Lecture 6 - Jan 31, 2023

- Reinforcement Learning Preliminaries
  - State, Action, Reward, Policy
  - Returns and Expected Returns
  - State Value Function
  - State-Action Value Function
  - Bellman Equation and optimality

Project 1 → Due Feb 7

TA's office hour: Wednesdays, 12pm - 1pm (in-person)
Fridays, 12pm - 1pm (virtual)

MDP(S, A, R, P)

imediate → $R(s, a, s')$ $P(s'|s, a)$

Expected $R(s, a) = \sum_{s'} P(s'|s, a)\, R(s, a, s')$

Task < Episodic / Continuing

9	10	11	12
8		14	13
7		16	15
6	5		
4	3	2	1

Wall Bump Goal

Return: Accumulated Reward

$G_t = R_{t+1} + R_{t+2} + \cdots + R_T$

$\gamma = 1$

$\gamma = 0.9$

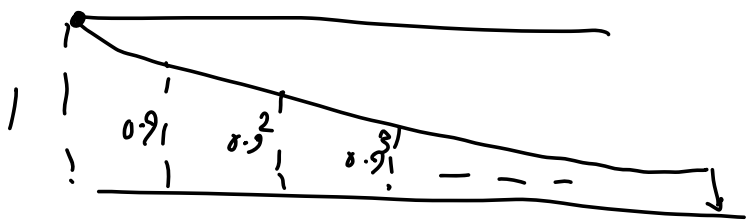
$-1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad \cdots \quad (0.9)^{20}$

Continuing Task

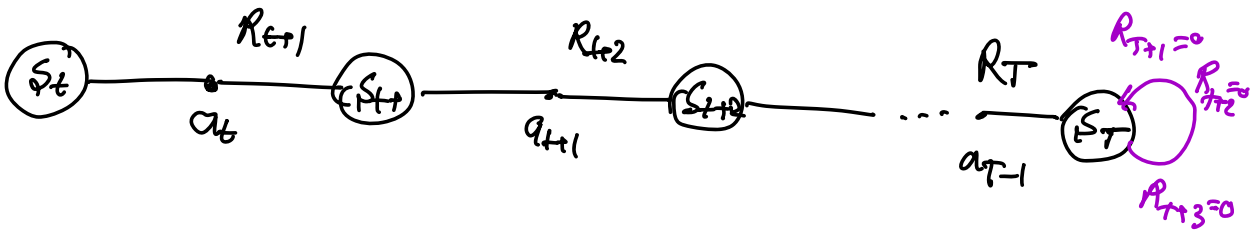
$$G_t = R_{t+1} + \gamma R_{t+2} + \gamma^2 R_{t+3} + \cdots$$

Discount Factor

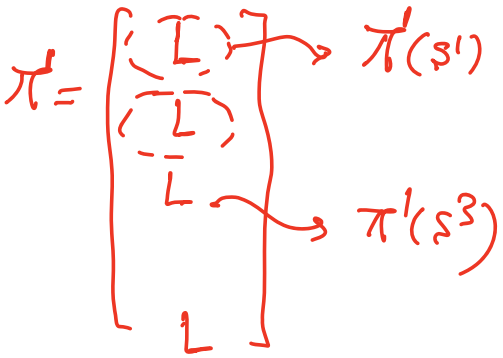
$0 < \gamma < 1$

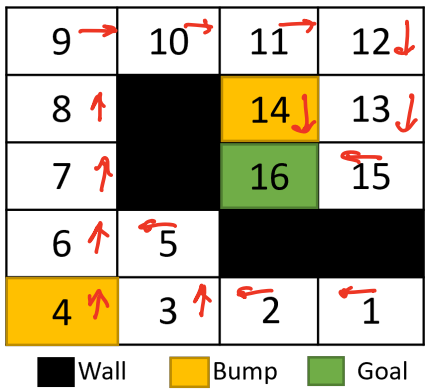


Episodic = Continuing Tasks



$$G_t = R_{t+1} + \gamma R_{t+2} + \cdots + \gamma^T R_T + \gamma^{T+1} R_{T+1} + \gamma^{T+2} R_{T+2} + \cdots$$





Expected Return = Expected Accumulated Reward

$$V(S_t) = E[G_t \mid S_t = 15, \pi']$$

↳ State-Value function

$$V^{\pi'}(15) = E[G_t \mid S_t = 15, \pi']$$

$P(s'|s,a)$

$$P(s'|s=15, a=L) = \begin{cases} 0.9 & s'=16 \\ 2\frac{0.1}{3} & s'=15 \\ \frac{0.1}{3} & s'=13 \end{cases}$$

π'

9 →	10 →	11 →	12 ↓
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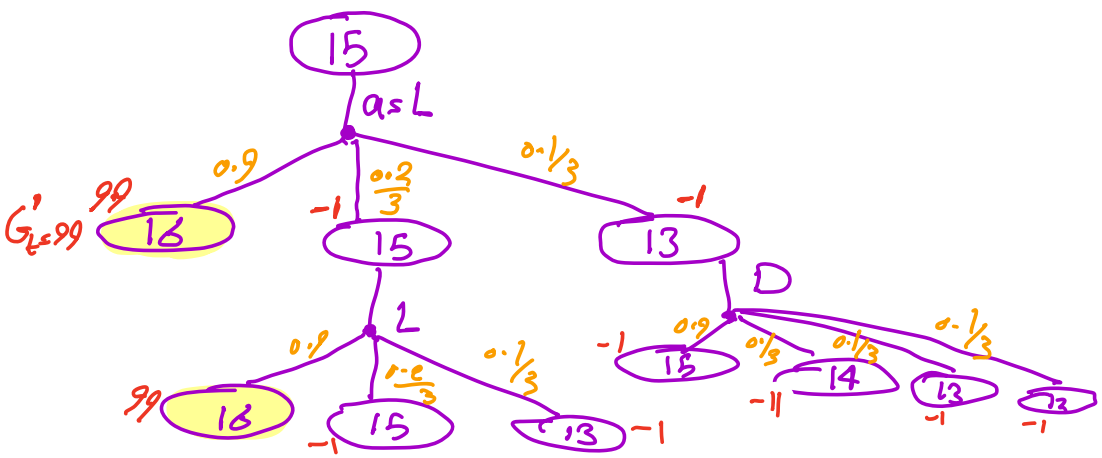
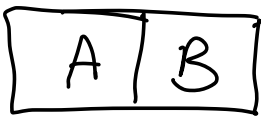
7 ↑		16	15 ←
6 ↑	5 ←		
4 ↑	3 ↑	2 ←	1 ←

Wall Bump Goal



$$V^{\pi'}(15) = E[G_t \mid S_t = 15, \pi']$$

$$= \sum_{\text{trajectories}} P_t^j \, G_t^j$$



$S = \{A, B\}$

Reward → { −1 if switch (a^2) ; +5 . be in B }

$A = \{a^1, a^2\}$

a^1: keep your location ; a^2: switch

$R(s, a, s')$

$R(A, a^1, A) = 0$

$R(A, a^1, B) = 5$

$R(B, a^1, A) = 0$

$\vdots$

$R(B, a^2, B) = 4$

$P(a^1) = M(a^1) =$

	A	B
A	1	0
B	0	1

$P(s_k = A \mid s_{k-1} = B, a_{k-1} = a^1)$

$P(a^2) = M(a^2) =$

	A	B
A	0	1
B	1	0

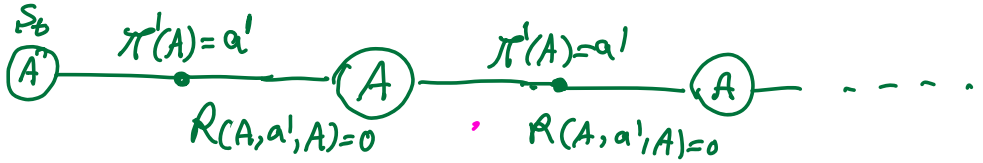
$\pi^1 = \begin{bmatrix} a^1 \\ a^1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\pi^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a^1 \\ a^2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\pi^3 = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 \\ a^1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\pi^4 = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 \\ a^2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\gamma = 0.9$

$$\pi' = \begin{bmatrix} \pi'(A) \\ \pi'(B) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a' \\ a' \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Stay at your state}$$

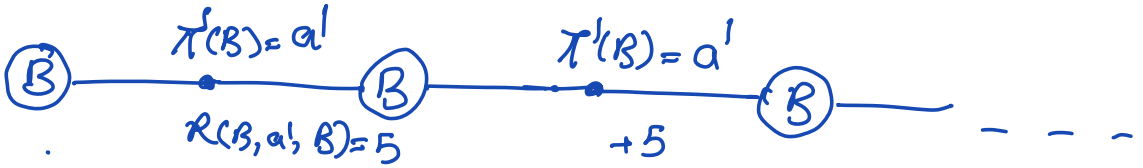
$$G_t = R_{t+1} + \gamma R_{t+2} + \gamma^2 R_{t+3} + \cdots$$

$$V_{\pi'}(s) = E[G_t \mid S_t = s, \pi']$$



$$V_{\pi'}(A) = 0 + \gamma 0 + \gamma^2 0 + \cdots = 0$$

Expected accumulated rewards starting from A and following policy π'



$$V_{\pi'}(B) = E[R_{t+1} + \gamma R_{t+2} + \cdots \mid S_t = B, \pi']$$

$\gamma = 0.9$

$$= 5 + \gamma 5 + \gamma^2 5 + \gamma^3 5 + \cdots$$

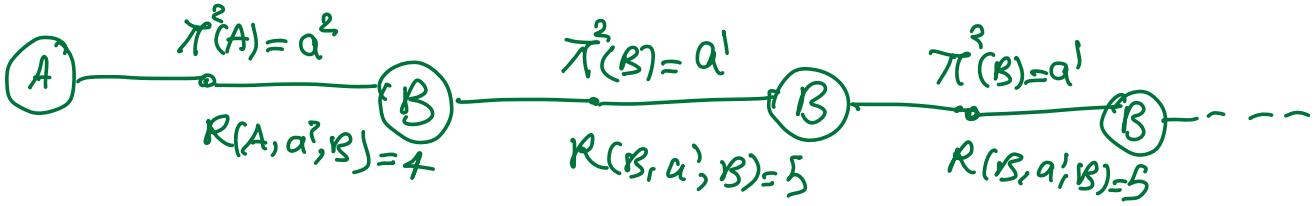
$$= 5(1 + \gamma + \gamma^2 + \gamma^3 + \cdots)$$

$$= 5 \frac{1}{1-\gamma} = \frac{5}{1-0.9} = 50$$

$1 + x + x^2 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1-x}$

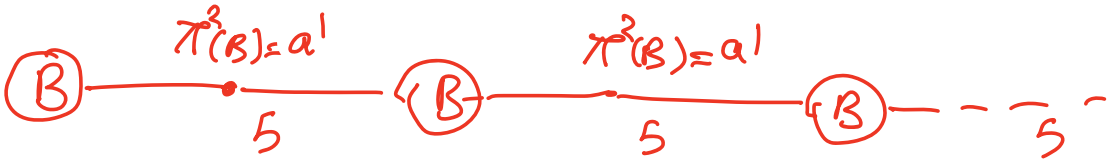
$-1 < x < 1$

$$\pi^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \pi^2(A) \\ \pi^2(B) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 \\ a^1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$V_{\pi^2}(A) = 4 + \gamma 5 + \gamma^2 5 + \gamma^3 5 + \cdots$$

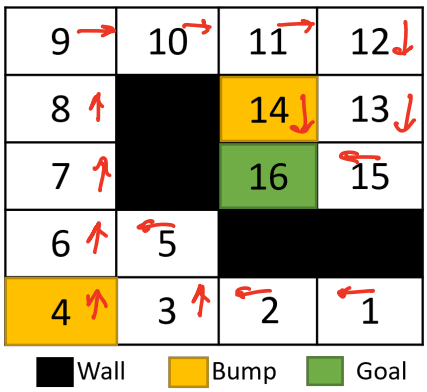
$$= 4 + \gamma 5 \underbrace{(1 + \gamma + \gamma^2 + \cdots)}_{\frac{1}{1-\gamma}} = 49$$



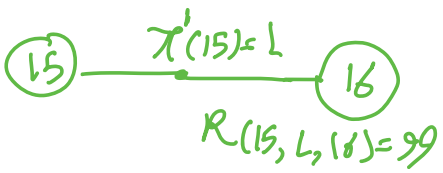
$$V_{\pi^2}(B) = 5 + \gamma 5 + \gamma^2 5 + \cdots = 5(1 + \gamma + \gamma^2 + \cdots) = 50$$

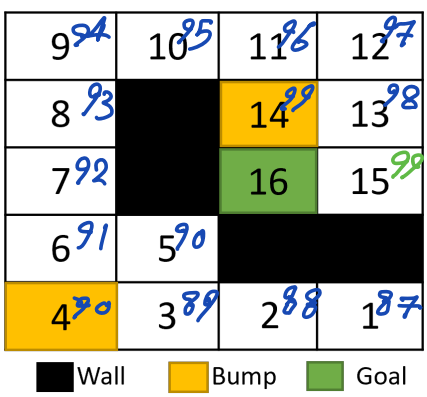
$\pi' = \begin{bmatrix} \pi'(1) \\ \vdots \\ \pi'(15) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L \\ L \\ U \\ \vdots \\ L \end{bmatrix}$

Deterministic

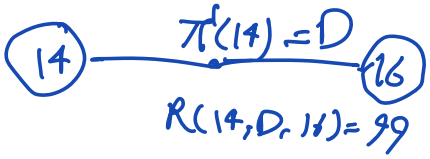


$V_{\pi'}(15) = 99$

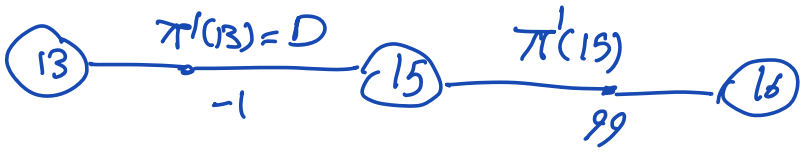




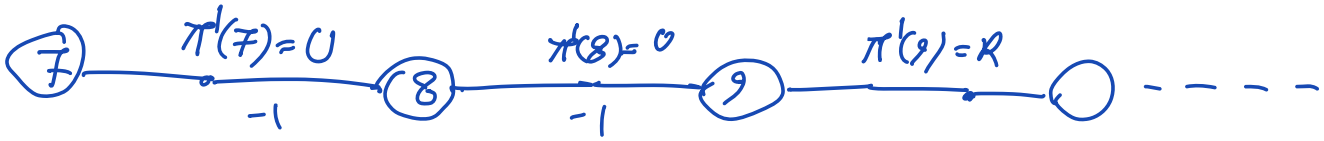
$V_{\pi'}(14) = 99$

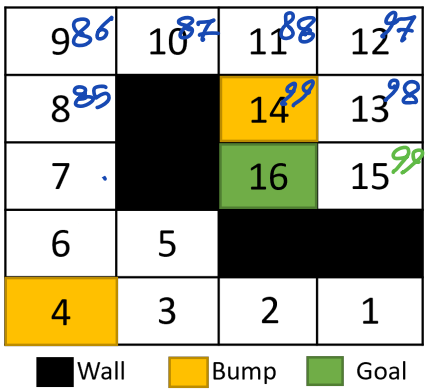


$V_{\pi'}(13) = -1 + 99 = 98$



$V_{\pi'}(7) =$

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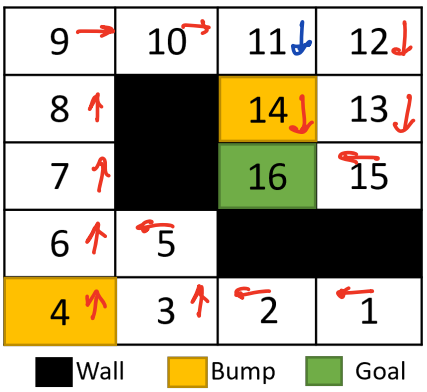
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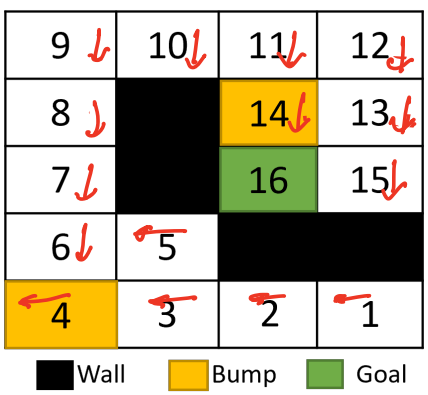
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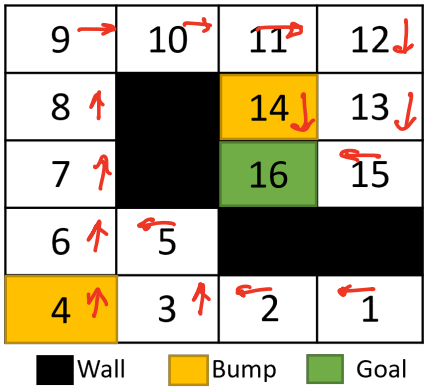
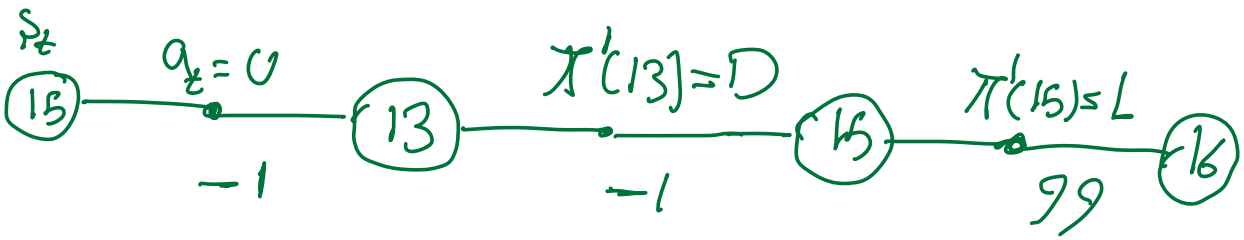
State–Action Value Function

$$Q_\pi(s, a) = E[G_t \mid S_t = s, a_t = a, \pi]$$

$$\pi' = \begin{bmatrix} L \\ U \\ \vdots \\ L \end{bmatrix}$$

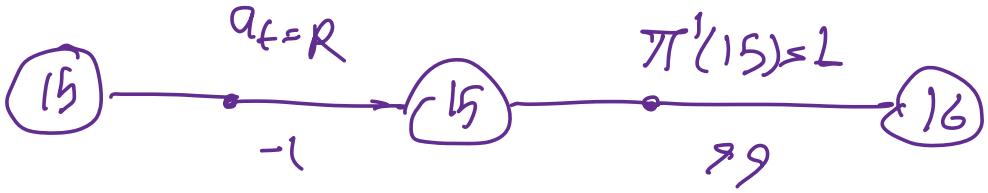


$$Q_{\pi'}(15, U) =$$



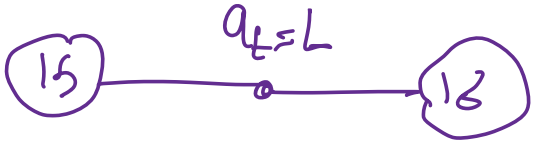
$$Q_{\pi'}(15, U) = -1 - 1 + 99 = 97$$

$$Q_{\pi'}(15, R) = -1 + 99 = 98$$



$Q_{\pi'}(15, D) = -1 + 99 = 98$

$Q_{\pi'}(15, L) =$



$$Q_{\pi}(S, \pi(S)) = V_{\pi}(S)$$

A	B

$\pi' = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\pi^2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \pi^3$ π^4

$V_{\pi^1}(A)$ 0 $V_{\pi^2}(A)$ ~~50~~ $V_{\pi^3}(A)$ $V_{\pi^4}(A)$

$V_{\pi^1}(B)$ 99 $V_{\pi^2}(B)$ 50 $V_{\pi^3}(B)$ $V_{\pi^4}(B)$