

function VALUE-ITERATION(mdp, ϵ) **returns** a utility function

inputs: mdp , an MDP with states S , actions $A(s)$. transition model $P(s' | s, a)$,
rewards $R(s)$, discount γ
 ϵ , the maximum error allowed in the utility of any state

local variables: U, U' , vectors of utilities for states in S , initially zero
 δ , the maximum change in the utility of any state in an iteration

repeat
 $U \leftarrow U'; \delta \leftarrow 0$
for each state s **in** S **do**
 $U'[s] \leftarrow R(s) + \gamma \max_{a \in A(s)} \sum_{s'} P(s' | s, a) U[s']$
if $|U'[s] - U[s]| > \delta$ **then** $\delta \leftarrow |U'[s] - U[s]|$
until $\delta < \epsilon(1 - \gamma)/\gamma$
return U

Figure 17.4 The value iteration algorithm for calculating utilities of states. The termination condition is from Equation (17.8).