

# Announcements

- **Project Milestone 2 due tonight at 8pm**
- Homework 6 due November 29
  - You have 3 weeks!

# Lecture 22: Reinforcement Learning

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# Optimal Action-Value Function

- **Optimal Action-Value Function (or Q function):** Expected reward if we start in  $s$ , take action  $a$ , and then act optimally thereafter:

$$Q^*(s, a) = \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t \cdot r_t \mid s_0 = s, a_0 = a \right)$$

- **Bellman equation:**

$$Q^*(s, a) = \sum_{s' \in \mathcal{S}} P(s' \mid s, a) \cdot \left( R(s, a, s') + \gamma \cdot \max_{a' \in \mathcal{A}} Q^*(s', a') \right)$$

# Q Iteration

- We have

$$\pi^*(s) = \max_{a \in A} Q^*(s, a)$$

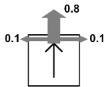
- **Strategy:** Compute  $Q^*$  and then use it to compute  $\pi^*$

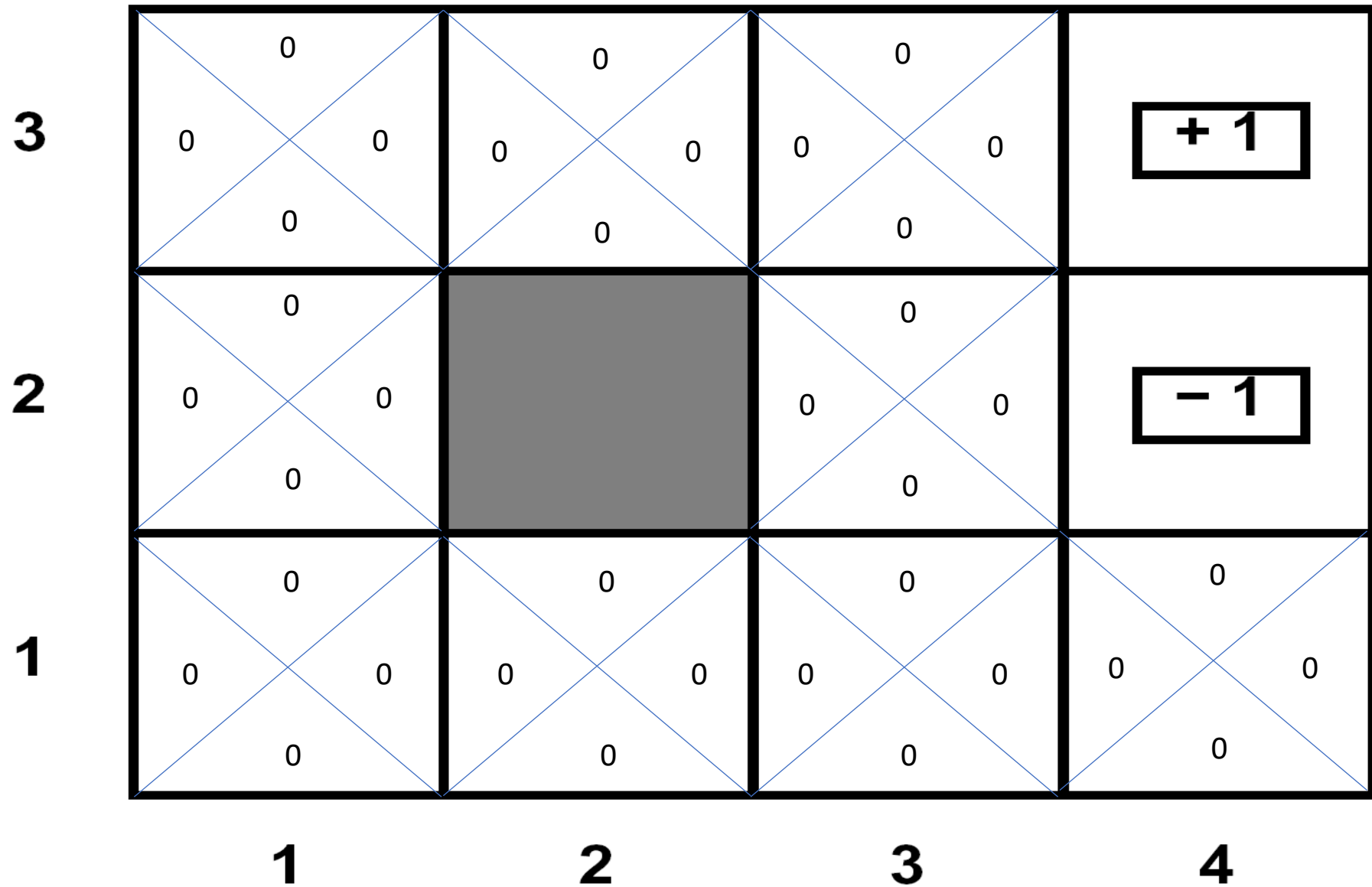
# Q Iteration

- Initialize  $Q_1(s, a) \leftarrow 0$  for all  $s, a$
- For  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$  until convergence:

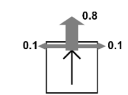
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 Living cost 0      0.9



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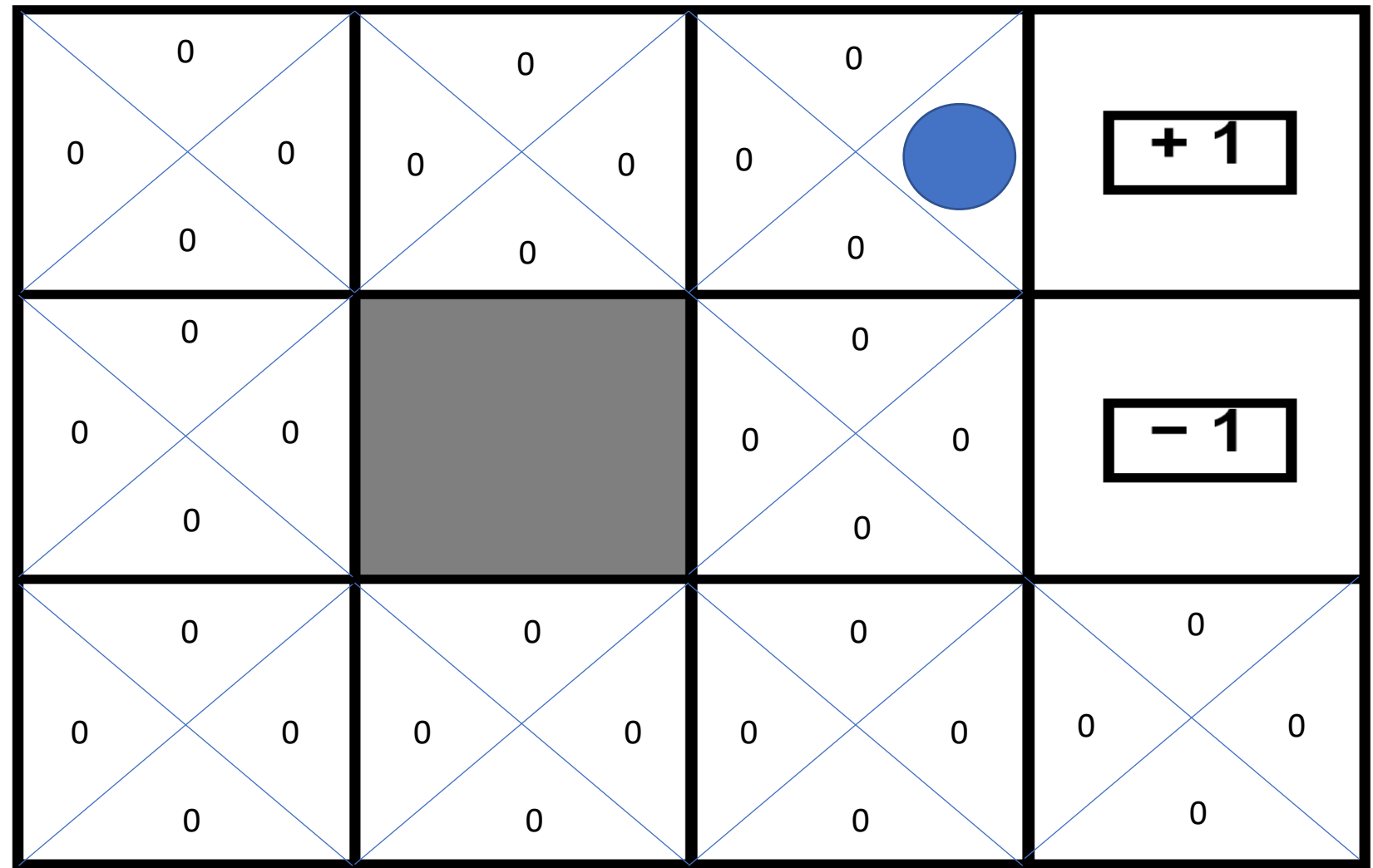
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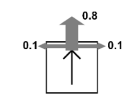
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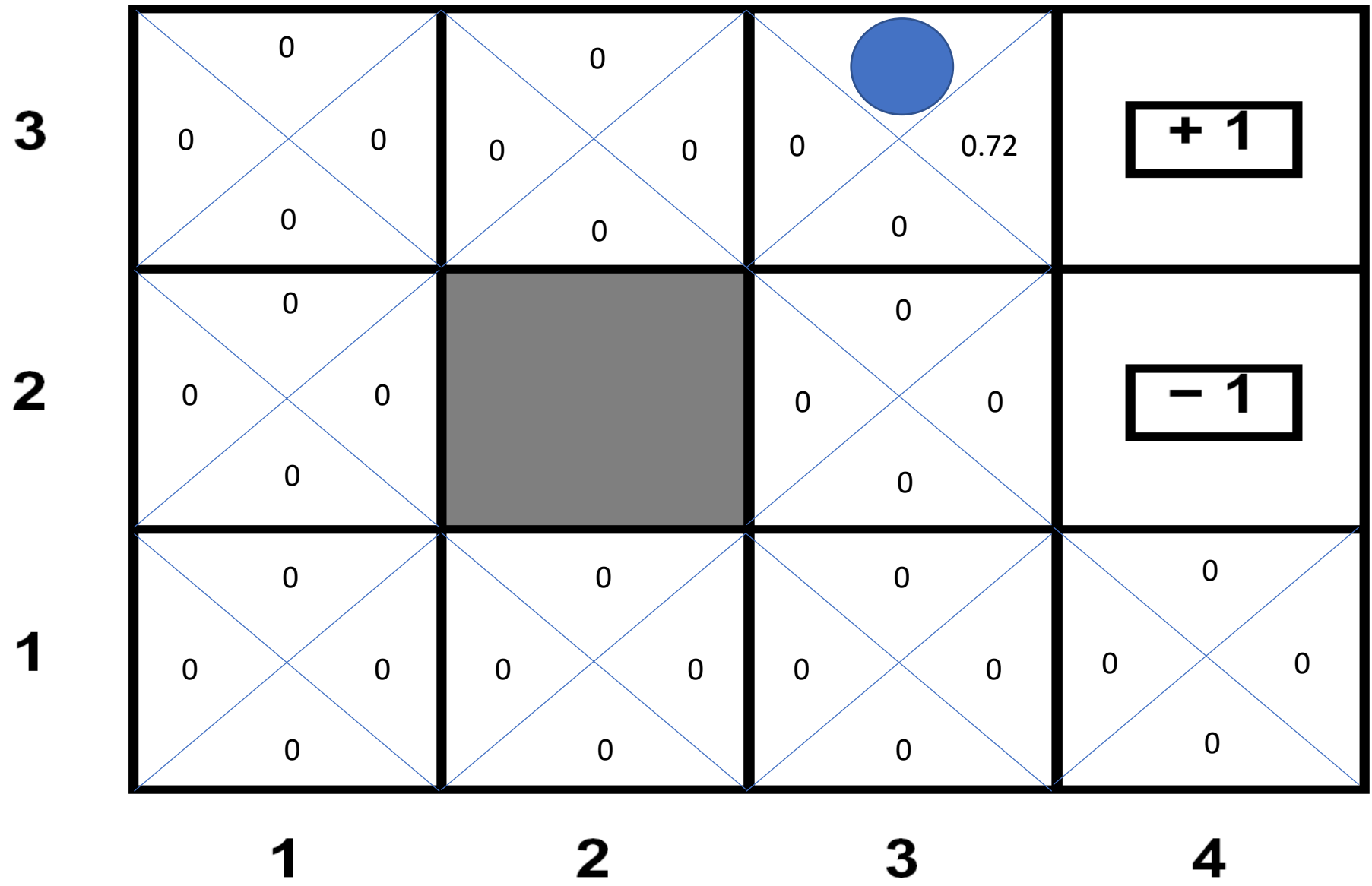
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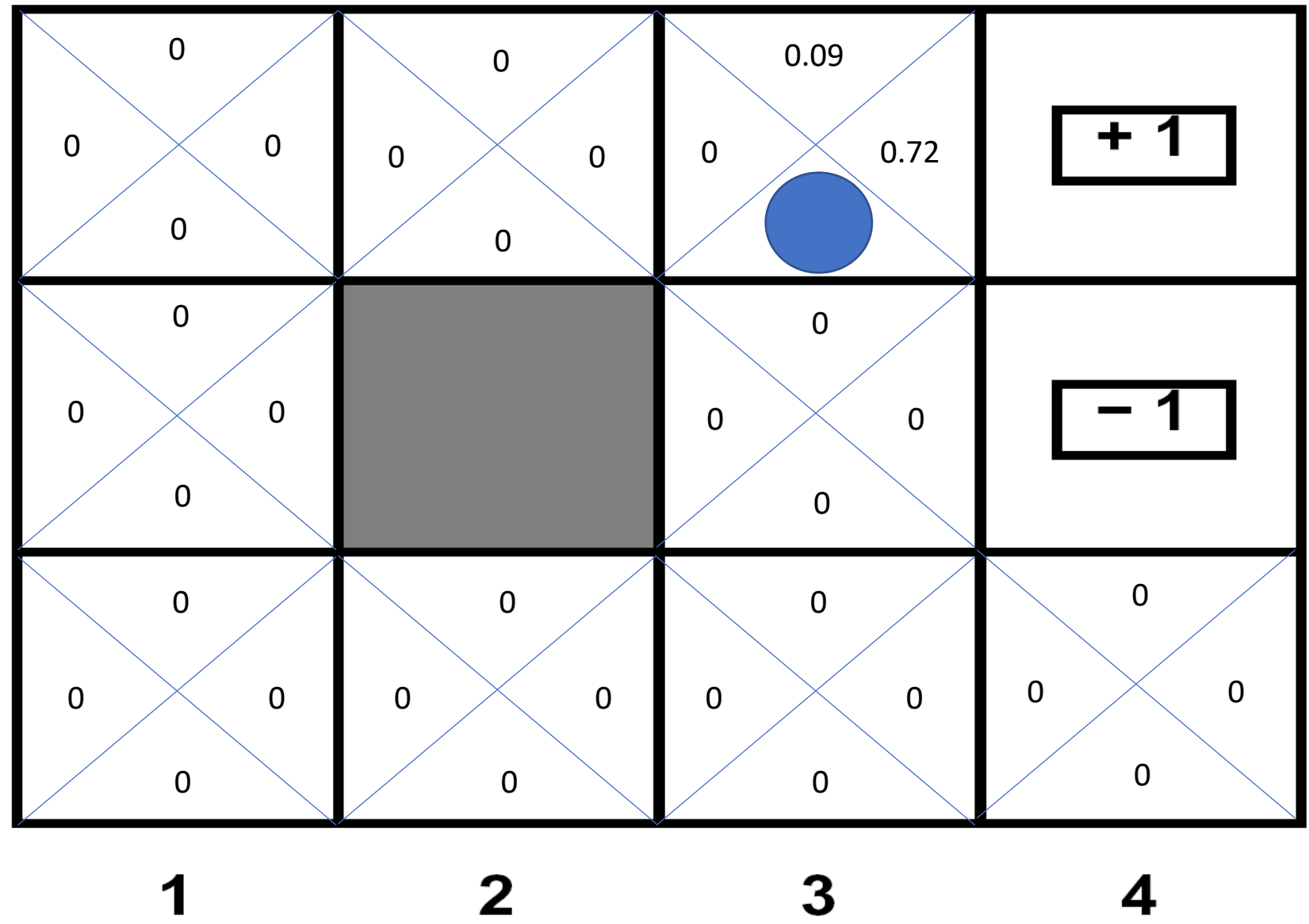


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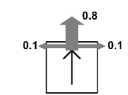


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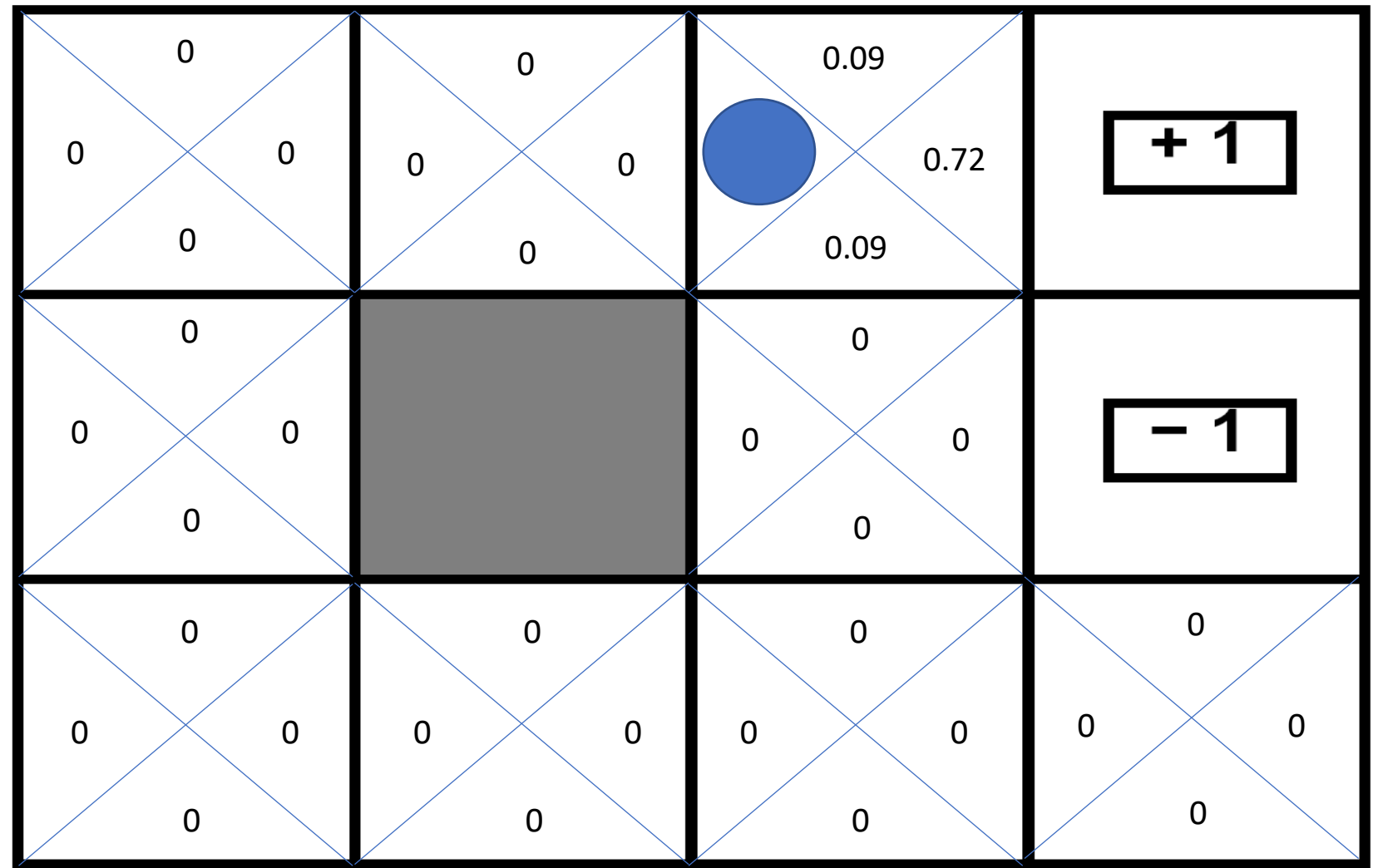
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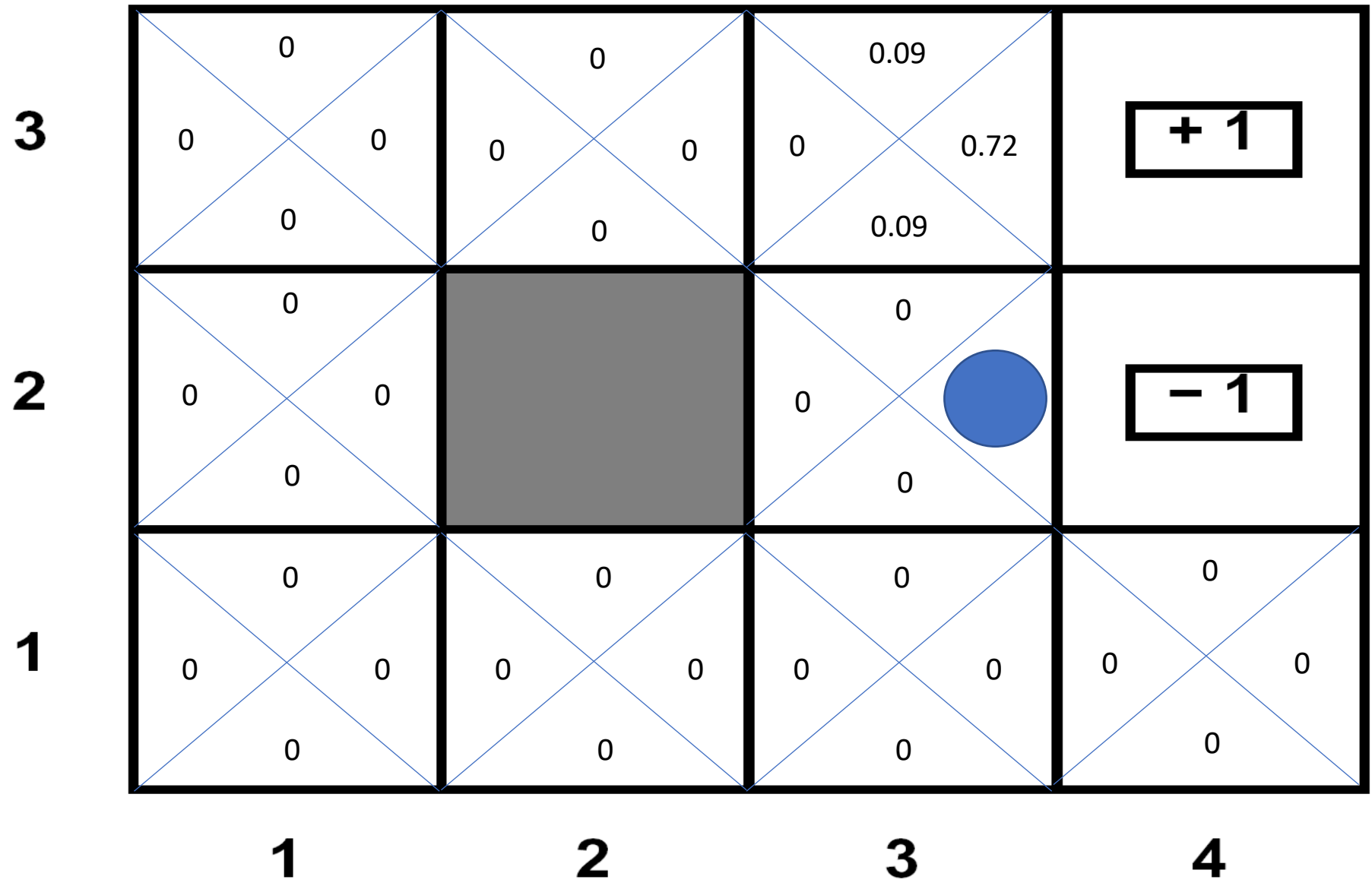
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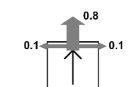
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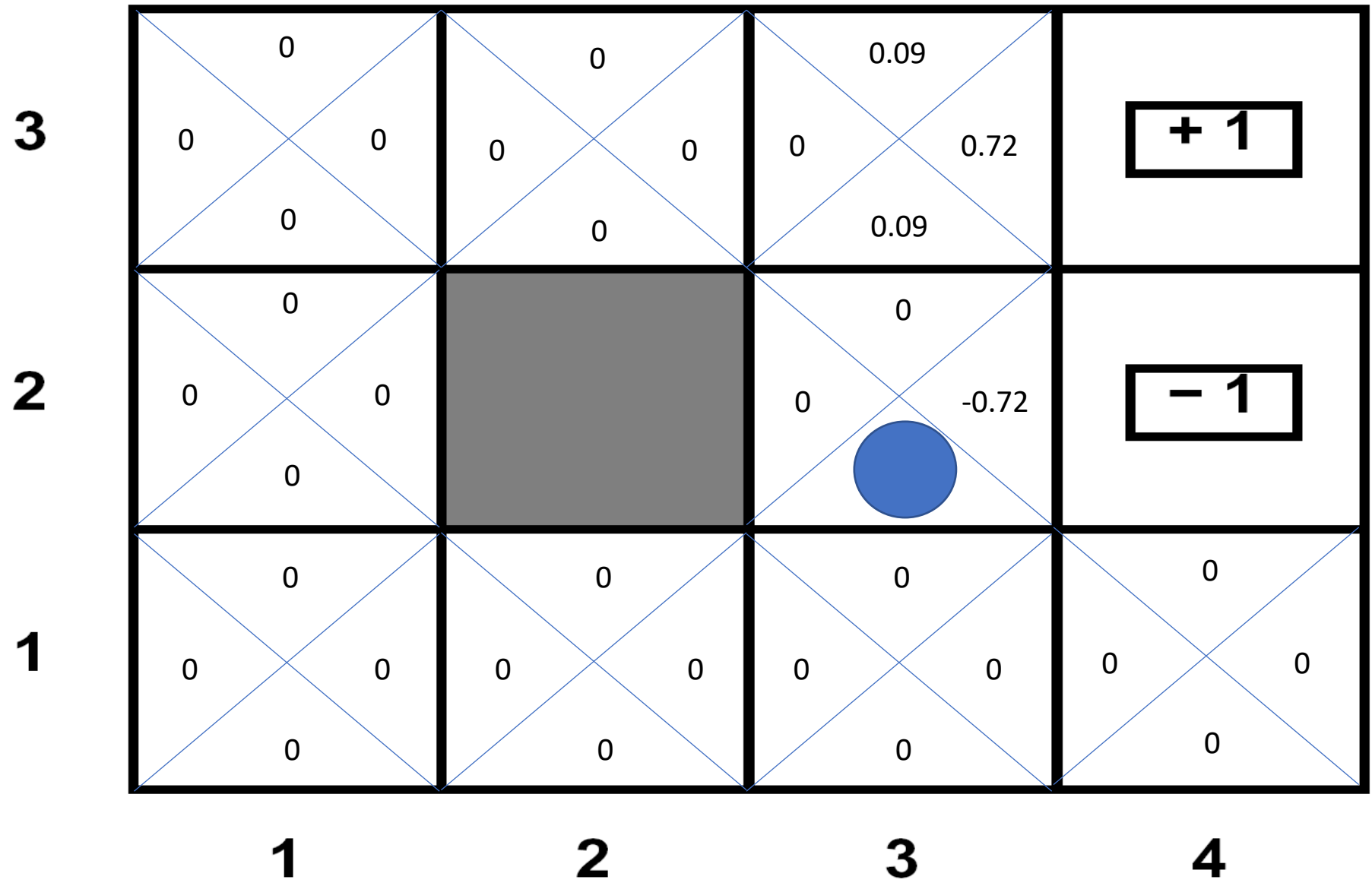
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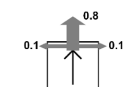
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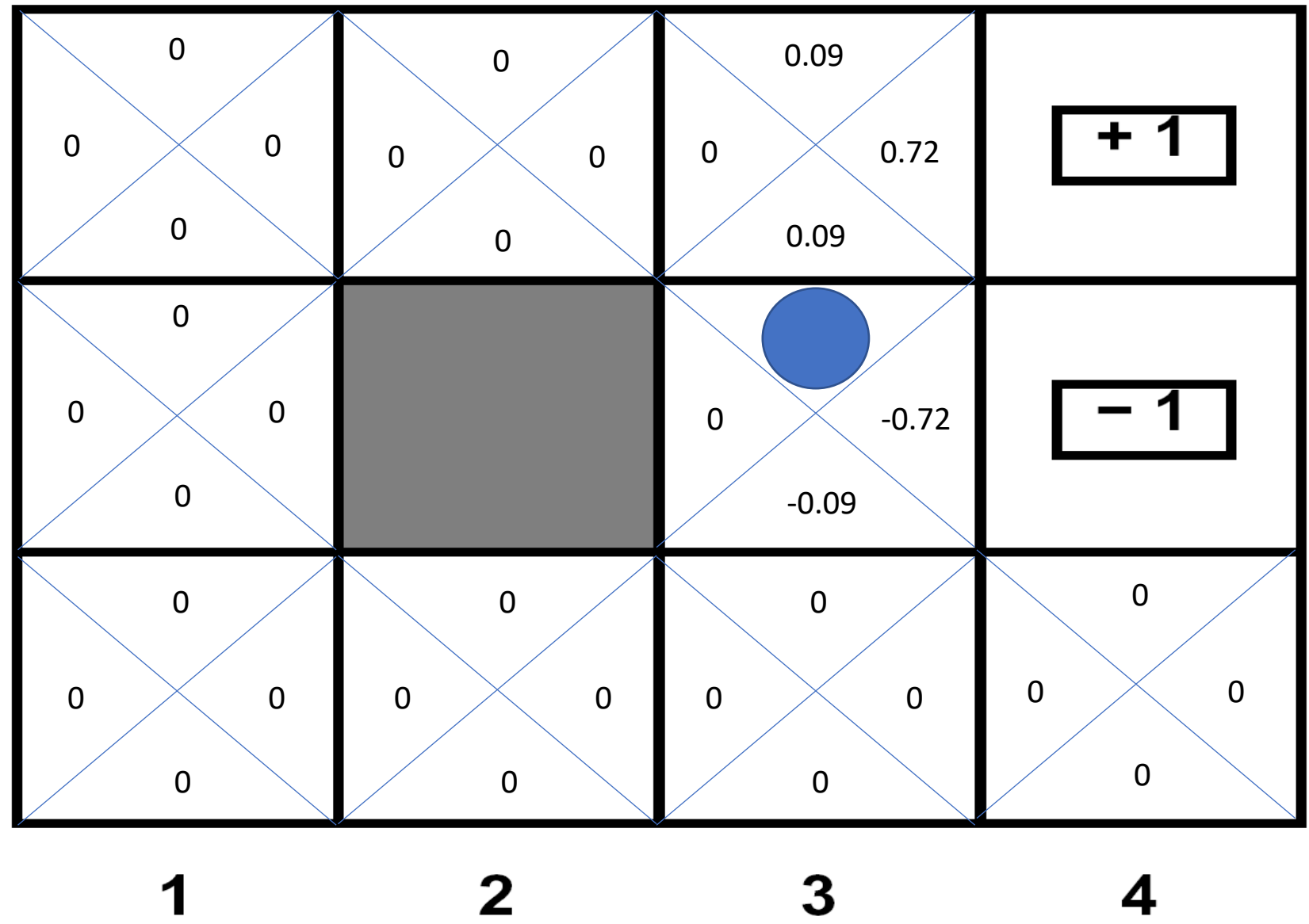


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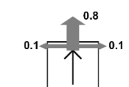
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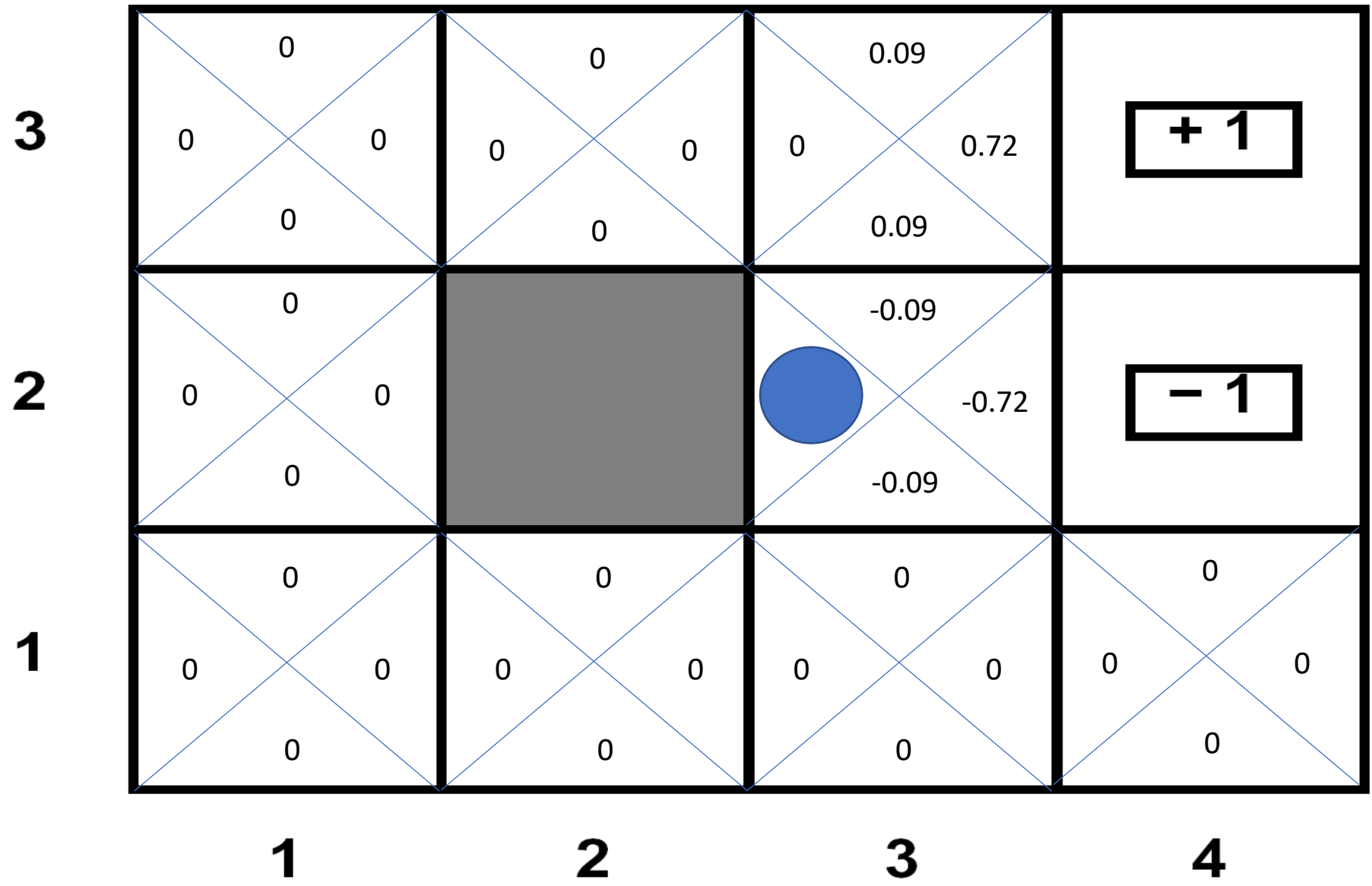
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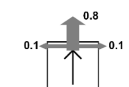


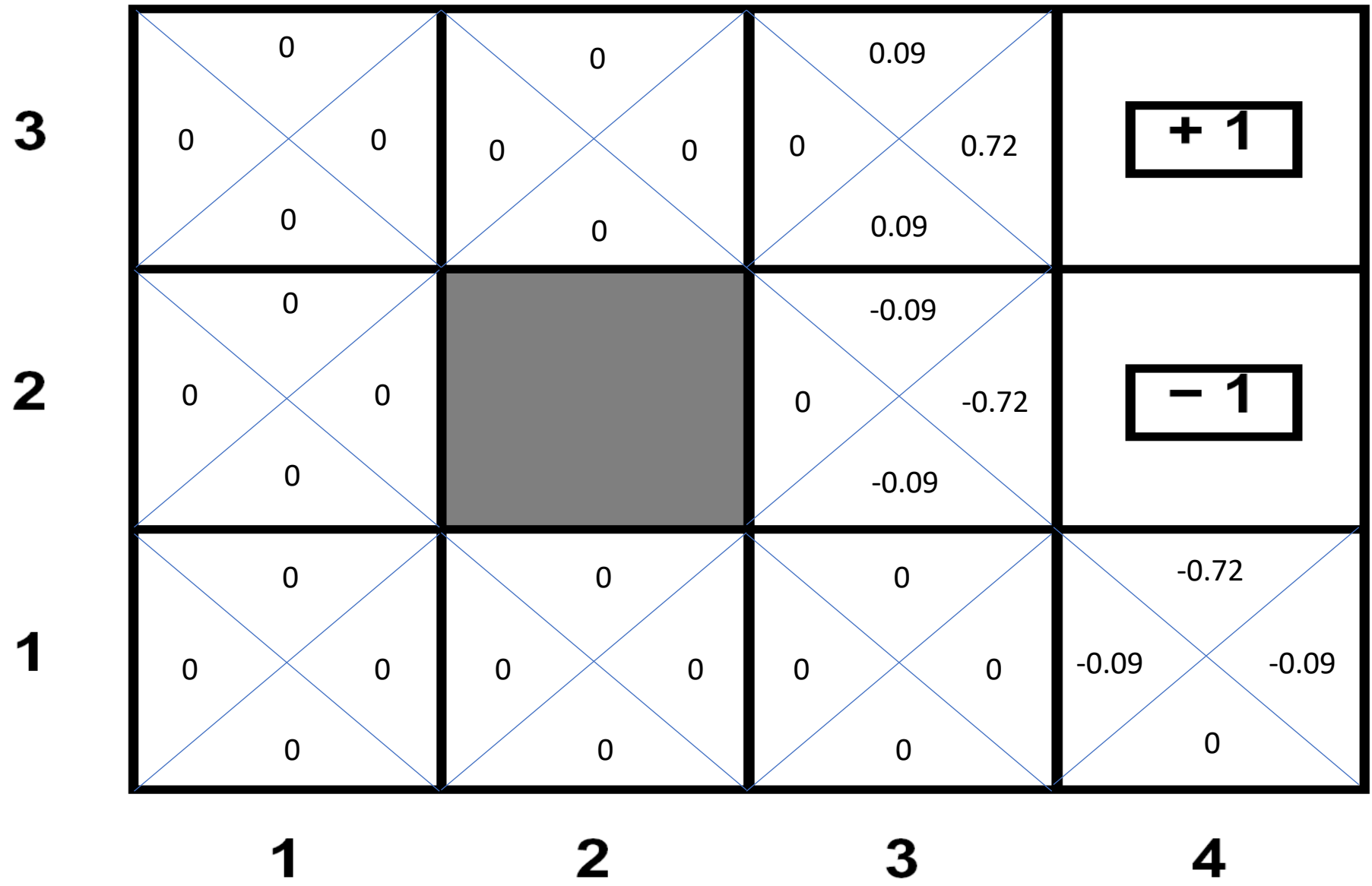
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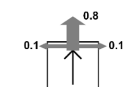
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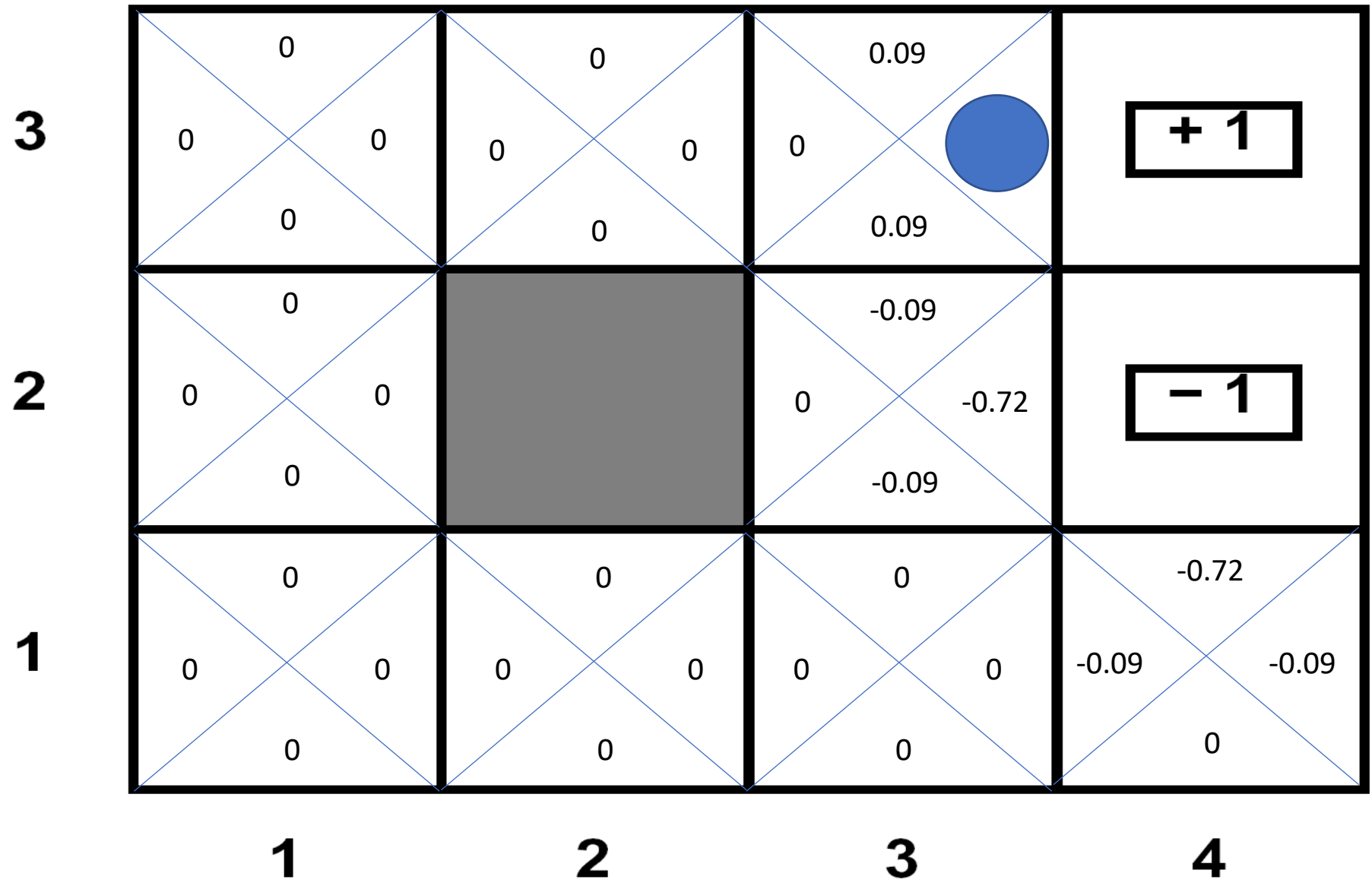


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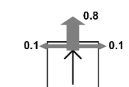
Now we have  $Q_1(s, a)$  for all  $(s, a)$

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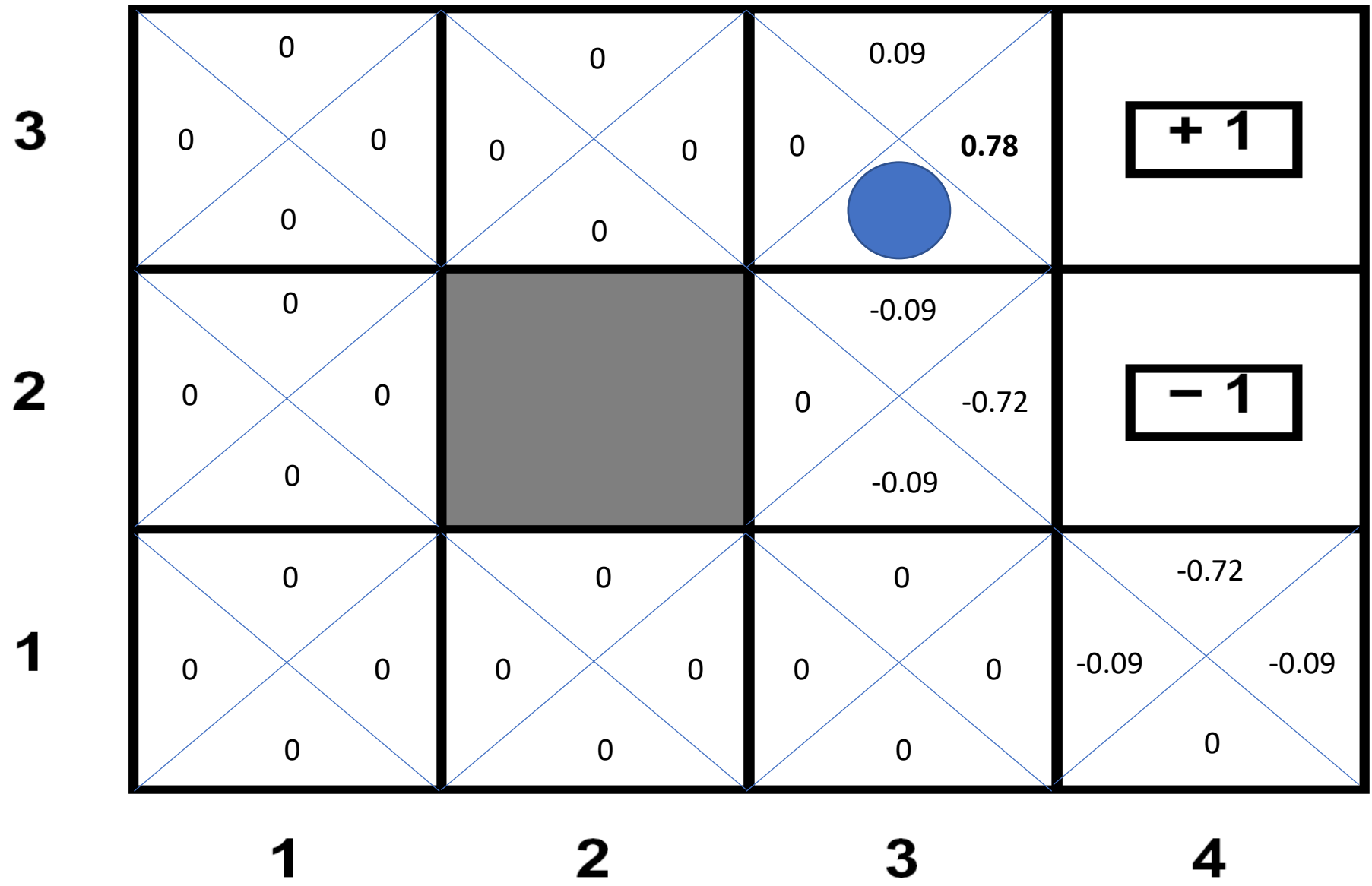


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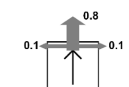


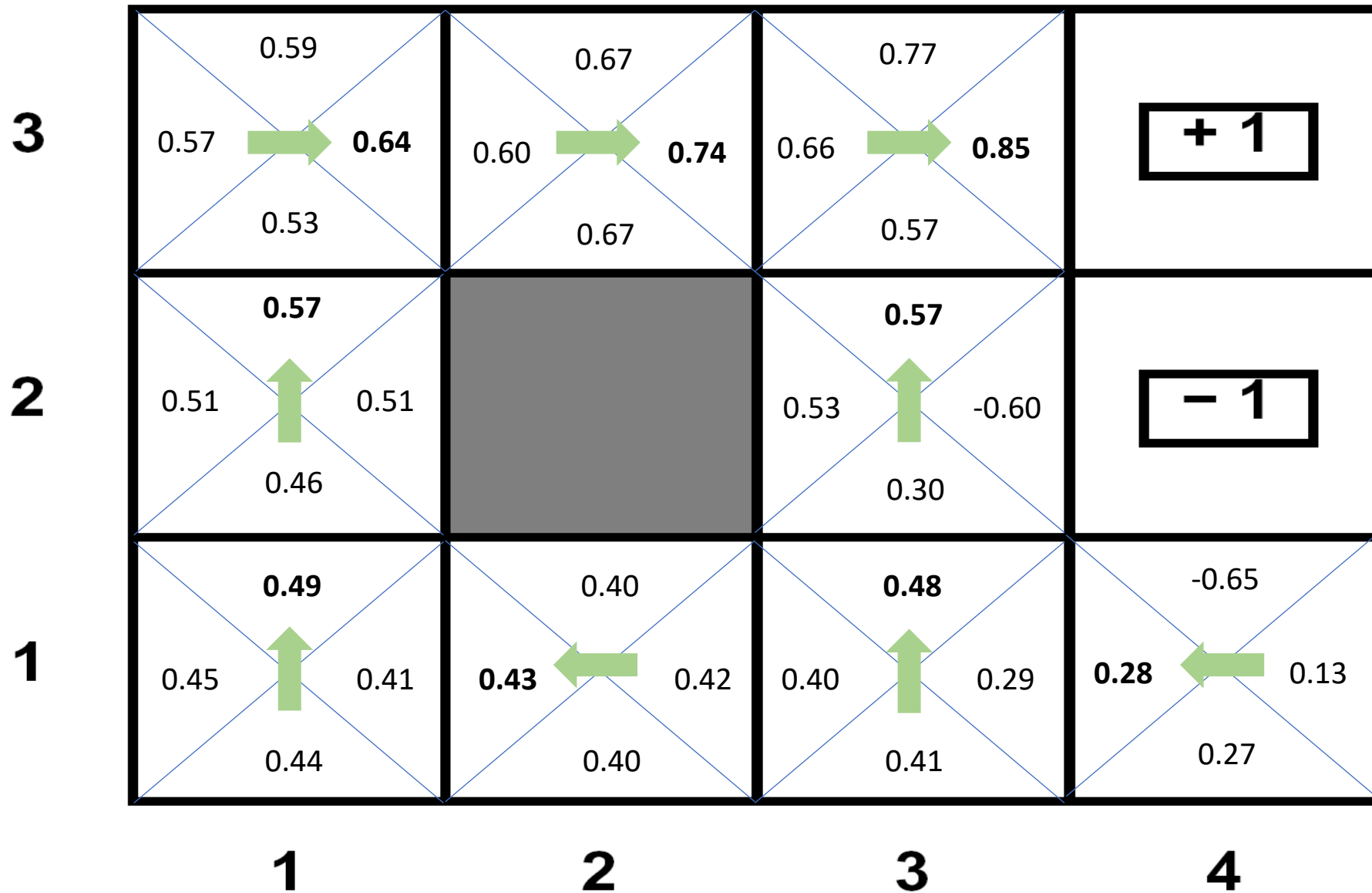
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After 1000 iterations:

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# Reinforcement Learning

- Q iteration can be used to compute the optimal Q function when  $P$  and  $R$  are **known**
- How can we adapt it to the setting where these are unknown?
  - **Observation:** Every time you take action  $a$  from state  $s$ , you obtain one sample  $s' \sim P(\cdot | s, a)$  and observe  $R(s, a, s')$
  - Use single sample instead of full  $P$

# Q Learning

- Can we learn  $\pi^*$  without explicitly learning  $P$  and  $R$ ?

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# Q Learning

- **Q Learning update:**

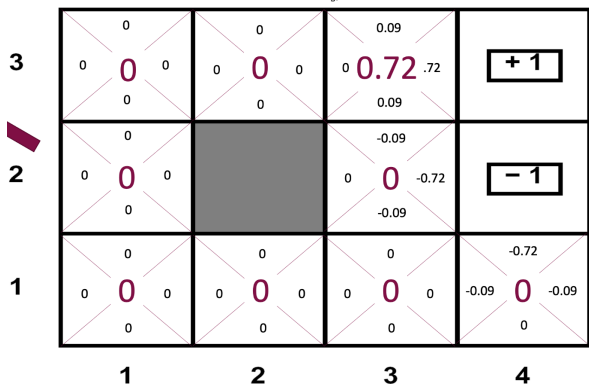
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- **Q Iteration:** Update for all  $(s, a, s')$  at each step
- **Q Learning:** Update just for current  $(s, a)$ , and approximate with the state  $s'$  we actually reached (i.e., a single sample  $s' \sim P(\cdot | s, a)$ )

# Q Learning

- **Problem:** Forget everything we learned before (i.e.,  $Q_i(s, a)$ )
- **Solution:** Incremental update:

$$Q_{i+1}(s, a) \leftarrow (1 - \alpha) \cdot Q_i(s, a) + \alpha \cdot \left( R(s, a, s') + \gamma \cdot \max_{a' \in A} Q_i(s', a') \right)$$

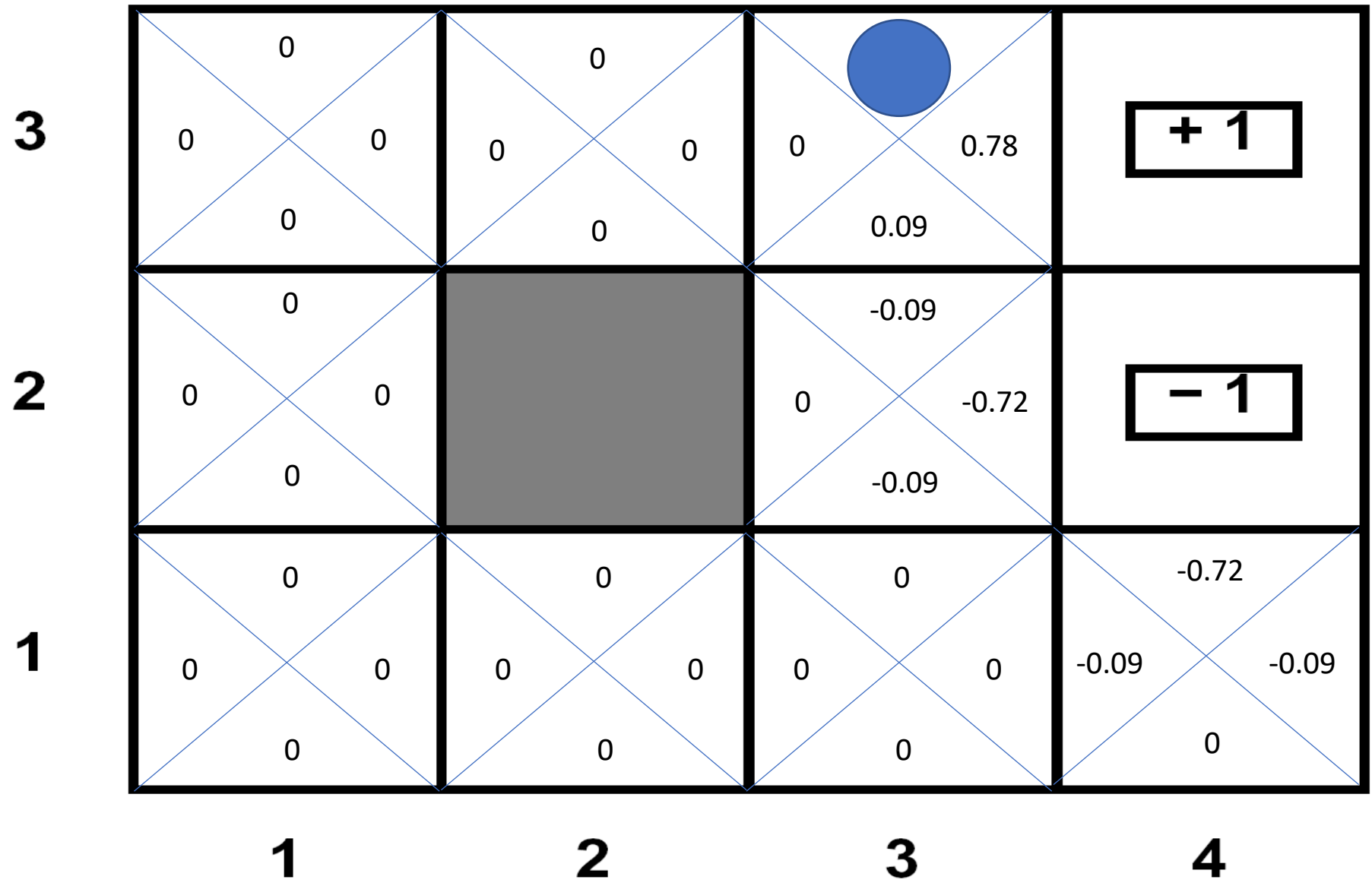


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Sample  $R + \gamma \max Q =$   
 $0 + 0.9 \times 0.78 = 0.702$

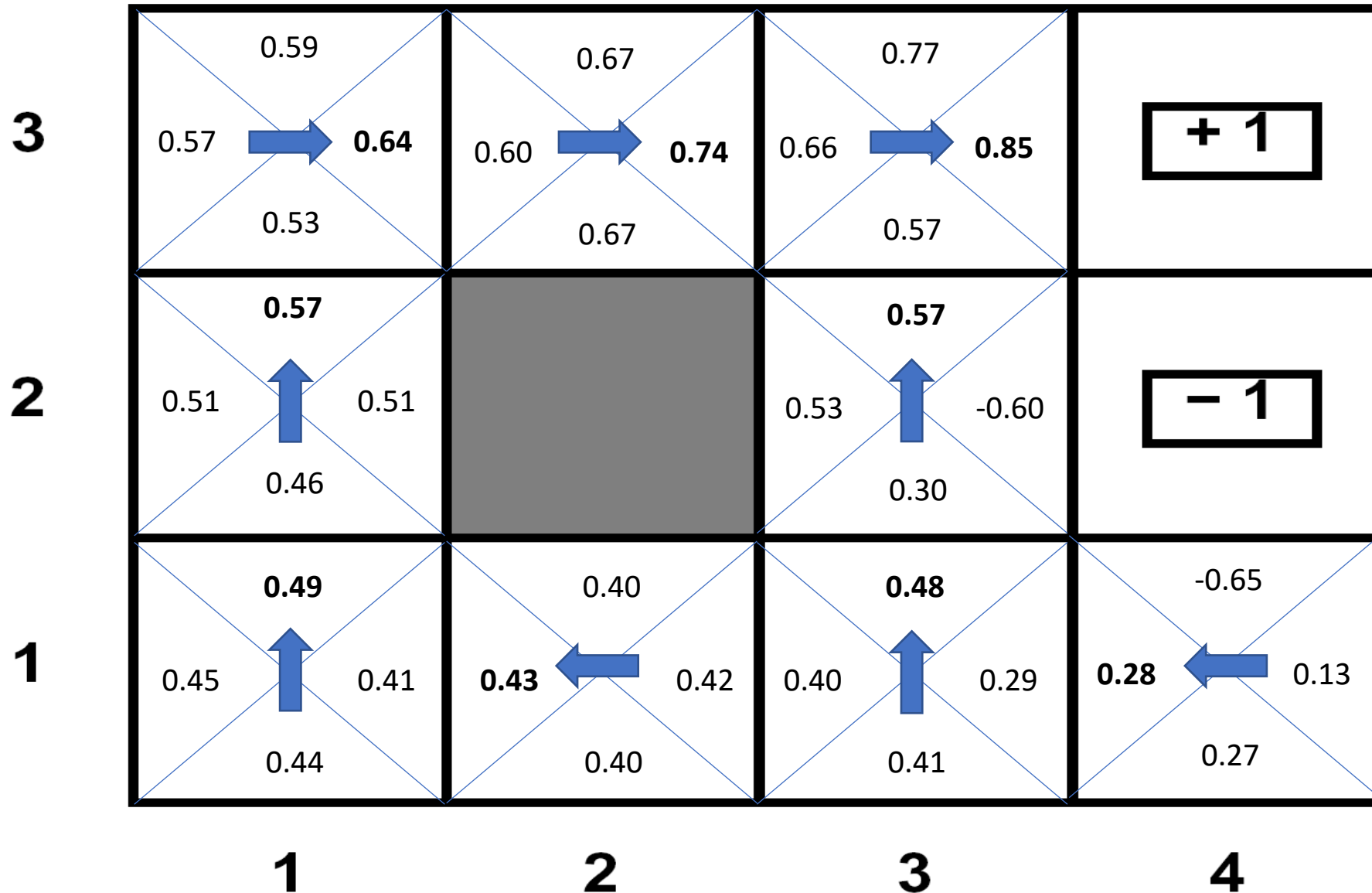
New  $Q =$   
 $0.09 + 0.1 \times (0.702 - 0.09)$   
 $= 0.1512$





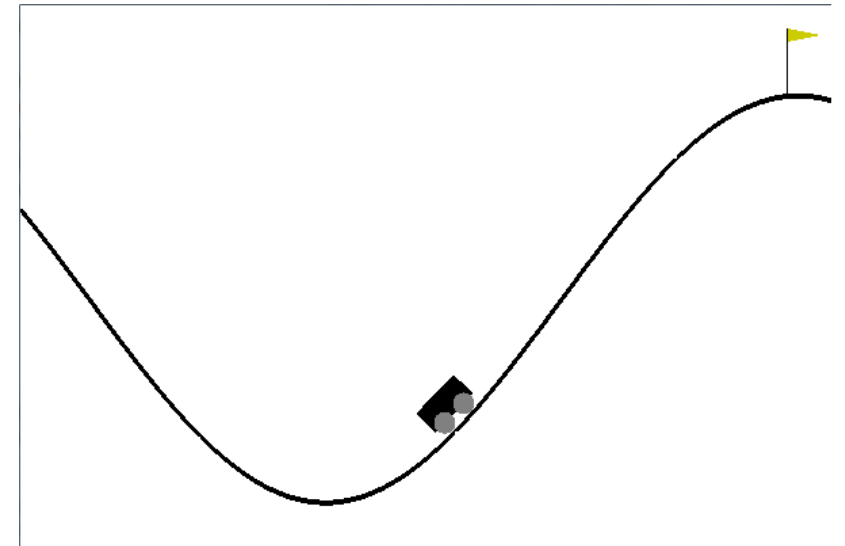
After 100,000 actions:

$$Q(s, a) \leftarrow Q(s, a) + \alpha \left( R(s, a, s') + \gamma \max_{a'} Q(s', a') - Q(s, a) \right)$$



# Policy for Gathering Data

- **Strategy 1:** Randomly explore all  $(s, a)$  pairs
  - Not obvious how to do so!
  - E.g., if we act randomly, it may take a very long time to explore states that are difficult to reach
- **Strategy 2:** Use current best policy
  - Can get stuck in local minima
  - E.g., we may never discover a shortcut if it sticks to a known route to the goal



# Policy for Gathering Data

- **$\epsilon$ -greedy:**

- Play current best with probability  $1 - \epsilon$  and randomly with probability  $\epsilon$
- Can reduce  $\epsilon$  over time
- Works okay, but exploration is undirected

- **Visitation counts:**

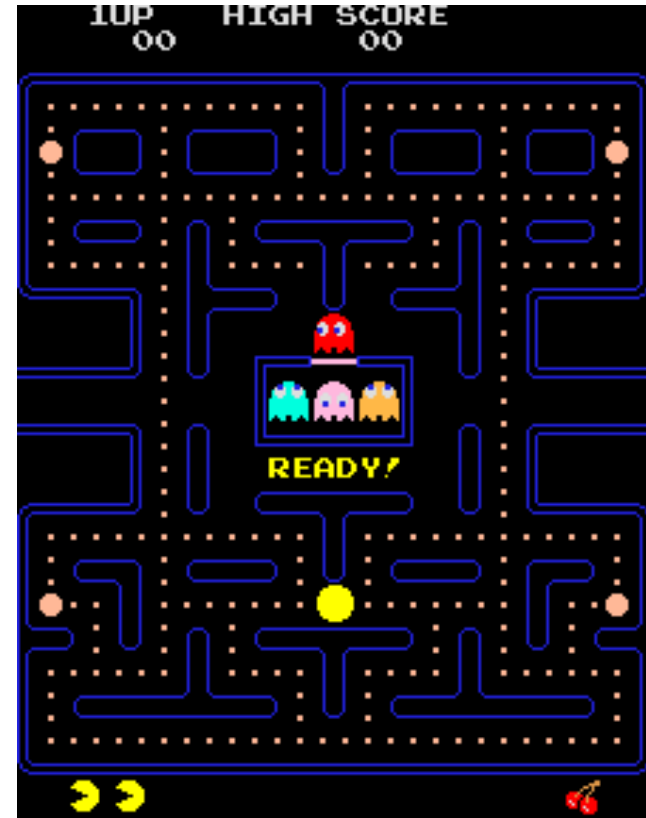
- Maintain a count  $N(s, a)$  of number of times we tried action  $a$  in state  $s$
- Choose  $a^* = \arg \max_{a \in A} \left\{ Q(s, a) + \frac{1}{N(s, a)} \right\}$ , i.e., inflate less visited states

# Summary

- **Q iteration:** Compute optimal Q function when the transitions and rewards are known
- **Q learning:** Compute optimal Q function when the transitions and rewards are unknown
- **Extensions**
  - Various strategies for exploring the state space during learning
  - Handling large or continuous state spaces

# Curse of Dimensionality

- How large is the state space?
  - **Gridworld:** One for each of the  $n$  cells
  - **Pacman:** State is (player, ghost<sub>1</sub>, ..., ghost<sub>k</sub>), so there are  $n^k$  states!
- **Problem:** Learning in one state does not tell us anything about the other states!
- Many states → learn very slowly

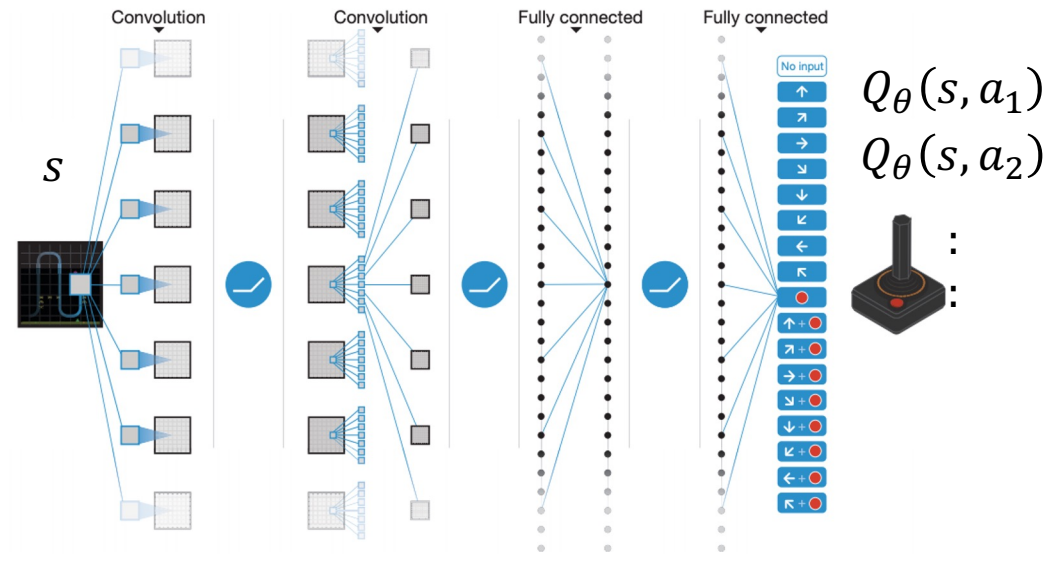


# State-Action Features

- Can we learn **across** state-action pairs?
- Yes, use features!
  - $\phi(s, a) \in \mathbb{R}^d$
  - Then, learn to predict  $Q^*(s, a) \approx Q_\theta(s, a) = f_\theta(\phi(s, a))$
  - Enables generalization to similar states

# Neural Network $Q$ Function

- **Examples:** Distance to closest ghost, distance to closest dot, etc.
  - Can also use neural networks to **learn** features (e.g., represent Pacman game state as an image and feed to CNN)!



# Deep Q Learning

- **Learning:** Gradient descent with the squared Bellman error loss:

$$\left( \underbrace{\left( R(s, a, s') + \gamma \cdot \max_{a'} Q_{\theta}(s', a') \right)}_{\text{"Label" } y} - Q_{\theta}(s, a) \right)^2$$



# Deep Q Learning

- **Iteratively perform the following:**
  - Take an action  $a_i$  and observe  $(s_i, a_i, s_{i+1}, r_i)$
  - $y_i \leftarrow r_i + \gamma \cdot \max_{a' \in A} Q_\theta(s_{i+1}, a')$
  - $\phi \leftarrow \phi - \alpha \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} (Q_\theta(s_i, a_i) - y_i)^2$
- **Note:** Pretend like  $y_i$  is constant when taking the gradient
- For finite state setting, recover incremental update if the “parameters” are the Q values for each state-action pair

# Experience Replay Buffer

- **Problem**

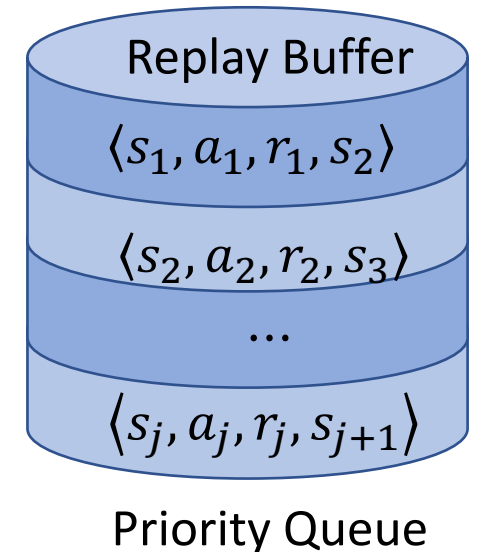
- Sequences of states are highly correlated
- Tend to overfit to current states and forget older states

- **Solution**

- Keep a **replay buffer** of observations (as a priority queue)
- Gradient updates on samples from replay buffer instead of current state

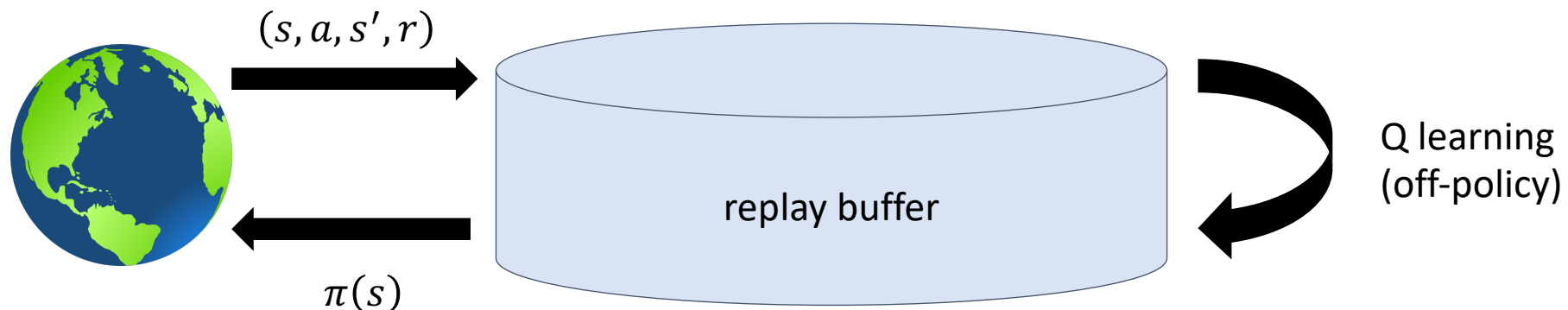
- **Advantages**

- Breaks correlations between consecutive samples
- Can take multiple gradient steps on each observation



# Deep Q Learning with Replay Buffer

- Iteratively perform the following:
  - Take an action  $a_i$  and add observation  $(s_i, a_i, s_{i+1}, r_i)$  to **replay buffer  $D$**
  - For  $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ :
    - Sample  $(s_{i,k}, a_{i,k}, s_{i+1,k}, r_{i,k})$  from  $D$
    - $y_{i,k} \leftarrow r_{i,k} + \gamma \cdot \max_{a' \in A} Q_{\theta}(s_{i+1,k}, a')$
    - $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} (Q_{\theta}(s_{i,k}, a_{i,k}) - y_{i,k})^2$



# Target Q Network

- **Problem**

- Q network occurs in the label  $y_i$ !

- $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( Q_{\theta}(s_i, a_i) - r_i + \gamma \cdot \max_{a' \in A} Q_{\theta}(s_{i+1}, a') \right)^2$

- Thus, labels change as Q network changes (distribution shift)

- **Solution**

- Use a separate **target Q network** for the occurrence in  $y_i$

- Only update target network occasionally

- $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \underbrace{Q_{\theta}(s_i, a_i)} - r_i + \gamma \cdot \max_{a' \in A} \underbrace{Q_{\theta'}(s_{i+1}, a')} \right)^2$

Original Q Network

Target Q Network

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  - Every  $N$  steps,  $\theta' \leftarrow \theta$

# Deep Q Learning for Atari Games

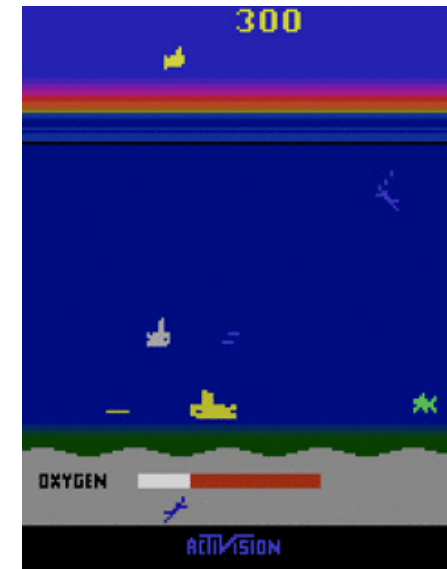
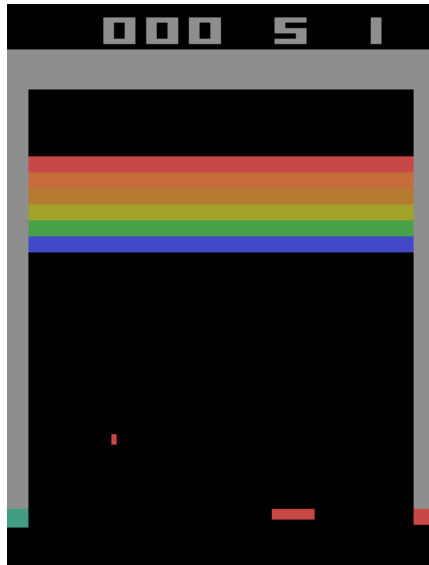


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# Aside: Policy Gradient Algorithm

- Directly train policy  $\pi_{\theta}(a | s)$  mapping states to action distributions
- Policy gradient theorem gives the gradient update:

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta + \eta \cdot \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{t=1}^T \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi_{\theta}(a_{i,t} | s_{i,t}) \sum_{t'=t}^T \gamma^{t'-t} r_{t'} \right)$$

- Can be combined with Q learning to form “actor-critic algorithms”

# Multi-Armed Bandits

- **State:** None! (To be precise, a single state  $S = \{s_0\}$ )
- **Action:** Item to recommend (often called **arms**)
- **Transitions:** Just stay in the same state
- **Rewards:** Random payoff for each arm
  - Denote  $R(a) = R(s_0, a)$ , where  $a$  is the chosen action



# Example: Ad Targeting

- **Setting**

- Google wants to show the most popular ad for a search term (e.g., “lawyer”)
- There are a fixed number of ads to choose from



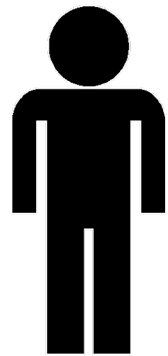
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Ad 1

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Ad 2

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Ad 3

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Ad 3

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# Multi-Armed Bandits

- **Many applications**
  - Cold-start for news/ad/movie recommendations
  - A/B testing
  - Flagging potentially harmful content on a social media platform
  - Prioritizing medical tests
- Learning dynamically
- Many practical RL problems are multi-armed bandits

# Exploration-Exploitation Tradeoff

- For  $t \in \{1, 2, \dots, T\}$

- Compute reward estimates  $r_{t,a} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{t-1} r_i \cdot 1(a_i=a)}{\sum_{i=1}^{t-1} 1(a_i=a)}$

- Choose action  $a_t$  based on reward estimates

- Add  $(a_t, r_t)$  to replay buffer

- **Question:** How to choose actions?

- **Exploration:** Try actions to better estimate their rewards

- **Exploitation:** Use action with the best estimated reward to maximize payoff

# Multi-Armed Bandit Algorithms

- **Naïve strategy:  $\epsilon$ -Greedy**
  - Choose action  $a_t \sim \text{Uniform}(A)$  with probability  $\epsilon$
  - Choose action  $a_t = \arg \max_{a \in A} r_{t,a}$  with probability  $1 - \epsilon$
- Can we do better?

# Multi-Armed Bandit Algorithms

- **Upper confidence bound (UCB)**

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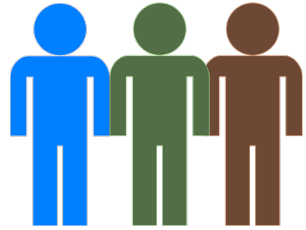
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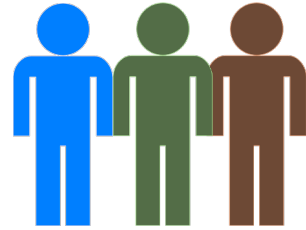
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# Application: Targeted COVID-19 Testing



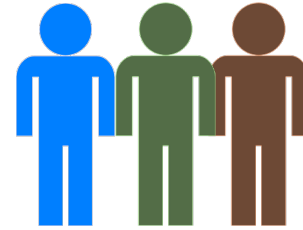
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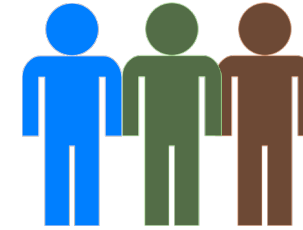
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Positive



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Test Brown

Negative

# EVA

30k-100k passengers



24 hours prior to travel

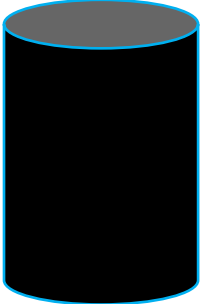


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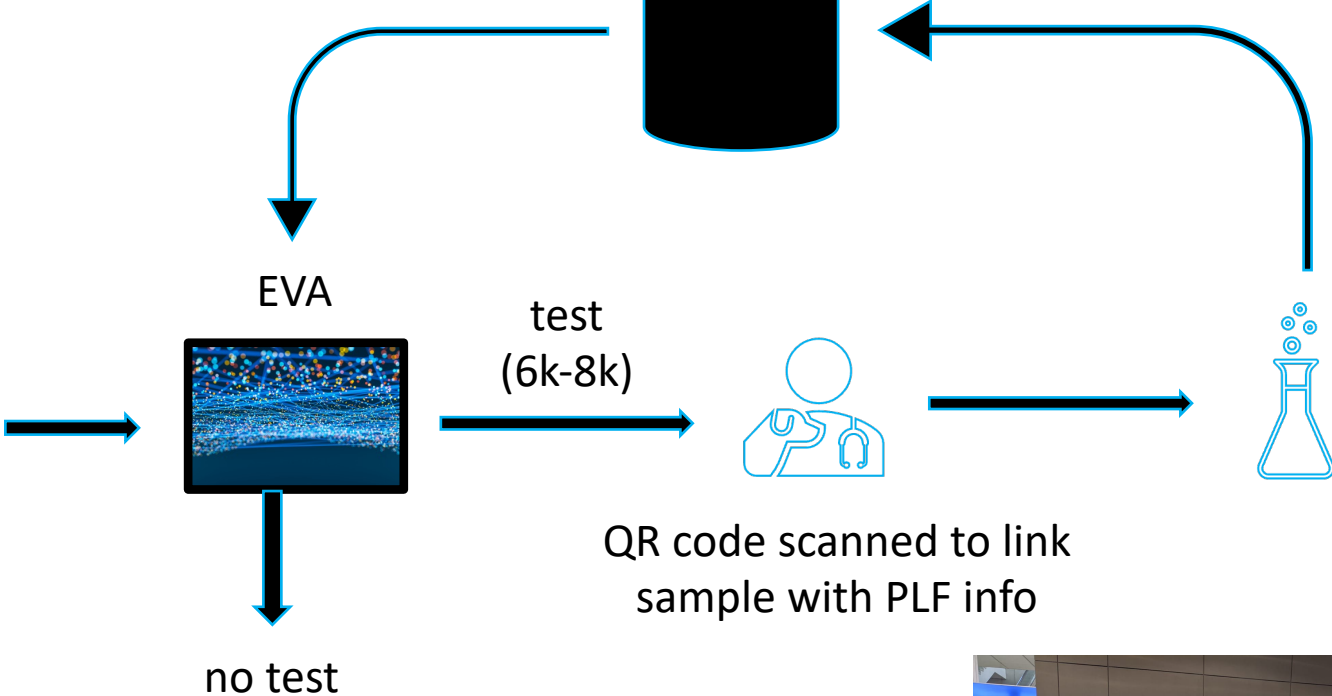
Travelers report:

- Origin
- Demographics
- Destination
- Contact

Use prior testing results to allocate tests efficiently at every point of entry



Labs submit positive results to central database with ~2-day delay



# Why Bandits?

- **Bandit feedback**

- Only observe positive/negative if the traveler is tested
- Technically “semi-bandit feedback”

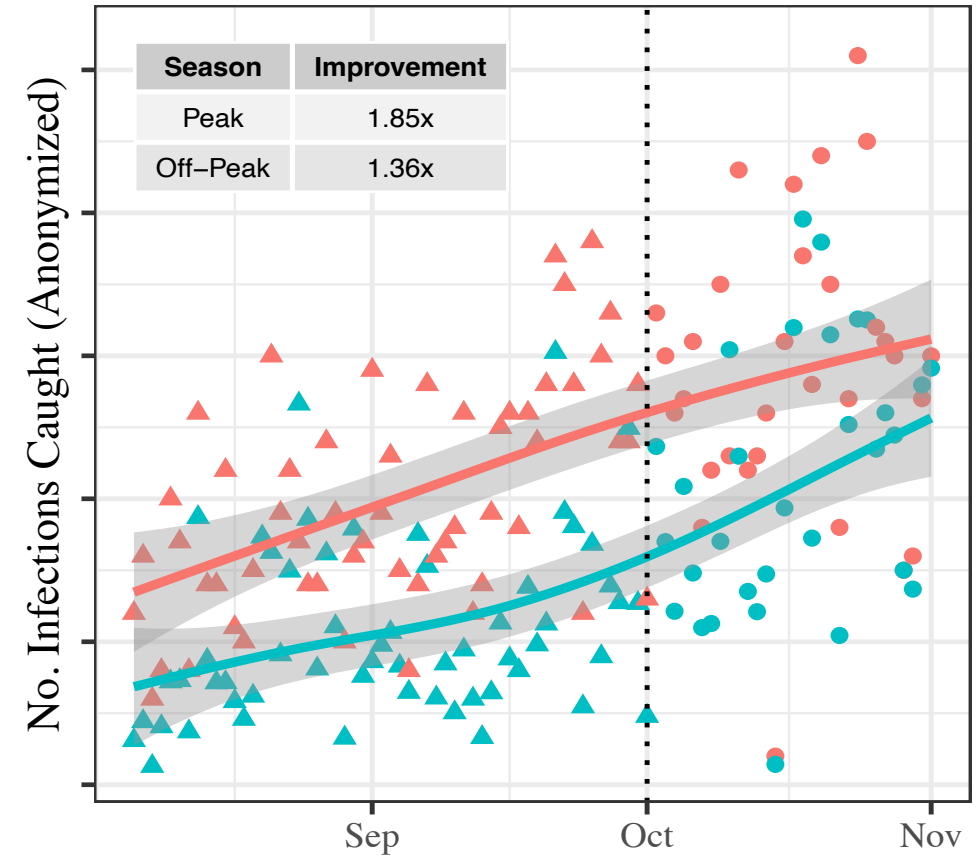
- **Nonstationarity**

- Infection rate for different passenger types changes over time
- Need to continue to explore and collect data over time



# Cases Caught

- 1.85× improvement compared to random testing
- 1.25-1.45× improvement vs. targeting based on public data



# Application: Content Moderation

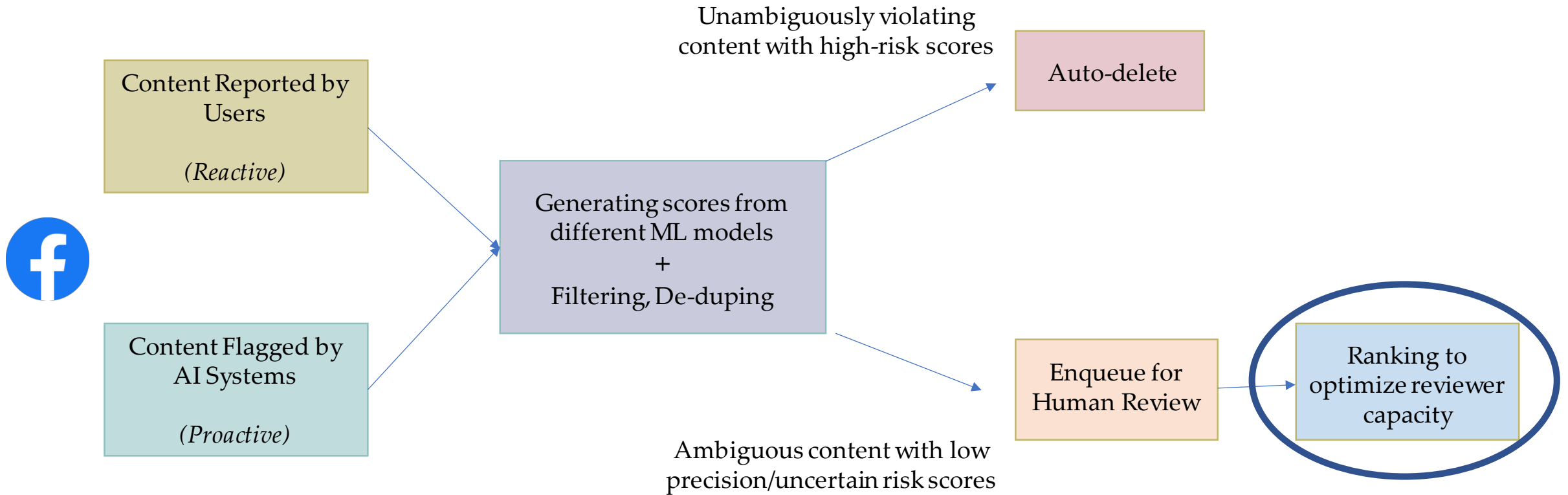
- **Problem**

- Millions of pieces of content are posted on Meta platforms each day
- Too much to manually review all content
- How to moderate to make sure no harmful?

- **Solution**

- ML to prioritize potentially harmful content for manual review
- Featurize content and predict likelihood that it is harmful

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- What about new “types” of content?
  - E.g., new kind of racial slur
  - Cold start problem!
- Use multi-armed bandits!

# Application: Content Moderation

- Multi-armed bandit
  - Each “step” corresponds to one piece of content
- **Action:** Whether to manually review content
- **Reward:** 1 if content is harmful, 0 otherwise
  - **Intuition:** Goal is to maximize amount of harmful content caught
  - Include an  $\alpha$  penalty for flagging content to avoid flagging everything

# Application: Training ChatGPT

- **Problem**

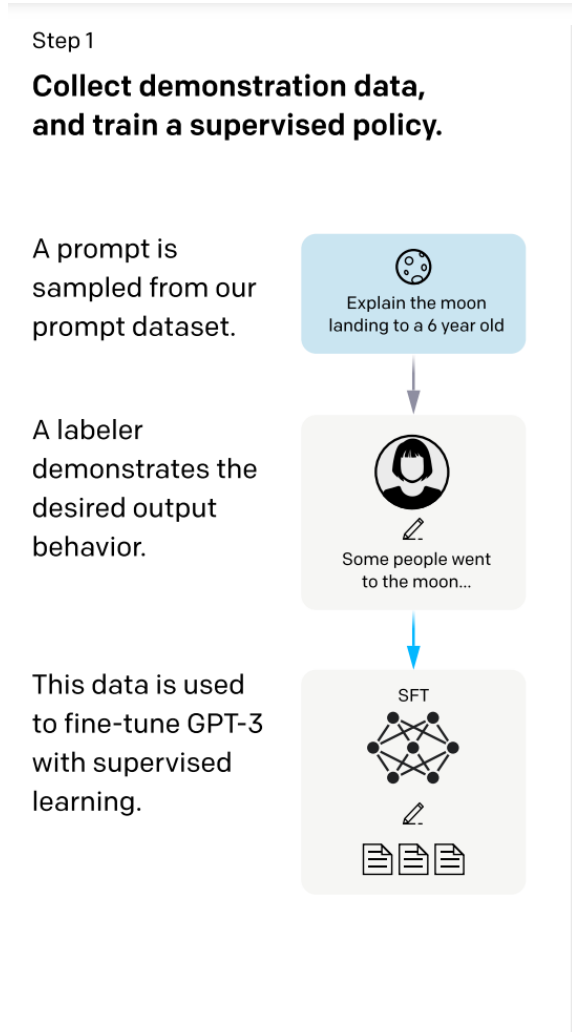
- Language models are trained using **unsupervised learning**
- Generating from these models mimics training data rather than human preferences

- **Solution**

- **Step 1:** Predict human preferences over possible generations (the reward)
- **Step 2:** Finetune GPT using reinforcement learning, where it is rewarded for generating content preferred by humans

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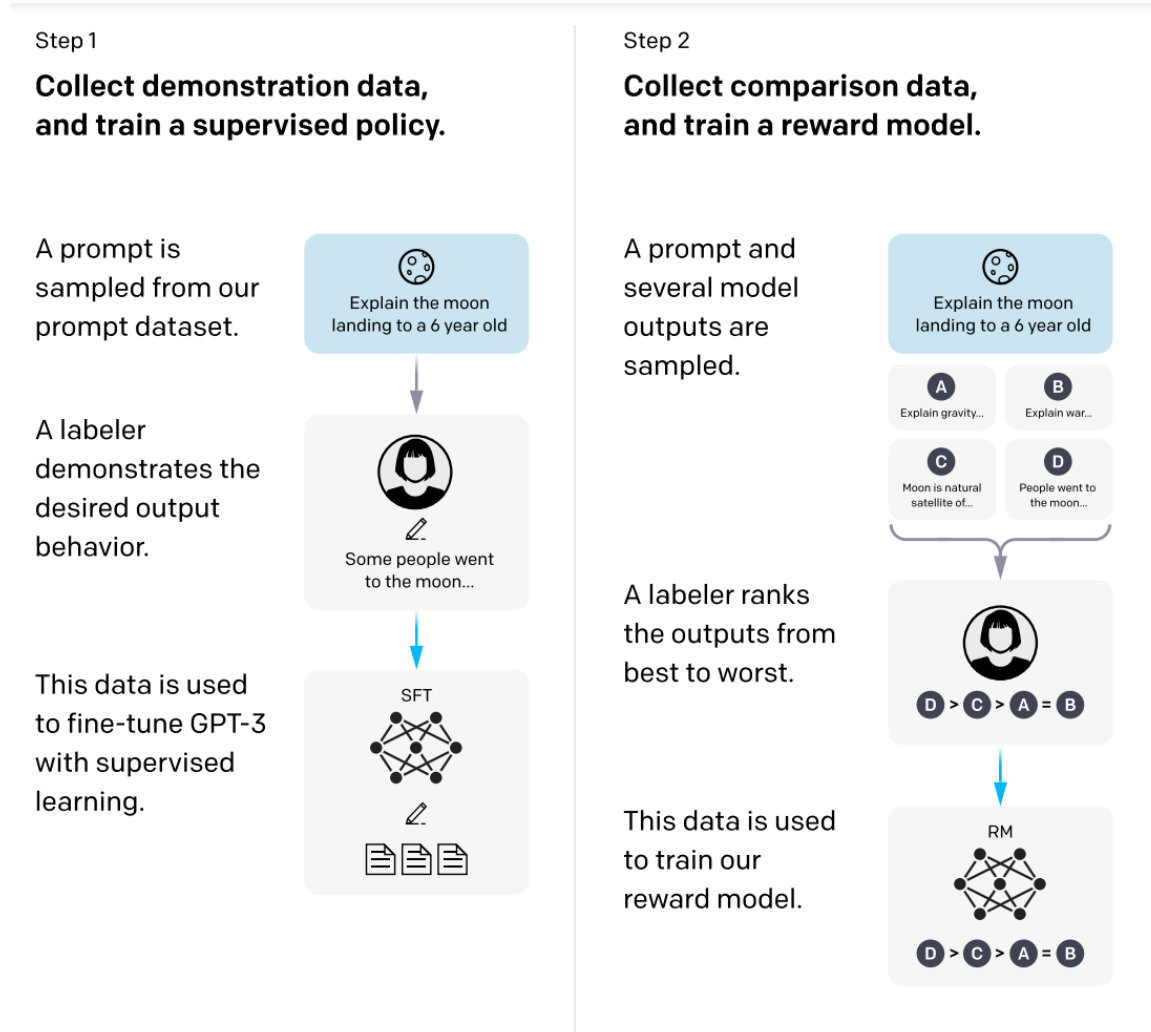
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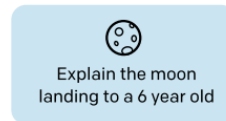
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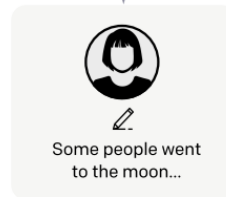
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**Collect demonstration data, and train a supervised policy.**

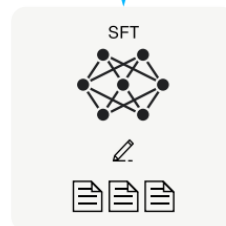
A prompt is sampled from our prompt dataset.



A labeler demonstrates the desired output behavior.



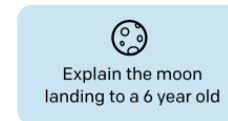
This data is used to fine-tune GPT-3 with supervised learning.



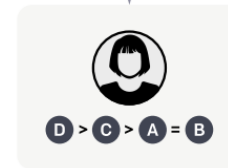
Step 2

**Collect comparison data, and train a reward model.**

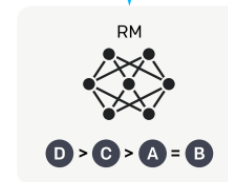
A prompt and several model outputs are sampled.



A labeler ranks the outputs from best to worst.



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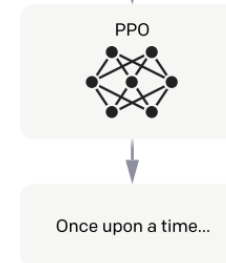
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**Optimize a policy against the reward model using reinforcement learning.**

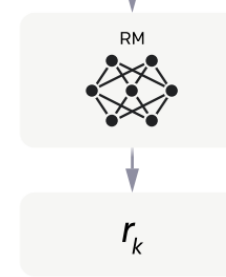
A new prompt is sampled from the dataset.



The policy generates an output.



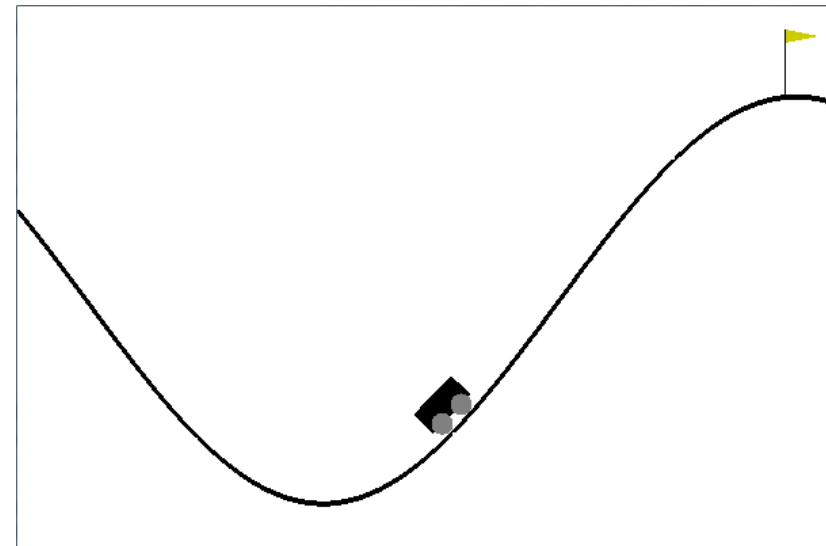
The reward model calculates a reward for the output.



The reward is used to update the policy using PPO.

# Exploration in Reinforcement Learning

- $\epsilon$ -greedy suffers additional issues due to state space
- Policy learning is an effective practical solution
  - No theoretical guarantees due to local minima



# Exploration in Finite MDPs

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# Exploration in Continuous MDPs

- Can we adapt these ideas to continuous MDPs?
  - Thompson sampling is more suitable
- **Bootstrap DQN**
  - Train ensemble of  $k$  different  $Q$ -function estimates  $Q_{\theta_1}, \dots, Q_{\theta_k}$  in parallel
  - Original idea was to use online bootstrap, but training from different random initial  $\theta$ 's worked as well
  - In each episode, act optimally according to  $Q_{\theta_i}$  for  $i \sim \text{Uniform}(\{1, \dots, k\})$

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- **Soft Q-learning**

- Sample actions according to  $a \sim \text{Softmax} \left( [\beta \cdot \hat{Q}_\theta(s, a)]_{a \in A} \right)$

# Curiosity

- **Intuition:** Rather than focus on optimism with respect to reward, focus on exploring where we are uncertain
- **How to determine uncertainty?**
- **Candidate strategy**
  - Train a **dynamics model** to predict  $s' = f(s, a)$
  - Take actions where  $f(s, a)$  has high variance (e.g., use bootstrap)
- **Problems?**
  - What if  $s'$  includes spurious components, like a TV screen playing a movie?

# Curiosity

- Learn a feature map  $\phi(s) \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- **Model 1:** Train a model to predict state transitions:

$$\hat{\phi}(s') = f_{\theta}(\phi(s), a)$$

- Feature map lets the model “ignore” spurious components of  $s$  such as a TV
- **Problem:** We could just learn  $\phi(s) = \vec{0}$ ?



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$$\hat{a} = g_{\theta}(\phi(s), \phi(s'))$$

- “Inverse dynamics model” that avoids collapsing  $\phi$

# Curiosity

- Curiosity reward is

$$R(s, a, s') = \|\hat{\phi}(s') - \phi(s')\|_2^2$$

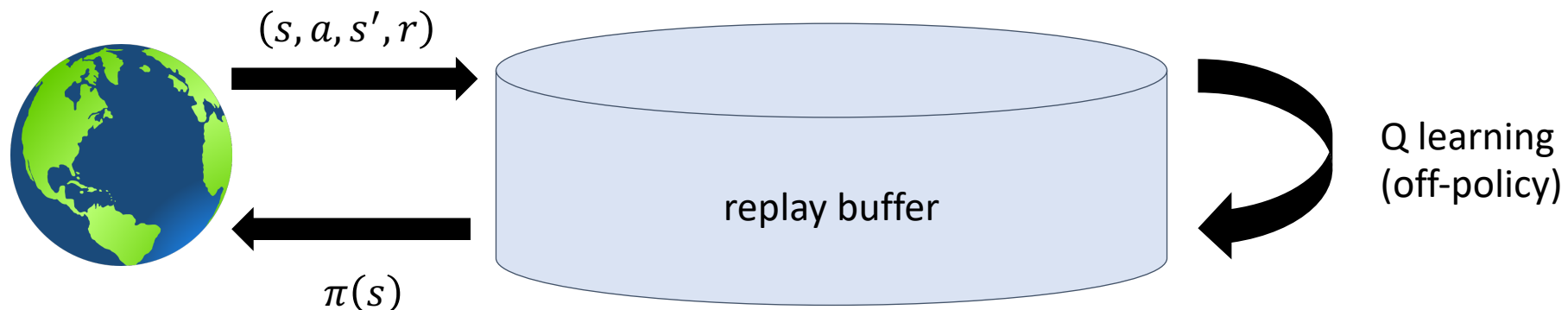
- In other words, reward agent for exercising transitions that  $f$  cannot yet predict accurately

# Offline Reinforcement Learning

- **Offline reinforcement learning:** How can we learn **without** actively gathering new data?
  - E.g., learn how to perform a task from videos of humans performing the task
  - Also known as **off-policy** or **batch** reinforcement learning
- **Recall:** Drawback of Q learning was we need an exploration strategy
- However, this also enables us to use Q learning with offline data!

# Offline Reinforcement Learning

- **Iteratively perform the following:**
  - Take an action  $a_i$  and add observation  $(s_i, a_i, s_{i+1}, r_i)$  to replay buffer  $D$
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