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1 About program

Program "mdp_soler.py" was written in Python 3.11.3, with help of libraries "numpy" and "matplotlib.pyplot". It solves the first part of the project "Part I: directly solving an MDP". To run the program you can just simply type: **python3 mdp_solver.py**

Be default it will run the "Russell and Norvig 4x3 world", which is saved in file "RN_world.txt" stored in folder "worlds". The programs read data and print the world based on the read values. Next it shows value of each state of the world, final values and optimal policy for moves. Program also displays the graph "Convergence of Utility Values", where on Y axis is utility and at X axis is Iterations.

The worlds used for testing program and writing this assignment are located in folder worlds and there should be:

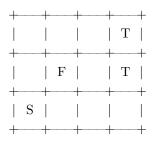
- \bullet assignment_world.txt
- \bullet assignment_world_b100.txt
- assignment_world_discount.txt
- $\bullet \ assignment_world_p4.txt \\$
- assignment_world_prob.txt
- RN_world.txt

To change the worlds in program, I recommend simply uncommenting the specific name of file and commenting rest.

2 Russell and Norvig 4x3 world

This section presents the result of the default Russel and Norvig world, which is stored in "RN_world.txt" in folder "worlds". The console output was presented below. Please notice that in "Initialized Value Function:" forbidden state has value 0 and it isn't changed. Computed utilities were presented in "Final Value Function" and policy in "Optimal Policy". Utility values convergences after 16 iterations.

```
W World size:
                                           4 \times 3
S Starting point:
                                           1 \times 1
P Probabilities (p1, p2, p3, p4):
                                           0.8, 0.1, 0.1, 0
                                           -0.04
R Reward:
G Discounting factor:
                                           1.0
T Terminal state:
                                           4, 2, -1.0
T Terminal state:
                                           4, 3, 1.0
F Prohibited states:
                                           2, 2
E Exploration parameter:
                                           0
```



Initialized Value Function:

```
 \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
```

Final Value Function:

Optimal Policy:

The graph "Convergence of Utility Values" for this world was presented at figure 1.

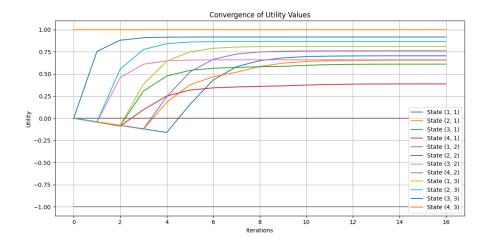
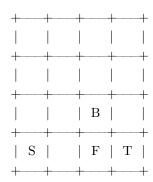


Figure 1: "Convergence of Utility Values" for Russell and Norvig 4x3 world

3 Assignment 4x4 world

This section presents the result of the assignment world, which is stored in "assignemnt_world.txt" in folder "worlds". The console output was presented below. Please notice that in "Initialized Value Function:" the forbidden state has value 0, the special state has value -20 and they aren't changed. Computed utilities were presented in "Final Value Function" and policy in "Optimal Policy". Utility values convergences after 28 iterations.

```
W World size:
                                           4 \times 4
S Starting point:
                                           1 \times 1
P Probabilities (p1, p2, p3, p4):
                                           0.8, 0.1, 0.1, 0
R Reward:
                                           -1.0
G Discounting factor:
                                           0.99
T Terminal state:
                                           4, 1, 100.0
F Prohibited states:
                                           3, 1
B Special states:
                                           3, 2, -20.0
E Exploration parameter:
                                           0.25
```



Initialized Value Function: [[0. 0. 0. 0.]

```
0.
         0.
               0.
                    0.]
    0.
         0. -20.
                    0.]
         0.
               0. 100.]]
    0.
Final Value Function:
[[ 71.6296
             74.0186
                      76.46
                                78.901
 [ 69.8537
             72.0653
                      74.7558
                                81.465 ]
```

65.9687 -20.

0.

64.053

Optimal Policy:

67.5416

65.2987

```
[['>' '>' '>' 'v']
['>' '>' '>' 'v']
['^' '^' 'B' 'v']
['^' '^' 'F' 'T']]
```

The graph "Convergence of Utility Values" for this world was presented at figure 2.

84.5949]

11

100.

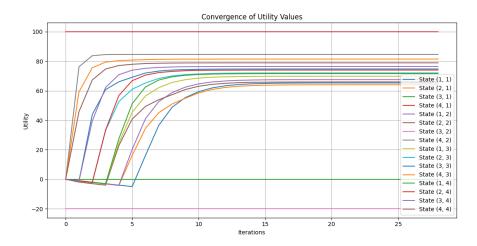
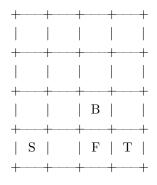


Figure 2: "Convergence of Utility Values" for assignment 4x4 world

4 Assignment 4x4 world with changed value of special state (100)

This section presents the result of the assignment world with changed value of special state from -20 to 100, which is stored in "assignemnt_world_b100.txt" in folder "worlds". The console output was presented below. Please notice that in "Initialized Value Function:" the forbidden state has value 0, the special state has value 100 and they aren't changed. Computed utilities were presented in "Final Value Function" and policy in "Optimal Policy". Utility values convergences after 16 iterations.

```
W World size:
                                           4 \times 4
S Starting point:
                                           1 \times 1
P Probabilities (p1, p2, p3, p4):
                                           0.8, 0.1, 0.1, 0
R Reward:
                                           -1.0
G Discounting factor:
                                           0.99
T Terminal state:
                                           4, 1, 100.0
F Prohibited states:
                                           3, 1
B Special states:
                                           3, 2, 100.0
                                           0.25
E Exploration parameter:
```



Initialized Value Function:

```
 \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} & 0. & & 0. & & 0. & & 0. \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} & 0. & & 0. & & 0. & & 0. \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} & 0. & & 0. & 100. & & 0. \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} & 0. & & 0. & & 0. & 100. \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}
```

Final Value Function:

```
[[ 89.9773
            92.112
                     94.1801
                              93.186
92.0895
                     97.0147
                              95.501
            94.546
            96.8817 100.
                              97.7802]
93.9532
91.9806
            94.158
                      0.
                             100.
                                     ]]
```

Optimal Policy:

The graph "Convergence of Utility Values" for this world was presented at figure 3.

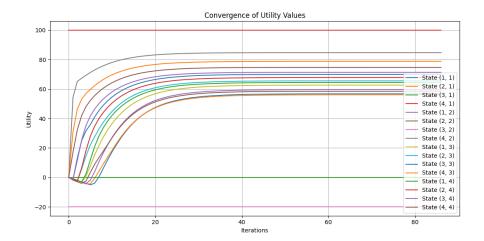


Figure 3: "Convergence of Utility Values" for assignment 4x4 world with changed special state value (100)

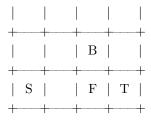
Because now the special state has equal value to the terminate state the policy has changed so the agent consider going closer to special state, what can be seen in states (1,1), (2,4), (3,3) and (3,4).

5 Assignment 4x4 world with changed probabilities

This section presents the result of the assignment world with changed probabilities values to p1 = 0.6, p2 = p3 = 0.2, which is stored in "assignemnt_world_prob.txt" in folder "worlds". The console output was presented below. Please notice that in "Initialized Value Function:" the forbidden state has value 0, the special state has value -20 and they aren't changed. Computed utilities were presented in "Final Value Function" and policy in "Optimal Policy". Utility values convergences after 86 iterations.

W	World size:	4 x 4
\mathbf{S}	Starting point:	1 x 1
Р	Probabilities (p1, p2, p3, p4):	0.6, 0.2, 0.2, 0
\mathbf{R}	Reward:	-1.0
G	Discounting factor:	0.99
\mathbf{T}	Terminal state:	4, 1, 100.0
F	Prohibited states:	3, 1
В	Special states:	$3,\ 2,\ -20.0$
\mathbf{E}	Exploration parameter:	0.25





Initialized Value Function:

```
 \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} & 0. & & 0. & & 0. & & 0. \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} & 0. & & 0. & & 0. & & 0. \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} & 0. & & 0. & & -20. & & 0. \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} & 0. & & 0. & & 0. & & 100. \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}
```

Final Value Function:

```
[[ 64.4468
             67.8059
                       71.3739
                                 74.7239]
[ 62.6753
             65.5769
                       69.9792
                                 78.7821]
             58.5037
                                 84.7262]
  59.617
                      -20.
  56.7574
             56.0962
                        0.
                                100.
                                         ]]
```

Optimal Policy:

```
[['>' '>' '>' 'v']
['>' '>' '>' 'v']
['^' '^' 'B' 'v']
['^' '^' 'F' 'T']
```

The graph "Convergence of Utility Values" for this world was presented at figure 4.

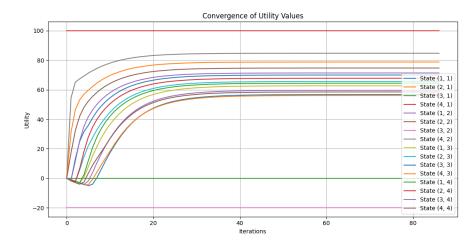


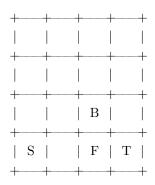
Figure 4: "Convergence of Utility Values" for assignment 4x4 world with changed probabilities

Changing the the values in the way that p1 is still bigger, and p2 is equal to p3 changes only utility values, however the agent still makes the same moves.

6 Assignment 4x4 world with possibility to return (p4 != 0)

This section presents the result of the assignment world with changed probabilities so there is p4, which is stored in "assignemnt_world_p4.txt" in folder "worlds". The console output was presented below. Please notice that in "Initialized Value Function:" the forbidden state has value 0, the special state has value -20 and they aren't changed. Computed utilities were presented in "Final Value Function" and policy in "Optimal Policy". Utility values convergences after 54 iterations.

```
W World size:
                                           4 \times 4
S Starting point:
                                           1 \times 1
P Probabilities (p1, p2, p3, p4):
                                           0.6, 0.1, 0.1, 0.20000000000000004
R Reward:
                                           -1.0
                                           0.99
G Discounting factor:
T Terminal state:
                                           4, 1, 100.0
F Prohibited states:
                                           3, 1
B Special states:
                                           3, 2, -20.0
                                           0.25
E Exploration parameter:
```



Initialized Value Function:

```
 \begin{bmatrix} [ & 0. & 0. & 0. & 0. \\ [ & 0. & 0. & 0. & 0. \\ [ & 0. & 0. & -20. & 0. \\ [ & 0. & 0. & 0. & 100. ] \end{bmatrix}
```

Final Value Function:

```
[[ 54.6253
            57.8579
                      62.5444
                                67.9184
[50.8483]
            52.1497
                      56.0923
                                71.6409]
[46.4852]
            40.7577
                     -20.
                                78.3628]
[43.6579]
            41.206
                       0.
                               100.
                                       11
```

Optimal Policy:

The graph "Convergence of Utility Values" for this world was presented at figure 5.

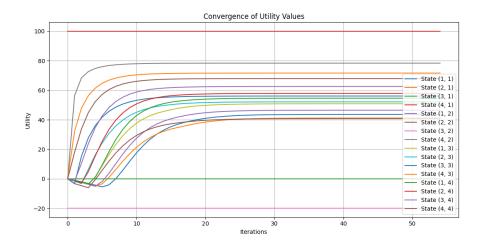


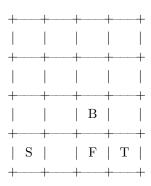
Figure 5: "Convergence of Utility Values" for assignment 4x4 world with possibility to return (p4 != 0)

Because now there is probability p4 equal to 0.2 the agent is more likely to return than in default assignment world, so it try to stay away of forbidden state what is represented in state (2,1).

7 Assignment 4x4 world with changed discounted factor (0.5)

This section presents the result of the assignment world with changed discount factor value, which is stored in "assignemnt_world_discount.txt" in folder "worlds". The console output was presented below. Please notice that in "Initialized Value Function:" the forbidden state has value 0, the special state has value -20 and they aren't changed. Computed utilities were presented in "Final Value Function" and policy in "Optimal Policy". Utility values convergences after 11 iterations.

W	World size:	4 x 4
\mathbf{S}	Starting point:	1 x 1
Р	Probabilities (p1, p2, p3, p4):	0.8, 0.1, 0.1, 0
\mathbf{R}	Reward:	-1.0
G	Discounting factor:	0.5
Τ	Terminal state:	4, 1, 100.0
F	Prohibited states:	3, 1
В	Special states:	$3,\ 2,\ -20.0$
\mathbf{E}	Exploration parameter:	0.25



Initialized Value Function:

```
 \begin{bmatrix} [ & 0. & 0. & 0. & 0. \\ [ & 0. & 0. & 0. & 0. \\ [ & 0. & 0. & -20. & 0. ] \\ [ & 0. & 0. & 0. & 100. ] \end{bmatrix}
```

Final Value Function:

```
[[-1.2388]
             -0.3349
                        1.6175
                                  5.7802
[-0.8583]
              0.6968
                        4.4912
                                 16.0259]
[-1.5013]
             -1.6579
                     -20.
                                 40.
  -1.7818
             -1.8445
                        0.
                                100.
                                        ]]
```

Optimal Policy:

```
[['>' '>' '>' 'v']
['>' '>' '>' 'v']
['^' '^' 'B' 'v']
['^' '>' 'F' 'T']]
```

The graph "Convergence of Utility Values" for this world was presented at figure 6.

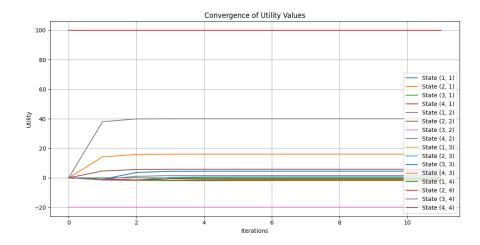


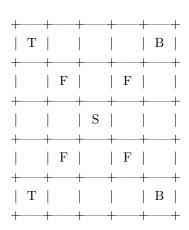
Figure 6: "Convergence of Utility Values" for assignment 4x4 world with changed discounted factor (0.5)

Lowering the discounting factor changed the values of the state so, they aren't as important as before. That result in very fast computation and stopping after 11 iteration, when with default factor (0.99) it was 27.

8 Hyper world

This section presents the result of the hyper world, which is stored in "hyper_world.txt" in folder "worlds". The console output was presented below. Please notice that in "Initialized Value Function:" the terminal states have value 25, -25, the special states have value -25, 25, the forbidden states have value 0 and they aren't changed. Computed utilities were presented in "Final Value Function" and policy in "Optimal Policy". Utility values convergences after 35 iterations.

```
W World size:
                                          5 \times 5
                                          3 \times 3
S Starting point:
P Probabilities (p1, p2, p3, p4):
                                          0.5, 0.25, 0.25, 0
R Reward:
                                           -1.0
G Discounting factor:
                                          0.99
T Terminal state:
                                          1, 5, -25.0
                                          1, 1, 25.0
T Terminal state:
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 2
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 4
F Prohibited states:
                                          4, 2
F Prohibited states:
                                          4, 4
B Special states:
                                          5, 5, 25.0
B Special states:
                                          5, 1, -25.0
E Exploration parameter:
                                          0.25
```



Initialized Value Function:

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[[-	-25.	0.	0.	0.	25.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[25.	0.	0.	0.	-25.11

Final Value Function:

[[-25.	16.5887	18.9441	22.5248	25.
[16.5888]	0.	16.5887	0.	22.5248]
[18.9441	16.5888	15.4228	16.5887	18.9441]
[22.5248]	0.	16.5888	0.	16.5887]
[25.	22.5248	18.9441	16.5888	-25.]]

Optimal Policy:

The graph "Convergence of Utility Values" for this world was presented at figure 7.

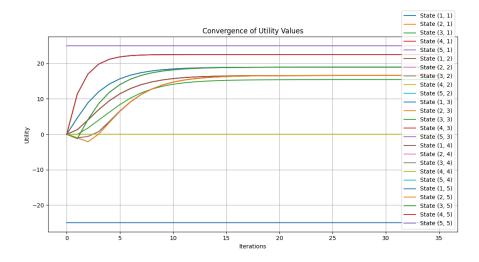


Figure 7: "Convergence of Utility Values" for assignment 4x4 world with changed discounted factor (0.5)

This world is more complex than the previous one, because of multiple states, with positive reward. It was made with fought of "symmetry" which is shown by the policy, what confirms of correct operation of the program.

9 Labyrinth

This section presents the result of the "labyrinth" world, which is stored in "labyrinth.txt" in folder "worlds". The console output was presented below. Please notice that in "Initialized Value Function:" the special state have value 25, the forbidden states have value 0 and they aren't changed. Computed utilities were presented in "Final Value Function" and policy in "Optimal Policy". Utility values convergences after 979 iterations.

```
W World size:
                                          10 \times 10
S Starting point:
                                          1 \times 1
P Probabilities (p1, p2, p3, p4):
                                          0.25, 0.25, 0.25, 0.25
R Reward:
                                          -0.5
G Discounting factor:
                                          1.0
T Terminal state:
                                          10, 8, 25.0
F Prohibited states:
                                          1, 4
F Prohibited states:
                                          1, 8
F Prohibited states:
                                          1, 9
F Prohibited states:
                                          1, 10
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 1
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 2
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 4
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 6
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 10
                                          3, 6
F Prohibited states:
F Prohibited states:
                                          3, 7
F Prohibited states:
                                          3.8
F Prohibited states:
                                          4, 2
F Prohibited states:
                                          4, 6
F Prohibited states:
                                          4, 9
F Prohibited states:
                                          5, 2
F Prohibited states:
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F Prohibited states:
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F Prohibited states:
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F Prohibited states:
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F Prohibited states:
                                          7, 3
F Prohibited states:
                                          8, 5
F Prohibited states:
                                          8, 9
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 1
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 3
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 4
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 5
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 6
                                          9, 7
F Prohibited states:
```

\mathbf{F}	Prohibited	states:	9, 8	
\mathbf{F}	Prohibited	states:	10,	7
\mathbf{F}	Prohibited	states:	10,	10
\mathbf{E}	Exploration	parameter:	0.25	

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F			F				F		
F		F		F				F	T
		F						F	F
	F	F	F		F			F	
					F		F	F	
F	F				F			F	
					F	F		F	
	F		F	F	F	F			
S	F							F	
T									

Initialized Value Function:

[[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	25.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]
[0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.]]

Final Value Function:

Optimal Policy:

The graph "Convergence of Utility Values" for this world was presented at figure 8.

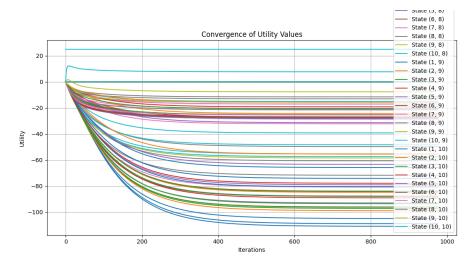
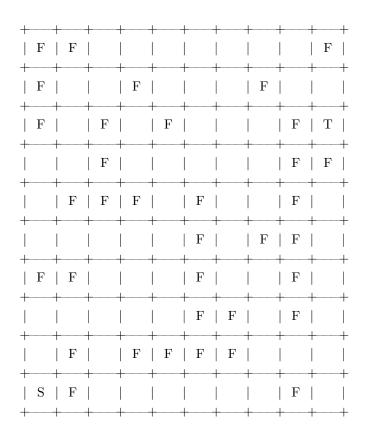


Figure 8: "Convergence of Utility Values" for assignment 4x4 world with changed discounted factor (0.5)

As you can see the program, can solve the problem, however the solution makes agent to face the wall many times and it is the result of equal probability of each move (Up, Down, Left and Right). If you change the probability to 0.8, 0.1 and 0.1 it makes agent to be more concern about main move, than the values connects to p2 and p3. These situation was presented below by world "labyrinth2.txt", stored in "worlds" and by figure 9. It also solved the map in only 64 iterations.

```
W World size:
                                          10 \times 10
S Starting point:
                                          1 \times 1
P Probabilities (p1, p2, p3, p4):
                                          0.8, 0.1, 0.1, 0
R Reward:
                                          -0.5
G Discounting factor:
                                          1.0
T Terminal state:
                                          10, 8, 25.0
F Prohibited states:
                                          1, 4
F Prohibited states:
                                          1, 8
F Prohibited states:
                                          1, 9
F Prohibited states:
                                          1, 10
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 1
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 2
                                          2, 4
F Prohibited states:
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 6
F Prohibited states:
                                          2, 10
F Prohibited states:
                                          3, 6
F Prohibited states:
                                          3, 7
F Prohibited states:
                                          3, 8
F Prohibited states:
                                          4, 2
F Prohibited states:
                                          4, 6
F Prohibited states:
                                          4, 9
F Prohibited states:
                                          5, 2
F Prohibited states:
                                          5, 8
                                          6, 2
F Prohibited states:
F Prohibited states:
                                          6, 3
F Prohibited states:
                                          6, 4
F Prohibited states:
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F Prohibited states:
                                          6,6
F Prohibited states:
                                          7, 2
                                          7, 3
F Prohibited states:
F Prohibited states:
                                          8, 5
F Prohibited states:
                                          8, 9
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 1
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 3
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 4
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 5
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 6
F Prohibited states:
                                          9, 7
F Prohibited states:
                                          9,8
```

F Prohibited states: 10, 7 F Prohibited states: 10, 10 E Exploration parameter: 0.25



Initialized Value Function:

[[0.0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.0.] [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.0.] [0.0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.25.[0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.] 0. 0. 0. 0.] [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.] [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.] [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.] [0.0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.] [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.]]

Final Value Function:

 $\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 17.9956 & 18.7407 & 19.3657 & 20.0528 & 20.7551 & 21.4679 & 22.0929 \\ 0 & \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 14.3475 & 17.0347 & 0 & 18.8689 & 19.4344 & 20.0528 & 0 & 22.7961 \\ 24.1996 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 12.1978 & 0 & 15.8674 & 0 & 18.8477 & 19.1542 & 17.2711 \\ \end{bmatrix}$

0.

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25.
  \begin{bmatrix} 10.8468 & 11.4921 & 0. & 16.3251 & 17.2057 & 18.1391 & 18.4033 & 17.6608 \end{bmatrix}
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0.
         8.2968]]
Optimal Policy:
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   [ \ 'v \ 'F' \ 'F' \ 'F' \ 'F' \ 'F' \ 'S' \ '
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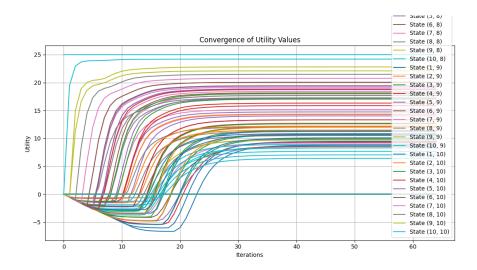


Figure 9: "Convergence of Utility Values" for assignment 4x4 world with changed discounted factor (0.5)