

Report

For the navigation project, we used a DQN model to determine the best action at each step.

Model architecture:

This model had a basic architecture of 2 fully connected neural networks with 64 nodes in each layer. The activation function used after each hidden layer is a RELU. The used architecture is the vanilla DQN model.

Hyperparameters:

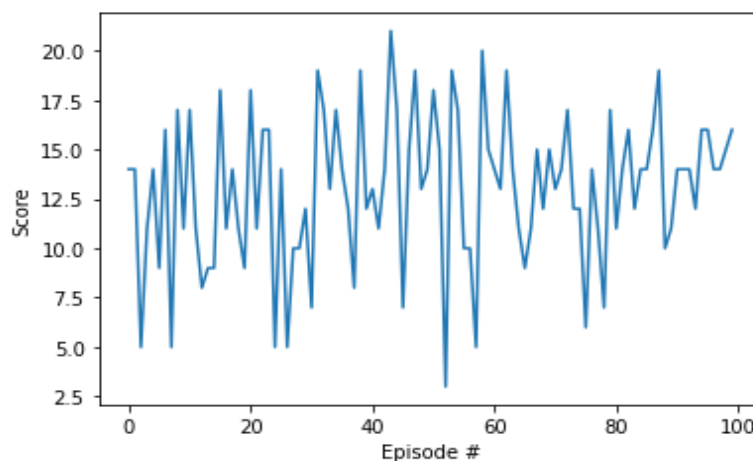
We initialized our variables to:

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BUFFER_SIZE = 10000    # replay buffer size
BATCH_SIZE = 64        # minibatch size
GAMMA = 0.99           # discount factor
TAU = 1e-3             # for soft update of target parameters
LR = 5e-4              # learning rate
UPDATE_EVERY = 4
eps_start = 1.0         # starting value of epsilon, for epsilon-
greedy action selection
eps_end=0.01           # minimum value of epsilon
eps_decay=0.995        # multiplicative factor (per episode) for decreasing e
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The maximum average score to reach before exiting the learning loop and save the checkpoint was initialized to 13.

Training the model with those variables had this output:

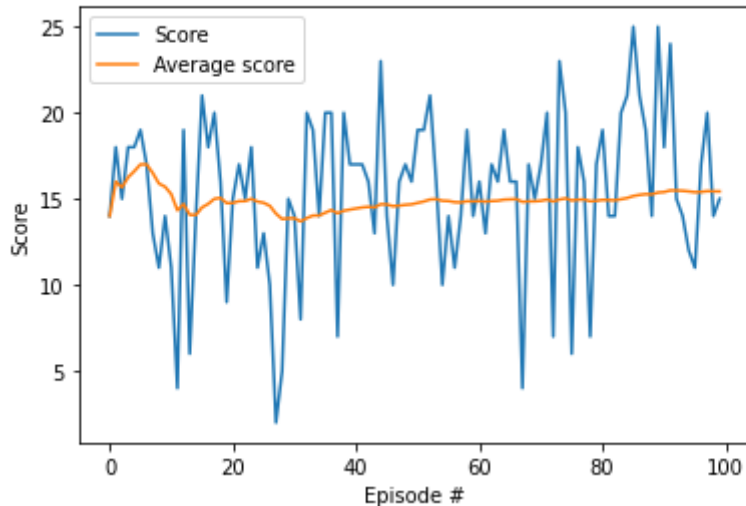
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Episode 100      Average Score: 1.06
Episode 200      Average Score: 4.71
Episode 300      Average Score: 8.42
Episode 400      Average Score: 10.32
Episode 497      Average Score: 13.02
Environment solved in 397 episodes!      Average Score: 13.02
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Evaluation

To evaluate our model, we made it run with $\epsilon = 0$ to make sure it only applies its knowledge correctly. Running the model on 100 steps gave this result

Episode 100 Average Score: 15.43



Next steps

The agent with a vanilla DQN was able to reach the 13 rewards but we got to aim higher. Trying a more complex model architecture could improve significantly the performance.

Here are the next step for this project:

- Add multiple models in different python files:
 - [Rainbow: Combining Improvements in Deep Reinforcement Learning](#)
 - [Double DQN](#)
 - [Dueling DQN](#)
 - [Prioritized experience replay](#)
- Make running a model configurable (choose the model to run from the config file)
- Make a scoring function based on the number of steps to reach a certain score and the best score a model can achieve to choose the best model.