

RUNI: Reinforcement Learning

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Question 1: Dynamic Programming Policy Evaluation

Using Dynamic Programming, run (theoretically) Policy Evaluation and show what will be the states values at next iteration. Show your computations in details.

Question 1: Solution

Note: We are assuming $\gamma = 1$ since it wasn't given, and thus leaving it out of the below equations and solution, with the exception of the calculation of $v_1^{(1)}$, for the sake of illustration.

The values of the terminal states = 0 and do not change. Therefore, we can infer that:

$v_0^{(1)} = 0$ and $v_6^{(1)} = 0$ The remaining calculations are as follows:

$$v_1^{(1)} = 0.5 * (0 + \gamma * v_0^{(0)}) + 0.5 * (0 + \gamma * v_2^{(0)}) = 0.5 * 0 + 0.5 * \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$v_2^{(1)} = 0.5 * (0 + v_1^{(0)}) + 0.5 * (0 + v_3^{(0)}) = 0.5 * (0 + \frac{1}{6}) + 0.5 * (0 + \frac{3}{6}) = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$v_3^{(1)} = 0.5 * (0 + v_2^{(0)}) + 0.5 * (0 + v_4^{(0)}) = 0.5 * (0 + \frac{2}{6}) + 0.5 * (0 + \frac{4}{6}) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$v_4^{(1)} = 0.5 * (0 + v_3^{(0)}) + 0.5 * (0 + v_5^{(0)}) = 0.5 * (0 + \frac{3}{6}) + 0.5 * (0 + \frac{4}{6}) = \frac{3}{12} + \frac{4}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$v_5^{(1)} = 0.5 * (0 + v_4^{(0)}) + 0.5 * (0 + v_6^{(0)}) = 0.5 * (0 + \frac{4}{6}) + 0.5 * (1 + 0) = \frac{2}{6} + \frac{3}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

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Question 2: Grid World

0	-14	-20	-22
-14	-18	-20	-20
-20	-20	S2	-14
-22	S1	-14	0

In this 4×4 grid world environment, we were partially given the "Values" for certain states (according to the current policy). Calculate (manually) the Values (according to the current policy) for states: $S1$, $S2$, Show your computations in details.

Question 2: Solution

S1:

$$S1 = 0.25 * (-1 + (-22)) + 0.25 * (-1 + (-20)) + 0.25 * (-1 + (-14)) + 0.25 * (-1 + S1)$$

$$S1 = 0.25 * -23 + 0.25 * -21 + 0.25 * -15 + 0.25 * -1 + 0.25 * S1$$

$$S1 = -15 + 0.25 * S1$$

$$0.75 * S1 = -15 \implies S1 = -20$$

S2:

$$S2 = 0.25 * (-1 + (-20)) + 0.25 * (-1 + (-20)) + 0.25 * (-1 + (-14)) + 0.25 * (-1 + (-14))$$

$$S2 = 0.25 * -21 + 0.25 * -21 + 0.25 * -15 + 0.25 * -15$$

$$S2 = -5.25 + (-5.25) + (-3.75) + (-3.75)$$

$$\implies S2 = -18$$