

---

# helicopter\_agent.m

## Table of Contents

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Contents ..... | 1 |
| Code .....     | 1 |

**Summary:** Helicopter control agent. Contains the functions needed to communicate with the RL-Glue Core.

## Contents

1. helicopter\_agent: set useful paths and function handles
2. helicopter\_agent\_init: initialize data structure
3. helicopter\_agent\_start: take the first step
4. helicopter\_agent\_step: take a step
5. helicopter\_agent\_message: communicate between trainer and agent
6. helicopter\_agent\_end: finish episode
7. helicopter\_agent\_cleanup: save data structure

## Code

```
function theAgent=helicopter_agent(policy_input, codec_base, pilco_root)
% Add paths and fill agent structure

    global policy
    policy = policy_input;

    addpath([codec_base 'agent'], [codec_base 'glue'], codec_base);

    addpath([pilco_root 'base'],[pilco_root 'util'],[pilco_root 'gp'],[pilco_root

    theAgent.agent_init=@helicopter_agent_init;
    theAgent.agent_start=@helicopter_agent_start;
    theAgent.agent_step=@helicopter_agent_step;
    theAgent.agent_end=@helicopter_agent_end;
    theAgent.agent_cleanup=@helicopter_agent_cleanup;
    theAgent.agent_message=@helicopter_agent_message;

end

function helicopter_agent_init(taskSpec)
% This is a persistent struct we will use to store the data collected for
% the next learning iteration
global helicopter_agent_struct;
helicopter_agent_struct = zeros(2,17);
```

```
end
```

```
function theAction=helicopter_agent_start(theObservation)
```

```
% Take the first step of the agent as the episode starts, and store data
```

```
    global helicopter_agent_struct;
```

```
    global timeStep;
```

```
    global policy
```

```
    timeStep = 1;
```

```
    theAction = org.rlcommunity.rlglue.codec.types.Action();
```

```
    theAction.doubleArray = policy.fcn(policy, theObservation.doubleArray, zeros(1,
```

```
    helicopter_agent_struct(timeStep, 1:12) = theObservation.doubleArray;
```

```
    helicopter_agent_struct(timeStep, 13:16) = theAction.doubleArray;
```

```
    helicopter_agent_struct(timeStep, 17) = 0;
```

```
end
```

```
function theAction=helicopter_agent_step(theReward, theObservation)
```

```
% Take a step and store data
```

```
    global helicopter_agent_struct;
```

```
    global timeStep;
```

```
    global policy;
```

```
    theAction = org.rlcommunity.rlglue.codec.types.Action();
```

```
    theAction.doubleArray = policy.fcn(policy, theObservation.doubleArray, zeros(1,
```

```
    timeStep = timeStep + 1;
```

```
    helicopter_agent_struct(timeStep, 1:12) = theObservation.doubleArray;
```

```
    helicopter_agent_struct(timeStep, 13:16) = theAction.doubleArray;
```

```
    helicopter_agent_struct(timeStep, 17) = theReward;
```

```
end
```

```
function helicopter_agent_end(theReward)
```

```
    % An episode ends
```

```
end
```

```
function returnMessage=helicopter_agent_message(theMessageJavaObject)
```

```
% Custom function for trainer-agent communication
```

```
    inMessage=char(theMessageJavaObject);
```

```
    global policy;
```

```
    if strcmp(inMessage, 'what is your name?')==1
```

```
    returnMessage='my name is helicopter_agent, Matlab edition!';
```

```
    elseif strcmp(inMessage, 'when')==1
```

```
        % Print policy training timestamp
```

```
        returnMessage = num2str(policy.date);
```

```
    else
```

```
        returnMessage='I don\'t know how to respond to your message';
```

```
end

end

function helicopter_agent_cleanup()
% On cleanup, save the collected data to a MAT-file

    global helicopter_agent_struct;
    save('GPHistory', 'helicopter_agent_struct');
end
```

*Published with MATLAB® R2014a*