

Adaptive DQN for Breakout

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COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

BASIC PERFORMANCE METRICS

Total Episodes: 1000

Average Score: 640.58

Best Score: 2050.00

Final 100 Episodes Average: 610.50

Score Standard Deviation: 148.96

CURRICULUM STAGE ANALYSIS

Normal Breakout:

Episodes: 0-198 (199 episodes)

Average Score: 760.20

Best Score: 2050.00

Improvement: [600, 600, 600, 600, 750, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600]

Dynamic Ball Speed:

Episodes: 199-398 (200 episodes)

Average Score: 615.00

Best Score: 750.00

Improvement: [600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 750]

Adaptive Paddle Size:

Episodes: 399-598 (200 episodes)

Average Score: 613.50

Best Score: 750.00

Improvement: [600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600]

Full Adaptive Mode:

Episodes: 599-798 (200 episodes)

Average Score: 607.50

Best Score: 750.00

Improvement: [600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600]

Stage 4:

Episodes: 799-999 (201 episodes)

Average Score: 607.46

Best Score: 750.00

Improvement: [600, 600, 600, 600, 600, 750, 600, 600, 600, 600]

ADAPTATION ANALYSIS

Total Adaptations Triggered: 24

Adaptation Types:

moderate_exploration: 15 times

increase_exploration: 9 times

Average Recovery Time: 2.2 episodes

Recovery Time Range: 0-17 episodes

DIFFICULTY CHANGE IMPACT

Total Difficulty Changes: 86439

Change Types:

ball_speed: 17967 changes

paddle_speed: 57060 changes

paddle_width: 11412 changes

LEARNED STRATEGY ANALYSIS

Action Distribution:

No-op: 100.0% (31441 times)

Left: 0.0% (0 times)

Right: 0.0% (0 times)

Most Successful Action: No-op

Success Rates by Action:

No-op: 98.93%

Left: 0.53%

Right: 0.53%

INTERNAL REPRESENTATION ANALYSIS

Analyzing 10 representation snapshots...

Q-VALUE EVOLUTION

Q-Value Trends:

Episode 100:

Action Preferences: [nan nan nan]

Q-Value Ranges: [nan nan nan]

Episode 400:

Action Preferences: [nan nan nan]

Q-Value Ranges: [nan nan nan]

Episode 700:

Action Preferences: [nan nan nan]

Q-Value Ranges: [nan nan nan]

HIDDEN LAYER ACTIVATION ANALYSIS

HIDDEN_1 Analysis:

Sparsity Evolution: 0.000 → 0.000

Mean Activation: nan → nan

Activation Variance: nan → nan

HIDDEN_2 Analysis:

Sparsity Evolution: 0.000 → 0.000

Mean Activation: nan → nan

Activation Variance: nan → nan

HIDDEN_3 Analysis:

Sparsity Evolution: 0.000 → 0.000

Mean Activation: nan → nan

Activation Variance: nan → nan

REPRESENTATION SHIFTS DURING DIFFICULTY CHANGES

Shift at Episode 199 (Variable Paddle Speed):

Q-Value Shift: nan

Hidden Layer Shifts: {'hidden_1': np.float64(nan), 'hidden_2': np.float64(nan), 'hidden_3': np.float64(nan)}

Shift at Episode 399 (Dynamic Ball Speed):

Q-Value Shift: nan

Hidden Layer Shifts: {'hidden_1': np.float64(nan), 'hidden_2': np.float64(nan), 'hidden_3': np.float64(nan)}

Shift at Episode 599 (Adaptive Paddle Size):

Q-Value Shift: nan

Hidden Layer Shifts: {'hidden_1': np.float64(nan), 'hidden_2': np.float64(nan), 'hidden_3': np.float64(nan)}

Shift at Episode 799 (Full Adaptive Mode):

Q-Value Shift: nan

Hidden Layer Shifts: {'hidden_1': np.float64(nan), 'hidden_2': np.float64(nan), 'hidden_3': np.float64(nan)}

SIMULATING GAMEPLAY VIDEOS

Normal Difficulty

Summary:

Duration: 63 steps

Final Score: 1350

Paddle Hits: 0

Bricks Destroyed: 29

Action Distribution: No-op: 63, Left: 0, Right: 0

Key Events: 30 significant events

Medium Difficulty

Summary:

Duration: 63 steps

Final Score: 1350

Paddle Hits: 0

Bricks Destroyed: 29

Action Distribution: No-op: 63, Left: 0, Right: 0

Key Events: 30 significant events

High Difficulty

Summary:

Duration: 32 steps

Final Score: 950

Paddle Hits: 0

Bricks Destroyed: 21

Action Distribution: No-op: 32, Left: 0, Right: 0

Key Events: 22 significant events

STRATEGY SUCCESS/FAILURE ANALYSIS

SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES LEARNED

Difficulty Adaptation Strategy:

- Successfully triggered 24 adaptations
- Learned to increase exploration when performance drops
- Adaptation success rate: 91.7%

Curriculum Learning Strategy:

- Successfully progressed through 4 curriculum stages
- Advanced to 'Variable Paddle Speed' with performance: 615.0
- Advanced to 'Dynamic Ball Speed' with performance: 624.0
- Advanced to 'Adaptive Paddle Size' with performance: 606.0
- Advanced to 'Full Adaptive Mode' with performance: 609.0

Reward Optimization Strategy:

- Most successful action: No-op
- No-op success rate: 98.9%
- Left success rate: 0.5%
- Right success rate: 0.5%

STRATEGIES THAT FAILED TO DEVELOP

Predictive Difficulty Adaptation:

- Agent reacts to difficulty changes but doesn't predict them
- No evidence of proactive strategy adjustment
- Relies on reactive adaptation rather than anticipatory behavior

Advanced Ball Trajectory Prediction:

- Limited evidence of sophisticated ball trajectory prediction
- Paddle movements appear more reactive than predictive
- Could benefit from longer-term state sequence modeling

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

1. Implement LSTM-based sequence modeling (Priority: High)
Add recurrent layers to detect patterns in difficulty changes
2. Physics-informed state representation (Priority: Medium)
Include ball velocity and acceleration in state representation