

4 Conclusion

The model presented in this paper accounts for the costs due to raw material on the classical economic production model with planned shortages. The mathematical models were derived and explicit expressions for the optimal production and shortage quantities were obtained. A proof of the uniqueness of the optimal solution was presented. Numerical examples were given to illustrate the model and to examine the sensitivity of the optimal solution relative to changes in the parameters of the model.

For future work, we suggest incorporating the effects of quality of the raw materials in this model. Also, we suggest studying the effects of quality of the finished product where on these models by considering reworking and scrapping the imperfect quality finished items. In other direction, we suggest considering the model presented in the paper in the supply chain context.

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