

Example 7.1. An electronics manufacturer produces a variety of diodes. Quality control engineers attempt to insure that faulty diodes will be detected in the factory before they are shipped. It is estimated that 0.3% of the diodes produced will be faulty. It is possible to test each diode individually. It is also possible to place a number of diodes in series and test the entire group. If this test fails, it means that one or more of the diodes in that group are faulty. The estimated testing cost is 5 cents for a single diode, and $4 + n$ cents for a group of $n > 1$ diodes. If a group test fails, then each diode in the group must be retested individually to find the bad one(s). Find the most cost-effective quality control procedure for detecting bad diodes.

Let A be the expected average cost per diode

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In [1]: A(n)=4/n+6-5*p^n
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Out[1]: A (generic function with 1 method)
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In [2]: q=0.003
p=1-q
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Out[2]: 0.997
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In [3]: T=[2:20 A.(2:20)]
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Out[3]: 19x2 Matrix{Float64}:
 2.0  3.02996
 3.0  2.3782
 4.0  2.05973
 5.0  1.87455
 6.0  1.75599
 7.0  1.67549
 8.0  1.61875
 9.0  1.57784
10.0  1.54799
11.0  1.52618
12.0  1.51039
13.0  1.49922
14.0  1.49167
15.0  1.487
16.0  1.48467
17.0  1.48426
18.0  1.48545
19.0  1.48796
20.0  1.4916
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In [4]: i=argmin(A.(2:20))
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Out[4]: 16
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In [5]: T[i,:]
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Out[5]: 2-element Vector{Float64}:  
 17.0  
 1.484264961220581
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The optimal batch size is 17 and the per-diode testing cost is 1.484264961220581

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In [6]: nopt=Int(T[i,1])
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Out[6]: 17
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In [7]: Aopt=T[i,2]
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Out[7]: 1.484264961220581
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In [8]: using Symbolics  
D(f,x)=expand_derivatives(Differential(x)(f))  
@variables q,p,n
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Out[8]: 3-element Vector{Num}:  
 q  
 p  
 n
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In [9]: A(n)
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Out[9]: 6 - 5(p^n) + 4 / n
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In [10]: Anq=substitute(A(n),p=>1-q)
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Out[10]: 6 - 5((1 - q)^n) + 4 / n
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In [11]: dAdq=D(Anq,q)
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Out[11]: 5n*((1 - q)^(-1 + n))
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In [12]: SAq=substitute(q/Aopt*dAdq,[n=>nopt,q=>0.003])
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Out[12]: 0.16373867744143392
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The relative sensitivity $S(A, q) = 0.16373867744143392$

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In [ ]:
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