

Figures: Optimal Commitment Levels

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1 Introduction

This file includes figures and analysis for Section 3.2 on Setting Optimal Commitment Level for Periodic Demand.

We start by restricting to a 2-week subset of the data from April 2024, aggregate the different regions and SKUs together to a single timeseries of total VM demand, and normalize this to a 100 unit peak over that time window.

```
data <- read_parquet("../hourly_normalized.parquet")
data <- data %>% subset(REGION_NUM == 2) %>%
  subset(USAGE_HOUR >= as.POSIXct("2024-04-07", tz="UTC")) %>%
  subset(USAGE_HOUR < as.POSIXct("2024-04-21", tz="UTC"))
dim(data)
```

```
## [1] 3024    4
```

```
head(data)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##   USAGE_HOUR          REGION_NUM INSTANCE_TYPE NORM_USAGE
##   <dtm>              <dbl> <chr>          <dbl>
## 1 2024-04-07 00:00:00         2 K              4
## 2 2024-04-07 00:00:00         2 B             501
## 3 2024-04-07 00:00:00         2 F              23
## 4 2024-04-07 00:00:00         2 A               1
## 5 2024-04-07 00:00:00         2 J              10
## 6 2024-04-07 00:00:00         2 E               4
```

```
range(data$USAGE_HOUR)
```

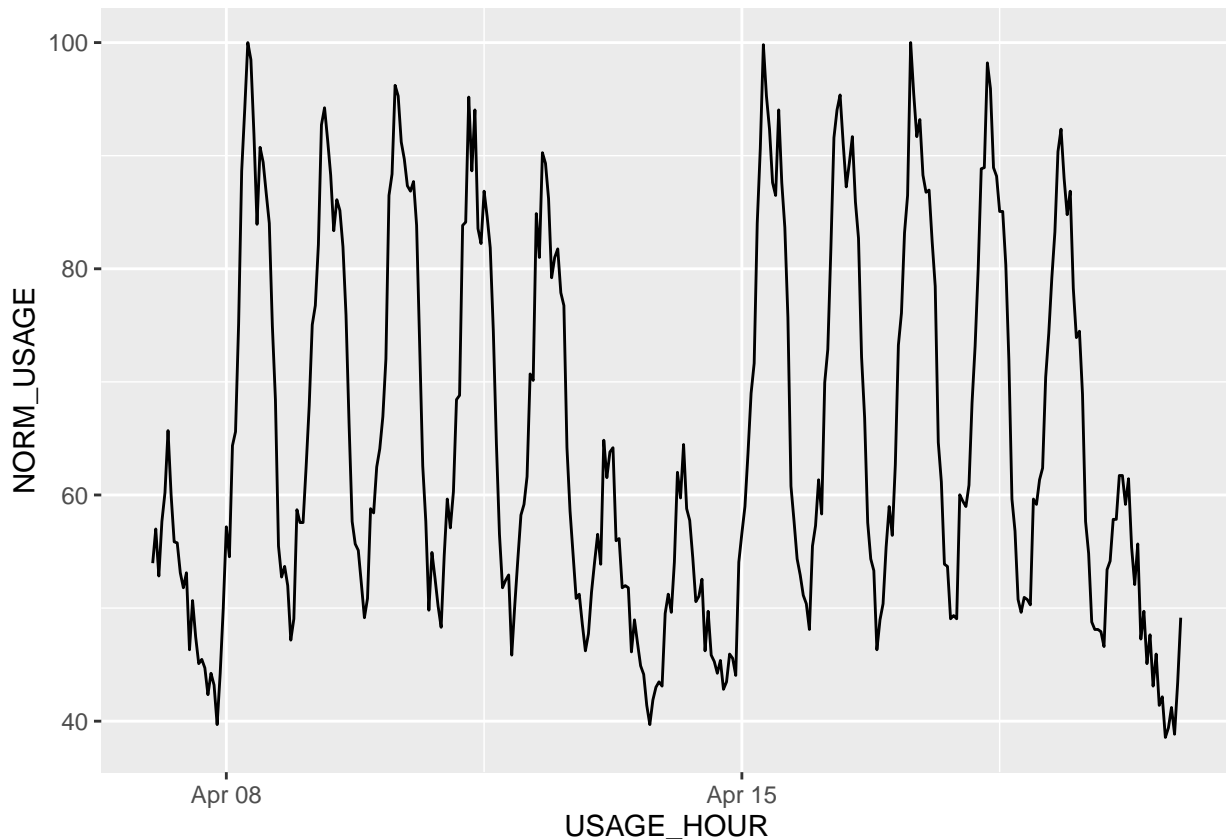
```
## [1] "2024-04-07 00:00:00 UTC" "2024-04-20 23:00:00 UTC"
```

```
data.all <- data %>% group_by(USAGE_HOUR) %>% summarise(across(NORM_USAGE, sum))
data.all$NORM_USAGE = 100*data.all$NORM_USAGE / max(data.all$NORM_USAGE)
head(data.all)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
```

```
##  USAGE_HOUR      NORM_USAGE
##  <dtm>           <dbl>
## 1 2024-04-07 00:00:00      54.0
## 2 2024-04-07 01:00:00      57.0
## 3 2024-04-07 02:00:00      52.8
## 4 2024-04-07 03:00:00      57.7
## 5 2024-04-07 04:00:00      60.2
## 6 2024-04-07 05:00:00      65.7
```

```
ggplot(data.all, aes(x=USAGE_HOUR, y=NORM_USAGE)) + geom_line()
```



2 Visualization

In order to illustrate the impact of savings plans on the amount of VM demand that is (1) covered by a savings plan, (2) purchased with on-demand rates, and (3) wasted as an unused savings plan, we introduce a simple 3-color area visualization with time on the x-axis and normalized cost on the y-axis.

Note that since the y-axis is cost, instead of VM instance hours, the more of the demand that is covered at expensive on-demand rates means the higher the y-axis will be.

```
GenerateBoxes <- function(df, on.demand.premium=2.1) {
  # GenerateBoxes - Create data.frame with pricing
  # Args:
  #   df: A data.frame with columns
  #     USAGE_HOUR: POSIXct hourly time
  #     NORM_USAGE: The VM demand at that hour
  # 3 boxes each time range - unused, used with sp/ri coverage,
  #   used above sp/ri coverage level.
```

```

data.bboxes <- data.frame(
  xmin = rep(head(df$USAGE_HOUR, -1), 3),
  xmax = rep(tail(df$USAGE_HOUR, -1), 3),
  Pricing = c(rep("SP Commitment", length(head(df$USAGE_HOUR, -1))),
               rep("Unused Commitment", length(head(df$USAGE_HOUR, -1))),
               rep("On Demand", length(head(df$USAGE_HOUR, -1)))),
  ymin = c(rep(0, length(head(df$USAGE_HOUR, -1))),
            head(ifelse(df$NORM_USAGE < df$SPRI_LEVEL, df$NORM_USAGE,
                        df$SPRI_LEVEL), -1),
            head(df$SPRI_LEVEL, -1)),
  ymax = c(head(ifelse(df$NORM_USAGE < df$SPRI_LEVEL, df$NORM_USAGE,
                        df$SPRI_LEVEL), -1),
            head(df$SPRI_LEVEL, -1),
            head(ifelse(df$NORM_USAGE > df$SPRI_LEVEL,
                        df$SPRI_LEVEL +
                          (df$NORM_USAGE - df$SPRI_LEVEL)*on.demand.premium,
                        df$SPRI_LEVEL), -1)))

return(data.bboxes)
}

AnnotateSPRIlevel <- function(df, sp.level) {
  df$SPRI_LEVEL = sp.level
  return(df)
}

PlotBoxes <- function(df) {
  days <- c("S", "M", "T", "W", "R", "F", "S")
  return(ggplot(df) +
    geom_rect_pattern(aes(xmin=xmin, xmax=xmax, ymin=ymin, ymax=ymax,
                          fill=Pricing, pattern=Pricing),
                      colour=NA, pattern_size=0.25,
                      pattern_spacing=0.02) +
    theme_bw() +
    theme(axis.text=element_text(size=15),
          axis.title=element_text(size=15),
          legend.text = element_text(size=15),
          legend.title = element_blank(),
          legend.position="bottom",
          strip.text=element_text(size=15)) +
    ylab("Cost") + xlab("") +
    scale_pattern_manual(values=c("none", "none", "stripe")) +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(from=as.POSIXct("2024-06-02 12:00:00"),
                                   to=as.POSIXct("2024-06-15 12:00:00"),
                                   length.out=14),
                      labels=rep(days,2)) +
    scale_fill_manual(values=c("orange", "darkgreen", "red")))
}

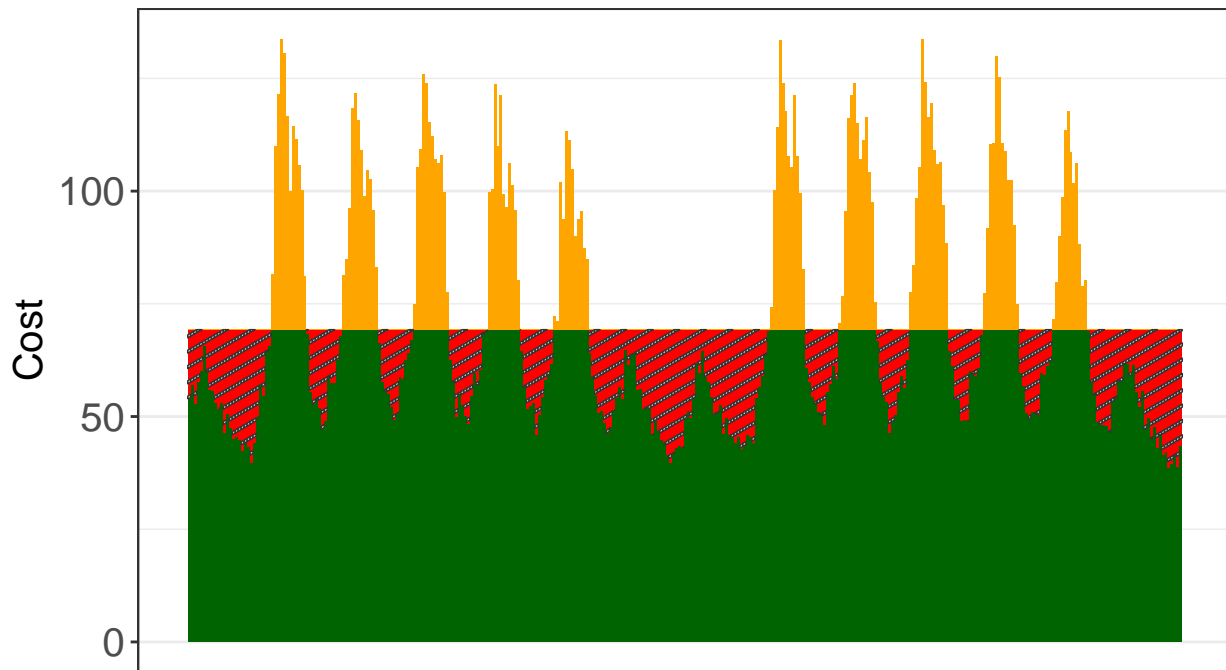
# Set the Savings Plan commitment level to halfway between the max and min
# demand over the time period.
data.all <- AnnotateSPRIlevel(data.all,
                              (max(data.all$NORM_USAGE) +
                               min(data.all$NORM_USAGE))/2)

```

```
df <- GenerateBoxes(data.all)
head(df)
```

```
##          xmin          xmax Pricing ymin    ymax
## 1 2024-04-07 00:00:00 2024-04-07 01:00:00 SP Commitment 0 53.96975
## 2 2024-04-07 01:00:00 2024-04-07 02:00:00 SP Commitment 0 56.99433
## 3 2024-04-07 02:00:00 2024-04-07 03:00:00 SP Commitment 0 52.83554
## 4 2024-04-07 03:00:00 2024-04-07 04:00:00 SP Commitment 0 57.65595
## 5 2024-04-07 04:00:00 2024-04-07 05:00:00 SP Commitment 0 60.20794
## 6 2024-04-07 05:00:00 2024-04-07 06:00:00 SP Commitment 0 65.68998
```

```
PlotBoxes(df)
```



On Demand
 SP Commitment
 Unused Commitment

3 Optimization

The final step is to iterate over a number of possible SP commitment levels to compute the minimum cost option given the VM demand curve.

```
TotalCostPremium <- function(df) {
  # TotalCost - Computes the Total Cost Premium
  #
  # Args:
  #   df - A data.frame with 3 areas - unused, covered, on-demand.
  # Returns
  #   Cost premium

  l1 <- subset(df, Pricing == "SP Commitment")
  l2 <- subset(df, Pricing == "Unused Commitment")
```

```

13 <- subset(df, Pricing == "On Demand")
plan.cost <- sum(l1$ymax - l1$ymin)
unused.cost <- sum(l2$ymax - l2$ymin)
ondemand.cost <- sum(l3$ymax - l3$ymin)
total.cost <- plan.cost + unused.cost + ondemand.cost
return(total.cost)
}

# findOptimalSPLevel - Iteratively identify lowest cost Savings Plan level
# Args:
#   df: a data.frame containing 3 columns
#     USAGE_HOUR - timestamp
#     NORM_USAGE - normalized usage
#   steps: The number of steps to iterate through the possible SP levels
# Returns:
#   A number corresponding to the optimal SP level to minimize cost.
findOptimalSPLevel <- function(df, steps=9) {
  min.demand <- min(df$NORM_USAGE)
  max.demand <- max(df$NORM_USAGE)
  total.days <- as.numeric(max(df$USAGE_HOUR) - min(df$USAGE_HOUR))

  fulldf <- NULL
  plts <- list()
  i<-1
  for (sp.level in seq(min.demand, max.demand, length=steps)) {
    df.ann <- AnnotateSPRILevel(df, sp.level)
    df.bboxes <- GenerateBoxes(df.ann)
    df.bboxes$sp.level.label <- sp.level
    cost.premium <- TotalCostPremium(df.bboxes)
    df.bboxes$cost.premium <- cost.premium
    df.bboxes$panel.title <- paste0(i, ". c=", round(sp.level, 1), " ",
                                     "C(c)=", round(cost.premium, 0))

    i <- i + 1

    if (is.null(fulldf)) {
      fulldf <- df.bboxes
    } else {
      fulldf <- rbind(fulldf, df.bboxes)
    }
  }
  return(fulldf)
}

findMinSPLevel <- function(df, steps=9) {
  min.demand <- min(df$NORM_USAGE)
  max.demand <- max(df$NORM_USAGE)
  total.days <- as.numeric(max(df$USAGE_HOUR) - min(df$USAGE_HOUR))

  lowest.cost <- NULL
  lowest.sp <- NULL
  i<-1
  for (sp.level in seq(min.demand, max.demand, length=steps)) {

```

```

df.ann <- AnnotateSPRILevel(df, sp.level)
df.bboxes <- GenerateBoxes(df.ann)
df.bboxes$sp.level.label <- sp.level
cost.premium <- TotalCostPremium(df.bboxes)
if (is.null(lowest.cost)) {
  lowest.cost <- cost.premium
  lowest.sp <- sp.level
} else if (cost.premium < lowest.cost) {
  lowest.cost <- cost.premium
  lowest.sp <- sp.level
}
}
return(lowest.sp)
}

```

```

FindCost <- function(df, sp.level) {
  df.ann <- AnnotateSPRILevel(df, sp.level)
  df.bboxes <- GenerateBoxes(df.ann)
  df.bboxes$sp.level.label <- sp.level
  return(TotalCostPremium(df.bboxes))
}

```

```

fulldf.1 <- findOptimalSPLevel(data.all)
lowest.1 <- findMinSPLevel(data.all, 100)
cost.1 <- FindCost(data.all, lowest.1)
print(lowest.1)

```

```
## [1] 60.28336
```

```
print(cost.1)
```

```
## [1] 26814.56
```

And generate output PDF and PNGs:

```

Plot3x3 <- function() {
  days <- c("S", "M", "T", "W", "R", "F", "S")
  ggplot(fulldf.1) +
    geom_rect_pattern(aes(xmin=xmin, xmax=xmax, ymin=ymin, ymax=ymax,
      fill=Pricing, pattern=Pricing),
      colour=NA, pattern_size=0.25, pattern_spacing=0.02) +
    theme_bw() +
    theme(axis.text=element_text(size=15), axis.title=element_text(size=15),
      legend.text = element_text(size=15), legend.title = element_blank(),
      legend.position="bottom", strip.text=element_text(size=15)) +
    ylab("Cost") + xlab("") +
    scale_pattern_manual(values=c("none", "none", "stripe")) +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(from=as.POSIXct("2024-06-02 12:00:00"),
      to=as.POSIXct("2024-06-15 12:00:00"),
      length.out=14),
      labels=rep(days,2)) +
    scale_fill_manual(values=c("orange", "darkgreen", "red")) +
    facet_wrap(~panel.title)
}
Plot3x3()

```

