

Assignment 16

Question 3

Part 1

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\theta} \log \pi(s, a; \theta) &= \nabla_{\theta} \left(\phi(s, a)^T \theta - \log \sum_{b \in A} e^{\phi(s, b)^T \theta} \right) \\&= \phi(s, a) - \frac{\sum_{b \in A} \phi(s, b) e^{\phi(s, b)^T \theta}}{\sum_{b \in A} e^{\phi(s, b)^T \theta}} \\&= \phi(s, a) - \sum_{b \in A} \phi(s, b) \pi(s, b; \theta) \\&= \phi(s, a) - E_{\pi(s, \cdot; \theta)} [\phi(s, b)]\end{aligned}$$

Part 2

$$\nabla_w Q(s, a; w) = \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi(s, a; \theta)$$

We can easily set $Q(s, a; w) = w^T \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi(s, a; \theta)$

Part 3

$$\begin{aligned}E[Q(s, a; w)] &= \sum_{a \in A} \pi(s, a; \theta) Q(s, a; w) \\&= \sum_{a \in A} \pi(s, a; \theta) w^T \left(\frac{1}{\pi(s, a; \theta)} \nabla_{\theta} \pi(s, a; \theta) \right) \\&= w^T \nabla_{\theta} \sum_{a \in A} \pi(s, a; \theta) \\&= w^T \nabla_{\theta} 1 \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved