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Autoencoders

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Learning without Supervision



Motivation

- Labeled data is scarce
- Labeling is time consuming and expensive
- Category labelling in COCO:
 - o 330k images
 - 91 classes
- Instance segmentation in COCO:
 - 2.5 million instances
- Semantic segmentation in Cityscapes:
 - > 5000 fully annotated frames







85 s/instance



1.5 hours/img







Solution

- Weak supervision or no supervision
- Weakly supervised learning:
 - Using labels from a related task
- Semi-supervised learning:
 - Using large datasets with only few labeled data
- Unsupervised learning:
 - Using no labeled data
- Self-supervised learning:
 - Learning representations on pretext tasks

Brushing teeth













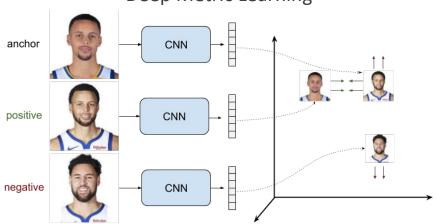
Applications

Clustering and Similarity learning

Image Clustering



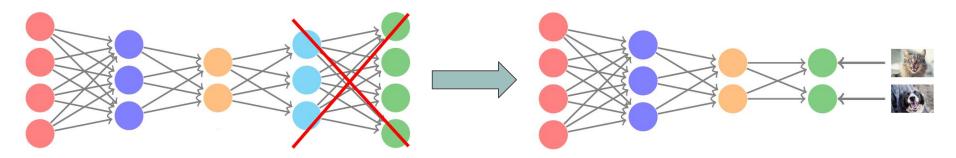
Deep Metric Learning





Applications

- Network initialization:
 - Model pretraining
 - Transfer learning

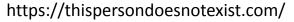




Applications

- Generative modelling
 - Generating new images
 - Image to image translation
 - Impainting and missing data





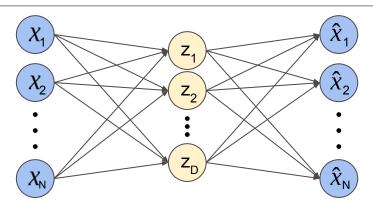




Autoencoders



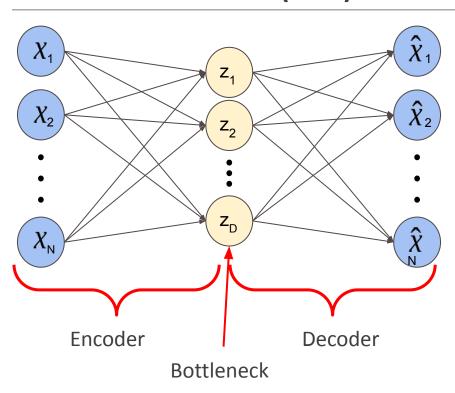
Autoencoder (AE)



- Models that are trained to predict their input
 - Dimensionality reduction
 - Representation learning
- Autoencoders learn an approximation of the identity



Autoencoder (AE)



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$$\mathbf{z} = E(\mathbf{X})$$

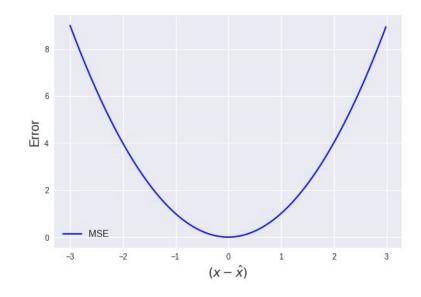
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$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} = D(\mathbf{z})$$

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AEs are often trained with regression losses

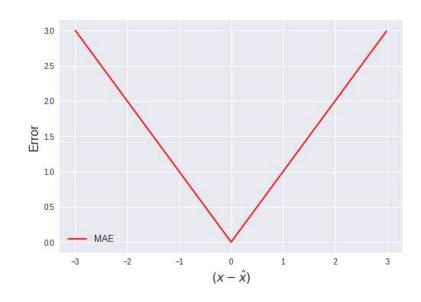
$$MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i}^{N} (\mathbf{X}_{i} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{i})^{2}$$





AEs are often trained with regression losses

$$MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i}^{N} |\mathbf{X}_i - \hat{\mathbf{X}}_i|$$



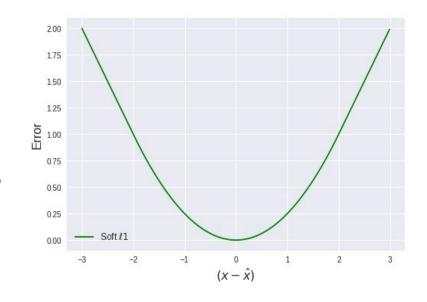


AEs are often trained with regression losses

Smooth
$$\ell 1 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i}^{N} l_i$$

MSE for small errors

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 MAE for larger errors



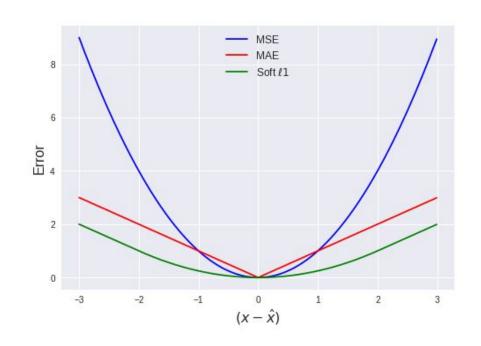


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• Smooth
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Sigmoid + Cross Entropy



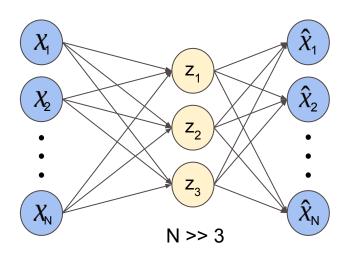


Regularizing AEs

- Without regularization, AEs learn an identity map
 - Enforce constraints on the architecture or loss

Undercomplete AE

- Low dimensional bottleneck
- Prevents learning the identity
- Enforces compression
- AE with one linear layer learns PCA
 - Encoder equivalent to projection matrix



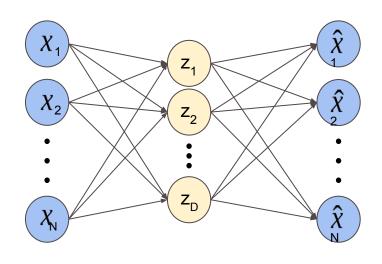


Regularizing AEs

- Without regularization, AEs learn an identity map
 - Enforce constraints on the architecture or loss

- Sparse AE
 - Enforce sparsity in bottleneck

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{SAE}}(\mathbf{X}, \hat{\mathbf{X}}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{X}, \hat{\mathbf{X}}) + \frac{1}{D} \sum_{i=1}^{D} |z_i|$$
L1 reg.





Denoising Autoencoders



Denoising Autoencoder (DAE)

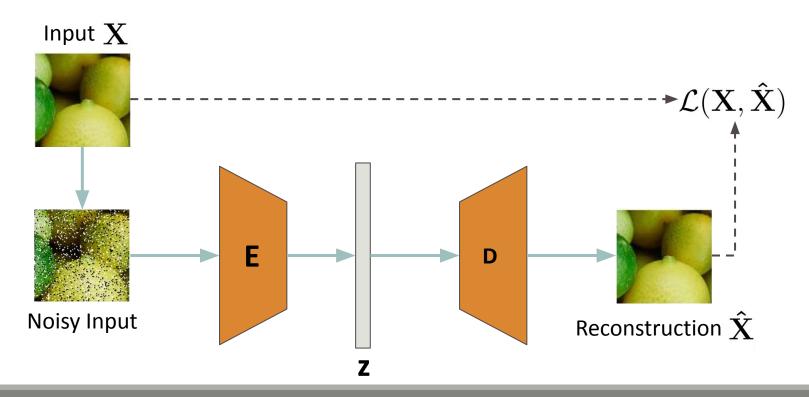
- Denoising: removing noise from a signal, keeping as much information and features as possible
- AEs excel at performing denoising in images
- Information bottleneck
 - Required features to reconstruct input
 - Noise does not contain information
- Pretext task for learning robust representations







DAE Pipeline



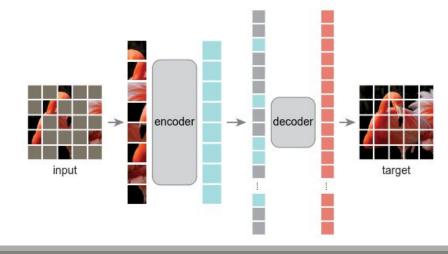


Masked Autoencoders (MAE)

- State-of-the-art self-supervised pretraining algorithm
- Pretrain large transformers using images only

method	pre-train data	ViT-B	ViT-L	ViT-H
scratch, our impl.	-	82.3	82.6	83.1
DINO [5]	IN1K	82.8	-	-
MoCo v3 [9]	IN1K	83.2	84.1	-
BEiT [2]	IN1K+DALLE	83.2	85.2	-
MAE	IN1K	83.6	85.9	86.9

- 1. Split image into patches
- 2. Throw away many patches (e.g. 80%)
- 3. Encode only the unmasked patches with deep transformer encoder (very efficient)
- 4. Decode embeddings of masked & unmasked patches with shallow transformer decoder
- 5. Compute recons. loss on masked patches





Let's try it!



Variational Autoencoders



Variational Autoencoder (VAE)

- AEs compute a deterministic latent vector for the input
 - Unstructured latent space
 - Deterministic mapping
 - Cannot be used to generate new data!
- Variational autoencoders (VAEs):
 - Describe latent space in a probabilistic manner
- VAEs map inputs into a probability distribution
 - Model uncertainty in the input data
 - Enforces smooth latent space

Auto-Encoding Variational Bayes

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Abstract

How can we perform efficient inference and learning in directed probabilistic models, in the presence of continuous latent variables with intractable posterior distributions, and large datasets? We introduce a stochastic variational inference and learning algorithm that scales to large datasets and, under some mild differentiability conditions, even works in the intractable case. Our contributions is two-fold, First, we show that a reparameterization of the variational lower bound with an independent noise variable yields a lower bound estimator that can be jointly optimized wart. Variational and generative parameters using standard gradient-based stochastic optimization methods. Second, we show that posterior inference can be made especially efficient by optimizing a probabilistic encoder (also called a recognition model) to approximate the intractable posterior, using the proposed estimator. Theoretical advantages are reflected in experimental results.

1 Introduction

How can we efficiently learn the parameters of directed probabilistic models whose continuous latent variables have intractable posterior distributions? The variational approach to Bayesian inference involves the introduction of an approximation to the intractable posterior, used to maximize the variational lower bound on the marginal likelihood. Unfortunately, the common mean-field approach requires analytical solutions of expectations w.r.t. the approximate posterior, which are also intractable in the general case. We show how a reparameterization of the variational lower bound yields a practical differentiable estimator of the lower bound. This SGVB (Stochastic Gradient Variational Bayes) estimator can be straightforwardly used as a stochastic objective function, and that can be jointly optimized w.r.t. both the variational land generative parameters, using standard stochastic gradient ascent techniques.



VAE: Statistical Motivation

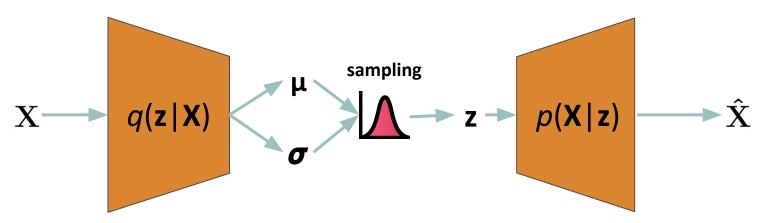
- Assumption: Sample X is generated by decoding latent variable z
- Training VAE corresponds to determining $p(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{X})$
 - Usually undefined and intractable
- Approximate $p(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{X})$ by a tractable distribution $q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{X})$

$$\min_{\mathbf{KL}(p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{X})||q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{X}))} \text{Actual distribution of the latent space}$$
 which is equivalent to
$$\max_{\mathbf{latent code}} \mathbf{E}_{q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{X})} \log p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{KL}(q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{X})||p(\mathbf{z}))$$
 Reconstruction likelihood Difference between $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{X})$ and true prior



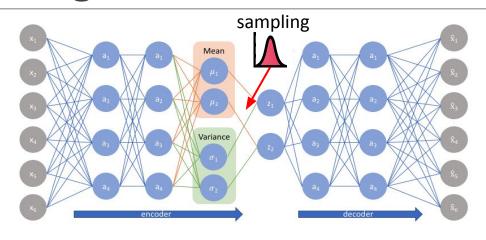
VAE: Statistical Motivation

- p(z) is often assumed to be an Isotropic Gaussian distribution
 - \triangleright For determining $q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{X})$ we just need $\mathbf{\mu}$ and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$
 - \rightarrow We use neural networks to estimate $q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{X})$ and $p(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{z})$





VAE Training



Loss requires sampling How do we solve this?

$$\mathcal{L}_{ extsf{VAE}} = \mathcal{L}_{ extsf{Recons}} - \mathcal{L}_{ extsf{KL}}$$

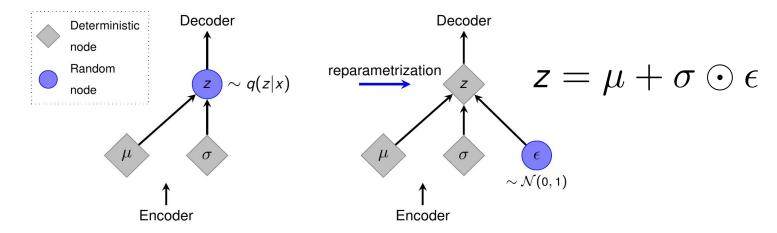
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Reparametrization Trick

- We cannot propagate through random sampling
- Move random sampling out of path by reparametrization
 - Backpropagation is deterministic





VAE as Generative Models

- New data can be generated by sampling from latent space distribution
 - Use learned mean and covariance
 - Sample from distribution
 - Reconstruct using decoder
- Diagonal covariance enforces independent latent variables
- Smooth latent space can be transversed



What can we do with modern VAEs?

Image Generation













NVAE: A Deep Hierarchical Variational Autoencoder

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Abstract

Normalizing flows, autoergressive models, variational autoencoders (VAEs), and deep energy-based models are among connegring lickilitody-based finameousks for deep generative learning. Among them, VAEs have the advantage of fast and deep energy-based processing and the processing of the processing and the processing of the processing

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Figure 1: 256×256-pixel samples generated by NVAE, trained on CelebA HQ [28].

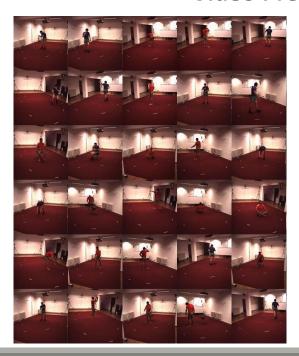
However, VAEs can benefit from designing special network architectures as they have fundamentally different requirements. First, VAEs maximize the mutual information between the input and latent variables [22, 20], requiring the networks to retain the information content of the input data as much

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What can we do with modern VAEs?

Video Prediction





High Fidelity Video Prediction with Large Stochastic Recurrent Neural Networks

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Abstract

Predicting future video frames is extremely challenging, as there are many factors of variation that make up the dynamics of how frames change through time. Previously proposed solutions require complex inductive biases inside network architectures with highly specialized computation, including segmentation masks, optical flow, and foreground and background separation. In this work, we question if such handeralted architectures are necessary and instead propose a different approachfinding minimal inductive bias for video prediction while maximizing network capacity. We investigate this question by performing the intel large-scale empirical standard of the control of the control of the control of the control to the control of the control of the control of the control of the large and form datasets. See for the control of the control of the human motion, and one for modeling and the control of the control of

Introduction

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From throwing a ball to driving a car, humans are very good at being able to interact with objects in the world and anticipate the results of their actions. Being able to teach agents to do the same has enormous possibilities for training intelligent agents capable of generalizing to many tasks. Model-based reinforcement learning is one such technique that seeks to do this - by first learning a model of the world, and then by planning with the learned model. There has been some recent success with training agenies in this numer by first using video prediction to model the world. Particularly, video prediction models combined with simple planning algorithms [Hafare et al., 2010] or policy-polic

However, training an agent to accurately predict what will happen next is still an open problem. Video prediction, the task of generating future frames given context frames, is notionally hard. There are many spatio-temporal factors of variation present in videos that make this problem (New 1d. 2015, meaning latential with the problem of the city of the context frames), in growing the city of the problem (New 1d. 2015, and 2015, and

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What can we do with modern VAEs?

Audio/Music Generation

A Hierarchical Latent Vector Model for Learning Long-Term Structure in Music

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The Variational Autoencoder (VAF) has proven to be an effective model for producing semantically meaningful latent representations for natural data However, it has thus far seen limited application to sequential data, and, as we demonstrate, existing recurrent VAE models have difficulty modeling sequences with long-term structure. To address this issue, we propose the use of a hierarchical decoder, which first outputs embeddings for subsequences of the input and then uses these em beddings to generate each subsequence independently. This structure encourages the model to utilize its latent code, thereby avoiding the "posterior collapse" problem, which remains an issue for recurrent VAEs. We apply this architecture to modeling sequences of musical notes and find that it exhibits dramatically better sampling interpolation, and reconstruction performance than a "flat" baseline model. An implementation of our "MusicVAE" is available online.

1. Introduction

Generative modeling describes the framework of estimating the underlying probability distribution p(x) used to generate data x. This can facilitate a wide range of applications, from sampling novel datapoints to unsupervised representation learning to estimating the probability of an existing datapoint under the learned distribution. Much recent progress in generative modeling has been expedited by the use of deep neural networks, producing "deep generative models," which leverage the expressive power of deep networks to model complex and high-dimensional distributions. Practic cal achievements include generating realistic images with

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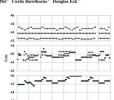


Figure 1. Demonstration of latent-space averaging using MusicVAE. The latent codes for the top and bottom sequence are averaged and decoded by our model to produce the middle sequence. The latent-space mean involves a similar repeating pattern to the top sequence, but in a higher register and with intermittent pauses like the bottom sequence. Audio for this example is available in the online supplement.3 See Figs, 12 and 13 in Appendix E. for a baseline comparison,

millions of pixels (Karras et al., 2017), generating synthetic audio with hundreds of thousands of timestens (van den Oord et al., 2016a), and achieving state-of-the-art performance on semi-supervised learning tasks (Wei et al., 2018) A wide variety of methods have been used in deep generative modeling, including implicit models such as Generative

Adversarial Networks (GANs) (Goodfellow et al., 2014) and explicit deep autoregressive models such as PixelCNN (van den Oord et al., 2016b) and WaveNet (van den Oord et al., 2016a). In this work, we focus on deep latent variable models such as the Variational Autoencoder (VAE) (Kingma & Welling, 2014; Rezende et al., 2014). The advantage of these models is that they explicitly model both p(z|x) and p(z), where z is a latent vector that can either be inferred from existing data or sampled from a distribution over the

Vision Tasks

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Abstract

generative learning approach for semantic segmentation. Uniquely, we cast semantic segmentation as an imageconditioned mask generation problem. This is achieved by replacing the conventional per-pixel discriminative learning with a latent prior learning process. Specifically, we model the variational posterior distribution of latent variables viven the segmentation mask. To that end, the segmentation mask is expressed with a special type of image (dubbed as maskige). This posterior distribution allows to generate segmentation masks unconditionally. To achieve semantic segmentation on a given image, we further introduce a conditioning network. It is optimized by minimizing the divergence between the posterior distribution of masking (i.e. segmentation masks) and the latent prior distribution of input training images. Extensive experiments on standard benchmarks show that our GSS can perform competitively to prior art alternatives in the standard semantic seementation setting, whilst achieving a new state of the art in the more challenging cross-domain setting.

1. Introduction

The objective of semantic segmentation is to predict a label for every single pixel of an input image [32]. Conditioning on each pixel's observation, existing segmentation methods [4,9,50,56] naturally adopt the discriminative learning paradigm, along with dedicated efforts on integrating task prior knowledge (e.g., spatial correlation) [9, 23, For example, existing methods [4, 50, 56] typically use a linear projection to optimize the log-likelihood classification for each pixel. Despite the claim of subverting per-pixel classification, the bipartite matching-based semantic segmentation [8, 9] still cannot avoid the per-pixel max log-likelihood. In this paper, we introduce a new approach, Genera-

tive Semantic Segmentation (GSS) that formulates seman-*Li Zhang (lizhangfd@fudan.edu.cn) is the corresponding author with

Planning

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Generative Semantic Segmentation

We present Generative Semantic Segmentation (GSS), a

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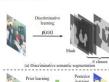


Figure 1. Schematic comparison between (a) conventional discriminative learning and (b) our generative learning based model for semantic segmentation. Our GSS introduces a latent variable 2 and, given the segmentation mask c, it learns the posterior distribution of z subject to the reconstruction constraint. Then, we train a conditioning network to model the prior of z by aligning with the corresponding posterior distribution. This formulation can thus generate the segmentation mask for an input image.

 $z \sim q(z|c)$

tic segmentation as an image-conditioned mask generation problem. This conceptually differs from the conventional formulation of discriminative per-pixel classification learning. based on the log-likelihood of a conditional probability (i.e. the classification probability of image pixels). Taking the manner of image generation instead [24,44], we generate the whole segmentation masks with an auxiliary latent variable distribution introduced. This formulation is not only simple and more task-aenostic, but also facilitates the exploitation of off-the-shelf big generative models (e.g. DALL-E [39] trained by 3 billion iterations on a 300 million open-image dataset, far beyond both the data scale and training cost of semantic seementation)

Vector Quantized Models for Planning

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Abstract

Recent developments in the field of model-based RL have proven successful in a range of environments, especially ones where planning is escential. However, such successes have been limited to deterministic fully-observed environments We present a new approach that handles stochastic and partially-observable environments. Our key insight is to use discrete autoencoders to capture the multiple possible effects of an action in a stochastic environment. We use a stochastic variant of Monte Carlo tree search to plan over both the agent's actions and the discrete latent variables representing the environment's response Our approach significantly outperforms an offling version of MuZero on a stochastic interpretation of chess where the opponent is considered part of the environment. We also show that our approach scales to DeepMind Lab, a first-person 3D environment with large visual observations and partial observability.

1. Introduction

Making predictions about the world may be a necessary ingredient towards building intelligent agents as humans use these predictions to devise and enact plans to reach complex goals (Lake et al., 2017). However, in the field of reinforcement learning (RL), a tension still exists between model-based and model-free RL. Model-based RL and planning have been key ingredients in many successes such as games like chess (Shannon, 1950; Silver et al., 2017a), Go (Silver et al., 2016b; 2017b), and Poker (Moravčík et al., 2017: Brown et al.). However, their applicability to richer environments with larger action and state spaces remains limited due to some of the key assumptions made in such approaches. Other notable results have not used any form of model or planning, such as playing complex video games

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Dota 2 (OpenAl et al., 2019) and StarCraft II (Vinyals et al., 2019) or robotics (OpenALet al., 2018).

In this work we are motivated by widening the applicability of model-based planning by devising a solution which removes some of the key assumptions made by the MuZero algorithm (Schrittwieser et al., 2019). Table 1 and Figure 1 summarize the key features of model-based planning algorithms discussed in this paper. MuZero lifts the crucial requirement of having access to a perfect simulator of the environment dynamics found in previous model-based planning approaches (Silver et al., 2017a; Anthony et al., 2017) In many cases such a simulator is not available (eq. weather forecasting), is expensive (eg., scientific modeling), or is cumbersome to run (e.g. for complex games such as Dota 2

However, MuZero still makes a few limiting assumptions. It assumes the environment to be deterministic, limiting which environments can be used. It assumes full access to the state. also limiting which environments can be used. The search and planning is over future agent(s) actions, which could be millions in environments with complex action spaces. The search occurs at every agent-environment interaction step, which may be too fine grained and wasteful.

Largely inspired by both MuZero and the recent successes of VQVAEs (van den Oord et al., 2017: Razavi et al., 2019) and large language models (Radford et al.: Brown et al., 2020). we devise VQ models for planning, which in principle can remove most of these assumption

Our approach uses a state VOVAE and a transition model. The state VQVAE encodes future observations into discrete latent variables. This allows the use of Monte Carlo tree search (MCTS, (Coulom, 2006)) for planning not only over

Table 1. Key features of different planning algorithms.

Method	Learned Model	Agent Perspective	Stochastic	Abstract Actions	Temporal Abstraction
AlphaZero	х	x	×	×	×
Two-player MaZeno	1	*	×	×	*
Single-player MaZeso	/	1	×	×	*
VQHytvid	1	1	1	×	×
VQPure	1	-/	1	-/	×



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