

Tiebreaking Strategies for A* Search: How to Explore the Final Frontier

Classical Planning in a Deep Latent Space

(WIP project idea)

1 Classical Planning

Scalable, Highly-optimized solver for complex combinatorial problems

Guided by **domain-independent** heuristics

Requires an explicit encoding of the real world, written by human

2 Reinforcement Learning

Policy function $\pi(s): S \rightarrow A$ — returns action a for state s

Optimal Policy $\pi^*(s)$

Goal: Find the best approximation of π^*

3 Reinforcement Learning in Latent Space

4 Deep Reinforcement Learning

5 Comparison

Classical Planning	Deep Reinforcement Learning	Deep Reinforcement Learning
Scalable, Highly-optimized solver for complex combinatorial problems	Works on the implicit encoding of the real world	Works on the implicit encoding of the real world
Guided by domain-independent heuristics	Reasoning is limited to the 1-step future of the current state	Reasoning is limited to the 1-step future of the current state
Requires an explicit encoding of the real world, written by human	guided by instance-specific learned knowledge (specific object, situation, goal)	guided by instance-specific learned knowledge (specific object, situation, goal)
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