

1 Proofs (5P)

a) Show that the Bellman optimality operator \mathcal{T} is a γ -contraction. Be able to explain all the steps! (2P)

$$(\mathcal{T}v)(s) = \max_a \sum_{s',r} p(s',r|s,a) [r + \gamma v(s')] \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{T}(v(s)) - \mathcal{T}(v'(s))| &= \max_s \left| \max_{s',r} p(s',r|s,a) [\epsilon + \gamma v(s')] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \max_{s',r} p(s',r|s,a) [\epsilon + \gamma v'(s')] \right| \\ &= \max_s \left| \max_{s',r} p(s',r|s,a) [\epsilon + \gamma v(s)] - (\epsilon + \gamma v'(s')) \right| \\ &= \gamma \max_s \left| \max_{s',r} p(s',r|s,a) [v(s) - v'(s')] \right| \\ &\leq \gamma \max_s \left| \max_{s',r} p(s',r|s,a) \max_{s'} [v(s) - v'(s')] \right| \quad \begin{array}{l} - s' \text{ is included in } s \\ - \max \rightarrow \text{it has to be greater (s' not in s)} \\ \text{or equal (s' is in s)} \end{array} \\ &= \gamma \max_s \left| \max_{s'} [v(s) - v'(s)] \right| \quad \begin{array}{l} - \sum_{s',r} p(s',r|s,a) = 1 \\ - s' \text{ is not argument of } v(s) \end{array} \\ &= \gamma \max_s [v(s) - v'(s)] = \gamma \|v - v'\| \end{aligned}$$

b) Assuming a general finite MDP (S, A, R, p, γ) where rewards are bounded: $r \in [r_{\min}, r_{\max}]$ for all $r \in R$. Prove the following equations. (3P)

$$\frac{r_{\min}}{1-\gamma} \leq v(s) \leq \frac{r_{\max}}{1-\gamma} \quad (2)$$

$$|v(s) - v(s')| \leq \frac{r_{\max} - r_{\min}}{1-\gamma} \quad (3)$$

a) Implement the value iteration algorithm (see lecture 3 slide 27) in the function `value_iteration`. Use the values for γ and θ that are given in the code. Initialize the value function $V(s)$ to 0 for all states. How many steps does it need to converge? What is the optimal value function? (3P)

Optimal Valuefunction after 43 steps:

```
[0.01543432 0.01559069 0.02744009 0.01568004 0.02685371 0.
0.05978021 0.          0.0584134  0.13378315 0.1967357 0.
0.          0.2465377  0.54419553 0.          ]
```

Computed policy:

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[1. 3. 2. 3. 0. 0. 0. 0. 3. 1. 0. 0. 0. 2. 1. 0.]
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Terminals:

State 5	
State 7	
State 11	
State 12	
State 15	

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←[41mS←[0mFFF
FFFH
FFFH
HFFG
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