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CSE 4617: Artificial Intelligence

Programmable calculators are not allowed. Do not write anything on the question paper.

Answer all 5 (five) questions. Figures in the right margin indicate full marks of questions with corresponding COs and POs in parentheses.

1. Consider that a game of Pacman is being played on the grid shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Pacman Grid for Question 1

Here, P indicates the position of Pacman, G indicates the position of the ghosts, and D indicates the position of a food dot. For simplicity, the ghosts remain stationary throughout the game.

To determine the policy for playing the game, our feature-based Q-learning agent, Pacman, uses two features, F_g and F_d defined as follows:

$$F_g(s, a) = F_1(s) + F_2(s, a) + F_3(s, a)$$

$$F_d(s, a) = F_4(s) + 2 \times F_5(s, a)$$

where

$F_1(s)$ = number of ghosts within 1 step of state s

$F_2(s, a)$ = number of ghosts Pacman touches after taking action a from state s

$F_3(s, a)$ = number of ghosts within 1 step of the state Pacman ends up in after taking action a

$F_4(s)$ = number of food dots within 1 step of state s

$F_5(s, a)$ = number of food dots eaten after taking action a from state s

After a few episodes of Q-learning, the weights are $w_g = -10$ and $w_d = 100$. The discount factor, $\gamma = 0.5$ and the learning rate, $\alpha = 0.5$. The action space of Pacman is $\{left, right, up, down, stay\}$. Pacman can take any actions from a state given it does not go beyond the grid.

- a) Considering the actions, a that are available from the current position, s of Pacman, answer the following: 16 + 8
(CO1)
(PO1)
- i. Calculate $F_g(s, a)$ and $F_d(s, a)$.
 - ii. Calculate the approximate Q-value of the state-action pair (s, a) , $\hat{Q}(s, a)$.
- b) Recommend the optimal policy for Pacman from its current position following the $\hat{Q}(s, a)$ values that you calculated in 1.a) ii. Argue on how good the policy is considering the alternatives. 3 + 3
(CO3)
(PO3)
- c) From its current position, s , Pacman moves up to go to the cell, s' containing the food dot and eats it. We observe a reward, $R(s, a, s') = 250$. Considering the actions, a' that are available from s' , answer the followings: 6 + 4
(CO1)
(PO1)
- i. Calculate the exact Q-value of the state-action pair (s, up) , $Q(s, up)$.
 - ii. Update w_g and w_d .

2. a) Consider a Markov Decision Process (MDP) having three states S_1 , S_2 , and S_3 , with rewards -1 , -2 , and 0 for executing an action from the state, respectively. S_3 is the terminal state where only the exit action is available that gives no reward. There is no other living reward. S_1 and S_2 each have two possible actions: a and b .

The transition function is described as follows:

- In S_1 , action a moves the agent to S_2 with probability 0.8 and makes the agent stay in S_1 , otherwise.
- In S_2 , action a moves the agent to S_1 with probability 0.8 and makes the agent stay in S_2 , otherwise.
- In either S_1 or S_2 , action b moves the agent to S_3 with probability 0.1 and makes the agent stay in its current state, otherwise.

Assume that the discount factor, $\gamma = 1$. With detailed steps, recommend the optimal policy for each state considering:

- i. The initial policy has action b in both states.
 - ii. The initial policy has action a in both states.
- b) Sometimes MDPs are formulated with a reward function $R(s, a)$ that depends on the current state and the action taken, or $R(s, a, s')$ that also depends on the outcome state. Modify the Bellman Equation to determine the value of a state based on these formulations. 6
(CO2)
(PO2)
- c) Suppose that we define the value of a state to be the maximum (as opposed to summation) reward obtained from its future states. Does this result in stationary preferences? Justify your position. 2 + 6
(CO1)
(PO1)

3. Consider the problem of solving two 8-puzzles. A sample game is shown in Figure 2:



Figure 2: Sample 8-puzzle game for Question 3

- a) Formulate the scenario as a game by identifying the start state, action, successor function, and goal test. 8
(CO2)
(PO2)
- b) Determine the size of the reachable state space. 3
(CO1)
(PO1)
- c) Suppose we make the problem adversarial by considering two players who take turns moving. Before each move, a coin is flipped to determine the puzzle on which to make a move in that turn. The winner is the first to solve one puzzle. 4 + 6
(CO3)
(PO3)
- i. With proper justification, recommend an algorithm for finding the optimal move in this game.
 - ii. "The game will never end if both players play perfectly." - Do you agree with the statement? Justify your position.


4. Consider that you live in the city of Townsville. The city is quite safe having the chance of a burglary at 0.1% and the chance of an earthquake at 0.2%. Your home is equipped with a burglar alarm that is reliable in detecting burglary, but it may be triggered by minor earthquakes. Specifically, the alarm goes off 94% of the time when there is a burglary, and this increases to 95% when an earthquake occurs simultaneously. Additionally, the alarm is triggered 29% of the time during an earthquake, even if there is no burglary. Without either an earthquake or burglary, there is a 0.1% chance that the alarm will go off randomly.

Your neighbors, Jamal and Munira, have agreed to notify you at work if they hear the alarm. Jamal calls 90% of the time when he hears the alarm, but occasionally (5%) mistakes the telephone ring for the alarm. Munira, due to nearby construction noise, might miss the alarm, but calls you 70% of the time when the alarm rings. She also calls 1% of the time even when the alarm does not go off.

Assume that the probabilities summarize a potentially infinite set of circumstances that are not mentioned here.

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| a) Formulate the scenario as a Bayesian Network considering causal relations and construct the associated Conditional Probability Tables. | 20
(CO2)
(PO2) |
| b) Identify and prove at least two conditional independence from your Bayesian Network. | 6
(CO3)
(PO3) |
| c) Find the probability that the alarm has sounded, but neither a burglary nor an earthquake has occurred, and both Jamal and Munira called you. | 2
(CO1)
(PO1) |
| 5. a) Imagine a game between two players Pascal and Fermat where each turn consists of the roll of a fair 6-sided dice. On each turn, the dice is rolled and the face that lands as the top of the dice is considered as outcome of that turn. Pascal gets a point when the outcome is even and Fermat gets a point when the outcome is odd. The first player to get T points wins the game and is rewarded M USD. Suppose the game is interrupted with Pascal leading by $X - Y$, where $0 \leq Y < X < T$. Considering the game must end prematurely, determine the general formula on how a rational agent should fairly split the reward. | 7
(CO1)
(PO1) |
| b) Assume that you are building a rational diagnosis robot for a hospital that screens patients and assigns them doctors and/or tests based on observed symptoms. Based on the past history of the hospital, you have observed that 1 out of every 10000 patients admitted in the hospital have meningitis. You know that the disease meningitis causes a patient to have a stiff neck 80% of the time. Again, a person not having meningitis can have a stiff neck 1% of the time. A test for meningitis requires the collection of cerebrospinal fluid via a spinal tap, which is expensive. | 9 + 7
(CO3)
(PO3) |
| i. Suppose that a patient reports that they have a stiff neck. Should the robot send them for the test? Justify your choice. | |
| ii. Is there any reason to disagree with your choice in Question 5.b)i)? Provide brief arguments in support of your decision. | |

Appendix

- $V^*(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} T(s, a, s') [R(s, a, s') + \gamma V^*(s')]$
- $V_{k+1}(s) = \max_a \sum_{s'} T(s, a, s') [R(s, a, s') + \gamma V_k(s')]$, where $V_0(s) = 0$
- $V^\pi(s) = \sum_{s'} T(s, \pi(s), s') [R(s, \pi(s), s') + \gamma V^\pi(s')]$
- $V_{k+1}^\pi(s) = \sum_{s'} T(s, \pi(s), s') [R(s, \pi(s), s') + \gamma V_k^\pi(s')]$, where $V_0^\pi(s) = 0$
- $\pi^*(s) = \operatorname{argmax}_a \sum_{s'} T(s, a, s') [R(s, a, s') + \gamma V^*(s')]$
- $\pi_{k+1}(s) = \operatorname{argmax}_a \sum_{s'} T(s, a, s') [R(s, a, s') + \gamma V^k(s')]$
- $\pi^*(s) = \operatorname{argmax}_a Q^*(s, a)$
- $V^\pi(s) = (1 - \alpha)V^\pi(s) + \alpha \times \text{sample}$, where $\text{sample} = R(s, \pi(s), s') + \gamma V^\pi(s')$
- $Q_{k+1}(s, a) = \sum_{s'} T(s, a, s') [R(s, a, s') + \gamma \max_{a'} Q_k(s', a')]$
- $Q(s, a) = R(s, a, s') + \gamma \max_{a'} f(Q(s', a'), N(s', a'))$
- $w_i = w_i + \alpha[\text{difference}]f_i(s, a)$, where $\text{difference} = [r + \gamma \max_{a'} Q(s', a')] - \hat{Q}(s, a)$
- $P(x|y) = \frac{P(x,y)}{P(y)}$
- $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_i P(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$
- $P(x|y) = \frac{P(y|x)P(x)}{P(y)}$
- $\forall x, y, z : P(x, y|z) = P(x|z)P(y|z)$ or $\forall x, y, z : P(x|z, y) = P(x|z)$, given $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y|Z$
- Active Triples: 
- Inactive Triples: 