

# Lecture 9: Deep Reinforcement Learning

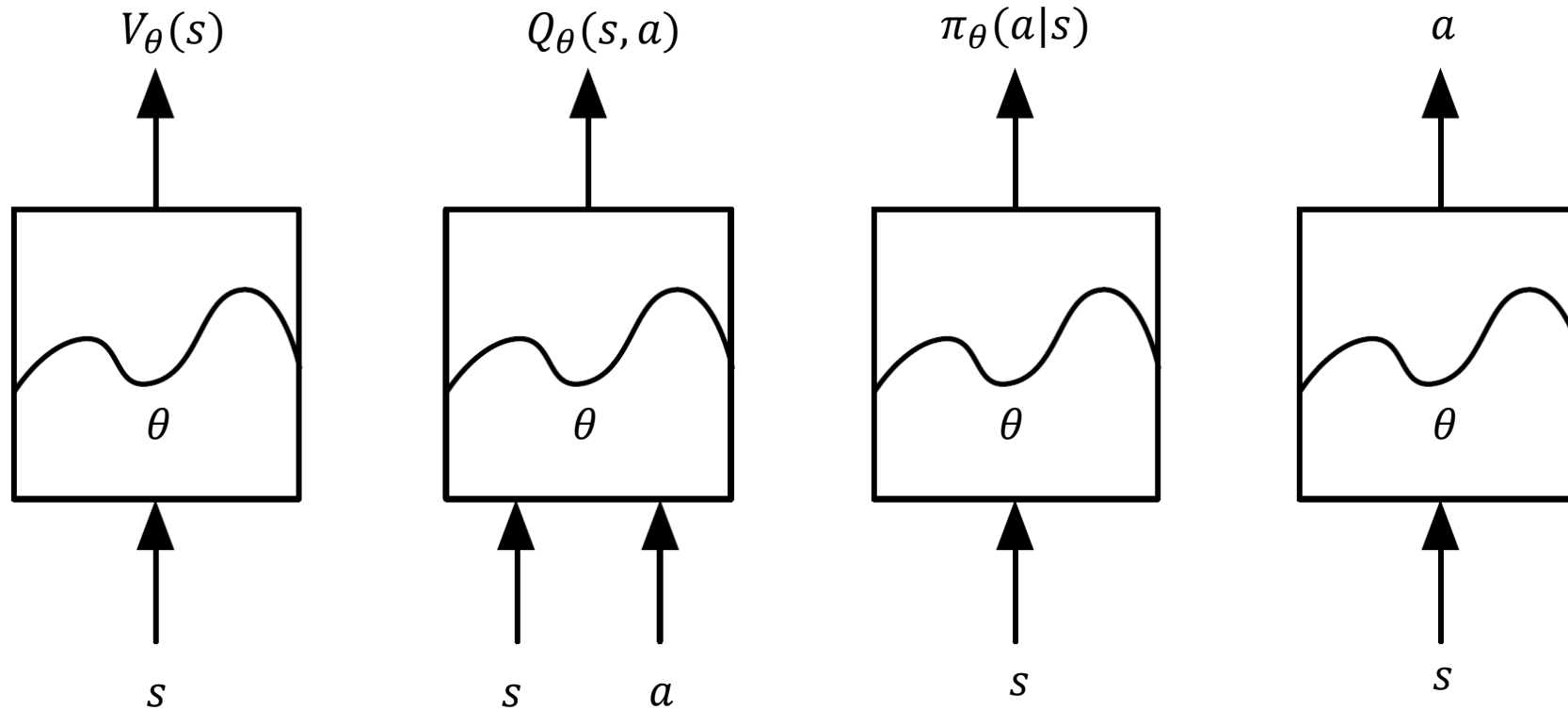
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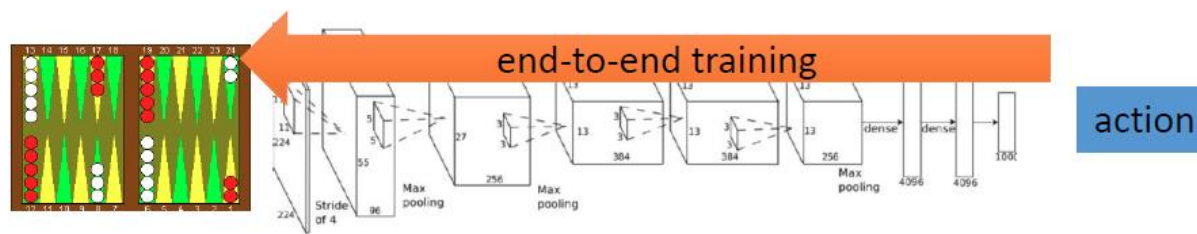
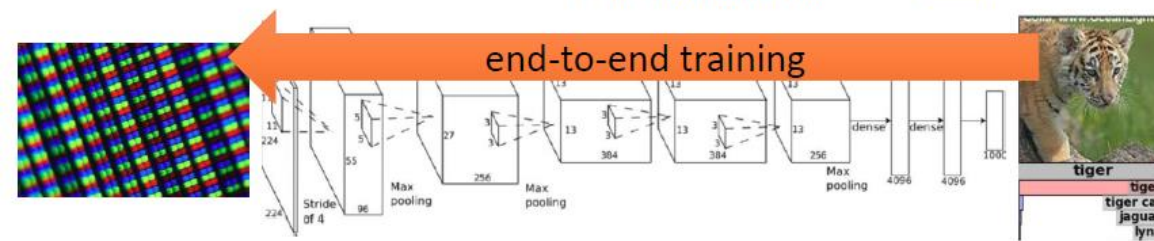
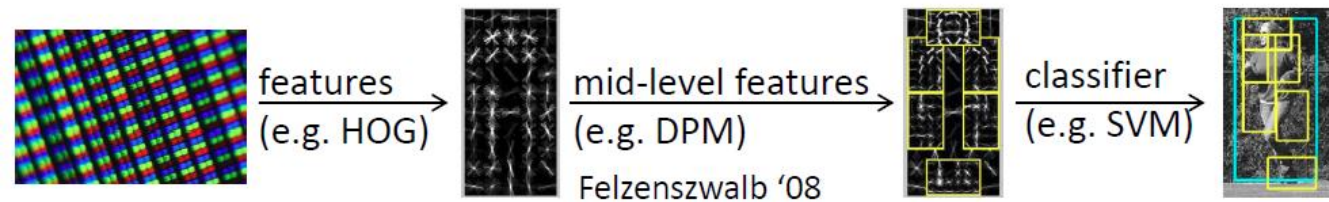
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# Reinforcement Learning w/ Function Approximation

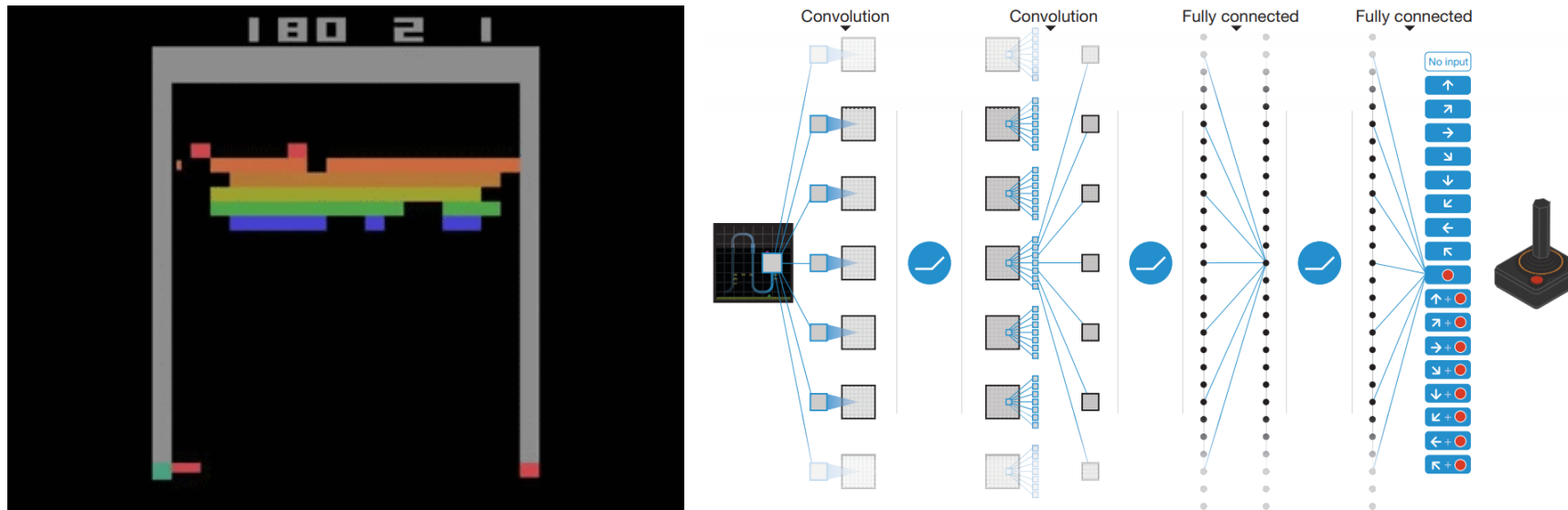


# End-to-end Training of RL



# Deep Reinforcement Learning

- Use Neural Network to approximate **Value** and **Policy**
- To make RL training end-to-end



Volodymyr Mnih, Koray Kavukcuoglu, David Silver et al. Playing Atari with Deep Reinforcement Learning. NIPS 2013 workshop.

# Challenges of DRL

- What would happen if we combine Deep Learning and RL?
  - Value function and policy now become deep network
  - High dimensional parameters
  - Unstable training
  - Easily overfit
  - Require large amount of data
  - High computing power
  - Trade-off between CPU (for collecting data) and GPU (for training NN)
  - ...

These new problems advance the development of DRL

# Deep Q-Network

- TD Q-value Learning with parametrized  $Q_{\theta}(s, a)$

- Target sample:  $y_t = r_t + \gamma \max_{a'} Q_{\theta}(s_{t+1}, a')$

- Learning objective:

$$\theta^* \leftarrow \arg \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(s_t, a_t) \in D} (Q_{\theta}(s_t, a_t) - (r + \gamma \max_{a'} Q_{\theta}(s_{t+1}, a')))^2$$

no gradient

- Update  $Q_{\theta}(s_t, a_t) \leftarrow Q_{\theta}(s_t, a_t) + \alpha(r_t + \gamma \max_{a'} Q_{\theta}(s_{t+1}, a') - Q_{\theta}(s_t, a_t))$

# Deep Q-Network 2

- Challenges: Use NN to approximate  $Q_{\theta}(s, a)$ 
  - Training of the algorithm is unstable
  - $\{(s_t, a_t, s_{t+1}, r_t)\}$  not i.i.d.
  - Frequent update of  $Q_{\theta}(s, a)$
- Solution:
  - Experience replay
  - Target network and evaluation network

# Experience Replay

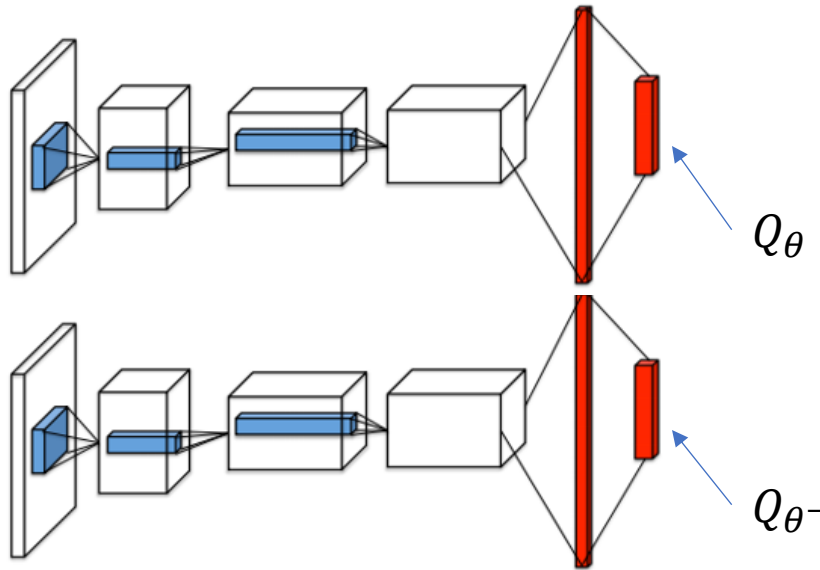
- Store every  $e_t = (s_t, a_t, s_{t+1}, r_t)$  in a replay buffer  $D$ , then sample uniformly
- Prioritized sampling
  - Compute priority score  $p_t = |r_t + \gamma \max_{a'} Q_\theta(s_{t+1}, a') - Q_\theta(s_t, a_t)|$
  - Store  $e_t = (s_t, a_t, s_{t+1}, r_t, p_t + \epsilon)$
  - Sample  $e_t$  with probability  $P(t) = \frac{p_t^\alpha}{\sum_k p_k^\alpha}$
  - Update with importance weight  $\omega_t = \frac{(N \times P(t))^{-\beta}}{\max_i \omega_i}$



# Target Network

- Target network  $Q_{\theta^-}(s, a)$ 
  - Use old network to set target value, sync to evaluation network every  $C$  updates

$$L_i(\theta_i) = \mathbb{E}_{s_t, a_t, s_{t+1}, r_t, p_t \sim D} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \omega_t \underbrace{\left( r_t + \gamma \max_{a'} Q_{\theta_i^-}(s_{t+1}, a') \right)}_{\text{target}} - Q_{\theta_i}(s_t, a_t) \right]^2$$



# DQN Algorithm

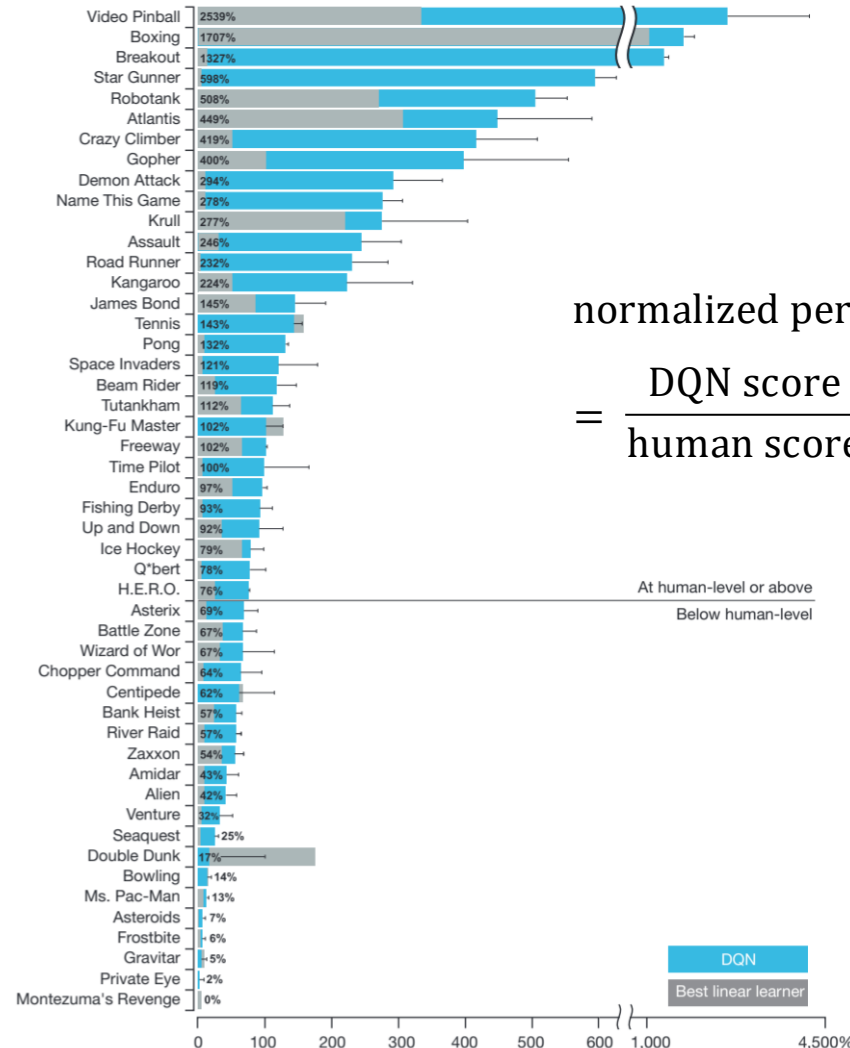
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**Algorithm 1** Double DQN with proportional prioritization

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- 1: **Input:** minibatch  $k$ , step-size  $\eta$ , replay period  $K$  and size  $N$ , exponents  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , budget  $T$ .
  - 2: Initialize replay memory  $\mathcal{H} = \emptyset$ ,  $\Delta = 0$ ,  $p_1 = 1$
  - 3: Observe  $S_0$  and choose  $A_0 \sim \pi_\theta(S_0)$
  - 4: **for**  $t = 1$  **to**  $T$  **do**
  - 5:   Observe  $S_t, R_t, \gamma_t$
  - 6:   Store transition  $(S_{t-1}, A_{t-1}, R_t, \gamma_t, S_t)$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  with maximal priority  $p_t = \max_{i < t} p_i$
  - 7:   **if**  $t \equiv 0 \pmod K$  **then**
  - 8:     **for**  $j = 1$  **to**  $k$  **do**
  - 9:       Sample transition  $j \sim P(j) = p_j^\alpha / \sum_i p_i^\alpha$
  - 10:       Compute importance-sampling weight  $w_j = (N \cdot P(j))^{-\beta} / \max_i w_i$
  - 11:       Compute TD-error  $\delta_j = R_j + \gamma_j Q_{\text{target}}(S_j, \arg \max_a Q(S_j, a)) - Q(S_{j-1}, A_{j-1})$
  - 12:       Update transition priority  $p_j \leftarrow |\delta_j|$  Prioritized Sampling
  - 13:       Accumulate weight-change  $\Delta \leftarrow \Delta + \underline{w_j} \cdot \delta_j \cdot \nabla_\theta Q(S_{j-1}, A_{j-1})$  Importance sampling  
Learning objective is uniform distribution
  - 14:     **end for**
  - 15:     Update weights  $\theta \leftarrow \theta + \eta \cdot \Delta$ , reset  $\Delta = 0$
  - 16:     From time to time copy weights into target network  $\theta_{\text{target}} \leftarrow \theta$
  - 17:   **end if**
  - 18:   Choose action  $A_t \sim \pi_\theta(S_t)$
  - 19: **end for**
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# Results on Atari Environments



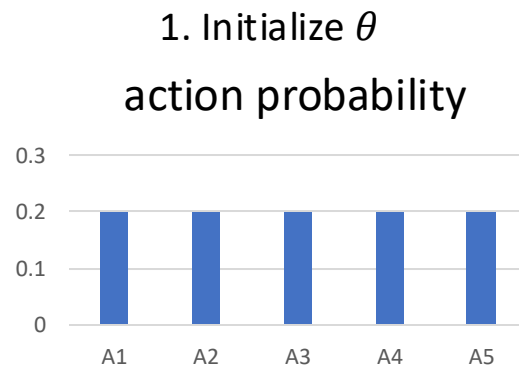
The performance of DQN is normalized with respect to a professional human games tester (that is, 100% level)

# Policy Parametrization

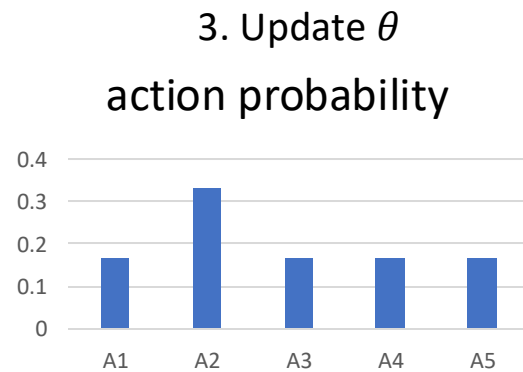
- Parametrized policy  $\pi_{\theta}(a|s)$ 
  - Deterministic policy  $a = \pi_{\theta}(s)$
  - Random policy  $\pi_{\theta}(a|s) = P(a|s; \theta)$
- Could generalize to unseen states
- Advantage:
  - Good convergence property
  - Effective in high-dimensional space or continuous action space
- Disadvantage:
  - Usually converge to a local (not global) optimum
  - High variance to evaluate policy

# Policy Gradient

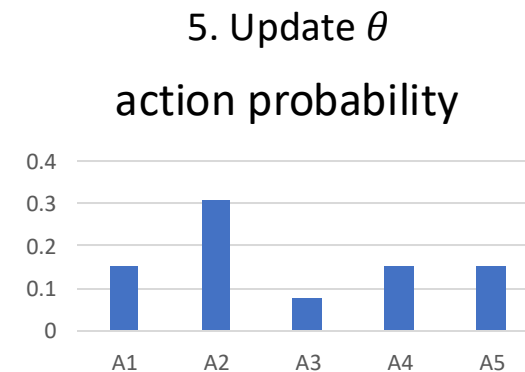
- For random policy  $\pi_{\theta}(a|s) = P(a|s; \theta)$
- We should
  - decrease probability of bad actions
  - increase probability of good actions
- Example: A discrete 5-action space



2. Select A2  
Observe positive reward



4. Select A3  
Observe negative reward



# Policy Gradient for 1-step MDP

- Consider 1-step MDP
  - Starting state  $s \sim d(s)$
  - Selects action  $a$  and stops. Receive reward  $r_{sa}$
- Expected utility of the policy

$$J(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\pi_{\theta}}[r] = \sum_{s \in S} d(s) \sum_{a \in A} \pi_{\theta}(a|s) r_{sa}$$

and its gradient

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{s \in S} d(s) \sum_{a \in A} \frac{\partial \pi_{\theta}(a|s)}{\partial \theta} r_{sa}$$

# Policy Gradient for 1-step MDP 2

- $\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} d(s) \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{\partial \pi_{\theta}(a|s)}{\partial \theta} r_{sa}$
- $= \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} d(s) \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi_{\theta}(a|s) \frac{1}{\pi_{\theta}(a|s)} \frac{\partial \pi_{\theta}(a|s)}{\partial \theta} r_{sa}$
- $= \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} d(s) \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \pi_{\theta}(a|s) \frac{\partial \log \pi_{\theta}(a|s)}{\partial \theta} r_{sa}$
- $= \mathbb{E}_{\pi_{\theta}} \left[ \frac{\partial \log \pi_{\theta}(a|s)}{\partial \theta} r_{sa} \right]$

could be replaced  
with samples

# Policy Gradient Theorem

- Extend previous result to multi-step MDP
- **Theorem.** For differentiable  $\pi_\theta(a|s)$ , with averaged return or discounted return  $J$ , its policy gradient is

$$\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta} \left[ \frac{\partial \log \pi_\theta(a|s)}{\partial \theta} Q^{\pi_\theta}(s, a) \right]$$



# $\partial \log \pi_{\theta}(a|s)$ for softmax policy

- $\pi_{\theta}(a|s) = \frac{e^{f_{\theta}(s,a)}}{\sum_{a'} e^{f_{\theta}(s,a')}}$

- $\frac{\partial \log \pi_{\theta}(a|s)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial f_{\theta}(s,a)}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{\sum_{a'} e^{f_{\theta}(s,a')}} \sum_{a''} e^{f_{\theta}(s,a'')} \frac{\partial f_{\theta}(s,a'')}{\partial \theta}$

- $= \frac{\partial f_{\theta}(s,a)}{\partial \theta} - \mathbb{E}_{a' \sim \pi_{\theta}(a'|s)} \left[ \frac{\partial f_{\theta}(s,a')}{\partial \theta} \right]$

backpropagate  
gradients

# Recall: Monte-Carlo Estimate / Direct Evaluation

- Trajectories:  $s_0^{(i)} \xrightarrow[R_1^{(i)}]{a_0^{(i)}} s_1^{(i)} \xrightarrow[R_2^{(i)}]{a_1^{(i)}} s_2^{(i)} \xrightarrow[R_3^{(i)}]{a_2^{(i)}} s_3^{(i)} \dots s_T^{(i)} \sim \pi$
- Return:  $G_t = R_{t+1} + \gamma R_{t+2} + \dots \gamma^{T-1} R_T$
- $V^\pi(s) = \mathbb{E}[R(s_0) + \gamma R(s_1) + \gamma^2 R(s_2) + \dots | s_0 = s, \pi]$
- $= \mathbb{E}[G_t | s_t = s, \pi]$
- $\simeq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N G_t^{(i)}$

# REINFORCE

- Use sample discounted reward  $G_t$  as the unbiased estimation for  $Q^{\pi_\theta}(s, a)$

- REINFORCE

initialize  $\theta$  arbitrarily

for each episode  $\{s_1, a_1, r_2, \dots, s_{T-1}, a_{T-1}, r_T\} \sim \pi_\theta$  do

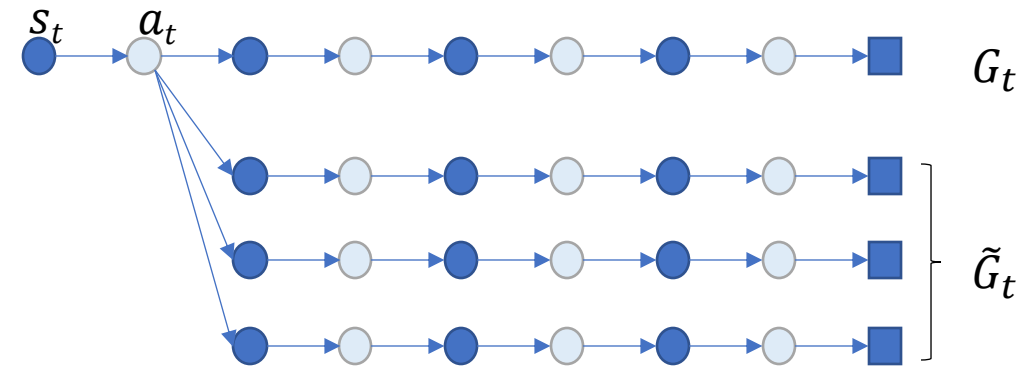
for  $t = 1$  to  $T - 1$  do

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta + \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log \pi_\theta(a_t | s_t) G_t$$

end for

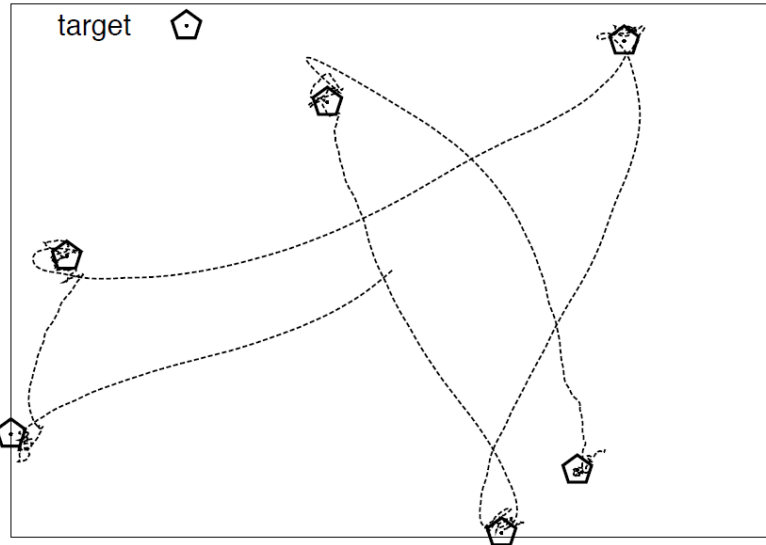
end for

return  $\theta$

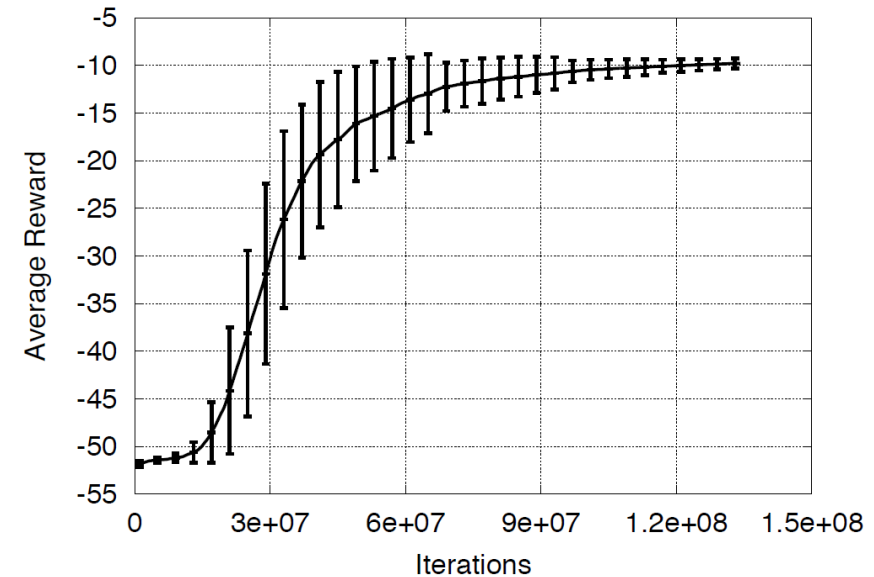


could use multi-roll out  $\tilde{G}_t = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N G_t^{(i)}$   
to estimate  $Q^{\pi_\theta}(s, a)$

# Experimental results in Puck World 冰球世界



- Continuous actions on the puck ball
- Receive reward when near the target
- Target reset every 30s



REINFORCE

# Actor-Critic

- Drawbacks of REINFORCE
  - Only have estimate  $G_t$  for a complete trajectory
  - Require large amount of data
  - Though unbiased, but high variance
- Actor-Critic: Train a critic  $Q_\Phi$  to replace  $G_t$

Actor  $\pi_\theta(a|s)$

Adopt actions to  
satisfy the critic



Critic  $Q_\Phi(s, a)$

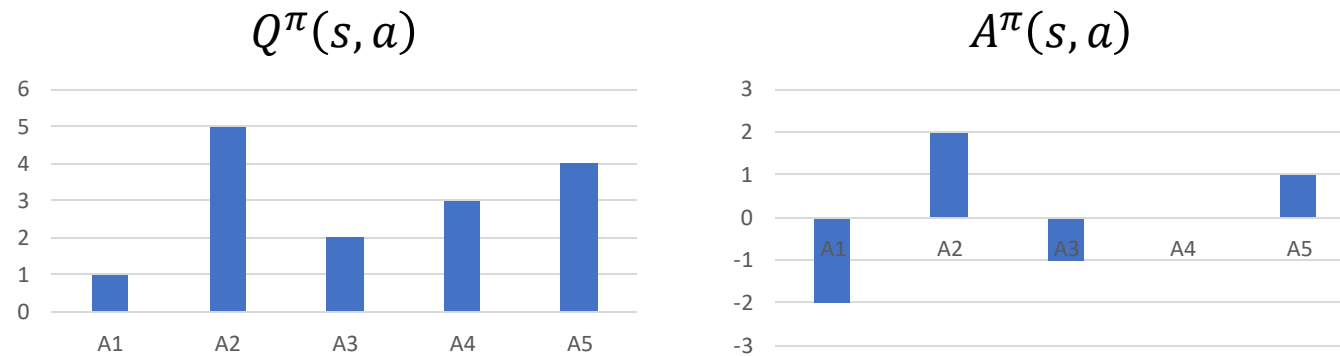
Learn to evaluate  
well on actions

# Actor-Critic: Training

- **Critic:**  $Q_{\Phi}(s, a)$
- $Q_{\Phi}(s, a) \simeq r(s, a) + \gamma \mathbb{E}_{s' \sim p(s'|s, a), a' \sim \pi_{\theta}(a'|s')} [Q_{\Phi}(s', a')]$
- **Actor:**  $\pi_{\theta}(a|s)$
- $J(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{s \sim p, \pi_{\theta}} [\pi_{\theta}(a|s) Q_{\Phi}(s, a)]$
- $\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \mathbb{E}_{\pi_{\theta}} \left[ \frac{\partial \log \pi_{\theta}(a|s)}{\partial \theta} Q_{\Phi}(s, a) \right]$

# A2C: Advantageous Actor-Critic

- Further reduce variance
- Advantage:  $A^\pi(s, a) = Q^\pi(s, a) - V^\pi(s)$



- $\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \equiv \mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta} \left[ \frac{\partial \log \pi_\theta(a|s)}{\partial \theta} (Q_\Phi(s, a) - f(s)) \right]$
- $\frac{\partial J(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta} \left[ \frac{\partial \log \pi_\theta(a|s)}{\partial \theta} A_\Phi(s, a) \right]$

# A2C: Advantageous Actor-Critic 2

- $Q^\pi(s, a) = r(s, a) + \gamma \mathbb{E}_{s' \sim p(s'|s, a), a' \sim \pi_\theta(a'|s')} [Q_\Phi(s', a')]$
- $= r(s, a) + \gamma \mathbb{E}_{s' \sim p(s'|s, a)} [V^\pi(s')]$
- $A^\pi(s, a) = Q^\pi(s, a) - V^\pi(s)$
- $= r(s, a) + \gamma \mathbb{E}_{s' \sim p(s'|s, a)} [V^\pi(s')] - V^\pi(s)$
- $\simeq r(s, a) + \gamma V^\pi(s') - V^\pi(s)$

sample next  
state  $s'$

Learn  $V_\Phi(s) \simeq V^{\pi_\theta}(s)$  is enough!

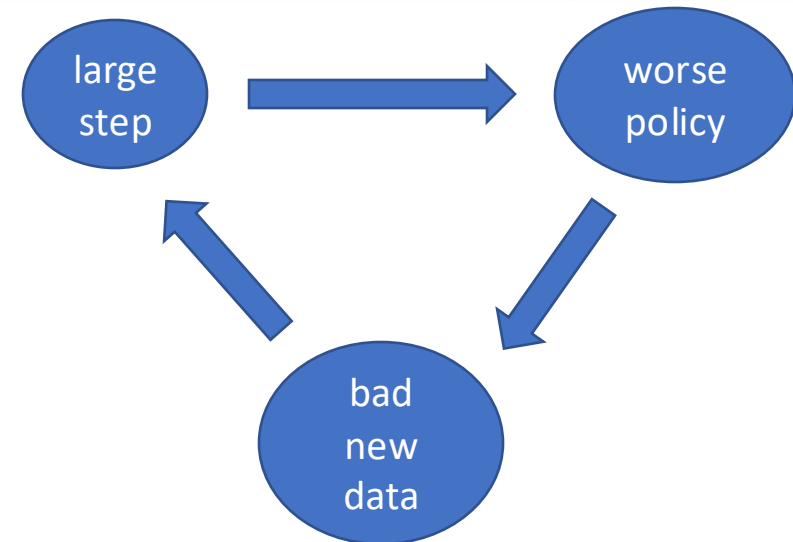


# TRPO: Trust-Region Policy Optimization

- Limitations of REINFORCE
- Idea: Optimize in a trust region

## • REINFORCE

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initialize  $\theta$  arbitrarily  
for each episode  $\{s_1, a_1, r_2, \dots, s_{T-1}, a_{T-1}, r_T\} \sim \pi_\theta$  do  
  for  $t = 1$  to  $T - 1$  do  
     $\theta \leftarrow \theta + \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log \pi_\theta(a_t | s_t) G_t$   
  end for  
end for  
return  $\theta$ 
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# TRPO 2

$$J(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim p_{\theta}(\tau)} [\sum_t \gamma^t r(s_t, a_t)]$$

$$J(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{s_0 \sim p_{\theta}(s_0)} [V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_0)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad J(\theta') - J(\theta) &= J(\theta') - \mathbb{E}_{s_0 \sim p(s_0)} [V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_0)] \\ &= J(\theta') - \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim p_{\theta'}(\tau)} [V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_0)] \\ &= J(\theta') - \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim p_{\theta'}(\tau)} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t) - \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \gamma^t V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t) \right] \\ &= J(\theta') + \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim p_{\theta'}(\tau)} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t (\gamma V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_{t+1}) - V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t)) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim p_{\theta'}(\tau)} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t r(s_t, a_t) \right] + \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim p_{\theta'}(\tau)} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t (\gamma V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_{t+1}) - V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t)) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim p_{\theta'}(\tau)} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t (r(s_t, a_t) + \gamma V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_{t+1}) - V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t)) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim p_{\theta'}(\tau)} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t A^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t, a_t) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t, a_t) \\ = Q^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t, a_t) - V^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t) \end{aligned}$$

# TRPO 3

- $J(\theta') - J(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \mathbb{E}_{\tau \sim p_{\theta'}(\tau)} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t A^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t, a_t) \right] \\ &= \sum_t \mathbb{E}_{s_t \sim p_{\theta'}(s_t)} [\mathbb{E}_{a_t \sim \pi_{\theta'}(a_t|s_t)} [\gamma^t A^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t, a_t)]] \\ &= \sum_t \mathbb{E}_{s_t \sim p_{\theta'}(s_t)} [\mathbb{E}_{a_t \sim \pi_{\theta}(a_t|s_t)} [\frac{\pi_{\theta'}(a_t|s_t)}{\pi_{\theta}(a_t|s_t)} \gamma^t A^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t, a_t)]] \end{aligned}$$

$$J(\theta') - J(\theta) \approx \sum_t \mathbb{E}_{s_t \sim p_{\theta'}(s_t)} [\mathbb{E}_{a_t \sim \pi_{\theta}(a_t|s_t)} [\frac{\pi_{\theta'}(a_t|s_t)}{\pi_{\theta}(a_t|s_t)} \gamma^t A^{\pi_{\theta}}(s_t, a_t)]]$$

# TRPO 4

$$\bullet \theta' \leftarrow \arg \max_{\theta'} \sum_t \mathbb{E}_{s_t \sim p_\theta(s_t)} [\mathbb{E}_{a_t \sim \pi_\theta(a_t|s_t)} [\frac{\pi_{\theta'}(a_t|s_t)}{\pi_\theta(a_t|s_t)} \gamma^t A^{\pi_\theta}(s_t, a_t)]]$$

$$s.t. \quad \mathbb{E}_{s_t \sim p(s_t)} [D_{KL}(\pi_{\theta'}(a_t|s_t) \parallel \pi_\theta(a_t|s_t))] \leq \epsilon$$

$$\bullet \theta' \leftarrow \arg \max_{\theta'} \sum_t \mathbb{E}_{s_t \sim p_\theta(s_t)} [\mathbb{E}_{a_t \sim \pi_\theta(a_t|s_t)} [\frac{\pi_{\theta'}(a_t|s_t)}{\pi_\theta(a_t|s_t)} \gamma^t A^{\pi_\theta}(s_t, a_t)]] \\ - \lambda (D_{KL}(\pi_{\theta'}(a_t|s_t) \parallel \pi_\theta(a_t|s_t)) - \epsilon)$$

# TRPO 5: Natural Policy Gradient

schemes. The natural policy gradient (Kakade, 2002) can be obtained as a special case of the update in Equation (12) by using a linear approximation to  $L$  and a quadratic approximation to the  $\overline{D}_{\text{KL}}$  constraint, resulting in the following problem:

$$\underset{\theta}{\text{maximize}} \left[ \nabla_{\theta} L_{\theta_{\text{old}}}(\theta) \Big|_{\theta=\theta_{\text{old}}} \cdot (\theta - \theta_{\text{old}}) \right] \quad (17)$$

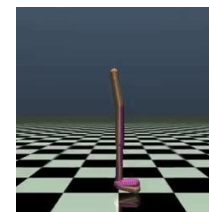
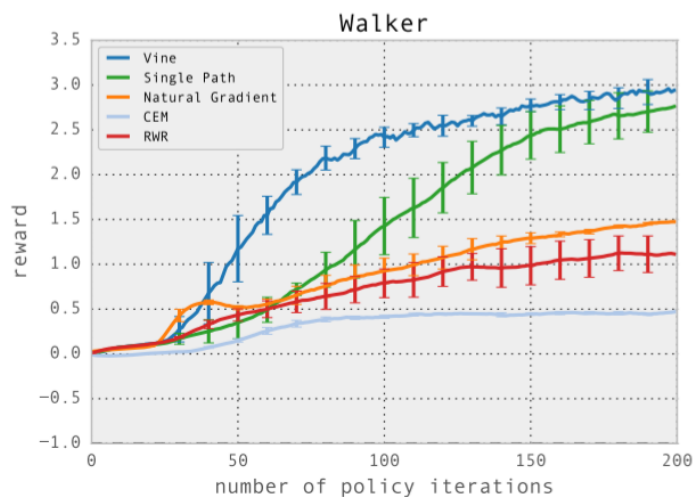
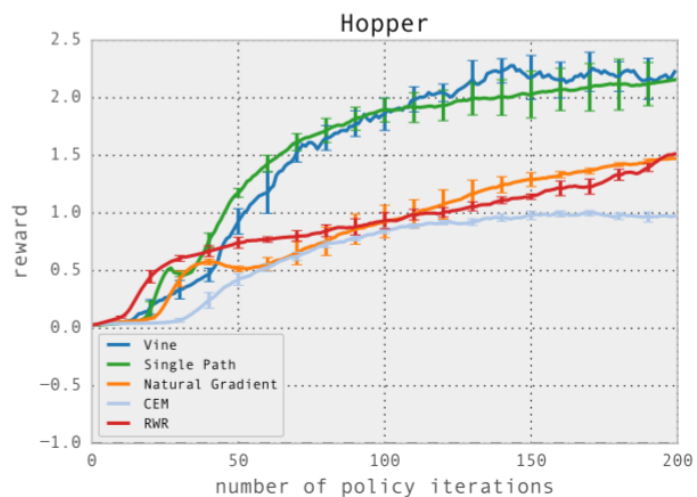
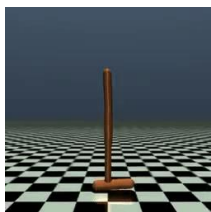
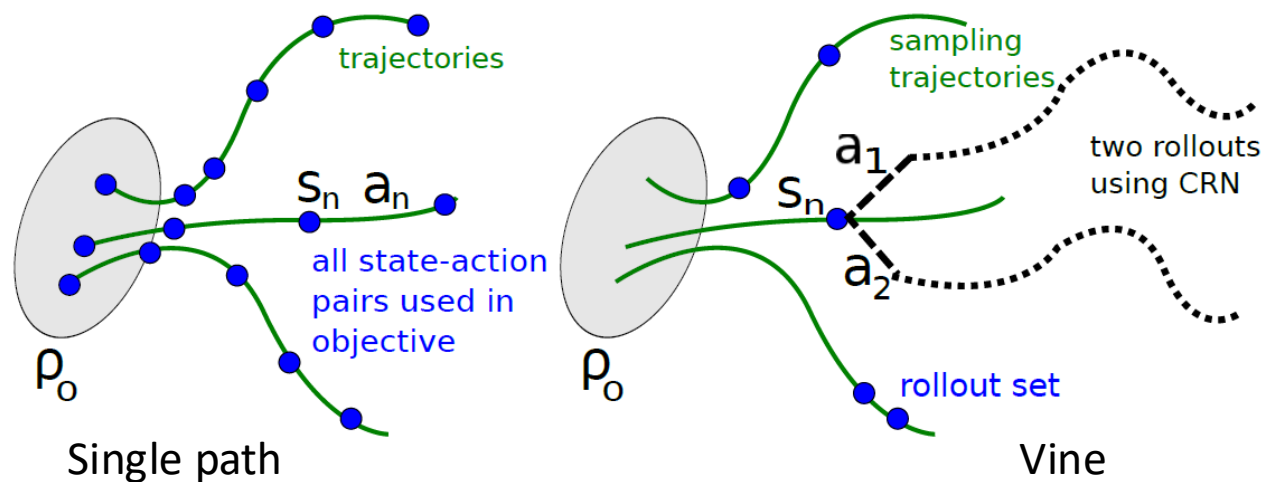
$$\text{subject to } \frac{1}{2}(\theta_{\text{old}} - \theta)^T A(\theta_{\text{old}})(\theta_{\text{old}} - \theta) \leq \delta,$$

where  $A(\theta_{\text{old}})_{ij} =$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \mathbb{E}_{s \sim \rho_{\pi}} [D_{\text{KL}}(\pi(\cdot|s, \theta_{\text{old}}) \parallel \pi(\cdot|s, \theta))] \Big|_{\theta=\theta_{\text{old}}}.$$

The update is  $\theta_{\text{new}} = \theta_{\text{old}} + \frac{1}{\lambda} A(\theta_{\text{old}})^{-1} \nabla_{\theta} L(\theta) \Big|_{\theta=\theta_{\text{old}}}$ ,

# TRPO 6



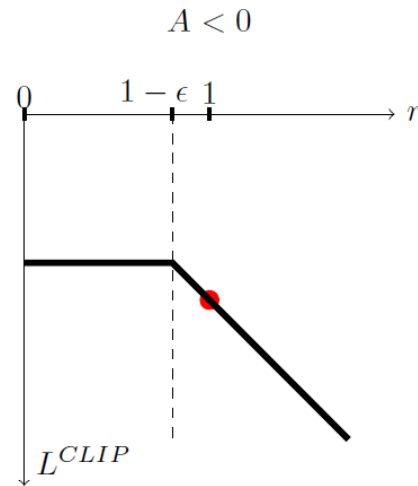
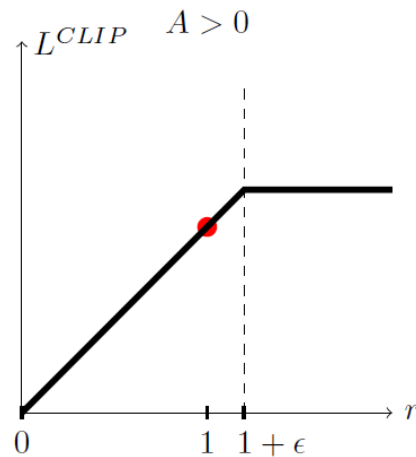
# PPO: Proximal Policy Optimization

## 1. Cut-off the importance ratio

conservative  
policy iteration

$$L^{CPI}(\theta) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t \left[ \frac{\pi_\theta(a_t|s_t)}{\pi_{\theta_{\text{old}}}(a_t|s_t)} \hat{A}_t \right] = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t [r_t(\theta) \hat{A}_t]$$

$$L^{CLIP}(\theta) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t [\min(r_t(\theta), \text{clip}(r_t(\theta), 1 - \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon)) \hat{A}_t]$$



A lower bound

$$L^{CLIP}(\theta) \leq L^{CPI}(\theta)$$

near  $r = 1$

$$L^{CLIP}(\theta) = L^{CPI}(\theta)$$

# PPO 2

- $L^{CLIP}(\theta) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\min(r_t(\theta), \text{clip}(r_t(\theta), 1 - \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon))\hat{A}_t]$
- Use multi-step bootstrap to estimate advantage
- $\hat{A}_t = -V(s_t) + r_t + \gamma r_{t+1} + \dots + \gamma^{T-t+1}r_{T-1} + \gamma^{T-t}V(s_T)$
- can be collected distributedly
- $L^{KL PEN}(\theta) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t \left[ \frac{\pi_\theta(a_t|s_t)}{\pi_{\theta_{\text{old}}}(a_t|s_t)} \hat{A}_t - \beta \text{KL}[\pi_{\theta_{\text{old}}}(\cdot | s_t) | \pi_\theta(\cdot | s_t)] \right]$
- If  $KL < \frac{KL_{\text{targ}}}{1.5}$ ,  $\beta \leftarrow \frac{\beta}{2}$
- If  $KL > KL_{\text{targ}} \times 1.5$ ,  $\beta \leftarrow \beta \times 2$



# PPO 3

No clipping or penalty:

$$L_t(\theta) = r_t(\theta) \hat{A}_t$$

Clipping:

$$L_t(\theta) = \min(r_t(\theta) \hat{A}_t, \text{clip}(r_t(\theta)), 1 - \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon) \hat{A}_t$$

KL penalty (fixed or adaptive)

$$L_t(\theta) = r_t(\theta) \hat{A}_t - \beta \text{KL}[\pi_{\theta_{\text{old}}}, \pi_{\theta}]$$

- 7 environments with continuous control
- 3 random seeds
- 100 episodes for each algorithm, average over 21 runs
- Normalize scores to 1

algorithm	avg. normalized score
No clipping or penalty	-0.39
Clipping, $\epsilon = 0.1$	0.76
<b>Clipping, <math>\epsilon = 0.2</math></b>	<b>0.82</b>
Clipping, $\epsilon = 0.3$	0.70
Adaptive KL $d_{\text{targ}} = 0.003$	0.68
Adaptive KL $d_{\text{targ}} = 0.01$	0.74
Adaptive KL $d_{\text{targ}} = 0.03$	0.71
Fixed KL, $\beta = 0.3$	0.62
Fixed KL, $\beta = 1.$	0.71
Fixed KL, $\beta = 3.$	0.72
Fixed KL, $\beta = 10.$	0.69

# Summary

- Deep Q-Network
- Policy gradient
  - REINFORCE
  - Actor-Critic, A2C
  - TRPO, PPO

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## Questions?

# Supplementary: Policy gradient with averaged return

$$J(\pi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_n | \pi] = \sum_s d^\pi(s) \sum_a \pi(a|s) r(s, a)$$

$$Q^\pi(s, a) = \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[r_t - J(\pi) | s_0 = s, a_0 = a, \pi]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V^\pi(s)}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sum_a \pi(a|s) Q^\pi(s, a), \quad \forall s \\ &= \sum_a \left[ \frac{\partial \pi(a|s)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) + \pi(a|s) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) \right] \\ &= \sum_a \left[ \frac{\partial \pi(a|s)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) + \pi(a|s) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( r(s, a) - J(\pi) + \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^a V^\pi(s') \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_a \left[ \frac{\partial \pi(a|s)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) + \pi(a|s) \left( -\frac{\partial J(\pi)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^a V^\pi(s') \right) \right] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial J(\pi)}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_a \left[ \frac{\partial \pi(a|s)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) + \pi(a|s) \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^a \frac{\partial V^\pi(s')}{\partial \theta} \right] - \frac{\partial V^\pi(s)}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned}$$

# Supplementary: Policy gradient with averaged return 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial J(\pi)}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_s \left[ \frac{\partial \pi(a|s)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) + \pi(a|s) \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^a \frac{\partial V^\pi(s')}{\partial \theta} \right] - \frac{\partial V^\pi(s)}{\partial \theta} \\
 \sum_s d^\pi(s) \frac{\partial J(\pi)}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_s d^\pi(s) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(a|s)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) + \sum_s d^\pi(s) \sum_a \pi(a|s) \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^a \frac{\partial V^\pi(s')}{\partial \theta} - \sum_s d^\pi(s) \frac{\partial V^\pi(s)}{\partial \theta} \\
 \sum_s d^\pi(s) \sum_a \pi(a|s) \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^a \frac{\partial V^\pi(s')}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_s \sum_a \sum_{s'} d^\pi(s) \pi(a|s) P_{ss'}^a \frac{\partial V^\pi(s')}{\partial \theta} \\
 &= \sum_s \sum_{s'} d^\pi(s) \left( \sum_a \pi(a|s) P_{ss'}^a \right) \frac{\partial V^\pi(s')}{\partial \theta} = \sum_s \sum_{s'} d^\pi(s) P_{ss'} \frac{\partial V^\pi(s')}{\partial \theta} \\
 &= \sum_{s'} \left( \sum_s d^\pi(s) P_{ss'} \right) \frac{\partial V^\pi(s')}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{s'} d^\pi(s') \frac{\partial V^\pi(s')}{\partial \theta} \\
 \Rightarrow \sum_s d^\pi(s) \frac{\partial J(\pi)}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_s d^\pi(s) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(a|s)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) + \sum_{s'} d^\pi(s') \frac{\partial V^\pi(s')}{\partial \theta} - \sum_s d^\pi(s) \frac{\partial V^\pi(s)}{\partial \theta} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial J(\pi)}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_s d^\pi(s) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(a|s)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Supplementary: Policy gradient w/ discounted reward

$$J(\pi) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \gamma^{t-1} r_t \middle| s_0, \pi \right]$$

$$Q^{\pi}(s, a) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \gamma^{k-1} r_{t+k} \middle| s_t = s, a_t = a, \pi \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V^{\pi}(s)}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sum_a \pi(s, a) Q^{\pi}(s, a), \quad \forall s \\ &= \sum_a \left[ \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^{\pi}(s, a) + \pi(s, a) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} Q^{\pi}(s, a) \right] \\ &= \sum_a \left[ \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^{\pi}(s, a) + \pi(s, a) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( r(s, a) + \sum_{s'} \gamma P_{ss'}^a V^{\pi}(s') \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^{\pi}(s, a) + \sum_a \pi(s, a) \gamma \sum_{s'} P_{ss'}^a \frac{\partial V^{\pi}(s')}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned}$$

# Supplementary: Policy gradient w/ discounted reward 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial V^\pi(s)}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) + \sum_a \pi(s, a) \gamma \sum_{s_1} P_{ss_1}^a \frac{\partial V^\pi(s_1)}{\partial \theta} \\
 \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) &= \gamma^0 \Pr(s \rightarrow s, 0, \pi) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) \\
 \sum_a \pi(s, a) \gamma \sum_{s_1} P_{ss_1}^a \frac{\partial V^\pi(s_1)}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_{s_1} \sum_a \pi(s, a) \gamma P_{ss_1}^a \frac{\partial V^\pi(s_1)}{\partial \theta} \\
 &= \sum_{s_1} \gamma P_{ss_1} \frac{\partial V^\pi(s_1)}{\partial \theta} = \gamma^1 \sum_{s_1} \Pr(s \rightarrow s_1, 1, \pi) \frac{\partial V^\pi(s_1)}{\partial \theta} \\
 \frac{\partial V^\pi(s_1)}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s_1, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s_1, a) + \gamma^1 \sum_{s_2} \Pr(s_1 \rightarrow s_2, 1, \pi) \frac{\partial V^\pi(s_2)}{\partial \theta}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Supplementary: Policy gradient w/ discounted reward 3

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial V^\pi(s)}{\partial \theta} &= \gamma^0 \Pr(s \rightarrow s, 0, \pi) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) + \gamma^1 \sum_{s_1} \Pr(s \rightarrow s_1, 1, \pi) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s_1, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s_1, a) \\
 &\quad + \gamma^2 \sum_{s_1} \Pr(s \rightarrow s_1, 1, \pi) \sum_{s_2} \Pr(s_1 \rightarrow s_2, 1, \pi) \frac{\partial V^\pi(s_2)}{\partial \theta} \\
 &= \gamma^0 \Pr(s \rightarrow s, 0, \pi) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) + \gamma^1 \sum_{s_1} \Pr(s \rightarrow s_1, 1, \pi) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s_1, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s_1, a) \\
 &\quad + \gamma^2 \sum_{s_2} \Pr(s \rightarrow s_2, 2, \pi) \frac{\partial V^\pi(s_2)}{\partial \theta} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_x \gamma^k \Pr(s \rightarrow x, k, \pi) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(x, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(x, a) = \sum_x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k \Pr(s \rightarrow x, k, \pi) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(x, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(x, a) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial J(\pi)}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial V^\pi(s_0)}{\partial \theta} = \sum_s \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k \Pr(s_0 \rightarrow s, k, \pi) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a) = \sum_s d^\pi(s) \sum_a \frac{\partial \pi(s, a)}{\partial \theta} Q^\pi(s, a)
 \end{aligned}$$