

```
    end  
end  
 $Q(s, a) \leftarrow \text{returns\_sum}(s, a) / N(s, a)$  for all  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{A}(s)$   
return  $Q$ 
```

Both the first-visit and every-visit methods are **guaranteed to converge** to the true value function, as the number of visits to each state-action pair approaches infinity. (So, in other words, as long as the agent gets enough experience with each state-action pair, the value function estimate will be pretty close to the true value.)

We won't use MC prediction to estimate the action-values corresponding to a deterministic policy; this is because many state-action pairs will *never* be visited (since a deterministic policy always chooses the *same* action from each state). Instead, so that

convergence is guaranteed, we will only estimate action-value functions corresponding to policies where each action has a nonzero probability of being selected from each state.

Please use the next concept to complete **Part 2: MC Prediction: Action Values** of `Monte_Carlo.ipynb`. Remember to save your work!

If you'd like to reference the pseudocode while working on the notebook, you are encouraged to open [this sheet](#) in a new window.

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