

Chapter 10. Dynamic Programming

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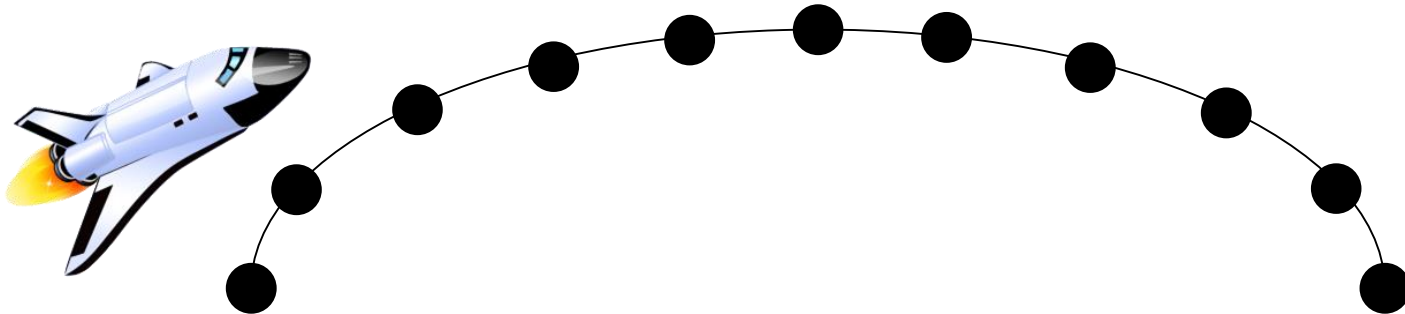
10.1 Uniqueness of Dynamic Programming Problems

- One of optimization method, applicable either to
 1. Staged processes
 2. Continuous function, approximated by staged processes.
- "Dynamic" : No connection with the frequent use of the word (e.g. "동적인")
- Related with the calculus of variations, whose result is an **optimal function**
- Finite-step of dynamic programming = Approximation of the calculus of variation

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10.1 Uniqueness of Dynamic Programming Problems

- For example, when determining the trajectory of a spacecraft in minimum fuel cost in terms of dynamic programming
 1. Divide the total path into **a number of segments**
 2. Then, consider **the continuous function** as a series of stages.



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10.2 Symbolic Description of Dynamic Programming

- The result is **optimized summation**, denoted as $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i$, while the result of the calculus of variation is expressed in an integral.

S : Input to each stage

r : Return from a stage

S' : Output from each stage

d : Decision variable

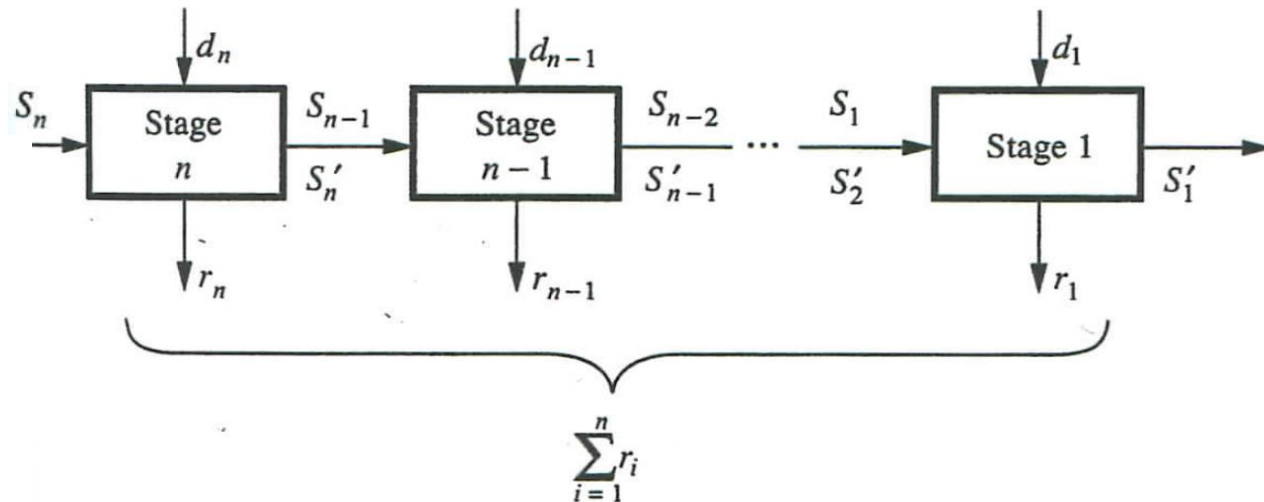


Fig. Pictorial representation of problem that can be solved by dynamic programming.

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10.3 Characteristics of The Dynamic Programming Solution

- Establishing optimal plans for subsections of the problem is the trademark of dynamic programming.
- The mechanics (or feature) is illustrated by the optimal route problem as in Example 10.1

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Example 10.1 : Minimize the Cost using Dynamic Programming

- A pipeline is to be built between A and E, passing through one node of each B, C, and D. Find the optimal route in the minimum total cost.

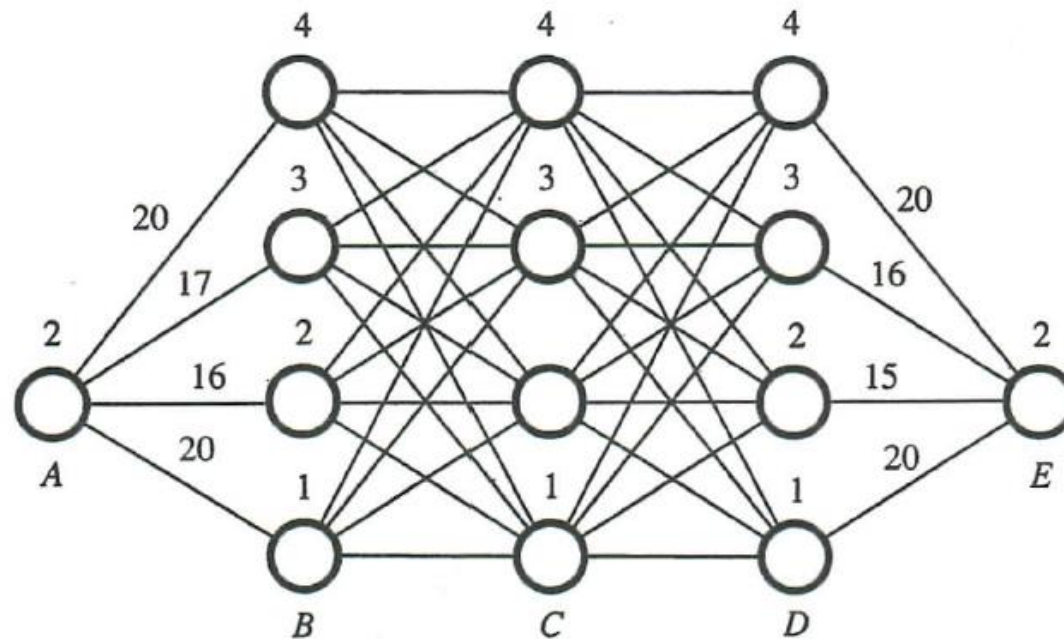


Fig. Dynamic programming used to minimize the cost between points A and E.

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Example 10.1 : Minimize the Cost using Dynamic Programming

(Given)

- The costs of A - B and D - E are given in figure
- The costs of B - C and C - D are given in table

Table Costs from B to C and C to D in Fig.

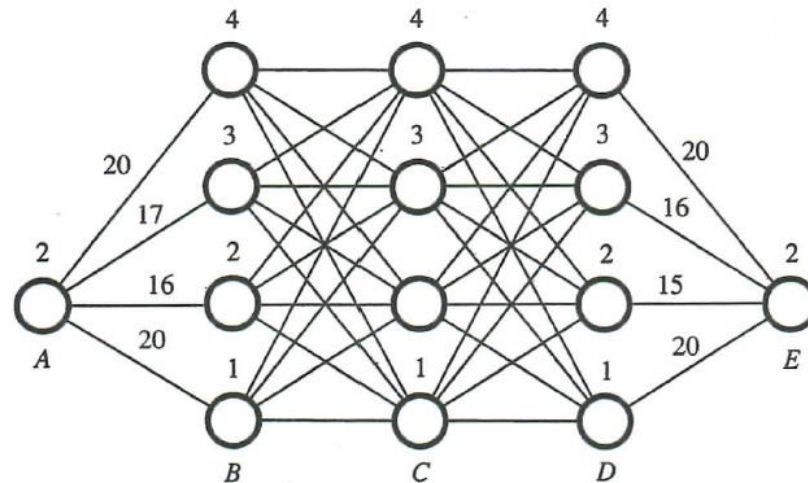
From	To			
	1	2	3	4
1	12	15	21	28
2	15	16	17	24
3	21	17	16	15
4	28	24	15	12

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Example 10.1 : Minimize the Cost using Dynamic Programming

(Solution)

- We start at the right end to left, that is, from **point E to A**.
- So, the last table takes the totally optimized cost of the entire system.



The solving direction

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Example 10.1 : Minimize the Cost using Dynamic Programming

(Solution)

Table Example 10.1, C to E

From	Through	Cost			
		C to D	D to E	Total	Optimum
C4	D4	12	20	32	
	D3	15	16	31	√
	D2	24	15	39	
	D1	28	20	48	
C3	D4	15	20	35	
	D3	16	16	32	√
	D2	17	15	32	√
	D1	21	20	41	
C2	D4	24	20	44	
	D3	17	16	33	
	D2	16	15	31	√
	D1	15	20	35	
C1	D4	28	20	48	
	D3	21	16	37	
	D2	15	15	30	√
	D1	12	20	32	

Table Example 10.1, B to E

From	Through	Cost			
		B to C	C to E	Total	Optimum
B4	C4	12	31	43	√
	C3	15	32	47	
	C2	24	31	55	
	C1	28	30	58	
B3	C4	15	31	46	√
	C3	16	32	48	
	C2	17	31	48	
	C1	21	30	51	
B2	C4	24	31	55	
	C3	17	32	49	
	C2	16	31	47	
	C1	15	30	45	√
B1	C4	28	31	59	
	C3	21	32	53	
	C2	15	31	46	
	C1	12	30	42	√

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Example 10.1 : Minimize the Cost using Dynamic Programming

(Answer)

- The optimum route : **A2 → B2 → C1 → D2 → E2**

Table Example 10.1, A to E

To E from	Through	Cost			
		A to B	B to E	Total	Optimum
A2	B4	20	43	63	
	B3	17	46	63	
	B2	16	45	61	√
	B1	20	42	62	

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10.3 Characteristics of The Dynamic Programming Solution

- **Key feature :**

After an optimal way is determined from intermediate to final state, future calculations, passing through that state, use only the optimal way.

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10.4 Efficiency of Dynamic Programming

- Dynamic programming is **efficient**, particularly in **large problems**.
- For example, consider previous an exercise problem Ex. 10.1, if one more stage is added to the problem.

Dynamic Programming : **40** routes (# of the presented in table)

Exhaustive examination : **64** routes ($1 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4$, A-B2-C-D-E)



Dynamic Programming : **56** routes (+16, one table added)

Exhaustive examination : **256** routes ($\times 4$)

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Example 10.2 : Find the Concentrations in Minimum Cost

- A series of ultrafilters separate the protein and lactose. Use dynamic programming to solve for the concentrations leaving each stage in the minimum total cost.

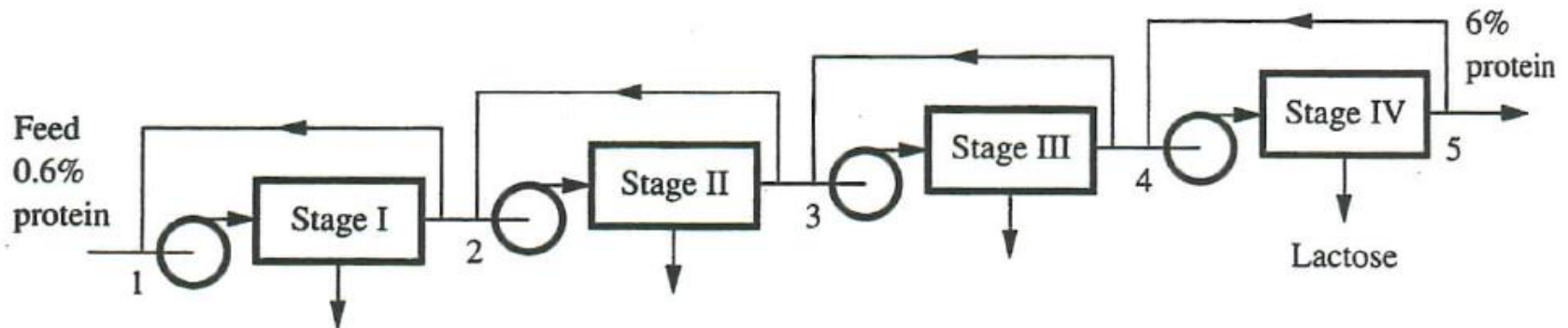


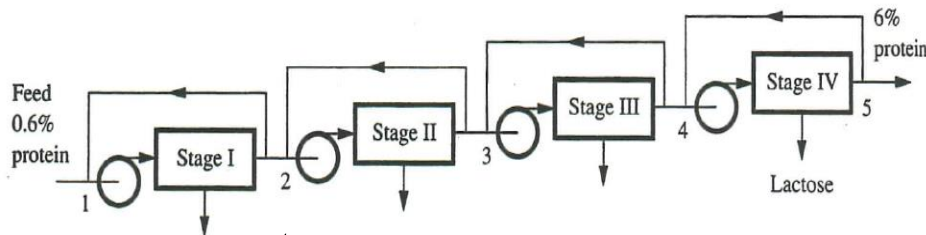
Fig. Chain of ultrafilters to separate protein from lactose in whey.

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Example 10.2 : Find the Concentrations Leaving in Minimum Cost

(Solution)

- The calculations start at the stage IV, and proceed back until the final table.
- The minimum concentration entered in stage IV is 1.8%, because at least 0.3% of protein is added each stage. That is, **0.6** → **0.9** → **1.2** → **1.8** (%)



The solving direction

Table Example 10.2, stage IV

Concentration Entering stage IV (%)	Through	Cost (\$)
1.8	-	23.10
2.4	-	15.67
3.0	-	10.81
3.6	-	7.33
4.2	-	4.78
4.8	-	2.82
5.4	-	1.26

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Example 10.2 : Find the Concentrations Leaving in Minimum Cost

(Solution)

Table Example 10.2, stage III and IV

Concentration entering III (%)	Through	Cost (\$)	Concentration entering III (%)	Through	Cost (\$)	
1.2	1.8	$5.54+23.10=28.64$	2.4	3.0	$2.82+10.81=13.63$	
	2.4	$10.78+15.67=26.45^*$		3.6	$5.55+7.33=12.88^*$	
	3.0	$15.67+10.81=26.48$		4.2	$8.21+4.78=12.99$	
	3.6	$20.24+7.33=27.57$		4.8	$10.80+2.82=13.62$	
	4.2	$24.47+4.78=29.25$		5.4	$13.27+1.26=14.53$	
	4.8	$28.38+2.82=31.20$		3.0	3.6	$2.26+7.33=9.59$
	5.4	$31.95+1.26=33.21$			4.2	$4.47+4.78=9.25^*$
1.8	2.4	$3.74+15.67=19.41$	3.6	4.2	$1.89+4.78=6.67$	
	3.0	$7.33+10.81=18.14$		4.8	$3.75+2.82=6.57^*$	
	3.6	$10.79+7.33=18.12^*$		5.4	$5.56+1.26=6.82$	
	4.2	$14.00+4.78=18.78$		4.2	4.8	$1.62+2.82=4.44^*$
	4.8	$17.23+2.82=20.05$			5.4	$3.21+1.26=4.47$
	5.4	$20.24+1.26=21.50$			4.8	$1.42+1.26=2.68$

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Example 10.2 : Find the Concentrations Leaving in Minimum Cost

(Solution)

Table Example 10.2, stage II, III and IV

Concentration entering II (%)	Through	Cost (\$)	Concentration entering II (%)	Through	Cost (\$)	
0.9	1.2	$3.73+26.45=30.18$	1.8	2.4	$3.74+12.88=16.62$	
	1.8	$10.77+18.12=28.89^*$		3.0	$7.33+9.25=16.58^*$	
	2.4	$17.23+12.88=30.11$		3.6	$10.79+6.57=17.36$	
	3.0	$23.10+9.25=32.35$		4.2	$14.00+4.44=18.44$	
	3.6	$28.38+6.57=34.95$		4.8	$17.23+2.68=19.91$	
	4.2	$33.07+4.44=37.51$		2.4	3.0	$2.82+9.25=12.07^*$
	4.8	$37.18+2.68=39.86$			3.6	$5.55+6.57=12.12$
1.2	2.4	$5.57+18.12=23.66^*$	4.2	4.2	$8.21+4.44=12.65$	
	3.0	$10.78+12.88=23.66^*$		4.8	$10.80+2.68=13.48$	
	3.6	$15.67+9.25=24.92$	3.0	3.6	$2.26+6.57=8.83^*$	
	4.2	$20.24+6.57=26.81$		4.2	$4.47+4.44=8.91$	
	4.8	$24.47+4.44=28.91$		4.8	$6.63+2.68=9.31$	
	5.4	5.4	$28.38+2.68=31.06$	3.6	4.2	$1.89+4.44=6.33^*$
					4.8	$3.75+2.68=6.43$
4.2				$1.62+2.68=4.30^*$		

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Example 10.2 : Find the Concentrations Leaving in Minimum Cost

(Answer)

- The system has the minimum cost at **0.6 → 0.9 → 1.8 → 3.6 → 6 (%)**

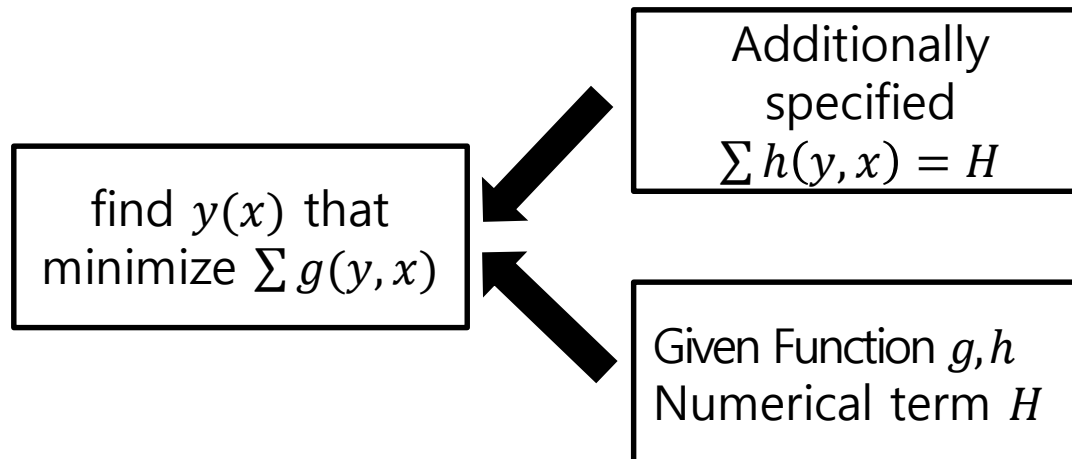
Table Example 10.2, stage I and IV

Concentration entering I (%)	Through	Cost (\$)
0.6	0.9	5.53+28.89=34.42*
	1.2	10.77+23.66=34.43
	1.8	20.24+16.58=36.82
	2.4	28.38+12.07=40.45
	3.0	35.20+8.83=44.03
	3.6	40.70+6.33=47.03
	4.2	44.88+4.30=49.18

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10.6 Apparently Constrained Problems

- Constrained optimization : Optimization problem + Constrained condition
- Constrained problem can be converted to unconstrained case, that will be covered in Example 10.3.



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Example 10.3 : Decide the distribution of tubes to minimize pressure drop

- An evaporator which boils liquid inside tubes consists of 4 banks of tubes. Determine the distribution of the 40 tubes so that the total pressure drop in the evaporator is minimum using dynamic programming.

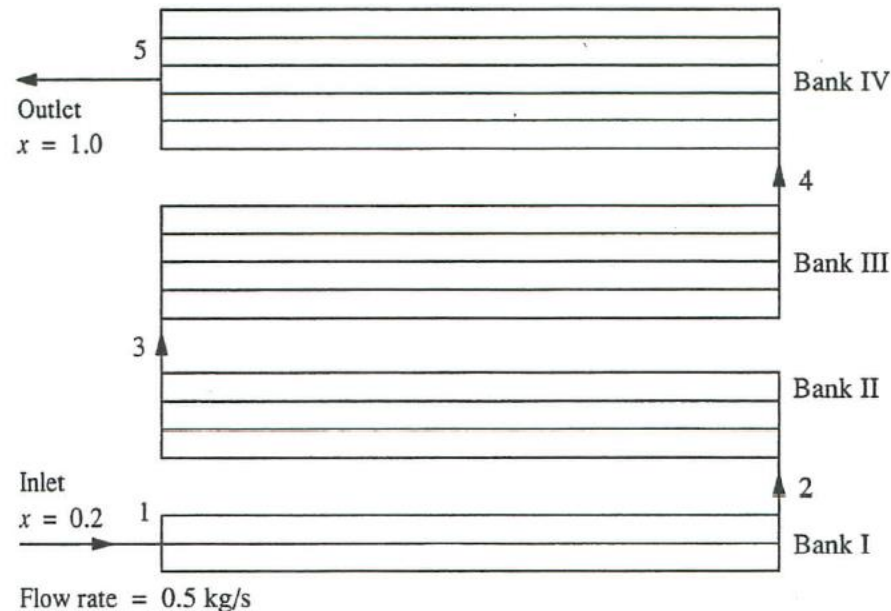


Fig. Evaporator in Example 10.3.

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Example 10.3 : Decide the distribution of tubes to minimize pressure drop

(Given)

- The flow rate : $\dot{m}_{in} = 0.5 \text{ kg/s}$, $\dot{m}_{vaporizing} = 0.01 \text{ kg/s}$ (each tube)
- A fraction of vapor : $x_{in} = 0.2$, $x_{out} = 1$
increasing x by 0.02
- The pressure drop : $\Delta p = 720 \left(\frac{x_i}{n}\right)^2$ [kPa]
 n : number of tubes in bank, x_i : vapor fraction entering bank

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Example 10.3 : Decide the distribution of tubes to minimize pressure drop

(Solution)

- Choose the state variable **cumulative(누적량) tubes** as shown in figure below.
- Before stage I, no tubes have been committed, and following stage IV, all of tubes, 40, have been committed.
- Entering stage I, vapor fraction : $x = 0.2$, pressure drop : $\Delta p = 720 \left(\frac{x_i}{n}\right)^2$ [kPa]

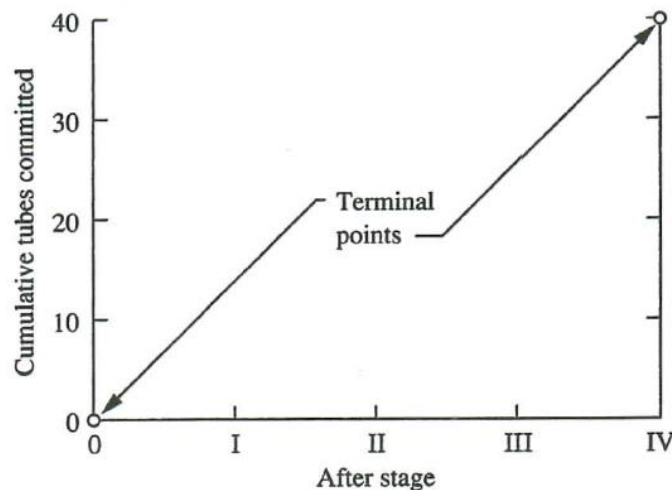


Table Example 10.3, stage I

Total tubes committed	Tubes in Stage I (n)	Total Δp (kPa)
2	2	7.20
3	3	3.20
4	4	1.80
5	5	1.15
6	6	0.80

Fig. State variables of cumulative number of tubes committed in Example 10.3.

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Example 10.3 : Decide the distribution of tubes to minimize pressure drop

(Solution)

- Entering stage II, vapor fraction : $x_i = 0.2 + 0.02 \times (\text{number of tubes in I})$

Table Example 10.3, stage I and II

Total tubes committed	Tubes in Stage II (n)	Total Δp (kPa)	Total tubes committed	Tubes in Stage II (n)	Total Δp (kPa)
11	5	0.80+2.95=3.75	13	7	0.80+1.50=2.30
	6	1.15+1.80=2.95*		8	1.15+1.01=2.16*
	7	1.80+1.15=2.95*		9	1.80+0.73=2.53
	8	3.20+0.76=3.96		10	3.20+0.49=3.69
	9	7.20+0.51=7.70		14	7
12	6	0.80+2.05=2.85	15	8	0.80+1.15=1.95*
	7	1.15+1.32=2.47*		9	1.15+0.80=1.95*
	8	1.80+0.88=2.68		10	1.80+0.56=2.36
	9	3.20+0.60=3.68		8	0.59+1.30=1.89
				9	1.15+0.80=1.71*
				10	1.15+0.65=1.80

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Example 10.3 : Decide the distribution of tubes to minimize pressure drop

(Solution)

- Entering stage III, vapor fraction : $x_i = 0.2 + 0.02 \times (\text{number of tubes cumulated})$

Table Example 10.3, stage I and III

Total tubes committed	Tubes in Stage III (n)	Total Δp (kPa)	Total tubes committed	Tubes in Stage III (n)	Total Δp (kPa)
22	9	2.16+1.88=4.04	25	10	1.71+1.80=3.51
	10	2.47+1.39=3.86*		11	1.95+1.37=3.32
	11	2.95+1.05=4.00		12	2.16+1.06=3.22*
23	9	1.95+2.05=4.00	26	13	2.47+0.82=3.29
	10	2.16+1.52=3.68		11	1.71+1.49=3.20
	11	2.47+1.15=3.62*		12	1.95+1.15=3.00*
	12	2.95+0.88=3.83		13	2.16+0.90=3.06
24	10	1.95+1.66=3.61			
	11	2.16+1.26=3.42*			
	12	2.49+0.97=3.44			
	13	2.95+0.75=3.70			

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Example 10.3 : Decide the distribution of tubes to minimize pressure drop

(Answer)

- The optimal distribution of tubes is **5, 7, 11, 17** at stage I, II, III, IV, respectively.
- The total pressure drop is 4.71 kPa

Table Example 10.3, stage I to IV

Total tubes committed	Tubes in Stage IV(n)	Total Δp (kPa)
40	13	2.93+2.33=5.26
	14	3.00+1.90=4.90
	15	3.22+1.57=4.79
	16	3.42+1.30=4.72
	17	3.62+1.09=4.71*
	18	3.86+0.91=4.77

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10.7 Summary

- It is suitable to optimize a system that consists of a chain of components where the **output, from a unit, forms the input to next**.
- It can be more efficient when calculating in **large systems**.
- Challenge appears in setting up tables and identifying the **state variables**.