

Problem 1

(i) from eq. (1):

$$L_{\pi_{\theta_1}}(\pi_{\theta_1}) = \eta(\pi_{\theta_1}) + \sum_s d_{\mu}^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s) \underbrace{\left(\sum_a \pi_{\theta_1}(a|s) A^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s, a) \right)}_{=0}$$

$$\therefore L_{\pi_{\theta_1}}(\pi_{\theta_1}) = \eta(\pi_{\theta_1})$$

$$(ii) \quad \nabla_{\theta} L_{\pi_{\theta_1}}(\theta) = \nabla_{\theta} \eta(\pi_{\theta_1}) + \sum_s d_{\mu}^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s) \sum_a \left(\nabla_{\theta} \pi_{\theta}(a|s) \right) A^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s, a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{\theta} L_{\pi_{\theta_1}}(\theta) \big|_{\theta=\theta_1} = \sum_s d_{\mu}^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s) \sum_a \left(\nabla_{\theta} \pi_{\theta}(a|s) \big|_{\theta=\theta_1} \right) A^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s, a)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ originally, } \eta(\pi_{\theta}) = \eta(\pi_{\theta_1}) + \sum_s d_{\mu}^{\pi_{\theta}}(s) \sum_a \pi_{\theta}(a|s) A^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s, a)$$

$$\therefore \nabla_{\theta} \eta(\pi_{\theta}) = \nabla_{\theta} \eta(\pi_{\theta_1}) + \left[\sum_s d_{\mu}^{\pi_{\theta}}(s) \sum_a \left(\nabla_{\theta} \pi_{\theta}(a|s) \right) A^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s, a) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{\theta} \eta(\pi_{\theta}) \big|_{\theta=\theta_1} = \sum_s d_{\mu}^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s) \sum_a \left(\nabla_{\theta} \pi_{\theta}(a|s) \big|_{\theta=\theta_1} \right) A^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s, a)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \text{ from } \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2}: \nabla_{\theta} L_{\pi_{\theta_1}}(\pi_{\theta}) \big|_{\theta=\theta_1} = \nabla_{\theta} \eta(\pi_{\theta}) \big|_{\theta=\theta_1} \neq$$

check in another way:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V^{\pi}(s)}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sum_a \pi(s, a) Q^{\pi}(s, a) = \sum_a \left[\frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^{\pi}(s, a) + \pi(s, a) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} Q^{\pi}(s, a) \right] \\ &= \sum_a \left[\frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^{\pi}(s, a) + \pi(s, a) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[R_s^a + \sum_{s'} \gamma P_{ss'}^a V^{\pi}(s') \right] \right] \xrightarrow{\text{}} \sum_{s'} \gamma P_{ss'}^a \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} V^{\pi}(s') \\ &= \sum_s \sum_k \gamma^k P_{\pi}(s \rightarrow s, k, \pi) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^{\pi}(s, a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \eta(\pi_{\theta})}{\partial \theta} = \sum_s d_{\mu}^{\pi_{\theta}}(s) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi_{\theta}(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s, a) \quad \text{and we choose } V^{\pi}(s) \text{ as the baseline}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{\theta} \eta(\pi_{\theta}) \big|_{\theta=\theta_1} = \sum_s d_{\mu}^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s) \sum_a \left(\nabla_{\theta} \pi_{\theta}(a|s) \big|_{\theta=\theta_1} \right) A^{\pi_{\theta_1}}(s, a)$$

Problem 2

(a) (i) since $D(\lambda) := \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda)$, we find θ^* from $\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda) = 0$:

$$\Rightarrow 0 = -(\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k}) + \lambda H(\theta - \theta_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta^* - \theta_k = \frac{1}{\lambda} H^{-1}(\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k}) \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{1}$$

substitute $\textcircled{1}$ into eq. (4): $\mathcal{L}(\theta, \lambda)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow D(\lambda) &= -(\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k})^T \frac{H^{-1}}{\lambda} (\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k}) \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{H^{-1}}{\lambda} (\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k}) \right]^T H \left[\frac{H^{-1}}{\lambda} (\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k}) \right]}_{\text{" } \frac{1}{2\lambda} (\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k})^T \underbrace{(H^{-1})^T}_{\text{" } H^{-1}} (\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k})} - \lambda \delta \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow D(\lambda) = \frac{-1}{2\lambda} \left[(\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k})^T H^{-1} (\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k}) \right] - \lambda \delta \quad \#$$

(ii) find λ^* by solving $\frac{\partial D(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial D(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{1}{2\lambda^2} \left[(\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k})^T H^{-1} (\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k}) \right] - \delta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^* = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\delta} \left[(\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k})^T H^{-1} (\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k}) \right]} \quad \#$$

(b) since (a)- $\textcircled{1}$: $\theta^* = \theta_k + \frac{1}{\lambda^*} H^{-1}(\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k})$

$$= \theta_k + \alpha H^{-1}(\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k})$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{1}{\lambda^*} = \sqrt{2\delta} \cdot \left[(\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k})^T H^{-1} (\nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_k}(\theta)|_{\theta=\theta_k}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \#$$