

Trend-Mining Design and Green Profit Design: key enabler for sustainable design and manufacturing



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What is sustainable design and manufacturing?

"Creation of goods and services that respond to customers' needs and improve qualify of life, while minimizing the adverse environmental impact over the lifecycle*





Green Profit Design: Making "green profit" through design



Design Effort for Green Profit



End-of-Life Recovery for Green Profit

Recovering end-of-life products after customer use can be a promising solution for green profit generation. This research aims to facilitate end-of-life recovery through well-designed products.



How can we maximize the profit from recovery? Which product design is better from a recovery perspective?







Example: market positioning for remanufacturing

Multi-objective recovery for

green profit maximization

(Kwak and Kim 2012)



Market positioning with optimal part upgrading



The positioning model identifies the optimal specs and the selling price of remanufactured products.



Life cycle design

What is the optimal product design for maximizing the lifecycle profit, where the lifecycle profit is the sum of the profits from manufacturing and remanufacturing?



Proposed Trend Mining Algorithm





· The underlying hidden structure therefore evolves over time

approaches assume stationary

Trend Mining Algorithm Flow



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Irrelevant Attribute Classification



Product Design Implications



Opportunities for Future Research Expansion

- Currently, the Trend Mining algorithm is bound by the initial product design attributes specified by designers. However, the attributes themselves may evolve in the market space, not just the attribute levels.
- There is a need to explore the correlations that exist between the price of a product and the attribute trends in the market

