

Question 3

a. We see that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \pi(s, a; \theta) &= \phi(s, a)^T \theta - \log \left(\sum_{b \in \mathcal{S}} e^{\phi(s, b)^T \theta} \right) \\
 \therefore \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi(s, a; \theta) &= \phi(s, a) - \frac{\sum_{b \in \mathcal{S}} \phi(s, b) \cdot e^{\phi(s, b)^T \theta}}{\sum_{b \in \mathcal{S}} e^{\phi(s, b)^T \theta}} \\
 \therefore \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi(s, a; \theta) &= \phi(s, a) - \sum_{b \in \mathcal{S}} \phi(s, b) \cdot \pi(s, b; \theta) \\
 \therefore \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi(s, a; \theta) &= \phi(s, a) - \mathbb{E}_{\pi(s, a; \theta)} [\phi(s, a)]
 \end{aligned}$$

b. We have an obvious candidate:

$$\nabla_w Q(s, a; w) = \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi(s, a; \theta) \Rightarrow Q(s, a; w) = w^T \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi(s, a; \theta)$$

c. By using the above equation for $Q(s, a; w)$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}(Q(s, a; w)) &= \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi(s, a; \theta) \cdot Q(s, a; w) \\
 &= \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi(s, a; \theta) \cdot w^T \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi(s, a; \theta) \\
 &= \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi(s, a; \theta) \cdot w^T \left[\frac{1}{\pi(s, a; \theta)} \cdot \nabla_{\theta} \pi(s, a; \theta) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} w^T \nabla_{\theta} \pi(s, a; \theta) \\
 &= w^T \nabla_{\theta} \left[\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi(s, a; \theta) \right] \\
 &= w^T \cdot \nabla_{\theta} (1) \\
 \therefore \mathbb{E}(Q(s, a; w)) &= 0 \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{N}
 \end{aligned}$$