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%function [] = binary_bandit_exps(nB,nP,p_win)
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% Duplicates the binary bandit experiments.
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% Inputs:
%   nB: the number of bandits
%   nP: the number of plays (times we will pull a arm)
%   p_win: p_win(i) is the probability we win when we pull arm i.
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%close all;
%clc;
%clear;

% if( nargin<1 ) % the number of bandits:
%   nB = 2000;
% end
% if( nargin<2 ) % the number of plays (times we will pull a arm):
%   nP = 2000;
% end
% if( nargin<3 )
%   p_win = [ 0.1, 0.2 ];
%   p_win = [ 0.8, 0.9 ];
% end

% the number of arms:
nA = 2;

[dum,bestArm] = max( p_win );

%randn('seed',0);

if( 1 )
    % run the SUPERVISED experiment for two epsilon:
    % 0   => fully greedy
    % 0.1 => inbetween
    % 1.0 => explore on each trial
    epsArray = [ 0, 0.1 ];

    perOptAction = zeros(length(epsArray),nP);
    for ei=1:length(epsArray),
        tEps = epsArray(ei);

        pickedMaxAction = zeros(nB,nP);
        for bi=1:nB, % pick a bandit
            % pick an arm to play initially ...
            %arm = 1;
            [dum,arm] = histc(rand(1),linspace(0,1+eps,nA+1)); clear dum;
            for pi=1:nP, % make a play
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    % determine if this move is exploratory or greedy:
    if( rand(1) <= tEps ) % pick a RANDOM arm:
        [dum,arm] = histc(rand(1),linspace(0,1+eps,nA+1)); clear dum;
    end
    if( arm==1 ) otherArm=2; else otherArm=1; end
    % determine if the arm selected is the best possible:
    if( arm==bestArm ) pickedMaxAction(bi,pi)=1; end
    % get the reward from drawing on that arm:
    prob = p_win(arm);
    if( rand(1) <= prob ) % this arm gave SUCCESS keep playing it ...
        % do nothing ...
    else % this arm gave FAILURE switch to the other
        ...
        arm = otherArm;
    end
end
end

percentOptAction = mean(pickedMaxAction,1);
perOptAction(ei,:) = percentOptAction(:).';
end
end

%-----
% Learning with the L_{R-P} (linear reward penalty) algorithm:
%-----
alpha = 0.1;
if( 1 )
    perOptActionRP = zeros(1,nP);

    %qT = zeros( nB, nA ); % initialize to zero the probability this arm gives a success
    (no knowledge)
    qT = 0.5*ones( nB, nA ); % initialize to uniform the probability this arm gives a
    success (no knowledge)

    pickedMaxAction = zeros(nB,nP);
    for bi=1:nB, % pick a bandit
        for pi=1:nP, % make a play
            % pick an arm based on the distribution in qT:
            if( rand(1) < qT(bi,1) )
                arm = 1;
            else
                arm = 2;
            end
            if( arm==1 ) otherArm=2; else otherArm=1; end
            % determine if the arm selected is the best possible:
            if( arm==bestArm ) pickedMaxAction(bi,pi)=1; end
            % get the reward from drawing on that arm:
            prob = p_win(arm);
            if( rand(1) <= prob ) % this arm gave success increment ...
                addTo = arm;
            else % this arm gave failure increment the other
                ...
                addTo = otherArm;
            end
            if( addTo==1 ) otherArm=2; else otherArm=1; end
            % update qT:
            qT(bi,addTo) = qT(bi,addTo) + alpha*( 1 - qT(bi,addTo) );
            qT(bi,otherArm) = 1.0-qT(bi,addTo);
        end
    end
end

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    end
end

percentOptAction = mean(pickedMaxAction,1);
perOptActionRP(1,:) = percentOptAction(:).';
end
perOptAction = [ perOptAction; perOptActionRP ];

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% Learning with the L_{R-I} (linear reward inaction) algorithm:
%-----
alpha = 0.1;
if( 1 )
    perOptActionRI = zeros(1,nP);

    qT = zeros( nB, nA ); % initialize to zero the probability this arm gives a success
    (no knowledge)
    qT = 0.5*ones( nB, nA ); % initialize to uniform the probability this arm gives a
    success (no knowledge)

    pickedMaxAction = zeros(nB,nP);
    for bi=1:nB, % pick a bandit
        for pi=1:nP, % make a play
            % pick an arm based on the distribution in qT:
            if( rand(1) < qT(bi,1) )
                arm = 1;
            else
                arm = 2;
            end
            if( arm==1 ) otherArm=2; else otherArm=1; end
            % determine if the arm selected is the best possible:
            if( arm==bestArm ) pickedMaxAction(bi,pi)=1; end
            % get the reward from drawing on that arm:
            prob = p_win(arm);
            if( ~(rand(1) <= prob) ) % this arm gave failure no learning occurs
                ...
                continue
            end % this arm gave a success ...
            % I selected arm "arm". I won when I played this arm therefore I infer this play
            to be correct
            addTo = arm;
            if( addTo==1 ) otherArm=2; else otherArm=1; end
            % update qT:
            qT(bi,addTo) = qT(bi,addTo) + alpha*( 1 - qT(bi,addTo) );
            qT(bi,otherArm) = 1.0-qT(bi,addTo);
        end
    end

    percentOptAction = mean(pickedMaxAction,1);
    perOptActionRI(1,:) = percentOptAction(:).';
end
perOptAction = [ perOptAction; perOptActionRI ];

% produce the percent optimal action plot:
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figure; hold on; clrStr = 'brkc'; all_hnds = [];
for ei=1:size(perOptAction,1)

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%all_hnds(ei) = plot( [ 0, avgReward(ei,:) ], [clrStr(ei)] );
all_hnds(ei) = plot( 1:nP, perOptAction(ei,:), [clrStr(ei),'-'] );
end
%legend( all_hnds, { '0', '0.1', 'L_{RI}' }, 'Location', 'Best' );
legend( all_hnds, { '0', '0.1', 'L_{RP}', 'L_{RI}' }, 'Location', 'Best' );
axis( [ 0, nP, 0, 1 ] ); axis tight; grid on;
xlabel( 'plays' ); ylabel( '% Optimal Action' );

return;
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