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• k : index for behavior policy

• e : index for evaluation policy (fixed)

• N : Total number of policies

• K : Number of behavior policies

• H_k : Number of trajectories, τ , in policy π_k ; Horizon

• $\tau_t = (s_t, a_t, r_t, s_{t+1})$, s = state, a = action, r = reward; Trajectory

• π_b : $[\pi_i \text{ for } i \text{ in range } (0 \dots b, b+1 \dots N)]$

• π_e : dict $\{ \pi_i : \pi_b \neq i, \text{ for } i \text{ in range } (N) \}$

• $\rho_k = \prod_{t=1}^{H_k} \frac{\pi_e(a_t^k | s_t^k)}{\pi_k(a_t^k | s_t^k)}$, Importance Sampling ratio

• \mathcal{S}_k : $[\rho_k]$; i.e. ρ_k unwrapped where size $\mathcal{S}_k = H_k$ and $\mathcal{S}_k^i = \frac{\pi_e(a_i^k | s_i^k)}{\pi_k(a_i^k | s_i^k)}$

• R_k^i : Return (total reward) of τ_i in policy k .

• $\sigma(\pi_e, \pi_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{H_k} R_k^i \times \rho_k^i$

• $X_1 = \frac{1}{K \cdot N} \sum_{k=1}^K \sigma(\pi_e, \pi_k)$

$$\cdot X_2 = \frac{1}{K \cdot N} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^N R_k^i$$

$$\cdot V(\pi_e) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N R_e^i \in \mathbb{R}^N \text{ (vector of values of evaluation policies for } N \text{ policies)}$$

$\cdot R_e^i$: Total reward of the trajectory i of evaluation policy e .

$$\cdot \text{Error} = \left(\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{estimated value function}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \\ e \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{true Value function}} - V(\pi_e) \right)^2$$

Sampling Trajectories 2

Define: $k, e, \text{model } \pi, H$: // model \Rightarrow TD / Monte Carlo / PPO / DQN / etc ---

def getAction(state, Q): // get discrete action & associated probability (softmax)
 return $\arg\max(Q[\text{state}])$, $\max \left\{ \frac{\exp(Q[\text{state}])}{\sum \exp(Q[\text{state}])} \right\}$

$R=0$ // reward total

for i in range(H):

$a_t, \text{prob}_k = \text{getAction}(s_t^k, \text{model } \pi_k)$;

$- , \text{prob}_e = \text{getAction}(s_t^e, \text{model } \pi_e)$;

// note that behavior policy samples trajectories, τ

$D_{t+1}, r = \pi_k(a_t | s_t)$ // π_k // generates next state & reward from current state, s_t

$R = R + r$

 --- // code

Importance Sampling Optimization 2

- Assumes IS weights are already calculated (see (1)). This section uses 1-step gradient update using MAML algorithm. Note: this is a single-task problem
- Goal: find set of importance sampling weights, w , such that $\rho \rightarrow 1$.

This is also equivalent to finding parameters w_k from π_k such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{H_k} \frac{\pi_e(a_i^k | s_i^k)}{\pi_k(a_i^k | s_i^k)} \rightarrow H_k$$

let weights, $w = \left[\frac{1}{\pi_k(a_1^k | s_1^k)}, \frac{1}{\pi_k(a_2^k | s_2^k)}, \dots, \frac{1}{\pi_k(a_{H_k}^k | s_{H_k}^k)} \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{H_k}$

let feature matrix, $X = \left[\pi_e(a_1^k | s_1^k), \pi_e(a_2^k | s_2^k), \dots, \pi_e(a_{H_k}^k | s_{H_k}^k) \right] \in \mathbb{R}^{H_k}$

$$\rightarrow w \cdot X = H_k = [w_1, \dots, w_{H_k}] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{H_k} \end{bmatrix} = H_k \rightarrow (1 \times H_k) (H_k \times 1) = \underline{\underline{1 \times 1}} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$X \rightarrow$ fixed, $w \rightarrow$ parameters to optimize.

Set MAML framework such that MAML(w) \cdot X - H_k < w \cdot X - H_k

MAML while not done do:
 Evaluate $\nabla_w \mathcal{L}_X(f(w))$
 Compute adapted parameters w/ SGD: $w'_i = w - \alpha \nabla_w \mathcal{L}_X(f(w))$
 $w \leftarrow w - \beta \nabla_w \sum \mathcal{L}_X(f w'_i)$

Example 4

• Let $N=3$

→ data point 1:

$$\pi_k = \{\pi_2, \pi_3\}, \pi_e = \pi_1$$

→ data point 2:

$$\pi_k = \{\pi_1, \pi_3\}, \pi_e = \pi_2$$

→ data point 3:

$$\pi_k = \{\pi_1, \pi_2\}, \pi_e = \pi_3$$

- Sample trajectories based on π_k & π_e (see (2))
- MAML(π_k), see (3)
- Compute ρ_k
- Compute $\sigma(\pi_e, \pi_k)$
- Compute $V(\pi_e)$
- Compute x_1, x_2
- Find MSE: $\left([x_1, x_2, 1] \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \\ e \end{bmatrix} - V(\pi_e) \right)^2 - \star$
- Optimize parameters c, d , and e such that $(\star) = \min$