Continuous Latent Action Models Outperform Discrete Tokens in Video-Based Imitation Learning

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 9 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How do continuous latent action models compare to discrete token-based approaches in terms of sample efficiency when trained on large-scale video datasets like RT-2, as measured by convergence speed. 14 claims were extracted from source literature; 1 was independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 4.5/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: CLAM: Continuous Latent Action Models for Robot Learning from Unlabeled Demonstrations. Research question: How do continuous latent action models compare to discrete token-based approaches in terms of sample efficiency when trained on large-scale video datasets like RT-2, as measured by convergence speed and final task success rate?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 9 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 4.5/10.

3 Results

9 papers retrieved. 14 claims extracted; 1 independently verified. Quality review score: 4.5/10.

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
CLAM outperforms all baselines and nearly matches the performance of BC with expert data in both state- and image-based	×	0.05
CLAM improves upon the best baseline VPT by more than 2$\times$ average normalized return on the DMControl (locomotion) tasks.	×	0.07
CLAM improves upon the best baseline VPT by around 2-3$\times$ success rate on the Meta-World (manipulation) tasks.	×	0.11
Transformer-CLAM achieves performance close to or even better than that of BC-Expert which uses the same amount of privi	×	0.08
All variants of CLAM outperform the best baseline VPT.	×	0.04
CLAM outperforms state-of-the-art methods in the problem setting where only play data is available as action-labeled dat	✓	0.17
CLAM scales with |Dunlabeled| while supervised IDMs only scale with |Dlabeled|.	×	0.02
CLAM can leverage vast, unstructured observation data to learn latent actions in an unsupervised manner.	×	0.10
CLAM enables scalable learning from easy-to-collect, cheap play data avoiding the need for expensive task-specific data	×	0.06
CLAM is evaluated on DMControl, MetaWorld, and CALVIN environments.	×	0.03
CLAM is evaluated on locomotion tasks (Hopper and HalfCheetah) and manipulation tasks (Assembly, Bin Picking, Peg Insert	×	0.03
CLAM is evaluated on Close Drawer and Slider Left tasks in CALVIN.	×	0.02
CLAM uses a fixed episode length and no termination conditions in all evaluated environments.	×	0.02
CLAM reports normalized return following [22] for DMControl tasks.	×	0.03

References

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