

Summary of RL in Continuous Spaces

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Summary

- Traditional reinforcement learning techniques use a finite MDP model
- The limitations of such techniques are that we are limited to discrete state & action spaces

- Extend our learning Algorithms

2 choices

1. Discretize
state space

2. Approximate
desired value functions

Discretization

Problems:

- Performed using grids
 - Constant Grid
 - Tile Coding
 - Coarse Coding
- Allows for indirect approximation of the value function

Approximating Feature Value Function

- first, define a feature transformation function $\chi(s)$
- Computing a linear combination of those features $\hat{V}(s, w) = \chi(s)^T \cdot w$

- Using non-linear feature transforms like $\chi(s) = \phi(s) + \dots$ allows use to use

Radial Basis Functions
 a linear combination to approximate
 non-linear characteristics / relationships.

- We use an Activation function $f()$,
 to represent non-linear relationships
 across a combination of features

$$\hat{v}(s, w) = f(x(s)^T \cdot w)$$

Next: Deep Neural Networks for Reinforcement Learning