Page 2, Tabular Q-Learning

- 1. Start with empty table mapping states to values of actions,
- 2. By interacting with the environment, obtain tuple (s, a, r, s').
- 3. Update Q(s, a) value using Bellman approximation: $Q_{s,a} \leftarrow r + \gamma \max_{a' \in A} Q_{s',a'}$
- 4. Repeat step 2.

...using learning rate α with value from 0 to 1:

$$Q_{s,a} \leftarrow (1 - \alpha)Q_{s,a} + \alpha(r + \gamma \max_{a' \in A} Q_{s',a'})$$

The final version of the algorithm is here:

- 1. Start with empty table for Q(s, a).
- 2. Obtain (s, a, r, s') from the environment.
- 3. Make Bellman update: $Q_{s,a} \leftarrow (1-\alpha)Q_{s,a} + \alpha(r + \gamma \max_{a' \in A} Q_{s',a'})$
- 4. Check convergence conditions, if not met, repeat from step 2.

Page 6, Deep Q-learning

- 1. Initialize Q(s, a) with some initial approximation,
- 2. By interacting with the environment, obtain tuple (s, a, r, s').
- 3. Calculate loss: $\mathcal{L} = (Q_{s,a} r)^2$ if episode has ended or $\mathcal{L} = (Q_{s,a} (r + \gamma \max_{a' \in A} Q_{s',a'}))^2$ otherwise.
- 4. Update Q(s, a) using SGD algorithm by minimizing the loss in respect to model parameters.
- 5. Repeat step 2 until converged.

Page 8, Final form of DQN training

- 1. Initialize parameters for Q(s, a) and $\hat{Q}(s, a)$ with random weights, $\epsilon \leftarrow$ 1.0, and empty replay buffer
- 2. With probability ϵ select a random action a, otherwise $a = \arg \max_a Q_{s,a}$
- 3. Execute action a in emulator and observe reward r and next state s'.
- 4. Store transition (s, a, r, s') in the replay buffer.
- 5. Sample random minibatch of transitions from replay buffer.
- 6. For every transition in the buffer calculate target y=r if episode has ended at this step or $y=r+\gamma\max_{a'\in A}\hat{Q}_{s',a'}$

- 7. Calculate loss: $\mathcal{L} = (Q_{s,a} y)^2$
- 8. Update Q(s, a) using SGD algorithm by minimizing the loss in respect to model parameters.
- 9. Every N steps copy weights from Q to \hat{Q}
- 10. Repeat step 2 until converged.

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As a reminder, there is the loss expression we need to calculate: $\mathcal{L} = (Q_{s,a} - (r + \gamma \max_{a' \in A} \hat{Q}_{s',a'}))^2$ for steps which wasn't at the end of the episode or $\mathcal{L} = (Q_{s,a} - r)^2$ for final steps.