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Notations and Conventions

\mathbb{R}^n	n -dimensional real space
\mathbb{C}^n	n -dimensional complex space
$\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$	set of all $m \times n$ real-valued matrices
$\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$	set of all $m \times n$ complex-valued matrices
x_i	i th entry of column vector \mathbf{x}
a_{ij}	(i, j) th entry of matrix \mathbf{A}
\mathbf{a}_i	i th column of matrix \mathbf{A}
\mathbf{a}_i^T	i th row of matrix \mathbf{A}
\mathbb{S}^n	set of all $n \times n$ real symmetric matrices, i.e., $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all i, j
\mathbb{H}^n	set of all $n \times n$ complex Hermitian matrices, i.e., $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and $\bar{a}_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all i, j
\mathbf{A}^T	transpose of \mathbf{A} , i.e., $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^T$ means $b_{ji} = a_{ij}$ for all i, j
\mathbf{A}^H	Hermitian transpose of \mathbf{A} , i.e., $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^H$ means $b_{ji} = \bar{a}_{ij}$ for all i, j
$\text{trace}(\mathbf{A})$	sum of diagonal entries of square matrix \mathbf{A}
$\mathbf{1}$	A vector with all 1 entries
$\mathbf{0}$	either a vector of all zeros, or a matrix of all zeros
\mathbf{e}_i	a unit vector with the nonzero element at the i th entry
$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})$	the column space of \mathbf{A}
$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$	the row space of \mathbf{A}
$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$	the null space of \mathbf{A}
$\text{Proj}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{A})$	the projection of \mathbf{A} onto the set \mathcal{M}

Chapter 1

Week1

1.1. Tuesday

The Markov Chains course mainly focus on the performance analysis for which the Markov decision is made.

1.1.1. News Vendor Problems

A store sells perishable items (newspapers) with:

- Selling price $c_p = 1$
- Variable cost $c_v = 0.25$
- Salvage value $c_s = 0$

The aim is to decide how many copies should be ordered. Before making the decision, we need to estimate the demand.

Suppose the demand D has the following distribution:

d	10	15	20	25	30
\mathbb{P}	1/4	1/8	1/8	1/4	1/4

Hence, the profit for the day i is given by:

$$\text{profit per day} = \min(q, D_i)c_p - qc_v,$$

with q being the number of copies ordered.

More generally, for $c_s \neq 0$, the profit for the day i is

$$\text{profit per day} = \min(q, D_i)c_p - qc_v + \max(q - D_i, 0)c_s,$$

Hence, our objective is to maximize the expected profit for a day

$$\begin{aligned} h(q) &= \mathbb{E}_D \text{Profit}(q, D) \\ &= c_p \mathbb{E}_D \min(q, D) - c_v q + c_s \mathbb{E}_D \max(q - D, 0) \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

1.2. Thursday

