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1. What is the target policy in Q-learning?

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- ☐ ϵ -greedy with respect to the current action-value estimates
- ☒ Greedy with respect to the current action-value estimates

Correct! Q-learning's target policy is greedy with respect to the current action-value estimates.

2. Which Bellman equation is the basis for the Q-learning update?

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- ☐ Bellman equation for state values
- ☐ Bellman equation for action values
- ☐ Bellman optimality equation for state values
- ☒ Bellman optimality equation for action values

Correct! The Q-learning update is based on the Bellman optimality equation for action values.

3. Which Bellman equation is the basis for the Sarsa update?

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- ☐ Bellman equation for state values
- ☒ Bellman equation for action values


Correct! The Sarsa update is based on the Bellman equation for action values.

- ☐ Bellman optimality equation for state values
- ☐ Bellman optimality equation for action values



4. Which Bellman equation is the basis for the Expected Sarsa update?

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- ☐ Bellman equation for state values 
- ☒ Bellman equation for action values

Correct! The Expected Sarsa update is based on the Bellman equation for action values.

- ☐ Bellman optimality equation for state values
- ☐ Bellman optimality equation for action values

5. Which algorithm's update requires more computation per step?

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- ☒ Expected Sarsa

Correct! Expected Sarsa computes the expectation over next actions.

- ☐ Sarsa

6. Which algorithm has a higher variance target?

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- ☐ Expected Sarsa
- ☒ Sarsa

Correct! We saw that Sarsa was more sensitive to the choice of step-size because its target has higher variance.

7. Q-learning does not learn about the outcomes of exploratory actions.

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- ☒ True

Correct! The update in Q-learning only learns about the greedy action. As demonstrated in Cliff World, it ignores the outcomes of exploratory actions.

- ☐ False

8. Sarsa, Q-learning, and Expected Sarsa have similar targets on a transition to a terminal state.

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- ☒ True

Correct! The target in this case only depends on the reward.

- ☐ False

9. Sarsa needs to wait until the end of an episode before performing its update.

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- ☐ True
- ☒ False

Correct! Unlike Monte Carlo methods, Sarsa performs its updates at every time-step using the reward and the next action-value estimate.