

Lecture 28

CS 59000-RL

Agenda

- Competitive games
 - Bellman Residual minimization
 - Deep Q Network (DQN)
 - ↳ DDQN
 - ↳ BDQN
 - Wrap up
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Sofar single agent MDP. $\pi \rightarrow \eta(\pi) \rightarrow \max_{\pi} \eta(\pi)$

what about two players game?, e.g. competing against each other?

Two players - play chess

- Play ping pong
- competing for the same resources
- competing for a same radio channel.
- racing
- ...

→ Competitive Markov Decision processes.

- zero sum games.

Two players at each time step make their decision after observing X_t

$$P1 \rightarrow A^1 \sim \pi^1(X_t) \\ P2 \rightarrow A^2 \sim \pi^2(X_t) \rightarrow X_{t+1}, \begin{matrix} r_t^1 \\ r_t^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{zero sum game } r_t^1 + r_t^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_t^1 = -r_t^2$$

$$J^1(\pi^1, \pi^2) \Rightarrow \text{objective of } P1$$

$$J^2(\pi^1, \pi^2) \Rightarrow \text{objective of } P2$$

$$J(\pi^1, \pi^2) = J^1(\pi^1, \pi^2) = -J^2(\pi^1, \pi^2) = E_{\pi^1, \pi^2} \left[\sum_t r_t^1 \right]$$

$P1$; first player aims to maximize J^1 and respectively J

$P2$; second player aims to maximize J^2 , ergo minimize J

$$\max_{\pi^1} J(\pi^1, \pi^2), \quad \min_{\pi^2} J(\pi^1, \pi^2)$$

How we develop policy gradient method for such setting?

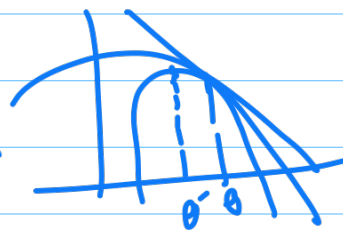
How we did it for single player MDP?

$$\eta(\Pi_\theta) \rightarrow \theta' = \theta + \underset{\Delta\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \Delta\theta^T \nabla \eta(\theta) - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\Delta\theta\|^2$$

$\Rightarrow \theta' = \theta + \alpha \nabla \eta(\theta)$

linear approximation of the objective

Taylor expansion



$$\theta^1 \rightarrow \Pi_{\theta^1}^1; \theta^2 \rightarrow \Pi_{\theta^2}^2$$

Naive: $\theta^1 \leftarrow \theta^1 + \underset{\Delta\theta^1}{\operatorname{argmax}} \Delta\theta^{1T} \nabla_{\theta^1} \eta(\theta^1, \theta^2) - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\Delta\theta^1\|^2$

$\rightarrow \theta^2 \leftarrow \theta^2 + \underset{\Delta\theta^2}{\operatorname{argmin}} \Delta\theta^{2T} \nabla_{\theta^2} \eta(\theta^1, \theta^2) + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\Delta\theta^2\|^2$

Approximate $\eta(\theta^1, \theta^2)$ such that the local game is linear in each player's parameter.

$$\eta(\theta^1 + \Delta\theta^1, \theta^2 + \Delta\theta^2) \approx \eta(\theta^1, \theta^2)$$

$$+ \underbrace{\Delta\theta^1}_{\text{Player 1}} \nabla_{\theta^1} \eta + \Delta\theta^2 \nabla_{\theta^2} \eta + \Delta\theta^1 \nabla_{\theta^1, \theta^2} \eta \Delta\theta^2$$

$$+ \Delta\theta^2 \nabla_{\theta^2, \theta^1} \eta \Delta\theta^1 + \text{other}$$

\Rightarrow This is a bilinear approximation of the game

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \theta^1 &\leftarrow \theta^1 + \underset{\Delta \theta^1}{\operatorname{argmax}} \Delta \theta^{1T} \nabla_{\theta^1} \eta + \Delta \theta^1 \nabla_{\theta^1 \theta^2} \eta \Delta \theta^2 - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\Delta \theta^1\|^2 \\ \rightarrow \theta^2 &\leftarrow \theta^2 + \underset{\Delta \theta^2}{\operatorname{argmin}} \Delta \theta^{2T} \nabla_{\theta^2} \eta + \Delta \theta^2 \nabla_{\theta^2 \theta^1} \eta (\Delta \theta^1 + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\Delta \theta^2\|^2) \end{aligned}$$

bilinear local game \rightarrow
has close form solution, which is the
Nash equilibrium of this bilinear game

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \theta^1 &\leftarrow \theta^1 + \alpha \left(I + \alpha^2 \nabla_{\theta^1 \theta^2} \eta \nabla_{\theta^2 \theta^1} \eta \right)^{-1} \left(\nabla_{\theta^1} \eta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta^1 \theta^2} \nabla_{\theta^2} \eta \right) \\ \theta^2 &\leftarrow \theta^2 - \alpha \left(I + \alpha^2 \nabla_{\theta^2 \theta^1} \eta \nabla_{\theta^1 \theta^2} \eta \right)^{-1} \left(\nabla_{\theta^2} \eta + \alpha \nabla_{\theta^2 \theta^1} \nabla_{\theta^1} \eta \right) \end{aligned}$$

It is called competitive policy optimization principle
(COPC) Prejapt et al 2020

Bellman residual minimization

we turn the problem of learning Q function
to some what classical regression problem.

\rightarrow follow a policy $\rightarrow x_t, a_t, r_t, x_{t+1}$

$$\rightarrow \left\| f(x_t, a_t) - \left(r_t + \gamma \max_{a'} f(x_{t+1}, a') \right) \right\|^2$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow y \quad \|f(x) - y\|^L \rightarrow r_t + \gamma f(x_{t+1})$$

Notes: \rightarrow in general the learned f is
a biased estimate of Q .

\hookrightarrow well behaved in Linear Q

This very objective function is the same used
in Deep Q Network (DQN)

\rightarrow To tackle Atari games

\rightarrow To tackle Go

\hookrightarrow Boosts at the fixed Deep RL

DQN

Initialize Q

\hookrightarrow 1) run epsilon greedy policy

$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \arg \max_a Q(n_t, a) & 1 - \epsilon \\ \text{uniform random} & \epsilon \end{array} \right.$

2) n_t, a_t, r_t, n_{t+1}

3) update $Q \rightarrow \|Q(n_t, a_t) - r_t - \max_{a'} Q(n_{t+1}, a')\|^2$

4) using gradient descent

Improve Q^{target}

For line 3 we use $\|Q(n_t/a) - r_t - \gamma \max_{a'} Q^{\text{target}}(n_{t+1}/a')\|^2$

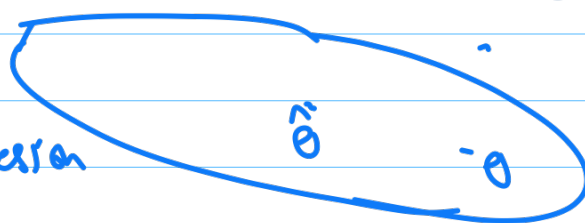
line 5) update $\underline{Q^{\text{target}}} = \underline{Q}$ once in a while.

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In linear bandit \rightarrow Thompson sampling

$$\theta^T \phi(n, a) \quad \theta \sim \text{Normal}(\underbrace{\mu}_{\text{mean}}, \underbrace{\Sigma}_{\text{Cov}})$$

Bayesian linear regression



$$x \rightarrow W \phi(n) \rightarrow Q(n, a)$$

learn ϕ using gradient descent

learn W using Bayesian linear regression.

For line 1) we do Thompson sampling

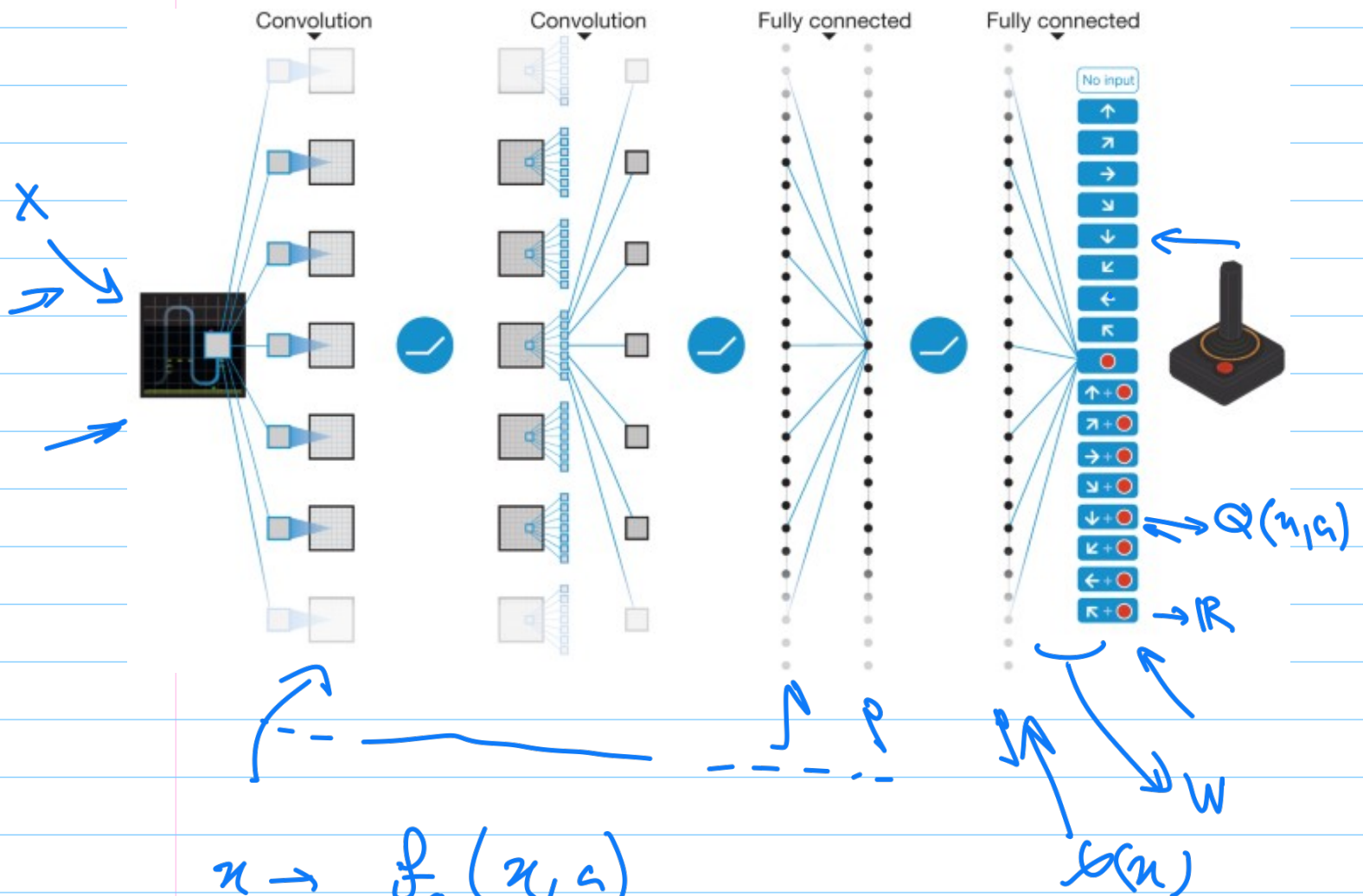
$$3) \quad \| (W_{\text{mean}} \phi(n_t)) - r_t - \gamma \max_{a'} Q^{\text{target}}(n_{t+1}/a') \|^2$$

learn ϕ

This is called Bayesian DQN (BDQN)

- Measure theory
 - Bandits. ←
 - MDP →
 - PCMDP
 - Control setting ←
 - Model based
 - Model free value based
 - Model free policy based
 - Competitive optimization
 - Deep RL
 - off policy learning
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$$x \rightarrow f_{\theta}(x, a)$$

$$f_{\theta}(x, a) = (W^T \phi(x))_a$$

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