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(Solution)

Problem 1.

$Y(t) = a(10)^{bt}$ is not linear. However, a logarithmic transformation will make it linear. Thus,

$$\log[Y(t)] = \log a + bt$$

This is a linear model with intercept $\log[a]$ and slope b . Hence the equation is of the form:

$$Y' = a' + bt \text{ where } Y' = \log[Y(t)] \text{ and } a' = \log a.$$

a' and b can be found from the following normal equations

$$\sum Y' = Na' + b \sum t$$

$$\sum tY' = a' \sum t + b \sum t^2$$

Problem 2.

	t	$Y(t)$	$Y' = \log[Y(t)]$	tY'	t^2
	1	8	0.90	0.90	1
	2	12	1.08	2.16	4
	3	20	1.30	3.90	9
	4	32	1.51	6.04	16
	5	48	1.68	8.40	25
	6	80	1.90	11.40	36
Total	21	200	8.37	32.80	91

Substituting the appropriate values in the normal equations and solving, we get

$$a' = 0.695 \text{ and } b = 0.20$$

Hence, $a = 4.95$.

Therefore the forecasting equation is

$$Y(t) = 4.95(10)^{0.2t}$$

Forecast for period 8

$$Y(8) = 4.95(10)^{0.2 \times 8}$$

$$= 197.06$$

Problem 3.

Year	Quarter				Total
	I	II	III	IV	
1	43	27	10	22	102
2	49	35	14	27	125
3	58	47	14	32	151
4	71	53	18	35	177
5	80	63	22	41	206
Total	301	225	78	157	761
S.I.	1.59	1.17	0.41	0.83	

Assuming linear growth and deseasonalizing the data, we get the following:

Year/Qtr	t	Y	Deseasonalized Y , Y_d	$Y_d t$	t^2
1/I	1	43	27.04	27.04	1
1/II	2	27	23.08	46.15	4
1/III	3	10	24.39	73.17	9
1/IV	4	22	26.51	106.02	16
2/I	5	49	30.82	154.09	25
2/II	6	35	29.91	179.49	36
2/III	7	14	34.15	239.02	49
2/IV	8	27	32.53	260.24	64
3/I	9	58	36.48	328.30	81
3/II	10	47	40.17	401.71	100
3/III	11	14	34.15	375.61	121
3/IV	12	32	38.55	462.65	144
4/I	13	71	44.65	580.50	169
4/II	14	53	45.30	634.19	196
4/III	15	18	43.90	658.54	225
4/IV	16	35	42.17	674.70	256
5/I	17	80	50.31	855.35	289
5/II	18	63	53.85	969.23	324
5/III	19	22	53.63	1019.51	361
5/IV	20	41	49.40	987.95	400
Total	210		761.02	9033.47	2870

Note: Deseasonalized values are calculated by dividing Y values by seasonal indices.

Substituting the above values in the normal equations and solving for a and b , we get

$$a = 21.58, b = 1.57.$$

Hence,

$$Y = 21.58 + 1.51t \quad (\text{origin at quarter 0})$$

The forecast for year 6, quarter I

$$= (21.58 + 1.57 * 21) * 1.59 = 86.73$$

Similarly, the forecast for

$$\text{Year 6, quarter II} = (21.58 + 1.57 * 22) * 1.17 = 65.66$$

$$\text{Year 6, quarter III} = (21.58 + 1.57 * 23) * 0.41 = 23.65$$

$$\text{Year 6, quarter IV} = (21.58 + 1.57 * 24) * 0.83 = 49.19$$

Problem 4.

Given, $d_1 = 0.05$, $d_2 = 0.03$ and $d_3 = 0.07$, the following four configurations are possible:

b_{AB}^*	b_{BC}	System Output	Inventory	Income ^{**}	Profit
0	0	$O_3 = 1 - d_1 - d_2 - d_3$ $+ d_1 d_2 + d_1 d_3 + d_2 d_3$ $- d_1 d_2 d_3$	0	4285	4285
0	1	$O_3 = 1 - d_3$	150	4650	4500 ^{***}
1	0	$O_3 = 1 - d_2 - d_3 + d_2 d_3$	100	4510	4410
1	1	$O_3 = 1 - d_3$	250	4650	4400

* 0 represents that there is no buffer whereas 1 signifies infinite buffer.

** Income is calculated by multiplying O_3 by 1000 and then by 5.

*** This is the optimal scenario.

Problem 5.

Given, $P = \$85/\text{order}$, $i = 25\%/\text{year}$, $I = 0.25 * 200 = \$50/\text{unit-year}$, $C = \$200/\text{unit}$, $D = 3000 \text{ units/year}$ and $W = \$2/\text{unit-month} = \$24/\text{unit-year}$,

$$EOQ_S = \sqrt{\frac{2DP}{I+2W}}$$

Substituting and solving, we get $EOQ_S = 72$ units.

Problem 6.

Here, $TC = C + P/Q + H_S * Q$ and just the inventory cost per unit = $P/Q + H_S * Q$

Therefore, the annual inventory cost

$$= (P/Q + H_S Q)D$$

$$= \left(\frac{P}{Q} + \frac{I+2W}{2D} Q \right) D$$

By substituting, we get the annual inventory cost = \$7068.95

Problem 7.

Ordering Cycle = $Q/D = 72/3000 = 0.024$ year.

Problem 8.

$$EOQ_M = \sqrt{\frac{2DP}{I+W}} = 83$$

Therefore, the annual inventory cost

$$= (P/Q + H_M Q)D$$

$$= \left(\frac{P}{Q} + \frac{I+W}{2D} Q \right) D$$

By substituting, we get the annual inventory cost = \$6143.29

Ordering Cycle = $Q/D = 83/3000 = 0.028$ year.

Problem 9.

Rearrange the list in increasing order of annual usage and divide it into three parts to give the *ABC* classification as follows:

	Item No.	Annual Usage	Cumulative Usage	
C items	12	600	600	7.7%
	6	750	1350	
	9	800	2150	
	15	1200	3350	
	1	1500	4850	
	7	2000	6850	
	3	2200	9050	
	20	2900	11950	
	19	3500	15450	
	17	4000	19450	
B items	5	9600	29050	31.9%
	14	9900	38950	
	16	10200	49150	
	8	11000	60150	
	2	12000	72150	
	11	13000	85150	
	10	15000	100150	
A items	13	42000	142150	60.4%
	4	50000	192150	
	18	61000	253150	