

Numerical methods for solving mid-term hydropower optimization

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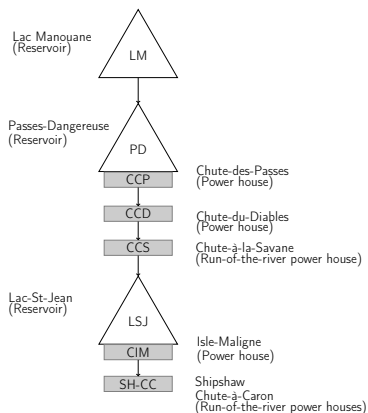


Figure – Hydroelectric system.

Characteristics :

- 3 major reservoirs
- 6 power houses
- Capacity 3,125 MW

Objective : Maximize hydropower production subject to the system constraints.

⇒ Sampling stochastic dynamic programming (SSDP)

Formulation

maximize u_t, s_{t+1} $E_{q_t | v_t} \left[\sum_{i=1}^N B(s_{i,t}, u_{i,t}, q_{i,t}) + f_{t+1}(s_{t+1}, h_{t+1}) \right]$

subject to Mass balance in reservoir

$$s_{1,t+1} = s_{1,t} + q_{1,t} - u_{1,t} \quad \forall t \in T$$

$$s_{i,t+1} = s_{i,t} + q_{i,t} - u_{i,t} + u_{i-1,t} \quad \forall i \in N, \quad \forall t \in T$$

Hydroelectric production

$$p_{i,t} = \text{Prod}_i(s_{i,t}, u_{i,t}) \quad \forall i \in N, \quad \forall t \in T$$

$$p_{\min} \leq \sum_{i=1}^N p_{i,t} \quad \forall t \in T$$

Reservoir storage levels and water release

$$s_{i,t}^{\min} \leq s_{i,t} \leq s_{i,t}^{\max} \quad \forall i \in N \quad \forall t \in T$$

$$0 \leq u_{i,t} \quad \forall i \in N, \quad \forall t \in T$$

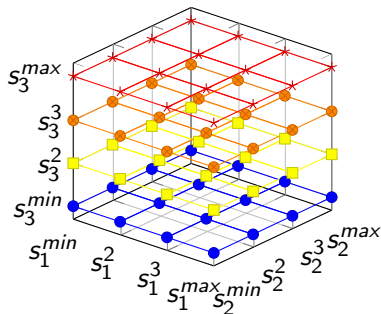
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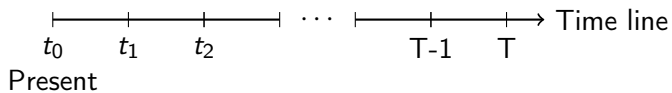
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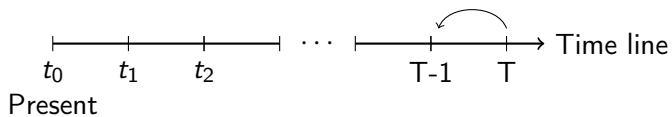
Discretization of the **major reservoir storages** s_t .



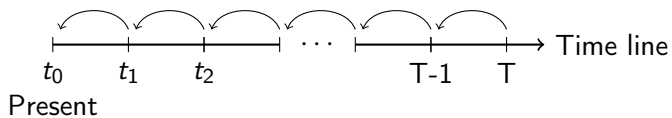
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