A Study on Different Inventory Record Inaccuracy Factors

in Two-echelon Systems

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Abstract

Inventory management plays an important role for enterprises to manage the

supply chain well. Up to now, many researchers have devoted themselves to maintain

accuracy in inventory count in the field of inventory management.

In practice, different inaccuracy factors usually cause the problem of incorrect

inventory record. It makes the expected inventory can not satisfy the practical

contdition, so that enterprises usually spend more the total inventory cost. To conquer

this problem, this research proposes two models to study the influences of different

inaccuracy factors on the incorrect inventory record problem.

The decision strategies are discussed with Two-echelon periodic-review (R, S)

inventory system, when searching for the best inventory policy based on the minimum

total cost of the two-echelon inventory system. Further more, their corresponding

optimal inventory level is solved by an algorithm. The objective is to evaluate the

effect of system related costs and to evaluate the influence of inventory record

inaccuracy of the system. An intensive numerical study is conducted and the

performance of the two models is compared and analyzed. Through our experiments,

we find out that the inventory record inaccury factors indeed damage the

performances of each point in a supply chain. Therefore, it is important for enterprises

to avaid the inventory record incaccury factors in practice.

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