List of Experiments

LAB 1

Objective:

To understand the core structure of Reinforcement Learning by simulating an agent-environment interaction loop in a simple Gridworld, and analyze how an agent behaves under a random policy.

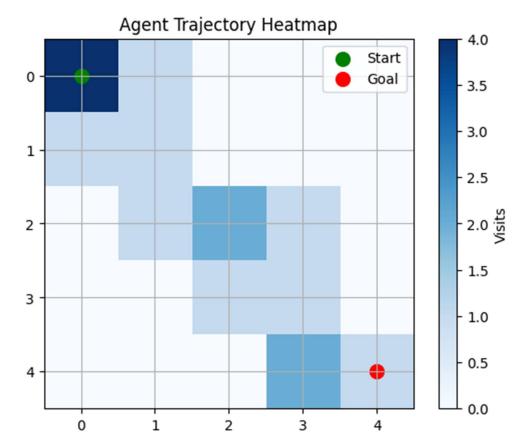
Problem Statement:

Simulate a basic agent in a Gridworld that selects actions randomly and logs rewards, state transitions.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Gridworld Environment Setup
GRID SIZE = 5
ACTIONS = ['up', 'down', 'left', 'right']
ACTION DICT = { 'up': (-1, 0), 'down': (1, 0), 'left': (0, -1), 'right': (0, 1) }
GOAL STATE = (4, 4)
MAX STEPS = 50
def is valid state(state):
    return 0 <= state[0] < GRID SIZE and 0 <= state[1] < GRID SIZE
def step(state, action):
   move = ACTION DICT[action]
   new_state = (state[0] + move[0], state[1] + move[1])
    if not is valid state(new state):
        new state = state # stay if move goes out of bounds
    reward = 10 if new state == GOAL STATE else 0
    done = (new state == GOAL STATE)
    return new state, reward, done
# Agent Loop
def run episode():
   state = (0, 0)
   total reward = 0
   trajectory = [state]
    for step num in range (MAX STEPS):
        action = np.random.choice(ACTIONS) # Random policy
        next state, reward, done = step(state, action)
        trajectory.append(next state)
        total reward += reward
        state = next state
        if done:
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break
    return trajectory, total reward
# Run 10 episodes and visualize one
for ep in range(10):
    traj, reward = run episode()
    print(f"Episode {ep+1}: Total Reward = {reward}, Steps = {len(traj)}")
# Visualize trajectory of the last episode
def plot trajectory(trajectory):
    grid = np.zeros((GRID SIZE, GRID SIZE))
    for (x, y) in trajectory:
        grid[x, y] += 1
    plt.imshow(grid, cmap='Blues', origin='upper')
    plt.title("Agent Trajectory Heatmap")
    plt.colorbar(label="Visits")
    plt.scatter(0, 0, c='green', s=100, label='Start')
    plt.scatter(4, 4, c='red', s=100, label='Goal')
    plt.legend()
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.show()
plot trajectory(traj)
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Episode 1: Total Reward = 10, Steps = 42
Episode 2: Total Reward = 0, Steps = 51
Episode 3: Total Reward = 10, Steps = 41
Episode 4: Total Reward = 0, Steps = 51
Episode 5: Total Reward = 0, Steps = 51
Episode 6: Total Reward = 0, Steps = 51
Episode 7: Total Reward = 10, Steps = 48
Episode 8: Total Reward = 0, Steps = 51
Episode 9: Total Reward = 0, Steps = 51
Episode 10: Total Reward = 10, Steps = 51
```



TASK

Modify Rewards:

- Add penalty (e.g., -1) for stepping into the same cell (i.e., bumping walls).
- Add bonus (e.g., +1) for reaching new cells (encourage exploration).
- Make the grid 6×6 or 8×8. Does the agent still reach the goal?
- Add bonus goal states or trap states (-10). See how this affects path behavior.
- Over 100 episodes, how many times does the agent reach the goal?

LAB 2:

Objective:

To implement and analyze the ε -Greedy strategy for solving the multi-armed bandit problem, using a realistic simulation: selecting ads on a website to maximize click-through rate (CTR).

Problem Statement

A website displays one of 10 possible ads to each user. Each ad has a fixed (but unknown) probability of being clicked. Your agent must learn, over time, which ads to show more often to maximize total clicks. This is a non-associative bandit setting (no context).

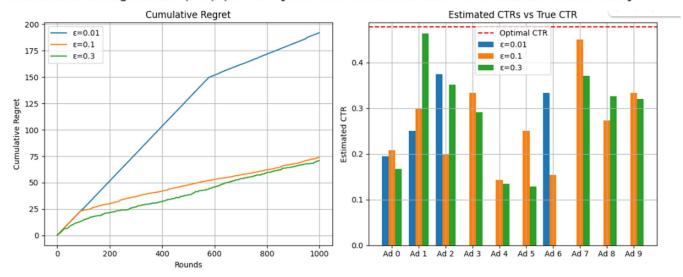
```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
class EpsilonGreedyAgent:
   def init (self, n arms, epsilon):
       self.n arms = n arms
       self.epsilon = epsilon
        self.counts = np.zeros(n arms)
                                              # Number of times each arm was
pulled
                                        # Estimated value (CTR) for each
       self.values = np.zeros(n arms)
arm
       self.total reward = 0
       self.actions = []
       self.rewards = []
   def select action(self):
       if np.random.rand() < self.epsilon:</pre>
           return np.random.randint(self.n arms) # Explore
       else:
           return np.argmax(self.values)
                                                 # Exploit
    def update(self, action, reward):
        self.counts[action] += 1
               self.values[action] += (reward - self.values[action])
self.counts[action]
        self.total reward += reward
        self.actions.append(action)
        self.rewards.append(reward)
def simulate bandit(true ctrs, epsilon, n rounds=1000):
    n arms = len(true ctrs)
   agent = EpsilonGreedyAgent(n arms, epsilon)
   optimal arm = np.argmax(true ctrs)
   regrets = []
  for t in range (n rounds):
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action = agent.select action()
        reward = np.random.rand() < true ctrs[action]</pre>
        agent.update(action, reward)
        regret = true ctrs[optimal arm] - true ctrs[action]
        regrets.append(regret)
    return agent, np.cumsum(regrets)
# ----- Main Experiment -----
np.random.seed(42)
n \text{ arms} = 10
true ctrs = np.random.uniform(0.05, 0.5, n arms)
print("True Click-Through Rates (CTR) per Ad:", np.round(true ctrs, 2))
n rounds = 1000
epsilons = [0.01, 0.1, 0.3]
agents = {}
regret_curves = {}
for epsilon in epsilons:
    agent, regrets = simulate bandit(true ctrs, epsilon, n rounds)
    agents[epsilon] = agent
    regret curves[epsilon] = regrets
# ------ Plotting Results -----
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))
# Plot cumulative regret
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
for epsilon in epsilons:
    plt.plot(regret curves[epsilon], label=f'ε={epsilon}')
plt.title("Cumulative Regret")
plt.xlabel("Rounds")
plt.ylabel("Cumulative Regret")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
# Plot estimated CTRs vs true CTRs
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
bar width = 0.25
x = np.arange(n arms)
for i, epsilon in enumerate(epsilons):
    plt.bar(x + i * bar width,
            agents[epsilon].values,
            width=bar width,
            label=f'\epsilon=\{epsilon\}'\}
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plt.axhline(np.max(true_ctrs), color='r', linestyle='--', label='Optimal CTR')
plt.xticks(x + bar_width, [f'Ad {i}' for i in range(n_arms)])
plt.ylabel("Estimated CTR")
plt.title("Estimated CTRs vs True CTR")
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

True Click-Through Rates (CTR) per Ad: [0.22 0.48 0.38 0.32 0.12 0.12 0.08 0.44 0.32 0.37]



TASK

- Simulate multiple user segments (e.g., teenagers, adults, seniors) where each segment has a different CTR distribution per ad. Modify the bandit logic to include user context and switch ε-greedy to contextual bandit.
- Implement per-ad budget (e.g., only 100 displays allowed for premium ads). The agent must learn to prioritize high-reward ads while respecting budget constraints. Extend reward logic to penalize exceeding limits
- Implement three different strategies ε-Greedy, UCB, and Softmax Selection on the same ad simulation environment. Record cumulative reward and plot average regret. Evaluate which performs best under CTR drift.

LAB 3:

Objective

To model a real-world warehouse navigation problem as a Markov Decision Process (MDP) and solve it using Value Iteration to find the optimal path for a robot, minimizing delivery time and avoiding obstacles.

Problem Statement:

Warehouse Robot Path Optimization using Value Iteration

In modern warehouses (like Amazon), robots move around grid-based layouts to pick and deliver packages. They must:

- Avoid shelves (obstacles),
- Take the shortest and safest route,
- Deliver the package to the goal location,
- Minimize collisions and redundant moves.

```
import numpy as np
import mdptoolbox
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random
# Grid Parameters
rows, cols = 5, 5
num states = rows * cols
shelves = [(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)] # Obstacle positions
actions = ['up', 'down', 'left', 'right']
num actions = len(actions)
movement = { 'up': (-1, 0), 'down': (1, 0), 'left': (0, -1), 'right': (0, 1)}
# Function to map (x, y) to index
def to_index(x, y):
   return x * cols + y
# Function to randomly set a goal not on a shelf
def set dynamic goal():
    possible = [(i, j) for i in range(rows) for j in range(cols) if (i, j) not
in shelves]
   return random.choice(possible)
# Randomly choose a goal position
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goal state = set dynamic goal()
print("
    Current Goal Position:", goal state)
# Transition and Reward Matrices
P = [np.zeros((num_states, num_states)) for _ in range(num_actions)]
R = np.zeros((num states, num actions))
# Build MDP with stochastic transitions (intended: 0.9, unintended: 0.1 split
across others)
for action idx, action in enumerate(actions):
    dx, dy = movement[action]
    for x in range (rows):
        for y in range(cols):
            current state = to_index(x, y)
            if (x, y) == goal state:
                P[action idx][current state, current state] = 1
                R[current state, action idx] = 10
                continue
            outcomes = []
            # Intended move (90%)
            new x, new y = x + dx, y + dy
            if (new x, new y) in shelves or not (0 <= new x < rows and 0 <= new y
< cols):
                new state = current state
                reward = -5 if (new x, new y) in shelves else -1
            else:
                new state = to index(new x, new y)
                reward = -1
            outcomes.append((new state, 0.9, reward))
            # 10% misstep (wrong move in any of the other 3 directions)
           other actions = [a for i, a in enumerate(actions) if i != action idx]
            for mis action in other actions:
                mx, my = movement[mis action]
                new x, new y = x + mx, y + my
                if (new x, new y) in shelves or not (0 <= new x < rows and 0 <=
new y < cols):
                    mis state = current state
                    mis reward = -5 if (new x, new y) in shelves else -1
                    mis state = to index(new x, new y)
                    mis reward = -1
                outcomes.append((mis state, 0.1 / 3, mis reward))
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for s next, prob, rew in outcomes:
                P[action idx][current state, s next] += prob
                R[current state, action idx] += prob * rew # Expected reward
# Run Value Iteration
vi = mdptoolbox.mdp.ValueIteration(P, R, 0.9)
vi.run()
# Reshape policy to grid
policy grid = np.array(vi.policy).reshape((rows, cols))
action symbols = ['\uparrow', '\downarrow', '\leftarrow', '\rightarrow']
policy symbols = np.array([[action symbols[a] for a in row] for row in
policy grid])
print("\n/P Optimal Policy Grid:")
print(policy symbols)
# Plotting
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 6))
for x in range (rows):
   for y in range(cols):
        idx = to index(x, y)
        if (x, y) == goal state:
            plt.text(y, rows - x - 1, 'G', ha='center', va='center', fontsize=14,
color='green')
        elif (x, y) in shelves:
           plt.text(y, rows - x - 1, 'S', ha='center', va='center', fontsize=14,
color='red')
        else:
           plt.text(y, rows - x - 1, action symbols[vi.policy[idx]], ha='center',
va='center', fontsize=14)
plt.xticks(range(cols))
plt.yticks(range(rows))
plt.grid(True)
plt.title("Stochastic Optimal Policy with Dynamic Goal")
plt.show()
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Current Goal Position: (0, 4)

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POptimal Policy Grid:

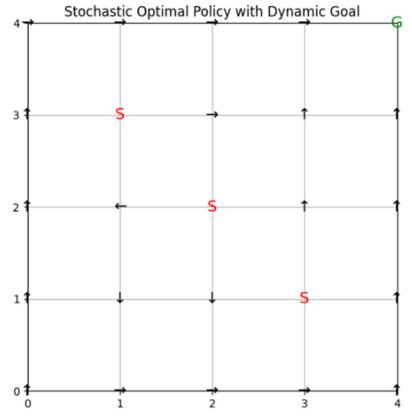
[['→' '→' '→' '→' '↑']

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['↑' '←' '↑' '↑' '↑']

['↑' '↓' '↓' '↑' '↑']

['↑' '→' '→' '→' '↑']
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TASK:

- Design certain paths to allow movement in only one direction (e.g., left-to-right only). Modify the transition matrix accordingly. The robot must learn policies compliant with directional constraints.
- Switch the robot's delivery target every few episodes between different grid points (dynamic goals). Observe how value iteration adapts to changing objectives and how fast it converges.
- Simulate human workers walking through predefined zones at certain times. Add a high penalty
 for entering those zones. Update policies that factor in time and position to avoid human zones

Objective

Monte Carlo Control for Emergency Ambulance Dispatch in Smart Cities

Design and implement a Monte Carlo-based learning agent that learns optimal policies for minimizing time to reach dynamic, weighted emergency locations under a probabilistic and time-varying urban environment.

Problem Statement

A taxi operates in a grid-based city (5x5). The driver needs to:

- Pick up passengers from random locations.
- Drop them at requested destinations.
- Decide which direction to move in each state to maximize reward (successful trips).
- Learn this policy without a known model (i.e., using Monte Carlo control).

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from collections import defaultdict
import random
# ----- Environment Setup ------
GRID SIZE = 6
ACTIONS = ['up', 'down', 'left', 'right']
ACTION MAP = {'up': (-1, 0), 'down': (1, 0), 'left': (0, -1), 'right': (0, 1)}
MAX STEPS = 50
DISCOUNT = 0.95
EPSILON = 0.1
EPISODES = 10000
# Static obstacles (permanent roadblocks)
static obstacles = [(1, 3), (3, 2)]
hospital = (0, 0) \# Ambulance dispatch center
# Rush hour control
def is rush hour(ep):
    return ep % 1000 < 300 or ep % 1000 > 800 # Congested traffic windows
# Emergency severity and urgency
emergency types = {
    'minor': 20,
    'moderate': 35,
    'critical': 50
}
# Helper functions
```

```
def is valid(state):
    x, y = state
    return 0 \le x \le GRID SIZE and 0 \le y \le GRID SIZE 
def get dynamic obstacles():
    return [(2, 4), (4, 1), (3, 3)] if random.random() < 0.3 else []
def epsilon greedy(state, Q):
    if np.random.rand() < EPSILON or state not in Q:</pre>
        return random.randint(0, len(ACTIONS) - 1)
    else:
       return np.argmax(Q[state])
def generate emergency():
    location = random.choice([
        (i, j) for i in range(GRID SIZE) for j in range(GRID SIZE)
        if (i, j) != hospital and (i, j) not in static obstacles
    1)
    severity = random.choice(list(emergency types.keys()))
    reward = emergency types[severity]
    return location, reward
# ----- Monte Carlo Training -----
Q = defaultdict(lambda: np.zeros(len(ACTIONS)))
Returns = defaultdict(list)
def run episode(episode num):
    rush = is rush hour(episode num)
    prob blocks = get dynamic obstacles()
    all obstacles = static obstacles + prob blocks
    goal, goal reward = generate emergency()
    state = hospital
    episode = []
    steps = 0
    while steps < MAX STEPS:
        action idx = epsilon greedy(state, Q)
        dx, dy = ACTION MAP[ACTIONS[action idx]]
        next state = (state[0] + dx, state[1] + dy)
        if not is valid(next state) or next state in all obstacles:
            reward = -10 if rush else -5
            next state = state
        elif next state == goal:
            reward = goal reward - steps
        else:
            reward = -2 if rush else -1
```

```
episode.append((state, action idx, reward))
        if next state == goal:
            break
         state = next state
         steps += 1
    return episode
for ep in range (EPISODES):
    episode = run episode(ep)
    G = 0
    visited = set()
    for t in reversed(range(len(episode))):
        s, a, r = episode[t]
        G = DISCOUNT * G + r
        if (s, a) not in visited:
             Returns[(s, a)].append(G)
             Q[s][a] = np.mean(Returns[(s, a)])
             visited.add((s, a)) \# \ensuremath{ \ensuremath{ \checkmark} } FIXED: used tuple, not list
print("A Training Complete: Smart Ambulance Dispatch Policy Learned.")
# ----- Policy Visualization ------
policy = np.full((GRID SIZE, GRID SIZE), '.', dtype=str)
for i in range (GRID SIZE):
    for j in range(GRID SIZE):
        state = (i, j)
        if state in static obstacles:
             policy[i][j] = 'S'
        elif state in Q:
             best action = np.argmax(Q[state])
             policy[i][j] = ['\uparrow', '\downarrow', '\leftarrow', '\rightarrow'][best action]
        else:
             policy[i][j] = ' '
print("\n/" Learned Ambulance Dispatch Policy Grid:")
for row in policy:
    print(' '.join(row))
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Training Complete: Smart Ambulance Dispatch Policy Learned.

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P Learned Ambulance Dispatch Policy Grid: \rightarrow \downarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow
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■ Route from Hospital to Emergency at (4, 3) (0, 0) \rightarrow (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 2) \rightarrow (1, 2) \rightarrow (2, 2) \rightarrow (2, 1) \rightarrow (2, 0) \rightarrow (1, 0) \rightarrow (1, 1) \rightarrow (2, 1) \rightarrow (2, 0) \rightarrow (1, 0) \rightarrow (1, 1) \rightarrow (2, 1) \rightarrow (2, 0) \rightarrow (1, 0) \rightarrow (1, 1) \rightarrow (2, 1)
```

TASK:

- Each hospital has a dynamic load (e.g., occupied beds). Ambulances should choose hospitals not just based on proximity but expected availability. Model hospital queues and incorporate delayed rewards based on treatment delay penalties. Train agents to learn which hospital is better not just closer.
- Update your environment so that traffic jams or roadblocks may appear after the episode has started. Modify your simulation to invalidate paths mid-way and require real-time policy adaptation using Monte Carlo rollouts. The agent should reroute to avoid costly delays.
- Model hospital occupancy as a time-varying parameter. An ambulance should decide not
 only the quickest path to an emergency but also the least crowded hospital for drop-off.
 Implement delayed penalties when the selected hospital has no immediate bed availability.
 Let the policy adapt over multiple episodes.

Q-Learning for Intelligent Elevator Control in a Smart Building

Objective

To develop a reinforcement learning agent that uses Temporal Difference (TD) methods specifically Q-Learning, to learn an optimal elevator control policy in a smart building. The goal is to minimize passenger wait times, energy consumption, and unnecessary elevator movements while efficiently responding to floor requests.

Problem Statement:

In modern smart buildings, elevators must handle numerous passenger requests coming from different floors at different times. A poorly optimized elevator results in:

- Passenger wait time,
- Energy usage (idle movement),
- Unnecessary direction switches.

Problem Description:

You are tasked with designing an elevator agent that learns how to:

- Serve passenger requests on any of 5 floors (0 to 4)
- Decide at each time step whether to go up, go down, or stay
- Balance exploration and exploitation using ε-greedy policy
- Adapt over time by learning from rewards (delivered or missed requests)

Each episode starts with:

- The elevator at a random floor.
- A passenger request at another random floor.

The agent must:

- Learn the best action in each state (elevator floor, request floor) to minimize time and penalty.
- Train over 10,000+ episodes and eventually predict the best action without being told the model dynamics.

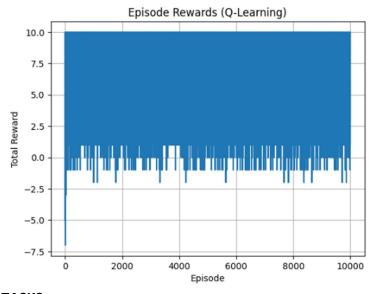
```
import numpy as np
import random
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Configuration
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```
FLOORS = 5
ACTIONS = ['stay', 'up', 'down']
ACTION SPACE = {0: 'stay', 1: 'up', 2: 'down'}
N ACTIONS = len(ACTIONS)
GAMMA = 0.9
               # Discount factor
ALPHA = 0.1
               # Learning rate
EPSILON = 0.1  # Exploration rate
EPISODES = 10000
MAX STEPS = 50
USE SARSA = False # 🕏 Set to True to use SARSA; False for Q-Learning
# Initialize Q-table: Q[state][action]
               np.zeros((FLOORS,
                                     FLOORS, N_ACTIONS))
[elevator floor][request floor][action]
episode rewards = []
# Helper functions
def select action(state):
   ef, rf = state
   if random.random() < EPSILON:</pre>
       return random.randint(0, N ACTIONS - 1)
    return np.argmax(Q[ef][rf])
def take action(ef, action):
   if action == 0: # stay
       return ef
    elif action == 1: # up
       return min(ef + 1, FLOORS - 1)
    elif action == 2: # down
       return max(ef - 1, 0)
def get reward(ef, rf, next ef):
    if ef == rf and next ef == rf:
       return 10
    elif abs(next ef - rf) < abs(ef - rf):</pre>
    elif abs(next ef - rf) > abs(ef - rf):
       return -2
    elif next ef == ef:
      return -1
    return -5
# Training loop
for ep in range (EPISODES):
   ef = random.randint(0, FLOORS - 1) # elevator floor
rf = random.randint(0, FLOORS - 1) # request floor
```

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state = (ef, rf)
    total reward = 0
    action = select action(state)
    for step in range (MAX STEPS):
        next ef = take action(ef, action)
        reward = get reward(ef, rf, next ef)
        total reward += reward
        next state = (next ef, rf)
        next action = select action(next state)
        if USE SARSA:
                      Q[ef][rf][action] += ALPHA * (reward + GAMMA)
Q[next ef][rf][next action] - Q[ef][rf][action])
        else: # Q-Learning
           Q[ef][rf][action] += ALPHA * (reward + GAMMA * np.max(Q[next ef][rf])
- Q[ef][rf][action])
        ef = next ef
        rf = rf # request remains until served
        state = next state
        action = next action if USE SARSA else select action(state)
        if ef == rf:
           break # request served
    episode rewards.append(total reward)
print(f" Training complete using {'SARSA' if USE SARSA else 'Q-Learning'}.")
# Display learned policy
print("\n/P Learned Elevator Policy:")
for ef in range (FLOORS):
   for rf in range (FLOORS):
        best action = np.argmax(Q[ef][rf])
               print(f"Elevator at \{ef\}, Request at \{rf\} \rightarrow Action:
{ACTION SPACE[best action]}")
# Plot learning curve
plt.plot(episode rewards)
plt.title(f"Episode Rewards ({'SARSA' if USE SARSA else 'Q-Learning'})")
plt.xlabel("Episode")
plt.ylabel("Total Reward")
plt.grid()
plt.show()
```

```
Training complete using Q-Learning.
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```
P Learned Elevator Policy:
Elevator at 0, Request at 0 → Action: stay
Elevator at 0, Request at 1 → Action: up
Elevator at 0, Request at 2 → Action: up
Elevator at 0, Request at 3 → Action: up
Elevator at 0, Request at 4 → Action: up
Elevator at 1, Request at 0 → Action: down
Elevator at 1, Request at 1 → Action: stay
Elevator at 1, Request at 2 → Action: up
Elevator at 1, Request at 3 → Action: up
Elevator at 1, Request at 4 → Action: up
Elevator at 2, Request at 0 → Action: down
Elevator at 2, Request at 1 → Action: down
Elevator at 2, Request at 2 → Action: stay
Elevator at 2, Request at 3 → Action: up
Elevator at 2, Request at 4 → Action: up
Elevator at 3, Request at 0 → Action: down
Elevator at 3, Request at 1 → Action: down
Elevator at 3, Request at 2 → Action: down
Elevator at 3, Request at 3 → Action: stay
Elevator at 3, Request at 4 → Action: up
Elevator at 4, Request at 0 → Action: down
Elevator at 4, Request at 1 → Action: down
Elevator at 4, Request at 2 → Action: down
Elevator at 4, Request at 3 → Action: down
Elevator at 4, Request at 4 → Action: stay
```



TASKS:

- Train the elevator agent with varying exploration rates (ε = 0.05, 0.1, 0.3) and discount factors (γ = 0.5, 0.9, 0.99). Analyze how different combinations affect convergence, floor servicing efficiency, and learning stability.
- Penalize frequent direction switches and idle movement to simulate energy usage. Modify the reward structure and observe how the elevator optimizes its route to minimize unnecessary transitions.
- Simulate time-based request patterns (e.g., peak hours from floor 0). Encode time into the state and train the agent to adapt its policy dynamically across varying demand scenarios.

Objective:

To apply n-step Temporal Difference Learning in a robot rescue mission, where a robot navigates a maze-like grid environment.

Problem statement

Design and train a reinforcement learning agent using n-step bootstrapping to simulate a rescue robot navigating a grid environment. The robot should learn an optimal policy to:

Reach survivors efficiently, Avoid traps, and Minimize movement cost in a dynamic, partially hostile environment.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.patches as patches
from matplotlib.animation import FuncAnimation
from collections import deque
import random
import matplotlib.animation as animation
# ===== Parameters =====
GRID SIZE = 6
ACTIONS = ['U', 'D', 'L', 'R']
ACTION MAP = \{'U': (-1, 0), 'D': (1, 0), 'L': (0, -1), 'R': (0, 1)\}
n \text{ steps} = 3
gamma = 0.9
alpha = 0.1
epsilon = 0.2
episodes = 3000
max steps = 50
SURVIVORS = [(0, 5), (3, 3), (5, 1)]
TRAPS = [(1, 2), (4, 4)]
GOAL REWARD = 10
TRAP PENALTY = -10
STEP COST = -1
Q = \{ \}
# ===== Environment Functions ======
```

```
def init state():
   while True:
        s = (random.randint(0, GRID SIZE - 1), random.randint(0, GRID SIZE - 1))
        if s not in SURVIVORS and s not in TRAPS:
            return s
def get valid actions(pos):
    valid = []
    for a, (dx, dy) in ACTION MAP.items():
        nx, ny = pos[0] + dx, pos[1] + dy
        if 0 <= nx < GRID SIZE and 0 <= ny < GRID SIZE:
            valid.append(a)
    return valid
def select action(state):
    valid actions = get valid actions(state)
    if not valid actions:
        return random.choice(ACTIONS)
    if state not in Q:
        Q[state] = {a: 0 for a in valid actions}
    else:
        Q[state] = {a: Q[state].get(a, 0) for a in valid actions}
    if np.random.rand() < epsilon:</pre>
        return random.choice(valid actions)
    return max(Q[state], key=Q[state].get)
def step(state, action):
   dx, dy = ACTION MAP[action]
   next state = (state[0] + dx, state[1] + dy)
    reward = STEP COST
    if next state in SURVIVORS:
        reward += GOAL REWARD
    elif next state in TRAPS:
        reward += TRAP PENALTY
    return next state, reward
# ===== Training Phase ======
for ep in range(episodes):
   state = init state()
    if state not in Q:
        Q[state] = {a: 0 for a in get valid actions(state)}
    trajectory = deque()
    for step i in range (max steps):
        action = select action(state)
        next state, reward = step(state, action)
        trajectory.append((state, action, reward))
```

```
if len(trajectory) >= n steps:
            G = sum([trajectory[i][2] * (gamma ** i) for i in range(n steps)])
            s0, a0, = trajectory.popleft()
            if next state not in Q:
                Q[next state] = {a: 0 for a in get valid actions(next state)}
            G += (gamma ** n steps) * max(Q[next state].values())
            Q[s0][a0] += alpha * (G - Q[s0][a0])
        state = next state
    while trajectory:
       G = sum([trajectory[i][2] * (gamma ** i) for i in range(len(trajectory))])
        s0, a0, = trajectory.popleft()
        Q.setdefault(s0, {a: 0 for a in get valid actions(s0)})
        Q[s0][a0] += alpha * (G - Q[s0][a0])
print("♥ Training complete.")
# ===== Simulation Step Sequence for Visualization ======
state = init state()
steps = [state]
for in range (20):
    action = select action(state)
    state, _ = step(state, action)
    steps.append(state)
# ===== Animation Code ======
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 6))
robot patch = patches.Circle((0.5, 0.5), 0.3, color='blue')
def init():
   ax.clear()
    ax.set xlim(0, GRID SIZE)
    ax.set ylim(0, GRID SIZE)
    ax.set xticks(np.arange(GRID SIZE + 1))
    ax.set yticks(np.arange(GRID SIZE + 1))
    ax.grid(True)
    for i in range (GRID SIZE):
        for j in range (GRID SIZE):
            cell = (i, j)
            color = 'white'
            if cell in TRAPS:
                color = 'red'
            elif cell in SURVIVORS:
                color = 'green'
           rect = patches.Rectangle((j, GRID SIZE - i - 1), 1, 1, facecolor=color)
            ax.add patch(rect)
```

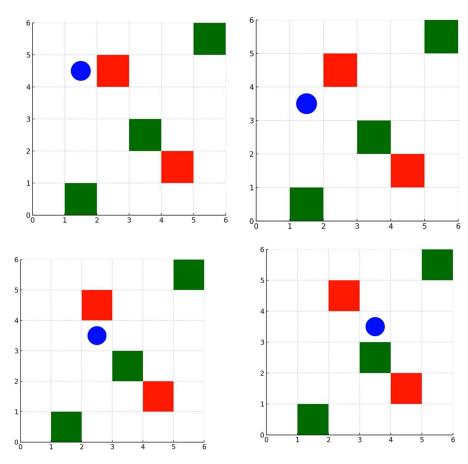
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return []

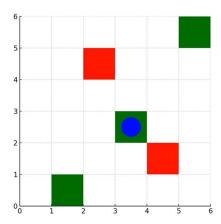
def update(frame):
    init()
    rx, ry = steps[frame]
    robot_patch.center = (ry + 0.5, GRID_SIZE - rx - 0.5)
    ax.add_patch(robot_patch)
    return [robot_patch]

anim = FuncAnimation(fig, update, frames=len(steps), init_func=init, blit=True)

# Save video (optional)
anim.save("rescue_robot_animation.mp4", writer="ffmpeg", fps=2)

# To view inline in notebooks:
# from IPython.display import HTML
# HTML(anim.to_jshtml())
```





TASK:

- Deploy 2 or more rescue robots simultaneously.
 Ensure they avoid redundant paths, collisions, and rescue conflicts. Add multiple robots and simulate coordination.
- Apply $TD(\lambda)$ with eligibility traces to improve learning. Rewards must propagate backward across visited states Use eligibility traces to propagate rewards backward to visited states.
- Introduce moving traps, such as: Fire, debris, or gas clouds that change positions every few steps.
- Robots should: Avoid hazards in real-time and learn to predict high-risk zones over time.

Objective:

Smart Drone Navigation using Dyna-Q

To implement and understand the Dyna-Q reinforcement learning algorithm in a partially known environment, enabling a delivery drone to learn the optimal path to its target while avoiding obstacles.

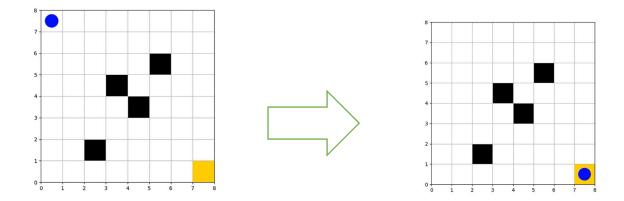
Problem Statement:

A delivery drone operates in an 8×8 urban grid. Its goal is to deliver a package from the warehouse at (0,0) to a drop point at (7,7). However, certain grid cells represent buildings/obstacles, and movement into them incurs a penalty. The drone must learn to reach the target location in the shortest path with minimal penalty using the Dyna-Q algorithm.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.patches as patches
from matplotlib.animation import FuncAnimation, FFMpegWriter
import random
from collections import defaultdict
# ----- Environment Setup ------
GRID SIZE = 8
ACTIONS = ['U', 'D', 'L', 'R']
ACTION_MAP = \{'U': (-1, 0), 'D': (1, 0), 'L': (0, -1), 'R': (0, 1)\}
GOAL = (7, 7)
OBSTACLES = \{(3, 3), (4, 4), (2, 5), (6, 2)\}
REWARD GOAL = 100
REWARD STEP = -1
REWARD OBSTACLE = -10
EPISODES = 300
MAX STEPS = 50
EPSILON = 0.1
ALPHA = 0.1
GAMMA = 0.95
PLANNING STEPS = 10
Q = defaultdict(lambda: {a: 0 for a in ACTIONS})
model = {}
def is valid(pos):
```

```
return 0 <= pos[0] < GRID SIZE and 0 <= pos[1] < GRID SIZE and pos not in
OBSTACLES
def step(state, action):
   dx, dy = ACTION MAP[action]
   next state = (state[0] + dx, state[1] + dy)
   if not is valid(next state):
       return state, REWARD OBSTACLE
   if next state == GOAL:
       return next state, REWARD GOAL
   return next state, REWARD STEP
def select action(state):
   if np.random.rand() < EPSILON:</pre>
       return random.choice(ACTIONS)
   return max(Q[state], key=Q[state].get)
for ep in range(EPISODES):
   state = (0, 0)
   for in range (MAX STEPS):
       action = select_action(state)
       next state, reward = step(state, action)
       # Q-learning update
       best next = max(Q[next state], key=Q[next state].get)
       Q[state][action] += ALPHA * (reward + GAMMA * Q[next state][best next] -
Q[state][action])
       # Model learning
       model[(state, action)] = (next state, reward)
       # Planning updates
       for in range(PLANNING STEPS):
           s, a = random.choice(list(model.keys()))
           s , r = model((s, a))
           best s = max(Q[s], key=Q[s].get)
           Q[s][a] += ALPHA * (r + GAMMA * Q[s][best s] - Q[s][a])
       if next state == GOAL:
          break
       state = next state
          ----- Extract Path ----- #
path = [(0, 0)]
state = (0, 0)
for in range (30):
action = select action(state)
```

```
state, = step(state, action)
   path.append(state)
   if state == GOAL:
       break
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 6))
drone patch = patches.Circle((0.5, 0.5), 0.3, color='blue')
def init():
   ax.clear()
   ax.set xlim(0, GRID SIZE)
   ax.set ylim(0, GRID SIZE)
   ax.set xticks(np.arange(GRID SIZE + 1))
   ax.set yticks(np.arange(GRID SIZE + 1))
   ax.grid(True)
   for i in range(GRID SIZE):
       for j in range (GRID SIZE):
          cell = (i, j)
          color = 'white'
          if cell in OBSTACLES:
              color = 'black'
          elif cell == GOAL:
              color = 'gold'
         rect = patches.Rectangle((j, GRID SIZE - i - 1), 1, 1, facecolor=color)
          ax.add patch(rect)
   return []
def update(frame):
   init()
   rx, ry = path[frame]
   drone patch.center = (ry + 0.5, GRID SIZE - rx - 0.5)
   ax.add patch(drone patch)
   return [drone patch]
anim = FuncAnimation(fig, update, frames=len(path), init func=init, blit=True)
save path = "lab7 dyna q drone navigation.mp4"
writer = FFMpegWriter(fps=2, metadata=dict(artist='RL Lab 7'), bitrate=1800)
anim.save(save path, writer=writer)
print(f" ♥ Drone navigation video saved as {save path}")
```



TASKS:

• The drone must pick up a payload at a pickup zone and then deliver it to any of multiple delivery points.

Add pickup_zone = (2,2) with no reward.

Agent must first visit pickup, then reach one of multiple delivery goals [(3,9), (8,4), (9,9)] to finish the mission.

Add a has_payload flag in the environment state.

Episode ends only after both pickup and delivery are completed.

• Migrate code to use function approximation for Q-value estimation.

Objective:

To implement and analyze the Prioritized Sweeping algorithm in a dynamic, grid-based environment where a rescue robot must learn the optimal path to reach survivors while avoiding traps and obstacles.

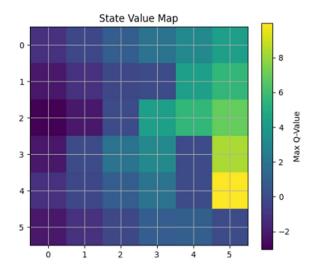
Problem statement:

A rescue robot is deployed in a 6×6 disaster-hit zone represented as a grid. The environment contains: Safe paths, Obstacles (impassable), Traps (danger zones), Goal locations where survivors are located. The robot begins at the top-left corner (0,0) and must learn the best route to reach the survivors at (5,5) using Prioritized Sweeping. Every move incurs a small cost, traps cause severe penalties, and reaching a survivor gives a positive reward.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import heapq
from collections import defaultdict
# Environment setup
GRID SIZE = 6
GOAL = (5, 5)
OBSTACLES = \{(2, 2), (3, 1), (4, 4)\}
TRAPS = \{(1, 3), (3, 4)\}
ACTIONS = ['U', 'D', 'L', 'R']
ACTION MAP = \{'U': (-1, 0), 'D': (1, 0), 'L': (0, -1), 'R': (0, 1)\}
REWARD GOAL = 10
REWARD TRAP = -10
REWARD STEP = -1
EPISODES = 100
MAX STEPS = 50
ALPHA = 0.1
GAMMA = 0.95
EPSILON = 0.1
THETA = 0.01
Q = defaultdict(lambda: {a: 0 for a in ACTIONS})
model = {}
priority queue = []
def is valid(pos):
    return 0 <= pos[0] < GRID SIZE and 0 <= pos[1] < GRID SIZE and pos not in
OBSTACLES
def step(state, action):
```

```
dx, dy = ACTION MAP[action]
    next state = (state[0] + dx, state[1] + dy)
    if not is valid(next state):
        next state = state
    if next state == GOAL:
        return next state, REWARD GOAL
    if next state in TRAPS:
        return next_state, REWARD_TRAP
    return next state, REWARD STEP
def select action(state):
    if np.random.rand() < EPSILON:</pre>
        return np.random.choice(ACTIONS)
    return max(Q[state], key=Q[state].get)
def update priority(state, action, reward, next state):
    target = reward + GAMMA * max(Q[next state].values())
    diff = abs(Q[state][action] - target)
    if diff > THETA:
        heapq.heappush(priority queue, (-diff, state, action))
def update q():
    for in range (50):
        if not priority queue:
            break
        , s, a = heapq.heappop(priority queue)
        s , r = model[(s, a)]
        target = r + GAMMA * max(Q[s_].values())
        Q[s][a] += ALPHA * (target - Q[s][a])
        for a2 in ACTIONS:
            dx, dy = ACTION MAP[a2]
            prev = (s[0] - dx, s[1] - dy)
            if is valid(prev) and (prev, a2) in model:
                s prev , r prev = model[(prev, a2)]
                update priority(prev, a2, r prev, s prev )
# Training loop
for ep in range (EPISODES):
    state = (0, 0)
    for in range (MAX STEPS):
        action = select action(state)
        next state, reward = step(state, action)
        model[(state, action)] = (next state, reward)
        update priority(state, action, reward, next state)
        update q()
        if next state == GOAL:
            break
        state = next state
```

```
# Visualization with arrows
arrow map = {'U': '\uparrow', 'D': '\downarrow', 'L': '\leftarrow', 'R': '\rightarrow'}
policy grid = np.full((GRID SIZE, GRID SIZE), ' ')
value grid = np.zeros((GRID SIZE, GRID SIZE))
for i in range(GRID SIZE):
    for j in range (GRID SIZE):
        cell = (i, j)
        if cell == GOAL:
            policy_grid[i, j] = 'G'
        elif cell in OBSTACLES:
            policy grid[i, j] = '"'
        elif cell in TRAPS:
            policy grid[i, j] = 'X'
        else:
            best a = max(Q[cell], key=Q[cell].get)
            policy grid[i, j] = arrow map[best a]
            value grid[i, j] = max(Q[cell].values())
# Display
print("□ Learned Policy (Lab 8 - Prioritized Sweeping):")
for row in policy grid:
    print(' '.join(row))
# Optional: Plot value grid
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 5))
plt.imshow(value grid, cmap='viridis')
plt.colorbar(label="Max Q-Value")
plt.title("State Value Map")
plt.xticks(np.arange(GRID SIZE))
plt.yticks(np.arange(GRID SIZE))
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



TASKS

- Update the environment so that survivors randomly change locations every few episodes. The robot must relearn paths efficiently using prioritized sweeping instead of starting from scratch.
- Design certain cells to turn into traps mid-episode to simulate collapsing floors. Add a probabilistic element to cell stability, forcing the robot to quickly re-prioritize states with high error.
- Extend the setup to multiple rescue robots. Each robot learns independently but shares knowledge of dangerous zones. Coordinate their learning to minimize path overlap and maximize coverage.

Objective:

Transfer Learning in Autonomous Farming

To demonstrate the power of Transfer Learning in reinforcement learning by adapting a crop-monitoring robot's navigation policy from one field (Field A) to a new field (Field B) with different crop layouts and hazards. The goal is to minimize time and damage while scanning all rows and reaching the base station.

Problem Statement

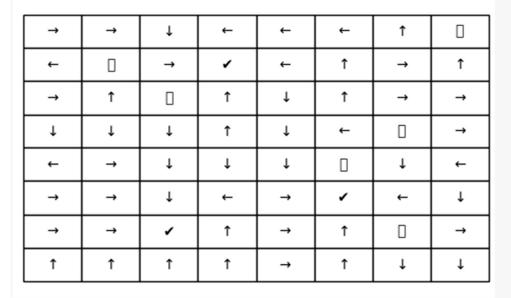
An autonomous robot has been trained to navigate Field A, which is organized with evenly spaced crop rows and water puddles (hazards). The robot must learn the most efficient route to:

Visit all inspection checkpoints (marked on certain crops), Avoid water puddles, Reach the base station to upload data. Now, the robot is transferred to Field B, where: Crop rows are curved or uneven, New puddles and rocks appear. The base station is in a different location.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pickle
import pandas as pd
# Environment settings
GRID SIZE = 8
CHECKPOINTS A = \{(2, 2), (4, 4), (6, 1)\}
CHECKPOINTS B = \{(1, 3), (5, 5), (6, 2)\}
PUDDLES A = \{(3, 3), (5, 5), (2, 6)\}
PUDDLES B = \{(2, 2), (4, 5), (3, 6)\}
OBSTACLES = \{(1, 1), (6, 6)\}
BASE A = (7, 7)
BASE B = (0, 7)
ACTIONS = ['U', 'D', 'L', 'R']
ACTION MAP = {'U': (-1, 0), 'D': (1, 0), 'L': (0, -1), 'R': (0, 1)}
# Q-learning parameters
EPISODES = 300
ALPHA = 0.1
GAMMA = 0.9
EPSILON = 0.2
MAX STEPS = 200
def is valid(state):
    x, y = state
    return 0 <= x < GRID SIZE and 0 <= y < GRID SIZE and state not in OBSTACLES
def step(state, action, config, visited checkpoints):
```

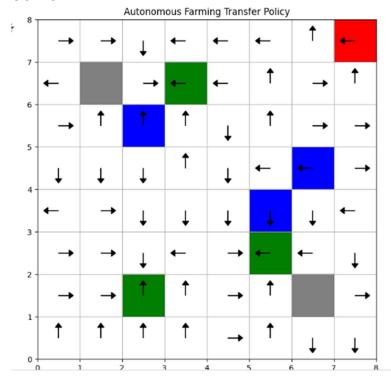
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dx, dy = ACTION MAP[action]
   next state = (state[0] + dx, state[1] + dy)
   if not is valid(next state):
        next state = state
   reward = -1
   if next state in config["puddles"]:
        reward = -5
       elif next state in config["checkpoints"] and next state not
visited checkpoints:
        reward = 5
        visited checkpoints.add(next state)
       elif next state == config["base"] and visited checkpoints
config["checkpoints"]:
       reward = 10
   return next state, reward, visited checkpoints
def select action(Q, state):
   if np.random.rand() < EPSILON or state not in Q:</pre>
        return np.random.choice(ACTIONS)
   return max(Q[state], key=Q[state].get)
def train(config, Q=None):
   if Q is None:
       Q = \{ \}
    for ep in range(EPISODES):
        state = (0, 0)
       visited checkpoints = set()
        for _ in range(MAX STEPS):
           if state not in Q:
               Q[state] = {a: 0 for a in ACTIONS}
           action = select action(Q, state)
           next state, reward, visited checkpoints = step(state, action, config,
visited checkpoints)
            if next state not in Q:
               Q[next state] = {a: 0 for a in ACTIONS}
            Q[state][action] += ALPHA * (
               reward + GAMMA * max(Q[next state].values()) - Q[state][action]
            )
                 if next state == config["base"] and visited checkpoints ==
config["checkpoints"]:
               break
           state = next state
```

```
return Q
# Configurations
config A = {"checkpoints": CHECKPOINTS A, "puddles": PUDDLES A, "base": BASE A}
config B = {"checkpoints": CHECKPOINTS B, "puddles": PUDDLES B, "base": BASE B}
# Train in Field A
Q A = train(config A)
# Save and load Q-table
with open("Q fieldA.pkl", "wb") as f:
    pickle.dump(Q A, f)
with open("Q fieldA.pkl", "rb") as f:
    Q loaded = pickle.load(f)
# Transfer to Field B
Q transfer = train(config B, Q=Q loaded)
# Visualization
def plot policy(Q, config, title):
    grid = np.full((GRID SIZE, GRID SIZE), '□', dtype='<U2')
    arrows = {'U': '\uparrow', 'D': '\downarrow', 'L': '\leftarrow', 'R': '\rightarrow'}
    for i in range (GRID SIZE):
        for j in range(GRID SIZE):
            pos = (i, j)
            if pos in OBSTACLES:
                grid[i][j] = '\['
            elif pos in config["puddles"]:
                grid[i][j] = '•'
            elif pos in config["checkpoints"]:
                grid[i][j] = '√'
            elif pos == config["base"]:
                grid[i][j] = '\''
            elif pos in Q:
                best a = max(Q[pos], key=Q[pos].get)
                grid[i][j] = arrows[best_a]
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 6))
    ax.set title(title)
    ax.axis('off')
    table = ax.table(cellText=grid, loc='center', cellLoc='center')
    table.scale(1, 2)
   plt.show()
```



```
# Display policy and table
plot policy(Q transfer, config B, "Policy after Transfer Learning in Field B")
df = pd.DataFrame.from dict({k: max(v, key=v.get) for k, v in Q transfer.items()},
orient='index', columns=['Best Action'])
print(df.head())
import matplotlib.patches as patches
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
def visualize policy(Q, config, title="Policy Visualization"):
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8, 8))
    ax.set xlim(0, GRID SIZE)
    ax.set ylim(0, GRID SIZE)
    ax.set title(title)
    ax.set xticks(np.arange(0, GRID SIZE+1, 1))
   ax.set yticks(np.arange(0, GRID SIZE+1, 1))
   ax.grid(True)
    for i in range (GRID SIZE):
        for j in range(GRID SIZE):
            state = (i, j)
            if state in OBSTACLES:
                rect = patches.Rectangle((j, GRID SIZE-i-1), 1, 1, linewidth=1,
edgecolor='black', facecolor='gray')
            elif state in config["puddles"]:
                rect = patches.Rectangle((j, GRID SIZE-i-1), 1, 1, linewidth=1,
edgecolor='black', facecolor='blue')
            elif state in config["checkpoints"]:
                rect = patches.Rectangle((j, GRID SIZE-i-1), 1, 1, linewidth=1,
edgecolor='black', facecolor='green')
            elif state == config["base"]:
```

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rect = patches.Rectangle((j, GRID SIZE-i-1), 1, 1, linewidth=1,
edgecolor='black', facecolor='red')
            else:
               rect = patches.Rectangle((j, GRID SIZE-i-1), 1, 1, linewidth=0.5,
edgecolor='black', facecolor='white')
            ax.add patch(rect)
            if state in Q:
                best action = max(Q[state], key=Q[state].get)
                dx, dy = \{'U': (0, 0.25), 'D': (0, -0.25), 'L': (-0.25, 0), 'R':
(0.25, 0) } [best action]
                ax.arrow(j + 0.5, GRID SIZE - i - 0.5, dx, dy, head width=0.15,
head length=0.1, fc='black', ec='black')
    plt.gca().set aspect('equal', adjustable='box')
    plt.show()
visualize policy(Q transfer, config B, title="Autonomous
                                                               Farming
                                                                         Transfer
Policy")
```



TASKS:

• Train a policy in Field A with a fixed crop layout. Then transfer the policy to Field B with rotated or shifted crops and measure how much re-learning is needed using fine-tuning vs. retraining.

- Simulate vision-based crop detection by representing different crops with RGB/Greyscale grid tiles. Transfer a policy trained on color data to a shape-based grayscale version and observe performance changes.
- Simulate seasonal changes in crop density and layout (Field A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C). Design a curriculum learning framework where the robot uses policies learned in simpler environments to adapt to harder ones.

Objective:

To develop a Q-learning agent that learns an optimal path to deliver mail from the intake point to the correct sorting bin, while avoiding obstacles and penalties in a 6×6 mailroom grid.

Problem Statement:

A smart postal robot is deployed in a mail sorting facility represented as a 6×6 grid.

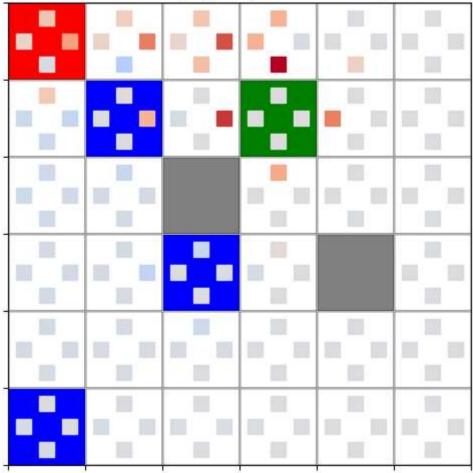
Each episode starts at the mail intake area (start cell) and aims to deliver mail to the correct sorting bin (goal cell) while avoiding penalty zones (wrong bins) and obstacles (machines, shelves).

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.patches as patches
import matplotlib.cm as cm
import random
# Grid environment setup
GRID SIZE = 6
ACTIONS = ['U', 'D', 'L', 'R']
ACTION MAP = \{'U': (-1, 0), 'D': (1, 0), 'L': (0, -1), 'R': (0, 1)\}
# Task generator
def create mail sorting task():
    start = (0, 0)
    goal = (np.random.randint(1, GRID SIZE), np.random.randint(1, GRID SIZE))
    penalties = set()
    while len(penalties) < 3:
        p = (np.random.randint(0, GRID SIZE), np.random.randint(0, GRID SIZE))
        if p != goal and p != start:
           penalties.add(p)
    obstacles = set()
    while len(obstacles) < 2:</pre>
        o = (np.random.randint(0, GRID SIZE), np.random.randint(0, GRID SIZE))
        if o != goal and o != start and o not in penalties:
            obstacles.add(o)
    return {'start': start, 'goal': goal, 'penalties': penalties, 'obstacles':
obstacles}
```

```
# Environment constraints
def is valid(state, obstacles):
   x, y = state
   return 0 <= x < GRID SIZE and 0 <= y < GRID SIZE and state not in obstacles
# Step transition
def step(state, action, task):
   dx, dy = ACTION MAP[action]
   next state = (state[0] + dx, state[1] + dy)
   if not is valid(next state, task['obstacles']):
        next state = state
   reward = -1
   if next state == task['goal']:
        reward = 10
   elif next state in task['penalties']:
        reward = -5
    return next state, reward
# Initialize Q-table
def initialize Q():
   return {(i, j): {a: 0 for a in ACTIONS} for i in range(GRID SIZE) for j in
range(GRID SIZE) }
# Train agent with Q-learning
def train q learning(task, episodes=200, alpha=0.1, gamma=0.9, epsilon=0.2):
   Q = initialize Q()
   for in range (episodes):
        state = task['start']
        for in range (100):
           action = np.random.choice(ACTIONS) if np.random.rand() < epsilon else
max(Q[state], key=Q[state].get)
           next state, reward = step(state, action, task)
            best next = max(Q[next state].values())
                Q[state][action] += alpha * (reward + gamma * best next -
Q[state][action])
            if next state == task['goal']:
               break
           state = next state
   return Q
# Visualize with heatmap of Q-values
def visualize policy heatmap(Q, task, title="Mail Sorting Agent Q-Value
Heatmap"):
   fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(6, 6))
    cmap = cm.get cmap("coolwarm")
   ax.set xticks(np.arange(GRID SIZE + 1))
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ax.set yticks(np.arange(GRID SIZE + 1))
    ax.set xticklabels([])
    ax.set yticklabels([])
    ax.grid(True)
    for i in range (GRID SIZE):
        for j in range (GRID SIZE):
            state = (i, j)
            x, y = j, GRID SIZE - i - 1
            if state == task['goal']:
                color = 'green'
            elif state == task['start']:
                color = 'red'
            elif state in task['penalties']:
                color = 'blue'
            elif state in task['obstacles']:
                color = 'gray'
            else:
                color = 'white'
           rect = patches.Rectangle((x, y), 1, 1, linewidth=1, edgecolor='black',
facecolor=color)
            ax.add patch(rect)
            if state not in task['obstacles']:
                q values = Q[state]
                # Normalize Q-values for color mapping
                  ax.add_patch(patches.Rectangle((x + 0.4, y + 0.7), 0.2, 0.2,
color=cmap((q values['U'] + 10) / 20)))
                  ax.add patch(patches.Rectangle((x + 0.4, y + 0.1), 0.2, 0.2,
color=cmap((q values['D'] + 10) / 20)))
                  ax.add patch(patches.Rectangle((x + 0.1, y + 0.4), 0.2, 0.2,
color=cmap((q values['L'] + 10) / 20)))
                  ax.add patch(patches.Rectangle((x + 0.7, y + 0.4), 0.2, 0.2,
color=cmap((q values['R'] + 10) / 20)))
    plt.title(title)
    plt.gca().set aspect('equal', adjustable='box')
    plt.show()
# Run the simulation
task = create mail sorting task()
Q = train q learning(task)
visualize policy heatmap(Q, task)
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Mail Sorting Agent Q-Value Heatmap



TASK:

- Redesign the environment with multiple drop zones (e.g., (5,5), (2,4), (6,7)) for categorized mail types (e.g., Express, International, Regular). Modify the reward system and policy logic so the agent dynamically selects and navigates to the appropriate goal based on a randomly assigned mail category at the start of each episode.
- Extend the simulation to include multiple mail robots working in parallel. Ensure they do not collide and assign tasks intelligently (e.g., use round-robin or reward-weighted job distribution). Explore whether independent or shared Q-tables improve overall delivery performance.
- Make the layout of shelves and obstacles change mid-episode to simulate real-time rearrangement in a logistics center. Force the agent to adapt on-the-fly to changing layouts by resetting Q-values for new states or allowing partial memory retention.