

Solution:

Part 1.

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\pi}(s) &= \mathbb{E}_{\pi} [R_{t+1} + \gamma G_{t+1} | s] \\ &= \sum_a R_s^a \pi(a|s) + \gamma \sum_a \pi(a|s) \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^a v(s') \end{aligned}$$

Conservative policy : $\pi(a|s) = \begin{cases} 1 & s \text{ (slow)} \\ 0 & \text{f (fast)} \end{cases}$

$$v_{\pi}(c) = 4 \times 1 + 0.9 \times 1 \times 1 + v_{\pi}(c)$$

$$\longrightarrow v_{\pi}(c) = 40 \quad \checkmark$$

$$v_{\pi}(w) = 4 \times 1 + 0.9 \times 1 \times (0.5 v_{\pi}(c) + 0.5 v_{\pi}(w))$$

$$\longrightarrow v_{\pi}(w) = 40$$

Part 2: Recall that:

$$\pi(a|s) = \begin{cases} 1 & a = \underset{a}{\operatorname{argmax}} q_{\pi}(s, a) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and:

$$q_{\pi}(s, a) = R_s^a + \gamma \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^a v_{\pi}(s')$$

$$q(c, f) = 1 \times 10 + 0.9 (0.25 v_{\pi}(c) + 0.75 v_{\pi}(w))$$

$$= 46$$

$$q(c, s) = 1 \times 4 + 0.9 (1 \times v_{\pi}(c))$$

$$= 40$$

$$\text{Since: } q(c, f) > q(c, s) \rightarrow a_*(c) = f$$

$$q(w, f) = 10 \times 1 + 0.9 (0.75 v_{\pi}(w) + 0.25 \underbrace{v_{\pi}(off)}_0)$$

$$= 37$$

$$q(w, s) = 4 \times 1 + 0.9 (0.5 v_{\pi}(w) + 0.5 v_{\pi}(c))$$

$$= 40$$

$$\rightarrow a_*(w) = s$$

With the new policy:

$$v_{\pi}(c) = 1 \times 10 + 0.9 (0.75 v_{\pi}(w) + 0.25 v_{\pi}(c))$$

$$v_{\pi}(w) = 1 \times 4 + 0.9 (0.5 v_{\pi}(w) + 0.5 v_{\pi}(c))$$

$$\begin{cases} 31/40 v(c) - 27/40 v(w) = 10 \\ -18/40 v(c) + 22/40 v(w) = 4 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} v_{\pi}(c) = 66.9 \\ v_{\pi}(w) = 62.04 \end{cases}$$

$$q(c, f) = 1 \times 10 + 0.9 (0.25 \times 66.9 + 0.75 \times 62.04) = 66.9$$

$$q(c, s) = 1 \times 4 + 0.9 (1 \times 66.9) = 64.21$$

$$q(c, f) > q(c, s) \rightarrow \pi_*(c) = f$$

Similarly:

$$q(w, f) = 10 + 0.9 \left(\frac{3}{4} \times 62.04 \right) = 51.87$$

$$q(w, s) = 4 + 0.9 (0.5 \times 66.9 + 0.5 \times 62.04) = 62.02$$

$$q(w, s) > q(w, f) \rightarrow \pi_*(w) = s$$

Since π_* has not changed from the last iteration:

$$\begin{cases} \pi_*(c) = f \\ \pi_*(w) = s \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$