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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

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