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## EOQ Model for both Ameliorating and Deteriorating Items with Exponentially Increasing Demand and Linear Time Dependent Holding Cost

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### Abstract

An economic ordering quantity model for items that are both ameliorating and deteriorating with exponentially increasing demand and linear time dependent holding cost was developed.

### 1. Introduction

Demand for inventory items may sometimes soar high or nose dive suddenly or remain steady as dictated by the vicissitudes of life. A lot of inventory models were developed to explain such scenarios. The first model describing an exponentially decreasing demand for an inventory item was proposed by Hollier and Mak (1983) where they obtained optimal replenishment policies under both constant and variable replenishment intervals. Hariga and Bankerouf (1994) generalized Hollier and Mak (1983)'s model by taking into account both exponentially growing and decaying markets. Wee (1995, 1995) proposed a deterministic lot size model for deteriorating items where demand declines exponentially over a fixed time horizon. Later, Mishra *et al* (2013) studied an inventory model with non-instantaneous receipt and the exponential demand rate under trade credits. The paper determines optimal replenishment policies under conditions of non-instantaneous receipt and trade credits for two different cases to represent closed form solution for finding the optimal order quantity,

optimal cycle time, optimal receipt period and total relevant cost. An inventory model for deteriorating items with exponential declining demand and time varying holding cost was studied by Dash *et al.* (2014).

The logarithmic demand for inventory models was studied by Pande *et al.* (2012). The study was an attempt to propose an inventory control model for fixed deterioration and logarithmic demand rate for the optimal stock of commodities to meet the future demand which may either arise at a constant rate or may vary with time. The analytical development is provided to obtain the optimal solution to minimize the total cost per time unit of an inventory control system. Numerical analysis has been presented to accredit the validity of the mentioned model. Effect of change in the values of different parameters on the decision variable and objectives function has been studied.

Singh *et al.* (2011) studied a Production Model with Selling Price Dependent Demand and Partial Backlogging under Inflation. Deterioration rate is taken as two parameter Weibull distribution. Shortages are allowed with backlogging and the backlogging rate is taken as exponential decreasing function of time.

Khanra *et al.* (2011) studied an EOQ Model for a Deteriorating Item with Time Dependent Quadratic Demand under Permissible Delay in Payment. Khanra *et al.* (2011) analyzed an EOQ model for deteriorating item considering time-dependent quadratic demand rate and permissible delay in payment. Among the various time-varying demand in EOQ models, the more realistic demand approach is to consider a quadratic time dependent demand rate because it represents both accelerated and retarded growth in demand. They therefore developed their mathematical models under two different circumstances:

**Case I:** The credit period is less than or equal to the cycle time for settling the account.

**Case II:** The credit period is greater than the cycle time for settling the account.

Chung and Tsai (2001) studied an Inventory Systems for Deteriorating Items with Shortages and a Linear Trend in Demand-Taking Account of Time Value of money. They used a simple solution algorithm with a line search to obtain the optimal interval.

Mishra and Mishra (2008) studied Price determination for an EOQ model for deteriorating items under perfect competition. They used the concept of perfect competition as an important market structure. Under its effect, the price of a unit item of the EOQ model has been analyzed and computed by employing the approach of marginal revenue and marginal cost along with the profit optimization technique.

Moncer (1997) studied optimal inventory policies for perishable items with time-dependent demand. Moncer (1996) presents two computationally efficient solution methods that determine the optimal replenishment schedules for exponentially deteriorating items and perishable products with fixed lifetime. For both models, the inventoried items have general continuous-time-dependent demand.

Deepa and Khimya (2013) studied the stochastic inventory model for ameliorating items under supplier's trade credit policy. Spectral theories are used to derive explicit expression for the transition probabilities of a four state continuous time markov chain representing the status of the systems. These probabilities are used to compute the exact form of the average cost expression. They used concepts from renewal reward processes to develop average cost objective function. Optimal solution is obtained using Newton Raphson method in R programming.

Mishra *et al.* (2012) studied an optimal control of an inventory system with variable demand & ameliorating / deteriorating items. They developed an inventory model for

ameliorating items. Obtaining an instantaneous replenishment model for such items under cost minimization.

Valliathal (2013) studied an inflation effects on an EOQ model for weibull deteriorating/ameliorating items with ramp type of demand and shortages. Valliathal (2013) studied the replenishment policy, starting with shortages under two different types of backlogging rates, and their comparative study was also provided. He then used the computer software, MATLAB to find the optimal replenishment policies and obtain the inflation effects.

Barik *et al.* (2013) studied An Inventory Model for Weibull Ameliorating, Deteriorating Items under the Influence of Inflation. They developed an economic order quantity for both ameliorating and deteriorating items for time varying demand rate under inflation.

Sharma and Vijay (2013) studied An EOQ Model for Deteriorating Items with Price Dependent Demand, Varying Holding Cost and Shortages under Trade Credit. They developed a deterministic inventory model for price dependent demand with time dependent deterioration, varying holding cost (linear and fully backlogged) and shortages.

Mallick *et al.* (2011) studied An EOQ model for both ameliorating and deteriorating items under the influence of inflation and time-value of money. They developed an economic order quantity model for both ameliorating and deteriorating items to find the optimal time cycle for adding or removing the inventories so that the total average cost will be minimum.

Sahoo *et al.* (2010) studied An Inventory Model for Constant Deteriorating Items with Price Dependent Demand and Time-varying Holding Cost. They developed a generalized EOQ model for deteriorating items where deterioration rate and holding cost are expressed as linearly increasing functions of time and demand rate is a function of selling price.

Chandra (2011) studied an Eoq Model for Items with Exponential Distribution Deterioration and Linear Trend Deamd Under Permissible Dely in Payments. An order-level inventory

model is constructed for deteriorating items with instantaneous replenishment, exponential decay rate and a time varying linear demand without shortages under permissible delay in payments.

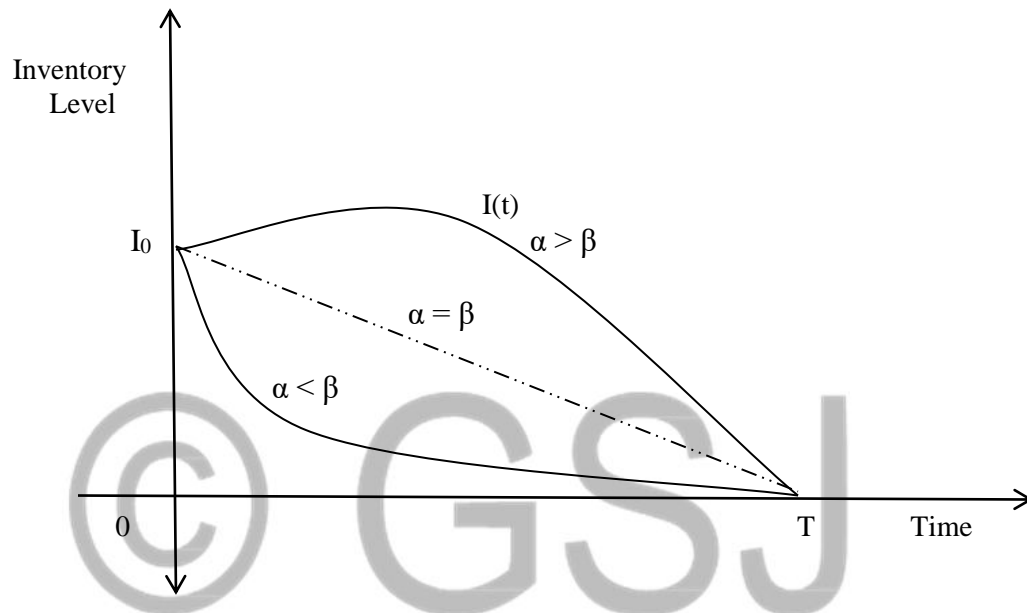
Himanshu and Ashutosh, (2014), studied an Optimum Inventory Policy for Exponentially Deteriorating Items considering multivariate consumption rate with partial backlogging. They developed a partial backlogging inventory model for exponential deteriorating items considering stock and price sensitive demand rate in fuzzy surroundings.

## 2 Assumptions and Notation

- The inventory system involves only one single item and one stocking point.
- Amelioration occurs when the items are effectively in stock.
- Deterioration occurs when the items are effectively in stock.
- The cycle length is  $T$ .
- The initial inventory level is  $I_0$ .
- The unit cost of the item is a known constant  $C$ , and the replenishment cost is also a known constant  $C_o$  per replenishment.
- The demand rate,  $R(t) = e^{\alpha t}$  increases exponentially with time.
- The level of on-hand inventory at any time  $t$  is  $I(t)$ .
- The ordering quantity per cycle which enters into inventory at  $t = 0$  is  $I_0$ .
- The rate of amelioration  $\alpha$  is a constant.
- The rate of deterioration  $\beta$  is a constant.
- The total number of ameliorated amount over the cycle  $T$ , when considered in terms of value  $(0, T)$  is given by  $A_T$ .

- The total number of deteriorated amount over the cycle T, when considered in terms of value (0, T) is given by  $D_T$ .
- The total number of on-hand inventory within the cycle T is  $I_T$ .
- The inventory holding cost  $C_h = \lambda_1 + t\lambda_2$  is linearly dependent on time

### 3. Model Formulation



**Figure 1:** Inventory movement in an item that is both ameliorating and deteriorating with exponentially increasing demand and linear time dependent holding cost.

From Figure 1,  $I(t)$  be the on-hand inventory at time  $t \geq 0$ , then at time  $t + \Delta t$ , the inventory level in the interval (0, T) is given by:

$$I(t + \Delta t) = I(t) + (\alpha - \beta)I(t)\Delta t - \Delta t e^{at} \quad (1)$$

Divide by  $\Delta t$  and taking limit as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ , we have:

$$\frac{d}{dt}[I(t)] = (\alpha - \beta)I(t) - e^{at}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[I(t)] - (\alpha - \beta)I(t) = -e^{at} \quad (2)$$

The solution of equation (2) is given by;

$$I(t) = -\frac{e^{at}}{a - \alpha + \beta} + Ke^{(\alpha - \beta)t} \quad (3)$$

Now applying the boundary condition at  $t = 0$  and  $I(t) = I_0$ ,  $I_0$  is obtained as;

$$I_0 = -\frac{1}{a - \alpha + \beta} + K$$

and  $K$  is obtained as;

$$K = I_0 + \frac{1}{a - \alpha + \beta} \quad (4)$$

Substituting equation (4) into equation (3) gives;

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= -\frac{e^{at}}{a - \alpha + \beta} + \left( I_0 + \frac{1}{a - \alpha + \beta} \right) e^{(\alpha - \beta)t} \\ &= -\frac{e^{at}}{a - \alpha + \beta} + \frac{1}{a - \alpha + \beta} e^{(\alpha - \beta)t} + I_0 e^{(\alpha - \beta)t} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Apply the boundary conditions,  $t = T, I(t) = 0$ , equation (5) becomes

$$0 = -\frac{e^{aT}}{a - \alpha + \beta} + \frac{1}{a - \alpha + \beta} e^{(\alpha - \beta)T} + I_0 e^{(\alpha - \beta)T}$$

$I_0$  is thus obtained as follows;

$$I_0 = \frac{e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}}{a-\alpha+\beta} - \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta}$$

Substitute the value of  $I_0$  into equation (5) to get;

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= -\frac{e^{at}}{a-\alpha+\beta} + \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta} e^{(\alpha-\beta)t} + \left[ \frac{e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}}{a-\alpha+\beta} - \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta} \right] e^{(\alpha-\beta)t} \\ &= -\frac{e^{at}}{a-\alpha+\beta} + \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta} e^{(\alpha-\beta)t} + \frac{e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}}{a-\alpha+\beta} e^{(\alpha-\beta)t} - \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta} e^{(\alpha-\beta)t} \\ &= \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta} \left[ e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T+(\alpha-\beta)t} - e^{at} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

#### 4 Total Amount of On-Hand Inventory during the Complete Cycle:

$$\begin{aligned} I_T &= \int_0^T I(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^T \left[ \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta} \left[ e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T+(\alpha-\beta)t} - e^{at} \right] \right] dt \\ &= \frac{e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}}{a-\alpha+\beta} \int_0^T e^{(\alpha-\beta)t} dt - \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta} \int_0^T e^{at} dt \\ &= \frac{e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}}{a-\alpha+\beta} \left[ \frac{e^{(\alpha-\beta)t}}{\alpha-\beta} - \frac{1}{\alpha-\beta} \right] - \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta} \left[ \frac{e^{at}}{a} - \frac{1}{a} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{a(\alpha-\beta)(a-\alpha+\beta)} \left[ a(e^{aT} - e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}) - (\alpha-\beta)(e^{aT} - 1) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

#### 5 Total Demand within (0, T):

$$\begin{aligned} R_T &= \int_0^T e^{at} I(t) dt \\ &= \frac{e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}}{a-\alpha+\beta} \int_0^T e^{(a+\alpha-\beta)t} dt - \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta} \int_0^T e^{2at} dt \end{aligned}$$



Integrating the above equation we get;

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}}{a-\alpha+\beta} \left( \frac{e^{(a+\alpha-\beta)T}-1}{a+\alpha-\beta} \right) - \frac{1}{a-\alpha+\beta} \left( \frac{e^{2aT}-1}{2a} \right) \\
 &= \frac{e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}}{(a-\alpha+\beta)(a+\alpha-\beta)} (e^{(a+\alpha-\beta)T}-1) - \frac{1}{2a(a-\alpha+\beta)} (e^{2aT}-1)
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

## 6 The Ameliorated Amount within (0, T):

$$A_T = \alpha I_T$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{a(\alpha-\beta)(a-\alpha+\beta)} [a(e^{aT} - e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}) - (\alpha-\beta)(e^{aT}-1)] \tag{9}$$

## 7 Deteriorated Amount within (0, T):

$$D_T = \beta I_T$$

$$\frac{\beta}{a(\alpha-\beta)(a-\alpha+\beta)} [a(e^{aT} - e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}) - (\alpha-\beta)(e^{aT}-1)] \tag{10}$$

## Inventory Holding Cost in a Cycle:

$$C_h(t) = \int_0^T (\lambda_1 + t\lambda_2) I(t) dt$$

$$= \lambda_1 \int_0^T I(t) dt + \lambda_2 \int_0^T t I(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\lambda_1}{a(\alpha-\beta)(a-\alpha+\beta)} [a(e^{aT} - e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}) - (\alpha-\beta)(e^{aT}-1)] + \frac{\lambda_2 e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}}{(\alpha-\beta)^2(a-\alpha+\beta)} ((\alpha-\beta)T-1)e^{(a-\alpha)T} \\
 &\quad - \frac{\lambda_2}{a^2(a-\alpha+\beta)} (aT-1)e^{aT} + \frac{\lambda_2}{(a-\alpha)^2(a-\alpha+\beta)} - \frac{\lambda_2}{a^2(a-\alpha+\beta)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

### Total Variable Cost:

$$TVC(T) = \frac{C_0}{T} + \frac{C_h(t)}{T} - \frac{CA_T}{T} + \frac{CD_T}{T}$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \left[ C_0 + \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{a(\alpha - \beta)(a - \alpha + \beta)} \left[ a(e^{aT} - e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}) - (\alpha - \beta)(e^{aT} - 1) \right] \right. \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\lambda_2 e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}}{(\alpha - \beta)^2 (a - \alpha + \beta)} ((\alpha - \beta)T - 1)e^{(a-\alpha)T} - \frac{\lambda_2}{a^2 (a - \alpha + \beta)} (aT - 1)e^{aT} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\lambda_2}{(a - \alpha)^2 (a - \alpha + \beta)} - \frac{\lambda_2}{a^2 (a - \alpha + \beta)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{C(\beta - \alpha)}{a(\alpha - \beta)(a - \alpha + \beta)} \left[ a(e^{aT} - e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}) - (\alpha - \beta)(e^{aT} - 1) \right] \right]$$

To obtain the value of T which minimizes the total variable cost per unit time, we differentiate the above equation with respect to T

$$\frac{d(TVC(T))}{dT} = \left[ -\frac{C_0}{T^2} + \frac{\lambda_1}{a(\alpha - \beta)(a - \alpha + \beta)} \left( \frac{a}{T^2} ((aT - 1)e^{aT} - ((a - \alpha + \beta)T - 1)e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T}) \right) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\lambda_2}{(\alpha - \beta)^2 (a - \alpha + \beta)} \left( (\alpha - \beta)(2a - 2\alpha + \beta)Te^{(2a-2\alpha+\beta)} - \frac{(2a - 2\alpha + \beta)T - 1}{T^2} e^{(2a-2\alpha+\beta)} \right) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\lambda_2}{a^2 (a - \alpha + \beta)} \left( a^2 e^{aT} - \frac{(aT - 1)}{T^2} e^{aT} \right) - \frac{\lambda_2}{(a - \alpha)^2 (a - \alpha + \beta)T^2} - \frac{\lambda_2}{a^2 (a - \alpha + \beta)T^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{C(\beta - \alpha)}{a(\alpha - \beta)(a - \alpha + \beta)} \left( \frac{a(aT - 1)}{T^2} e^{aT} - \frac{a((a - \alpha + \beta)T - 1)}{T^2} e^{(a-\alpha+\beta)T} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{C(\beta - \alpha)}{a(\alpha - \beta)(a - \alpha + \beta)} \left( -\frac{(\alpha - \beta)(aT - 1)}{T^2} e^{aT} + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)}{T^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{T^2} \left[ \begin{aligned} & -C_0 + \frac{\lambda_1}{a(\alpha - \beta)(a - \alpha + \beta)} \left( a((aT - 1)e^{aT} - ((a - \alpha + \beta)T - 1)e^{(a - \alpha + \beta)T}) \right) \\ & + \frac{\lambda_2}{(\alpha - \beta)^2(a - \alpha + \beta)} ((\alpha - \beta)(2a - 2\alpha + \beta)T^2 - ((2a - 2\alpha + \beta)T - 1)e^{(2a - 2\alpha + \beta)T}) \\ & - \frac{\lambda_2}{a^2(a - \alpha + \beta)} (a^2T^2 - (aT - 1)e^{aT}) - \frac{\lambda_2}{a^2(a - \alpha)^2(a - \alpha + \beta)T^2} (a^2 - (a - \alpha)^2) \\ & + \frac{C(\beta - \alpha)}{a(\alpha - \beta)(a - \alpha + \beta)} \left( ((aT - 1)(a - \alpha + \beta))e^{aT} - a((a - \alpha + \beta)T - 1)e^{(a - \alpha + \beta)T} \right) \\ & + (\alpha - \beta) \end{aligned} \right]$$

For optimal cycle period T which minimizes the total variable cost per unit time,

$$\frac{d}{dT} TVC(T) = 0$$

Therefore;

$$0 = -\frac{1}{T^2} \left[ \begin{aligned} & -C_0 + \frac{\lambda_1}{a(\alpha - \beta)(a - \alpha + \beta)} \left( a((aT - 1)e^{aT} - ((a - \alpha + \beta)T - 1)e^{(a - \alpha + \beta)T}) \right) \\ & + \frac{\lambda_2}{(\alpha - \beta)^2(a - \alpha + \beta)} ((\alpha - \beta)(2a - 2\alpha + \beta)T^2 - ((2a - 2\alpha + \beta)T - 1)e^{(2a - 2\alpha + \beta)T}) \\ & - \frac{\lambda_2}{a^2(a - \alpha + \beta)} (a^2T^2 - (aT - 1)e^{aT}) - \frac{\lambda_2}{a^2(a - \alpha)^2(a - \alpha + \beta)T^2} (a^2 - (a - \alpha)^2) \\ & + \frac{C(\beta - \alpha)}{a(\alpha - \beta)(a - \alpha + \beta)} \left( ((aT - 1)(a - \alpha + \beta))e^{aT} - a((a - \alpha + \beta)T - 1)e^{(a - \alpha + \beta)T} \right) \\ & + (\alpha - \beta) \end{aligned} \right]$$

Multiplying through by  $T^2 a^2 (\alpha - \beta)^2 (a - \alpha + \beta)$  we obtain;

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & -a^2 (\alpha - \beta)^2 (a - \alpha + \beta) C_0 + a(\alpha - \beta) \lambda_1 \left( a((aT - 1)e^{aT} - ((a - \alpha + \beta)T - 1)e^{(a - \alpha + \beta)T}) \right) \\ & + a^2 \lambda_2 ((\alpha - \beta)(2a - 2\alpha + \beta)T^2 - ((2a - 2\alpha + \beta)T - 1)e^{(2a - 2\alpha + \beta)T}) \\ & - (\alpha - \beta)^2 \lambda_2 (a^2T^2 - (aT - 1)e^{aT}) - \lambda_2 (a^2 - (a - \alpha)^2) \\ & + a(\alpha - \beta) C(\beta - \alpha) \left( ((aT - 1)(a - \alpha + \beta))e^{aT} - a((a - \alpha + \beta)T - 1)e^{(a - \alpha + \beta)T} \right) \\ & + (\alpha - \beta) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

## 10 Economic Order Quantity:

$$EOQ = \frac{1}{a - \alpha + \beta} (e^{(a - \alpha + \beta)T} - 1) = I_0 \quad (13)$$

## 11 Numerical Examples

We use equation (12) to obtain the numerical examples below.

**Table 1: Input parameter values for the five numerical examples;**

<b>a</b>	<b><math>\alpha</math></b>	<b><math>\beta</math></b>	<b>C</b>	<b><math>C_0</math></b>	<b><math>\lambda_1</math></b>	<b><math>\lambda_2</math></b>
<b>6</b>	0.23	0.01	200	7000	20	6,000
<b>10</b>	0.4	0.2	200	100,000	2	2,000
<b>13</b>	0.6	0.3	200	50,000	10	1,500
<b>15</b>	0.5	0.3	200	100,000	6	2,500
<b>20</b>	0.8	0.6	150	60,000	20	4,000

**Table 2: Output parameter values for the five numerical examples showing the optimal solution obtained;**

<b>T*</b>	<b>TVC(T)*</b>	<b>EOQ*</b>
<b>0.4575 (167 days)</b>	19159	2.26
<b>0.5178 (189 days)</b>	224390	16.21
<b>0.3479 (127 days)</b>	169178	6.46
<b>0.3507 (128 days)</b>	331714	12.06
<b>0.2384 (81 days)</b>	294196	5.61

## 12 Sensitivity Analysis

Now we carryout sensitivity analysis to see the effect of parameter changes on the decision variables. This has been carried out on second example by changing (that is increasing/decreasing) the parameters by  $\pm 1\%$ ,  $\pm 5\%$  and  $\pm 25\%$  and taking one parameter at a time, keeping the remaining parameters constants.

**Table 3: Sensitivity analysis of the second example from Table 3.11.1**

Parameters	% change in the parameter value	% change in results		
		T*	TVC(T)*	EOQ*
<b>a</b>	-25	30.16	-23.08	14.93
	-5	4.76	-4.5	2.31
	-1	1.06	-0.90	1.19
	1	-1.06	0.90	-1.23
	5	-4.23	4.47	-1.60
	25	-18.52	22.03	-10.53
<b><math>\alpha</math></b>	-25	20.11	-19.06	193.50
	-5	2.65	-3.08	15.48
	-1	0.53	-0.60	2.94
	1	-0.53	0.59	-2.80
	5	-2.65	2.88	-13.33
	25	-10.05	12.94	-42.36
<b><math>\beta</math></b>	-25	-5.28	6.88	-27.15
	-5	-1.59	1.46	-8.14
	-1	-0.53	0.30	-2.72
	1	0	-0.30	0.11
	5	1.06	-1.51	6.03
	25	7.94	-8.20	53.42
<b>C</b>	-25	0	0.06	0.02
	-5	0	0.012	0.02
	-1	0	0.002	0.02
	1	0	-0.003	0.02
	5	0	-0.01	0.02
	25	0	-0.06	0.02
<b><math>C_0</math></b>	-25	-3.70	-21.91	-17.22
	-5	-0.53	-4.32	-2.64
	-1	0	-0.86	0.02
	1	0	0.86	0.02
	5	0.53	4.29	2.76
	25	2.65	21.23	14.48
<b><math>\lambda_1</math></b>	-25	0	0.005	0.024
	-5	0	0.0009	0.024
	-1	0	8.69	0.024
	1	0	-0.00031	0.024
	5	0	-0.001	0.024
	25	0	-0.005	0.024
<b><math>\lambda_2</math></b>	-25	3.70	-3.94	20.84
	-5	0.53	-0.72	2.76
	-1	0	-0.14	0.24
	1	0	0.14	0.24
	5	-0.53	0.69	-2.64
	25	-2.65	3.23	-12.62

### 13 Discussion of Results

We use equation 12 to obtain the numerical examples as Table 1 shows the input parameters while Table 2 shows the output values. We then discuss the effect of changes in the values of the parameters on decision variables as contained in Table 3 above. The Table shows that all the decision variables are sensitive to changes in all the parameters. We also notice the following from the table:

- As  $T^*$  increases,  $\beta$  and  $C_0$  increases.
- As  $TVC(T)^*$  increases,  $a$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $C_0$  and  $\lambda_2$  increases.
- As  $EOQ^*$  increases,  $\beta$  and  $C_0$  increases.
- As  $T^*$  decreases,  $a$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda_2$  decreases.
- As  $TVC(T)^*$  decreases,  $\beta$ ,  $C$  and  $\lambda_1$  decreases.
- As  $EOQ^*$  decreases,  $a$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda_2$  decreases.

The analysis above shows that the cycle period,  $T^*$  increases as the replenishment cost and rate of deterioration increase and this conforms to common expectation since the higher ordering cost increase the quantity of the inventory and hence takes longer time to be disposed of. The analysis also shows, as expected, that the total variable cost,  $TVC(T)^*$ , increases as the rate of demand, the rate of amelioration, the replenishment cost and holding cost increase. Lastly, we noticed in the analysis that the  $EOQ^*$  increases with increase in the rate of deterioration and replenishment cost. However, the change in  $T^*$  has no effect on  $C$  and  $\lambda_1$ , and the change in  $EOQ^*$  has a constant effect on  $C$  and  $\lambda_1$ .

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