

Google slides presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ChUC3ehOT_pVpq15XWf1JOILQKS2HJmTaHpJU9zbFMM/edit?usp=sharing

GitHub repository: <https://github.com/fewagner/icsc23>

dynamics function $p : (A, S) \mapsto \{\text{probabilities for } S'\}$

reward function $r : (S, A, S') \mapsto R \in \mathbb{R}$

policy function $\pi : S \mapsto \pi(A | S) = \{\text{probabilities for } A \text{ given state } S\}$

returns with discounting factor gamma $G_t = R_t + \gamma R_{t+1} + \gamma^2 R_{t+2} + \dots$

state values and action-state values

$$v_\pi(s) = E_\pi[G_t | S_t = s]$$
$$q_\pi(s, a) = E_\pi[G_t | S_t = s, A_t = a]$$

Bellman equations for state and action-state values

$$v_\pi(s) = \mathbb{E}_\pi[R_{t+1} + \gamma v_\pi(S_{t+1}) | S_t = s]$$
$$q_\pi(s, a) = \mathbb{E}_\pi[R_{t+1} + \gamma q_\pi(S_{t+1}, A_{t+1}) | S_t = s, A_t = a]$$

“Epsilon-greedy” policy: Take greedy action with probability $1-\epsilon$ and random action with probability ϵ . (greedy action = action with highest value)

SARSA value update rule

$$Q(S_t, A_t) \leftarrow Q(S_t, A_t) + \alpha [R_{t+1} + \gamma Q(S_{t+1}, A_{t+1}) - Q(S_t, A_t)]$$

Q-learning value update rule

$$Q(S_t, A_t) \leftarrow Q(S_t, A_t) + \alpha \left[R_{t+1} + \gamma \max_a Q(S_{t+1}, a) - Q(S_t, A_t) \right]$$

Actor-critic gradient update for value function parameters

$$w_{t+1} = w_t + \alpha_w \left(R_{t+1} + \gamma \hat{v}_w(S_{t+1}) - v_w(\hat{S}_t) \right) \nabla_w v_{w_t}(S_t)$$

Actor-critic gradient update for policy function parameters

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \alpha_\theta \gamma^t \left(R_{t+1} + \gamma \hat{v}_w(S_{t+1}) - v_w(\hat{S}_t) \right) \nabla_\theta \ln \pi_{\theta_t}(A_t | S_t)$$