10703 Deep Reinforcement Learning and Control

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Imitation Learning II

So far in the course

Reinforcement Learning: Learning policies guided by sparse rewards, e.g., win the game.

- Good: simple, cheap form of supervision
- Bad: High sample complexity

Where is it successful so far?

- In simulation, where we can afford a lot of trials, easy to parallelize
- Not in robotic systems:
  - action execution takes long
  - we cannot afford to fail
  - safety concerns

Crusher robot

Learning from Demonstration for Autonomous Navigation in Complex Unstructured Terrain, Silver et al. 2010

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Imitation Learning

For taking this structure into account, numerous formulations have been developed:

- Direct: Supervised learning for policy (mapping states to actions) using the demonstration trajectories as ground-truth (a.k.a. behavior cloning)
- *Indirect: Learning the latent rewards/goals of the teacher and planning under those rewards to get the policy, a.k.a. Inverse Reinforcement Learning (later in class)*

Experts can be:

- Humans
- Optimal or near Optimal Planners/Controllers

Outline

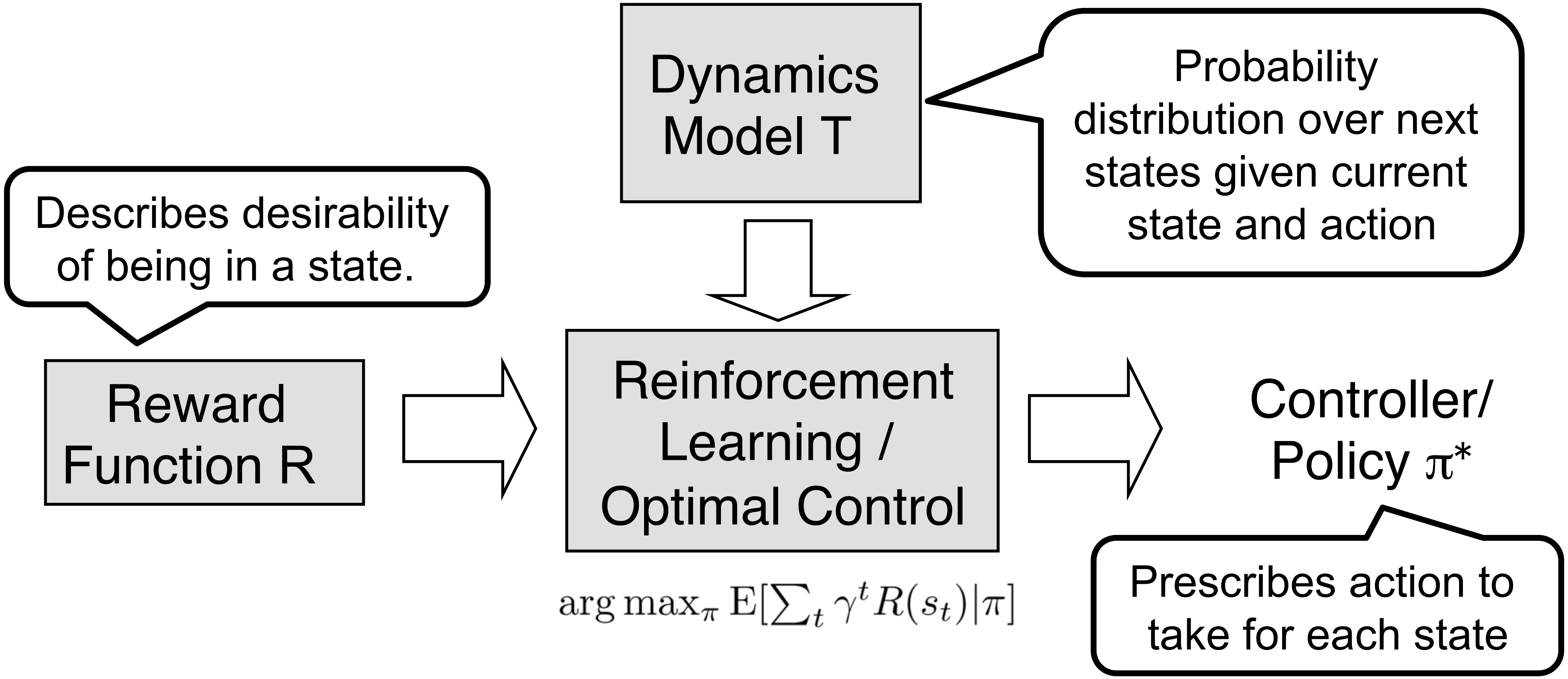
Last lecture

- Behavior Cloning: Imitation learning as supervised learning
- Compounding errors
- Demonstration augmentation techniques
- DAGGER
- Structured prediction as Decision Making (learning to search)
- Imitating MCTS

This lecture:

- Inverse reinforcement learning
- Max margin planning
- Maximum entropy IRL
- Adversarial Imitation learning
- Value Iteration Networks

Inverse Reinforcement Learning


Dynamics Model T
Probability distribution over next states given current state and action
Describes desirability of being in a state.
Reward Function R
Reinforcement Learning / Optimal Control
Controller/ Policy π*
Prescribes action to take for each state

$\arg\max_\pi \mathrm{E}[\sum_t \gamma^t R(s_t)|\pi]$

Diagram: Pieter Abbeel

Given π, let's recover R!

Problem Setup

- **Given**:
  - State space, action space
  - *No* reward function
  - Dynamics (sometimes) $T_{s,a}[s_{t+1}|s_t, a_t]$
  - Teacher's demonstration:

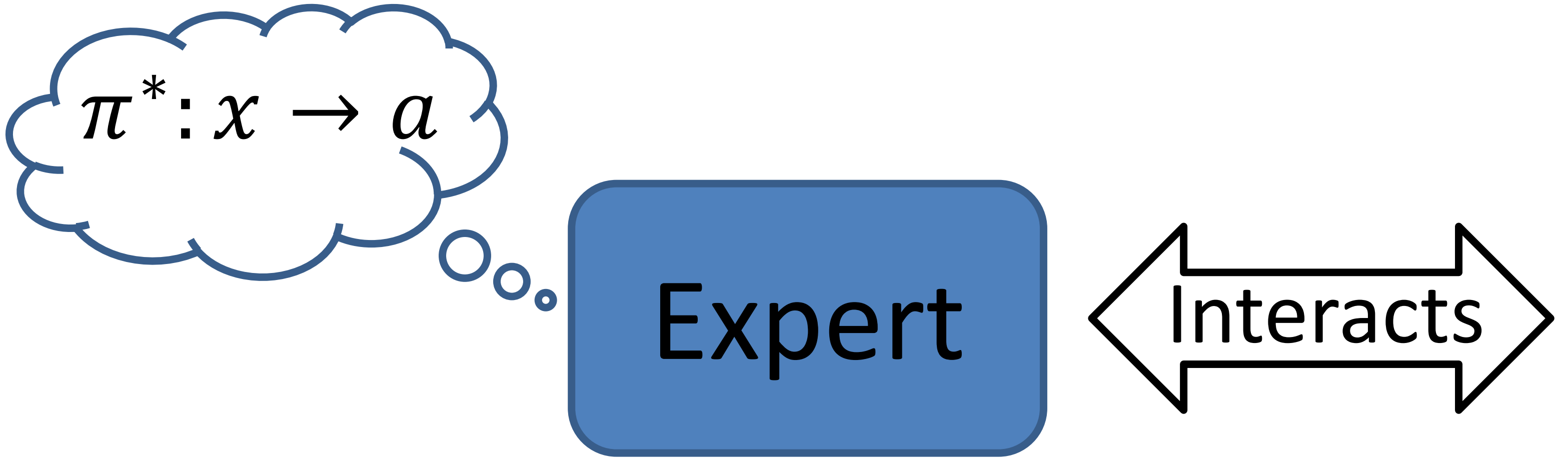
    $s_0, a_0, s_1, a_1, s_2, a_2, \ldots$
    $(= \text{trace of the teacher's policy } \pi^*)$

- **Inverse RL**
  - Can we recover R?
- **Apprenticeship learning via inverse RL**
  - Can we then use this R to find a good policy?
- **Behavioral cloning (last lecture)**
  - Can we directly learn the teacher's policy using supervised learning?

Assumptions (for now)

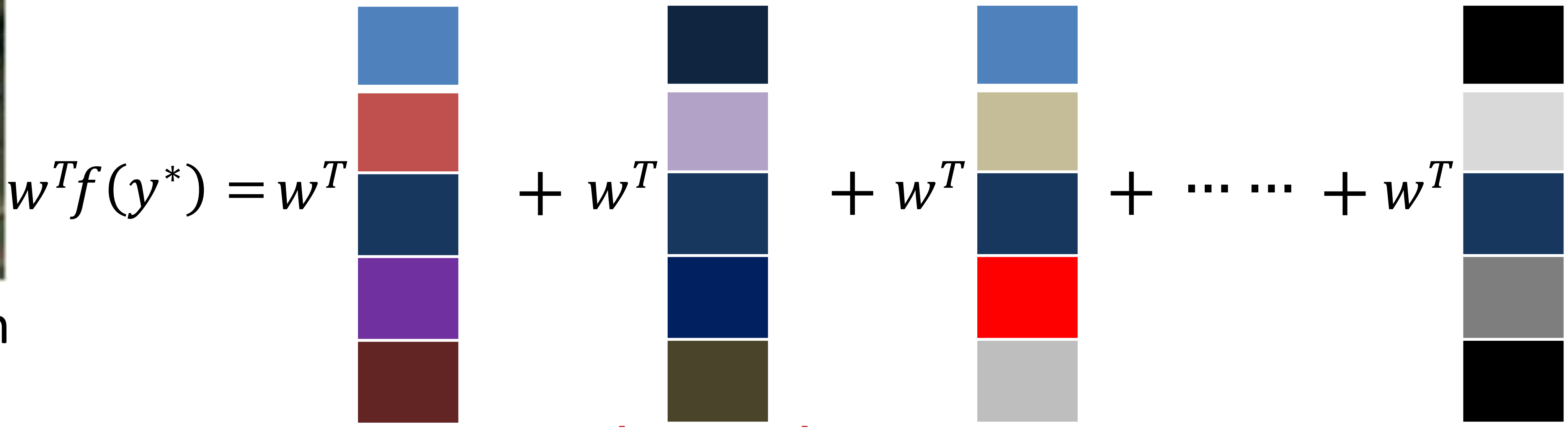
- Known Dynamics (transition model) T
- Reward is a linear function over fixed state features ϕ

Inverse RL with linear costs/rewards



$$y^* = (x_1, a_1) \rightarrow (x_2, a_2) \rightarrow (x_3, a_3) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (x_n, a_n)$$

Demonstration



$$w^T f(y^*) = w^T \; + w^T \; + w^T \; + \cdots\cdots + w^T$$

Expert trajectory cost

Jain, Hu

Principle: Expert is optimal

- Find a reward function R^* which explains the expert behavior
- Find R^* such that

$$\mathbb{E}[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t R^*(s_t)|\pi^*] \geq \mathbb{E}[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t R^*(s_t)|\pi] \quad \forall \pi$$

Feature Based Reward Function

(We assume reward is linear over features)

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gives us: Find w^* such that $w^{*T}\mu(\pi^*) \geq w^{*T}\mu(\pi) \quad \forall\pi$

Challenges: Reward function is ambiguous

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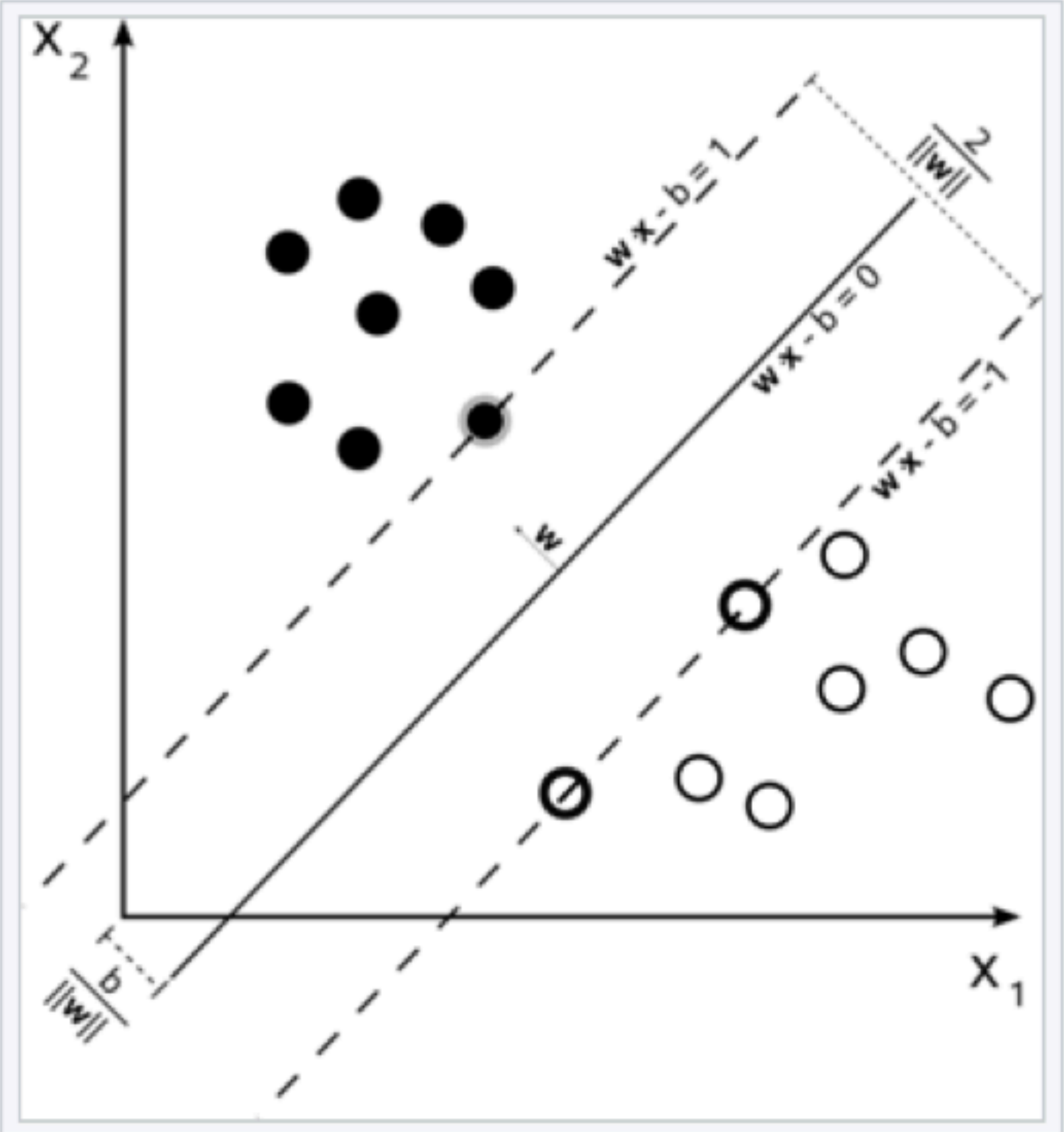

"Minimize $\|\vec{w}\|$ subject to $y_i(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_i - b) \geq 1$, for $i = 1, \ldots, n$"

Max-margin Classifiers

- We are given a training dataset of n points of the form

$$(\vec{x}_1, y_1), \ldots, (\vec{x}_n, y_n)$$

- Where the y_i are either 1 or -1, each indicating the class to which the point $\vec{x}_i$ belongs. Each $\vec{x}_i$ is a p-dimensional real vector.

- We want to find the "maximum-margin hyperplane" that divides the group of points $\vec{x}_i$, for which $y_i = 1$ from the group of points for which $y_i = -1$, which is defined so that the distance between the hyperplane and the nearest point $\vec{x}_i$ from either group is maximized.

- Any hyperplane can be written as the set of points $\vec{x}$ satisfying

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} - b = 0$$

where $\vec{w}$ is the normal vector the the hyperplane

Max Margin Planning

- Standard max margin:

$$\min_{w} ||w||_2^2$$
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- “Structured prediction” max margin:

$$\min_w \|w\|_2^2$$
$$\text{s.t.} \quad w^T \mu(\pi^*) \geq w^T \mu(\pi) + m(\pi^*, \pi) \quad \forall \pi$$

- Justification: margin should be larger for policies that are very different from π^*

- Example: $m(\pi^*, \pi) =$ number of states in which π^* and π disagree

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Expert Suboptimality

- Structured prediction max margin with slack variables:

$$\min_{w,\xi} \|w\|_2^2 + C\xi$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad w^T \mu(\pi^*) \geq w^T \mu(\pi) + m(\pi^*, \pi) - \xi \quad \forall \pi$$

- Can be generalized to multiple MDPs (could also be same MDP with different initial state)

$$\min_{w,\xi^{(i)}} \|w\|_2^2 + C \sum_i \xi^{(i)}$$

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Complete Max-margin Formulation

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- Challenge: very large number of constraints. Solutions:
    - iterative constraint generation

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Constraint Generation

- Iterate $\Pi^{(i)} = \{\}$ for all i and then iterate
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- for all i add $\pi^{(i)}$ to $\Pi^{(i)}$

- If no constraint violations were found, we are done

Assumes an RL algorithm that can find the optimal policy for a given reward function! Nested RL problem. However, as we assumed known dynamics, it is more like a nested planning problem.

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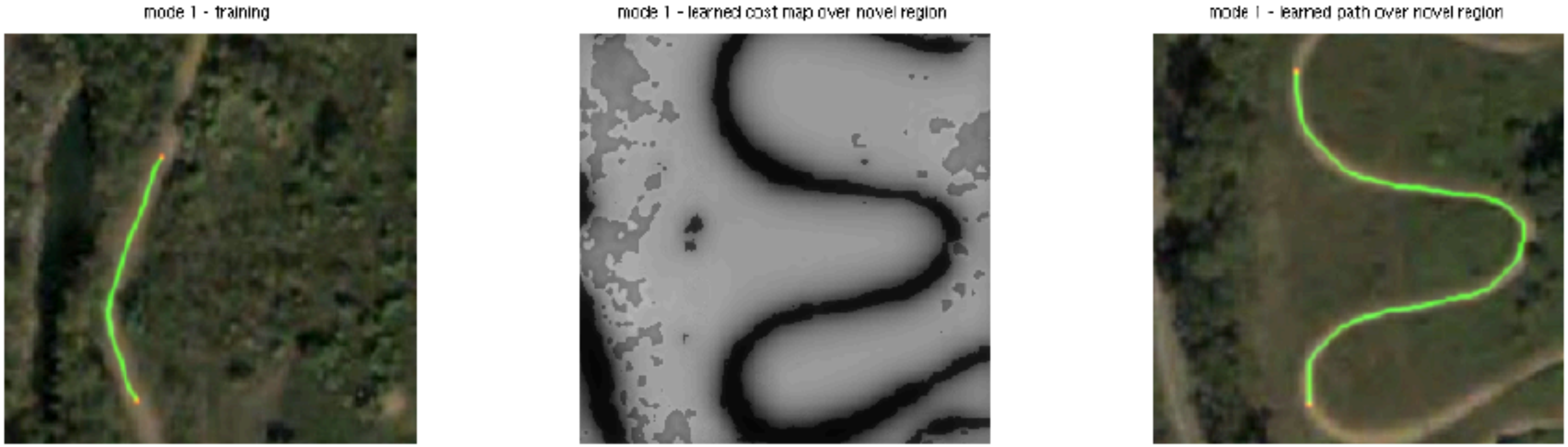
Max Margin Planning

trained to follow roads

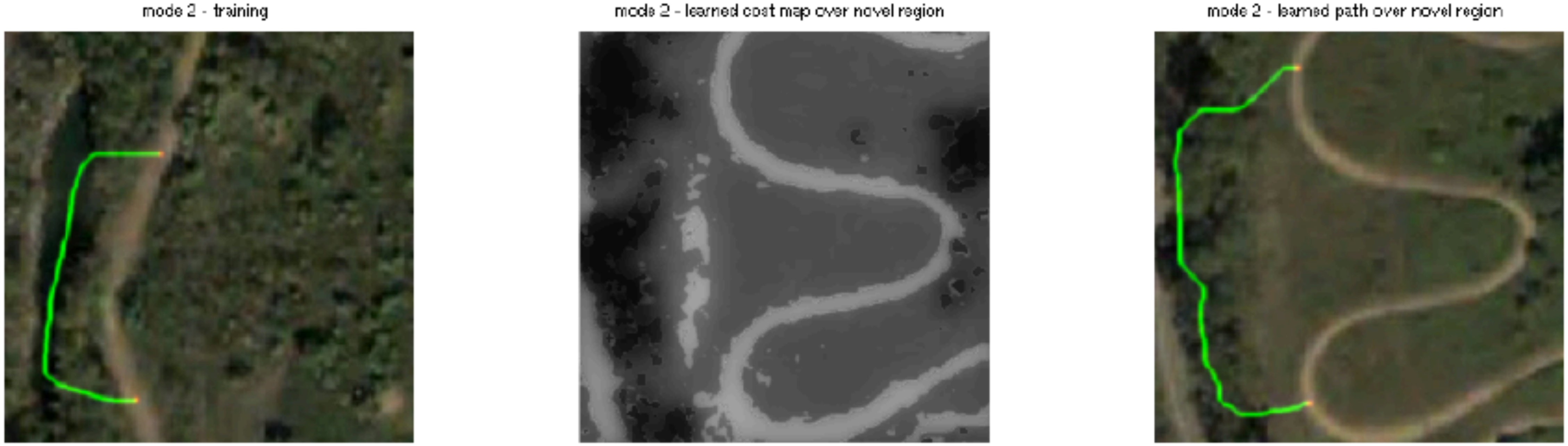


mode 1 - training

mode 1 - learned cost map over novel region

mode 1 - learned path over novel region

trained to hide in the trees



mode 2 - training

mode 2 - learned cost map over novel region

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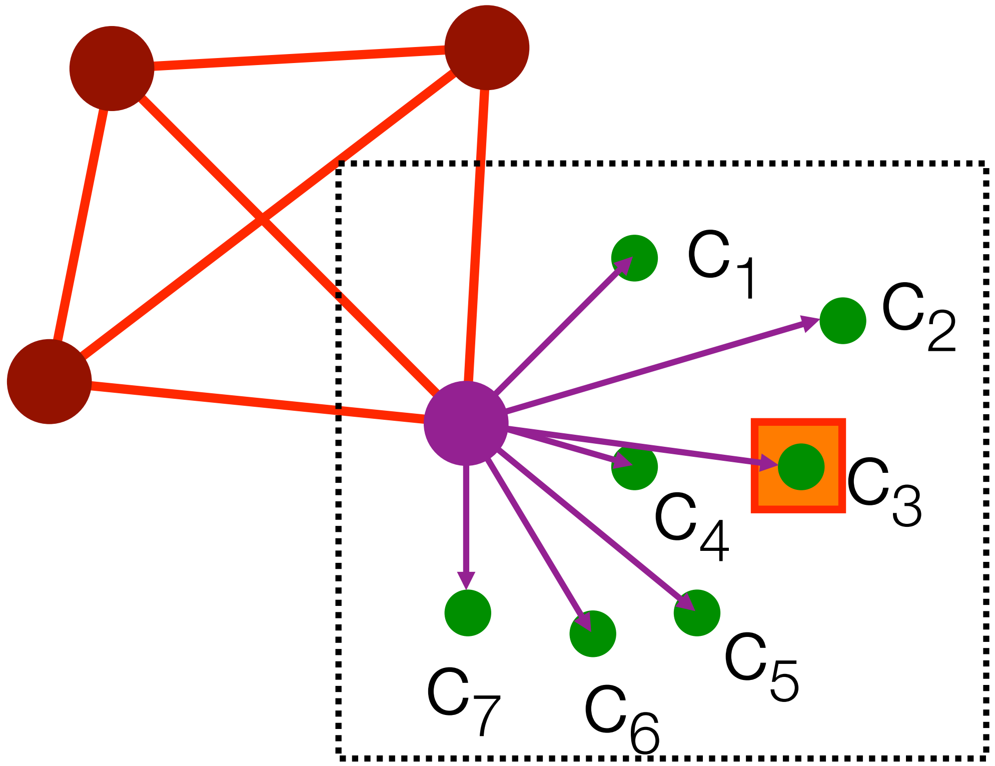
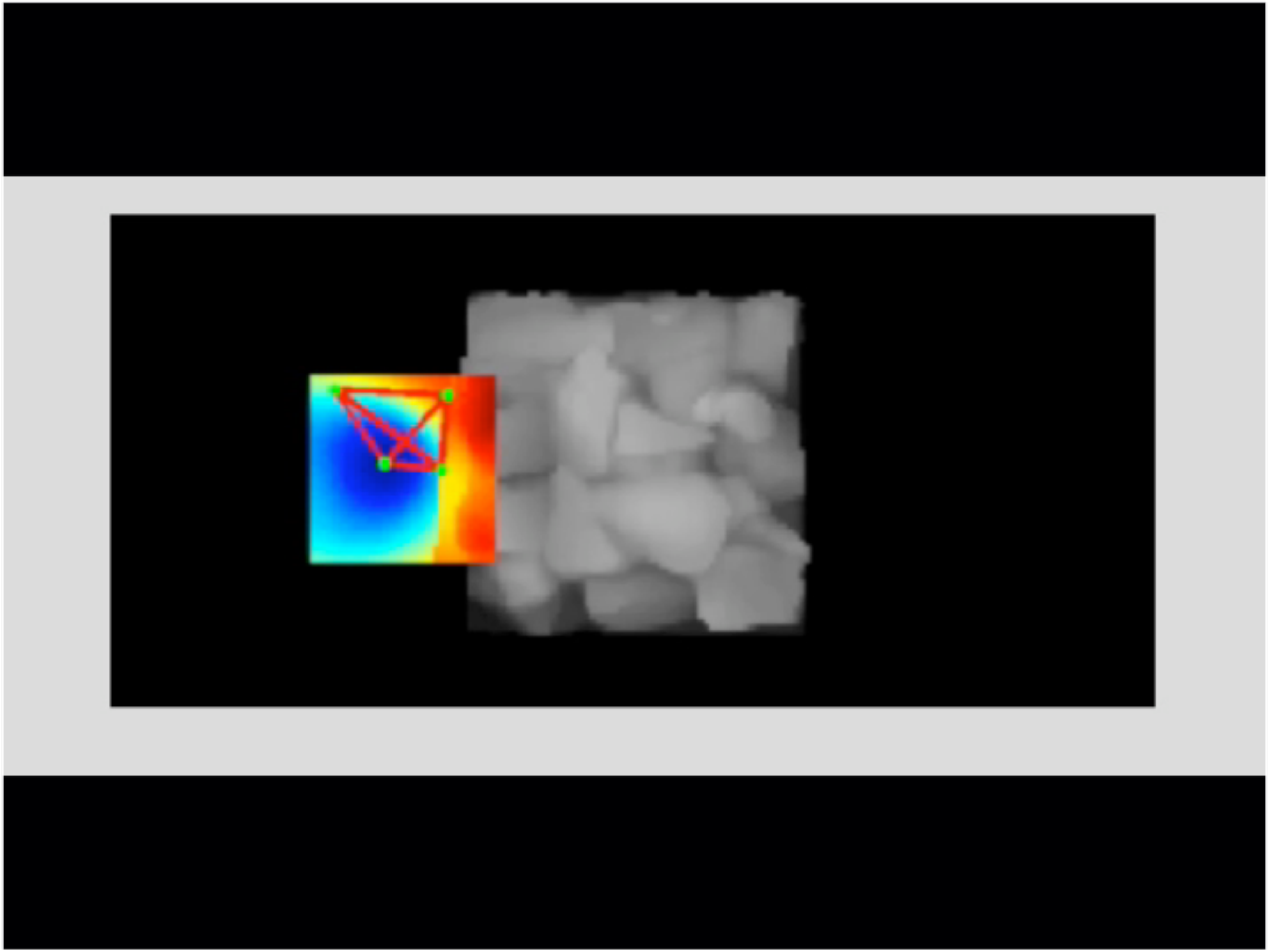
Learning to step (mimicking footsteps)

Where should we place the foot next?





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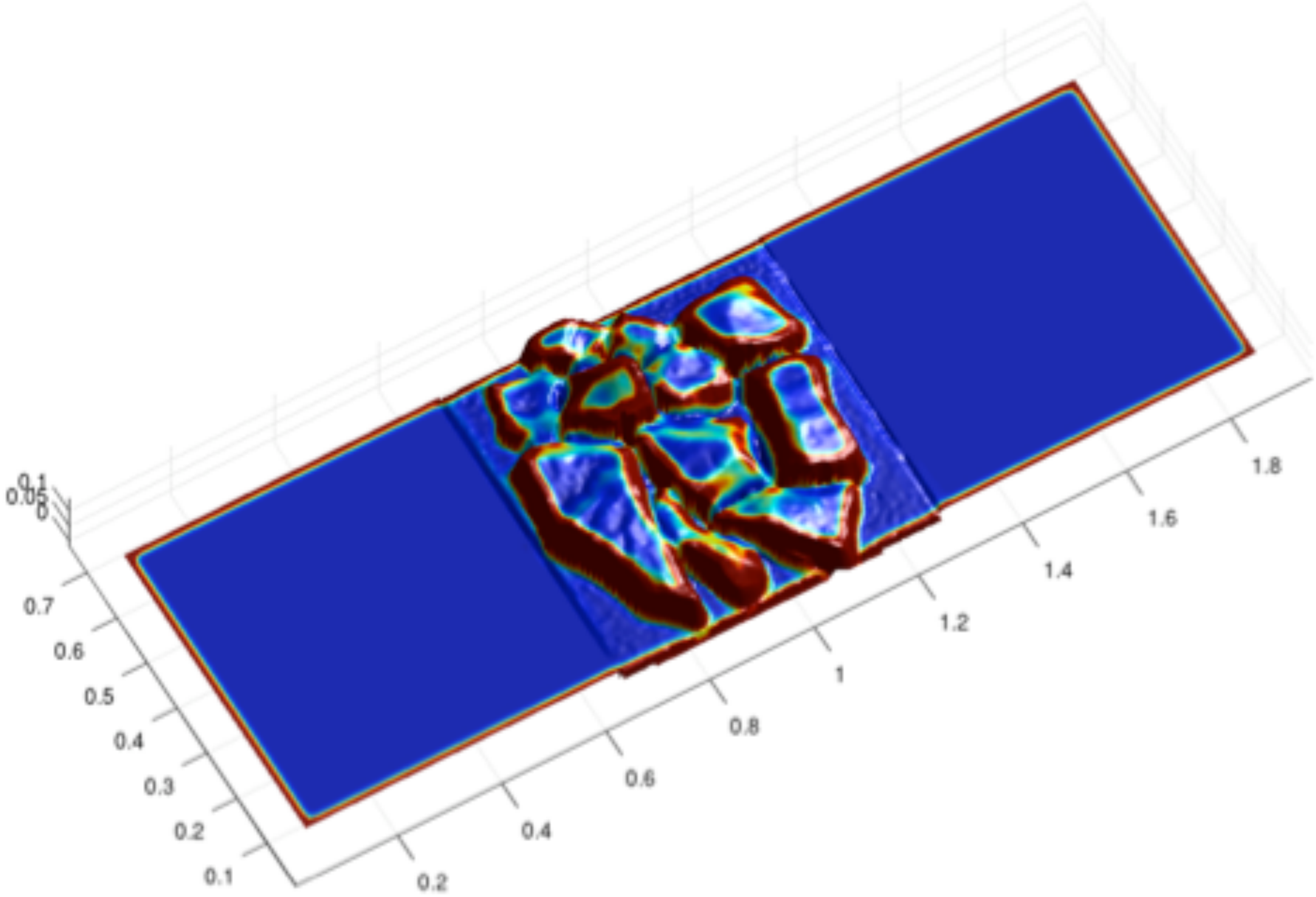

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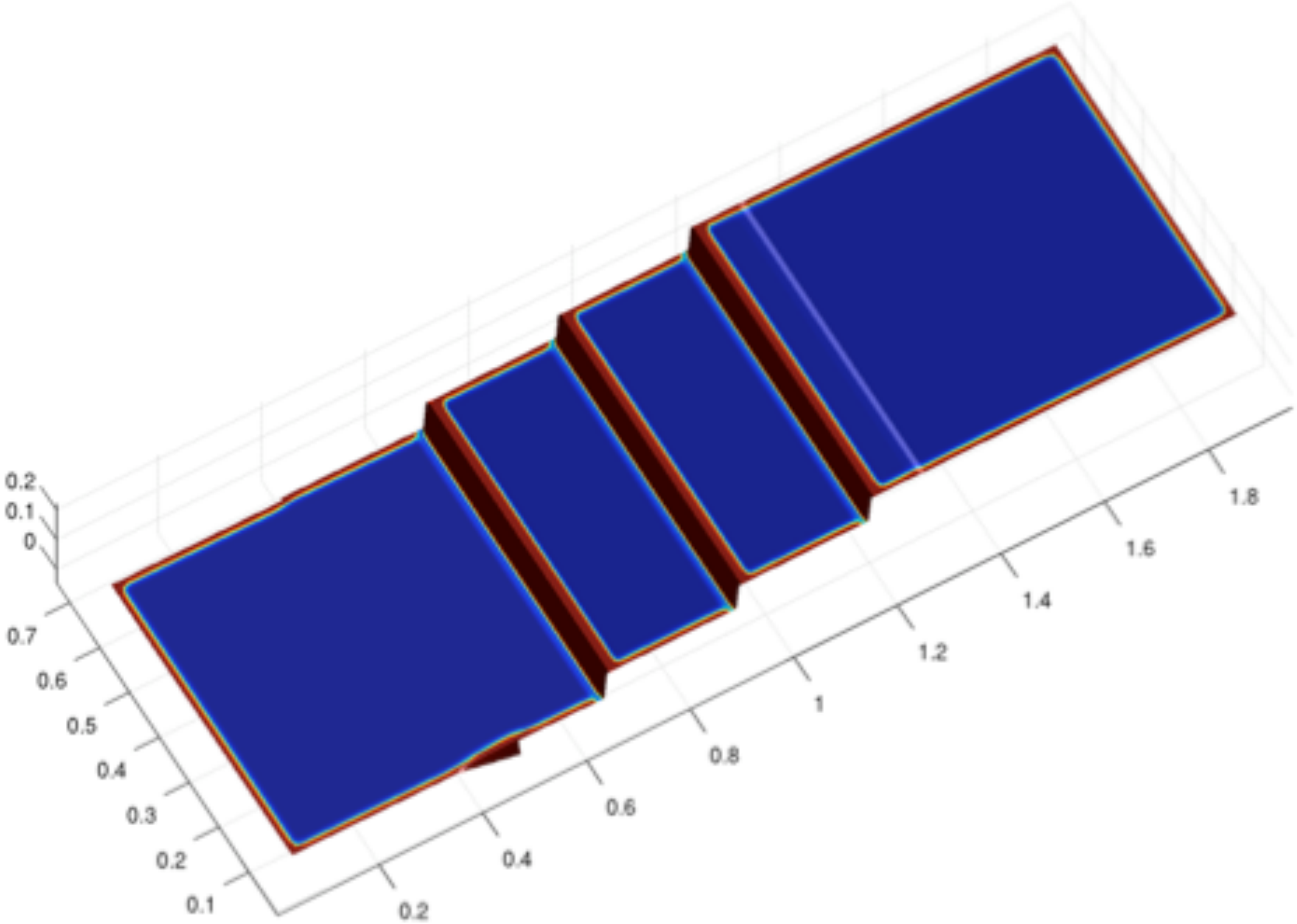

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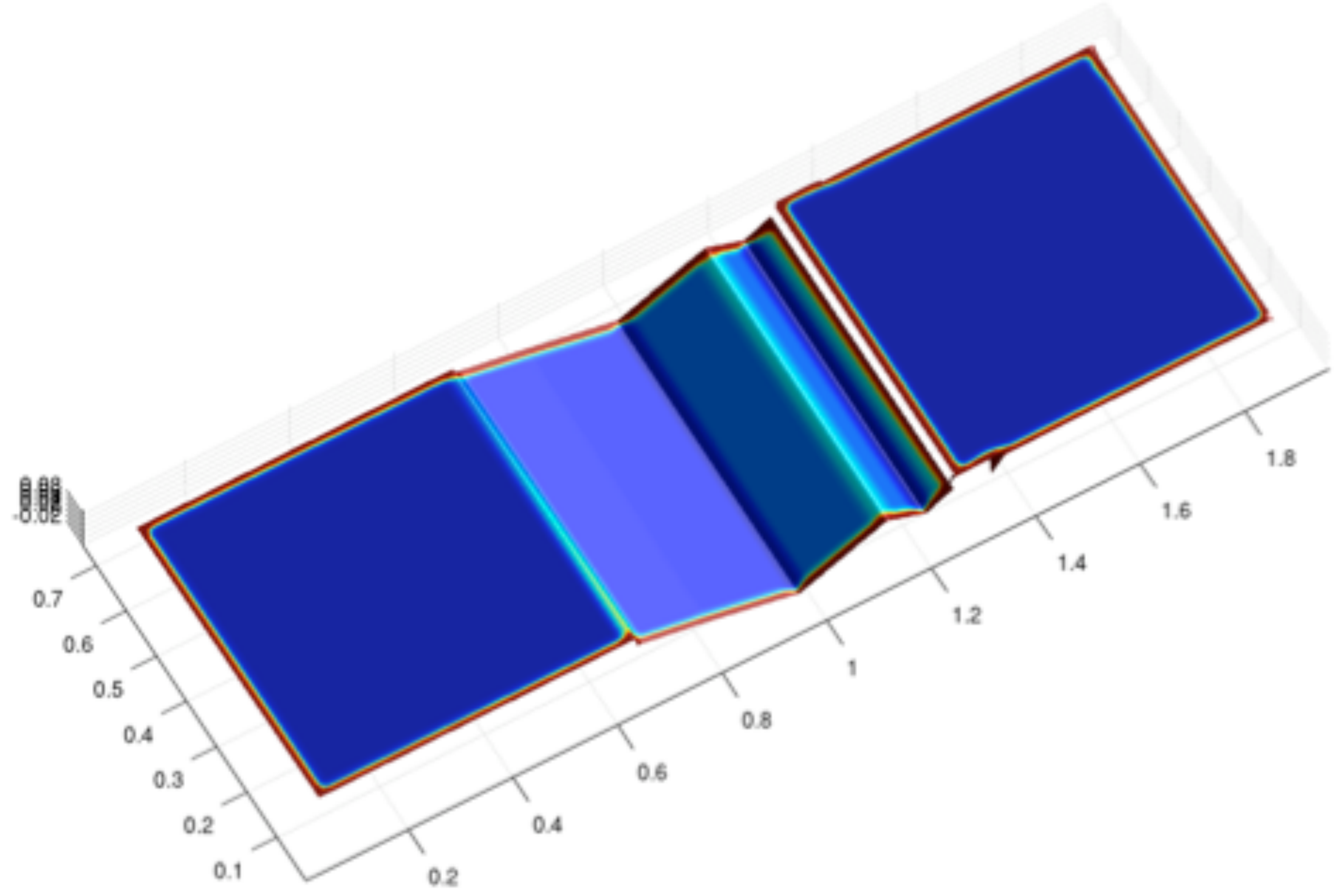

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Feature Matching

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- Observation in Abbeel and Ng, 2004: for a policy π to be guaranteed to perform as well as the expert policy μ*, it suffices that the feature expectations match:

$$\|\mu(\pi) - \mu(\pi^*)\|_1 \leq \epsilon$$

Implies that for all w with $\|w\|_\infty \leq 1$:

$$|{w^*}^T \mu(\pi) - {w^*}^T \mu(\pi^*)| \leq \epsilon$$

Abbeel and Ng 2004

Apprenticeship Learning [Abbeel & Ng, 2004]

- Assume $R_w(s) = w^T \phi(s)$ for a feature map $\phi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
- Initialize: pick some policy π_0
- Iterate for $i = 1, 2, \ldots$:
  - **"Guess" the reward function:**
    Find a reward function such that the teacher maximally outperforms all previously found policies

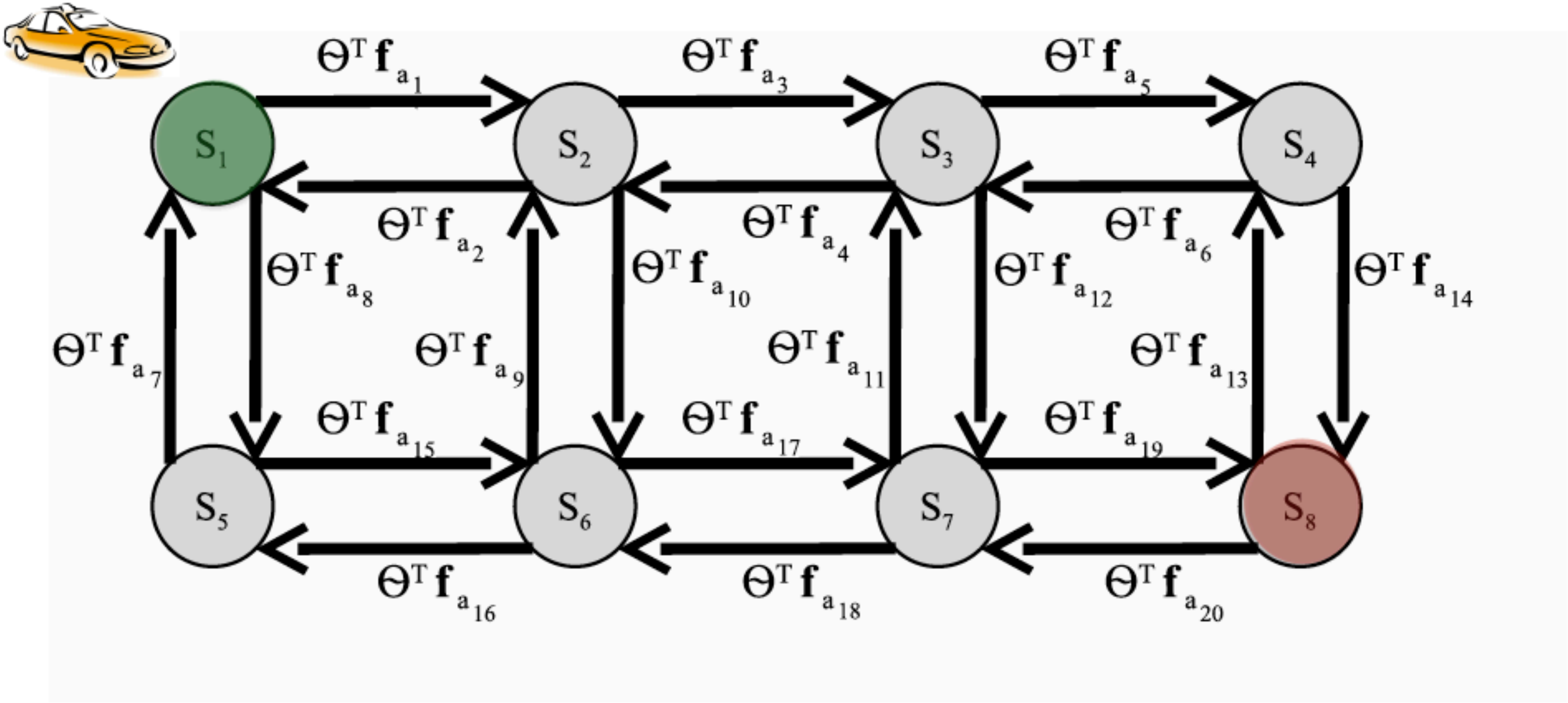
$$\max_{\gamma, w : \|w\|_2 \leq 1} \gamma$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad w^T \mu(\pi^*) \geq w^T \mu(\pi) + \gamma \quad \forall \pi \in \{\pi_0, \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_{i-1}\}$$

  - **Find optimal control policy** π for the current guess of the reward function R_w
  - $\gamma \leq \varepsilon/2$ exit the algorithm

Maximum Entropy Inverse Optimal Control

Roads have unknown costs linear in features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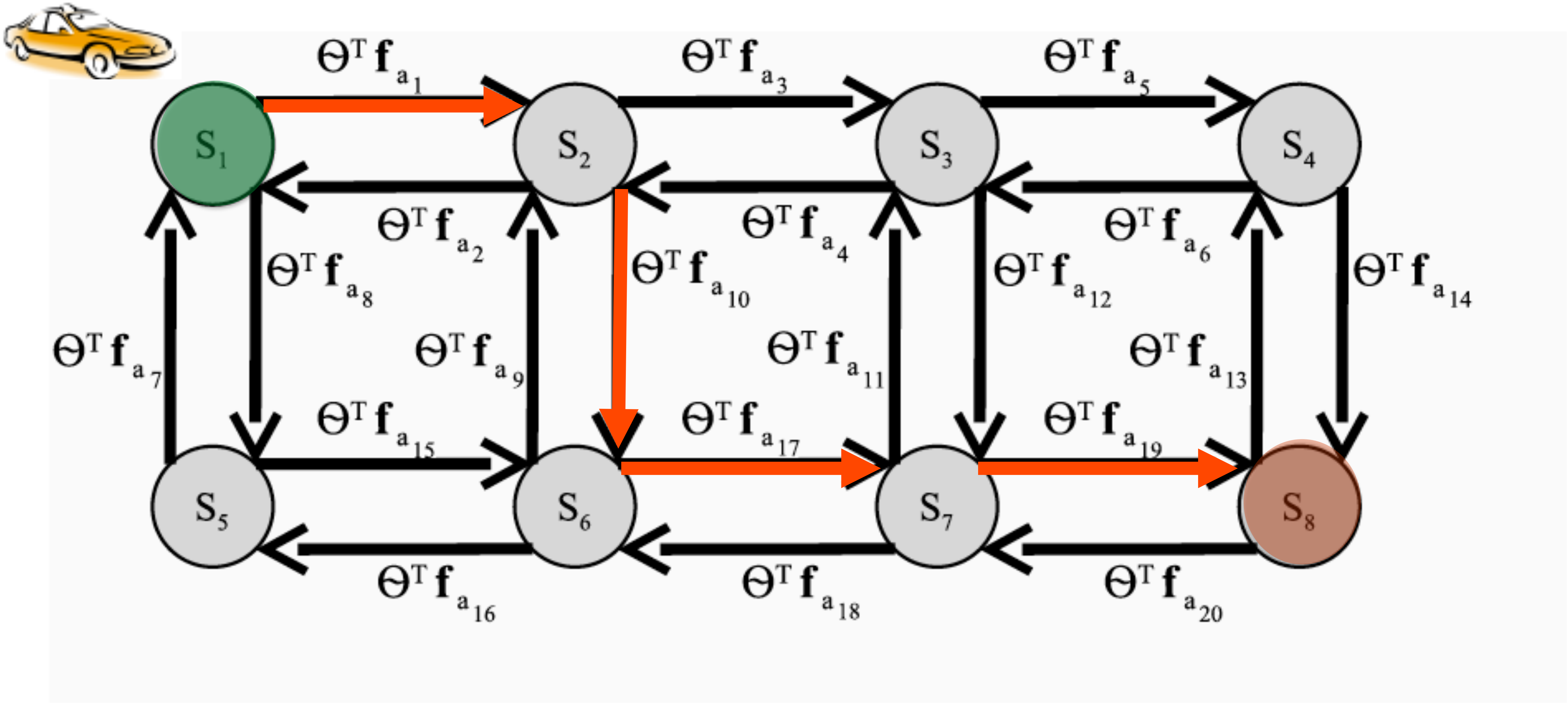
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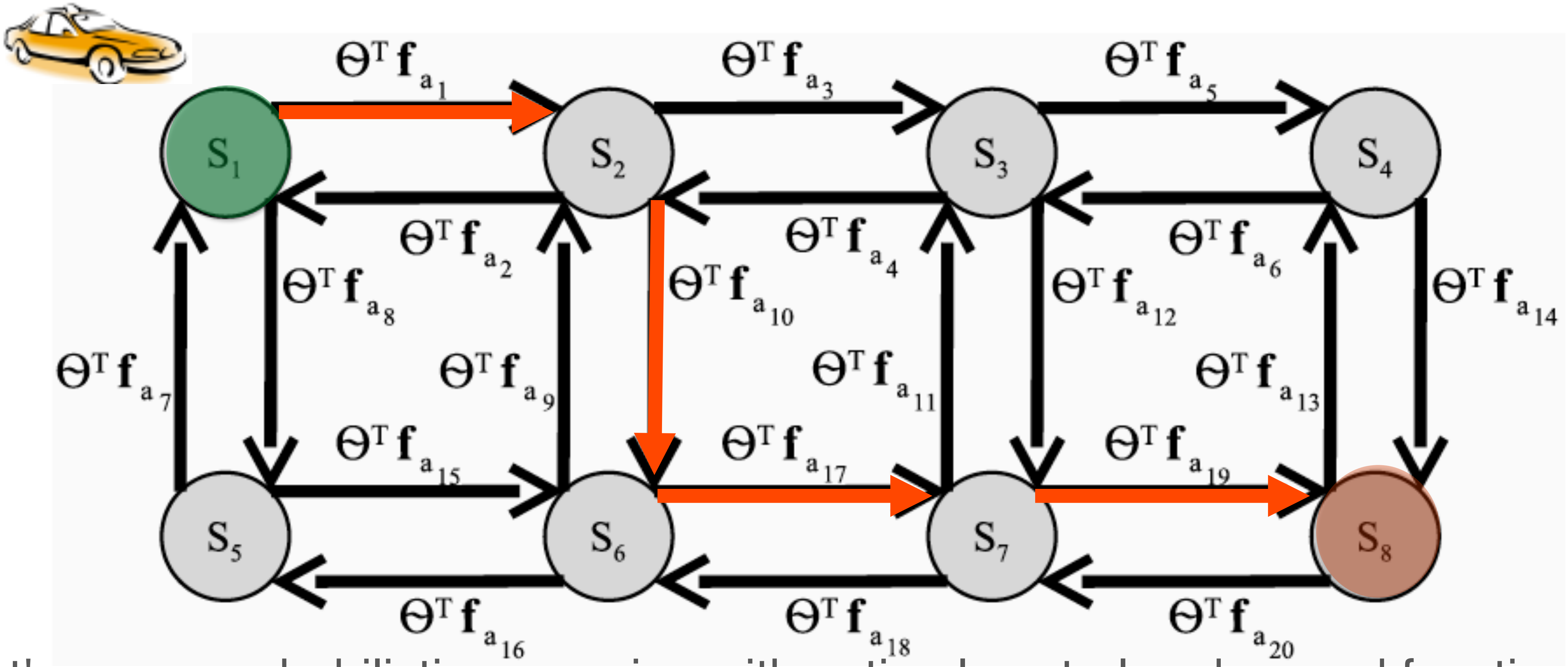

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Let's marry probabilistic reasoning with optimal control and reward functions:

- the costs induce a distribution over paths! P(\tau)
- path probability based on unknown cost

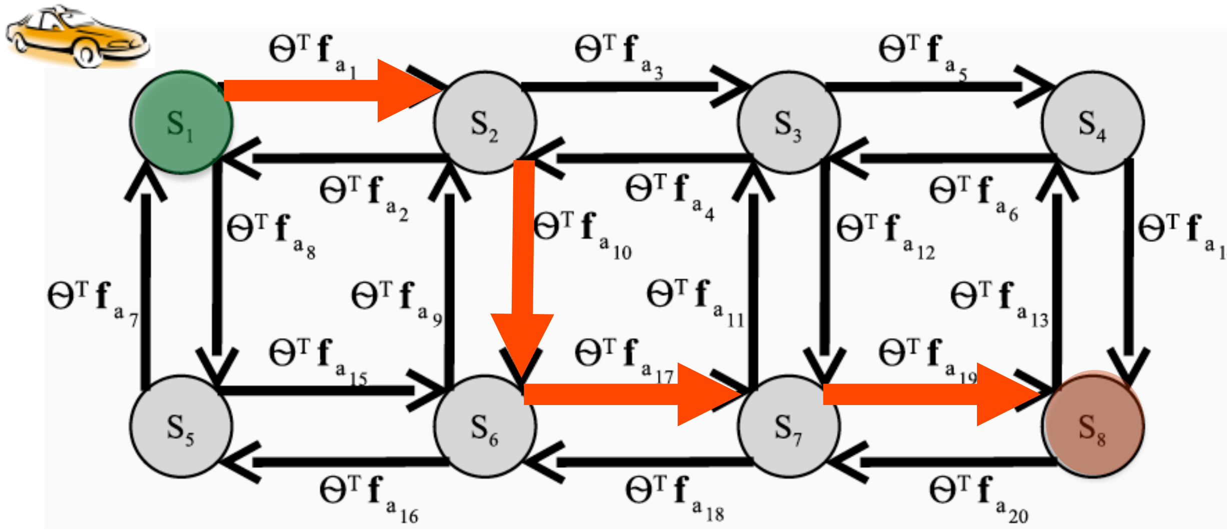
Feature matching using path probabilities

Features f can be:

# Bridges crossed

# Miles of interstate

# Stoplights



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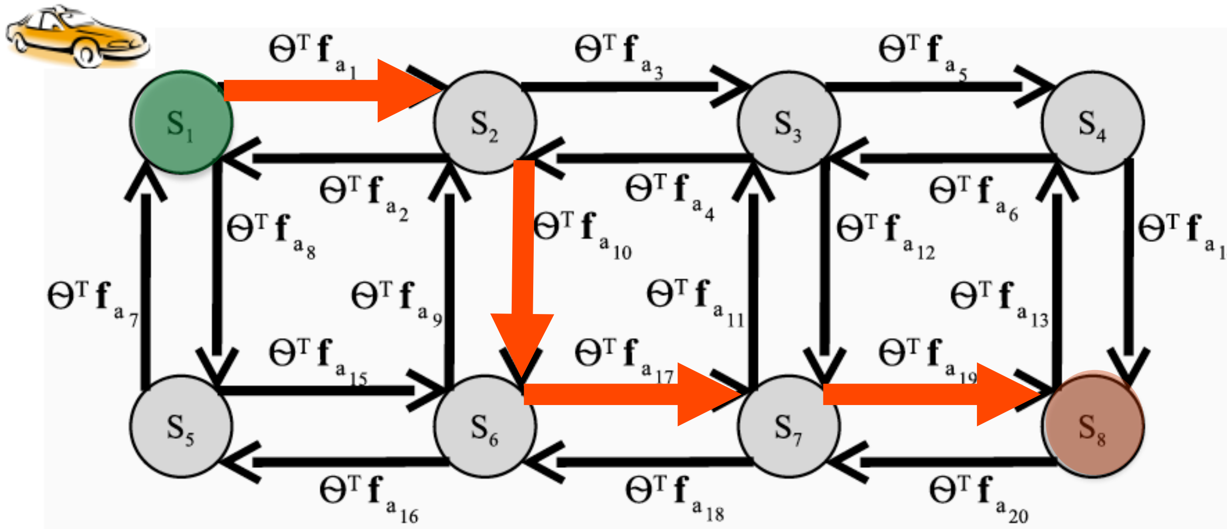

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"If a driver uses 136.3 miles of interstate and crosses 12 bridges in a month's worth of trips, the model should also use 136.3 miles of interstate and 12 bridges in expectation for those same start-destination pairs."

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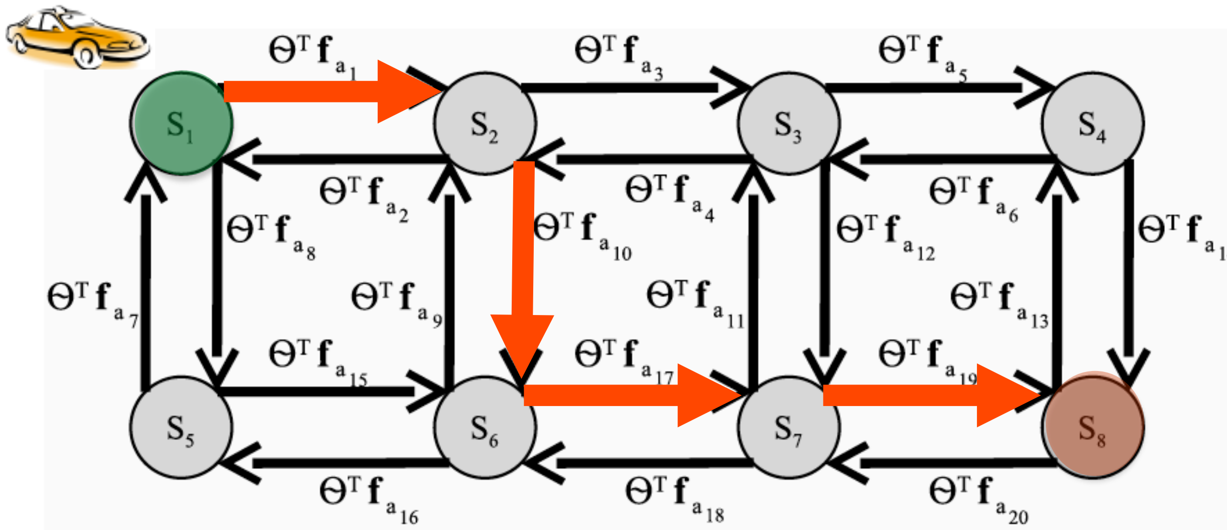

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"Many distributions over paths can match feature counts, and some will be very different from observed behavior. In our simple example, the model could produce plans that avoid the interstate and bridges for all routes except one, which drives in circles on the interstate for 136 miles and crosses 12 bridges"

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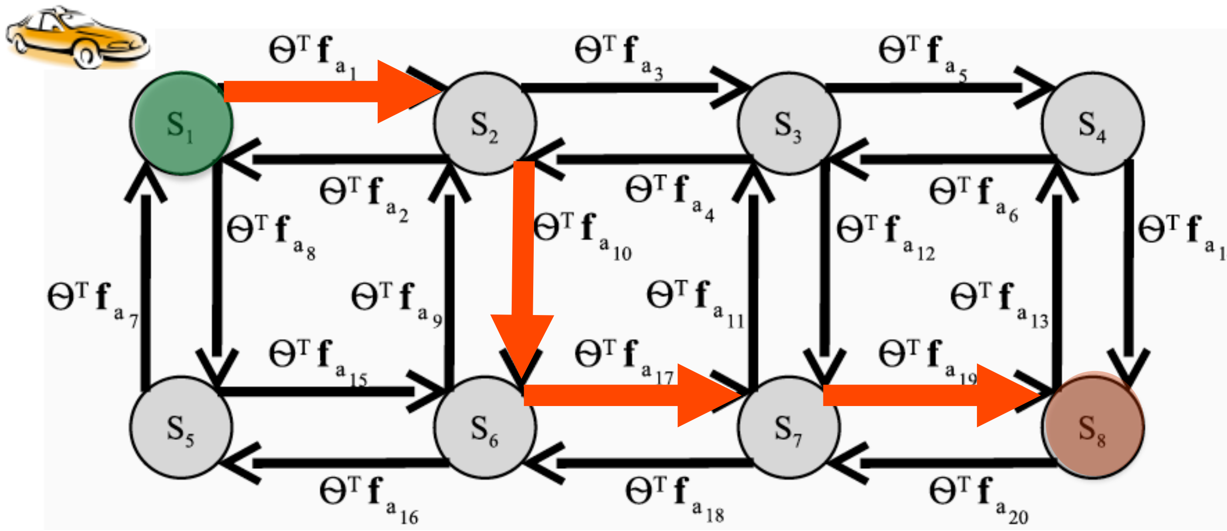

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The one that satisfies feature count constraints without over-committing!

Maximum Entropy Inverse Optimal Control

- Maximizing the entropy over paths: As Uniform As possible

$$\boxed{\max_P -\sum_\tau P(\tau)\log P(\tau)}$$

- While matching feature counts (and being a probability distribution):

$$\sum_\tau P(\tau) f_\tau = f_{\text{dem}}$$

$$\sum_\tau P(\tau) = 1$$

Maximum Entropy Principle

- Maximizing the entropy of the distribution over paths subject to the feature constraints from observed data implies that we maximize the likelihood of the observed data under the maximum entropy (exponential family) distribution (Jaynes 1957)

$$P(\tau_i|\theta) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} e^{\theta^T f_{\tau_i}} = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} e^{\sum_{s_j \in \tau_i} \theta^T f_{s_j}}$$

$$Z(\theta, s) = \sum_{\tau_S} e^{\theta^T f_{\tau_S}}$$

Strong Preference for Low Cost Paths
Equal Cost Paths Equally Probable

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$$\nabla L(\theta) = \tilde{f} - \sum_{\tau} P(\tau|\theta) f_{\tau} = \tilde{f} - \sum_{s_i} D_{s_i} f_{s_i}$$

state visitation frequencies!

Learning from Demonstration

Demonstrated Behavior

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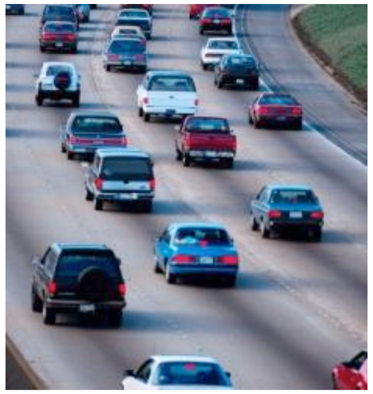

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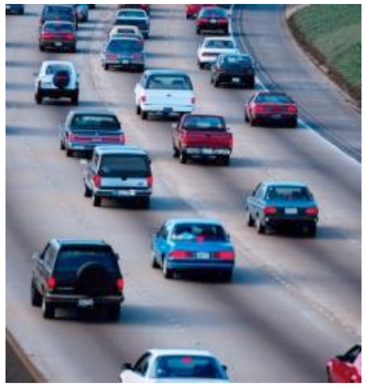

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+1.7

Miles of interstate: **16.2**

-4.5

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-2.6

Limitations of MaxEntIOC

- Cost was assumed linear over features f
- Dynamics T were assumed known

Next:

- General function approximations for cost c_θ: Finn et al. 2016
- Unknown Dynamics -> sample based approximations for the partition function Z: Boularias et al. 2011, Kalakrishnan et al. 2013, Finn et al. 2016

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In the form of a loss function

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Approximating Z with Importance Sampling

$$\mu = \int_{\mathcal{D}} f(\boldsymbol{x})p(\boldsymbol{x})\,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x} = \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{f(\boldsymbol{x})p(\boldsymbol{x})}{q(\boldsymbol{x})}\,q(\boldsymbol{x})\,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x} = \mathbb{E}_q\left(\frac{f(\boldsymbol{X})p(\boldsymbol{X})}{q(\boldsymbol{X})}\right)$$

$$\log Z \quad \approx \quad \log \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\tau_j \in \mathcal{D}_{\text{samp}}} \frac{\exp(-c_\theta(\tau_j))}{q(\tau_j)}$$

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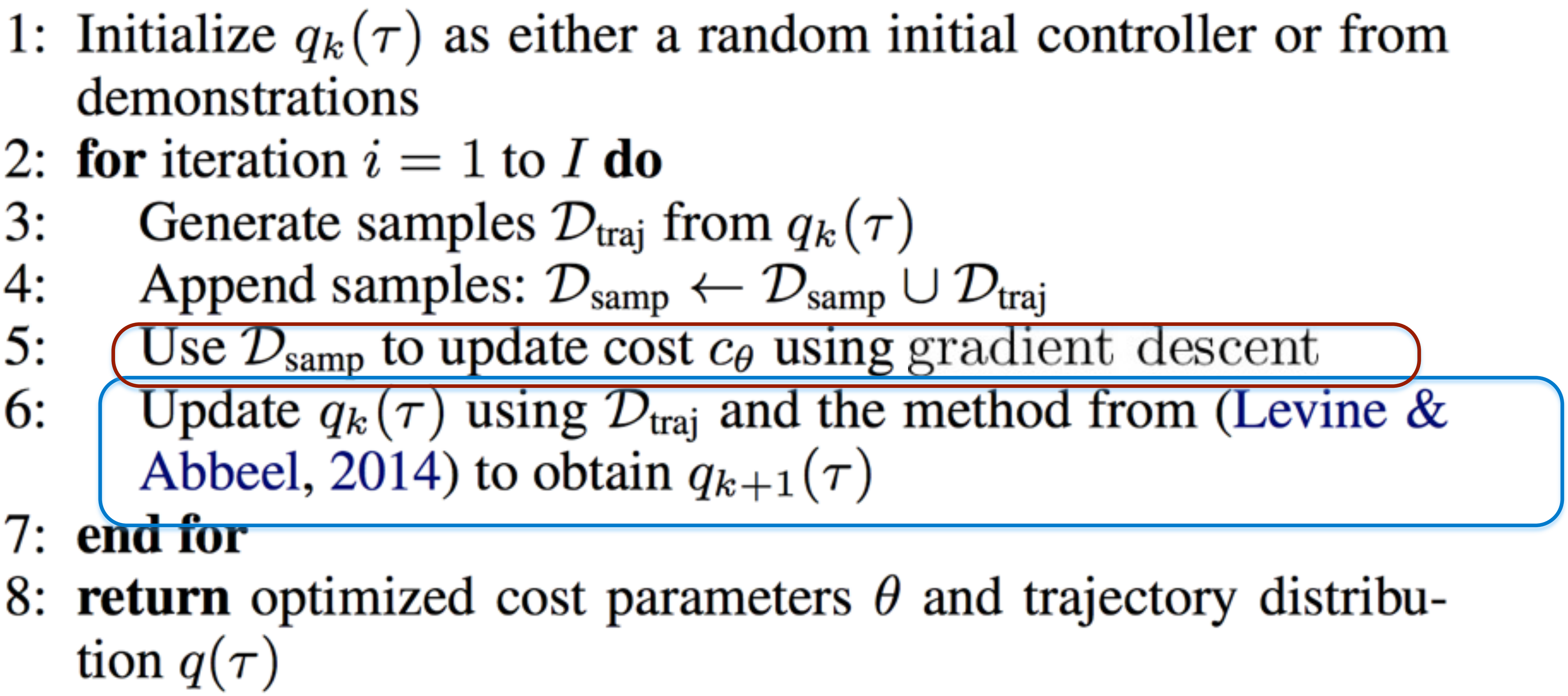
Adapting the sampling distribution q

What should be the background sampling distribution q?

- Uniform: Boularias et al. 2011
- In the vicinity of demonstrations: Kalakrishnan et al. 2013
- Refine it over time! Finn et al. 2016

MaxEntIOC with Adaptive Importance Sampling



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Initialize $q_k(\tau)$ as either a random initial controller or from demonstrations
**for** iteration $i = 1$ to $I$ **do**
    Generate samples $\mathcal{D}_{\text{traj}}$ from $q_k(\tau)$
    Append samples: $\mathcal{D}_{\text{samp}} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\text{samp}} \cup \mathcal{D}_{\text{traj}}$
    Use $\mathcal{D}_{\text{samp}}$ to update cost $c_\theta$ using gradient descent
    Update $q_k(\tau)$ using $\mathcal{D}_{\text{traj}}$ and the method from (Levine & Abbeel, 2014) to obtain $q_{k+1}(\tau)$
**end for**
**return** optimized cost parameters $\theta$ and trajectory distribution $q(\tau)$
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This can be any RL, planning algorithm that given rewards computes a policy (the forward RL problem), e.g. Ho and Ermon 2016 used TRPO

Given expert demonstrations and policy sampled trajectories improve rewards/costs (Inverse RL)

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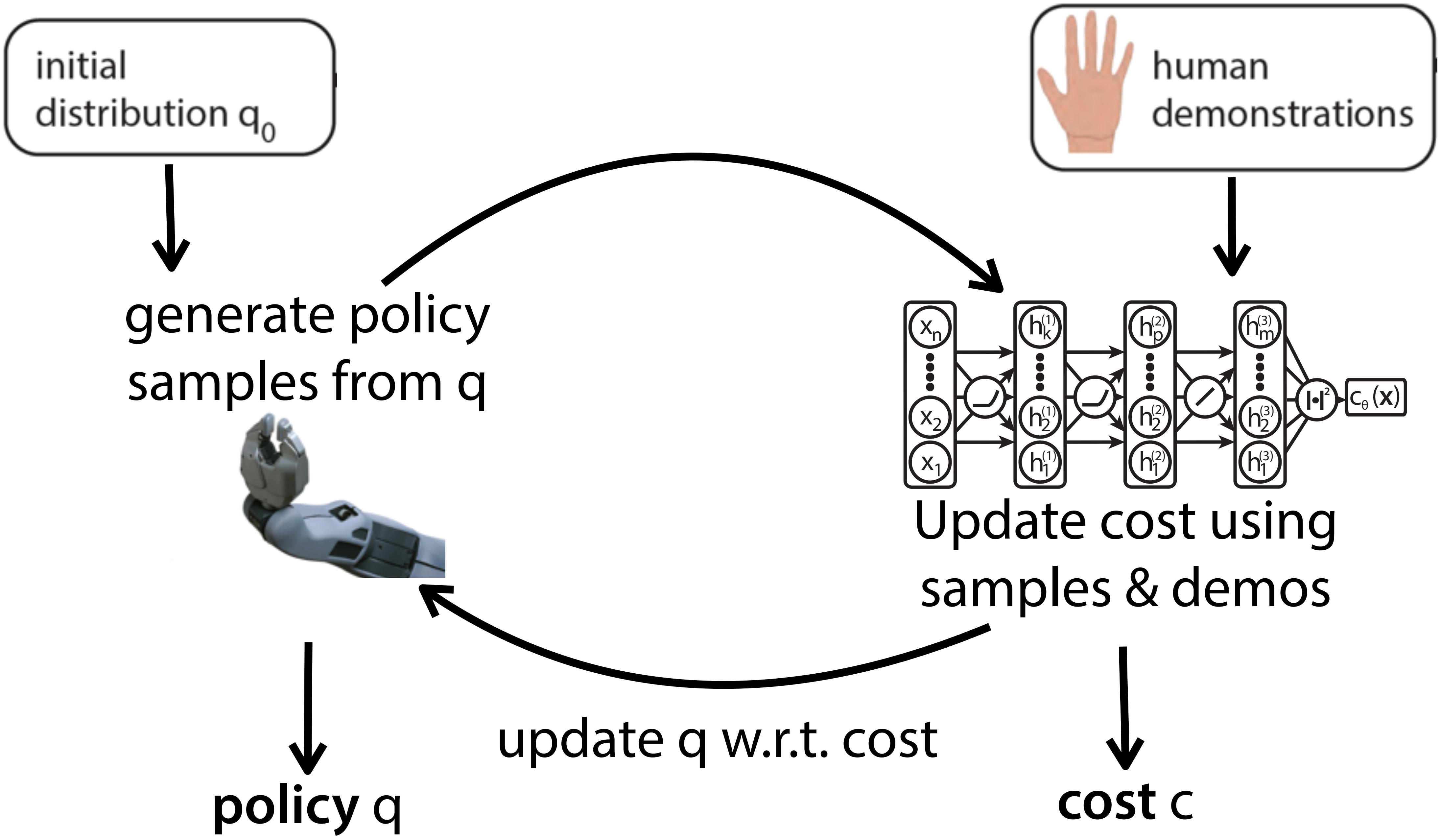

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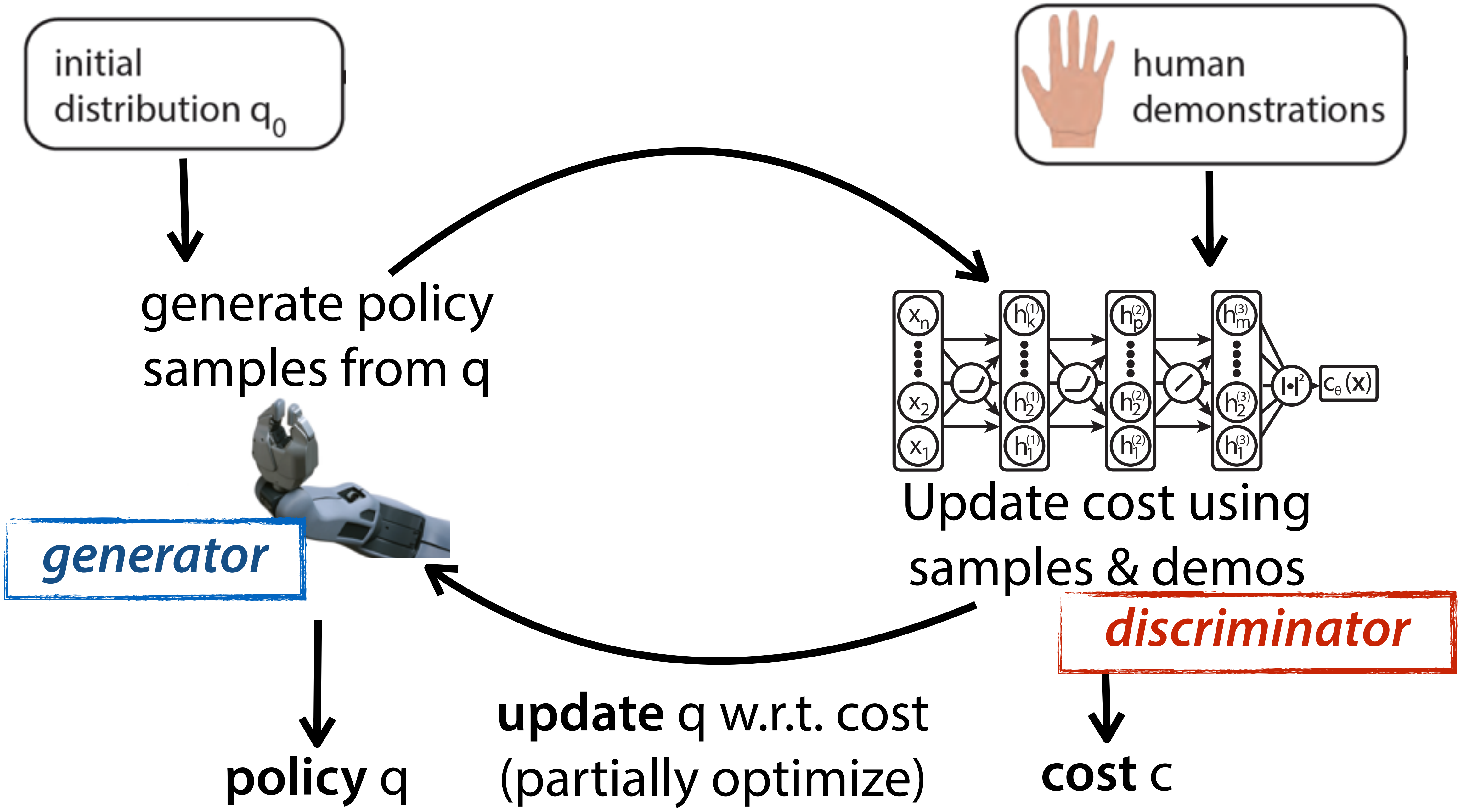

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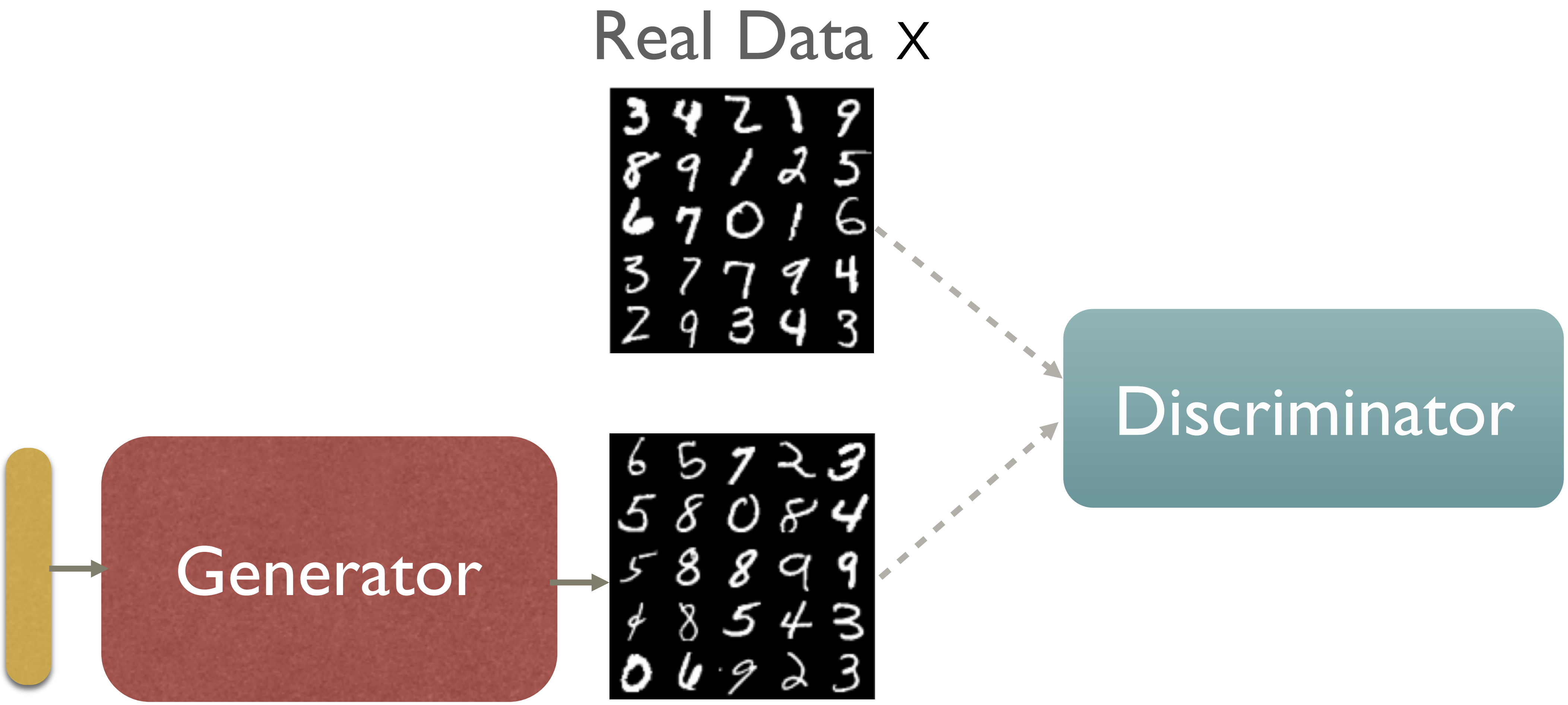
Generative Adversarial Networks



Real Data x

Generator

Discriminator

z ~ uniform([0, 1])

Goodfellow et. al.

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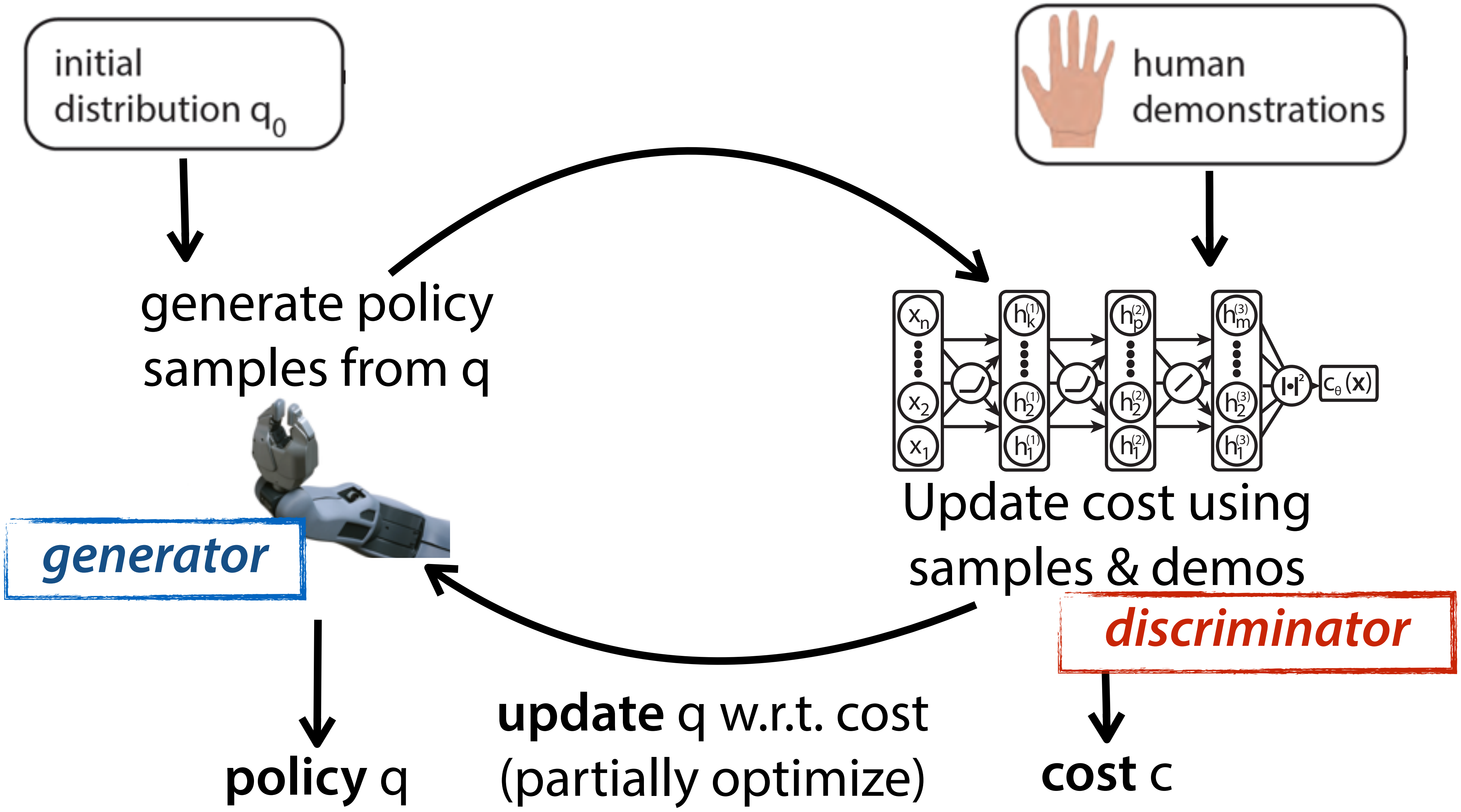

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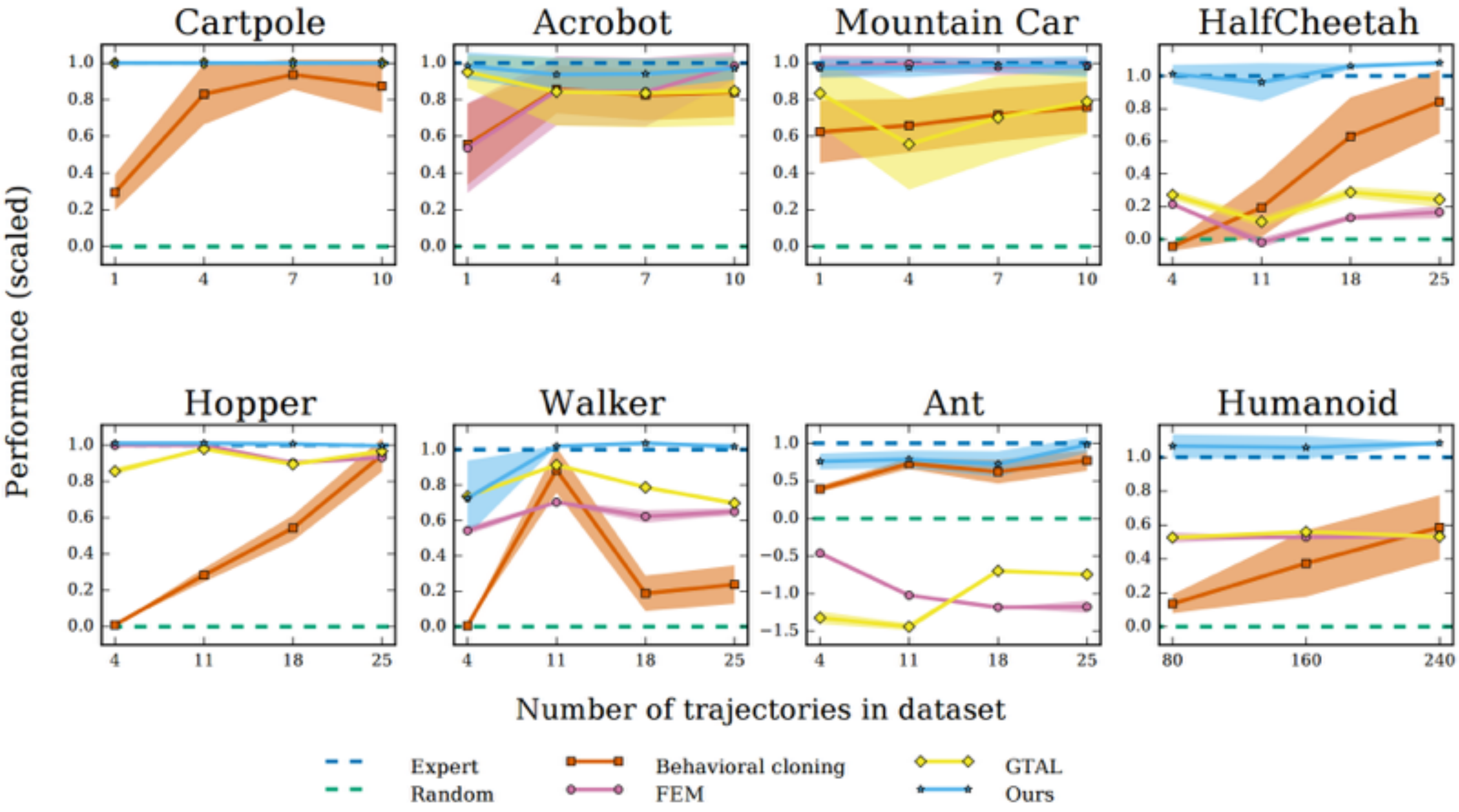
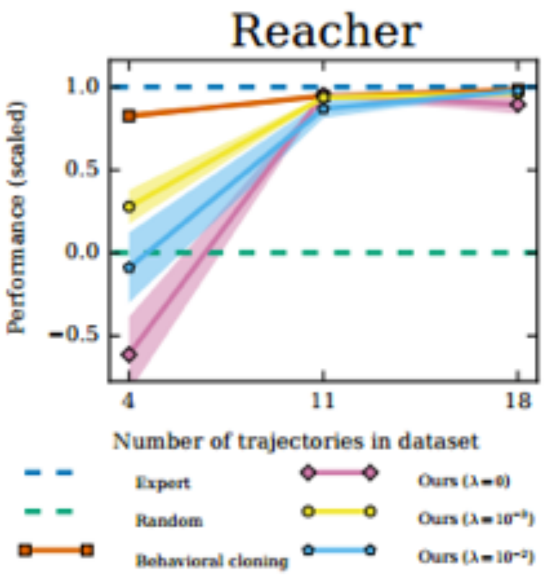
Case Study: Generative Adversarial Imitation Learning

- demonstrations from TRPO-optimized policy
- use TRPO as a policy optimizer
- OpenAI gym tasks





Q:

- Why we need to have this separate optimization over cost, and then separately planning/RL over this cost to find the policy? Because the dynamics where unknown..

- Let’s assume they are known.

- Can we imitate the expert and backdrop through all the way till the rewards simply by imitating expert behavior (e.g., through supervised learning), in an end-to-end fashion?

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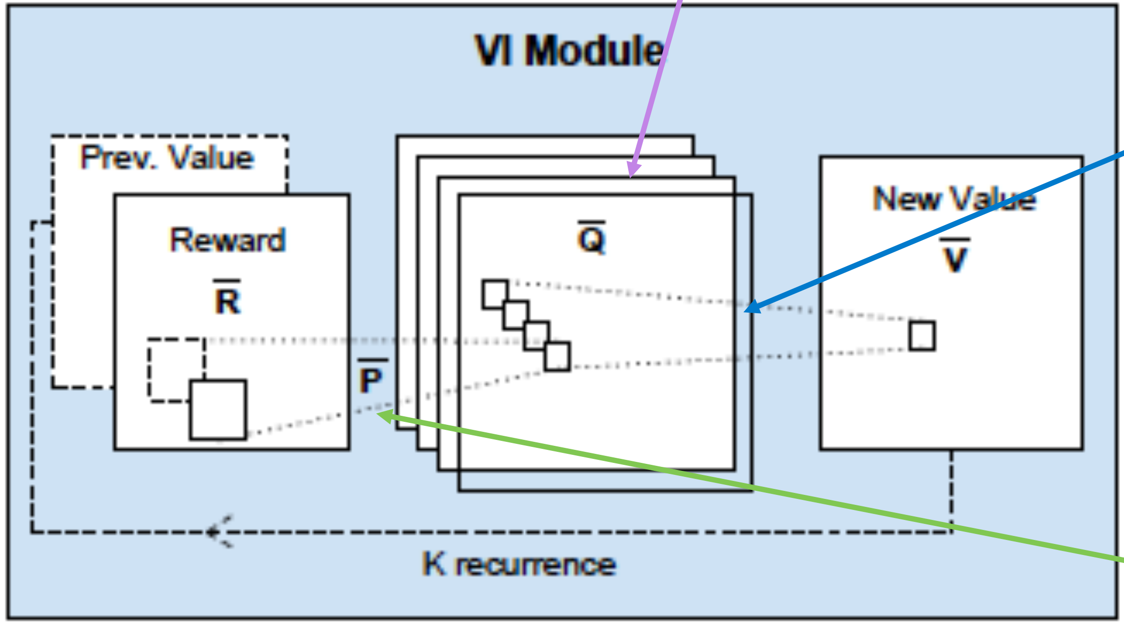

Max-pooling

convolution kernel weights correspond to the discounted transition probabilities

By recurrently applying a convolution layer K times, K iterations of VI are effectively performed.

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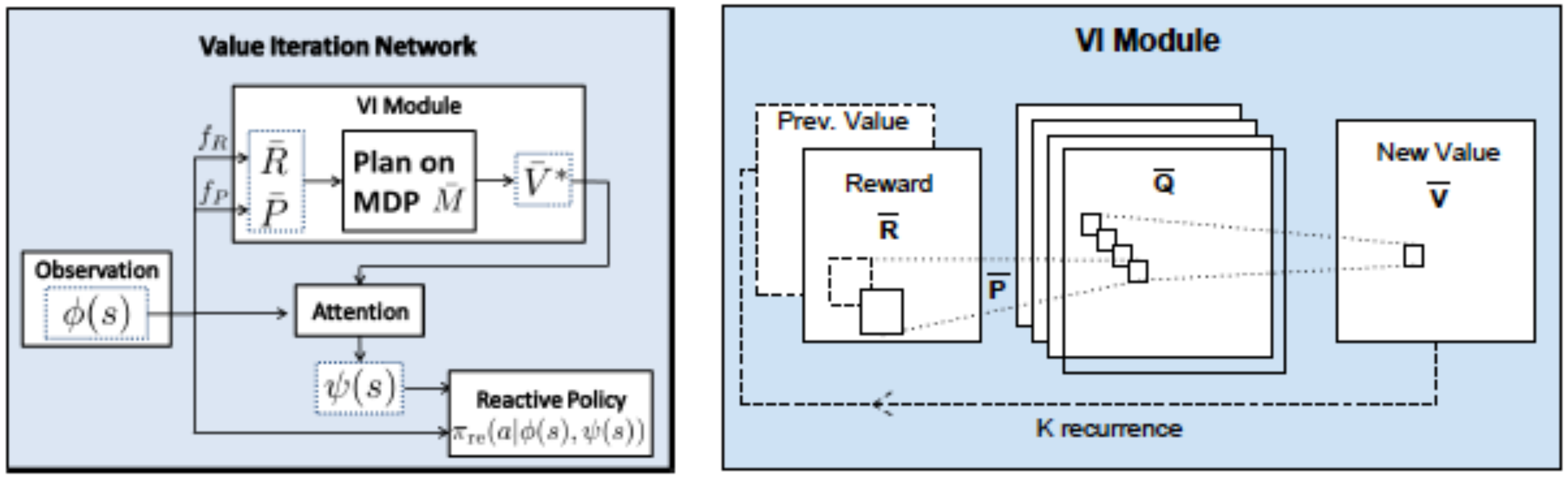
Value Iteration Network

- Notice that the optimal action at each state depends only on the value function of its immediate neighbors->locality->attention

$$\bar{\pi}^*(\bar{s}) = \arg\max_{\bar{a}} \bar{R}(\bar{s},\bar{a}) + \gamma \sum_{\bar{s}'} \bar{P}(\bar{s}'|\bar{s},\bar{a})\bar{V}^*(\bar{s}').$$



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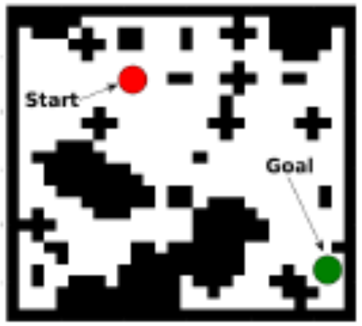

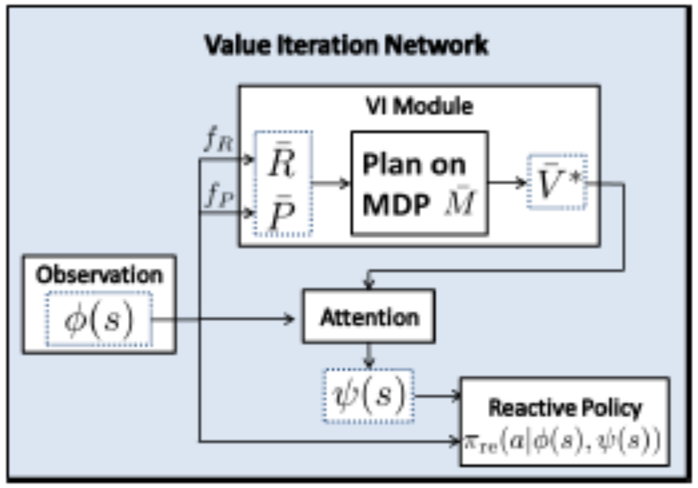

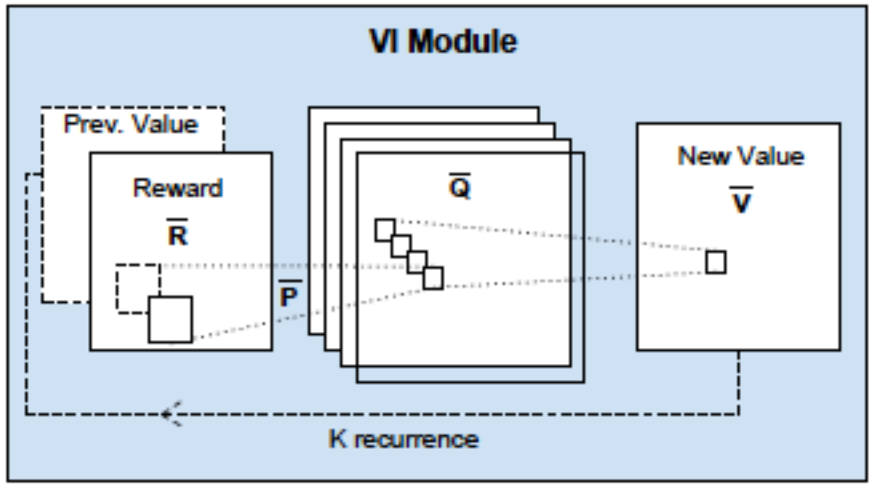

Domain	VIN			CNN			FCN		
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16 × 16	0.05	**99.3%**	0.089	0.10	87.6%	0.06	0.07	88.3%	0.05
28 × 28	0.11	**97%**	0.086	0.13	74.2%	0.078	0.09	76.6%	0.08

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