

Markov Decision Process

- Given the policy the utility of any state can be calculated based on:

$$V(s) = R(s) + \max_{a \in A} \gamma \sum_{s'} P(s' | s, a) * V(s')$$

Given $\gamma = 0.9$, $R(s) = 0$, $P(up) = 0.8$, $P(right) = P(left) = 0.1$

After iteration 1, the policy of the agent is as given in the question.:

- Value of cell (0,2) = $0 + 0.1 * 0.9 * 0 + 0.8 * 0.9 * 1 + 0.1 * 0.9 * 0 = 0.72$
- Value of cell (1,2) = 0 as $P(down) = 0$ and the neighboring utilities are 0 as well.
- Value of all other cells would be 0 as the neighboring and local utilities are 0.

The grid with values is as shown below:

	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Row 0	0	0	0.72	+1
Row 1	0	Wall	0	-1
Row 2	0	0	0	0

Figure 1: Values after 1st iteration

- Given these values a policy can be found based on:

$$\arg \max_{s \in A} \sum_{s'} P(s' | s, a) * V(s')$$

The policies for each grid are calculated as follows:

– 0,2 :

- * $\uparrow = 0.9 * (0.8 * 0.72 + 0.1 * 1 + 0.1 * 0) = 0.6084$
- * $\rightarrow = 0.9 * (0.8 * 1 + 0.1 * 0.72 + 0.1 * 0) = 0.7848$
- * $\leftarrow = 0.9 * (0.8 * 0 + 0.1 * 0.72 + 0.1 * 0) = 0.0648$
- * $\downarrow = 0.9 * (0.8 * 0 + 0.1 * 1 + 0.1 * 0) = 0.09$

Hence the policy for this case would be \rightarrow with a value of 0.7848.

– 1,2 :

- * $\uparrow = 0.9 * (0.8 * 0.72 + 0.1 * -1 + 0.1 * 0) = 0.4284$

$$* \rightarrow = 0.9*(0.8*-1 + 0.1*0.72 + 0.1*0) = -0.6552$$

$$* \leftarrow = 0.9*(0.8*0 + 0.1*0.72 + 0.1*0) = 0.0648$$

$$* \downarrow = 0.9*(0.8*0 + 0.1*-1 + 0.1*0) = -0.09$$

Hence the policy for this case would be \uparrow with a value of 0.4284.

– 0,1 :

$$* \uparrow = 0.9*(0.8*0 + 0.1*0.72 + 0.1*0) = 0.0648$$

$$* \rightarrow = 0.9*(0.8*0.72 + 0.1*0 + 0.1*0) = 0.5184$$

$$* \leftarrow = 0.9*(0.8*0 + 0.1*0 + 0.1*0) = 0$$

$$* \downarrow = 0.9*(0.8*0 + 0.1*0.72 + 0.1*0) = 0.0648$$

Hence the policy for this case would be \rightarrow with a value of 0.5184.

– 2,3 :

$$* \uparrow = 0.9*(0.8*-1 + 0.1*0 + 0.1*0) = -0.72$$

$$* \rightarrow = 0.9*(0.8*0 + 0.1*-1 + 0.1*0) = -0.09$$

$$* \leftarrow = 0.9*(0.8*0 + 0.1*-1 + 0.1*0) = -0.09$$

$$* \downarrow = 0.9*(0.8*0 + 0.1*0 + 0.1*0) = 0$$

Hence the policy for this case would be \downarrow with a value of 0.

– The rest of the cells have a policy \uparrow as all the states would have values to be 0 but \uparrow has a higher preference.

The grid with the policy and the values is as shown below:

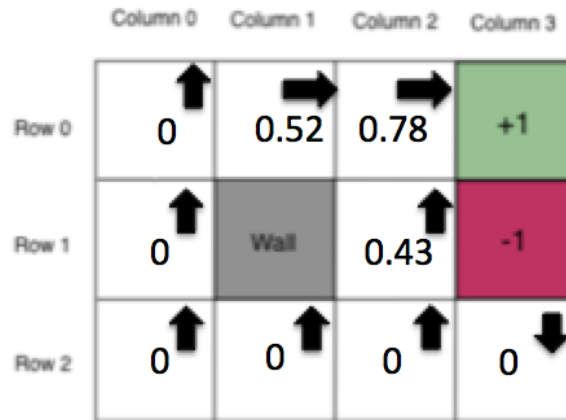


Figure 2: Policy and Values after 2nd iteration