

RL Note

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1 Terminologies

Basic Concepts		
Term	Math	Explanation
State	s_i	
State space	S	
Action	a_i	
Action space of a state	$A(s_i)$	action
Policy	$\pi(a_j s_i)$	the action a_j taken in state s_i
reward	r	positive=encouragement; negative=punishment
return		sum of all reward
Discount rate	γ	
Discounted return	G_t	$G_t = R_{t+1} + \gamma R_{t+2} + \gamma^2 R_{t+3} + \dots$
Episode /Trail		agent stop at terminal state, the resulting trajectory is called an episode
Bellman Equation		
State value	$v\pi(s) = E[G_t S_t = s]$	start from state s , based on policy π , represents the "value" of state s
Bellman Equation	$v = r + \gamma P v$	
Bellman Optimality Equation		
Value Iteration and Policy Iteration		