

1 SMDP: Average cost criteria

For Markov process, $t_{ij}(k)$ is no longer equal. Cannot use value iteration because $g(R)$ cannot be any arbitrary V_i . Solve using policy iteration

$$V_i(R) = C_{ik} - g(R)t_{ik} + \sum_{j=0}^M P_{ij}(k)V_j(R), \quad \forall i \quad (1)$$

$$t_{ik} = \sum_{j=0}^M P_{ij}(k)t_{ij}(k) \quad (2)$$

$$c_{ik} = \sum_{j=0}^M P_{ij}(k)c_{ij}(k) \quad (3)$$

2 SMDP: Discounted cost criteria if $t_{ij}(k)$ is exponentially distributed

Solve using policy iteration

$$V_i(R) = C_{ik} + \sum_{j=0}^M e^{-\gamma t_{ij}(k)} P_{ij}(k)V_j(R) \quad \forall i \quad (4)$$

Solve using value iteration

$$V_i^n = \min_k [C_{ik} + \sum_{j=0}^M e^{-\gamma t_{ij}(k)} P_{ij}(k)V_j^{n-1}] \quad \forall i \quad (5)$$

Match $e^{-\gamma t_{ij}(k)}$ to $\beta^{t_{ij}(k)}$ to determine γ . Value iteration can be used.