

1. *Show that tabular methods such as presented in Part I of this book are a special case of linear function approximation. What would the feature vectors be?*

The feature would be an indicator of the state: the feature vector's length would be equal to the number of states, and  $x(s_i)$  would be a vector that contains 1 at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate and 0 at the others. The weight vector would also have the same length as the number of states. The  $i^{\text{th}}$  weight would be our value estimate for  $s_i$ . When we're doing the update, the gradient of  $x(s_i)$  is 0 everywhere except for coordinate  $i$ , where it's 1, so we would only update the weight for the current state.

2. *Why does (9.17) define  $(n + 1)^k$  distinct features for dimension  $k$ ?*

For each state  $s_j$ , we choose one of  $n + 1$  options:  $s_j^0, s_j^1, \dots, s_j^n$ . There are  $k$  states, we make a choice for each them: we can do that  $((n + 1)^k)$ -many ways.