

Objective:

Train an agent to collect Yellow Bananas while avoiding Blue Bananas

Environment:

The environment has a state space that has 37 dimensions and contains the agent's velocity, along with ray-based perception of objects around the agent's forward direction. Given this information, the agent has to learn how to best select actions.

We can take four actions, namely:

1. 0: move forward
2. 1: move backward
3. 2: turn left
4. 3: turn right

Implementation:

1. We are using DQN for the Reinforcement Learning task
2. Idea being used is from the paper "Human-level control through deep reinforcement learning"
(<https://storage.googleapis.com/deepmind-media/dqn/DQNNaturePaper.pdf>)
3. We are using Replay buffer to train the network
4. We also tried prioritized experience replay code(<https://github.com/rlcode/per.git>) but did not get the expected result. Also tried using heap for prioritized memory.

Model:

1. Input Size: 37
2. Number of hidden layers: 2
3. Hidden layers sizes: [37*4, 37*4]
4. Output Layer size = 4
5. Activation function: Relu
6. Optimizer: Adam

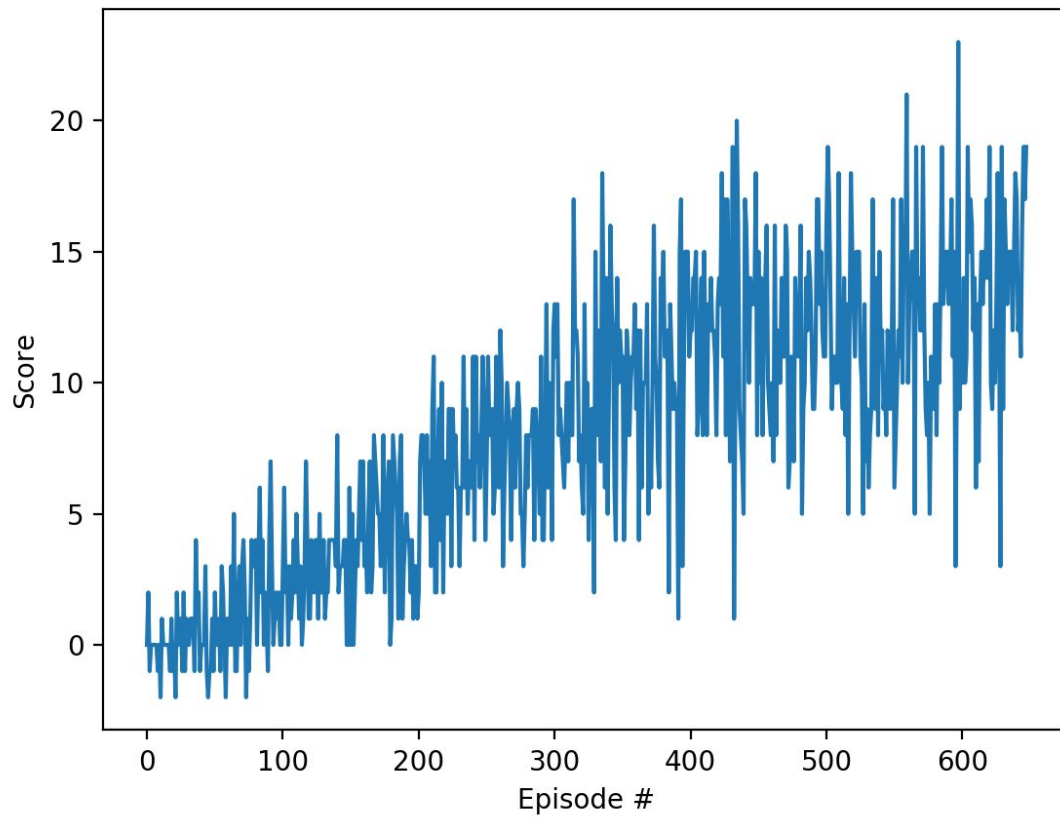
Hyperparameters:

1. Buffer Size:
 - a. Description: size of replay memory

- b. Value: `int(1e5)`
- 2. Batch size:
 - a. Description: number of samples being used in one iteration
 - b. Value: 64
- 3. Gamma:
 - a. Description: discount factor
 - b. Value: 0.99
- 4. Tau:
 - a. Description: factor for soft update of target model
 - b. Value: `1e-3`
- 5. LR:
 - a. Description: learning rate
 - b. Value: `5e-4`
- 6. Update_every:
 - a. Description: After how many samples we need to learn
 - b. Value: 4

Output:

1. Agent took around 560 episodes to reach an average reward of 13 over 100 episodes.
2. Model is saved in the `checkpoint.pth` file.



Ideas for future work:

1. Need to look at why prioritized experience replay is not work.
2. Work on double DQN and Dueling DQN.