

# The best of both worlds: stochastic and adversarial bandits

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1:  $A \leftarrow \{1, \dots, K\}, p_i \leftarrow 1/K, \tau_i \leftarrow n$  ▷ initialization  
2: **for**  $t = 1, \dots, n$  **do** ▷ Main loop  
3:     Play  $I_t$  at random from  $p$  ▷ Selection of the arm to play  
4:     **for**  $i = 1, \dots, K$  **do** ▷ Test of four properties for arm  $i$   
5:         **if** ▷ Test if arm  $i$  should be deactivated

$$i \in A, \text{ and } \max_{j \in A} \tilde{H}_{j,t} - \tilde{H}_{i,t} > 6c \sqrt{\frac{K \log(n)}{t}} \quad (1)$$

6:         **then**  $A \leftarrow A \setminus \{i\}, \tau_i \leftarrow t$  and  $q_i \leftarrow p_i$  ▷ Deactivation of arm  $i$   
7:         **end if** ▷  $q_i$  denotes the probability of arm  $i$  at the moment when it was de-activated  
8:         **if one of the three following properties is satisfied**  
9:             **then** Stop and start Exp3 (also  $\tau_0 \leftarrow t, \tau_i \leftarrow t$  for  $i \in A$ )

$$|\tilde{H}_{i,t} - \hat{H}_{i,t}| > c \sqrt{\frac{\log(n)}{T_i(t)}} + c \sqrt{\left( K \frac{\tau_i \wedge t}{t^2} + \frac{(t - \tau_i) \vee 0}{q_i \tau_i t} \right) \log(n)} \quad (2)$$

$$i \notin A, \text{ and } \max_{j \in A} \tilde{H}_{j,t} - \tilde{H}_{i,t} > 10c \sqrt{\frac{K \log(n)}{\tau_i}} \quad (3)$$

$$i \notin A, \text{ and } \max_{j \in A} \tilde{H}_{j,t} - \tilde{H}_{i,t} \leq 2c \sqrt{\frac{K \log(n)}{\tau_i}} \quad (4)$$

10:         **end if**  
11:         **end for** ▷ End of testing  
12:         **for**  $i = 1, \dots, K$  **do** ▷ Update of the probability of selecting arm  $i$

$$p_i \leftarrow \frac{q_i \tau_i}{t+1} \mathbb{1}_{i \notin A} + \frac{1}{|A|} \left( 1 - \sum_{j \notin A} \frac{q_j \tau_j}{t+1} \right) \mathbb{1}_{i \in A}. \quad (5)$$

13:         **end for**  
14: **end for**

**Claim:** with probability at least  $1 - 1/n$ , for all  $t \in [n], i \in [K]$ ,

$$|\tilde{H}_{i,t} - H_{i,t}| \leq^{\text{adv}} c \sqrt{\left( K \frac{\tau_i \wedge t}{t^2} + \frac{(t - \tau_i) \vee 0}{q_i \tau_i t} \right) \log(n)}, \quad |\hat{H}_{i,t} - \mu_i| \leq^{\text{stocha}} c \sqrt{\frac{\log(n)}{T_i(t)}}$$

$$|\tilde{H}_{i,t} - \mu_i| \leq^{\text{stocha}} c \sqrt{\left( K \frac{\tau_i \wedge t}{t^2} + \frac{(t - \tau_i) \vee 0}{q_i \tau_i t} \right) \log(n)}, \quad T_i(t) \leq cq_i \tau_i \log(n)$$

