

Glossary

Markov Property

It implies that the action taken by our agent is conditional solely on the present state and independent of the past states and actions.

Observation/State

- State : Complete description of the state of the world.
- Observation : Partial description " " " " .

Actions

- Discrete : Finite number of actions (left, right)
- Continuous : Infinite possibility of actions (car)

Rewards and Discounting

- Reward : Fundamental factor in RL . Tells the agent if action taken is bad or good.
- RL algorithms are focused on maximizing reward.
- Reward Hypothesis : RL problems can be formulated as a maximisation of reward.
- Discounting is performed because rewards obtained at the start are more likely to happen as they are more predictable than long-term rewards.