

## Task 1

I would like to note, the assignment says to treat uninitialized Q values as 0 but this gives wrong results for utilities. The utility function is ultimately a max function, and a max function between  $ntr = -0.04$  and 0 will return 0 when  $ntr$  would be more accurate. I made this change in the code and got much more accurate results. I set the default Q value for utility only to -1 because it doesn't know if it is able to reach a terminal state. Any significantly negative value works the exact same. Q values everywhere else have a default value of 0 as defined in the assignment description.

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**AgentModel\_Q\_Learning("environment2.txt", -0.01, 0.99, 10000, 1000)**

utilities:

```
0.923 0.955 0.977 1.000
0.901 0.000 0.881 -1.000
0.870 0.847 0.858 0.830
```

policy:

```
> > > o
^ x < o
^ < ^ <
```

Active Q-Learning took 0.25 seconds to run.

**AgentModel\_Q\_Learning("environment2.txt", -0.04, 0.9, 3000000, 50000)**

utilities:

```
0.510 0.649 0.796 1.000
0.399 0.000 0.489 -1.000
0.297 0.253 0.344 0.129
```

policy:

```
> > > o
^ x ^ o
^ > ^ <
```

Active Q-Learning took 77.83 seconds to run.