Playing Atari with Deep Reinforcement Learning

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DeepMind (pre-Google)

Results

- end-to-end training
- Model free
- Better than humans for 3 out of 7 games!
- But fails badly for sparse rewards



Reinforcement Learning



- Credit Assignment Problem
- Explore-Exploit dilemma

Q-Networks



- Reward function 'given' R(t)
- Q(s, a) = Max(all R(t+1))

• Action we take: argmax a of Q(s, a)

ConV ConV ConV FullyC FullyC

Training the Qnetwork

Epsilon-greedy

- Simple strategy to pick best action.
- Slightly better: pick randomly with probability epsilon!



Policy Gradients

- End-to-End training
- Single 'Policy network' that we train directly.
- Loss function is modified supervised learning
 - with 'true' labels replaced with the actions we sampled
 - and a 'advantage' term of eventual score