



CƠ CHẾ AGENT & ENVIRONMENT TRONG KIẾN TRÚC DUAL-AGENT RL IDS

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Kiến trúc: Dual-Agent Reinforcement Learning cho Intrusion Detection System

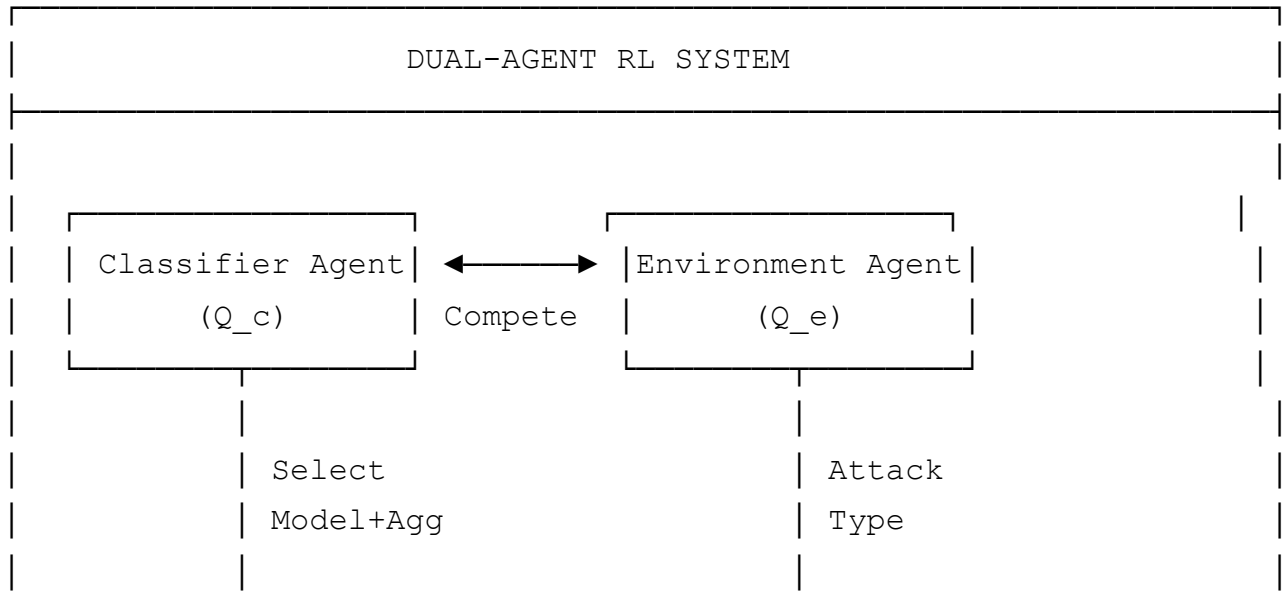


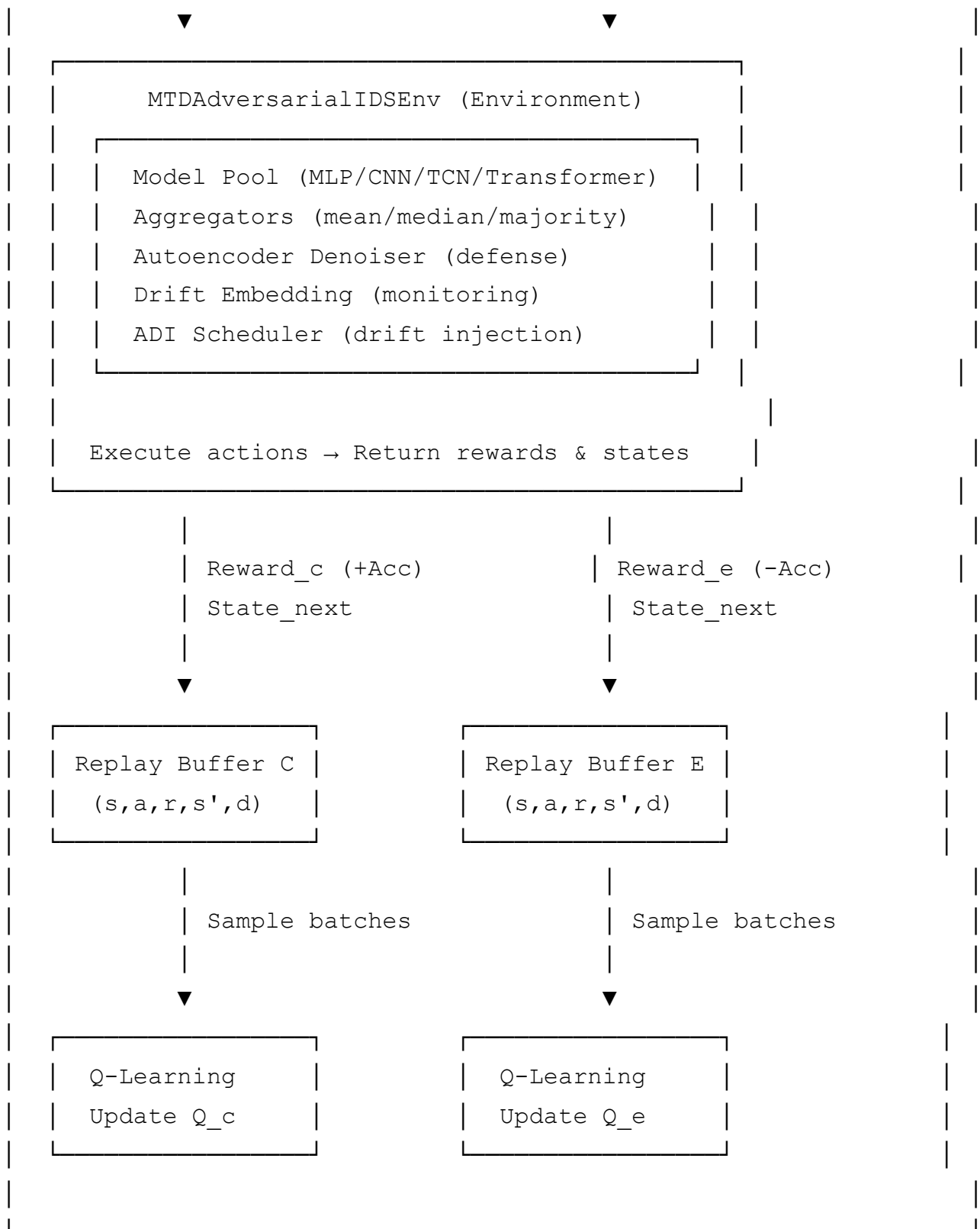
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1. TỔNG QUAN KIẾN TRÚC

Diagram Tổng Quát:





2. PHÂN BIỆT CÁC KHÁI NIỆM

! QUAN TRỌNG: Có 3 thực thể khác nhau!

Thực thể	Vai trò	Mục tiêu	Code class
Classifier Agent	RL Agent #1	Maximize accuracy	<code>ClassifierAgent</code>

Thực thể	Vai trò	Mục tiêu	Code class
Environment Agent	RL Agent #2	Minimize accuracy	EnvironmentAgent
Environment (MTD)	Môi trường RL	Execute actions	MTDAdversarialIDSEnv

Phân biệt:

1. Classifier Agent vs Environment Agent:

- Đây là 2 RL agents **đối nghịch** (adversarial)
- Cùng observe state từ environment
- Có action spaces **RIÊNG BIỆT**
- Có rewards **ĐỐI NGHỊCH**

2. Agent vs Environment:

- Agent **quyết định** action
- Environment **thực thi** action và **trả về** (reward, next_state)
- Relationship: **Actor-Observer** pattern

3. CLASSIFIER AGENT (Q_c)

3.1. Định nghĩa:

```
class ClassifierAgent(nn.Module):
    """
    Q_c network: selects (anchor_model, aggregator) pair.
    Action space = |models| × |aggregators|
    """
    def __init__(self, state_dim: int, n_models: int, n_aggregators: int,
                 super().__init__())
        self.n_models = n_models
        self.n_aggregators = n_aggregators
        self.n_actions = n_models * n_aggregators # 4 models × 3 aggs =

    # Q-network: State → Q-values for each action
    self.net = nn.Sequential(
        nn.Linear(state_dim, hidden),
        nn.ReLU(),
        nn.Linear(hidden, hidden),
        nn.ReLU(),
```

```

nn.Linear(hidden, self.n_actions), # Output: Q-value for each
)

```

3.2. Action Space:

```

# Example: n_models=4, n_aggregators=3 → 12 actions total
# Action encoding: a_c = anchor_idx + agg_idx * n_models

```

Actions:

0: (MLP, mean)	1: (CNN, mean)	2: (TCN, mean)	3: (Transformer, mean)
4: (MLP, median)	5: (CNN, median)	6: (TCN, median)	7: (Transformer, median)
8: (MLP, majority)	9: (CNN, majority)	10: (TCN, majority)	11: (Transformer, majority)

3.3. Decoding Action:

```

def decode_action(self, a_c: int) -> Tuple[int, int]:
    """Decode flat action into (anchor_idx, agg_idx)."""
    # Example: a_c = 7
    # anchor_idx = 7 % 4 = 3 (Transformer)
    # agg_idx = 7 // 4 = 1 (median)
    mid = a_c % self.n_models
    aid = a_c // self.n_models
    return mid, aid

```

3.4. Reward Function:

```

# GOAL: MAXIMIZE accuracy
reward_c = w1·ΔAcc - w2·Cost - w3·Switch - w4·Drift

```

Components:

- ΔAcc: Change in accuracy (higher is better)
- Cost: Computational cost of selected models
- Switch: Penalty for changing models frequently
- Drift: Penalty for high drift magnitude

3.5. State Input:

```
State dimension = 32:
```

- Recent accuracy history: [10]
- Recent reward history: [10]
- Last actions (normalized): [3] → [model_idx/n_models, agg_idx/n_aggs,
- Running average reward: [1]
- Drift embedding vector: [11] → KS/PSI/MMD/CUSUM statistics

3.6. Learning Process:

```
# Q-Learning Update:
```

```
 $Q(s, a) \leftarrow Q(s, a) + \alpha[r + \gamma \cdot \max_{a'} Q(s', a') - Q(s, a)]$ 
```

```
Where:
```

- s: current state
 - a: action taken (model+aggregator selection)
 - r: shaped reward (accuracy-based)
 - s': next state
 - γ : discount factor (0.95)
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4. ENVIRONMENT AGENT (Q_e)

4.1. Định nghĩa:

```
class EnvironmentAgent(nn.Module):  
    """  
    Q_e network: selects adversarial attack (class × eps × attack_type).  
    For simplicity, we use a flat action space.  
    """  
    def __init__(self, state_dim: int, n_attack_actions: int = 12, hidden  
        super().__init__()  
        self.n_actions = n_attack_actions  
  
        self.net = nn.Sequential(  
            nn.Linear(state_dim, hidden),  
            nn.ReLU(),  
            nn.Linear(hidden, hidden),  
            nn.ReLU(),  
            nn.Linear(hidden, self.n_actions), # 12 attack types  
        )
```

4.2. Action Space:

```
# 12 attack actions:
# Action encoding: a_e = attack_type * 4 + eps_level

Attack types:
- 0: Random noise
- 1: Sign-based (FGSM-like)
- 2: Uniform noise

Epsilon levels (perturbation strength):
- Level 0: eps = 0.01
- Level 1: eps = 0.02
- Level 2: eps = 0.03
- Level 3: eps = 0.04

Total actions:
a_e=0: Random, eps=0.01    a_e=4: Sign, eps=0.01    a_e=8: Uniform
a_e=1: Random, eps=0.02    a_e=5: Sign, eps=0.02    a_e=9: Uniform
a_e=2: Random, eps=0.03    a_e=6: Sign, eps=0.03    a_e=10: Uniform
a_e=3: Random, eps=0.04    a_e=7: Sign, eps=0.04    a_e=11: Uniform
```

4.3. Attack Implementation:

```
# In MTDAdversarialIDSEnv.step():
if a_e is not None and a_e > 0:
    eps = 0.01 * (1 + (a_e % 4)) # Extract epsilon level
    attack_type = a_e // 4        # Extract attack type

    if attack_type == 0:
        # Random perturbation
        noise = torch.randn_like(x_t) * eps
    elif attack_type == 1:
        # Sign-based (FGSM-like without gradient)
        noise = torch.sign(torch.randn_like(x_t)) * eps
    else:
        # Uniform noise
        noise = (torch.rand_like(x_t) * 2 - 1) * eps

    x_attacked = x_t + noise
```

4.4. Reward Function:

```
# GOAL: MINIMIZE accuracy (maximize confusion)
reward_e = -accuracy_raw
```

Where:

- accuracy_raw = 1.0 if prediction correct, 0.0 if wrong
- Environment Agent wants to create adversarial examples that fool the

4.5. State Input:

```
# SAME state as Classifier Agent!
# Both agents observe the same environment state
```

```
State dimension = 32 (identical to Q_c)
```

4.6. Learning Process:

```
# Q-Learning Update (same algorithm, different reward):
Q_e(s, a) ← Q_e(s, a) + α[r_e + γ · max_a' Q_e(s', a') - Q_e(s, a)]
```

Where:

- r_e = -accuracy_raw (negative reward for correct predictions)
- Environment Agent learns to maximize misclassification

5. MTDAdversarialIDSEnv (MÔI TRƯỜNG)

5.1. Định nghĩa:

```
class MTDAdversarialIDSEnv:
    """
    Environment with:
    - Model pool (ensemble)
    - Autoencoder denoiser for adversarial robustness
    - Adversarial perturbation capability
```

```
- Drift-aware state augmentation
"""
```

5.2. Components:

MTDAdversarialIDSEnv	
1. MODEL POOL (Ensemble):	
└ MLPDropout	(512→256→128→2)
└ DeepCNN	(Conv1D layers)
└ DeepTCN	(Temporal Conv)
└ Transformer	(Self-attention)
2. AGGREGATORS:	
└ mean_logits	(Average logits)
└ median_logits	(Median logits)
└ majority_vote	(Vote counting)
3. AUTOENCODER DENOISER:	
└ Encoder: input → bottleneck	(32-dim)
└ Decoder: bottleneck → reconstructed input	
└ Purpose:	Remove adversarial perturbations
4. DRIFT EMBEDDING:	
└ KS/PSI statistics	(per-feature drift)
└ MMD	(Maximum Mean Discrepancy)
└ CUSUM	(Cumulative Sum detector)
5. ADI SCHEDULER:	
└ Covariate drift	(feature shift)
└ Prior drift	(label flip)
└ Conditional drift	(region-based flip)
6. REWARD SHAPER:	
└ $r' = w1 \cdot \Delta \text{Acc} - w2 \cdot \text{Cost} - w3 \cdot \text{Switch} - w4 \cdot \text{Drift}$	

5.3. Key Methods:

a) reset():

```
def reset(self, seed: Optional[int] = None) -> np.ndarray:
    """Reset environment to initial state."""
    self.i = 0 # Reset stream pointer
    self.hist = [] # Clear history
    self.adversarial_buffer = [] # Clear attack buffer

    # Initialize state
    return self._get_state() # Return initial state (32-dim vector)
```

b) step():

```
def step(self, a_c: int, a_e: Optional[int] = None) -> Tuple[np.ndarray,
    """
    Execute one step in environment.

    Args:
        a_c: Classifier Agent action (model+aggregator selection)
        a_e: Environment Agent action (attack type, optional)

    Returns:
        next_state: Next state observation (32-dim)
        reward_c: Reward for Classifier Agent (shaped)
        reward_e: Reward for Environment Agent (-accuracy)
        done: Episode termination flag
        info: Additional information dict
    """
    # 1. Get current data sample
    x_current = self.X[self.i]
    y_current = self.y[self.i]

    # 2. Apply ADI drift injection (if active)
    x_current, y_current, adi_info = self.adi_scheduler.apply(self.i, x_c

    # 3. Apply adversarial attack (if Environment Agent acts)
    if a_e is not None and a_e > 0:
        x_attacked = self._apply_attack(x_current, a_e)
    else:
        x_attacked = x_current
```

```

# 4. Apply denoiser defense
if self.denoiser is not None:
    x_t = self.denoiser(x_attacked)
else:
    x_t = x_attacked

# 5. Decode Classifier Agent action
anchor_idx = a_c % n_models
agg_idx = a_c // n_models

# 6. Select ensemble subset
selected_models = self._select_ensemble_subset(anchor_idx, model_name

# 7. Make prediction with ensemble
pred, probs = self._ensemble_predict(x_t, selected_models, agg_method

# 8. Compute rewards
current_acc = float(pred == y_current)
delta_acc = current_acc - self.prev_accuracy

# Shaped reward for Classifier Agent
reward_c_shaped = self.reward_shaper.total_reward(delta_acc, selected

# Raw accuracy for Environment Agent (negative)
reward_e = -current_acc

# 9. Update drift embedding
self.drift_embedding.push(x_current, score=probs.max(), y=y_current)

# 10. Move to next sample
self.i += 1
done = (self.i >= len(self.X))

# 11. Get next state
next_state = self._get_state() if not done else np.zeros(self.obs_dim

return next_state, reward_c_shaped, reward_e, done, info

```

c) `_get_state()`:

```

def _get_state(self) -> np.ndarray:
    """Construct state vector (32-dim)."""

```

```

state = np.concatenate([
    np.array(list(self.acc_history), dtype=np.float32),    # [10] rec
    np.array(list(self.reward_history), dtype=np.float32), # [10] rec
    self.last_actions,                                     # [3] last
    np.array([self.avg_reward], dtype=np.float32),         # [1] runni
    self.drift_embedding.vector() if self.drift_embedding else np.zer
])
return state

```

5.4. Action Decoding (CRITICAL):

```

# MUST match ClassifierAgent.decode_action()!

# In Environment:
anchor_idx = a_c_clamped % n_models # Same as ClassifierAgent
agg_idx = a_c_clamped // n_models   # Same as ClassifierAgent

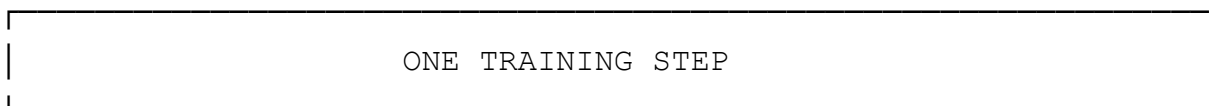
# CONSISTENCY CHECK:
agent_mid, agent_aid = q_c.decode_action(a_c)
env_mid = a_c % n_models
env_aid = a_c // n_models

assert agent_mid == env_mid # MUST be equal!
assert agent_aid == env_aid # MUST be equal!

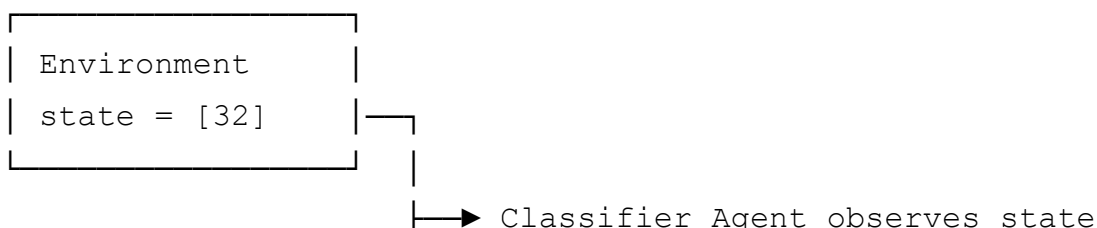
```

6. LUỒNG TƯƠNG TÁC

6.1. Single Step Flow:



1. OBSERVE STATE:



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└─> Environment Agent observes state

2. SELECT ACTIONS:

Classifier Agent
ϵ -greedy

 → $a_c = 7$ (Transformer + median)

Environment Agent
ϵ -greedy

 → $a_e = 5$ (Sign attack, $\epsilon=0.02$)

3. EXECUTE IN ENVIRONMENT:

MTDAdversarialIDSEnv.step($a_c=7$, $a_e=5$)
1. Get data: x , y
2. Apply drift: $x' = \text{ADI}(x)$
3. Apply attack: $x'' = \text{Attack}(x', a_e)$
4. Denoise: $x''' = \text{Denoiser}(x'')$
5. Predict: $\text{pred} = \text{Ensemble}(x''', a_c)$
6. Compute rewards:
- $\text{reward}_c = \text{shaped_reward}(\dots)$
- $\text{reward}_e = -\text{accuracy}$
7. Get next state: s'

↓

RETURNS: (s' , r_c , r_e , done, info)

4. STORE TRANSITIONS:

Replay Buffer C

 → (s , a_c , r_c , s' , done)

Replay Buffer E

 → (s , a_e , r_e , s' , done)

5. LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE:

```
Sample batch from Replay Buffer C
Update Q_c network (Q-learning)
```

```
Sample batch from Replay Buffer E
Update Q_e network (Q-learning)
```

6. REPEAT for next sample...

6.2. Episode Flow:

Episode = Processing entire dataset sequentially

```
EPISODE START (i=0)
```

```
1. s = env.reset()
```



```
STEP LOOP (i=0 to N-1)
```

```
while not done:
```

```
1. Select actions:
```

```
    a_c =  $\epsilon$ -greedy(Q_c(s))
```

```
    a_e =  $\epsilon$ -greedy(Q_e(s))
```

```
2. Execute:
```

```
    s', r_c, r_e, done, info = env.step(a_c, a_e)
```

```
3. Store:
```

```
    replay_c.push(s, a_c, r_c, s', done)
```

```
    replay_e.push(s, a_e, r_e, s', done)
```

```

4. Learn (every few steps):
    if len(replay_c) >= batch_size:
        update_network(Q_c, replay_c, ...)
        update_network(Q_e, replay_e, ...)

5. Update state:
    s = s'
    i += 1

```

```

done = True (reached end of dataset)

```



```

EPISODE END
- Decay  $\epsilon$  (exploration rate)
- Save checkpoint
- Log metrics

```

7. MARKOV DECISION PROCESS (MDP)

7.1. MDP Framework cho Dual-Agent System:

Hệ thống dual-agent RL của chúng ta có thể được mô hình hóa như một **Multi-Agent Markov Decision Process (MAMDP)** với các thành phần:

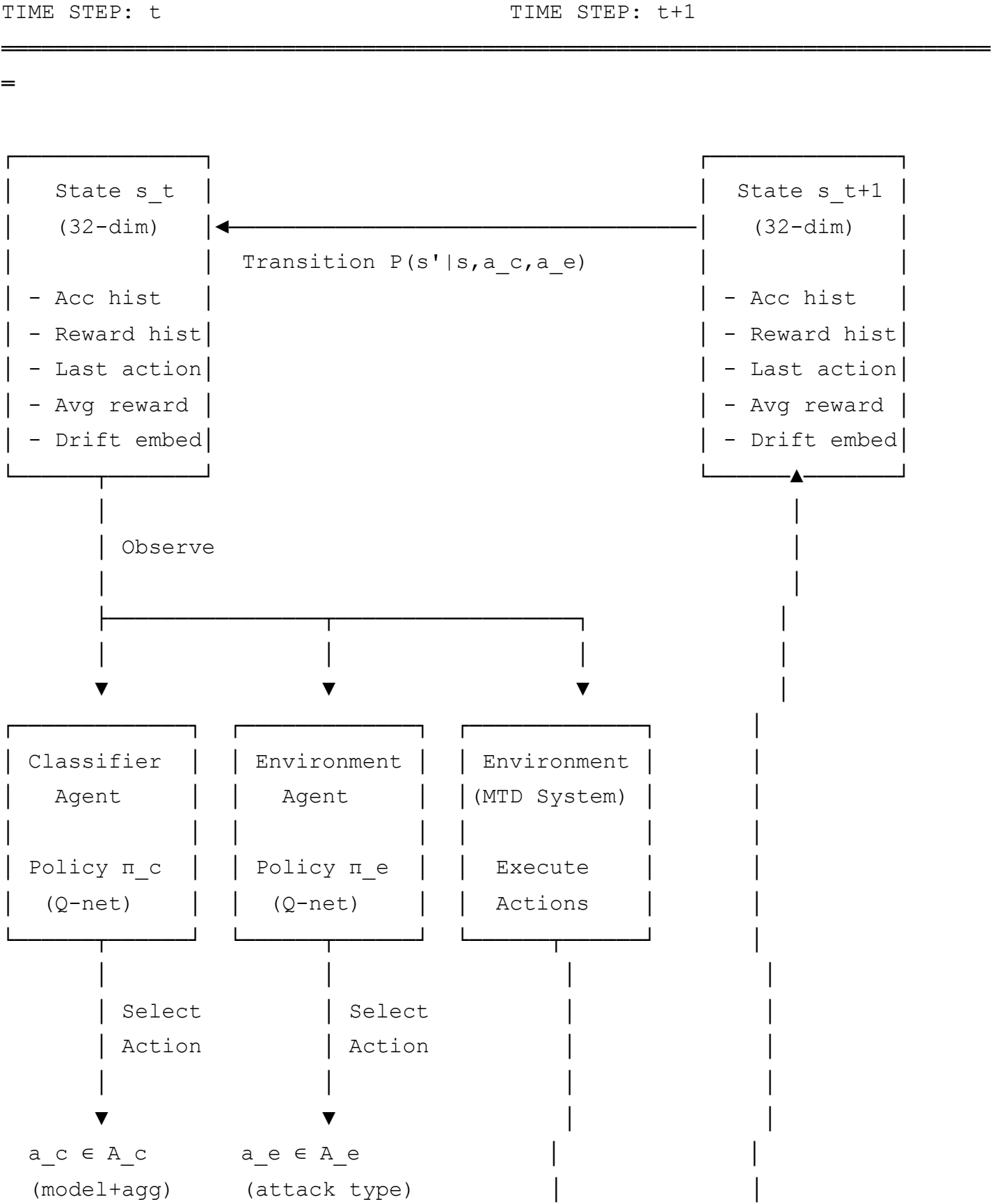
$MDP = (S, A_c, A_e, P, R_c, R_e, \gamma)$

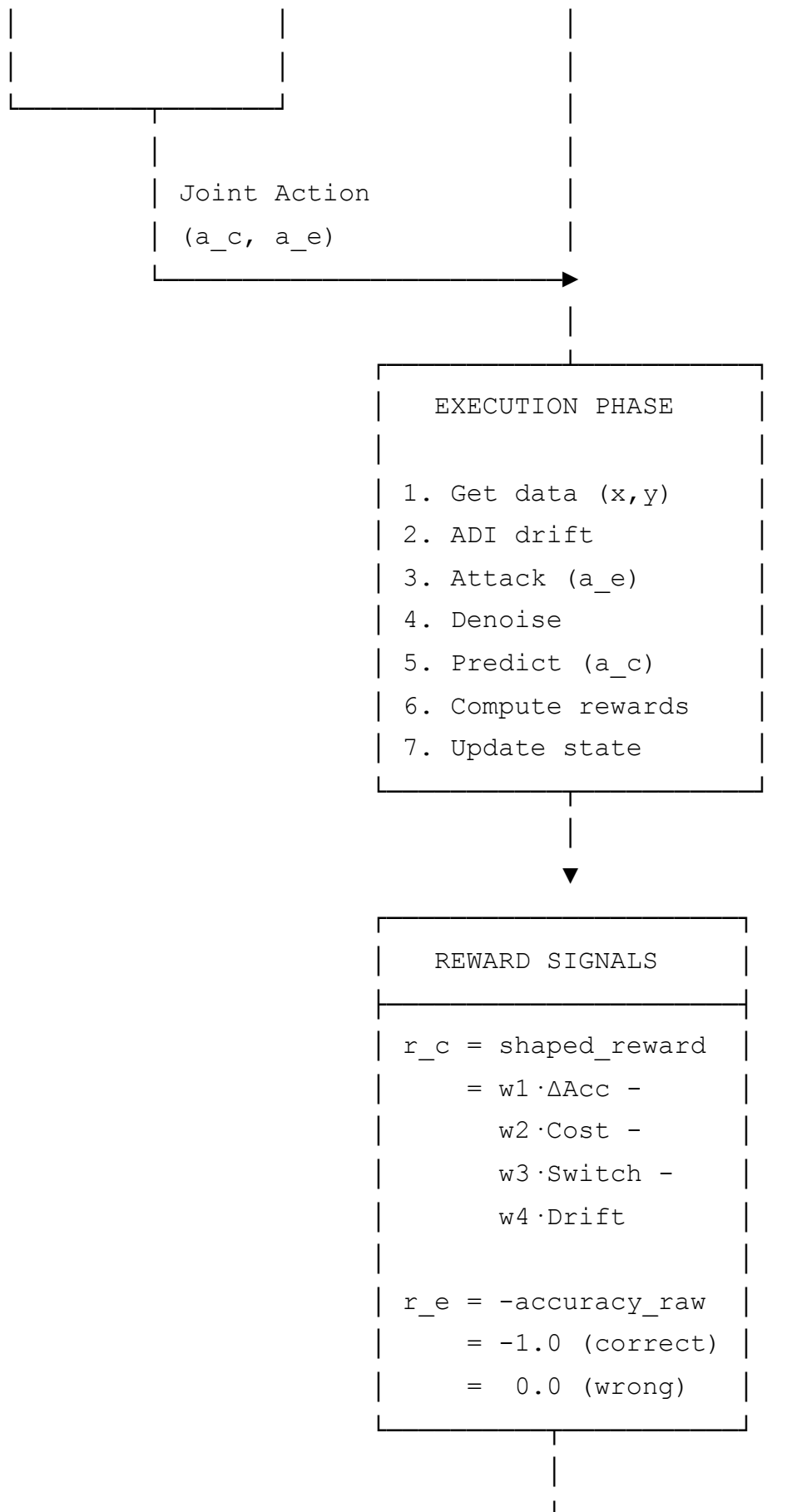
Where:

S : State space (32-dimensional continuous space)
 A_c : Classifier Agent action space (12 discrete actions)
 A_e : Environment Agent action space (12 discrete actions)
 P : State transition probability $P(s'|s, a_c, a_e)$
 R_c : Reward function for Classifier Agent
 R_e : Reward function for Environment Agent
 γ : Discount factor (0.95)

7.2. Sơ Đồ MDP Tổng Quan:

DUAL-AGENT MARKOV DECISION PROCESS





LEARNING UPDATES (Off-policy Q-learning):


```
Classifier Agent:
    Q_c(s_t, a_c) ← Q_c(s_t, a_c) + α[r_c + γ·max_a' Q_c(s_t+1, a') -
Q_c(s_t, a_c)]

Environment Agent:
    Q_e(s_t, a_e) ← Q_e(s_t, a_e) + α[r_e + γ·max_a' Q_e(s_t+1, a') -
Q_e(s_t, a_e)]
```

7.3. State Space (S):

STATE SPACE S (32-dim)		
Dimensions [0-9]: Recent Accuracy History		
[acc_t-9, acc_t-8, ..., acc_t-1]		
Range: [0.0, 1.0] per dimension		
Purpose: Track performance trend		
Dimensions [10-19]: Recent Reward History		
[r_t-9, r_t-8, ..., r_t-1]		
Range: [-1.0, +1.0] (typically)		
Purpose: Track reward trajectory		
Dimensions [20-22]: Last Actions (Normalized)		
[model_idx/n_models, agg_idx/n_aggs, attack_idx/12]		
Range: [0.0, 1.0] per dimension		
Purpose: Action history for temporal patterns		
Dimension [23]: Running Average Reward		
avg_reward = EMA(rewards)		
Range: [-1.0, +1.0]		
Purpose: Long-term performance indicator		

Dimensions [24-31]: Drift Embedding (8-dim actual)

- KS/PSI statistics (per-feature drift)
 - MMD (Maximum Mean Discrepancy)
 - CUSUM (Cumulative Sum control chart)
- Range: Normalized [0.0, 1.0]
- Purpose: Detect and quantify concept drift

State Evolution:

$s_t \rightarrow s_{t+1}$ through environment execution

Update rules:

- acc_history: shift left, append new accuracy
- reward_history: shift left, append new reward
- last_actions: update with (a_c, a_e) normalized
- avg_reward: exponential moving average
- drift_embed: update with latest drift statistics

7.4. Action Spaces (A_c, A_e):

CLASSIFIER AGENT ACTION SPACE (A_c)

$|A_c| = 12$ discrete actions

Action encoding: $a_c = \text{anchor_idx} + \text{agg_idx} \times n_models$

Anchor Model	Aggregator	Action ID	Effect
MLP (0)	Mean (0)	0	Fast
CNN (1)	Mean (0)	1	Balanced
TCN (2)	Mean (0)	2	Temporal
Transformer (3)	Mean (0)	3	Accurate
MLP (0)	Median (1)	4	Robust

CNN (1)	Median (1)	5	Robust
TCN (2)	Median (1)	6	Robust
Transformer (3)	Median (1)	7	Robust
MLP (0)	Majority(2)	8	Vote-based
CNN (1)	Majority(2)	9	Vote-based
TCN (2)	Majority(2)	10	Vote-based
Transformer (3)	Majority(2)	11	Vote-based

Policy: $\pi_c(a_c|s) = \varepsilon$ -greedy over $Q_c(s, \cdot)$

ENVIRONMENT AGENT ACTION SPACE (A_e)			
$ A_e = 12$ discrete actions			
Action encoding: $a_e = \text{attack_type} \times 4 + \text{eps_level}$			
Attack Type	Epsilon	Action ID	Strength
Random (0)	0.01	0	Very Weak
Random (0)	0.02	1	Weak
Random (0)	0.03	2	Medium
Random (0)	0.04	3	Strong
Sign-based (1)	0.01	4	Weak FGSM
Sign-based (1)	0.02	5	Medium FGSM
Sign-based (1)	0.03	6	Strong FGSM
Sign-based (1)	0.04	7	Very Strong
Uniform (2)	0.01	8	Weak Uniform
Uniform (2)	0.02	9	Medium Uniform
Uniform (2)	0.03	10	Strong Uniform
Uniform (2)	0.04	11	Max Uniform

Policy: $\pi_e(a_e|s) = \varepsilon$ -greedy over $Q_e(s, \cdot)$

7.5. State Transition Function $P(s'|s, a_c, a_e)$:

STATE TRANSITION DYNAMICS	
$P(s_{t+1} \mid s_t, a_c, a_e) = \text{Pr}[\text{next state} \mid \text{current context}]$	
Transition Process:	
<div><div><div>1. DETERMINISTIC COMPONENTS:</div><div><div>• Data stream: $x_{t+1}, y_{t+1} \leftarrow \text{Dataset}[i+1]$</div><div>• History update: shift and append</div><div>• Action recording: $\text{last_actions} \leftarrow (a_c, a_e)$</div></div><div>2. STOCHASTIC COMPONENTS:</div><div><div>• ADI drift: $x' \sim \text{DriftInjection}(x, \text{schedule})$</div><div>• Attack noise: $x'' \sim \text{Attack}(x', a_e, \epsilon)$</div><div>• Model prediction: $\text{pred} \sim \text{Ensemble}(x'', a_c)$</div><div>• Accuracy: $\text{acc} = [\text{pred} == y]$ (stochastic via model)</div></div><div>3. STATE CONSTRUCTION:</div><div><div><div><div>$s_{t+1} = [$</div><div><div><div><div>$\text{acc_history}[1:] + [\text{acc_new}],$</div><div># Shift & append</div></div><div><div>$\text{reward_history}[1:] + [r_{\text{new}}],$</div><div># Shift & append</div></div><div><div>$\text{normalize}(a_c, a_e),$</div><div># Action encoding</div></div><div><div>$\text{EMA}(\text{rewards}),$</div><div># Running average</div></div><div><div>$\text{DriftEmbedding.vector}()$</div><div># Drift stats</div></div></div></div><div>$]$</div></div></div></div></div></div>	
Markov Property:	
$P(s_{t+1} s_t, a_c, a_e) = P(s_{t+1} s_t, a_c, a_e, s_{t-1}, \dots)$	
→ State s_t contains sufficient statistics (history buffer)	

7.6. Reward Functions (R_c, R_e):

REWARD FUNCTIONS

$R_c: S \times A_c \times A_e \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (Classifier Agent reward)

$$r_c(s, a_c, a_e) = w_1 \cdot \Delta \text{Acc} - w_2 \cdot \text{Cost} - w_3 \cdot \text{Switch} - w_4 \cdot \text{Drift}$$

Component	Formula	Weight	Range
Accuracy Δ	$\text{acc}_t - \text{acc}_{\{t-1\}}$	$w_1=1.0$	$[-1, +1]$
Cost Penalty	$\Sigma \text{model_complexity} / \text{max}$	$w_2=0.2$	$[0, 1]$
Switch Cost	$[\text{action changed}]$	$w_3=0.1$	$\{0, 1\}$
Drift Impact	$ \text{drift_vector} $	$w_4=0.3$	$[0, 1]$

Design Goal: Maximize long-term cumulative return

$$G_t^c = \Sigma_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} \gamma^k \cdot r_c(s_{\{t+k\}}, a_c, a_e)$$

Optimal Policy:

$$\pi^*_c = \text{argmax}_{\{\pi_c\}} [G_t^c \mid \pi_c, \pi_e]$$

$R_e: S \times A_c \times A_e \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (Environment Agent reward)

$$r_e(s, a_c, a_e) = -\text{accuracy_raw}$$

Outcome	Accuracy	Reward r_e	Interpretation
Correct predict	1.0	-1.0	BAD (defense)
Wrong predict	0.0	0.0	GOOD (attack)

Design Goal: Minimize classifier accuracy (adversarial)

$$\begin{aligned} G_t^e &= \Sigma_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} \gamma^k \cdot r_e(s_{\{t+k\}}, a_c, a_e) \\ &= -\Sigma_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} \gamma^k \cdot \text{accuracy}_{\{t+k\}} \end{aligned}$$

Optimal Policy:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi^*_e &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi_e} [G_t^e \mid \pi_c, \pi_e] \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\pi_e} [\Sigma \text{ accuracy} \mid \pi_c, \pi_e]\end{aligned}$$

ZERO-SUM GAME PROPERTY:

While $r_c + r_e \neq 0$ (not strictly zero-sum due to shaped reward), the agents have OPPOSING objectives:

- Classifier: maximize accuracy
- Attacker: minimize accuracy

This creates adversarial pressure for robustness.

7.7. Bellman Equations:

BELLMAN OPTIMALITY EQUATIONS

For Classifier Agent (Q_c):

$$Q^*_c(s, a_c) = [r_c(s, a_c, a_e) + \gamma \cdot \max_{a'_c} Q^*_c(s', a'_c)]$$

Iterative Update (Q-learning):

$$Q_c(s_t, a_c) \leftarrow Q_c(s_t, a_c) + \alpha [r_c + \gamma \cdot \max_{a'} Q_c(s_{t+1}, a') - Q_c(s_t, a_c)]$$

TD Error δ_c

Where:

α = learning rate (e.g., 0.001 via Adam optimizer)

γ = discount factor (0.95)

δ_c = temporal difference error

Convergence Guarantee:

If all (s,a) pairs visited infinitely often and
learning rate satisfies Robbins-Monro conditions,
then $Q_c \rightarrow Q^*_c$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$

For Environment Agent (Q_e):

$$Q^*_e(s, a_e) = [r_e(s, a_c, a_e) + \gamma \cdot \max_{a'_e} Q^*_e(s', a'_e)]$$

Iterative Update (Q-learning):

$$Q_e(s_t, a_e) \leftarrow Q_e(s_t, a_e) + \underbrace{\alpha [r_e + \gamma \cdot \max_{a'} Q_e(s_{t+1}, a') - Q_e(s_t, a_e)]}_{\text{TD Error } \delta_e}$$

Independent Learning:

- Both agents learn simultaneously
- Non-stationary environment (each agent's policy changes)
- No Nash equilibrium guarantee in general
- Empirically: adversarial training improves robustness

7.8. Trajectory và Episode:

TRAJECTORY STRUCTURE

Episode = One complete pass through dataset

Length = N samples in streaming data

Trajectory τ :

```
 $\tau = (s_0, a_{c0}, a_{e0}, r_{c0}, r_{e0},$   
 $s_1, a_{c1}, a_{e1}, r_{c1}, r_{e1},$   
 $\dots,$   
 $s_N, a_{cN}, a_{eN}, r_{cN}, r_{eN})$ 
```

Cumulative Returns:

```
 $G^c = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \gamma^t \cdot r_{c_t}$  (Classifier)  
 $G^e = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \gamma^t \cdot r_{e_t}$  (Environment)
```

Example Episode Flow:

```
t=0:  s0 → (ac=3, ae=5) → rc=+0.12, re=-1.0 → s1  
t=1:  s1 → (ac=7, ae=8) → rc=+0.05, re=-1.0 → s2  
t=2:  s2 → (ac=7, ae=11) → rc=-0.20, re= 0.0 → s3  
...  
t=N:  sN → TERMINAL STATE
```

Properties:

- Finite horizon: $T = N$ (dataset size)
- Deterministic termination: $\text{done} = (i \geq N)$
- No early stopping (process all samples)
- Episodic task (clear start and end)

7.9. Nash Equilibrium và Convergence:

GAME-THEORETIC ANALYSIS

Game Type: Two-Player General-Sum Markov Game

Players:

- Player 1: Classifier Agent (maximizes r_c)

- Player 2: Environment Agent (maximizes $r_e = -\text{accuracy}$)

Strategy Space:

- $\Pi_c = \{\pi_c : S \rightarrow \Delta(A_c)\}$ (policies for Classifier)
- $\Pi_e = \{\pi_e : S \rightarrow \Delta(A_e)\}$ (policies for Environment)

Nash Equilibrium (π^*_c, π^*_e) :

$$\begin{aligned} V_c(s; \pi^*_c, \pi^*_e) &\geq V_c(s; \pi_c, \pi^*_e) \quad \forall \pi_c, \forall s \\ V_e(s; \pi^*_c, \pi^*_e) &\geq V_e(s; \pi^*_c, \pi_e) \quad \forall \pi_e, \forall s \end{aligned}$$

Interpretation:

Neither agent can improve by unilaterally changing its policy given the other agent's fixed policy.

Convergence Challenges:

Non-stationary Environment:

- Each agent's policy changes during training
- Violates MDP stationarity assumption
- Can lead to oscillations or cycles

No Guaranteed Convergence:

- Independent Q-learning may not converge to Nash
- Can converge to suboptimal equilibria

✓ Empirical Success:

- Adversarial training improves robustness in practice
- Experience replay stabilizes learning
- Slow policy updates reduce non-stationarity

Practical Goal:

Find approximate equilibrium $(\hat{\pi}_c, \hat{\pi}_e)$ where:

- Classifier achieves high accuracy under attack
- Attacker forces classifier to be robust
- Co-evolution leads to better generalization

8. TRAINING LOOP

7.1. Main Training Function:

```
def train_dual_agent_rl(
    env: MTDAdversarialIDSEnv,
    q_c: ClassifierAgent,
    q_e: EnvironmentAgent,
    replay_c: ReplayBuffer,
    replay_e: ReplayBuffer,
    optimizer_c: torch.optim.Optimizer,
    optimizer_e: torch.optim.Optimizer,
    prequential: Optional[PrequentialMetrics] = None,
    start_step: int = 0,
    epochs: int = 3,
    batch_size: int = 64,
    gamma: float = 0.95,
    epsilon: float = 0.2,
) -> Tuple[int, float]:
    """Train dual-agent RL system."""

    device = env.device
    global_step = start_step

    for epoch in range(epochs):
        # Reset environment for new episode
        state = env.reset(seed=epoch)
        done = False

        while not done:
            # 1. SELECT ACTIONS ( $\epsilon$ -greedy)
            if random.random() < epsilon:
                a_c = random.randint(0, q_c.n_actions - 1)
                a_e = random.randint(0, q_e.n_actions - 1)
            else:
                with torch.no_grad():
                    s_t = torch.from_numpy(state).unsqueeze(0).to(device)
                    a_c = q_c(s_t).argmax().item()
                    a_e = q_e(s_t).argmax().item()
```

```

# 2. EXECUTE in environment
next_state, reward_c, reward_e, done, info = env.step(a_c, a_e)

# 3. STORE transitions
replay_c.push(state, a_c, reward_c, next_state, done)
replay_e.push(state, a_e, reward_e, next_state, done)

# 4. LEARN from experience
if len(replay_c) >= batch_size and global_step % 4 == 0:
    _update_network(q_c, replay_c, optimizer_c, batch_size, gamma)
    _update_network(q_e, replay_e, optimizer_e, batch_size, gamma)

# 5. UPDATE state
state = next_state
global_step += 1

# 6. CHECKPOINT & LOGGING
if global_step % SAVE_EVERY_STEPS == 0:
    save_checkpoint(q_c, q_e, optimizer_c, optimizer_e, global_step)

# Decay exploration
epsilon = max(0.01, epsilon * 0.95)

return global_step, epsilon

```

7.2. Q-Learning Update:

```

def _update_network(
    q_net: nn.Module,
    replay: ReplayBuffer,
    optimizer: torch.optim.Optimizer,
    batch_size: int,
    gamma: float,
    device: torch.device,
):
    """Update Q-network using experience replay."""

    # 1. SAMPLE batch from replay buffer
    s, a, r, ns, done = replay.sample(batch_size)

    # 2. Convert to tensors

```

```

s_t = torch.from_numpy(s).to(device)
a_t = torch.from_numpy(a).to(device)
r_t = torch.from_numpy(r).to(device)
ns_t = torch.from_numpy(ns).to(device)
done_t = torch.from_numpy(done).to(device)

# 3. COMPUTE current Q-values
q_pred = q_net(s_t).gather(1, a_t.view(-1, 1)).squeeze(1)

# 4. COMPUTE target Q-values (Bellman equation)
with torch.no_grad():
    q_next = q_net(ns_t).max(dim=1)[0] # Max Q-value for next state
    target = r_t + gamma * q_next * (1.0 - done_t) # TD target

# 5. COMPUTE loss
loss = F.smooth_l1_loss(q_pred, target)

# 6. BACKPROPAGATION
optimizer.zero_grad()
loss.backward()
torch.nn.utils.clip_grad_norm_(q_net.parameters(), max_norm=1.0)
optimizer.step()

```

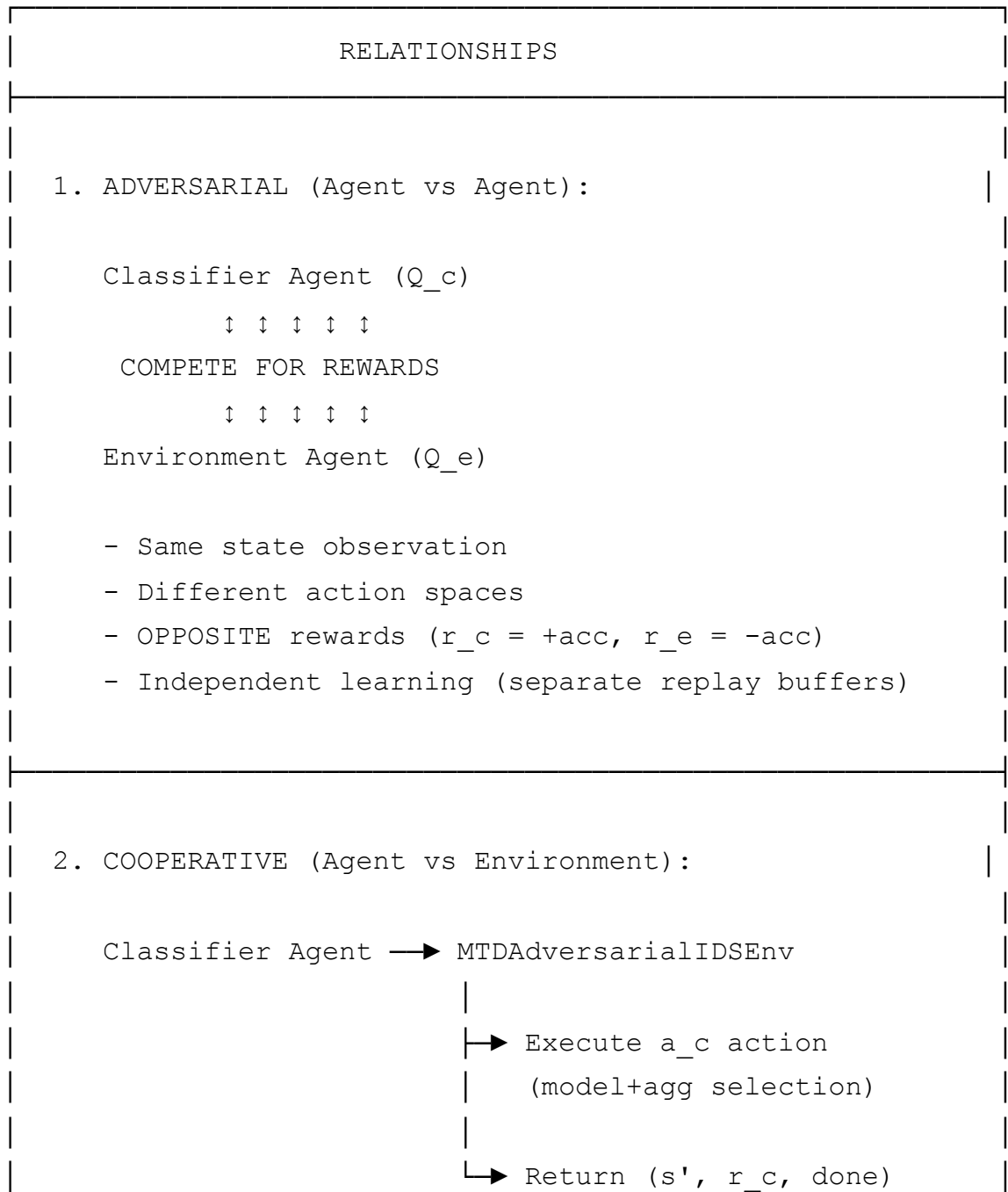
9. SO SÁNH AGENT VS ENVIRONMENT

8.1. Bảng So Sánh Chi Tiết:

Khía cạnh	Classifier Agent (Q _c)	Environment Agent (Q _e)	MTDAdversarialIDSEnv
Vai trò	RL Agent (Defense)	RL Agent (Attack)	Môi trường RL
Mục tiêu	Maximize accuracy	Minimize accuracy	Execute & return results
Action Space	12 actions (4×3)	12 actions (attack types)	N/A
Action Type	Model+Aggregator selection	Attack type selection	Execute actions
Reward	+Shaped (ΔAcc -Cost-Switch-Drift)	-Accuracy (raw)	Compute & return rewards
State	Observe 32-dim vector	Observe 32-dim vector	Provide state vector

Khía cạnh	Classifier Agent (Q_c)	Environment Agent (Q_e)	MTDAdversarialIDSEnv
Learning	Q-learning (maximize reward)	Q-learning (maximize - acc)	No learning
Network	MLP (state→Q-values)	MLP (state→Q-values)	Ensemble models
Replay Buffer	Separate (capacity=100k)	Separate (capacity=100k)	N/A
Exploration	ϵ -greedy	ϵ -greedy	N/A
Update Frequency	Every 4 steps	Every 4 steps	Every step

8.2. Relationship Diagram:



```

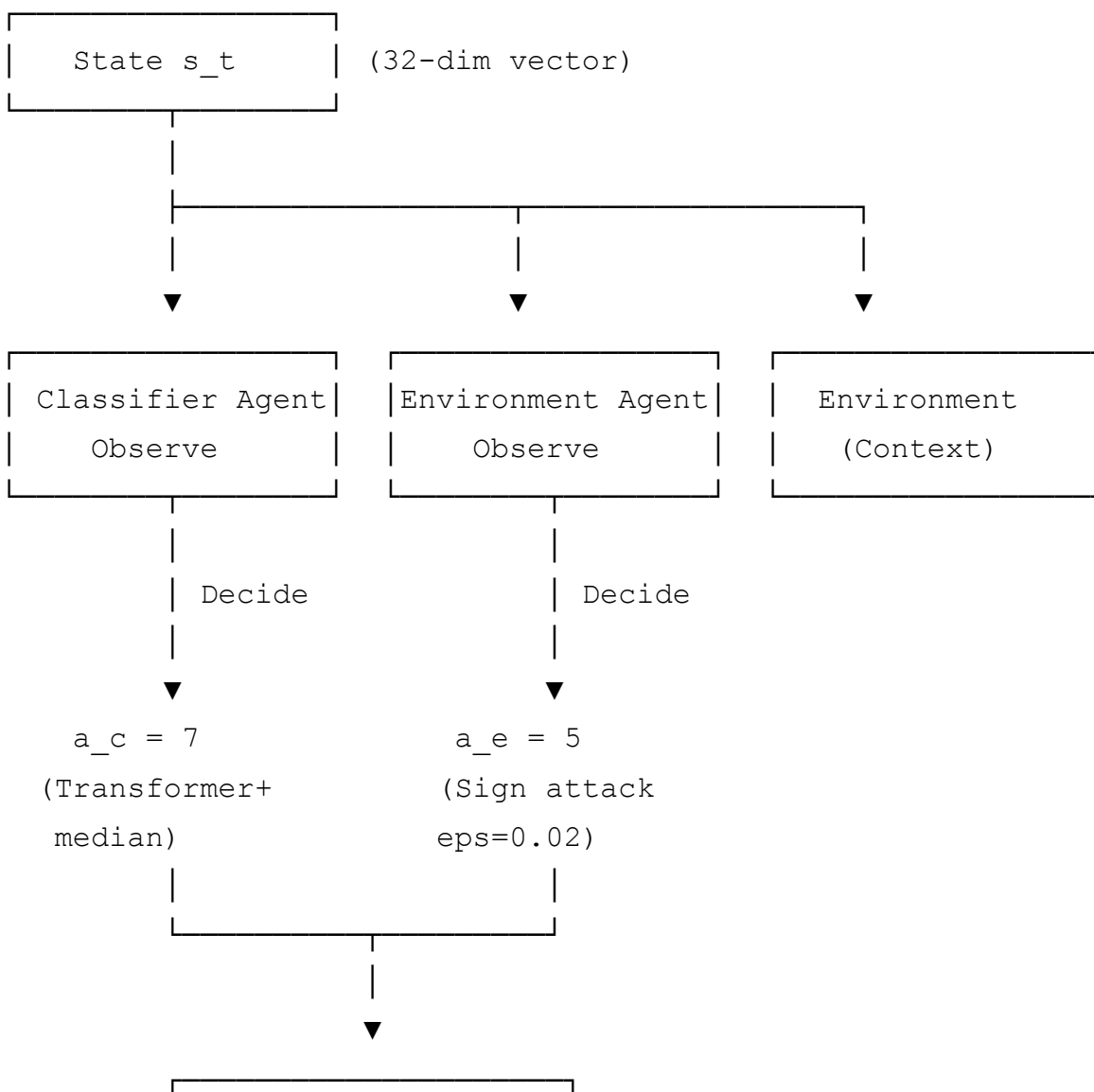
Environment Agent → MTDAdversarialIDSEnv
                    |
                    |→ Execute a_e action
                    |   (attack type)
                    |
                    |→ Return (s', r_e, done)

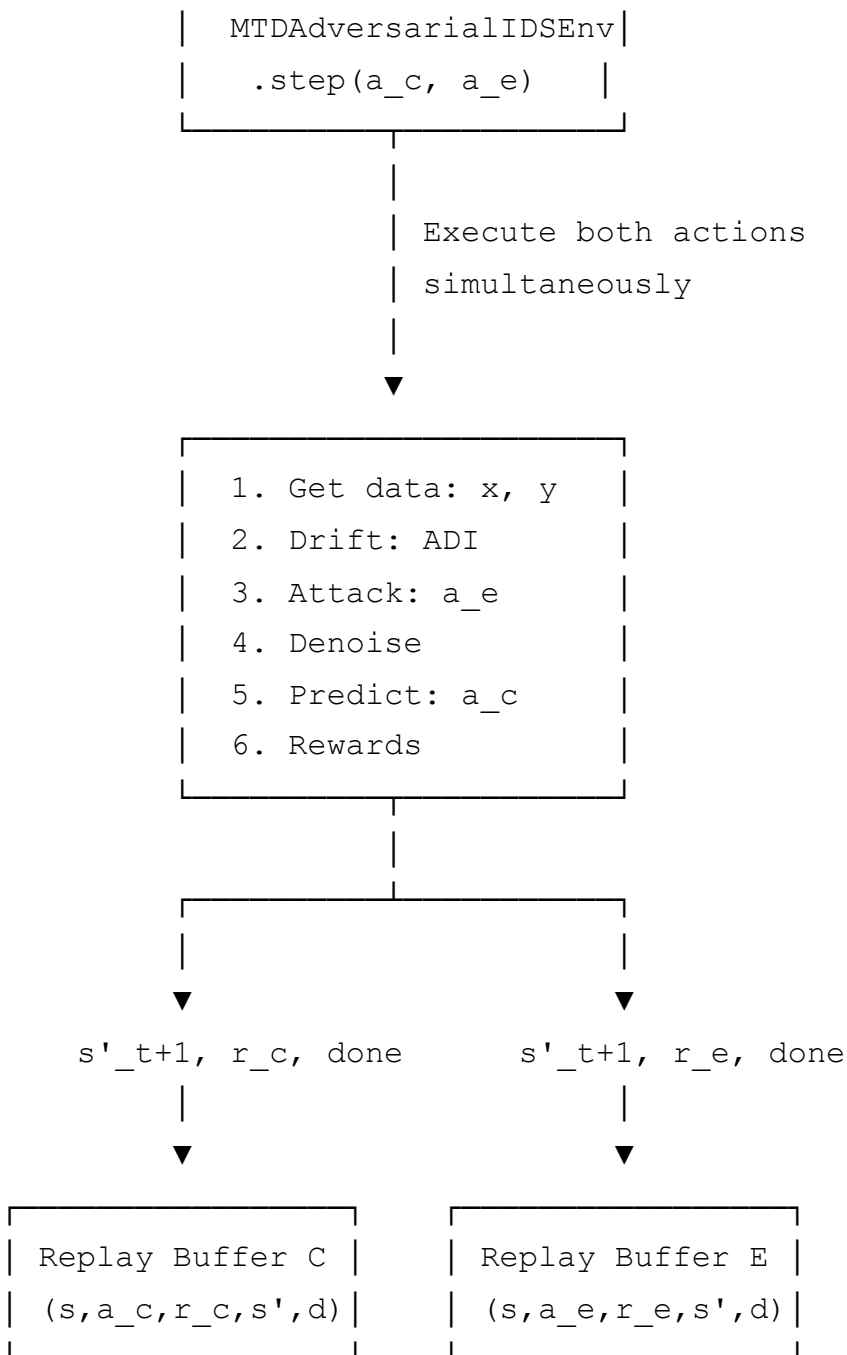
```

- Environment MUST correctly decode actions
- Consistent action space definition
- Environment provides state observations

8.3. Information Flow:

TIME: t






9. CÁC ĐIỂM QUAN TRỌNG

9.1. Action Space Consistency:

```

#  CORRECT (Current implementation):
# ClassifierAgent.decode_action():
mid = a_c % n_models
aid = a_c // n_models

# MTDAdversarialIDSEnv.step():
anchor_idx = a_c % n_models # SAME formula
agg_idx = a_c // n_models   # SAME formula

```

```
# Result: Agent learns correct mapping between actions and outcomes

# ❌ WRONG (Before fix):
# ClassifierAgent.decode_action():
mid = a_c % n_models
aid = a_c // n_models

# MTDAdversarialIDSEnv.step():
anchor_idx = a_c % n_models
agg_idx = (a_c // n_models) % n_aggs # DIFFERENT formula (extra modulo)

# Result: Agent learns wrong mapping! Action 11 decoded differently!
```

9.2. Reward Signals:

```
# Classifier Agent: Maximize shaped reward
reward_c = w1·ΔAcc - w2·Cost - w3·Switch - w4·Drift
           = 1.0·(+0.1) - 0.2·(0.3) - 0.1·(0.2) - 0.3·(0.05)
           = +0.1 - 0.06 - 0.02 - 0.015
           = +0.005 # Small positive reward

# Environment Agent: Maximize negative accuracy
reward_e = -accuracy_raw
           = -1.0 (if correct prediction)
           = -0.0 (if wrong prediction)

# Environment Agent wants prediction to be WRONG!
```

9.3. Separate Replay Buffers:

```
# WHY separate buffers?
# 1. Different action spaces (model+agg vs attack type)
# 2. Different rewards (shaped vs raw negative)
# 3. Independent learning (no interference)
# 4. Different exploration strategies (can have different ε)

replay_c = ReplayBuffer(capacity=100000) # For Classifier Agent
replay_e = ReplayBuffer(capacity=100000) # For Environment Agent
```


9.4. Exploration Strategy:

```
#  $\epsilon$ -greedy exploration (shared  $\epsilon$  for both agents):
if random.random() < epsilon:
    # EXPLORE: Random action
    a_c = random.randint(0, q_c.n_actions - 1)
    a_e = random.randint(0, q_e.n_actions - 1)
else:
    # EXPLOIT: Best known action
    a_c = q_c(state).argmax()
    a_e = q_e(state).argmax()

# Decay schedule:
epsilon = max(0.01, epsilon * 0.95) # Decay by 5% each epoch
```

10. TÓM TẮT

10.1. Key Takeaways:

1. 3 thực thể khác nhau:

- Classifier Agent (Q_c): Defense player
- Environment Agent (Q_e): Attack player
- MTDAdversarialIDSEnv: Game referee

2. Adversarial relationship (Agent vs Agent):

- Opposite rewards
- Same state observation
- Different action spaces
- Compete to improve each other

3. Cooperative relationship (Agent vs Environment):

- Consistent action decoding
- Environment executes actions faithfully
- Returns rewards and next states
- Provides state observations

4. Learning mechanism:

- Q-learning for both agents

- Experience replay for stability
- ϵ -greedy exploration
- Separate replay buffers

5. Architecture goal:

- Robust IDS through adversarial training
- Adaptive model selection (MTD)
- Drift-aware learning
- Efficient ensemble management

10.2. Workflow Summary:

1. Initialize:

- Create environment with model pool
- Create 2 agents (Q_c , Q_e)
- Create 2 replay buffers

2. Training loop:

FOR each epoch:

Reset environment

FOR each sample in dataset:

1. Both agents observe state
2. Both agents select actions (ϵ -greedy)
3. Environment executes both actions
4. Environment returns rewards & next state
5. Store transitions in separate buffers
6. Update networks from replay buffers
7. Move to next state

Decay exploration rate


3. Evaluation:

- Test on holdout set
- Measure accuracy, F1, AUC
- Test adversarial robustness
- Test drift detection

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