

Deep Eligibility Traces

Introduction

This repository consists of implementations of Eligibility Traces and corresponding algorithms in the deep learning setting. Algorithms are implemented in [PyTorch](#) and [Tensorflow 2.0](#) on a range of problems. Custom toy problems are provided in the [MDPs](#) folder.

Baseline Algorithms

Following are the baseline algorithms combined with trace-based updates-

Algorithm	Link	Implementation	Notes
Sarsa	Sutton & Barto	sarsa.py	Works well
Double Sarsa	Sutton & Barto	doublesarsa.py	Works well
Q-Learning	Sutton & Barto	qlearning.py	Works well
Double Q-Learning	Sutton & Barto	doubleqlearning.py	Works well
Expected Sarsa	Sutton & Barto	expectedsarsa.py	Works well
Double Expected Sarsa	Sutton & Barto	doubleexpectedsarsa.py	Works well

Trace Algorithms

Following algorithms are available in the current version-

PyTorch

Algorithm	Link	Implementation	Notes
TD-lambda	Sutton & Barto, Chapter 12	TD1amb.py	Requires tuning

Custom Environments

Following is the list of custom toy environments-

Environment Name	Link	Implementation
Cyclic MDP	ESAC	link
One-state MDP	Sutton & Barto	link
One-state Gaussian MDP	Sutton & Barto	link

Usage

To run an implementation, use the following command-

```
python main.py --alg <ALGORITHM> --env <ENV> --lib <LIBRARY> --trace <TRACE> --  
lamb <LAMBDA> --num_steps <STEPS>
```

For example, to run Q-Learning on the CartPole-v0 environment using PyTorch library with replacing trace and lambda=0.5, use the following-

```
python main.py --alg QLearning --env CartPole-v0 --lib torch --trace replacing --  
lamb 0.5 --num_steps 10000
```

To view the full list of arguments run the following-

```
python main.py --help
```

Citation

If you find these implementations helpful then please cite the following-

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