

Update equations cheat sheet

- DP value iteration: $v_{k+1}(s) = \max_a \sum_{s',r} p(s', r|s, a) [r + \gamma v_k(s')]$
- DP policy evaluation: $v_{k+1}(s) = \sum_a \pi(a|s) \sum_{s',r} p(s', r|s, a) [r + \gamma v_k(s')]$
- Monte Carlo: $V(S_t) \leftarrow V(S_t) + \alpha [G_t - V(S_t)]$
- TD(0): $V(S_t) \leftarrow V(S_t) + \alpha [R_{t+1} + \gamma V(S_{t+1}) - V(S_t)]$
- SARSA: $Q(S_t, A_t) \leftarrow Q(S_t, A_t) + \alpha [R_{t+1} + \gamma Q(S_{t+1}, A_{t+1}) - Q(S_t, A_t)]$
- Expected SARSA: $Q(S_t, A_t) \leftarrow Q(S_t, A_t) + \alpha [R_{t+1} + \gamma \sum_a \pi(a|S_{t+1}) Q(S_{t+1}, a) - Q(S_t, A_t)]$
- Q-learning: $Q(S_t, A_t) \leftarrow Q(S_t, A_t) + \alpha [R_{t+1} + \gamma \max_a Q(S_{t+1}, a) - Q(S_t, A_t)]$
- Gradient Monte Carlo: $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \alpha [G_t - \hat{v}(S_t, \mathbf{w})] \nabla \hat{v}(S_t, \mathbf{w})$
- Semi-gradient TD: $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \alpha [R_{t+1} + \gamma \hat{v}(S_{t+1}, \mathbf{w}) - \hat{v}(S_t, \mathbf{w})] \nabla \hat{v}(S_t, \mathbf{w})$
- LSTD: $\mathbf{w}_t \doteq \hat{\mathbf{A}}_t^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_t$, where $\hat{\mathbf{A}}_t \doteq \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \mathbf{x}_k (\mathbf{x}_k - \gamma \mathbf{x}_{k+1})^\top + \epsilon \mathbf{I}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{b}}_t \doteq \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} R_{k+1} \mathbf{x}_k$
- GTD2: $\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \doteq \mathbf{v}_t + \beta \rho_t (\delta_t - \mathbf{v}_t^\top \mathbf{x}_t) \mathbf{x}_t$, $\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_t + \alpha \rho_t (\mathbf{x}_t - \gamma \mathbf{x}_{t+1}) \mathbf{x}_t^\top \mathbf{v}_t$ (note: in the GTD2 equation, \mathbf{v} is not the value function but a variable storing an intermediate result)

Note: the following methods are given assuming the discount factor $\gamma = 1$.

- Finite difference gradients: $\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k + \alpha \frac{J(\theta_k - \epsilon) - J(\theta_k + \epsilon)}{2\epsilon}$
- original REINFORCE: $\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k + \alpha G(\tau) \sum_{t=0}^T \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t)$
- REINFORCE v2: $\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k + \alpha \sum_{t=0}^T G_t \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t)$
- PGT Actor-Critic: $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \alpha \hat{q}(s_t, a_t) \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t)$
- Deterministic policy gradient (DPG): $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \alpha \nabla_{\theta} \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t) \nabla_a q(s_t, a_t)|_{a=\pi_{\theta}(s)}$
- Natural policy gradient: $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \alpha F^{-1}(\theta) \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta)$, with $\nabla_{\theta} J(\theta)$ estimating 'vanilla' policy gradient.