

# Modeling Probabilistic Dynamic

we define:

- $t$  - stage
- $i$  - state at beginning at stage  $t$
- $x$  - action (in our previous eggs,  $x$  - how many machines to produce etc).

## Recurrence function

$$f_t(i) = \max_x \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Expected reward} \\ \text{during stage } t \\ \text{given } i, a, x \end{array} + \underbrace{\sum_j P_{ij}(a, x) f_{t+1}(j)}_{\substack{\text{prob. state} \\ \text{at beginning of} \\ \text{next stage} \\ \text{is } j}} \right\}$$

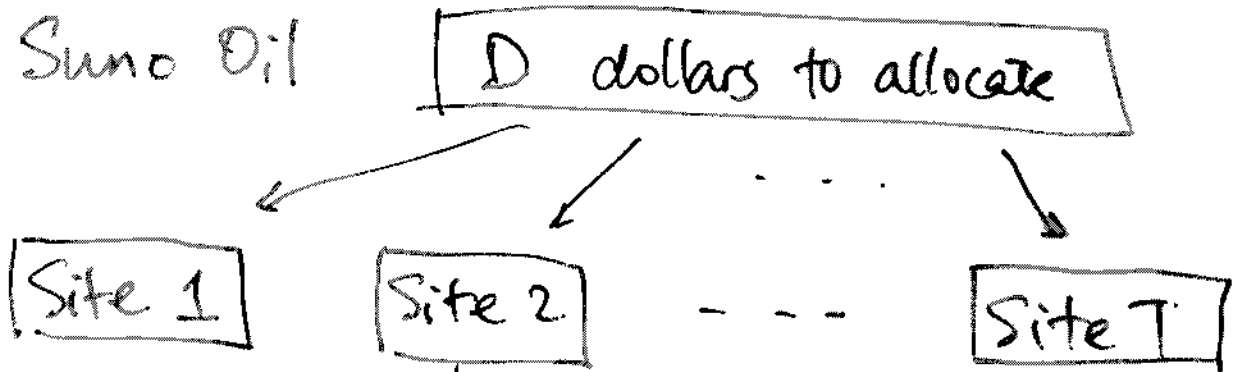
$\uparrow$   
 max. in next stage when beginning with state  $j$ .

# Oil Company Example

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(Winston Chapter 21.4 example 5 Pg 1080)

Suno Oil



- Investing  $x$  dollars
- Prob. oil be found  $q_t(x)$
- If oil is found gets  $r_t$

Objective:

Maximise the expected value of all oil found on sites 1, 2, ..., T.

Define:

$f_t(d)$  to be the max. expected value of the oil that can be found on sites  $t, t+1, \dots, T$  if  $d$  dollars are available to allocate to sites  $t, t+1, \dots, T$ .

Assumption  $q_T(x)$  non-decreasing

Stage T

$$f_T(d) = \underbrace{\Gamma_T}_{\text{reward}} \underbrace{q_T(d)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{if oil} \\ \text{is found}}} + \underbrace{(1 - q_T(d))}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{if oil is} \\ \text{not found}}} \underbrace{0}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{reward}}}$$

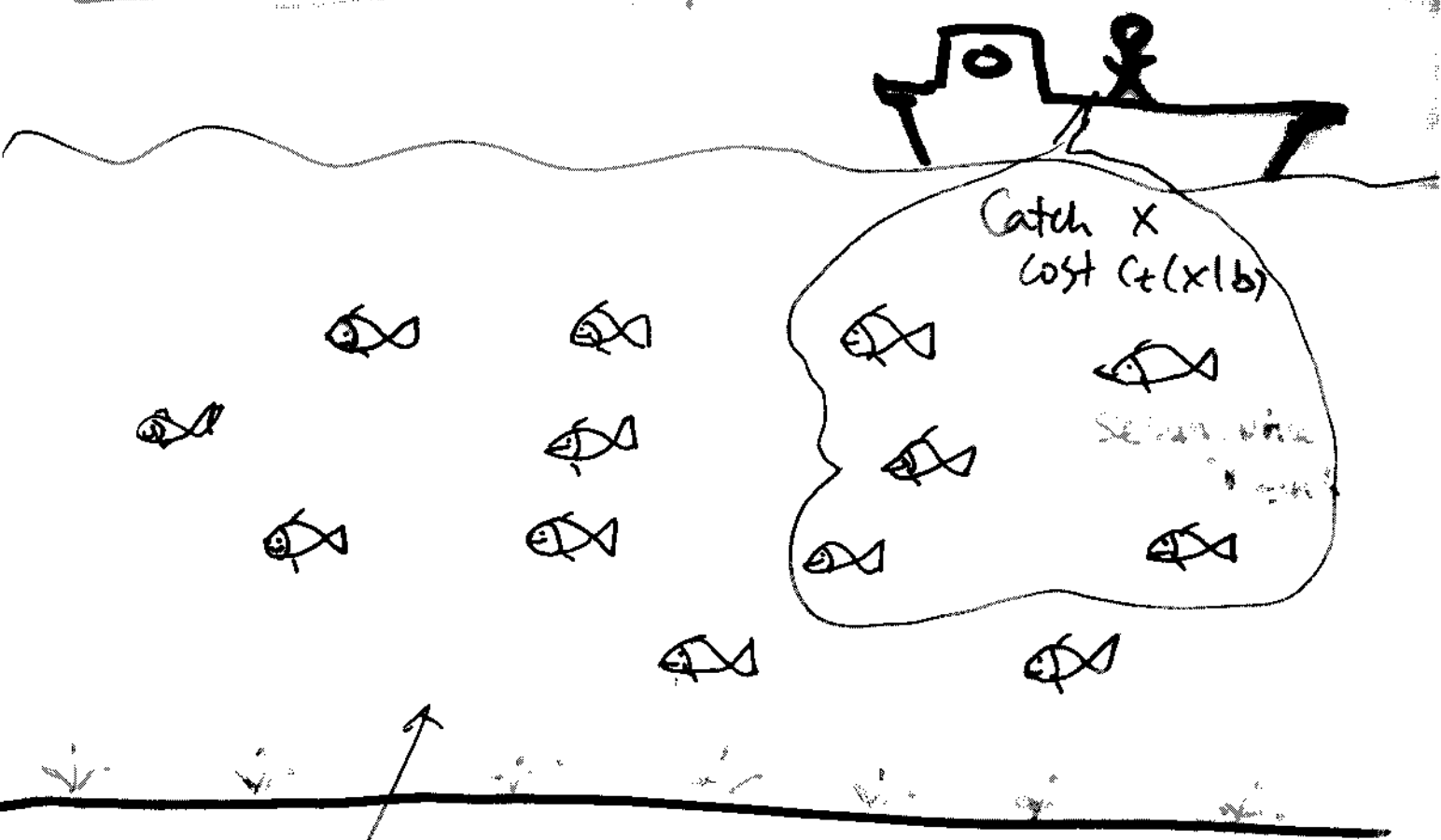
Stage  $t < T$

$$f_t(d) = \max_x \{ \Gamma_t q_t(x) + f_{t+1}(d-x) \}$$

for  $0 \leq x \leq d$   
Working backward until  $f_1(D)$

(Winston 21-4 Ex 6  
p1081)

# Fishing Problem



Remaining bass: Reproduction rate / year

a multiple of  $d$  with probability  $q(d)$   
(e.g. 30% chance at rate of  $d=2$   
 $\Rightarrow q(2) = 0.3$ ).

- The problem:
- Fish caught once per year.
  - Ten year span
  - Determine catching strategy that maximises profit over next ten years
  - 10000 bass in lake in beginning of year 1.

Define:

$f_t(b)$  - max. expected net profit that can be earned during years  $t, t+1, \dots$  if the lake contains  $b$  bass at the beginning of year  $t$ .

$$f_{10}(b) = \max_x \{ x P_{10} - C_{10}(x|b) \}$$

state:

action:  
no. of bass to catch

~~profit~~

cost  
revenue

$$0 \leq x \leq b$$

Recursive formula for  $t < 10$

Use this to work backwards until  $f_2(10,000)$

$$f_t(b) = \max_x \{ x P_t - C_t(x|b) +$$

$$\sum_d \frac{q(d)}{d} f_{t+1}(d(b-x)) \}$$

probability that rate of reproduction is  $d$

rate of reproduction

$$0 \leq x \leq b$$

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Department store Cash Management Example

(with one parameter on stock?)

(Winston Ex 8 Chap 12.4, p1082)

- Daily demand of cash at store:  
Random variable  $D$  with  $f(D=d) = p(d)$

9:00am	\$	Cash left from yesterday		
+	\$	Withdrawal	or	-
	(\$k each	transact <sup>n</sup> )		\$ Deposit
	-	#demand		(\$k each
				+ transactions)
	=	???		

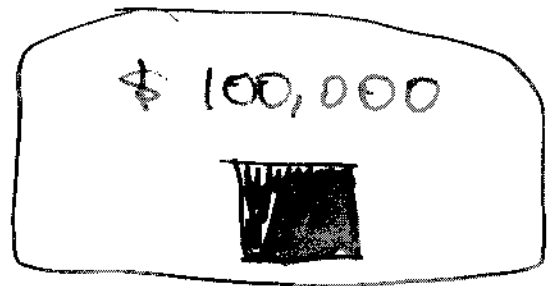
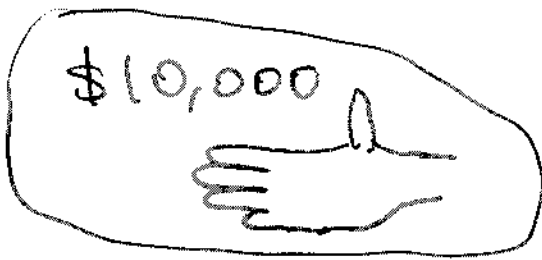
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If ??? is negative  
⇒ Shortage cost \$  $S$  / dollar

If ??? is positive  
⇒ penalty cost \$  $i$  / dollar  
(due to loss in interest)

At beginning of Day 1,

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Planning period: 30 days

Objective: minimise the expected cost of filling the store's cash needs.

State - Days  
State -  $(c, b)$  at beginning of day  
\$ $c$  in hand and \$ $b$  in bank.

Define

$f_t(c, b)$  - min expected cost incurred by the store during days  $t, t+1, \dots, 30$ , given that at beginning of day  $t$ , the store has  $c$  dollars in hand and  $b$  dollars in bank.

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$$\boxed{\text{Total Cost} = \text{Cost of transact} + \text{shortage cost} + \text{penalty cost}}$$

Cost of transaction

$$K \delta(x), \text{ for } \delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

↑  
Cost per transaction

↑  
amt deposit (withdraw from bank)

Shortage cost

$$\sum_{d \geq c+x} p(d) (d - c - x)^+ s$$

↑  
if demand  $\geq$  supply

↑  
prob demand is  $d$

↑  
excess in demand

↑  
shortage cost per dollar

Penalty cost

$$\sum_{d \leq c+x} p(d) (c+x-d)^+ i$$

↑  
if supply  $\geq$  demand

↑  
prob. demand is  $d$

↑  
excess in supply

↑  
loss in interest per dollar

At stage 30

$$f_{30}(c, b) = \min_x \left\{ K \delta(x) + \sum_{d \leq c+x} p(d) (c+x-d)^+ i + \sum_{d > c+x} p(d) (d-c-x)^+ s \right\}$$

$x \leq b$  ← cannot withdraw more than  $b$  dollars  
∴ that's all in bank

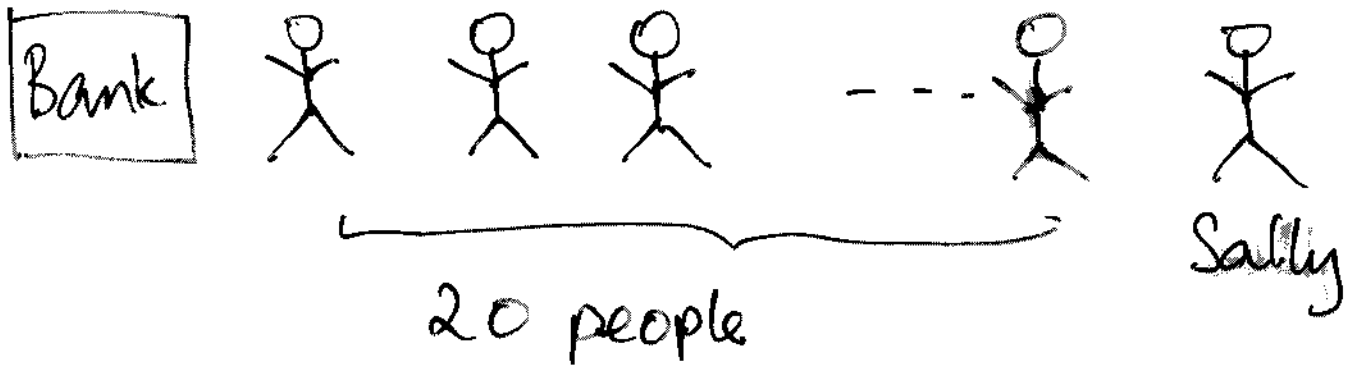
$-x \geq -c$  ← cannot deposit more than  $c$  dollars ∴ that's all in store.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{-c \leq x \leq b}$$

Recursive Formula

$$f_t(c, b) = \max_{-c \leq x \leq b} \left\{ K \delta(x) + \sum_{d \leq c+x} p(d) (c+x-d)^+ i + \sum_{d > c+x} p(d) (d-c-x)^+ s + \sum_d p(d) \underbrace{f_{t+1}(c+x-d, b-x)}_{\text{weighed by prob. demand} = d} \right\}$$

Working backwards until  $\boxed{f_1(10,000, 100,000)}$



- Sally has a 30-minute break
- Reward:  $r$  if by end of break, she gets money
- Cost:  $c$  (Sally hates waiting)
- Rate of service (per minute):  
If  $n$  people in the line, prob  $x$  people being served or quit

$$P(x|n)$$

Objective Maximise expected reward:

reward - waiting costs

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Stage: No. of minutes left  
(Sally has a 30-mins break)

State: No. of people ahead of her  
in queue.

**Define:**  $f_t(n)$  - maximum expected  
net reward that Sally can receive from  
time  $t$  to the end of her lunch break  
if at time  $t$ ,  $n$  people are ahead of  
her.

**Let**  $t=0$  now  
 $t=30$  end of planning period

**Last stage:**  $t=29$  - beginning of the  
last minute of the  
problem.

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At last stage,  $t=29$

$$f_{29}(n) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \quad \text{(Leave)} \\ r p(n) - c \quad \text{(Stay)} \end{array} \right.$$

$\uparrow$  reward       $\uparrow$  prob. everyone in front of sal disappears       $\uparrow$  waiting cost

For  $t < 29$

$$f_t(n) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \quad \text{(Leave)} \\ r p(n) - c + \sum_{k < n} p(k|n) f_{t+1}(n-k) \end{array} \right.$$

$\uparrow$  expected reward if she gets served       $\uparrow$  waiting cost       $\uparrow$  if she didn't get served, what happens in next stage.

Working this way until  $f_0(20)$ .

$\sum_{k < n}$ <p><math>\uparrow</math> Summing over all <math>k &lt; n</math>.</p>	$p(k n)$ <p><math>\uparrow</math> prob. <math>k</math> people getting served or quit.</p>	$f_{t+1}(n-k)$ <p><math>\uparrow</math> in front of sal for next stage.</p>
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