

## Changelogs for CS370 Project 2 Milestone

Please DO NOT PROVIDE THE SOLUTION CODE TO THE STUDENTS!

### 1. TreasureMaze.py

- a. No changes made.

### 2. GameExperience.py

- a. The **predict()** method now has a check to make sure the **envstate** variable is a NumPy array. This was done to remove the “*retracing is expensive warning*” from TensorFlow.
- b. The **sample()** method was added to introduce random sampling so that the model would not overfit. This was introduced to work with CPU in Codio and help training in fewer epochs.
- c. The **get\_data()** method was re-written to utilize this sample() method call to grab a sample, initialize inputs and targets, then compute the current and next Q-values.

### 3. TreasureHuntGame\_starterCode.py

- a. Included additional messages to help clarify warnings and notes students may see while running the Jupyter Notebook file.
- b. Included clear headers for students to have a clearer understanding of the cells displayed in the Jupyter Notebook file.
- c. In the **Helper Function and Global Variables** section, included **epsilon**, **epsilon\_min**, and **epsilon\_decay**, to be used for gradual decay in epsilon over time during training, like how students would see in the **Cartpole** problem.
- d. Updated the **play\_game()** method to include a safety cutoff so that it will not timeout or continue to run when win rate has been at 1.0.
- e. Updated the **completion\_check()** method to better review over the final evaluation as there were hang-ups in Codio.
- f. Included a custom **train\_step** function using **@tf.function** to hook onto its computation graph due to a “*retracing is expensive warning*” from TensorFlow.
- g. Added the **Pseudocode** for the assignment in a MARKDOWN block for students to have ease-of-reading and included a **#START\_HERE** comment to indicate where students should begin their work.
- h. The **qtrain()** method will be **where students will be working on their assignment**. Please review the solution over on the implementation. The major change is the use of the custom **train\_step** method to speed up the code execution in Codio’s CPU while removing the retracing error.

- i. **Note:** When students run this, their `qtrain()` method should **fail** with the starter code when ran in the 3<sup>rd</sup> to last cell.