

Ex 4.3

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{\pi}(s, a) &= E_{\pi}[R_{t+1} + \gamma G_{t+1} \mid S_t = s, A_t = a] \\
 &= E_{\pi}[R_{t+1} + \gamma V_{\pi}(s') \mid S_t = s, A_t = a] \\
 (4.3) \quad &= \sum_{s', r} P(s', r \mid s, a) [r + \gamma V_{\pi}(s')] \\
 (4.4) \quad &= \sum_{s', r} P(s', r \mid s, a) [r + \gamma [\sum_{a'} \pi(a' \mid s') \cdot q_{\pi}(s', a')]]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$q_{k+1}(s, a) = \sum_{s', r} P(s', r \mid s, a) [r + \gamma [\sum_{a'} \pi(a' \mid s') \cdot q_k(s', a')]]$$

Ex 4.5

1. Initialization:

$q(s, a) \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\pi(s) \in A(s)$ arbitrarily for all $s \in S$

2. Policy Evaluation

Loop:

$\Delta \leftarrow 0$

Loop for each $s \in S$

$q \leftarrow q(s, \pi(s))$

$q(s, \pi(s)) \leftarrow \sum_{s', r} P(s', r \mid s, \pi(s)) [r + \gamma [\sum_{a'} \pi(a' \mid s') \cdot q_{\pi}(s', a')]]$

$\Delta \leftarrow \max(\Delta, |q - q(s, \pi(s))|)$

3. Policy Improvement

Policy-stable \leftarrow true

For each $s \in S$:

old-action $\leftarrow \pi(s)$

$\pi(s) \leftarrow \max_{a'} [\sum_{s', r} P(s', r \mid s, a) [r + \gamma [\sum_{a'} \pi(a' \mid s') \cdot q_{\pi}(s', a')]]]$

If old-action $\neq \pi(s)$, then policy-stable \leftarrow false

If policy-stable, then stop and return $q \approx q^*$ and $\pi \approx \pi^*$; else go to 2.

Question 2

Part 3: The line in the DP method reach nearly 1.0 when state is about 25, then keep steady in the rest of states. And it is very smooth. However, the line in the Monte Carlo method which is in episode 8000 increases very slowly compare to the line in DP method, and it is not smooth. Because the Monte Carlo method of learning is depending on experience, it tries the random policy. In gambler's problem, all possibilities at states and action are exposed to agent, and the possibilities are finite. So DP is more suitable.