

- Track Width / Track Curvature- Unsure if tile size is increasing (but number of tiles is the same) or number of tiles are increasing (but tile size is the same). Therefore, using track turn rate.
- Linear Velocity / Angular Velocity of car is not constant- only obtained at the end of an evaluation run and dependent on last frame in track. Therefore, using number of tiles visited as a metric- to measure how long car stays on track along with grass time vs total time ratio
- CarRacing Reward Structure- Rewarded for number of tiles covered; and time in which they are covered, penalty for wasting time; going into grass
- CarRacing Obstacles Reward Structure- Rewarded for number of tiles covered; time in which they are covered, penalty for wasting time; going into grass; colliding with obstacles

I. Manual Curricula:

1. CarRacing Original- (Default Track Turn Rate=0.31)

For curriculum learning:

- Training phase: turn rate was increased using varied linear pacing

Track Turn Rate in Curriculum Training Environment	Timesteps/1000
0.31	0-230 (230)
0.41	230-460 (230)
0.51	460-756 (296)
0.61	756-1000 (244)

- Evaluation phase: Best model was chosen based on generalization performance of trained curriculum agent over evaluation environments with random turn rates sampled from [0.31,0.41,0.51,0.61,0.71] after every 50000 training timesteps

2. CarRacing Obstacles- (Default Obs_prob=0.05)

For curriculum learning:

- Training phase: obstacle probability was increased using varied linear pacing

Obstacle Probability in Curriculum Training Environment	Timesteps/1000
0.05	0-120 (120)
0.07	120-240 (120)
0.09	240-660 (420)
0.11	660-1000 (340)

- Evaluation phase: Best model was chosen based on generalization performance of trained curriculum agent over evaluation environments with random obstacle probabilities sampled from [0.05,0.07,0.09,0.11,0.13] after every 50000 training timesteps

3. CarRacing Obstacles- (Default Obs_prob=0.05, Track Turn Rate=0.31)

For curriculum learning:

- Training phase: turn rate and obstacle probability were increased using varied linear pacing

Track Turn Rate in Curriculum Training Environment	Obstacle Probability in Curriculum Training Environment	Timesteps/1000
0.31	0.05	0-198 (198)
0.41	0.07	198-396 (198)
0.51	0.09	396-775 (385)
0.61	0.11	775-1000 (225)

- Evaluation phase: Best model was chosen based on generalization performance of trained curriculum agent over evaluation environments with random turn rates sampled from [0.31,0.41,0.51,0.61,0.71] and random obstacle probabilities sampled from [0.05,0.07,0.09,0.11,0.13] after every 50000 timesteps

II. BO Curricula:

Number of trials: n_warmup=5, N=18-22

Acquisition Function used: Upper Confidence Bound

Used Gaussian Process Surrogate: Matern 5/2 Kernel (due to Quadratic dependencies)

1. CarRacing Original- (Default Track Turn Rate=0.31)

Bayesian Optimization was run for 18 trials

Exploration factor (kappa=2)

For curriculum learning:

- Training phase: turn rate was increased using varied linear pacing (range0: [150,250], range1: [360,460], range2: [660,760])

Track Turn Rate in Curriculum Training Environment	Timesteps/1000
0.31	0-239 (239)
0.41	239-442 (203)
0.51	442-711 (269)
0.61	711-1000 (289)

- Evaluation phase: Best model was chosen based on generalization performance of trained curriculum agent over evaluation environments with random turn rates sampled from [0.31,0.41,0.51,0.61,0.71] after every 50000 training timesteps

2. CarRacing Obstacles- (Default Obs_prob=0.05)

Bayesian Optimization was run for 22 trials

Exploration factor (kappa=3.1)

For curriculum learning:

- Training phase: obstacle probability was increased using varied linear pacing (range0: [100,150], range1: [220,260], range2: [630,700])

Obstacle Probability in Curriculum Training Environment	Timesteps/1000
0.05	0-101 (101)
0.07	101-238 (137)
0.09	238-670 (432)
0.11	670-1000 (330)

- Evaluation phase: Best model was chosen based on generalization performance of trained curriculum agent over evaluation environments with random obstacle probabilities sampled from [0.05,0.07,0.09,0.11,0.13] after every 50000 training timesteps

3. CarRacing Obstacles- (Default Obs_prob=0.05, Track Turn Rate=0.31)

Bayesian Optimization was run for 18 trials

Exploration factor (kappa=1.9)

For curriculum learning:

- Training phase: turn rate and obstacle probability were increased using varied linear pacing (range0: [150,250], range1: [330,450], range2: [730,830])

Track Turn Rate in Curriculum Training Environment	Obstacle Probability in Curriculum Training Environment	Timesteps/1000
0.31	0.05	0-161 (161)
0.41	0.07	161-418 (257)
0.51	0.09	418-737 (319)
0.61	0.11	737-1000 (263)

- Evaluation phase: Best model was chosen based on generalization performance of trained curriculum agent over evaluation environments with random turn rates sampled from [0.31,0.41,0.51,0.61,0.71] and random obstacle probabilities sampled from [0.05,0.07,0.09,0.11,0.13] after every 50000 timesteps

Results: (All averaged over 500 testing/evaluation environments due to more randomness)-

1. PPO Performance with different training regimes (CarRacing Original).

- Default Environment has a Track Turn Rate of 0.31
- Hard Environment has random Track Turn Rates in [0.31,0.41,0.51,0.61,0.71]

Training Environment	Testing Environment	Values	Number of tiles visited	Time on grass ratio
Default	Default	724 \pm 283	238	0.168
Default	Hard	667 \pm 305	221	0.227
Manual Curriculum	Hard	682 \pm 121	227	0.157
BO Curriculum	Hard	793 \pm 118	259	0.042

2. PPO Performance with different training regimes (CarRacing Obstacles).

- Default Environment has an Obstacle Probability of 0.05- Average of about 5 obstacles
- Hard Environment has random Obstacle Probabilities in [0.05,0.07,0.09,0.11,0.13]

Training Environment	Testing Environment	Values	Collision/Obstacle Ratio	Number of tiles visited	Time on grass ratio	Collisions
Default	Default	422 \pm 185	0.166	168	0.322	1.002
Default	Hard	386 \pm 179	0.183	163	0.336	1.418
Manual Curriculum	Hard	664 \pm 134	0.120	236	0.031	0.932
BO Curriculum	Hard	696 \pm 200	0.105	245	0.1246	0.84

3. PPO Performance with different training regimes (CarRacing Obstacles)

- Default Environment has a Track Turn Rate of 0.31 and Obstacle Probability of 0.05
- Hard Environment has random Track Turn Rates in [0.31,0.41,0.51,0.61,0.71] and random Obstacle Probabilities in [0.05,0.07,0.09,0.11,0.13]

Training Environment	Testing Environment	Values	Collision/Obstacle Ratio	Number of tiles visited	Time on grass ratio	Collisions
Default	Default	422 \pm 185	0.166	168	0.322	1.002
Default	Hard	368 \pm 181	0.185	159	0.343	1.514
Manual Curriculum	Hard	667 \pm 167	0.055	230	0.082	0.454
BO Curriculum	Hard	696 \pm 113	0.133	248	0.032	1.088

Performance Comparison across Levels

Defaults:

Turnrates:

729 ± 282 (0.31), 686 ± 311 (0.41), 662 ± 314 (0.51), 669 ± 310 (0.61), 659 ± 309 (0.71)

Obstacles:

400 ± 180 (0.05), 393 ± 165 (0.07), 393 ± 169 (0.09), 369 ± 185 (0.11), 364 ± 158 (0.13)

Both:

400 ± 180 (0.31,0.05), 369 ± 190 (0.41,0.07), 341 ± 171 (0.51,0.09), 316 ± 195 (0.61,0.11),
 337 ± 159 (0.71,0.13)

Manual Curricula:

Turnrates:

687 ± 131 (0.31), 682 ± 131 (0.41), 681 ± 118 (0.51), 687 ± 132 (0.61), 690 ± 125 (0.71)

Obstacles:

685 ± 112 (0.05), 660 ± 131 (0.07), 667 ± 117 (0.09), 658 ± 130 (0.11), 652 ± 135 (0.13)

Both:

688 ± 164 (0.31,0.05), 676 ± 168 (0.41,0.07), 654 ± 176 (0.51,0.09), 643 ± 172 (0.61,0.11),
 628 ± 181 (0.71,0.13)

BO Curricula:

Turnrates:

792 ± 138 (0.31), 798 ± 124 (0.41), 801 ± 110 (0.51), 784 ± 134 (0.61), 785 ± 123 (0.71)

Obstacles:

704 ± 226 (0.05), 711 ± 197 (0.07), 693 ± 199 (0.09), 690 ± 201 (0.11), 687 ± 193 (0.13)

Both:

748 ± 87 (0.31,0.05), 696 ± 146 (0.41,0.07), 685 ± 128 (0.51,0.09), 662 ± 126 (0.61,0.11), 659 ± 138 (0.71,0.13)