Value iteration and policy iteration

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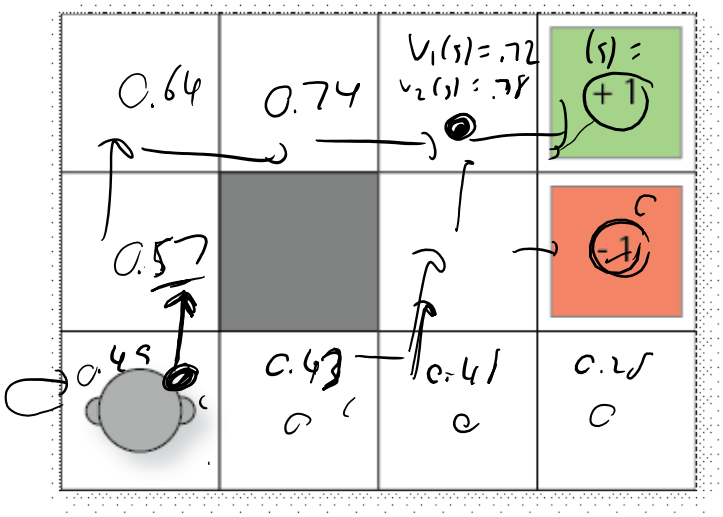
$$V(s) = \max a \in A(s) \sum_{s' \in S} P_a(s'|s)[r(s,a,s') + \gamma V(s')]$$

Value iteration:

1) Set V_0 to arbitrary value for each s in S (choose 0 as the value)
2) While diff is >= epsilon
   a. For each s in S do
      i. $V_{t+1}(s) := \max a \in A(s) \sum_{s' \in S} P_a(s'|s)[r(s,a,s') + \gamma V_t(s')]$
3) Select policy

0.8*(0 + 0.9*0) = 0
0.1*(0 + 0.9*0) = 0
0.1*(0 + 0.9*1) = 0.09



The two labelled cells give a reward: 1 and -1 respectively. (Actually, we will assume V(s)=1 or -1)

But! Things can go wrong:

- If the agent tries to move north, 80% of the time, this works as planned (provided the wall is not in the way)
- 10% of the time, trying to move north takes the agent west (provided the wall is not in the way);
- 10% of the time, trying to move north takes the agent east (provided the wall is not in the way)
- If the wall is in the way of the cell that would have been taken, the agent stays put.
- Similar for all other directions

Policy iteration: