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1 Proofs

a)

$$\begin{split} (\mathcal{T}v)(s) &= \max_{a} \sum_{s',r} p(s',r\mid s,a)[r+\gamma v(s')] \\ \parallel \mathcal{T}v - \mathcal{T}v \parallel_{\infty} &= \max_{s} \left| \max_{a} \sum_{s',r} p(s',r\mid s,a)[r+\gamma v(s')] - \max_{a} \sum_{s',r} p(s',r\mid s,a)[r+\gamma v'(s')] \right| \\ &\leq \max_{s} \left| \max_{a} \left[\sum_{s',r} p(s',r\mid s,a)[r+\gamma v(s')] - \sum_{s',r} p(s',r\mid s,a)[r+\gamma v'(s')] \right] \right| \\ &= \max_{s} \left| \max_{a} \left[\sum_{s',r} p(s',r\mid s,a)[\gamma v(s') - \gamma v'(s')] \right] \right| \\ &\leq \gamma \max_{s} \left| \sum_{s',r} p(s',r\mid s,a) \max_{s} \left| v(s) - v'(s) \right| \right| \\ &= \gamma \max_{s} \left| \max_{s} \left| v(s) - v'(s) \right| \right| \\ &= \gamma \max_{s} \left| v(s) - v'(s) \right| \\ &= \gamma \parallel v(s) - v'(s) \parallel_{\infty} \end{split}$$

2 Value Iteration

a) The algorithm takes 42 iterations to converge. The optimal value function is:

b) The optimal policy is: