

强化学习 HW2

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Problem 1

Reformalize: $V_n = (1 - \alpha_n)V_{n-1} + \alpha_n x_n$, where x_n is a sample of value, and $|x_n| \leq C_1, |V_n| \leq C_2$. Please prove $\{V_n\}$ converges.

I suppose to use Cauchy converges rule:

An array converges $\iff \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall m > N, \forall n > N, |x_m - x_n| \leq \epsilon$

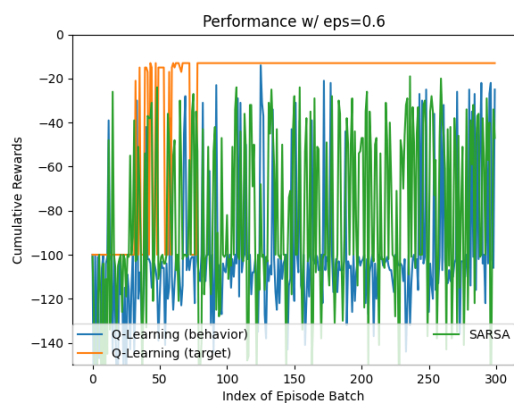
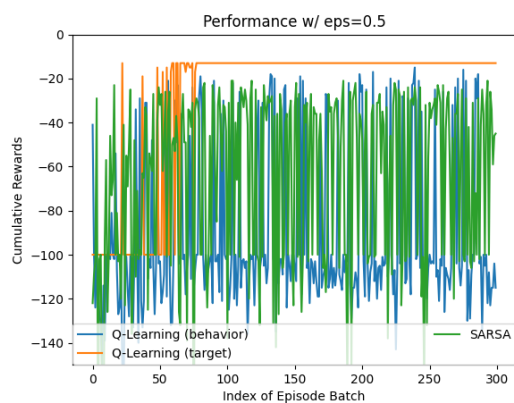
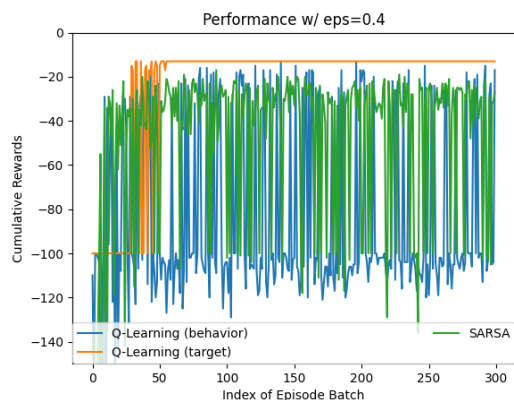
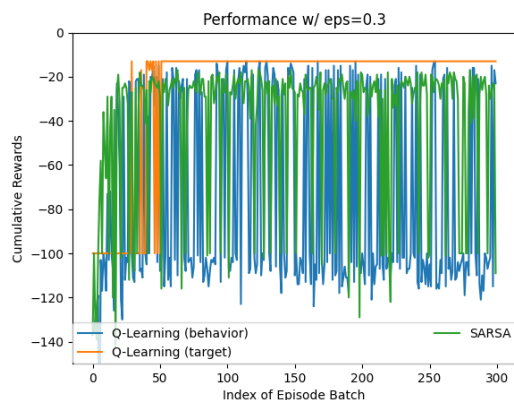
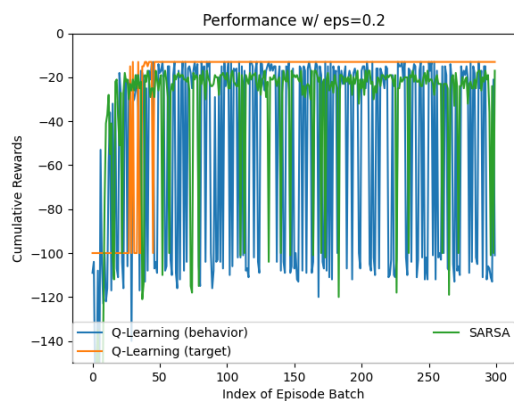
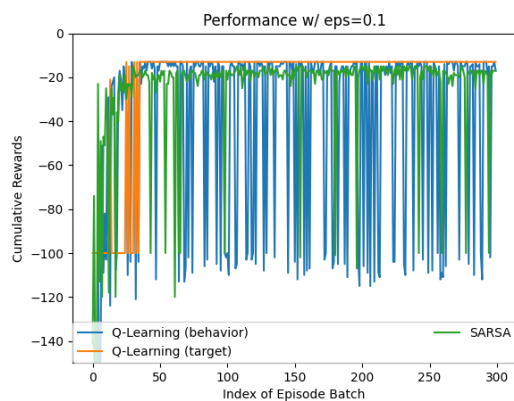
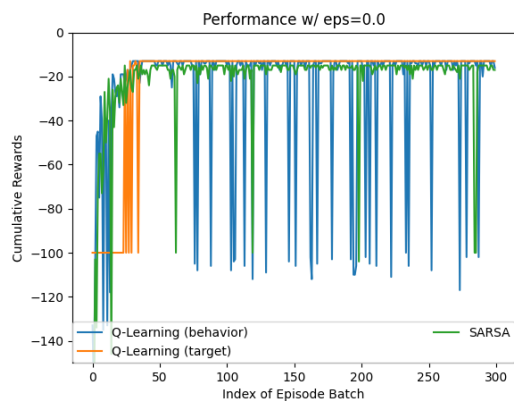
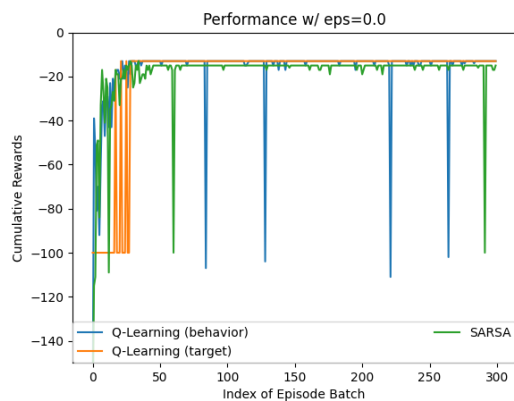
Proof: $\forall \epsilon$, when n closed to ∞

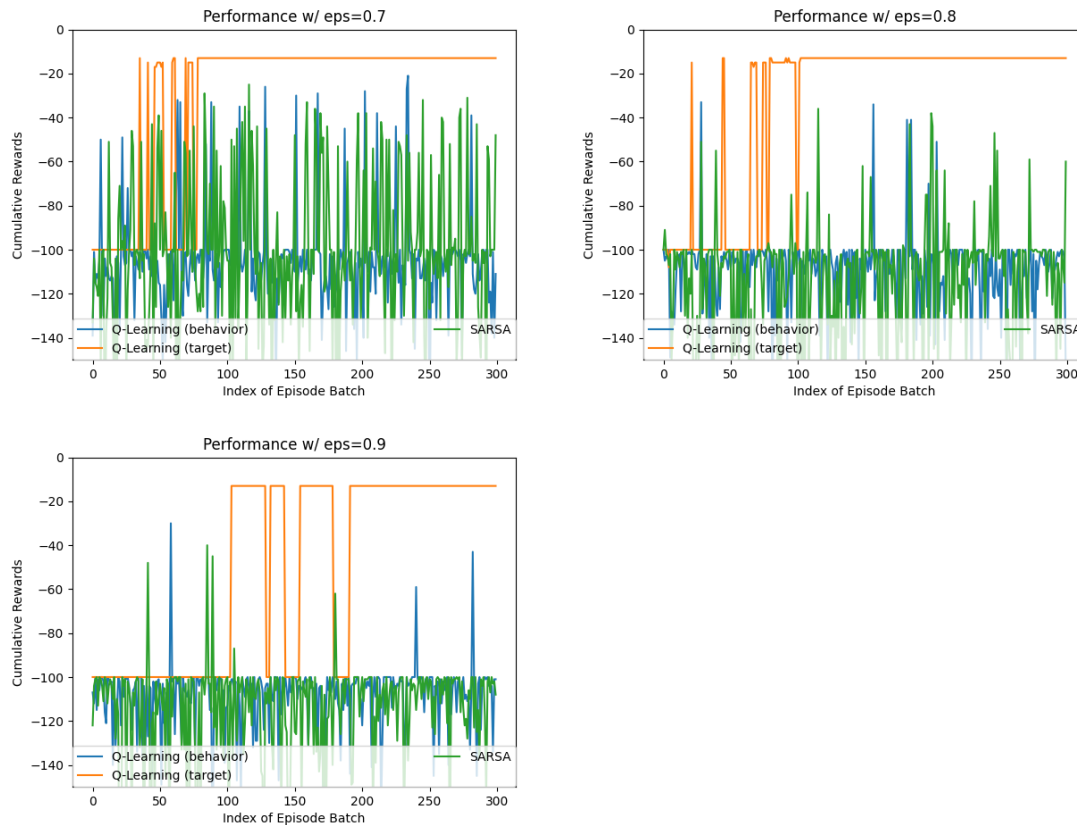
$$\begin{aligned} \because |V_m| &= |\prod_{i=n+1}^m (1 - \alpha_i)V_n + \sum_{i=n+1}^m \prod_{j=n+1}^i (1 - \alpha_j)\alpha_i x_i| \\ \therefore |V_m - V_n| &= |\prod_{i=n+1}^m (1 - \alpha_i)V_n + \sum_{i=n+1}^m \prod_{j=n+1}^i (1 - \alpha_j)\alpha_i x_i - V_n| \\ &= |(\prod_{i=n+1}^m (1 - \alpha_i) - 1)V_n + \sum_{i=n+1}^m (\frac{n}{m(n+1)})\alpha_i x_i| \\ &\leq |(\prod_{i=n+1}^m (1 - \alpha_i) - 1)V_n| + |\sum_{i=n+1}^m (\frac{n}{m(n+1)})\alpha_i x_i| \\ &\leq |((1 - \frac{1}{N^2}) - 1)V_n| + |(\frac{n(m-n)}{m(n+1)N^2})x_i| \\ &\leq |\frac{C_2}{N^2}| + |\frac{C_1}{N^2}|(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i \text{ converges to } \frac{\pi^2}{6}) \\ \therefore |x_m - x_n| &\leq \epsilon, \forall m > N, \forall n > N \\ \therefore \forall \epsilon, \exists N &\geq \sqrt{\frac{C_1+C_2}{\epsilon}}, \forall m > N, \forall n > N, |x_m - x_n| \leq \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, TD-learning converges

Problem 2

以下是从0.01到0.9的 ϵ 得到的累计价值随批次的变化曲线:





(a) what are the impacts of different values of ϵ on the performance of the above three algorithms?

With low ϵ , there is less uncertainty and thus we have a stable curve. And with the ϵ increasing, there is more uncertainty and the curve becomes more unstable, that is, more and more closed to random walk in this cliff-walking environment.

(b) what is the difference between the performance of the behavior policy of Q-learning algorithm and the performance of the target policy of Q-learning algorithm?

ϵ	Q-learning(behaviour)	Q-learning(target)	Sarsa
low	Nearly the same because it is closed to full greedy and that is a certain policy	Nearly the same because it is closed to full greedy and that is a certain policy	Nearly the same because it is closed to full greedy and that is a certain policy
high	Performs poor for extraordinary unstable	Performs poor but better than others because it uses target policy with the same Q-table as behaviour policy but executes full greedy.	Performs poor for extraordinary unstable