

1. Which approach ensures continual (never-ending) exploration? (**Select all that apply**)

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- ☐ Exploring starts
- ☐ On-policy learning with a **deterministic** policy
- ☐ On-policy learning with an ϵ -soft policy
- ☐ Off-Policy learning with an ϵ -soft behavior policy and a **deterministic** target policy
- ☐ Off-Policy learning with an ϵ -soft target policy and a **deterministic** behavior policy

2. When can Monte Carlo methods, as defined in the course, be applied? (Select all that apply)

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- ☐ When the problem is **continuing** and given a batch of data containing sequences of states, actions, and rewards
- ☐ When the problem is **continuing** and there is a model that produces samples of the next state and reward
- ☐ When the problem is **episodic** and given a batch of data containing sample episodes (sequences of states, actions, and rewards)
- ☐ When the problem is **episodic** and there is a model that produces samples of the next state and reward

3. Which of the following learning settings are examples of off-policy learning? (Select all that apply)

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- ☐ Learning the optimal policy while continuing to explore
- ☐ Learning from data generated by a human expert

4. If a trajectory starts at time t and ends at time T , what is its relative probability under the target policy π and the behavior policy b ?

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Hint: pay attention to the time subscripts of A and S in the answers below.

Hint: Sums and products are not the same things!

- ☐ $\prod_{k=t}^{T-1} \frac{\pi(A_k | S_k)}{b(A_k | S_k)}$
- ☐ $\sum_{k=t}^{T-1} \frac{\pi(A_k | S_k)}{b(A_k | S_k)}$
- ☐ $\frac{\pi(A_{T-1} | S_{T-1})}{b(A_{T-1} | S_{T-1})}$
- ☐ $\frac{\pi(A_t | S_t)}{b(A_t | S_t)}$

5. When is it possible to determine a policy that is greedy with respect to the value functions v_π , q_π for the policy π ? (Select all that apply)

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- ☐ When state values v_π and a model are available
- ☐ When state values v_π are available but no model is available.
- ☐ When action values q_π and a model are available
- ☐ When action values q_π are available but no model is available.

6. Monte Carlo methods in Reinforcement Learning work by...

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Hint: recall we used the term *sweep* in dynamic programming to discuss updating all the states systematically. This is **not** the same as visiting a state.

- ☐ **Planning** with a model of the environment
- ☐ Averaging sample rewards
- ☐ Averaging sample returns
- ☐ Performing **sweeps** through the state set

7. Suppose the state s has been visited three times, with corresponding returns 8, 4, and 3. What is the current Monte Carlo estimate for the value of s ?

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- ☐ 3
- ☐ 15
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 3.5

8. When does Monte Carlo prediction perform its first update?

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- ☐ After the first time step
- ☐ After every state is visited at least once
- ☐ At the end of the first episode

9. For Monte Carlo Prediction of state-values, the number of **updates** at the end of an episode depends on

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Hint: look at the innermost loop of the algorithm

- ☐ The length of the episode
- ☐ The number of states
- ☐ The number of possible actions in each state

10. In an ϵ -greedy policy over \mathcal{A} actions, what is the probability of the highest valued action if there are no other actions with the same value?

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- ☐ $1 - \epsilon$
- ☐ ϵ
- ☐ $1 - \epsilon + \frac{\epsilon}{\mathcal{A}}$
- ☐ $\frac{\epsilon}{\mathcal{A}}$