

Maximum Entropy IRL (continue)

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This can be estimated using expert data:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \phi(s_i^*, a_i^*) / N$$

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Key Assumption on cost:

$c(s, a) = \langle \theta^*, \phi(s, a) \rangle$, linear w.r.t feature $\phi(s, a) \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$\theta^* \in \mathbb{R}^d$

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$\theta^* \left[E_{\pi^*} \phi(s, a) \right]$

$= (\theta^*)^T \left(E_{\pi^*} \phi(s, a) \right)$

found π . s.e

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Notation on Distributions

$\mathbb{P}_h^\pi(s, a; \mu)$: probability of visiting (s, a) at time step h following π

$$d_\mu^\pi(s, a) = \sum_{h=0}^{H-1} \mathbb{P}_h^\pi(s, a; \mu) / H: \text{average state-action distribution}$$

$$d_\mu^\pi(s) = \sum_a d_\mu^\pi(s, a): \text{average state distribution}$$

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cost function; In fact $c = (w^t)^T \phi(s, a)$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \arg \min_{\pi} \mathbb{E}_{s,a \sim d_{\mu}^{\pi}} \left[\underbrace{c(s,a)}_{\Delta} - \underbrace{\text{Entropy}(\pi(\cdot|s))}_{\Delta} \right]$$

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What's the $\pi_h^*(a|s)$??
 $\in \Delta(A)$

$$\min_{p \in \Delta(A)} \left[\sum_a p(a) \left[\underbrace{c(s,a)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ Q_h^*(s,a)}} + \underbrace{\ln p(a)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ Q_h^*(s,a)}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{s' \sim P(s,a)} V_{h+1}^*(s')}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ Q_h^*(s,a)}} \right] \right]$$

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\Rightarrow - Entropy (P)

S.t.

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L-m

$$l(\rho, w)$$

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$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{\rho} l(\rho, w) = 0$$

$$\nabla_w l(\rho, w) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{solve for } \rho$$

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② $Q_h^*(s, a) = Q_h^*(s, a')$

$\pi_h^*(\cdot | s) = \text{Uniform}(a, a')$

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① $Q_h^*(s, a) = 0$

$Q_h^*(s, a') = +\infty$

$\Rightarrow \pi_h^*(a | s) = 1$

$$\pi_h^*(a | s) = \frac{\exp(-Q_h^*(s, a))}{\sum_{a'} \exp(-Q_h^*(s, a'))}$$

(contrast this to $\arg \min_a Q^*(s, a)$)

classical RL ✓

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 $\Rightarrow V_h^*(s) = Q_h^*(s, a) = 0$

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classic RL:

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Plan for Today:

✓ 1. The Iterative Algorithm framework

finite Horizon
✓
 $\pi^* = \{\pi_0^* \dots \pi_{H-1}^*\}$

✓ 2. How to compute best response: Soft Value Iteration (DP again)

$$\arg \min_{\pi} \mathbb{E}_{s, a \sim d_{\mu}^{\pi}} [c(x, a) + \underbrace{\ln \pi(a | s)}_{\text{I ✓}}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \min_{\pi} \mathbb{E}_{s \sim d_{\mu}^{\pi}} [c(s, a) - \text{Entropy}(\pi(a | s))]$$

3. The MaxEnt-IRL algorithm



Maximum Entropy Inverse RL Algorithm framework

$$\max_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} \min_{\pi} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{s,a \sim d_{\mu}^{\pi}} \ln \pi(a|s) + w^{\top} \left(\mathbb{E}_{s,a \sim d_{\mu}^{\pi}} \phi(s,a) - \mathbb{E}_{s,a \sim d_{\mu}^{\pi^*}} \phi(s,a) \right)}_{:= \ell(\pi, w)}$$

Initialize $w^0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ $\rightarrow \{ \pi_0 \dots \pi_{T-1} \}$

For $t = 0 \rightarrow T-1$

DP

$$\pi^t = \text{soft-VI} \left(c(s,a) := (w^t)^{\top} \phi(s,a) \right) \quad (\# \text{ best response: } \pi^t = \arg \min_{\pi} \ell(\pi, w^t))$$

$$w^{t+1} = w^t + \eta \left(\mathbb{E}_{s,a \sim d_{\mu}^{\pi^t}} \phi(s,a) - \mathbb{E}_{s,a \sim d_{\mu}^{\pi^*}} \phi(s,a) \right)$$

Return $\bar{\pi} = \text{Uniform}(\pi^0, \dots, \pi^{T-1})$

(# gradient update: $w^{t+1} = w^t + \eta \nabla_w \ell(\pi^t, w^t)$)

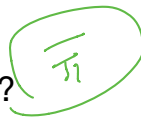
$$\| \mathbb{E}_{s,a \sim d_{\mu}^{\bar{\pi}}} \phi(s,a) - \mathbb{E}_{s,a \sim d_{\mu}^{\pi^*}} \phi(s,a) \|_2 \leq \delta$$

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 $P(s_0) \bar{\pi}(a_0 | s_0) P(s_1 | s_0, a_0) \dots$

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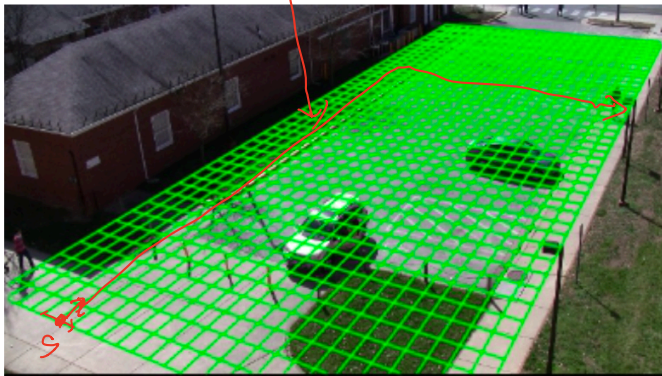
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State space: grid,
action space: 4 actions

$P(s_{h+1} | s_h, a_h)$ is deterministic



Summary for Today:

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feature matching

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2. Inside MaxEnt-IRL, we perform Maximum Entropy RL: ← Base Response ← soft Value Iteration

$$\min_{\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{H-1}} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{h=0}^{H-1} \left(\underbrace{c(s_h, a_h)}_{\text{cost}} - \underbrace{\text{entropy}(\pi_h(\cdot | s_h))}_{\text{entropy}} \right) \mid s_0 \sim \mu, a_h \sim \pi_h(\cdot | s_h) \right]$$

Note