

1. a.

$$P^\pi(\tau) = \prod_{t=0}^{\infty} \pi(a_t | s_t) \gamma(s_{t+1} | s_t, a_t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } E_{\tau \sim p^\pi} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t f(s_t, a_t) \right] &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t E_{\tau \sim p^\pi} [f(s_t, a_t)] \\ &= E_{\tau \sim p^\pi} [f(s_0, a_0)] + \gamma E_{\tau \sim p^\pi} [f(s_1, a_1)] + \gamma^2 E_{\tau \sim p^\pi} [f(s_2, a_2)] + \dots \\ &= \sum_s P(s_0=s) E_{a \sim \pi(s)} [f(s, a)] + \gamma \sum_s P(s_1=s) E_{a \sim \pi(s)} [f(s, a)] + \dots \\ &= \sum_s \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t P(s_t=s) E_{a \sim \pi(s)} [f(s, a)] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \sum_s d^\pi(s) E_{a \sim \pi(s)} [f(s, a)] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\gamma} E_{s \sim d^\pi} [E_{a \sim \pi(s)} [f(s, a)]] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c. } V^\pi(s_0) - V^{\pi'}(s_0) &= E_{\tau \sim p^\pi} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t (R(s_t, a_t) + \gamma V^{\pi'}(s_{t+1}) - V^{\pi'}(s_t)) \right] \\ &= E_{\tau \sim p^\pi} \left[E \left[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t (R(s_t, a_t) + \gamma V^{\pi'}(s_{t+1}) - V^{\pi'}(s_t)) \mid s_t, a_t \right] \right] \\ &= E_{\tau \sim p^\pi} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t (R(s_t, a_t) + \gamma E[V^{\pi'}(s_{t+1}) \mid s_t, a_t] - V^{\pi'}(s_t)) \right] \\ &= E_{\tau \sim p^\pi} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t (Q^{\pi'}(s_t, a_t) - V^{\pi'}(s_t)) \right] \\ &= E_{\tau \sim p^\pi} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t A^{\pi'}(s_t, a_t) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\gamma} E_{s \sim d^\pi} [E_{a \sim \pi(s)} [A^{\pi'}(s_t, a_t)]] \end{aligned}$$

2.a.

The maximum sum of rewards that can be achieved in a single trajectory is 6.2. To get this optimal reward, we need to make the following moves: 0 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 3 → 0.

The max reward attainable from a single move is 3, when we move from state 2 to 3 taking the action 3. As we have 5 steps, we can only repeat this move twice. Doing so takes 4 steps and gives us a max reward of 6. Then at the final time step the highest reward we can achieve starting from state 3 is 0.2, taking an action of 0 to go to state 0.

3.b.

Based on Jensen's inequality, we can show that the expectation of the max is at least the max of the expectation. Given that Q is an unbiased estimator of Q^* the inequality can then be written w.r.t Q^* .

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[\max_a Q(s, a) \right] &\geq \max_a E [Q(s, a)] \\ &= \max_a Q^*(s, a) \end{aligned}$$

5.a. Deriving the gradient w.r.t. θ we have:

$$\nabla_{\theta} Q_{\theta}(s, a) = \nabla_{\theta} (\theta^T \delta(s, a)) = \delta(s, a)$$

So the update rule for θ becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &\leftarrow \theta + \alpha (r + \gamma \max_{a' \in A} \theta^T \delta(s', a') - \theta^T \delta(s, a)) \delta(s, a) \\ &= \theta + \alpha (r + \gamma \max_{a' \in A} \theta_{s', a'} - \theta_{s, a}) \delta(s, a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{By condition, } \theta_{\bar{s}, \bar{a}} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \theta_{s, a} + \alpha (r + \gamma \max_{a' \in A} \theta_{s', a'} - \theta_{s, a}) & \text{if } \bar{s} = s, \bar{a} = a \\ \theta_{\bar{s}, \bar{a}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This is equivalent to Q function update as $Q_{\theta}(s, a) = \theta_{s, a}$