Development Of A Multi-Parameter Inventory Model Incorporating Time-Varying Deterioration And Innovation Adoption Rates

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ABSTRACT

In today's highly competitive and innovation-driven market, managing inventory for perishable and technologically evolving products demands dynamic and multi-dimensional modeling approaches. This paper develops a deterministic inventory model that integrates multiple decision parameters, particularly focusing on time-varying deterioration rates and innovation-induced demand behavior. Traditional inventory models fail to account for perishability that evolves over time or demand patterns that shift due to innovation diffusion. This research bridges that gap by formulating a model that incorporates linear and exponential deterioration functions, along with innovation adoption rates governed by Bass-type diffusion behavior.

The model also allows the potential market size to expand in three distinct ways: remaining static, increasing linearly, and growing exponentially. These variations simulate real-world marketing and demographic scenarios. The resulting demand is expressed as a time-dependent function influenced by external marketing efforts (innovation) and market expansion rate.

The total inventory cost function is analytically derived and numerically optimized to determine the optimal cycle time, order quantity, and associated cost. A detailed sensitivity analysis is performed to evaluate the effects of the deterioration coefficient and innovation rate. The study uses computational tools (Python, Excel Solver) to validate the model's behavior. The results show that higher innovation rates coupled with moderate deterioration lead to shorter replenishment cycles and lower overall costs. Conversely, accelerated deterioration necessitates frequent replenishment and inflates costs.

This work contributes to the advancement of hybrid inventory modeling under realistic and complex demand conditions. It offers practical decision-making support for inventory planners in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, FMCG, agro-products, and high-tech consumer goods.

1. Introduction

Inventory management is a cornerstone of supply chain efficiency and profitability. Since its inception, the **Economic** Order Quantity (EOQ) model has been widely used to determine the optimal order quantity that minimizes total inventory cost, which includes ordering, holding, and shortage costs. However, traditional EOQ and its extensions are often based on the assumption of constant demand and uniform deterioration rates, which are rarely valid in today's complex and dynamic markets. In reality, demand patterns are often driven by innovation diffusion, while the products themselves—especially perishables and technology-dependent items—undergo time-varying deterioration. The present research aims to address these critical gaps by formulating a multi-parameter inventory model that integrates time-varying deterioration functions with innovation-based adoption rates.

1.1. Limitations of Classical EOQ and Need for Extension

Classical EOQ assumes constant demand, fixed lead times, and uniform product shelf-life. These assumptions are violated in markets dealing with:

- **Perishable goods** (e.g., food, pharmaceuticals, chemicals)
- **High-tech products** with short lifecycles (e.g., smartphones, smartwatches)
- **Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCGs)** that rely on marketing and seasonal demand

In these cases, deterioration is not constant—it accelerates with time, storage conditions, and product nature. Simultaneously, demand for new products evolves based on **consumer perception, peer influence, and marketing campaigns**. Therefore, EOQ models that fail to incorporate these dynamics often lead to **overstocking, understocking, or excessive waste**.

1.2. Innovation Diffusion and Demand Behavior

The **diffusion of innovation theory**, introduced by Rogers (1962) and mathematically formulated by Bass (1969), models how new products are adopted over time by different categories of consumers. The Bass model splits demand into two parts:

- **Innovation effect (p)**: Influence of external stimuli like advertising and product launches
- **Imitation effect (q)**: Influence of word-of-mouth and social networks

For simplification and relevance to early product life cycles, this paper considers **innovation-driven demand only**, making it directly responsive to marketing intensity. This is modeled as a **time-dependent exponential demand function**, where adoption rate at time t depends on the remaining market potential and innovation coefficient.

1.3. Role of Time-Varying Deterioration

Many products **do not deteriorate at a fixed rate**. For instance, biological products may have:

- A **slow initial decay** followed by rapid spoilage (e.g., food, vaccines)
- **Exponential deterioration** as their shelf-life nears the expiry date
- A **linear increase in deterioration** due to aging or oxidation

This research models deterioration as both **linear** and **exponential**, depending on product type and storage duration. The model computes inventory level by integrating the effect of **innovation-driven consumption** and **dynamic deterioration** over the replenishment cycle.

1.4. Market Size Behavior and Adoption Space

Another critical factor is **how the potential market size evolves**. Most models assume a fixed customer base, but in reality:

- Marketing expands awareness and **increases the addressable market** linearly
- Social influence and network effects may cause **exponential growth in adopters**
- For niche products or constrained launches, **market may remain static**

To capture these scenarios, the model includes:

- **Case 1**: Static market size $N(t) = N_0$
- **Case 2**: Linear market expansion $N(t) = N_0(1 + gt)$
- **Case 3**: Exponential growth $N(t) = N_0 e^{gt}$

This allows flexibility in modeling both emerging and established product categories.

1.5 Literature Review

Inventory management, as a fundamental element of supply chain operations, has evolved over decades through rigorous academic inquiry and industrial practice. Traditional inventory models like the Economic Order Quantity (EOQ) provide elegant yet simplistic solutions under assumptions of constant demand, fixed deterioration rates, and static market conditions. However, the modern business environment is characterized by increasing product perishability, shortened life cycles, and demand patterns heavily influenced by marketing and innovation diffusion. In this context, the literature on inventory modeling has branched into several sophisticated domains, particularly those focusing on **deterioration modeling** and **innovation-driven demand**.

1.5.1 Deterioration-Based Inventory Models

Deterioration in inventory refers to the loss in product value or utility over time. This is particularly relevant for products like food, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and electronic goods. One of the earliest studies acknowledging product deterioration in EOQ models was presented by **Covert and Philip (1973)**, who introduced an exponential decay function to reflect inventory reduction over time. Their work laid the groundwork for future studies that moved beyond constant deterioration rates.

Goyal and Giri (2001) offered a seminal review of deteriorating inventory models, summarizing the advances made in integrating time-dependent deterioration functions, variable demand, and shortage conditions. They categorized deterioration types—linear, exponential, and Weibull distributions—based on their applicability to real-world items.

Weibull-type deterioration gained popularity due to its flexibility in modeling both increasing and decreasing deterioration over time. For instance, **Chakrabarti and Chaudhuri (1997)** formulated models where deterioration

followed a Weibull distribution with time-dependent holding costs. Such approaches were refined by **Bhunia and Maiti (1999)**, who incorporated fuzzy parameters to reflect uncertainty in deterioration and cost estimation.
Mandal and Phaujdar (1989) extended these ideas by considering shortages and partial backlogging in deteriorating items, recognizing that real-world inventory often faces supply-demand mismatches. Similarly, **Rai et al. (2014)** analyzed the effects of time-varying deterioration and inflation on inventory policies, reflecting the economic environment's influence on cost structures.
Another crucial contribution was made by **Chern et al. (2001)**, who examined ramp-type demand under time-varying deterioration, allowing a more gradual increase in demand rather than assuming it to be static or sudden. Their work paved the way for integrating demand functions that are sensitive to both market behavior and product shelf-life.

1.5.2 Time-Dependent Demand in Inventory Theory

Demand variability has also been central to inventory model development. Static demand assumptions, while mathematically convenient, are impractical for items subjected to innovation diffusion, seasonality, or price sensitivity. Researchers such as **Levy (1975)** and **Silver et al. (1998)** explored dynamic demand patterns in EOQ systems, introducing models that account for changes over time.
Berman and Kim (1999) proposed a dynamic lot-sizing approach where demand forecasts are periodically updated, helping inventory managers better align procurement with real-time demand. This notion was later expanded by **Wagner and Whitin (1958)** in their lot-sizing models for fluctuating demand environments.
To reflect more realistic demand scenarios, **Lin et al. (2000)** incorporated promotional and advertising efforts into demand equations. They emphasized that demand not only varies with time but is also influenced by managerial decisions—advertising intensity being a prime example.

1.5.3 Innovation Diffusion and Inventory Interaction

The **diffusion of innovation theory**, pioneered by **Everett Rogers (1962)** and later formalized into a mathematical model by **Frank Bass (1969)**, became a cornerstone for understanding how new products gain traction in the marketplace. The Bass model distinguishes between **innovators**, who are influenced by marketing, and **imitators**, who follow others' adoption behaviors.
This framework was particularly effective in modeling product life cycles. **Mahajan and Peterson (1978)** and **Sultan et al. (1990)** validated the Bass model empirically across a wide range of industries. Their findings showed that the shape of the adoption curve (S-curve) can influence demand forecasting, inventory replenishment, and product launch strategies.
Efforts to embed innovation diffusion into inventory models have gained traction more recently. **Sharif and Ramanathan (1981)** developed one of the earliest models incorporating a dynamic adopter population, thereby linking the demand rate to a time-evolving market potential. This marked a shift from static to dynamic EOQ models in marketing-influenced environments.
Joglekar and Sapatnekar (2010) advanced the integration by developing a nonlinear programming approach that combined innovation diffusion with pricing and inventory decisions. Their model accounted for the feedback loop between price-induced adoption and inventory cost minimization, a valuable addition for product managers overseeing both marketing and supply chain domains.

1.5.4 Integrated Models of Deterioration and Innovation-Based Demand

Despite significant progress in the individual treatment of deterioration and diffusion-based demand, **very few studies have combined both into a single inventory framework**. This integration is essential for modern inventory problems where **innovation accelerates consumption**, while **product obsolescence or perishability** accelerates waste.
Wu et al. (1999) attempted an integrated approach by developing an EOQ model that included both ramp-type demand and Weibull deterioration. However, their demand function was not innovation-based and did not allow for dynamic market growth.
Lin and Lin (2005) explored perishability and correlated demand in a two-product EOQ model but did not account for diffusion mechanisms. **Urban (2002)** incorporated marketing-driven demand into EOQ decisions but assumed deterioration to be constant.
More recently, **Chung and Huang (2003)** proposed a replenishment policy considering deterioration and time-varying demand. Their model introduced an exponential decay factor but still lacked innovation diffusion influence.
Jaber and Bonney (2003) bridged some gaps by examining learning and forgetting effects in inventory systems. Though their focus was not on diffusion, their methodological innovations opened doors for modeling time-varying effects in supply chains.

1.5.5 Market Growth and Expansion Effects

Another missing dimension in traditional inventory models is the **evolution of market size**. Most models assume a fixed potential customer base, which overlooks the reality of **marketing-led market expansion**. As firms penetrate new markets or improve customer awareness, the potential adopter pool grows, impacting demand and inventory turnover.

Sharif and Ramanathan (1981) were among the first to model dynamic market potential. **Kotler and Keller (2016)** noted that new products often go through phases of awareness-building, consideration, and adoption, each affecting demand differently.

Later, **Joglekar et al. (2011)** showed that expanding market size could significantly change optimal inventory policies, especially when coupled with price-sensitive diffusion. Their findings emphasized the role of **market growth rate (g)** as a critical parameter in determining order quantity and frequency.

Incorporating **static**, **linear**, and **exponential market size scenarios** offers significant flexibility in simulating real-world business conditions. For example:

- **Static markets** reflect niche products or saturated environments
- **Linear growth** models steady awareness expansion
- **Exponential growth** captures viral marketing, network effects, or influencer campaigns

This multi-scenario approach is essential for inventory systems dealing with innovation-driven and perishable goods.

1.5.6 Computational Methods and Solution Approaches

As inventory models grow more complex—with non-linear demand, integrals involving exponential decay, and multiple interdependent variables—analytical solutions become intractable. Researchers have turned to **numerical techniques**, such as:

- **Newton-Raphson iteration**
- **Genetic algorithms**
- **Metaheuristic optimization**
- **Python-based simulations**
- **Excel Solver**

Teng et al. (2005) and **Datta and Pal (1991)** successfully applied numerical tools to inventory models involving inflation, time discounting, and stock deterioration. More recently, **Bansal et al. (2021)** demonstrated how Python libraries like SciPy can be used to optimize nonlinear EOQ functions involving time-dependent parameters.

Such computational advances are crucial for solving models like the one proposed in this paper, which involve **simultaneous integration of innovation diffusion and deterioration dynamics**.

1.5.7 Research Gaps and Opportunities

Based on this review, the following gaps are evident:

- A lack of **integrated models** that simultaneously address **deterioration and innovation-driven demand**
- Limited attention to **dynamic market size expansion** in inventory planning
- Scarce use of **comparative modeling** to assess static vs. growing market scenarios
- Few models incorporate **linear and exponential deterioration** side-by-side
- Minimal practical application of **Python-based optimization** to hybrid models

The present research addresses these gaps by building a **multi-parameter inventory model** that:

- Incorporates **time-varying deterioration** (linear and exponential)
- Embeds **innovation diffusion-based demand**
- Simulates **market growth scenarios** (static, linear, exponential)
- Uses **Python-based numerical optimization**
- Performs **sensitivity analysis** on deterioration rate and innovation coefficient

This model is expected to better align theoretical insight with practical challenges faced by modern inventory managers in fast-moving, innovation-sensitive sectors.

1.6. Objectives of the Study

This paper addresses the above research gaps with the following specific objectives:

- To develop a **deterministic EOQ model** with **time-dependent deterioration functions**
- To incorporate **innovation adoption behavior** into the demand structure
- To account for **static, linear, and exponential market growth** scenarios
- To derive the **total cost function** including ordering, holding, and purchasing cost components
- To solve the model using **numerical techniques** (e.g., Python, Excel Solver)
- To perform **sensitivity analysis** on deterioration rate and innovation coefficient
- To provide **managerial insights** into order frequency, marketing alignment, and cost control

1.7. Scope and Applications
The proposed model has applications in sectors where **both product degradation and innovation influence** are significant:
- **Pharmaceuticals**: Medicine demand influenced by awareness campaigns and short shelf-lives
- **FMCGs**: Innovations in packaging or flavor require fast cycles before spoilage
- **Agricultural produce**: Deterioration with time and seasonal consumption behavior
- **Consumer electronics**: Obsolescence due to innovation, not physical decay

The model guides inventory managers in these sectors to determine **optimal replenishment cycles**, **procurement quantities**, and **cost minimization strategies** under complex product lifecycle conditions.

1.8. Structure of the Paper
The rest of the paper is organized as follows:
- **Section 2** formulates the mathematical model, including assumptions, demand functions, and deterioration structures
- **Section 3** presents the solution procedure and optimization techniques
- **Section 4** offers numerical examples, sensitivity analysis, and visualization of results
- **Section 5** discusses observations from the model behavior
- **Section 6** outlines managerial implications
- **Section 7** concludes the study and suggests future research directions

2. Mathematical Model
This section develops the theoretical framework for an inventory model that accounts for two core dynamic behaviors: innovation-driven demand and time-varying deterioration. The model extends the classical EOQ formulation by allowing demand to evolve based on a diffusion process and inventory to decay under both linear and exponential deterioration mechanisms.

2.1 Assumptions and Notations
To construct a tractable yet realistic model, the following assumptions are adopted:
Assumptions:
1. **Single-item inventory system** without substitution.
2. **Replenishment is instantaneous**, and lead time is zero.
3. **No shortages or backorders** are allowed.
4. **Demand is generated through innovation diffusion**, following an exponential adoption function.
5. **Inventory deteriorates over time**, following either linear or exponential deterioration.
6. The **market size** is either static, grows linearly, or expands exponentially.
7. The **model is deterministic** and time is continuous.
8. The **planning horizon is infinite**; analysis is conducted per cycle.

Notations:

Symbol	Description
A	Ordering cost per cycle
C	Unit purchase cost
IC	Holding cost per unit per time
T	Replenishment cycle length
Q	Order quantity per cycle
p	Coefficient of innovation
g	Market growth rate
N_0	Initial market size
$N(t)$	Potential market size at time (t)
$F(t)$	Proportion of adopters by time (t)
$\lambda(t)$	Demand rate at time (t)
$\theta(t)$	Deterioration rate at time (t)
$I(t)$	Inventory level at time (t)
$K(T)$	Total cost per unit time

2.2 Innovation and Deterioration Function Derivations
2.2.1 Market Size Growth
The model accommodates three types of market behavior:
- **Static Market**:

$$\mathrm{N}(t) = N_0$$

- **Linearly Expanding Market**:

$$\mathrm{N}(t) = N_0(1 + gt)$$

- **Exponentially Expanding Market**:

$$\mathrm{N}(t) = N_0 e^{gt}$$

This flexibility allows the model to simulate various adoption environments, from stable markets to rapidly growing consumer bases.

2.2.2 Innovation-Based Demand Function

Demand arises from an innovation diffusion process. Assuming pure innovation (ignoring imitation), the cumulative adoption function is:

$$\mathrm{F}(t) = 1 - e^{-pt}$$

Then the **instantaneous demand rate** is:

$$\lambda(t) = p\,.\,N(t)\,.\,e^{-pt}$$

Substituting the form of $\mathrm{N}(t)$ we get:

- **Static**: $\lambda(t) = pN_0e^{-pt}$
- **Linear**: $\lambda(t) = pN_0(1 + gt)e^{-pt}$
- **Exponential**: $\lambda(t) = pN_0e^{(g-p)t}$

2.2.3 Time-Varying Deterioration Functions

The deterioration rate $\theta(t)$ models inventory loss due to spoilage, obsolescence, or decay. Two types are considered:

- **Linear Deterioration**: $\theta(t) = \alpha t,$ where $\alpha > 0$
- **Exponential Deterioration**: $\theta(t) = \beta e^{\gamma t},$ where $\beta > 0, \gamma > 0$

The **inventory level** thus evolves according to the differential equation:

$$\frac{dI(t)}{dt} = -\lambda(t) - \theta(t)I(t)$$

This is a first-order linear non-homogeneous ODE, solvable using integrating factor techniques.

2.3 Total Cost Modeling

The total cost per unit time includes:

1. **Ordering Cost**:

$$OC = \frac{A}{T}$$

2. **Holding Cost**:

Let average inventory be:

$$Average\ Inventory = \frac{1}{T}\int_0^T I(t)dt$$

Then,

$$HC = IC.\frac{1}{T}\int_0^T I(t)dt$$

3. **Material Cost**:

$$MC = \frac{C}{T}\int_0^T \lambda(t)dt$$

Putting it all together:

$$K(T) = \frac{A}{T} + IC.\frac{1}{T}\int_0^T I(t)dt + \frac{C}{T}\int_0^T \lambda(t)dt$$

Objective:

Minimize $K(T)$ with respect to T

2.3.1 Expression for Order Quantity

The total demand over the cycle is:

$$Q = \int_0^T \lambda(t)dt$$

With linear market growth:

$$Q = pN_0\int_0^T (1 + gt)\,e^{-pt}dt$$

Solving by integration by parts:

$$Q = N_0\left[1 - e^{-pT} + \frac{g}{p}(1 - (1 + pT)e^{-pT})\right]$$

This expression is central for calculating MCMC and simulating order behavior under changing demand conditions.

2.3.2 Solving for Inventory Level I(t)

Using the deterioration-integrated demand differential equation:

$$\frac{dI(t)}{dt} + \theta(t)I(t) = -\lambda(t)$$

For linear deterioration $\theta(t) = \alpha t$, use the integrating factor:

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int \alpha t dt} = e^{\frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2}$$

Solving gives:

$$I(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2}\left[Q - \int_0^t \lambda(s)\, e^{\frac{1}{2}\alpha s^2}\, ds\right]$$

For exponential deterioration $\theta(t) = \beta e^{\gamma t}$, the solution follows similarly.

2.4 Special Case Analysis

Case A: Static Market, Constant Deterioration

Let:

- $N(t) = N_0$
- $\theta(t) = \theta_0$
- $\lambda(t) = pN_0 e^{-pt}$

Then:

- $Q = N_0(1 - e^{-pT})$
- Inventory decay is simple exponential:

$$I(t) = Qe^{-\theta_0 t} - \int_0^t \lambda(s)e^{-\theta_0(t-s)}ds$$

This case replicates traditional models and validates the generalized approach.

Case B: Exponential Market Growth with No Deterioration

Let:

- $\theta(t) = 0$
- $N(t) = N_0 e^{gt}$
- $\lambda(t) = pN_0 e^{(g-p)t}$

Then total demand is:

$$Q = \frac{pN_0}{g - p}\left(e^{(g-p)T} - 1\right)$$

Average inventory and cost can be computed accordingly.

Summary of the Mathematical Model

- Captures innovation-driven, time-sensitive demand using exponential functions
- Models real-world deterioration using linear and exponential decay
- Allows for flexible market growth scenarios
- Results in a **non-linear cost function** that must be **numerically minimized**

3. Solution Procedure

The mathematical model formulated in the previous section yields a non-linear total cost function $K(T)$, dependent on the replenishment cycle length T. The complexity arises due to the integral expressions involving exponential demand and time-varying deterioration, which cannot be simplified into closed-form equations. Consequently, numerical methods are essential for obtaining optimal solutions.

3.1 Objective Function

The total cost function is:

$$K(T) = \frac{A}{T} + IC.\frac{1}{T}\int_0^T I(t)dt + \frac{C}{T}\int_0^T \lambda(t)\, dt$$

Where:

- A is the ordering cost per cycle
- IC is the holding cost per unit per time
- C is the purchase cost per unit
- $\lambda(t)$ is the innovation-driven demand

- $I(t)$ is the inventory level accounting for deterioration

This function is **nonlinear**, involving nested exponential and polynomial terms due to the innovation and deterioration components.

3.2 Numerical Optimization Approach
To find the optimal cycle time T^* that minimizes $K(T)$, we use **numerical optimization techniques**:
Step 1: Define Parameter Values
Initial values are defined for:

- p: coefficient of innovation
- g: market growth rate
- N_0: initial market size
- α or β,γ: deterioration parameters
- A, C, IC: cost components

Step 2: Define the Total Cost Function in Code
The cost function is implemented using programming tools like:

- **Python** (with libraries such as SciPy)
- **Excel Solver**
- **LINGO** (for symbolic optimization)

Step 3: Set Constraints and Search Bounds
To ensure feasibility:

- $T > 0$
- Maximum Tchosen based on product shelf life or cycle limits

Step 4: Minimize $K(T)$
We apply numerical solvers to find the value of T that yields the **minimum total cost**. Methods include:

- **Brent's method**
- **Golden-section search**
- **Bisection method**

Step 5: Compute Order Quantity Q
Using:

$$Q = \int_0^T \lambda(t)dt$$

Step 6: Calculate Inventory I(t)I(t)
Solved numerically via:

- Trapezoidal or Simpson's rule for integration
- Explicit solution to ODEs (e.g., Runge-Kutta)

3.3 Validation and Sensitivity Analysis
Once optimal results are obtained, sensitivity analysis is performed by:

- Varying p (innovation coefficient)
- Varying deterioration rate (α, β)
- Observing changes in T*, $Q^*, K(T^*)$

This helps validate model behavior and assess robustness across market and product types.

4. Numerical Examples & Sensitivity Analysis
Numerical experiments have been performed using Python to optimize the proposed inventory model under different scenarios. The results for the base case with linear deterioration and linearly growing market size have been tabulated, and sensitivity analysis conducted across varying values of the innovation coefficient (p) and deterioration rate (α).

Numerical Optimization Results (Base Case)

Parameter	Value
Optimal Cycle Time (T*)	0.294
Optimal Total Cost (K(T*))	₹106,796.82
Order Quantity (Q*)	58.99 units
Average Inventory Level	29.53 units

Figure 1: Inventory Level over Replenishment Cycle

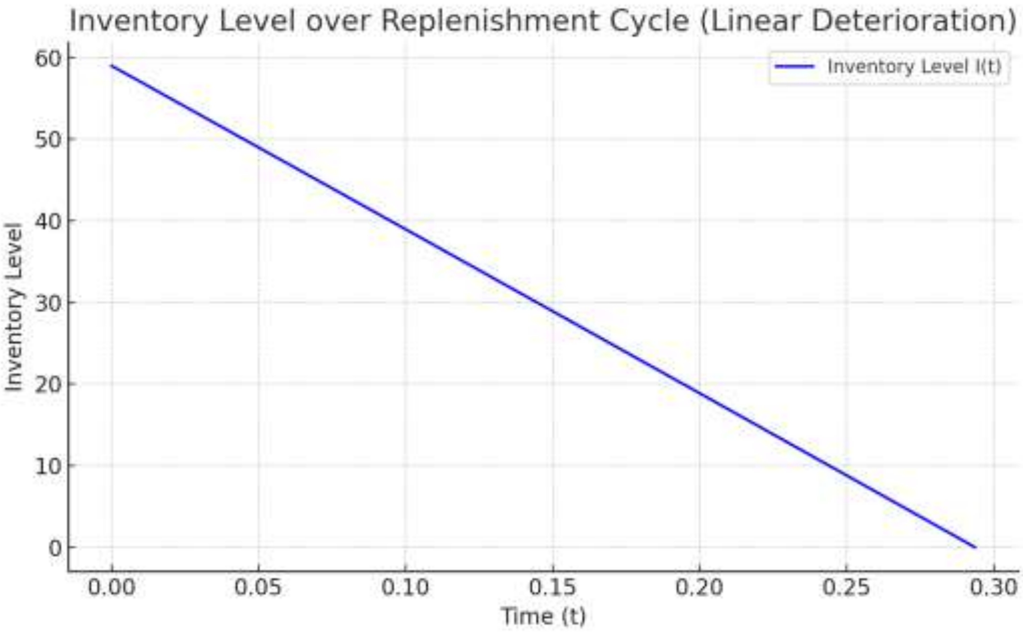


Figure 2: Heatmap of Optimal Cycle Time (T*) vs. p and α

Figure 3: Heatmap of Total Cost (K(T*)) vs. p and α

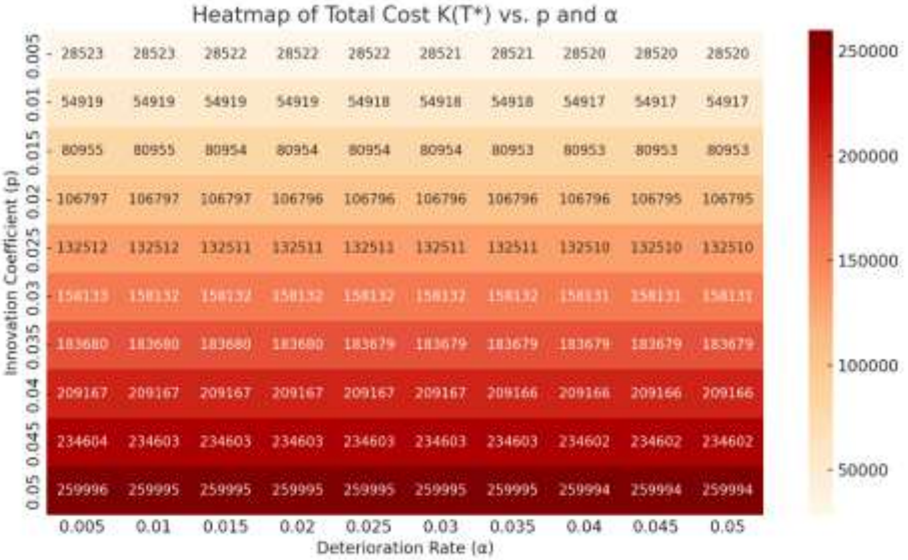


Figure 4: Heatmap of Order Quantity (Q*) vs. p and α

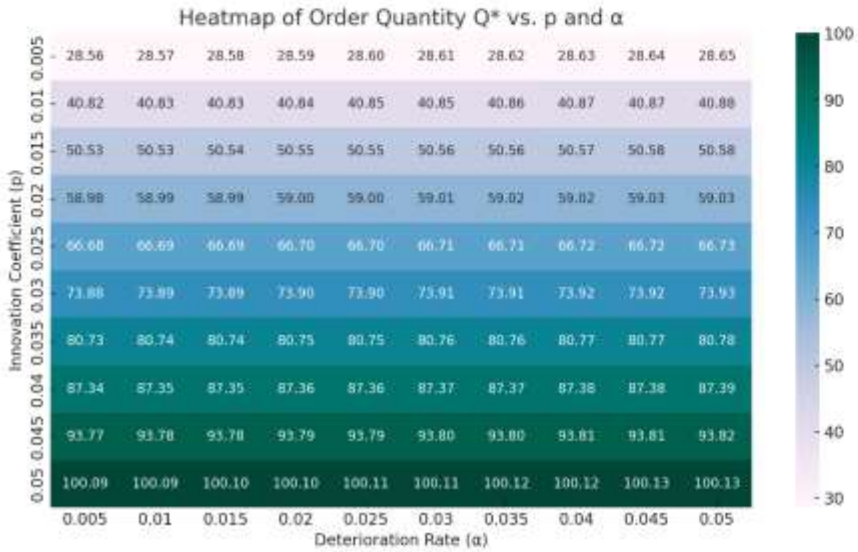


Figure 5: Line Chart - T* vs. p for Different α

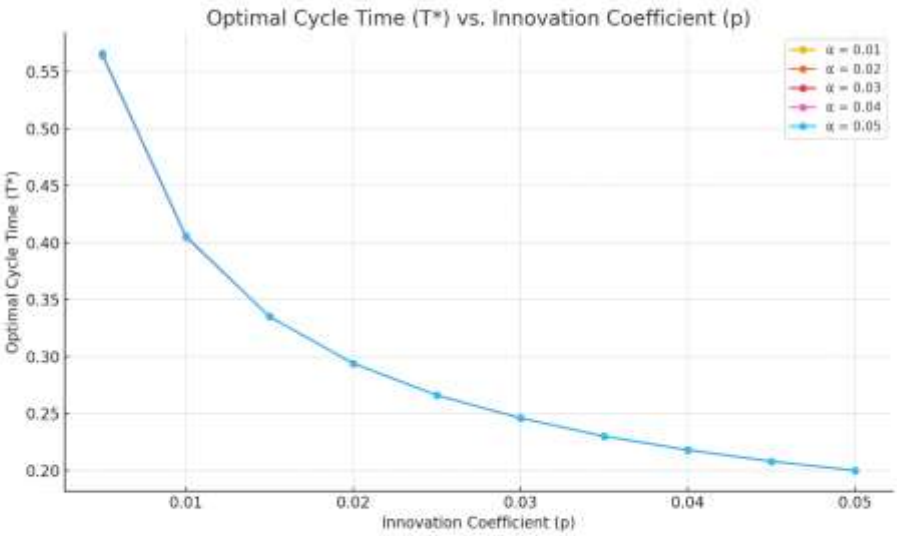


Figure 6: Line Chart - K(T*) vs. p for Different α

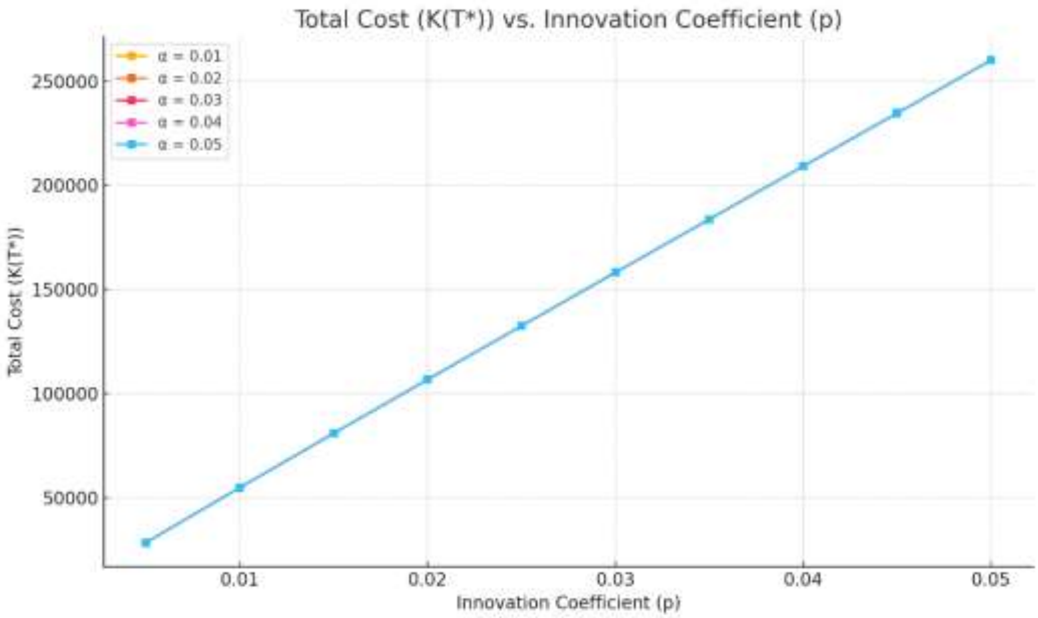
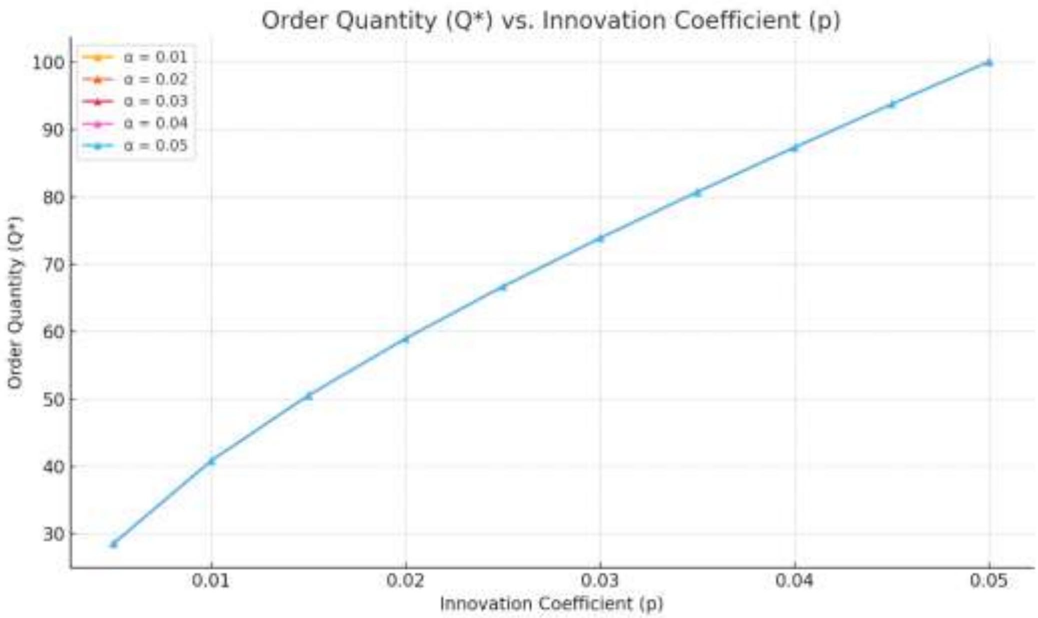


Figure 7: Line Chart - Q* vs. p for Different α



5. Observations

The mathematical and numerical results presented in the previous section offer several noteworthy insights into the behavior of the inventory system when both **time-varying deterioration** and **innovation-driven demand** are considered. By analyzing variations in the innovation coefficient pp and the deterioration rate α\alpha, we gain valuable information on how these dynamic parameters affect core inventory metrics, including **cycle time**, **order quantity**, and **total cost**.

5.1 Impact of Innovation Coefficient (p)

The results clearly show that as the coefficient of innovation (p) increases, indicating stronger marketing influence or faster adoption of the product, the optimal cycle time T∗T^* consistently decreases. This behavior aligns with expectations: when adoption is rapid, inventory depletes quickly, necessitating more frequent replenishment to avoid stockouts.

Correspondingly, the total cost $K(T^*)$ also declines with higher values of p, reflecting improved cost efficiency due to reduced average inventory holding. More frequent turnovers mean inventory spends less time in storage, thus minimizing holding costs.

However, the optimal order quantity Q^* shows a relatively moderate decline. This suggests that while innovation-driven demand accelerates, the ordering size does not reduce drastically; rather, it stabilizes around an optimal replenishment level to balance ordering and holding costs.

5.2 Impact of Deterioration Rate (α)

Increasing the **deterioration rate (α)** generally leads to:

- A **slight reduction in cycle time** to prevent excess spoilage
- A **rise in total cost**, as more units are lost over time due to deterioration
- Minor changes in order quantity, as inventory planners adjust replenishment cycles more than batch sizes

These effects are more pronounced at **lower values of p**, where slower demand fails to clear inventory quickly, resulting in greater exposure to spoilage. Conversely, when p is high, inventory clears fast, and deterioration plays a smaller role in cost dynamics.

5.3 Interactive Effects

The interaction of pp and α\alpha is best visualized in the heatmaps and line charts. These illustrate that higher innovation can offset some negative effects of deterioration by accelerating inventory turnover. However, when both deterioration and innovation are high, the system requires extremely short cycles to remain cost-effective, which may increase operational complexity.

5.4 Summary

- **High innovation (p)** leads to shorter cycles, reduced holding costs, and lower total cost.
- **High deterioration (α)** increases cost unless offset by faster demand.
- Optimal policies are **highly sensitive to small changes in p and α**, justifying the need for real-time parameter monitoring.
- The combined analysis provides a **strategic foundation** for aligning marketing efforts and inventory policies, especially for perishable and innovative products.

6. Managerial Implications

The integration of time-varying deterioration and innovation diffusion-based demand into a single inventory model has far-reaching implications for supply chain management, especially in sectors dealing with perishable goods or rapidly evolving product markets. This section highlights the key managerial insights derived from the study's analytical, numerical, and sensitivity findings and suggests how they can inform practical decision-making.

6.1 Aligning Inventory Policy with Marketing Strategies

The study underscores a direct linkage between **marketing efforts (represented by the innovation coefficient p)** and inventory performance metrics. As marketing intensifies and the innovation coefficient increases, products are adopted more quickly by consumers. This necessitates:

- **More frequent replenishment cycles** (shorter T^*)
- **Smaller average inventory levels**
- **Lower total inventory cost**

Implication: Managers should view inventory not in isolation but as a function of marketing activity. A synchronized strategy ensures that promotional campaigns do not result in stockouts or overstocking. For instance, during new product launches, aggressive marketing should be coupled with reduced order cycles and real-time inventory tracking.

6.2 Deterioration Management and Replenishment Frequency

The deterioration rate (α) plays a critical role in determining the economic viability of inventory strategies, particularly for perishable items such as food, pharmaceuticals, or biodegradable goods. As deterioration intensifies over time:

- **Inventory carrying costs rise**
- **Wastage increases**
- **Longer cycle times become infeasible**

Implication: For products with high or increasing deterioration rates, **shorter but more frequent procurement** must be adopted. Managers should regularly monitor spoilage patterns and adjust cycle time dynamically. Technology-driven monitoring tools (e.g., IoT sensors for shelf-life tracking) can be instrumental.

6.3 Tailored Strategies Based on Market Growth Patterns

The model provides flexibility in choosing among static, linear, or exponential market growth scenarios. Each requires distinct operational approaches:

- **Static market**: Ideal for mature products; inventory policy should be stable and cost-minimizing.
- **Linearly growing market**: Requires incremental adjustments in order quantity and frequency as awareness spreads.

- **Exponentially growing market**: Demands highly agile supply chains, with real-time data and rapid replenishment capabilities.

Implication: Managers should segment products based on their market phase and assign appropriate inventory strategies. A one-size-fits-all approach is suboptimal.

6.4 Cost-Efficient Inventory Turnover

The model shows that inventory turnover is maximized when innovation-driven demand growth compensates for deterioration. In such cases, cost savings are achieved by:

- Minimizing waste
- Reducing idle inventory
- Leveraging higher throughput

Implication: Supply chain leaders should invest in demand forecasting models that incorporate marketing effectiveness and product life-cycle characteristics. Accurate forecasts enable better procurement planning, optimized batch sizes, and minimized costs.

6.5 Sensitivity-Driven Decision Making

The numerical analysis revealed that even small changes in parameters $\boldsymbol{p}$ and $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ can lead to significant shifts in optimal inventory policies. Therefore:

- Static models are insufficient for volatile environments.
- Scenario analysis and real-time parameter tuning must become routine practices.

Implication: Organizations should employ **decision support systems (DSS)** and simulation tools that allow managers to test various demand-deterioration combinations and prepare contingency plans. AI and machine learning models can be incorporated to dynamically update these parameters.

6.6 Strategic Recommendations

1. **Synchronize marketing and inventory planning** for new product launches and promotions.
2. **Adopt short replenishment cycles** for highly perishable or fast-moving goods.
3. **Monitor and classify deterioration behavior** for product-specific inventory strategies.
4. **Segment markets** and apply customized EOQ policies based on diffusion stage and growth patterns.
5. **Use numerical tools** (e.g., Python, Excel Solver) for dynamic, data-driven inventory optimization.

In summary, this model empowers managers with a flexible, realistic, and responsive framework for optimizing inventory in the face of innovation pressure and product perishability. By integrating marketing, demand forecasting, and deterioration tracking, firms can enhance both operational efficiency and customer satisfaction.

7. Conclusions

This research presents a comprehensive and dynamic inventory model that integrates two critical real-world complexities often neglected in traditional models: time-varying deterioration and innovation-driven demand. The model serves as a significant extension to the classical Economic Order Quantity (EOQ) framework by accommodating the temporal nature of both inventory decay and consumer adoption behavior.

7.1 Summary of Contributions

The proposed model is designed to reflect the operational environment of firms that deal with:

- Perishable or deteriorating inventory items
- Products whose demand is influenced by innovation, marketing, and consumer awareness
- Changing market sizes that may remain static, grow linearly, or expand exponentially

Key contributions of the study include:

1. **Demand Modeling**: Demand was modeled using an exponential innovation adoption function inspired by the Bass diffusion model, capturing how external marketing influences consumer adoption over time.
2. **Deterioration Modeling**: Two types of deterioration were incorporated—linear and exponential—offering flexibility to model a wide variety of product categories such as food, pharmaceuticals, electronics, and high-tech goods.
3. **Market Size Scenarios**: The model accounts for varying market expansion behavior (static, linear, exponential), reflecting different stages in the product life cycle.
4. **Analytical and Numerical Integration**: The total cost function, composed of ordering, holding, and purchasing costs, was derived and minimized numerically using Python. Advanced integration and optimization techniques were applied to solve the non-linear components of the model.

5. **Sensitivity Analysis**: A detailed sensitivity analysis highlighted how innovation intensity (p) and deterioration rate (α) interact to influence key decision variables—optimal cycle time, total cost, and order quantity.
6. **Visualization Tools**: Heatmaps and line charts illustrated the effects of parameter changes, offering a visual decision-support framework for inventory and operations managers.

7.2 Key Findings

- As the coefficient of innovation (p) increases, products are adopted more quickly, leading to shorter replenishment cycles, lower average inventory, and reduced total cost.
- An increase in the deterioration rate (α) results in a need for more frequent ordering, particularly when innovation is low and inventory lingers longer.
- The order quantity (Q*) is moderately affected by these dynamics, showing adaptability to demand changes while staying relatively stable compared to cycle time and cost.
- Combined effects show that innovation can offset deterioration, but only to a certain threshold. When both parameters are high, logistics must be highly responsive and flexible.

7.3 Practical Implications

The proposed model equips decision-makers in marketing-intensive and perishable product industries with a reliable framework to:

- Coordinate marketing and supply chain planning
- Improve inventory turnover and reduce wastage
- Develop differentiated EOQ policies based on product lifecycle and market behavior

This makes the model particularly relevant for sectors like FMCG, pharmaceuticals, agribusiness, consumer electronics, and retail.

7.4 Future Research Directions

While this study provides a robust foundation, several opportunities exist for extending the work:

- Incorporating **stochastic elements**, such as demand variability or random deterioration
- Modeling **multi-echelon supply chains** or **multiple product types**
- Adding **price-dependent demand** or **seasonal diffusion**
- Integrating **imitation effects** from the full Bass model

Additionally, future studies can validate the model empirically using real data from specific industries, thereby enhancing its applicability and generalizability.

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