

System model

$$x_{k+1} = f_k(x_k, u_k, w_k) \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

$$x_k \in S, \quad u_k \in C(x_k), \quad w_k \in D_k. \quad D_k \text{ is countable.}$$

$P_k(w_k)$ is the probability that the disturbance at time k takes on the value, $w_k \in D_k$.

The disturbances at each time point are independent but may not be identically distributed.
The disturbances at each time point have finite expectation.

$\Pi := \{(\mu_0, \dots, \mu_{N-1}), \mu_i: S \times L \rightarrow C\}$ is the set of admissible control policies.

L is a finite subset of $(0, 1)$, the set of confidence levels.

$C: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded stage cost.

$f_k: S \times C \times D_k \rightarrow S$ is bounded (Lipshitz continuous?).

Claim: Lemma 22 of Pflug & Pichler 2015 implies the following CVaR-decomposition for our system model,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CVaR}_\alpha \left[\sum_{i=k+1}^N c(x_i) \mid x_k, \pi_k \right] &= \max_{R \in \mathcal{B}(\alpha, P_k)} \mathbb{E} \left[R \cdot \text{CVaR}_{\alpha R} \left[\sum_{i=k+1}^N c(x_i) \mid x_{k+1}, \pi_k \right] \mid x_k, \pi_k \right] \\ &= \max_{R \in \mathcal{B}(\alpha, P_k)} \sum_{w_k \in D_k} R(w_k) \cdot \text{CVaR}_{\alpha R(w_k)} \left[\sum_{i=k+1}^N c(x_i) \mid x_{k+1} = f_k(x_k, \mu_k(x_k, \alpha), w_k), \pi_k \right] \cdot P_k(w_k), \end{aligned}$$

time-dependent
Is this okay?

where $\pi_k := (\mu_k, \dots, \mu_{N-1})$ is a given policy for the sub-problem starting at time k , $\mu_k: S \times L \rightarrow C$, for each k ,

$$\text{and } \mathcal{B}(\alpha, P_k) := \left\{ R: D_k \rightarrow [0, \frac{1}{\alpha}], \sum_{w_k \in D_k} R(w_k) \cdot P_k(w_k) = 1 \right\}.$$

What else needs to be specified about $\mathcal{B}(\alpha, P_k)$?
In Pflug & Pichler, R is measurable with respect to some sub- σ -algebra. How do we specify that here?