

Goal:

The goal of this tutorial is to apply a reinforcement learning (RL) method to penalty kicks in robot soccer games. For this purpose, read the paper [1].

- [1]: T. Hester, M. Quinlan, P. Stone: “Generalized Model Learning for Reinforcement Learning on a Humanoid Robot”, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), pp. 2369-2374, 2010.

Tasks:

- 1) Implement the RL algorithm described in paper [1]. For this purpose, use the info given in the document “Reinforcement Learning Examples” to obtain the transition model $Pr(s' / s, a)$.
- 2) Demonstrate the RL algorithm on the NAO robot scoring goals in a penalty kick scenario with consideration of the following constraints:
 - Fixed ball location and distance to the goal.
 - The goal keeper can have color markers if needed.
 - The goal keeper can be at different positions. Hint: Test your algorithm with one fixed goal keeper position, then try different goal keeper positions.
- 3) Plot the cumulative reward. Comment your results.

You can optionally use the goals provided in the NAO lab. They have a size of ca. 127 x 107 x 66 cm (50 inches).

Additional information on robot soccer (including penalty point distance etc.) can be found at: <http://www.informatik.uni-bremen.de/spl/bin/view/Website/WebHome>

Results to submit:

- 1) All relevant code implementing the RL algorithm (task 1)) and integrating it into the existing framework. Source code!! (no binaries, etc.)
- 2) The plot of the cumulative reward and your comments (task 3)).

Don't forget to make a demo video.

Compress all the required results into a .zip or .tar.gz file (naming convention as in tutorial 2).
Submit that file to: **c.uhde @tum.de**

After submission, you will have to demonstrate this task on the robot.

Deadline: 26.06.19