

At first, we look at the definition of $\hat{\eta}_\pi(\tilde{\pi})$,

$$\hat{\eta}_\pi(\tilde{\pi}) = \eta(\pi) + \sum_s \rho_\pi(s) \sum_a \tilde{\pi}(a|s) A_\pi(s, a), \quad (1)$$

we can derive Eq.1 and Eq.2 by replacing $\tilde{\pi}$ with parameterized π_{θ_0} due to $\sum_s \rho_\pi(s) \sum_a \pi_{\theta_0}(a|s) A_\pi(s, a) = 0$.

We know that $r_t(\theta) = \pi_\theta(a_t|s_t)/\pi_{\theta_{old}}(a_t|s_t)$, let $p(\theta) = \sigma(\tau(r_t(\theta) - 1))$, then we have

$$\nabla_\theta p(\theta) = \sigma(\tau(r_t(\theta) - 1))(1 - \sigma(\tau(r_t(\theta) - 1)))\tau \nabla_\theta r_t(\theta) \quad (2)$$

$$= p(\theta)(1 - p(\theta))\tau \nabla_\theta r_t(\theta) \quad (3)$$

Then we use $\nabla_\theta p(\theta)$ to simplify $\nabla_\theta L^{sc}$,

$$\nabla_\theta L^{sc} = \nabla_\theta E_{a \sim \pi_{\theta_{old}}} [p(\theta) \frac{4}{\tau} \hat{A}] \quad (4)$$

$$= \nabla_\theta \int_{\pi_{\theta_{old}}} p(\theta) \frac{4}{\tau} \hat{A} da \quad (5)$$

$$= \int_{\pi_{\theta_{old}}} \nabla_\theta p(\theta) \frac{4}{\tau} \hat{A} da \quad (6)$$

$$= \int_{\pi_{\theta_{old}}} 4p(\theta)(1 - p(\theta))\tau \nabla_\theta r_t(\theta) \hat{A} da \quad (7)$$

$$= E_{a \sim \pi_{\theta_{old}}} [4p(\theta)(1 - p(\theta))\tau \nabla_\theta r_t(\theta) \hat{A}]. \quad (8)$$

In the line (Eq.4), we rewrite the $\nabla_\theta L^{sc}$ with $p(\theta)$. In (Eq.5), we expanded the definition of the expectation as an integral. In (Eq.6), we exchanged the order of the integral and the derivative, the validity of this operation has been detail discussed in the paper "Monte Carlo Gradient Estimation in Machine Learning" (Section 4.3.1). In (eq.8), we rewrite the expression as an expectation with respect to the distribution $\pi_{\theta_{old}}(a|s)$. In our paper, E_t represents the expectation of empirical trajectory return.