



## STOCHASTIC PROGRAMMING MODELS FOR DISTRIBUTION LOGISTICS, BIKESHARING AND PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

**Abstract:** In this seminar, four different problems, all characterized by the presence of uncertainty, are presented. The first two deal with a distribution system in which transshipment and/or backordering are allowed. For the first problem [1], we propose a two-stage stochastic program, provide complexity results and show that considering uncertainty explicitly in the model leads to better solutions with respect to the ones provided by the corresponding deterministic program, especially when limited recourse actions are admitted. For the second distribution problem [2], we propose a multi-stage stochastic model. As the complexity increases with the number of stages, we first derive optimal policies useful for address two polynomially solvable cases. Then, for the general case, we show that the rolling horizon heuristic performs well by properly decomposing the time horizon. For the third problem ([3]), we derive a two-stage stochastic model to optimize the desired inventory and rebalancing activities in a bikesharing system. After showing the benefits of modeling uncertainty, we compare the solution of our stochastic program with the real implemented system. For the fourth problem [4], we propose a two-stage stochastic programming model that quantifies the impact of worker assignment decisions to produce through an exponential stochastic learning curve. After linearizing it through a mixed integer program that can be solved efficiently, we perform a rigorously designed computational study and statistical analysis to derive tactics and managerial insights for how an organization should plan its production operations about assignment, cross-training and practicing.

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