

Reinforcement Agent Based Modeling

Three Layers supply chain:

- facilities are now agents with demand and supply
- in phase 1: agents request goods from the next upper layer
- in phase 2: items are shipped from top to bottom
- in phase 3: reinforce

Phase 1: How to request goods?

Probabilistic approach:

- probability is product of fidelity and visibility
- Fidelity: strength of the connection in the network $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ loyalty to store
- Visibility: Constant Matrix with 1 over the distance as entrance \rightarrow ensures distance dependance
- beta: parameter to control weighting

Phase 2: How to ship items if demand is higher then supply

- Greedy Version:
 - Ranking of Customers based on distances \rightarrow most profitable for them
 - fullfill demand from top to bottom
- Fidelity based version:
 - reuse probability matrix and use it to probabilistic distribute the goods
- Common: ship only if trade is profitable

Phase 3: Reinforcement!!

- Conditions: successful shipping & profitable
- Reinforce connection in the fidelity matrix
- create a decay mechanism to make a transition from exploration to convergence phase