

3. Proof

Proving that T^π is a contraction is proving $d(T^\pi(V_1(s)), T^\pi(V_2(s))) \leq \gamma d(V_1(s), V_2(s))$

Let $d(x_1, x_2) = \|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty = \max |x_1 - x_2|$

For V_1, V_2 , $\|T^\pi(V_1) - T^\pi(V_2)\|_\infty = \max |T^\pi(V_1) - T^\pi(V_2)|$

$$\|T^\pi(V_1) - T^\pi(V_2)\|_\infty = \max_{s \in S} \left| R^\pi(s) + \gamma \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^\pi V_1^\pi(s') - R^\pi(s) - \gamma \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^\pi V_2^\pi(s') \right|$$

$$= \gamma \max_{s \in S} \left| \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^\pi (V_1^\pi(s') - V_2^\pi(s')) \right|$$

$$= \gamma \max_{s \in S} \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^\pi |V_1^\pi(s') - V_2^\pi(s')|$$

$$\leq \gamma \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^\pi \max_{s \in S} |V_1^\pi(s') - V_2^\pi(s')|$$

$$\leq \gamma \max_{s \in S} |V_1^\pi(s') - V_2^\pi(s')|$$

$$= \gamma \|V_1^\pi - V_2^\pi\|_\infty$$