



**B.E/B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2022**

(Regulation 2018)

Fifth Semester

**DEPARTMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA SCIENCE**

U18AI5203: REINFORCEMENT LEARNING

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

- CO1:** Understand the underpinnings to structure classical solutions for Reinforcement Learning problem.
- CO2:** Apply deep learning architectures to train agents navigating from virtual world from sensory data.
- CO3:** Analyze basic Reinforcement Learning algorithms for simple sequential decision making and control problems in uncertain conditions.
- CO4:** Build system of agents to demonstrate collaboration or cooperation.

**Time: Three Hours**

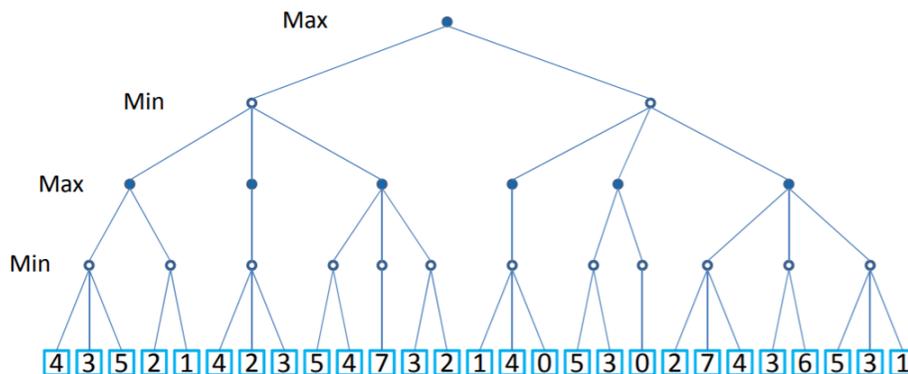
**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the Questions:-**

**PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 40 words)**

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| 1. Identify the properties for the task environment Medical Diagnosis.   | CO1 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
| 2. Compare reinforcement learning with the other learning techniques.  | CO1 | [K <sub>1</sub> ] |
| 3. Examine the reason behind the overestimation of Q-values by regular Q-learning and DQN.                               | CO2 | [K <sub>4</sub> ] |
| 4. Identify the tasks where Monte-Carlo methods can be applied.  | CO1 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
| 5. Show the theory behind the evolutionary algorithms.   | CO3 | [K <sub>1</sub> ] |
| 6. List few policy based methods in reinforcement learning.  | CO3 | [K <sub>1</sub> ] |
| 7. Summarize leveraging neural networks to predict machine failures that learns intelligent behaviors from sensory data. | CO2 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| 8. Apply min-max algorithm for the following two player game scenario.   | CO4 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |



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| 9. What is Hierarchical Reinforcement Learning? | CO4 | [K <sub>1</sub> ] |
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10. Outline Reinforcement Learning in continuous space

CO4 [K<sub>1</sub>]

**Answer any FIVE Questions:-  
PART B (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 400 words)**

11. a) Consider the below Frozen Lake problem.

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CO2 [K<sub>4</sub>]

S	F	F	F
F	H	F	H
F	F	F	H
H	F	F	G

(S: starting point, safe), (F: frozen surface, safe), (H: hole, fall to your doom),

(G: goal). The idea is to reach the goal from the starting point by walking only on a frozen surface and avoiding all the holes. Analyze using First-Visit and Every-Visit Monte- Carlo Methods.

b) Explain Reinforcement Learning, its elements, the components and goal of RL algorithm associated with it. 8

CO1 [K<sub>1</sub>]

12. a) Experiment with Deep Q- Learning algorithm by considering the below CartPole environment and apply Experience replay concept. 8

CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]

- The CartPole environment is a simple environment where the objective is to move a cart left or right in order to balance an upright pole for as long as possible.
- The state space is described with 4 values representing Cart Position, Cart Velocity, Pole Angle, and Pole Velocity at the Tip.

The action space is described with 2 values (0 or 1) allowing the car to either move left or right at each time step.

b) Compare and contrast Deep Q-Learning, Deep Q-Network, Double DQN and Dueling DQN with appropriate illustration. 8

CO3 [K<sub>1</sub>]

13. a) Derive Bellman's Equation and solve the following problem using Markov Decision Process. 8

CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]

3.3	8.8	4.4	5.3	1.5
1.5	3.0	2.3	1.9	0.5
0.1	0.7	0.7	0.4	-0.4
-1.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-1.2
-1.9	-1.3	-1.2	-1.4	-2.0

b) RL agents incrementally update their parameters while they observe a stream of 8 CO3 [K4] experiences. In their simplest form, they discard incoming data immediately, after a single update. Analyze and provide solution for the issues associated with the above scenario.

14. a) Solve the architectural summary of LeNet and AlexNet Convolutional Neural Networks Architectures. 8 CO2 [K3]

AlexNet (output of 1000 labels)

Layers	Feature Maps	Size	Kernel Size	Stride	Activation
Input/ Image	1	227x227x3	-	-	-
1	96				
	96				
2	256				
	256				
3	384				
4	384				
5	256				
	256				
6	-				
7	-				
8	-				
O/P	-				

LeNet ( output of 10 class labels)

Layers	Feature Maps	Size	Kernel Size	Stride	Activation
Input/ Image	1	32x32	-	-	-
1	6				

		6				
2		16				
		16				
3		120				
4		-				
O/P		-				

- b) i) State the key idea behind REINFORCE algorithms. 8 CO3 [K4]  
ii) Examine mathematically the need for Trajectory and how gradient ascent is going to affect the expected returns in REINFORCE algorithm.
15. a) Compare and Contrast the following Reinforcement Learning Terminologies. 8 CO3 [K2]  
i) Value-based & Policy-based  
ii) On-Policy & Off-Policy  
iii) Model based & Model Free
- b) Explain Actor- Critic method and analyze why Optimization is much needed using Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG). 8 CO4 [K4]
16. a) i) Examine how hierarchical reinforcement learning can be used to train smarter agents. 8 CO4 [K2]  
ii) Show certain use cases in the field of robotics where various Deep Reinforcement Learning techniques could be applied.
- b) Analyze the Multiplayer environment for Markov games and explain how to train an agent in collaborative and competitive environment 8 CO4 [K4]

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