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Demand d_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$C(x)$ = cost of making x .

H = maximum stock capacity.

Problem: minimize cost of
meeting demand on time.

Call this an n period problem.

Suppose we have an oracle that gives us the answer to $n-1$ period problems. How do we use it,

if? how much should I make this period?

$$x = ? : \text{Cost} = C(x) + f_n(i) \min_x C(x) + f_{n-1}(i+x-d_1)$$

$f_r(i)$ = minimum cost of
production in $r, r+1, \dots, n$
starting with i in stock.

$$= \min_{\substack{x \geq 0 \\ x \geq d_r - i \\ i + x - d_r \leq H}} \left[c(x) + f_{r+1}(i + x - d_r) \right]$$

$$f_{n+1}(i) = 0, \forall i$$

$$n=4; \quad d=3; \quad H=3; \quad c(x)=20x-x^2$$

i	x_i	f_i	x_i	f_i	x_i	f_i	x_i	f_i
0	6	168	3 or 6	135	6	84	3	51
1	5	159	2	120	5	75	2	36
2	4	148	1	103	4	64	1	19
3	0 or 3	135	0	84	3	51	0	0

Suppose that we start with 1 in stock

$$x_1=5, \quad x_2=0, \quad x_3=6, \quad x_4=0. \quad [\text{Solution}]$$

$$\underline{r=3}$$

$$l=0$$

X

Cost

3

$$51 + 51$$

4

$$64 + 36$$

5

$$75 + 19$$

6

$$84 + 0^*$$

$$\underline{r=3}$$

$$i=1$$

X

Cost

2

$$36 + 51$$

3

$$51 + 36$$

4

$$64 + 19$$

5

$$75 + 0 *$$

$$\underline{r=3}$$

$$i=2$$

x	cost
1	19 + 51
2	36 + 36
3	51 + 19
4	64 + 0 *

$r = 3$

$i = 3$

x

corr

0

0 + 51

1

19 + 36

2

36 + 19

3

51 + 0 *

$$\frac{r=2}{i=0}$$

X

Cost

3

$$51 + 84 *$$

4

$$64 + 75$$

5

$$75 + 64$$

6

$$84 + 51 *$$

$r=2$

$i=1$

x

Cost

2

$36 + 84^*$

3

$51 + 75$

4

$64 + 64$

5

$75 + 51$

$r=2$

$i=2$

x	Cost
1	$19 + 84 *$
2	$36 + 75$
3	$51 + 64$
4	$64 + 51$

$r = 2$

$i = 3$

x

Cost

0

0 + 84*

1

19 + 75

2

36 + 64

3

51 + 51

$$\underline{r=1}$$

$$i=0$$

x

Cost

3

51 + 135

4

64 + 120

5

75 + 103

6

84 + 84*

$$\underline{r=1}$$

$$i=1$$

x Cost

2

36 + 135

3

51 + 120

4

64 + 103

5

75 + 84*

$$\underline{r=1}$$

$$i=2$$

x	Cost
1	19 + 135
2	36 + 120
3	51 + 103
4	64 + 84*

$$\underline{r=1}$$

$$i=3$$

x	Cost
0	0 + 135
1	19 + 120
2	36 + 103
3	51 + 84*