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THE ENTERPRISE THEORY - BUSINESS EXPENSES SALES

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COST FUNCTION

- expresses the dependence of the amount of costs E on production volume Q :
 - production volume - independent variable (explanatory, exogenous)
 - costs - dependent variable (explained, endogenous)

$$E = f(Q)$$

- types of cost functions:
 - short-run cost functions
 - long run cost functions



$$E = f(Q) = (v \times Q) + F$$

$$E = V + F$$

where

F ... total fixed costs [CZK]

v ... unit variable costs [CZK/piece, CZK/kg, CZK/l, ...]

V ... total variable costs

Q ... volume of production [pcs, kg, l, ...]



Assignment: Determine the cost function for the production of 10,000 A piece of candy.

| Cost item | The amount of costs [CZK] | Variable costs [CZK] | Fixed costs [CZK] |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Material consumption | 66,000 | 60,000 | 6,000 |
| Wages of pastry chefs | 45,000 | 15,000 | 30,000 |
| Administrative staff salary | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| Technological energy (production equipment drive) | 15,000 | 15,000 | |
| Non-technological energy | 1000 | | 1000 |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| TOTAL | 167,000 | 90,000 | 77,000 |

$$E = (v \times Q) + F$$

$$V = v \times Q$$

$$v = V / Q$$



Solution:

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| TOTAL | | | 77,000 |

$$F = 77\ 000\text{ CZK}$$

$$v = \frac{90\ 000}{10\ 000} = 9$$

$$E = 9Q + 77\ 000$$



The two-period method

- it only works with data on two periods - with the maximum production volume Q_{MAX} and with a minimum production volume Q_{MIN} and their corresponding costs E_{QMIN} and E_{QMAX}
- we insert the data into the general form of the cost function and then solve the resulting system of two linear equations
- it should not be a period however extraordinary

$$E_{Q_{max}} = (v \times Q_{max}) + F$$

$$E_{Q_{min}} = (v \times Q_{min}) + F$$



Example: The following table shows data on production volumes and total costs in individual months of last year of the company XYZ, s.r.o. Use the two-period method to determine the cost function.

| | Production volume [pcs] | Costs [CZK] |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| January | 10,500 | 165,000 |
| February | 9,500 | 148,000 |
| March | 9,000 | 145,000 |
| April | 10,600 | 151,000 |
| May | 10,400 | 163,000 |
| June | 9,200 | 148,000 |
| July | 8,500 | 135,000 |
| August | 9,600 | 145,000 |
| September | 10,000 | 167,000 |
| October | 10,800 | 158,000 |
| November | 11,000 | 162,000 |
| December | 10,900 | 161,000 |



Solution:

$$Q_{MIN} = 8500pc \quad N_{Q_{MIN}} = 135\,000 \text{ . CZK}$$

$$Q_{MAX} = 11000pc \quad N_{Q_{MAX}} = 162\,000 \text{ . CZK}$$

$$162\,000 = v \cdot 11\,000 + F$$

$$\underline{135\,000 = v \cdot 8\,500 + F}$$

$$27\,000 = v \cdot 2\,500$$

$$v = 10,8 \text{ Kč/unit}$$

$$F = 135\,000 - 10,8 \cdot 8\,500 = 43\,200$$

$$E = 10,8Q + 43\,200$$



Use of cost functions in business practice

- how the amount of costs changes depending on the volume of production
- which part of the costs is dependent on the volume of production and which is not
- the starting point for a more qualified decision in a number of areas:
 - determine the amount of costs corresponding to different volumes of production
 - competently determine the economic result
 - determine what volume of production ensures the desired profit



Example: Lovers of theatrical performances of the children's theater can purchase a year-long season ticket for 2 children. The price of this season ticket is CZK 2,000. The entrance fee for one performance for one child in a popular line in the theater is 150 CZK.

- a) What are the costs associated with visiting three shows with/without a season ticket if two children go to the theater?
- b) How many times does a pair of children have to visit the theater to make the purchase of a season ticket worth it?

Solution:

$$E_1 = 2 \cdot 150Q$$

$$E_2 = 2000$$

a) $E_1(3) = 2 \cdot 150 \cdot 3 = 900\text{CZK}$

$$E_2(3) = 2000\text{CZK}$$

b) $E_1 = E_2$

$$2 \cdot 150 \cdot Q = 2000$$

$$Q = \frac{2000}{300} = 6,67$$

up to 6 visits to the theater per season, it is worthwhile not to buy a season ticket, from 7 visits by pairs of children, a season ticket is more advantageous



SALES



$$S = (p \times Q)$$

where

p ... selling price per piece [CZK/piece]

Q ... volume of production [pcs, kg, l, ...]



NET PROFIT

- the evaluation of the economic activity of business entities is based on a comparison of revenues (in the form of sales) and total costs

$$NP = S - E$$

where

NP ... profit

S ... total revenues

E ... total cost



Respectively:

$$NP = S - E$$

where

S ... total sales

If:

$S > E$, then $NP > 0$ **Gain**

$S < E$, then $NP < 0$ **Loss**

$S = E$, then $NP = 0$... **Zero gain**



If we substitute

$$S = p \cdot Q$$

$$E = V + F$$

$$E = v \cdot Q + F$$

to *NP*

then

$$NP = p \cdot Q - (v \cdot Q + F)$$

$$NP = Q * (p - v) - F$$



Příklad: V podniku MONTENA s. r. o. evidují fixní náklady F ve výši 200 tis. Kč. Podnik vyrábí 20 tis. ks součástek. V hodnoceném období je jediným variabilním nákladem materiál v ceně 20 Kč/ks. Prodejní cena jedné součástky je 35 Kč/ks.

a) Jaký je výsledek hospodaření v daném období?



$$S = p \cdot Q$$
$$E = (v \cdot Q) + F$$

$$NP = p \cdot Q - (v \cdot Q + F)$$