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(i). Here $\sum_a \nabla \pi_\theta(s, a) \cdot \max_a Q^\pi(s, a)$

Take $y(s) = \max_a Q^\pi(s, a) \quad \forall s.$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_a \nabla \pi_\theta(s, a) \cdot y(s) = y(s) \cdot \nabla(1) = 0.$$

\therefore It's a valid baseline.

(ii). Here $\sum_a \nabla \pi_\theta(s, a) \cdot \sum_b \frac{Q^{\pi_\theta}(s, b)}{|A(s)|}$

Take $y(s) = \sum_b \frac{Q^{\pi_\theta}(s, b)}{|A(s)|}, \quad \forall s. \quad (\text{independent of } \theta)$

$$\therefore \sum_a \nabla \pi_\theta(s, a) \cdot y(s) = y(s) \nabla(1) = 0.$$