

W T P survey price change

Let x_0 be the initial selling price of the selected beverage and p be the proportion at which the price changes. In our case p is 0.5 if price (x_0) less than or equal to 4 *SAR* and 0.25 if price is more than 4 *SAR*. If i , ($i = 1, 2, \dots, 10$) represent the index of each repetition, then the price for i^{th} repetition is given by the formula.

$$x_i = x_0 + (2^{i-1} \times p \times x_0)$$

and if the subject respond '*NO*' to the k^{th} bid value for $k > 2$ then to get the price more closer the algorithm will reset the x_0 as $x_k - 1$ and restart the process from $i = 1, 2, \dots, (k - 1)$ and this will continue until we get '*NO*' for $i < 3$

Example

Assume that the subject select a drink with price = 4 *SAR*, then we will have the value of $x_0 = 4$. Since the value is less than or equal to 4, p will take value 0.5. Then the first ($i = 1$) willingness to pay question will ask the subject that whether he is willing to buy the product for the price x_1 , which is,

$$x_1 = 4 + (2^{1-1} \times 0.5 \times 4) = 6\text{SAR}$$

if the subject is willing to purchase the product then the next bid will be for $i = 2$ which is,

$$x_2 = 4 + (2^{2-1} \times 0.5 \times 4) = 8\text{SAR}$$

The algorithm continues unless the subject say that he is not willing to purchase or the index i reaches its maximum of 10.

Now assume that the subject responded '*NO*' for the 4th bid that is for the price 20*SAR*, then we have the assumption that price is between 12 ($i = 3$) and 20 ($i = k = 4$). The algorithm reset the x_0 as 12 and restart the iteration.

Hence the next bid value will be,

$$x_1 = 12 + (2^{1-1} \times 0.5 \times 4) = 14*SAR*$$

if '*YES*' then $i = 2$,

$$x_2 = 12 + (2^{2-1} \times 0.5 \times 4) = 16*SAR*$$

if '*YES*' then $i = 3$, we know that the next value is again 20*SAR* which was responded as '*NO*', so we need to reset, x_0 as 16 and restart the process from $i = 1$.

The result will be,

$$x_1 = 16 + (2^{1-1} \times 0.5 \times 4) = 18*SAR*$$

if answer is '*Yes*' then store the value 18 and if it is '*No*' then store value $x_0 = 16*SAR*$ since the subject respond '*NO*' to the k^{th} bid value while $k < 3$.