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## RL Terminology



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A **Markov decision process (MDP)** is defined by

- a set of states  $s \in S$ ;
- a set of actions  $a \in A$ ;
- Action dependent transition probabilities  $T(s, a, s') = P(s'|s, a)$ , so that for each  $s, a$ ,  
$$\sum_{s' \in S} T(s, a, s') = 1.$$
- Reward functions  $R(s, a, s')$ , representing the reward for starting in state  $s$ , taking action  $a$ , and ending in state  $s'$  after one step. (The reward function may also depend only on  $s$ , or only  $s'$ ).

MDPs satisfy the **Markov property** in that the transition probabilities and rewards depend only on the current state and action, and remain unchanged regardless of the history (i.e. past states and actions).

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Recall the MDP from the lecture.

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		-1
		Agent's starting state

An AI agent navigates in the  $3 \times 3$  grid depicted above, where the middle square is not a valid state (and hence is greyed out).

The MDP is defined as follows:

- Every state is defined by the current position of the agent in the grid (and is independent of the actions and positions).
- The actions are the 4 directions "up", "down", "left", "right".
- The transition probabilities from state via action to state is given by
- The agent receives a reward of 1 for arriving at the top right cell, and a reward of -1 for arriving at the cell immediately below it. It does not receive any non-zero reward at the other cells as illustrated in the figure.

## Markovian Setting

1/1 point (graded)

Let  $s$  be any given state in this MDP. The agent takes actions

starting from

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## Number of States

1/1 point (graded)

Enter the total number of unique states in the MDP described above and depicted by the diagram below.  
(Enter  $\infty$  if the number of states is not finite.)



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## Transition Probabilities

1/1 point (graded)

Refer to the MDP described and depicted in the diagram above and the grid on the top of this page.

Assume that the transition probabilities for all the states are given as a table  $P(s'|s,a)$ , whose rows represent the next state  $s'$  and columns represent the current state  $s$  and action  $a$ .  $P(s'|s,a)$  which represents the transition probability from state  $s$  to state  $s'$  when action  $a$  is taken from the state  $s$ . **Note:** Note that here,  $s'$  and  $s$  can be the same state, and  $s'$  is not necessarily reachable by an action in one step.

Enter the number of entries in the table  $P(s'|s,a)$ :



You have used 2 of 2 attempts

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✓	<u>transition probability matrix</u> Trying not to give any hints. I feel that the number of actions the AI agent can take in above example is depe
?	<u>Question regarding <math>P(s' s,a)</math></u> Assuming the agent start state is at the bottom right as shown in the diagram. I have a few questions to ask.
✓	<u>Transition Probabilities clarification</u>
💬	<u>Advice: don't try to be too clever with Transition Probabilities exercise</u> Seriously, don't try too hard on that question wondering all the "real" possible paths that a robot could take i
✓	<u>Transition Probabilities</u> I'm asking this question because I used all my attempts and didn't get the right result. I'll try not to give any h
?	<u>Help needed in the last question?</u>

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