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LOSS OF CUSTOMER GOODWILL IN THE SINGLE ITEM LOT-SIZING PROBLEM WITH IMMEDIATE LOST SALES

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Introduction: Lot-sizing

- Solution to the tradeoff between inventory holding costs and setup costs.
- Dynamic demand streams or rates bankrupt the nice formulae of EOQ and EOQ with backlogging:

$$\sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot S_{common} \cdot D_{average}}{h_{common}}} \times \frac{h_{common} + b_{common}}{b_{common}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot S_{common} \cdot D_{average}}{b_{common}}} \times \frac{h_{common}}{h_{common} + b_{common}}$$

- When also cost data is changing over time, then lot-sizing techniques become indispensable.





Introduction: Lot-sizing

- Pioneering work: Wagner-Whitin Model W-W (1958)
- Single-item, deterministic, uncapacitated, finite planning horizon, time-variant demand and setup costs, zero production (procurement) costs.
- Also time-variant production and inventory holding costs.

$$c_t, h_t, S_t, d_t$$



Lot-sizing Literature

- Alternative Variants and Solution Techniques for the W-W Model without backlogging (w/o backordering) :
 - Faster Myopic Lot-sizing Heuristics
 - Silver and Meal (1973)
 - Groff (1979)
 - Faster Optimal Algorithms for the W-W model with uniform costs
 - Federgruen and Tzur (1990) : $O(T \cdot \log T)$ or $O(T)$
 - Wagelmans, Van Hoesel, and Kolen (1991) $O(T \cdot \log T)$ or $O(T)$
 - Forecasting demand beyond the planning horizon
 - Stadtler (2000) : rolling schedules



Lot-sizing Literature

- The version with backlogging: satisfy demand in a later period of the planning horizon.
 - Zangwill (1969, 1986)
 - Blackburn and Kunreuther (1974)
 - Pochet and Wolsey (1988)
 - Webster (1989)
 - Choo and Chan (1990)
 - Gupta and Brennan (1992)



Lot-sizing Literature

- Capacitated Multi-Item Version of Dynamic Lot-Sizing:
 - Eisenhut (1975)
 - Lambrecht and Vanderveken (1979)
 - Dixon and Silver (1981)
 - Dođramacı, Panayiotopoulos, and Adam (1981)
 - Karni and Roll (1982)
 - Thizy and Van Wassenhove (1985)
 - Fleischmann (1988)
 - Kirca and Kökten (1994)



Lot-sizing Literature

- **Dynamic Lot-Sizing with Lost Sales** : demand is not backlogged, but it does not have to be satisfied either.
 - **Sandbothe and Thompson** (1990, 1993)
 - **Loss of demand incurs a unit cost.**
 - **There are uniform or period-dependent capacity constraints.**
 - **All costs are time-invariant.**

$$p, c, h, S, d_t$$



Lot-sizing Literature

- **Excellent Surveys:**
 - **Maes and Van Wassenhove** (1988)
 - Multi-item single-level capacitated lot-sizing heuristics: a general review
 - *Journal of Operational Research Society* **39** (11) 991-1004.
 - **Baker** (1989)
 - Lot-sizing procedures and a standard data set. A reconciliation of the literature.
 - *Journal of Manufacturing Operations Management* **2** 199-221.
 - **Saydam and Evans** (1990)
 - A comparative performance analysis of the Wagner-Whitin algorithm and lot-sizing heuristics.
 - *Computers & Industrial Engineering* **18** (1) 91-93.



Lot-sizing Literature

→ Excellent Surveys:

- **Salomon, Kroon, Kuik, and Van Wassenhove (1991)**
 - Some extension of the discrete lotsizing and scheduling problem.
 - *Management Science* **37** (7) 801-812.
- **Kuik, Salomon and Van Wassenhove (1994)**
 - Batching decisions: Structure and models.
 - *European Journal of Operational Research* **75** (2) 243-263.



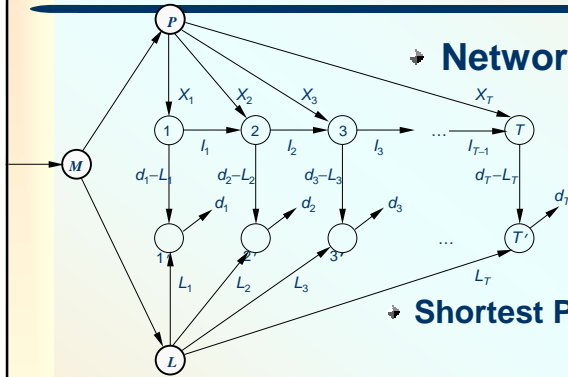
Solving Dynamic Lot-sizing Models

- **W-W model solved to optimality with a Forward-Recursive Dynamic Programming (DP) algorithm requiring $O(T^2)$ CPU time and memory storage.**
- Efficient Implementation by **James R. Evans (1985)**

$$M_{jk} = S_j + c_j \sum_{t=j}^k d_t + \sum_{t=j}^{k-1} h_t \times \sum_{r=t+1}^k d_r$$

$$F_k = \underset{1 \leq j \leq k}{\text{minimum}} [F_{j-1} + M_{jk}], \quad j_k^* = \underset{1 \leq j \leq k}{\text{argmin}} [F_{j-1} + M_{jk}]$$

Solving Single-Item Dynamic Lot-sizing Models



Network Representations

Shortest Path (SP) network and Dijkstra's Algorithm

- For the W-W model w/o backlogging
- A concave cost network flow problem
 - For the W-W model w/ backlogging
 - For the W-W model w/ lost sales

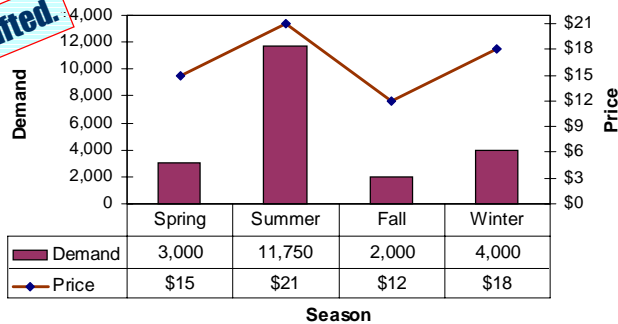
Modifying the model of Sandbothe – Thompson (1990)

Aksen, Altinkemer, Chand (2003)

$$p, c, h, S, d_t$$

$$p_t, c_t, h_t, S_t, d_t$$

Capacity constraints lifted.



Seasonal demand levels vs. prices



The AAC model of dynamic lot-sizing

- Maximize the net profit from realized sales.
- An efficient algorithm with $O(T^2)$ CPU time and memory storage.
- Exploit the structural properties of an optimal solution.
- Inspiration from the DP Algorithm of the W-W Model.
- Gross Marginal Profit is never negative!

Lemma 1. $L_t^* \cdot X_t^* = 0 \quad \forall t \in \{1, 2, \dots, T\}$

Lemma 2. $I_{t-1}^* \cdot X_t^* = 0 \quad \forall t \in \{1, 2, \dots, T\}$

Zero-Inventory Ordering Policy of W-W solution

Lemma 3. $L_t^* \cdot (d_t - L_t^*) = 0 \quad \forall t \in \{1, 2, \dots, T\}$



The AAC model of dynamic lot-sizing

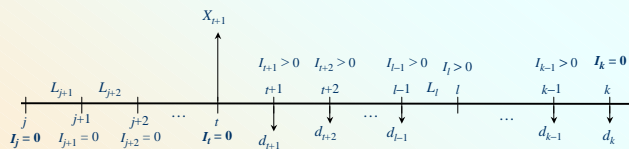
Definition 1a. Period t is a *regeneration period* if $(I_t = 0)$ and $(L_t = 0)$.

Definition 1b. Period t is a *production period* if $(X_t > 0)$.

Definition 1c. Period t is a *loss period* if $(I_t > 0)$.

Definition 1d. Period t is a *stockout period* if $(I_t > 0)$ and $(L_t = 0)$.

Definition 1e. Period t is a *conservation period* if $(L_t > 0)$ and $(I_t > 0)$.



Optimally solving the AAC lot-sizing model

- ➔ Forward Recursive DP Formulation with cumulative “best cost of handling” definitions

$$\text{Tradeoff } MC_{jt} = \text{minimum}\{p_t, c_j + H_{t-1} - H_{j-1}\}$$

$$\text{Linked List } \mathcal{K}_j = \{k \in \langle j+1, T \rangle : c_j + H_{k-1} - H_{j-1} > p_k\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimum Cost of} & & C_j(t) &= C_j(t-1) + MC_{jt} \cdot d_t \\ \text{handling periods } \langle 1, t \rangle & & & \\ \text{with a last production} & & C_t(t) &= F_{t-1} + S_t + c_t \cdot d_t \\ \text{made in period } j & & & \end{aligned}$$

$$F_t = \text{minimum}_{j \in \langle 0, t \rangle} \{C_j(t)\}, \quad j_t^* = \text{argmin}_{j \in \langle 0, t \rangle} \{C_j(t)\}$$

Expanding the AAC model: Loss of Customer Goodwill

- ➔ Cost of Losing Demand $>$ Gross Profit of Lost Demand
- ➔ Diminishing impact on the next demand : Goodwill Loss
- ➔ Extends to exactly one period following the current
- ➔ Effective Demand = Original Demand – Diminishing Impact
- ➔ $e_t = d_t - LG_t$
- ➔ Diminishing impact in period t depends **ONLY** on the amount of effective demand **PURPOSELY NOT SATISFIED** in period $(t-1)$
- ➔ $e_t = \max\{0, d_t - \beta \cdot LU_{t-1}\}$ \leftarrow Needs a pretty good reformulation
- ➔ Total Lost Demand in period t : $(LG_t + LU_t)$
- ➔ Total Sales in period t : $(e_t - LU_t) = d_t - (LG_t + LU_t)$



The AAC-GWL model: Loss of Customer Goodwill

- The intentional loss of demand in period t cannot exceed the effective demand of that period.
- $LU_t \leq e_t$
- A logical constraint: $e_1 = d_1$
- A new inventory balance constraint in period t
- $I_{t-1} + X_t - (e_t - LU_t) = I_t$
- Indication of procurement activity in period t
- $X_t \leq \sum_{r=t}^T d_r y_t$



The AAC-GWL model: Loss of Customer Goodwill

Lost goodwill effects of different number of loss periods

Period	Original Demand	Effective Demand	Satisfied Demand	Lost Effective Demand	Total Lost Demand
May	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
June	2,000	1,000	0	1,000	2,000
July	3,000	2,500	0	2,500	3,000
August	4,000	2,750	2,750	0	1,250

May	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
June	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
July	3,000	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
August	4,000	2,500	2,500	0	1,500



Solving the AAC-GWL model

- *NP-complete* problem?
- An optimal procedure to solve?
- **PROPOSAL**
 - Use the optimal procurement / loss schedule of the associated AAC model w/o goodwill considerations.
 - Exhaustively “Search and Restore” the pseudo-optimality of that solution for the Goodwill Loss (GWL) case.
 - Update the 1st and 3rd lemmae as follows (use Lemma 2 “as is.”)

Lemma 1. $LU_t^* \cdot X_t^* = 0 \quad \forall t \in \{1, 2, \dots, T\}$

Lemma 3. $LU_t^* \cdot (e_t - LU_t^*) = 0 \quad \forall t \in \{1, 2, \dots, T\}$



Solving the AAC-GWL model

- **Outline of the SEARCH-AND-RESTORATION Procedure**
 - From $t = 1$ towards $t = T$ locate each (block of) loss period(s).
 - Let $\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle$ denote such a period. When introduced, the goodwill loss hits the demand in period (t_2+1) unless e_{t_2} is zero.
 - We either satisfy at least e_{t_2} to prevent goodwill loss in period (t_2+1) or lose at least LG_{t_2+1} therein.



Solving the AAC-GWL model

- Outline of the SEARCH-AND-RESTORATION Procedure
 - Let periods u and q be the last production period preceding and the first such period following $\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle$, respectively.
 - The solution space of handling loss periods $\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle$ is primarily characterized by these production periods
 - There are four alternatives of meeting e_{t_2} .
 - We choose the cheapest way of meeting e_{t_2} and contrast it with losing LG_{t_2+1} in period (t_2+1) .

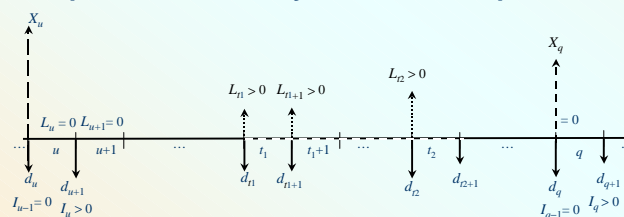
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Solving the AAC-GWL model

- Outline of the SEARCH-AND-RESTORATION Procedure
 - Periods u' and q' which replace original production periods u and q .
 - Original productions in u and q are entirely shifted to u' and q' .
 - An extra production activity in some other period u'' .



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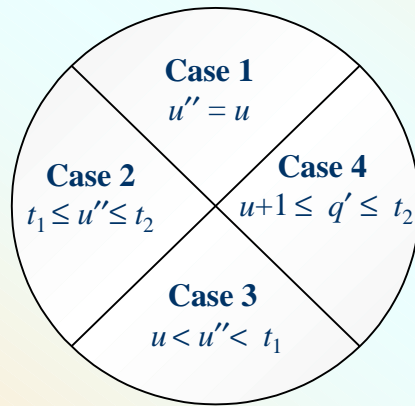
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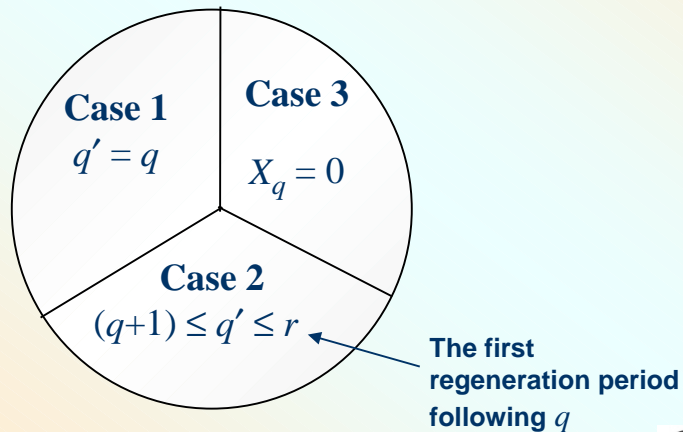
Solving the AAC-GWL model

- Mutually exclusive and exhaustive cases of meeting the effective demand in t_2



Solving the AAC-GWL model

- Mutually exclusive and exhaustive cases of losing the effective demand in t_2



A Numerical Example

➤ Data of the sample lot-sizing problem with lost goodwill

Period t	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Demand</i>	9	12	9	5	9	20	20	25
Production Cost	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Holding Cost	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Selling Price	20	12	21	14	61	32	32	40
Setup Cost	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

A Numerical Example solved

$\beta = 50\%$	Period t	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Profit Π
Optimal Solution w/o Goodwill Loss	X_t	0	0	18	0	0	40	0	25	
	e_t	9	12	9	5	9	20	20	25	\$1,698
	$L_t(\text{total})$	9	12	0	5	0	0	0	0	
Solution with Goodwill Loss	X_t	0	0	11	0	0	40	0	25	
	e_t	9	7	5	5	6	20	20	25	\$1,531
	$L_t(\text{total})$	9	12	4	5	3	0	0	0	
Actual Optimal Solution with Goodwill Loss	X_t	0	0	19	0	0	40	0	25	
	e_t	9	7	5	5	9	20	20	25	\$1,649
	$L_t(\text{total})$	9	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	



Remarks on AA-SR Heuristic

- Runs in $O(T^2)$ CPU time with $O(T^2)$ memory storage.
- Preprocessing via the $O(T^2)$ algorithm AAC
- Insignificant rise in the CPU time of the AAC algorithm.
- **Though...**
 - **NOT OPTIMAL!**
 - **How come?**
 - **Proof by a Counterexample... PRESTO!**



Questions & comments?

