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Large-scale Stochastic Optimization Problems, Space Decomposition and DADP Algorithm

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The dams cascade problem



Optimal management of a dams cascade hydroelectric production by means of a Discrete Time Stochastic Optimal Control Problem: let $1 \le i \le N$ and $0 \le t \le T$

state \mathbf{X}_t^i : storage level

noise \mathbf{W}_t^i : exogeneous inflows

control \mathbf{U}_t^i : turbinated water

 \mathbf{D}_t^i : spilled water surplus

 \rightarrow *N* state and *N* control variables straightforward Dynamic Programming: **untractable as soon as N > 4...**

Standard ways to solve the problem: approximate solving

• Stochastic Programming:

model the problem using the scenario tree

pros availability of efficient algorithms from Mathematical Programming cons difficulty to discretize the uncertainty as a tractable scenarios tree, no strategy (decisions are attached to the nodes of the tree)

• Approximate Dynamic Programming

- Aggregation methods
- **Stochastic Dual Dynamic Programming:** Bellman function approximation by cuts that are computed iteratively
 - prose efficient for cascade and production demand equilibrium type problems up to N = 12 units
 - cons quite strong assumptions (convexity, linearity) over the cost and the dynamics functions

• Decomposition/coordination methods

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Main idea:

- decompose a large scale problem into smaller subproblems we are able to solve independently by efficient algorithms
- coordinate the subproblems for the concatenation of their solutions to form the initial problem solution

How to decompose the problem:

- identify the coupling dimensions of the problem: *time*, *space* or *uncertainty*
- dualize the coupling constraints linked to the dimension over which the problem is to be decomposed
- Solution the problem into the resulting subproblems

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The SOC problem we are interested in:

$$\min_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{U}} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{t=0}^{T} L_{t}^{i}(\mathbf{X}_{t}^{i},\mathbf{U}_{t}^{i},\mathbf{W}_{t})\right)$$

s.t. $\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^{i} = f_{t}^{i}(\mathbf{X}_{t}^{i},\mathbf{U}_{t}^{i},\mathbf{W}_{t}) \mathbb{P} - a.s.$
 $\mathbf{U}_{t}^{i} \leq \mathcal{F}_{t}$
 $\sum_{i=1}^{N} \Theta_{t}^{i}(\mathbf{X}_{t}^{i},\mathbf{U}_{t}^{i},\mathbf{W}_{t}) = 0 \mathbb{P} - a.s.$

where $\mathcal{F}_t := \sigma\left((\mathbf{X}_0^i)_{i=1,\ldots,N},\ldots,\mathbf{W}_0,\ldots,\mathbf{W}_t\right)$

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Let $(\lambda^i)_{i \in \{1,...,N\}}$ be a \mathcal{F}_t -adapted process of the coupling constraints multipliers. Problem (\mathcal{P}) may read, by dualization:

$$\min_{\substack{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{U}\\\mathbf{U}_t \leq \mathcal{F}_t}} \max_{\mathbf{\lambda}} \quad \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=0}^T L_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_t) + \langle \mathbf{\lambda}_t^i, \mathbf{\theta}_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_t) \rangle \right)$$

s.t. $\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^i = f_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_t), \ \forall i \ \mathbb{P} - a.s.$

Assuming the existence of a saddle point, we can exchange the min and max operators:

$$\max_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \min_{\substack{\mathbf{X}^{i}, \mathbf{U}^{i} \\ \mathbf{U}^{i}_{t} \leq \mathcal{F}_{t}}} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{t=0}^{T} L^{i}_{t}\left(\mathbf{X}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{U}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{W}_{t}\right) + \langle \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{i}_{t}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{i}_{t}(\mathbf{X}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{U}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{W}_{t}) \rangle \right) \\$$
s.t. $\mathbf{X}^{i}_{t+1} = f^{i}_{t}(\mathbf{X}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{U}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{W}_{t}) \mathbb{P} - a.s.$

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Uzawa type algorithm: at step k and for a given $(\lambda)^{(k)}$,

• we solve *N* problems (\mathcal{P}_i) that are

$$\min_{\substack{\mathbf{X}^{i}, \mathbf{U}^{i} \\ \mathbf{U}^{i}_{t} \leq \mathcal{F}_{t}}} \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{t=0}^{T} L^{i}_{t} (\mathbf{X}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{U}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{W}_{t}) + \langle \mathbf{\lambda}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{\theta}^{i}_{t} (\mathbf{X}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{U}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{W}_{t}) \rangle \right)$$

s.t. $\mathbf{X}^{i}_{t+1} = f^{i}_{t} (\mathbf{X}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{U}^{i}_{t}, \mathbf{W}_{t}), \forall i \ \mathbb{P} - a.s.$

we update the multipliers by a gradient-like method

$$(\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{t}^{i})^{(k+1)} = (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{t}^{i})^{(k)} + \rho \sum_{j=1}^{N} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}^{i} \left(\left(\mathbf{X}_{t}^{i}, \mathbf{U}_{t}^{i}, \mathbf{W}_{t} \right)^{(k+1)} \right), \ \forall i$$

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The subproblems (\mathcal{P}_i) :

- are small size standard SOC problems
- involve state variables that follow Markovian dynamics

their solutions should be computable by Dynamic Programming

But:

- the randomness in (\mathcal{P}_i) is generated by both **W** and $(\boldsymbol{\lambda})^{(k+1)}$
- $(\mathbf{\lambda})^{(k+1)}$ has no reason to be white nor Markovian

we can't solve (\mathcal{P}_i) by Dynamic Programming using the state \mathbf{X}^i .

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The idea of DADP: replacing the multipliers by their conditional expectations w.r.t. chosen information variables \mathbf{Y}_{t}^{i} , namely

 $\mathbb{E}\left((\boldsymbol{\lambda}_t^i)^{(k)} \middle| \mathbf{Y}_t^i\right).$

 \rightarrow We transfer the measurability problem of a given variable $((\lambda)^{(k)})$ to the measurability issue of a chosen additional variable (\mathbf{Y}_t^i) . It is shown to be equivalent to replace the space coupling constraints by

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t}^{i}(\mathbf{X}_{t}^{i}, \mathbf{U}_{t}^{i}, \mathbf{W}_{t}) \middle| \mathbf{Y}_{t}^{i}\right) = 0, \quad \forall i \quad \mathbb{P}-a.s.$$

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The information variable is of the user choice. It will have a great influence on the efficiency of the DADP algorithm. In practice, \mathbf{Y}_t^i is a short-memory process. Possible choices for \mathbf{Y}_t^i are:

- (1) $\mathbf{Y}_t^i \equiv \text{cste:}$ we deal with the constraint in expectation
- (2) $\mathbf{Y}_t^i = \mathbf{\varphi}_t^i(\mathbf{W}_t)$: we incorporate a noise
- (3) $\mathbf{Y}_{t+1}^{i} = \tilde{f}_{t}^{i}(\mathbf{Y}_{t}^{i}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{W}_{t}))$: we incorporate a new state variable in the problem

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(1) $\mathbf{Y}_{t}^{i} \equiv \text{cste:}$ we deal with the constraint in expectation The DP equation for (\mathcal{P}_{i}) reads: no additional state variable

$$V_T^i(x) = \mathbb{E}\left[\min_{u} L_T^i(x, u, \mathbf{W}_T) + \left\langle \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{\lambda}_T^i)^{(k)}), \mathbf{\theta}_T^i(x, u, \mathbf{W}_T) \right\rangle \right]$$
$$V_t^i(x) = \mathbb{E}\left[\min_{u} \left\{ L_t^i(x, u, \mathbf{W}_t) + V_{t+1}^i\left(f_t^i(x, u, \mathbf{W}_t)\right) \\ + \left\langle \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{\lambda}_t^i)^{(k)}), \mathbf{\theta}_t^i(x, u, \mathbf{W}_t) \right\rangle \right\} \right]$$

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$$V_{T}^{i}(x) = \mathbb{E}\left[\min_{u} L_{T}^{i}\left(x, u, \mathbf{W}_{T}^{i}\right) + \left\langle \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{\lambda}_{T}^{i})^{(k)}|\mathbf{\phi}_{T}^{i}(\mathbf{W}_{T})), \mathbf{\theta}_{T}^{i}(x, u, \mathbf{W}_{T})\right\rangle \right]$$
$$V_{t}^{i}(x) = \mathbb{E}\left[\min_{u} \left\{ L_{t}^{i}(x, u, \mathbf{W}_{t}) + V_{t+1}^{i}\left(f_{t}^{i}(x, u, \mathbf{W}_{t})\right) \\ + \left\langle \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{\lambda}_{t}^{i})^{(k)}|\mathbf{\phi}_{t}^{i}(\mathbf{W}_{t})), \mathbf{\theta}_{t}^{i}(x, u, \mathbf{W}_{t})\right\rangle \right\} \right]$$

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(3) $\mathbf{Y}_{t+1}^{i} = \tilde{f}_{t}^{i}(\mathbf{Y}_{t}^{i}, \mathbf{W}_{t})$: we add a non controlld variable to the state The DP equation for (\mathcal{P}_{i}) reads: additional state variable

$$V_T^i(x, y) = \mathbb{E}\left[\min_{u} L_T^i(x, u, \mathbf{W}_T) + \left\langle \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{\lambda}_T^i)^{(k)} | \mathbf{Y}_T^i = y), \mathbf{\theta}_T^i(x, u, \mathbf{W}_T) \right\rangle \right]$$
$$V_t^i(x, y) = \mathbb{E}\left[\min_{u} \left\{ L_t^i(x, u, \mathbf{W}_t) + V_{t+1}^i\left(f_t^i(x, u, \mathbf{W}_t), \tilde{f}_t^i(y, \mathbf{W}_t)\right) \\ + \left\langle \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{\lambda}_t^i)^{(k)} | \mathbf{Y}_t^i = y), \mathbf{\theta}_t^i(x, u, \mathbf{W}_t) \right\rangle \right\} \right]$$

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Update of the conditional expectation of the multipliers w.r.t. \mathbf{Y}_{t}^{i} .

- save the strategies computed at *i* for the fixed $(\lambda_t^i)^{(k)}$;
- use these strategies to simulate the trajectories $(X_t^i, U_t^i, W_t, Y_t^i)_{l}^{(k+1)}$ over *L* scenarios;
- we update the multipliers possibly by the gradient method

$$(\boldsymbol{\lambda}_t^i)^{(k+1)} = (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_t^i)^{(k)} + \rho \sum_i \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^i (X_t^i, U_t^i, W_t);$$

• estimate the conditional expectation of $(\lambda_t^i)^{(k+1)}$ w.r.t. \mathbf{Y}_t^i by an interpolation method

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Open questions

At this point, the algorithm is used to solve:

$$\min_{\substack{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{U}\\\mathbf{U}_t \leq \mathcal{F}_t\\\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^i = f_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_t)}} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=0}^T L_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_t^i)\right) \text{ s.t. } \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \Theta_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_t^i) \middle| \mathbf{Y}_t^i\right) = 0$$

but not the initial problem:

$$\min_{\substack{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{U}\\\mathbf{U}_t \leq \mathcal{F}_t\\\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^i = f_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{w}_t)}} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=0}^T L_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_t^i)\right) \text{ s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_t^i) = 0$$

Questions:

- Does the algorithm converge to the approximate solution?
- Does this solution converge to the initial problem solution?
- How shall we use the approximate solution to obtain a feasible solution?

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Open questions

- Does the algorithm converge to the approximate solution? the convergence proof of Uzawa is granted, provided that:
 - the problem is posed in Hilbert spaces;
 - it exists a saddle point;

 \rightarrow seem natural to place ourselves in a Hilbert space. But: it is known (since work of Rockafellar and Wets) that such a saddle point doesn't exist in Hilbert spaces.

- Does this solution converge to the initial problem solution? by an epiconvergence result but epiconvergence raises technical problems when adressed to stochastic optimization problems
- How shall we use the approximate solution to obtain a feasible solution? use a heuristic

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 \mathbf{H}^1 \mathbf{Z}_{t}^{1} \mathbf{W}_t 113

Criteria:

$$\mathbb{E}\Big(\sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{t=0}^{T-1}-C_{t}\eta_{i}\mathbf{U}_{t}^{i}+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\mathbf{U}_{t}^{i2}+\frac{\alpha_{i}}{2}(\mathbf{X}_{T}^{i}-x_{0}^{i})^{2}\Big)$$

Dynamics:

 $\begin{aligned} f_t^i : \ \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^i &= \min\left\{\mathbf{X}_t^i + \mathbf{W}_t^i - \mathbf{U}_t^i + \mathbf{Z}_t^i, \ \overline{x}_{t+1}^i\right\} \\ \mathbf{Controls:} \left(\mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{Z}_t^i\right) \\ \mathcal{F}_t &= \sigma\left((\mathbf{W}_{\tau}^i)_{0 \leq \tau \leq t}^{1 \leq i \leq N}\right), \ \mathbf{U}_t^i \leq \overline{u}_t^i \ \text{and} \ \mathbf{Z}_t^0 \equiv 0 \\ g_t^i : \ \mathbf{Z}_t^{i+1} &= \max\left\{\mathbf{X}_t^i + \mathbf{W}_t^i + \mathbf{Z}_t^i - \overline{x}_{t+1}^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i\right\} \\ \mathbf{\sum}_{i=1}^N \theta_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_i) = 0 : \\ \left\{\mathbf{Z}_t^2 - g_t^1\left(\mathbf{X}_t^1, \mathbf{U}_t^1, \mathbf{W}_t^1, \mathbf{Z}_t^1\right) = 0 \\ \mathbf{Z}_t^3 - g_t^2\left(\mathbf{X}_t^2, \mathbf{U}_t^2, \mathbf{W}_t^2, \mathbf{Z}_t^2\right) = 0 \end{aligned}$

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Information variables:

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- (2) $\mathbf{Y}_t^i = \mathbf{W}_t^{i-1}$: we incorporate the downstream exogeneous inflows
- (3) $\mathbf{Y}_{t+1}^{i} = \tilde{f}_{t}^{1}(\mathbf{Y}_{t}^{i}, \mathbf{W}_{t}^{1})$: we mimic the first dam storage level. We assume \tilde{f}_{t}^{1} to be given by an oracle and fixed all over the iterations *k*

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Algorithm issues

Dynamic Programming equation:

$$\begin{split} V_T^i(x) &= L_T^i(x) \\ V_t^i(x,y) &= \\ \mathbb{E}\left[\min_{u,z} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_t^i(x,u) + V_{t+1}^i\left(f_t^i\left(x,u,\mathbf{W}_t^i,z\right), \tilde{f}_t^1\left(y,\mathbf{W}_t^1\right)\right) \\ -\mathbb{E}((\mathbf{\lambda}_t^{i+1})^{(k)} | \mathbf{Y}_t^i = y) \times g_t^i(x,u,\mathbf{W}_t^i,z) \\ +\mathbb{E}((\mathbf{\lambda}_t^i)^{(k)} | \mathbf{Y}_t^{i-1} = y) \times z \end{array} \right\} \right] \end{split}$$

Multipliers update: gradient method

$$(\mathbf{\lambda}_{t}^{i+1})^{(k+1)} = (\mathbf{\lambda}_{t}^{i+1})^{(k)} + \rho \left((\mathbf{Z}_{t}^{i+1})^{(k+1)} - g_{t}^{i} ((\mathbf{X}_{t}^{i}, \mathbf{U}_{t}^{i}, \mathbf{W}_{t}^{i}, \mathbf{Z}_{t}^{i})^{(k)}) \right)$$

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Numerical results

horizon: T = 12

The three dams share the same following discretized characteristics. **state:**

$$\mathbf{X}_t^i(\mathbf{\omega}) \in \{0, 2, \dots, 80\}, \forall (i, t)$$

control:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{U}_{t}^{i} &\in \{0, 8, \dots, 40\}, \forall (i, t) \\ \mathbf{Z}_{t}^{2} &\in \{0, 2, \dots, 40\} \text{ and } \mathbf{Z}_{t}^{3} \in \{0, 2, \dots, 80\}, \forall t \end{aligned}$$

noise:

$$\mathbf{W}_t^i \in \{0, 2, \dots, 32\}, \forall (i, t)$$

L = 10000 equiprobable scenarios to compute the multipliers update

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	$\mathbf{DADP}_{(1)}$	DADP ₍₂₎	DADP ₍₃₎
loss	+3.3%	+2.5%	+2%
run time	$\times 2.5$	×7	×375







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Conclusion:

- encouraging results:
 - numerical convergence of the algorithm
 - satisfactory numerical results
- the add of information seems to improve the results
- first use of a dynamic information variable in DADP
- the convergence is quite slow

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Perspectives:

- larger dams cascade problems
- improvement of the multipliers update method (conjugate gradient, quasi-Newton...)
- theoritical study (Uzawa convergence proof in (L∞, L1), epiconvergence...)
- comparison with standard methods
- more complex network topologies (Y, smart grids...)

Conclusion and perspectives

Thank you for your attention! =)