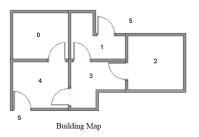
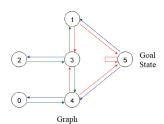
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#### Reinforcement Learning

- Agent and environment
- Action a, reward r
- Policy  $(\pi)$ : State (s) and action  $a \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \pi(s)$
- Samples:  $(s_1, a_1, r_1, \dots, s_t), t = 1, 2, \dots$
- Reinforcement learning:  $\max(r)$ , s.t.  $(s_1, a_1, r_1, \dots, s_t) \to \pi$

#### MDP: Markov Decision Process

- A state  $s_t$  is Markov if  $P(s_{t+1}|s_t) = P(s_{t+1}|s_1, \dots, s_t)$ .
- Value function:  $v(s) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \mathbb{E}(G_t|s_t)$
- Return:  $G_t \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^k \cdot r_{t+k+1}$ ,  $\lambda$  is a discount factor.

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#### Bellman Equation

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Optimal action-value function:

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Iteratively,

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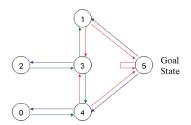
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#### Deep Q-Learning

• For a deep network w.r.t. Q and weight w,

$$Q(s, a, w) = Q^{\pi}(s, a).$$

• The loss/objective function is,

$$L(w) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \mathbb{E}([r + \gamma \cdot \max_{a'} Q(s', a', w) - Q(s, a, w)]^2)$$

• The gradient is,

$$\frac{\partial L(w)}{\partial w} = \mathbb{E}([r + \gamma \cdot \max_{a'} Q(s', a', w) - Q(s, a, w)]) \cdot \frac{\partial Q(s, a, w)}{\partial w}$$

V.Mnih, et al. (2015) Human-level control through deep reinforcement learning. Nature, 518:529-533.

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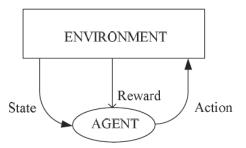
#### Policy and Value Iterations

- Reinforcement learning is learning what to do how to map situations to actions so as to maximize a numerical reward.
- Reinforcement learning receives reward/penalty or trial/error for its actions solve a problem.
- Reinforcement learning could learn the best policy and maximize the total reward.
- The sequence of actions has the maximum cumulative reward.
- For each policy  $\pi$ , there is a reward  $v^{\pi}(s_t)$ , we hope to find the *optimal policy*,

$$v^*(s_t) = \max_{\pi}(v^{\pi}(s_t)), \forall s_t$$



### Policy and Value Iterations



#### Policy and Value Iterations

In a simple case, action  $a(t) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \pi(s_t)$ ,  $Q(a_t) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} r(a_t) > 0$ . If r(a) is the reward,

$$Q(a_{t+1}) \leftarrow Q_t(a) + \eta \cdot [r(a_{t+1}) - Q(a_t)]$$

In a full reinforcement learning, the value of state  $s_t$  satisfies,

$$v(s_t) = \max_{a_t} Q(s_t, a_t);$$

where

$$a_t^* = \underset{a_t}{\arg\max} Q(s_t, a_t); \pi^*(s_t^*) = a_t^*;$$



#### Policy and Value Iterations

Value iteration:

$$v(s_t) \leftarrow v(s_t) + \eta \cdot [r_{t+1} + \gamma \cdot v(s_{t+1}) - v(s_t)]$$

Termination condition:

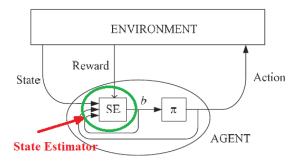
$$|v^{(l+1)}(s) - v^{(l)}(s)| < \delta; \delta > 0; l = 1, 2, 3, \cdots$$

Policy iteration:

$$\pi \leftarrow \pi' = \underset{\pi}{\operatorname{arg\,max}}(v^{\pi}(s')); v^{\pi}(s) \leftarrow v^{\pi}(s');$$

V. Mnih, et al. (2016) Asynchronous Methods for Deep Reinforcement Learning. International Conference on Machine Learning, pp.1928-1937.

#### Policy and Value Iterations



#### Monte-Carlo Method

- **Episode**:  $\exists T, (s_1, a_1, r_2, \cdots, s_T) \to \pi$
- Monte-Carlo Method: Using empirical mean to replace Bellman equation instead of expected return, i.e.,

$$v_{\pi}(s) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} (G_t | s_t = s)$$

where 
$$G_t = \sum_{k=1}^{T-t} \lambda^{k-1} r_{t+k}$$
. Hence,

$$v(s_t) \leftarrow v(s_t) - \alpha \cdot (G_t - v(s_t))$$

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#### TD: Temporal Difference Method

- **Episode**:  $\exists T, (s_1, a_1, r_2, \cdots, s_T) \to \pi$
- Monte-Carlo Method:

$$v(s_t) \leftarrow v(s_t) - \alpha \cdot (G_t - v(s_t))$$

• Temporal Difference (TD):

$$v(s_t) \leftarrow v(s_t) - \alpha \cdot (r_{t+1} + \gamma \cdot v(s_{t+1}) - v(s_t))$$

where  $\delta = r_{t+1} + \gamma \cdot v(s_{t+1}) - v(s_t)$  is named as the *TD* error,  $r_{t+1} + \gamma \cdot v(s_{t+1})$  is called the *TD target*.

• Dynamic Programming Method:

$$v(s_t) = \mathbb{E}_{\pi}(r_{t+1} + \gamma \cdot v(s_{t+1}))$$

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#### Double Q-Learning

- **Episode**:  $\exists T, (s_1, a_1, r_2, \cdots, s_T) \to \pi$
- SARSA (State-Action-Reward-State-Action) :  $Q(s,a) \leftarrow Q(s,a) + \alpha \cdot [r + \gamma \cdot Q(s',a') Q(s,a)]$  $s \leftarrow s', \ a \leftarrow a'.$
- **Q-Learning** (an off-policy TD control algorithm):  $Q(s, a) \leftarrow Q(s, a) + \alpha \cdot [r + \gamma \cdot \max_{a} Q(s', a) Q(s, a)], s \leftarrow s', a \leftarrow a'.$
- Double Q-Learning:

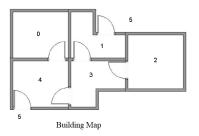
$$Q_{1}(s, a) \leftarrow Q_{1}(s, a) + \alpha \cdot [r + \gamma \cdot Q_{2}(s', \arg\max_{a} Q_{1}(s', a)) - Q_{1}(s, a)],$$

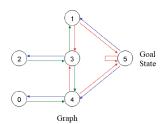
$$Q_{2}(s, a) \leftarrow Q_{2}(s, a) + \alpha \cdot [r + \gamma \cdot Q_{1}(s', \arg\max_{a} Q_{2}(s', a)) - Q_{2}(s, a)]$$

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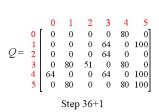


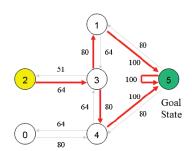


$$Q(s, a) = r(s, a) + \lambda \cdot \max_{a'} Q(s', a')$$

$$Q(1,5) = R(1,5) + \lambda \cdot \max(Q(5,5),Q(5,4),Q(5,1)) = 100.$$

$$Q(3,1) = R(3,1) + \lambda \cdot \max(Q(1,3),Q(1,5)) = 80, \lambda = 0.8.$$





#### Deep Q-Learning: Implementation

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   start room = index
                             Agent current state: 0 to next state: 4
   Agent current state: 4 to next state: 5
                             Agent started from room: 0 after: 2 steps arrive room 5
   current state = start room
                             step = 0
                             Agent current state: 1 to next state: 5
   target state = 5
                             Agent started from room: 1 after: 1 steps arrive room 5
                             while current state != target state:
     out_result = self.session.run(self.q_eval, fee ###
                             self.g eval input self.state list[current s
                             Agent current state: 2 to next state: 3
                             Agent current state: 3 to next state: 4
     next state = np.argmax(out result[0])
                             Agent current state: 4 to next state: 5
                             Agent started from room: 2 after: 3 steps arrive room 5
     print("Agent current state:", current state,
                             current state = next state
                             Agent current state: 3 to next state: 4
     step += 1
                             Agent current state: 4 to next state: 5
                             Agent started from room: 3 after: 2 steps arrive room 5
   print("Agent started from room:", start room,
                             Agent current state: 4 to next state: 5
                             Agent started from room: 4 after: 1 steps arrive room 5
if name == " main ":
                             q network = DeepQNetwork()
                             ####
 g network.pay()
                             >>>
```

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