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Abstract:

This work presents an inventory model for optimizing the replenishment cycle time for a single deteriorating item under permissible delay in payments and constraints of warehouse capacity (own warehouse capacity, and so excess inventory is stored in the rental warehouse). Rented warehouses are assumed to charge higher unit holding costs than owned warehouses. Furthermore, item deterioration rates are assumed to differ between warehouses. This study has two main purposes: First, the mathematical models of the inventory system are established under the above condition. Second, this study demonstrates that the optimal solution not only exists but is unique and two theorems are devised for determining the optimal replenishment cycle time. Finally, numerical examples are presented to illustrate the above theorems.

Keywords: Inventory, EOQ, Two-warehouse system, Deterioration, permissible delay in payments

1. Introduction

During the past two decades, the influence of a permissible delay in payments on the optimal inventory system has attracted attention from numerous researchers. Goyal (1985) derived an EOQ model under conditions of permissible delay in payments. Subsequently, some research articles related to Goyal (1985) such as Aggarwal and Jaggi (1995) presented the economic ordering policies of deteriorating items in the presence of permissible payment delay. Chu et al. (1998) investigated the economic ordering policy of deteriorating items presented in the model of Aggarwal and Jaggi (1995). Furthermore, Jamal et al. (1997) generalized the model of Aggarwal and Jaggi (1995) to include consideration of shortages. Chen and Chung (1999) analyzed buyer economic order model under situations involving trade credit. Furthermore, Shah (1993 a) designed a inventory model for an exponentially decaying inventory under a situation of permissible payment delays. Finally, Hwang and Shinn (1997) designed a retailer pricing and lot-sizing policy for exponentially deteriorating products under the condition of permissible delay in payments. The other relevant papers related to the delay of payments such as Arcelus and Srinivasan (1993), Shah (1993 b), Chung (1998), Chung and Liao (2004, 2006), Daellenbach (1986), Haley and Higgins(1973), Jaggi and Aggarwal (1994), Jammal et al. (2000), Kim et al. (1995), Sarker et al. (2001), Shinn (1997), Shinn and Hwang (2003) and their references.

From an economic perspective, such credit policies can be applied as an alternative to price discounts to induce larger orders. Hence, a key problem associated with inventory maintenance is deciding where to stock the items. However, all the above models were developed primarily for a single warehouse with unlimited capacity. Additionally, thinking in more practical terms, any warehouse has limited capacity. Hence, the models listed above are unsuitable for situation where it is necessary to hold large stocks. An early discussion dealing with an inventory model with two storage facilities is presented by Hartely (1976) who designed an inventory model involving two

different warehouses, one of which is owned (OW) while the other is rented (RW). The rented warehouse is used to store units in excess of the fixed capacity W of the owned warehouse, and it is assumed that the holding cost for the RW is exceeds that of the OW. Consequently, items are stored first in the OW, with only excess stock being stored in the RW. Sarma (1983) developed a deterministic inventory model with infinite production rate and two levels storage. Goswami and Chaudhuri (1992) devised two-storage models including those both with and without shortages, assuming linearly increasing time dependent demand. These models only discussed cases of non- deteriorating items were discussed. Sarma (1987) first developed a two-warehouse model for deteriorating items with infinite replenishment rate and shortages. Pakkala and Achary (1992a) further considered the two-warehouse model for deteriorating items with finite replenishment rate and shortages. Furthermore, Hiroaki and Nose (1996) discussed an inventory perishable inventory control with two customer types and different selling prices under the warehouse capacity constraint. Additionally, Benkherout (1997) relaxed the assumption of Sarma (1987) to be stocked in the OW. Yang (2004) developed the two-warehouse model for deteriorating items with shortages and inflation. Finally, Zhou and Yang (2005) established a two-warehouse model with stock-level-dependent demand rate and consideration of transportation cost. Many related articles can be found in Pakkala and Achary (1992b), Lee (2006), Yang (2006) and their references.

Based upon the above argument, this study develops an order-level inventory model for deteriorating items with two-storage facility and a permissible payment delay. This study assumes that suppliers are willing to provide retailers with a permissible delay in payments to stimulate product demand, and moreover assumes that item deterioration rates differ between the two warehouses. An expression for the total profit of the inventory system is derived for the proposed model. The optimal solution not only exists but also is unique. Finally, two theorems are designed to determine the optimal replenishment cycle time and numerical examples are presented to illustrate these theorems. These results can help retailers decision in making decision regarding whether or not to rent RW to hold more items to maximize annual profits.

2. Notations and Assumptions

The notations adopted in this paper are as below.

- *D* the demand rate per unit time;
- *W* the storage capacity of OW;
- *T* the length of replenishment cycle;
- *Q* the replenishment quantity per replenishment;
- *s* the selling price per unit item;
- *c* the purchasing cost per unit item;
- h ₀ the holding cost per unit per unit time in OW ;
- h_r the holding cost per unit per unit time in RW and $h_r \geq h_0$;
- α the deterioration rate in OW, where $0 < \alpha < 1$;
- β the deterioration rate in RW, where $0 < \beta < 1$ and $\beta > \alpha$;
- T_w the time at which the inventory level reaches zero in RW;

$$
T_a \qquad \frac{1}{\alpha} \ln(1 + \frac{\alpha W}{D}) ;
$$

- *M* credit period set by the supplier $(M < T_a)$;
- I_p capital opportunity cost (as a percentage) ;
- I_{ρ} earned interest rate (as a percentage) ;
- $\pi(T)$ the annual net profit function;

The following assumptions are used in developing the model.

- (1) Replenishment is instantaneous with a known, constant lead time.
- (2) The time horizon of the inventory system is infinite.
- (3) Shortages are not allowed to occur.
- (4) The owned warehouse (OW) has a fixed capacity of W units.
- (5) The rented warehouse (RW) has unlimited capacity.
- (6) The items of OW are consumed only after consuming the items kept in RW.
- (7) The inventory costs (including holding cost and deterioration cost) in the RW are higher than those in the OW. That is, $h_r + \beta c > h_0 + \alpha c$.
- (8) The supplier proposes a certain credit period and sales revenue generated during the credit period is deposited in an interest bearing account with rate I_e . At the end of this period, the credit is settled and the remaining balance will be paid off by loan form the bank with interest charges in stock with rate I_p if necessary.
- (9) After the credit period, the retailer makes payment to the bank immediately after the sales of the items until the retailer pays off the remaining balance.
- (10) $I_0(t)$ denotes the inventory level at time $t \in (0, T_w)$ in the OW in which the inventory level is decreasing only owing to deterioration of the item, $I_R(t)$ denotes the inventory level at time $t \in (0, T_w)$ in RW in which the inventory level is decreasing to zero due to demand and deterioration of the item. *I*(*t*) denotes the inventory level at time $t \in (T_w, T)$ in which the inventory level is dropping to zero due to demand and deterioration of the item;

3. Mathematical formulation

The problem discussed in this investigation is how retailers know whether or not to rent RW to hold more items to maximize annual net profit function, $\pi(T)$, under above situation. To answer this question, this study first observes that if the order quantity $Q \leq W$, then it is not necessary to rent the warehouse. Otherwise, W units of items are stored in the OW and the remainder are dispatched in the RW. Herein, if we denote $T_a = \ln(1 + \alpha W/D)/\alpha$ (See Appendix A), the inequality $Q \leq W$ holds if and only if $T_a \geq T$. As implied above, two situations can arise: (A) the single-warehouse inventory system and (B) the two-warehouse inventory system. This work focuses on the situation of two-warehouse inventory system. Moreover, the two-warehouse inventory system can be summarized as follows: At the beginning of each replenishment cycle, the system receives *Q* units of which *W* units are kept in the OW, while the remainder are kept in the RW. Besides, during the interval $(0, T_w)$, the items in the RW are consumed first, followed by those in the OW. Thinking in more practical terms, the deterioration depends on preserving facilities and environmental conditions available in a warehouse, different warehouses may have different deterioration rates. Accordingly, the inventory in the RW depletes because of deterioration and demand over time T_w until it reaches level zero. Thus, the variation of $I_R(t)$ at time $t \in (0, T_w)$ is given by the following differential equation:

$$
\frac{dI_R(t)}{dt} + \beta I_R(t) = -D, \qquad 0 < t < T_w \tag{1}
$$

with boundary condition $I_R(T_w) = 0$.

The solution of Eq. (1) is

$$
I_{R}(t) = \frac{D}{\beta} \Big[e^{\beta (T_{w}-t)} - 1 \Big], \qquad 0 \le t \le T_{w}
$$
 (2)

On the other hand, by this stage, a portion of the inventory in the OW is depleted owing to deterioration and consumption begins in the OW at time *T^w* . Thus, the variation of $I_0(t)$ at time $t \in (0, T_w)$ is determined by the following equation:

$$
\frac{dI_0(t)}{dt} = -\alpha I_0(t), \qquad 0 < t < T_w \tag{3}
$$

with initial condition $I_0(0) = W$. The solution to (3) is

$$
I_0(t) = W \cdot e^{-\alpha t}, \qquad 0 \le t \le T_w \tag{4}
$$

Finally, during (T_w,T) , the inventory depletes as a result of the combination effect of demand and deterioration until time *T* . This behavior can be represented using the following differential equation:

$$
\frac{dI(t)}{dt} + \alpha I(t) = -D, \quad T_w < t < T \tag{5}
$$

with boundary condition $I(T) = 0$. The solution of (5) is

$$
I(t) = \frac{D}{\alpha} \Big[e^{\alpha (T - t)} - 1 \Big] \quad , \quad T_w \le t \le T \tag{6}
$$

Accordingly, the order quantity over the replenishment cycle is

$$
Q = I_R(0) + I_0(0) = \frac{D}{\beta} (e^{\beta T_w} - 1) + W
$$
\n(7)

and the diagram of inventory level in this condition is shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1 $T_a < T$

Likewise, the annual net profit comprises the following elements.

- (1) Annual sales profit= $D(s-c)$
- (2) Annual ordering $cost =$ *T A*
- (3) Annual stockholding cost in the RW = $\frac{h_r}{T} \int_0^{T_w} I_R(t) dt = \frac{h_r D}{B^2 T} (e^{\beta T_w} \beta T_w 1)$ $\frac{r}{r} \int_{0}^{r_{w}} I_{R}(t) dt = \frac{n_{r}D}{\rho^{2}T} (e^{\beta T_{w}} - \beta T)$ *T* $I_R(t)dt = \frac{h_r D}{a^2}$ *T* $\frac{h_r}{\pi} \int_{R}^{T_w} I_R(t) dt = \frac{h_r D}{2 \pi} (e^{\beta T_w} - \beta T)$ $\beta^{\scriptscriptstyle\,2}$ βT
- (4) Annual stock holding cost in the OW = $\frac{n_0}{T} \left[\int_0^{T_w} I_0(t) dt + \int_{T_w}^T I(t) dt \right]$ *w* T_w **r** T $I_0(t)dt + \int_{T_w}^{t} I(t)dt$ *T h*

$$
= \frac{h_0}{\alpha^2 T} [\alpha W (1 - e^{-\alpha T_w}) + D(e^{\alpha (T - T_w)} - \alpha (T - T_w) - 1)]
$$
\n(5) Annual purchasing cost
$$
= \frac{cQ}{T} = \frac{c}{T} [\frac{D}{\beta} (e^{\beta T_w} - 1) + W]
$$

(6) Annual capital opportunity cost:

Since $M < T_a < T$, the retailer sells the items and continues to accumulate sales revenue and earns the interest with rate I_e during time 0 to M . Hence, the interest earned per cycle is $DsI_eM^2/2T$ as well. In addition, the retailer starts paying the

interest for the items in stock after time *M* with rate I_p . Hence, the interest payable per cycle is

$$
cI_{p}[\int_{M}^{T_{w}}I_{R}(t)dt + \int_{M}^{T_{w}}I_{0}(t)dt + \int_{T_{w}}^{T}I(t)dt]/T
$$

= $\frac{cI_{p}}{T}[\frac{D}{\beta^{2}}(e^{\beta(T_{w}-M)} - \beta(T_{w}-M)-1) + \frac{W}{\alpha}(e^{-\alpha M} - e^{-\alpha T_{w}}) + \frac{D}{\alpha^{2}}(e^{\alpha(T-T_{w})} - \alpha(T-T_{w})-1)]$

Therefore, annual capital opportunity cost=

$$
\frac{cI_{p}}{T}[\frac{D}{\beta^{2}}(e^{\beta(T_{w}-M)}-\beta(T_{w}-M)-1)+\frac{W}{\alpha}(e^{-\alpha M}-e^{-\alpha T_{w}})+\frac{D}{\alpha^{2}}(e^{\alpha(T-T_{w})}-\alpha(T-T_{w})-1)]
$$

$$
-\frac{DsI_{e}M^{2}}{2T}
$$

Finally, annual net profit function is expressed as

$$
\pi_3(T) = D(s-c) - \frac{A}{T} - \frac{h_r D}{\beta^2 T} (e^{\beta T_w} - \beta T_w - 1) - \frac{h_0}{\alpha^2 T} \{ \alpha W (1 - e^{-\alpha T_w})
$$

+
$$
D[e^{\alpha (T - T_w)} - \alpha (T - T_w) - 1] \} - \frac{c}{T} [\frac{D}{\beta} (e^{\beta T_w} - 1) + W]
$$

-
$$
\frac{cI_p}{T} {\frac{D}{\beta^2} [e^{\beta (T_w - M)} - \beta (T_w - M) - 1] + \frac{W}{\alpha} (e^{-\alpha M} - e^{-\alpha T_w})
$$

+
$$
\frac{D}{\alpha^2} [e^{\alpha (T - T_w)} - \alpha (T - T_w) - 1] + \frac{DsI_e M^2}{2T}
$$
\n(8)

Notably, the value of $I_0(T_w)$ and $I(T_w)$ should coincide and thus

$$
I_0(T_w) = W \cdot e^{-\alpha T_w} = \frac{D}{\alpha} [e^{\alpha (T - T_w)} - 1] = I(T_w)
$$
 (9)

Thereafter, substituting Eq. (9) into Eq.(8), this study rewrites the annual net profit function, $\pi_3(T)$, using the following segmented function:

$$
\pi_3(T) = D(s-c) - \frac{A}{T} - \frac{h_r D}{\beta^2 T} (e^{\beta T_w} - \beta T_w - 1) - \frac{h_0}{\alpha T} [W - D(T - T_w)] - \frac{c}{T} [\frac{D}{\beta} (e^{\beta T_w} - 1) + W] - \frac{cI_p}{T} \{ [\frac{D}{\beta^2} (e^{\beta (T_w - M)} - \beta (T_w - M) - 1)] + \frac{1}{\alpha} [We^{-\alpha M} - D(T - T_w)] \} + \frac{DsI_e M^2}{2T}
$$
\n(10)

Additionally Eq. (9) implies that

$$
T_w = \frac{1}{\alpha} \ln(\frac{De^{\alpha T} - \alpha W}{D})
$$
\n(11)

Notably, T_w is a function of T. Consequently, taking the first-order derivation of T_w

with respect to *T* , it yields

$$
\frac{dT_w}{dT} = \frac{De^{\alpha T}}{De^{\alpha T} - \alpha W} > 1\tag{12}
$$

Based on profit consideration, the necessary condition for $\pi_3(T)$ to be maximized is that the first derivative of $\pi_3(T)$ is zero and thus this study obtains

$$
\pi'_{3}(T) = \frac{1}{T^{2}} \{ A - \frac{h_{r}D}{\beta^{2}} (\beta Te^{\beta T_{w}} \frac{dT_{w}}{dT} - \beta T \frac{dT_{w}}{dT} - e^{\beta T_{w}} + \beta T_{w} + 1) - \frac{h_{0}}{\alpha} (DT \frac{dT_{w}}{dT} - DT_{w} - W) - c(DTe^{\beta T_{w}} \frac{dT_{w}}{dT} - W - \frac{D}{\beta} e^{\beta T_{w}} + \frac{D}{\beta}) - cl_{p} \left[\frac{D}{\beta} T (e^{\beta (T_{w} - M)} - 1) \frac{dT_{w}}{dT} - \frac{D}{\alpha} T (1 - \frac{dT_{w}}{dT}) - \frac{D}{\beta^{2}} (e^{\beta (T_{w} - M)} - \beta (T_{w} - M) - 1) - \frac{1}{\alpha} (We^{-\alpha M} - D(T - T_{w})] - \frac{D s I_{e} M^{2}}{2} \}
$$
\n(13)

Furthermore, $\pi'_3(T) = 0$ hold if and only if the right side of Eq. (13) equals zero.

Let

$$
f_3(T) = A - \frac{h_r D}{\beta^2} (\beta T e^{\beta T_w} \frac{dT_w}{dT} - \beta T \frac{dT_w}{dT} - e^{\beta T_w} + \beta T_w + 1)
$$

$$
- \frac{h_0}{\alpha} (DT \frac{dT_w}{dT} - DT_w - W) - c(DT e^{\beta T_w} \frac{dT_w}{dT} - W - \frac{D}{\beta} e^{\beta T_w} + \frac{D}{\beta})
$$
(14)

$$
- cI_p \cdot h(T) - \frac{DsI_e M^2}{2}
$$

where

$$
h(T) = \frac{D}{\beta} T (e^{\beta (T_w - M)} - 1) \frac{dT_w}{dT} - \frac{D}{\alpha} T (1 - \frac{dT_w}{dT}) - \frac{D}{\beta^2} (e^{\beta (T_w - M)} - \beta (T_w - M) - 1)
$$

$$
-\frac{1}{\alpha} (We^{-\alpha M} - D(T - T_w))
$$

where both $f_3(T)$ and $\pi_3(T)$ share the same sign and domain. The derivative of $f_3(T)$ with respect to *T* is

$$
f_3'(T) = -DT\{(\frac{h_r + \beta c}{\beta})[\beta(\frac{dT_w}{dT})^2 + (\frac{d^2T_w}{dT^2})]e^{\beta T_w} - (\frac{\alpha h_r - \beta h_0}{\alpha \beta})(\frac{d^2T_w}{dT^2})\} - cI_p \cdot h'(T) \tag{15}
$$

where

$$
h'(T) = \frac{DT}{\beta} \{ \beta (\frac{dT_w}{dT})^2 + \frac{d^2 T_w}{dT^2} + (\frac{\beta - \alpha}{\alpha})(\frac{d^2 T_w}{dT^2}) \cdot e^{-\beta (T_w - M)} \} \cdot e^{\beta (T_w - M)}
$$

Since

$$
\beta \left(\frac{dT_w}{dT}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d^2 T_w}{dT^2}\right) > \alpha \left(\frac{dT_w}{dT}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d^2 T_w}{dT^2}\right) = \frac{\alpha D e^{\alpha T}}{(De^{\alpha T} - \alpha W)} > 0
$$

and

$$
\frac{d^2T_w}{dT^2} = -\frac{\alpha^2 DWe^{\alpha T}}{\left(De^{\alpha T} - \alpha W\right)^2} < 0
$$

so, we have

$$
h'(T) > \frac{DT}{\beta} \left\{ \beta \left(\frac{dT_w}{dT} \right)^2 + \frac{d^2 T_w}{dT^2} + \left(\frac{\beta - \alpha}{\alpha} \right) \left(\frac{d^2 T_w}{dT^2} \right) \cdot 1 \right\} \cdot e^{\beta (T_w - M)}
$$

=
$$
\frac{DT}{\alpha} \left\{ \alpha \left(\frac{dT_w}{dT} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{d^2 T_w}{dT^2} \right) \right\} \cdot e^{\beta (T_w - M)}
$$

> 0

Finally, for the sake of completeness, let us consider the following two cases:

(a) If $\alpha h_r \ge \beta h_0$, then $f'_3(T) < 0$. That is, $f_3(T)$ decreases on $(0, \infty)$.

(b) If $\alpha h_r < \beta h_0$, then it is impossible to ensure that $f'_3(T)$ is less below 0.

Combining (a) and (b) attention in the remainder of the mathematical analysis is limited to the conditions of $\alpha h_r \geq \beta h_0$.

Let T_3^* denote the roots of $f_3(T)=0$ if T_3^* exist. Then, the following theorem is obtained.

Theorem 1:

(1)If $f_3(T_a) > 0$, T_3^* is the unique solution such that $\pi_3(T)$ has the maximum on $[T_a,\infty)$.

(2)If $f_3(T_a) \le 0$, then $\pi_3(T)$ is decreasing on $[T_a, \infty)$. So $T_3^* = T_a$ $S_3^* = T_a$.

Proof:

 (1) If Eq. (13) is rewritten, then

$$
\pi_3'(T) = \frac{1}{T^2} f_3(T) \tag{16}
$$

Since $f_3(T)$ is a strictly decreasing function of T. From $\lim_{T\to\infty} f_3(T) = -\infty$ and $f_3(T_a) > 0$, the Intermediate Value Theorem (1996)[30] yields that $f_3(T) = 0$ has a unique solution T_3^* on $[T_a,\infty)$. Hence

$$
f_3(T) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if} & T \in (T_a, T_3^*) \\ = 0 & \text{if} & T = T_3^* \\ < 0 & \text{if} & T \in (T_3^*, \infty) \end{cases}
$$

which implies

$$
\left| \begin{array}{cc} 0 & \text{if} & T \in (T_a, T_3^*) \end{array} \right| \tag{17a}
$$

$$
\left\{\frac{d\pi_3(T)}{dT}\right\} = 0 \qquad \qquad \text{if} \qquad T = T_3^* \tag{17b}
$$

$$
dI \quad \Big|<0 \qquad \qquad \text{if} \quad T \in (T_3^*,\infty) \tag{17c}
$$

Therefore, $\pi_3(T)$ is increasing on $[T_a, T_3^*]$ and decreasing on $[T_3^*, \infty)$. Restated,

 $\pi_3(T)$ is unimodal and the optimal value of $\pi_3(T)$ is T_3^* .

(2)If $f_3(T_a) \le 0$, then $f_3(T) < 0$ for all $T \ge T_a$ implying $\pi'_3(T) < 0$ for all $T > T_a$. That

is, $\pi_3(T)$ is decreasing on $[T_a, \infty)$. So $T_3^* = T_a$ $S_3^* = T_a$.

We have completed the proof.

4. **The optimization with two-warehouse model**

From the perspective of a practical situation, retailers will not want to know the optimal order policy of the single-warehouse system or the two-warehouse system with payment delay, respectively. Retailers wish to know whether to use the rented warehouse to store significantly more items when the supplier offers a credit period. Because holding inventory exceeding W units by using RW in this situation may bring more profits to the retailer. As described above, the annual net profit function of the proposed model is derived as follows:

$$
\begin{cases} \pi_1(T) & \text{if} \quad 0 < T \le M \end{cases} \tag{18a}
$$

$$
\pi(T) = \begin{cases} \pi_2(T) & \text{if } M < T \le T_a \end{cases} \tag{18b}
$$

$$
\begin{cases} \pi_3(T) & \text{if} \quad T_a < T \end{cases} \tag{18c}
$$

where

$$
\pi_1(T) = D(s-c) - \frac{A}{T} - \frac{h_0 D}{\alpha^2 T} (e^{\alpha T} - \alpha T - 1) - \frac{cD}{\alpha T} (e^{\alpha T} - 1) + DsI_e (M - \frac{T}{2})
$$
(19)

$$
\pi_2(T) = D(s-c) - \frac{A}{T} - \frac{h_0 D}{\alpha^2 T} (e^{\alpha T} - \alpha T - 1) - \frac{cD}{\alpha T} (e^{\alpha T} - 1)
$$

$$
- \frac{cI_p D}{\alpha^2 T} (e^{\alpha (T-M)} - \alpha (T-M) - 1) + \frac{DsI_e M^2}{2T}
$$
\n(20)

and

$$
\pi_3(T) = D(s-c) - \frac{A}{T} - \frac{h_r D}{\beta^2 T} (e^{\beta T_w} - \beta T_w - 1) - \frac{h_0}{\alpha T} [W - D(T - T_w)]
$$

$$
- \frac{c}{T} [\frac{D}{\beta} (e^{\beta T_w} - 1) + W] - \frac{cI_p}{T} {\frac{D}{\beta^2} (e^{\beta (T_w - M)} - \beta (T_w - M) - 1)}
$$

$$
+ \frac{1}{\alpha} (We^{-\alpha M} - D(T - T_w)) + \frac{DsI_e M^2}{2T}
$$
\n(21)

Furthermore, at $T = T_a$, given $T_w = 0$ and $W = \frac{D}{T} (e^{\alpha T_a} - 1)$ $\frac{D}{\alpha}(e^{\alpha T_a}-1)$. From the following lemma, it can be determined that $\pi_2(T_a) < \pi_3(T_a)$.

Lemma 1:
$$
\frac{1}{\alpha^2}(\alpha T - 1 + e^{-\alpha T}) - \frac{1}{\beta^2}(e^{-\beta T} - 1 + \beta T) > 0
$$
 for $T > 0$.

Proof. The proof of Lemma 1 is shown in Appendix B.

Furthermore, Eqs. (20) and (21) yield

$$
\pi_2(T_a) - \pi_3(T_a) = -\frac{cI_p D}{T_a} \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha^2} (\alpha M - 1 + e^{-\alpha M}) - \frac{1}{\beta^2} (e^{-\beta M} - 1 + \beta M) \right\}
$$

Lemma 1 implies that $\pi_2(T_a) < \pi_3(T_a)$. Therefore, $\pi(T)$ is continuous except $T = T_a$.

Eqs. (19), (20) and (21) yield that

$$
\pi'_1(M) = \pi'_2(M) = \frac{1}{M^2} [A - \frac{D(h_0 + \alpha c)}{\alpha^2} (\alpha M e^{\alpha M} - e^{\alpha M} + 1) - \frac{D s I_e M^2}{2}]
$$
\n(22)

$$
\pi'_{2}(T_{a}) = \frac{1}{T_{a}^{2}} [A - \frac{D(h_{0} + \alpha c)}{\alpha^{2}} (\alpha T_{a} e^{\alpha T_{a}} - e^{\alpha T_{a}} + 1)
$$

$$
- \frac{cI_{p}D}{\alpha^{2}} (\alpha T_{a} e^{\alpha (T_{a} - M)} - e^{\alpha (T_{a} - M)} - \alpha M + 1) - \frac{DsI_{e}M^{2}}{2}]
$$
\n(23)

and

$$
\pi_3'(T_a) = \frac{1}{T_a^2} \cdot f_3(T_a) \tag{24}
$$

For convenience, this study lets

$$
f_2(M) = A - \frac{D(h_0 + \alpha c)}{\alpha^2} (\alpha M e^{\alpha M} - e^{\alpha M} + 1) - \frac{D s I_e M^2}{2}
$$

and

$$
f_2(T_a) = A - \frac{D(h_0 + \alpha c)}{\alpha^2} (\alpha T_a e^{\alpha T_a} - e^{\alpha T_a} + 1)
$$

$$
- \frac{cI_p D}{\alpha^2} (\alpha T_a e^{\alpha (T_a - M)} - e^{\alpha (T_a - M)} - \alpha M + 1) - \frac{DsI_e M^2}{2}
$$

Since $\pi_2(T)$ is concave on $[M, \infty)$, then $\pi'_2(T)$ is decreasing on $[M, \infty)$ and $f_2(M) > f_2(T_a)$. In addition, this study has $f_2(T_a) < f_3(T_a)$ and

$$
f_2(M) > 0 \quad \text{if and only of} \quad T_1^* > M \tag{25}
$$

$$
f_2(M) > 0 \quad \text{if and only of} \quad T_2^* > M \tag{26}
$$

$$
f_2(T_a) > 0 \text{ if and only of } T_2^* > T_a \tag{27}
$$

$$
f_3(T_a) > 0 \quad \text{if and only of} \quad T_3^* > T_a \tag{28}
$$

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