

BlackJack Game Using

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Environment

- BlackJack is the popular casino Game in which player is playing against the Dealer.
- BlackJack :
Ace + (Face card or 10).



Rules

- In this game 'Number card' weightage is equal to the their value, Face is value is 10 and Ace can be either 11 or 1.
- Player win if his score is greater than the dealer score and less then the 21. score is equal to the sum of cards in the hand.
- Player's Actions : **Hit** or **Stick**
Hit : Take random card from deck.
Stick : Further player not receive any card and game is over for the player.
- Dealer keeps Hit until his score is greater than 17. If score is greater than 17 He stick and both player and dealer show their card.

Environment Implementation

```
class BlackJack:
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    def __init__(self) -> None:
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    def start(self):
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    def play(self, action):
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    def __delta_card(self):
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```
    def __bust(self, cards, hands):
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```
    def __score(self, cards, hands):
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```
    def __usable_ace(self, cards, hands):
```

Environment Returns

- play function

```
return {'pCards', 'nState', 'dealers_cards', 'dealers_score', 'action',  
        'reward', 'done'}
```

nState : Next state of the agent.

reward : (-1, 0, 1).

done : False / True, if game over for player then True otherwise False.

pCard : cards player have in hand.

dealers_cards : cards dealer have.

dealers_score : score of the dealer i.e. sum of cards.

Agent

- Agent in this game is the player which try to maximize the average reward over the episodes.
- I use Monte Carlo method to implement the Agent.
- Agent can take two action **Hit** or **Stick**. Accordingly It gets the reward, next state and other parameter from the Environment.

Implementation of the Agent

- For Agent implementation there are mainly two part :
Policy evaluation and **Policy improvement**.
- **Policy evaluation** : I use Monte Carlo Q value evaluation.
- **Policy improvement** : Use ϵ -Greedy policy improvement.

Monte Carlo Model Free Policy Evaluation

- State-Action (S_t, A_t) Value evaluation for each episode.

$$N(S_t, A_t) \leftarrow N(S_t, A_t) + 1$$

$$Q(S_t, A_t) \leftarrow Q(S_t, A_t) + \frac{1}{N(S_t, A_t)} (G_t - Q(S_t, A_t))$$

ϵ -Greedy policy Improvement

- ϵ -Greedy policy allow some exploration.

$$\pi(a|s) = \begin{cases} \epsilon/m + 1 - \epsilon & \text{if } a^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{a \in \mathcal{A}} Q(s, a) \\ \epsilon/m & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Diagrams

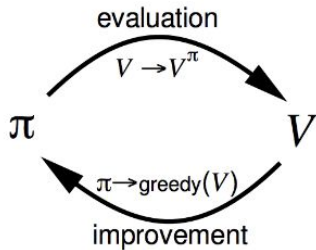
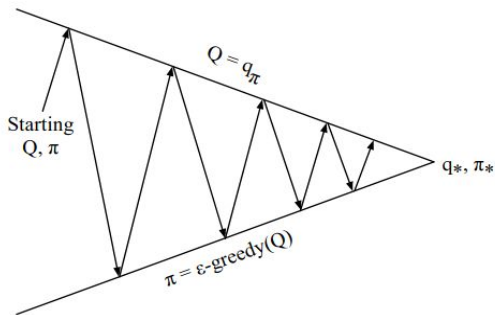


fig. Q values convergence

Programs Q value convergence

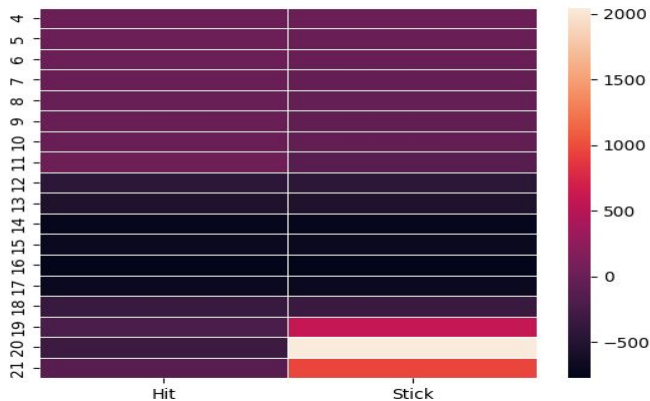


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