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ON SOME INTEGRAL INEQUALITIES  
RELATED WITH THE MULTICOMMODITY INVENTORY MODEL

The aim of this paper is to establish a relation among sets of solutions of some integral inequalities. The result allows us to reduce a minimization problem for a multicommodity inventory model to a similar problem for a one-commodity model, which is solved by Arrow and Karlin in [1] (see also Modigliani and Hohn [4], Blikle and Łoś [2]).

**1. Theorem on integral inequalities.** Let  $T$  be a fixed positive real number or  $\infty$ . All functions considered in this paper are defined on  $[0, T)$  and take on real values. For the fixed function  $f$  let  $N(f)$  denote the set of its discontinuity points.

Let  $K$  be the class of all functions satisfying the following conditions:

(K1)  $f$  is continuous on the left over  $(0, T)$  and continuous on the right at 0.

(K2)  $f$  has a finite limit on the right at each point.

(K3)  $N(f)$  is a nowhere-dense subset of  $[0, T)$ .

Condition (K1) implies that the set  $N(f)$  is at most countable.

$K$  is an algebra of functions with usual addition and multiplication.

By (K1) and (K2), a function from  $K$  is locally bounded, and so locally integrable.

Let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  be fixed non-negative functions from  $K$ . We examine sets of functions  $u \in K$  satisfying for all  $t \in [0, T)$  the following systems (I) and (II) of the inequalities:

$$(I.1) \quad \int_0^t u_1(s) ds \geq \int_0^t r_1(s) ds,$$

$$(I.2) \quad \int_0^t u_2(s) ds \geq \int_0^t r_2(s) ds,$$

$$(I.3) \quad u_1(t) \geq 0,$$

$$(I.4) \quad u_2(t) \geq 0,$$

$$(II.1) \quad \int_0^t u(s) ds \geq \int_0^t (r_1(s) + r_2(s)) ds,$$

$$(II.2) \quad u(t) \geq 0.$$

**THEOREM 1.** (A) *If  $u_1^*, u_2^* \in K$  satisfy (I), then  $u^* = u_1^* + u_2^*$  satisfies (II) (and belongs to  $K$ ).*

(B) *If  $u^* \in K$  satisfies (II), then there exist  $u_1^*, u_2^* \in K$  satisfying (I) and such that  $u^* = u_1^* + u_2^*$ .*

**Proof.** Result (A) is obvious. Result (B) is also obvious provided that for all  $t \in [0, T)$

$$(a) \quad u^*(t) - r_1(t) \geq 0,$$

or

$$(b) \quad u^*(t) - r_2(t) \geq 0,$$

since then it is sufficient to put  $u_1^* = r_1$ ,  $u_2^* = u^* - r_1$  to (a), and  $u_1^* = u^* - r_2$ ,  $u_2^* = r_2$  to (b).

Therefore, we consider the case where neither (a) nor (b) is satisfied.

Let  $u^* \in K$  satisfy (II) and write

$$S = \{t \in [0, T): u^*(t) < r_1(t)\}.$$

Since (a) is assumed to be false,  $S$  is non-empty. Since  $u^* - r_1$  is continuous on the left, the set  $S$  can be written as

$$S = \bigcup_{i \in I} \Delta(a_i, b_i),$$

where  $\Delta(a_i, b_i)$  denotes the interval (open or one-sided closed) with ends  $a_i$  and  $b_i$ ,  $a_i < b_i$ , the set  $I$  is at most countable, and intervals  $\Delta(a_i, b_i)$  for  $i \in I$  are disjoint. We assume that  $I$  is the set of positive integers or a segment of this set. By (II.1) it is clear that  $a_i > 0$  for all  $i \in I$ . Let us write, for  $t \in [0, T)$ ,

$$u_1^{(0)}(t) = r_1(t) \quad \text{and} \quad u_2^{(0)}(t) = u^*(t) - r_1(t).$$

It is obvious that  $u_1^{(0)}, u_2^{(0)}$  satisfy (I.1)-(I.2), but they do not satisfy (I.4) for  $t \in S$ . The functions  $u_1^*, u_2^*$  satisfying (B) are obtained by improving  $u_1^{(0)}, u_2^{(0)}$  step by step on intervals  $\Delta(a_i, b_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . If the set  $I$  is finite, the good functions  $u_1^*, u_2^*$  can be obtained after consideration of all  $\Delta(a_i, b_i)$  for  $i \in I$ . For infinite  $I$ , it is necessary to take the limit of the sequence of improved functions.

Consider the interval  $(a_1, b_1)$ . Since

$$\int_{a_1}^{b_1} (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds < 0$$

and

$$\int_0^{b_1} (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds \geq \int_0^{b_1} r_2(s) ds \geq 0,$$

there exists a point  $c_1 \in (0, a_1)$  such that

$$\int_{c_1}^{b_1} (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds = 0$$

and

$$\int_t^{b_1} (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds < 0 \quad \text{for } c_1 < t < b_1.$$

Put

$$u_1^{(1)}(t) = \begin{cases} u^*(t) & \text{for } t \in (c_1, b_1], \\ r_1(t) = u_1^{(0)}(t) & \text{for } t \in [0, T) \setminus (c_1, b_1], \end{cases}$$

$$u_2^{(1)}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t \in (c_1, b_1], \\ u^*(t) - r_1(t) = u_2^{(0)}(t) & \text{for } t \in [0, T) \setminus (c_1, b_1]. \end{cases}$$

We show that  $u_1^{(1)}, u_2^{(1)}$  satisfy (I.1)-(I.3), but it is clear that  $u_2^{(1)}$  satisfies (I.4) for  $t \notin (a_i, b_i), i = 2, 3, \dots$  (thus  $u_2^{(1)}$  is better than  $u_2^{(0)}$  in the sense that it satisfies (I.4) over a larger set than  $u_2^{(0)}$  does).

Verification of (I.1) and (I.3) is straightforward.

Consider inequality (I.2).

If  $t \leq c_1$ , then (I.2) is obvious. If  $c_1 < t \leq b_1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t r_2(s) ds &\leq \int_0^{b_1} r_2(s) ds \leq \int_0^{b_1} (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds \\ &= \int_0^{c_1} (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds = \int_0^t u_2^{(1)}(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if  $t > b_1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t u_2^{(1)}(s) ds &= \int_0^{c_1} (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds + \int_{b_1}^t (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds \\ &= \int_0^t (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds \geq \int_0^t r_2(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Notice also that for  $t \in (c_1, b_1)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{c_1}^t (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds &= \int_{c_1}^{b_1} (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds - \int_t^{b_1} (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds \\ &= - \int_t^{b_1} (u^*(s) - r_1(s)) ds \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows at once that if

$$(a_i, b_i) \cap (c_1, b_1) \neq \emptyset \quad \text{for some } i \in I,$$

then  $(a_i, b_i) \subset (c_1, b_1)$ . Let us suppose that we have constructed functions  $u_1^{(k)}, u_2^{(k)} \in K$  satisfying

- (i)<sub>k</sub>  $u^* = u_1^{(k)} + u_2^{(k)}$ ;
- (ii)<sub>k</sub>  $u_1^{(k)}$  satisfies (I.1) and (I.3), and  $u_2^{(k)}$  satisfies (I.2);
- (iii)<sub>k</sub>  $u_2^{(k)}(t) \geq 0$  for  $t \in [0, T] \setminus \bigcup_{i>k} (a_i, b_i)$ ;
- (iv)<sub>k</sub> if  $u_2^{(k)}(t_0) \geq 0$  for some  $t_0 \in (a_i, b_i)$ , then  $u_2^{(k)}(t) \geq 0$  for all  $t \in (a_i, b_i)$ .

Such functions have been constructed above for  $k = 1$ . Suppose that  $k > 1$  and consider the interval  $(a_{k+1}, b_{k+1})$ . If  $u_2^{(k)}$  is non-negative over  $(a_{k+1}, b_{k+1})$ , we put  $u_1^{(k+1)} = u_1^{(k)}$  and  $u_2^{(k+1)} = u_2^{(k)}$ . Thus conditions (i)<sub>k+1</sub>-(iv)<sub>k+1</sub> are obviously satisfied. If  $u_2^{(k)}$  is negative at a point from  $(a_{k+1}, b_{k+1})$ , then, by (iv)<sub>k</sub>, it is negative over all  $(a_{k+1}, b_{k+1})$ . Thus

$$\int_{a_{k+1}}^{b_{k+1}} u_2^{(k)}(s) ds = \int_{a_{k+1}}^{b_{k+1}} (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds < 0.$$

On the other hand, in view of (I.2), we have

$$0 \leq \int_0^{b_{k+1}} u_2^{(k)}(s) ds = \int_0^{b_{k+1}} (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds$$

and, therefore, in a similar manner as for  $k = 0$  we assert that there exists  $c_{k+1} \in (0, b_{k+1})$  satisfying

$$(1) \quad \int_{c_{k+1}}^{b_{k+1}} (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds = 0$$

and

$$\int_t^{b_{k+1}} (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds < 0 \quad \text{for } c_{k+1} < t < b_{k+1}.$$

Put

$$u_1^{(k+1)}(t) = \begin{cases} u^*(t) & \text{for } t \in (c_{k+1}, b_{k+1}], \\ u_1^k(t) & \text{for } t \in [0, T] \setminus (c_{k+1}, b_{k+1}], \end{cases}$$

$$u_2^{(k+1)}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t \in (c_{k+1}, b_{k+1}], \\ u_2^k(t) & \text{for } t \in [0, T] \setminus (c_{k+1}, b_{k+1}]. \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $u_1^{(k+1)}, u_2^{(k+1)}$  belong to  $K$ , satisfy (i)<sub>k+1</sub> and  $u_1^{(k+1)} \geq 0$ .

We want to check (I.1) and (I.2).

If  $0 \leq t \leq c_{k+1}$ , then (ii)<sub>k</sub> implies (ii)<sub>k+1</sub>, since

$$u_1^{(k+1)}(t) = u_1^k(t) \quad \text{and} \quad u_2^{(k+1)}(t) = u_2^k(t).$$

For  $c_{k+1} < t \leq b_{k+1}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^t u_1^{(k+1)}(s) ds &= \int_0^{c_{k+1}} u_1^{(k)}(s) ds + \int_{c_{k+1}}^t u^*(s) ds \\
 &= \int_0^t u_1^{(k)}(s) ds + \int_{c_{k+1}}^t (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds \\
 &= \int_0^t u_1^{(k)}(s) ds - \int_t^{b_{k+1}} (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds \\
 &\geq \int_0^t u_1^{(k)}(s) ds \geq \int_0^t r_1(s) ds, \\
 \int_0^t u_2^{(k+1)}(s) ds &= \int_0^{c_{k+1}} (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds \\
 &= \int_0^{b_{k+1}} (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds = \int_0^{b_{k+1}} u_2^{(k)}(s) ds \\
 &\geq \int_0^{b_{k+1}} r_2(s) ds \geq \int_0^t r_2(s) ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $t > b_{k+1}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^t u_1^{(k+1)}(s) ds &= \int_0^{c_{k+1}} u_1^{(k)}(s) ds + \int_{c_{k+1}}^{b_{k+1}} u^*(s) ds + \int_{b_{k+1}}^t u_1^{(k)}(s) ds \\
 &= \int_0^t u_1^{(k)}(s) ds + \int_{c_{k+1}}^{b_{k+1}} (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds \\
 &= \int_0^t u_1^{(k)}(s) ds \geq \int_0^t r_1(s) ds, \\
 \int_0^t u_2^{(k+1)}(s) ds &= \int_0^{c_{k+1}} (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds + \int_{b_{k+1}}^t (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds \\
 &= \int_0^t (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds \\
 &= \int_0^t u_2^{(k)}(s) ds \geq \int_0^t r_2(s) ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have proved (ii)<sub>k+1</sub>.

Condition (iii)<sub>k+1</sub> is satisfied, since  $u_2^{(k+1)} = 0$  over  $(a_{k+1}, b_{k+1})$ .

For the proof of  $(iv)_{k+1}$  notice that there exists no  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$(2) \quad u_2^{(k)}(t) \leq 0 \quad \text{for } c_{k+1} < t < c_{k+1} + \varepsilon < b_{k+1},$$

since, otherwise,

$$\int_{c_{k+1}}^{b_{k+1}} (u^*(s) - u_1^{(k)}(s)) ds = \int_{c_{k+1}}^{b_{k+1}} u_2^{(k)}(s) ds = \int_{c_{k+1}}^{c_{k+1} + \varepsilon} u_2^{(k)}(s) ds + \int_{c_{k+1} + \varepsilon}^{b_{k+1}} u_2^{(k)}(s) ds < 0,$$

which contradicts (1). Thus, by  $(iv)_k$ , for every  $i \in I$  we have one of the following cases:

$$(\alpha) \quad a_i < b_i < c_{k+1},$$

$$(\beta) \quad c_{k+1} < a_i < b_i \leq b_{k+1},$$

$$(\gamma) \quad b_{k+1} < a_i < b_i.$$

In cases  $(\alpha)$  and  $(\gamma)$ ,  $(iv)_{k+1}$  is true by  $(iv)_k$  (and by the equality  $u_2^{(k+1)} = u_2^{(k)}$  over  $(a_i, b_i)$ ). In case  $(\beta)$  we have  $u_2^{(k+1)} = 0$  over  $(a_i, b_i)$ , and thus  $(iv)_{k+1}$  is also true.

Hence we have proved that for every  $k \in I$  it is possible to construct functions  $u_1^{(k)}, u_2^{(k)}$  satisfying  $(i)_k$ - $(iv)_k$ . Since we showed that there exists no  $\varepsilon > 0$  satisfying (2), we conclude now that  $c_k \notin (c_i, b_i)$  for  $i < k$ . Thus, for a fixed  $k \in I$ , we have  $u_2^{(i)}(t) = 0$  for  $t \in (c_k, b_k)$ ,  $i \geq k$ . We also have the inclusions

$$N(u_2^{(i+1)}) \subset N(u_2^{(i)}) \cup \{c_{i+1}\} \cup \{b_{i+1}\}$$

and

$$N(u_2^{(0)}) \subset N(u^*) \cup N(r_1).$$

Let

$$Z = \bigcup_{i \in I} (c_i, b_i) \quad \text{and} \quad V = N(u^*) \cup N(r_1) \cup \text{Fr}(Z).$$

Since  $Z$  is open,  $\text{Fr}(Z)$  is nowhere dense (cf. [3], Chapter 1, § 8), and so is  $V$ . Put

$$u_2^*(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t \in Z \setminus \bar{V}, \\ u^*(t) - r_1(t) & \text{for } t \in [0, T] \setminus (Z \cup \bar{V}). \end{cases}$$

(For  $t \in \bar{V}$ ,  $u_2^*$  will be defined later.)

The set  $[0, T] \setminus \bar{V}$  is open and dense in  $[0, T]$ . Therefore, it is the countable sum of open intervals. Since  $u_2^*$  is over each such interval equal to  $u^* - r_1$  or to 0, it is continuous and has both one-sided limits at the ends. We claim that  $u_2^*$  has both one-sided limits at every point  $t_0 \in \bar{V}$ . To prove this we need only to show that for any monotonic sequence  $\{t_n\} \subset [0, T] \setminus \bar{V}$  converging to  $t_0$  the sequence  $\{u_2^*(t_n)\}$  is convergent. But the convergence of the last sequence is not sure only if  $\{t_n\}$  has two infinite subsequences  $\{t'_n\}$  and  $\{t''_n\}$  satisfying

- 1°  $t'_n \in Z \setminus \bar{V}$ ,
- 2°  $t''_n \in [0, T) \setminus (Z \cup \bar{V})$ ,
- 3°  $u_2^*(t'_n) > 0$  and  $\limsup u_2^*(t_n) = \limsup u_2^*(t'_n)$ ,
- 4°  $|t_0 - t'_{n-1}| > |t_0 - t'_n| > |t_0 - t''_n| > |t_0 - t'_{n+1}|$ .

Condition 4° means that the sequences  $\{t'_n\}$  and  $\{t''_n\}$  interlace one with another, and if we have sequences satisfying 1°-3°, then by induction it is easy to construct from them subsequences satisfying 4°. By 4°, there exists a sequence  $\{i_n\} \subset I$  such that

$$|t_0 - t'_n| < |t_0 - b_{i_n}| < |t_0 - t''_n|.$$

Now we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \liminf u_2^*(t_n) \leq \limsup u_2^*(t_n) = \limsup u_2^*(t'_n) \\ &= \lim(u^*(t'_n) - r_1(t'_n)) = \lim(u^*(b_{i_n}) - r_1(b_{i_n})) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the sequence  $\{u_2^*(t_n)\}$  is convergent to 0, and so we have proved that at every point  $t_0 \in \bar{V}$  the function  $u_2^*$  has both one-sided limits equal to 0. Hence  $u_2^*$  may be extended, in the unique manner, to the functions continuous on the left defined over the whole interval  $[0, T)$ . This extended function will also be denoted by  $u_2^*$ . Since  $N(u_2^*) \subset \bar{V}$ , we have  $u_2^* \in K$ . Put  $u_1^* = u^* - u_2^*$ .

For the proof of assertion (B) we have to check that  $u_1^*$  and  $u_2^*$  satisfy (I).

Since  $S \subset Z$ , we obtain  $u_1^* \geq 0$  and  $u_2^* \geq 0$ . If the set  $I$  is finite,  $I = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , then  $u_1^* = u_1^{(k)}$ ,  $u_2^* = u_2^{(k)}$  and, by (ii)<sub>k</sub> and (iii)<sub>k</sub>, system (I) is satisfied. If  $I$  is infinite, then for  $t \in [0, T) \setminus \bar{V}$  we have

$$u_2^*(t) = \lim_k u_2^{(k)}(t) \quad \text{and} \quad u_1^*(t) = \lim_k u_1^*(t).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t u_i^*(s) ds &= \int_0^t \lim_k u_i^{(k)}(s) ds = \lim_k \int_0^t u_i^{(k)}(s) ds \\ &\geq \lim_k \int_0^t r_i(s) ds = \int_0^t r_i(s) ds \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, t \in [0, T) \end{aligned}$$

(the interchange of the limit and of the integral is possible, since  $0 \leq |u_i^{(k)}(s)| \leq u^*(s) + r_1(s) \leq \text{const}$  for  $s \in [0, t]$ ). The proof is complete.

**2. Applications.** We now apply Theorem 1 to a minimization problem connected with a multicommodity inventory model.

Let  $c: [0, T) \rightarrow R$  be a given non-negative, increasing and strictly convex function. Next, let  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and  $h_1, \dots, h_n$  be positive, and  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  non-negative real numbers. Finally, let  $\bar{r}_1, \dots, \bar{r}_n$  be non-negative functions belonging to  $C^1 \subset K$ .

Consider the following problem:

(P1) Minimize

$$I[u_1, \dots, u_n] = \int_0^T \left\{ c \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i(t) \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \left[ y_i + \int_0^t (u_i(s) - \bar{r}_i(s)) ds \right] \right\} dt$$

under the constraints

$$u_i \in \mathbf{K} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$y_i + \int_0^t (u_i(s) - \bar{r}_i(s)) ds \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T], i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$u_i(t) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T], i = 1, \dots, n.$$

The function  $u_i$  may be considered as the production intensity of the  $i$ -th commodity for which the demand intensity is  $\bar{r}_i$ , and the marginal cost of holding a unit of the commodity for a unit of time is  $h_i$ . Then  $I[u_1, \dots, u_n]$  is the global (production and inventory) cost incurred during the time period  $[0, T]$  under the condition that the demand is met at any time. Problem (P1) for  $n = 1$  has been solved by Arrow and Karlin in [1].

In this paper we show that, by Theorem 1, the problem for  $n > 1$  may be reduced to the case of  $n = 1$  provided that

$$(3) \quad \frac{h_1}{a_1} = \dots = \frac{h_n}{a_n} = h \geq 0.$$

Notice first that, without loss of generality of (P1), we may always assume  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = 1$ . Then assumption (3) takes the form

$$(4) \quad h_1 = \dots = h_n = h.$$

Let

$$t_i = \sup \left\{ t \in [0, T) : \int_0^t \bar{r}_i(s) ds < y_i \right\}$$

(here we assume that  $\sup \emptyset = 0$ ) and

$$r_i(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t \in [0, t_i], \\ \bar{r}_i(t) & \text{for } t \in (t_i, T). \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that, since (4) holds, problem (P1) may be rewritten as follows:

(P2) Minimize

$$I[u_1, \dots, u_n] = \bar{I}[u] = \int_0^T \left[ c(u(t)) + h \int_0^t \left( u(s) - \sum_{i=1}^n r_i(s) \right) ds \right] dt,$$



where  $u = u_1 + \dots + u_n$ , under the constraints

$$\begin{aligned} u_i &\in \mathbf{K} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n, \\ \int_0^t u_i(s) ds &\geq \int_0^t r_i(s) ds \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T), i = 1, \dots, n, \\ u_i(t) &\geq 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T), i = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the following auxiliary problem:

(P3) Minimize  $\bar{I}[u]$  under the constraints  $u \in \mathbf{K}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t u(s) ds &\geq \int_0^t (r_1(s) + \dots + r_n(s)) ds \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T), \\ u(t) &\geq 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u^* \in \mathbf{K}$  be the solution of (P3) (see [1]). Using Theorem 1  $n-1$  times we can present  $u^*$  in the form

$$u^* = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^*,$$

where  $u_i^* \in \mathbf{K}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t u_i^*(s) ds &\geq \int_0^t r_i(s) ds \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T), i = 1, \dots, n, \\ u_i^*(t) &\geq 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T), i = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

It is evident that the vector function  $[u_1^*, \dots, u_n^*]$  is the solution of problem (P2).

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## STRESZCZENIE

W pracy zbadano zależności między rozwiązaniami dwóch układów nierówności całkowych (twierdzenie 1). Następnie zależności te zastosowano do rozwiązania problemu minimalizacji kosztów produkcji i magazynowania w  $n$ -towarowym ciągłym modelu zapasów. Problem ten, w jednotowarowym przypadku, jest dokładnie opisany i rozwiązany w [1].

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