

MDPREFINED \rightarrow MRP

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We start with a MDPRefined given by transitions function $\mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a$ denoting the probability of transition from state s to state s' upon taking action a and given by rewards function $\mathcal{R}_{s,s'}^a$ denoting the reward obtained when transitioning from state s to state s' upon taking action a .

First we construct an MDP from $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{R})$. The reward function of this MDP will be:

$$\sum_{s'} \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a \cdot \mathcal{R}_{s,s'}^a$$

Next we construct an MRPRefined from $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{R})$ and a policy $\pi(a|s)$. The transitions function of this MRPRefined will be:

$$\sum_a \pi(a|s) \cdot \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a$$

The reward function of this MRPRefined will be:

$$\frac{\sum_a \pi(a|s) \cdot \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a \cdot \mathcal{R}_{s,s'}^a}{\sum_a \pi(a|s) \cdot \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a}$$

Next we construct MRP1 from the above MDP. The reward function of this MRP1 will be:

$$\sum_a \pi(a|s) \cdot \left(\sum_{s'} \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a \cdot \mathcal{R}_{s,s'}^a \right) = \sum_a \sum_{s'} \pi(a|s) \cdot \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a \cdot \mathcal{R}_{s,s'}^a = \sum_{s'} \sum_a \pi(a|s) \cdot \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a \cdot \mathcal{R}_{s,s'}^a$$

Next we construct MRP2 from the above MRPRefined. The reward function of this MRP2 will be:

$$\sum_{s'} \left(\sum_a \pi(a|s) \cdot \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a \right) \left(\frac{\sum_a \pi(a|s) \cdot \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a \cdot \mathcal{R}_{s,s'}^a}{\sum_a \pi(a|s) \cdot \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a} \right) = \sum_{s'} \sum_a \pi(a|s) \cdot \mathcal{P}_{s,s'}^a \cdot \mathcal{R}_{s,s'}^a$$

Hence, MRP1 and MRP2 are the same MRP.