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**LOWER-LIMIT BARRIER IN THE PROBLEM OF THE  
IDENTIFICATION OF A BARRIER IN THE FUNCTIONING OF A  
CERTAIN INVENTORY STORAGE AND ISSUE SYSTEM**

The paper investigates a certain inventory system whose input is a non-aggregated dynamic-parameter process. The authors derive equations that define the distribution of conditional probabilities for the case of a lower-limit barrier in subsystem  $L$ . They depend on the parameters of the functioning of transport subsystem and the parameters of the process of product supply to finite-volume storage.

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## 1. Introduction

Paper [1] defined the notion of a barrier in the functioning of an inventory storage and issue system with non-aggregated dynamic-parameter input and presented the general operating principles of such a system and the conditional distributions for intermediate states of the subsystem  $L$ . These distributions were used in paper [2] to derive relations satisfied by the density functions for intermediate states.

Continuing the investigations reported in [1], [2], this paper contains derivation of the analytical forms of the conditional probabilities in the case of a lower-limit barrier in a process controlled by a dynamic-parameter input.

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## 2. Conditional probabilities in the case of a lower-limit barrier in the subsystem $L$

The lower-limit barrier of the subsystem  $L$  at time  $t \in T_1$  is defined by the random event  $z(t) = 0$ . The state can be characterized by probabilities of the form:

$$Q_k^{ul}(\{0\}, t) = P(z(t) = 0, x(t) = x_k, v(t) = u), \quad t \in T_l, \quad u = 1, 0. \quad (1)$$

These probabilities satisfy the following relations:  
for  $u = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_k^{0l}(\{0\}, t + \tau) &= P(z(t + \tau) = 0, x(t + \tau) = x_k, v(t + \tau) = 0) = \\ &= \sum_i \int_0^{V_1} q_{ik}^{00l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) Q_i^{0l}(dz, t) + \int_0^{V_1} q_{kk}^{10l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) Q_k^{1l}(dz, t), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} q_{ik}^{00l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) &= P(x(t) \text{ has one jump for } t + \theta \in (t, t + \tau), v(s) = 0 \text{ for } s \in [t, t + \tau], \\ &\quad z - d\tau \leq 0 \mid x(t) = x_i, v(t) = 0) + o_1^{(l)}(\tau); \\ &\quad i \neq k, z = z(t) \in [0, V_1], t \in T_l, t + \tau \in T_l, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_{kk}^{00l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) &= P(x(s) = x_k, s \in [t, t + \tau], v(s) = 0 \text{ for } s \in [t, t + \tau], \\ &\quad z - d\tau \leq 0 \mid x(t) = x_k, v(t) = 0) + o_1^{(l)}(\tau); \\ &\quad z = z(t) \in [0, V_1], t \in T_l, t + \tau \in T_l, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_{kk}^{10l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) &= P(x(s) = x_k, \text{ for } s \in [t, t + \tau], v(t) \text{ has one jump for } t + \theta \in (t, t + \tau), \\ &\quad h(z + x_k \theta) - d(\tau - \theta) \leq 0 \mid x(t) = x_k, v(t) = 1) + o_1^{(l)}(\tau); \\ &\quad z = z(t) \in [0, V_1], t \in T_l, t + \tau \in T_l, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

for  $u = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_k^{1l}(\{0\}, t + \tau) &= P(z(t + \tau) = 0, x(t + \tau) = x_k, v(t + \tau) = 1) = \\ &= \sum_i \int_0^{V_1} q_{ik}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) Q_i^{1l}(dz, t) + \int_0^{V_1} q_{kk}^{01l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) Q_k^{0l}(dz, t), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} q_{ik}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) &= P(x(t) \text{ has one jump for } t + \theta \in (t, t + \tau), v(s) = 1 \text{ for } s \in [t, t + \tau], \\ &\quad h(z + \theta x_i) - (\tau - \theta)x_k \leq 0 \mid x(t) = x_i, v(t) = 1) + o_1^{(l)}(\tau); \\ &\quad i \neq k, z = z(t) \in [0, V_1], t \in T_l, t + \tau \in T_l, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_{kk}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) &= P(x(s) = x_k, v(s) = 1 \text{ for } s \in [t, t + \tau], \\ z + \tau x_k &\leq 0 \mid x(t) = x_k, v(t) = 1) + o_1^{(l)}(\tau); \\ z &= z(t) \in [0, V_1], t \in T_l, t + \tau \in T_l, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_{kk}^{01l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) &= P(x(s) = x_k \text{ for } s \in [t, t + \tau], v(t) \text{ has one jump for } t + \theta \in (t, t + \tau), \\ h(z - d\theta) + x_k(\tau - \theta) &\leq 0 \mid x(t) = x_k, v(t) = 0) + o_1^{(l)}(\tau); \\ z &= z(t) \in [0, V_1], t \in T_l, t + \tau \in T_l. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

In order to find the probabilities  $Q_k^{1l}(\{0\}; t + \tau)$  and  $Q_k^{0l}(\{0\}; t + \tau)$ , we have to find the conditional probabilities  $q_{ik}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t)$ ,  $q_{kk}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t)$ ,  $q_{kk}^{01l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t)$ ,  $q_{ik}^{00l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t)$ ,  $q_{kk}^{10l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t)$ ,  $q_{kk}^{00l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t)$ . Taking into account relations (3) and (6) from [1], we obtain

$$q_{ik}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) = \exp(-\pi_i^{*l}\tau) \int_B \frac{\pi_{ik}^{(l)}}{\pi_i^{(l)}} d(1 - \exp(-\pi_i^{(l)}\theta)) + o_1^{(l)}(\tau), \quad (10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \{\theta: 0 < \theta < \tau; h(z + \theta x_i) + (\tau - \theta)x_k \leq 0\}, \\ i &\neq k, z = z(t) \in [0, V_1], t \in T_l, t + \tau \in T_l. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

If  $x_i > 0$ ,  $x_k < 0$ ,  $\tau$  small,  $0 < \theta < \tau$ ,  $t \in T_l$ ,  $t + \tau \in T_l$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \{\theta: h(z + \theta x_i) + (\tau - \theta)x_k \leq 0\} &= \{\theta: z + \theta x_i + (\tau - \theta)x_k \leq 0\} \cap \{\theta: z + \theta x_i < V_1\} = \\ &= \begin{cases} \left\{ \theta: 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{-z - \tau x_k}{x_i - x_k} \right\} \cap \left\{ \theta: \theta < \frac{V_1 - z}{x_i} \right\}, & z < -\tau x_k, \\ \emptyset, & \text{other } z. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$B = \begin{cases} \left\{ \theta: 0 < \theta \leq \frac{z + \tau x_k}{x_k - x_i} \right\}, & 0 \leq z < -\tau x_k, \\ \emptyset, & \text{other } z. \end{cases}$$

Hence, from (10), by integration, we get

$$q_{ik}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) = \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_i^{*l}\tau) \pi_{ik}^{(l)} \frac{z + \tau x_k}{x_k - x_i} + o_1^{(l)}(\tau; z), & 0 \leq z < -\tau x_k, \\ 0, & \text{other } z. \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

Similarly it can be shown that the conditional probabilities are given by the following formulas:

for  $x_k > 0$ ,  $x_i$  – any state,

$$q_{ik}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau), \quad 0 \leq z \leq V_1, \quad (13)$$

for any  $x_k, x_i$ ,

$$q_{ik}^{00l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) = \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_0^{*l})\pi_{ik}^{(l)}\tau + o^{(l)}(\tau), & 0 \leq z < d\tau, \\ 0, & \text{other } z, \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

$$q_{kk}^{00l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) = \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_0^{*l})\tau(1 - \pi_k^{(l)}) + o^{(l)}(\tau), & 0 \leq z < d\tau, \\ 0, & \text{other } z, \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

for  $x_i < 0$ ,  $x_k = 0$ ,

$$q_{ik}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) = \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_1^{*l})\pi_{ik}^{(l)}\left(z + \frac{z}{x_i}\right) + o^{(l)}(\tau; z), & 0 \leq z < -\alpha x_i, \\ 0, & \text{other } z, \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

for  $x_i < 0$ ,  $x_k < 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} q_{ik}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) &= \\ &= \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_1^{*l})\pi_{ik}^{(l)}\tau + o^{(l)}(\tau), & x_i > x_k, 0 \leq z < -\alpha x_i, \\ (1 - \pi_1^{*l})\pi_{ik}^{(l)}\frac{z + \alpha x_k}{x_k - x_i} + o^{(l)}(\tau; z), & x_i > x_k, -\alpha x_i < z < -\alpha x_k, \\ 0, & x_i > x_k, \text{ other } z, \\ (1 - \pi_1^{*l})\pi_{ik}^{(l)}\tau + o^{(l)}(\tau), & x_i < x_k, 0 \leq z < -\alpha x_k, \\ (1 - \pi_1^{*l})\pi_{ik}^{(l)}\left(\tau - \frac{z + \alpha x_k}{x_k - x_i}\right) + o^{(l)}(\tau; z), & x_i < x_k, -\alpha x_k < z < -\alpha x_i, \\ 0, & x_i < x_k, \text{ other } z, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

for  $x_k \leq 0$ ,

$$q_{kk}^{11l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) = \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_k^{(l)})\tau(1 - \pi_1^{*l}) + o^{(l)}(\tau), & 0 \leq z < \alpha x_k, \\ 0, & \text{other } z, \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

for  $x_k > 0$ ,

$$q_{kk}^{00l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) = 0, \quad 0 \leq z \leq V_1, \quad (19)$$

for  $x_k = 0$ ,

$$q_{kk}^{01l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) = \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_k^{(l)} \tau) \pi_0^{*l} \left( \tau - \frac{z}{d} \right) + o^{(l)}(\tau; z), & 0 \leq z < \tau d, \\ 0, & \text{other } z, \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

for  $x_k < 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} q_{kk}^{01l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) &= \\ &= \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_k^{(l)} \tau) \pi_0^{*l} \tau + o^{(l)}(\tau), & d + x_k \leq 0, 0 \leq z < d\tau, \\ 0, & d + x_k \leq 0, \text{ other } z, \\ (1 - \pi_k^{(l)} \tau) \pi_0^{*l} \tau + o^{(l)}(\tau), & d + x_k > 0, 0 \leq z < -x_k \tau, \\ (1 - \pi_k^{(l)} \tau) \pi_0^{*l} \left( \tau - \frac{z + \tau x_k}{d + x_k} \right) + o^{(l)}(\tau; z), & d + x_k > 0, -x_k \tau < z < d\tau, \\ 0, & d + x_k > 0, \text{ other } z, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

for  $x_k < 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} q_{kk}^{10l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) &= \\ &= \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_k^{(l)} \tau) \pi_1^{*l} \tau + o^{(l)}(\tau), & d + x_k \leq 0, 0 \leq z < d\tau, \\ 0, & d + x_k \leq 0, \text{ other } z, \\ (1 - \pi_k^{(l)} \tau) \pi_1^{*l} \tau + o^{(l)}(\tau), & d + x_k > 0, 0 \leq z < -x_k \tau, \\ (1 - \pi_k^{(l)} \tau) \pi_1^{*l} \frac{d\tau - z}{d + x_k} + o^{(l)}(\tau; z), & d + x_k > 0, -x_k \tau < z < d\tau, \\ 0, & d + x_k > 0, \text{ other } z, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

for  $x_k > 0$ ,

$$q_{kk}^{10l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) = \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_k^{(l)} \tau) \pi_1^{*l} \frac{d\tau - z}{d + x_k} + o^{(l)}(\tau; z), & 0 \leq z < d\tau, \\ 0, & \text{other } z, \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

for  $x_k = 0$ ,

$$q_{kk}^{10l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) = \begin{cases} (1 - \pi_k^{(l)} \tau) \pi_1^{*l} \frac{d\tau - z}{d} + o^{(l)}(\tau; z), & 0 \leq z < d\tau, \\ 0, & \text{other } z, \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

for  $x_k > 0$ ,

$$q_{kk}^{1l}(z, \{0\}; \tau, t) - o_1^{(l)}(\tau) = 0, \quad 0 \leq z \leq V_1. \quad (25)$$

The components  $o^{(l)}(\tau; \dots)$ ,  $o_1^{(l)}(\tau)$ , which appear in equations (12)–(25) are in the vicinity of  $\tau = 0$  infinitely small quantities of an order higher than  $\tau$ . The relations (12)–(25) will be used in the authors' next paper to derive relations satisfied by the probabilities  $Q_k^{ul}(\{0\}; t + \tau)$ . These will be used for quantitative identification of a barrier in the functioning of the system under consideration.

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## **Bariera dolna procesu w zagadnieniu identyfikacji i bariery funkcjonowania pewnego systemu gromadzenia i wydawania zapasów**

Badana jest bariera działania pewnego systemu gospodarki zapasami, którego wejście jest procesem niezagregowanym o dynamicznych parametrach. Wyprowadzono wzory wyrażające warunkowe rozkłady prawdopodobieństwa w przypadku bariery dolnej podsystemu  $L$ . Zależą one od parametrów funkcjonowania podsystemu transportowego oraz parametrów procesu podaż produkcyjnego do magazynu o skończonej objętości.

Słowa kluczowe: *system, bariera, zapas*