

Multi-Agent Actor-Critic for Mixed Cooperative-Competitive Environments

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1 Introduction

- ➤ RL很常涉及Multi-agent的交互情況
- ➤ 傳統的DQN, policy gradient都不適用於MAS
- ▶ 主要問題:
 - ➤ training過程中, 每個agent都在改變policy, 造成non-stationary
 - ➤ 對DQN來說, experience replay不可用
 - ➤ 對policy gradient來說, 環境不斷改變, 造成學習的variance進一步增大
- ➤ 新方法: MADDPG

1 MADDPG

Policy-gradient
Q-learning

Actor-critic



DDPG

MADDP

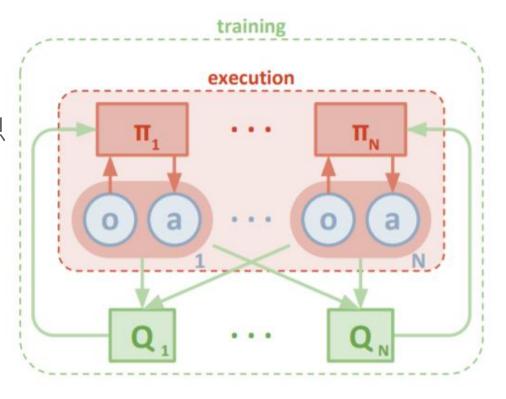
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2 DDPG

- ➤ DDPG是Actor-critic和DQN算法的結合
- ➤ Deep: memory pool + 雙網路結構
- ➤ Deterministic:使Actor不再輸出每個action的概率,而是明確的一個action

3 MADDPG

- ➤ 每個Agent的訓練和DDPG類似
- ➤ 不同點在於Critic的input, 增加了額外信息 ➤ 例如: 其他Agent的action
- ▶ 集中學習 + 分散執行
- ▶ 目標: 一個通用型的學習算法
 - ▶ 1. 執行中只使用local information
 - ▶ 2. 不需知道環境的可微分模型
 - ▶ 3. 不做通訊方法結構上的假設



3 MADDPG

➤ 若我們知道所有agent採取的action, 即便policy改變, 環境仍然穩定 s → s ′

➤ 放寬critic input的假設,用近似方式去計算其他agent的policy

▶ 使用這種方式集中學習

Multi-Agent Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient Algorithm

For completeness, we provide the MADDPG algorithm below.

Algorithm 1: Multi-Agent Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient for N agents

for episode = 1 to M do

Initialize a random process N for action exploration

Receive initial state x

for t = 1 to max-episode-length do

for each agent i, select action $a_i = \mu_{\theta_i}(o_i) + \mathcal{N}_t$ w.r.t. the current policy and exploration

Execute actions $a = (a_1, \dots, a_N)$ and observe reward r and new state \mathbf{x}'

Store $(\mathbf{x}, a, r, \mathbf{x}')$ in replay buffer \mathcal{D}

$$\mathbf{x} \leftarrow \mathbf{x}'$$

for agent i = 1 to N do

Sample a random minibatch of S samples $(\mathbf{x}^j, a^j, r^j, \mathbf{x}'^j)$ from \mathcal{D}

Set
$$y^j = r_i^j + \gamma Q_i^{\mu'}(\mathbf{x}^{\prime j}, a_1^{\prime}, \dots, a_N^{\prime})|_{a_k^{\prime} = \mu_k^{\prime}(o_k^j)}$$

Update critic by minimizing the loss $\mathcal{L}(\theta_i) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_j \left(y^j - Q_i^{\mu}(\mathbf{x}^j, a_1^j, \dots, a_N^j) \right)^2$

Update actor using the sampled policy gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta_i} J \approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_j \nabla_{\theta_i} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i(o_i^j) \nabla_{a_i} Q_i^{\boldsymbol{\mu}}(\mathbf{x}^j, a_1^j, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_N^j) \big|_{a_i = \boldsymbol{\mu}_i(o_i^j)}$$

對應每個actor的更新

對應Q-network的更新

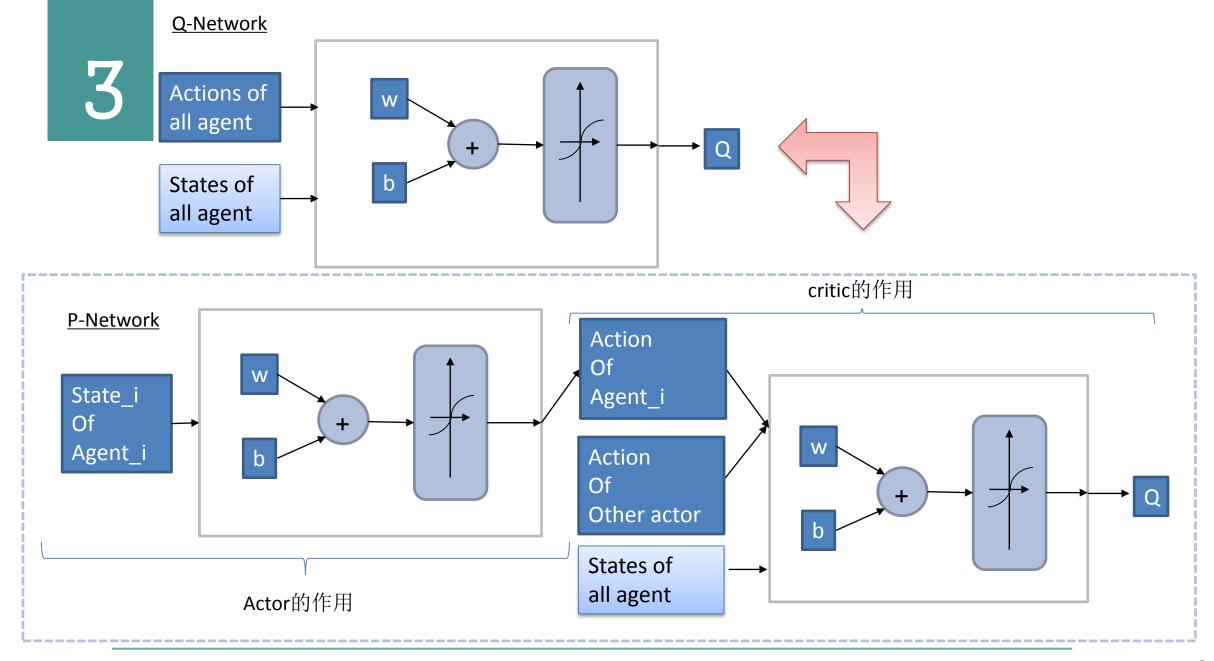
end for

Update target network parameters for each agent i:

$$\theta_i' \leftarrow \tau \theta_i + (1 - \tau)\theta_i'$$

end for

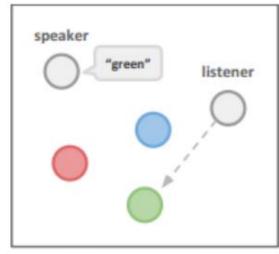
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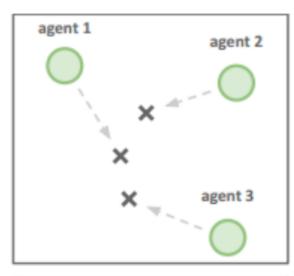
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Experiments

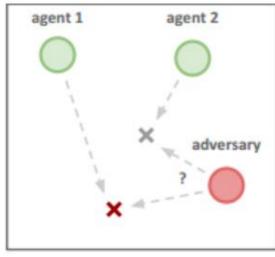
> 合作通訊



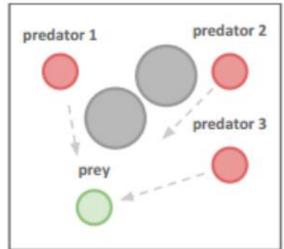
> 合作導航



> 欺騙



▶ 捕食



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Summary

- ➤ 實驗結果表明MADDPG比傳統RL方式更能適應複雜的環境設置
- ➤ 缺點: critic的input space會隨著agent數量線性成長
- ➤ 解決方案:實戰中,僅使用鄰居的action來緩解
- > 應用在股票市場

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