



Double Marginalization...

Manufacturer (M) produces garment at cost $c = \$40$
The selling price is $r = \$100$, the salvage value $s = \$30$.
Demand is normally distributed with mean $\mu = 100$ and
Standard Deviation $\sigma = 30$.

System 1: M sells directly to customer.
Standard Newsboy Problem:

$$P(d \leq q) = \frac{r - s}{r - c} = 0.86 \quad \Rightarrow \quad z = 1.068$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Lot Size } q = 100 + 1.068 * 30 = 132$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Expected Profit } \$ 5,560 \text{ (Simulation Result)}$$



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System 2: M sells to Retailer at Price $w = \$ 70$.
Now **Retailer** solves Standard Newsboy Problem:

$$P(d \leq q) = \frac{r - s}{r - w} = 0.43 \quad \Rightarrow \quad z = -0.18$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Lot Size } q = 100 + -0.18 * 30 = 95$$

\Rightarrow Expected Profit

Retailer \$ 2,165

Manufacturer \$ 2,838

System \$ 5,003

Before: System \$ 5,560 !!!



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System 3: M sells to Retailer at Price w , and offers to buy back excess at Buy Back Price v .

Now Retailer solves Standard Newsboy Problem:

$$P(d \leq q) = \frac{r - v}{r - w}$$

As long as $\frac{r - v}{r - w} = \frac{r - s}{r - c}$ total **system** will

remain at maximum of \$ 5,560. Choose w & v combination that is “mutually palatable”!

Profit Split: Manufacturer - Retailer

