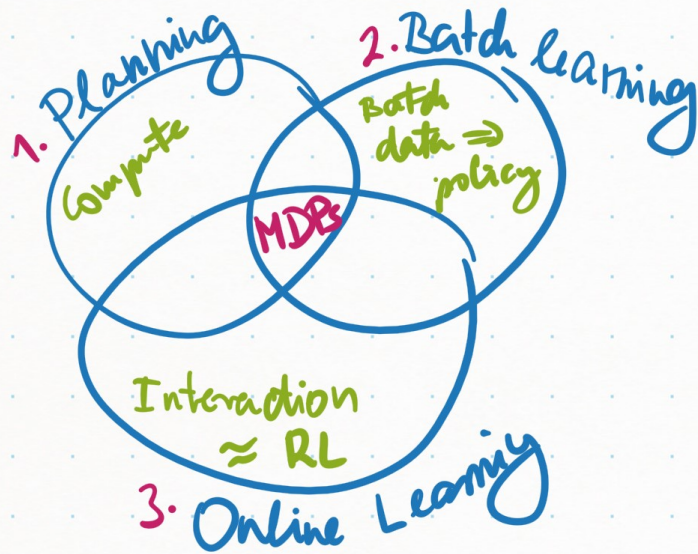


3 Blocks

Block \approx 4 weeks



\mathbb{R} = reals

$$0 \leq \gamma < 1$$

$$\gamma = 1$$

return

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon(1-\gamma)}$$

MDP = Markov Decision Process
- || - - || - Problem

M =

States | $S = (S, A, (P_a(s))_{a \in A})$

Actions | $A = (r_a(s))_{a \in A, s \in S}$

Stochastic Transitions
(between states)

Rewards
 $\downarrow s, a \mapsto$ distr. over states
 $r_a(s) \in \mathbb{R}$
($\in [0, 1]$)

Objective | $P_a(s)$

$$\gamma = (\underbrace{S_0, A_0}_{\text{state, action}}, \underbrace{S_1, A_1}_{\text{state, action}}, \dots)$$

$$R(\gamma) = r_{A_0}(S_0) + \gamma r_{A_1}(S_1) + \gamma^2 r_{A_2}(S_2) + \dots \rightarrow \max$$

Policies!

$\mathcal{M}_1(X) \equiv$ set of prob. distr. over X

$$H_t = (S_0, A_0, \dots, S_{t-1}, A_{t-1}, S_t) \in \underbrace{(\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A})^{t+1}}_{\mathcal{H}_t} \times \mathcal{S}$$

\downarrow
 $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{A})$

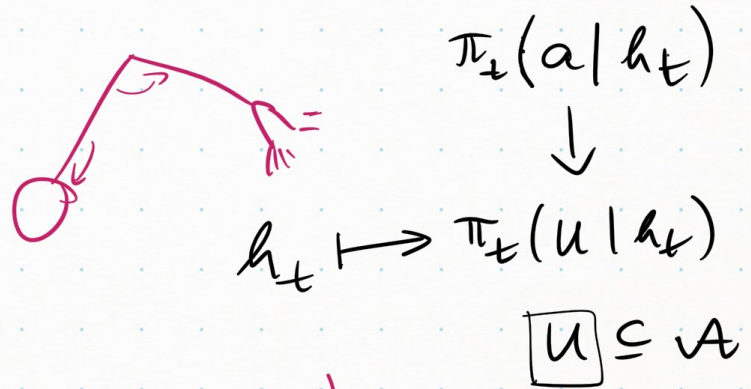
$$\pi = (\pi_t)_{t \geq 0}$$

$$\pi_t : \mathcal{H}_t \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{A})$$

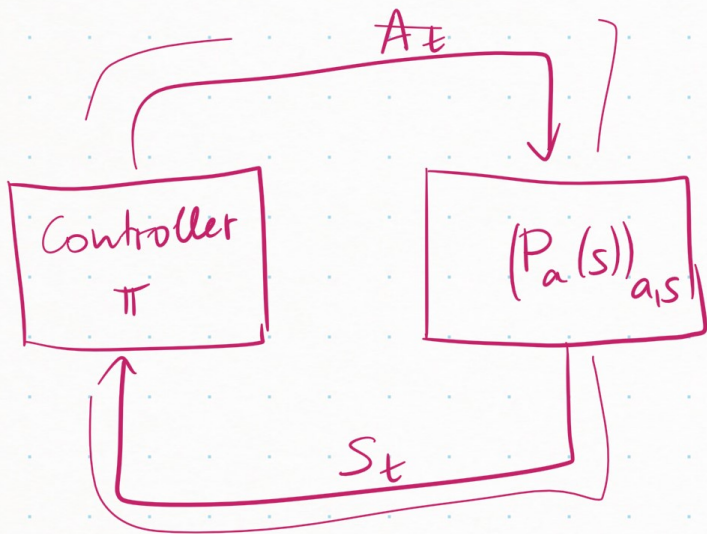
State is observed!?!?

\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A} : measures on them??

\mathcal{S} : finite } BIG!
 \mathcal{A} : finite }



High bar!



"Closed-loop" / Feedback interconnection

$$\pi, \mu \in M_1(S), \quad (P_a(s))_{s|a}$$

$$T = (S \times A)^{\mathbb{N}} = \left\{ (s_t, a_t)_{t \geq 0} \mid s_t \in S, a_t \in A \right\}$$

$$P_{\mu}^{\pi}((s_0, a_0, s_1, a_1, \dots)) = \dots$$

$$= \underbrace{\mu(s_0)}_{\pi_0(a_0 | s_0)} \times \underbrace{\pi_0(a_0 | s_0)}_{\pi(a_0 | s_0)} \times \underbrace{(P_{a_0}(s_0))}_{P_{a_0}(s_0, s_1)}(s_1) \\ \times \underbrace{\pi_1(s_0, a_0, s_1)}_{\pi_1(a_1 | s_0, a_0, s_1)}(a_1) \times \underbrace{(P_{a_1}(s_1))}_{P_{a_1}(s_1, s_2)}(s_2) \\ \vdots \\ \pi(a_n | s_0, a_0, s_1)$$

"Markov property"

$$v^{\pi}(\mu) = \mathbb{E}_{\mu}^{\pi} [R(\sigma)] \\ = \sum_{g \in T} P_{\mu}^{\pi}(g) R(g) \quad \left| \quad v_M^{\pi}(\mu) \right. \\ \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\ \text{value of } \pi \text{ in MDP } M$$

$$\sup_{\pi} v^{\pi}(\mu) = v^*(\mu)$$

$$\mu = \delta_s \quad \delta_s(s') = \begin{cases} 1, & s = s' \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$v^{\pi}(\delta_s) = : v^{\pi}(s)$$

Homework: Figure out
relationship between
 $v^{\pi}(\mu)$ and $v^{\pi}(s)$

$$v^*(s) = \sup_{\pi} v^{\pi}(s)$$

Examples?

Fundamental Theorem of
MDPs