

# hw5\_Xueqi Wei\_Queenie Liu

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[8]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pprint
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## 0.1 1

a)

The original function now is

$$V_i(x) = \max\left\{\sum_{k=1}^4 p_k \delta_k k + \left(\sum_{k=1}^4 p_k \delta_k\right) V_{i+1}(x-1) + \left(1 - \sum_{k=1}^4 p_k \delta_k\right) V_{i+1}(x)\right\}$$

We have  $\sum_{k=1}^4 p_k = 1$  When  $\delta_k = 1$ , the function is:

$$V_i(x) = \max\left\{\sum_{k=1}^4 p_k k + \left(\sum_{k=1}^4 p_k\right) V_{i+1}(x-1) + 0\right\}$$

When  $\delta_k = 0$ , we have:

$$V_i(x) = \max\{V_{i+1}(x)\}$$

We take  $\sum_{k=1}^4 p_k$  out and get

$$V_i(x) = \sum_{k=1}^4 p_k \max\{\delta_k k + (\delta_k) V_{i+1}(x-1) + (1 - \delta_k) V_{i+1}(x)\}$$

which can be written as:

$$V_i(x) = \sum_{k=1}^4 p_k \max\{\delta_k (k + V_{i+1}(x-1)) + (1 - \delta_k) V_{i+1}(x)\}$$

The new function would be:

$$V_i(x) = \sum_{k=1}^4 p_k \max\{k + V_{i+1}(x-1), V_{i+1}(x)\}$$

Then in the new function, for each  $k = i \in 1, 2, 3, 4$ , if  $\delta_i = 0$ , the “max” term in the function will select  $V_{i+1}(x)$ , and  $k + V_{i+1}(x-1)$  otherwise ( $\delta_i = 1$ ), which is exactly the same as what we get in the adjusted original function.

b)

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[3]: def finit_horizon(B,n):
      V = np.zeros((B + 1,n + 1))
      for j in range(1,n + 1):
          for i in range(1,B + 1):
              temp = 0
              for k in range(4):
                  temp += 0.25*max(k + 1 + V[i-1][j-1],V[i][j-1])
              V[i][j] = temp
      return V
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[9]: #i
      budget = [10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,90,100]
      for B in budget:
          print('Budget level is: ',B)
          print('V is :',finit_horizon(B,100)[B][100])
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Budget level is: 10
V is : 39.9999052915732
Budget level is: 20
V is : 79.66808259774882
Budget level is: 30
V is : 113.88312226804393
Budget level is: 40
V is : 143.98469879134097
Budget level is: 50
V is : 172.1945363788912
Budget level is: 60
V is : 193.98469879134103
Budget level is: 70
V is : 213.88312226804396
Budget level is: 80
V is : 229.66808259774882
Budget level is: 90
V is : 239.99990529157316
Budget level is: 100
V is : 250.0
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ii)

There are 20 candidates remaining which means there are 5 of them with value 4(0.25 of the candidates have value 4). We will hire the 5 candidates with value 4 and will not hire the rest of them.

c)

If the budget is 30, my answer in b i) is 113.8 which is slightly lower than 115. 115 here is the upperbound of optimal value we can get since in static we are considering ideal situation.

## 0.2 2

a)

$$V(x) = \max\left\{\sum_{k=1}^4 p_k \delta_k k + \beta\left(\sum_{k=1}^4 k p_k \delta_k\right) V(x-1) + \left(1 - \sum_{k=1}^4 k p_k \delta_k\right) V(x)\right\}$$

Similar to Q1 a), the function can be written as:

$$V(x) = \sum_{k=1}^4 p_k \max\{k + \beta V(x-1), \beta V(x)\}$$

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[28]: def infinit_horizon(B,beta,n):
      V = np.zeros((B + 1,n + 1))
      for j in range(1,n + 1):
          for i in range(1,B + 1):
              temp = 0
              for k in range(4):
                  temp += 0.25*max(k + 1 + beta*V[i-1][j-1],beta*V[i][j-1])
              V[i][j] = temp
      return V[B][n]
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[32]: infinit_horizon(50,0.95,2000)
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[32]: 46.54625700071119
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[35]: def infinit_horizon_t(B,beta,n):
      V = np.zeros((B+1,n+1))
      t = np.zeros(B)
      for j in range(1,n + 1):
          for i in range(1,B + 1):
              temp = 0
              for k in range(4):
                  temp += 0.25*max(k + 1 +beta*V[i-1][j-1],beta*V[i][j-1])
              t[i-1] = (beta*V[i][j-1] - beta*V[i-1][j-1])
              V[i][j] = temp
      return V,t
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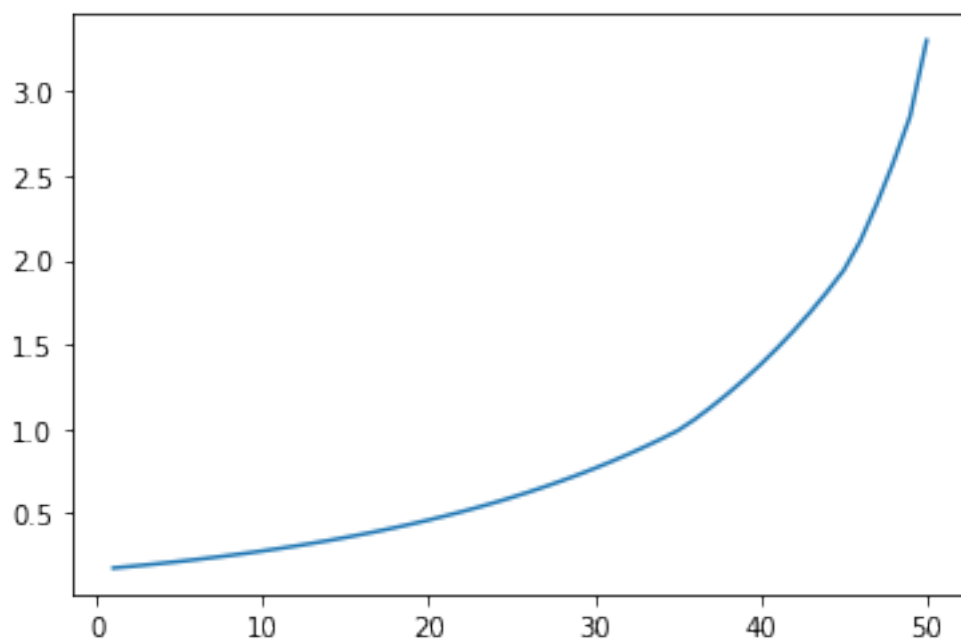
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[39]: V,t = infinit_horizon_t(50,0.95,1000)
      print(np.arange(50,0,-1))
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[50 49 48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 40 39 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30 29 28 27
 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10  9  8  7  6  5  4  3
  2  1]
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[41]: plt.plot(np.arange(50,0,-1), t)
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[41]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x10df1c4e0>]
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