Integrating operational and tactical decision-making in spare part inventory management

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Introduction

Tactical level

Inventory parameters

E.g. base stock levels, reorder quantities

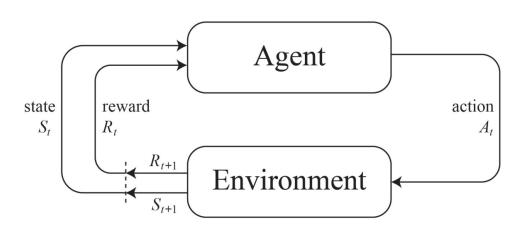
Operational level

Interventions

E.g. expediting, lateral transshipments, cannibalization

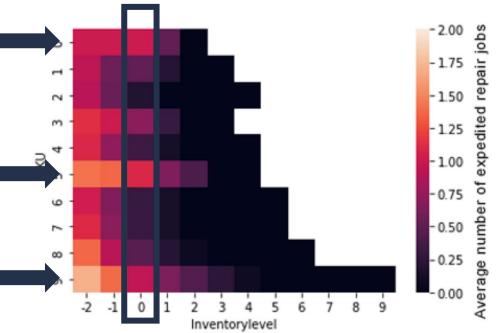
Methodology

- Deep Reinforcement Learning
- Agent chooses the action that, given its current state, maximizes the reward
- Neural Network



Operational model

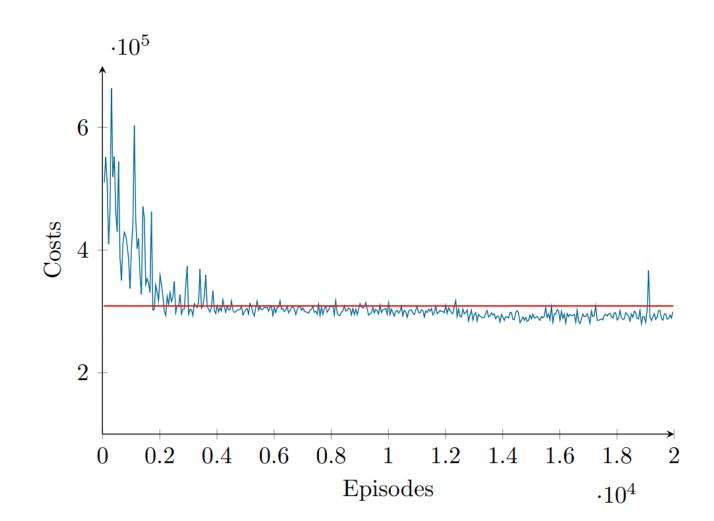
- Optimize interventions: expediting repair jobs
- Balancing expediting & backorder costs
- Scalable model



Model behaviour: Lighter colors =more expediting

Integrated model

- Cost function:
 - Backorder costs
 - Intervention costs
 - Holding costs
 - Penalty for fill rate target
- Total cost reduction of 1.1 to 3.5%



Conclusion

- Synchronization between operational and tactical planning
 - Lower total costs
 - Improved service level
 - Less interventions required
 - Lower inventory investment costs

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