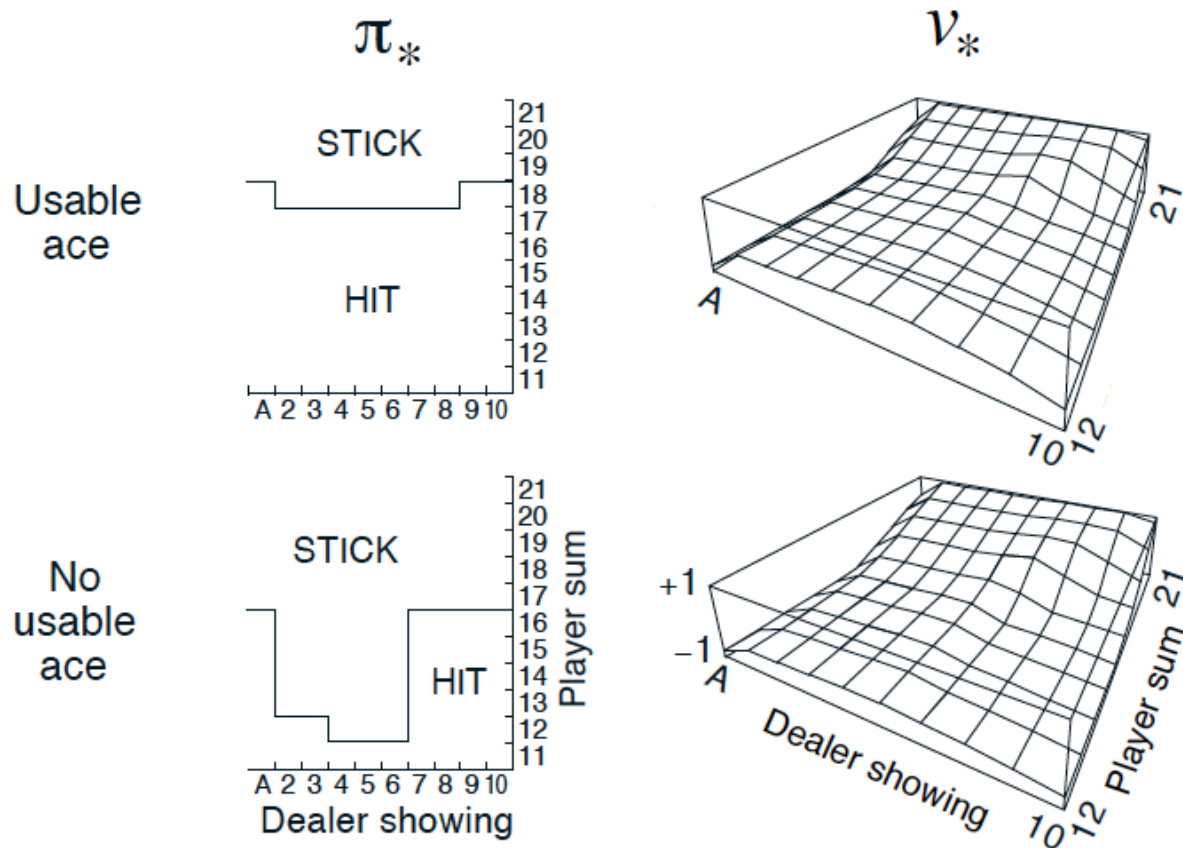


## Summary



Optimal policy and state-value function in blackjack (Sutton and Barto, 2017)

## MC Prediction: State Values

- Algorithms that solve the **prediction problem** determine the value function  $v_\pi$  (or  $q_\pi$ ) corresponding to a policy  $\pi$ .
- Methods that evaluate a policy  $\pi$  from interaction with the environment fall under one of two categories:
  - On-policy** methods have the agent interact with the environment by following the same policy  $\pi$  that it seeks to evaluate (or improve).
  - Off-policy** methods have the agent interact with the environment by following a policy  $b$  (where  $b \neq \pi$ ) that is different from the policy that it