

# Natural Actor Critic

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## 1 Paper

Natural Actor Critic:

- Main Version [6].
- 2nd Version: Natural Actor-Critic in Neurocomputing [4].
- 3rd version: RL of motor skills with policy gradients in NN [5].

Recommended by Jan:

- Policy Evaluation with TD [3].
- Incremental NAC algorithms [1].
- Jan said that a paper from C. Dann is very important. Did he mean Policy Evaluation with TD by Dann or did he mean a second paper?

Research:

- Comparison of four natural gradient algorithms (co-author Sutton) [2].

## 2 Meetings & Notes

Meetings:

- 12.12.18: Notes from Jan can be found in “.\\Notes Jan 12.12.18”

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### 3 Introduction

- Steepest ascent direction of performance object with respect to any metric  $M(\theta)$ :  $M(\theta)^{-1}\nabla_{\theta}J(\mu_{\theta})$
- The natural gradient ist the steepest ascent direction with respect to the Fisher information metric  $M_{\pi}(\theta) = E_{s \sim \rho^{\pi}, a \sim \pi_{\theta}}[\nabla_{\theta} \log \pi_{\theta}(a|s)^T \nabla_{\theta} \log \pi_{\theta}(a|s)]$
- For deterministic policies:  $M_{\mu}(\theta) = E_{s \sim \rho^{\mu}}[\nabla_{\theta} \mu_{\theta}(s) \nabla_{\theta} \mu_{\theta}(s)^T w]$ 
  - Limiting case of the Fisher information metric: policy variance reduced to zero
- Combining DPG theorem with compatible function approximation gives  $\nabla_{\theta}J(\mu_{\theta}) = E_{s \sim \rho^{\mu}}[\nabla_{\theta} \mu_{\theta}(s) \nabla_{\theta} \mu_{\theta}(s)^T w]$  so steepest ascent direction reduces to  $M_{\mu}(\theta)^{-1}\nabla_{\theta}J_{\beta}(\mu_{\theta}) = w$

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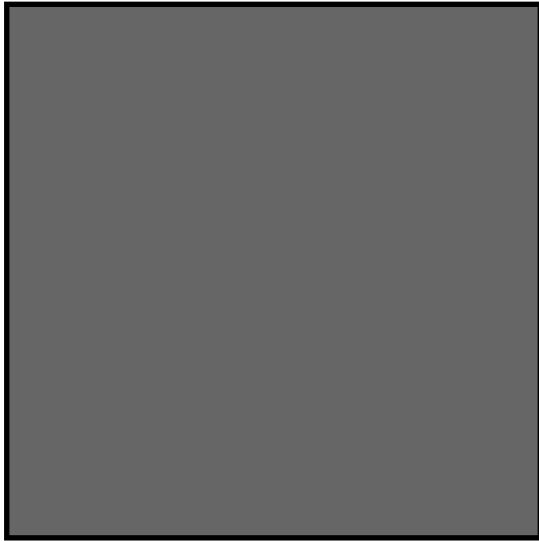
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