

Management of a LNG contract portfolio

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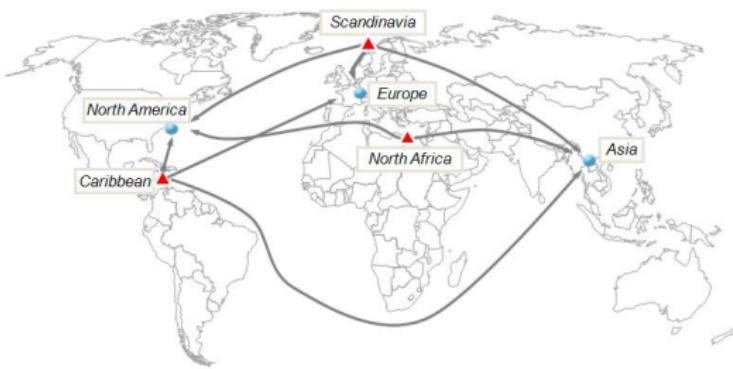


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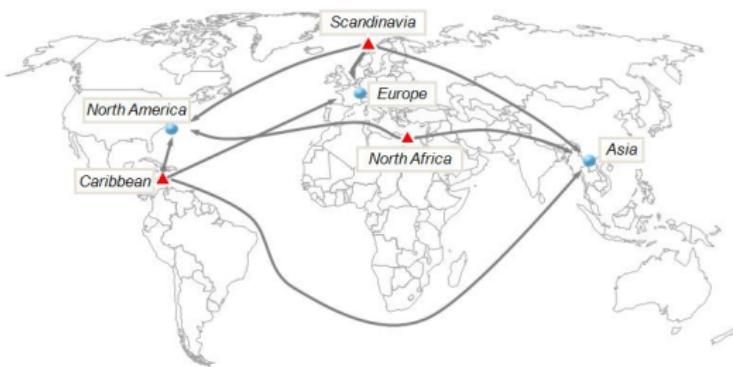


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Mathematical model

Mathematical formulation

- Time $t = 1, \dots, T = 12$;
- State variables I: traded amounts (starting from 0) $x_t \geq 0$;
- State variables II: (random) commodities indexes ξ_t ;
- Decision variables: number of ships per route u_t ;
- State equation I: $x_{t+1} = x_t + Au_t$;
- Running cost $c_t(\xi_t)$ per ship per route;
- Final cost $g(\xi_T, x_{T+1})$;
- Filtration \mathcal{F}_t generated by ξ_t ;

Problem

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \inf_{(u_t)_{t=1,\dots,T-1}} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{t=1}^T c_t(\xi_t) \cdot u_t + g(\xi_T, x_{T+1}) \right] \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & u_t \in \mathcal{U}_t \text{ and } \mathcal{F}_t - \text{measurable} \\
 (\text{dynamic}) \quad & x_{t+1} = x_t + A_t u_t \\
 (\text{final condition}) \quad & x_{T+1} \in \mathfrak{X}_{T+1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where $u_t \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $x_t \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $x_1 = 0$;

$(\xi_t) \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_t, \mathbf{P}; \mathbb{R}^d)$ Markov chain :

$$\xi_{t+1} = f(W_t, \xi_t, \alpha_t) \quad t = 1, \dots, T-1 \tag{2}$$

$\xi_1 = \xi_1$, (W_t) i.i.d. r.v. on \mathbb{R}^d , $W_t \perp\!\!\!\perp \xi_t$;

$\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(\xi_s, 1 \leq s \leq t)$;

$g(\xi, x)$ final cost function, convex w.r.t. x , Lipschitz;

$c_t(\xi)$ Lipschitz.

Dynamic programming (DP.) formulation

At stage t ($t = 1 \dots T$):

$$\begin{aligned} Q(t, x_t, \xi_t) := & \inf_{u_t} c_t(\xi_t) \cdot u_t + Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, \xi_t) \\ \text{s.t. } & u_t \in \mathfrak{U}_t \\ & x_{t+1} = x_t + A_t u_t \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

and final cost ($T+1$):

$$Q(T+1, x_{T+1}, \xi_T) = \begin{cases} g(\xi_T, x_{T+1}) & \text{if } x_{T+1} \in \mathfrak{X}_{T+1} \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

where $Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, \xi_t) = \mathbb{E}[Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, \xi_{t+1}) \mid \mathcal{F}_t]$.

Difficulties

- high dimension (u_t and x_t);
- many conditional expectation calculations.

Feasibility

Since (ξ_t) only present in objective function, we note:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{U}^{ad} &:= \left\{ (u_t)_{t \in [1, T]} \mid \sum_{t=1}^T A_t u_t \in \mathfrak{X}_{T+1}, u_t \in \mathfrak{U}_t \right\} \\ \mathfrak{U}_t^{ad}(x_t) &:= \left\{ u_t \in \mathfrak{U}_t \mid x_t + \sum_{s=t}^T A_s u_s \in \mathfrak{X}_{T+1}, u_s \in \mathfrak{U}_s \right\} \\ \mathfrak{X}_t &:= \mathfrak{X}_{T+1} - \sum_{s=t}^T A_s \mathfrak{U}_s\end{aligned}$$

⇒ relatively complete recourse problem.

$\mathfrak{U}_t^{ad}(x_t)$ takes into account **feasibility cuts**.

Idea

- Bender's decomposition for high dimension problem (x_t);
- a simple way to calculate conditional expectation (??);

Conditional expectation

- **space discretization** (tree method);
- regression (Longstaff and Schwartz);
- Malliavin calculus + Monte Carlo.

Optimal quantization

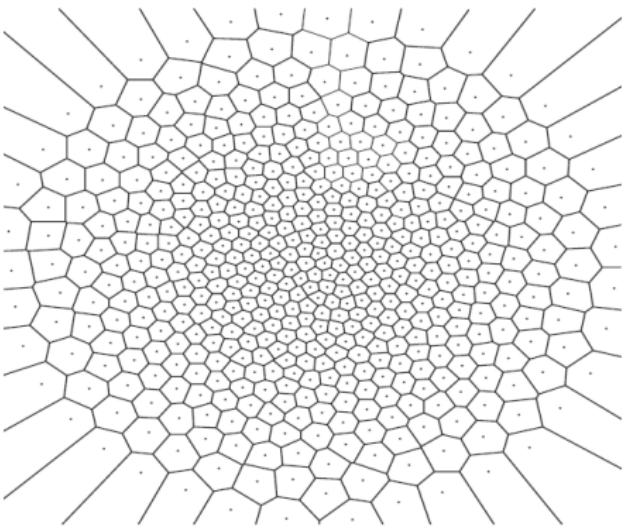
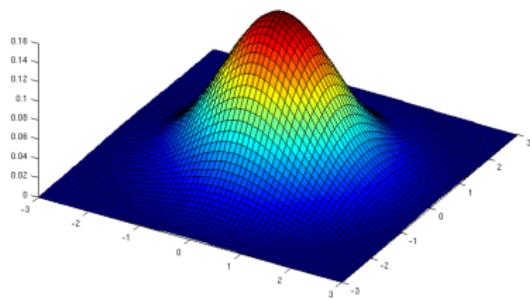


Figure: 2d Normal distribution and its optimal quantization

Optimal quantization : $\inf \left\{ \|\xi - \hat{\xi}\|_2 \mid \hat{\xi} \in \Gamma = \{\xi^1, \dots, \xi^N\} \right\}$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\xi} = \mathbf{Proj}_{\Gamma}(\xi) \quad p^i = \int \mathbf{1}_{\{\mathbf{Proj}_{\Gamma}(\xi) = \xi^i\}} \mu(d\xi)$$

Quantization tree

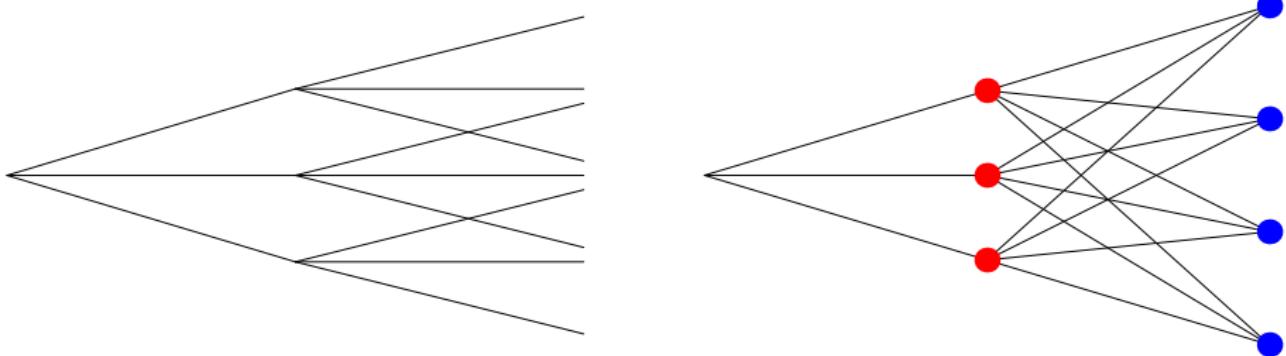


Figure: transitional tree v.s. quantization tree

Building method

- stochastic gradient method : Competitive Learning Vector Quantization(CLQV) (see Bally and Pagès);
- Gaussian case (ex. Brownian motion) : <http://quantize.math-fi.com>.

Transition probability

Denote p_t^{ij} the transition probability from ξ_t^i to ξ_{t+1}^j :

$$p_t^{ij} = \mathbb{P}\left(\mathbf{Proj}_{\Gamma_{t+1}}(\xi_{t+1}) = \xi_{t+1}^j \mid \mathbf{Proj}_{\Gamma_t}(\xi_t) = \xi_t^i\right)$$

in practice, computed by Monte-Carlo method

$$\hat{p}_t^{ij} = \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M \mathbf{1}_{\{\mathbf{Proj}_{\Gamma_t}(\xi_t^m) = \xi_t^i\}} \mathbf{1}_{\{\mathbf{Proj}_{\Gamma_{t+1}}(\xi_{t+1}^m) = \xi_{t+1}^j\}}}{\sum_{m=1}^M \mathbf{1}_{\{\mathbf{Proj}_{\Gamma_t}(\xi_t^m) = \xi_t^i\}}}$$

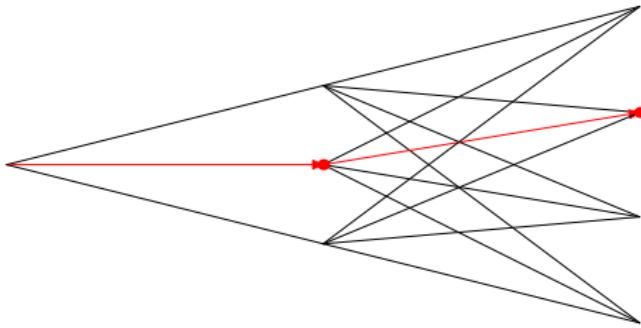
where $M(\approx 10^6)$ is the number of sample in Monte-Carlo simulation.

Conditional expectation calculation

$$\begin{aligned} Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, \xi_t) &= \mathbb{E}\left[Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, \xi_{t+1}) \mid \xi_t\right] \\ (\text{scheme 0}) &\approx \mathbb{E}\left[Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, \xi_{t+1}) \mid \xi_t^i = \mathbf{Proj}_{\Gamma_t}(\xi_t)\right] \\ (\text{space discretization}) &\approx \sum_{\xi_{t+1}^j \in \Gamma_{t+1}} \hat{p}_t^{ij} Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, \xi_{t+1}^j) \end{aligned}$$

Dual dynamic programming

Forward pass (in sample)



$$Q(t, x_t, \xi_t) \approx \inf_{u_t} c_t(\xi_t) \cdot u_t + Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, \hat{\xi}_t = \xi_t^i) \quad (5)$$

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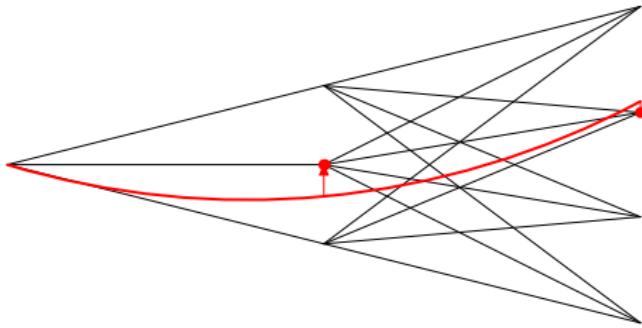
s.t. $x_{t+1} = x_t + A_t u_t$
 (feasibility) $u_t \in \mathcal{U}_t^{ad}(x_t)$

(optimality) $\vartheta(t+1, x_{t+1}, \xi_t^i) \geq \left[\sum_{\xi_{t+1}^j \in \Gamma_{t+1}} \hat{p}_t^{ij}(x_k^* \cdot x_{t+1} + e_k) \right] \quad k \in K(t+1, \xi_{t+1}^j)$

where $\hat{\xi}_t = \text{Proj}_{\Gamma_t}(\xi_t)$.

Dual dynamic programming

Forward pass (out of sample)



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Control variate for forward pass

Take the following variable as control variate for forward pass:

$$v_{cv}(\xi) = \sum_{t=1}^T c_t(\xi_t) \cdot u_t^* \quad (7)$$

where u_t^* is one optimal solution for problem (v_{cv}^* the optimal value):

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{(u_t)} \quad & \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{E}[c_t(\xi_t)] \cdot u_t \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{t=1}^T A_t u_t \in \mathfrak{X}_{T+1} \\ & u_t \in \mathfrak{U}_t \quad t = 1, \dots, T \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Evaluate $\mathbb{E}[c_t(\xi_t)]$ by quantization: $\mathbb{E}[c_t(\xi_t)] \approx \sum_{\xi_t^i \in \Gamma_t} p_t^i c_t(\xi_t^i)$

$$\mathbb{E}[v_{cv}(\xi)] = v_{cv}^* \quad (9)$$

Algorithm II

Forward pass (upper bound)

Step 1 Initialization

Let $u_1 \in \mathcal{U}_1^{ad}$ current control and calculate state variable x_2 .

Let $\underline{v}^0 = -\infty$.

Go to Step 2.

Step 2 Forward pass

Simulate M_f Markov chain following (2);

At $t = 2, \dots, T$ do

for $m = 1, \dots, M_f$ do

calculate $\hat{\xi}_t^m = \text{Proj}_{\Gamma_t}(\xi_t^m)$;

solve the subproblem (6).

v^m optimal value of scenario ξ^m .

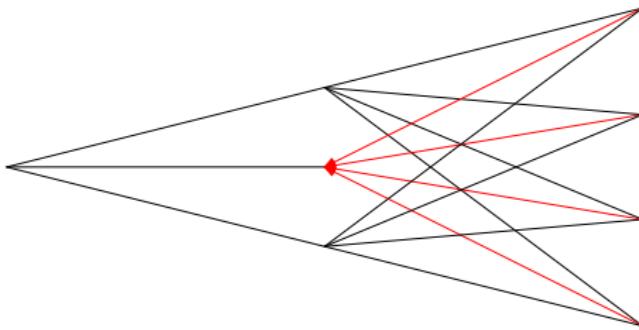
Compute the forward statistic $\bar{v} = \frac{1}{M_f} \sum_{m=1}^{M_f} v^m$

and $s = \frac{1}{M_f} \sqrt{\sum_{m=1}^{M_f} (v^m - \bar{v})^2}$.

Go to Step 3.

Dual dynamic programming

Backward pass



$$Q(t, x_t, \xi_t^i) = \inf_{u_t} c_t(\xi_t^i) \cdot u_t + Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, \xi_t^i) \quad (10)$$

$$\approx \inf_{u_t} c_t(\xi_t^i) \cdot u_t + \vartheta(t+1, x_{t+1}, \xi_t^i) \quad (11)$$

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Algorithm III

Backward pass (lower bound)

Step 3 Backward pass

At $t = T, \dots, 2$ do

for $m = 1, \dots, M_b$ do

solve the subproblem (11) on all vertices in Γ_t ;

calculate new optimality cuts and add them to vertex $(t - 1, \xi_{t-1})$.

At $t = 1$

solve the subproblem;

calculate the backward value \underline{v}^{it} , it the iteration number.

Go to Step 4.

Step 4 Check stop condition

If $\underline{v}^{it} \in [\bar{v} - 1.96s, \bar{v} + 1.96s]$ and $|\underline{v}^{it} - \underline{v}^{it-1}| \leq \epsilon |\underline{v}^{it}|$

STOP;

else

go to Step 2.

Price dynamic

$$\ln F^i(s+1, t) - \ln F^i(s, t) = \sigma_i W_s^i - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{2} \quad i = 1, \dots, d \quad (12)$$

$$\xi_t^i = F^i(t, t) = F^i(0, t) \exp\left(\sigma_i \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} W_s^i - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{2}(t-1)\right) \quad (13)$$

where $F(s, t)$ the forward contract price at time s with maturity t ;
 W_s a d -dimension i.i.d. r.v. $N(0, \Sigma)$;

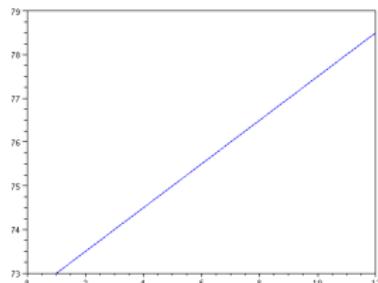


Figure: $F^1(0, t)$ OIL price (US\$ /barrel)

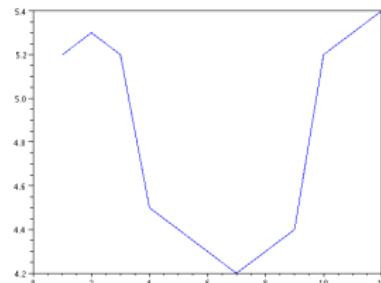


Figure: $F^2(0, t)$ NA NG price (US\$ / MMBtu)

Portfolio

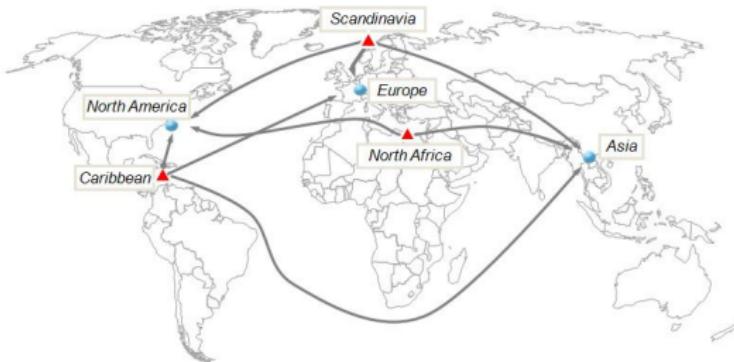


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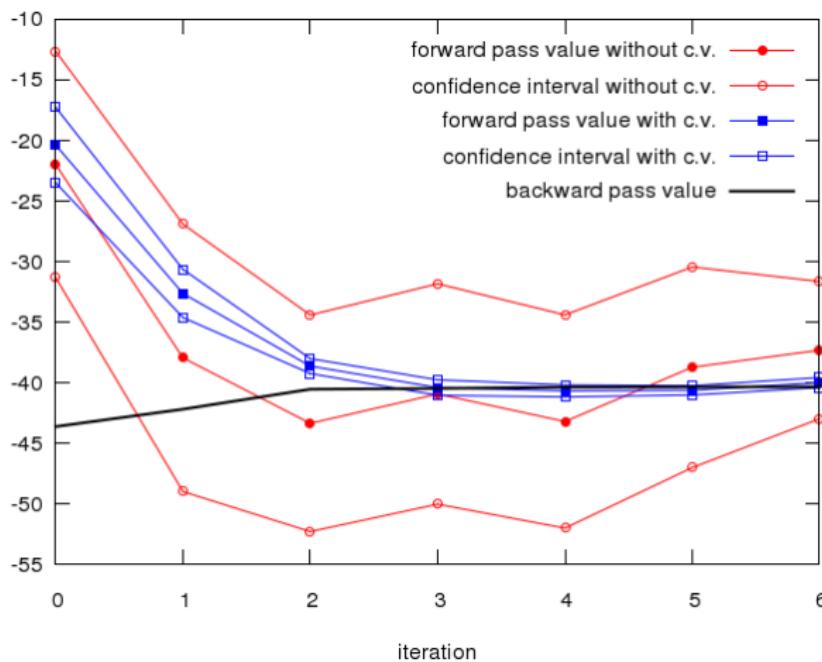
Port	Annual QC.	Monthly QC.	Price formula (in \$/MMBtu)
Caribbean	50.0	[0, 6.0]	NA NG - 0.1
Scandinavia	25.0	[0, 3.0]	$\begin{cases} 0.05\text{OIL} + 2.5 & \text{if OIL} \leq 75 \\ 0.07\text{OIL} + 1.0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
North Africa	100.0	[0, 12.0]	$\begin{cases} 0.9\text{NA NG} + 0.4 & \text{if NA NG} \leq 5 \\ 0.8\text{NA NG} + 0.9 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
North American	85.0	[0, 8.0]	NA NG
Europe	70.0	[0, 7.0]	$\begin{cases} \text{EU NG} & (3 \text{ random}) \\ 0.055\text{OIL} + 0.8 & (2 \text{ random}) \end{cases}$
Asia	20.0	[0, 4.0]	0.08OIL - 0.8

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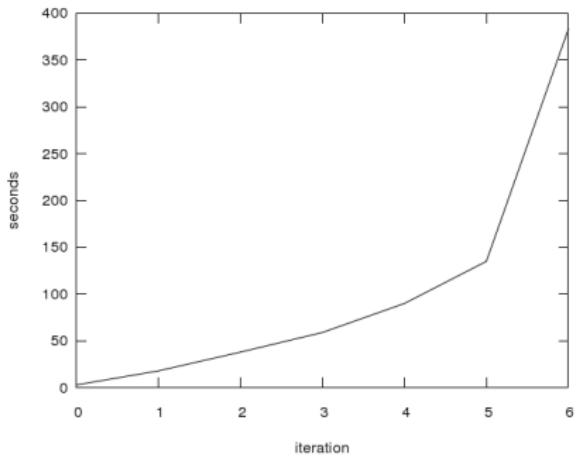


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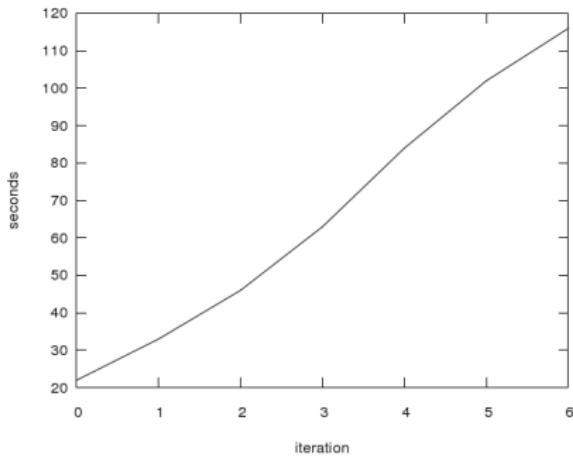


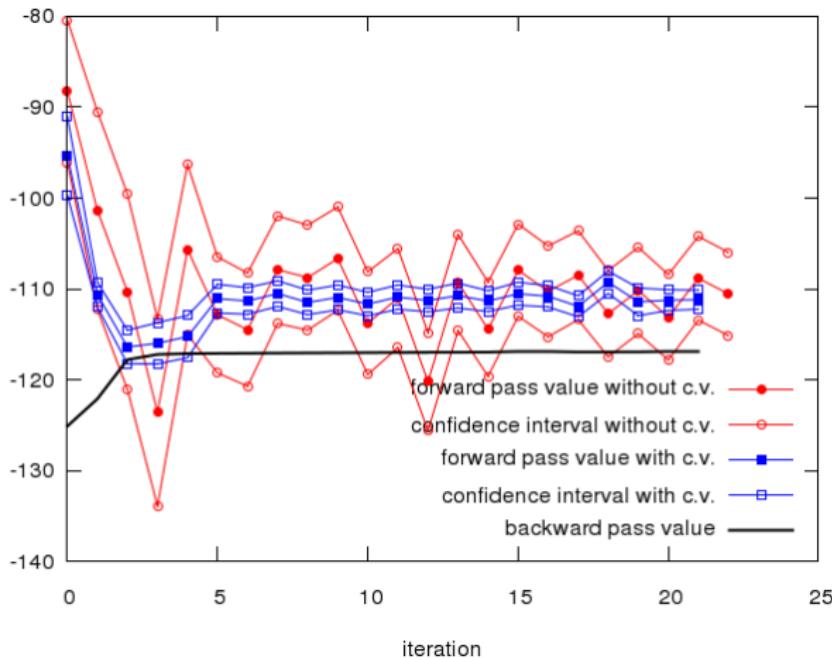
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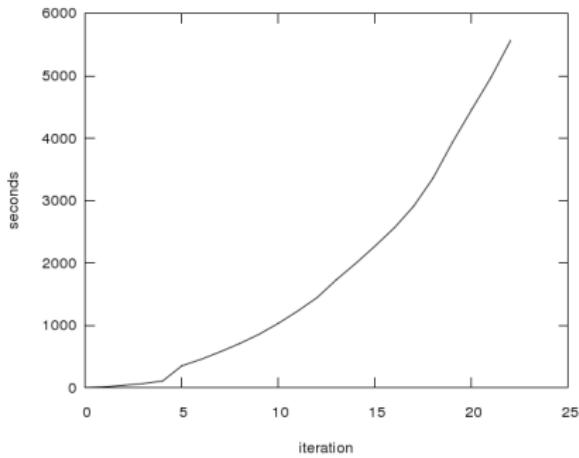


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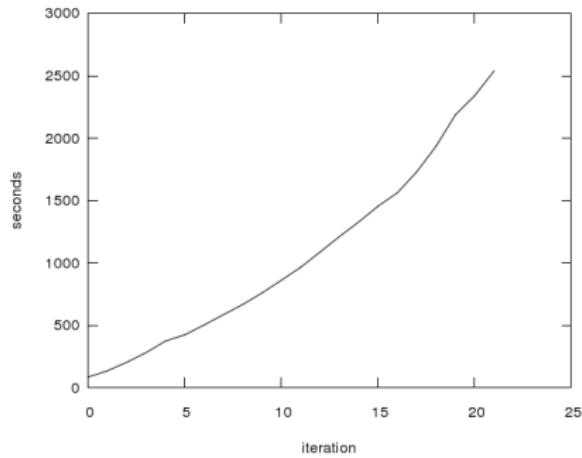


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Heuristic method for integer solution

Idea

Using the Bellman function obtained in continuous relaxation to simulate the integer strategy.
After converge in continuous problem, solve integer strategy in forward pass.

$$Q(t, x_t, \xi_t) \approx \inf_{u_t} c_t(\xi_t) \cdot u_t + Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, \hat{\xi}_t = \xi_t^i) \quad (14)$$

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Problem and result

Relaxed problem

Port	Cargo Size	Annual QC.	Monthly QC.	Price formula (in \$/MMBtu)
Caribbean	3	[46, 54]	[0, 6.0]	NA NG – 0.1
Scandinavia	3	[21, 29]	[0, 3.0]	$\begin{cases} 0.05\text{OIL} + 2.5 & \text{if OIL} \leq 75 \\ 0.07\text{OIL} + 1.0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
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Asia	3, 4	[16, 24]	[0, 4.0]	0.08OIL – 0.8

Result

	upper Bound	c.v. of upper bound	lower Bound	$v_{cv}^*(9)$
Continuous	-54.0464	1.79238	-54.7472	-31.5404
Integer	-31.8133	4.29456	nan	-28.0352

Problem with CV@R

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \inf_{(u_t)} \quad \mathbb{E}[Y_{T+1}] + \lambda \text{CVaR}_\beta(Y_{T+1}) \tag{16} \\
 & \text{s.t.} \quad u_t \in \mathfrak{U}_t \text{ and } \mathcal{F}_t - \text{measurable} \\
 & \text{(dynamic)} \quad x_{t+1} = x_t + A_t u_t \\
 & \text{(final condition)} \quad x_{T+1} \in \mathfrak{X}_{T+1} \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad Y_{T+1} = \sum_{t=1}^T e^{-rt} c_t(\xi_t) \cdot u_t
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda > 0$ and $\beta \in (0, 1)$;

CV@R

$$\text{CVaR}_\beta(Y) = \inf_{z \in \mathbb{R}} z + (1 - \beta)^{-1} \mathbb{E}[(Y - z)_+] \tag{17}$$

$$\inf_{(u_t)} \mathbb{E}[Y] + \lambda \text{CVaR}_\beta(Y) = \inf_{(u_t), z} \mathbb{E}\left[Y + \lambda(z + (1 - \beta)^{-1}(Y - z)_+)\right] \tag{18}$$

DP. formulation with CV@R

DP. formulation

$$\begin{aligned} Q(t, x_t, Y_t, \xi_t, z) &= \inf_{u_t \in \mathcal{U}_t} c_t(\xi_t) u_t + Q(t+1, x_{t+1}, Y_{t+1}, \xi_t, z) \\ s.t. \quad x_{t+1} &= x_t + A_t u_t \quad Y_{t+1} = Y_t + e^{-r} c_t(\xi_t) u_t \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

The first stage :

$$\begin{aligned} Q(t=1, x_1 = 0, Y_1 = 0, \xi_1) &= \inf_{u_1 \in \mathcal{U}_1, z \in \mathbb{R}} c_1(\xi_1) u_1 + Q(2, x_2, Y_2, \xi_1, z) \\ s.t. \quad x_2 &= x_1 + A_1 u_1 \quad Y_2 = Y_1 + e^{-r} c_1(\xi_1) u_1 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

The final stage :

$$Q(T+1, x_{T+1}, Y_{T+1}, \xi_T, z) = \begin{cases} \lambda(z + (1-\beta)^{-1}(Y_{T+1} - z)_+) & \text{if } x_{T+1} \in \mathfrak{X}_{T+1} \\ \infty; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{21}$$

Lemma

$Q(t, x_t, Y_t, \xi_t, z)$ is a convex function of (x_t, Y_t, z) .

Stability of optimal value

Theorem (W. Römisch 06)

Under some assumptions, there exist positive constants L and δ such that:

$$|\text{val}(\xi) - \text{val}(\hat{\xi})| \leq L (\|\xi - \hat{\xi}\|_p + D_f(\xi, \hat{\xi}))$$

hold for all random element $\hat{\xi} \in I^p$ (same as ξ) with $\|\xi - \hat{\xi}\|_p \leq \delta$, where

$$D_f(\xi, \hat{\xi}) := \inf_{u \in S(\xi), \hat{u} \in S(\hat{\xi})} \sum_{t=2}^{T-1} \|u_t - \mathbb{E}[u_t | \hat{\mathcal{F}}_t]\|_{p'} \vee \|\hat{u}_t - \mathbb{E}[\hat{u}_t | \mathcal{F}_t]\|_{p'}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_t = \sigma(\hat{\xi}_s : 0 \leq s \leq t)$$

Stability of optimal solution

Theorem (W. Römisch 06)

Under previous assumptions, and that the solution sets $S(\xi)$ and $S(\hat{\xi})$ are nonempty, then there exist positive constants \bar{L} and $\bar{\epsilon}$ such that

$$d_{\infty}(S_{\epsilon}(\xi), S_{\epsilon}(\hat{\xi})) \leq \frac{\bar{L}}{\epsilon} (\|\xi - \hat{\xi}\|_p + D_f^*(\xi, \hat{\xi})) \quad (22)$$

hold for any $\epsilon \in (0, \bar{\epsilon})$, where

$$D_f^*(\xi, \hat{\xi}) := \sup_{\|u\|_{p'} \leq 1} \sum_{t=2}^T \|\mathbb{E}[u_t | \hat{\mathcal{F}}_t] - \mathbb{E}[u_t | \mathcal{F}_t]\|_{p'}$$

$$d_{\infty}(C, D) := \liminf_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \{\eta \geq 0 \mid C \cup \rho \mathbb{B} \subset D + \eta \mathbb{B}, D \cup \rho \mathbb{B} \subset C + \eta \mathbb{B}\}$$

Convergence rate of distortion

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\text{distortion of quantization}) & D_N^{\mu,p} = \|\xi - \hat{\xi}\|_p^p \\ (\text{optimal distortion}) & \underline{D}_N^{\mu,p} = \inf_{|\Gamma| \leq N} D_N^{\mu,p} \end{array}$$

Theorem (Zador 82)

Assume that $\mathbb{E}\|\xi\|^{p+\eta} = \int_{\Xi} |\xi|^{p+\eta} \mu(d\xi) < \infty$ for some $\eta > 0$. Then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (N^{\frac{p}{d}} \underline{D}_N^{\mu,p}) = J_{p,d} \|\varphi\|_{\frac{d}{d+p}} \quad (23)$$

where $\mu(d\xi) = \varphi(\mu) \cdot \lambda_d(d\xi) + \nu$ (λ_d Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^d), and $\nu \perp \lambda_d$. The constant $J_{p,d}$ corresponds to the case of the uniform distribution on $[0, 1]^d$ (or any Borel set of Lebesgue measure 1).

quantization tree: $\inf_{|\Gamma| \leq N} \|\xi - \hat{\xi}\|_p = \left(\sum_{t=1}^T \underline{D}_{N_t}^{\mu_t,p} \right)^{1/p} = O(N^{-1/d})$ where $N = \sum_{t=1}^T N_t$.

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