

## Implementation: MC Control: GLIE

The pseudocode for (first-visit) GLIE MC control can be found below. *(Feel free to implement either the first-visit or every-visit MC method. In the game of Blackjack, both the first-visit and every-visit methods return identical results.)*

### GLIE MC Control

**Input:** positive integer  $num\_episodes$   
**Output:** policy  $\pi$  ( $\approx \pi_*$  if  $num\_episodes$  is large enough)  
 Initialize  $Q(s, a) = 0$  for all  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}(s)$   
 Initialize  $N(s, a) = 0$  for all  $s \in \mathcal{S}, a \in \mathcal{A}(s)$   
**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $num\_episodes$  **do**  
      $\epsilon \leftarrow \frac{1}{i}$   
      $\pi \leftarrow \epsilon\text{-greedy}(Q)$   
     Generate an episode  $S_0, A_0, R_1, \dots, S_T$  using  $\pi$   
     **for**  $t \leftarrow 0$  **to**  $T - 1$  **do**  
         **if**  $(S_t, A_t)$  is a first visit (with return  $G_t$ ) **then**  
              $N(S_t, A_t) \leftarrow N(S_t, A_t) + 1$   
              $Q(S_t, A_t) \leftarrow Q(S_t, A_t) + \frac{1}{N(S_t, A_t)} (G_t - Q(S_t, A_t))$   
         **end**  
     **end**  
**end**  
**return**  $\pi$

Please use the next concept to complete **Part 3: MC Control: GLIE** 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.

Feel free to check your solution by looking at the corresponding section in

`Monte_Carlo_Solution.ipynb`.