

# Assignment 10

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- 1 Consider the 101 x 3 world shown in Figure 1. In the start state the agent has a choice of two deterministic actions, Up or Down, but in the other states the agent has one deterministic action, Right. Assuming a discounted reward function.**

- (a) Compute the utility of each action as a function of  $\gamma$ .

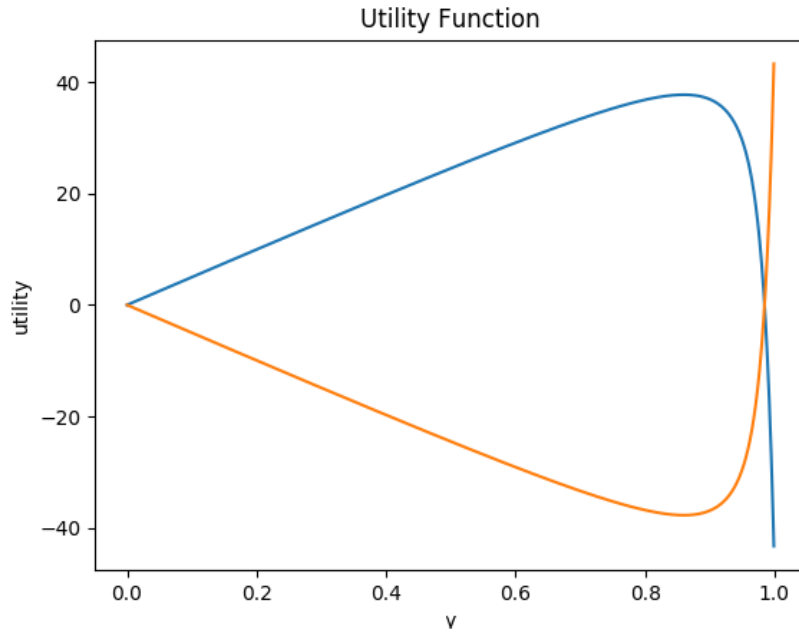
Answer: UP:  $U = \sum_{t=0}^{101} \gamma^t R(S_t)$   
 $= 0 + \gamma^1 R(S_1) + \sum_{t=2}^{100} \gamma^t R(S_t) + \gamma^{101} R(S_{101})$   
 $= 50\gamma - \sum_{t=2}^{100} \gamma^t + \gamma^{101}$   
 $= 50\gamma - \gamma^2 \frac{1-\gamma^{99}}{1-\gamma} + \gamma^{101}$   
DOWN:  $U = \sum_{t=0}^{101} \gamma^t R(S_t)$   
 $= 0 + \gamma^1 R(S_1) + \sum_{t=2}^{100} \gamma^t R(S_t) + \gamma^{101} R(S_{101})$   
 $= -50\gamma + \sum_{t=2}^{100} \gamma^t - \gamma^{101}$   
 $= -50\gamma + \gamma^2 \frac{1-\gamma^{99}}{1-\gamma} - \gamma^{101}$

- (b) Draw the utility of each action for the range  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$  using **Matlab** of your familiar numerical analysis software.

Answer: See below.

- (c) For  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ , which action is recommend? Why?

Answer: UP is recommended because utility of UP is greater than utility of DOWN according to (b).



1. (b)

+50	-1	-1	-1	...	-1	-1	-1	+1
Start				...				
-50	+1	+1	+1	...	+1	+1	+1	-1

Figure 1:  $101 \times 3$  world

**2 Consider the following data set comprised of three binary input attributes ( $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$ ) and one binary output:**

(a) Computer  $Gain(A_1)$ .

$$\text{Answer: } Gain(A_1) = B(\frac{2}{5}) - \frac{4}{5}B(\frac{2}{4}) - \frac{1}{5}B(\frac{0}{1}) = 0.1710$$

(b) Computer  $Gain(A_2)$ .

$$\text{Answer: } Gain(A_2) = B(\frac{2}{5}) - \frac{3}{5}B(\frac{2}{3}) - \frac{2}{5}B(\frac{0}{2}) = 0.4200$$

(c) Computer  $Gain(A_3)$ .

Answer:  $Gain(A_3) = B(\frac{2}{5}) - \frac{2}{5}B(\frac{1}{2}) - \frac{3}{5}B(\frac{1}{3}) = 0.0200$

Example	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$	Output $y$
$x_1$	1	0	0	0
$x_2$	1	0	1	0
$x_3$	0	1	0	0
$x_4$	1	1	1	1
$x_5$	1	1	0	1

Figure 2: Example data set

- 3 Consider the XOR function of three binary input attributes ( $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$ ), which produces the value 1 if and only if an odd number of the three input attributes has value 1. Draw a minimal-sized decision tree for the three-input XOR function.

