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Using the definition of Q function and Bellman equation we obtain the following:

$$Q^\pi(s, a) = E_\pi \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k R_{t+k+1} \mid s_t = s, A_t = a \right] =$$

$$= E_\pi \left[R_{t+1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \gamma^k R_{t+k+1} \mid s_t = s, A_t = a \right] \quad *$$

$$* E_\pi [R_{t+1} \mid s_t = s, A_t = a] = E_\pi [r(s, a)];$$

$$E_\pi \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \gamma^k R_{t+k+1} \mid s_t = s, A_t = a \right] =$$

$$= E_\pi \left[\gamma \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k R_{t+k+1} \mid s_{t+1} = s', A_{t+1} = a' \right] = E_\pi [\gamma Q^\pi(s', a')];$$

$$\Rightarrow Q^\pi(s, a) = E_{(s', a') \sim P(\cdot | s, a)} [r(s, a) + \gamma Q^\pi(s', a')]$$

2.

$$Q^*(s, a) = \max_{\pi} q_\pi(s, a) = \max_{\pi} \left[E_{(s', a') \sim P(\cdot | s, a)} [r(s, a) + \gamma q_\pi^*(s', a')] \right]$$

$$= E_{(s', a') \sim \pi^*} [r(s, a) + \gamma \max_{a'} Q^*(s', a')] =$$

$$= E_{(s', a') \sim \pi^*(\cdot | s, a)} [r(s, a) + \gamma \max_{a'} Q^*(s', a')]$$

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A plausible objective minimizes the difference between current Q-function and the optimal Q-function

$$\ell(\theta) = E \| Q^*(s, a, \theta) - Q(s, a, \theta) \|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q^*(s, a, \theta) &= E_{s' \sim \pi^*(\cdot | s, a)} [\gamma V(s, a) + \gamma \max_{a'} Q^*(s', a')] = \\ &= E_{s' \sim \pi^*(\cdot | s, a)} [\gamma V(s, a) + \gamma \max_{a'} \max_{a'} Q(s', a')] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell(\theta) = E_{s' \sim \pi^*(\cdot | s, a)} \| \gamma V + \gamma \max_{a'} \max_{a'} Q(s', a', \theta) - Q(s, a, \theta) \|^2$$