

Stochastic Optimization

Decomposition Methods for Two-stage problems

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One-Stage Problem

Assume that ξ has a discrete distribution ¹, with $\mathbb{P}(\xi = \xi^s) = p^s > 0$ for $s \in \llbracket 1, S \rrbracket$. Then, the one-stage problem

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¹If the distribution is continuous we can sample and work on the sampled distribution, this is called the Sample Average Approximation approach with lots of guarantee and results

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In this case the stochastic news vendor problem reads

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Recourse assumptions

- We say that we are in a **complete recourse** framework, if for all u_0 , and all possible outcome ξ , every control u_1 is admissible.
- We say that we are in a **relatively complete recourse** framework, if for all u_0 , and all possible outcome ξ , there exists a control u_1 that is admissible.
- For a lot of algorithms relatively complete recourse is a condition of convergence. It means that there is no **induced** constraints.

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Solving the problems

- V^{OL} can be approximated through specific methods (e.g. Stochastic Gradient).
- $V^{2-stage}$ is obtained through Stochastic Programming specific methods. There are two main approaches:
 - Benders decomposition methods (like L-shaped or nested-decomposition methods).
 - Lagrangian decomposition methods (like Progressive-Hedging algorithm).
- $V^{anticipative}$ is difficult to compute exactly but can be estimated through Monte-Carlo approach by drawing a reasonable number of realizations of ξ , solving the deterministic problem for each realization ξ^s and taking the means of the value of the deterministic problem.

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Price of information

- By weak duality, any λ such that $\mathbb{E}[\lambda] = 0$ will give a lower bound on the 2-stage problem, computed as

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- $\lambda = 0$ lead to the anticipative lower-bound
- If problem is convex, and under some qualification assumptions, there exists an optimal λ^* , called the **price of information**, such that the lower bound is tight.

Progressive Hedging Algorithm

The progressive hedging algorithm build on this decomposition in the following way.

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Linear 2-stage stochastic program

Consider the following problem

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 \min \quad & \mathbb{E} \left[c^\top u_0 + \mathbf{q}^\top \mathbf{u}_1 \right] \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & Au_0 = b, \quad u_0 \geq 0 \\
 & \mathbf{T}u_0 + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{h}, \quad \mathbf{u}_1 \geq 0, \quad \mathbb{P} - a.s. \\
 & u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \sigma(\mathbf{u}_1) \subset \underbrace{\sigma(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{h})}_{\xi}
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Relatively complete recourse

We assume here relatively complete recourse. Without this assumption we would need feasibility cuts (see Bender's decomposition method).

Here, relatively complete recourse means that, for $u_0 \geq 0$:

$$Au_0 = b \implies Q_s(u_0) < +\infty, \quad \forall s \in \llbracket 1, S \rrbracket$$

Decomposition of linear 2-stage stochastic program

We rewrite the extended formulation as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & c^\top u_0 + \sum_s p^s \theta^s \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & Au_0 = b, \quad u_0 \geq 0 \\
 & \theta^s \geq Q^s(u_0) \qquad u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \forall s
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that $Q^s(u_0)$ is a polyhedral function of u_0 , hence $\theta^s \geq Q^s(u_0)$ can be rewritten $\theta \geq \alpha_k^s \cdot u_0 + \beta_k^s, \forall k$.

The decomposition approach consists in constructing iteratively cut coefficients α_k^s and β_k^s .

Obtaining (optimality) cuts

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q^s(u_0) &:= \min_{u_1^s \in \mathbb{R}^n} && q^s \cdot u_1^s \\
 &&& \text{s.t.} \quad W^s u_1^s = h^s - T^s u_0, \quad u_1^s \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

can also be written (through strong duality by relatively complete recourse assumption)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (D_{u_0}) \quad Q^s(u_0) &= \max_{\lambda^s \in \mathbb{R}^m} && \lambda^s \cdot (h^s - T^s u_0) \\
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admits for optimal solution $\lambda_{u_0}^s$.

Consider another control u'_0 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (D_{u'_0}) \quad Q^s(u'_0) &= \max_{\lambda^s \in \mathbb{R}^m} && \lambda^s \cdot (h^s - T^s u'_0) \\
 & \text{s.t.} && (W^s)^\top \lambda^s \leq q^s
 \end{aligned}$$

As $\lambda_{u_0}^s$ is admissible for (D_{u_0}) it is also admissible for $(D_{u'_0})$, hence

$$Q^s(u'_0) \geq \lambda_{u_0}^s \cdot (h^s - T^s u'_0).$$

Obtaining (optimality) cuts



To sum up we have seen that, for any admissible first stage solution, we can construct an exact cut for Q^s by solving the dual of the second stage problem.

More precisely, let $u_0^k \geq 0$ be such that $Au_0^k = b$. Let λ_k^s be an optimal dual solution. Then, setting

$$\alpha_k^s := -(T^s)^\top \lambda_k^s \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_k^s := (\lambda_k^s)^\top h^s$$

we have

$$\begin{cases} Q^s(u'_0) \geq \alpha_k^s \cdot u'_0 + \beta_k^s & \forall u'_0 \geq 0, Au_0 = b \\ Q^s(u_0^k) = \alpha_k^s \cdot u_0^k + \beta_k^s \end{cases}$$

L-shaped method (multi-cut version)

- ① We have a collection of $K \times S$ cuts, such that $Q^s(u_0) \geq \alpha_k^s \cdot u_0 + \beta_k^s$.
- ② Solve the master problem, with optimal primal solution u_0^{K+1} .

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{u_0 \geq 0} \quad & c^\top u_0 + \sum_{s=1}^S p^s \theta^s \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Au_0 = b \\ & \theta^s \geq \alpha_k^s u_0 + \beta_k^s \quad \forall k \in \llbracket 1, K \rrbracket, \quad \forall s \in \llbracket 1, S \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

- ③ Solve S slave dual problems, with optimal dual solution λ_{K+1}^s

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\lambda^s \in \mathbb{R}^m} \quad & \lambda^s \cdot (h^s - T^s u_0^{K+1}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & W^s \cdot \lambda^s \leq q^s \end{aligned}$$

- ④ construct S new cuts with

$$\alpha_{K+1}^s := -(T^s)^\top \lambda^s, \quad \beta_{K+1}^s := h^s \cdot \lambda_{K+1}^s$$

L-shaped method (multi-cut version) : bounds

- At any iteration of the L-shaped method we can easily determine upper and lower bound over our problem.
- Indeed, u_0^K is an admissible first stage solution, and $Q^s(u_0^K)$ is the value of a slave problem. Thus the value of admissible solution u_0^k is simply given by

$$UB = c^\top u_0^K + \sum_{s=1}^S p^s Q^s(u_0^K).$$

- Furthermore, $Q_K^s(u_0) \geq \max_{k \leq K} \alpha_k^s \cdot u_0 + \beta_k^s$, thus the value of the master problem is always a lower bound over the value of the SP problem :

$$LB = c^\top u_0^K + \sum_{s=1}^S p^s \theta_K^s.$$

L-shaped method (single-cut version)

- 1 We have a collection of K cuts, such that $Q(u_0) \geq \alpha_k \cdot u_0 + \beta_k$.
- 2 Solve the master problem, with optimal primal solution u_0^{K+1} .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{u_0 \geq 0} \quad & c^\top u_0 + \theta \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & Au_0 = b \\
 & \theta \geq \alpha_k u_0 + \beta_k \quad \forall k \in \llbracket 1, K \rrbracket
 \end{aligned}$$

- 3 Solve S slave dual problems, with optimal dual solution λ_{K+1}^s

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 \max_{\lambda^s \in \mathbb{R}^m} \quad & \lambda^s \cdot (h^s - T^s u_0^{K+1}) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & W^s \cdot \lambda^s \leq q^s
 \end{aligned}$$

- 4 construct new cut with

$$\alpha_{K+1} := - \sum_{i=1}^S p^s (T^s)^\top \lambda^s, \quad \beta_{K+1} := \sum_{i=1}^S p^s h^s \cdot \lambda^s.$$