Multi-Armed Bandit Implementations

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# This function gets the result from pulling the arm for bandit == bandit_number
# Returns 1 if success and 0 otherwise
# bandits = probabilities of success for each bandit in vector
# bandit_number = bandit in which to pull arm for
pull_arm <- function(bandits, bandit_number) {</pre>
  p <- bandits[[bandit_number]]</pre>
  rbinom(1, 1, p)
# This function determines which arm to pull for epsilon-greedy method or takes random action
# eps = probability in which function will pick random bandit
# avg_rewards = Average reward winnings for each bandit in a vector
take_epsilon_greedy_action <- function(eps, avg_rewards) {</pre>
  res <- runif(1)
  if_else(res < eps, sample(1:length(avg_rewards), 1), which.max(avg_rewards))</pre>
}
# This function returns the sample thetas from each bandit distribution based on current est
# Returns sampled thetas in a vector
sample_thetas <- function(alphas, betas) {</pre>
  res <- numeric(length(alphas))</pre>
  for (k in 1:5) {
    alpha_k <- alphas[[k]]
    beta_k <- betas[[k]]</pre>
    res[[k]] <- rbeta(1, alpha_k, beta_k)
  }
  res
# This function determines which arm to pull for the Thompson Sampling alorithm
# Returns the larges theta from the sample_thetas function
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take_TS_action <- function(thetas) {
  which.max(thetas)
}</pre>
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ϵ -Greedy Method

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run_eps_greedy <- function(bandits, eps, iter) {</pre>
  total_rewards <- rep(0,5)</pre>
  total_attempts <- rep(0,5)</pre>
  avg_rewards <- rep(0.0,5)</pre>
  for (i in 1:iter) {
    action <- take_epsilon_greedy_action(eps, avg_rewards)</pre>
    reward <- pull_arm(bandits, action)</pre>
    # Store restult
    total_rewards[[action]] <- total_rewards[[action]] + reward</pre>
    total_attempts[[action]] <- total_attempts[[action]] + 1</pre>
    avg_rewards[[action]] <- total_rewards[[action]] / total_attempts[[action]]</pre>
  }
  list(
    best_bandit = which.max(avg_rewards),
    total_rewards = total_rewards,
    total_attempts = total_attempts,
    avg_rewards = avg_rewards,
    total_reward = sum(total_rewards)
  )
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p1 <- 0.1

p2 <- 0.3

p3 <- 0.05

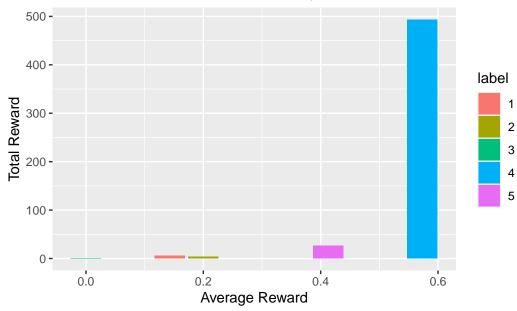
p4 <- 0.55

p5 <- 0.4
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bandits <-c(p1,p2,p3,p4,p5)
iter <- 1000
eps <- 0.1
run_eps_greedy(bandits, eps, iter)
$best_bandit
[1] 4
$total_rewards
[1] 7 3 0 456 6
$total_attempts
[1] 97 20 22 844 17
$avg_rewards
[1] 0.07216495 0.15000000 0.00000000 0.54028436 0.35294118
$total_reward
[1] 472
plot_eps_greed <- function(eg_obj) {</pre>
 tibble(x = eg_obj$avg_rewards, y = eg_obj$total_rewards, bandit = 1:5) %>%
   mutate(label = factor(bandit)) %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = x, y = y, fill = label)) +
   geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
   labs(title = "Theta estimate and total reward by bandit",
         y = "Total Reward", x = "Average Reward")
}
eg_obj <- run_eps_greedy(bandits, eps, iter)</pre>
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plot_eps_greed(eg_obj)
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Theta estimate and total reward by bandit



Thompson Sampling Method

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run_ts <- function(bandits, iter) {
    alphas <- rep(1, 5)
    betas <- rep(1, 5)
    total_rewards <- 0

for (i in 1:iter) {

    # Sample Model
    thetas <- sample_thetas(alphas, betas)

    # Select and apply action
    action <- take_TS_action(thetas)
    reward <- pull_arm(bandits, action)

# update distribution
    alphas[[action]] <- alphas[[action]] + reward
    betas[[action]] <- betas[[action]] + 1 - reward
    total_rewards <- total_rewards + reward</pre>
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}
  list(
   alphas = alphas,
   betas = betas,
   theta_estimates = alphas / (alphas + betas),
   total_reward = sum(alphas)
}
p1 <- 0.1
p2 < -0.3
p3 < -0.05
p4 < -0.55
p5 < -0.4
bandits <-c(p1,p2,p3,p4,p5)
iter <- 1000
run_ts(bandits, iter)
$alphas
[1] 2 10 1 393 116
$betas
[1] 12 22 9 317 128
$theta_estimates
[1] 0.1428571 0.3125000 0.1000000 0.5535211 0.4754098
$total_reward
[1] 522
plot_ts <- function(ts_object) {</pre>
  x \leftarrow seq(0,1,0.001)
  df_{res} \leftarrow as_{tibble}(label = c(), x = c(), dens = c())
  for(k in 1:length(ts_object$alphas)) {
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a <- ts_object\$alphas[[k]]

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b <- ts_object$betas[[k]]

bandit <- rep(k, length(x))
dens <- dbeta(x, a, b)
res <- cbind(bandit, x, dens) %>% as_tibble()

df_res <- rbind(df_res, res)
}

df_res %>%
mutate(bandit = factor(bandit)) %>%
ggplot(aes(x = x, y = dens, color = bandit)) +
geom_line() +
theme_bw() +
labs(title = "Posterior Distributions for Bandit Thetas")
}
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```
ts_obj <- run_ts(bandits, iter)
plot_ts(ts_obj)</pre>
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Posterior Distributions for Bandit Thetas

