Assignment 3(B): Building a Robot Cleaner with Reinforcement Learning

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1. Introduction

In this part of the assignment, you will implement the Reinforcement Learning (RL) algorithms, and use the models learned by these algorithms to make decisions on cleaning robot navigation problem. You are required to complete the lines between **START YOUR CODE HERE** and **END YOUR CODE HERE** (if applicable) and to execute each cell. Within each coding block, you are required to enter your code to replace **None** after the sign (except otherwise stated). You are not allowed to use other libraries or files than those provided in this assignment. When entering your code, you should not change the names of variables, constants, and functions already listed.

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Before we begin with the exercises, we need to import all libraries required for this programming exercise.

```
In [1]: # Scientific and vector computation for python
    import numpy as np

# Plotting library
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# library for data copy
    from copy import deepcopy

# package for display
    from IPython import display
```

```
# the Room environment
import Room
from Room import *

# tells matplotlib to embed plots within the notebook
%matplotlib inline
```

2. Learning Environment

You will use a pre-defined environment (a room) to train a robot (or agent) to learn to clean a room. The robot has a set of sensors to observe the state of its environment, and a set of actions it can perform to change the state. You will implement a reinforcement learning (RL) algorithm to enable the robot to learn. The environment (the class named "Room()") has been set up for you as follows.



- 1. **Grid**: the room is split into 49 (=7x7) cells. The position of the robot cleaner must be in one of these cells.
- 2. **Goal**: the goal of the robot (green circle) is to clean all the cell(s) labeled with **red stars** by minimizing the energy to be used to navigate to the cell(s) (assuming unlimited battery capacity).
- 3. Obstacle: each obstacle is labeled by a black cell that the robot should avoid colliding with.

All agents will learn by interacting with the environment. You can create and initialize such the environment (room) with the following statement:

```
env = Room(size=(5,5), goal_num=3, obstacle_num=2)
```

where the input size= denotes the configuration of the room; "goal_num" is the number of cells (labeled with stars) that the robot should clean; "obstacle_num" is the number of obstacles. After you initialized the environment named by env, you can use three types of functions:

- 1. env.reset(): this function is used to reset the room environment. The positions of the robot and goals will be re-assigned randomly. The output of this function is the state vector (i.e., states).
- 2. env.step(): is used to let the agent interact with the environment. The agent enters action to the function that returns the state and reward. The boolean parameter done indicates whether the learning episode is ending (if it happens, then the function "env.reset()" must be used to reset the environment).
- 3. env.render(): is used to visualize the current situation of environment (grid world), goal cells (red star) and your cleaning robot (green circle).

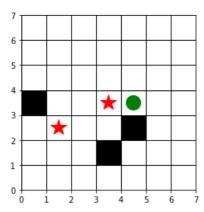
Reward Computation

- 1. energy usage: a penalty $r_{energy}=-0.01$ will be incurred each time the <code>env.step()</code> is used.
- 2. reaching a goal: when the robot reaches a goal, a reward $r_{goal}=+1$ will be added and the color of goal star will turn from red to blue (no more reward will be given when it is re-visited). If all goals have been reached, then the learning episode will end.
- 3. boundary penalty: any action that will lead the robot to go out of the room boundary will incur a penalty $r_{boundary} = -0.01$, and the robot will stay in the cell prior to taking this action.
- 4. obstacle penalty: when the robot collide with an obstacle, a penalty $r_{obstacle} = -1$ will be incurred. Then, this episode will end.

[Test Block 1]: Test code for class Room(). After defining the environment, please run the following demo room_0 = Room() environment to see how the robot interacts with the environment.

```
In [2]: # random robot cleaning
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(6,6))
ax = fig.subplots(1,1)
room_0 = Room(goal_num=2, obstacle_num=3)
state = room_0.reset()

for _ in range(100):
    action = np.random.randint(room_0.action_space)
    state, reward, done = room_0.step(action)
    room_0.render()
    plt.pause(0.01)
    display.clear_output(wait=True)
    if done:
        state = room_0.reset()
```



3. Q-Agent

One of the most important tasks to use reinforcement learning is to define a learning agent. In this assignment, your task is to implement the Q-learning algorithm. The update rule of Q-learning algorithm is defined as follows:

$$\hat{Q}(s,a) \leftarrow r + \gamma \max_{a'} \hat{Q}(s',a')$$
 . (1)

Task 1: in detail, you should:

- 1. assign the input gamma to attribute self.gamma (1 line)
- 2. assign the input learning rate to attribute self.learning rate (1 line)
- 3. assign the input epsilon to attribute self.epsilon (1 line)

Task 2: In this task, you will implement the ϵ -greedy rule for the exploration and exploitation in an unknown environment (this article provides a practical explanation of the algorithm).

- 1. generate a random number in uniform distribution between 0 and 1. You can use the function np.random.uniform() to generate this number and compare this number with self.epsilon . (1 line)
- 2. if the number is larger than the self.epsilon, you will get current action value based on the current state of Q table. To do so, you will (3 lines)
 - transform the list data type of state to tuple with the function tuple(). Save it in tuple_state.
 - use self.q_table[] and tuple_state to get the q value vector of current state. Save it in q_value .
 - extract the element index of the maximal value in the q_value . Save it in action . The function np.argmax() can be applied to a numpy array to find the maximal value among all its values.
- 3. if the number is smaller than self.epsilon, then you will select one action from [0, 1, 2, 3] randomly (note: self.action_n = 4, i.e., four possible actions). You can use the np.random.randint() to finish this function. (1 line)

Task 3: In this task, you will:

- 1. compute td_target by applying the updating rule of Q-learning (Equation (1)) to get next state's estimated reward (note: you can use __max() to find the maximum scalar value within a numpy array; you need to multiply (1 done) with the max function in Equation (1)) (1 line)
- 2. assign state to q_state and append action to q_state (2 lines)
- 3. compute td_error by subtracting the reward of current state and action (by using the self.q_table) from td_target (hint: see q_value in Task 2) (1 line)
- 4. update the Q-table of current state by adding the product of learning rate and td_error (1 line)

```
self.action n = env.action space
   # q-table
   g table dimension = env.state space
   q table dimension.append(env.action space)
   self.q table = np.random.normal(0.0, 0.0001, q table dimension)
def decide(self, state):
   # task 2:
           ========= START YOUR CODE HERE ===============
   if np.random.uniform() > self.epsilon:
      tuple state = tuple(state)
      q_value = self.q_table[tuple_state]
      action = np.argmax(q value)
   else:
      action = np.random.randint(self.action n)
              ======= END YOUR CODE HERE
   return action
def learn(self, state, action, reward, next_state, done):
   # task 3:
           td_target = reward+self.gamma*max(self.q_table[tuple(next_state)])*(1-done)
   q state = state
   q_state.append(action)
   td_error = td_target-self.q_table[tuple(q_state)]
   self.q_table[tuple(q_state)] += self.learning_rate*td_error
```

4. Agent-Environment Interaction

In this part, you will define the function for the interaction between agent and environment. In detail, you will:

Task 4:

- 1. get the current action from the agent with its function decide(). Save the resulting action in action (1 line)
- 2. use the action as input to the function env.step() to generate next_state, reward, and done (check if the current state is a terminal state of this episode) (1 line)
- 3. store the obtained reward in episode_reward (1 line)

Task 5:

1. when train is true, please use your implemented agent.learn() function to update the Q-table in the agent with existing variables as inputs (1 line)

```
In [31]: def agent env interaction(env, agent, max iter=50, train=False):
        episode_reward = 0
        state = env.reset()
        for _ in range(max_iter):
           # task 4:
                action = agent.decide(state)
           next_state, reward, done = env.step(action)
           episode_reward += reward
                 if train:
             # task 5:
                  agent.learn(state, action, reward, next state, done)
             if done:
             break
           state = next state
        return episode_reward
```

5. Cleaning Performance Evaluation

In this section, you will train multiple agents in different environments. Note that the agents cannot guarantee 100% successful completion of the tasks. You can re-run the evaluation to watch the overall performance of the agent.

5.1. Empty Room with One Cell to Clean

5.1.1. Training Environment Setting

The learning task is to let the robot clean one target cell in an empty room (without obstacle). The environment will be configured to have one goal and no obstacle. In detail, you will:

Task 6:

Task 6(A)

- 1. create a Room() environment and save it in room_1 . Please set the input goal_num= and obstacle num= correctly. (1 line)
- 2. create a <code>QAgent()</code> robot and save it in <code>robot_1</code> . Please set the input <code>epsilon=</code> as 0.2 (you can also set another value later for comparison). (1 line) ##### Task 6(B)
- 3. get the reward of one episode with your implemented function agent_env_interaction(). Do not forget to set the input train= to be True. Then, save the result in episode_reward. (1 line)

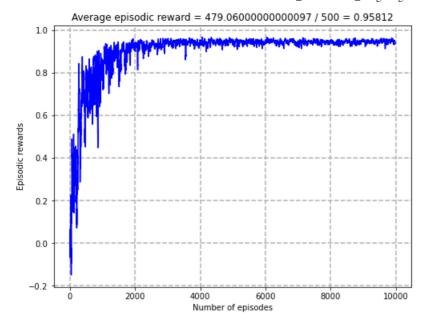
```
In [32]: episodes = 10000
        # create environment
        # task 6(A):
        room_1 = Room(goal_num=1, obstacle_num=0)
        robot_1 = QAgent(room_1, epsilon=0.2)
                         ==== END YOUR CODE HERE ====
        # training
        episode rewards = []
        for episode in range(episodes):
           if episode % 1000 == 0:
              print("Episode: {}".format(episode))
           # task 6(B):
                         ====== START YOUR CODE HERE =
           episode_reward = agent_env_interaction(room_1,robot_1,train=True)
             ========== END YOUR CODE HERE =
           episode_rewards.append(episode_reward)
        Episode: 0
```

Episode: 1000
Episode: 2000
Episode: 3000
Episode: 4000
Episode: 5000
Episode: 6000
Episode: 7000
Episode: 8000
Episode: 8000

5.1.2. Training Performance Visualization

After training 10000 episodes, the average rewards of each episode are visualized by the following figure. Note that we use a moving average (window size=20) on the recorded reward information. Decreasing the size of the window would show a more drastic fluctuation of rewards during the learning process.

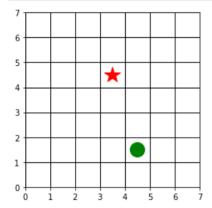
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In [33]: # compute moving average
         window_size = 20
         moving_averaged_rewards = list()
          for idx in range(len(episode_rewards)):
             if idx+window_size < len(episode_rewards):</pre>
                  average_reward = np.mean(episode_rewards[idx:idx+window_size])
                 moving averaged rewards.append(average reward)
          # test agent without exploration
          robot_1.epsilon = 0.
          test_episode_rewards = [agent_env_interaction(room_1, robot_1, train=False) for _ in range(500)]
         fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
          ax = fig.subplots(1,1)
          ax.plot(moving_averaged_rewards, color='b', linewidth=1.5)
         ax.grid(linestyle='--', linewidth=1.5)
          ax.set xlabel('Number of episodes')
         ax.set_ylabel('Episodic rewards')
          ax.set_title('Average episodic reward = {} / {} = {}'.format(sum(test_episode_rewards),
                                                                         len(test_episode_rewards), np.mean(te
```



5.1.3. Robot Behavior Visualization

You can also visualize the behaviors of your trained cleaning robot in the room by the following code block:

```
In [34]: # robot clearning with single goal
    state = room_1.reset()
    for _ in range(100):
        action = robot_1.decide(state)
        state, reward, done = room_1.step(action)
        room_1.render()
        plt.pause(0.01)
        display.clear_output(wait=True)
        if done:
            state = room_1.reset()
```



5.2. Empty Room with Two Cells to Clean

5.2.1. Training Environment Setting

The learning task in this section is to let the robot clean two target cells in an empty room (without obstacle). The environment will be configured to have two goals and no obstacle. In detail, you will:

Task 7:

Task 7(A)

- 1. create a Room() environment and save it in room_2 . Please set the input goal_num= and obstacle_num= correctly. (1 line)
- 2. create a QAgent() robot and save it in robot_2 . Please set the input epsilon= as 0.2 (you can also set another value later for comparison). (1 line) ##### Task 7(B)
- 3. get the reward of one episode with your implemented function agent_env_interaction(). Do not forget to set the input train= to be True. Then, save the result in episode_reward. (1 line)

This part requires aproximately 4-6 minutes depending on your hardware.

```
In [35]: episodes = 100000
       # create environment
       # task 7(A):
                ======== START YOUR CODE HERE =============
       room 2 = Room(goal num=2, obstacle num=0)
       robot_2 = QAgent(room_2, epsilon=0.2)
       # training
       episode_rewards = []
       for episode in range(episodes):
          if episode % 1000 == 0:
            print("Episode: {}".format(episode))
          # task 7(B):
          # ========== START YOUR CODE HERE ==========
          episode_reward = agent_env_interaction(room_2,robot_2,train=True)
          episode_rewards.append(episode_reward)
```

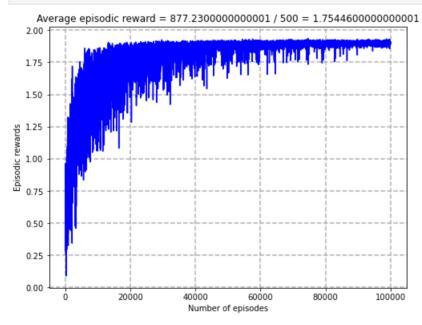
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Episode: 81000
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Episode: 83000
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Episode: 86000
Episode: 87000
Episode: 88000
Episode: 89000
Episode: 90000
Episode: 91000
Episode: 92000
Episode: 93000
Episode: 94000
Episode: 95000
Episode: 96000
Episode: 97000
Episode: 98000
Episode: 99000
```

5.2.2. Training Performance Visualization

After training 100000 episodes, the average rewards of each episode are visualized by the following figure.

```
In [36]: # compute moving average
         window size = 20
         moving_averaged_rewards = list()
          for idx in range(len(episode rewards)):
             if idx+window_size < len(episode_rewards):</pre>
                  average_reward = np.mean(episode_rewards[idx:idx+window_size])
                 moving_averaged_rewards.append(average_reward)
          robot 2.epsilon = 0. # disable exploration
          test_episode_rewards = [agent_env_interaction(room_2, robot_2, train=False) for _ in range(500)]
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
          ax = fig.subplots(1,1)
          ax.plot(moving_averaged_rewards, color='b', linewidth=1.5)
          ax.grid(linestyle='--', linewidth=1.5)
          ax.set xlabel('Number of episodes')
          ax.set_ylabel('Episodic rewards')
          ax.set_title('Average episodic reward = {} / {} = {}'.format(sum(test_episode_rewards),
                                                                         len(test episode rewards), np.mean(te
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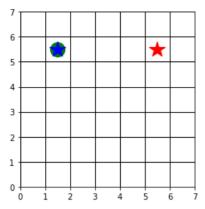


5.2.3. Robot Behavior Visualization

You can also visualize the behaviors of your trained cleaning robot in the room by the following code block:

```
In [37]: # robot clearning with single goal
state = room_2.reset()
for _ in range(100):
    action = robot_2.decide(state)
    state, reward, done = room_2.step(action)
```

```
room_2.render()
plt.pause(0.01)
display.clear_output(wait=True)
if done:
    state = room_2.reset()
```



5.3. Room with Obstacles and Two Cells to Clean

5.3.1. Training Environment Setting

The learning task is to let the robot clean two target cells in a room with two obstacles. The environment will be configured to have two goals and two obstacles. In detail, you will:

Task 8:

Task 8(A)

- 1. create a Room() environment and save it in room_3 . Please set the input goal_num= and obstacle_num= correctly. (1 line)
- 2. create a QAgent() robot and save it in robot_3 . Please set the input epsilon= as 0.2 (you can also set another value later for comparison). (1 line) ##### Task 8(B)
- 3. get the reward of one episode with your implemented function agent_env_interaction(). Do not forget to set the input train= to be "True". Then, save the result in episode_reward. (1 line)

This part requires aproximately 7-10 minutes depending on your hardware.

```
In [38]: episodes = 150000
       # create environment
      # task 8(A):
               room_3 = Room(goal_num=2, obstacle_num=2)
       robot_3 = QAgent(room_3, epsilon=0.2)
                       = END YOUR CODE HERE =====
       # training
      episode_rewards = []
       for episode in range(episodes):
         if episode % 1000 == 0:
            print("Episode: {}".format(episode))
         # task 8(B):
         episode_reward = agent_env_interaction(room_3,robot_3,train=True)
               episode_rewards.append(episode_reward)
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Episode: 79000

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5.3.2. Training Performance Visualization

After training 150000 episodes, the average rewards of each episode are visualized by the following figure. The size of moving average window is 50 due to large vibration in more complex environment.

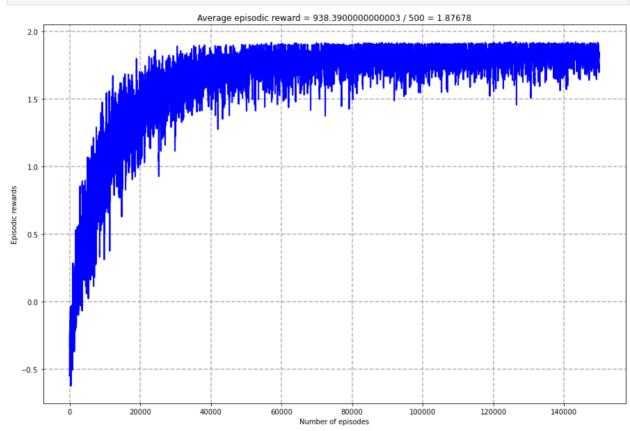
```
In [39]: # compute moving average
  window_size = 50
  moving_averaged_rewards = list()
```

Episode: 149000

```
for idx in range(len(episode_rewards)):
    if idx+window_size < len(episode_rewards):
        average_reward = np.mean(episode_rewards[idx:idx+window_size])
        moving_averaged_rewards.append(average_reward)

robot_3.epsilon = 0. # disable exploration
test_episode_rewards = [agent_env_interaction(room_3, robot_3) for _ in range(500)]

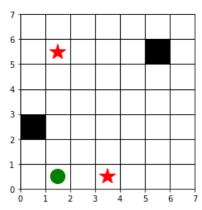
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(15,10))
ax = fig.subplots(1,1)
ax.plot(moving_averaged_rewards, color='b', linewidth=2)
ax.grid(linestyle='--', linewidth=1.5)
ax.set_xlabel('Number of episodes')
ax.set_ylabel('Episodic rewards')
ax.set_ylabel('Episodic rewards')
ax.set_title('Average episodic reward = {} / {} = {}'.format(sum(test_episode_rewards), np.mean(test_episode_rewards), np.mean(test_episode_rewards), np.mean(test_episode_rewards), np.mean(test_episode_rewards), np.mean(test_episode_rewards), np.mean(test_episode_rewards), np.mean(test_episode_rewards), np.mean(test_episode_rewards)</pre>
```



5.3.3. Robot Behavior Visualization

You can also visualize the behaviors of your trained cleaning robot in the room by the following code block:

```
In [40]: # robot clearning with single goal
state = room_3.reset()
for _ in range(100):
    action = robot_3.decide(state)
    state, reward, done = room_3.step(action)
    room_3.render()
    plt.pause(0.01)
    display.clear_output(wait=True)
    if done:
        state = room_3.reset()
```



Comparing the three learning scenarios, you should notice the following:

- The epsilon-greedy algorithm balances between exploration and exploitation by using the probabilities ε and 1 ε respectively.
- A simple environment (as in Section 5.1) with no obstacle and only one cell to clean requires fewer than 10000 learning episode to achieve convergence.
- As the environment becomes more complex (as in Section 5.2 and Section 5.3), the number of episodes required to find the maximum rewards increases exponentially.

6. Marking Scheme and Submission

This part carries 30% of the assignment grade. Part A (clustering) carries 50%. The Quiz posted on Moodle carries 20%. Late submission will incur a 30% deduction. The marking scheme of this part follows.

Task Summary

Task	Grade Points
1. Parameter Initialization (QAgentinit())	3
2. Action Sampling (QAgent.decide())	4
3. Q-Learning Function (QAgent.learn())	6
4. Agent-Environment Interaction (agent_env_interaction())	5
<pre>5. Learning Process (agent_env_interaction())</pre>	3
6. Empty Room with One Cell to Clean	3
7. Empty Room with Two Cells to Clean	3
8. Room with Obstacles and Two Cells to Clean	3
TOTAL	30

Submission

You are required to upload to Moodle a zip file containing the following files.

- 1. Your completed Jupyter Notebook of this part. Please rename your file as A3B_[SID]_[FirstnameLastname].ipynb (where [SID] is your student ID and [FirstnameLastname] is your first name and last name concatenated) and do not include the data file. You must complete the **Acknowledgment** section in order for the file to be graded.
- 2. The PDF version (.pdf file) of your completed notebook (click File > Download as > PDF via HTML (If error occurs, you may download it as HTML and then save the HTML as PDF separately)).

In addition, please complete A3Q: Assignment 3 -- Quiz separately on the Moodle site.

7. Summary

Congratulations! You have implemented the Q-learning algorithm to enable a robot to clean a room using reinforcement learning! To summarize, you have implemented the Q-agent and the interaction process between

agent and environment. Your program has evaluated the agent's learning in three different environments and has produced visualizations of the reward and robot behavior.