

Reinforcement Learning Theory Learning

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Abstract

a simple note for RL theory

Keywords:

1. Introduction

RL theory is very long history and these days

- Bullet point one
- Bullet point two

1. Numbered list item one
2. Numbered list item two

2. Notation and Formatting

some notations:

\mathcal{S}	the state space
S_t	the state at time t, stochastic
s_t	the state at time t, actual
s	the state, actual
R_t	the reward at time t, stochastic
r_t	the reward at time t, actual
r	the reward, actual

3. RL algorithms

4. RL convergence theory

4.1. counterexample

In Sutton and Barto [1, chap 11.3] the authors give an intuitive conclusion about when these algorithms will divergence :

the danger of instability and divergence arises whenever we combine three things:

1. training on a distribution of trainsition other than that naturally generated by the process whose expectation is being estimated(e.g. off-policy learning)
2. scalable function approximation (e.g. li)

4.1.1. counterexample1

In Tsitsiklis and Roy [2] Dimitri [3]

$$E[\theta(t+1)|\theta_t]$$

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