

A. Proof of Lemma 3

Lemma. For Reparameterizable RL, given assumptions 1, 2, and 3, the empirical reward R defined in (10), as a function of the parameter θ , has a Lipschitz constant of

$$\beta = \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t L_r L_{t_2} L_{\pi_2} \frac{\nu^t - 1}{\nu - 1}$$

where $\nu = L_{t_1} + L_{t_2} L_{\pi_1}$.

Proof. Let's denote $s'_t = s_t(\theta')$, and $s_t = s_t(\theta)$. We start by investigating the policy function across different time steps:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\pi(s'_t; \theta') - \pi(s_t; \theta)\| \\ &= \|\pi(s'_t; \theta') - \pi(s_t; \theta') + \pi(s_t; \theta') - \pi(s_t; \theta)\| \\ &\leq \|\pi(s'_t; \theta') - \pi(s_t; \theta')\| + \|\pi(s_t; \theta') - \pi(s_t; \theta)\| \\ &\leq L_{\pi_1} \|s'_t - s_t\| + L_{\pi_2} \|\theta' - \theta\| \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The first inequality is the triangle inequality, and the second is from our Lipschitz assumption 2.

If we look at the change of states as the episode proceeds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|s'_t - s_t\| \\ &= \|\mathcal{T}(s'_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}; \theta'), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}(s_{t-1}, \pi(s_{t-1}; \theta), \xi_{t-1})\| \\ &\leq \|\mathcal{T}(s'_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}; \theta'), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}(s_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}; \theta'), \xi_{t-1})\| \\ &\quad + \|\mathcal{T}(s_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}; \theta'), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}(s_{t-1}, \pi(s_{t-1}; \theta), \xi_{t-1})\| \\ &\leq L_{t_1} \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| + L_{t_2} \|\pi(s'_{t-1}; \theta') - \pi(s_{t-1}; \theta)\| \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Now combine both (17) and (18),

$$\begin{aligned} & \|s'_t - s_t\| \\ &\leq L_{t_1} \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| \\ &\quad + L_{t_2} (L_{\pi_1} \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| + L_{\pi_2} \|\theta' - \theta\|) \\ &\leq (L_{t_1} + L_{t_2} L_{\pi_1}) \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| + L_{t_2} L_{\pi_2} \|\theta' - \theta\| \end{aligned}$$

In the initialization, we know $s'_0 = s_0$ since the initialization process does not involve any computation using the parameter θ in the policy π .

By recursion, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|s'_t - s_t\| &\leq L_{t_2} L_{\pi_2} \|\theta' - \theta\| \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} (L_{t_1} + L_{t_2} L_{\pi_1})^i \\ &= L_{t_2} L_{\pi_2} \frac{\nu^t - 1}{\nu - 1} \|\theta' - \theta\| \end{aligned}$$

where $\nu = L_{t_1} + L_{t_2} L_{\pi_1}$.

By assumption 3, $r(s)$ is L_r -Lipschitz, so

$$\begin{aligned} \|r(s'_t) - r(s_t)\| &\leq L_r \|s'_t - s_t\| \\ &\leq L_r L_{t_2} L_{\pi_2} \frac{\nu^t - 1}{\nu - 1} \|\theta' - \theta\| \end{aligned}$$

So the reward

$$\begin{aligned} |R(s') - R(s)| &= \left| \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t r(s'_t) - \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t r(s_t) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t (r(s'_t) - r(s_t)) \right| \leq \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t |r(s'_t) - r(s_t)| \\ &\leq \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t L_r L_{t_2} L_{\pi_2} \frac{\nu^t - 1}{\nu - 1} \|\theta' - \theta\| = \beta \|\theta' - \theta\| \end{aligned}$$

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B. Proof of Lemma 6

Lemma. In reparameterizable RL, suppose the initialization function \mathcal{I}' in the test environment satisfies $\|(\mathcal{I}' - \mathcal{I})(\xi)\| \leq \delta$, and the transition function is the same for both training and testing environment. If assumptions (1), (2), and (3) hold then

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathbb{E}_\xi[R(s(\xi; \mathcal{I}'))] - \mathbb{E}_\xi[R(s(\xi; \mathcal{I}))]| \leq \\ & \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t L_r (L_{t_1} + L_{t_2} L_{\pi_1})^t \delta \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Denote the states at time t with \mathcal{I}' as the initialization function as s'_t . Again we look at the difference between s'_t and s_t . By triangle inequality and assumptions 1 and 2,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|s'_t - s_t\| \\ &= \|\mathcal{T}(s'_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}(s_{t-1}, \pi(s_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1})\| \\ &\leq \|\mathcal{T}(s'_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}(s_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1})\| \\ &\quad + \|\mathcal{T}(s_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}(s_{t-1}, \pi(s_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1})\| \\ &\leq L_{t_1} \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| + L_{t_2} \|\pi(s'_{t-1}) - \pi(s_{t-1})\| \\ &\leq L_{t_1} \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| + L_{t_2} L_{\pi_1} \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| \\ &= (L_{t_1} + L_{t_2} L_{\pi_1}) \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| \\ &\leq (L_{t_1} + L_{t_2} L_{\pi_1})^t \|s'_0 - s_0\| \\ &\leq (L_{t_1} + L_{t_2} L_{\pi_1})^t \delta \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality is due to the assumption that

$$\|s'_0 - s_0\| = \|\mathcal{I}'(\xi) - \mathcal{I}(\xi)\| \leq \delta$$

Also since $r(s)$ is also Lipschitz,

$$\begin{aligned} |R(s') - R(s)| &= \left| \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t r(s'_t) - \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t r(s_t) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t |r(s'_t) - r(s_t)| \leq \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t L_r \|s'_t - s_t\| \\ &\leq L_r \delta \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t (L_{t1} + L_{t2} L_{\pi 1})^t \end{aligned}$$

The argument above holds for any given random input ξ , so

$$\begin{aligned} &|\mathbb{E}_\xi[R(s'(\xi))] - \mathbb{E}_\xi[R(s(\xi))]| \\ &\leq \left| \int_{\xi} (R(s'(\xi)) - R(s(\xi))) \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\xi} |R(s'(\xi)) - R(s(\xi))| \\ &\leq L_r \delta \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t (L_{t1} + L_{t2} L_{\pi 1})^t \end{aligned}$$

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C. Proof of Lemma 7

Lemma. *In reparameterizable RL, suppose the transition \mathcal{T}' in the test environment satisfies $\forall x, y, z, \|(\mathcal{T}' - \mathcal{T})(x, y, z)\| \leq \delta$, and the initialization is the same for both the training and testing environment. If assumptions (1), (2) and (3) hold then*

$$|\mathbb{E}_\xi[R(s(\xi; \mathcal{T}'))] - \mathbb{E}_\xi[R(s(\xi; \mathcal{T}))]| \leq \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t L_r \frac{1 - \nu^t}{1 - \nu} \delta \quad (19)$$

where $\nu = L_{t1} + L_{t2} L_{\pi 1}$

Proof. Again let's denote the state at time t with the new transition function \mathcal{T}' as s'_t , and the state at time t with the original transition function \mathcal{T} as s_t , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\|s'_t - s_t\| \\ &= \|\mathcal{T}'(s'_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}(s_{t-1}, \pi(s_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1})\| \\ &\leq \|\mathcal{T}'(s'_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}'(s_{t-1}, \pi(s_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1})\| + \\ &\|\mathcal{T}'(s_{t-1}, \pi(s_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}(s_{t-1}, \pi(s_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1})\| \\ &\leq \|\mathcal{T}'(s'_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}'(s_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1})\| \\ &+ \|\mathcal{T}'(s_{t-1}, \pi(s'_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1}) - \mathcal{T}'(s_{t-1}, \pi(s_{t-1}), \xi_{t-1})\| + \delta \\ &\leq L_{t1} \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| + L_{t2} \|\pi(s'_{t-1}) - \pi(s_{t-1})\| + \delta \\ &\leq L_{t1} \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| + L_{t2} L_{\pi 1} \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| + \delta \\ &= (L_{t1} + L_{t2} L_{\pi 1}) \|s'_{t-1} - s_{t-1}\| + \delta \end{aligned}$$

Again we have the initialization condition

$$s'_0 = s_0$$

since the initialization procedure \mathcal{I} stays the same. By recursion we have

$$\|s'_t - s_t\| \leq \delta \sum_{t=0}^{t-1} (L_{t1} + L_{t2} L_{\pi 1})^t \quad (20)$$

By assumption 3,

$$\begin{aligned} |R(s') - R(s)| &= \left| \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t r(s'_t) - \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t r(s_t) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t |r(s'_t) - r(s_t)| \leq \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t L_r \|s'_t - s_t\| \\ &\leq L_r \delta \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t \left(\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} (L_{k1} + L_{k2} L_{\pi 1})^k \right) \\ &\leq L_r \delta \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t \frac{\nu^t - 1}{\nu - 1} \end{aligned}$$

where $\nu = L_{t1} + L_{t2} L_{\pi 1}$. Again the argument holds for any given random input ξ , so

$$\begin{aligned} &|\mathbb{E}_\xi[R(s'(\xi))] - \mathbb{E}_\xi[R(s(\xi))]| \\ &\leq \left| \int_{\xi} (R(s'(\xi)) - R(s(\xi))) \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\xi} |R(s'(\xi)) - R(s(\xi))| \\ &\leq L_r \delta \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t \frac{\nu^t - 1}{\nu - 1} \end{aligned}$$

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D. Proof of Theorem 1

Theorem. *In reparameterizable RL, suppose the transition \mathcal{T}' in the test environment satisfies $\forall x, y, z, \|(\mathcal{T}' - \mathcal{T})(x, y, z)\| \leq \zeta$, and suppose the initialization function \mathcal{I}' in the test environment satisfies $\forall \xi, \|(\mathcal{I}' - \mathcal{I})(\xi)\| \leq \epsilon$. If assumptions (1), (2) and (3) hold, the peripheral random variables ξ^i for each episode are i.i.d., and the reward is bounded $|R(s)| \leq c/2$, then with probability at least $1 - \delta$, for all policy $\pi \in \Pi$,*

$$\begin{aligned} &|\mathbb{E}_\xi[R(s(\xi; \pi, \mathcal{T}', \mathcal{I}'))] - \frac{1}{n} \sum_i R(s(\xi^i; \pi, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I}))| \\ &\leq \text{Rad}(R_{\pi, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I}}) + L_r \zeta \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t \frac{\nu^t - 1}{\nu - 1} + L_r \epsilon \sum_{t=0}^T \gamma^t \nu^t \\ &+ O\left(c \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{n}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where $\nu = L_{t1} + L_{t2}L_{\pi1}$, and

$$\text{Rad}(R_{\pi, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I}}) = \mathbb{E}_{\xi} \mathbb{E}_{\sigma} \left[\sup_{\pi} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i R(s^i(\xi^i; \pi, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I})) \right]$$

is the Rademacher complexity of $R(s(\xi; \pi, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I}))$ under the training transition \mathcal{T} , the training initialization \mathcal{I} , and n is the number of training episodes.

Proof. Note

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_i R(s(\xi^i; \pi, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I})) - \mathbb{E}_{\xi} [R(s(\xi; \pi, \mathcal{T}', \mathcal{I}))] \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_i R(s(\xi^i; \pi, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I})) - \mathbb{E}_{\xi} [R(s(\xi; \pi, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I}))] \right| \\ & \quad + \left| \mathbb{E}_{\xi} [R(s(\xi; \pi, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{I}))] - \mathbb{E}_{\xi} [R(s(\xi; \pi, \mathcal{T}', \mathcal{I}))] \right| \\ & \quad + \left| \mathbb{E}_{\xi} [R(s(\xi; \pi, \mathcal{T}', \mathcal{I}))] - \mathbb{E}_{\xi} [R(s(\xi; \pi, \mathcal{T}', \mathcal{I}))] \right| \end{aligned}$$

Then theorem 1 is a direct consequence of Lemma 2, Lemma 6, and Lemma 7. \square