# MS&E 260

#### INTRODUCTION TO OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

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# Inventory Management with Deterministic Demand (EOQ Model)

# Fundamentals of Inventory Control



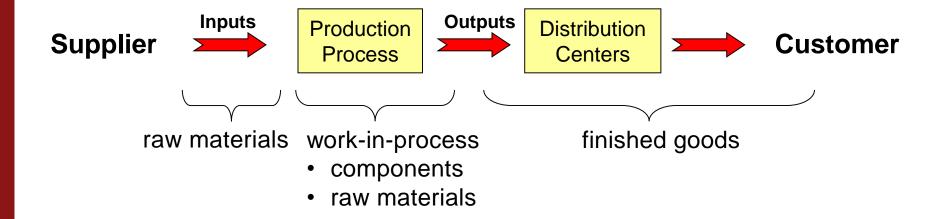
#### Why We Care About Inventory

- Macro level:
  - Total investment by firms in inventory in the US: 20% 25% of GNP
  - US Inventory levels (07/2007): \$1.57 Trillion
    - 30% held by retailers
    - 23% held by wholesalers
    - 29% held by manufacturers
- Firm level:
  - Sales growth: availability to consume when they need it
  - · Cost reduction: cash flow, obsolescence

#### Product Variety and Inventory Management

- What if the number of models and unit sales increase for a company?
  - Must manage higher product variety
    - Can be achieved through inventory management
- Potential improvements in inventory management
  - Direct sales (e.g. Dell, no fixed retail position)
  - Postponement of the creation or delivery of final product until demand uncertainty decreases (e.g. HP)
  - Coordination (usually via contracts) to align incentives across supply chain often through information sharing (e.g. Seven-Eleven Japan)
  - Collaboration (e.g. Walmart) is less formal with agreements for cooperation between supply chain participants (often information sharing)

# Where is Inventory Held in the Supply Chain?



# Motivation for Holding Inventory

- Economies of scale: cycle stock
  - Spread a fixed cost over a large number of items (shipping, machine setup)
- Uncertainties: safety stock
  - Demand uncertainty: consumer preferences
  - Supply uncertainty: disruption in supply line
  - Lead time uncertainty: elapsed time from order placement to arrival
- Speculation: anticipation stock
  - Resources with increasing value: precious metals, crude oil, labor
- Smoothing: anticipation stock
  - Seasonal demand
- Lead times (supply chain): pipeline stock
  - Transportation and logistics
  - Long transit time between supplier to manufacturer to retail
  - Production schedule lead times

# Cycle Stock

- Created by ordering in large quantities, so we order less frequently
- The longer the cycle, the bigger quantity *Q* and the bigger the inventory
- Helps with customer service, ordering costs, setups, transportation rates and material costs
- Average cycle inventory =  $^{Q}/_{2}$

#### Safety Stock

- Created by placing orders before they are needed
- Helps with customer service and hidden costs of missing parts
- Protects against the three types of uncertainty
  - Demand
  - Lead Time
  - Supply

#### **Anticipation Stock**

- Created by smoothing output rates, overbuying before price increase or capacity shortage
- Used to absorb uneven rates in demand and supply

#### Pipeline (Transit) Stock

- Created by the time spent to move and produce inventory
- Can be in any of three stages
  - Inbound
  - Within Plant
  - Outbound
- Using Little's Law:
  - Average pipeline inventory =  $d \times L$
  - where d =demand and L =lead time

#### Inventory Calculation and Application

- Suppose management has decided to establish 3 distribution centers (DCs) in different regions of the country in order to save on transportation costs. For one of the company's products the average weekly demand at each DC will be 50 units. The product is valued at \$650 per unit. Average shipment sizes into each DC will be 350 units per trip. The average lead time will be 2 weeks. Each DC will carry 1 week's supply as safety stock, since the demand during lead time sometimes exceeds its average of 100 units (50 units/week x 2 weeks). Anticipation inventory should be negligible.
- For each distribution center:
  - Cycle inventory = ?
  - Safety inventory = ?
  - Pipeline inventory = ?
  - Total inventory at DC = ?

#### **Inventory Trade-offs**

#### Pressures for Smaller Inventories

- Inventory Holding Costs
- Opportunity Costs
- Storage and handling
- Taxes and Insurance
- Shrinkage

#### Pressures for Larger Inventories

- Customer Service
  - Stockouts
  - Backorders
- Ordering Costs
- Setup Costs
- Labor and Equipment utilization
- Transportation costs
- Quantity Discounts

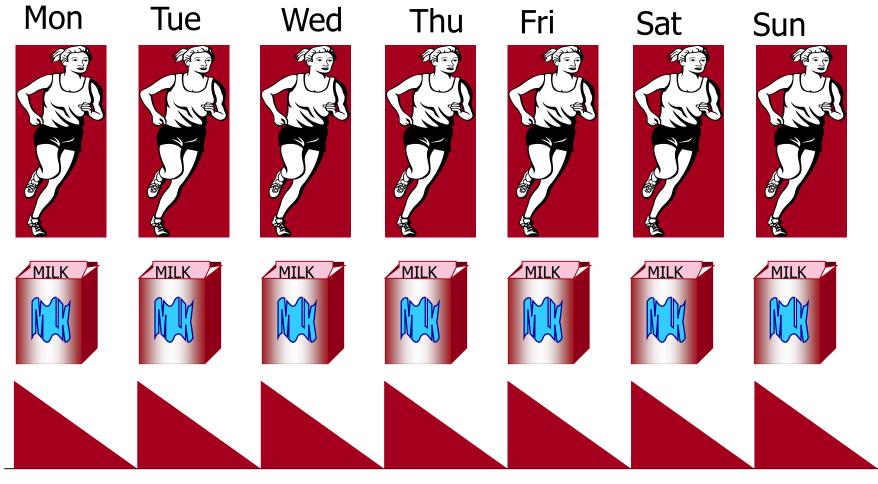
#### Outline of Inventory Management Lectures

- Basic trade-offs and models
  - Economic order quantity: cycle stock
  - Newsvendor model: safety stock
- Replenishment models
  - Review policies

# Inventory Management with Deterministic Demand (EOQ Model)

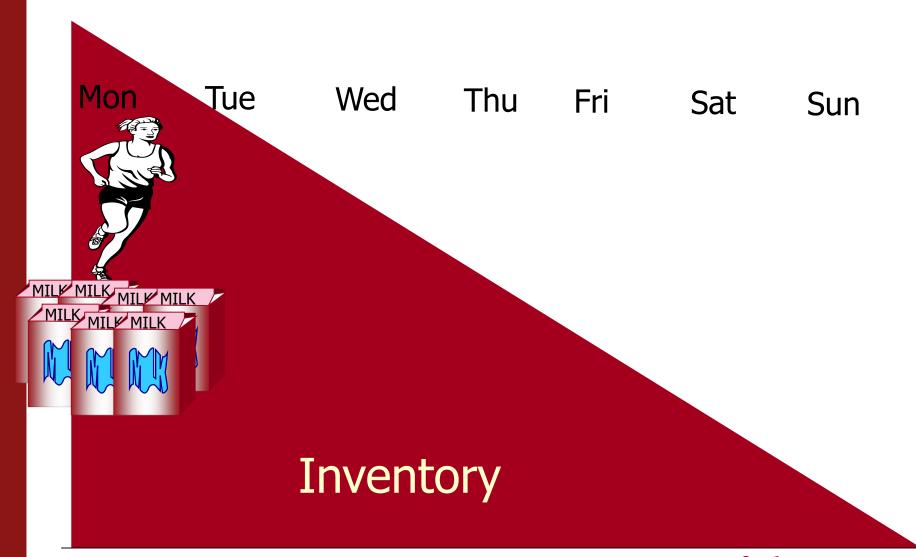
- Basic model
- Quantity discount models
- Finite production models

# Running to the Store a Lot...



Inventory

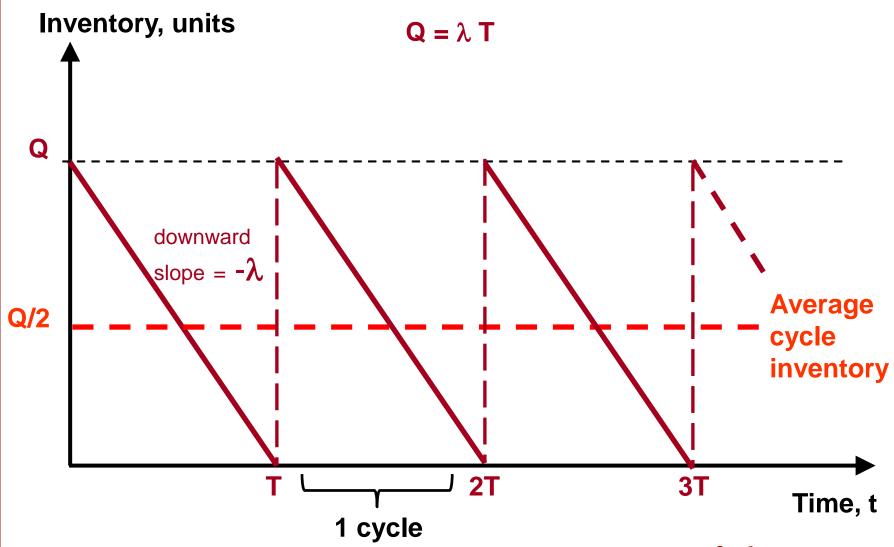
# vs. Running to the Store a Little



# Economic Order Quantity (EOQ)

- Assumptions:
  - Consider a single inventory item
  - Demand is fixed (deterministic) at λ units/time
  - Shortages are not allowed
  - Order quantity is fixed at Q per cycle
  - Orders are received instantaneously (no lead time)
- Cost structure:
  - Fixed and marginal order costs per cycle (K + cQ)
  - Holding cost at h per unit held per unit time
- Objective: Determine order quantity  $Q^*$  to minimize sum of ordering cost and inventory holding cost

# **EOQ:** Graphical Concept



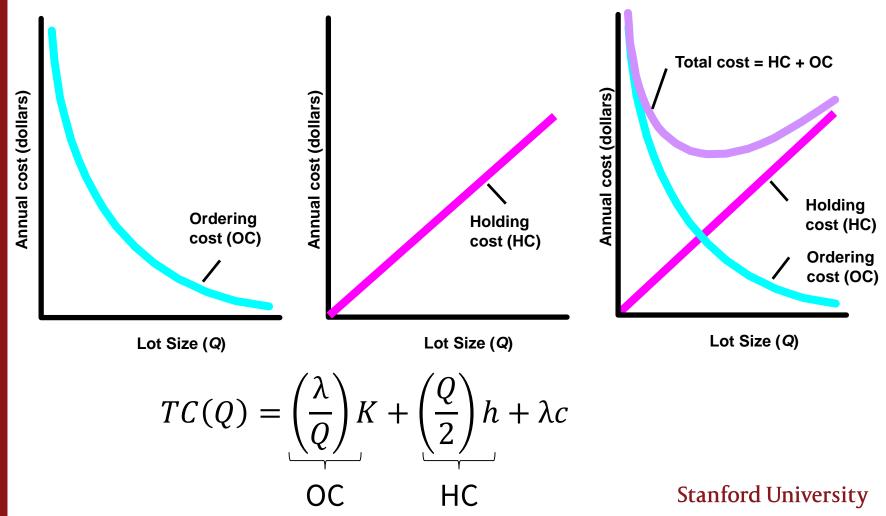
#### **EOQ** Derivation

- Cost function
  - Total Cost = Setup (Ordering) + Holding + Purchase

$$TC(Q) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{Q}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)h + \lambda c$$

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Q = Order (production) quantity: the decision to be made
\lambda = Demand rate
K = Fixed ordering (or setup) cost
c = Cost per unit in inventory
c = Annual interest rate
h = Holding cost per unit per year = ic
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# Graphs of Annual Holding, Ordering and Total Costs



#### **EOQ** Derivation

- Cost function
  - Total Cost = Setup (Ordering) + Holding + Purchase

$$TC(Q) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{Q}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)h + \lambda c$$

Q\* minimizes the total cost function

$$\frac{d[TC(Q)]}{dQ} = \left(-\frac{\lambda}{Q^2}\right)K + \left(\frac{h}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{h}}$$

# **EOQ** Example

Given:

$$\lambda = 1,000$$
 units per year  $c = \$400$   $i = 25\%$  per year  $K = \$20$ 

- What is the total cost?
- How often should we order?

$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{h}} = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{ic}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(20)(1000)}{(0.25)(400)}} = 20$$

$$TC(Q^*) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{Q^*}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q^*}{2}\right)ic + \lambda c$$
$$= \left(\frac{1000}{20}\right)20 + \left(\frac{20}{2}\right)(0.25)(400) + (1000)(400) = \$402,000$$

• Number of orders per year  $=\frac{1000}{20}=50$ 

#### Effect of Changes

- What happens to cycle inventory if the demand rate increases?
- What happens to lot sizes if setup costs decrease?
- What happens if interest rates drop?

$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{h}}$$

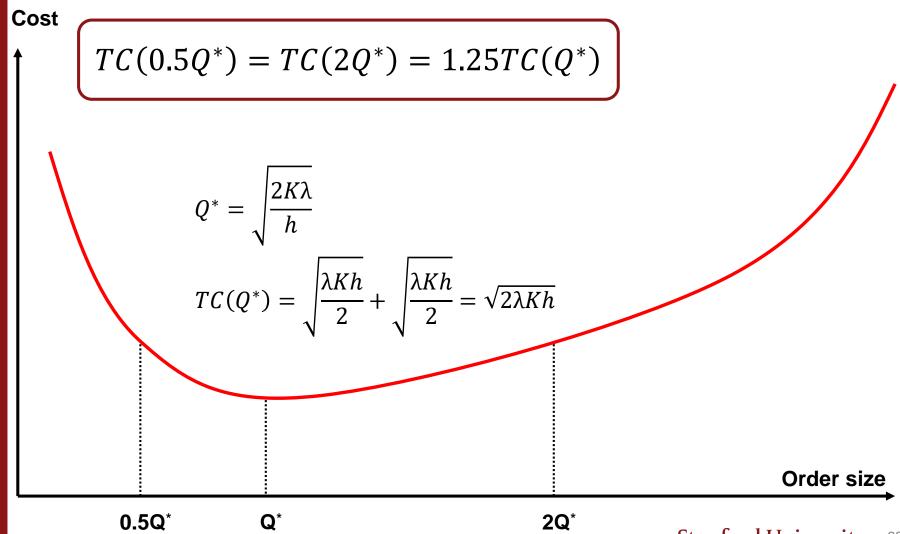
• How critical are errors in estimating  $\lambda$ , h, and K?

#### Properties of the EOQ Solutions

- Q is increasing with K and  $\lambda$
- Q is decreasing with h
- *Q* changes as the square root of these quantities
- Q is independent of the proportional order cost c
  - (except as it relates to the value of h = ic)
- Observe:

$$\frac{\lambda K}{Q^*} = \frac{hQ^*}{2}$$

#### EOQ Robustness (with respect to holding and setup costs)



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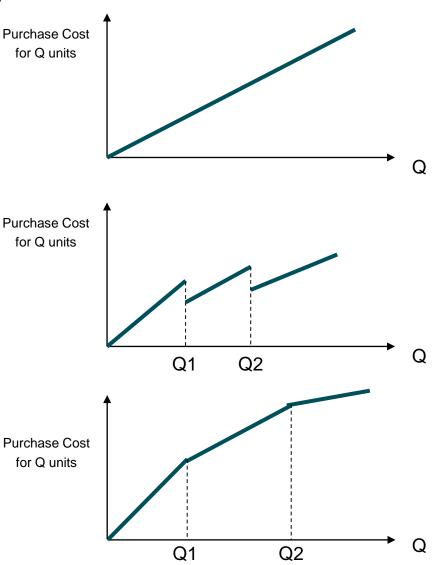
No Discount



 The discount is applied to ALL of the units in the order



 The discount is applied only to the number of units above the breakpoint



Standard EOQ cost function

• Total Cost = Setup (Ordering) + Holding + Purchase 
$$= \left(\frac{\lambda}{o}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)h + \lambda c$$

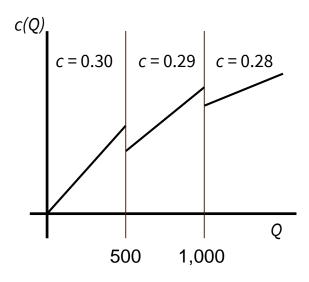
- New cost function
  - Replace c by the new unit cost  $c_0$ , or  $c_1$ , or ..., or  $c_m$
  - $c_j$  = price per unit in  $j^{th}$  quantity range

$$TC_j = \left(\frac{\lambda}{Q}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)(ic_j) + \lambda c_j$$

- To find  $Q^*$ :
  - (1) Let  $Q_j = EOQ$  obtained using cost  $c_j$
  - (2) If  $Q_j$  is in quantity range for price  $c_j$ , set  $Q_j^* = Q_j$ If  $Q_j$  is not in quantity range for price  $c_j$ , pick the boundary point of the quantity range which is closest to  $Q_j$ ; set  $Q_j^* = Q_j$ Use  $Q_j^*$  to calculate  $TC_j$
  - (3) Select minimum  $TC_j$  over j = 0, ..., n; call this  $TC_j^*$   $Q^* = \text{value of } Q_j^* \text{ corresponding to } TC_j^*$

- Trash bag problem\*: Determine the number of trash bags to order.
  - Cost to place order K = \$8
  - Annual demand  $\lambda = 600$
  - Annual interest rate for holding cost i = 0.2

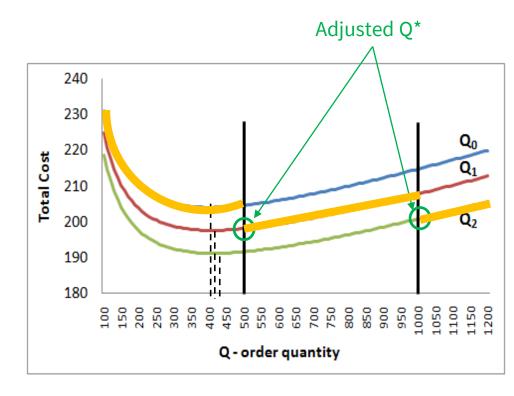
$$c = \begin{cases} 0.30 & for \ 0 \le Q < 500 \\ 0.29 & for \ 500 \le Q < 1,000 \\ 0.28 & for \ 1,000 \le Q \end{cases}$$



$$Q_0^* = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{ic_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(8)(600)}{(0.2)(0.30)}} = 400$$

$$Q_1^* = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{ic_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(8)(600)}{(0.2)(0.29)}} = \frac{406}{500}$$

$$Q_2^* = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{ic_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(8)(600)}{(0.2)(0.28)}} = \frac{414}{1000}$$



Total Cost = Setup (Ordering)  
= 
$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{Q}\right)K$$

+ Holding + 
$$\left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)h$$

$$+\lambda c$$

• To determine the optimal  $Q^*$ , check the total cost for our **adjusted**  $Q^*$  values

$$TC(Q^*) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{Q}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)ic + \lambda c$$

$$TC(Q^* = 400) = \left(\frac{600}{400}\right)8 + \left(\frac{400}{2}\right)(0.20)(0.30) + (600)(0.30) = $204.00$$

$$TC(Q^* = 500) = \left(\frac{600}{500}\right)8 + \left(\frac{500}{2}\right)(0.20)(0.29) + (600)(0.29) = $198.10$$

$$TC(Q^* = 1,000) = \left(\frac{600}{1,000}\right)8 + \left(\frac{1,000}{2}\right)(0.20)(0.28) + (600)(0.28) =$$
  
\$200.80

- Answer: Order 500 units
  - Average annual cost = \$198.10, c = 0.29

#### **EOQ** with Incremental Discount

- Standard EOQ cost function
  - Total Cost = Setup (Ordering) + Holding + Purchase  $= \left(\frac{\lambda}{o}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)h + \lambda c$
- New cost function
  - Replace c by the new unit cost  $C_{AVG} = \frac{C(Q)}{Q}$ , where:

Range of Q	Value of C
$0 \le Q < Q_1$	$C_{AVG} = C_0$
$Q_1 \le Q < Q_2$	$C_{AVG} = [Q_1C_0 + (Q - Q_1)C_1]/Q$
$Q_1 \le Q < Q_3$	$C_{AVG} = [Q_1C_0 + (Q_2 - Q_1)C_1 + (Q - Q_2)C_2]/Q$

#### **EOQ** with Incremental Discount

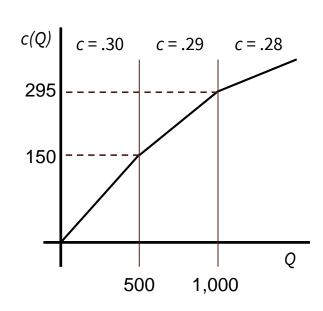
- To find  $Q^*$ :
  - (1) Determine an algebraic expression for  $\mathcal{C}(Q)$  and for  $\mathcal{C}(Q)/Q$  in each price interval
  - (2) For each price interval find the feasible value  $Q_j^*$  that minimizes  $TC_j$
  - (3) Select minimum  $TC_j$  over j = 0, ..., n; call this  $TC_j^*$   $Q^* = \text{value of } Q_j^* \text{ corresponding to } TC_j^*$

#### **EOQ** with Incremental Discount

- Trash bag example again but with incremental discounts\*:
  - Cost to place order K = \$8
  - Annual demand  $\lambda = 600$
  - Annual interest rate for holding cost i = 0.2

$$C(Q) = \begin{cases} 0.30Q & for \ 0 \le Q < 500 \\ 150 + 0.29(Q - 500) & for \ 500 \le Q < 1,000 \\ 295 + 0.28(Q - 1000) & for \ 1,000 \le Q \end{cases}$$

$$C(Q)/Q = \begin{cases} 0.30 & for \ 0 \le Q < 500 \\ 0.29 + 5/Q & for \ 500 \le Q < 1,000 \\ 0.28 + 15/Q & for \ 1,000 \le Q \end{cases}$$



## **EOQ** with Incremental Discount

• First, write out the average annual cost function for the new C(Q)/Q value. (Remember: the old C is replaced by the new unit cost  $C_{AVG} = \frac{C(Q)}{Q}$ ):

$$TC(Q^*) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{Q}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)ic + \lambda c$$

• For C(Q)/Q = 0.30:

$$TC(Q) = \left(\frac{600}{Q}\right)8 + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)(0.20)(0.30) + (600)(0.30)$$

• For C(Q)/Q = 0.29 + 5/Q:

$$TC(Q) = \left(\frac{600}{Q}\right)8 + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)(0.20)(\mathbf{0}.\mathbf{29} + \mathbf{5/Q}) + (600)(\mathbf{0}.\mathbf{29} + \mathbf{5/Q})$$
$$= \left(\frac{600}{Q}\right)(8 + \mathbf{5}) + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)(0.20)(\mathbf{0}.\mathbf{29}) + \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)(0.20) + (600)(0.29)$$

• For C(Q)/Q = 0.28 + 15/Q:

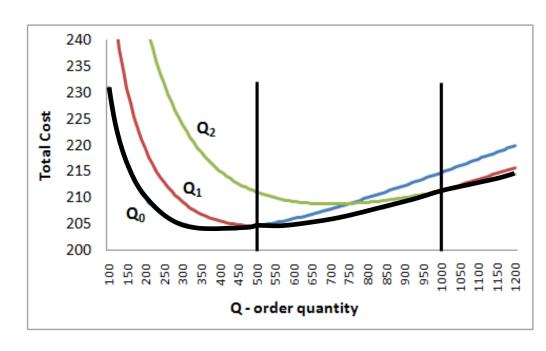
$$TC(Q) = \left(\frac{600}{Q}\right)8 + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)(0.20)(\mathbf{0}.\mathbf{28} + \mathbf{15/Q}) + (600)(\mathbf{0}.\mathbf{28} + \mathbf{15/Q})$$
$$= \left(\frac{600}{Q}\right)(8 + \mathbf{15}) + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)(0.20)(\mathbf{0}.\mathbf{28}) + \left(\frac{15}{2}\right)(0.20) + (600)(0.28)$$

## **EOQ** with Incremental Discount

$$Q_0^* = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{ic_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(8)(600)}{(0.2)(0.30)}} = 400$$

$$Q_1^* = \sqrt{\frac{2(K+5)\lambda}{ic_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(13)(600)}{(0.2)(0.29)}}$$
  
= 519

$$Q_2^* = \sqrt{\frac{2(K+15)\lambda}{ic_Z}} - \sqrt{\frac{2(23)(600)}{(0.2)(0.28)}}$$



## **EOQ** with Incremental Discount

Finally, calculate the average annual cost

$$TC(Q) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{Q}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)i(C(Q)/Q) + \lambda(C(Q)/Q)$$

• For C(Q)/Q = 0.30:

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• For C(Q)/Q = 0.29 + 5/Q:

$$TC(Q = 519)$$

$$= \left(\frac{600}{519}\right)8 + \left(\frac{519}{2}\right)(0.20)(0.29 + 5/519) + (600)(0.29 + 5/519)$$

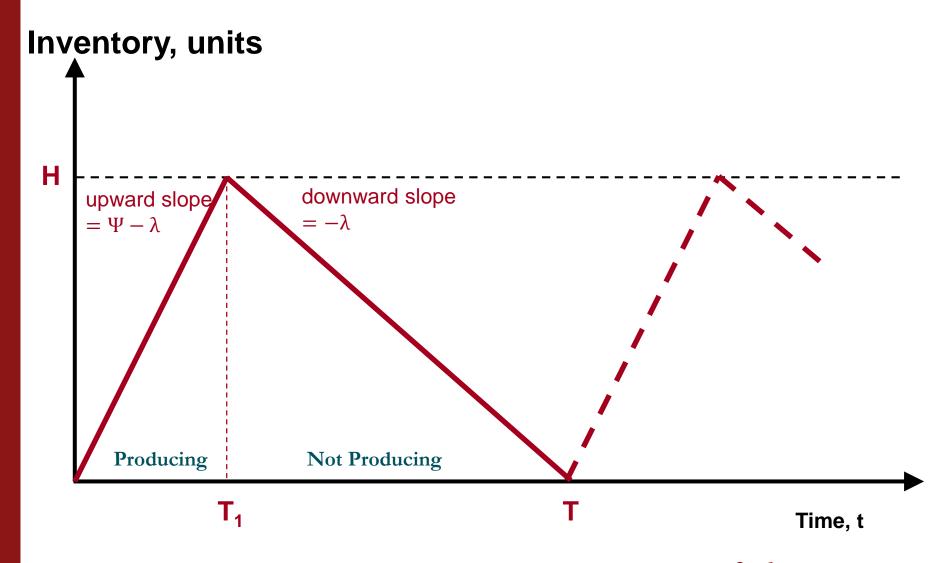
$$= $204.58$$

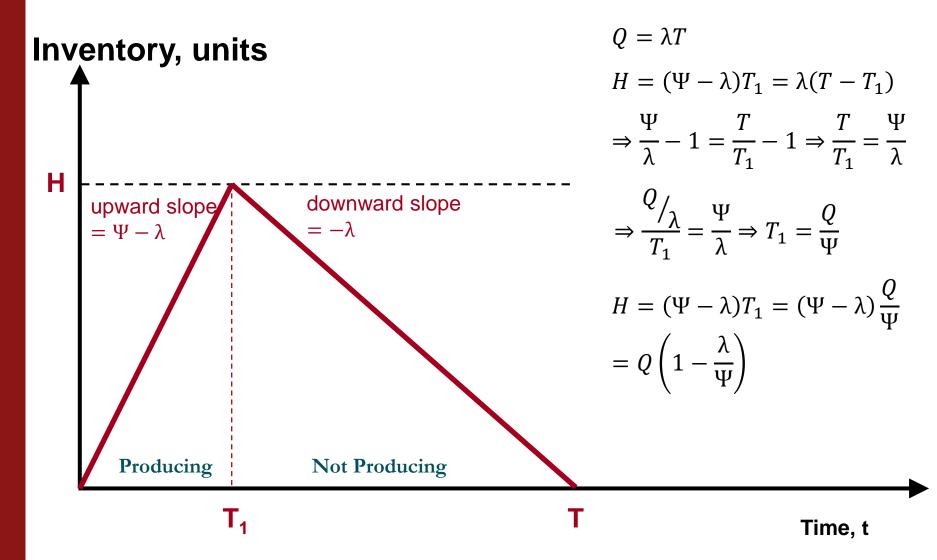
- Answer: Order 400 units
  - Average annual cost = \$204.00, c = 0.30

# Properties of the Optimal Solutions

- For all-unit discounts:
  - The optimal will occur at the bottom of one of the cost curves or at a breakpoint
- For incremental discounts:
  - The optimal will always occur at a realizable EOQ value
  - Compare costs at all realizable EOQs

- Suppose replenishment is not instantaneous, but production rate  $\Psi$  is greater than demand rate  $\lambda$
- Then the optimal production quantity to minimize average annual holding and set up costs has the same form as the EOQ





## Finite Production Rate Derivation

• Suppose replenishment is not instantaneous, but production rate  $\Psi$  is greater than demand rate  $\lambda$ 

$$H = \text{maximum inventory level} = Q\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\Psi}\right)$$

$$\frac{H}{2}$$
 = average inventory level =  $\frac{Q}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\Psi} \right)$ 

$$TC(Q) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{Q}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\Psi}\right)h + \lambda c$$

$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{h\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\Psi}\right)}}$$

- Suppose that items are produced internally at a rate Ψ > λ
- Then the optimal production quantity to minimize average annual holding and set up costs has the same form as the EOQ, namely:

$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{h'}}$$

where

$$h' = h \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\Psi} \right)$$

# **EOQ Finite Production Rate Example**

Given:

$$\lambda = 1,000$$
 units per year  $c = \$400$   $\Psi = 4,000$  units per year  $i = 25\%$  per year  $K = \$20$ 

How often should we order?

$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2K\lambda}{h\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\Psi}\right)}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(20)(1000)}{(0.25)(400)(0.75)}} = 23$$

$$TC(Q) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{Q}\right)K + \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\Psi}\right)h + \lambda c$$
$$= \left(\frac{1000}{23}\right)20 + \left(\frac{23}{2}\right)(0.25)(400)(0.75) + (1000)(400) = \$401,732$$

• Number of orders per year  $=\frac{1000}{23}=43.5$ 

## **EOQ Summary**

- Demand is assumed to be constant and deterministic
- The same quantity Q is ordered every time
- Costs considered are ordering cost, purchase cost, and holding cost
- Can use calculus to solve for optimal order quantity
- There are some extensions of the EOQ models: lead time, internal production, quantity discounts, fixed costs, per-unit costs (handling/warehouse), etc.