FUZZY ECONOMIC PRODUCTION QUANTITY MODEL WITH TIME DEPENDENT DEMAND RATE

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ABSTRACT. Background: In this paper, an economic production quantity model is considered under a fuzzy environment. Both the demand cost and holding cost are considered using fuzzy pentagonal numbers. The Signed Distance Method is used to defuzzify the total cost function.

Methods: The results obtained by these methods are compared with the help of a numerical example. Sensitivity analysis is also carried out to explore the effect of changes in the values of some of the system parameters.

Results and conclusions: The fuzzy EPQ model with time dependent demand rate was presented together with the possible implementation. The behavior of changes in parameters was analyzed. The possible extension of the implementation of this method was presented.

Key words: Inventory, Pentagonal Fuzzy Number, Signed Distance Method.

INTRODUCTION

In real-life situations, exact data are often inadequate for a mathematical model. Inventory is a physical stock that a business keeps on hand in order to promote the smooth and efficient running of its affairs. But in practice, the effects of deterioration, shortages, holding cost, ordering cost etc. are important for inventory. Various types of uncertainties are involved in any inventory system. Historically, probability theory has been the primary test for representing uncertainty in mathematical models. Because of this, all the uncertainty was assumed to follow the characteristics of random uncertainty. A random process was one where the outcome of any particular realization of the process is strictly a matter of chance, and prediction of a sequence of events is not possible. Fuzzy set theory is an excellent tool for modeling the kind of uncertainty associated with vagueness, imprecision and the lack of information regarding a particular problem at hand.

Initially, L.A. Zadeh [1963] introduced the concept of fuzzy sets. In this area a lot of research papers have been published by several researchers viz. S. K. Goyal [1985], Z.T. Balkhi [1998], K.J. Chung[2000], T. Chang [2003], Huang [2007], G.C. Mahata and A. Goswami [2010], S. K. Indrajitsingha et. al. [2015].

In this paper, we develop the EPQ model with a time-dependent demand rate using a pentagonal fuzzy number. The average total inventory costs in the fuzzy sense are derived. The parameters are fuzzified by pentagonal fuzzy number. The fuzzy model is defuzzified by using the Signed Distance Method.
DEFINITIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

In order to treat a fuzzy inventory model by using the graded mean representation method to defuzzify, we need the following definitions.

**Definition 2.1 (Fuzzy Set)** Let \( X \) be a space of points with a generic element \( x \) of \( X \). Let \( \mu : X \rightarrow [0,1] \) be such that for every \( x \in X \), \( \mu(x) \) is a real number in the interval \([0,1]\), usually called ‘grade of membership’. We define a fuzzy set \( A \) in \( X \) as the set of points \( A = \{(x, \mu_A(x)) : x \in X\} \).

**Definition 2.2 (Convex Fuzzy Set)** A fuzzy set \( A = \{(x, \mu(x)) \subseteq X \) is called convex fuzzy set if all \( \mu_A(x) \) are convex sets for every \( x \in X \). That is, for every pair of elements \( x_1, x_2 \in A \), \( \lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda) x_2 \in A \), \( \forall \lambda \in [0,1] \). Otherwise the fuzzy set is called a non-convex fuzzy set.

**Definition 2.3** A fuzzy set \([a, b]_\alpha\) where \( 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 \) and \( a < b \) defined on \( R \), is called a fuzzy interval if its membership function is

\[
\mu_{[a, b]_\alpha}(x) = \begin{cases} 
\alpha, & a \leq x \leq b \\
0, & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

**Definition 2.4** A fuzzy number \( \tilde{A} = (a, b, c, d, e) \) where \( a < b < c < d < e \) defined on \( R \), is called pentagonal fuzzy number if its membership function is

\[
\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) = \begin{cases} 
L_1(x) = \frac{x - a}{b - a}, & a \leq x \leq b \\
L_2(x) = \frac{x - b}{c - b}, & b \leq x \leq c \\
1, & x = c \\
R_1(x) = \frac{d - x}{d - c}, & c \leq x \leq d \\
R_2(x) = \frac{e - x}{e - d}, & d \leq x \leq e \\
0, & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

Then \( \alpha \)-cut of \( \tilde{A} = (a, b, c, d, e) \). \( 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 \) is \( A(\alpha) = [A_L(\alpha), A_R(\alpha)] \).

Where \( A_L(\alpha) = a + (b - a) \alpha = L_1^{-1}(\alpha) \)
\[A_L(\alpha) = b + (c - b) \alpha = L_2^{-1}(\alpha) \]
\[A_R(\alpha) = d - (d - c) \alpha = R_1^{-1}(\alpha) \]

\[
A_R(\alpha) = e - (e - d) \alpha = R_2^{-1}(\alpha)
\]

\[
L^{-1}(\alpha) = \frac{2}{a + b + (c - a) \alpha}
\]

\[
R^{-1}(\alpha) = \frac{2}{d + e - (e - c) \alpha}
\]

**Definition 2.5** If \( \tilde{A} = (a, b, c, d, e) \) is a pentagonal fuzzy number then signed distance method of \( \tilde{A} \) is defined as

\[
d(\tilde{A}, \tilde{0}) = \int_{0}^{1} d([A_L(\alpha), A_R(\alpha)], \tilde{0}) \]

\[
= \frac{1}{8} (a + 2b + 2c + 2d + e)
\]

**ASSUMPTIONS**

The following assumptions are made throughout the manuscripts:
1. Items are produced and added to the inventory.
2. The lead time is zero.
3. Two rates of production are considered.
4. No shortage is allowed.
5. The production rate is proportional to the demand rate.
6. The production rate is always greater than the demand rate.

**NOTATIONS**

\[d(t) = a + bt, \quad a > 0, \quad 0 < b < 1\]

\[l(t) = \text{inventory level at any time } t'.\]

\[P = \text{production rate in units per unit time.}\]

\[d = \text{demand rate in units per unit time.}\]

\[I_0 = \text{on hand inventory level during } [0, T_1].\]

\[Q = \text{production quantity.}\]

\[p = \text{production cost per unit.}\]

\[C_1 = \text{holding cost per unit time.}\]

\[C_2 = \text{setup cost per setup.}\]

\[h_c = \text{holding cost per unit time.}\]

\[T_c = \text{total cost.}\]

\[T = \text{cycle time.}\]

\[T_1 = \text{production time.}\]

\[P_c = \text{production cost.}\]
\[ SC = \text{setup cost.} \]
\[ d = \text{fuzzy demand.} \]
\[ \bar{C}_1 = \text{fuzzy holding cost per unit time.} \]
\[ \bar{T}_c = \text{total fuzzy inventory cost per unit time.} \]
\[ \bar{Q}_2 = \text{production quantity in the Signed Distance Method.} \]
\[ \bar{T}_{c2} = \text{defuzzifying value of } \bar{T}_c \text{ by applying Signed Distance method.} \]

**MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION**

In this model it is assumed that the production starts with a rate \( P \), at \( t = 0 \) and is stopped at \( t = T_1 > 0 \). It is also assumed that from the starting itself the demand is met. As \( P \) is assumed as \( P = \tau d, \tau > 1 \), during the interval \( [0, T_1] \), the inventory accumulates at a rate \( P - d \). During the interval \( [T_1, T_2] \), there is no production and only the inventory is consumed as per the demand till it becomes zero at \( t = T_2 \). Thus the rate of change of inventory is governed by the differential equations.

**CRISP MODEL**

\[ (5.1) \frac{dl(t)}{dt} = P - d \quad ; \quad 0 \leq t \leq T_1 \]
\[ \text{and} \]
\[ (5.2) \frac{dl(t)}{dt} = -d \quad ; \quad T_1 \leq t \leq T_2 \]

where \( d \equiv d(t) = a + bt \), \( a > 0 \), \( 0 < b < 1 \), \( P = \tau d \) and \( \tau > 1 \).

Solution of (5.1) and (5.2) with the condition \( I(0) = 0, I(T_1) = I_0, I(T) = 0 \), and \( T = T_1 + T_2 \) is given by

\[ (5.3) \quad I(t) = (\tau - 1) \left( a + \frac{bt}{2} \right) t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T_1 \]
\[ \text{and from (5.2)} \]

\[ \frac{dl(t)}{dt} = -(a + bt) \]
\[ \int \frac{dl(t)}{dt} = -\int (a + bt)dt \]
\[ l(t) = -\left( a + \frac{bt}{2} \right) t + K, \]

where \( K \) is a constant of integration.

With condition \( I(T) = 0 \), we get

\[ K = aT + \frac{bT^2}{2} \]

Hence we have

\[ (5.4) \quad I(t) = a(T - t) + \frac{b}{2}(T^2 - t^2) \]

At \( t = T_1 \) (5.3) and (5.4) are same i.e.,

\[ (5.5) \quad I_0 = (\tau - 1) \left( a + \frac{bT_1}{2} \right) T_1 \]
\[ = aT_2 + \frac{b}{2}T_2^2 + 2T_1 \]

At \( t = 0 \), the order quantity

\[ (5.6) \quad Q = aT + \frac{bT^2}{2} \]

\[ (5.7) \quad T = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + 2bQ - a}{b}} \]

The total cost is calculated by considering the setup cost, production cost and inventory holding cost:

1. Setup cost \( SC = \frac{C_2}{T} = \frac{bc_2}{\sqrt{a^2 + 2bQ - a}} \)
2. Production cost \( P_c = \frac{ppT_1}{\tau} = \frac{p}{\tau} (a + \sqrt{a^2 + 2bQ}) \)
3. Inventory holding cost

\[ h_c = \frac{C_1}{2T} \left( (\tau - 1) \left( a + \frac{bT_1}{2} \right) T_1^2 \right. \]
\[ + a \left( T_2^2 - T_1^2 \right) \left. + \frac{b}{3} (T_2 - T_1) (2T_1^2 + 2T_2^2 + 5T_1 T_2) \right] \]

The total cost is

\[ (5.8) \quad TC = SC + P_c + h_c \]
\[ = \frac{b(C_2 + AC_1)}{\sqrt{a^2 + 2bQ - a}} + \frac{P}{2} \left( a + \sqrt{a^2 + 2bQ} \right) \]

where

\[ A = \frac{1}{2} \left( (\tau - 1) \left( a + \frac{bT_1}{3} \right) T_1^2 + a(T_2^2 - T_1^2) + \frac{b}{3} (T_2 - T_1) (2T_1^2 + 2T_2^2 + 5T_1 T_2) \right) \]

**FUZZY MODEL**

Due to uncertainty in the environment, it is not easy to define all the parameter precisely, thus we assume some of these parameters \( \bar{a}, \bar{b} \) and \( \bar{C}_1 \) may change within some limits.
Let $\bar{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5)$, $\bar{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5)$, $\bar{c}_1 = (h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5)$ are pentagonal fuzzy numbers.

The total cost of the system per unit time in the fuzzy environment is given by

$$(5.9) \hat{T}_c = \frac{\bar{b}C_2}{\sqrt{\bar{a}^2 + 2\bar{b}Q - \bar{a}}} \left[ \frac{\bar{c}_1}{\sqrt{\bar{a}^2 + 2\bar{b}Q - \bar{a}}} \left( \tau - 1 \right) \left( \frac{\bar{b}T_1}{3} \right) T_1^2 + \bar{a} \left( T_2^2 - T_1^2 \right) \right] + \frac{p}{2} \left( \bar{a} + \sqrt{\bar{a}^2 + 2\bar{b}Q} \right)$$

We defuzzify the fuzzy total cost $\hat{T}_c$ by the Signed Distance Method.

By the Signed Distance Method, the total cost is given by

$$\hat{T}_cs = \frac{1}{8} \left[ \hat{T}_{cs1} + 2\hat{T}_{cs2} + 2\hat{T}_{cs3} + \hat{T}_{cs4} + \hat{T}_{cs5} \right]$$

Where

$$\hat{T}_{cs1} = \frac{b_1C_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + 2b_1Q - a_1}} + \frac{h_1}{2\sqrt{a_1^2 + 2b_1Q - a_1}} \left( \tau - 1 \right) \left( \frac{b_1T_1}{3} \right) T_1^2 + a_1 \left( T_2^2 - T_1^2 \right)$$

$$\hat{T}_{cs2} = \frac{b_2C_2}{\sqrt{a_2^2 + 2b_2Q - a_2}} + \frac{h_2}{2\sqrt{a_2^2 + 2b_2Q - a_2}} \left( \tau - 1 \right) \left( \frac{b_2T_1}{3} \right) T_1^2 + a_2 \left( T_2^2 - T_1^2 \right)$$

$$\hat{T}_{cs3} = \frac{b_3C_2}{\sqrt{a_3^2 + 2b_3Q - a_3}} + \frac{h_3}{2\sqrt{a_3^2 + 2b_3Q - a_3}} \left( \tau - 1 \right) \left( \frac{b_3T_1}{3} \right) T_1^2 + a_3 \left( T_2^2 - T_1^2 \right)$$

$$\hat{T}_{cs4} = \frac{b_4C_2}{\sqrt{a_4^2 + 2b_4Q - a_4}} + \frac{h_4}{2\sqrt{a_4^2 + 2b_4Q - a_4}} \left( \tau - 1 \right) \left( \frac{b_4T_1}{3} \right) T_1^2 + a_4 \left( T_2^2 - T_1^2 \right)$$

$$\hat{T}_{cs5} = \frac{b_5C_2}{\sqrt{a_5^2 + 2b_5Q - a_5}} + \frac{h_5}{2\sqrt{a_5^2 + 2b_5Q - a_5}} \left( \tau - 1 \right) \left( \frac{b_5T_1}{3} \right) T_1^2 + a_5 \left( T_2^2 - T_1^2 \right)$$

**NUMERICAL EXAMPLE**

Consider the inventory system with the following parametric values:

**CRISP MODEL**

- $a = 1000 \text{ unit/year}$, $\tau = 1.3$, $b = 0.2 \text{ unit/year}$, $C_0 = 20$, $C_1 = 2 \text{ per unit/year}$, $P = 20 \text{ units}$, $T_1 = 0.3 \text{ year}$, $T_2 = 0.36 \text{ year}$.

**FUZZY MODEL**

- $\bar{a} = (600, 800, 1000, 1200, 1400)$,
- $\bar{b} = (0.16, 0.18, 0.20, 0.22, 0.24)$,
- $\bar{c}_1 = (1.1, 1.5, 2.2, 2.5, 3)$

The solution of the crisp model is

$T_c = Rs. 20033$, $Q = 660.04$.

The solution of the fuzzy model can be determined by the Signed Distance Method.
Total cost is $\tilde{T}_{cs} = \text{Rs. } 20033.63,$ and $\tilde{Q}_s = 660.04$.

**SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS**

A sensitivity analysis is performed to study the effects of changes in parameters $P$ and $C_2$.

| $P$  | $T_{cs}$  | $C_2$  | $T_{cs}$  |
|-----|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 21  | 21033.62  | 21     | 20035.25  |
| 22  | 22033.87  | 22     | 20036.62  |
| 23  | 23034.12  | 23     | 20038.25  |
| 24  | 24034.25  | 24     | 20039.62  |
| 25  | 25034.25  | 25     | 20041.50  |
| 26  | 26034.25  | 26     | 20042.62  |
| 27  | 27034.25  | 27     | 20044.50  |
| 28  | 28034.50  | 28     | 20045.87  |
| 29  | 29034.50  | 29     | 20047.50  |
| 30  | 30034.50  | 30     | 20048.87  |

From the above observation we have concluded as follows:
- As the value of $C_2$ increases, the fuzzy total cost $\tilde{T}_{cs}$ increases.
- As the value of $P$ increases, the fuzzy total cost $\tilde{T}_{cs}$ increases.

In the cases of both production cost and setup cost, the fuzzy total cost increases more in event of an increase in production cost as compared to an increase in the setup cost.

**CONCLUSION**

This paper presents a fuzzy EPQ model with a time-dependent demand rate. The demand and setup cost is represented by pentagonal fuzzy numbers. To evaluate the total fuzzy cost the Signed Distance Method was used. A sensitivity analysis was also conducted to determine the behavior of changes in parameters. For instance, we may extend this model to use a graded mean representation method and centroid method etc.

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MODEL ROZMYTEJ EKONOMICZNEJ WIELKOŚCI PRODUKCJI
FUNKCJI POPYTU ZALEŻNĄ OD ZMIENNEJ CZASU

STRESZCZENIE. Wstęp: W pracy przedstawiono model ekonomicznej wielkości produkcji w rozmytym otoczeniu. Zarówno koszty popytu jak i koszt utrzymania zapasu zostały ujęte, jako rozmyte liczby pentagonalne. Metoda Signed Distance została użyta w celu uszczegółowienia funkcji kosztu całkowitego.

Metydy: Wyniki otrzymane w obu metodach zostały ze sobą porównane w przykładzie liczbowym. Przeprowadzono analizę wrażliwości w celu określenia wpływu niektórych parametrów na zmiany otrzymywanych wartości.

Wyniki i wnioski: Zaprezentowano model ekonomicznej wielkości produkcji funkcji popytu zależnej od zmiennej czasu wraz z możliwym jej zastosowaniem. Przeprowadzono zależności zmian wielkości parametrów. Zaproponowano możliwe rozszerzenie zastosowania tej metody.

Słowa kluczowe: zapas, rozmyta liczba pentagonalna, metoda Signed Distance.

EIN MODELL FÜR DIE WIRTSCHAFTLICHE FUZZY-
PRODUKTIONSGRÖßE IN BEZUG AUF DIE VON DER
ZEITVARIABLE ABHÄNGIGEN NACHFRAGEFUNKTION

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG. Einleitung: Im vorliegenden Beitrag wurde ein Modell für die wirtschaftliche Produktionsgröße im Fuzzy-Umfeld dargestellt. Sowohl die Nachfragekosten, als auch die Kosten der Vorratshaltung wurden als Fuzzy-Pentagonalzahlen angeführt. Die Signed Distance-Methode wurde zwecks einer Detaillierung der auf die Gesamtkosten bezogene Funktion angewendet.

Methoden: Die bei der Anwendung der beiden Methoden erzielten Ergebnisse wurden in einem Zahlenbeispiel miteinander verglichen. Es wurde eine Sensitivitätsanalyse zwecks der Ermittlung des Einflusses mancher Parameter auf die Veränderung der erzielten Werte durchgeführt.

Ergebnisse und Fazit: Es wurde ein Modell für die wirtschaftliche Produktionsgröße in Bezug auf die von der Variable der Zeit abhängigen Nachfragefunktion samt deren möglichen Anwendung dargestellt. Es wurden Abhängigkeiten innerhalb von Veränderungen der betreffenden Parameterwerte analysiert sowie eine mögliche Verbreitung der Anwendung dieser Methode vorgeschlagen.

Codewörter: Vorrat, Fuzzy-Pentagonalzahl, Signed Distance-Methode

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