

GLIE Monte Carlo Control

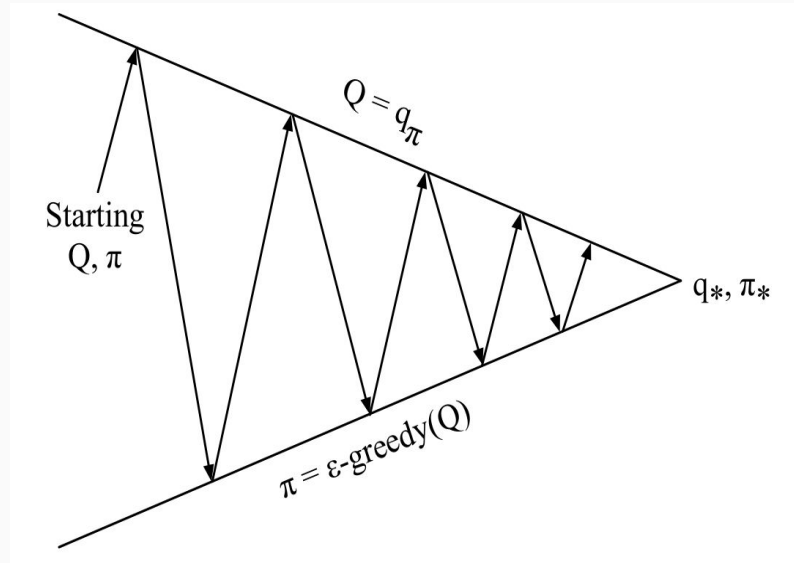
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The problem with ϵ -greedy MC Control

- It keeps on doing exploration even after we have sufficiently explored the environment.
- We want our policy iteration to be absolutely greedy in order to satisfy our bellman optimality condition.



What is GLIE Monte Carlo Control

- GLIE stands for Greedy in the Limit of Infinite Exploration.
- The policy iteration method where our policy improvement becomes absolutely greedy in the time limit of infinity.
- We slowly decrease the value of ϵ so that it becomes zero after many iterations.

What does it ensure

- 1) It ensures that all state action pairs are visited infinite times as number of episodes tend to infinity.

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} N_k(s, a) = \infty$$

- 2) The policy iteration eventually becomes absolutely greedy

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \pi_k(a|s) = \mathbf{1}(a = \operatorname{argmax}_{a' \in \mathcal{A}} Q_k(s, a'))$$

Demonstration

DEMO TIME

Questions

