

“An Inventory Model for Two Warehouses with Constant Deterioration and Quadratic Demand Rate under Inflation and Permissible Delay in Payments”

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, we have analysed a two-warehouse inventory model for deteriorating items with quadratic demand with time varying holding cost. The effect of permissible delay in payments is also considered, which is usual practice in most of the businesses i.e. purchasers are allowed a period to pay back for the goods brought without paying any interest. To make it more suitable to the present environment the effect of inflation is also considered. Our objective is to minimize the average total cost per time unit under the influence of inflation. Numerical examples are provided to illustrate the model and sensitivity analysis is also carried out for the parameters.

Keywords: Inventory model, Two-warehouse, Deterioration, Quadratic demand.

I. INTRODUCTION

The main problem in an inventory management is to decide where to stock the goods. Generally, when the products are seasonal or the suppliers provide discounts on bulk purchase, the retailers purchase more goods than the capacity of their owned warehouse (OW). Therefore, the excess units over the fixed capacity w of the owned warehouse are stored in rented warehouse (RW). Usually, the unit holding charge is higher in rented warehouse than the owned warehouse, as the rented warehouse provides a better preserving facility resulting in a lower rate of deterioration in the goods than the owned warehouse. And thus, the firm stores goods in owned warehouse before rented warehouse, but clears the stocks in rented warehouse before owned warehouse.

Inventory models for deteriorating items were widely studied in the past but the two-warehouse inventory issue has received considerable attention in recent years. Hartley [10] was the first person to develop the basic two-warehouse inventory model. Chung and Huang [5] proposed a two-warehouse inventory model for deteriorating items under permissible delay in payments, but they assumed that the deteriorating rate of two warehouses were the same. An inventory model with infinite rate of replenishment with two-warehouse was considered by Sarma [12]. An optimization inventory policy for a deteriorating items with imprecise lead-time, partially/fully backlogged shortages and price dependent demand under two-warehouse system was developed by Rong *et al.* [18]. Lee and Hsu [13] investigated a two-warehouse production model for deteriorating items with time dependent demand rate over a finite planning horizon.

Earlier, in Economic Order Quantity (EOQ), it was usually assumed that the retailer must pay to the supplier for the items purchased as soon as the items were received. In the last two decades, the influence of permissible delay in payments on optimal inventory management has attracted attention of many researchers. Goyal [9] first considered a single item EOQ model under permissible delay in payments. Aggarwal and Jaggi [1] extended Goyal's [9] model to the case with deteriorating items. Aggarwal and Jaggi's [1] model was further extended by Jamal *et al.* [2] to consider shortages. Chung and Huang [7] further extended Goyal's [9] model to the case that the units are replenished at a finite rate under delay in payments and developed an easy solution procedure to determine the retailer's optimal ordering policy. A literature review on inventory model under trade credit is given by Chang *et al.* [8]. Teng *et al.* [19] developed the optimal pricing and lot sizing under permissible delay in payments by considering the difference between the selling price and the purchase cost and also the demand is a function of price. For the relevant papers related to permissible delay in payments see Chung and Liao [6], Liao ([14], [15]), Huang and Liao [11].

Recently, Kirtan Parmar and U. B. Gothi [16] have developed order level inventory model for deteriorating items under time varying demand condition. Devyani Chatterji and U. B. Gothi [4] have developed

an integrated inventory model with exponential amelioration and two parameter Weibull deterioration. Ankit Bhojak and U. B. Gothi [3] have developed inventory models for ameliorating and deteriorating items with time dependent demand and inventory holding cost.

Parekh R.U. and Patel R.D. [17] have developed a two-warehouse inventory model in which they assumed that the demand is linear function of time t . They took different deterioration rates and different inventory holding costs in both OW and RW under inflation and permissible delay in payments.

In this paper, we have tried to develop a two-warehouse inventory model under time varying holding cost and quadratic demand under inflation and permissible delay in payments. In the present work we have considered same deterioration rate and same linear holding cost throughout the period $[0, T]$. In this model t_r and T are taken as decision variables. Numerical examples are provided to illustrate the model and sensitivity analysis of the optimal solutions for major parameters is also carried out. The purpose of this study is to make the model more relevant and applicable in practice.

II. NOTATIONS

1. $I_r(t)$: Inventory level for the rented warehouse (RW) at time t .
2. $I_o(t)$: Inventory level for the owned warehouse (OW) at time t .
3. w : The capacity of the owned warehouse.
4. $D(t)$: Demand rate.
5. $\theta(t)$: Rate of deterioration per unit time.
6. R : Inflation rate.
7. A : Ordering cost per order during the cycle period.
8. C_d : Deterioration cost per unit per unit time.
9. C_h : Inventory holding cost per unit per unit time.
10. Q : Order quantity in one cycle.
11. k : Purchase cost per unit.
12. p : Selling price per unit.
13. I_e : Interest earned per year
14. I_p : Interest charge per year.
15. M : Permissible period of delay in settling the accounts with the supplier
16. t_r : time at which the inventory level reaches zero in RW in two warehouse system.
17. T : The length of cycle time.
18. TC_i : Total cost per unit time in the i^{th} case. ($i = 1, 2, 3$)

III. ASSUMPTIONS

1. The demand rate of the product is $D(t) = a + bt + ct^2$ (where $a, b, c > 0$).
2. Holding cost is a linear function of time and it is $C_h = h+rt$ ($h, r > 0$) for both OW and RW
3. Shortages are not allowed.
4. Replenishment rate is infinite and instantaneous.
5. Repair or replacement of the deteriorated items does not take place during a given cycle.
6. OW has a fixed capacity W units and the RW has unlimited capacity.
7. First the units kept in RW are used and then of OW.
8. The inventory costs per unit in the RW are higher than those in the OW.

IV. MATHEMATICAL MODEL AND ANALYSIS

At time $t = 0$ the inventory level is S units. From these 'w' units are kept in owned warehouse (OW) and rest in the rented warehouse (RW). The units kept in rented warehouse (RW) are consumed first and then of owned warehouse (OW). Due to the market demand and deterioration of the items, the inventory level decreases during the period $[0, t_r]$ and the inventory in RW reaches to zero. Again with the same effects, the inventory level decreases during the period $[t_r, T]$ and the inventory in OW will also become zero at $t = T$.

The pictorial presentation is shown in the Figure – 1.

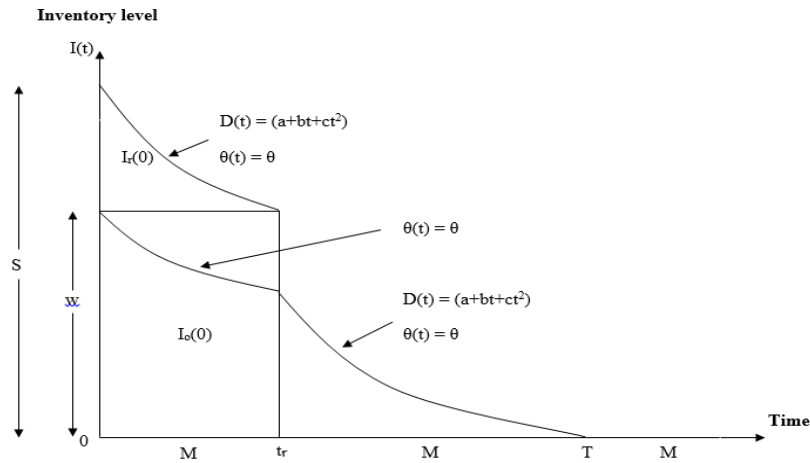


Figure – 1: Graphical presentation of the inventory system

The differential equations which describe the instantaneous state of inventory at time t over the period $[0, T]$ are given by

$$\frac{dI_r(t)}{dt} + \theta I_r(t) = -(a + bt + ct^2) \quad (0 \leq t \leq t_r) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dI_o(t)}{dt} + \theta I_o(t) = 0 \quad (0 \leq t \leq t_r) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dI_o(t)}{dt} + \theta I_o(t) = -(a + bt + ct^2) \quad (t_r \leq t \leq T) \quad (3)$$

Under the boundary conditions $I_r(t_r) = 0$, $I_o(0) = w$, and $I_o(T) = 0$, solutions of equations (1) to (3) are given by

$$I_r(t) = a(t_r - t) + (b + a\theta) \frac{(t_r^2 - t^2)}{2} + (c + b\theta) \frac{(t_r^3 - t^3)}{3} + c\theta \frac{(t_r^4 - t^4)}{4} - a\theta(t_r - t)t - b\theta \frac{(t_r^2 - t^2)t}{2} - c\theta \frac{(t_r^3 - t^3)t}{3} \quad (4)$$

$$I_o(t) = w e^{-\theta t} \quad (5)$$

$$I_o(t) = a(T - t) + (b + a\theta) \frac{(T^2 - t^2)}{2} + (c + b\theta) \frac{(T^3 - t^3)}{3} + c\theta \frac{(T^4 - t^4)}{4} - a\theta(T - t)t - b\theta \frac{(T^2 - t^2)t}{2} - c\theta \frac{(T^3 - t^3)t}{3} \quad (6)$$

V. COSTS COMPONENTS

The total cost per replenishment cycle consists of the following cost components.

1) Ordering Cost

The operating cost (OC) over the period $[0, T]$ is

$$OC = A \quad (7)$$

2) Deterioration Cost

The deterioration cost (DC) over the period $[0, T]$ is

$$DC = C_d \left\{ \int_0^{t_r} \theta \cdot I_r(t) \cdot e^{-Rt} dt + \int_0^{t_r} \theta \cdot I_o(t) \cdot e^{-Rt} dt + \int_0^T \theta \cdot I_o(t) \cdot e^{-Rt} dt \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow DC = C_d \left\{ \frac{\theta}{12R^5} \left[\begin{aligned} & \left[4R^4 (6at_r + 6a\theta t_r^2 + 6bt_r^2 + 4b\theta t_r^3 + 4ct_r^3 + 3c\theta t_r^4) - 6R^3 (6a + 6a\theta t_r + 3b\theta t_r^2 + 2c\theta t_r^3) \right] \\ & + 24R^2 (a\theta - b) + 12R (b\theta - 2c) + 24c\theta \end{aligned} \right] \right. \\ \left. + 12e^{-Rt_r} \left[3R^3 (a + bt_r + ct_r^2) - 2R^2 (a\theta - b + b\theta t_r - 2ct_r + c\theta t_r^2) - R (b\theta - 2c + 2c\theta t_r) - 2c\theta \right] \right. \\ \left. + \left[4R^4 (6a\theta T^2 + 6bT^2 + 4b\theta T^3 + 4cT^3 + 3c\theta T^4 + 12T) - 6R^3 (6a + 6a\theta T + 3b\theta T^2 + 2c\theta T^3) \right] \right. \\ \left. + 24R^2 (a\theta - b) + 12R (b\theta - 2c) + 24c\theta \right. \\ \left. + 12e^{-RT} \left[3R^3 (a + bT + cT^2) - 2R^2 (a\theta - b + b\theta T - 2cT + c\theta T^2) - R (b\theta - 2c + 2c\theta T) - 2c\theta \right] \right\} \\ - \left[\frac{w\theta \left(e^{-t_r(R+\theta)} - 1 \right)}{(R + \theta)} \right] \tag{8}$$

3) Inventory Holding Cost

The inventory holding cost (IHC) over the period [0, t_r] is

$$\text{IHC} = \text{Holding cost during the cycle period T in RW [HC(RW)]} \\ + \text{Holding cost during the cycle period T in RW [HC(OW)]} \tag{9}$$

where, $HC(RW) = \int_0^{t_r} (h + rt) \cdot I_r(t) \cdot e^{-Rt} dt$

$$\Rightarrow HC(RW) = \frac{1}{12R^6} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & e^{-Rt_r} \left[\begin{aligned} & h \left\{ 48R^4 (a + bt_r + ct_r^2) - 36R^3 (a\theta - b + bt_r\theta + 2ct_r + ct_r^2\theta) + 24R^2 (-b\theta + 2c - 2ct_r\theta) - 24c\theta R \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + r \left\{ 48R^4 (at_r + bt_r^2 + ct_r^3) + 36R^3 (2a - a\theta t_r + 3bt_r - b\theta t_r^2 + 4ct_r^2 - c\theta t_r^3) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + 24R^2 (-3a\theta + 3b - 4bt_r\theta + 8ct_r - 5ct_r^2\theta) + 24R (-2b\theta + 4c - 5ct_r\theta) - 120c\theta \right\} \right] \end{aligned} \right\} \\ + h \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left[5R^5 (12at_r + 6a\theta t_r^2 + 6bt_r^2 + 4b\theta t_r^3 + 4ct_r^3 + 3c\theta t_r^4) \right] \\ & - 8R^4 \{ 6a + 6a\theta t_r + 2c\theta t_r^3 + 3b\theta t_r^2 \} + 36R^3 (a\theta - b) + 24R^2 (b\theta - 2c) + 24c\theta R \end{aligned} \right\} \\ + r \left\{ \begin{aligned} & 4R^4 (12at_r + 6a\theta t_r^2 + 6bt_r^2 + 4b\theta t_r^3 + 4ct_r^3 + 3c\theta t_r^4) \\ & + R^3 (-72R^3 a - 24R^3 c\theta t_r^3 - 36R^3 b\theta t_r^2 - 72R^3 a\theta t_r) \end{aligned} \right\} \\ + 72R^2 (a\theta - b) + 48R (b\theta - 2c) + 120c\theta \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{10}$$

$$HC(OW) = \int_0^{t_r} (h + rt) \cdot I_0(t) \cdot e^{-Rt} dt + \int_{t_r}^T (h + rt) \cdot I_0(t) \cdot e^{-Rt} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[-\frac{1}{(R + \theta)^2} \left[\left\{ e^{-t_r(R+\theta)} [r(Rt_r + \theta t_r + 1) + h(R + \theta)] - r - h(R + \theta) \right\} w \right] \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{e^{-Rt_r}}{12R^6} \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 & h \left[\begin{aligned}
 & 24c\theta R + R^2 [24b\theta + 48c(-1 + t_r\theta)] + R^3 [36a\theta + 36b(-1 + t_r\theta) + 36c(-2t_r + t_r^2\theta)] \\
 & + R^4 [48a(-1 + \theta t_r - T\theta) + 24b(-2t_r + \theta t_r^2 - T^2\theta) + 16c(-3t_r^2 + \theta t_r^3 - T^3\theta)] \\
 & + R^5 [30a(-2t_r + \theta t_r^2 + 2T - 2Tt_r\theta + T^2\theta) + 10b(-3t_r^2 + \theta t_r^3 + 3T^2 - 3T^2t_r\theta) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + 2T^3\theta] + 5c(-4t_r^3 + \theta t_r^4 + 4T^3 - 4T^3t_r\theta + 3T^4\theta) \right] \\
 & + r \left[\begin{aligned}
 & R [48b\theta + 24c(-4 + 5t_r\theta - 5T\theta)] + R^2 [72a\theta + 24b(-3 + 4t_r\theta) + 24c(-8t_r + 5t_r^2\theta)] \\
 & + R^3 [36a(-2 + 3\theta t_r - 2T\theta) + 36b(-3t_r + 2\theta t_r^2 - T^2\theta) + 12c(-12t_r^2 + 5\theta t_r^3 - 2T^3\theta)] \\
 & + R^4 [24a(-4t_r + 3\theta t_r^2 + 2T - 4Tt_r\theta + T^2\theta) + 8b(-9t_r^2 + 4\theta t_r^3 + 3T^2 - 6T^2t_r\theta + 2T^3\theta) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + 4c(-16t_r^3 + 5\theta t_r^4 + 4T^3 - 8T^3t_r\theta + 3T^4\theta) \right] \\
 & + R^5 [30a(-2t_r^2 + t_r^3\theta + 2Tt_r - 2Tt_r^2\theta + T^2t_r\theta) \\
 & \quad + 10b(-3t_r^3 + t_r^4\theta + 3T^2t_r - 3T^2t_r^2\theta + 2T^3t_r\theta) + 5c(-4t_r^4 + t_r^5\theta + 4T^3t_r - 4T^3t_r^2\theta) \\
 & \quad + 3T^4t_r\theta] \\
 & + 120c\theta \end{aligned} \right] \\
 & \quad + \frac{e^{-RT}}{12R^6} \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 & h \left[\begin{aligned}
 & -24c\theta R + 24R^2 [-b\theta + 2c(1 - T\theta)] \\
 & + 36R^3 [-a\theta + b(1 - T\theta) + c(2T - T^2\theta)] + 48R^4 (a + bT + cT^2) \end{aligned} \right] \\
 & + r \left[\begin{aligned}
 & 24R(-2b\theta + 4c) + 24R^2 [-3a\theta + b(3 - 4T\theta) + c(8T - 5T^2\theta)] \\
 & + 36R^3 [a(2 - T\theta) + b(3T - T^2\theta) + c(-T^3\theta + 4cT^2)] \\
 & + 48R^4 [(aT + T^2b + T^3c) - 120c\theta] \end{aligned} \right] \end{aligned} \right\} \right\} \\
 & \end{aligned} \tag{11}
 \end{aligned}$$

4) Interest Earned: There are two cases

Case 1: (M ≤ T)

In this case, interest earned is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 IE_1 &= p \cdot I_e \cdot \int_0^M (a + bt + ct^2) t \cdot e^{-Rt} dt \\
 \Rightarrow IE_1 &= -\frac{p \cdot I_e}{R^4} \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 & e^{-RM} \left[\begin{aligned}
 & 2R(b + 3Mc) + 2R^2(a + 2Mb + 3M^2c) \\
 & + 3R^3(Ma + M^2b + M^3c) + 6c \end{aligned} \right] - 2Rb - 2R^2a - 6c \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: (M > T)

In this case, interest earned is:

$$IE_2 = p \cdot I_e \left[\int_0^T (a + bt + ct^2) t \cdot e^{-Rt} dt + (a + bT + cT^2) T(M - T) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow IE_2 = p \cdot I_e \left\{ \frac{-1}{R^4} \left\{ e^{-RT} \left[2R(b + 3cT) + 2R^2(a + 2bT + 3cT^2) + 3R^3(aT + bT^2 + cT^3) + 6c \right] - 2aR^2 - 2bR - 6c \right\} \right. \\ \left. + (a + bT + cT^2)T(M - T) \right\} \tag{13}$$

5) Interest Payable: There are three cases described in figure-1

Case 1: (M □ t □ T)

In this case, annual interest payable is:

$$IP_1 = k \cdot I_p \cdot \left[\int_M^{t_r} I_r(t) \cdot e^{-Rt} dt + \int_M^{t_r} I_0(t) \cdot e^{-Rt} dt + \int_{t_r}^T I_0(t) \cdot e^{-Rt} dt \right] \\ \Rightarrow IP_1 = kI_p \left\{ \frac{1}{12R^5} \left\{ e^{-RM} \left[\begin{aligned} &12R [b\theta + 2c(-1 + M\theta)] + 24R^2 [a\theta + b(-1 + M\theta) + c(M^2\theta - 2M)] \\ &+ 6R^3 [6a(-1 - \theta t_r + M\theta) + 3b(-\theta t_r^2 - 2M) + 2c(-\theta t_r^3 - 3M^2 + M^3\theta)] \end{aligned} \right] \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + R^4 \left[\begin{aligned} &24a [2t_r + \theta t_r^2 - 2M - 2M\theta t_r + M^2\theta] \\ &+ 2b [12t_r^2 + 8\theta t_r^3 - 12M\theta t_r^2 - 12M^2 + 9M^2\theta + 4M^3\theta] \\ &+ 4c [4t_r^3 + 3\theta t_r^4 - 4M\theta t_r^3 - 4M^3 + M^4\theta] + 24c\theta \end{aligned} \right] \right\} \right. \\ \left. + e^{-Rt_r} \left[\begin{aligned} &12R [-b\theta + 2c(1 - t_r\theta)] + 24R^2 [-a\theta + b(1 - t_r\theta) + c(2t_r - t_r^2\theta)] \\ &+ 36R^3 (a + bt_r + ct_r^2) - 24c\theta \end{aligned} \right] \right\} \\ + \frac{w (e^{-M(R+\theta)} - e^{-t_r(R+\theta)})}{(R + \theta)} \\ + \frac{1}{12R^5} \left\{ e^{-RT} \left[\begin{aligned} &12R [-b\theta + 2c(-\theta T + 1)] + 24R^2 [-a\theta + b(1 - T\theta) + c(2T - T^2\theta)] \\ &+ 36R^3 (a + bT + cT^2) \end{aligned} \right] \right. \\ \left. + e^{Rt_r} \left[\begin{aligned} &12R [b\theta + 2c(-1 + t_r\theta)] + 24R^2 [a\theta + b(-1 + t_r\theta) + c(-2t_r + t_r^2\theta)] \\ &+ 6R^3 [6a(-1 + \theta t_r - T\theta) + 3b(-2t_r + \theta t_r^2 - T^2\theta) + 2c(-3t_r^2 + \theta t_r^3 - T^3\theta)] \\ &+ 4R^4 [6a(-2t_r + \theta t_r^2 + 2T - 2T\theta t_r + T^2\theta) + 2b(-3t_r^2 + \theta t_r^3 + 3T^2 - 3T^2\theta t_r + 2T^3\theta)] \\ &+ c(-4t_r^3 + \theta t_r^4 + 4T^3 - 4T^3\theta t_r + 3T^4\theta) \end{aligned} \right] \right\} \right\} \tag{14}$$

Case 2: (t_r □ M □ T)

In this case, interest payable is:

$$IP_2 = k \cdot I_p \cdot \int_M^T I_0(t) \cdot e^{-Rt} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow IP_2 = \frac{k \cdot I_p}{12R^5} + e^{-RM} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left[e^{-RT} \left\{ 12R \left[-b\theta + 2c(1-\theta T) \right] + 24R^2 \left[-a\theta + b(1-T\theta) + c(2T - T^2\theta) \right] + 36R^3 (bT + cT^2 + 1) - 24c\theta \right\} \right] \\ & \left[12R \left[b\theta + 2c(-1 + M\theta) \right] + 24R^2 \left[a\theta + b(-1 + M\theta) + c(-2M + M^2\theta) \right] \right] \\ & \left[+ 6R^3 \left[6a(-1 - T\theta + M\theta) + 3b(-T^2\theta - 2M + M^2\theta) + 2c(-T^3\theta - 3M^2 + M^3\theta) \right] \right] \\ & \left[+ 4R^4 \left[6a(2T + T^2\theta - 2M - 2MT\theta + M^2\theta) + 2b(3T^2 - 3MT^2\theta + 2T^3\theta - 3M^2 + M^3\theta) \right] \right] \\ & \left[+ c(4T^3 + 3T^4\theta - 4M^3 + M^4\theta - 4MT^3\theta) \right] + 24c\theta \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (15)$$

Case 3: (M < T)

In this case, no interest charges are paid for the item and so

$$IP_3 = 0 \quad (16)$$

Substituting values from equations (7) to (11) and equations (12) to (16) in equations (17) to (19), the retailer's total cost during a cycle in three cases will be as under:

$$TC_1 = \frac{1}{T} [A + HC(O W) + HC(R W) + DC + IP_1 - IE_1] \quad (17)$$

$$TC_2 = \frac{1}{T} [A + HC(O W) + HC(R W) + DC + IP_2 - IE_1] \quad (18)$$

$$TC_3 = \frac{1}{T} [A + HC(O W) + HC(R W) + DC + IP_3 - IE_2] \quad (19)$$

Our objective is to determine the optimum values t_r^* and T^* of t_r and T respectively so that TC_i is minimum. Note that t_r^* and T^* can be obtained by solving the equations

$$\frac{\partial TC_i}{\partial t_r} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial TC_i}{\partial T} = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3) \quad (20)$$

$$\left. \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2 TC_i}{\partial t_r^2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 TC_i}{\partial T^2} \right) - \left(\frac{\partial TC_i}{\partial t_r \partial T} \right)^2 \right]_{t_r=t_r^*, T=T^*} > 0 \right\} \right. \\ & \left. \left[\frac{\partial^2 TC_i}{\partial t_r^2} \right]_{t_r=t_r^*, T=T^*} > 0 \right\} \quad (21)$$

The optimum solution of the equations (20) can be obtained by using appropriate software. The above developed model is illustrated by the means of the following numerical example.

Numerical Example – 1

To illustrate the proposed model, an inventory system with the following hypothetical values is considered. By taking $A = 150$, $w = 100$, $a = 8$, $b = 0.5$, $c = 0.2$, $k = 10$, $p = 15$, $\theta = 0.2$, $h = 1$, $r = 0.5$, $R = 0.06$, $M = 10$, $C_d = 4$, $I_p = 0.15$ and $I_e = 0.12$ (with appropriate units). The optimal values of t_r and T are $t_r^* = 13.71456792$, $T^* = 22.25988127$ units and the optimal total cost per unit time $TC = 3.346889173$ units.

Numerical Example – 2

By taking $A = 150$, $w = 100$, $a = 8$, $b = 0.5$, $c = 0.2$, $k = 10$, $p = 15$, $\theta = 0.2$, $h = 1$, $r = 0.5$, $R = 0.06$, $M = 16$, $C_d = 4$, $I_p = 0.15$ and $I_e = 0.12$ (with appropriate units). The optimal values of t_r and T are $t_r^* = 13.51613807$, $T^* = 22.37726544$ units and the optimal total cost per unit time $TC = 3.345597534$ units.

Numerical Example – 3

By taking $A = 150$, $w = 100$, $a = 8$, $b = 0.5$, $c = 0.2$, $k = 10$, $p = 15$, $\theta = 0.2$, $h = 1$, $r = 0.5$, $R = 0.06$, $M = 25$, $C_d = 4$, $I_p = 0.15$ and $I_e = 0.02$ (with appropriate units). The optimal values of t_r and T are $t_r^* = 13.18456160$, $T^* = 21.82708029$ units and the optimal total cost per unit time $TC = 3.354324259$ units.

VI. SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Sensitivity analysis depicts the extent to which the optimal solution of the model is affected by the changes in its input parameter values. Here, we study the sensitivity for total cost per time unit TC with respect to the changes in the values of the parameters A, w, a, b, k, p, θ , h, r, R, M, C_d , I_p and I_e .

The sensitivity analysis is performed by considering variation in each one of the above parameters keeping all other remaining parameters as fixed.

Table – 1: Partial Sensitivity Analysis Based Numerical Example – 1

| Parameter | % | t_r | T | TC |
|-----------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| A | - 20 | 13.71447314 | 22.25972159 | 3.346912472 |
| | - 10 | 13.71452053 | 22.25980143 | 3.346900821 |
| | + 10 | 13.71461530 | 22.25996110 | 3.346877526 |
| | + 20 | 13.71466269 | 22.26004094 | 3.346865879 |
| w | - 20 | 13.71431025 | 22.25885504 | 3.347103806 |
| | - 10 | 13.71443908 | 22.25936817 | 3.346996485 |
| | + 10 | 13.71467456 | 22.25995064 | 3.346673450 |
| | + 20 | 13.71482346 | 22.26063452 | 3.346262374 |
| a | - 20 | 13.84152478 | 22.41111398 | 3.343914723 |
| | - 10 | 13.76345536 | 22.22684594 | 3.344374543 |
| | + 10 | 13.65129742 | 22.18409989 | 3.348403083 |
| | + 20 | 13.58816752 | 22.10821091 | 3.349934358 |
| b | - 20 | 13.8042342 | 22.42534248 | 3.336424245 |
| | - 10 | 13.7378448 | 22.25457424 | 3.346352560 |
| | + 10 | 13.65365824 | 22.16879359 | 3.356457972 |
| | + 20 | 13.59333966 | 22.07839783 | 3.366016024 |
| c | - 20 | 13.40809897 | 21.84679176 | 3.374305795 |
| | - 10 | 13.57726226 | 22.07546066 | 3.359071177 |
| | + 10 | 13.74245234 | 22.24245492 | 3.327533453 |
| | + 20 | 13.93224244 | 22.46575234 | 3.289724248 |
| k | - 20 | 13.67366618 | 22.27401292 | 3.346956312 |
| | - 10 | 13.69435261 | 22.26692751 | 3.346918734 |
| | + 10 | 13.72634634 | 22.25354735 | 3.346874345 |
| | + 20 | 13.75234245 | 22.23045532 | 3.346844245 |
| p | - 20 | 13.69744424 | 22.23103278 | 3.347317011 |
| | - 10 | 13.70601765 | 22.24547596 | 3.347104047 |
| | + 10 | 13.72309523 | 22.27424896 | 3.346672374 |
| | + 20 | 13.74735242 | 22.30465234 | 3.344693510 |
| h | - 20 | 13.83833426 | 22.38734515 | 3.342301127 |
| | - 10 | 13.77588804 | 22.32329591 | 3.344583519 |
| | + 10 | 13.70534424 | 22.25552357 | 3.346834535 |
| | + 20 | 13.62068895 | 22.17354374 | 3.349345345 |
| r | - 20 | 13.20357242 | 22.59345423 | 3.327351645 |
| | - 10 | 13.53183825 | 21.99245885 | 3.338248686 |
| | + 10 | 13.87425830 | 22.49184150 | 3.354473847 |
| | + 20 | 14.01504787 | 22.69505830 | 3.361185927 |
| M | - 20 | 13.58566195 | 22.14684808 | 3.347400392 |
| | - 10 | 13.65213269 | 22.20358478 | 3.347388352 |
| | + 10 | 13.77312758 | 22.31551645 | 3.345980907 |
| | + 20 | 13.89424234 | 22.38093463 | 3.343414543 |
| θ | - 20 | 13.89752709 | 22.42210880 | 3.151146989 |
| | - 10 | 13.80659136 | 22.34812012 | 3.264790826 |
| | + 10 | 13.62292868 | 22.16236931 | 3.407779167 |
| | + 20 | 13.51435235 | 22.02543452 | 3.553623423 |
| C_d | - 20 | 14.31247578 | 23.09785921 | 3.390785280 |
| | - 10 | 14.00173743 | 22.66127789 | 3.367959896 |
| | + 10 | 13.44791651 | 21.88887087 | 3.327316573 |
| | + 20 | 13.19928734 | 21.54435448 | 3.309038613 |
| I_p | - 20 | 13.67366619 | 22.27401293 | 3.346956309 |
| | - 10 | 13.69435261 | 22.26692751 | 3.346918732 |
| | + 10 | 13.71559399 | 22.25534246 | 3.346876232 |
| | + 20 | 13.74230052 | 22.23734623 | 3.346834321 |
| I_e | - 20 | 13.69744424 | 22.23103278 | 3.347317012 |
| | - 10 | 13.70601764 | 22.24547596 | 3.347104047 |
| | + 10 | 13.72309523 | 22.27424897 | 3.346672377 |
| | + 20 | 13.74455743 | 22.29057395 | 3.346042343 |

Table – 2: Partial Sensitivity Analysis Based Numerical Example – 2

| Parameter | % | t_r | T | TC |
|----------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| A | - 20 | 13.51604909 | 22.37711758 | 3.345621306 |
| | - 10 | 13.51609358 | 22.37719151 | 3.345609420 |
| | + 10 | 13.51618256 | 22.37733936 | 3.345585645 |
| | + 20 | 13.51622705 | 22.37741330 | 3.345573756 |
| w | - 20 | 13.51591199 | 22.37631039 | 3.345813273 |
| | - 10 | 13.51602503 | 22.37678794 | 3.345705399 |
| | + 10 | 13.51625110 | 22.37774291 | 3.345489679 |
| | + 20 | 13.51636414 | 22.37822034 | 3.345381840 |
| a | - 20 | 13.64333127 | 22.52035345 | 3.342216825 |
| | - 10 | 13.57965806 | 22.44885384 | 3.343898291 |
| | + 10 | 13.45277320 | 22.30559047 | 3.347314233 |
| | + 20 | 13.38956532 | 22.23383113 | 3.349048078 |
| b | - 20 | 13.63481162 | 22.54865775 | 3.326087512 |
| | - 10 | 13.57516715 | 22.46261813 | 3.335847649 |
| | + 10 | 13.45771684 | 22.29259521 | 3.355336689 |
| | + 20 | 13.39989606 | 22.20860292 | 3.365064684 |
| c | - 20 | 13.21581454 | 21.99050041 | 3.373941719 |
| | - 10 | 13.38150471 | 22.20451234 | 3.358192800 |
| | + 10 | 13.62768352 | 22.51962059 | 3.335297864 |
| | + 20 | 13.72160264 | 22.63894021 | 3.326720367 |
| k | - 20 | 13.52523031 | 22.39237401 | 3.345042694 |
| | - 10 | 13.52064253 | 22.38475036 | 3.345320005 |
| | + 10 | 13.51171465 | 22.36991547 | 3.345875258 |
| | + 20 | 13.50737009 | 22.36269679 | 3.346153170 |
| p | - 20 | 13.48614532 | 22.32743475 | 3.347000083 |
| | - 10 | 13.50117694 | 22.35240706 | 3.346302662 |
| | + 10 | 13.53102955 | 22.40201124 | 3.344884651 |
| | + 20 | 13.54585219 | 22.42664574 | 3.344163978 |
| h | - 20 | 13.63360874 | 22.49599813 | 3.340773135 |
| | - 10 | 13.57429871 | 22.43635440 | 3.343175195 |
| | + 10 | 13.45908327 | 22.31871718 | 3.348039373 |
| | + 20 | 13.40309302 | 22.26069621 | 3.350500007 |
| r | - 20 | 13.09635691 | 21.86323698 | 3.326199607 |
| | - 10 | 13.32131908 | 22.13846509 | 3.336626683 |
| | + 10 | 13.68655241 | 22.58653786 | 3.353410265 |
| | + 20 | 13.83692044 | 22.77152068 | 3.360283803 |
| M | - 20 | 13.28075404 | 21.98653331 | 3.342745114 |
| | - 10 | 13.40434365 | 22.19159195 | 3.344844285 |
| | + 10 | 13.61670836 | 22.54444818 | 3.345332544 |
| | + 20 | 13.70665010 | 22.69408388 | 3.344337937 |
| θ | - 20 | 13.7357502 | 22.58242423 | 3.123457239 |
| | - 10 | 13.60291751 | 22.45823933 | 3.262047752 |
| | + 10 | 13.42959475 | 22.28682626 | 3.407275777 |
| | + 20 | 13.34412799 | 22.19014080 | 3.454355134 |
| C _d | - 20 | 13.79534277 | 22.75459060 | 3.367050204 |
| | - 10 | 13.65323617 | 22.56236200 | 3.356125211 |
| | + 10 | 13.38374436 | 22.19884321 | 3.335438851 |
| | + 20 | 13.30585885 | 22.05758387 | 3.315277583 |
| I _p | - 20 | 13.52523031 | 22.39237401 | 3.345042693 |
| | - 10 | 13.52064253 | 22.38475036 | 3.345320005 |
| | + 10 | 13.51171465 | 22.36991547 | 3.345875258 |
| | + 20 | 13.50737009 | 22.36269679 | 3.346153170 |
| I _e | - 20 | 13.48614532 | 22.32743476 | 3.347000084 |
| | - 10 | 13.50117694 | 22.35240706 | 3.346302664 |
| | + 10 | 13.53102956 | 22.40201124 | 3.344884652 |
| | + 20 | 13.54585219 | 22.42664575 | 3.344163979 |

Table – 3: Partial Sensitivity Analysis Based Numerical Example – 3

| Parameter | % | t_r | T | TC |
|-----------|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| A | -20 | 13.18446186 | 21.82691502 | 3.354349092 |
| | -10 | 13.18451173 | 21.82699765 | 3.354336674 |
| | +10 | 13.18461148 | 21.82716293 | 3.354311843 |
| | +20 | 13.18466134 | 21.82724556 | 3.354299426 |
| w | -20 | 13.18432625 | 21.82603960 | 3.354549367 |
| | -10 | 13.18467927 | 21.82760057 | 3.354211723 |
| | +10 | 13.18479693 | 21.82812078 | 3.354099199 |
| | +20 | 13.18479693 | 21.82812078 | 3.354099198 |
| a | -20 | 13.31931477 | 21.98110765 | 3.350336381 |
| | -10 | 13.24755683 | 21.90558324 | 3.352374535 |
| | +10 | 13.11733530 | 21.74978254 | 3.356341913 |
| | +20 | 13.05021083 | 21.67229643 | 3.358374908 |
| b | -20 | 13.31054574 | 22.01073005 | 3.333785661 |
| | -10 | 13.24726480 | 21.91859734 | 3.344061525 |
| | +10 | 13.12242898 | 21.73617509 | 3.364573350 |
| | +20 | 13.06085992 | 21.64587791 | 3.374808297 |
| c | -20 | 12.86485735 | 21.40993104 | 3.384654039 |
| | -10 | 13.04146032 | 21.64109189 | 3.367810636 |
| | +10 | 13.20457248 | 21.90587584 | 3.334523534 |
| | +20 | 13.40229561 | 22.10781077 | 3.334085768 |
| p | -20 | 13.22525283 | 21.89451611 | 3.353281835 |
| | -10 | 13.20479079 | 21.86060235 | 3.353796635 |
| | +10 | 13.16455998 | 21.79394096 | 3.354864818 |
| | +20 | 13.14478079 | 21.76117570 | 3.355418422 |
| h | -20 | 13.30282615 | 21.94904273 | 3.349173527 |
| | -10 | 13.24312262 | 21.88778028 | 3.351739476 |
| | +10 | 13.12709971 | 21.76692854 | 3.356927110 |
| | +20 | 13.07069582 | 21.70731147 | 3.359547320 |
| r | -20 | 12.68846444 | 21.18106899 | 3.338032570 |
| | -10 | 12.95550184 | 21.52931617 | 3.346696600 |
| | +10 | 13.38337921 | 22.08494842 | 3.361083736 |
| | +20 | 13.55768506 | 22.31066367 | 3.367111872 |
| M | -20 | 13.05396416 | 21.61080343 | 3.336519252 |
| | -10 | 13.11901453 | 21.71850074 | 3.345348582 |
| | +10 | 13.25061016 | 21.93655146 | 3.363450676 |
| | +20 | 13.31716504 | 22.04692377 | 3.372732410 |
| θ | -20 | 13.34646353 | 22.79342342 | 3.195525833 |
| | -10 | 13.25268542 | 21.88025799 | 3.270702764 |
| | +10 | 13.11295366 | 21.75863725 | 3.415650030 |
| | +20 | 13.03955684 | 21.67944485 | 3.462226585 |
| C_d | -20 | 13.46399819 | 22.20643506 | 3.375664255 |
| | -10 | 13.32175500 | 22.01316892 | 3.364796485 |
| | +10 | 13.05211161 | 21.64771033 | 3.344219928 |
| | +20 | 12.92412517 | 21.47464179 | 3.334458659 |
| Ie | -20 | 13.22525283 | 21.89451611 | 3.353281835 |
| | -10 | 13.20479079 | 21.86060235 | 3.353796633 |
| | +10 | 13.16455998 | 21.79394096 | 3.354864818 |
| | +20 | 13.14478079 | 21.76117570 | 3.355418421 |

VII. GRAPHICAL PRESENTATION

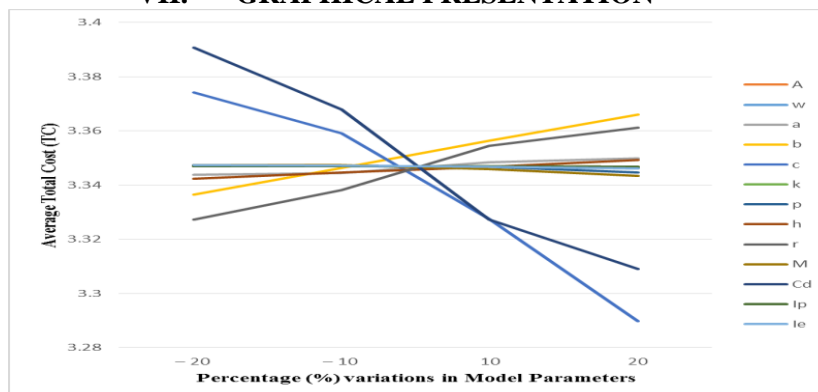


Figure – 2

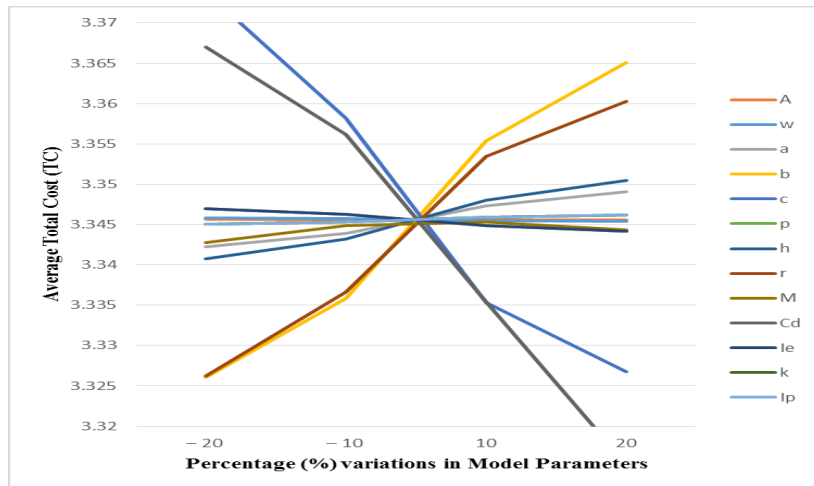


Figure – 3

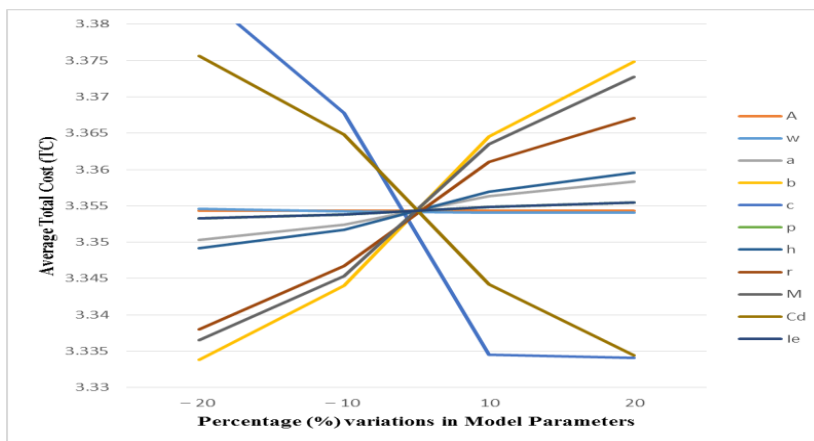


Figure – 4

VIII. CONCLUSIONS

- From the **Table – 1**, we observe that as the values of the parameters a , b , h , r and θ increase the average total cost also increases and for the values of the parameters A , w , c , k , p , M , C_d , I_p and I_e the average total cost decreases.
- **Table – 2** shows that as the values of the parameters a , b , k , h , r , θ , I_p and M increase the average total cost also increases and for the values of the parameters A , w , c , p , C_d and I_e the average total cost decreases.
- From the **Table – 3**, we note that as the values of the parameters a , b , p , h , r , M , θ and I_e increase the average total cost also increases and for the values of the parameters A , w , c and C_d the average total cost decreases.
- From the **Figure – 2**, we observe that the total cost per time unit is highly sensitive to changes in the values of c , C_d , moderately sensitive to changes in the values of b , r and less sensitive to changes in the values of A , w , a , k , p , h , M , C_d , I_p , I_e .
- From the **Figure – 3** we note that the total cost per time unit is highly sensitive to changes in the values of c , b , r , C_d , moderately sensitive to changes in the values of a , h and less sensitive to changes in the values of A , w , p , M , k , I_p , I_e .
- **Figure – 4** shows that the total cost per time unit is highly sensitive to changes in the values of b , c , M , r , C_d , moderately sensitive to changes in the values of a , h and less sensitive to changes in the values of A , w , p , I_e .

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