Exercise 2: A Reactive Agent for the Pickup and Delivery Problem

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1 Problem Representation

1.1 Representation Description

We choose for our state representation that s would be a pair (City, Task). Here City represents the current city in which the agent is and Task is the destination of the proposed task. If no task is provided, Task = null.

The different action that our agent can take in a state is either accept the proposed task if one is provided or move to a neighbour city. The reward table is defined as follow:

- R(s, a) = 0 for move action
- R(s,a) = r(a)/D for pickup actions where r(a) is the given reward for the action and D is the distance between the two cities

With this representation T(s, a, s') = p(NewCity, NewTask) with s' = (NewCity, NewTask)

1.2 Implementation Details

In our implementation we choose to repeat the learning process for a maximum of 100000 iteration or when the difference in V(S) between two iteration is smaller than 0.01

2 Results

- 2.1 Experiment 1: Discount factor
- **2.1.1** Setting
- 2.1.2 Observations
- 2.2 Experiment 2: Comparisons with dummy agents
- 2.2.1 Setting
- 2.2.2 Observations

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- **2.3.1** Setting
- 2.3.2 Observations