

## REINFORCE: Monte-Carlo Policy-Gradient Control (episodic) for $\pi_*$

Input: a differentiable policy parameterization  $\pi(a|s, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

Algorithm parameter: step size  $\alpha > 0$

Initialize policy parameter  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{d'}$  (e.g., to  $\mathbf{0}$ )

Loop forever (for each episode):

    Generate an episode  $S_0, A_0, R_1, \dots, S_{T-1}, A_{T-1}, R_T$ , following  $\pi(\cdot|\cdot, \boldsymbol{\theta})$

    Loop for each step of the episode  $t = 0, 1, \dots, T - 1$ :

$$G \leftarrow \sum_{k=t+1}^T R_k \tag{G_t}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta} + \alpha G \nabla \ln \pi(A_t|S_t, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$