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Fducation

2022.9 - present DMU Lab, Department of Automation, Xiamen University

Ph.D. Student, Control Science and Engineering

Fields: Artificial Intelligence, Reinforcement Learning, Representation Learning

Advisor: Yunlong Liu

2020.9 - 2022.9 DMU Lab, Department of Automation, Xiamen University

Postgraduate Student, Control Science and Engineering (Test-free recommendation)

Fields: Artificial Intelligence, Reinforcement Learning, Medical Decision

Advisor: Yunlong Liu

2016.9 - 2020.7 Department of Mechanical and Electrical, Nanchang University

Undergraduate Student, Mechanical Design Manufacturing and Automation

GPA: 3.2/4.0 (ranking: Top 5%)

</> Research

2020.1 - present

Research on Generalization Representation of Reinforcement Learning | DMU Lab, XMU

- > Main work: We proposed the methods, sequential action-based behavior similarity metric, Gated Multi-attention and Return-based contrastive learning, to deal with the problem of insufficient state/relationship representation in reinforcement learning. The corresponding research is still going
- > These works are evaluated in Mujoco, Atari visual benchmark environment, where results show significant improvements over recent baselines, e.g. an average improvement of 11.91% on Atari games. These works are submitted or accepted on IEEE Trans on CYB, KBS, PAKDD 2022 respectively.

| RL | Behavior Similarity Metric | Contrastive Learning | Multi-attention | t-SNE/Grad-CAM visualization | Mujoco/Atari Env

2022.5 - 2022.9

Research on Reinforcement Learning in Virtual NPC Scene | Cognitive Intelligence Group, XVERSE Ltd.

- > Main work: Assist in the research and implementation of the intelligent NPC training framework, and improve the multi-target navigation and anthropomorphic behavior capabilities of Bots in the TMELAND metaverse.
- > The iterative version of the RL model involved in the research was held at the virtual concert of TME-

LAND × **Pepsi**, and the number of online users exceeded 100W for the first time. Distributed RL | Multi-objective Navi. | Reward Shaping | Feature Engineering | Virtual NPC Bots | C++ & Go & Python |

2021.6 - 2022.5

Personalized Treatment of Sepsis Based on Reinforcement Learning | DMU Lab, XMU

- > Main work: We propose an Off-RL algorithm based on episodic memory to assist decision-making, which uses Episodic Control to retrieve similar strategies in the past to assist decision-making, avoiding complex modeling and improving sample efficiency.
- > This work is applied to sepsis treatment, in which the performance of the Off-Policy Evaluator (OPE) is improved by 7.39%, and mortality prediction is reduced by 5.98%. This work has been accepted by the journal Applied Intelligence.

Offline-RL | Episodic Control | Medical Decision | Off-Policy Evaluator | MIMIC-III Dataset | SQL & Python |

Publications

> Dayang Liang, Yaru Zhang, et al. Episodic Reinforcement Learning with Expanded State-reward Space [C]. The 23rd International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS 2024), 2024. (Core A* oral)

Expanded Sate-Reward Space | Episodic Reinforcement Learning | Box2D Env

> **Dayang Liang**, Qihang Chen, Yunlong Liu*. Sequential Action-Induced Invariant Representation for Reinforcement Learning. (Submitted, Pattern Recognition)

Sequential Action Reinforcement Learning Representation Learning DMC Env

> **Dayang Liang**, Huiyi Deng, Yunlong Liu*. The Treatment of Sepsis: An Episodic Memory-assisted Deep Reinforcement Learning Approach. *Applied Intelligence, 2022.* **(Q1, IF=5.0)**

Off-Reinforcement Learning | Episodic Control | K-means Clustering | Off-Policy Evaluation |

> Dayang Liang, Qihang Chen, Yunlong Liu*. Gated multi-attention representation in reinforcement learning. *Knowledge-Based Systems*, 2021, 233: 107535. (Q1, IF=8.1)

Reinforcement Learning | Multi-Attention | Gate Mechanism | Grad-CAM Visualization

- > Qihang Chen, **Dayang Liang**, Yunlong Liu*. Hard Negative Sample Mining for Contrastive Representation in Reinforcement Learning. *Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD)*, 2022. **(19.8% acceptance rate)**[Contrastive Learning] [Mutual Information Maximization] [Q-based] [Mujoco Env]
- > Sen Liang, Sen Yang, **Dayang Liang**, Jiechao Ma, et. al. A novel matched-pairs feature selection method considering with tumor purity for differential gene expression analyses. *Mathematical Biosciences 311 (2019) : 39-48.* (Q1, IF=3.9)

 Feature selection Gene expression Tumor
- > Sen Liang, Rongguo Zhang, **Dayang Liang**, Tianci Song, et. al.Multimodal 3D DenseNet for IDH Genotype Prediction in Gliomas. *Genes. 2018; 9(8) :382.* (Q2, IF=4.1)

Multimodal 3D DenseNet Genotype Prediction Gliomas

- > American Mathematical/Interdisciplinary Contest In Modeling (MCM/ICM-2019). Contest paper: Research on Cluster Evacuation Model Based on Cellular Automata. Dayang Liang, (Meritorious Winner Award, Top 7%)
- > American Mathematical/Interdisciplinary Contest In Modeling (MCM/ICM-2020). Contest paper: Big Data Analysis of Consumer Feedback Information. Dayang Liang, (Honorable Mention Award, Top 22%)

Awards

- 2020 American Mathematical/Interdisciplinary Contest In Modeling (MCM/ICM-2020)
- **Honorable Mention Award** (Top 22%, main contributor)
- 2019 The 14th National Undergraduate NXP Smart Car Competition
- First Prize (Top 8, captain)
- 2019 American Mathematical/Interdisciplinary Contest In Modeling (MCM/ICM-2019)
- **Meritorious Winner Award** (Top 7%, main contributor)
- 2018 The 8th China Educational Robot Competition
- **Special Prize** (Top 1, captain)
- 2018 The 10th School Mathematical Contest in Modeling
- **First Prize** (Top 2, main contributor)

2017-2022 Outstanding Graduate Scholarship / National Encouragement Scholarship (twice) / CCB Scholarship

- Academic Scholarship (5 times)

Service

Reviewer UAI (2022) / IJCAI (2023)/ IEEE Trans on Cybernetics/ Knowledge-Based Systems / Applied Intelligence Reviewer **Course** Experiment Course of C Program Language (2021, undergraduate)