

1. (1) 老策略 π , 新策略 π'

$$\text{贪心策略: } \pi'(s) = \underset{a \in A}{\operatorname{argmax}} q_{\pi}(s, a)$$

$$q_{\pi}(s, \pi'(s)) = \max_{a \in A} q_{\pi}(s, a)$$

$$V_{\pi}(s) = \sum_{a \in A} \pi(a|s) q_{\pi}(s, a)$$

$$\leq \sum_{a \in A} \pi(a|s) q_{\pi}(s, \pi'(s))$$

$$= q_{\pi}(s, \pi'(s)) \sum_{a \in A} \pi(a|s)$$

$$= q_{\pi}(s, \pi'(s))$$

引理*

$$q_{\pi}(s, \pi'(s)) = E[R_{t+1} + \gamma G_{t+1} | S_t = s, A_t = \pi'(s)]$$

$$= E_{\pi'}[R_{t+1} + \gamma G_{t+1} | S_t = s]$$

$$\leq E_{\pi'}[R_{t+1} + \gamma \underbrace{q_{\pi}(S_{t+1}, \pi'(S_{t+1}))}_{\text{继续套用本不等式}} | S_t = s]$$

$$\leq \dots$$

$$\leq E_{\pi'}[R_{t+1} + \gamma R_{t+2} + \gamma^2 R_{t+3} + \dots | S_t = s] = V_{\pi'}(s)$$

$$\text{综上, } V_{\pi}(s) \leq V_{\pi'}(s)$$

(2) 老策略 π , 新策略 π'

$$\epsilon\text{-贪心策略: } \pi'(a|s) = \begin{cases} 1 - \epsilon + \frac{\epsilon}{|A|}, & a = \underset{a}{\operatorname{argmax}} q_{\pi}(s, a) \\ \frac{\epsilon}{|A|}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$q_{\pi}(s, \pi'(s)) = \frac{\epsilon}{|A|} \sum_a q_{\pi}(s, a) + (1-\epsilon) \max_a q_{\pi}(s, a)$$

$$\text{由于 } \sum_{a \in A} \pi(a|s) = 1 \quad \therefore \sum_{a \in A} \frac{\pi(a|s) - \frac{\epsilon}{|A|}}{1-\epsilon} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\pi}(s, \pi'(s)) &\geq \frac{\epsilon}{|A|} \sum_a q_{\pi}(s, a) + (1-\epsilon) \sum_a \frac{\pi(a|s) - \frac{\epsilon}{|A|}}{1-\epsilon} \cdot q_{\pi}(s, a) \\ &= \sum_a \pi(a|s) q_{\pi}(s, a) = V_{\pi}(s) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore q_{\pi}(s, \pi'(s)) \geq V_{\pi}(s)$, 再用(1)中引理*, 可证 $V_{\pi}(s) \leq V_{\pi'}(s)$

- (3) ϵ -greedy 避免策略陷入“死循环”, 加入了一定的“探索”成份, 虽然可能对最优性的利用有小幅损失, 但换取了更多探索真正最优策略的机会。因此也更稳定。

$$2. \quad (1) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{同步: } \begin{bmatrix} V_2(a) \\ V_2(b) \\ V_2(c) \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -8 + 0.5 \times V_1(b) \\ \max\{-2 + 0.5 V_1(c), 2 + 0.5 V_1(a)\} \\ \max\{8 + 0.5 V_1(b), \frac{1}{4} \times 4 + 0.5(\frac{V_1(a)}{4} + \frac{3V_1(c)}{4})\} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \pi_2(a|s) = \begin{cases} ab, & s=a \\ ba, & s=b \\ cb, & s=c \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \quad \text{异步: } V_2(a) = -8 + 0.5 \times V_1(b) = -7$$

$$V_2(b) = \max\{-2 + 0.5 V_1(c), 2 + 0.5 V_2(a)\} = -1$$

$$V_2(c) = \max\{8 + 0.5 V_2(b), \frac{1}{4} \times 4 + 0.5(\frac{V_2(a)}{4} + \frac{3V_1(c)}{4})\} = 7.5$$

$$\therefore \pi'_2(a|s) = \begin{cases} ab, & s=a \\ bc, & s=b \\ cb, & s=c \end{cases}$$