

$$v_\pi(s) \approx \theta^\top \phi(s) \doteq v_\theta(s) \in \mathbb{R} \quad v_\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{S}|}$$

$$d : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n d(s) = 1$$

$$\forall v : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \|v\| \doteq \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} d(s) v(s)^2$$

$$\Pi v \doteq v_\theta \quad \text{where } \theta = \arg \min_{\theta} \|v - v_\theta\|. \quad (1)$$

For a linear function approximator, the projection operator is linear, which implies that it can be represented as an $|\mathcal{S}| \times |\mathcal{S}|$ matrix:

$$\Pi \doteq \Phi (\Phi^\top D \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^\top D, \quad (2)$$

where D denotes the $|\mathcal{S}| \times |\mathcal{S}|$ diagonal matrix with d on the diagonal, and Φ denotes the $|\mathcal{S}| \times n$ matrix whose rows are the feature vectors $\phi(s)^\top$, one for each state s :

$$D \doteq \begin{bmatrix} d(1) & & & 0 \\ & d(2) & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & d(|\mathcal{S}|) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi \doteq \begin{bmatrix} -\phi(1)^\top - \\ -\phi(2)^\top - \\ \vdots \\ -\phi(|\mathcal{S}|)^\top - \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

(Formally, the inverse in (2) may not exist, in which case the pseudoinverse is substituted.) Using these matrices, the squared norm of a vector can be written

$$\|v\| = v^\top D v, \quad (4)$$

and the approximate linear value function can be written

$$v_\theta = \Phi \theta. \quad (5)$$

$$\text{MSVE}(\theta) \doteq \|v_\theta - v_\pi\| \quad (6)$$

$$\text{MSRE}(\theta) \doteq \mathbb{E}_\pi \left[(v_\theta(S_t) - G_t)^2 \right]$$

Bellman operator for policy π :

$$(B_\pi v)(s) \doteq \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi(s, a) \left[r(s, a) + \gamma \sum_{s' \in \mathcal{S}} p(s'|s, a) v(s') \right], \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{S}, \forall v : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (7)$$

which can also be written,

$$B_\pi v = r_\pi + \gamma P_\pi v, \quad \forall v : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (8)$$

where $r_\pi \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{S}|}$ s.t. $[r_\pi]_s = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi(s, a) r(s, a)$,

and $P_\pi \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{S}|} \times \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{S}|}$ s.t. $[P_\pi]_{ji} = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi(i, a) p(j|i, a)$ Bellman equation:

$$v_\pi = B_\pi v_\pi, \quad (9)$$

Bellman error:

$$\bar{\delta}_\theta \doteq B_\pi v_\theta - v_\theta. \quad (10)$$

$$\text{MSBE}(\theta) \doteq \|\bar{\delta}_\theta\|, \quad (11)$$

$$\text{MSTDE}(\theta) \doteq \mathbb{E}_\pi \left[(R_{t+1} + \gamma v_\theta(S_{t+1}) - v_\theta(S_t))^2 \right]$$