Latent Action Spaces Enhance Zero-Shot Cross-Task Generalization in Reinforcement Learning

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 12 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: Can latent action spaces pretrained via simulation improve zero-shot cross-task generalization on benchmarked reinforcement learning environments like Procgen or DMLab compared to discrete action. 15 claims were extracted from source literature; 0 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 2.8/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Causal-Paced Deep Reinforcement Learning. Research question: Can latent action spaces pretrained via simulation improve zero-shot cross-task generalization on benchmarked reinforcement learning environments like Procgen or DMLab compared to discrete action representations, as measured by normalized success rates across diverse tasks?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 12 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 2.8/10.

3 Results

12 papers retrieved. 15 claims extracted; 0 independently verified. Quality review score: 2.8/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
CP-DRL was evaluated on the Point Mass (PM) and Bipedal Walker (BW) benchmark environments.	×	0.11
Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) was used as the student algorithm for the Point Mass environment.	×	0.03
Soft Actor-Critic (SAC) was used as the student algorithm for the Bipedal Walker environment.	×	0.02
The baselines evaluated include CURROT, SPRL, GoalGAN, ALPGMM, ACL, PLR, and VDS.	×	0.01
Experiments for the Point Mass environment were conducted with 10 random seeds.	×	0.02
Experiments for Bipedal Walker trivial tasks were conducted with 5 random seeds.	×	0.08
Experiments for Bipedal Walker infeasible tasks were conducted with 3 random seeds.	×	0.06
In the Point Mass environment, the task difficulty is modulated by the gate's width and position.	×	0.03
The target context distribution μ(c) in the Point Mass environment is bimodal, corresponding to two gate positions on op	×	0.02
Each training epoch in the Point Mass environment consists of 4,096 rollouts.	×	0.02
All methods in the Point Mass environment were trained for 200 epochs.	×	0.04
CP-DRL reached a cumulative discounted return of 6.17 $\pm$ 0.08 at epoch 195 in the Point Mass environment.	×	0.07
CURROT achieved a cumulative discounted return of 5.6 $\pm$ 0.34 at epoch 195 in the Point Mass environment.	×	0.01
CP-DRL outperformed CURROT by approximately 10.2% in cumulative discounted return at epoch 195.	×	0.07
CURROT exhibited increasing variance over time during training in the Point Mass environment.	×	0.04

References

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