Install instructions for Open AI gym and PyTorch

In this lab we will use the web-based google colab so no install is needed. If you install locally it is good if you have access to a Nvidia-gpu-card in your computer so please study how to install Cuda (version 10.1 recommended) at https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-quick-start-guide/index.html

There are many IDE-environments like Microsoft, PyCharm and Jupyter notebook as the teacher will use during lessons, the advantage is that Open AI gym rendering can be made if you run locally.

Pvthon

We assume you already have Python installed, preferable version 3.7 or 3.8+

Otherwise it can be installed from https://www.python.org/

Virtual environment

It is recommended to have virtual environments separating different installs; otherwise you might run into version collisions if you .i.e run/install Tenstorflow and PyTorch in the same (virtual) environment

https://docs.python.org/3/library/venv.html

Jupyter notebook

A very popular way of programming Python in a browser and combining with instructions etc, run each code block by klicking in the upper left and you can also make some changes and rerun a block (often no need to restart from beginning)

https://jupyter.org/install

Pvtorch

Our selected Deep Learning library. Select your HW and SW situation to get an install line.

https://pytorch.org/

a quick intro is available at (we won't use advanced pytorch)

https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/deep learning 60min blitz.html

Open Al

The library with a lot of environments to play and practice (Q)learning from.

http://gym.openai.com/

https://github.com/openai/spinningup

https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-install-openai-gym-in-a-windows-environment-338969e24d30

Xming

A freeware program to emulate X-windows; it makes it possible so see the rendering from gym in a separate window even if running MS-Windows (it is natural in Linux and Mac OS X).

https://sourceforge.net/projects/xming/

Example for Windows 10 running Nvidia Cuda 10.1, pip and jupyter notebook:

pip install torch===1.4.0 torchvision===0.5.0 -f https://download.pytorch.org/whl/torch_stable.html
pip install jupyterlab
pip install numpy
pip install scipy
pip install gym

Kalles jt.bat-file (in directory C:\Users\kalle):

call .\venvs\jt\Scripts\Activate.bat

cd jupnot < Directory where the .pynb-files are >

jupyter notebook

Example of session:

Write cmd in screen lower left to start command window:

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18362.778]

- (c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. Med ensamrätt.
- < Start Xming via Windows Start-menu (nothing is seen then) >

C:\Users\kalle>**set DISPLAY=:0** (set X-windows display environment variable before starting python IDE/jupyter)

C:\Users\kalle>jt <start batch-file as mentioned above with the following outputs:>

C:\Users\kalle>call .\venvs\jt\Scripts\Activate.bat

[I 11:42:45.416 NotebookApp] JupyterLab extension loaded from c:\users\kalle\venvs\jt\lib\site-packages\jupyterlab

[I 11:42:45.416 NotebookApp] JupyterLab application directory is c:\users\kalle\venvs\jt\share\jupyter\lab

[I 11:42:45.418 NotebookApp] Serving notebooks from local directory: C:\Users\kalle\jupnot

< browser starts up with a Jupyter notebook ready to use)

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[I 11:42:45.418 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all kernels (twice to skip confirmation). < You can close the browser and press Ctrl-C twice and the exit .bat-commands with a Y>