Random Equations

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$$J^*(X(t)) = \min_{u(t)} \left\{ J^*(X(t+1)) + g(X(t), X(t+1)) - U_0 \right\}$$

Discrete-time system:

$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k, w_k)$$
 where $k = 0, 1, ..., N-1$

Cost function that is additive over time:

$$J_N = \mathbb{E}\left[g_N(x_N) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} g_k(x_k, u_k, w_k)\right]$$

Cost of a Policy $\pi = \{\mu_0, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_{N-1}\}$ starting at initial state x_0 :

$$J_{\pi}(x_0) = \mathbb{E}\left[g_N(x_N) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} g_k(x_k, \mu_k(u_k), w_k)\right]$$

Optimal Cost Function:

$$J^*(x_0) = \min_{\pi} J_{\pi}(x_0)$$