



# Imitation Learning for Aerial Agents

Environment: Unreal Engine 5 w/AirSim

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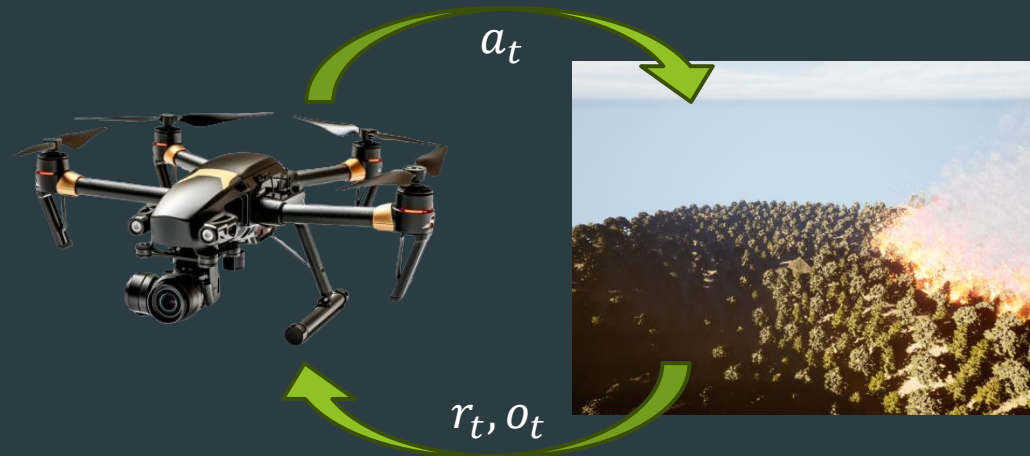
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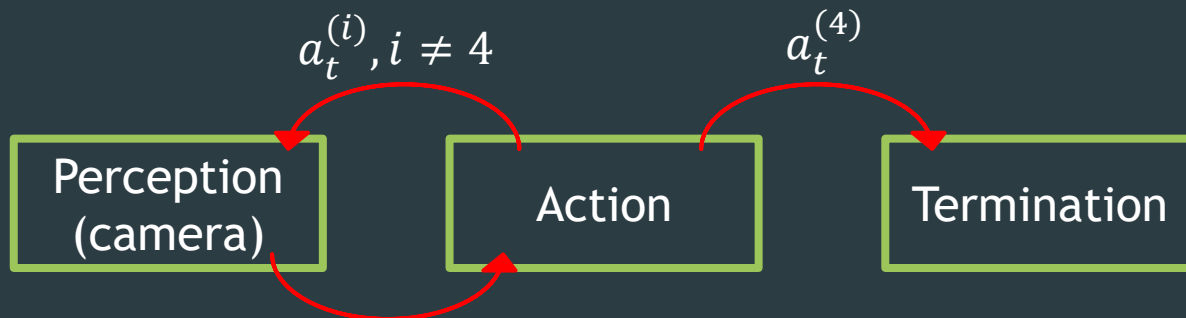
# Inspiration and First Thoughts (II)

*“Why focus on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)?”*

- ▶ Microsoft’s **AirSim** library offers convenient connectivity between Python scripts and 3D environments such as Unreal Engine environments.
- ▶ UAVs are widely used in a plethora of applications in the **emergency planning and disaster management** sector such as a) sensing and locating forest fires and b) search and rescue operation -among others.
- ▶ This specific software pipeline had already **well-established foundations from a previous researcher’s work**.

# The Problem (I)

- ▶ The **drone** is placed in an Unreal environment which depicts a natural scenery (mainly a **forest**).
- ▶ In this environment, a small **fire** is placed in a tree which starts spreading to nearby trees. After a specific, finite amount of time, the fire will have levelled either most of the forest or all of it.
- ▶ At the same time, the drone uses its **camera** to **locate** any hints of smoke or fire. Furthermore, it can roam freely within the environment towards any direction.
- ▶ The procedure is completed successfully when the drone both locates the fire and approaches it at a sufficiently close distance.



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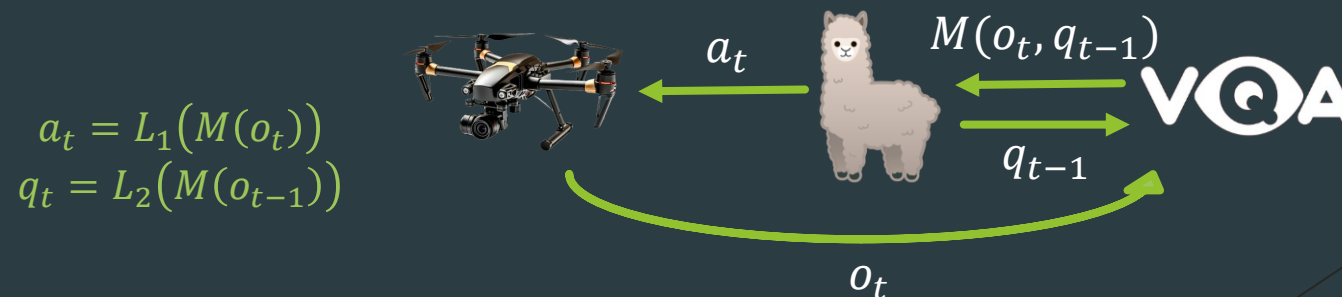
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- How could such a drone be trained to trace and tack down the fire using only its camera and changing its position (in an alternating manner)?



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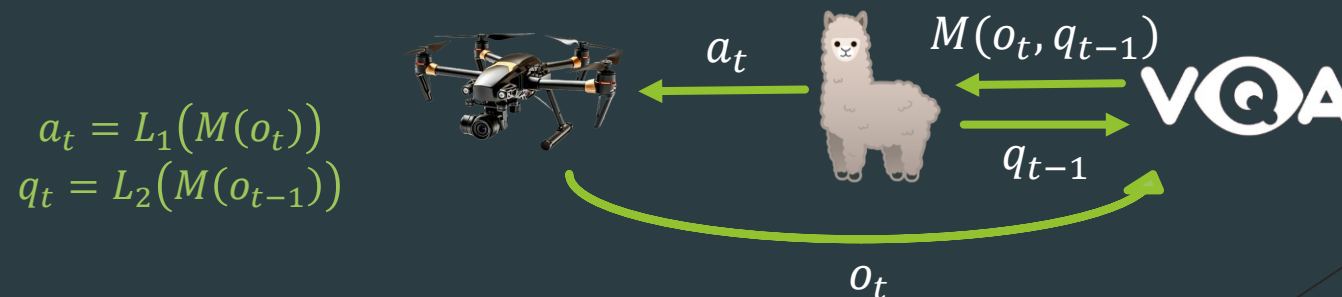
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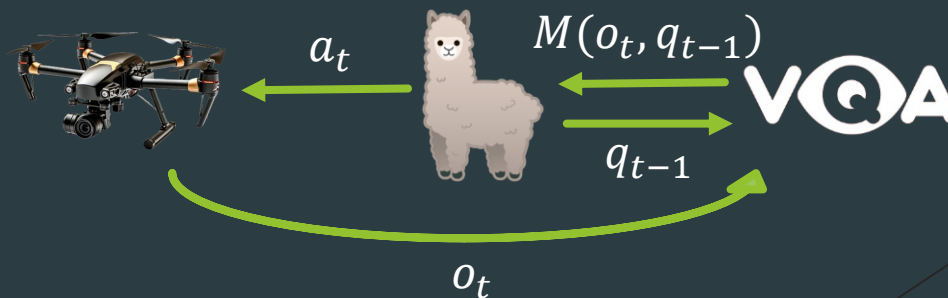
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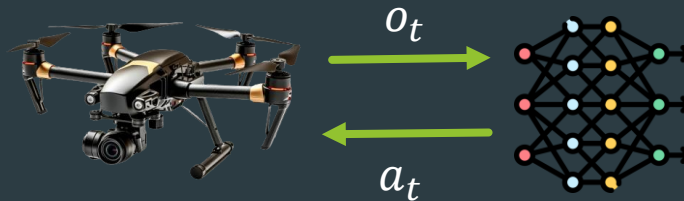


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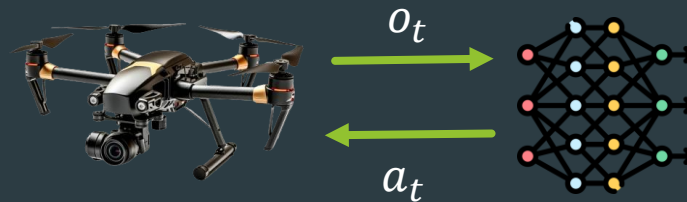
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- ▶ Local Computer:
  - ✓ AirSim Client API → *AirSimClient.py*
  - ✓ Unreal Engine 5 environment



# Deep Reinforcement Learning (I)

- ▶ Representation of the UAV as an RL Agent.
- ▶ The reward,  $r_t$ , is equal to -1 if  $f(o_t) \neq L_1 \left( M \left( o_t, L_2 \left( M(o_{t-1}) \right) \right) \right)$ , else 0.
- ▶ Thus, our aerial agent is trained from the knowledge derived from the multimodal and the large language models.
- ▶ However, the learning process is not supervised as this would not be compatible with the core idea behind reinforcement learning.
- ▶ The agent's training method is the classic Deep Q-Network (DQN) algorithm with slight variations.

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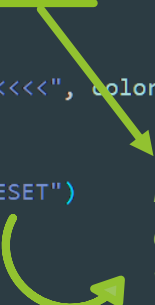
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*Restarting the LLM by deleting its context window.*



# Deep Reinforcement Learning (III)

- ▶ The environment computes a new state.
- ▶ For simplicity we assume that  $s_t \equiv o_t$ , i.e. the camera input describes the state of the world perfectly even if the environment is not fully observable ([read more](#)).

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- Choosing an action  $f(o_t) = a_t^{(i)} \in A$

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        math.exp(-1. * self.steps_done / self.EPS_DECAY)
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    if sample > eps_threshold:
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- ▶ Otherwise, the agent leaves it on the large models to decide with probability  $\varepsilon_t$ .

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*Avoids the early change  
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- The environment transitions to a new state, which it returns along with the reward/punishment,  $r_t$ .

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- This new experience is stored in the Replay Buffer for future training.

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def optimize_model(self) -> None:
    if len(self.memory) < self.BATCH_SIZE:
        return
    transitions = self.memory.sample(self.BATCH_SIZE)
    # Transpose the batch. This converts batch-array of Transitions to Transition of batch-arrays.
    batch = UnrealDroneAgent.Transition(*zip(*transitions))
    # Compute a mask of non-final states and concatenate the batch elements
    # (a final state would've been the one after which simulation ended)
    non_final_mask = torch.tensor(tuple(map(lambda s: s is not None,
                                             batch.next_state)), device=self.device, dtype=torch.bool)
    non_final_next_states = torch.cat([s for s in batch.next_state
                                       if s is not None])

    state_batch = torch.cat(batch.state)
    action_batch = torch.cat(batch.action)
    reward_batch = torch.cat(batch.reward)

    # Compute Q(s_t, a) - the model computes Q(s_t), then we select the columns of actions taken.
    # These are the actions which would've been taken for each batch state according to policy_net
    state_action_values = self.policy_net(state_batch).gather(1, action_batch)

    # Compute V(s_{t+1}) for all next states.
    # Expected values of actions for non_final_next_states are computed based
    # on the "older" target_net; selecting their best reward with max(1).values
    # This is merged based on the mask, such that we'll have either the expected
    # state value or 0 in case the state was final.
    next_state_values = torch.zeros(self.BATCH_SIZE, device=self.device)
    with torch.no_grad():
        next_state_values[non_final_mask] = self.target_net(non_final_next_states).max(1).values
    # Compute the expected Q values
    expected_state_action_values = (next_state_values * self.GAMMA) + reward_batch

    # Compute Huber loss
    criterion = nn.SmoothL1Loss()
    loss = criterion(state_action_values, expected_state_action_values.unsqueeze(1))

    # Optimize the model
    self.optimizer.zero_grad()
    loss.backward()
    # In-place gradient clipping
    torch.nn.utils.clip_grad_value_(self.policy_net.parameters(), 100)
    self.optimizer.step()
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- ▶ Train the target network.

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            for key in policy_net_state_dict:
                target_net_state_dict[key] = policy_net_state_dict[key] * self.TAU + target_net_state_dict[key] * (1-self.TAU)
            self.target_net.load_state_dict(target_net_state_dict)
            if done:
                # self.episode_durations.append(t + 1)
                # self.plot_durations()
                break
```

# Experiments and Results (I)

[21:02:43] vqa said :

Answer: Answer: ['a blurry image of the sky over some cattle.']

Caption: [Caption: [['a blurry image of the sky over some cattle']] 0.9]

[21:02:44] llm answer : [21:02:44] "Move closer, "Are there any people or vehicles in the scene?"



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[21:02:44] Agent's action: Move closer

# Experiments and Results (II)

[21:02:46] vqa said :

Answer: Answer: ['closer,']

Caption: [Caption: [['a camera - view photograph of a desert area with a mountain distant']] 0.9]

[21:02:47] llm answer : [21:02:47] "Move closer, "What is the terrain like in this desert area?"



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[21:03:04] Agent's action: Move closer



# Experiments and Results (III)

[21:03:06] vqa said :

Answer: Answer: ['closer,']

Caption: [Caption: [['a large cluster of large red lights in a video game']] 0.9]

[21:03:07] llm answer : [21:03:07] "Move back, "Are there any objects or structures in the desert area that could be related to the red lights?"



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[21:03:22] Agent's action: Move right

# Πειράματα και Αποτελέσματα (IV)

[21:03:21] vqa said :

Answer: Answer: ['no']

Caption: [Caption: [['a image in forest blazing on fires fireworks fire fire, oil fire fire fire fire']] 0.9]

[21:03:22] llm answer : [21:03:22] "Move right, "Is there a fire or flames in the desert area?"



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[21:03:41] Agent's action: Move right

# Πειράματα και Αποτελέσματα (V)

[21:03:25] vqa said : Answer:

Answer: ['right,']

Caption: [Caption: [['fire in fire explosion bonfire fire red fire fire fire flames the a this fire fire']] 0.9]

[21:03:26] llm answer : [21:03:26] "Move right, "Is there anyone or anything near the fire that could be in danger?"



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[21:04:00] Agent's action: Move left



# Experiments and Results (VI)

[21:03:40] vqa said :

Answer: Answer: ['move right,']

Caption: [Caption: [['a fire is raging with flames on fire']] 0.9]

[21:03:41] llm answer : [21:03:41] "Move right, "Are there any people or animals near the fire that could be hurt?"



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[21:04:18] Agent's action: I know enough

[21:05:03] Chat has been reset at the end of episode #0

# Experiments and Results (VII)

- The next episode starts and the process is repeated.

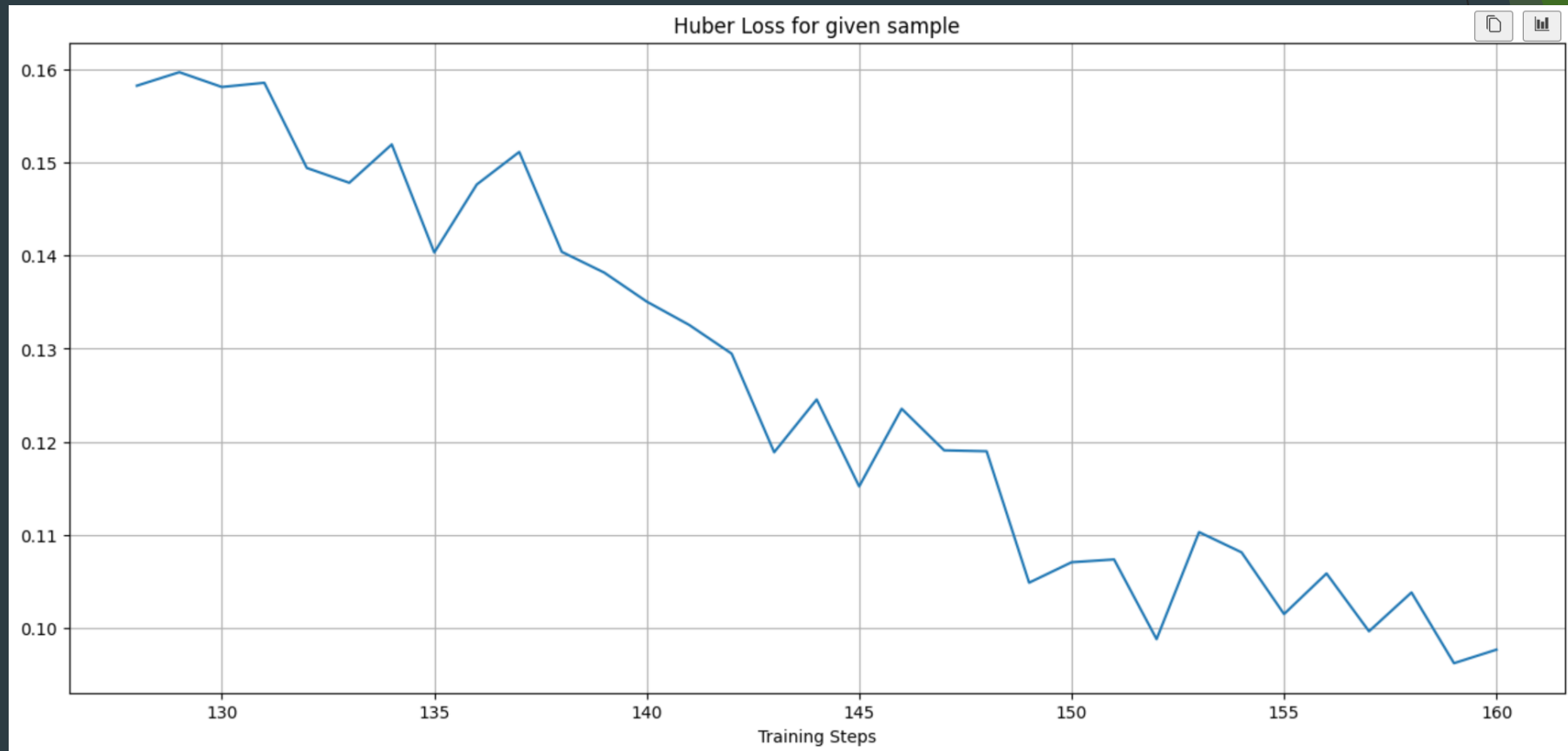


```
[21:02:38] >>>>> Now entering TRAINING mode <<<<<<
[21:02:38] reset train start
[21:02:40] reset train end
[21:02:44] Agent's action: Move closer
[21:03:04] Agent's action: Move closer
[21:03:22] Agent's action: Move right
[21:03:41] Agent's action: Move right
[21:04:00] Agent's action: Move left
[21:04:18] Agent's action: I know enough
[21:05:03] Chat has been reset at the end of episode #0
[21:05:03] reset train start
[21:05:05] reset train end
[21:05:08] Agent's action: Move closer
[21:05:23] Agent's action: Move closer
[21:05:41] Agent's action: Move back
[21:05:59] Agent's action: Move left
[21:06:22] Agent's action: Move right
[21:06:45] Agent's action: I know enough
[21:07:31] Chat has been reset at the end of episode #1
[21:07:31] reset train start
[21:07:33] reset train end
[21:07:36] Agent's action: Move closer
[21:07:59] Agent's action: Move right
[21:08:17] Agent's action: Move left
[21:08:32] Agent's action: Move closer
[21:08:52] Agent's action: Move closer
[21:09:09] Agent's action: I know enough
[21:09:54] Chat has been reset at the end of episode #2
[21:09:54] Chat has been reset
[21:09:54] >>>>> Now entering EVALUATION mode <<<<<<
```



# Experiments and Results (VIII)

- In the following graph we can see the development of the loss function with respect to time (Huber Loss). It is computed after each renewal step.



# Suggestions for Future Research

- ▶ Further **quantization** of the models, or at least the LLaMa3 one's.
- ▶ Transitioning to more powerful RL algorithms of higher accuracy such as **PPO**.
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- ▶ This project is **distributed** to different computers and different conda environments. The accumulation of the entire project's code in the same machine is suggested, as well as the improvement of the **interoperability** between the different local runtime environments.

# Suggestions for Future Research (I)

- ▶ Further **quantization** of the models, or at least the LLaMa3 one's.
  - ✓ The models take up a **sizeable part of VRAM**.
  - ✓ Explicit cleaning of the CUDA cache memory is considered, but the models' trend for **increasing their size** is **ever-growing**.
  - ✓ This obstructs the execution of the program for an increased time period, e.g. **10000 episodes**.
  - ✓ This is, however, the realistic time period after which the agent will, theoretically, start to exhibit increase in its performance.

```
[21:05:03] GPU usage
[21:05:03] > cuda:0 usage: 11720/24564 MiB
[21:05:03] > cuda:1 usage: 6446/24564 MiB
[21:05:07] Context Window: Discarding interaction
[21:05:07] [('127.0.0.1', 45844)] prompted with a message of 127 characters
[21:05:07] Prompt type: <class 'str'>
[21:05:07] > Prompt size: 2893
[21:05:07] > Pipeline size: 48
[21:05:08] Prompt processed after 0.742 seconds)
[21:05:08] GPU usage
[21:05:08] > cuda:0 usage: 12078/24564 MiB
[21:05:08] > cuda:1 usage: 6990/24564 MiB
[21:05:10] Context Window: Saving interaction
[21:05:10] [('127.0.0.1', 45844)] prompted with a message of 111 characters
[21:05:10] Prompt type: <class 'str'>
[21:05:10] > Prompt size: 3056
[21:05:10] > Pipeline size: 48
[21:05:11] Prompt processed after 0.618 seconds)
[21:05:11] GPU usage
[21:05:11] > cuda:0 usage: 12154/24564 MiB
[21:05:11] > cuda:1 usage: 7020/24564 MiB
[21:05:25] Context Window: Saving interaction
[21:05:25] [('127.0.0.1', 45844)] prompted with a message of 143 characters
[21:05:25] Prompt type: <class 'str'>
[21:05:25] > Prompt size: 3346
[21:05:25] > Pipeline size: 48
[21:05:26] Prompt processed after 0.803 seconds)
[21:05:26] GPU usage
[21:05:26] > cuda:0 usage: 12224/24564 MiB
[21:05:26] > cuda:1 usage: 7094/24564 MiB
[21:05:40] Context Window: Discarding interaction
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```

# Suggestions for Future Research (II)

- Transitioning to more powerful RL algorithms of higher accuracy such as PPO.
  - ✓ Avoids the algorithm's hypersensitivity to changes in hyperparameters → **Stability**.
  - ✓ Online learning → Avoids storing past experiences in the Replay Buffer → **Increased efficiency in space and training time**.
  - ✓ Features prior knowledge of the rewards → **Increased performance**.

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**Algorithm 1** PPO, Actor-Critic Style

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```
for iteration=1,2,... do
  for actor=1,2,...,N do
    Run policy  $\pi_{\theta_{\text{old}}}$  in environment for  $T$  timesteps
    Compute advantage estimates  $\hat{A}_1, \dots, \hat{A}_T$ 
  end for
  Optimize surrogate  $L$  wrt  $\theta$ , with  $K$  epochs and minibatch size  $M \leq NT$ 
   $\theta_{\text{old}} \leftarrow \theta$ 
end for
```

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$$L^{CLIP}(\theta) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t \left[ \min(r_t(\theta) \hat{A}_t, \text{clip}(r_t(\theta), 1 - \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon) \hat{A}_t) \right]$$

$$r_t(\theta) = \frac{\pi_{\theta}(a_t | s_t)}{\pi_{\theta_{\text{old}}}(a_t | s_t)},$$

# Suggestions for Future Research (III)

- ▶ Improvement of the **reward mechanism** (reward shaping).
  - ✓ The current reward mechanism is probably too simplistic for the task at hand.
  - ✓ Not enough attention has been paid to improving its implementation as, so far, it is considered a detail and not an essential part of the logic of the wider project.
  - ✓ In the future, however, the improvement of reward shaping is a function of vital importance for the quality of the results and the speed of convergence of the algorithm.

# Suggestions for Future Research (IV)

- ▶ Add **LSTM** neurons to integrate sequential patterns as this specific problem is based **sequential data**.
  - ✓ As mentioned before, **the environment is partially observable** and not fully observable, so the simplification of the form  $s_t = f(o_t)$  applied is not allowed.
  - ✓ The agent must pay attention to **the path he is following**, not just the given snapshot.
  - ✓ Usage of recurrent architecture → The state is now defined as:

$$s_t = f(o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t)$$

similar to the case of the **A3C Labyrinth** problem.



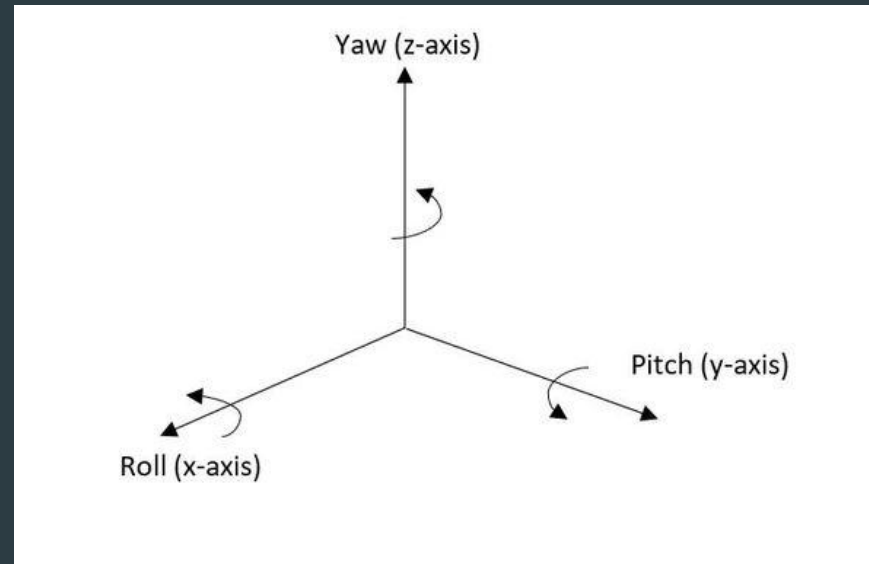
# Suggestions for Future Research (V)

- Fine-tuning the hyperparameters of the Teacher και Agent instances.
  - ✓ The default values are:

```
batch_size: int = 128,  
gamma: float = 0.99,  
eps_start: float = 0.9,  
eps_decay: float = 1000.0,  
eps_end: float = 0.05,  
tau: float = 5e-3,  
learning_rate: float = 1e-4,  
replay_buffer_size: int = 10000,
```

# Suggestions for Future Research (VI)

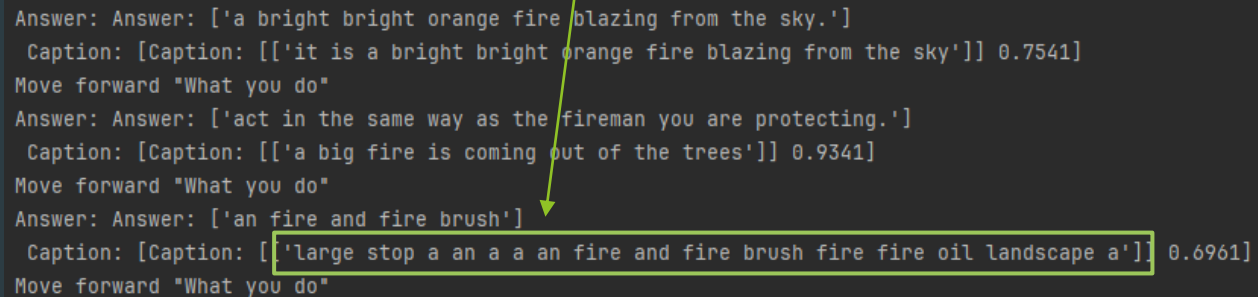
- ▶ Appropriate increasing of the action space (e.g.  $\pm 90^\circ$  rotation command).
  - ✓ At the moment, the drone only features actions for changing its position but not its orientation.
  - ✓ The existence of an option to change angles (mainly **yaw**) would greatly increase the agent's capabilities.





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```
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Move forward "What you do"  
Answer: Answer: ['act in the same way as the fireman you are protecting.']  
Caption: [Caption: [['a big fire is coming out of the trees']] 0.9341]  
Move forward "What you do"  
Answer: Answer: ['an fire and fire brush']  
Caption: [Caption: [['large stop a an a a an fire and fire brush fire fire oil landscape a']] 0.6961]  
Move forward "What you do"
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  - ✓ There is even a special directive in LLM's system prompt to ignore nonsensical answers (presumably because it is a common phenomenon).
  - ✓ A lightweight and possibly more efficient model could be the **multimodal version of Microsoft's Phi3**.

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  - ✓ The approach of implementing the project on different machines and environments leads to increased **overhead**.
  - ✓ Communication via internet → **latency**, program **instability**.
  - ✓ Use of unorthodox communication programming techniques e.g. "scp" commands (disk communication).
  - ✓ This is because the remote machine's OS (Linux) does not support AirSim as it does not feature a headless mode.



# Thank You!

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