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1.

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Which of the following accurately describes the state-action value function  $Q(s, a)$ ?

- ☒ It is the return if you start from state  $s$ , take action  $a$  (once), then behave optimally after that.
- ☐ It is the return if you start from state  $s$  and repeatedly take action  $a$ .
- ☐ It is the return if you start from state  $s$  and behave optimally.
- ☐ It is the immediate reward if you start from state  $s$  and take action  $a$  (once).

✓ Correct  
Great!

2.

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You are controlling a robot that has 3 actions:  $\leftarrow$  (left),  $\rightarrow$  (right) and STOP. From a given state  $s$ , you have computed  $Q(s, \leftarrow) = -10$ ,  $Q(s, \rightarrow) = -20$ ,  $Q(s, \text{STOP}) = 0$ .

What is the optimal action to take in state  $s$ ?

- ☒ STOP
- ☐  $\leftarrow$  (left)
- ☐  $\rightarrow$  (right)
- ☐ Impossible to tell

✓ Correct  
Yes, because this has the greatest value.

3.

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For this problem,  $\gamma = 0.25$ . The diagram below shows the return and the optimal action from each state. Please compute  $Q(5, \leftarrow)$ .

100	25	6.25	2.5	10	40	← return
100	←	←	→	→	→	← action
100	0	0	0	0	40	← reward
1	2	3	4	5	6	

$Q(5, \leftarrow) = ?$

- ☒ 0.625
- ☐ 0.391
- ☐ 1.25
- ☐ 2.5

✓ Correct  
Yes, we get 0 reward in state 5. Then  $0 * 0.25$  discounted reward in state 4, since we moved left for our action. Now we behave optimally starting from state 4 onwards. So, we move right to state 5 from state 4 and receive  $0 * 0.25^2$  discounted reward. Finally, we move right in state 5 to state 6 to receive a discounted reward of  $40 * 0.25^3$ . Adding these together we get 0.625.