

Fractional Order EOQ Model with Linear Trend of Time-Dependent Demand

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Abstract— In this paper we introduce the classical EOQ model with a linear trend of time-dependent demand having no shortages using the concept of fractional calculus. The application of fractional calculus has been already used in classical EOQ model where the demand is assumed to be constant. In this present article fractional differential calculus can be used to describe EOQ model with time-dependent linear trend of demand to develop more generalized EOQ model. Here, we want to discuss more deeply its role as a tool for describing the traditional classical EOQ model with time dependent demand.

Index Terms— Fractional differentiation, Fractional Integration, Fractional Differential Equation, Set up Cost, Holding Cost, Economic Order Quantity.

I. INTRODUCTION

Fractional calculus generalizes derivative and integration of a function to non-integer order. This generalization is a rather old problem, as demonstrated by a correspondence, which lasted several months in 1695, between Leibniz and L'Hopital. Many other famous scientists of the past studied and contributed to the development of fractional calculus in the field of pure mathematics [12-16]. In recent years the concept of fractional differential calculus has been applied to several fields of engineering, science and economics [5], [6], [10]. Some of the areas where Fractional Calculus has made an important role that are included viscoelasticity and rheology, electrical engineering, electrochemistry, biology, biophysics and bioengineering, electromagnetic theory, mechanics, fluid mechanics, signal and image processing theory, particle physics, control theory [5] and many other field [7], [15]. Only recently, fractional calculus was applied to classical EOQ model to generalize this model in operation research. In a previous paper [4], we have discussed how the fractional calculus can utilize to develop the classical EOQ model to generalize EOQ model in operation research. In particular, we have seen fractional calculus has a potentiality to apply this concept in any other EOQ model. In this sense we represent the more generalize EOQ model using the broad concept of fractional calculus where demand may vary with time, say linearly instead of constant demand.

The classical EOQ (Economic Order Quantity) [1], [3], [17], [19], [22] model assumes that the demand rate

is constant. However, in the real market, [9] the demand for any product cannot be constant. Researchers have paid much attention to inventory modelling with time dependent demand. Silver and Meal [21] developed a heuristic approach to determine EOQ in the general case of a deterministic time-varying demand pattern. Donaldson [8] discussed the classical no-shortage inventory policy for the case of a linear, time dependent demand. This treatment was fully analytical and much computational effort was needed in order to get the optimal solution. Silver [20], using Silver-Meal heuristic obtained an appropriate solution procedure for the case of a positive linear trend in demand to reduce the computational effort needed in Donaldson [8]. Subsequent contributions in this type of modelling came from researchers such as Ritchie ([17],[18]), Kicks and Donaldson [11], and others.

Here we have applied the concept of derivative/integrals with an emphasis on Caputo and Riemann-Liouville fractional derivatives [2],[13] and have some interesting results and ideas [23] that demonstrate the generalized EOQ based inventory model. Fractional derivatives and fractional integrals have interesting mathematical properties that may be utilized to develop our motivation. In this article, first we give a short description on general principles, definitions and several features of fractional derivatives/integrals and then we review some of our ideas and findings in exploring potential applications of fractional calculus in inventory control model.

In section II, we represent a basic conception on Fractional Calculus and short history, description related to Fractional Differential Calculus. In section III, we represent the basic concept of Classical EOQ model. In section IV, we introduce our main work which emphasizes on techniques and procedure for finding our optimum results. Finally, In section V, we present the conclusion of our work.

II. A SHORT DESCRIPTION ON FRACTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

The origin of fractional calculus goes back to Newton and Leibniz in the seventeenth century. S.F Lacroix was the first to mention in some two pages a derivative of arbitrary order in a 700 pages text book of 1819.

He developed the formula for the nth derivative of $y = x^m$, m is a positive integer,

$$D^n y = \frac{m!}{(m-n)!} x^{m-n}, \tag{2.1}$$

where $n(\leq m)$ is an integer.

Replacing the factorial symbol by the well-known Gamma function, he obtained the formula for the fractional derivative,

$$D^\alpha (x^\beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\beta+1)}{\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1)} x^{\beta-\alpha}, \tag{2.2}$$

Where α, β are fractional numbers. In particular he had,

$$D^{1/2} (x) = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})} x^{1/2} = 2\sqrt{\frac{x}{\pi}}. \tag{2.3}$$

Again the normal derivative of a function f is defined as,

$$D^1 f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}, \tag{2.4}$$

and

$$D^2 f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f^1(x+h) - f^1(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+2h) - f(x+h) + f(x)}{h}.$$

Iterating this operation yields an expression for the nth derivative of a function. As can be easily seen and proved by induction for any natural number n ,

$$D^n f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^{-n} \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} f(x+(n-r)h). \tag{2.5}$$

$$\text{Where } \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \tag{2.6}$$

Or equivalently,

$$D^n f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^{-n} \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} f(x-rh) \tag{2.7}$$

The case of $n=0$ can be included as well.

The fact that for any natural number n , the calculation of nth derivative is given by an explicit formula (2.5) or (2.7).

Now the generalization of the factorial symbol (!) by the gamma function allows

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(r+1)\Gamma(n-r+1)} \tag{2.8}$$

This is also valid for non-integer values of n .

Thus on using of the idea (2.8), fractional derivative leads as the limit of a sum given by

$$D^\alpha f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(r+1)\Gamma(\alpha-r+1)} f(x-rh). \tag{2.9}$$

Provided the limit exists. Using the identity

$$(-1)^r \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-r+1)} = \frac{\Gamma(r-\alpha)}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \tag{2.10}$$

The result (2.9) becomes,

$$D^\alpha f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^{-\alpha} \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{\Gamma(r-\alpha)}{\Gamma(-\alpha)\Gamma(r+1)} f(x-rh) \tag{2.11}$$

When α is an integer, the result (2.9) reduce to the derivative of integral order n as follows in (2.5).

Again in 1927 Marchaud formulated the fractional derivative of arbitrary order α in the form given by,

$$D^\alpha f(x) = \frac{f(x)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)x^\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^x \frac{f(x)-f(t)}{(x-t)^{\alpha+1}} dt$$

, Where $0 < \alpha < 1$ (2.12)

In 1987, Samko et al had shown that (2.12) and (2.9) are equivalent.

Replacing n by $(-m)$ in (2.7), it can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0 D_x^{-m} f(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^m \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{m}{r} f(x-rh) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(m)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{(m-1)} f(t) dt \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

Where

$$\binom{m}{r} = \frac{m(m+1)(m+2)\dots\dots(m+r+1)}{r!} \tag{2.14}$$

This observation naturally leads to the idea of generalization of the notations of differentiation and integration by allowing m in (2.13) to be an arbitrary real or even complex number.

A. Fractional derivatives and integrals

The idea of fractional derivative or fractional integral can be described in another different ways.

First, we consider a linear non homogeneous nth order ordinary differential equation ,

$$D^n y = f(x), \quad b \leq x \leq c \tag{2.1.1}$$

Then $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots\dots\dots, x^{n-1}\}$ is a fundamental set the corresponding homogeneous equation $D^n y=0$. $f(x)$ is any continuous function in $[b,c]$, then for any $a \in (b,c)$,

$$y(x) = \int_a^x \frac{(x-t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f(t) dt \tag{2.1.2}$$

is the unique solution of the equation (2.1.1) with the initial data $y^{(k)}(a)=0$,

for $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$. Or equivalently,

$$y(x) = {}_a D_x^{-n} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_a^x (x-t)^{n-1} f(t) dt \quad (2.1.3)$$

Replacing n by α , where $\text{Re}(\alpha) > 0$ in the above formula (2.1.3), we obtain the Riemann-Liouville definition of fractional integral that was reported by Liouville in 1832 and by Riemann in 1876 as

$$\begin{aligned} {}_a D_x^{-\alpha} f(x) &= {}_a J_x^{\alpha} f(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.4)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} {}_a D_x^{-\alpha} f(x) &= {}_a J_x^{\alpha} f(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

is the Riemann-Liouville integral operator. When $a=0$, (2.1.4) is the Riemann definition of integral and if $a = -\infty$, (2.1.4) represents Liouville definition. Integral of this type were found to arise in theory of linear ordinary differential equations where they are known as Euler transform of first kind.

If $a=0$ and $x > 0$, then the Laplace transform solution the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned} D^n y(x) &= f(x), \quad x > 0, \quad y^{(k)}(0) = 0, \\ 0 \leq k &\leq n - 1 \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.5)$$

$$\text{is } \bar{y}(s) = s^{-n} \bar{f}(s) \quad (2.1.6)$$

Where $\bar{y}(s)$ and $\bar{f}(s)$ are respectively the Laplace transform of the function $y(x)$ and $f(x)$.

The inverse Laplace transform gives the solution of the initial value problem (2.1.5) as

$$y(x) = {}_0 D_x^{-n} f(x)$$

Again from (2.1.6) we have

$$y(x) = L^{-1} \{ \bar{y}(s) \} = L^{-1} \{ s^{-n} \bar{f}(s) \}$$

Thus we have

$${}_0 D_x^{-n} f(x) = L^{-1} \{ s^{-n} \bar{f}(s) \} \quad (2.1.7)$$

i.e

$$L^{-1} \{ s^{-n} \bar{f}(s) \} = {}_0 D_x^{-n} f(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{n-1} f(t) dt \quad (2.1.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y(x) &= {}_0 D_x^{-n} f(x) \\ &= L^{-1} \{ s^{-n} \bar{f}(s) \} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{n-1} f(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

This is the Riemann-Liouville integral formula for an integer n . Replacing n by real α gives the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral (2.1.3) with $a=0$.

In complex analysis the Cauchy integral formula for the n th derivative of an analytic function $f(z)$ is given by

$$D^n f(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t)}{(t-z)^{n+1}} dt \quad (2.1.9)$$

Where C is closed contour on which $f(z)$ is analytic, and $t=z$ is any point inside C and $t=z$ is a pole.

If n is replaced by an arbitrary number α and $n!$ by $\Gamma(\alpha + 1)$, then a derivative of arbitrary order α can be defined by,

$$D^\alpha f(z) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t)}{(t-z)^{\alpha+1}} dt \quad (2.1.10)$$

where $t=z$ is no longer a pole but a branch point.

In (2.1.10) C is no longer appropriate contour, and it is necessary to make a branch cut along the real axis from the point $z=x > 0$ to negative infinity.

Thus we can define a derivative of arbitrary α order by loop integral

$${}_a D_x^\alpha f(z) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2\pi i} \int_a^x (t-z)^{-\alpha-1} f(t) dt \quad (2.1.11)$$

Where $(t-z)^{-\alpha-1} = \exp[-(\alpha+1)\ln(t-z)]$ and $\ln(t-z)$ is real when $t-z > 0$. Using the classical method of contour integration along the branch cut contour D , it can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0 D_z^\alpha f(z) &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2\pi i} \int_D (t-z)^{-\alpha-1} f(t) dt \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2\pi i} [1 - \exp\{-2\pi i(\alpha + 1)\}] \int_0^z (t-z)^{-\alpha-1} f(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \int_0^z (t-z)^{-\alpha-1} f(t) dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.12)$$

which agrees with Riemann-Liouville definition (2.1.3) with $z=x$, and $a=0$, when α is replaced by $-\alpha$

B. Fractional Integration, Fractional Differential Equation using Laplace Transformed Method:

One of the very useful results is formula for Laplace transform of the derivative of an integer order n of a function $f(t)$ is given by

$$L\{f^{(n)}(t)\} = s^n \bar{f}(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s^{n-k-1} f^{(k)}(0) \quad (2.2.1)$$

$$= s^n \bar{f}(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s^k f^{(n-k-1)}(0) \quad (2.2.2)$$

$$= s^n \bar{f}(s) - \sum_{k=1}^n s^{k-1} f^{(n-k)}(0)$$

Where $f^{(n-k)}(0) = c_k$ represents the physically realistic given initial conditions and $\bar{f}(s)$ being the Laplace transform of the function $f(t)$.

Like Laplace transform of integer order derivative, it is easy to show that the Laplace transform of fractional order derivative is given by

$$L\{ {}_0 D_t^\alpha f(t) \} = s^\alpha \bar{f}(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s^k [{}_0 D_t^{\alpha-k-1} f(t)]_{t=0} \quad (2.2.3)$$

$$= s^\alpha \bar{f}(s) - \sum_{k=1}^n s^{k-1} c_k, \quad (2.2.4)$$

where $n-1 \leq \alpha < n$ and

$$c_k = [{}_0 D_t^{\alpha-k} f(t)]_{t=0} \quad (2.2.5)$$

represents the initial conditions which do not have obvious physical interpretation. Consequently, formula (2.2.4) has limited applicability for finding solutions of initial value problem in differential equations.

We now replace α by an integer-order integral J^n and $D^n f(t) \equiv f^{(n)}(t)$ is used to denote the integral order derivative of a function $f(t)$. It turns out that

$$D^n J^n = I, \quad J^n D^n \neq I. \quad (2.2.6)$$

This simply means that D^n is the left (not the right inverse) of J^n . It also follows in (2.2.9) with $\alpha=n$ that

$$J^n D^n f(t) = f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f^{(k)}(0) \frac{t^k}{k!}, \quad t > 0 \quad (2.2.7)$$

Similarly, D^α can also be defined as the left inverse of J^α . We define the fractional derivative of order $\alpha > 0$ with $n-1 \leq \alpha < n$ by

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0 D_t^\alpha f(t) &= D^n D^{-(n-\alpha)} f(t) \\ &= D^n J^{n-\alpha} f(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$= D^n \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} f(\tau) d\tau \right] \quad (2.2.8)$$

On using (2.1.3) or,

$${}_0 D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} f^{(n)}(\tau) d\tau$$

Where n is an integer and the identity operator ‘ I ’ is defined by

$$D^0 f(t) = J^0 f(t) = I f(t) = f(t), \text{ so that } D^\alpha J^\alpha = I, \alpha \geq 0.$$

Due to the lack of physical interpretation of initial data c_k in (2.2.4), Caputo and Mainardi adopted as an alternative new definition of fractional derivative to solve initial value problems. This new definition was originally introduced by Caputo in the form

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0^C D_t^\alpha f(t) &= J^{n-\alpha} D^n f(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} f^{(n)}(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.9)$$

Where $n-1 \leq \alpha < n$ and n is an integer.

It follows from (2.2.8) and (2.2.9) that

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0 D_t^\alpha f(t) &= D^n J^{n-\alpha} f(t) \\ &\neq J^{n-\alpha} D^n f(t) = {}_0^C D_t^\alpha f(t) \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.10)$$

Unless $f(t)$ and its first $(n-1)$ derivatives vanish at $t=0$. Furthermore, it follows (2.2.9) and (2.2.10) that

$$\begin{aligned} J^\alpha {}_0^C D_t^\alpha f(t) &= J^\alpha J^{n-\alpha} D^n f(t) \\ &= J^n D^n f(t) = f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f^{(k)}(0) \frac{t^k}{k!} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.11)$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0^C D_t^\alpha f(t) &= {}_0 D_t^\alpha \left[f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{t^k}{\Gamma(k+1)} f^{(k)}(0) \right] \\ &= {}_0 D_t^\alpha f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{t^{k-\alpha}}{\Gamma(k-\alpha+1)} f^{(k)}(0) \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.12)$$

This shows that Caputo’s fractional derivative incorporates the initial values $f^{(k)}(0)$,

for $k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.

The Laplace transform of Caputo’s fractional derivative (2.2.12) gives an interesting formula

$$L\{ {}_0^C D_t^\alpha f(t) \} = s^\alpha \bar{f}(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f^{(k)}(0) s^{\alpha-k-1} \quad (2.2.13)$$

transform of $f^{(n)}(t)$ This is a natural generalization of the corresponding well known formula for the Laplace when $\alpha=n$ and can be used to solve the initial value problems in fractional differential equation with physically realistic initial conditions.

III. BASIC CONCEPT ON CLASSICAL EOQ MODEL

The order quantity means the quantity produced or procured in one production cycle or order cycle (the time period between placement of two successive orders (or production) is referred to as an order cycle (or production cycle). This is also termed re-order quantity when the size of order increases, the order costs (cost of purchasing , inspection, etc.) will decrease whereas the inventory carrying costs will increase .Thus in the production or purchasing case, there are two opposite costs, one encourages the increase in the order size and the other discourages. Economic order quantity (EOQ) is that size of order which minimizes total annual costs of carrying inventory and cost of ordering.

Notations and Assumptions:

- D Demand rate
- Q Order quantity
- U Per unit cost
- C_1 Holding cost per unit
- C_3 Set up cost
- $q(t)$ Stock level
- T Ordering interval
- w Dual variable of T in geometric programming

In classical EOQ based inventory model, we already have

$$\frac{dq(t)}{dt} = -D, \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T$$

$$= 0, \text{ otherwise.} \tag{3.1}$$

With the initial condition $q(0)=Q$ and with the boundary condition $q(T)=0$.

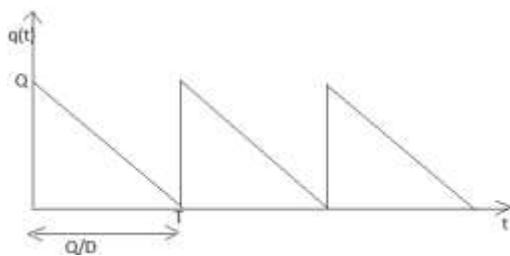


Fig 1.1. Development of inventory level over time

By solving the equation (3.1), we have $q(t)=Q-Dt$, for $0 \leq t \leq T$ (3.2)

And on using the boundary condition $q(T)=0$, we have $Q=DT$. (3.3)

Holding cost,

$$HC(T) = C_1 \int_{t=0}^T q(t)dt = C_1 \int_{t=0}^T (Q - Dt)dt$$

$$= C_1 [Qt - \frac{Dt^2}{2}]_{t=0}^T = C_1 (QT - \frac{DT^2}{2}) \tag{3.4}$$

$$= \frac{C_1 DT^2}{2}$$

[on using (3.3)]

Total cost, $TC(T)$ =Purchasing cost(PC)+Holding cost(HC)+Set up cost(SC)

$$=UQ + \frac{C_1 DT^2}{2} + C_3. \tag{3.5}$$

Total average cost over $[0,T]$ is given by

$$TAC(T) = \frac{1}{T} [UQ + \frac{C_1 DT^2}{2} + C_3]$$

$$= \frac{UQ}{T} + \frac{C_1 DT}{2} + \frac{C_3}{T} \tag{3.6}$$

Then the classical EOQ model is

$$\text{Min } TAC(T) = UD + \frac{C_1 DT}{2} + \frac{C_3}{T} \tag{3.7}$$

Subject to, $T > 0$.

Solving (3.7) we can show that $TAC(T)$ will be minimum for

$$T^* = \sqrt{\frac{2C_3 D}{C_1}} \tag{3.8}$$

and

$$TAC^*(T^*) = UD + \sqrt{2C_1 C_3 D}. \tag{3.9}$$

IV. GENERALIZED EOQ MODEL WITH LINEAR TREND OF DEMAND

We now generalize our discussion by accepting the equation (3.1) as a differential equation of fractional order instead of the linear order. i.e we here consider that demand(D) varies in fractional order say α , here instantaneous inventory level

$$\frac{d^\alpha q(t)}{dt^\alpha} = -D \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T$$

$$= 0 \text{ otherwise.} \tag{4.1}$$

where $D=at+b$; a, b are constants.

Then we have the equation (4.1) as

$$\frac{d^\alpha q(t)}{dt^\alpha} = -(at + b) \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T$$

$$= 0, \text{ otherwisw} \tag{4.2}$$

With the same initial and boundary condition as described in the previous problem in equation (3.1). i.e $q(0)=Q$ and with $q(T)=0$.

Equation (4.2) can be rewritten as

$${}^C_0D_t^\alpha q(t) = -(at+b) \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T \quad (4.3)$$

$$= 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

Where ${}^C_0D_t^\alpha \equiv J^{1-\alpha}D^1$ is the Caputo fractional derivative as described in (2.2.9) and $D^1 \equiv \frac{d}{dt}$.

To solve the initial value problem of fractional order differential equation (4.3) we apply the Laplace transform method. So taking Laplace transform of the equation (4.3),

$$\text{we have } \mathcal{L}\{ {}^C_0D_t^\alpha q(t) \} = -\mathcal{L}\{ at+b \}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^\alpha \bar{q}(s) - s^{\alpha-1}q(0) = -\frac{a}{s} - \frac{b}{s^2},$$

$\bar{q}(s)$ being Laplace transform of $q(t)$.

$$\Rightarrow s^\alpha \bar{q}(s) = Q s^{\alpha-1} - \frac{a}{s} - \frac{b}{s^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{q}(s) = \frac{Q}{s} - \frac{a}{s^{\alpha+2}} - \frac{b}{s^{\alpha+1}}$$

Taking Laplace inversion of above equation we have,

$$q(t) = L^{-1}\{\bar{q}(s)\} = Q - \frac{at^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} - \frac{bt^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$$

So the inventory level at any time t based on α ordered decreasing rate of demand is

$$q_\alpha(t) = Q - \frac{at^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} - \frac{bt^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T. \quad (4.4)$$

on using the boundary condition $q(T)=0$ implies that

$$Q = \frac{aT^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} + \frac{bT^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \quad (4.5)$$

A. Generalized Holding Cost:

Now the Holding cost of fractional order, say β i.e.

$$HC_\beta(T) = C_1 D^{-\beta} q(t) \quad (4.1.1)$$

Case1: For $\alpha=1$ and $\beta=1$, Holding cost is

$$HC_{1,1}(T) = C_1 D^{-1} q(t) = C_1 \int_0^T q(t) dt$$

$$= C_1 \int_0^T (Q - \frac{at^2}{2} - bt) dt$$

On using (4.4) & (4.5) for $\alpha=1$, we have

$$HC_{1,1}(T) = C_1 (\frac{aT^3}{3} + \frac{bT^2}{2}) \quad (4.1.2)$$

Case2: For $\beta=1$, Holding cost is

$$HC_{1,\alpha}(T) = C_1 \int_0^T q_\alpha(t) dt$$

$$= C_1 \int_0^T (Q - \frac{at^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} - \frac{bt^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}) dt$$

$$= C_1 [QT - \frac{aT^{\alpha+2}}{\Gamma(\alpha+3)} - \frac{bT^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)}]$$

$$= C_1 [\frac{\alpha+1}{\Gamma(\alpha+3)} aT^{\alpha+2} + \frac{\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} bT^{\alpha+1}]$$

(using (4.5)) (4.1.3)

Case3: For $\alpha=1$, Holding cost of order β is

$$HC_{1,\beta}(T) = C_1 D^{-\beta} q(t)$$

Where $q(t) = Q - \frac{at^2}{2} - bT$

Now $\mathcal{L}\{ D^{-\beta} q(t) \} = \mathcal{L}\{ D^{-\beta} (Q - \frac{at^2}{2} - bt) \}$

$$= \frac{Q}{s^{\beta+1}} - \frac{a}{s^{\beta+3}} - \frac{b}{s^{\beta+2}}$$

$$\therefore D^{-\beta} q(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{ \frac{Q}{s^{\beta+1}} - \frac{a}{s^{\beta+3}} - \frac{b}{s^{\beta+2}} \}$$

$$= \frac{Qt^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{at^{\beta+2}}{\Gamma(\beta+3)} - \frac{bt^{\beta+1}}{\Gamma(\beta+2)}$$

\therefore For $t=T$ Holding cost

$$= C_1 [\frac{QT^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{aT^{\beta+2}}{\Gamma(\beta+3)} - \frac{bT^{\beta+1}}{\Gamma(\beta+2)}] \quad (4.1.4)$$

$$= C_1 [(\frac{aT^2}{2} + bT) \frac{T^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{aT^{\beta+2}}{\Gamma(\beta+3)} - \frac{bT^{\beta+1}}{\Gamma(\beta+2)}]$$

using (4.5) for $\alpha=1$

$$= C_1 \{ \frac{\beta(\beta+3)}{2\Gamma(\beta+3)} aT^{\beta+2} + \frac{\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+2)} bT^{\beta+1} \} \quad (4.1.5)$$

Case 4: For any α and β , Holding cost is $HC_{\alpha,\beta}(T)$

$$= C_1 D^{-\beta} q_\alpha(t),$$

Where,

$$q_\alpha(t) = Q - \frac{at^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} - \frac{bt^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \mathcal{L}\{ D^{-\beta} q_\alpha(t) \}$$

$$= \mathcal{L}\{ D^{-\beta} [Q - \frac{at^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} - \frac{bt^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}] \}$$

$$= \frac{Q}{s^{\beta+1}} - \frac{a}{s^{\alpha+\beta+2}} - \frac{b}{s^{\alpha+\beta+1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore D^{-\beta} q_{\alpha}(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{Q}{s^{\beta+1}} - \frac{a}{s^{\alpha+\beta+2}} - \frac{b}{s^{\alpha+\beta+1}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{Qt^{\beta}}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{at^{\alpha+\beta+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+2)} - \frac{bt^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \end{aligned}$$

∴ For t=T Holding cost

$$= C_1 \left[\frac{QT^{\beta}}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{aT^{\alpha+\beta+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+2)} - \frac{bT^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \right] \quad (4.1.6)$$

$$= C_1 \left[\left\{ \frac{aT^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} + \frac{bT^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right\} \frac{T^{\beta}}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{aT^{\alpha+\beta+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+2)} - \frac{bT^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \right]$$

Using (4.5)

$$\begin{aligned} &= C_1 [aT^{\alpha+\beta+1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+2)} \right\} \\ &\quad + bT^{\alpha+\beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \right\}] \end{aligned} \quad (4.1.7)$$

B. Generalized Total Average Cost

Total cost(TC) = Purchasing cost(PC) + Holding cost(HC) + Set up cost(SC).

$$\text{Total Average Cost (TAC)} = \frac{1}{T} [\text{Total Cost(TC)}]$$

Case1: For $\alpha=1$ and $\beta=1$, Average Cost $TAC^*_{1,1}(T^*)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{T} [UQ + HC_{1,1}(T) + C_3] \\ &= \frac{1}{T} [U \left(\frac{aT^2}{2} + bT \right) + C_1 \left(\frac{aT^3}{3} + \frac{bT^2}{2} \right) + C_3] \\ &= Ub + \frac{1}{2} (aU + bC_1)T + \frac{C_1 a}{3} T^2 + \frac{C_3}{T} \\ &= E_1 + F_1 T + G_1 T^2 + \frac{C_3}{T} \end{aligned} \quad (4.2.1)$$

Where $E_1 = Ub$, $F_1 = \frac{1}{2} (aU + bC_1)$ & $G_1 = \frac{1}{3} aC_1$

Here the EOQ model is,

$$\text{Min } TAC_{1,1}(T) = E_1 + F_1 T + G_1 T^2 + \frac{C_3}{T}, \quad (4.2.2)$$

subject to $T \geq 0$,

(4.2.2) can be taken as a primal geometric programming problem with degree of difficulty (DD) = 1.

Dual form of (4.2.2)

$$\text{Max } d(w) = \left(\frac{F_1}{w_1} \right)^{w_1} \left(\frac{G_1}{w_2} \right)^{w_2} \left(\frac{C_3}{w_3} \right)^{w_3}, \quad (4.2.3)$$

Subject to,

$$w_1 + w_2 + w_3 = 1, \text{ (normalized condition)} \quad (4.2.4)$$

$$w_1 + 2w_2 - w_3 = 0, \text{ (orthogonal condition)} \quad (4.2.5)$$

$w_1, w_2, w_3 \geq 0$.

Primal-dual relations are,

$$F_1 T = w_1 d(w) \quad (4.2.6)$$

$$G_1 T^2 = w_2 d(w) \quad (4.2.7)$$

$$\frac{C_3}{T} = w_3 d(w) \quad (4.2.8)$$

Using (4.2.6) and (4.2.7)&(4.2.8) we have,

$$T = \left(\frac{F_1}{G_1} \right) \left(\frac{w_2}{w_1} \right) \quad (4.2.9)$$

$$\text{And } G_1^2 C_3 w_1^3 - F_1^3 w_2^2 w_3 = 0 \quad (4.2.10)$$

Now solve for w_1, w_2, w_3 from three system of non-linear equations (4.2.4), (4.2.5) and (4.2.10) and obtained the solutions as w_1^*, w_2^* and w_3^* and then from the relation (4.1.16), we will able to obtain T^* for which $TAC_{1,1}(T)$ is minimum. i.e we will able to obtain $TAC^*_{1,1}(T)$ as the minimum of $TAC_{1,1}(T)$ in (4.2.1) and $Q^*(T)$.

Case2: For any $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta = 1$, Here,

$$\begin{aligned} TC_{\alpha,1}(T) &= UQ + C_1 \left[\frac{\alpha+1}{\Gamma(\alpha+3)} aT^{\alpha+2} + \frac{\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} bT^{\alpha+1} \right] + C_3 \\ &= U \left[\frac{aT^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} + \frac{bT^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right] + C_1 \left[\frac{\alpha+1}{\Gamma(\alpha+3)} aT^{\alpha+2} + \frac{\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} bT^{\alpha+1} \right] + C_3 \\ &= E_2 T^{\alpha+2} + F_2 T^{\alpha+1} + G_2 T^{\alpha} + \frac{C_3}{T} \end{aligned} \quad (4.2.11)$$

Where $E_2 = aC_1 \frac{\alpha+1}{\Gamma(\alpha+3)}$, $F_2 = \frac{aU + bC_1 \alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)}$, &

$$G_2 = \frac{bU}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$$

Then total average cost $TAC_{\alpha,1}(T) = \frac{1}{T} TC_{\alpha,1}(T)$

$$= E_2 T^{\alpha+1} + F_2 T^{\alpha} + G_2 T^{\alpha-1} + \frac{C_3}{T}$$

Here generalized EOQ model is,

$$\text{Min } TAC_{\alpha,1}(T) = E_2 T^{\alpha+1} + F_2 T^{\alpha} + G_2 T^{\alpha-1} + \frac{C_3}{T}, \quad (4.2.12)$$

subject to $T \geq 0$,

(4.2.12) can be taken as a primal geometric programming problem with degree of difficulty (DD) = 2.

Dual form of (4.2.12)

$$\text{Max } d(w) = \left(\frac{E_2}{w_1} \right)^{w_1} \left(\frac{F_2}{w_2} \right)^{w_2} \left(\frac{G_2}{w_3} \right)^{w_3} \left(\frac{C_3}{w_4} \right)^{w_4}, \quad (4.2.13)$$

Subject to, $w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4 = 1$, (normalized condition) (4.2.14)

$w_1 (\alpha+1) + \alpha w_2 + (\alpha-1) w_3 - w_4 = 0$, (orthogonal condition) (4.2.15)

$$w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 \geq 0.$$

Primal-dual relations are,

$$E_2 T^{\alpha+1} = w_1 d(w) \tag{4.2.16}$$

$$F_2 T^\alpha = w_2 d(w) \tag{4.2.17}$$

$$G_2 T^{\alpha-1} = w_3 d(w) \tag{4.2.18}$$

$$\frac{C_3}{T} = w_4 d(w) \tag{4.2.19}$$

Using (4.2.16) and (4.2.17),(4.2.18) & (4.2.19) we have,

$$T = \left(\frac{F_2}{E_2} \right) \left(\frac{w_1}{w_2} \right) \tag{4.2.20}$$

$$E_2 G_2 w_2^2 - F_2^2 w_1 w_3 = 0 \tag{4.2.21}$$

$$\text{And } G_2^{\alpha+1} w_2^\alpha w_4 - F_2^\alpha C_3 w_3^{\alpha+1} = 0 \tag{4.2.22}$$

Now solve for w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 from four system of non linear equations (4.2.14), (4.2.15) and (4.2.21) & (4.2.22) and obtained the solutions as w_1^*, w_2^*, w_3^* & w_4^* and then from the relation (4.2.20), we will able to obtain T^* for which $TAC_{\alpha,1}(T)$ is minimum. i.e we will able to obtain $TAC_{\alpha,1}^*(T)$ as the minimum of $TAC_{\alpha,1}(T)$ in (4.2.12) and $Q^*(T)$.

Case3: For $\alpha=1$ and for any β , we have the Holding cost ,

$$HC_{1,\beta}(T) = C_1 \left\{ \frac{\beta(\beta+3)}{2\Gamma(\beta+3)} aT^{\beta+2} + \frac{\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+2)} bT^{\beta+1} \right\}$$

[from(4.1.5)]

Then Total cost

$$(TC) = UQ + C_1 \left\{ \frac{\beta(\beta+3)}{2\Gamma(\beta+3)} aT^{\beta+2} + \frac{\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+2)} bT^{\beta+1} \right\} + C_3$$

$$\text{Where } Q = \frac{aT^2}{2} + bT$$

\therefore Total average cost

$$\begin{aligned} TAC_{1,\beta}(T) &= \frac{1}{T} [UQ + C_1 \left\{ \frac{\beta(\beta+3)}{2\Gamma(\beta+3)} aT^{\beta+2} + \frac{\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+2)} bT^{\beta+1} \right\} + C_3] \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \left[U \left(\frac{aT^2}{2} + bT \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_1 \left\{ \frac{\beta(\beta+3)}{2\Gamma(\beta+3)} aT^{\beta+2} + \frac{\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+2)} bT^{\beta+1} \right\} + C_3 \right] \tag{4.2.23} \end{aligned}$$

$$= E_3 + F_3 T + G_3 T^{\beta+1} + H_3 T^\beta + \frac{C_3}{T}$$

$$\text{Where, } E_3 = bU, F_3 = \frac{aU}{2},$$

$$G_3 = \frac{aC_1\beta(\beta+3)}{2\Gamma(\beta+3)}, \text{ \& } H_3 = \frac{bC_1\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+2)}$$

So our model is

$$\min TAC_{1,\beta}(T) = E_3 + F_3 T + G_3 T^{\beta+1} + H_3 T^\beta + \frac{C_3}{T} \tag{4.2.24}$$

Subject to; $T \geq 0$

(4.2.24) can be taken as a primal geometric programming problem with degree of difficulty (DD) = 2.

Dual form of (4.2.24)

$$\text{Max } d(w) = \left(\frac{F_3}{w_1} \right)^{w_1} \left(\frac{G_3}{w_2} \right)^{w_2} \left(\frac{H_3}{w_3} \right)^{w_3} \left(\frac{C_3}{w_4} \right)^{w_4}$$

Subject to,

$$w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4 = 1 \text{ (normalized condition) } \tag{4.2.25}$$

$$w_1 + (\beta+1)w_2 + \beta w_3 - w_4 = 0$$

$$\text{(orthogonal condition) } \tag{4.2.26}$$

the primal-dual relations are

$$F_3 T = w_1 d(w)$$

$$G_3 T^{\beta+1} = w_2 d(w),$$

$$H_3 T^\beta = w_3 d(w)$$

$$\text{And } \frac{C_3}{T} = w_4 d(w)$$

On using the above primal dual relation we get

$$T = \left(\frac{H_4}{G_4} \right) \left(\frac{w_2}{w_3} \right) \tag{4.2.27}$$

$$G_3^{1-\beta} H_3^\beta w_2^\beta w_1 - F_3 w_3^\beta w_2 = 0 \tag{4.2.28}$$

$$\text{And } G_3^2 C_3 w_3^2 w_1 - F_3 H_3^2 w_2^2 w_4 = 0 \tag{4.2.29}$$

Now solve for w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 from system of four non-linear equations (4.2.25), (4.2.26) and (4.2.28) & (4.2.29) and obtained the solutions as w_1^*, w_2^*, w_3^* & w_4^* and then from the relation (4.2.27), we will able to obtain T^* for which $TAC_{1,\beta}(T)$ is minimum. i.e we will able to obtain $TAC_{1,\beta}^*(T)$ as the minimum of $TAC_{1,\beta}(T)$ in (4.2.24) and $Q^*(T)$.

Case4: For any $\alpha > 0$ and any $\beta > 0$, we have the Holding cost as

$$HC_{\alpha,\beta}(T) =$$

$$C_1 \left[\begin{array}{l} aT^{\alpha+\beta+1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+2)} \right\} \\ + bT^{\alpha+\beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \right\} \end{array} \right]$$

[from(4.1.7)]

Then Total cost

$$TC_{\alpha,\beta}(T) = UQ +$$

$$C_1 \left[\begin{array}{l} aT^{\alpha+\beta+1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+2)} \right\} \\ + bT^{\alpha+\beta} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \right\} \end{array} \right] + C_3$$

Where Q is given in(4.5) (4.2.30)

∴ Total average cost is given by

$$TAC_{\alpha,\beta}(T) = \frac{1}{T} \{ UQ +$$

$$C_1 \left[\begin{array}{l} aT^{\alpha+\beta+1} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+2)} \right) \\ + bT^{\alpha+\beta} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \right) \end{array} \right] + C_3 \}$$

$$= E_4 T^{\alpha-1} + F_4 T^\alpha + G_4 T^{\alpha+\beta} + H_4 T^{\alpha+\beta-1} + \frac{C_3}{T} \text{ (say)}$$

(4.2.31)

Where $E_4 = \frac{Ub}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$, $F_4 = \frac{aU}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)}$,

$$G_4 = aC_1 \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+2)} \right],$$

$$H_4 = bC_1 \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \right]$$

So our model is

$$\min TAC_{\alpha,\beta}(T) = E_4 T^{\alpha-1} +$$

$$F_4 T^\alpha + G_4 T^{\alpha+\beta} + H_4 T^{\alpha+\beta-1} + \frac{C_3}{T}$$

subject to; $T \geq 0$

Now to minimize $TAC_{\alpha,\beta}(T)$, we apply geometric programming method, and the degree of difficulty(DD) is=3.

$$\text{Max } d(w) = \left(\frac{E_4}{w_1} \right)^{w_1} \left(\frac{F_4}{w_2} \right)^{w_2} \left(\frac{G_4}{w_3} \right)^{w_3} \left(\frac{H_4}{w_4} \right)^{w_4} \left(\frac{C_3}{w_5} \right)^{w_5}$$

Subject to,

$$w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4 + w_5 = 1$$

(normalized condition) (4.2.32)

$$(\alpha-1)w_1 + \alpha w_2 + (\alpha+\beta)w_3 + (\alpha+\beta-1)w_4 - w_5 = 0$$

(orthogonal condition) (4.2.33)

$$w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5 \geq 0.$$

Again the primal-dual variable relations are given by

$$E_4 T^{\alpha-1} = w_1 d(w)$$

$$F_4 T^\alpha = w_2 d(w)$$

$$G_4 T^{\alpha+\beta} = w_3 d(w)$$

$$H_4 T^{\alpha+\beta-1} = w_4 d(w)$$

$$\frac{C_3}{T} = w_5 d(w)$$

On using the above primal dual relation we get

$$T = \left(\frac{H_4}{G_4} \right) \left(\frac{w_3}{w_4} \right) \tag{4.2.34}$$

$$E_4 G_4 w_2 w_4 - F_4 H_4 w_1 w_3 = 0 \tag{4.2.35}$$

$$E_4^{\alpha+1} w_2^\alpha w_5 - F_4^\alpha C_3 w_1^{\alpha+1} = 0 \tag{4.2.36}$$

$$H_4^\beta w_3^{\beta-1} w_2 - F_4 G_4^{\beta-1} w_4^\beta w_3 = 0 \tag{4.2.37}$$

Now solve for w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5 from above five system of non-linear equations (4.2.32), (4.2.33) and (4.2.35), (4.2.36) & (4.2.37) and obtained the solutions as $w_1^*, w_2^*, w_3^*, w_4^*, w_5^*$ and then from the relation (4.2.34), we will able to obtain T^* for which $TAC_{\alpha,\beta}(T)$ is minimum. i.e we will able to obtain $TAC_{\alpha,\beta}^*(T^*)$ as the minimum of $TAC_{\alpha,\beta}(T)$ in (4.2.31) and $Q^*(T)$

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have developed a classical EOQ model to a generalized EOQ model using the concept of fractional order differential calculus on the assumption that the demand to be a linearly increasing function of time and no shortage to be allowed. Although fractional calculus is much more complicated, still it has a potentiality to describe any other classical model to more general model precisely. Here it is shown that classical EOQ model is the particular case of generalized EOQ model. In future work, fractional differential calculus can be used to develop any other EOQ model in its more generalized form.

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