

Artificial Intelligence

Assignment 2 Report

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Part B.)

1 a.)

Step cost = -3.5, discount factor = 0.1.

Final utilities :-

3.5000	0.0000	2.4729	35.0000
-0.0742	-0.3630	-0.1310	2.4732
-0.3630	-0.3857	0.0000	-0.1552
-0.3851	-0.3885	-7.0000	-0.3832

o o E o

N W E N

N E o N

W W o E

(T marks terminal states)

Iterations till convergence = 2.

The algorithm converges rapidly, and the final utilities are all mostly negative. This is because our discount factor is much less, and as such, the farther rewards are given much less favor. So, the immediate negative step cost dominates the utility values.

1 b.)

Step cost = -3.5, discount factor = 0.99

Final Utilities:-

3.5000	0.0000	29.7277	35.0000
13.9850	20.2783	25.5520	29.7277
10.5363	15.1371	0.0000	25.0366
6.3453	8.4588	-7.0000	17.3929

Final Policy :-

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
E	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

Iterations till convergence = 16

Since the discount factor ~ 1 , there is not much decay in the rewards of the farther states. As such, the policy always tends to direct us to the goal state at (0,3), as it has a very high value.

2 a.)

Step Cost = 35, discount factor = 0.99

Final utilities :-

-3.5000	0.0000	3464.9950	35.0000
3464.9954	3464.9955	3464.9955	3464.9954
3464.9955	3464.9955	0.0000	3464.9954
3464.9955	3464.9956	-7.0000	3464.9950

Final Policy :-

o	o	W	o
S	S	W	S
E	W	o	N
N	W	o	E

Iterations till convergence = 691

Since the step cost is very large, larger than the reward of the best goal state, the utilities are skewed and the policy sends us in circles. The cell at (1,1) has the highest utility, so it assumes that we cannot move from there.

2 b.) Step cost = -7, discount factor = 0.99

Final utilities :-

3.5000	0.0000	24.9391	35.0000
-2.0631	6.9324	16.9708	24.9391
-9.7988	-2.6743	0.0000	15.9872
-17.5663	-11.4801	-7.0000	5.5925

Final policy :-

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
N	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

Iterations till convergence = 15

Here, the negative factor of the step cost initially outweighs all positive benefits, as they occur much farther away. However, as we approach the goal state at (0,3), the utilities become larger as it has a very high reward. So, the policy directs us towards that state.

2 c.)

Step cost = -8.75, discount factor = 0.99

Final utilities:-

3.5000 0.0000 22.5448 35.0000

-6.5042 0.3050 12.6802 22.5448

-16.5586 -11.1656 0.0000 11.4625

-26.0370 -16.9943 -7.0000 -0.3076

Final Policy :-

o o E o

N E E N

N N o N

N E o N

Iterations till convergence = 13

2 d.)

Step cost = -35, discount factor = 0.99

Final utilities :-

3.5000 0.0000 -13.3698 35.0000

-45.1339 -88.7640 -51.6787 -13.3698

-88.7640 -96.7707 0.0000 -56.4076

-96.7707 -55.2434 -7.0000 -50.8084

Final Policy :-

o o E o

N W E N

N S o N

E E o W

Iterations till convergence = 13

Detailed analysis on Q1 below:

INPUT MATRIX

0.0 0.0 0.0 35.0

3.5 0.0 0.0 0.0

0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

0.0 0.0 -7.0 0.0

Step Reward = $-X/10 = -3.5$

Wall Position: 0 1 , 2 2

End Positions: 0 0 , 0 3 , 3 2

Start Position: 3, 0

In this test case, we substituted $x = 35$ corresponding to our team number. When we run with the value iteration algorithm, we got total 16 iterations before our terminal case is reached. In the shown iterations below, we have also given the paths adopted to reach the terminal state.

Iteration: 1

3.5000	0.0000	24.2550	35.0000
-0.6930	-3.4650	15.4019	25.7798
-3.4650	-3.8080	0.0000	16.9526
-3.4650	-4.5010	-7.0000	9.2685

o	o	E	o
N	E	N	N
S	S	o	N
S	S	o	N

Since the values are being updated from the top-left corner, the states acquire positive values which cascade to the neighboring states that are remaining to be calculated. However, there is a negative value attached with some states which are close to the bottom-right positive sink and there is a change in the direction of moment for some of the grid-positions with just one-step reward check. But, since they were calculated late, their positive value doesn't affect other grid-positions.

Iteration: 2

3.5000	0.0000	28.1810	35.0000
-1.1046	8.0133	22.1999	29.0050
-5.0599	2.0036	0.0000	22.8636
-6.9979	-3.2639	-7.0000	14.8675

o	o	E	o
N	E	N	N
N	N	o	N
S	N	o	N

In this iteration, the policy for the position (marked in red) changes because it analyzes that it gets more reward on going in the new direction rather than the old one. They clearly prefer the positive reward.

Iteration: 3

3.5000	0.0000	29.2427	35.0000
2.7271	15.1090	24.5998	29.5619
-1.6077	8.5405	0.0000	24.4750
-5.7542	2.0364	-7.0000	16.6981

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
N	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

The policy at two positions changes from moving WEST and NORTH to moving EAST as it analyzes that moving East is more rewarding. This is because the positive-sink affects the grid-positions at this level and they prefer to move towards the positive sink.

Iteration: 4

3.5000	0.0000	29.5854	35.0000
8.6887	18.3593	25.3123	29.6875
4.1028	12.3273	0.0000	24.8936
-0.5837	5.5474	-7.0000	17.2108

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
N	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

In this iteration, even the states close to the negative sink start getting less negative and all the states point towards the positive-sink.

Iteration: 5

3.5000 0.0000 29.6899 35.0000

11.8283 19.6203 25.4928 29.7178

7.5295 14.0401 0.0000 25.0005

2.9898 7.2578 -7.0000 17.3462

o o E o

E E E N

N N o N

N N o N

Iteration: 6

3.5000 0.0000 29.7181 35.0000

13.1662 20.0576 25.5374 29.7253

9.2542 14.7268 0.0000 25.0275

4.8789 7.9886 -7.0000 17.3811

o o E o

E E E N

E N o N

N N o N

Iteration: 7

3.5000	0.0000	29.7253	35.0000
13.6833	20.2043	25.5484	29.7271
10.0363	14.9883	0.0000	25.0343
5.7576	8.2828	-7.0000	17.3899

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
E	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

Iteration: 8

3.5000	0.0000	29.7271	35.0000
13.8769	20.2534	25.5511	29.7275
10.3496	15.0842	0.0000	25.0360
6.1219	8.3947	-7.0000	17.3921

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
E	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

Iteration: 9

3.5000 0.0000 29.7275 35.0000

13.9468 20.2699 25.5518 29.7277

10.4685 15.1185 0.0000 25.0364

6.2632 8.4359 -7.0000 17.3927

o o E o

E E E N

E N o N

N N o N

Iteration: 10

3.5000 0.0000 29.7277 35.0000

13.9717 20.2755 25.5520 29.7277

10.5121 15.1306 0.0000 25.0365

6.3158 8.4507 -7.0000 17.3928

o o E o

E E E N

E N o N

N N o N

Iteration: 11

3.5000	0.0000	29.7277	35.0000
13.9804	20.2774	25.5520	29.7277
10.5278	15.1349	0.0000	25.0366
6.3349	8.4560	-7.0000	17.3928

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
E	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

Iteration: 12

3.5000	0.0000	29.7277	35.0000
13.9834	20.2780	25.5520	29.7277
10.5333	15.1363	0.0000	25.0366
6.3417	8.4578	-7.0000	17.3929

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
E	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

Iteration: 13

3.5000 0.0000 29.7277 35.0000

13.9845 20.2782 25.5520 29.7277

10.5353 15.1368 0.0000 25.0366

6.3441 8.4584 -7.0000 17.3929

o o E o

E E E N

E N o N

N N o N

Iteration: 14

0.0000	0.0000	29.7277	35.0000
17.4272	20.3135	25.5520	29.7277
13.1716	15.4576	0.0000	25.0366
8.7155	8.9473	-7.0000	17.3929

Move Matrix :

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
N	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

Iteration: 15

0.0000	0.0000	29.7277	35.0000
17.4273	20.3135	25.5520	29.7277
13.1717	15.4576	0.0000	25.0366
8.7156	8.9473	-7.0000	17.3929

Move Matrix :

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
N	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

Iteration: 16

0.0000	0.0000	29.7277	35.0000
17.4273	20.3135	25.5520	29.7277
13.1717	15.4576	0.0000	25.0366
8.7157	8.9473	-7.0000	17.3929

Move Matrix:

o	o	E	o
E	E	E	N
N	N	o	N
N	N	o	N

