# ddpg\_model\_analysis

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In [2]: from drift.robots import ETHModel
    from drift.commons import Sequence, Animation
    from collections import deque
    %matplotlib inline
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## 1 Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG) Model Analysis

The DDPG algorithm will be analysed in two ways:

- the effect of changes in vehicle dynamics on the performance of the model and
- the effect of changes in hyper-parameters on the performance of the model on a vehicle.

## 1.1 Vehicle Dynamic Changes

The best DDPG control model 1 trained so far will be tested for robustness and performance by running it on vehicles with different dynamics. The control model was trained on a vehicle with dynamics that made it suitable to drift easily.

There are 9 main variables that determine the dynamics of the vehicle as discussed in the Methodology report. The table below describes the effect of each variables observed during experiments:

Variables	Description
$\overline{B}$	It affects how
	quickly the
	vehicle makes a
	turn (i.e. it
	affects the
	angular
	velocity)
C	It affects the
	driftness of the
	vehicle (i.e.
	controls the
	friction of the
	wheels)

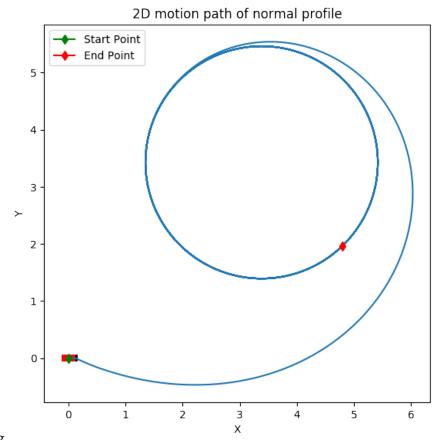
Description				
It scales the				
lateral forces				
applied to the				
wheels				
It scales the				
longitudinal				
velocity of the				
vehicle				
same as $C_{m1}$				
Moment of				
Inertia				
Mass				

The effect of each variables are however not independent. The moment of inertia and mass of the vehicle are kept constant during this analysis while the remaining parameters are changed.

### 1.1.1 Inference Runs Parameters

Inference (#)	В	С	D	$C_{m1}$	C <sub>m2</sub>	$C_r$	$C_d$	Total Reward	Max dt Reward	Mean Reward
1	8	9.5	2500	1250	3	100	45	-	-0.057	-0.111
								222.506		
2	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	-614.90	-0.206	-0.307
3	9	"	"	**	"	"	"	-	-0.999	-0.999
								1999.998		
4	9	"	"	**	"	"	"	**	"	"

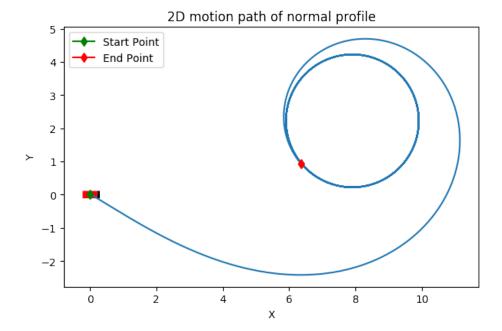
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• The default model used for training

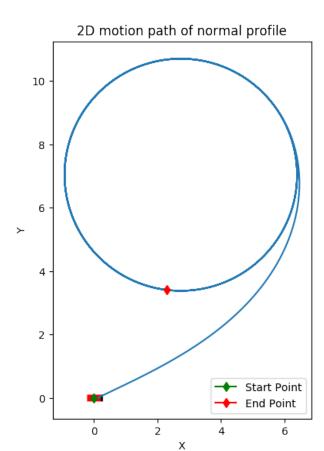
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- Lower Total Reward
- Higher Max and Mean Reward compared to #1
- Takes longer to reach steady state.
- Decreasing increases the drifting property of the vehicle

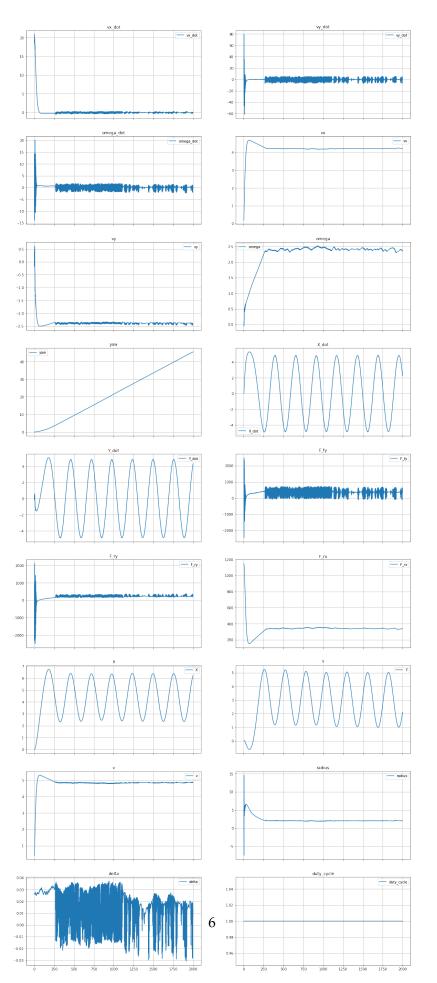


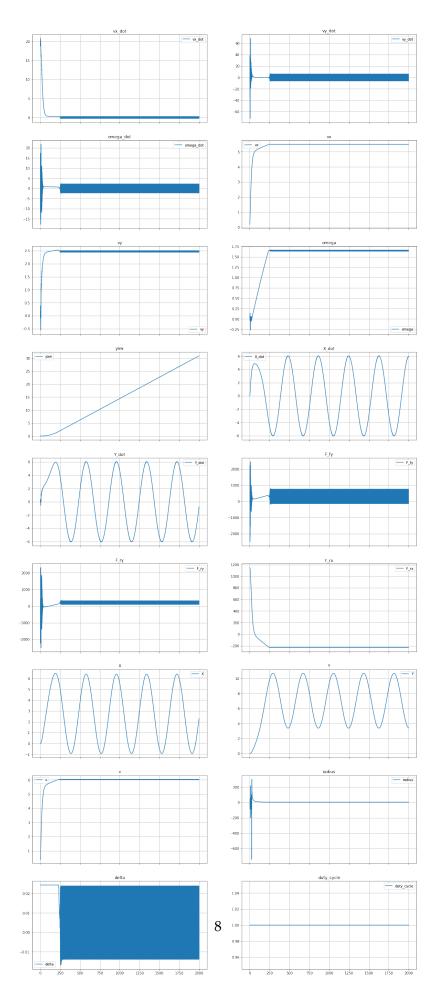
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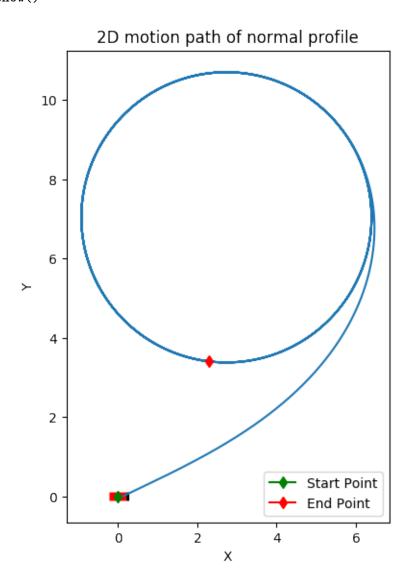
• While the Reward values signifies that the vehicle did not achieve drifting, the vehicle does. It however drifts with the vehicle facing the wrong direction. The steady state value been set so that the vehicle faces the center of the drift radius when drifting, however in this run the model is facing outward the radius. (i.e. is positive instead of been negative)



# 1.1.5 Inference 4 | Section 1.1.1







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