CHAPTER 3

Cost-Volume-Profit (CVP)
Analysis

Basic Assumptions

- Changes in production/sales volume are the sole cause for cost and revenue changes
- Total costs consist of fixed costs and variable costs
- Revenue and costs behave and can be graphed as a linear function (a straight line)

Basic Assumptions, continued

- Selling price, variable cost per unit, and fixed costs are all known and constant
- In many cases only a single product will be analyzed. If multiple products are studied, their relative sales proportions are known and constant
- The time value of money (interest) is ignored

Basic Formulae

		Total		Cost		Pretax
Operating		Revenues	_	of	_	Operating
Income	=	from		Goods		Expenses
		Operations		Sold		

Net		Operating	_	Income	
Income	=	Income		Taxes	

Contribution Margin

- Contribution Margin equals sales less variable costs
 - \blacksquare CM = S VC
- Contribution Margin per unit equals unit selling price less variable cost per unit
 - CMu = SP VCu

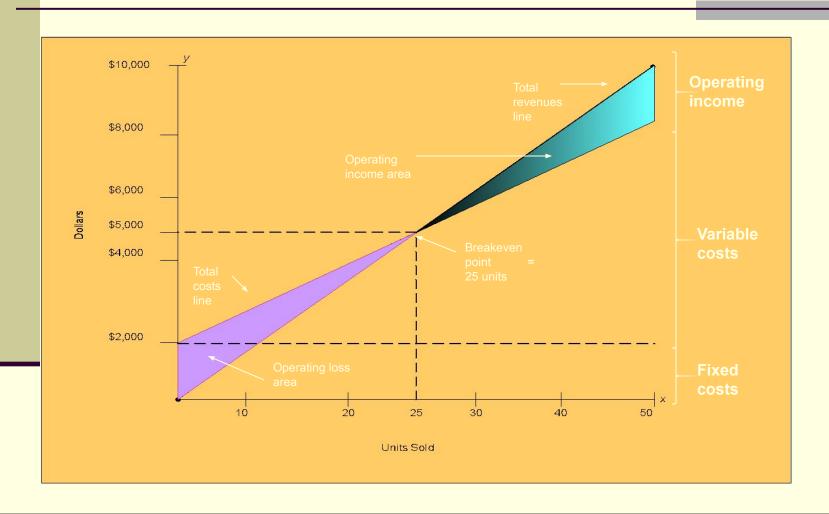
Contribution Margin

- Contribution Margin also equals contribution margin per unit multiplied by the number of units sold
 - \blacksquare CM = CM_u x Q
- Contribution Margin Ratio (percentage) equals contribution margin per unit divided by selling price
 - CMR = CMu ÷ SP

Contribution Margin Income Statement Derivations

- A horizontal presentation of the Contribution Margin Income Statement:
- Sales VC FC = Operating Income (OI)
- $(SP \times Q) (VC_u \times Q) FC = OI$
- \blacksquare Q (SP VC_u) FC = OI
- $\mathbf{Q}(CM_u) FC = OI$
 - Remember this last equation, it will be used again in a moment

CVP, Graphically



Breakeven Point

- Recall the last equation in an earlier slide:
 - \mathbf{Q} (CM_u) FC = OI
- A simple manipulation of this formula, and setting OI to zero will result in the Breakeven Point (quantity):
 - BEQ = FC ÷ CMu
- At this point, a firm has no profit or loss at a given sales level

Breakeven Point, continued

- If per-unit values are not available, the Breakeven Point may be restated in its alternate format:
- BE Sales = FC ÷ CMR

Breakeven Point, extended: Profit Planning

- With a simple adjustment, the Breakeven Point formula can be modified to become a Profit Planning tool
 - Profit is now reinstated to the BE formula, changing it to a simple sales volume equation
 - Q = (FC + OI)CM

CVP and Income Taxes

- From time to time it is necessary to move back and forth between pre-tax profit (OI) and after-tax profit (NI), depending on the facts presented
- After-tax profit can be calculated by:
 - OI x (1-Tax Rate) = NI
- NI can substitute into the profit planning equation through this form:

Sensitivity Analysis

- CVP provides structure to answer a variety of "what-if" scenarios
- "What" happens to profit "if":
 - Selling price changes
 - Volume changes
 - Cost structure changes
 - Variable cost per unit changes
 - Fixed cost changes

Margin of Safety

- One indicator of risk, the Margin of Safety (MOS) measures the distance between budgeted sales and breakeven sales:
 - MOS = Budgeted Sales BE Sales
- The MOS Ratio removes the firm's size from the output, and expresses itself in the form of a percentage:
 - MOS Ratio = MOS ÷ Budgeted Sales

Operating Leverage

- Operating Leverage (OL) is the effect that fixed costs have on changes in operating income as changes occur in units sold, expressed as changes in contribution margin
 - OL = <u>Contribution Margin</u>Operating Income
 - Notice these two items are identical, except for fixed costs

Effects of Sales-Mix on CVP

- The formulae presented to this point have assumed a single product is produced and sold
- A more realistic scenario involves multiple products sold, in different volumes, with different costs
- For simplicity's sake, only two products will be presented, but this could easily be extended to even more products

Effects of Sales-Mix on CVP

A weighted-average CM must be calculated (in this case, for two products)

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Weighted (Product #1 CMu x Product #1 Q) + (Product #2 CMu x Product #2 Q)

Average =

CMu Total Units Sold (Q) for Both Products
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This new CM would be used in CVP equations

Multi-		Fixed Costs
Product	=	Weighted Average CM per unit
BE		

Multiple Cost Drivers

- Variable costs may arise from multiple cost drivers or activities. A separate variable cost needs to be calculated for each driver. Examples include:
 - Customer or patient count
 - Passenger miles
 - Patient days
 - Student credit-hours

Contribution Margin vs. Gross Profit Comparative Statements

Contribution Margin Income Statement (Internal-Use Only)			Financial Accounting Income Statement GAAP - Based			
Revenues: Less: Variable Cost of Goods Sold Variable Operating Costs	\$120 45	\$200 165	Revenues: Less: Cost of Goods Sold	\$120	\$200	
Contribution Margin Fixed Operating Costs Operating Income		35 20 \$15	Gross Margin (Profit) Fixed & Variable Operating Costs Operating Income	_	80 65 \$15	