

# Policy gradient lab

Download the code for solving pong (keras adaptation):

[https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mkturkcan/Keras-Pong/master/keras\\_pong.py](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mkturkcan/Keras-Pong/master/keras_pong.py)

## Adaptation to python3

- change the print syntax
- replace *model.iteritems* by *model.items*
- replace *xrange* by *range*

## Speed

increase speed by modifying the learning rate to  $10^{-3}$

## try different ideas of improvement

- read the code and observe the reward function
- reward shaping (positive reward if ball is hitting the paddle)
  - need the detection of the event of hitting the paddle
  - value of reward
- change the topology of the neural network :
  - 1 or 2 layers of convolution
  - 1 dense layer
- (modify the output : allow the possibility of no displacement )

For all of these ideas, compare the learning curve (score vs game number).