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Agent-Based Electronic Commerce

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Logistics

- Any questions?

Flight costs and benefits

- Cost is how much prices are expected to rise
 - *flight-lookahead* parameter
- Benefit is how likely you are to change your mind as prices become clear.
 - Hotel A will be either \$10 (40%) or \$100 (60%)
 - When \$10, flight X is \$250 better, else flight Y is \$250 better
 - If buy now, buy flight . . . Y
 - Benefit of postponing?
 - $40\% * \$250 = \100

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- Why would open-loop do better with small price variances?

Making these Domains

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- What is the process?

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