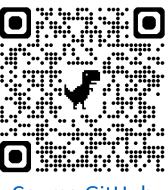


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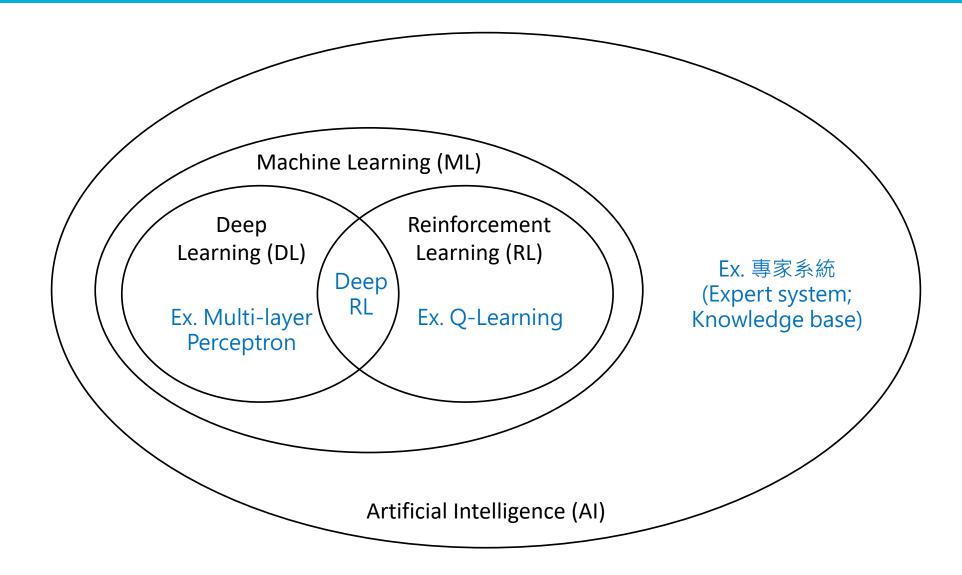


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- Reinforcement Learning (RL) [100 min]
- Quiz [20 min]

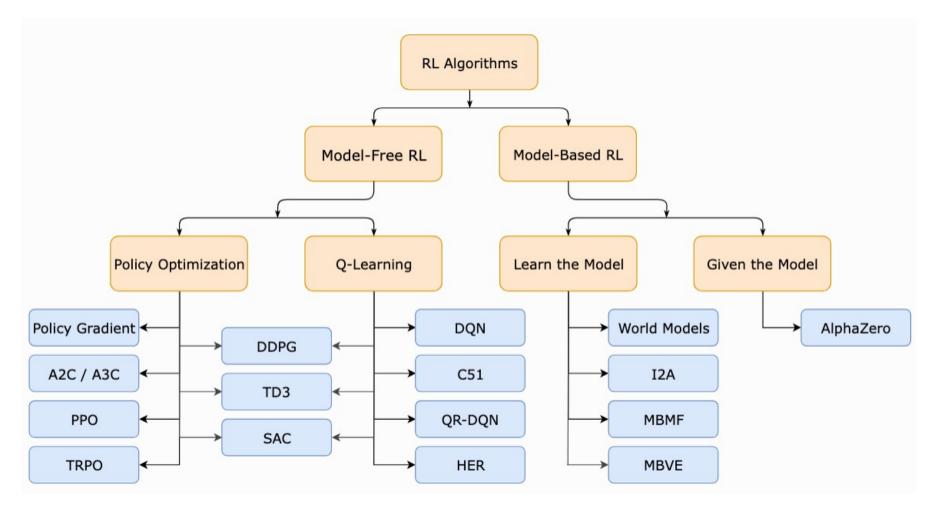


Reinforcement Learning (RL) 歸類?





A Taxonomy of RL Algorithms





為什麼我們要學 RL (1): RL is everywhere







- Paper: Silver, D., Huang, A., Maddison, C. J., Guez, A., Sifre, L., Van Den Driessche, G., ... & Hassabis, D. (2016). Mastering the game of Go with deep neural networks and tree search. nature, 529(7587), 484-489.
- Figure source: https://www.newyorker.com/tech/annals-of-technology/alphago-lee-sedol-and-the-reassuring-future-of-humans-and-machines



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Ouyang, Long, et al. "Training language models to follow instructions with human feedback." NeurIPS 2022.

Step 1

Collect demonstration data, and train a supervised policy.

A prompt is sampled from our prompt dataset.

A labeler demonstrates the desired output behavior.

This data is used to fine-tune GPT-3 with supervised learning.



Step 2

Collect comparison data, and train a reward model.

Explain the moon

landing to a 6 year old

G

Moon is natural

B

Explain war.

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A prompt and several model outputs are sampled.

A labeler ranks the outputs from best to worst.

This data is used to train our reward model.



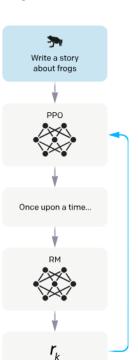
Optimize a policy against the reward model using reinforcement learning.

A new prompt is sampled from the dataset.

The policy generates an output.

The reward model calculates a reward for the output.

The reward is used to update the policy using PPO.





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Using reinforcement learning.

Code: https://github.com/jiseongHAN/Super-Mario-RL





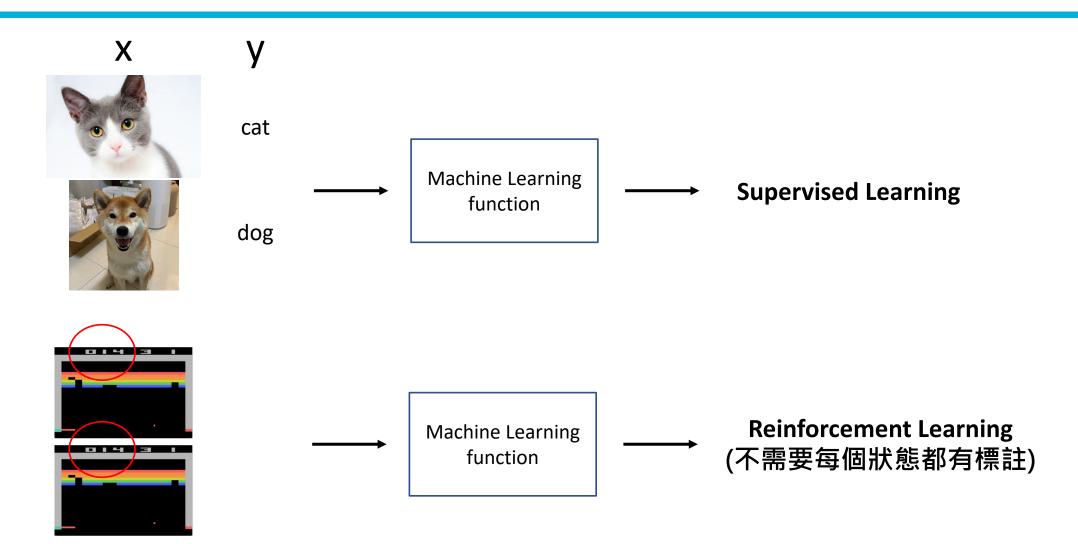
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為什麼我們要學 RL (2): 訓練方式的不同





Supervised Learning vs. Reinforcement Learning

- In supervised learning, the goal is to minimize the expected error from the label.
- In reinforcement learning, the goal is to maximize sum of reward.

Self-supervised learning 也是
一種 supervised learning!



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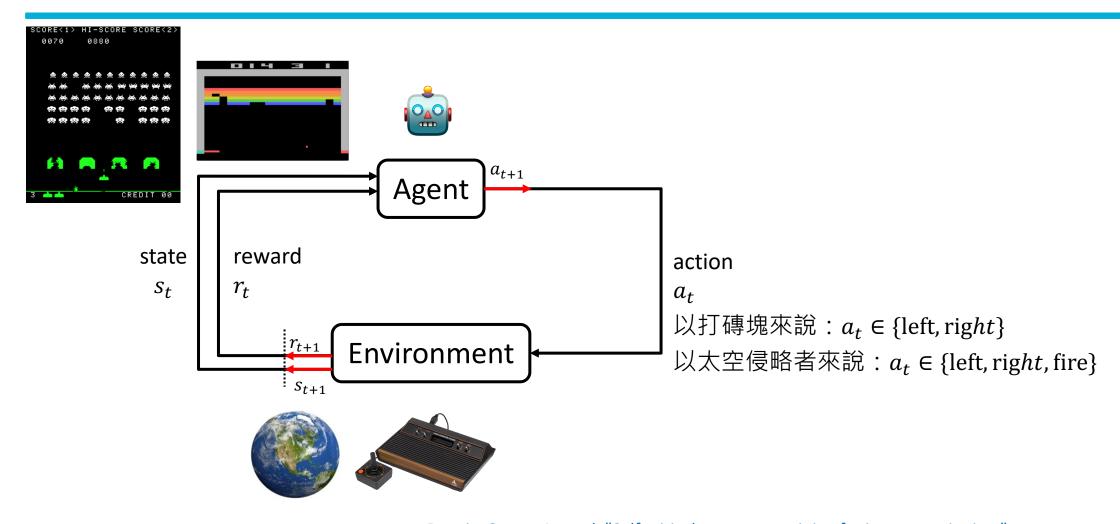
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[Illustration] RL的元素



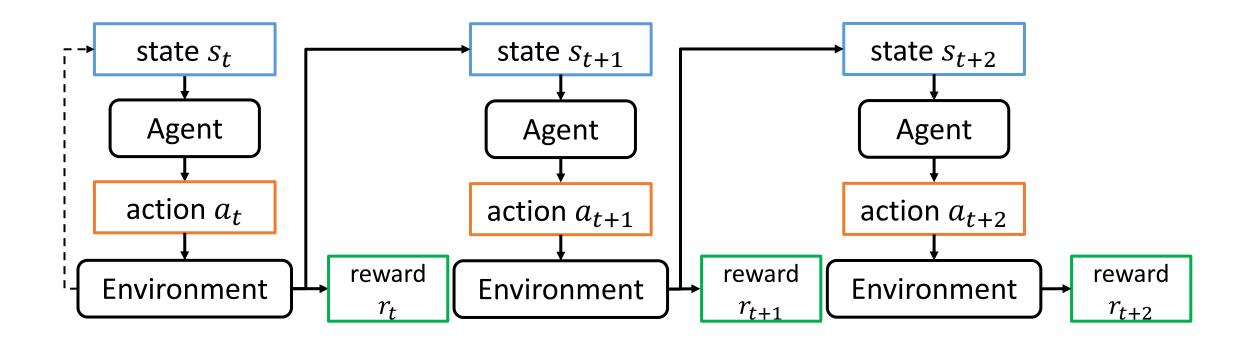


[Definitions] RL的元素

符號	名稱	意義
t	時間點	狀態或 agent 執行動作的最小單位
s_t	狀態 (state)	在 t 時間點,agent 所觀察到的狀態,由環境 (environment) 所提供
a_t	動作 (action)	agent 在狀態 s_t 下選擇的動作
r_t	即時回饋 (reward)	agent 執行 a_t 後,由環境給的分數



[Illustration] RL 的元素





[Definition] Trajectory and Episode

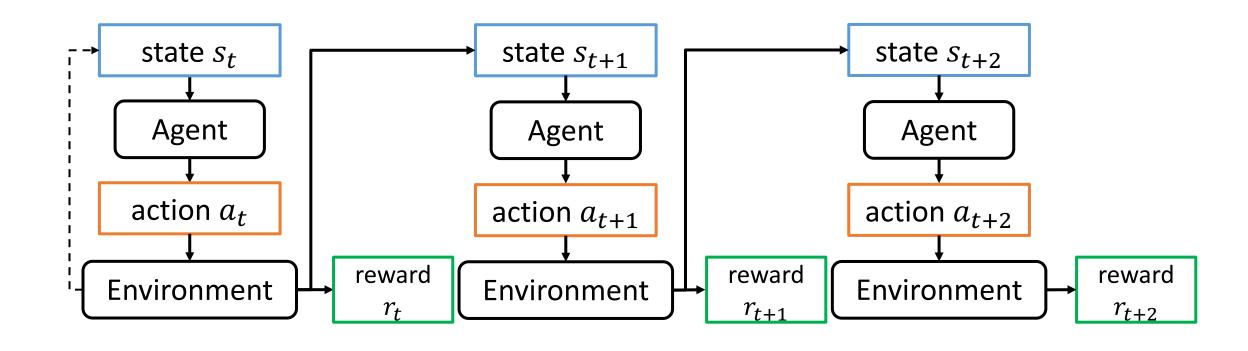
• Trajectory (軌跡, 通常 symbol 為 τ) 是指 agent 從環境中互動時,依序經歷的一連串狀態、動作和得到的回饋。

$$\tau = (s_1, a_1, r_1, s_2, a_2, r_2, \dots, s_T, a_T, r_T)$$

- Episode (回合, 通常無固定 symbol) 是指從「開始遊戲」到「遊戲結束」(或者達到某種終止條件, 比如死亡、完成任務) 這段完整的互動過程
- 一條 trajectory,也就是一個 episode



[Illustration] RL 的元素 (假設au只有3個點)



$$\pi_{\theta}(\tau) = \frac{\rho(s_1) \times \pi_{\theta}(a_1|s_1) \times \pi_{\theta}(a_2|s_2) \times \pi_{\theta}(a_3|s_3)}{t=1} = \prod_{t=1}^{t=1} \pi_{\theta}(a_t|s_t)$$



[Definition] Cumulated reward

對 agent 來說:

輸入 s_t

 a_t

得到 r_t

reward r_1

reward r_2

reward r_3

reward r_T

$$G_1 = r_1 + r_2 + r_3 + \dots + r_T$$

$$G_2 = r_2 + r_3 + \dots + r_T$$

$$G_3 = r_3 + \cdots + r_T$$

$$G_T = r_T$$

 G_t : cumulated reward since the time step t



[Definition] Discounted cumulated reward

對 agent 來說:

輸入 s_t

 a_t

得到 r_t

γ: discount factor(通常 γ < 1)

reward r_1

reward r_2

reward r_3

reward r_T

$$G_1 = r_1 + \gamma r_2 + \gamma^2 r_3 + \dots + \gamma^{T-1} r_T$$

$$G_2 = r_2 + \gamma r_3 + \dots + \gamma^{T-2} r_T$$

$$G_3 = r_3 + \gamma r_4 + \dots + \gamma^{T-3} r_T$$

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$$G_T = r_T$$

 G_t : cumulated reward since the time step t



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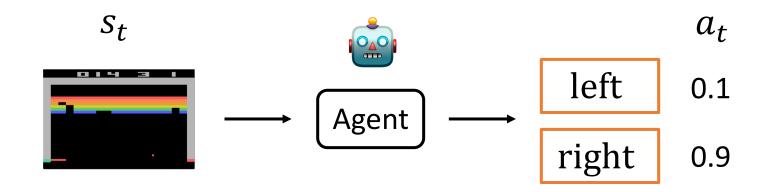
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[Definition] What is policy?



以打磚塊來說: $a_t \in \{\text{left, rig} ht\}$

- Policy (策略) 是 agent 根據當前狀態來決定要採取哪個動作的行為準則
 - actor 是其中一種 agents
- Policy 通常以 π 為符號,在 DRL 中屬於可以被訓練的模型



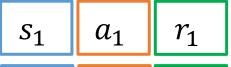
如何訓練一個RL模型?

Policy gradient

Step1: 收集資料







$$s_2 \mid a_2 \mid r_2$$

$$s_3$$
 a_3 r_3

,

$$s_T \mid a_T \mid r_T$$

Step2: 計算 reward 總和
$$\sum_{t=1}^{1} r_t$$

$$L = \sum_{t=1}^{T} r_t$$
 累積的 reward 越大越好



如何訓練一個RL模型?(3-1)

Log-derivative trick: http://www.math.ncu.edu.tw/~yu/smr cal100_1/boards/lec28_sc_100.pdf

Policy gradient and gradient descent

Step3: 更新模型

$$L = \sum_{t=1}^{T} r_t = R(\tau)$$

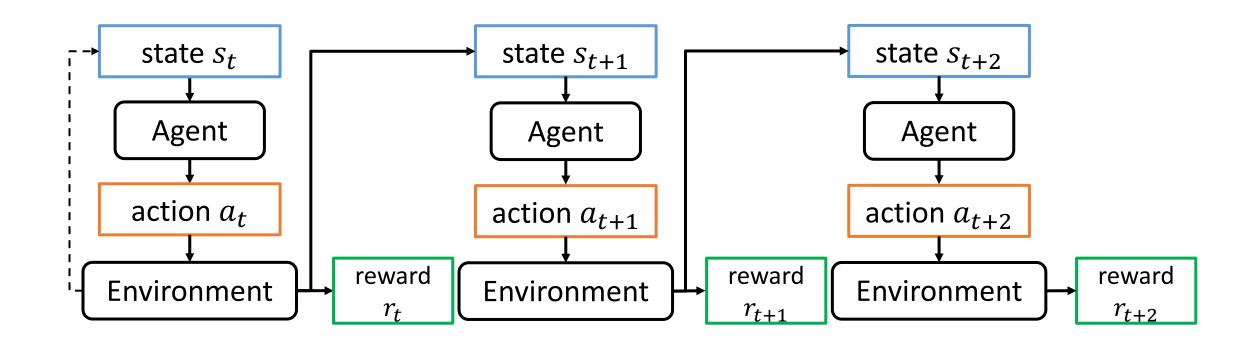
$$L = \sum_{ au} R(au) \cdot \pi_{ heta}(au)$$
期望值的概念

$$\begin{split} \nabla L &= \sum_{\tau} R(\tau) \cdot \nabla \pi_{\theta}(\tau) \\ &= \sum_{\tau} R(\tau) \cdot \pi_{\theta}(\tau) \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(\tau) \end{split}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\underline{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)}} [R(\tau) \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(\tau)]$$



[Illustration] RL 的元素 (假設au只有3個點)



$$\pi_{\theta}(\tau) = \frac{\rho(s_1) \times \pi_{\theta}(a_1|s_1) \times \pi_{\theta}(a_2|s_2) \times \pi_{\theta}(a_3|s_3)}{t=1} = \prod_{t=1}^{t=1} \pi_{\theta}(a_t|s_t)$$



Log Derivative Trick

假設有一function $p_{\theta}(x)$

$$\frac{\log p'_{\theta}(x)}{\uparrow} = \frac{1}{p(x)}p'(x) \implies \underline{p'(x)} = p(x) \cdot \log p'_{\theta}(x)$$

function取log的一次微分 (梯度)

對照上一頁: $7\log \pi_{\theta}(\tau)$

function的一次微分 (梯度)

對照上一頁: $∇π_θ(τ)$



如何訓練一個RL模型?(3-2)

Policy gradient and gradient descent

Step3: 更新模型

$$\pi_{\theta}(\tau) = \prod_{t=1}^{T} \pi_{\theta}(a_{t}|s_{t})$$

$$\log \pi_{\theta}(\tau) = \log \prod_{t=1}^{T} \pi_{\theta}(a_{t}|s_{t})$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^{T} \log \pi_{\theta}(a_{t}|s_{t})$$

$$\nabla L = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} [R(\tau) \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(\tau)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[R(\tau) \cdot \nabla \sum_{t=1}^{T} \log \pi_{\theta}(a_{t}|s_{t}) \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[\sum_{t=1}^{T} R(\tau) \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(a_{t}|s_{t}) \right]$$



Why Log Derivative Trick?

還沒有使用 log derivative trick 前:

$$\nabla L = \sum_{\tau} R(\tau) \cdot \nabla \pi_{\theta}(\tau)$$

$$\pi_{\theta}(\tau) = \rho(s_1) \times \pi_{\theta}(a_1|s_1) \times \pi_{\theta}(a_2|s_2) \times \dots \times \pi_{\theta}(a_T|s_T) = \prod_{t=1}^{t} \pi_{\theta}(a_t|s_t)$$

$$\log \pi_{\theta}(\tau) = \log[\pi_{\theta}(a_1|s_1) \times \pi_{\theta}(a_2|s_2) \times \dots \times \pi_{\theta}(a_T|s_T)] = \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t|s_t)$$



相加 -> easier

如何訓練一個RL模型?(3-3)

Policy gradient and gradient descent

Step3: 更新模型

$$\nabla L = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[\sum_{t=1}^{T} R(\tau) \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(a_{t}|s_{t}) \right]$$

更新w:

$$w_N = w_{N-1} - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{N-1}}$$

更新b:

$$b_N = b_{N-1} - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_{N-1}}$$

• η 代表 learning rate



把 G_t (Cumulated reward) 考慮進去

$$\nabla L = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[\sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{R(\tau)}{\uparrow} \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t) \right] \quad G_1 = r_1 + \gamma r_2 + \gamma^2 r_3 + \dots + \gamma^{T-1} r_T$$

$$G_2 = r_2 + \gamma r_3 + \dots + \gamma^{T-2} r_T$$

$$G_t = \sum_{t'=t}^{T} \gamma^{t'-t} r_{t'}$$

Replace total reward $R(\tau)$ with timestep-specific cumulative reward G_t

$$G_1 = r_1 + \gamma r_2 + \gamma^2 r_3 + \dots + \gamma^{T-1} r_T$$
 $G_2 = r_2 + \gamma r_3 + \dots + \gamma^{T-2} r_T$
 $G_3 = r_3 + \gamma r_4 + \dots + \gamma^{T-3} r_T$
 \vdots
 $G_T = r_T$

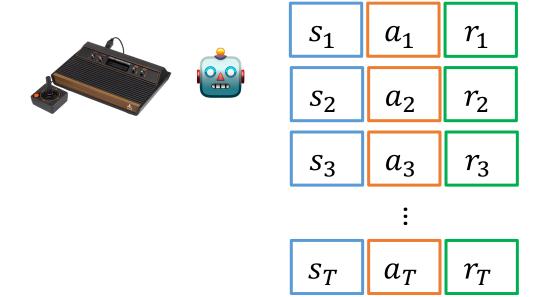
$$\nabla L = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[\sum_{t=1}^{T} G_{t} \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(a_{t}|s_{t}) \right]$$



[Important Notes] Training 細節

- 通常一個 episode 更新一次 agent
- 每次 agent 更新後,資料要重新收集

Step1: 收集資料





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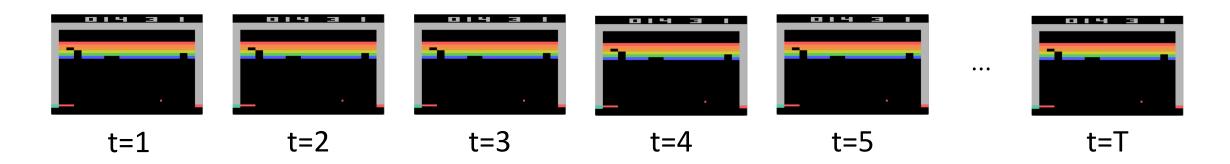
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General Problem (1)

通常一個回合你會玩很久 ... (?)



 a_1

每個t時間點的動作都會影響未來的s跟a,導致每個回合的 G_t 都有可能出現很大差異

a ₁ 做什麼?	左	右	不動
G_t	10	100	0



General Problem (2)

$$\nabla L = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \underline{[R(\tau) \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(\tau)]}$$

代表玩完整場遊戲才能知道 reward 高不高 (過程中的 actions 到底好不好)

有沒有可能每個 t 時間點都能算出一個 reward 分數?



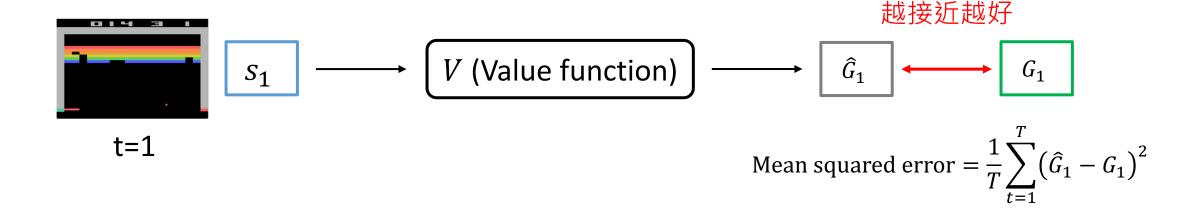
[Definition] Critic

- Critic: 用來評價 state (或 state, action) 的函數,可以是個模型
 - 用來評價 state 的函數:Value Function (通常 symbol 為 V)
 - 用來評價 state, action 的函數:State-action Value Function (通常 symbol 為 Q)
- Critic 就是 value function,功能為未卜先知,預測「未來總 reward」



訓練 V 的方法 (1): Monte Carlo

• 直接 train 下去





訓練 V 的方法 (2): Temporal Difference (TD)

[Recap] Discounted cumulated reward

reward r_1

reward r_2

reward r_3

reward r_T

$$G_1 = r_1 + \gamma r_2 + \gamma^2 r_3 + \dots + \gamma^{T-1} r_T$$

$$G_2 = r_2 + \gamma r_3 + \dots + \gamma^{T-2} r_T$$

$$G_3 = r_3 + \gamma r_4 + \dots + \gamma^{T-3} r_T$$

$$G_1 = \gamma G_2 + r_1$$

$$G_2 = {\gamma} G_3 + r_2$$

$$G_t = \gamma G_{t+1} + r_t$$

$$G_t - \gamma G_{t+1} = r_t$$

任兩個時間點的 G 的關係

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$$G_T = r_T$$

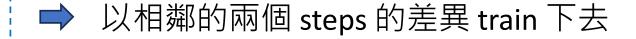
 G_t : cumulated reward since the time step t

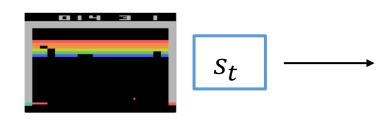


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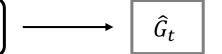
任兩個時間點的 G 的關係:

$$G_t - \gamma G_{t+1} = r_t$$





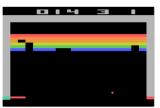
V (Value function)



$$\widehat{G}_t = V(s_t)$$

time step: t

模型訓練目標: $V(s_t) - \gamma V(s_{t+1})$ 越接近 r_t 越好



 s_{t+1}

+1 \longrightarrow V (Value function)

$$\longrightarrow \left| \hat{G}_{t+1} \right|$$

$$\widehat{G}_{t+1} = V(s_{t+1})$$

time step: t+1



V 如何幫助 actor 訓練 ? $\nabla L = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \left| \sum_{t=1}^{r} G_t \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t) \right|$

$$\nabla L = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[\sum_{t=1}^{T} G_t \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t) \right]$$

Advantage function (優勢函數)

$$A_t = G_t - V(s_t)$$

Monte Carlo

$$\nabla L = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[\sum_{t=1}^{T} (G_t - \underline{V(s_t)}) \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t) \right]$$

 $V(s_t)$ 學到預估的累積 reward

只要 actor 試著將 $G_t - V(s_t)$ 變大,就能產生更好的 action



$$\nabla L = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[\sum_{t=1}^{T} G_t \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t) \right]$$

Advantage function (優勢函數)

$$A_t = G_t - V(s_t)$$

Temporal Difference (TD)

訓練V時: $V(s_t) - \gamma V(s_{t+1})$ 越接近 r_t 越好

訓練 actor 時: $r_t - V(s_t) + \gamma V(s_{t+1})$ 越大越好,因為 $V(s_t) - \gamma V(s_{t+1})$ 只是預估值

$$\nabla L = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim \pi_{\theta}(\tau)} \left[\sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{(r_t + \gamma V(s_{t+1}) - V(s_t)) \cdot \nabla \log \pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t)}{\right]$$



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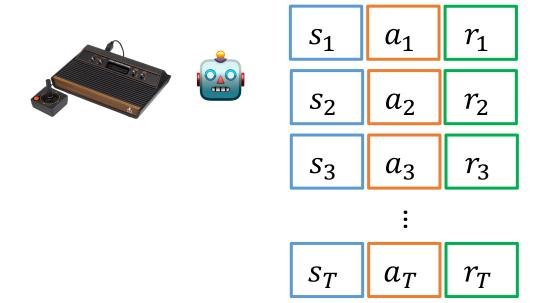
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[Recap, Important Notes] Training 細節

- 通常一個 episode 更新一次 actor
- 每次 agent 更新後,資料要重新收集

Question: 舊的資料是否能沿用呢?

Step1: 收集資料





[Definition] On-policy and Off-policy

- On-policy:被訓練的 agent 跟資料是來自同一個 policy
 - 訓練資料來自目前的 policy (現在訓練 π_{θ} , 資料來自 π_{θ})
- Off-policy:被訓練的 agent 跟資料不是來自同一個 policy
 - 訓練資料來自不同的 policies (例如:現在訓練 $\pi_{ heta_{
 m new}}$ 但資料來自 $\pi_{ heta_{
 m old}}$)



On-policy and Off-policy

Hung-yi Lee: https://youtu.be/OAKAZhFmYoI?si=zmFUM46UJ4ONKchQ&t=90

On-policy: 阿光下棋

Off-policy: 佐為下棋、阿光在旁邊看



On-policy: 自己打game



Off-policy: 看實況主打game,自己偷學 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmabM0dFGWU



Off-policy 的問題與 PPO

TRPO: Schulman, John, et al. "Trust region policy optimization." *International conference on machine learning*. 2015. PPO: Schulman, John, et al. "Proximal policy optimization algorithms." arXiv preprint arXiv:1707.06347 (2017).

- 資料 (來自 $\pi_{\theta_{\mathrm{old}}}$) 是舊的 · 但模型 ($\pi_{\theta_{\mathrm{new}}}$) 是新的
 - $\pi_{ heta_{
 m new}}$ 可能已經變強了,可能會被舊的資料誤導
- 有些 paper (如 TRPO) 會採用 importance sampling 的方法來限制 $\pi_{ heta_{
 m new}}(a_t|s_t)$ 的變化

$$\frac{\pi_{\theta_{\text{new}}}(a_t|s_t)}{\pi_{\theta_{\text{old}}}(a_t|s_t)}$$

- 但在 $\pi_{\theta_{\text{new}}}(a_t|s_t)$ 和 $\pi_{\theta_{\text{old}}}(a_t|s_t)$ 差異很大的情況下,訓練不穩定
 - -> 近代作法 PPO (Proximal Policy Optimization) 用範圍更加限制 importance sampling 的變化:

$$1 - \epsilon \le \frac{\pi_{\theta_{\text{new}}}(a_t|s_t)}{\pi_{\theta_{\text{old}}}(a_t|s_t)} \le 1 + \epsilon$$



• ϵ 為超參數,PPO 論文中設為 0.2

Summary

- Policy gradient: 讓 policy 透過 maximize reward 方向更新
- Value function: 預測一個 state 的「未來總 reward」
- On-policy vs. Off-policy: 模型「自己收資料」或「看舊資料學習」的差別
- PPO: 透過限制 policy 來小步更新幅度,慢慢變好



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- OpenAl Spinning Up in Deep RL
 - https://spinningup.openai.com/en/latest/algorithms/ppo.html



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