

Continuous_Control

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1 Continuous Control

In this notebook, you will learn how to use the Unity ML-Agents environment for the second project of the [Deep Reinforcement Learning Nanodegree](#) program.

1.0.1 1. Start the Environment

We begin by importing the necessary packages. If the code cell below returns an error, please revisit the project instructions to double-check that you have installed [Unity ML-Agents](#) and [NumPy](#).

```
In [1]: !pip -q install ./python
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

import numpy as np
import random
import time
import torch

from collections import deque
from ddpq_agent import Agent
from unityagents import UnityEnvironment
```

```
tensorflow 1.7.1 has requirement numpy>=1.13.3, but you'll have numpy 1.12.1 which is incompatible
ipython 6.5.0 has requirement prompt-toolkit<2.0.0,>=1.0.15, but you'll have prompt-toolkit 2.0.
```

```
In [2]: SEED = 5 # Enter seed value
```

Next, we will start the environment! *Before running the code cell below*, change the `file_name` parameter to match the location of the Unity environment that you downloaded.

- **Mac:** "path/to/Reacher.app"
- **Windows (x86):** "path/to/Reacher_Windows_x86/Reacher.exe"

- **Windows** (x86_64): "path/to/Reacher_Windows_x86_64/Reacher.exe"
- **Linux** (x86): "path/to/Reacher_Linux/Reacher.x86"
- **Linux** (x86_64): "path/to/Reacher_Linux/Reacher.x86_64"
- **Linux** (x86, headless): "path/to/Reacher_Linux_NoVis/Reacher.x86"
- **Linux** (x86_64, headless): "path/to/Reacher_Linux_NoVis/Reacher.x86_64"

For instance, if you are using a Mac, then you downloaded Reacher.app. If this file is in the same folder as the notebook, then the line below should appear as follows:

```
env = UnityEnvironment(file_name="Reacher.app")
```

```
In [3]: # select this option to load version 2 (with 20 agents) of the environment
env = UnityEnvironment(file_name='/data/Reacher_Linux_NoVis/Reacher.x86_64')
#env = UnityEnvironment(file_name='/data/Reacher_One_Linux_NoVis/Reacher_One_Linux_NoVis')
```

```
INFO:unityagents:
'Academy' started successfully!
Unity Academy name: Academy
    Number of Brains: 1
    Number of External Brains : 1
    Lesson number : 0
    Reset Parameters :
        goal_size -> 5.0
        goal_speed -> 1.0
Unity brain name: ReacherBrain
    Number of Visual Observations (per agent): 0
    Vector Observation space type: continuous
    Vector Observation space size (per agent): 33
    Number of stacked Vector Observation: 1
    Vector Action space type: continuous
    Vector Action space size (per agent): 4
    Vector Action descriptions: , , ,
```

Environments contain *brains* which are responsible for deciding the actions of their associated agents. Here we check for the first brain available, and set it as the default brain we will be controlling from Python.

```
In [4]: # get the default brain
brain_name = env.brain_names[0]
brain = env.brains[brain_name]
```

1.0.2 2. Examine the State and Action Spaces

In this environment, a double-jointed arm can move to target locations. A reward of +0.1 is provided for each step that the agent's hand is in the goal location. Thus, the goal of your agent is to maintain its position at the target location for as many time steps as possible.

The observation space consists of 33 variables corresponding to position, rotation, velocity, and angular velocities of the arm. Each action is a vector with four numbers, corresponding to

torque applicable to two joints. Every entry in the action vector must be a number between -1 and 1.

Run the code cell below to print some information about the environment.

```
In [8]: # reset the environment
env_info = env.reset(train_mode=True)[brain_name]

# number of agents
num_agents = len(env_info.agents)
print('Number of agents:', num_agents)

# size of each action
action_size = brain.vector_action_space_size
print('Size of each action:', action_size)

# examine the state space
states = env_info.vector_observations
state_size = states.shape[1]
print('There are {} agents. Each observes a state with length: {}'.format(states.shape[0], state_size))
# print('The state for the first agent looks like:', states[0])
```

Number of agents: 20

Size of each action: 4

There are 20 agents. Each observes a state with length: 33

1.0.3 3. Take Random Actions in the Environment

In the next code cell, you will learn how to use the Python API to control the agent and receive feedback from the environment.

Once this cell is executed, you will watch the agent's performance, if it selects an action at random with each time step. A window should pop up that allows you to observe the agent, as it moves through the environment.

Of course, as part of the project, you'll have to change the code so that the agent is able to use its experience to gradually choose better actions when interacting with the environment!

```
In [6]: env_info = env.reset(train_mode=False)[brain_name] # reset the environment
states = env_info.vector_observations # get the current state (for each agent)
scores = np.zeros(num_agents) # initialize the score (for each agent)
while True:
    actions = np.random.randn(num_agents, action_size) # select an action (for each agent)
    actions = np.clip(actions, -1, 1) # all actions between -1 and 1
    env_info = env.step(actions)[brain_name] # send all actions to the environment
    next_states = env_info.vector_observations # get next state (for each agent)
    rewards = env_info.rewards # get reward (for each agent)
    dones = env_info.local_done # see if episode finished
    scores += env_info.rewards # update the score (for each agent)
    states = next_states # roll over states to next time step
    if np.any(dones): # exit loop if episode finished
```