

Extra Parts

1 Proofs

1.1 Proof of $v_\pi(s)$

$$\begin{aligned}
v_\pi(s) &= \mathbb{E}_\pi[G_t | S_t = s] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_\pi[R_{t+1} + \gamma G_{t+1} | S_t = s] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_\pi[R_{t+1} | S_t = s] + \gamma \mathbb{E}_\pi[G_{t+1} | S_t = s] \\
&= \sum_{r,a} r \times \pi(a|s) \times p(r|s, a) + \gamma \mathbb{E}_\pi[G_{t+1} | S_t = s] \\
&= \sum_{r,a} r \pi(a|s) p(r|s, a) + \\
&\quad \gamma \left(\sum_{s'} \left(\sum_a \pi(a|s) p(s'|s, a) \mathbb{E}_\pi[G_{t+1} | S_{t+1} = s'] \right) \right) \\
&= \sum_a \pi(a|s) \left[\sum_r r p(r|s, a) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. \gamma \sum_{s'} p(s'|s, a) \mathbb{E}_\pi[G_{t+1} | S_{t+1} = s'] \right] \\
&= \sum_a \pi(a|s) \left[\sum_{r,s'} r p(s', r|s, a) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. \gamma \sum_{s',r} p(s', r|s, a) \mathbb{E}_\pi[G_{t+1} | S_{t+1} = s'] \right] \\
&= \sum_a \pi(a|s) \sum_{r,s'} p(s', r|s, a) [r + \gamma \mathbb{E}_\pi[G_{t+1} | S_{t+1} = s']] \\
&= \sum_a \pi(a|s) \sum_{s',r} p(s', r|s, a) [r + \gamma v_\pi(s')] \forall s \in \mathcal{S}
\end{aligned}$$

1.2 Proof of Policy Improvement

$$v_\pi(s) \leq q_\pi(s, \pi'(s))$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{R_{t+1}, S_{t+1} \sim p(s', r|s, a)} [R_{t+1} + \gamma v_\pi(S_{t+1}) | S_t = s, A_t = \pi'(s)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{R_{t+1}, S_{t+1} \sim p(s', r|s, a), a \sim \pi'} [R_{t+1} + \gamma v_\pi(S_{t+1}) | S_t = s]$$

Shortening the notation

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\pi'} [R_{t+1} + \gamma v_\pi(S_{t+1}) | S_t = s]$$

Applying π' on another step we get

$$\leq \mathbb{E}_{\pi'} [R_{t+1} + \gamma q_\pi(S_{t+1}, \pi'(S_{t+1})) | S_t = s]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\pi'} [R_{t+1} + \gamma \mathbb{E}_{\pi'} [R_{t+2} + \gamma v_\pi(S_{t+2}) | S_{t+1}] | S_t = s]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\pi'} [R_{t+1} | S_t = s] + \gamma \mathbb{E}_{\pi'} [\mathbb{E}_{\pi'} [R_{t+2} + \gamma v_\pi(S_{t+2}) | S_{t+1}] | S_t = s]$$

$$= \sum_a \pi'(a|s) \sum_r p(r|s, a) r + \gamma \sum_a \pi'(a|s) \sum_{s'} p(s'|s, a) \mathbb{E}_{\pi'} [R_{t+2} + \gamma v_\pi(S_{t+2}) | S_{t+1} = s']$$

$$= \sum_a \pi'(a|s) \sum_{s', r} p(s', r|s, a) r + \gamma \sum_a \pi'(a|s) \sum_{s', r} p(s', r|s, a) \mathbb{E}_{\pi'} [R_{t+2} + \gamma v_\pi(S_{t+2}) | S_{t+1} = s']$$

$$= \sum_a \pi'(a|s) \sum_{s', r} p(s', r|s, a) (r + \gamma \mathbb{E}_{\pi'} [R_{t+2} + \gamma v_\pi(S_{t+2}) | S_{t+1} = s'])$$

expanding the inside expectation just like the outside

$$= \sum_a \pi'(a|s) \sum_{s', r} p(s', r|s, a) (r + \gamma \sum_{a'} \pi'(a'|s') \sum_{s'', r'} p(s'', r'|s', a') (r' + \gamma v_\pi(s'')))$$

$$\text{as we know } \sum_{a'} \pi'(a'|s') \sum_{s'', r'} p(s'', r'|s', a') = \sum_{a', s'', r'} p_{\pi'}(a', r', s'' | s') = 1$$

and not dependent on r

$$= \sum_a \pi'(a|s) \sum_{s', r} p(s', r|s, a) (\sum_{a'} \pi'(a'|s') \sum_{s'', r'} p(s'', r'|s', a') r +$$

$$\gamma \sum_{a'} \pi'(a'|s') \sum_{s'', r'} p(s'', r'|s', a') (r' + \gamma v_\pi(s'')))$$

$$= \sum_a \pi'(a|s) \sum_{s', r} p(s', r|s, a) \sum_{a'} \pi'(a'|s') \sum_{s'', r'} p(s'', r'|s', a') (r + \gamma(r' + \gamma v_\pi(s'')))$$

$$= \sum_a \pi'(a|s) \sum_{s', r} p(s', r|s, a) \sum_{a'} \pi'(a'|s') \sum_{s'', r'} p(s'', r'|s', a') (r + \gamma r' + \gamma^2 v_\pi(s''))$$

$$= \sum_{a, s', r} p_{\pi'}(s', r, a | s) \sum_{a', s'', r'} p_{\pi'}(s'', r', a' | s') (r + \gamma r' + \gamma^2 v_\pi(s''))$$

as internal expression is not dependent on a and a' we can sum on them

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{s', r} p_{\pi'}(s', r | s) \sum_{s'', r'} p_{\pi'}(s'', r' | s') (r + \gamma r' + \gamma^2 v_{\pi}(s'')) \\
&= \sum_{r, s', r', s''} p_{\pi'}(s', r | s) p_{\pi'}(s'', r' | s') (r + \gamma r' + \gamma^2 v_{\pi}(s''))
\end{aligned}$$

we can write this in terms of a, b, c, d, e for ease of readability

$$\begin{aligned}
&= p(a, b | c) p(d, e | a) = p(a | b, c) p(b | c) p(d, e | a) \\
&= \sum_{r, s', r', s''} p_{\pi'}(s' | r, s) p_{\pi'}(r | s) p_{\pi'}(s'', r' | s') (r + \gamma r' + \gamma^2 v_{\pi}(s''))
\end{aligned}$$

we can write $p_{\pi'}(s'', r' | s') = p_{\pi'}(s'', r' | s', s, r)$

as its markov they are equal as they are not dependent on s and r and only on s'

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{r, s', r', s''} p_{\pi'}(s' | r, s) p_{\pi'}(r | s) p_{\pi'}(s'', r' | s', s, r) (r + \gamma r' + \gamma^2 v_{\pi}(s'')) \\
&= \sum_{r, s', r', s''} p_{\pi'}(r | s) p_{\pi'}(s'', r', s' | s, r) (r + \gamma r' + \gamma^2 v_{\pi}(s'')) \\
&= \sum_{r, s', r', s''} p_{\pi'}(s'', r', s', r | s) (r + \gamma r' + \gamma^2 v_{\pi}(s''))
\end{aligned}$$

we can sum on s' as the independent expression doesnt contain that term

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{r, r', s''} p_{\pi'}(s'', r', r | s) (r + \gamma r' + \gamma^2 v_{\pi}(s'')) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\pi'}[R_{t+1} + \gamma R_{t+2} + \gamma^2 v_{\pi}(S_{t+2}) | S_t = s]
\end{aligned}$$