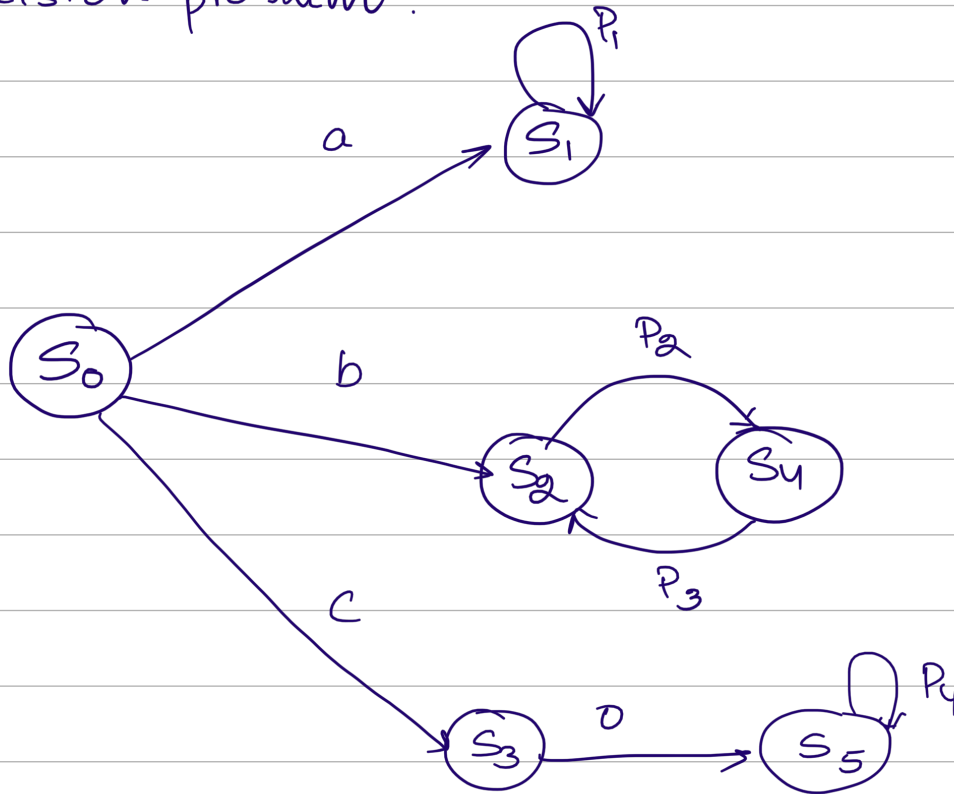


actions: a, b, c

MDP

Decision problem:

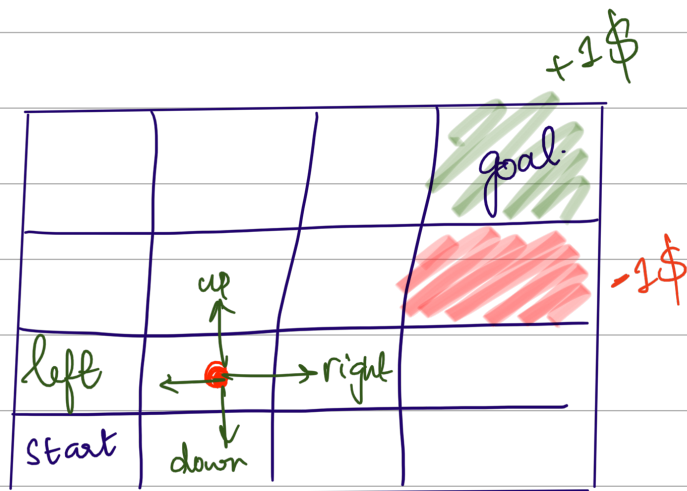


Rewards: P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4

Prob of ending after each step: $1-\gamma$

Discount factor $= \gamma$

Markov Decision Process



Actions:

[up, down, left, right]

describe the world

States: S

model \downarrow (Physics of the world, rules)

(transition function)

$$T(s, a, s') = P(s' | s, a)$$

\uparrow state \uparrow action \swarrow state

Actions: $A(s), A$

Things you can do in a particular state
commands that can be executed

scalar value for being in a state

Reward: $R(s), R(s, a), R(s, a, s')$

\hookrightarrow usefulness of entering into a state

$R(s, a, s')$ \rightarrow reward for being in a state, taking an action and ending up in s'

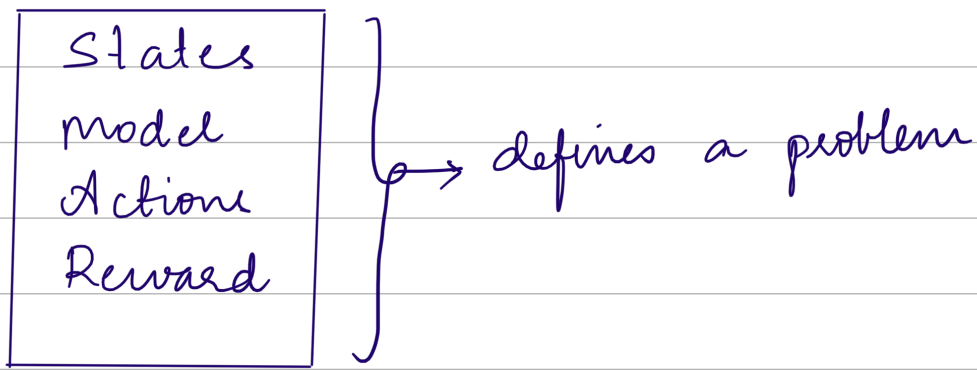
Markovian Property:-

① $P(s' | s, a)$

\uparrow only depends on "current" state s

$$R(s) = R(s, a) = R(s, a, s')$$

② $T(s, a, s')$ / Rules do not vary



solution to a MDP is a "policy"

Policy is a function that takes a state and returns an action

$$\pi(s) \rightarrow a$$

For any given state you are in, tells you the action you need to take

optimal policy π^* ↑ Maximizes your long-term expected reward

Find π^* when we have $T[s, a, s']$, $R[s, a]$

Algorithms {
↳ policy iteration
↳ value iteration