



Module 10

Quantifying Late Detection in MC&A for Item Inventories

Learning Objective

- 1. Understand how physical inventories, sampling plans, and other checks of the inventory factor into detection of insider activity.**
- 2. Be able to quantify the probability of detection for various scenarios in a single inventory and over several inventories.**
- 3. Understand how physical inventory and sampling procedures relate to the assumptions, analysis, and scenarios in the vulnerability assessment.**

If Insider selects the item inventory as their target, a defect will be introduced into the inventory

Ability and probability to detect a given defect depends upon several things:

- 1) How the item is inspected (e.g., inspection procedure)**
 - a) Item Count**
 - b) Inventory by serial number and location**
 - c) Confirmatory measurement**
 - d) Verification measurement**
- 2) Number of defects (e.g., 1 item or several items)**
- 3) Number of items inspected during each inventory**
- 4) Frequency of inspections (timeliness of detection)**

Types of inspections and scenarios they can detect:

- **Item count**
 - **Missing item**
- **Inventory by serial number, seal, and location**
 - **Missing item by serial number**
- **Confirmatory measurement (weight and/or some other attribute)**
 - **Tampering with item and some substitution scenarios**
- **Verification measurement**
 - **Material removal (within limits of measurement) and substitution scenarios**

Relationship to the Vulnerability Assessment

- **Number of defects is related to the goal quantity**
- **Type of inspection is directly related to insider scenario one is trying to detect**
- **Probability of detection from the Material Accounting is a statistical calculation based on the two preceding bullets**

Sampling Formula for required sample size



$$n = (N - d/2)(1 - \beta)^{1/(d+1)}$$

N = Population Size

β = specified probability of failing to find at least one critical nonconformity

d = maximum number of critical non-conforming items “allowed” in the lot or population.

n = sample size

What if the “Goal Quantity” is 3 items

Goal Quantity = 3 items and chance of finding at least one defect 90%			
N	d	β	n or sample size
100	3	0.1	43
200	3	0.1	87
1000	3	0.1	437
Goal Quantity = 3 items and chance of finding at least one defect 95%			
N	d	β	n or sample size
100	3	0.05	52
200	3	0.05	105
1000	3	0.05	526
Goal Quantity = 3 items and chance of finding at least one defect 99%			
N	d	β	n or sample size
100	3	0.01	67
200	3	0.01	136
1000	3	0.01	683

What if the “Goal Quantity” is 1 item

Goal Quantity = 1 item and chance of finding at least one defect 90%			
N	d	β	n or sample size
100	1	0.1	68
200	1	0.1	136
1000	1	0.1	683
Goal Quantity = 1 item and chance of finding at least one defect 95%			
N	d	β	n or sample size
100	1	0.05	77
200	1	0.05	155
1000	1	0.05	776
Goal Quantity = 1 item and chance of finding at least one defect 99%			
N	d	β	n or sample size
100	1	0.01	90
200	1	0.01	180
1000	1	0.01	900

What if the "Goal Quantity" is "0" Defects?

Zero defects at 90%				
N	d	β	n or sample size	
100	0	0.1	90	
200	0	0.1	180	
1000	0	0.1	900	
Zero defects at 95%				
N	d	β	n or sample size	
100	0	0.05	95	
200	0	0.05	190	
1000	0	0.05	950	
Zero defects at 99%				
N	d	β	n or sample size	
100	0	0.01	99	
200	0	0.01	198	
1000	0	0.01	990	

What happens over time (e.g., delayed detection from repeated inspections)?

Russian Roulette example:

If you play consecutive games of roulette, including spinning the cylinder between each time, you have 5/6th of a chance of surviving every time - 83.3 %.

Doesn't sound so bad?

But what happens if you keep going?

Statistics behind Russian Roulette

(Probability of surviving)^{number of games}

- **Game 1 – (Probability of surviving)¹**
- **Game 2 – (Probability of surviving)²**
- **Game 3 – (Probability of surviving)³**
- **Game 4 – (Probability of surviving)⁴**
- **Game 5 – (Probability of surviving)⁵**
- **Game 10 – (Probability of surviving)¹⁰**
- **Game 20 – (Probability of surviving)²⁰**
- **Game 50 – (Probability of surviving)⁵⁰**

Russian Roulette - Continued

- After 1 game, you have 83.33% chance of still being alive
- After 2 games, you have 69.44% chance of still being alive
- After 3 games, you have 57.87% chance of still being alive
- After 4 games, you have 48.22% chance of still being alive
- After 5 games, you have 40.19% chance of still being alive
- After 10 games, you have 16.15% chance of still being alive
- After 20 games, you have 2.61% chance of still being alive
- After 50 games, you have 0.011% chance of still being alive

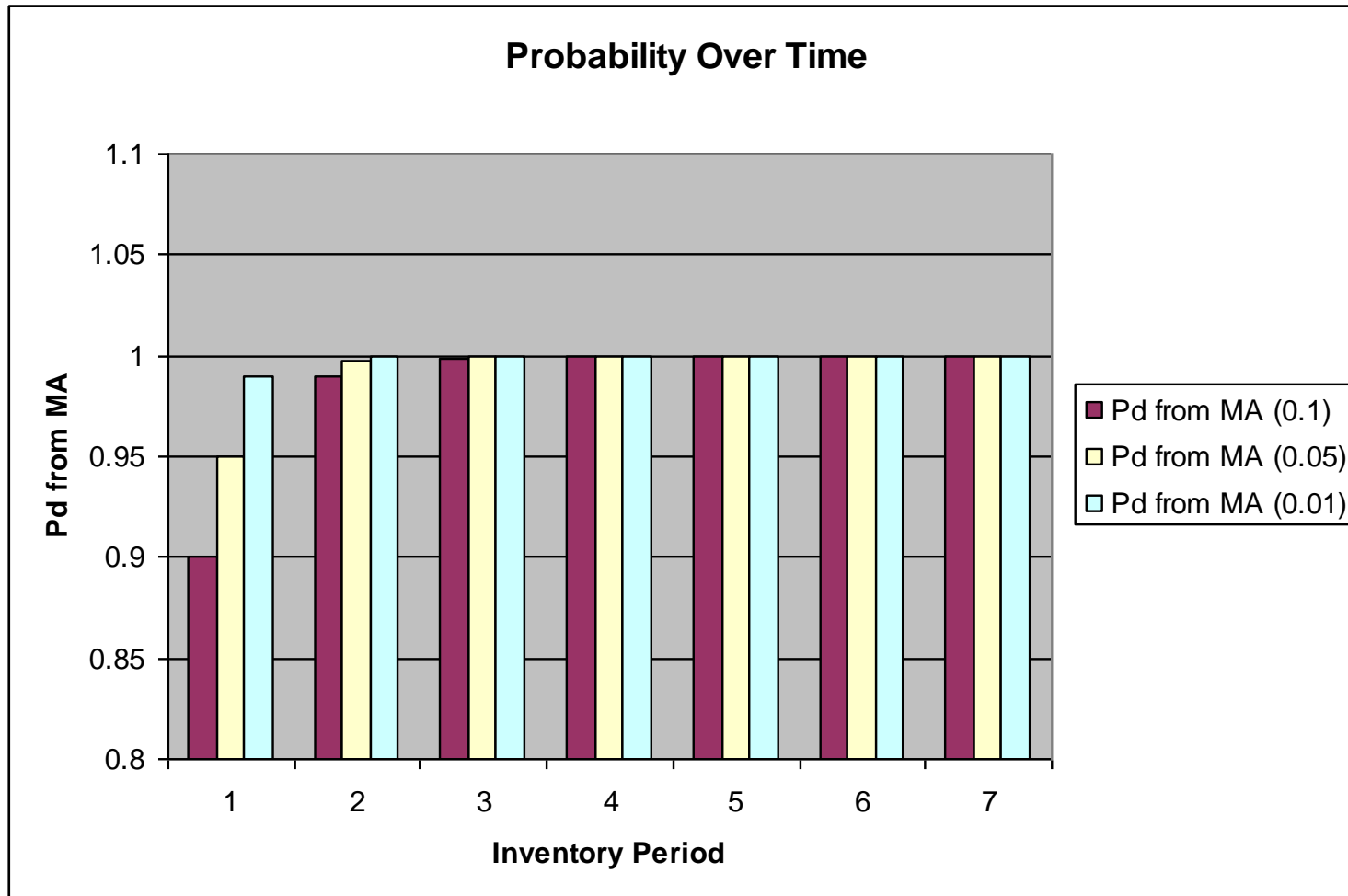
In other words: after 4 games, chances are less than 50/50 for still being alive. Perhaps it might be better to play a game of poker instead.

Multiple Inventory Periods (note: for example use $\beta = .10$)

$P^{\text{Number of Inventories}}$

- After one inventory insider has a **0.10** probability of escaping detection.
- After two inventories insider has a **0.01** probability of escaping detection.
- After 3 inventories insider has a **0.001** probability of escaping detection and so on.....

Probability of detection from Material Accounting over time at various inspection levels



Exercises

- 1. Small Group – See handout**
- 2. Large Group – Simulated inventory with defects**