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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\nabla_{\theta} \pi_{\theta}(S_t, a_t)}{\pi_{\theta}(S_t, a_t)} &= \nabla_{\theta} \ln(\pi_{\theta}(S_t, a_t)) \\ &= \nabla_{\theta} \theta^T S_t[a_t] - \frac{\nabla_{\theta} \sum_{a'} e^{\theta^T S_t[a_t]}}{\sum_{a'} e^{\theta^T S_t[a_t]}} \end{aligned}$$

since  $[\nabla_{\theta} \theta^T S_t[a_t]]_{i,j} = \begin{cases} S_t[i] & \text{iff } a_t = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \frac{\nabla_{\theta} \sum_{a'} e^{\theta^T S_t[a_t]}}{\sum_{a'} e^{\theta^T S_t[a_t]}} \right]_{i,j} &= \frac{S_t[i] e^{\theta^T S_t[j](a_t)}}{\sum_{a'} e^{\theta^T S_t[j](a_t)}} \\ &= S_t[i] \pi_{\theta}(S_t, j) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\left[ \frac{\nabla_{\theta} \pi_{\theta}(S_t, a_t)}{\pi_{\theta}(S_t, a_t)} \right]_{i,j} = \begin{cases} S_t[i] [1 - \pi_{\theta}(S_t, j)] & \text{iff } a_t = j \\ -S_t[i] \pi_{\theta}(S_t, j) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$