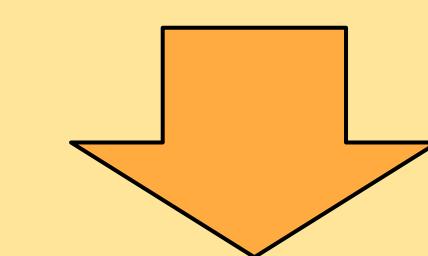
Playing Super Mario Bros with Deep Reinforcement Learning

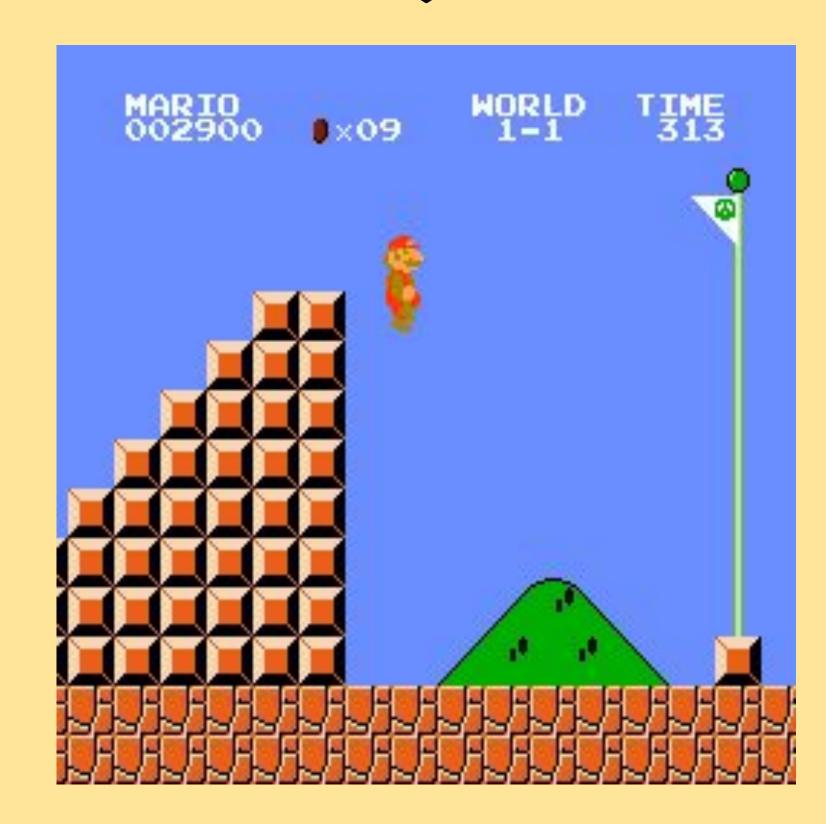
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Research Question

How can we beat Super Mario Bros without humans?

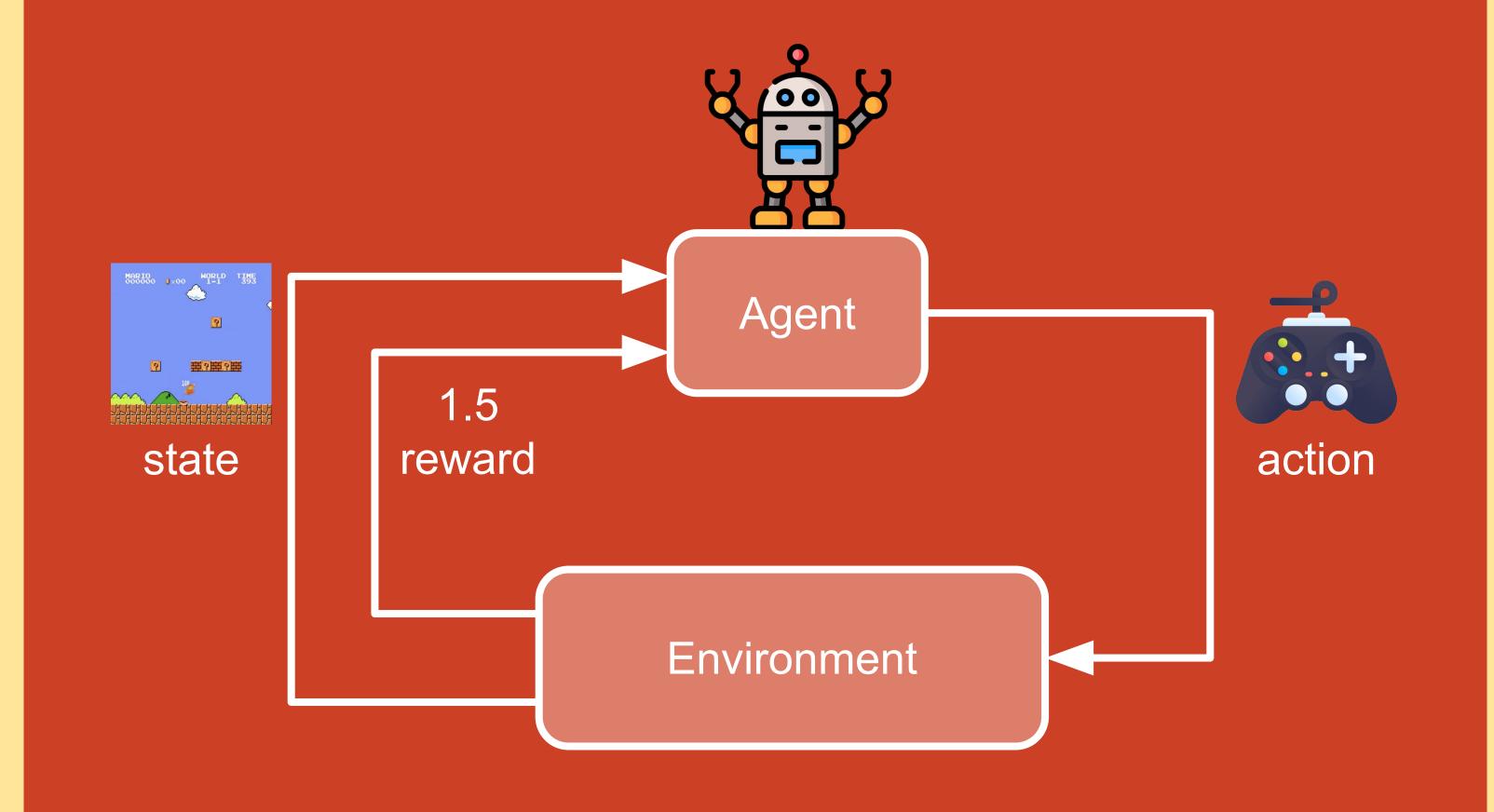






Our approach: using deep reinforcement learning to train a model to beat the game

Reinforcement Learning



Reward: r = v + c + d

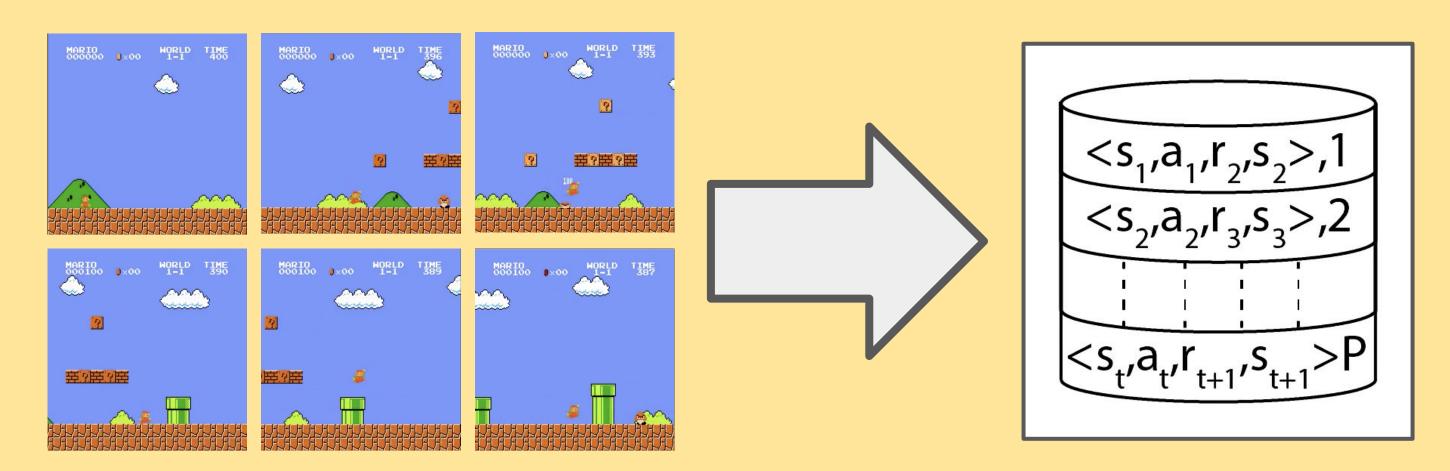
- v = how far right Mario has moved c = time left
- d = death penalty



State = RGB Image/Frame Action = Controller Inputs

Methodology

Step 1: Create an experience replay dataset

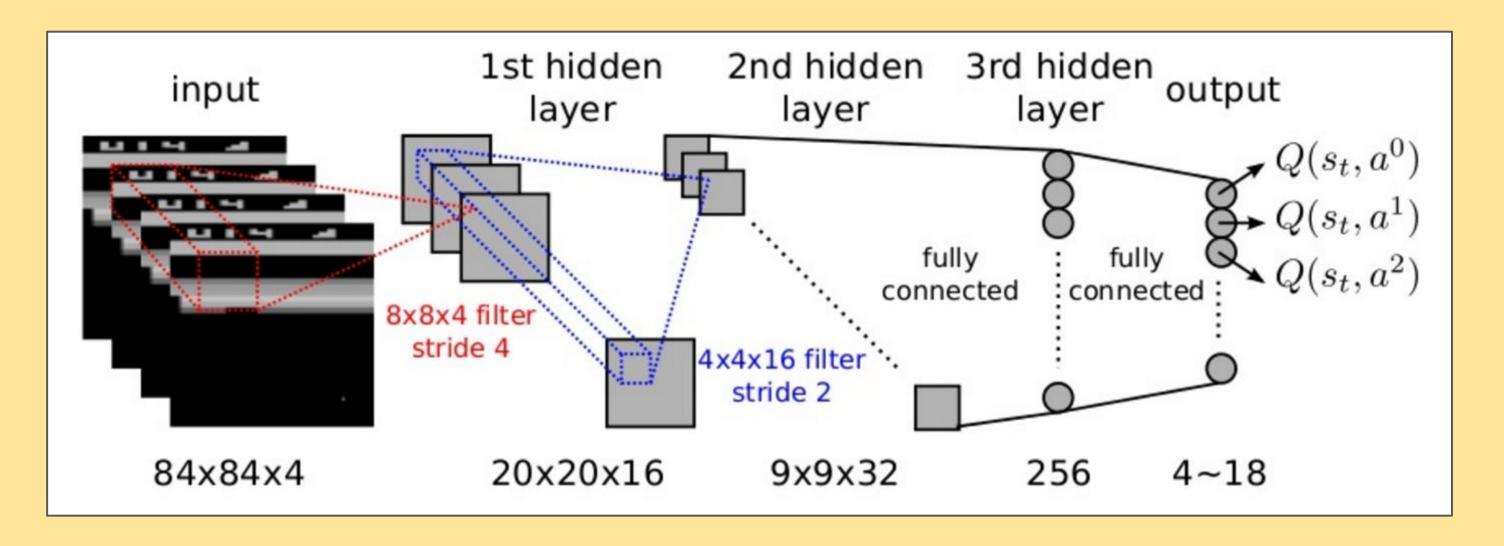


Simulate game over many iterations

The experience replay dataset:

- Speeds up learning by allowing training in parallel.
- Improves learning rate by prioritizing experiences that significantly improves the agent.

Step 2: Use the dataset to train a deep reinforcement learning model



The model learns the future reward associated with different actions, given the current state.