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**rl\_traffic**

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## INTRODUCTION

This is the documentation for a traffic simulation code based on cityflow used to test and compare different approaches to traffic lights management.

To run the simulation, change directory to the src folder and call:

```
python3 traffic_sim.py
```

This would run the simulation with the default arguments. If you want to specify your own arguments here is what you have at your disposal with example uses:

`-sim_config “../4x4/1.config”`

The path to the cityflow config file for the simulation you want to run

`-num_episodes 1`

The number of episodes you want your learning algorithm to learn for

`-num_sim_steps 1800`

Number of simulation steps you want the simulation to run for in a single episode

`-agents_type “learning”`

The type of agents you want to run, for now available options are: learning or analytical

`-update_freq 10`

How often the reinforcement learning agent updates its q-network

`-batch_size 64`

The size of the mini-batch used to train the deep-q-network

`-lr 5e-4`

The learning rate

Example call would look like this:

```
python3 traffic_sim.py --agents_type 'analytical' --sim_config '../4x4/1.config' --  
↪ num_episodes 1 --num_sim_steps 1800
```

The docs folder contains this documentation.

## CODE

Here follows the documentation of the python code of the traffic simulation based on cityflow and used to test, compare and improve different algorithms for managing traffic lights operation.

### 2.1 environ

**class** `environ.Environment` (*args*, *n\_actions=9*, *n\_states=44*)

The class Environment represents the environment in which the agents operate in this case it is a city consisting of roads, lanes and intersections which are controlled by the agents

**analytical\_step** (*time*, *done*)

represents a single step of the simulation for the analytical agent :param time: the current timestep :param done: flag indicating weather this has been the last step of the episode, used for learning, here for interchangability of the two steps

**learning\_step** (*time*, *done*)

represents a single step of the simulation for the learning agent :param time: the current timestep :param done: flag indicating weather this has been the last step of the episode

**reset** ()

resets the movements for each agent and the simulation environment, should be called after each episode

### 2.2 logger

**class** `logger.Logger` (*args*)

The Logger class is responsible for logging data, building representations and saving them in a specified location

**\_\_init\_\_** (*args*)

Initialises the logger object :param args: the arguments passed by the user

**log\_measures** (*environ*)

Logs measures such as reward, vehicle count, average travel time and q losses, works for learning agents and aggregates over episodes :param environ: the environment in which the model was run

**save\_log\_file** (*environ*)

Creates and saves a log file with information about the experiment in a .txt format :param environ: the environment in which the model was run

**save\_measures\_plots** ()

Saves plots containing the measures such as vehicle count, travel time, rewards and q losses The data is over the episodes and for now works only with learning agents

**save\_models** (*environ*)

Saves machine learning models (for now just neural networks) :param environ: the environment in which the model was run

## 2.3 intersection

```
class intersection.Movement (ID, in_road, out_road, in_lanes, out_lanes, lane_length, phases=[], clearing_time=2)
```

The class defining a Movement on an intersection, a Movement of vehicles from incoming road -> outgoing road

```
__init__ (ID, in_road, out_road, in_lanes, out_lanes, lane_length, phases=[], clearing_time=2)
```

initialises the Movement, the movement has a type 1, 2 or 3 1 -> turn right, 2 -> turn left, 3 -> go straight :param ID: the unique (for a given intersection) ID associated with the movement :param in\_road: the incoming road of the movement :param out\_road: the outgoing road of the movement :param in\_lanes: the incoming lanes of the movement :param out\_lanes: the outgoing lanes of the movement :param lane\_length: the length of the incoming lane (if there is more than one incoming lane we assume they have the same length) :param phases: the indices of phases for which the give movement is enabled

```
get_arr_veh_num (start_time, end_time)
```

gets the number of vehicles arrived to the movement's lanes in a given interval :param start\_time: the start of the time interval :param end\_time: the end of the time interval :returns: the number of vehicles arrived in the interval

```
get_demand (eng, lanes_count)
```

Gets the demand of the incoming lanes of the movement the demand is the sum of the vehicles on all incoming lanes :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine :param lanes\_vehs: a dictionary with lane ids as keys and number of vehicles as values :returns: the demand of the movement

```
get_dep_veh_num (start_time, end_time)
```

gets the number of vehicles departed from the movement's lanes in a given interval :param start\_time: the start of the time interval :param end\_time: the end of the time interval :returns: the number of vehicles departed in the interval

```
get_green_time (time, current_movements)
```

Gets the predicted green time needed to clear the movement :param time: the current timestep :param current\_movements: a list of movements that are currently enabled :returns: the predicted green time of the movement

```
get_pressure (eng, lanes_count)
```

Gets the pressure of the movement, the pressure is defined in traffic RL publications from PenState :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine :param lanes\_vehs: a dictionary with lane ids as keys and number of vehicles as values :returns: the pressure of the movement

```
update_arr_dep_veh_num (lanes_vehs)
```

Updates the list containing the number vehicles that arrived and departed :param lanes\_vehs: a dictionary with lane ids as keys and number of vehicles as values

```
update_wait_time (action, green_time, waiting_vehs)
```

Updates movement's waiting time - the time a given movement has waited to be enabled :param action: the phase to be chosen by the intersection :param green\_time: the green time the action is going to be enabled for :param waiting\_vehs: a dictionary with lane ids as keys and number of waiting cars as values

```
class intersection.Phase (ID="", movements=[])
```

The class defining a Phase on an intersection, a Phase is defined by Movements which are enabled by it (given the green light)



```
__init__ (ID="", movements=[])
    initialises the Phase :param ID: the unique (for a given intersection) ID associated with the Phase, used by
    the engine to set phase on :param movements: the indeces of Movements which the Phase enables
```

## 2.4 agent

```
class agent.Agent (ID)
```

The base class of an Agent, Learning and Analytical agents derive from it, basically defines methods used by both types of agents

```
__init__ (ID)
    initialises the Agent :param ID: the unique ID of the agent corresponding to the ID of the intersection it
    represents
```

```
init_movements (eng)
    initialises the movements of the Agent based on the lane links extracted from the simulation roadnet the
    eng.get_intersection_lane_links used in the method takes the intersection ID and returns a tuple containing
    the (in_road, out_road) pair as the first element and (in_lanes, out_lanes) as the second element :param
    eng: the cityflow simulation engine
```

```
init_phases (eng)
    initialises the phases of the Agent based on the intersection phases extracted from the simulation data
    :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine
```

```
reset_movements ()
    Resets the set containing the vehicle ids for each movement and the arr/dep vehicles numbers as well as
    the waiting times the set represents the vehicles waiting on incoming lanes of the movement
```

```
update_arr_dep_veh_num (lanes_vehs)
    Updates the list containing the number vehicles that arrived and departed :param lanes_vehs: a dictionary
    with lane ids as keys and number of vehicles as values
```

```
update_wait_time (action, green_time, waiting_vehs)
    Updates movements' waiting time - the time a given movement has waited to be enabled :param action:
    the phase to be chosen by the intersection :param green_time: the green time the action is going to be
    enabled for :param waiting_vehs: a dictionary with lane ids as keys and number of waiting cars as values
```

## 2.5 analytical\_agent

```
class analytical_agent.Analytical_Agent (eng, ID="")
```

The class defining an agent which controls the traffic lights using the analytical approach from Helbing, Lammer's works

```
__init__ (eng, ID="")
    initialises the Analytical Agent :param ID: the unique ID of the agent corresponding to the ID of the
    intersection it represents :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine
```

```
act (eng, time)
    selects the next action - phase for the agent to select along with the time it should stay on for :param eng:
    the cityflow simulation engine :param time: the time in the simulation, at this moment only integer values
    are supported :returns: the phase and the green time
```

```
set_phase (eng, phase)
    sets the phase of the agent to the indicated phase :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine :param phase:
    the phase object, its ID corresponds to the phase ID in the simulation environment
```

**stabilise** (*time*)

Implements the stabilisation mechanism of the algorithm, updates the action queue with phases that need to be prioritised :param time: the time in the simulation, at this moment only integer values are supported

**update\_clear\_green\_time** (*time*)

Updates the green times of the movements of the intersection :param time: the time in the simulation, at this moment only integer values are supported

**update\_priority\_idx** (*time*)

Updates the priority of the movements of the intersection, the higher priority the more the movement needs to get a green lights :param time: the time in the simulation, at this moment only integer values are supported

## 2.6 learning\_agent

**class** learning\_agent.**Learning\_Agent** (*eng, ID="", in\_roads=[], out\_roads=[]*)

The class defining an agent which controls the traffic lights using reinforcement learning approach called PressureLight

**\_\_init\_\_** (*eng, ID="", in\_roads=[], out\_roads=[]*)

initialises the Learning Agent :param ID: the unique ID of the agent corresponding to the ID of the intersection it represents :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine

**act** (*net\_local, state, eps=0, n\_actions=8*)

generates the action to be taken by the agent :param net\_local: the neural network used in the decision making process :param state: the current state of the intersection, given by observe :param eps: the epsilon value used in the epsilon greedy learning :param n\_actions: number of actions to choose from

**get\_in\_lanes\_veh\_num** (*eng, lanes\_count*)

gets the number of vehicles on the incoming lanes of the intersection :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine :param lanes\_count: a dictionary with lane ids as keys and vehicle count as values

**get\_out\_lanes\_veh\_num** (*eng, lanes\_count*)

gets the number of vehicles on the outgoing lanes of the intersection :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine :param lanes\_count: a dictionary with lane ids as keys and vehicle count as values

**get\_reward** (*eng, time, lanes\_count*)

gets the reward of the agent in the form of pressure :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine :param time: the time of the simulation :param lanes\_count: a dictionary with lane ids as keys and vehicle count as values

**init\_phases\_vectors** (*eng*)

initialises vector representation of the phases :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine

**observe** (*eng, time, lanes\_count*)

generates the observations made by the agents :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine :param time: the time of the simulation :param lanes\_count: a dictionary with lane ids as keys and vehicle count as values

**set\_phase** (*eng, phase*)

sets the phase of the agent to the indicated phase :param eng: the cityflow simulation engine :param phase: the phase object, its ID corresponds to the phase ID in the simulation environment

## 2.7 dqn

```

class dqn.DQN (state_size, action_size, seed=2, fc1_unit=128, fc2_unit=64)
    Actor (Policy) Model.

    __init__ (state_size, action_size, seed=2, fc1_unit=128, fc2_unit=64)
        Initialize parameters and build model. Params =====

        state_size (int): Dimension of each state action_size (int): Dimension of each action seed (int):
        Random seed fc1_unit (int): Number of nodes in first hidden layer fc2_unit (int): Number of
        nodes in second hidden layer

    forward (x)
        Build a network that maps state -> action values.

class dqn.ReplayMemory (action_size, buffer_size=100000, batch_size=64, seed=2)
    Fixed -size buffe to store experience tuples.

    __init__ (action_size, buffer_size=100000, batch_size=64, seed=2)
        Initialize a ReplayBuffer object.

        action_size (int): dimension of each action buffer_size (int): maximum size of buffer batch_size
        (int): size of each training batch seed (int): random seed

    __len__ ()
        Return the current size of internal memory.

    add (state, action, reward, next_state, done)
        Add a new experience to memory.

    sample ()
        Randomly sample a batch of experiences from memory

dqn.optimize_model (experiences, net_local, net_target, optimizer, gamma=0.999)
    Update value parameters using given batch of experience tuples.

    experiences (Tuple[torch.Variable]): tuple of (s, a, r, s', done) tuples

    gamma (float): discount factor

dqn.soft_update (local_model, target_model, tau)
    Soft update model parameters.  $\_target = \_local + (1 - \_) \_target$ 

    local model (PyTorch model): weights will be copied from target model (PyTorch model): weights
    will be copied to tau (float): interpolation parameter

```



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