Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence Exercise 11: Making Complex Decisions – Solutions Jonathan Külz

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Problem 11.1:

Problem 11.1.1: In the deterministic setting, the robot tries to reach the charger (+1) using the shortest path without passing the stairs (-1). For instance, U(1,3) is U(1,3) = 3(-0.04) + 1 = 0.88 (see Fig. 1a). The values of each state are shown in Fig. 1b.

-0.04	→ -0.04	→ -0.04	1
			-1

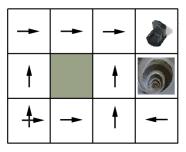
0.88	0.92	0.96	1
0.84		0.92	-1
0.8	0.84	0.88	0.84

(a) Computation of U(1,3).

(b) Utilities for each state.

Figure 1: Value function for deterministic state transitions.

Problem 11.1.2:



Problem 11.1.3: In the stochastic approach, we have a probability distribution over the resulting states given the action and the initial state of the robot. We use the value iteration algorithm to calculate the utilities of each state. The value iteration algorithm starts with arbitrary values $U^0(s)$ and updates the values of U(s) iteratively:

$$U^{i+1}(s) = R(s) + \gamma \max_{a \in A(s)} \sum_{s'} P(s'|s, a) U^{i}(s').$$
 (1)

The algorithm terminates, if the change $|U^{i+1}(s) - U^i(s)|$ is smaller than some threshold. After convergence, the optimal policy $\pi^*(s)$ of each state can be determined with:

$$\pi^*(s) = \underset{a \in A(s)}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{s'} P(s'|s, a) U(s').$$
 (2)

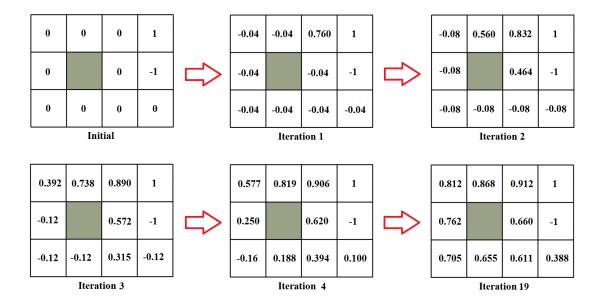
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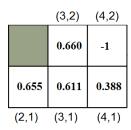
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U^{1}(1,3) = -0.04 + \gamma \max [P((1,3)|(1,3),r) \cdot U^{0}(1,3) + P((2,3)|(1,3),r) \cdot U^{0}(2,3)]
                                       +P((1,2)|(1,3),r)\cdot U^{0}(1,2)),
                                                                                                                        (Right)
                                       P((1,2)|(1,3),l) \cdot U^{0}(1,2) + P((1,3)|(1,3),l) \cdot U^{0}(1,3)
                                       +P((1,3)|(1,3),l)\cdot U^{0}(1,3)),
                                                                                                                        (Left)
                                       P((1,3)|(1,3),u) \cdot U^{0}(1,3) + P((1,3)|(1,3),u) \cdot U^{0}(1,3)
                                       +P((2,3)|(1,3),u)\cdot U^{0}(2,3)),
                                                                                                                        (Up)
                                       P((2,3)|(1,3),d) \cdot U^{0}(2,3) + P((1,2)|(1,3),d) \cdot U^{0}(1,2)
                                       +P((1,3)|(1,3),d)\cdot U^{0}(1,3)
                                                                                                                        (Down)
U^1(1,3) = -0.04 + \max
                                       [(0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot 0),
                                                                                                                        (Right)
                                       (0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot 0),
                                                                                                                        (Left)
                                       (0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot 0),
                                                                                                                        (Up)
                                       (0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot 0)
                                                                                                                        (Down)
U^1(1,3) = -0.04
U^1(2,3) = -0.04 + \gamma \max
                                      [P((2,3)|(2,3),r) \cdot U^{0}(2,3) + P((3,3)|(2,3),r) \cdot U^{0}(3,3)]
                                       +P((2,3)|(2,3),r)\cdot U^{0}(2,3)),
                                                                                                                        (Right)
                                       P((2,3)|(2,3),l) \cdot U^{0}(2,3) + P((1,3)|(2,3),l) \cdot U^{0}(1,3)
                                       +P((2,3)|(2,3),l)\cdot U^{0}(2,3)),
                                                                                                                        (Left)
                                       P((1,3)|(2,3),u) \cdot U^{0}(1,3) + P((2,3)|(2,3),u) \cdot U^{0}(2,3)
                                       +P((3,3)|(2,3),u)\cdot U^{0}(3,3)),
                                                                                                                        (Up)
                                       P((1,3)|(2,3),d) \cdot U^{0}(1,3) + P((2,3)|(2,3),d) \cdot U^{0}(2,3)
                                       +P((3,3)|(2,3),d)\cdot U^{0}(3,3)
                                                                                                                        (Down)
U^{1}(2,3) = -0.04 + \max_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}
                                       [(0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot 0),
                                                                                                                        (Right)
                                       (0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot 0),
                                                                                                                        (Left)
                                       (0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot 0),
                                                                                                                        (Up)
                                       (0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot 0)
                                                                                                                        (Down)
U^1(2,3) =
              -0.04
U^1(3,2) =
                 -0.04+ \gamma \max
                                       [P((3,3)|(3,2),r) \cdot U^{0}(3,3) + P((4,2)|(3,2),r) \cdot U^{0}(4,2)]
                                        +P((3,1)|(3,2),r)\cdot U^{0}(3,1),
                                                                                                                         (Right)
                                        P((3,3)|(3,2),l) \cdot U^{0}(3,3) + P((3,2)|(3,2),l) \cdot U^{0}(3,2)
                                        +P((3,1)|(3,2),l)\cdot U^{0}(3,1)),
                                                                                                                         (Left)
                                        P((3,2)|(3,2),u) \cdot U^{0}(3,2) + P((3,3)|(3,2),u) \cdot U^{0}(3,3)
                                        +P((4,2)|(3,2),u)\cdot U^{0}(4,2)),
                                                                                                                         (Up)
                                        P((3,2)|(3,2),d) \cdot U^{0}(3,2) + P((3,1)|(3,2),d) \cdot U^{0}(3,2)
                                        +P((4,2)|(3,2),d)\cdot U^{0}(4,2))
                                                                                                                          (Down)
                 -0.04+ \max
U^1(3,2) =
                                        [(0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot (-1) + 0.1 \cdot 0),
                                                                                                                          (Right)
                                                                                                                          (Left)
                                        (0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot 0),
                                        (0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot (-1)),
                                                                                                                          (Up)
                                        (0.1 \cdot 0 + 0.8 \cdot 0 + 0.1 \cdot (-1))
                                                                                                                          (Down)
U^{1}(3,2) = -0.04(Left)
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Iteration 2 (i = 1):

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[P((1,3)|(1,3),r) \cdot U^{1}(1,3) + P((2,3)|(1,3),r) \cdot U^{1}(2,3)]
U^2(1,3) = -0.04 + \gamma \max
                                      +P((1,2)|(1,3),r)\cdot U^{1}(1,2)),
                                                                                                                    (Right)
                                      P((1,2)|(1,3),l) \cdot U^{1}(1,2) + P((1,3)|(1,3),l) \cdot U^{1}(1,3)
                                      +P((1,3)|(1,3),l)\cdot U^{1}(1,3)),
                                                                                                                    (Left)
                                      P((1,3)|(1,3),u) \cdot U^{1}(1,3) + P((1,3)|(1,3),u) \cdot U^{1}(1,3)
                                      +P((2,3)|(1,3),u)\cdot U^{1}(2,3)),
                                                                                                                    (Up)
                                      P((2,3)|(1,3),d) \cdot U^{1}(2,3) + P((1,2)|(1,3),d) \cdot U^{1}(1,2)
                                      +P((1,3)|(1,3),d)\cdot U^{1}(1,3))
                                                                                                                    (Down)
U^2(1,3) = -0.04 + \max
                                      [(0.1 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.8 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.1 \cdot (-0.04)),
                                                                                                                    (Right)
                                      (0.1 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.8 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.1 \cdot (-0.04)),
                                                                                                                    (Left)
                                      (0.1 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.8 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.1 \cdot (-0.04)),
                                                                                                                    (Up)
                                      (0.1 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.8 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.1 \cdot (-0.04))
                                                                                                                    (Down)
U^2(1,3) =
               -0.08
U^2(2,3) =
                -0.04+ \gamma \max [P((2,3)|(2,3),r) \cdot U^{1}(2,3) + P((3,3)|(2,3),r) \cdot U^{1}(3,3)]
                                       +P((2,3)|(2,3),r)\cdot U^{1}(2,3),
                                                                                                                     (Right)
                                       P((2,3)|(2,3),l) \cdot U^{1}(2,3) + P((1,3)|(2,3),l) \cdot U^{1}(1,3)
                                       +P((2,3)|(2,3),l)\cdot U^{1}(2,3)),
                                                                                                                     (Left)
                                       P((1,3)|(2,3),u) \cdot U^{1}(1,3) + P((2,3)|(2,3),u) \cdot U^{1}(2,3)
                                       +P((3,3)|(2,3),u)\cdot U^{1}(3,3)),
                                                                                                                     (Up)
                                       P((1,3)|(2,3),d) \cdot U^{1}(1,3) + P((2,3)|(2,3),d) \cdot U^{1}(2,3)
                                       +P((3,3)|(2,3),d)\cdot U^{1}(3,3))
                                                                                                                     (Down)
U^2(2,3) = -0.04 + \max
                                       [(0.1 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.8 \cdot (0.760) + 0.1 \cdot (-0.04),
                                                                                                                     (Right)
                                       (0.1 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.8 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.1 \cdot (-0.04)),
                                                                                                                     (Left)
                                       ((0.1 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.8 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.1 \cdot 0.76),
                                                                                                                     (Up)
                                       (0.1 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.8 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.1 \cdot 0.76)
                                                                                                                     (Down)
U^2(2,3) =
                0.560(Right)
U^2(3,2) =
                -0.04+ \gamma \max
                                      P((3,3)|(3,2),r) \cdot U^{1}(3,3) + P((4,2)|(3,2),r) \cdot U^{1}(4,2)
                                       +P((3,1)|(3,2),r)\cdot U^{1}(3,1)),
                                                                                                                     (Right)
                                       P((3,3)|(3,2),l) \cdot U^{1}(3,3) + P((3,2)|(3,2),l) \cdot U^{1}(3,2)
                                       +P((3,1)|(3,2),l)\cdot U^{1}(3,1),
                                                                                                                     (Left)
                                       P((3,2)|(3,2),u) \cdot U^{1}(3,2) + P((3,3)|(3,2),u) \cdot U^{1}(3,3)
                                       +P((4,2)|(3,2),u)\cdot U^{1}(4,2)),
                                                                                                                     (Up)
                                       P((3,2)|(3,2),d) \cdot U^{1}(3,2) + P((3,1)|(3,2),d) \cdot U^{1}(3,1)
                                       +P((4,2)|(3,2),d)\cdot U^{1}(4,2))
                                                                                                                     (Down)
U^2(3,2) =
                -0.04+ \max
                                       [(0.1 \cdot (0.76) + 0.8 \cdot (-1) + 0.1 \cdot (-0.04),
                                                                                                                     (Right)
                                       (0.1 \cdot 0.76 + 0.8 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.1 \cdot (-0.04),
                                                                                                                     (Left)
                                       (0.1 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.8 \cdot 0.760 + 0.1 \cdot (-1)),
                                                                                                                     (Up)
                                       (0.1 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.8 \cdot (-0.04) + 0.1 \cdot (-1))
                                                                                                                     (Down)
U^2(3,2) =
                0.464(Up)
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Problem 11.1.4:



We can compute the optimal policy of each state with (2). The optimal policy of state (3,1) is:

$$\pi^*(3,1) = \underset{argmax_{a \in A(s)}}{\operatorname{argmax}_{a \in A(s)}} \begin{array}{l} [(0.1 \cdot U(3,2) + 0.8 \cdot U(4,1) + 0.1 \cdot U(3,1)), & \text{(Right)} \\ (0.1 \cdot U(3,1) + 0.8 \cdot U(2,1) + 0.1 \cdot U(3,2)), & \text{(Left)} \\ (0.1 \cdot U(2,1) + 0.8 \cdot U(3,2) + 0.1 \cdot U(4,1)), & \text{(Up)} \\ (0.1 \cdot U(4,1) + 0.8 \cdot U(3,1) + 0.1 \cdot U(2,1))] & \text{(Down)} \\ \\ \pi^*(3,1) = \underset{argmax_{a \in A(s)}}{\operatorname{argmax}_{a \in A(s)}} \begin{array}{l} [0.4375, & \text{(Right)} \\ 0.6511, & \text{(Left)} \\ 0.6323, & \text{(Up)} \\ 0.5931] & \text{(Down)} \\ \\ \\ \pi^*(3,1) = \text{Left.} \end{array}$$

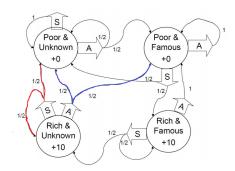
Problem 11.2:

Problem 11.2.1:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} U^0(p,u) & = & 0 \\ U^0(p,f) & = & 0 \\ U^0(r,u) & = & 0 \\ U^0(r,f) & = & 0 \end{array}$$

In all figures, the blue lines indicate the action Advertising (A) and red lines indicate the action Saving Money (S).

Iteration 1:



$$U^{1}(r,u) = R(r,u) + \gamma \max [P((p,u)|(r,u),A) \cdot U^{0}(p,u) + P((p,f)|(r,u),A) \cdot U^{0}(p,f), \quad (A) + P((p,u)|(r,u),S) \cdot U^{0}(p,u) + P((r,u)|(r,u),S) \cdot U^{0}(r,u)], \quad (S)$$

$$U^{1}(r,u) = 10 + 0.9 \max [0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 0, (A) 0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 0], (S)$$

$$U^{1}(r,u) = 10$$

Iteration 2:

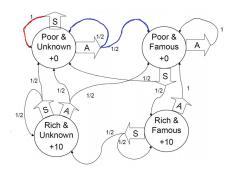
$$U^{2}(r,u) = R(r,u) + \gamma \max [P((p,u)|(r,u),A) \cdot U^{1}(p,u) + P((p,f)|(r,u),A) \cdot U^{1}(p,f), \quad (A) + P((p,u)|(r,u),S) \cdot U^{1}(p,u) + P((r,u)|(r,u),S) \cdot U^{1}(r,u)], \quad (S)$$

$$U^2(r,u) = 10 + 0.9 \max [0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 0, (A) \\ 0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 10], (S)$$

$$U^2(r,u) = 14.5$$

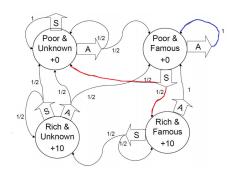
Additional task:

Iteration 1:



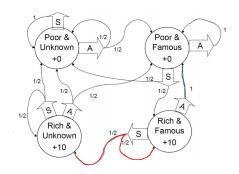
$$U^{1}(p,u) = R(p,u) + \gamma \max [P((p,u)|(p,u),A) \cdot U^{0}(p,u) + P((p,f)|(p,u),A) \cdot U^{0}(p,f), \quad (A) P((p,u)|(p,u),S) \cdot U^{0}(p,u)], \quad (S)$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} U^1(p,u) = & 0+ & 0.9 \, \mathrm{max} & [0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 0, & \mathrm{(A)} \\ & & 0], & \mathrm{(S)} \\ U^1(p,u) = & 0 & \end{array}$$



$$U^{1}(p,f) = R(p,f) + \gamma \max [P((p,f)|(p,f),A) \cdot U^{0}(p,f), \\ P((r,f)|(p,f),S) \cdot U^{0}(r,f) + P((p,u)|(p,f),S) \cdot U^{0}(p,u)], \quad (S)$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} U^1(p,f) = & 0+ & 0.9 \, \mathrm{max} & [1 \cdot 0, & (\mathrm{A}) \\ & & 0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 0], & (\mathrm{S}) \\ U^1(p,f) = & 0 & & & \end{array}$$



$$U^{1}(r,f) = R(r,f) + \gamma \max [P((p,f)|(r,f),A) \cdot U^{0}(p,f), \qquad (A)$$

$$P((r,f)|(r,f),S) \cdot U^{0}(r,f) + P((r,u)|(r,f),S) \cdot U^{0}(r,u)], \qquad (S)$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} U^1(r,f) = & 10 + & 0.9 \, \mathrm{max} & [1 \cdot 0, & & (\mathrm{A}) \\ & & & 0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 0], & (\mathrm{S}) \\ U^1(r,f) = & 10 & & & \end{array}$$

Iteration 2:

$$U^{2}(p,u) = R(p,u) + \gamma \max [P((p,u)|(p,u),A) \cdot U^{1}(p,u) + P((p,f)|(p,u),A) \cdot U^{1}(p,f), \quad (A) P((p,u)|(p,u),S) \cdot U^{1}(p,u)], \quad (S)$$

$$U^{2}(p, u) = 0 + 0.9 \,\text{max} \quad [0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 0, \quad (A) \\ 1 \cdot 0], \qquad (S)$$

$$U^2(p, u) = 0$$

$$U^{2}(p,f) = R(p,f) + \gamma \max [P((p,f)|(p,f),A) \cdot U^{1}(p,f), \qquad (A) + P((p,f)|(p,f),S) \cdot U^{1}(p,f), \qquad (A) + P((p,f)|(p,f),S) \cdot U^{1}(p,f), \qquad (A) + P((p,f)|(p,f),S) \cdot U^{1}(p,f), \qquad (B) + P((p,f)|(p,f),S) \cdot U^{1}(p,f$$

$$U^{2}(p, f) = 0 + 0.9 \,\text{max} \quad [1 \cdot 0, \\ 0.5 \cdot 10 + 0.5 \cdot 0], \quad (S)$$

$$U^2(p, f) = 4.5$$

$$U^{2}(r,f) = R(r,f) + \gamma \max [P((p,f)|(r,f),A) \cdot U^{1}(p,f), \qquad (A)$$

$$P((r,f)|(r,f),S) \cdot U^{1}(r,f) + P((r,u)|(r,f),S) \cdot U^{1}(r,u)], \qquad (S)$$

$$U^2(r, f) = 10 + 0.9 \,\text{max} \quad [1 \cdot 0, \\ 0.5 \cdot 10 + 0.5 \cdot 10], \quad (S)$$

 $U^2(r, f) = 19$

i	U(p,u)	U(p,f)	U(r,u)	U(r,f)
0	0	0	10	10
1	0	4.5	14.5	19

Problem 11.3:

The policy iteration starts with an arbitrary initial policy $\pi_0(s)$ for every state s. Iteratively, following steps are executed:

1. Policy evaluation: solve the linear system to compute $U_i(s)$

$$U_{i}(s) = R(s) + \gamma \sum_{s'} P(s'|s, \pi_{i}(s))U_{i}(s')$$
(3)

2. Policy improvement for each state s:

$$\pi_{i+1}(s) = \underset{a \in A(s)}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{s'} P(s'|s, a) U_i(s')$$
(4)

The algorithm terminates when the policy improvement step yields no change in the utilities.

Using (3), we compute the initial utilities $U_0(\neg r)$ and $U_0(r)$:

$$U_0(\neg r) = R(\neg r) + \gamma \cdot [P(\neg r|\neg r, s) \cdot U_0(\neg r) + P(r|\neg r, s) \cdot U_0(r)]$$

$$U_0(\neg r) = -10 + 0.9 \cdot [0.1 \cdot U_0(\neg r) + 0.9 \cdot U_0(r)]$$

$$U_0(\neg r) = -10 + 0.09 \cdot U_0(\neg r) + 0.81 \cdot U_0(r)$$

$$0.91 \cdot U_0(\neg r) - 0.81 \cdot U_0(r) = -10$$

Use initial policy for ready: $\pi_0(r) = e$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} U_0(r) & = & R(r) + \gamma \cdot \left[P(r|r,e) \cdot U_0(r) + P(\neg r|r,e) \cdot U_0(\neg r) \right] \\ U_0(r) & = & 10 + 0.9 \cdot \left[0.8 \cdot U_0(r) + 0.2 \cdot U_0(\neg r) \right] \\ U_0(r) & = & 10 + 0.72 \cdot U_0(r) + 0.18 \cdot U_0(\neg r) \\ (-0.18) \cdot U_0(\neg r) + 0.28 \cdot U_0(r) & = & 10 \end{array}$$

Summarizing, we have following system of linear equations:

$$0.91 \cdot U_0(\neg r) - 0.81 \cdot U_0(r) = -10$$
$$(-0.18) \cdot U_0(\neg r) + 0.28 \cdot U_0(r) = 10$$

A solution to the system above is given by

$$U_0(r) = 66.7,$$

 $U_0(\neg r) = 48.4.$

Now, we compute the new policies $\pi_1(\neg r)$ and $\pi_1(r)$ using (4).

$$\pi_1(\neg r) =$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1(\neg r) = s$$

$$\pi_1(r) =$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1(r) = e$$