



TIME SERIES ANALYSIS FOR ENERGY DATA

Module 11 - Scenario Generation

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Learning Goals

- Understand the concept of scenario generation
- Connect optimization and decision making under uncertainty
 - ▣ Intro to stochastic optimization
- Learn how to represent uncertainty with a scenario tree
 - ▣ Give an idea of how the tree is generated
 - ▣ How to generate correlated scenarios
- Learn how to generate scenarios based on the time series models we learned in R



Scenario Generation

Motivation



“Wide range of real-world problems involve decision-making under uncertainty.”

“If a statistical model can be used to describe this uncertainty, the decision problem can be modeled as a **stochastic optimization** problem.”

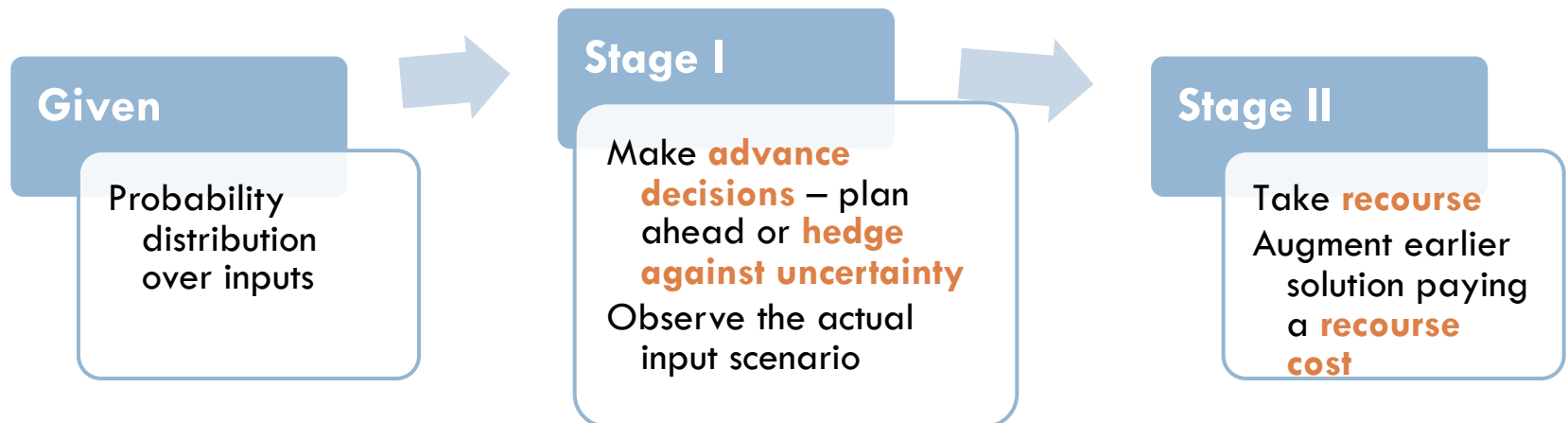
Source: Nils Löhndorf, “An empirical analysis of scenario generation methods for stochastic optimization”

Stochasticity or Uncertainty

- Origin
 - ▣ Future information (e.g. prices or demand)
 - ▣ Lack of reliable data
 - ▣ Measurement errors
- In electric energy systems planning
 - ▣ Demand (yearly, seasonal or daily variation, load growth)
 - ▣ Hydro, Wind and Solar (natural resources)
 - ▣ Availability of generation or network elements
 - ▣ Electricity or Fuel Prices

Stochastic Optimization

- Optimizing or making decisions under **uncertainty**
- Why uncertainty?
 - ▣ Exact data is unavailable or expensive
 - ▣ Instead, data is specified by a probability distribution
- Obj.: Make the **best decisions** given the uncertainty
- Approach: Multi-stage Recourse Model



Decision Under Uncertainty

- Determinist optimization
 - ▣ **Best decision** when future is known



- Stochastic Optimization

- ▣ **Better decision** when future is uncertain but with a known probability



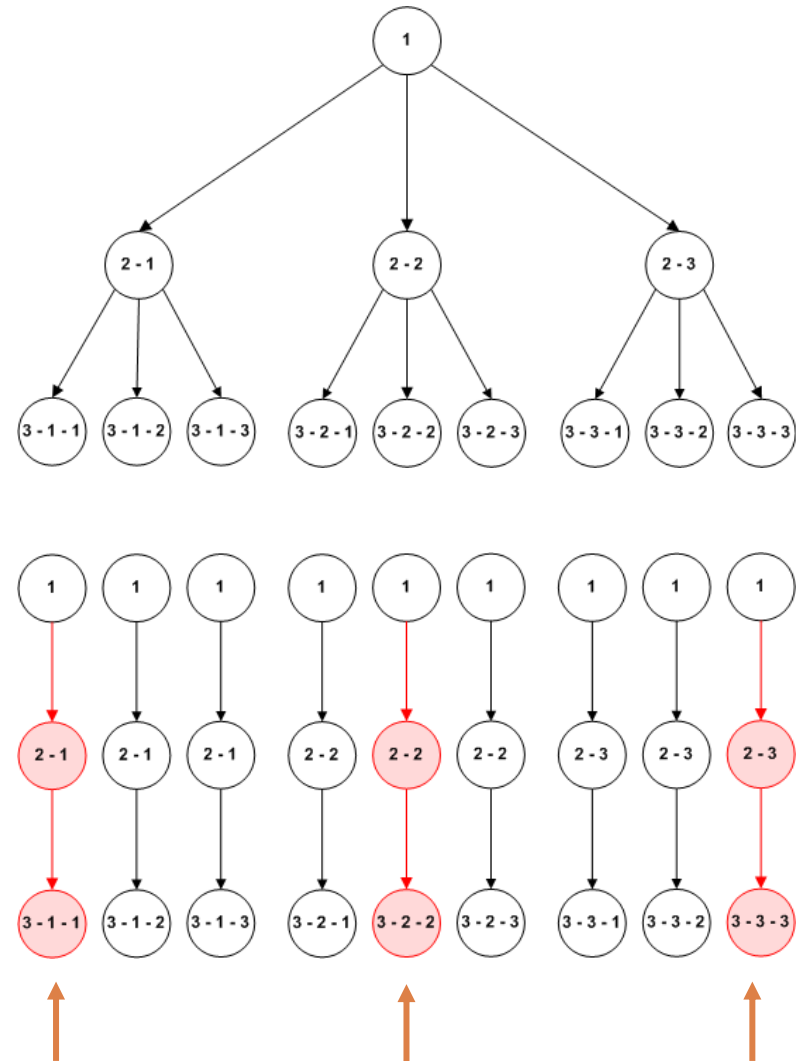
- But how??

- ▣ Scenario Analysis or scenario tree




Scenario Tree

- **Tree:** represents how the stochasticity is revealed over time, i.e., the different states of the random parameters
- **Nodes:** where decisions are taken
- **Scenarios:** path going from the root to the leaves
- Allow the solution of huge problem by solving **iteratively small size** problems



Scenario Tree Generation

- Correlation among random parameters should be considered
- Number of scenarios generated should be enough for observing parameter variability
- Common methods
 - ▣ **Monte Carlo sampling methods**  **Simulation**
 - ▣ Quasi-Monte Carlo methods
 - ▣ Optimal quantization of probability distributions
 - ▣ And others....

Simulations in R

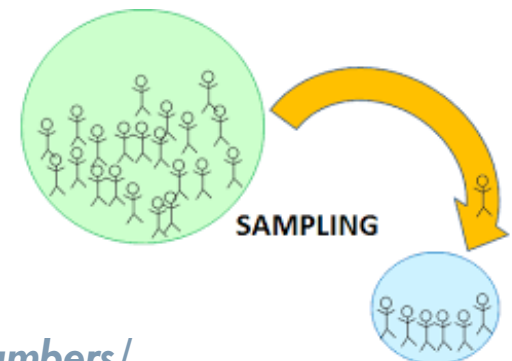
- Possible to simulate data with R using random number generators of different kinds of variables
- Sampling from

Multinomial distributions `sample(1:4,1000,rep=TRUE,prob=c(.2,.3,.2,.3))`

Uniform distribution `runif(n, min = 0, max = 25)`

Normal distribution `rnorm(n, mean = 0, sd = 1)`

Exponential distributions `rexp(n, rate = 1)`



Other examples available at:

http://uc-r.github.io/generating_random_numbers/

Sampling from Multivariate Normal Distribution

- When sampling the scenarios for multiple variables one need to take into account correlation
- Easiest way to deal with this is to draw independently $N[\mu, \sigma^2]$ and then pass the correlation through Cholesky decomposition
- Let R be correlation matrix ($n_{var} \times n_{var}$) among the variables. The Cholesky decomposition of R is a lower triangular matrix such that

$$R = LL^T$$

- How to get L ?

More info: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cholesky_decomposition

Sampling from Multivariate Normal Distribution (c'ed)

- Let X be a matrix $(n_{var} \times n_{step})$ with independent identically distributed draws from a $N[0, 1]$
- Define Y such that

$$Y = LX$$

Recall L is the Cholesky decomposition of R

- Note that the resulting matrix Y will have order $n_{var} \times n_{step}$
- Y corresponds to the correlated draws



Connecting Scenario and Models Learned in TSA

ARIMA Forecasting

- Recall the ARMA(1,1) model equation

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + a_t - \theta_1 a_{t-1} \quad \text{for } t = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

where $a_t \sim N.I.D. (0, \sigma^2)$

- From the estimation step you have $\phi = (\phi_1 \phi_2 \dots \phi_p)'$ and σ^2
- One can rewrite this equation as

$$Y_t \sim N.I.D. (\phi_1 Y_{t-1} - \theta_1 a_{t-1}, \sigma^2)$$

- Same principle is extended for the more general class of ARIMA Models

State Space BSM

- Model equations

$$y_t = \mu_t + \gamma_t + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{NID}(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\mu_{t+1} = \beta_t + \mu_t + \eta_t$$

$$\eta_t \sim \mathcal{NID}(0, \sigma_\eta^2)$$

$$\beta_{t+1} = \beta_t + \xi_t$$

$$\xi_t \sim \mathcal{NID}(0, \sigma_\xi^2)$$

$$\gamma_{t+1} = -\sum_{j=1}^{s-1} \gamma_{t+1-j} + \omega_t$$

$$\omega_t \sim \mathcal{NID}(0, \sigma_\omega^2)$$

- The observation equation can be rewritten

$$y_t \sim \mathcal{NID}(\mu_t + \gamma_t, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$



THANK YOU !

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