

**Operations & Logistics Management in Air Transportation** 

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# THE NEWSVENDOR AND APPLICATIONS

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## Newsvendor Solution: Explanation

### Marginal Analysis: Suppose you stock S units

Marginal Overage Cost with S		Marginal Underage Cost with S	
Probability of S being "over"		Probability of S being "under"	
Marginal cost of over-stocking		Marginal cost of under-stocking	

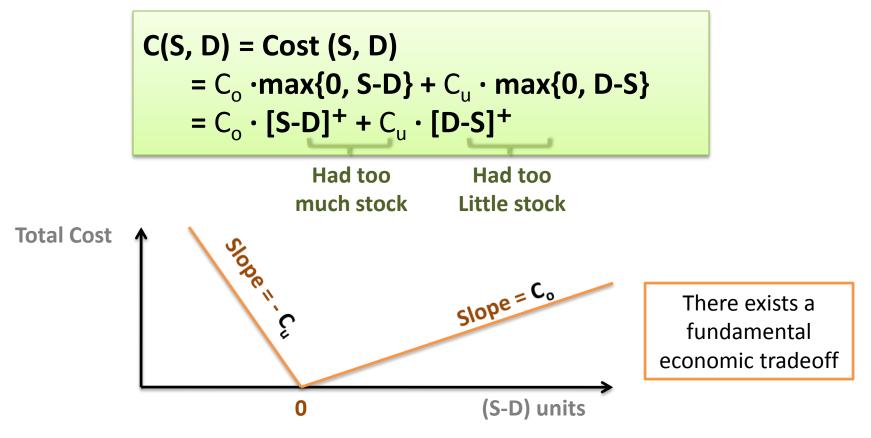
#### To find the *optimal* stocking level:



 $\mathsf{P}\{\mathsf{D} \leq \mathsf{S}\} \equiv C_u / (C_u + C_o)$ 

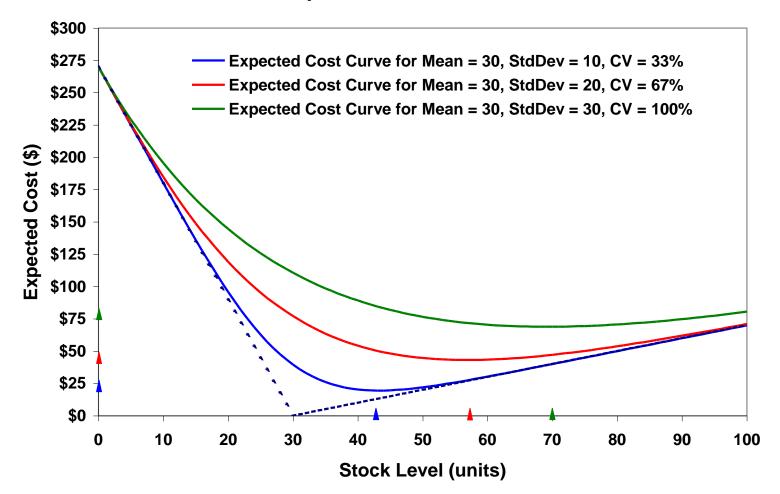
## Representing the Decision Problem Mathematically

• If D were known, the cost function would be

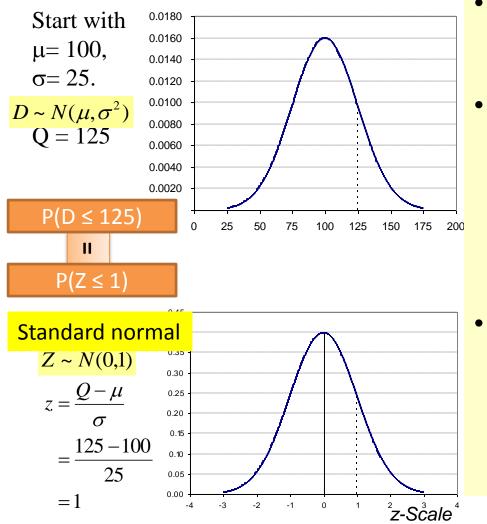


## Impact of Demand Variability

**Expected Cost Function** 



## Normal Distribution Tutorial (1)



- Let Q be the order quantity, and (μ, σ) the parameters of the normal demand distribution
  - Prob{demand is Q or lower} =
    Prob{the outcome of a standard
    normal is z or lower}, where

$$z = \frac{Q-\mu}{\sigma}$$
 or  $Q = \mu + z \times \sigma$ 

Look up *Prob*{the outcome of a standard normal is *z* or lower} in the Standard Normal Distribution Function Table, or Excel NORMSDIST function.