Sarsa – on policy temporal difference algo

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Initialize Q(s, a) arbitrarily
Repeat (for each episode):

Initialize s
Choose a from s using policy derived from Q (e.g., \epsilon-greedy)
Repeat (for each step of episode):

Take action a, observe r, s'
Choose a' from s' using policy derived from Q (e.g., \epsilon-greedy)
Q(s, a) \leftarrow Q(s, a) + \alpha \left[ r + \gamma Q(s', a') - Q(s, a) \right]
s \leftarrow s'; a \leftarrow a';
until s is terminal

Action for update as used for trajectory
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Figure 6.9 Sarsa: An on-policy TD control algorithm

$$\Delta Q(s,a) = \eta \left[r - (Q(s,a) - \gamma Q(s',a')) \right]$$

From: Reinforcement Learning, Sutton and Barto 1998

$$\Delta Q(s,a) = \eta \ [r-(Q(s,a)-\gamma Q(s',a'))]$$
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Initialise Q values Start from initial state **s**

- 1) Being in state s choose action a according to policy π
- 2) Observe reward *r* and next state *s*'
- 3) Choose action a' in state s' according to policy π
- 4) Update

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- 5) s' \rightarrow s; a' \rightarrow a
- 6) Goto 1)

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