

# Machine Learning PS: 4

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## Problem 2

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s, a)} \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} R(s, a) &= \sum_{(s, a)} \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} R(s, a) p(s) p(a|s) \\
 &= \sum_{(s, a)} \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} R(s, a) p(s) \pi_0(s, a) \\
 &= \sum_{(s, a)} \pi_1(s, a) R(s, a) p(s) \quad \text{since } \hat{\pi}_0 = \pi_0 \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_1(s, a)} R(s, a)
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s, a)} \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} R(s, a)}{\mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s, a)} \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)}} &= \frac{\sum_{(s, a)} \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} R(s, a) p(s) p(a|s)}{\sum_{(s, a)} \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} p(s) p(a|s)} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{(s, a)} \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} R(s, a) p(s) \pi_0(s, a)}{\sum_{(s, a)} \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} p(s) \pi_0(s, a)} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{(s, a)} \pi_1(s, a) R(s, a) p(s)}{\sum_{(s, a)} \pi_1(s, a) p(s)} \quad \text{since } \hat{\pi}_0 = \pi_0 \\
 &= \sum_{(s, a)} \pi_1(s, a) R(s, a) p(s) \quad \text{since } \sum_{(s, a)} \pi_1(s, a) p(s) = 1 \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_1(s, a)} R(s, a)
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) When in finite sample situations, we assume that we have only one seen value.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s,a)} \frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)} R(s,a)}{\mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s,a)} \frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)}} &= \frac{\sum_{(s,a)} \frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)} R(s,a) p(s) p(a|s)}{\sum_{(s,a)} \frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)} p(s) p(a|s)} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)} R(s,a) p(s) \pi_0(s,a)}{\frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)} p(s) \pi_0(s,a)} \\
 &= R(s,a)
 \end{aligned}$$

However,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_1(s,a)} R(s,a) &= \sum_{(s,a)} \pi_1(s,a) R(s,a) p(s) \\
 &= \pi_1(s,a) R(s,a)
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s,a)} \frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)} R(s,a)}{\mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s,a)} \frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)}} \neq \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_1(s,a)} R(s,a)$$

Note that **Importance Sampling** is unbiased, when there is only one seen value, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s,a)} \frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)} R(s,a) &= \sum_{(s,a)} \frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)} R(s,a) p(s) p(a|s) \\
 &= \frac{\pi_1(s,a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s,a)} R(s,a) p(s) \pi_0(s,a) \\
 &= \pi_1(s,a) R(s,a) \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_1(s,a)} R(s,a)
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) i. Since  $\mathbb{E}_{a \sim \pi_1(s,a)} \hat{R}(s,a)$  is a function w.r.t  $s$  but not  $a$ , so we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s,a)} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{a \sim \pi_1(s,a)} \hat{R}(s,a) \right] &= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s,a)} [f(s)] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s)} [f(s)] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s)} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{a \sim \pi_1(s,a)} \hat{R}(s,a) \right] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_1(s,a)} [\hat{R}(s,a)]
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s, a)} \left\{ \left[ \mathbb{E}_{a \sim \pi_1(s, a)} \hat{R}(s, a) \right] + \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} \left( R(s, a) - \hat{R}(s, a) \right) \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_1(s, a)} \left[ \hat{R}(s, a) \right] + \sum_{(s, a)} \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} \left( R(s, a) - \hat{R}(s, a) \right) p(s) \pi_0(s, a) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_1(s, a)} \left[ \hat{R}(s, a) \right] + \sum_{(s, a)} \pi_1(s, a) \left( R(s, a) - \hat{R}(s, a) \right) p(s) \quad \text{since } \hat{\pi}_0 = \pi_0 \\
&= \sum_{(s, a)} \pi_1(s, a) R(s, a) p(s) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_1(s, a)} R(s, a)
\end{aligned}$$

ii.

When  $\hat{R}(s, a) = R(s, a)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s, a)} \left\{ \left[ \mathbb{E}_{a \sim \pi_1(s, a)} \hat{R}(s, a) \right] + \frac{\pi_1(s, a)}{\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)} \left( R(s, a) - \hat{R}(s, a) \right) \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s, a)} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{a \sim \pi_1(s, a)} \hat{R}(s, a) \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_0(s, a)} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{a \sim \pi_1(s, a)} R(s, a) \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p(s), a \sim \pi_1(s, a)} [R(s, a)]
\end{aligned}$$

(e)

i Importance sampling estimator is better. Since  $\hat{R}(s, a)$  is hard to know, so we can find  $\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)$ , which is a simpler way.

ii Regression estimator is better. Since  $\hat{\pi}_0(s, a)$  is hard to know, we instead estimate  $\hat{R}(s, a)$ .

### Problem 3

First,

$$\begin{aligned}
f_u(x) &= \arg \min_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \|x - v\|^2 \\
&= \frac{u^T x}{u^T u} u \\
&= uu^T x
\end{aligned}$$

Second,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(u, \lambda) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - f_u(x^{(i)})\|^2 + \lambda(u^T u - 1) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m \|x^{(i)} - uu^T x^{(i)}\|^2 + \lambda(u^T u - 1) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m [x^{(i)} - uu^T x^{(i)}]^T [x^{(i)} - uu^T x^{(i)}] + \lambda(u^T u - 1) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m [x^{(i)T} x^{(i)} - u^T x^{(i)} x^{(i)T} u] + \lambda(u^T u - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Take derivative and set to 0,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f(u, \lambda)}{\partial u} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^m x^{(i)} x^{(i)T} u + 2\lambda u = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f(u, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = u^T u - 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

If we denote  $\Sigma = \sum_{i=1}^m x^{(i)} x^{(i)T}$ , we have  $\Sigma u = \lambda u$ . And  $f^*(u, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^m [x^{(i)T} x^{(i)} - u^T x^{(i)} x^{(i)T} u] = \sum_{i=1}^m x^{(i)T} x^{(i)} - \lambda^*$ . We can see that the larger  $\lambda$  is, the less  $f$  is. So this optimization gives the first principal component.

#### Problem 4

(a)

$$\frac{\partial \log(|W|)}{\partial W} = W^{-T}$$

For another part,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \log g'(w_j^T x^{(i)})}{\partial w_l^T} &= \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d -\frac{1}{2} (w_j^T x^{(i)})^2}{\partial w_l^T} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n -w_l^T x^{(i)} x^{(i)T}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then take derivative of  $l(W)$  and set to 0:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial l(W)}{\partial W} &= -W X^T X + m W^{-T} = 0 \\
 \implies W^T W &= m (X^T X)^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $R$  is a rotational matrix and  $W' = RW$ , we have  $W'^T W' = (RW)^T (RW) = W^T R^T R W = W^T W = m (X^T X)^{-1}$ . So  $W'$  is also a solution, which leads to ambiguity.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \log g'(w_j^T x^{(i)})}{\partial w_l^T} &= \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d -|w_j^T x^{(i)}|}{\partial w_l^T} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n -\text{sgn}(w_l^T x^{(i)}) x^{(i)T}\end{aligned}$$

Then take derivative of  $l(W)$

$$\frac{\partial l(W)}{\partial W} = mW^{-T} - \text{sgn}(WX^T)X$$

So

$$W := W + \alpha (mW^{-T} - \text{sgn}(WX^T)X)$$

### Problem 5

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\|B(V_1) - B(V_2)\|_\infty &= \max_{s \in S} |B(V_1) - B(V_2)| \\ &= \gamma \max_{s \in S} \left| \max_{a \in A} \sum_{s' \in S} P_{sa}(s') V_1(s') - \max_{a \in A} \sum_{s' \in S} P_{sa}(s') V_2(s') \right| \\ &= \gamma \max_{s \in S} \left| \max_{a \in A} \sum_{s' \in S} P_{sa}(s') [V_1(s') - V_2(s')] \right| \\ &\leq \gamma \max_{s \in S} \max_{a \in A} \sum_{s' \in S} P_{sa}(s') |V_1(s') - V_2(s')| \\ &\leq \gamma \max_{s' \in S} |V_1(s') - V_2(s')| \quad \text{since } \sum_i p_i a_i \leq \max_i a_i \\ &= \gamma \|V_1 - V_2\|_\infty\end{aligned}$$

(b) We are going to use contradiction. Assume that there are two fixed points  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\|B(V_1) - B(V_2)\|_\infty &= \|V_1 - V_2\|_\infty \\ &\leq \gamma \|V_1 - V_2\|_\infty\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\gamma \leq 1$ . To make the inequality above true, we have  $\|V_1 - V_2\|_\infty = \max_{s \in S} |V_1(s) - V_2(s)| = 0$ . Therefore,  $V_1(s) = V_2(s)$  for any  $s \in S$ , which means that  $V_1 = V_2$ . So there is at most one fixed point.