

## Implementation: MC Control: Constant-alpha

The pseudocode for (first-visit) constant- $\alpha$  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.*)

### Constant- $\alpha$ GLIE MC Control

**Input:** positive integer *num\_episodes*, small positive fraction  $\alpha$

**Output:** policy  $\pi$  ( $\approx \pi_*$  if *num\_episodes* is large enough)

Initialize  $Q$  arbitrarily (e.g.,  $Q(s, a) = 0$  for all  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}(s)$ )

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to** *num\_episodes* **do**

$\epsilon \leftarrow \frac{1}{i}$

$\pi \leftarrow \epsilon$ -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**

$Q(S_t, A_t) \leftarrow Q(S_t, A_t) + \alpha(G_t - Q(S_t, A_t))$

**end**

**end**

**return**  $\pi$

Please use the next concept to complete **Part 4: MC Control: Constant-alpha** 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`.