Regret Bounds for Risk-Sensitive Reinforcement Learning under CVaR Objective

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Risk-sensitive Reinforcement Learning

- ► Standard RL focus on maximizing the expected return
- Risk-sensitive RL (RSRL) replaces the mean objective with risk measure that accounts for variation in possible outcomes
- ► Conditional value-at-risk (CVaR) is popular risk measure
 - the average risk at tail distribution of returns

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Regret Bounds for RSRL

- ► Current works only focus on the entropic risk measure
- ▶ Regret bounds for more general risk measures are left open
- ► [Keramati et al.'20] proposes optimistic exploration for CVaR, but without any regret bounds.

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Risk Measure

▶ Objective

$$\Phi(\pi) = \int_0^1 F_{Z(\pi)}^{\dagger}(\tau) dG(\tau),$$

where

- $Z^{(\pi)}$ is the return of policy π
- $-F_{Z(\pi)}^{\dagger}$ is its quantile function/inverse CDF
- $-\ G$ is a weighting function over the quantiles
- ► Captures a broad range of risk measures
 - mean: $G(\tau) = \tau \Longrightarrow \int_0^1 F_{Z(\pi)}^\dagger(\tau) d\tau = \int x dF(x)$
 - CVaR: $G(\tau) = \min\{\tau/\alpha, 1\} \Longrightarrow \int_0^\alpha F_{Z(\pi)}^\dagger(\tau) d\tau/\alpha = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^{F^{-1}(\alpha)} x dF(x)$
 - value at risk (VaR): $G(\tau) = \mathbb{I}(\tau \leq \alpha) \xrightarrow{-} F_{Z(\pi)}^{\dagger}(\alpha)$

Regret Bound

- Consider the episodic MDP with regret minimization
- ▶ Propose an algorithm based on upper confidence bound strategy with regret bound

$$\operatorname{regret}(\mathfrak{A}) = \tilde{O}\left(T^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot L_G \cdot |\mathcal{S}| \cdot \sqrt{|\mathcal{S}||\mathcal{A}|K}\right),$$

where

- -T is the length of a single episode
- L_G is the Lipschitz constant for G
- -K is the number of episodes
- $-|\mathcal{S}|$: the number of states, $|\mathcal{A}|$: the number of actions

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Markov Decision Process

- $ightharpoonup \mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, D, P, \mathbb{P}, T)$
 - initial state distribution D(s)
 - transition probabilities $P(s' \mid s, a)$
 - reward measure $\mathbb{P}_{R(s,a)}$, assume reward $r \in [0,1]$
- ► A history is a sequence

$$\xi \in \mathcal{Z} = igcup_{t=1}^T \mathcal{Z}_t \quad ext{where} \quad \mathcal{Z}_t = (\mathcal{S} imes \mathcal{A} imes \mathbb{R})^{t-1} imes \mathcal{S}$$

lacktriangle Consider stochastic, history-dependent policies $\pi_t \left(a_t \mid \xi_t
ight)_{t \in [T]}$

Markov Decision Process

▶ For all $\tau \in [T]$

$$\xi_{\tau} = ((s_1, a_1, r_1), \dots, (s_{\tau-1}, a_{\tau-1}, r_{\tau-1}), s_{\tau}).$$

▶ History $\Xi_t^{(\pi)}$ generated by π up to step t

$$\mathbb{P}_{\Xi_{t}^{(\pi)}}\left(\xi_{t}\right) = \begin{cases} D\left(s_{1}\right) & \text{if } t = 1\\ \mathbb{P}_{\Xi_{t-1}^{(\pi)}}\left(\xi_{t-1}\right) \cdot \pi_{t}\left(a_{t} \mid \xi_{t-1}\right) \cdot \mathbb{P}_{R\left(s_{t}, a_{t}\right)}\left(r_{t}\right) \cdot P\left(s_{t+1} \mid s_{t}, a_{t}\right) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

ightharpoonup An episode/rollout is a history $\xi \in \mathcal{Z}_T$ of length T generated by a given policy π .

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Distributional Bellman Equation

▶ The return of π on step t is the r.v.

$$Z_t^{(\pi)}(\xi_t) = \sum_{\tau=t}^T r_\tau \mid \Xi_t^{(\pi)} = \xi_t$$

▶ Define $Z_{T+1}^{(\pi)}(\xi,s)=0$, the distributional Bellman equation in the form of r.v.

$$Z_{t}^{(\pi)}(\xi) = R(s, \mathbf{a}) + Z_{t+1}^{(\pi)}(\xi \circ (\mathbf{a}, r, s')), a \sim \pi_{t}(\cdot \mid \xi), r \sim \mathbb{P}_{R(s, \mathbf{a})}, s' \sim P(\cdot \mid S(\xi), a)$$

▶ In the form of CDF

$$F_{Z_t^{(\pi)}(\xi)}(x) = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi_t(\mathbf{a} \mid \xi) \sum_{s' \in \mathcal{S}} P(\mathbf{s'} \mid S(\xi), a) \int F_{Z_{t+1}^{(\pi)}(\xi \circ (\mathbf{a}, r, s'))}(x - r) \cdot dF_{R(s, a)}(r),$$

where $S(\xi) = s$ for $\xi = (\ldots, s)$ is the current state in history ξ

► The return of π is $Z^{(\pi)} = Z_1^{(\pi)}(s), s \sim D$

$$F_{Z^{(\pi)}}(\cdot) = \int F_{Z_1^{(\pi)}(s)}(\cdot) \cdot dD(s)$$

Risk-sensitive objective

ightharpoonup The quantile function of a r.v. X is

$$F_X^{\dagger}(\tau) = \inf \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_X(x) \ge \tau \right\}, \tau \in [0, 1]$$

► The risk-sensitive objective

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{M}}(\pi) = \int_0^1 F_{Z(\pi)}^{\dagger}(\tau) \cdot dG(\tau)$$

Optimal policy

$$\pi_{\mathcal{M}}^* \in \underset{\pi}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \Phi_{\mathcal{M}}(\pi)$$

Optimal Risk-Sensitive Policies

▶ There exists an optimal policy π_t^* $(a_t \mid y_t, s_t)$ that only depends on s_t and cumulative reward

$$y_t = \sum_{\tau=1}^{t-1} r_{\tau}$$

- $lackbox{ Consider the augmented MDP } \tilde{\mathcal{M}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{A}, \tilde{D}, \tilde{P}, \tilde{\mathbb{P}}, T)$
 - $-\tilde{\mathcal{S}} = \mathcal{S} \times \mathbb{R}$
 - $\tilde{D}((s,y)) = D(s) \cdot \delta_0(y)$
 - $\tilde{P}\left((s', y') \mid (s, y), a \right) = P\left(s' \mid s, a \right) \cdot \mathbb{P}_{R(s, a)} \left(y' y \right)$
 - the rewards are now only provided on the final step

$$\mathbb{P}_{R_t((s,y),a)}(r) = egin{cases} \delta_y(r) & \text{if } t = T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Technical Assumptions

- ▶ **Assumption 1.** $F_{Z^{(\pi)}}^{\dagger}(1) = T \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P}(Z^{(\pi)} = T) > 0.$ the maximum reward is attained with some nontrivial probability.
- ▶ Assumption 2. G is L_G -Lipschitz continuous for some $L_G \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, and G(0) = 0. $L_G = \frac{1}{\alpha}$ for CVaR
- **Assumption 3.** We are given an algorithm for computing $\pi_{\mathcal{M}}^*$ for a given MDP \mathcal{M} .

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Regret

- lacktriangle At the beginning of each episode $k\in[K]$, algorithm ${\mathfrak A}$ chooses a policy $\pi^{(k)}={\mathfrak A}\left(H_k
 ight)$
- \blacktriangleright $H_k = \{\xi_{T,\kappa}\}_{\kappa=1}^{k-1}$ is the set of episodes observed so far
- Expected regret

$$\operatorname{regret}(\mathfrak{A}) = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{k \in [K]} \Phi\left(\pi^*\right) - \Phi\left(\pi^{(k)}\right)\right]$$

lacktriangle Assume that the initial state distribution D is known

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Upper Confidence Bound Algorithm

- lacktriangle Construct an optimistic MDP $\mathcal{M}^{(k)}$ based on the history H_k
- $lackbox{Plan in }\mathcal{M}^{(k)}$ to obtain an optimistic policy $\pi^{(k)}=\pi_{\mathcal{M}^{(k)}}^*$
- lackbox Uses $\pi^{(k)}$ to act in the MDP for episode k

Algorithm 1 Upper Confidence Bound Algorithm

- 1: for $k \in [K]$ do
- 2: Compute $\mathcal{M}^{(k)}$ using prior episodes $\left\{ \xi^{(i)} \mid i \in [k-1]
 ight\}$ and $\pi^{(k)} = \pi^*_{\mathcal{M}^{(k)}}$
- 3: Execute $\pi^{(k)}$ in the true MDP ${\cal M}$ and observe episode $\xi^{(k)}$
- 4: end for

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Optimistic MDP

- lackbox Let $ilde{\mathcal{M}}^{(k)}$ be the MDP using the empirical estimates $ilde{P}^{(k)}$ and $F_{ ilde{R}^{(k)}}$
- lacktriangle Assume a distinguished state s_∞ with reward 1

$$P\left(s_{\infty}\mid s,a\right)=\mathbb{I}\left(s=s_{\infty}\right) \text{ and } P\left(s'\mid s_{\infty},a\right)=\mathbb{I}\left(s'=s_{\infty}\right)$$

 $lackbox{ }$ Construction of $\hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(k)}$ uses s_{∞} for optimism

$$\hat{P}^{(k)}\left(s'\mid s,a\right) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{I}\left(s'=s_{\infty}\right) & \text{if } s=s_{\infty}\\ 1-\sum_{s'\in\mathcal{S}\backslash\{s_{\infty}\}}\tilde{P}^{(k)}\left(s'\mid s,a\right) & \text{if } s'=s_{\infty}\\ \max\left\{\tilde{P}^{(k)}\left(s'\mid s,a\right)-\epsilon_{R}^{(k)}(s,a),0\right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F_{\hat{R}^{(k)}(s,a)}(r) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{I}(r\geq 1) & \text{if } s=s_{\infty}\\ 1 & \text{if } r\geq 1\\ \max\left\{F_{\tilde{R}^{(k)}(s,a)}(r)-\epsilon_{R}^{(k)}(s,a),0\right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Regret Upper Bound

Theorem 1.

For any $\delta \in (0,1]$, with probability at least $1-\delta$, we have

$$\operatorname{regret}(\mathfrak{A}) \leq 4T^{3/2} \cdot L_G \cdot |\mathcal{S}| \cdot \sqrt{5|\mathcal{S}| \cdot |\mathcal{A}| \cdot K \cdot \log\left(\frac{4|\mathcal{S}| \cdot |\mathcal{A}| \cdot K}{\delta}\right)}$$

- $lackbox{} ilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(T\sqrt{SAK}
 ight)$ improved bound of for UCBVI algorithm
- ightharpoonup dependence on K is tight
- extra S factor
- ightharpoonup dependence on A is tight
- ightharpoonup extra \sqrt{T} factor

Step 1: rewrite the objective

Lemma 2.

$$\Phi(\pi) = T - \int_{\mathbb{R}} G(F_{Z^{(\pi)}}(x)) dx$$

Proof.

Use integration by parts

$$\Phi(\pi) = \int_0^1 F_{Z(\pi)}^{\dagger}(\tau) \cdot dG(\tau) = \left[F_{Z(\pi)}^{\dagger}(\tau) \cdot G(\tau) \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 G(\tau) \cdot dF_{Z(\pi)}^{\dagger}(\tau)$$
$$= T - \int_0^1 G(\tau) \cdot dF_{Z(\pi)}^{\dagger}(\tau) = T - \int_{\mathbb{R}} G(F_{Z(\pi)}(x)) dx.$$

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Step 2: high prob. event

Given $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, define \mathcal{E} to be the event where the following hold:

$$\begin{split} \left\| \tilde{P}^{(k)}(\cdot \mid s, a) - P(\cdot \mid s, a) \right\|_{1} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{2|\mathcal{S}|}{N^{(k)}(s, a)}} \log \left(\frac{6|\mathcal{S}| \cdot |\mathcal{A}| \cdot K}{\delta} \right) \\ \left\| F_{\tilde{R}(k)(s, a)} - F_{R(s, a)} \right\|_{\infty} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2N^{(k)}(s, a)}} \log \left(\frac{6|\mathcal{S}| \cdot |\mathcal{A}| \cdot K}{\delta} \right) \\ \left\| \tilde{P}^{(k)}(\cdot \mid s, a) - P(\cdot \mid s, a) \right\|_{\infty} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2N^{(k)}(s, a)}} \log \left(\frac{6|\mathcal{S}| \cdot |\mathcal{A}| \cdot K}{\delta} \right) \\ &= \epsilon_{R}^{(k)}(s, a) \quad (\forall s \in \mathcal{S}, a \in \mathcal{A}). \end{split}$$

Lemma 3.

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\mathcal{E}\right] \geq 1 - \delta..$$

Step 3: Bound the objective difference

Lemma 4.

Consider
$$\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, D, P, \mathbb{P}, T)$$
 and $\mathcal{M}' = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, D, P', \mathbb{P}', T)$, such that $\|P'(\cdot \mid s, a) - P(\cdot \mid s, a)\|_1 \le \epsilon_P(s, a)$ and $\|F_{R'(s, a)} - F_{R(s, a)}\|_{\infty} \le \epsilon_R(s, a)$. Then, we have $|\Phi'(\pi) - \Phi(\pi)| \le T \cdot L_G \cdot B(\pi) \quad (\forall k \in [K], \pi)$,

where

$$B(\pi) = \mathbb{E}_{\Xi_T^{(\pi)}} \left[\sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon_P(s_t, a_t) + \epsilon_R(s_t, a_t) \right].$$

Note that the expectation is taken w.r.t. the whole trajectory.

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Since
$$\Phi(\pi) = T - \int_{\mathbb{R}} G\left(F_{Z^{(\pi)}}(x)\right) dx$$
 by Lemma 2,
$$|\Phi'(\pi) - \Phi(\pi)| = \left| \int_0^T \left(G\left(F_{Z'(\pi)}(x)\right) - G\left(F_{Z^{(\pi)}}(x)\right) \right) \cdot dx \right|$$

$$\leq L_G \int_0^T \left| F_{Z'(\pi)}(x) - F_{Z^{(\pi)}}(x) \right| dx$$

$$\leq L_G \cdot T \cdot \sup_x \left| F_{Z'(\pi)}(x) - F_{Z^{(\pi)}}(x) \right|$$

$$= T \cdot L_G \cdot \left\| F_{Z'(\pi)}(x) - F_{Z^{(\pi)}}(x) \right\|_{\infty}.$$

It suffices to show

$$\left\|F_{Z'(\pi)} - F_{Z^{(\pi)}}\right\|_{\infty} \le B(\pi) = \mathbb{E}_{\Xi_T^{(\pi)}} \left[\sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon_P\left(s_t, a_t\right) + \epsilon_R\left(s_t, a_t\right)\right].$$

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$$\begin{split} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| F_{Z_{t}^{\prime(\pi)}(s,y)}(x) - F_{Z_{t}^{(\pi)}(s,y)}(x) \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{s' \in \mathcal{S}} \pi(a \mid s,y) \left(P'\left(s' \mid s,a \right) - P\left(s' \mid s,a \right) \right) \int F_{Z_{t+1}^{\prime(\pi)}(s',y+r)}(x-r) dF_{R'(s,a)}(r) \right. \\ &+ \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{s' \in \mathcal{S}} \pi(a \mid s,y) P\left(s' \mid s,a \right) \int \left(F_{Z_{t+1}^{\prime(\pi)}(s',y+r)}(x-r) - F_{Z_{t+1}^{(\pi)}(s',y+r)}(x-r) \right) dF_{R'(s,a)}(r) \\ &- \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{s' \in \mathcal{S}} \pi(a \mid s,y) P\left(s' \mid s,a \right) \int \left(F_{R'(s,a)}(r) - F_{R(s,a)}(r) \right) dF_{Z_{t+1}^{\prime(\pi)}(s',y+r)}(x-r) \mid \\ &\leq \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{s' \in \mathcal{S}} \pi(a \mid s,y) \cdot \left| P'\left(s' \mid s,a \right) - P\left(s' \mid s,a \right) \right| \\ &+ \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{s' \in \mathcal{S}} \pi(a \mid s,y) P(s' \mid s,a) \cdot \int \sup_{x' \in \mathbb{R}} \left| F_{Z_{t+1}^{\prime(\pi)}(s',y+r)}\left(x'\right) - F_{Z_{t+1}^{\prime(\pi)}(s',y+r)}\left(x'\right) \right| \cdot d\mathbb{P}'_{R'(s,a)}(r) \\ &+ \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi(a \mid s,y) \cdot \sup_{r' \in \mathbb{R}} \left| F_{R'(s,a)}\left(r'\right) - F_{R(s,a)}\left(r'\right) \right| \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[\varepsilon_{P}(s,a) + \epsilon_{R}(s,a) \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{x' \in \mathbb{R}} \left| F_{Z_{t+1}^{\prime(\pi)}(s',y+r)}\left(x'\right) - F_{Z_{t+1}^{\prime(\pi)}(s',y+r)}\left(x'\right) \right| \right] \\ &\text{Theoretic Guarantee} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \epsilon_{t}^{(\pi)} &:= \mathbb{E}\left[\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}}\left|F_{Z_{t}^{\prime(\pi)}(s,y)}(x) - F_{Z_{t}^{(\pi)}(s,y)}(x)\right|\right] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\epsilon_{P}(s,a) + \epsilon_{R}(s,a) + \sup_{x' \in \mathbb{R}}\left|F_{Z_{t+1}^{\prime(\pi)}(s',y+r)}\left(x'\right) - F_{Z_{t+1}^{(\pi)}(s',y+r)}\left(x'\right)\right|\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\epsilon_{P}(s,a) + \epsilon_{R}(s,a)\right] + \epsilon_{t+1}^{(\pi)} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{\tau=t}^{T} \epsilon_{P}\left(s_{\tau},a_{\tau}\right) + \epsilon_{R}\left(s_{\tau},a_{\tau}\right)\right], \end{split}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_{Z'(\pi)} - F_{Z(\pi)}\|_{\infty} &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \mathbb{E} \left[F_{Z_{1}^{\prime(\pi)}(s)}(x) - F_{Z_{1}^{(\pi)}(s)}(x) \right] \right| \leq \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| F_{Z_{1}^{\prime(\pi)}(s)}(x) - F_{Z_{1}^{(\pi)}(s)}(x) \right| \right] \\ &= \epsilon_{1}^{(\pi)} \leq \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{s=1}^{T} \epsilon_{P_{s}}(s_{s}, a_{s}) + \epsilon_{R_{s}}(s_{s}, a_{s}) \right] = B(\pi). \end{aligned}$$

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Step 3: Bound the objective difference

$$lackbox{let }\Phi$$
 let $\Phi=\Phi_{\mathcal{M}}$, $ilde{\Phi}^{(k)}=\Phi_{ ilde{\mathcal{M}}^{(k)}}$, and $\hat{\Phi}^{(k)}=\Phi_{\hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(k)}}$

$$\blacktriangleright \ \ \text{let} \ \pi^* = \pi_{\mathcal{M}^*}, \tilde{\pi}^{(k)} = \pi_{\tilde{\mathcal{M}}^{(k)}}^* \text{, and } \hat{\pi}^{(k)} = \pi_{\hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(k)}}^*$$

Lemma 5.

On event \mathcal{E} , for all $k \in [K]$ and any policy π , we have

$$\left| \hat{\Phi}^{(k)}(\pi) - \Phi(\pi) \right| \le 2T \cdot L_G \cdot \sqrt{|\mathcal{S}|} \cdot B^{(k)}(\pi),$$

where

$$B^{(k)}(\pi) = \mathbb{E}_{\Xi_T^{(\pi)}} \left[\sum_{t=1}^T \epsilon_P^{(k)}(s_t, a_t) + \epsilon_R^{(k)}(s_t, a_t) \right].$$

 $\hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(k)}$ and \mathcal{M} satisfies that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \hat{P}^{k}(s,a) - P(s,a) \right\|_{1} &\leq \left\| \hat{P}^{k}(s,a) - \tilde{P}^{k}(s,a) \right\|_{1} + \left\| \tilde{P}^{k}(s,a) - P(s,a) \right\|_{1} \\ &\leq 2S \cdot \epsilon_{R}^{k}(s,a) \leq 2\sqrt{S} \epsilon_{P}^{k}(s,a) \\ \left\| F_{\tilde{R}^{k}(s,a)} - F_{R(s,a)} \right\|_{\infty} &\leq \left\| F_{\tilde{R}^{k}(s,a)} - F_{\hat{R}^{k}(s,a)} \right\|_{\infty} + \left\| F_{\hat{R}^{k}(s,a)} - F_{R(s,a)} \right\|_{\infty} \leq 2\epsilon_{R}^{k}(s,a) \end{aligned}$$

Replace $\epsilon_P(s,a)$ by $2\sqrt{S}\epsilon_P^k(s,a)$, and $\epsilon_R(s,a)$ by $2\epsilon_R^k(s,a)$ in Lemma 4

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| F_{\hat{Z}(\pi)} - F_{Z(\pi)} \right\|_{\infty} &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{\tau=1}^{T} 2\sqrt{S} \epsilon_{P}^{k}(s, a) + 2\epsilon_{R}^{k}(s, a) \right] \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{S} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{\tau=1}^{T} \epsilon_{P}^{k}(s, a) + \epsilon_{R}^{k}(s, a) \right] = 2\sqrt{S} B^{(k)}(\pi). \end{aligned}$$

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Step 4: Optimism

Lemma 6.

On event \mathcal{E} , we have $\hat{\Phi}^{(k)}(\pi) \geq \Phi(\pi)$ for all $k \in [K]$ and all policies π .

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Final Proof

Conditioned on ${\mathcal E}$

$$\operatorname{regret}(\mathfrak{A}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \Phi\left(\pi^{*}\right) - \Phi\left(\hat{\pi}^{(k)}\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{K} \hat{\Phi}^{(k)}\left(\pi^{*}\right) - \Phi\left(\hat{\pi}^{(k)}\right)$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{K} \hat{\Phi}^{(k)}\left(\hat{\pi}^{(k)}\right) - \Phi\left(\hat{\pi}^{(k)}\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{K} 2T \cdot L_{G} \cdot \sqrt{|\mathcal{S}|} \cdot B^{(k)}\left(\hat{\pi}^{(k)}\right)$$

$$= 2TL_{G}\sqrt{5|\mathcal{S}|^{2} \log\left(\frac{4|\mathcal{S}| \cdot |\mathcal{A}| \cdot K}{\delta}\right)} \cdot \mathbb{E}_{\Xi_{T}^{(\pi(1:K))}}\left[\sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N^{(k)}(s_{t}, a_{t})}}\right]$$

$$\leq 2TL_{G}\sqrt{5|\mathcal{S}|^{2} \log\left(\frac{4|\mathcal{S}| \cdot |\mathcal{A}| \cdot K}{\delta}\right)} \sqrt{2|\mathcal{S}| \cdot |\mathcal{A}| \cdot KT}.$$

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