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## INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

PROBLEM: DECIDE HOW MANY PRODUCTS TO BUY.

FOR EVERY UNSOLD PRODUCT THERE IS AN OVERAGE COST  $C_o$ , FOR EVERY NOT-SOLD PRODUCT THERE IS AN UNDERAGE COST  $C_u$

THE LOSS IS  $l(x, y) = \max(C_u(y-x), C_o(x-y))$

$L(x) = E(l(x, Y))$  IS A CONVEX FUNCTION SINCE

THE LINEAR COMBINATION OF THE MAXIMUM OF LINEAR FUNCTIONS

$$\begin{aligned} L(x) &= \int_0^{+\infty} l(x, s) f(s) ds = C_u \int_x^{+\infty} (s-x) f(s) ds + C_o \int_0^x (x-s) f(s) ds = \\ &= C_u \int_x^{+\infty} s f(s) ds - C_u x \int_x^{+\infty} f(s) ds + C_o x \int_0^x f(s) ds - C_o \int_0^x s f(s) ds = \\ &= C_u \left( E(Y) - \int_0^x s f(s) ds \right) - C_u x (1 - F(x)) + C_o x F(x) - C_o \int_0^x s f(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L'(x) &= -C_u x f(x) - C_u (1 - F(x)) + C_u x f(x) + C_o F(x) + C_o x f(x) - C_o x f(x) = \\ &= C_u F(x) - C_u + C_o F(x) = -C_u + F(x) (C_u + C_o) \end{aligned}$$

A STATIONARY POINT IS  $F(x^*) = \frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o}$   $x^* = F^{-1}\left(\frac{C_u}{C_u + C_o}\right)$

$x^*$  IS A MINIMUM OF THE EXPECTED LOSS SINCE  $L(x)$  IS CONVEX

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EXERCISE

$$Y \sim \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

FIND  $x^*$  A FUNCTION OF  $\lambda, c_u, c_o$ 

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \lambda e^{-\lambda s} ds = \left[ -e^{-\lambda s} \right]_0^x = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$1 - e^{-\lambda x^*} = \frac{c_u}{c_u + c_o}$$

$$-\lambda x^* = \ln \left( 1 - \frac{c_u}{c_u + c_o} \right)$$

$$x^* = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \left( 1 - \frac{c_u}{c_u + c_o} \right)$$

EXERCISE

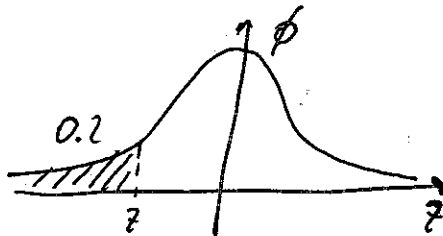
$$Y \sim LN(\mu, \sigma)$$

FIND  $x^*$  WHEN  $c_u = 0.5$   $c_o = 2$   $\mu = 7$   $\sigma^2 = 3$ 

$$F_{LN}(x^*) = \frac{c_u}{c_o + c_u} = \frac{0.5}{2.5} = 0.2$$

$$\phi \left( \frac{\ln x^* - 7}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = 0.2$$

LOOKING IN THE TABLES



$$z = -0.84$$

$$\frac{\ln x^* - 7}{\sqrt{3}} = -0.84$$

$$\ln x^* = 7 - 0.84 \cdot \sqrt{3} = 5.545$$

$$x^* = e^{5.545} = 251.68$$

RESULT IS NOT INTEGER BECAUSE WE USED A CONT. DISTR.

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NEWS BOY PROBLEM

$$C_u = 4 \quad C_o = 1$$

DEMAND IS  $R(0, \alpha)$   $\alpha > 0$ 

FIND NUMBER OF COPIES THAT MINIMIZES EXPECTED LOSS

FUNCTION TO MINIMIZE IS

$$L(x) = E(L(x, \theta))$$

$$L'(x) = -C_u + F(x) (C_u + C_o) = -4 + F(x)/5$$

$$\text{IN THIS CASE } F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{\alpha} ds = \frac{x}{\alpha} \quad \text{WHEN } x \in [0, \alpha]$$

$$F(x) = 0 \quad x < 0 \quad F(x) = 1 \quad x > \alpha$$

$$-4 + \frac{x^*}{\alpha} 5 = 0 \quad \text{TO FIND STATIONARY POINT}$$

$$\left( x^* \in [0, \alpha] \right)$$

$$\frac{x^*}{\alpha} = \frac{4}{5} \quad x^* = \frac{4\alpha}{5} \quad \text{IS STATIONARY POINT.}$$

SINCE  $x^*$  IS BETWEEN 0 AND  $\alpha$ ,  
WE ARE OK.

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