

## Fuzzy Multi-Objective Production Inventory Model of Deteriorating Items With Shortage and Various Types of Demands

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**Abstract:** In this study, a multi-item and multi-objective production inventory model of deteriorating items with constant and stock dependent demands under shortage is developed in crisp and fuzzy environment with finite time horizon, respectively. The total holding cost and the total shortage cost are limited and the rate of production is finite and uniform. Our objectives are maximizing the profit and minimizing the wastage cost. In fuzzy model the above said objectives are fuzzy in nature. The allowable total shortage cost and total holding cost are also, assumed to be vague and imprecise. The impreciseness in the above objectives and constraints goals have been expressed by fuzzy linear membership functions. Here, crisp and fuzzy models are developed and solved by the Weighted Fuzzy Non-linear Programming (WFNLP), Fuzzy Additive Goal Programming (FAGP) and integrated goal attainment and fuzzy non-linear programming technique (GAFNLP). The models are illustrated with numerical examples and the results of different techniques are compared.

**Key words:** Production inventory, multi-objective, shortage, demands, deterioration, membership function

### INTRODUCTION

Bellan and Zadeh (1970) first introduced fuzzy set theory in fuzzy decision making process. Tanaka *et al.* (1974) applied the concepts of fuzzy sets to decision making problems by considering the objectives as fuzzy goals over the  $\alpha$ -cuts of a fuzzy constraints set and Zimmermann (1976) showed the classical algorithms can be used to solve multi-objective fuzzy linear programming problems.

In an inventory model, generally 3 types of demands are considered. These are constant demand time-dependent demand and stock-dependent demand. Padmanabhan and Prem vrat (1990) derive multi-objective inventory model of deterioration items with stock-dependent demand by a non-linear goal programming method. Ben-Daya and Raouf (1993) discussed a multi-item inventory model with stochastic demand under two constraints. Roy and Maiti (1995) developed the classical EOQ model in a fuzzy environment with fuzzy goal, fuzzy inventory costs and storage area by fuzzy non-linear programming method using different types of membership function for inventory parameters. Roy and Maiti (1997) also developed the fuzzy EOQ model with demand-dependent unit price and imprecise storage area by both fuzzy geometric and non-linear programming methods. Roy and Maiti (1998) discussed the multi-

objective inventory models of deteriorating items with two constraints of storage area and total average cost in fuzzy environment. Roy *et al.* (2003) developed multi-objective fuzzy inventory model for deteriorating items with shortages over a finite time horizon. They developed both crisp and fuzzy models with weighted fuzzy non-linear programming (WFNLP), integrated goal attainment and fuzzy non-linear programming technique (GAFNLP). Several researchers Silver and Meal (1973) and Donaldson (1991) developed and solved the inventory models with time-dependent demand.

In most of the earlier inventory model, life time of an item is assumed to be infinite, while it is in storage. But, in reality, many physical goods deteriorate due to dryness, spoilage, vaporization etc. and are damaged due to holding longer than their normal storage periods. The deterioration also depends on preserving facilities and environmental conditions of storage. So, due to deterioration effect, a certain fraction of the items is either damaged or decayed and is not in perfect condition to satisfy the future demand of customers as good items. Deterioration for such items is continuous and constant or time-dependent or stock-dependent. A number of research papers have already been published on the above type of items by Dave and Patel (1981), Hariga and Benkher (1994), De and Goswami (2001), Bhunia and Maiti (1997), Chang and Dye (1999), Kang and Kim (1983) and others.

In this study, we have developed a multi- item and multi-objective inventory problem along with two constraints namely allowable total shortage cost and allowable total holding cost. Demands are constant and stock-dependent. Here, production is finite and uniform. In the development of the model, the loss of production quantity due to faulty machine/aged machine, manufacturing defect etc. from the actual production quantity have also been taken into account. Two models are developed here. The objectives are to maximize the profit and to minimize the wastage cost. In the first model profit goal , wastage costs and constraints are crisp. In the second model, profit goal, wastage cost, allowable total shortage cost and total holding cost are fuzzy in nature. Fuzzy parameters are represented by linear membership functions. Both models are solved by Weighted Fuzzy Non-linear Programming (WFNLP), fuzzy additive goal programming (FAGP) and integrated goal attainment and fuzzy non-linear programming technique (GAFNLP). The models are illustrated numerically and results are obtained from WFNLP, FAGP and GAFNLP techniques. Optimum results are presented in a tabular form. The results are compared, as for as the different weights are concerned.

There are n items and they are separated in 2 categories  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  depending upon their demands. Demands of the items in  $I_1$  are inventory level dependent and those of  $I_2$  are constant.

$$\begin{aligned} d_i &= D_i + \gamma_i q_i(t) \text{ for } i \in I_1 \\ &= D_i \text{ for } i \in I_2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where,  $q_i(t)$  be the inventory level at time  $t$  of the  $i$ -th item,  $\gamma_i$  ( $0 < \gamma_i < 1$ ) and  $D_i$  ( $D_i > 0$ ) are constants.

### MODEL FORMULATION

Here, a multi- item, multi-objective inventory model for deteriorating items are formulated, considering two types of demands described in Eq. 1. The loss of production quantity due to faulty machine/aged machine, manufacturing defect etc. from the actual production quantity has also been taken into account.

The production starts at the beginning of the each cycle at time  $t = 0$  and continues up to time  $t = t_{i1}$ , due to constraint of allowable total holding cost. The actual production rate becomes less than the original production rate due to faulty machines and some production quantity deteriorates at the time of production. The inventory, accumulated during the production period  $t_{i1}$  after meeting up demand during the period and the deterioration, the inventory reaches to the zero level at

time  $t = t_{2i}$ . We allow the shortages upto time  $t = t_{3i}$ , where the allowable total shortage cost is the constraint. Again production starts at  $t = t_{3i}$  and back- lock is filled during time  $T_i$ , till the back log becomes zero. This is complete one cycle  $T_i$ .

$$\frac{dq_{i1}(t)}{dt} = K_i(1 - \phi_i) - \theta_i q_i - d_i \quad 0 \leq t \leq t_{i1} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dq_{i2}(t)}{dt} = -\theta_i q_i - d_i \quad t_{i1} \leq t \leq t_{2i} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{dq_{i3}(t)}{dt} = -d_i \quad t_{2i} \leq t \leq t_{3i} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{dq_{i4}(t)}{dt} = K_i(1 - \phi_i) - \theta_i q_i - d_i \quad t_{3i} \leq t \leq T_i \quad (5)$$

With the conditions are

$$q_{i1}(0) = 0, q_{i2}(t_{2i}) = 0, q_{i3}(t_{2i}) = 0, q_{i4}(T_i) = 0$$

and

$$q_{i1}(t_{1i}) = q_{i2}(t_{1i}), q_{i3}(t_{3i}) = q_{i4}(t_{3i})$$

Using condition at  $q_{i1}(t) = 0$  at  $t = 0$  in (2), we get the production quantity during the time  $0 \leq t \leq t_{i1}$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} q_{i1}(t) &= \int_0^t (K_i(1 - \phi_i) - D_i) \exp((\theta_i + \gamma_i)(x - t)) dx \\ & \quad 0 \leq t \leq t_{i1}, \quad i \in I_1 \\ &= \int_0^t (K_i(1 - \phi_i) - D_i) \exp((\theta_i)(x - t)) dx \\ & \quad 0 \leq t \leq t_{i1}, \quad i \in I_2 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Since,  $Q_i$  is the maximum production level for the  $i$ -th item at  $t = t_{i1}$ ,  $q_{i1}(t_{i1}) = Q_i$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} Q_i &= \frac{(K_i(1 - \phi_i) - D_i)}{(\gamma_i + \theta_i)} (1 - \exp(-(\gamma_i + \theta_i)t_{i1})) \quad i \in I_1 \\ & \quad \frac{(K_i(1 - \phi_i) - D_i)}{\theta_i} (1 - \exp(-\theta_i t_{i1})) \quad i \in I_2 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_{1i} &= \frac{1}{(\gamma_i + \theta_i)} \ln \left( \frac{(K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i)}{K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i - (\gamma_i + \theta_i)Q_i} \right) \quad i \in I_1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{\theta_i} \ln \left( \frac{(K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i)}{K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i - \theta_i Q_i} \right) \quad i \in I_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Solving the differential Eq. 3 using condition

$$q_{i2}(t) = 0 \text{ at } t = t_{2i}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{i2}(t) &= \frac{D_i}{(\gamma_i + \theta_i)} (\exp((\gamma_i + \theta_i)(t_{2i} - t)) - 1) \\
 t_{1i} \leq t \leq t_{2i} \quad & i \in I_1 \\
 &= \frac{D_i}{\theta_i} (\exp(\theta_i(t_{2i} - t)) - 1) \\
 t_{1i} \leq t \leq t_{2i} \quad & i \in I_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

with the condition  $q_{i1}(t_{1i}) = q_{i2}(t_{1i})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_{2i} &= t_{1i} + \frac{1}{(\gamma_i + \theta_i)} \ln \left( \frac{D_i + (\gamma_i + \theta_i)Q_i}{D_i} \right) \quad i \in I_1 \\
 &= t_{1i} + \frac{1}{\theta_i} \ln \left( \frac{D_i + \theta_i Q_i}{D_i} \right) \quad i \in I_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Holding cost in each cycle for  $i$ -th item is  $C_{1i} H(q_{1i})$ ,  
Where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(q_i) &= \int_0^{t_{1i}} q_{i1}(t) dt + \int_{t_{1i}}^{t_{2i}} q_{i2}(t) dt \\
 H(q_i) &= \frac{1}{(\gamma_i + \theta_i)} (K_i(1-\phi_i)t_{1i} - D_i t_{2i}) \quad i \in I_1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{\theta_i} (K_i(1-\phi_i)t_{1i} - D_i t_{2i}) \quad i \in I_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Using condition  $q_{i3}(t_{2i}) = 0$  in (4), we get the shortage quantity during period  $t_{2i} \leq t \leq t_{3i}$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{i3}(t) &= -D_i \int_{t_{2i}}^t \exp(\gamma_i(x-t)) dx \quad t_{2i} \leq t \leq t_{3i} \quad i \in I_1 \\
 &= -D_i \int_{t_{2i}}^t dx \quad t_{2i} \leq t \leq t_{3i} \quad i \in I_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Since,  $SQ_i$  is the maximum shortage level at  $t = t_{3i}$ , (i.e.)  $q_{i3}(t_{3i}) = SQ_i$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 SQ_i &= \frac{D_i}{\gamma_i} (1 - \exp(\gamma_i(t_{2i} - t_{3i}))) \quad i \in I_1 \\
 &= \frac{D_i}{\gamma_i} (t_{3i} - t_{2i}) \quad i \in I_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_{3i} &= t_{2i} - \frac{1}{\gamma_i} \ln \left( \frac{D_i - \gamma_i SQ_i}{D_i} \right) \quad i \in I_1 \\
 &= \frac{SQ_i}{D_i} + t_{2i} \quad i \in I_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

The shortage quantity accumulated over the period  $t_{2i} \leq t \leq t_{3i}$

$$SA(q_i) = \int_{t_{2i}}^{t_{3i}} q_{i3}(t) dt \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \tag{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i.e.,)} SA(q_i) &= \frac{D_i}{\gamma_i} \left[ (t_{3i} - t_{2i}) + \frac{1}{\gamma_i} (\exp(\gamma_i(t_{2i} - t_{3i})) - 1) \right] \quad i \in I_1 \\
 &= \frac{D_i}{2} (t_{3i} - t_{2i})^2 \quad i \in I_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Solve the differential Eq. 5, using the condition  $q_{i4}(t) = 0$  at  $t = T_i$ . We get the production quantity during the period  $t_{3i} \leq t \leq T_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{i4}(t) &= \int_t^{T_i} (K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i) \exp((\gamma_i + \theta_i)(x-t)) dx, \quad i \in I_1 \\
 &= \int_t^{T_i} (K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i) \exp(\theta_i(x-t)) dx, \quad i \in I_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i.e.,)} q_{i4}(t) &= \frac{(K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i)}{(\gamma_i + \theta_i)} (\exp((\gamma_i + \theta_i)(T_i - t)) - 1) \quad i \in I_1 \\
 &= \frac{(K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i)}{\theta_i} (\exp(\theta_i(T_i - t)) - 1) \quad i \in I_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

The Production quantity accumulated over the period  $t_{3i} \leq t \leq T_i$  is:

$$RA(q_i) = \int_{t_{3i}}^{T_i} q_{i4}(t) dt$$

$$RA(q_i) = \frac{(K_i(1-\phi_i)-D_i)}{(\gamma_i+\theta_i)} \left[ \frac{1}{(\gamma_i+\theta_i)} (\exp((\gamma_i+\theta_i)(T_i-t_{3i}))-1) - (T_i-t_{3i}) \right], \quad i \in I_1 \quad (20)$$

$$= \frac{(K_i(1-\phi_i)-D_i)}{\theta_i} \left[ \frac{1}{\theta_i} (\exp(\theta_i(T_i-t_{3i}))-1) - (T_i-t_{3i}) \right] \quad i \in I_2 \quad (21)$$

Using the condition  $q_{i3}(t_{3i}) = q_{i4}(t_{3i}) = SQ_i$ , we get

$$T_i = t_{3i} + \frac{1}{(\gamma_i+\theta_i)} \ln \left( \frac{(SQ_i * (\gamma_i+\theta_i) + K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i)}{(K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i)} \right) \quad i \in I_1$$

$$= t_{3i} + \frac{1}{\theta_i} \ln \left( \frac{(SQ_i * \theta_i) + K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i}{(K_i(1-\phi_i) - D_i)} \right) \quad i \in I_2 \quad (22)$$

Total shortage cost in each cycle for i-th items is  $C_{2i} S(q_i)$ . Where,

$$S(q_i) = SA(q_i) + RA(q_i) \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (23)$$

The total number of deteriorating units of the i-th items is:

$$\theta_i(q_i) = \theta_i(H(q_i) + RA(q_i)) \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (24)$$

The cost due to deteriorating of i-th item.

$$S_i * \theta_i(q_i). \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (25)$$

Hence, revenue from sale

$$R(q_i) = (S_i - P_i) (K_i (1 - \phi_i) * (t_i + (T - t_{3i}))). \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (26)$$

The total cost

$$TC(q_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i * [K_i (1 - \phi_i) * (t_i - (T_i - t_{3i})) + C_{3i} + C_{1i} * H(q_i) + C_{2i} * S(q_i) + S_i * \theta_i(q_i)] / T_i \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (27)$$

Total profit = Revenue from sale - Set up cost - Holding cost - Shortage cost - Deteriorating cost.

$$PF(q_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n [R(q_i) - C_{3i} - C_{1i} * H(q_i) - C_{2i} * S(q_i) - S_i * \theta_i(q_i)] \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (28)$$

The total wastage cost is:

$$WS(q_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i * [(K_i \phi_i) (t_{ii} + (T_i - t_{3i})) + \theta_i(q_i)] \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (29)$$

Hence, the problem is to maximize the total average profit per unit time and minimize the total average wastage cost per unit time is:

$$\text{MaxPF}(q_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n [R(q_i) - C_{3i} - C_{1i}H(q_i) - C_{2i} S(q_i) - S_i * \theta_i(q_i)] / T_i \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (30)$$

$$\text{MinWS}(q_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i * [(K_i \phi_i) (t_{ii} + (T_i - t_{3i})) + \theta_i(q_i)] / T_i \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (31)$$

There are some restrictions on available resources in inventory problems that cannot be ignored to derive the optimal profit.

- The maximum permissible total holding cost per cycle

$$\sum_i C_{1i} H(q_i) \leq \text{THC} \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (32)$$

- The maximum permissible total shortage cost per cycle

$$\sum_i C_{2i} S(q_i) \leq \text{TSC} \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (33)$$

Hence, our problem is to maximize the total average profit per unit time, subject to the available total holding cost and total shortage cost restrictions (i.e.,):

$$\text{MaxPF}(q_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n [R(q_i) - C_{3i} - C_{1i}H(q_i) - C_{2i} S(q_i) - S_i * \theta_i(q_i)] / T_i \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2$$

$$\text{MinWS}(q_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i * [(K_i \phi_i) (t_{ii} + (T_i - t_{3i})) + \theta_i(q_i)] / T_i \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2$$

subject to inequality constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i^n C_{1i} H(q_i) &\leq \text{THC} & i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \\ \sum_i^n C_{2i} S(q_i) &\leq \text{TSC} & i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

**CRISP MODEL**

In crisp environment multi-item, multi-objective production inventory problems with 2 constraints in (34) will become,

MaxPF(q<sub>i</sub>)

MinWC(q<sub>i</sub>)

subject to inequality constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i^n C_{1i} H(q_i) &\leq \text{THC} & i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \\ \sum_i^n C_{2i} S(q_i) &\leq \text{TSC} & i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

where, THC and TSC are maximum allowable total holding cost and total shortage cost, respectively.

Here, to solve the above Model-1, given by the Eq. 35, we use the Weighted fuzzy non-linear programming (WFNLP) method based on Zimmermann (1978) and Lee and Li (1993). Fuzzy additive goal programming (FAGP) technique based on Tiwari *et al.* (1987) and Integrated goal attainment and fuzzy non-linear programming (GAFNLP) method based on Das *et al.* (2003).

**Weighted Fuzzy Non-linear Programming Technique to solve crisp model (WFNLP):** In this technique, the following steps are used to solve the fuzzy model.

**Step 1:** Solve the multi- objective programming problem (35) as a single objective problem using only one objective at a time ignoring the other.

**Step 2:** From the results of Step 1, determine the corresponding values of all objectives at each solution derived.

**Step 3:** From Step 2, for each objective, one can find the values L<sub>i</sub> and U<sub>i</sub> (i = PF, WS) corresponding to the set of solutions where L<sub>i</sub> and U<sub>i</sub> are the lower and upper level of achievements.

**Step 4:** The multi-objective fuzzy model in Eq. (35) the membership function (MF) μ<sub>i</sub>, corresponding to the objective i, (i = PF, WS), which may be linear or non-linear, is defined here, for simplicity, linearly as a:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{PF}(q_i) &= 0 && \text{for } PF(q_i) \leq L_{PF} \\ &= 1 + \frac{PF(q_i) - U_{PF}}{U_{PF} - L_{PF}} && \text{for } L_{PF} \leq PF(q_i) \leq U_{PF} \\ &= 1 && \text{for } PF(q_i) \geq U_{PF} \\ \mu_{WS}(q_i) &= 1 && \text{for } WS(q_i) \leq L_{WS} \\ &= 1 - \frac{WS(q_i) - L_{WS}}{U_{WS} - L_{WS}} && \text{for } L_{WS} \leq WS(q_i) \leq U_{WS} \\ &= 0 && \text{for } WS(q_i) \geq U_{WS} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 5:** Now decision maker may use positive weight to reflect their decision regarding the relative importance of each fuzzy goals.

**Step 6:** Using the above MFs and positive weights, the model in Eq. 35 is reduced to an equivalent crisp non-linear programming problem as follows:

Max α  
subject to

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 * (1 + \frac{PF(q_i) - U_{PF}}{U_{PF} - L_{PF}}) &\geq \alpha \\ w_2 * (1 - \frac{WS(q_i) - L_{WS}}{U_{WS} - L_{WS}}) &\geq \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i^n C_{1i} H(q_i) &\leq \text{THC} & i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \\ \sum_i^n C_{2i} S(q_i) &\leq \text{TSC} & i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$\alpha \in (0, 1) \quad w_1 + w_2 = 1.$$

**Fuzzy Additive Goal Programming algorithm (FAGP) (Bhunia and Maiti, 1997) to solve crisp model:** To solve the crisp model Eq. 35 besides WFNLP technique, FAGP (Tiwari *et al.*, 1987) technique can be used. First convert the crisp model Eq. 35 into WFNLP model Eq. 36. Now the model is formulated as:

$$\text{Max } P(\mu_1, \mu_2) = (w_1 \mu_1 + w_2 \mu_2)$$

subject to

$$\left(1 + \frac{PF(q_i) - U_{PF}}{U_{PF} - L_{PF}}\right) = \mu_1 \quad (37)$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{WS(q_i) - L_{WS}}{U_{WS} - L_{WS}}\right) = \mu_2$$

$$\sum_i^n C_{1i} H(q_i) \leq THC \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2$$

$$\sum_i^n C_{2i} S(q_i) \leq TSC \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2$$

$\mu_1, \mu_2 \in (0,1)$ , where,  $P(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  be a simple additive fuzzy achievement.

**Integrated Goal Attainment and Fuzzy Non-linear Programming(GAFNLP) to solve crisp model:** The GAFNLP (Das *et al.*, 2003) technique can be used in crisp multi-objective non-linear programming problem. First convert the model in Eq. 35 in to crisp problem as in Eq. 36, then the problem is formulated based on Das *et al.* (2003) as follows:

Min  $\beta$   
subject to

$$w_1 * \left(1 + \frac{PF(q_i) - U_{PF}}{U_{PF} - L_{PF}}\right) \geq \alpha$$

$$w_2 * \left(1 - \frac{WS(q_i) - L_{WS}}{U_{WS} - L_{WS}}\right) \geq \alpha$$

$$\sum_i^n C_{1i} H(q_i) \leq THC \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \quad (38)$$

$$\sum_i^n C_{2i} S(q_i) \leq TSC \quad i \in I_1 \cup I_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{PF}(q_i) &= 0 \\ &= 1 + \frac{PF(q_i) - U_{PF}}{P_{PF}} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{WS}(q_i) &= 0 \\ &= 1 - \frac{WS(q_i) - L_{WS}}{P_{WS}} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha \in (0,1), \alpha + \beta \geq \alpha_0, \beta \geq 0.$$

Here,  $\alpha_0$  is the goal of the objective function in Eq. 36.

Numerical results of Model-1 of the above three techniques are presented in the study, with different weights to objectives.

### FUZZY MODEL

When the profit, wastage cost and constraints such as allowable total holding and total shortage cost become imprecise, the crisp model Eq. 35 is transformed to

$$\text{Max } \tilde{x}PF(q_i)$$

$$\text{Min } \tilde{x}WS(q_i)$$

subject to inequality constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i^n C_{1i} H(q_i) &\leq TH\tilde{C} & i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \\ \sum_i^n C_{2i} S(q_i) &\leq T\tilde{S}C & i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

Here, to solve the above fuzzy, given by the Eq. 39, we use the Weighted fuzzy non-linear programming (WFNLP) method, Fuzzy Additive Goal Programming (FAGP) technique and Integrated goal attainment and fuzzy non-linear programming (GAFNLP) method.

**Weighted fuzzy non-linear programming technique to solve fuzzy model (WFNLP):** In fuzzy set theory, the fuzzy objectives and fuzzy constraints are defined by their membership functions.

Here, we assume  $\mu_{PF}(q_i)$ ,  $\mu_{WS}(q_i)$  and  $\mu_{TSC}(q_i)$  and are the linear membership functions for the objectives and 2 constraints, respectively.

$$\text{for } PF(q_i) < U_{PF} - L_{PF}$$

$$\text{for } U_{PF} - L_{PF} \leq PF(q_i) \leq U_{PF}$$

$$\text{for } PF(q_i) > U_{PF}$$

$$\text{for } WS(q_i) > L_{WS} + P_{WS}$$

$$\text{for } L_{WS} \leq WS(q_i) \leq L_{WS} + P_{WS}$$

$$\text{for } WS(q_i) < L_{WS}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{THC}(q_i) &= 0 \\ &= 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_{1i} H(q_i) - THC}{P_{THC}} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{TSC}(q_i) &= 0 \\ &= 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_{3i} S(q_i) - TSC}{P_{TSC}} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{for } \sum_{i=1}^n C_{1i} H(q_i) > THC + P_{THC}$$

$$\text{for } THC \leq \sum_{i=1}^n C_{1i} H(q_i) \leq THC + P_{THC}$$

$$\text{for } \sum_{i=1}^n C_{1i} H(q_i) < THC$$

$$\text{for } \sum_{i=1}^n C_{3i} S(q_i) > TSC + P_{TSC}$$

$$\text{for } TSC \leq \sum_{i=1}^n C_{3i} S(q_i) \leq TSC + P_{TSC}$$

$$\text{for } \sum_{i=1}^n C_{3i} S(q_i) < TSC$$

where,  $P_{PF} = U_{PF} - L_{PF}$  and  $P_{WS} = U_{WS} - L_{WS}$ . Here  $p_{PF}$  is the minimum and  $P_{WS}$ ,  $P_{THC}$  and  $P_{TSC}$  are the maximum acceptable violation of the aspiration level of  $U_{PF}$  and  $L_{WS}$ ,  $THC$ ,  $TSC$ , respectively.

Now, using the WFLP technique, the solution of fuzzy multi-objective inventory model can be obtained from

Max  $\alpha$   
subject to

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 * \left(1 + \frac{PF(q_i) - U_{PF}}{P_{PF}}\right) &\geq \alpha \\ w_2 * \left(1 - \frac{WS(q_i) - L_{WS}}{P_{WS}}\right) &\geq \alpha \\ w_3 * \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_{1i} H(q_i) - THC}{P_{THC}}\right) &\geq \alpha \\ w_4 * \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_{3i} S(q_i) - TSC}{P_{TSC}}\right) &\geq \alpha \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

$\alpha \in (0,1)$ , where,  $w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4 = 1$ ,  $w_1 + w_2 + w_3$  and  $w_4$  are positive weight for the objectives and constraints, respectively.

**Fuzzy additive goal programming technique to solve fuzzy model (FAGP):** Again following the FAGP based on Tiwari *et al.* (1987) the above problem can be formulated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MaxP}(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4) &= w_1\mu_1 + w_2\mu_2 \\ &\quad + w_3\mu_3 + w_4\mu_4 \end{aligned}$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{PF(q_i) - U_{PF}}{P_{PF}}\right) &= \mu_1 \\ \left(1 - \frac{WS(q_i) - L_{WS}}{P_{WS}}\right) &= \mu_2 \\ \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_{1i} H(q_i) - THC}{P_{THC}}\right) &= \mu_3 \\ \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_{3i} S(q_i) - TSC}{P_{TSC}}\right) &= \mu_4 \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

where,  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4 \in (0,1)$  and  $P(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4)$  be a simple additive fuzzy achievement function .

**Integrated goal attainment and fuzzy non-linear programming technique to solve fuzzy mode (GAFNLP):**

To solve the fuzzy model besides WFNLP, FAGP technique, based on Das *et al.* (2003), the FAGP method can be used. First convert the fuzzy model Eq. 39 into crisp problem as in Eq. 40. Now, if  $\alpha_0$  be the goal of the objective function Eq. 40, then the problem is constructed as:

Min  $\beta$   
subject to

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_1 * \left(1 + \frac{PF(q_i) - U_{PF}}{P_{PF}}\right) &\geq \alpha \\
 w_2 * \left(1 - \frac{WS(q_i) - L_{WS}}{P_{WS}}\right) &\geq \alpha \\
 w_3 * \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_{1i} H(q_i) - THC}{P_{THC}}\right) &\geq \alpha \\
 w_4 * \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n C_{3i} S(q_i) - TSC}{P_{TSC}}\right) &\geq \alpha, \alpha + \beta \geq \alpha_0, \beta \geq 0
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{42}$$

With above 3 techniques, the fuzzy model is illustrated numerically. The results are presented in the study, for different weights to objectives and constraints.

The Eq. (36-39 and 40-42) are highly non-linear equations. It is difficult to solve the cost functions analytically. To solve them standard soft ware package LINGO is used.

**WEIGHTS IN NON-LINEAR PROGRAMMING**

When several objectives appear in an inventory model, all the objectives may or may not be equally important to the decision maker and optimum compromise decision for the system varies depending upon the weights/importance attached to the objective by decision maker. Here, positive weights  $w_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for model -1 and  $i = (1, 2, 3, 4)$  for model-2) reflect the decision maker’s preference regarding the relative importance of each

fuzzy goal. Smallest of the  $i$ -weighted MFs gives the most importance to the respective objective than others. These weights can be normalized by taking

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$$

**Numerical examples:** To illustrate the above models, following input data is considered. For simplicity, it is assumed that there are two items (i.e.,  $n = 2$ ) of which demand of the first item depends on inventory level dependent and that for the second item is constant demand. For both the models, the required different parameter with their appropriate units is in Table 1.

In addition to these data, values of other required parameters specially for the fuzzy models are  $U_{PF} = \$180$ ,  $L_{WS} = \$19$ ,  $THC = \$228$ ,  $TSC = \$200$ ,  $P_{PF} = \$20$ ,  $P_{WS} = \$3$ ,  $P_{THC} = \$157$  and  $P_{TSC} = \$220$ . Also for crisp model  $THC = \$38s$  and  $TSC = \$420$ . Moreover, to solve GAFNLP technique in crisp and fuzzy model, we assumed the aspiration level  $\alpha_0 = 0.07$ . By using WFNLP, FAGP and GAFNLP techniques, with different weights to objectives in crisp model and to objectives and to objectives and constraints fuzzy model, we obtain optimum values. The optimum values are presented in Table 2 and 3. In this numerical representation, another criterion, (ie) ratio of profit to the total cost has been considered to classify the suitability of the methods. Each technique has some limitations with respect to its applicability and due to that a particular method does not yield the best results for all models. Table 4 gives the most suitable techniques to be adopted for the solution of a particular model.

Table 1: Different parameters with their appropriate units

Items	$S_i$ (in\$)	$P_i$ (in\$)	$K_i$	$\theta_i$	$\phi_i$	$C_{1i}$ (in\$)	$C_{3i}$ (in\$)	$C_{2i}$ (in\$)	$D_i$	$\gamma_i$	$T_i$
1	15	10	30	0.04	0.03	4	20	5	26	0.03	9
2	12	8	38	0.04	0.02	2	25	3	30	-	10

Table 2: Optimum results due to different weight in crisp model

Method	Weight of objective		PF( $q_i$ )	WS( $q_i$ )	$\sum_i^n C_{1i} * H(q_i)$	$\sum_i^n C_{2i} * S(q_i)$	Profit ratio
	$w = (w_1, w_2)$						
WNLP			174.1128	19.5887	303.7780	293.0544	0.30059
FAGP	.5, .5		174.1306	19.0000	304.1979	292.5014	0.30063
GAFNLP			162.8000	19.9591	279.2788	420.0000	0.27628
WNLP			175.7650	20.0587	385.0000	200.8967	0.30249
FAGP	.1, .9		169.7681	19.4096	237.3089	392.8227	0.29260
GAFNLP			174.0000	20.0287	385.0000	219.0475	0.29830
WNLP			168.2608	19.4009	221.8802	420.0000	0.28964
FAGP	.9, .1		175.7058	19.9492	36902602	216.6124	0.30227
GAFNLP			166.2848	19.6000	245.7033	420.0000	0.28456



Table 3: Optimum results due to different weight in fuzzy model

Method	Weight of objective $w = (w_1, w_2)$	PF( $q_i$ )	WS( $q_i$ )	$\sum_i^n C_{1i} * H(q_i)$	$\sum_i^n C_{2i} * S(q_i)$	Profit ratio
WNLP		173.8056	19.5894	296.7219	300.8516	0.30016
FAGP	.25, .25, .25, .25	174.3862	19.6209	309.5436	284.7989	0.30110
GAFNLP		169.2000	20.3312	339.3600	289.8466	0.28980
WNLP		175.4361	19.8193	347.1980	239.8229	0.30259
FAGP	.1, .3, .3, .3	173.0078	19.5093	280.4770	323.9931	0.29873
GAFNLP		175.4361	19.8183	347.1980	239.8230	0.30259
WNLP		171.2849	19.4372	255.8101	362.6962	0.29547
FAGP	.3, .1, .3, .3	175.1108	19.7365	332.1263	256.9259	0.30221
GAFNLP		173.6575	19.6000	295.4662	302.7265	0.29992
WNLP		171.2743	19.4599	254.9975	361.5122	0.29557
FAGP	.3, .3, .1, .3	175.6751	19.9286	367.0973	219.1715	0.30265
GAFNLP		168.5000	19.8242	270.9000	362.2775	0.28962
WNLP		175.2973	19.8081	341.8883	245.4373	0.30244
FAGP	.3, .3, .3, .1	171.5789	19.4487	258.4934	356.8576	0.29609
GAFNLP		171.4540	20.2221	346.9667	266.0000	0.29440

Table 4: Appropriate methods for optimum results for different weights with respect to profit, wastage cost, holding cost and shortage cost

Environment	Equal weightage		More weightage to profit		More weightage to wastage cost		More weightage to total holding cost		More weightage to total shortage cost	
	PF (ratio)	WS	PF (ratio)	WS	PF (ratio)	WS	PF (ratio)	WS	PF (ratio)	WS
Crisp	FAGP	FAGP	WFNLP	FAGP	FAGP	WFNLP	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fuzzy	FAGP	FAGP	WFNLP	FAGP (or) GAFNLP	FAGP	WFNLP	FAGP	WFNLP	FAGP	WFNLP

**CONCLUSION**

So far, a very little research has been done for the solution of multi-objective fuzzy non-linear very few research papers are available for the solution of multi-objective fuzzy non-linear problems in production inventory models. As far as our knowledge is concerned, for first time the multi-objective production inventory problems with limitations of total holding cost and total shortage cost with various types of demands have been constructed in crisp and fuzzy environment and solved by WFNLP, FAGP and GAFNLP techniques. The results are presented with different types of weights to objectives in first model and to objectives and constraints in second model in the fuzzy environment. Exact weight which implies the relative importance for these goals can be determined through practical experience. Though the models considered here are multi-objective production inventory models of deteriorating items with various types of demands with shortages and finite production rate, the present model can be extended to other types of inventory models with characteristics like discount, inflation rate, infinite production rate and fuzzy-stochastic environment. This technique is an appropriate tool to tackle the real life inventory problems in realistic environment.

**NOTATIONS**

The following notations have been used in developing the models.

- $K_i$  = Production quantity of the i-th item per unit time.
- $Q_i$  = The maximum production quantity of the i-th item at  $t = t_{ii}$ .
- $Sq_i$  = The maximum shortage quantity of the i-th item at  $t = t_{3i}$ .
- $P_i$  = Production cost of each product of i-th item.
- $S_i$  = Selling cost of each product of i-th item.
- $C_{1i}$  = Holding cost per unit quantity per unit time of i-th item.
- $C_{3i}$  = Set-up cost for i-th item per cycle.
- $C_{2i}$  = Shortage cost of each product of i-th item.
- THC = Maximum permissible total holding cost per cycle.
- TSC = Maximum permissible total shortage cost per cycle.
- $T_i$  = Time period for each cycle for the i-th item.
- $\theta_i$  = Deterioration rate of the on-hand inventory per unit time of the i-th item.
- $\phi_i$  = Deterioration fraction of production rate per unit time of the i-th item.
- PF ( $q_i$ ) = Total average profit of the i-th item.
- WS ( $q_i$ ) = Total wastage cost of the i-th item.

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