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**Pricing and lot-sizing decisions in retail industry: a fuzzy chance constraint approach.**

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Summary: Analysis of inventory systems involving market-oriented pricing decisions has recently become an interesting topic in the field of inventory control. Price and marketing expenditure are considered as important elements when selling goods and enhancing revenues by manufacturers. The importance of accounting for uncertainty in such environments spurs an interest to develop appropriate decision making tools to deal with uncertain and ill-defined parameters (such as costs and market function) in joint pricing and lot-sizing problems. In this research, a fuzzy chance constraint multi-objective programming model based on p-fractile approach is proposed to determine the optimal price, marketing expenditure and lot size. Considering pricing, marketing and lot-sizing decisions simultaneously, a possibilistic programming based on necessity measure is considered to handle imprecise data and constraints. Discount strategy as a fuzzy power function of order quantity is determined. After applying appropriate strategies to defuzzify the original possibilistic model, the equivalent multi-objective crisp model is then transformed by a single-objective programming model. A meta-heuristic algorithm is applied to solve the final crisp counterpart.

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**MSC:**

- 90B05 Inventory, storage, reservoirs
- 90B06 Transportation, logistics and supply chain management
- 90C59 Approximation methods and heuristics in mathematical programming
- 91B24 Microeconomic theory (price theory and economic markets)
- 90C29 Multi-objective and goal programming
- 60A86 Fuzzy probability

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