple candidate models for representing demand as a function of price, such as:
  - \* Parametric functions: linear, log-linear, log-log, and logistic functions
  - \* Non-parametric or machine learning methods: random forests and gradient boosted trees.
- For each candidate model:
  - \* Fit the demand as a function of price.
  - \* Report goodness-of-fit metrics (e.g.,  $R^2$  and other relevant accuracy measures).
  - \* Perform residual analysis to check if any systematic patterns remain in the errors.
  - \* Use additional metrics like Mean Squared Error (MSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and other relevant metrics to assess predictive performance.
- Compare all tested models based on these quantitative metrics and residual analyses:
  - \* Identify which model has the highest accuracy and the most random residual distribution (no unmodeled patterns).
  - \* Provide a clear, numeric justification for why the chosen model is superior
- Select the single best-fitting model based on this process.

2. Demand Function and Profit Equation:

- Once you have chosen the best model, define the profit function:  $Profit = (Price - \{cost:.2f\}) \times Demand$ .

3. Identifying the Profit-Maximizing Price:

- If the chosen model allows a direct analytical approach, show the step-by-step algebraic or computational reasoning that leads you to the optimal price.
- If no direct analytical solution is feasible, use a numeric or search-based method:
  - \* Clearly describe the numeric approach adopted (e.g. Gradient descent (or any other variation of it), Newton's Method, etc.).
- Determine the price  $P$  that results in the highest profit.
  - \* Show profit values at all the candidate price(s).
  - \* Identify the price at which profit is highest compared to all tested alternatives.
- Thoroughly verify that this identified price is a global maximum.
- Maintain maximum precision in all numeric steps.

4. Detailed Arithmetic and Verification:

- Include a verification checklist, for example:
  - \* Have you documented all model parameters and computations fully?
  - \* Did you confirm that no other tested prices yield higher profit?
  - \* Have you demonstrated that the chosen price corresponds to a global maximum scenario?
- Do not adjust or constrain the optimal price based on the observed data range; report it exactly as calculated.
- Do not comment on whether the price is inside or outside the observed data range. Simply provide the computed result.

Return the output in the below JSON format:

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      "explanation": "explain what this calculation represents"
    },
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    "explanation": "explain what this calculation represents"
  },
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  "global_maximum_validation": {
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    "explanation": "explain how these tests confirm the identified global maximum"
  }
},
"reasoning": [
  "A thorough, step-by-step explanation detailing how you selected the best model with rigorous metrics and validation methods, found the maximum profit price, verified it is a global maximum, and ensured every arithmetic step is correct."
]
}

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