

Reinforcement Learning

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Exercise 1.1: Self-Play

(a) **Question:** Suppose, instead of playing against a random opponent, the reinforcement learning algorithm described above played against itself, with both sides learning. What do you think would happen in this case? Would it learn a different policy for selecting moves?

- The random opponent described in the example is assumed to play with a constant policy. So, the first change in this new scenario is that the algorithm is playing against an opponent that changes its policy over time. Now that the opponent will learn from its experience and update its policy, both players will be simultaneously adjusting their policy based on what the other is doing. This will lead to both players learning the optimal policy for an optimal opponent which in tic-tac-toe means a draw. However, since in this scenario the opponent is not just another algorithm but the *same* algorithm that is trying to win for one side, we will probably see the algorithm playing strong moves for its side and weak moves for its opponent in order to make it more likely that it will win.

(b) **Question:**