



EM600 - Engineering Economics and Cost Analysis

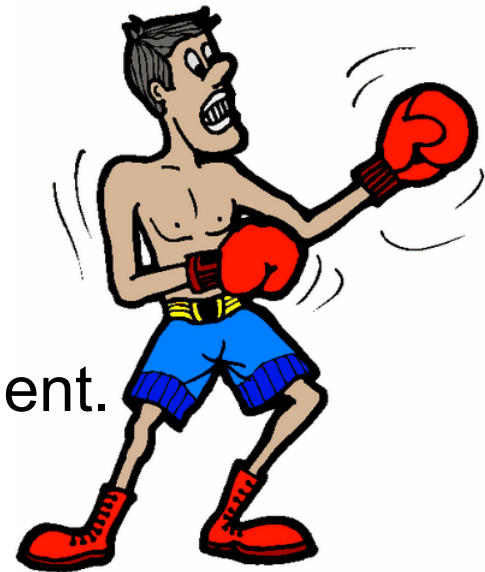
Lecture 09: Retirements and Replacements

- References:
 - Park, Chan S. Contemporary Engineering Economics. New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2006 (Chapter 14)
 - Ganguly, A. Engineering Economics Using Excel. New Jersey: SSE, 2008

After completing this module you should understand the following:

- Basic Concepts and terminologies
- Economic service life
- Replacement analysis under different conditions
- Replacement Analysis with Tax Considerations (brief overview).

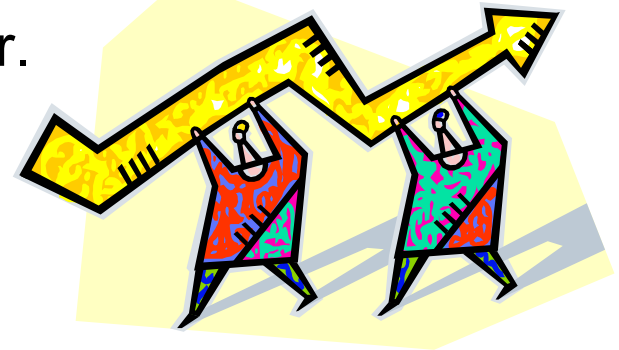
- Basic Concepts and Terminology:
 - Replacement Projects:
 - Decision problems involving the replacement of existing obsolete or worn-out assets.
 - When should existing equipment be replaced with more efficient equipment?
 - Defender:
 - Existing machine or system.
 - Challenger:
 - Best available replacement equipment.



- Basic Concepts and Terminology:
 - Current Market Value:
 - selling price of the defender in the market place.
 - Trade-in Allowance:
 - value offered by the vendor to reduce the price of a new equipment.
 - Note:
 - The current market value and the trade-in allowance typically differ.

- Basic Concepts and Terminology:
 - Sunk Costs:
 - Any past cost that is unaffected by any future investment decision.
 - Costs that have already been incurred and which cannot be recovered to any significant degree.
 - Should NOT be considered when making economic decisions.
 - Economic decisions should be based on the best possible FUTURE results.

- Basic Concepts and Terminology:
 - Operating Costs:
 - Recurring costs needed to run any business and can be broken down by division, group, system, equipment components, . . . etc.
 - Includes repair and maintenance; operator wages; material costs; energy costs; . . . etc.
 - Replacement decisions can be based on increasing operating costs over time.
 - The same operating costs must be included for both the defender and the challenger.

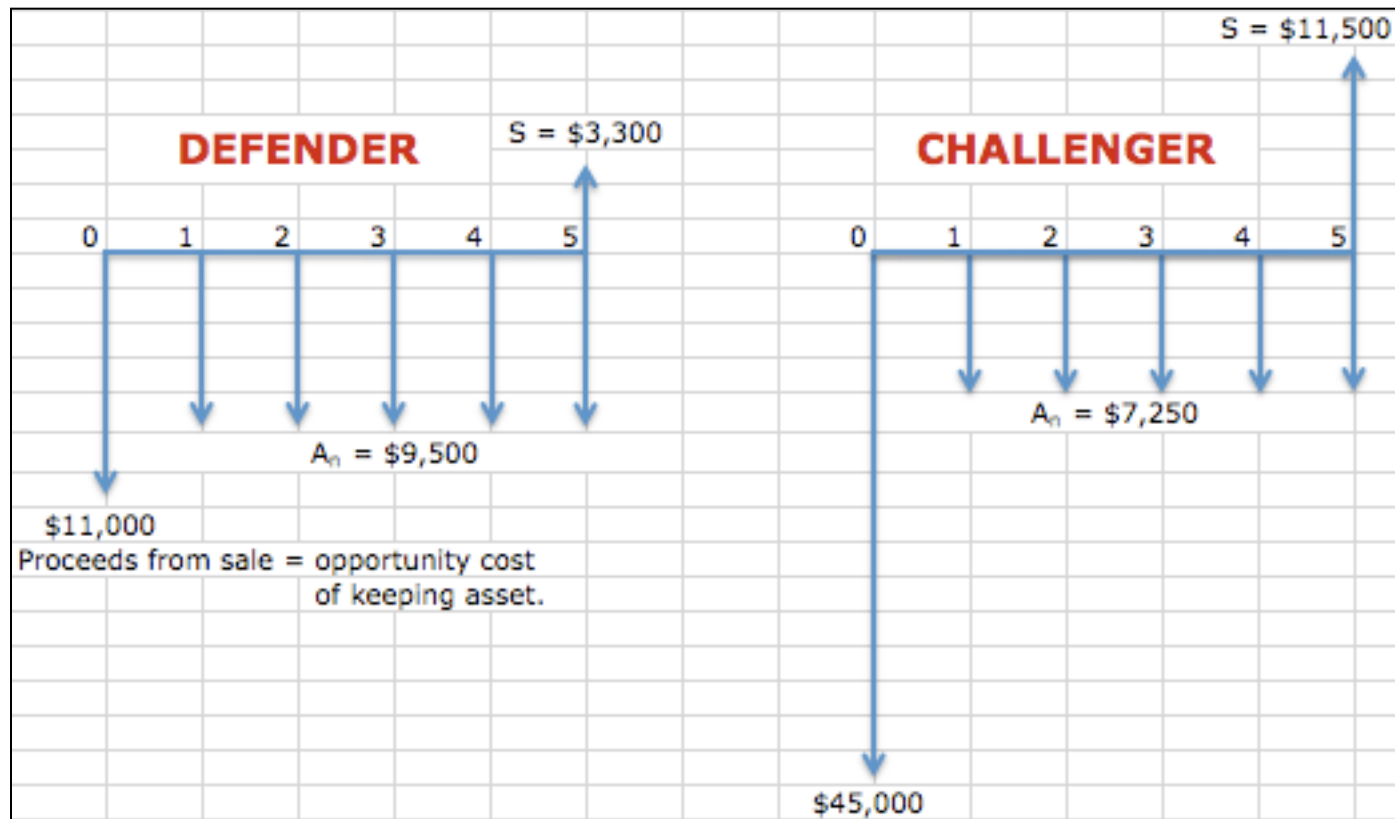


- **Basic Concepts and Terminology:**
 - **Cash Flow Approach:**
 - Treat the proceeds from sale of the old machine as down payment toward purchasing the new machine.
 - This approach is meaningful when both the defender and challenger have the same service life
 - **Opportunity Cost Approach:**
 - Keeping the defender means the potential sales receipt is forgone.
 - Treat the proceeds from sale of the old machine as the investment required to keep the old machine.
 - This approach is more commonly practiced in replacement analysis.

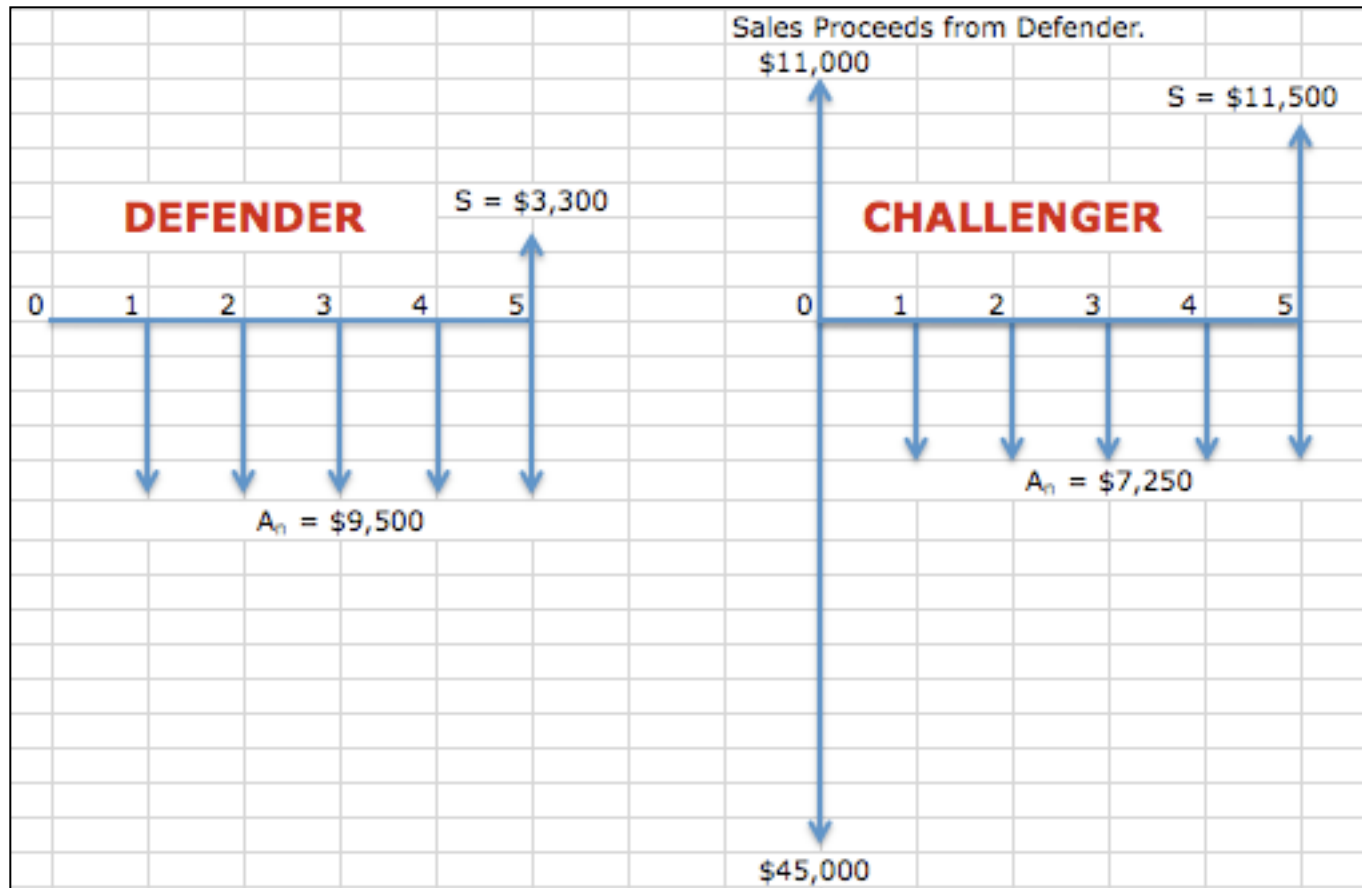
- Basic Concepts and Terminology:
 - Consider the following situation:
 - Defender:
 - Current Market Value = \$11,000
 - Useful Life = additional 5 years
 - Operating Costs = \$9,500
 - Salvage Value = \$3,300
 - Challenger:
 - Purchase Cost = \$45,000
 - Useful Life = 5 years
 - Operating Costs = \$7,250
 - Salvage Value = \$11,500
 - Compare the opportunity cost approach and cash flow approach using cash flow diagrams.



- Basic Concepts and Terminology:
 - Opportunity Cost Approach:



- Basic Concepts and Terminology:
 - Cash Flow Approach:



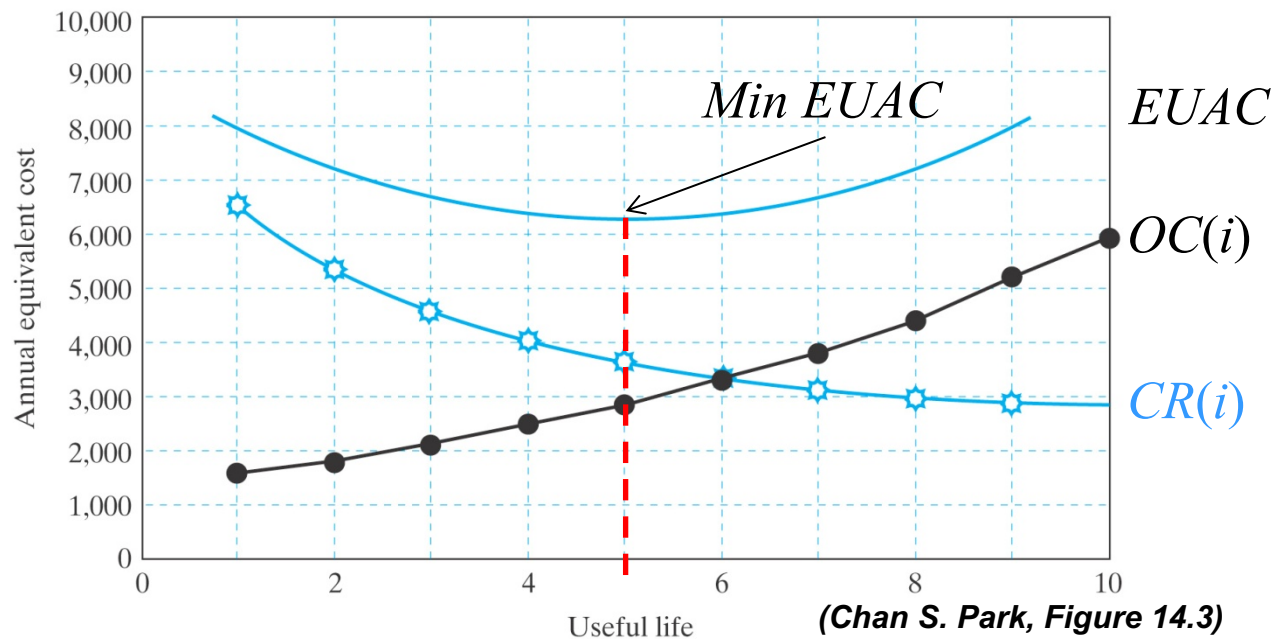
- Economic Service Life:
 - Definition: (Chan S. Park)
 - *The remaining useful life of an asset that results in the minimum annual equivalent cost.*
 - Costs to be considered: (Ref: Lecture 3)
 - Capital Recovery Costs
 - Initial investment, I
 - » Defender = Opportunity Cost
 - » Challenger = Purchase Cost
 - Salvage value, S
 - Operating Costs
 - Includes repair and maintenance; operator wages; material costs; energy costs; . . . etc

- Economic Service Life:
 - Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost (EUAC)
 - Capitalized Recovery Costs, $CR(i)$
 - typically a decreasing function of N i.e. the longer the asset is kept, the lower the capital recovery cost
 - $CR(i) = I(A/P, i, N) - S(A/F, i, N)$
 $CR(i) = (I - S)(A/P, i, N) + iS$
 - Operating Costs, $OC(i)$
 - typically an increasing function of N i.e. the longer the asset is kept, the higher the operating cost.
 - $OC(i) = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N OC_n(P/F, i, n) \right) (A/P, i, N)$ where,
 OC_n = the total operating costs in year n of the ownership period

- Economic Service Life:
 - Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost (EUAC)
 - Also known as the Annual Equivalent Cost (AEC).
 - Calculated through the summation of the capital recovery costs $[CR(i)]$ and the operating costs $[OC(i)]$.
 - $EUAC(i) = CR(i) + OC(i)$

- Economic Service Life:
 - Objective:
 - MINIMIZE the Equivalent Uniform Annual Cost (EUAC).
 - 4 Cases:
 - **Case 1:** $CR(i)$ is a decreasing function of N and $OC(i)$ is an increasing function of N
 - **Case 2:** S is constant and equals I , and $OC(i)$ is an increasing function of N
 - **Case 3:** S is $< I$ and decreases with N , and $OC(i)$ is constant
 - **Case 4:** S is constant and equals I , and $OC(i)$ is constant
 - ***Focus point for this class = Case 1***

- Economic Service Life:
 - **Case 1:** $CR(i)$ is a decreasing function of N and $OC(i)$ is an increasing function of N
 - Most typical scenario
 - EUAC will be a convex function of N with a unique minimum point.



- **Economic Service Life:**
 - **Case 2:** S is constant and equals I , and $OC(i)$ is an increasing function of N
 - EUAC is an increasing function of N
 - EUAC therefore is a minimum at $N = 1$
 - Replace the asset as soon as is possible
 - **Case 3:** S is $< I$ and decreases with N , and $OC(i)$ is constant
 - EUAC is an decreasing function of N
 - Delay the replacement of the asset as much as is possible
 - **Case 4:** S is constant and equals I , and $OC(i)$ is constant
 - EUAC will be constant
 - The timing for asset replacement has no economic benefit

- Economic Service Life:
 - Example 1:
 - A drug manufacturer is considering purchasing a conveyance system for to make it easier to transport finished drugs around the factory. The system will cost \$55,000 and have operating costs that start at \$9,000 the first year and increase by 15% year-on-year. The system will have a salvage value of \$41,500 at the end of the first year. The salvage value will decrease at a rate of 20% year-on-year. The system has a maximum life of 7 years. An overhaul is required during the 5th & 7th years at a cost of \$2,500 and \$4,500 to maintain the system.
 - The MARR for this project is 15%.
 - ***Calculate the economic service life of the truck.***
 - ***Show calculations in Excel***

- Economic Service Life:

- Example 1:

- Step 1: Calculate OC_n and S_n for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 7$)

Year	Annual S	Annual OC
0	-	-
1	\$41,500	\$9,000
2	\$33,200	\$10,350
3	\$26,560	\$11,903
4	\$21,248	\$13,688
5	\$16,998	\$18,241
6	\$13,599	\$18,102
7	\$10,879	\$25,318

- Economic Service Life:

- Example 1:

$$CR(i) = I(A/P, i, N) - S(A/F, i, N)$$

- Step 2: Calculate CR(i) for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 7$)

Year	I	(A/P, i, N)	Annual S	(A/F, i, N)	CR(i)
0	\$55,000	-	-	-	-
1		1.1500	\$41,500	1.0000	\$21,750
2		0.6151	\$33,200	0.4651	\$18,389
3		0.4380	\$26,560	0.2880	\$16,441
4		0.3503	\$21,248	0.2003	\$15,011
5		0.2983	\$16,998	0.1483	\$13,886
6		0.2642	\$13,599	0.1142	\$12,978
7		0.2404	\$10,879	0.0904	\$12,239

- Economic Service Life:

- Example 1:

$$OC(i) = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N OC_n(P/F, i, n) \right) (A/P, i, N)$$

- Step 3: Calculate OC(i) for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 7$)

Year	Annual OC	(P/F, i, n)	(A/P, i, N)	OC(i)
0	-	-	-	-
1	\$9,000	0.8696	1.1500	\$9,000
2	\$10,350	0.7561	0.6151	\$9,628
3	\$11,903	0.6575	0.4380	\$10,283
4	\$13,688	0.5718	0.3503	\$10,966
5	\$18,241	0.4972	0.2983	\$12,044
6	\$18,102	0.4323	0.2642	\$12,734
7	\$25,318	0.3759	0.2404	\$13,875

• Economic Service Life:

– Example 1:

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- Step 3: Calculate OC(i) for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 7$)

Year	OC_n	$(P/F, i, n)$	$OC_n(P/F, i, n)$	$\Sigma OC_n(P/F, i, n)$	$(A/P, i, N)$	$OC(i)$
0	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	\$9,000	0.8696	\$7,826	\$7,826	1.1500	\$9,000
2	\$10,350	0.7561	\$7,826	\$15,652	0.6151	\$9,628
3	\$11,903	0.6575	\$7,826	\$23,478	0.4380	\$10,283
4	\$13,688	0.5718	\$7,827	\$31,305	0.3503	\$10,966
5	\$18,241	0.4972	\$9,069	\$40,374	0.2983	\$12,044
6	\$18,102	0.4323	\$7,825	\$48,200	0.2642	\$12,734
7	\$25,318	0.3759	\$9,517	\$57,717	0.2404	\$13,875

- Economic Service Life:

- Example 1:

- Step 4: Calculate EUAC(i) for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 7$)

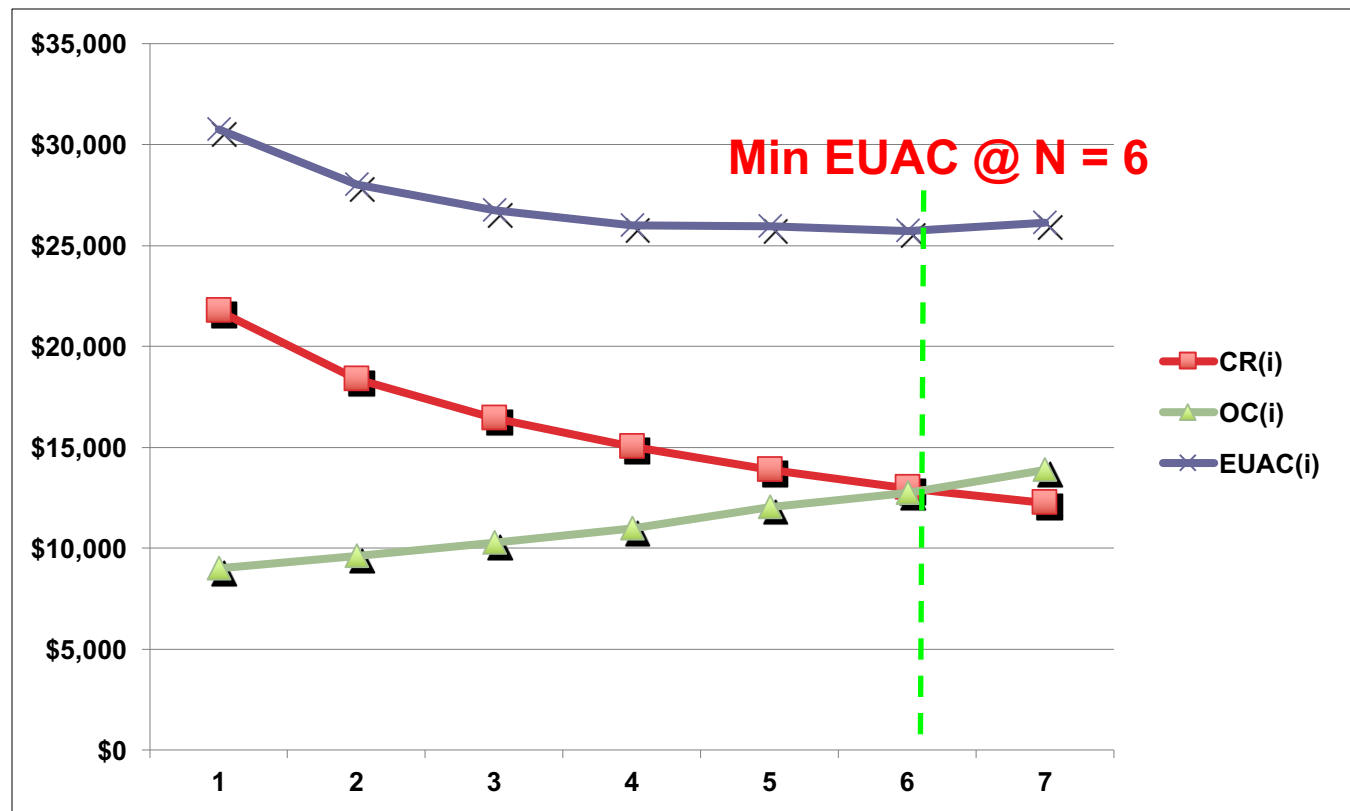
Year	CR(i)	OC(i)	EUAC(i)
0	-	-	-
1	\$21,750	\$9,000	\$30,750
2	\$18,389	\$9,628	\$28,017
3	\$16,441	\$10,283	\$26,724
4	\$15,011	\$10,966	\$25,977
5	\$13,886	\$12,044	\$25,929
6	\$12,978	\$12,734	\$25,712
7	\$12,239	\$13,875	\$26,114

Minimum EUAC if kept for 6 years

- Economic Service Life:

- Example 1:

- Step 5: Plot Results



- Economic Service Life:

- Example 1:

- Step 6: Conclusion

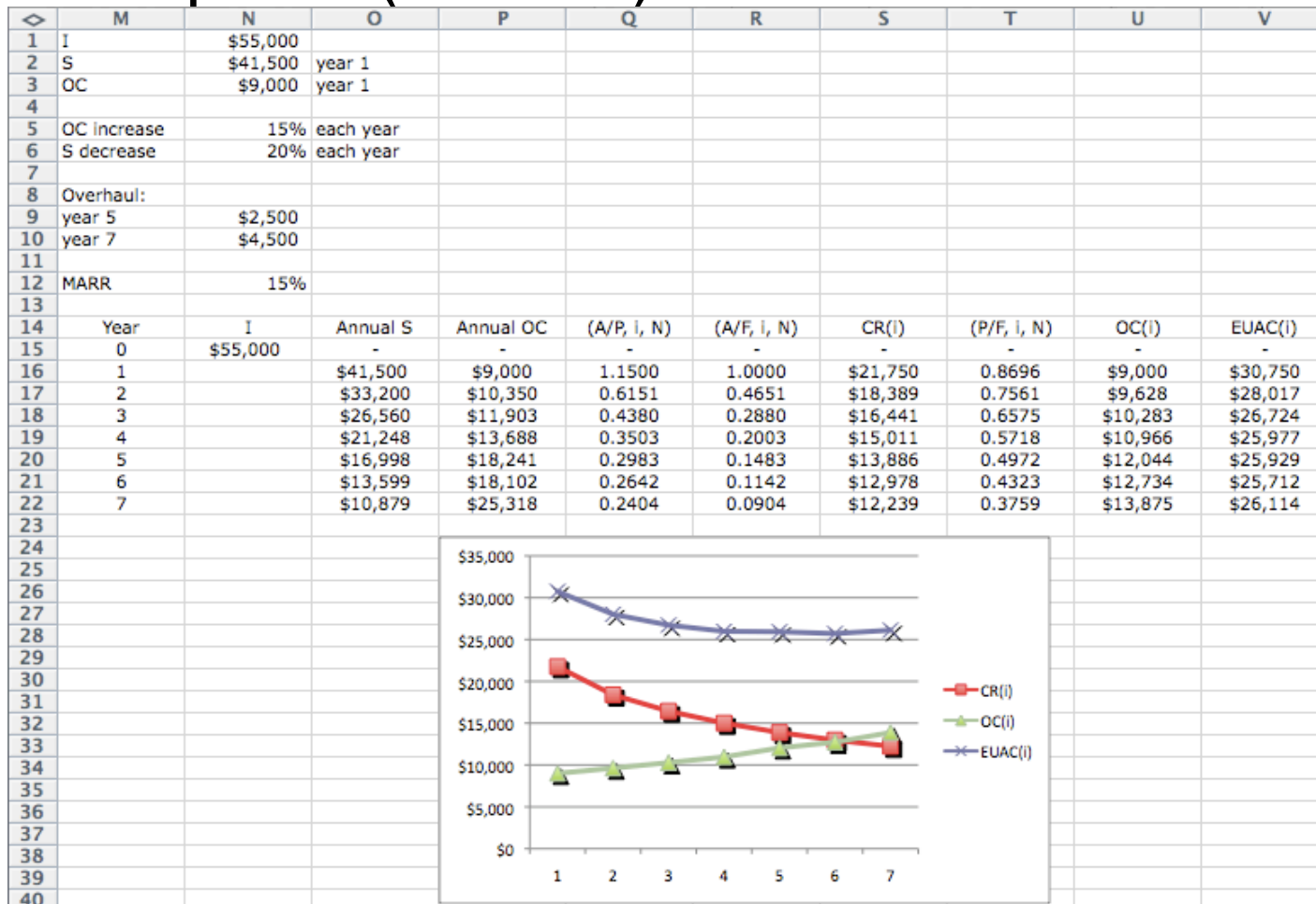
A life span of 6 years results in the lowest annual cost.

The economic service life of the system is therefore 6 years.



N = 6

- Economic Service Life:
 - Example 1: (EXCEL)



- Economic Service Life:
 - Example 1: (EXCEL)

	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
1	I	\$55,000								
2	S	\$41,500	year 1							
3	OC	\$9,000	year 1							
4										
5	OC increase	15%	each year							
6	S decrease	20%	each year							
7										
8	Overhaul:									
9	year 5	\$2,500								
10	year 7	\$4,500								
11										
12	MARR	15%								
13										
14	Year	I	Annual S	Annual OC	(A/P, I, N)	(A/F, I, N)	CR(I)	(P/F, I, N)	OC(I)	EUAC(I)
15	0	\$55,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	1		\$41,500	\$9,000	1.1500	1.0000	\$21,750	0.8696	\$9,000	\$30,750
17	2		\$33,200	\$10,350	0.6151	0.4651	\$18,389	0.7561	\$9,628	\$28,017
18	3		\$26,560	\$11,903	0.4380	0.2880	\$16,441	0.6575	\$10,283	\$26,724
19	4		\$21,248	\$13,688	0.3503	0.2003	\$15,011	0.5718	\$10,966	\$25,977
20	5		\$16,998	\$18,241	0.2983	0.1483	\$13,886	0.4972	\$12,044	\$25,929
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$=O16 - O16 * N\$6$

$=P18 * (1 + N\$5)$

$=P19 * (1 + N\$5) + N9$

$=(P20 - N9) * (1 + N\$5)$

... No overhaul to account for, just apply increase to previous year

... Include Overhaul after applying increase to previous year

... Remove Overhaul from previous year before applying increase

- Economic Service Life:
 - Example 1: (EXCEL)

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	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
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8	Overhaul:									
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11										
12	MARR	15%								
13										
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$$= (P16 * T16 + P17 * T17) * Q17$$

$$= (P16 * T16 + P17 * T17 + P18 * T18 + P19 * T19 + P20 * T20 + P21 * T21) * Q21$$

$$= N\$15 * Q18 - O18 * R18$$

$$= S17 + U17$$

- When should the defender be replaced?
 - Required Assumptions and Decision Frameworks:
 - Planning horizon (study period)
 - Technology
 - Revenue and cost patterns over the life of an asset.
 - Decision Frameworks
 - Decision Criterion

- When should the defender be replaced?
 - Required Assumptions and Decision Frameworks:
 - Planning horizon (study period)
 - Service period required by the defender and a sequence of future challengers.
 - Infinite Planning Horizon
 - » Unable to predict when the project under consideration will be terminated.
 - Finite Planning Horizon
 - » Project has a definite and predictable duration.
 - » A replacement policy can be put in place.

- When should the defender be replaced?
 - Required Assumptions and Decision Frameworks:
 - Technology
 - Refers to the development of new challengers that may replace those under study.
 - Is technological change and obsolescence likely?



- When should the defender be replaced?
 - Required Assumptions and Decision Frameworks:
 - Revenue and cost patterns over the life of an asset.
 - Different ways to predict patterns of cost, revenue and salvage value over the life of an asset.
 - Replacement analysis directed towards
 - » Cost minimization (constant revenue)
 - » Profit maximization (varying revenue)

- When should the defender be replaced?
 - Required Assumptions and Decision Frameworks:
 - Decision Frameworks
 - Details how long the defender will be kept before replacement, and how long each subsequent challenger will be kept before replacement.
 - Decision Criterion
 - The correct replacement time depends on data from both the challenger and the defender.
 - Infinite planning horizon: use annual equivalence
 - Finite planning horizon: use present worth

- Replacement Strategies:
 - Infinite Planning horizon:
 - Replacement problem is not *whether* to replace the defender, but *when* to do so.
 - Defender is always replaced by challenger.
 - Identical challenger (no tech change) or new challenger (tech change) can then replace the challenger repeatedly.
 - Two options:
 - Replace the defender now.
 - Replace the defender x years later.

- Replacement Strategies:
 - Infinite Planning Horizon:
 - Replace the defender now.
 - The cash flows of the challenger estimated today will be used.
 - An identical challenger will be used thereafter if replacement becomes necessary again in the future.
 - Stream of cash flows is equivalent to a cash flow of $EUAC_C^*$ (EUAC of challenger at economic service life, N_C^*) each year for an infinite number of years.
 - Replace the defender x years later.
 - The cash flows of the defender will be used in the first x years.
 - Starting in year $x+1$, the cash flows of the challenger will be used indefinitely thereafter.

- Replacement Strategies:
 - Infinite Planning Horizon
 - Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)
 - Consider the following data for a defender and challenger:

	Defender	Challenger	Year
N	5	5	
Overhaul	\$1,200	-	0
Investment, I	Calculate	\$10,000	0
S	\$5,000	\$6,000	0 / 1
S (decrease)	\$1,000	15%	
OC	\$2,000	\$2,000	1/1
OC (increase)	\$1,500	\$800	
MARR	15%	15%	

- Replacement Strategies:
 - Infinite Planning Horizon
 - Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)
 - Deliverables:
 - » Calculate the economic service life for each option.
 - » Determine when the defender should be replaced.



- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)
 - **DEFENDER:**
 - Step 1: Calculate I ($n = 0$) and OC_n & S_n for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 5$)

Year	I	Annual OC	Annual S
0	\$6,200	\$0	\$5,000
1	\$0	\$2,000	\$4,000
2	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,000
3	\$0	\$5,000	\$2,000
4	\$0	\$6,500	\$1,000
5	\$0	\$8,000	\$0

Note:

$I = (\text{Overhaul}) + (\text{Opportunity Cost of NOT selling})$

$I = \$1,200 + \$5,000 = \$6,200$

→ **Market / Salvage value year 0**

- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)

- **DEFENDER:**

- Step 2: Calculate $CR(i)$ for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 5$)

Year	I	(A/P, i, N)	Annual S	(A/F, i, N)	CR(i)
0	\$6,200	-	\$5,000	-	-
1		1.1500	\$4,000	1.0000	\$3,130
2		0.6151	\$3,000	0.4651	\$2,418
3		0.4380	\$2,000	0.2880	\$2,140
4		0.3503	\$1,000	0.2003	\$1,972
5		0.2983	\$0	0.1483	\$1,849

$$CR(i) = I(A/P, i, N) - S(A/F, i, N)$$

- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)

- **DEFENDER:**

- Step 3: Calculate $OC(i)$ for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 5$)

Year	Annual OC	(A/P, i, N)	(P/F, i, N)	OC(i)
0	-	-	-	-
1	\$2,000	1.1500	0.8696	\$2,000
2	\$3,500	0.6151	0.7561	\$2,698
3	\$5,000	0.4380	0.6575	\$3,361
4	\$6,500	0.3503	0.5718	\$3,990
5	\$8,000	0.2983	0.4972	\$4,584

Remember Slide 22?

$$OC(i) = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N OC_n(P/F, i, n) \right) (A/P, i, N)$$

- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)
 - **DEFENDER:**

- Step 4: Calculate EUAC(i) for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 5$)

Year	CR(i)	OC(i)	EUAC(i)
0	-	-	-
1	\$3,130	\$2,000	\$5,130
2	\$2,418	\$2,698	\$5,116
3	\$2,140	\$3,361	\$5,500
4	\$1,972	\$3,990	\$5,961
5	\$1,849	\$4,584	\$6,434

- Economic Life of the Defender = $N_D^* = 2$
- EUAC at $N_D^* = EUAC_D^* = \$5,116$

- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)
 - **CHALLENGER:**
 - Step 1: Calculate I ($n = 0$) and OC_n & S_n for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 5$)

Year	I	Annual OC	Annual S
0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
1	\$0	\$2,000	\$6,000
2	\$0	\$2,800	\$5,100
3	\$0	\$3,600	\$4,335
4	\$0	\$4,400	\$3,685
5	\$0	\$5,200	\$3,132

- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)

- **CHALLENGER:**

- Step 2: Calculate $CR(i)$ for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 5$)

Year	I	(A/P, i, N)	Annual S	(A/F, i, N)	CR(i)
0	\$10,000	-	-	-	-
1		1.1500	\$6,000	1.0000	\$5,500
2		0.6151	\$5,100	0.4651	\$3,779
3		0.4380	\$4,335	0.2880	\$3,132
4		0.3503	\$3,685	0.2003	\$2,765
5		0.2983	\$3,132	0.1483	\$2,519

$$CR(i) = I(A/P, i, N) - S(A/F, i, N)$$

- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)

- **CHALLENGER:**

- Step 3: Calculate OC(i) for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 5$)

Year	Annual OC	(A/P, i, N)	(P/F, i, N)	OC(i)
0	-	-	-	-
1	\$2,000	1.1500	0.8696	\$2,000
2	\$2,800	0.6151	0.7561	\$2,372
3	\$3,600	0.4380	0.6575	\$2,726
4	\$4,400	0.3503	0.5718	\$3,061
5	\$5,200	0.2983	0.4972	\$3,378

Remember Slide 22?

$$OC(i) = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N OC_n(P/F, i, n) \right) (A/P, i, N)$$

- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)
 - **CHALLENGER:**

- Step 4: Calculate EUAC(i) for each year ($n = 1, \dots, 5$)

Year	CR(i)	OC(i)	EUAC(i)
0	-	-	-
1	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
2	\$3,779	\$2,372	\$6,151
3	\$3,132	\$2,726	\$5,857
4	\$2,765	\$3,061	\$5,826
5	\$2,519	\$3,378	\$5,897

- Economic Life of the Challenger = $N_C^* = 4$
 - EUAC at $N_C^* = EUAC_C^* = \$5,826$

- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)

- **SUMMARY:**

- Defender:
 - Economic Life of the Defender = $N_D^* = 2$
 - EUAC at $N_D^* = EUAC_D^* = \$5,116$
 - Challenger
 - Economic Life of the Challenger = $N_C^* = 4$
 - EUAC at $N_C^* = EUAC_C^* = \$5,826$
 - Comparison
 - $EUAC_D^* < EUAC_C^*$

- *What does this mean?*

- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)
 - **CONCLUSION:**
 - *The defender will have an equivalent annual cost of \$5,116 per year for the next 2 years, whereas,
The challenger would have an equivalent annual cost of \$5,826 per year for the next 2 years (assuming it is going to be kept for a total of 4 years).*
 - *Therefore, as the EUAC of the defender (if kept for 2 additional years) is lower than that of the challenger (if kept for 4 years), the defender should be kept for 2 more years.*
 - **KEEP THE DEFENDER FOR 2 ADDITIONAL YEARS.**

- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)

- **When should the defender be replaced?:**

- Economic life of defender, N_D^* , is 2 years.
- Calculate how much it would cost if the defender is kept for a 3rd year.

Marginal Analysis

- Opportunity cost of keeping the defender for a 3rd year = Salvage value at end of 2nd year, **I = \$3,000**
- Operating cost for the 3rd year, **OC = \$5,000**
- Salvage value at end of 3rd year, **S = \$2,000**
- Therefore, where $i = 15\%$ and $N = 1$

$$(A/P, i, N) = 1.1500$$

$$(A/F, i, N) = 1.0000$$

$$CR(i) = \$1,450$$

$$(P/F, i, N) = 0.8696$$

$$OC(i) = \$5,000$$

$$EUAC(i) = \$6,450$$

$$CR(i) = I(A/P, i, N) - S(A/F, i, N)$$

$$CR(i) = \$3,000(1.1500) - \$2,000(1.0000)$$

$$OC(i) = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N OC_n(P/F, i, n) \right) (A/P, i, N)$$

$$OC(i) = (\$5,000)(0.8696)(1.1500)$$

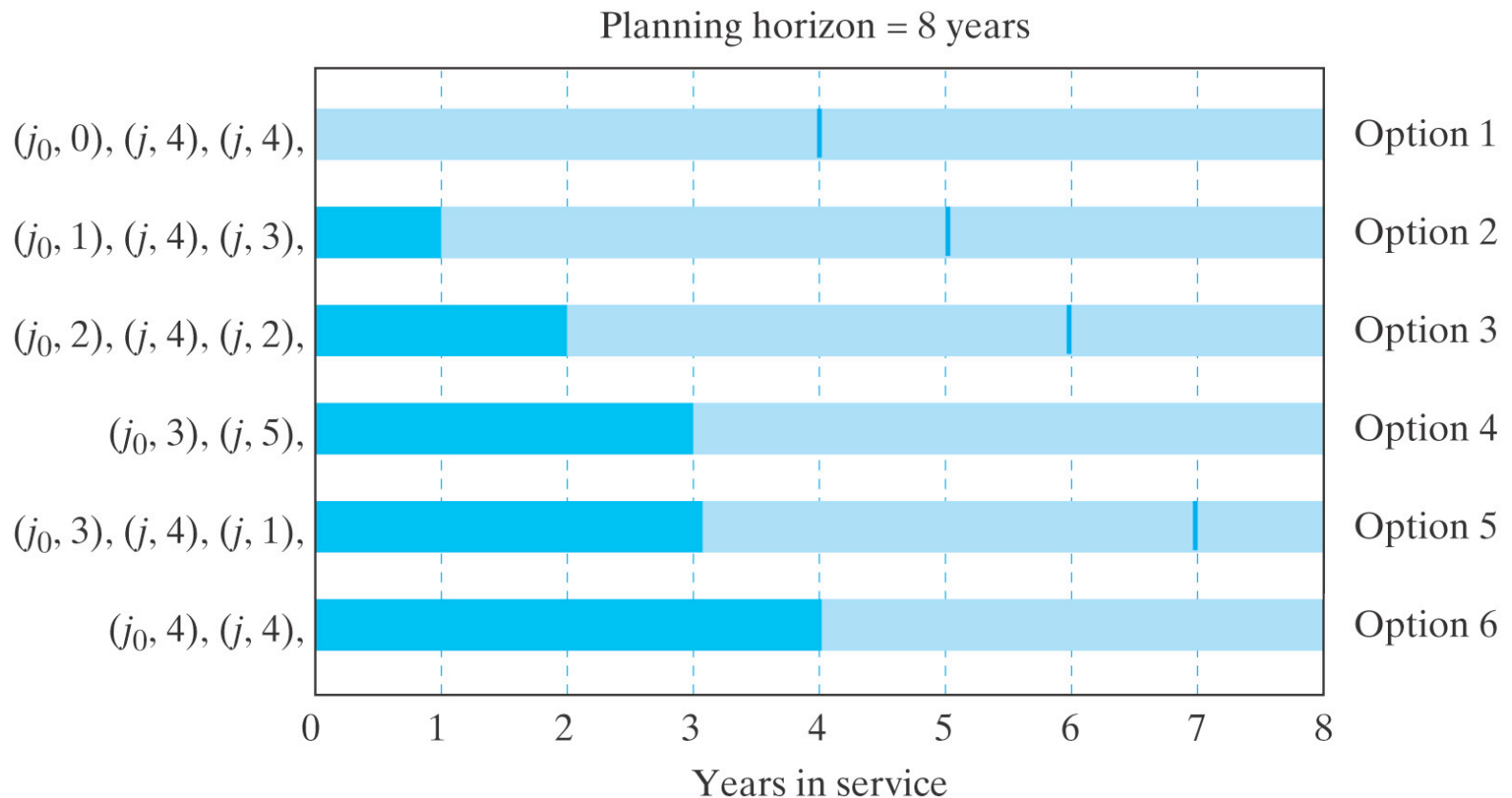
- Example 2: (Chan S. Park, example 14.4)
 - **When should the defender be replaced?:**
 - It costs \$6,450 to keep the defender for 1 additional year after its economic service life.
 - This value is greater than the EUAC of the challenger (kept for 4 years), $EUAC_C^* = \$5,826$ at $N_C^* = 4$.
 - **Conclusion:**
 - Keep the defender for 2 years.**
 - Then, replace the defender with the challenger at the end of the 2nd year.**
 - Keep the challenger for 4 years.**

- Replacement Strategies:
 - Finite Planning Horizon
 - Consider a firm with a contract to perform a particular service using the current defender or the challenger for the next 8 years.
 - What is the best replacement strategy?



- Replacement Strategies:
 - Finite Planning Horizon
 - Step 1: Identify the likely replacement patterns for the finite planning horizon.
 - As the planning horizon grows a computer program may be required to identify the different options.
 - Step 2: Calculate the annual equivalent costs for both the defender and the challenger.
 - Step 3: For each likely option identified, calculate the PW for the option.
 - Step 4: Identify the option with the minimum cost (PW) from step 3.
 - Refer to Chan S. Park example 14.5.

- Replacement Strategies:
 - Finite Planning Horizon



Some likely replacement patterns under a finite planning horizon of eight years (Chan S. Park, Figure 14.9)

- Replacement Analysis with Tax Considerations:
 - Guidelines:
 - Incorporate the tax effects (gains / losses) whenever an asset is disposed of.
 - Incorporate the tax effects of depreciation allowances.
 - When calculating the net proceeds from sale of the old asset, any gains or losses must be identified to determine the correct amount of the opportunity cost.
 - Whenever possible, replacement decisions should be based on the cash flows after taxes.
 - All basic replacement decision rules including the way of computing economic service life remain unchanged.

