

Lecture 11

Reinforcement learning :

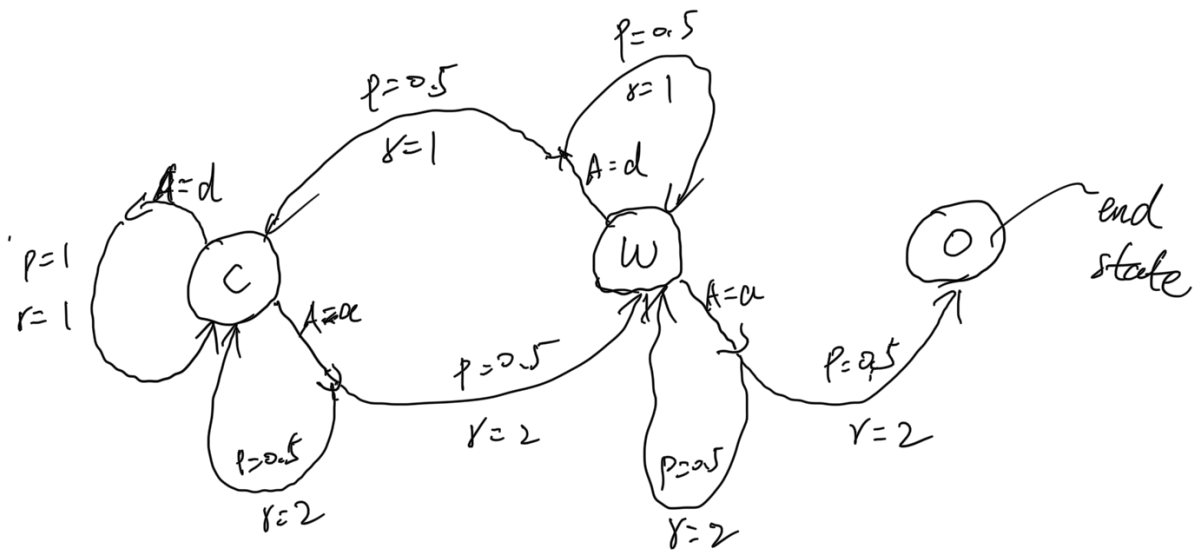
A car (robot car)

States = { cool, warm, overheated } = { C, W, O }.

Actions = { Acc, De-acc } = { a, d }.

standard time step

reward(A): $r(a) = 2$, $r(d) = 1$, $r(o) = -10$
 $r(A=a) = 2$, $r(A=d) = 1$, $r(s=o) = -10$



Markov Decision Process :

- { set of state S
- start state S_0
- set of actions A
- Transition Prob $P(S'|S, a)$ (or $T(S, a, S')$)
- reward $R(S, a, S')$ { receive after an action

receiving a reward, ... / receive after reach a state
reward discount γ .

receive a sequence of reward over 3 steps:

case 1: $r_1 = [1, 2, 3]$

case 2: $r_2 = [3, 2, 1]$

without discount: tot. reward $R_1 = 6$
 $R_2 = 6$

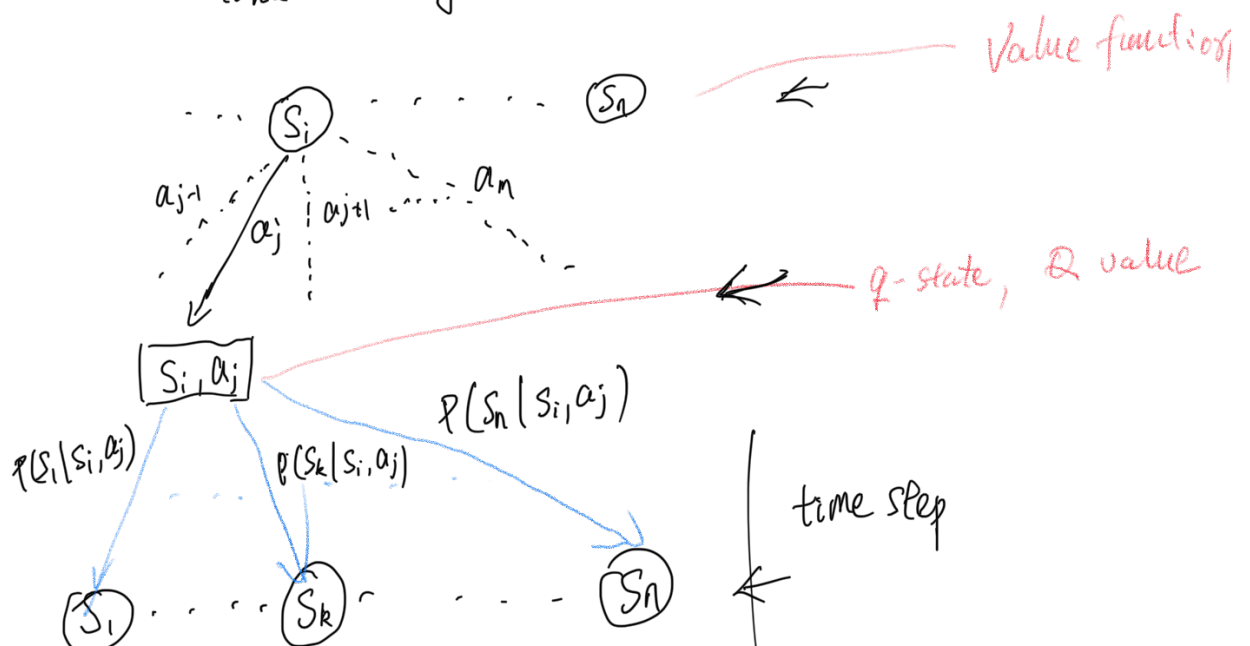
discount: 0.5

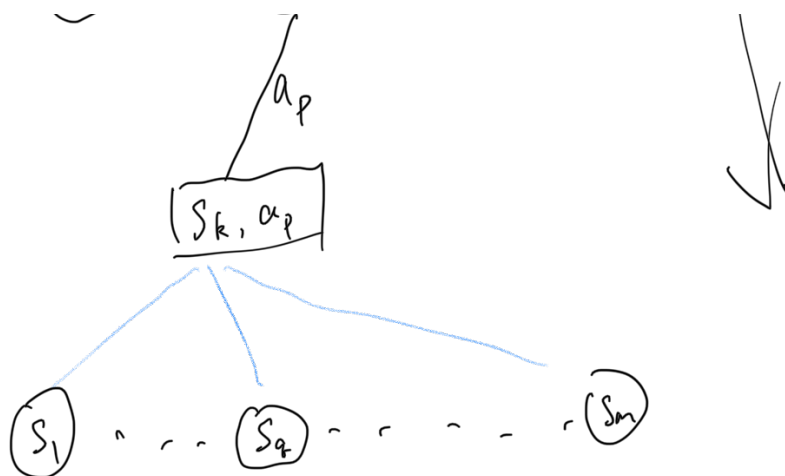
$$R_1 = 1 + 2 \times 0.5 + 3 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 = 2.75$$

$$R_2 = 3 + 2 \times 0.5 + 1 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 = 4.25$$

Goal: find or generate a policy that can get the max possible sum of discounted rewards.

Policy is a handbook that tells the robot which action to take at a given state.





$V(S)$ — expected all (sum of) future rewards in state S .
 $Q(S, a)$ — expected all (sum of) future rewards, after taking action a , at state S .

$$\begin{cases}
 V(S) = \max_{a_i} Q(S, a_i) \quad i=1 \rightarrow m \\
 Q(S, a) = r_a + \sum_{S'} P(S'|S, a) (r(S') + \lambda V(S'))
 \end{cases}$$

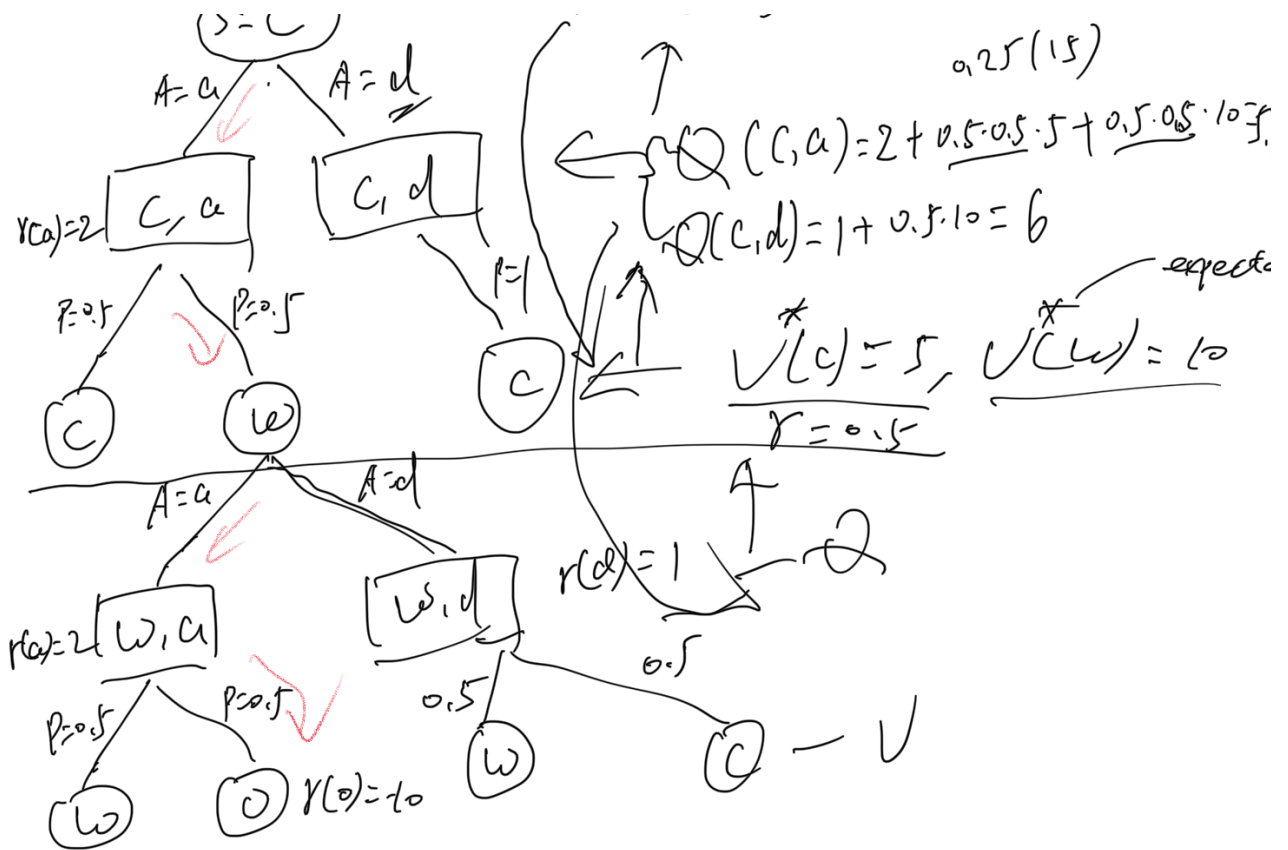
$$V(S) = \max_{a_i} Q(S, a_i) \quad i=1 \rightarrow m$$

Bellman equations.

$S = \{c, w, o\}$, $A = \{a, d\}$, $r(a)=2$, $r(d)=1$, $r(o)=-10$.

$P(c|c, a) = 0.5$, $P(c|c, d) = 1$, $P(o|w, a) = 0.5$, $P(c|w, d) = 0.5$
 $P(w|c, a) = 0.5$, $P(w|c, d) = 0$, $P(w|w, a) = 0.5$, $P(w|w, d) = 0.5$

$\leftarrow V(c) = 6$



Q-learning algorithm, step size $\alpha \in (0, 1]$

initialize $Q(s, a)$, for s, a , λ -discount

Loop for each episode:

choose A at s based on Q-value (E-greedy)

Take action A, get reward, reach state s'
compute Q.

$$Q(s, A) \leftarrow \underbrace{Q(s, A)}_{\text{old Q}} + \alpha \left[\underbrace{r(A) + \lambda \max_a Q(s', a)}_{\text{new Q}} - \underbrace{Q(s, A)}_{\text{old Q}} \right]$$

$$\text{new Q} \quad Q = \gamma \left(\sum_{s'} P \lambda V(s') + r(s') \right)$$

$V(s') = \max_a Q(s', a)$

E-greedy:

pick an E value

$\frac{(1-E)}{\text{percentage}}$ of steps: act greed.

E of steps: random

$v(s) / a$

$$\text{New } Q = r(a) + \sum_{s'} P_{s'} \lambda \max_a Q^*(s', a) + \underline{r(s')}$$

from s , take action a , reach s'

$S \leftarrow S'$

until s reach end state, or for certain # of steps.
learns $Q(s, a)$

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} & S_1 & \vdots & S_n \\ \hline a_1 & Q(S_1, a_1) & & Q(S_n, a_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_m & Q(S_1, a_m) & & Q(S_n, a_m) \end{array}$$