Algorithm 1 Asynchronous one-step Q-learning - pseudocode for each actor-learner thread.

// Assume global shared θ, θ^-, *and counter* $T = 0$.
Initialize thread step counter $t \leftarrow 0$
Initialize target network weights $\theta^- \leftarrow \theta$
Initialize network gradients $d\theta \leftarrow 0$
Get initial state s
repeat
  Take action a with ϵ-greedy policy based on $Q(s, a; \theta)$
  Receive new state s' and reward r

$$y = \begin{cases} r & \text{for terminal } s' \\ r + \gamma \max_{a'} Q(s', a'; \theta^-) & \text{for non-terminal } s' \end{cases}$$

  Accumulate gradients wrt θ: $d\theta \leftarrow d\theta + \frac{\partial (y - Q(s,a;\theta))^2}{\partial \theta}$
  $s = s'$
  $T \leftarrow T + 1$ and $t \leftarrow t + 1$
  if $T \mod I_{target} == 0$ **then**
    Update the target network $\theta^- \leftarrow \theta$
  end if
  if $t \mod I_{AsyncUpdate} == 0$ or s is terminal **then**
    Perform asynchronous update of θ using $d\theta$.
    Clear gradients $d\theta \leftarrow 0$.
  end if
until $T > T_{max}$