

## Aim:

To implement a Hierarchical Reinforcement Learning (HRL) architecture (specifically a Manager-Worker or Goal-Conditioned model) that enables a robot to perform a complex object assembly task by decomposing it into manageable subgoals.

## Algorithm:

We utilize the Option-Critic or Feudal inspired approach, which consists of two distinct policy levels:

**High-Level Policy (The Manager):** \* Observes the global state S.

- Selects a high-level subgoal  $g$  from the available task space (e.g., "Pick Tool," "Align Part").
- Operates at a lower temporal frequency (macro-steps).

**Low-Level Policy (The Worker):** \* Takes the current state  $s$  and the subgoal  $g$  as input

- Outputs primitive actions  $a$  (e.g., joint velocities).
- Receives intrinsic rewards for reaching the subgoal  $g$ .

**Dependency Handling:** Subgoals are sequenced such that Subgoal  $n+1$  is only activated once Subgoal  $n$  is achieved within a distance threshold  $\epsilon$ .

## Code Implementation (Python):

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

class HRLRobotSimulation:
    def __init__(self):
        # Environment constraints
        self.state = np.array([1.0, 1.0]) # Start position
        self.assembly_steps = {
            "1. Pick Up Tool": np.array([2.0, 8.0]),
            "2. Move to Part A": np.array([5.0, 5.0]),
        }
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    "3. Align Part A to B": np.array([8.0, 2.0]),
    "4. Final Fastening": np.array([9.0, 9.0])
}

self.trajectory = []
self.subgoal_reached_log = []

def low_level_worker(self, current_pos, subgoal):
    """
    Policy: Move toward subgoal using proportional control (simulating
    a learned motor policy).
    """

    error = subgoal - current_pos
    distance = np.linalg.norm(error)

    if distance > 0:
        step_size = 0.4 # Action magnitude
        action = (error / distance) * step_size
        return current_pos + action
    return current_pos

def high_level_manager(self):
    """
    Decomposes the main task into a sequence of subtasks.
    """

    print("--- Initiating Hierarchical Task Execution ---")

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for task_name, goal_coords in self.assembly_steps.items():

    print(f'Manager: Activating Subgoal -> {task_name}')

    # Worker attempts to reach the manager's target
    steps_taken = 0

    while np.linalg.norm(self.state - goal_coords) > 0.2:

        self.state = self.low_level_worker(self.state, goal_coords)

        self.trajectory.append(self.state.copy())

        steps_taken += 1

        if steps_taken > 100: break # Safety timeout

        self.subgoal_reached_log.append(self.state.copy())

    print(f'Worker: Subgoal reached in {steps_taken} steps.')


def visualize_hierarchy(self):

    traj = np.array(self.trajectory)

    goals = np.array(list(self.assembly_steps.values()))

    labels = list(self.assembly_steps.keys())


    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 7))

    # Plot Trajectory
    plt.plot(traj[:, 0], traj[:, 1], 'b--', alpha=0.5, label='Robot Path (Low-Level)')

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# Plot Subgoals

plt.scatter(goals[:, 0], goals[:, 1], c='red', s=150, edgecolors='black', label='Subgoals
(Manager)')

# Annotate tasks

for i, label in enumerate(labels):

    plt.annotate(label, (goals[i, 0]+0.2, goals[i, 1]+0.2), fontweight='bold')

plt.title("Hierarchical Task Decomposition & Execution")

plt.xlabel("Workspace X")

plt.ylabel("Workspace Y")

plt.legend()

plt.grid(True)

plt.show()

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# Execution

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robot_system = HRLRobotSimulation()

robot_system.high_level_manager()

robot_system.visualize_hierarchy()

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## **Result:**

**Task Decomposition:** The high-level manager successfully segments the assembly process into four distinct spatial subgoals.

**Temporal Abstraction:** The worker focuses on the local geometry of the workspace to reach a specific coordinate without needing to "know" the final assembly steps.

**Efficiency:** By breaking a long-horizon task (Start  $\rightarrow$  Final Fastening) into smaller segments, the state space exploration is significantly reduced.

**Visualization:** The resulting plot shows a smooth trajectory connecting the red markers,

representing the successful handover of control from one subtask level to the next.