AI & Robotics Project Proposal

Project Title: Recommendation System with Deep Reinforcement Learning

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Project Category/Topic:

• AI or Robotics

Project Aim:

- The goal is to explore the application of deep reinforcement learning on recommendation systems.
- Significance: It expands the application of reinforcement learning algorithms to commercial scenarios.
- Relevance: reinforcement learning, deep neural network, recommendation.

Related work:

- 1. Playing Atari with Deep Reinforcement Learning, Mnih et al, 2013.
- 2. Prioritised Experience Replay, Schaul et al, 2015.
- 3. Deterministic Policy Gradient Algorithms, Silver et al, 2014.
- 4. Continuous Control with Deep Reinforcement Learning, Lillicrap et al, 2015.
- 5. Policy Gradient Methods for Reinforcement Learning with Function Approximation, Sutton et al, 2000.

Project Objectives/Deliverables:

- 1. Present sufficient knowledge on the basic theory and methods of RL.
- 2. Frame the problem as a solvable RL problem.
- 3. Implement the algorithms and solve the problem.

Methodology:

• Research and testing.

Project Plan:

- Feasibility: The project requires basic knowledge of deep reinforcement learning.
- Resources: N/A.
- Proposal week 1 First Draft week 6 Presentation week 10 Final week 12.

Risks and Contingency Plan:

- Failure of the code implementation could prevent reaching the project objectives.
- The formulation of problem model is particularly difficult aspect of the project.
- The contingency plan is to replace the environment with a built library.

Hardware/Software Resources:

• Provided by the supervisor.

Data:

• Provided by the supervisor.