

Comparison of a Perpetual and PD Inventory Control System with Smith Predictor and Different Shipping Delays Using Bicriterial Optimization and SPEA2

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Abstract: Inventory optimization is critical in inventory control systems. The complexity of real-world inventory systems results in a challenging optimization problem, too complicated to solve by conventional mathematical programming methods. The aim of this work is to confront: a perpetual inventory system found in the literature and inventory system with PD control and Smith predictor proposed by the authors. To be precise, the two control systems for inventory management are analyzed with different shipping delays and compared. With regard to complexity of the proposed control system, we use a SPEA2 algorithm to solve optimization task for assumed scenario of the market demand. The objective is to minimize the inventory holding cost while avoiding shortages. A discrete-time, dynamic model of inventory system is assumed for the analysis. In order to compare the results of systems, Pareto fronts and signal responses are generated.

Keywords: inventory control systems, optimization, perpetual inventory system, multi-objective optimization, SPEA2, PD control, Smith predictor, inventory

1. Introduction

Increasing dimension of inventory management requires advanced methods to reduce maintenance costs. As a result of the emergence of complex inventory control systems, more and more scientist began to use the methods of multi-criteria optimization. Pareto-based techniques were proposed in 1993 and 1994, e.g., MOGA [1], NPGA [2] and NSGA [3]. One of the most effective algorithms, used in multi-criteria problems, is the Strength Pareto Evolutionary Algorithm (SPEA) proposed in [4]. SPEA has shown very good performance in comparison to other multi-objective evolutionary algorithms [5]. Furthermore, improved version of SPEA has also been created. It is called SPEA2 and is presented in [6]. The improved Strength Pareto Evolutionary Algorithm is one of the most important multi-objective evolutionary algorithms that use elitism approach and therefore it has been used in recent studies: [7–12].

Inventory optimization means maintaining a certain level of inventory that would eliminate the out-of-stock situations and at the same time would provide as low as possible holding costs. In a nutshell, this is all about maintaining balance between demand and supply. Every inventory system faces the challenge of matching its supply volume to customer demand. How well control system manages this complex challenge has a profound impact on inventory profitability. Due to the necessity for effective inventory management inventory control systems have been developed. The two classic systems for managing customer demand are a periodic and a perpetual system [13]. A perpetual inventory system is a superior to the older periodic inventory system because it keeps continual track of sales and inventory levels which helps to prevent stock-outs – this is its advantage.

There has been an growing interest in solving inventory management problem. Before control systems, a lot of inventory models have been invented: [14–16]. More and more works have been focusing upon creating new or modified inventory control systems: [17–24]. Issues of a similar problem dimension, but associated with congestion control in computer networks, are presented in [25].

Due to occurring variance amplifications of order quantities in inventory systems, called the bullwhip effect [26], it is necessary to use special methodology to eliminate such a situation. This extremely negative phenomenon had gave rise to range of methodologies used to this day and is indispensably connected to the stability of supply chains which is investi-

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gated in [27]. Conducted research in [27] quantifies the effect of these variations on system stability and presents mechanism with work in progress (WIP) position. On the other hand, in [17] is proposed methodology for time-varying delay based on Smith predictor. However, in [26, 27] it is suggested a general replenishment rule that can reduce variance amplification significantly by control theoretic approach, which integrated different forecasting methods into the order-up-to system. To our knowledge, order-up-to systems usually result in the bullwhip effect [26]. An order-up-to policy is optimal in the sense that it minimizes the expected holding and shortage costs [28]. As far as methods for bullwhip effect reduction are concerned, H-infinity control methodology minimizes the worst case effects of the external demand fluctuations on the performance of the system [29]. The application of this method requires that the transportation and production lead times are known and constant, but also can be used with satisfactory results with time-varying delays. H-infinity policy applies the filtering techniques and optimizes local inventory costs while avoiding the bullwhip effect.

In order to make a fair comparison between a classical stock-based order-up-to policy and PD with Smith predictor inventory control system we apply work-in-progress to account for the destabilizing effect in the perpetual inventory system. The aim of this work is to analyze and compare work of systems with different shipping delays: Perpetual Inventory System with adaptive order level and work-in-progress mechanism proposed by literature and Proportional-derivative Inventory Control System with Smith predictor and adaptive reference stock level proposed by the authors. In other words, this work is comparison between our PD-Smith-based methodology which was used in [21] for time-varying delay (in this work is examined for time-invariant systems) and classical order-up-to policy used mostly for time-invariant systems. Parameters were selected for all control systems structures through solving optimization tasks for a specific scenario of variable market demand using the Strength Pareto Evolutionary Algorithm 2 (SPEA2) in MATLAB/Simulink. In this article, we mainly want to show differences of results gained through solving optimization task using SPEA2 and performance for two control inventory systems and different shipping delays. The objective of inventory optimization is to maintain optimal inventory levels depending on demand and to minimize inventory holding cost while avoiding shortages [30]. In [31] Pareto-based meta-heuristic algorithm are used to solve the bi-objective inventory models. The first objective function aims to minimize the total cost of the system, which consists of holding cost, ordering cost and shortage cost and the second objective function, maximizes the service level through minimizing the cumulative distribution of the demands [31].

In this paper, the results for both systems are compared using a bi-objective optimization. In order to compare the

results, several numerical examples are generated and the results are analyzed on the basis of generated plots and tables.

2. The Mathematical Model of Inventory

The number of products that could potentially be sold from the store is modelled as a certain, unknown in advance limited function of time: $0 \leq d(k) \leq d_{max}$. Where d_{max} is the maximum number of products sold per unit of time. Instantaneous values of $d(k)$ fluctuate in time and depend on the market demand. Demand for the products is generally variable in time. The number of products purchased from the inventory $h(k)$ depends on the demand, as well as the available stocks $y(k)$ and following inequalities are held:

$$0 \leq h(k) \leq d(k) \leq d_{max}, \quad 0 \leq y(k) \leq y_{max} \quad (1)$$

If the quantity of products in stock at moment k is sufficiently large, it means that: $d(k) = h(k)$.

From the standpoint of controlling the flow of goods, it is important to maintain certain stock in the inventory, regardless of transient changes in customer demand, so as to avoid a situation in which the magazine is empty or the quantity of the stored products will be excessive, or even exceeds the storage capacity y_{max} .

The product quantity stored in the inventory at moment k , called the stock, is therefore given as follows:

$$y(k) = y(k-1) + u(k-\tau) - h(k) \quad (2)$$

τ – the time required to deliver ordered products to the inventory.

The delay is known τ and this model is a linear, stationary and discrete with signals saturations. The block diagram of the analysed system is shown in Fig. 1. The system consists of three main blocks: transport and production delay, inventory model and control system based on order control.

3. The Control Systems Definitions

There are many different ways to keep control of the inventory but in every inventory control system, it is necessary to determine *when* and *how much* to order. Scientific methods for inventory control can give a significant competitive advantage. Control system has to order the certain amount of products at a certain time with a view to market demand and current inventory level. Inventory control means that all stocks of products are promptly and properly ordered, issued, preserved and accounted in the best interest of an entity that manages its inventory.

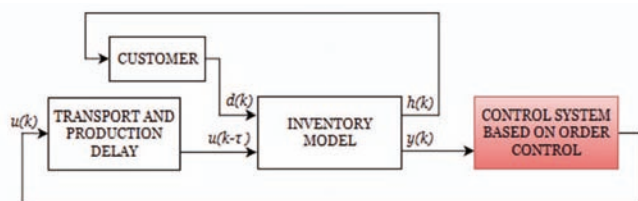


Fig. 1. Block diagram of inventory system with control system
Rys. 1. Schemat blokowy systemu magazynowego z układem sterowania

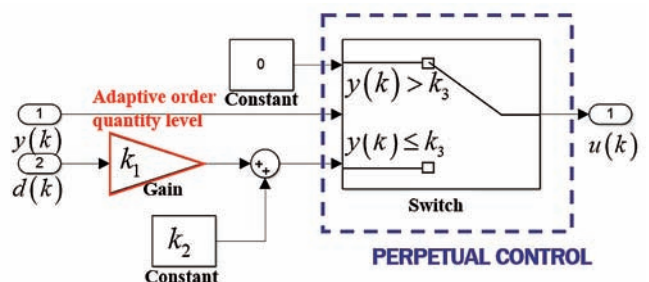


Fig. 2. A block diagram of Perpetual Inventory control system with adaptive order level
Rys. 2. Schemat blokowy ciągłego systemu sterowania magazynem z adaptacyjnym poziomem zamówień

It is essential to create a mathematical description of investigated two control systems:

A) Perpetual Inventory System with adaptive order level

A Perpetual Inventory System is also known as “Automatic Inventory System”. A perpetual system keeps records of the amount in storage, and it replenishes when the stock drops to certain level k_3 .

The reorder point – threshold, inventory content critical value, is fixed, but review period, order quantity and maximal inventory level are variable (max inventory level depends on demand). k_1 together with a factor k_2 make an affine function of maximal inventory capacity depending on market demand, given in the following form:

$$u(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } y(k) > k_3 \\ k_1 d(k) + k_2 & \text{for } y(k) \leq k_3 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where: k_3 – reorder point.

In order to make a fair comparison between a classical stock-based order-up-to policy and PD with Smith predictor inventory control system we supplement the control law (3) of the perpetual inventory system with work-in-progress term to provide for the controller data about past orders which are not delivered to the inventory yet. The system will be denoted as A' and the control law is described in the following way:

$$u(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } y(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{\tau} u(k-i) > k_3 d(k) \\ k_1 d(k) + k_2 - \sum_{i=1}^{\tau} u(k-i) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

B) Proportional-derivative Inventory Control System with Smith predictor and adaptive reference stock level

The structure shown in Fig. 3 – the control system is based on a classical structure with Smith predictor. It is a kind of a predictive controller, which was developed for control systems, which are characterized by long and inevitable delays. Its structure is based on implementations of the model without delay and with delay. Based on the control concepts for systems with delays using a Smith predictor it is assumed that an estimated model of the system without delay is given in the form:

$$\hat{y}_p(k) = \hat{y}_p(k-1) + u(k-1) - h(k) \quad (5)$$

Model of discrete-time PD controller for error $\varepsilon(k)$ of model without delay is given in the following form:

$$u(k) = k_2 \varepsilon(k) + k_3 \varepsilon(k-1) \quad (6)$$

where:

$$\varepsilon(k) = y_{ref}(k) - \hat{y}_p(k) \quad (7)$$

It is assumed that the reference value of stocks $y_{ref}(k)$ is a linear function of the demand given in the form of:

$$y_r(k) = k_1 d(k) \quad (8)$$

Block diagram of the control system is shown in Fig. 3. The variables k_1 – k_3 are parameters of the control system.

Due to the similarity between the considered class of systems and engineering processes, it is a natural choice to apply control-theoretic methods in the design and analysis of strategies governing the flow of goods.

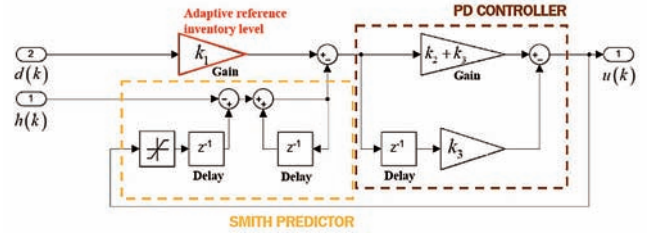


Fig. 3. A block diagram of Proportional-derivative Inventory control system with Smith predictor and adaptive reference stock level
Rys. 3. Schemat blokowy systemu sterowania magazynem z regulatorem proporcjonalno-różniczkującym oraz predyktorem Smitha z adaptacyjnym referencyjnym poziomem zapasów

4. Bicriterial optimization and SPEA2

Consider, the problem of finding the optimal values of the parameters k_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$ of a dynamic system with fixed structure from Figs. 2–3. In the case of the inventory system, cost functions can be defined by the following relations:

$$j_1 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=\tau}^N [d(k) - h(k)] \quad (9)$$

$$j_2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=\tau}^N y(k) \quad (10)$$

where: τ – the time required to deliver ordered products to the inventory, N is the length of the time horizon.

The equation (9) represents a lost opportunity to make sales. In turn, the expression (10) concerns use of space in the inventory.

The objective is represented as the following vector:

$$\mathbf{j} = [j_1, j_2] \quad (11)$$

For the model described by relationships (1)–(2) and the control systems described by equations (3)–(8) and a quality indicator in the form of (9)–(11) the optimization problem can be defined in the following form:

$$\min_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{j} \quad (12)$$

Where optimization variables and constraints are dependent on the controller structure:

$$\mathbf{k} = [k_1, k_2, k_3], k_1 \geq 0, k_2 \geq 0, k_3 \geq 0$$

The improved Strength Pareto Evolutionary Approach (SPEA2) is chosen to perform the control system optimization resulting in the final analysis and comparison. SPEA2 is an extension of the Genetic Algorithm for multiple objective optimization problems. SPEA2 has an external archive consisting of the previously found non-dominated solutions. It is updated after every generation and for each solution a strength value is computed [28]. An archive of the non-dominated set is maintained separate from the population of candidate solutions used

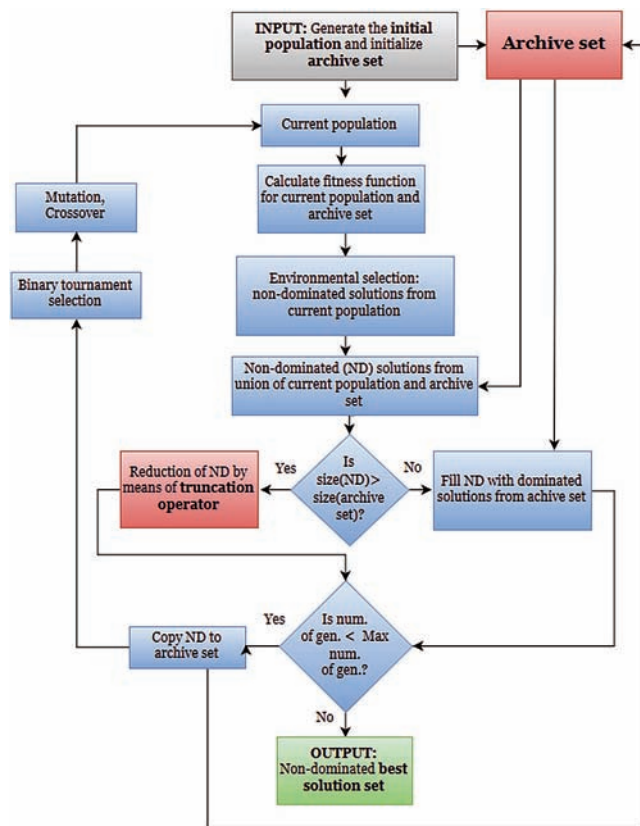


Fig. 4. Flow chart of SPEA2 algorithm
Rys. 4. Schemat blokowy algorytmu SPEA2

in the evolutionary process, providing a form of elitism. Due to potential weaknesses of SPEA, the improved version – SPEA2 has better fitness assignment scheme, more precise guidance of the search and a new archive truncation methods [6]. To avoid situations where population members dominated by the same members of the archive have the same fitness value, SPEA2 takes into account both the number of dominating and dominated solutions in computing the raw fitness of a solution. The objective of the algorithm is to locate and maintain a front of

non-dominated solutions – set of Pareto optimal solutions. The flow chart which shows the steps of SPEA2 can be seen in Fig. 4.

5. Simulation Research and Analysis

In this section the results of computer simulations and comparative analysis is presented. The structures of control systems in Figures 2 and 3 are applied. The main purpose of this section is to compare the optimization results for different time delays for two different control structures: *Perpetual Inventory System with adaptive order level A*, *Perpetual Inventory System with adaptive order level with work-in-progress mechanism A'* which stems from literature and *Proportional-derivative Inventory Control System with Smith predictor and adaptive reference stock level* proposed by authors. Results for A – PIS-AOL control system are marked by black lines, A' – PIS-AOL' by blue lines and whereas for B – PDIS-SP-ARSL control system are marked by red line.

With a view to simulation research of the control systems for a discrete, stationary linear model with signal bounds described by equations (1)–(2), the control systems described by equations (3)–(8) the quality indicator in the form of (9)–(11), the time horizon $N = 1000$ and the sampling period is one day. Tuning of the control system is based on a the bicriterial optimization task using SPEA2 (improved version of Strength Pareto Evolutionary Algorithm) and trapezoidal demand signal plotted in Fig. 8 and 9. On the basis of the results we try to evaluate: how does the controller structure impact on the properties of the inventory control system.

To solve the optimization problem (17) a SPEA2 was used with parameters: population size 500 for all A, A' and B, maximal number of generations 50 for A' and B, 400 for A.

In order to see the impact of the delay between ordering products and delivering it to the inventory – τ on the results of optimization task and the performance of the control system, simulations were carried out for three values of τ : 28, 14 and 2. First, an analysis of the objective function plots has been conducted. Pareto front with shortages cost j_1 and holding cost j_2 is depicted in Fig. 5 for 3 delay values.

It can be noticed from Fig. 5 that almost all solutions for A control system are dominated by solutions for B control system for all considered delays except from solutions for $j_1 < 2$ and

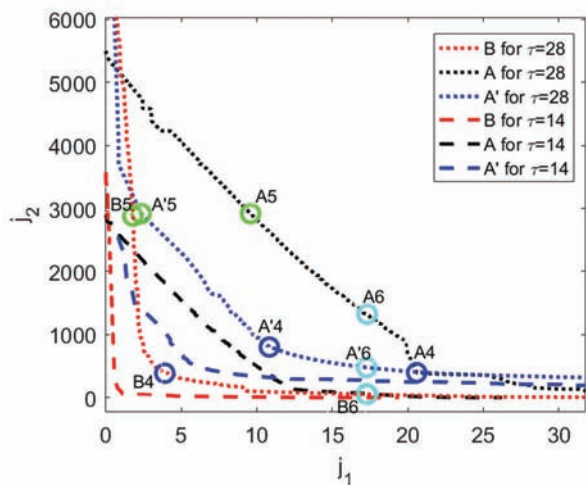


Fig. 5. Pareto front and selected points for inventory control system for two different delays
Rys. 5. Front Pareto oraz wybrane punkty dla systemu sterowania magazynem z dwoma różnymi opóźnieniami

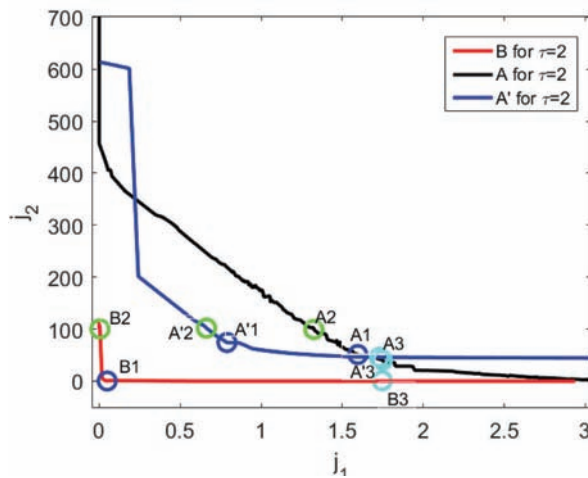


Fig. 6. Pareto front and selected points for inventory control system for $\tau = 2$
Rys. 6. Front Pareto oraz wybrane punkty dla systemu sterowania dla $\tau = 2$

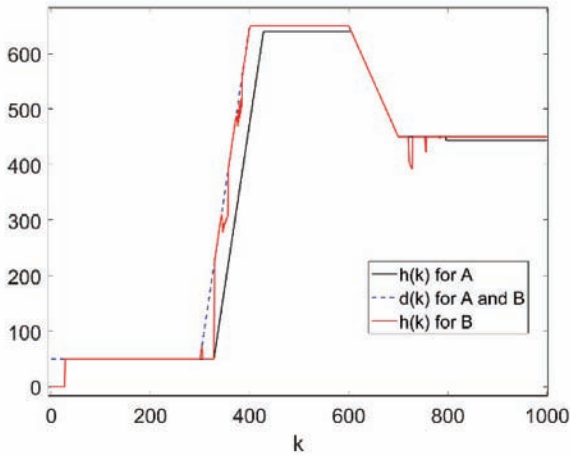


Fig. 7. System response – purchased products $h(k)$ and customer demand $d(k)$ for A4, B4 for $\tau = 28$
 Rys. 7. Odpowiedź układu – zakupione produkty $h(k)$ oraz zapotrzebowanie klientów $d(k)$ dla A4, B4 dla $\tau = 28$

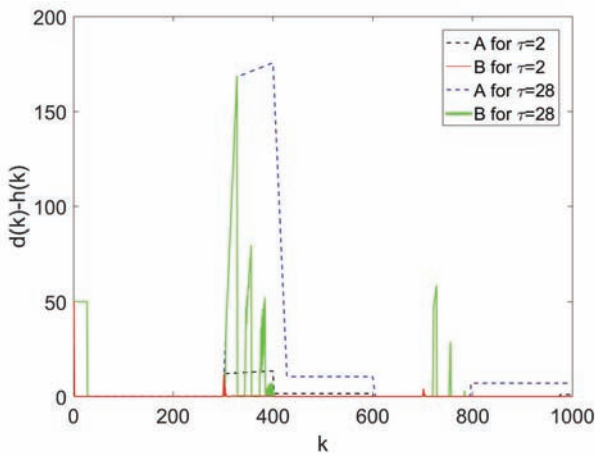


Fig. 8. System response – difference between customer demand $d(k)$ and purchased products $h(k)$ for A4, B4 for $\tau = 28$ and A1, B1 for $\tau = 2$
 Rys. 8. Odpowiedź układu – różnica pomiędzy zapotrzebowaniem klientów $d(k)$, a zakupionymi produktami $h(k)$ dla A4, B4 dla $\tau = 28$ i A1, B1 dla $\tau = 2$

$j_2 > 5200$ for $\tau = 28$ where the opposite situation can be seen. However, due to considerably high value of holding cost, i.e. the value j_2 , these solutions are not relevant for practical reasons. On the other hand, A', which is A with work-in-progress mechanism, achieves smaller cost function values j_1 and j_2 . Although results for A and B are also relatively close to each other for small delay $\tau = 2$. It means that the phenomenon of shortages and high holding costs occurs less in B than in A and A'. Next step of the analysis requires selection of points in the Pareto front plots (Fig. 5 and Fig. 6) on the basis of three criteria.

Three points were chosen among the solutions space for $\tau = 2$ and $\tau = 28$. Selected points were chosen by three criterions (see Table 1 and 2):

- 1) $\min(100j_1 + j_2)$: A1, B1, A'1 for $\tau = 2$ and A4, B4, A'4 for $\tau = 28$ – marked by blue circles;
- 2) $j_2 \approx \text{const} \approx 100$: A2, B2, A'2 for $\tau = 2$ and $j_2 \approx \text{const} \approx 2900$: A5, B5, A'5 for $\tau = 28$ – marked by green circles;
- 3) $j_1 \approx \text{const} \approx 1.8$: A3, B3, A'3 for $\tau = 2$ and $j_2 \approx \text{const} \approx 17.3$: A6, B6, A'6 for $\tau = 28$ – marked by cyan circles.

After points selection, it is possible to make a simulation research of responses of presented inventory control systems: $h(k)$, $y(k)$, $d(k) - h(k)$.

Table 1. Selected optimization results using SPEA2 Algorithm to A Control System

Tabela 1. Wybrane wyniki optymalizacji z wykorzystaniem algorytmu SPEA2 do systemu sterowania A

Point	j_1	j_2	k_1	k_2	k_3
$\tau = 2$					
A1	1.60	51.1	0.997	0.131	804
A2	1.33	99.3	0.995	1.34	477
A3	1.75	40.3	0.997	0.022	318
$\tau = 28$					
A4	20.6	394	0.983	0.808	4459
A5	9.58	2918	0.887	44.96	27775
A6	17.3	1323	0.939	16.6	27495

Table 2. Selected optimization results using SPEA2 Algorithm to B Control System

Tabela 2. Wybrane wyniki optymalizacji z wykorzystaniem algorytmu SPEA2 do systemu sterowania B

Point	j_1	j_2	k_1	k_2	k_3
$\tau = 2$					
B1	0.0489	0.225	5.20	0.238	0.524
B2	0.00423	100	1.95	1.488	0.0081
B3	1.78	0.006	4.94	0.253	0.283
$\tau = 28$					
B4	3.91	385	68.7	0.0240	0.825
B5	1.79	2879	97.1	0.015	0.995
B6	17.3	50.9	28.1	0.529	0.219

Table 3. Selected optimization results using SPEA2 Algorithm to A' Control System

Tabela 3. Wybrane wyniki optymalizacji z wykorzystaniem algorytmu SPEA2 do systemu sterowania A'

Point	j_1	j_2	k_1	k_2	k_3
$\tau = 2$					
A'1	0.788	74.3	3.00	0.0259	21.1
A'2	0.662	102	3.00	0.107	8.83
A'3	1.73	46.1	2.99	0.0574	10.5
$\tau = 28$					
A'4	10.8	801	28.5	28.4	377
A'5	2.33	2918	27.5	742	200
A'6	17.3	478	28.0	8.50	308

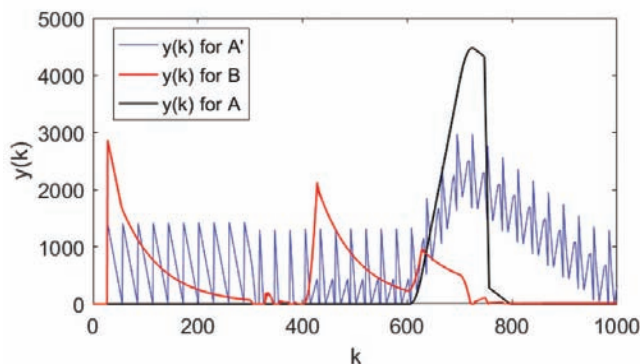


Fig. 9. System response – the stock level $y(k)$ for A4, A'4, B4 for $\tau = 28$
 Rys. 9. Odpowiedź układu – poziom zapasów $y(k)$ dla A4, A'4, B4 dla $\tau = 28$

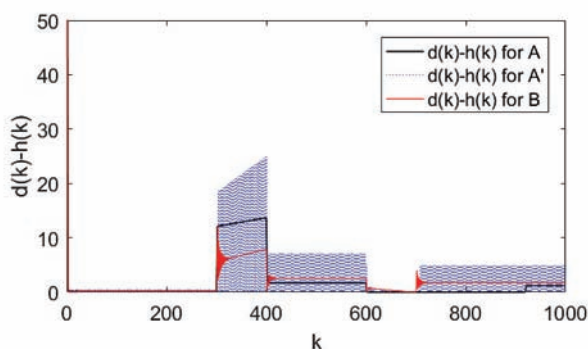


Fig. 10. System response – difference between customer demand $d(k)$ and purchased products $h(k)$ for A3, A'3, B3 for $\tau = 2$
 Rys. 10. Odpowiedź układu – różnica pomiędzy zapotrzebowaniem klientów $d(k)$, a zakupionymi produktami $h(k)$ dla A3, A'3, B3 dla $\tau = 2$

In Fig. 7 $h(k)$ is showed. It represents number of purchased products. In ideal control system $h(k) = d(k)$ but deviations occurred because of the unknown in advance demand, delay τ and the criterion of minimizing inventory stocks j_2 . In Fig. 8 can be seen precisely difference between sold goods in two systems with different two shipping delays: $\tau = 2$ and $\tau = 28$.

Because of broad simulation horizon and small delay ($\tau = 2$), a plot with $h(k)$ is showed almost demand $h(k) \approx d(k)$. There is no visible difference between $d(k)$, $h_A(k)$, $h_B(k)$ for points A3, B3 and $\tau = 2$. This is because of incomparably small deviation value compared to demand. For this reason, we show Fig. 8 which

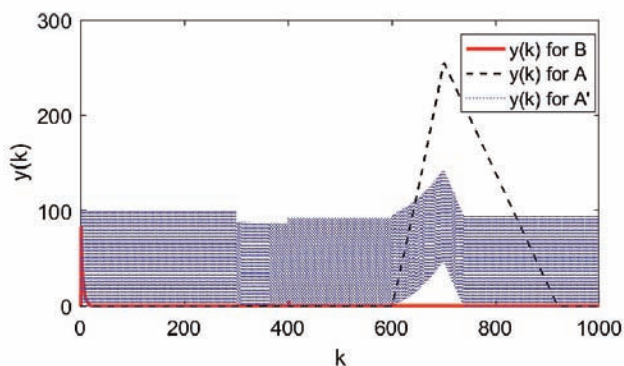


Fig. 11. System response – the stock's level $y(k)$ for A3, A'3, B3 for $\tau = 2$
 Rys. 11. Odpowiedź układu – poziom zapasów $y(k)$ dla A3, A'3, B3 dla $\tau = 2$

presents the difference of the two values: customer demand minus the current number of purchased products.

It is also necessary to take into account $y(k)$ which represents number of accumulated stocks in the inventory. Inventory control system which generates higher peak stocks levels as a result of demand decrease is definitely worst than one with lower stocks level. This situation can be seen in Fig. 9 – for $k \in (600, 700)$ system B has the peak value – 970, A – 4500 and A' – 3000. After including work-in-progress mechanism in A, it can be seen that $y(k)$ has the shape of saw and there is no single hudge signal like in A, but classical saw-shaped stock level. In the Fig. 9, you can see that B and A aims to achieve zero level of stocks for $\tau = 28$ and manage it for $k > 800$.

On the basis of defintion of j_1 it may be concluded that its difference should equal zero for $k = \tau, \tau + 1, \dots, N$ where N is the length of the time horizon. In Fig. 8 and 10 it is clearly seen that difference between demand and the number of purchased products of the two systems is almost the same until $k \leq 300$. We can say that on response to step demand with level 50 at the time zero of two systems is similar, but completely different responses occur for linearly increasing demand – interval $k \in (300, 400)$.

Tables 1–3 consist of solutions for selected points. They shown that for the same shortage cost, the holding cost is the smallest for system B, what we can observe in the Fig. 11. Furthermore, taking into consideration the interval in the Fig. 11 – $k \in (300, 400)$ when $d(k)$ rapidly changing (from 50 to 650), it is an evidence that B manage to cope with fast amplification of demand with minimal stock level. On the contrary, A and A' have almost the same value of j_1 as B, but significantly higer values of the j_2 indicator (holding cost), i.e.: A – 40.3, A' – 46.1, where for B $j_2 = 0.006$.

6. Conclusions

Advantage of Proportional-derivative Inventory Control System with Smith predictor and adaptive reference stock level over Perpetual Inventory System with adaptive order level is clearly visible through steps of the comparison process. First step of analysis shows significant advantage of B over A for every value of assumed delay between ordering products and delivering it to the inventory. Comparison of Pareto front plots was made for the same value of the delay and the same demand function. The simulations results shows that system proposed by the authors have better values of optimization indicators presented in table 1 and 2 for all criterions described in section 5.: for criterion $\min(100j_1 + j_2) - j_1$ and j_2 are smaller, for criterion $j_2 = \text{const} - j_1$ is smaller, and for criterion $j_1 = \text{const} - j_1$ is smaller.

In order to finalize the comparison, we analyse figures with number of purchased products, the stock level response and pointed out the difference of market demand and currently purchased products. What is more, Proportional-Derivative Inventory Control System with Smith predictor and adaptive reference stock level has better inventory stocks level value – smaller for $\tau = 28$ and $\tau = 2$ taking into account the whole time horizon. Proportional-Derivative Inventory Control System with Smith predictor and adaptive reference stock level – for each delay and is characterized by the lowest value of j_1 and j_2 . The overall conclusions show a advantage of B over A and A' in certain periods: for all j_1, j_2 ($\tau = 2, \tau = 14$) or almost all for $\tau = 28$. As a result of this, the inventory holding cost is larger and shortages are more frequent and longer for the order-up-to policy A and A' than it is for PD with Smith predictor approach in these periods.

The results demonstrate the capabilities of the evolutionary optimization approach to generate true and well distributed pareto-optimal non-dominated solutions.

In conclusion, adding work-in-progress mechanism to perpetual inventory control system results in better system performance in some specific periods shown in Figs. 5 and 6, but the results are still dominated by results for PD with Smith predictor approach.

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Analiza porównawcza systemu sterowania ciągłego oraz z regulatorem PD i predyktorem Smitha dla różnych opóźnień dostaw z zastosowaniem metod optymalizacji dwukryterialnej i SPEA2

Streszczenie: W pracy przyjęto dyskretny, stacjonarny, dynamiczny model systemu magazynowego ze stałym w czasie opóźnieniem dostaw. Głównym celem jest przeprowadzenie analizy porównawczej dwóch systemów automatycznego sterowania zamówieniami: ciągłego systemu sterowania magazynem z adaptacyjnym poziomem zamówienia (ang. Perpetual Inventory System with adaptive order level) oraz systemu sterowania magazynem z regulatorem proporcjonalno-różniczkującym oraz predyktorem Smitha z adaptacyjnym poziomem referencyjnym zapasów dla trzech różnych opóźnień dostaw. Optymalne nastawy układów regulacji zostały dobrane za pomocą algorytmu ewolucyjnego dla problemów optymalizacji wielokryterialnej: SPEA2 (ang. Strength Pareto Evolutionary Approach). W symulacji uwzględniono dwa kryteria minimalizacji: koszt utrzymania zapasów (ang. Holding Cost) oraz koszt niedoboru zapasu (ang. Shortage Cost). Wyniki badań symulacyjnych zaprezentowano za pomocą wykresów oraz tabel w środowisku MATLAB/Simulink.

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