

# Problem Set 3

①  $M = \langle S, A, R, T, \gamma \rangle$ ,  $\gamma \in [0, 1)$ ,  $(S \times A) < \infty$  ↖ finite  
 $\pi : S \rightarrow \Delta(A)$ ;  $d^\pi(s) = (1-\gamma) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t p^\pi(s_t = s)$   
 $\beta \in \Delta(S)$  = initial state distribution.  
 $p^\pi(s_0 = s) = \beta(s) \quad \forall \pi \text{ \& } s \in S$ .

$$d^\pi(s') = (1-\gamma)\beta(s') + \gamma \sum_{s \in S} \sum_{a \in A} T(s'|s, a) \pi(a|s) d^\pi(s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum d^\pi(s) &= \sum (1-\gamma) \left[ \sum \gamma^t p^\pi(s_t = s) \right] \\ &= (1-\gamma) \sum_1 \gamma^t \sum_s p^\pi(s_t = s) = (1-\gamma) \sum \gamma^t = \frac{1-\gamma}{1-\gamma} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum d^\pi(s) = 1; \quad \pi : S \rightarrow \Delta(A); \quad \beta \in \Delta(S)$$

$$d^\pi(s') = (1-\gamma)\beta(s') + \gamma \sum_{(s,a)} T(s'|s, a) \pi(a|s) d^\pi(s).$$

$$d^\pi(s') = (1-\gamma) \left[ \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \gamma^t p^\pi(s_t = s') + p^\pi(s_0 = s') \right]$$

$$= (1-\gamma)\beta(s') + (1-\gamma) \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \gamma^t p^\pi(s'_t = s')$$

$$= (1-\gamma) \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \gamma^t \left[ \sum_a p^\pi(s_{t-1} = s') \begin{matrix} P(s'|s, a) \\ \pi(a|s) \end{matrix} \right]$$

$$= (1-\gamma) \gamma \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t \left[ \sum_a p^\pi(s_t = s') P(s'|s, a) \pi(a|s) \right]$$

$$= (1-\gamma) \gamma \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \sum_{(s,a)} (p^\pi(s_t = s') P(s'|s, a) \pi(a|s))$$

$$= \gamma \sum_{s,a} p^\pi(s_t = s') P(s'|s, a) \pi(a|s)$$



②  $\pi, \pi'$ ; we have:

$$\|d^\pi - d^{\pi'}\|_1 \leq \frac{2\gamma}{1-\gamma} E_{s \sim d^\pi} [D_{TV}(\pi(\cdot|s) \parallel \pi'(\cdot|s))]$$

$$D_{TV}(\cdot) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a \in A} |\pi(a|s) - \pi'(a|s)| = \text{total variance distance between } \pi, \pi' \text{ at } s.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2\gamma}{1-\gamma} E \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum |\pi(a|s) - \pi'(a|s)| \right] \\ &= \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} E \left[ \sum_{a \in A} |\pi(a|s) - \pi'(a|s)| \right] \\ &= \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} E \left[ \sum |\pi(a|s) - \pi'(a|s)| \right] \\ &= \gamma \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t E[\cdot] = \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \gamma^t E[\cdot] = E \left[ \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \gamma^t \sum_{a \in A} |\pi(a|s) - \pi'(a|s)| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$d^\pi = (1-\gamma) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t P(s_t=s). \quad \boxed{\text{check solution}}$$

③  $\chi^\pi \in \Delta(S \times A) : \chi^\pi(s,a) = d^\pi(s) \pi(a|s).$

$$\| \chi^\pi - \chi^{\pi'} \| = \sum_{s,a} | \chi^\pi(s,a) - \chi^{\pi'}(s,a) | = \sum_{s,a} | d^\pi(s,a) \pi(a|s) - d^{\pi'}(s,a) \pi'(a|s) |$$

$$\begin{aligned} |ab - cd| &\leq k|a-b| \quad \text{as } a,b \leq k. \\ \Rightarrow |ab - cd| &\leq k(a-b). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum |d^\pi(s,a) \pi(a|s) - d^{\pi'}(s,a) \pi'(a|s)| \\ &= \sum d^\pi(s,a) |\pi(a|s) - \pi'(a|s)| + \sum |d^\pi - d^{\pi'}| \underbrace{\pi'(a|s)}_{=1 \text{ over } s} \\ &\leq 2E[D_{TV}] + \frac{2\gamma}{1-\gamma} E[D_{TV}]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(2 + \frac{2\gamma}{1-\gamma}\right) E[D_{TV}] = \frac{2}{1-\gamma} E[D_{TV}].$$

$$R_{\max} = \max_{(s,a) \in S \times A} |R(s,a)|$$

$$E_{s_0 \sim p} [V^n(s_0) - V^{n'}(s_0)] \leq \frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} E[D_{TV}].$$

$$E[V^n(s_0) - V^{n'}(s_0)] = E[V^n(s_0)] - E[V^{n'}(s_0)].$$

$$= R^T x^n - R^T x^{n'}$$

$$= R^T (x^n - x^{n'})$$

$$\leq |R^T (x^n - x^{n'})| \leq |R|_{\max} \|x^n - x^{n'}\|$$

$$\leq \frac{2R_{\max}}{1-\gamma} E[D_{TV}]$$