Time-Discretization for Controlled Markov Processes Part II: a jump and Diffusion Application

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Abstract: In a first Part I ([24]) a method of time-discretization was investigated in order to approximate continuous-time stochastic control problems over a finite time horizon.

This approximation was based on using recursive discrete-time dynamic programming. To this end, three conditions are to be fulfilled:

- Smoothness of the continuous-time functions
- Consistency or convergence of the discrete-time generators
- Stability or uniform boundedness of the discrete-time constructions.

In this Part II, these conditions will be verified for two practical applications:

- A controlled infinite server queue, as example of a controlled Markov jump process
- A controlled cash-balance model, as example of a controlled diffusion model.

For both applications it is shown and illustrated that the discrete-time constructions lead to a computational feasible scheme to approximate the optimal cost function as well as to construct an ε -optimal control.

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