



IERG 5350

Reinforcement Learning

Overview on Course Project

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Overview

- 2 students work in a group, on a RL-relevant project
- Finding team-mates: <https://piazza.com/class/keno9y4365j64r>
- Deliverables:
 - Project proposal (by the end of week 3)
 - Mid-term report (week 9): report contains literature review, problem formulation, initial result
 - Github repo (commits, readme, polished code)
 - Course report: LaTeX template: https://github.com/cuhkrlcourse/RLexample/tree/master/project_template
 - Final presentation (week 14-15) : recorded video, final report, peer-review
 - Final report revision: by the end of week 16

Guideline

- Be creative
- Start with something small
- Take into consideration of your resources:

In-house GPUs, CPUs, Google Colab, Amazon AWS?

Goal

Gain a hands-on experience
of RL algorithms and libraries



More Challenging Goal

Able to apply RL to a research
problem or improve RL methods

Project Proposal

Key elements:

- Identify the problem and why it is interesting
- Which environment you will use, which RL agent you think might work
- Key reference or most relevant work
- 2-page proposal in Latex Template:
https://github.com/cuhkrlcourse/RLexample/tree/master/project_template
- Email to: cuhkrlcourse@googlegroups.com, with title: 2020-21fall-proposal-withyourname

Project Proposal Structure

- Problem Definition
- Related Work
- Environment and Data
- Proposed Approach
- Possible Experiments
- *Some Initial Results

Where to get the project ideas

- Your own project!
- OpenAI blog: <https://blog.openai.com/>
- OpenAI fellow project summary: <https://blog.openai.com/openai-summer-fellows-2018/>
- DeepMind blog: <https://deepmind.com/blog/>
- Uber AI blog: <https://eng.uber.com/>
- Facebook AI Research:
- Many great researchers:
 - David Ha: <http://blog.otoro.net/>

Educational Tool of RL

<https://blog.openai.com/spinning-up-in-deep-rl/>

Spinning Up in Deep RL

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We're releasing Spinning Up in Deep RL, an educational resource designed to let anyone learn to become a skilled practitioner in deep reinforcement learning. Spinning Up consists of crystal-clear examples of RL code, educational exercises, documentation, and tutorials.

Previous year's course projects

<https://cuhkrlcourse.github.io/2019spring/project.html>