

Quiz - 2.

1. What are the parameters to a state value function?

↳
$$V^{\pi}(s) = E_{\pi} \{ R_t | s_t = s \} = E_{\pi} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k r_{t+k+1} | s_t = s \right\}$$

$E_{\pi} \rightarrow$ expected value given that the agent follows policy π

$t \rightarrow$ time step.

$\pi \rightarrow$ policy mapping from each state $s \in S$.

$a \in A \rightarrow$ action.

2. What are the parameters to an action-value function?

↳
$$Q^{\pi}(s, a) = E_{\pi} \{ R_t | s_t = s, a_t = a \}$$

$$= E_{\pi} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k r_{t+k+1} | s_t = s, a_t = a \right\}$$

$a \rightarrow$ action

$s \rightarrow$ state

$\pi \rightarrow$ policy.

3. What is meant by a policy (π)? Is it deterministic or stochastic?

↳ A policy is a rule used by an agent to decide what actions to take.

Stochastic policy is determined by π

$$a_t \sim \pi_{\theta}(\cdot | s_t)$$

Agents' actions are not fixed but are chosen randomly

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Under an optimal policy π^* , every state must have the highest possible state value compared to any other policy.

5. Stateless \rightarrow so state transitions not considered

Expected reward: Sum of (Prob of each outcome \times Reward of each outcome)

$$A: 0.9 \times 10 + 0.1 \times 20 = 11$$

$$B: 0.1 \times 10 + 0.9 \times 20 + 0.1 \times (-30) = 17$$

$$C: 0.1 \times 20 + 0.9 \times (-30) + 0.1 \times 40 = -25$$

$$D: 0.1 \times (-30) + 0.9 \times 40 = 33$$

Highest expected reward $\rightarrow D$

By aiming at region D, the agent is expected to maximize its total points over 1000 games.

6. Yes:

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