

Assignment 4

① $V_0(s_1) = 10$ $V_0(s_2) = 1$ $V_0(s_3) = 0$

$q_1(s_1, a_1) = R(s_1, a_1) + E[V_0(s')] = 8 + 0.2 \cdot 10 + 0.6 \cdot 1 + 0.2 \cdot 0 = 10.6$

$q_1(s_1, a_2) = R(s_1, a_2) + E[V_0(s')] = 10 + 0.1 \cdot 10 + 0.2 \cdot 1 + 0.7 \cdot 0 = 11.2$

$q_1(s_2, a_1) = R(s_2, a_1) + E[V_0(s')] = 1 + 0.3 \cdot 10 + 0.3 \cdot 1 + 0.4 \cdot 0 = 4.3$

$q_1(s_2, a_2) = R(s_2, a_2) + E[V_0(s')] = -1 + 0.5 \cdot 10 + 0.3 \cdot 1 + 0.2 \cdot 0 = 4.3$

$\pi_1(s_1) = a_2$ $V_1(s_1) = 11.2$

$\pi_1(s_2) = a_1 \text{ or } a_2$ $V_1(s_2) = 4.3$

$q_2(s_1, a_1) = R(s_1, a_1) + E[V_1(s')] = 8 + 0.2 \cdot 11.2 + 0.6 \cdot 4.3 + 0.2 \cdot 0 = 12.82$

$q_2(s_1, a_2) = R(s_1, a_2) + E[V_1(s')] = 10 + 0.1 \cdot 11.2 + 0.2 \cdot 4.3 + 0.7 \cdot 0 = 11.98$

$q_2(s_2, a_1) = R(s_2, a_1) + E[V_1(s')] = 1 + 0.3 \cdot 11.2 + 0.3 \cdot 4.3 + 0.4 \cdot 0 = 5.65$

$q_2(s_2, a_2) = R(s_2, a_2) + E[V_1(s')] = -1 + 0.5 \cdot 11.2 + 0.3 \cdot 4.3 + 0.2 \cdot 0 = 5.89$

$\pi_2(s_1) = a_1$ $V_2(s_1) = 12.82$

$\pi_2(s_2) = a_2$ $V_2(s_2) = 5.89$

② $C_1, C_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, h_1, h_2, p_1, p_2$

$N = \left\{ (n_1, m_1, n_2, m_2) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^4 \text{ for } n_1 + m_1 \leq C_1, n_2 + m_2 \leq C_2 \right\}; T = \emptyset$
 $S = N$

$A = \left\{ (m'_1, m'_2, t) \text{ s.t. } m'_1 + m_1 + n_1 + t \leq C_1, m'_2 + m_2 + n_2 + t \leq C_2 \right.$
 $\text{and } -n_1 \leq t \leq n_2 \left. \right\}$

I assumed you don't pay holding costs on ~~buffer~~ inventory transferred

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I tried running it w/ model params:

$$C_1 = 2, C_2 = 3$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$h_1 = h_2 = 1$$

$$P_1 = 10, P_2 = 5$$

$$K_1 = 1, K_2 = 2$$

$$\gamma = 0.9$$

Optimal strategy is to always order max from suppliers, but transfer behavior is interesting:

- When state is $(0,0,x,y)$ where $x+y \geq 2$ & $x \geq 1$, it wants to transfer 1 from store 2 to store 1. And when state is $(0,0,x,y)$ where $x \geq 2$ and $x+y = 3$, it likes to transfer 2 from 2 to 1. ~~otherwise~~
- This makes sense since $P_1 \gg P_2$, so moving inventory to store 1 is optimal ~~when~~ if you can do it w/o running out of inventory in store 2.
- Also makes sense that $\pi(0,0,1,0) = (2,2,0)$ instead of $(1,3,1)$, since it ~~costs~~ you save $5 \cdot e^{-1}$ in expectation in stockout costs, which is less than the cost of the transfer (2).
- You only even transfer from 1 to 2 in the states $(1,1,0,0)$ and $(2,0,0,0)$, which makes sense.