

Banana Navigation

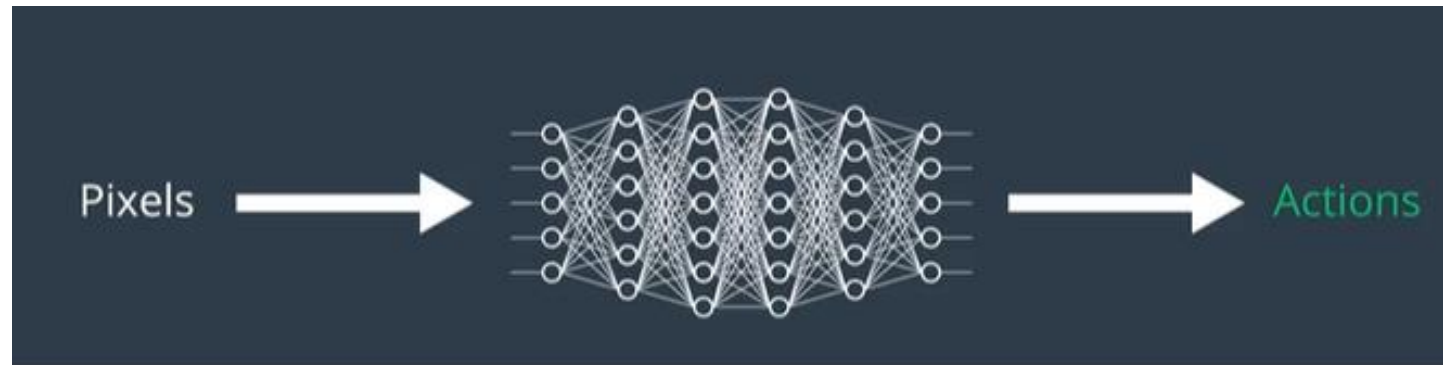
DQN Reinforcement Model



Because we have continuous state-space, we should discretize or use non-linear function Approximation

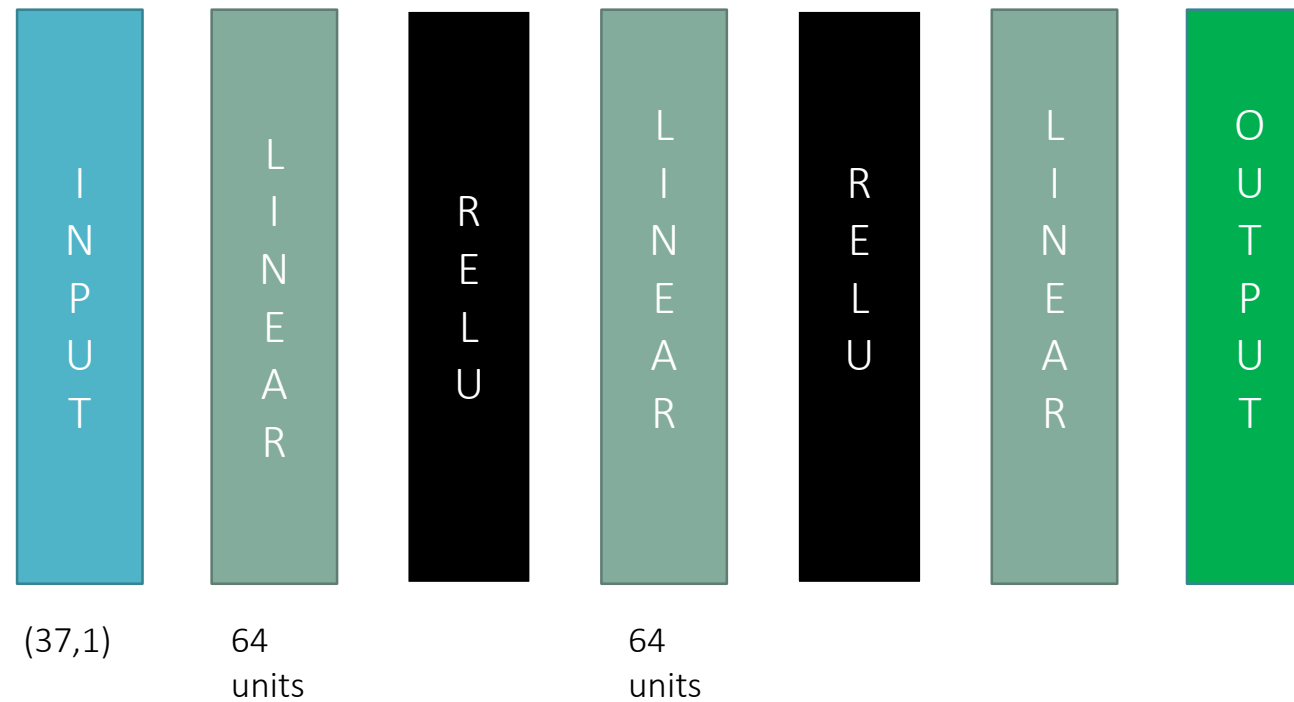


We are going to use DQN (pixel to Action) where we map an image (pixels) to Actions



Neural Network architecture

We are going to build network to train our model (updating the weights) using epochs (iteration) of forward & backpropagation



Parameters

- **GAMMA** (discounted rate) = 0.99 → this specify we are interested in our future reward
- **eps** (Epsilon) → Has starting and ending [1.0, 0.01] and its decay over every episode by factor = 0.995
- **Tau** (soft-update) → help prevent the variance
- **BATCH_SIZE** (Replay Buffer) = 64 → more about Replay in the next slide
- **UPDATE_EVERY** (Fixed Q-Target) = 4 → update target with latest parameter after 4 iteration (more in the next slide)

Replay Buffer

Isolate the agent from the training process, selecting random action and store the collective reward (score) aside then uses the stored Experience randomly when training the model



Fixed Q-Targets

Decoupled the target from the parameters, make the training more stable, we only going to update W^- with the latest W in fixed interval

Fixed Target

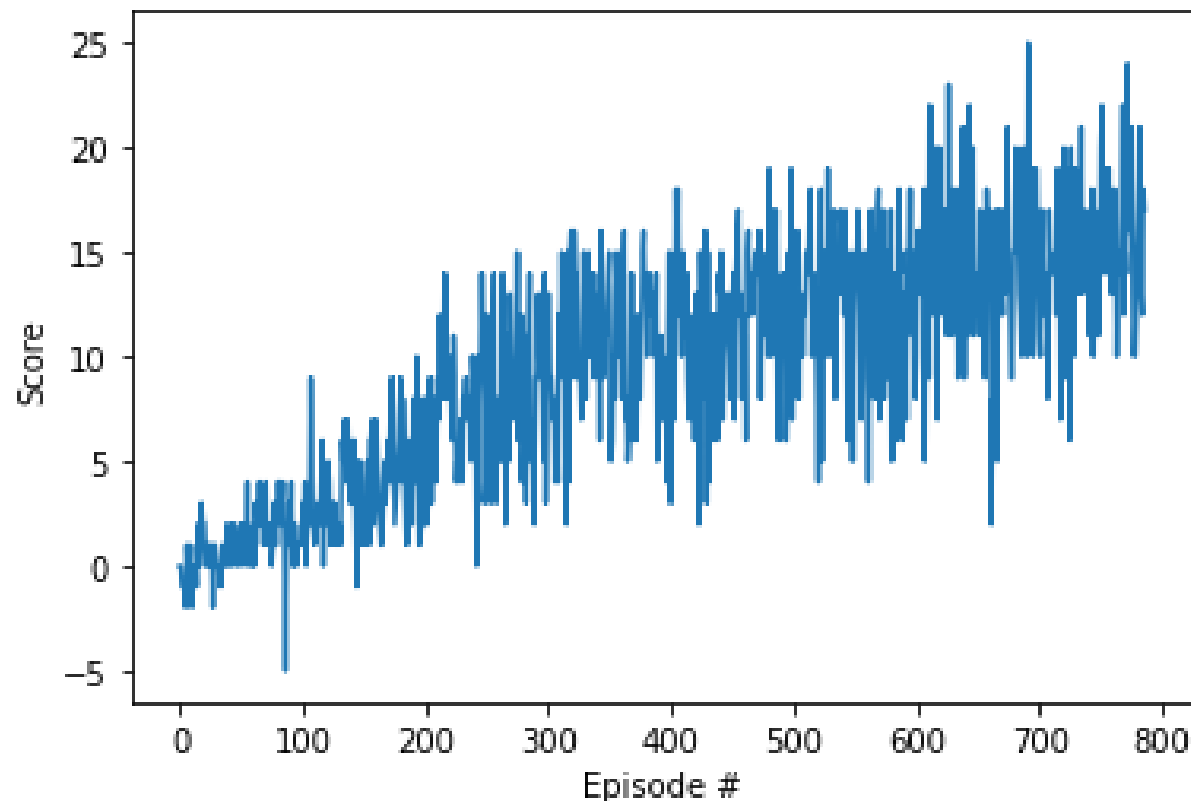
decoupled

$$\Delta \mathbf{w} = \alpha \left(R + \gamma \max_a \hat{q}(S', a, \mathbf{w}^-) - \hat{q}(S, A, \mathbf{w}) \right) \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \hat{q}(S, A, \mathbf{w})$$

fixed

Result

The Agent reaches `score>15.0`
after 787 episodes



Episode 100	Average Score: 0.97
Episode 200	Average Score: 3.76
Episode 300	Average Score: 7.93
Episode 400	Average Score: 10.49
Episode 500	Average Score: 11.78
Episode 600	Average Score: 12.50
Episode 700	Average Score: 14.31
Episode 787	Average Score: 15.03

Future Work

Trying to get higher score with fewer number of episodes (solve the environment earlier)

- Implement Agent model with Double DQN
- Implement Agent model with Rainbow

