Chapter: X

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1 Exercise 0

Hello world.

1.1 Exercise 0.0

Example Equation - Taken from "Reinforcement Learning" by Sutton and Barto:

$$Q_t(a) \doteq \frac{\text{sum of rewards when } a \text{ taken prior to } t}{\text{number of times } a \text{ taken prior to } t} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{t-1} R_i \cdot \mathbbm{1}_{A_i = a}}{\sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \mathbbm{1}_{A_i = a}} \quad (2.1)$$

where $\mathbb{1}_{predicate}$ denotes the random variable that is 1 if predicate is true and 0 if it is not. If the denominator is zero, then we instead define $Q_t(a)$ as some default value, such as 0. As the denominator goes to infinity, by the law of large numbers, $Q_t(a)$ converges to $q_*(a)$. We call this the sample-average method for estimating action values because each estimate is an average of the sample of relevant rewards.

