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摘要

本研究將針對非即時退化的物品,在供應商提供允許延遲付款優惠下,建立 一個適當的存貨模式,並找出使存貨相關總成本為最小的最適補貨策略。我們將 發展一些理論結果,且提出一個簡單容易使用的方法,以方便得到在不同情況下 的最適補貨週期。我們也將舉一些數值範例說明求解過程,並做敏感度分析。

關鍵詞:存貨、非即時退化、允許延遲付款、財務

Abstract

In this research, we will establish an appropriate inventory model for non-instantaneous deteriorating items when the supplier provides a permissible delay in payments. The purpose of this research is to find an optimal replenishment policy in order to minimize the inventory relevant cost. We will develop some useful theorems to characterize the optimal solutions and provide an easy-to-use method to find the optimal replenishment time under various circumstances. Finally, several numerical examples will give to illustrate the theoretical results, and the sensitivity analysis of major parameters is also included.

Keywords: Inventory, Non-instantaneous deterioration, Permissible delay in payments, Finance.

Source and purpose

In recent years, inventory problems for deteriorating items have been widely studied. The first attempt to describe the optimal ordering policies for such items was made by Ghare and Schrader (1963). They presented an EOQ model for an exponentially decaying inventory. Later, Covert and Philip (1973) formulated the model by considering variable deteriorating rate with two-parameter Weibull distribution. Philip (1974) then proposed the inventory model with a three-parameter Weibull distribution deterioration rate and no shortages. Shah (1977) extended Philip's (1974) model and considered that allows shortage was permitted. Recently, Goyal and Giri (2001) provided an excellent and detailed review of deteriorating inventory literatures.

In the aforementioned deteriorating items inventory literatures mentioned, all

researchers assume that the deterioration of the items in inventory starts from the instant of their arrival in stock. In fact, most goods would have a span of maintaining quality or original condition, namely, during that period, there is no deterioration occurring. Wu *et al.* (2006) defined the phenomenon as "non-instantaneous deterioration". In the real world, this type of phenomenon exists commonly such as firsthand vegetables and fruits have a short span of maintaining fresh quality, in which there is almost no spoilage. Afterward, some of the items will start to decay. For this kind of items, the assumption that the deterioration starts from the instant of arrival in stock may cause retailers to make inappropriate replenishment policies due to overvalue the total annual relevant inventory cost. Therefore, in the field of inventory management, it is necessary to consider the inventory problems for non-instantaneous deteriorating items.

Furthermore, in deriving the traditional EOQ inventory model, it was tacitly assumed that the payment must be made to the supplier for the items immediately after receiving the consignment. However, in practice, for encouraging the retailer to buy more, the supplier allows a certain fixed period for settling the account and doesn't charge any interest from the retailer on the amount owed during this period. Goyal (1985) first derived an EOQ model under the conditions of permissible delay in payments. It was assumed that the unit purchase cost is the same as the selling price per unit. Aggarwal and Jaggi (1995) then extended Goyal's (1985) model to consider the deteriorating items. Next, Jamal *et al.* (1997) generalized the model to allow for shortages. Recently, Teng (2002) amended Goyal's (1985) model by considering the difference between unit price and unit cost, and found that it makes economic sense for a well-established buyer to order less quantity and take the benefits of permissible delay more frequently. There were several interesting and relevant papers related to the trade credits such as Davis and Gaither (1985), Shah (1993), Arcelus and

Srinivasan (1995), Khouja and Mehrez (1996), Hwang and Shinn (1997), Liao *et al.* (2000), Chang and Dye (2001), Ouyang *et al.* (2002), Chang *et al.* (2003), Huang and Chung (2003), Shinn and Hwang (2003), Chang (2004), Shah (2004), Ouyang *et al.* (2006) and so forth.

In this study, an attempt is made to develop an appropriate inventory model for non-instantaneous deteriorating items when the supplier provides a permissible delay in payments. Specifically, we establish a mathematical model, which is a general framework that comprises numerous previous models such as in Ghare and Schrader (1963), Goyal (1985), Teng (2002) as special cases. There are some useful theorems developed in this study to characterize the optimal solutions. We also provide the reader an easy-to-use method to find the optimal replenishment cycle time and order quantity under various circumstances. Finally, according to the results of numerical examples, we obtain some managerial insights and provide several ways for the retailer to effectively reduce total annual relevant inventory cost.

Result and discussion

In this study, we develop an appropriate model for non-instantaneous deteriorating items when the supplier provides permissible delay in payments. The purpose of this research is to help the retailer to determine the optimal replenishment policy under various situations. Our model is a general framework that includes numerous previous models such as in Ghare and Schrader (1963), Goyal (1985), Teng (2002) as special cases. We also develop some useful theorems to characterize the optimal solutions and provide an easy-to-use method to find the optimal replenishment cycle time under various circumstances. From the theoretical results, it can be found that the ordering cost is an influential factor when determining an optimal replenishment policy in this study. Furthermore, the higher the ordering cost

is, the longer the replenishment cycle time and the greater the order quantity will be. Finally, we provide several numerical examples to illustrate the theoretical results, and obtain some managerial phenomena. The outcome shows that the retailer can reduce total annual relevant inventory cost by ordering lower quantity when the supplier provides a permissible delay in payments, raising the length of time in which the product has no deterioration, or improving storage conditions for noninstantaneous deteriorating items.

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Self-evaluation

This research corresponds to the original plan and has attained its aim. Hence, the study is of great academic value and suitable for publication in academic journals. It is now being submitted to Computers & Industrial Engineering.