

B1. NEWSVENDOR

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Exercise 1

Assume that D follows the following discrete distribution

d	20	25	30	35
$P[D = d]$	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3
$30 \wedge d$	20	25	30	30
$(30 - d)^+$	10	5	0	0
$24 \wedge d$	20	24	24	24
$(24 - d)^+$	4	0	0	0

Answer the followings.

- $E[30 \wedge D] = \sum (30 \wedge D) \times p(d) = 20 \times 0.1 + 25 \times 0.2 + 30 \times 0.4 + 30 \times 0.3 = 28$
- $E[(30 - D)^+] = 10 \times 0.1 + 5 \times 0.2 + 0 \times 0.4 + 0 \times 0.3 = 2$
- $E[24 \wedge D] = 20 \times 0.1 + 24 \times 0.2 + 24 \times 0.4 + 24 \times 0.3 = 23.6$
- $E[(24 - D)^+] = 4 \times 0.1 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0.4$

Exercise 2

Find your brother's optimal stock level by the above Theorem 2. Then, find his expected profit using the Remark 1.

$$C_{oversotck} = C_o = \$0.5, C_{understock} = C_u = \$1$$

$$x^* = \text{Smallest } y \text{ s.t. } F(y) \geq \frac{C_u}{C_o + C_u} = \frac{1}{0.5+1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Prob.	11	12	13	14	15
$P(D = d)$	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
$P(D \leq d)$	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0

$$F(11) = \frac{1}{5} < \frac{2}{3}$$

$$F(12) = \frac{2}{5} < \frac{2}{3}$$

$$F(13) = \frac{3}{5} < \frac{2}{3}$$

$$F(14) = \frac{4}{5} \geq \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore x^* = 14$$

$$E(\text{profit}) = E(\text{sales}) + E(\text{salvage}) - E(\text{material})$$

$$E(\text{profit}) = E[(X \wedge D) \times 2] + E[(X - D)^+ \times 0.5] - E[X \times 1] \text{ (Here, } X = x^* = 14)$$

$$E(\text{profit}) = E[(14 \wedge D) \times 2] + E[(14 - D)^+ \times 0.5] - E[14]$$

$$= 2 \sum (14 \wedge D) \times p(d) + 0.5 \sum (14 - D)^+ \times p(d) - 14$$

$$= 2 \times \left(\frac{11}{5} + \frac{12}{5} + \frac{13}{5} + \frac{14}{5} + \frac{14}{5} \right) + 0.5 \times \left(\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{0}{5} + \frac{0}{5} \right) - 14 = \frac{61}{5}$$

Exercise 3

Your brother is now selling milk. The customer demands follow $U(20, 40)$ gallons. Retail price is \$2 per gallon, material cost is \$1 per gallon, and salvage cost is \$0.5 per gallon. Find optimal stock level and expected profit.

$$C_{\text{oversotck}} = C_o = \$1 - \$0.5 = \$0.5$$

$$C_{\text{understock}} = C_u = \$2 - \$1 = \$1$$

$$x^* = \text{Smallest } y \text{ s.t. } F(y) \geq \frac{C_u}{C_o + C_u} = \frac{1}{0.5+1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{pdf } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{20} & \text{if } 20 \leq x \leq 40 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{cdf } F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 20 \\ \frac{x-20}{20} & \text{if } 20 \leq x \leq 40 \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 40 \end{cases}$$

$$F(x^*) = \frac{2}{3} \rightarrow \frac{1}{20}x - 1 = \frac{2}{3} \rightarrow x^* = \frac{100}{3}$$

$$E(\text{profit}) = E(\text{sales}) + E(\text{salvage}) - E(\text{material})$$

$$E(\text{profit}) = E[(X \wedge D) \times 2] + E[(X - D)^+ \times 0.5] - E[X \times 1] \text{ (Here, } X = x^* = \frac{100}{3})$$

$$E(\text{profit}) = \int_{40}^{20} \left(\frac{100}{3} \wedge x \right) \times 2f(x)dx + \int_{40}^{20} \left(\frac{100}{3} - x \right)^+ \times 0.5f(x)dx - \int_{40}^{20} \frac{100}{3}dx$$

$$= \int_{40}^{20} \left(\frac{100}{3} \wedge x \right) \times 2 \times \frac{1}{20}dx + \int_{40}^{20} \left(\frac{100}{3} - x \right)^+ \times 0.5 \times \frac{1}{20}dx - \int_{40}^{20} \frac{100}{3}dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \left[\int_{20}^{\frac{100}{3}} xdx + \int_{\frac{100}{3}}^{40} \frac{100}{3}dx \right] + \frac{1}{40} \left[\int_{20}^{\frac{100}{3}} \left(\frac{100}{3} - x \right)dx + \int_{\frac{100}{3}}^{40} 0dx \right] - \int_{20}^{40} \frac{5}{3}dx$$

$$= \frac{80}{3}$$

$$\therefore E(\text{profit}) = \frac{80}{3}$$

Exercise 4

Lemonade sells for \$18 per gallon but only costs \$3 per gallon to make. If we run out of lemonade, it will be impossible to get more. On the other hand, leftover lemonade has a value of \$1. Express the following quantity using sale as X and demand as D .

$$\text{SalesRevenue} = \$18, \text{MaterialCost} = \$3, \text{SalvageValue} = \$1$$

$$C_{\text{understock}} = C_u = \$18 - \$3 = \$15$$

$$C_{\text{oversotck}} = C_o = \$3 - \$1 = \$2$$

$$E(\text{EconomicCost}) = 15 \times E[(D - X)^+] + 2 \times E[(X - D)^+]$$

$$E(\text{Profit}) = E(\text{SalesRevenue}) + E(\text{SalvageValue}) - E(\text{MaterialCost})$$

$$= (X \wedge D) \times 15 + (X - D)^+ \times 2 - X \times 3$$

$$= 15(X \wedge D) + 2(X - D)^+ - 3X$$

Exercise 5

Prove Theorem 1. (Hint: you may use formulation from Exercise 4)

Theorem 1

In newsvendor problem, maximizing the expected profit is equivalent to minimizing the expected economic cost (sum of the expected overstock cost and the expected understock cost).

X = Stock (Supply), D = Demand

P = Retail price, C = Material cost, S = salvage value

$$E(\text{Profit}) = E(\text{SalesRevenue}) + E(\text{SalvageValue}) - E(\text{MaterialCost})$$

$$= (X \wedge D) \times (P - C) + (X - D)^+ \times (C - S) - X \times C$$

$$E(\text{EconomicCost}) = C_u \times (D - X)^+ + C_o \times (X - D)^+$$

$$= (P - C) \times (D - X)^+ + (C - S) \times (X - D)^+$$

- if $X > D$

$$E(\text{profit}) = D(P - C) + (X - D)(C - S) - CX$$

$$E(\text{eco}) = (X - D)(C - S)$$

Minimize economic cost \rightarrow minimize X and maximize $D \Rightarrow$ maximize profit

- if $X = D$

$$E(\text{profit}) = X(P - 2C) = D(P - 2C)$$

$$E(\text{eco}) = 0$$

- if $X < D$

$$E(\text{profit}) = X(P - 2C)$$

$$E(\text{eco}) = (D - X)(P - C)$$

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