

ONLINE APPENDIX FOR: eTUTOR: ONLINE LEARNING FOR PERSONALIZED EDUCATION

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1: Receive student context  $x$ 
2: Show  $q_{x,1}^* = \arg \max_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} y_{x,q,0}$ 
3: Receive  $a_1^*$ .
4: while  $1 < t \leq Q$  do
5:   if
      $r_{x,s^*[t-1],a^*[t-1]} \geq$ 
      $\max_{q \in \mathcal{Q}_{s^*[t-1]}} y_{x,s^*[t-1],a^*[t-1]} - c$  then
6:     Give the final exam. //BREAK
     else
8:      $q_{x,t}^* = \arg \max_{q \in \mathcal{Q}_{s^*[t-1]}} y_{x,s^*[t-1],a^*[t-1]}$ 
     end if
      $t = t + 1$ 
11: end while

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Fig. 1. Pseudocode for BF.

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1: Input  $D > 0$ .
2: Initialize:  $\hat{r}_{x,t,q,a} = 0, \hat{y}_{x,a,t,q} = 0, T_{x,t,q,a} = 0,$ 
 $T_{x,a,t,q} = 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, a \in \{-1, 0, 1\}, q \in \mathcal{Q}, t =$ 
 $1, \dots, Q. a_{i,0} = 0, \mathbf{q}_i[0] = \emptyset, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots$ 
3: while  $i \geq 1$  do
4:   Receive student context  $x = x_i$ 
5:    $\mathcal{U}_1 = \{q \in \mathcal{Q} : T_{x,0,1,q} < D \log i\}$ 
6:   if  $\mathcal{U}_1 \neq \emptyset$  then
7:     Give  $q_{i,1}$  randomly selected from  $\mathcal{U}_1$ , get  $a_{i,1}$ .
8:     Give the final exam, get the score  $X(i)$ ,  $t^* = 1,$ 
     //BREAK
9:   else
10:    Give  $q_{i,1} = \arg \max_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} \hat{y}_{x,0,1,q}$ , get  $a_{i,1}$ .
11:   end if
12:    $t = 2$ 
13:   while  $2 \leq t \leq Q$  do
14:      $\mathcal{U}_t = \{q \in \mathcal{Q}_{q_i[t-1]} : T_{x,a_i,t-1,t,q} < D \log i\}$ 
15:     if  $T_{x,t-1,q_i,t-1,a_i,t-1} < D \log i$  then
16:       Give the final exam, get the score  $X(i)$ ,  $t^* =$ 
        $t - 1, //BREAK$ 
17:     else if  $\mathcal{U}_t \neq \emptyset$  then
18:       Show  $q_{i,t}$  randomly selected from  $\mathcal{U}_t$  and get
       the feedback  $a_{i,t}$ .
19:       Give the final exam, get the score  $X(i)$ ,  $t^* =$ 
        $t - 1, //BREAK$ 
20:     else
21:       if  $\hat{r}_{x,t-1,q,a_i,t-1} \geq \hat{y}_{x,a_i,t-1,t,q'} - c, \forall q \in$ 
        $\mathcal{Q}_{q_i[t-1]}$  then
22:         Give the final exam, get the score  $X(i)$ ,
          $t^* = t - 1, //BREAK$ 
23:       else
24:         Show  $q_{i,t} = \arg \max_{q \in \mathcal{Q}_{q_i[t-1]}} \hat{y}_{x,a_i,t-1,t,q'}$ 
         and get the feedback  $a_{i,1}$ 
25:       end if
26:     end if
27:      $t = t + 1$ 
28:   end while
29:   Update  $\hat{r}_{x,t^*,q_{i,t^*},a_{i,t^*}}, \hat{y}_{x,a_{i,t^*-1},t^*,q_{i,t^*}}$  using  $X(i)$ 
   (sample mean update).
30:    $T_{x,t^*,q_{i,t^*},a_{i,t^*}} ++, T_{x,a_{i,t^*-1},t^*,q_{i,t^*}} ++.$ 
31:    $i = i + 1$ 
32: end while

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Fig. 2. Pseudocode for eTutor.