

Appendix

A Website

For further results and videos please see our website. <https://quest-annoyn.github.io>

B Experiment Details

B.1 Hyperparameters:

We present hyperparameters in the following tables

Table 3: Stage 1 Parameters

Parameter	Value
encoder dim	256
decoder dim	256
sequence length (T)	32
encoder heads	4
encoder layers	2
decoder heads	4
decoder layers	4
attention dropout	0.1
fsq level	[8, 5, 5, 5]
conv layers	3
kernel sizes	[5, 3, 3]
strides	[2, 2, 1]

Table 4: Stage 2 Parameters

Parameter	Value
start token	1000
vocab size	1000
block size (n)	8
number of layers	6
number of heads	6
embedding dimension	384
attention dropout	0.1
embedding dropout	0.1
beam size	5
temperature	1.0
decoder loss scale	10
execution horizon (T_a)	8
observation history	1

B.2 Architecture Implementation:

For vision encoder we used a shallow Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), consisting of the first four layers of ResNet18 [26] followed by a spatial softmax [35]. In encoder, we use causal convolution layers from [29]. For transformer blocks, we used the transformers library from hugging face <https://huggingface.co/docs/transformers/> with appropriate masking for ensuring causality.

B.3 Baseline Implementation:

To ensure fair comparison of different model architectures, we use same input modalities and same observation & task encoders for all baselines. VQ-BeT needs a goal image, we instead give it task embedding as goal. Same as QueST, we concatenate observation embeddings for all modalities at any timestep and project them to respective model’s hidden dimension.

Depending on the dataset, we also tune some key hyperparameters for the baselines and present the results for best performing ones.

- ResNet-T:** Transformer trunk’s hidden dimension and number of layers determines the model capacity. Original implementation [37] uses the hidden dimension of 64 with 4 layers. We observed improved performance for the hidden dimension of 256 with 6 layers and hence report all results for that. As per original implementation we use an observation history of 10 timesteps.
- Diffusion Policy:** The model capacity is determined by hidden dimension of U-Net layers. Most widely used implementations use [256, 512, 1024], we ablate a larger model with [256, 256, 512, 1024] but did not observe any performance gains. We also ablate prediction (T) and execution horizon (T_a) with 16, 32 and 8, 16 respectively and observed

best performance for $T = 32, T_a = 16$ on LIBERO and $T = 16, T_a = 8$ for MetaWorld. As per original paper ablations [15] an observation history of 1 was used.

3. **VQ-BeT:** Since LIBERO and MetaWorld are larger datasets as compared to the benchmarks in original VQ-BeT paper, we ablate some parameters to increase the model capacity. Specifically, the stage 1 encoder by default is a single MLP layer of dimension 128. We ablate this with 2, 4 layers and with 256, 512 dimensions but observed worse reconstruction loss with increase in capacity. We use residual-VQ configuration of $32/2 \approx 1024$ sized codebook which is close to the codebook size of 1000 for QueST. We use an observation window size of 10 and ablate the action window size (T) with 1, 5, 32. On LIBERO, the performance was lowest for $T = 1$, and highest for $T = 5$. VQ-BeT maps the whole input sequence to just one embedding leading to extreme compression for larger sequence length and thus performs worse with $T = 32$.

B.4 Compute:

The models are implemented in PyTorch. For all our experiments we use a server consisting of 8 Nvidia RTX 1080Ti 10GB memory each. And all our models easily fit on one GPU for training.

C Discussion on Ablations

For aiding this discussion we present the ablation results again in table 5 and table 6 below.

	VQ	Obs. Cond.	Mirror Dec.	Ours
LIBERO-90	81.2 ± 0.6	81.9 ± 1.1	86.3 ± 0.9	89.8 ± 0.4
Few Shot	62.5 ± 2.0	61.3 ± 2.2	45.4 ± 2.0	68.8 ± 1.7

Table 5: Success rates after ablating design details of QueST.

- Replacing FSQ with VQ still outperforms VQ-BeT in few-shot setting suggesting that QueST’s superior performance is not only due to a better quantization scheme but also due to its architecture that flexibly maps an input sequence to multiple embeddings and allows for efficient transfer.
- It’s tempting to ground the mapping between z-tokens and actions with observation tokens with an intuition that z-tokens will define a coarse set of actions and observation tokens will aid finer action decoding. But we observe worse performance with this. We hypothesize that the reconstruction objective forces encoder and decoder for most optimal quantization at the bottleneck layer but with extra observation information the decoder might focus more on observation tokens in turn hurting the quantization. This observation goes hand-in-hand with a closely related prior work SPIRL[57] that tried same ablation and found that state conditioned decoder hurts downstream RL.
- We observe a poorer performance in both multitask and few-shot settings with a conventional stage 1 autoencoder. This validates the QueST’s cross-attention architecture that allows for attending to all z-tokens and maintaining causality at the same time.

	Non Causal ϕ_θ	Non Causal ψ_θ	Fully Non Causal	Ours
LIBERO-90	82.0 ± 1.6	85.1 ± 1.8	78.5 ± 0.5	89.8 ± 0.4
Few Shot	58.8 ± 3.0	61.6 ± 2.5	56.1 ± 1.8	68.8 ± 1.7

Table 6: Success rates after ablating the causality in QueST.

- We observe that a fully-causal stage-1 is most optimal and a non-causal decoder does not hurt as much as a non-causal encoder does. This can be explained with a simplistic setting where the input to stage-1 are 2D trajectories of a point agent. Consider an anti-clockwise circular trajectory and an S-shaped one where the first half of the later overlaps with the first half (semi-circle) of the former. When both of these trajectory sequences are inputted to the stage-1, a non-causal encoder will assign distinct sequences of z-tokens for both trajectories. But a causal encoder will assign same sequence of z-tokens for the first half

of both trajectories and distinct to later parts. This allows the model to re-use the z-tokens corresponding to a semi-circle for creating other shaped-trajectories that has semi-circle in them for example C-shaped or infinity-shaped trajectories.

	Frozen ψ_θ	Finetuned ψ_θ	
		loss scale 10	loss scale 100
Few Shot	66.0 ± 3.6	70.2 ± 2.6	66.0 ± 1.0

Table 7: Success rates for decoder finetuning settings in few-shot IL.

- Table 7 illustrates the impact of decoder finetuning in LIBERO-LONG fewshot IL setting. QueST outperforms all baselines even without finetuning the decoder. Finetuning decoder should not be necessary in this setting, as LIBERO-LONG tasks are combination of two tasks from LIBERO-90 (pretraining set). This highlights QueST’s effectiveness in stitching trajectories using its learned skill-space. We report the finetuning results in the main paper, as they exhibit better performance.

D Skill-space visualization

We present a t-SNE visualization (Figure 5) illustrating the learned skill-space across multiple set of similar tasks. We consider four different combinations of similar tasks to effectively examine the z-embeddings corresponding to their trajectories. Each data point in the plot represents a vector of n z-embeddings at a specific timestep throughout the entire episode, with decreasing transparency indicating temporal progression. We show that the QueST encoder learns a semantically meaningful skill-space that encodes shared representations of similar motion primitives across different tasks. Notably, the skill-space learning happens in the first stage training which does not make use of any task labels.

E Additional Results

E.1 Fewshot IL

Fewshot Evaluation Protocol: In finetuning phase, we finetune ResNet-T, VQ-BeT & QueST for 100 epochs and ACT & Diffusion Policy for 200 epochs. For each task in MetaWorld, we evaluate each method across 10 evenly spaced checkpoints for 5 seeds on 50 distinct initial states and report the results corresponding to the best performing checkpoint. For Libero, we found the final checkpoint to perform best for all methods and hence report results corresponding to it across 4 seeds.

Table 8: LIBERO 5-shot IL success rates across unseen 10 tasks. Results across 4 random seeds.

Task ID	ResNet-T	ACT	Diffusion Policy	PRISE	VQ-BeT	QueST
1	6.7 ± 2.3	20.0 ± 6.0	33.3 ± 20.9	26.7 ± 6.4	23.3 ± 2.3	66.6 ± 2.3
2	48.3 ± 10.3	33.3 ± 13.1	78.3 ± 17.1	48.3 ± 9.4	43.3 ± 2.3	88.3 ± 4.7
3	60.0 ± 4.1	67.7 ± 6.2	80.0 ± 7.0	70.0 ± 0.0	68.3 ± 6.2	78.3 ± 13.1
4	66.7 ± 8.4	70.3 ± 6.2	100.0 ± 0.0	78.3 ± 8.8	41.6 ± 6.2	93.3 ± 6.2
5	26.7 ± 3.1	35.0 ± 4.1	48.3 ± 4.7	45.0 ± 10.8	33.3 ± 6.2	35.0 ± 7.0
6	46.7 ± 13.1	68.3 ± 6.5	30.0 ± 21.2	90.0 ± 4.1	48.3 ± 6.2	86.6 ± 6.2
7	21.7 ± 2.4	15.0 ± 0.0	26.6 ± 2.3	25.0 ± 4.1	41.6 ± 14.3	51.6 ± 6.2
8	35.0 ± 7.1	26.7 ± 7.0	13.3 ± 9.4	45.0 ± 8.1	25.0 ± 4.0	61.6 ± 8.5
9	-	-	55.0 ± 4.0	-	15.0 ± 7.0	46.6 ± 6.2
10	-	-	68.3 ± 6.2	-	25.0 ± 0.0	65.0 ± 12.2

E.2 Multitask IL



Figure 5: t-SNE visualization of skill-token embeddings. Here, the transparency decreases as the episode progresses. The overall patterns clearly shows how similar motion primitives like approaching, picking and placing from different tasks are aligned with one another. This analysis includes the first 11 tasks from LIBERO-90. For better comprehension, we encourage readers to review the corresponding rollouts on the website.

Table 9: MetaWorld 5-shot IL success rates across 5 unseen tasks. Results across 5 random seeds.

Task ID	ResNet-T	ACT	Diffusion Policy	PRISE	VQ-BeT	QueST
box-close-v2	63.2 \pm 5.2	67.2 \pm 5.2	68.0 \pm 1.6	60.8 \pm 6.6	75.3 \pm 9.6	84.0 \pm 7.3
disassemble-v2	68.8 \pm 2.0	83.2 \pm 3.2	81.3 \pm 3.8	74.1 \pm 7.3	92.7 \pm 1.9	76.4 \pm 26.0
hand-insert-v2	37.2 \pm 4.1	53.2 \pm 3.7	39.3 \pm 1.9	60.0 \pm 5.0	48.0 \pm 6.5	49.6 \pm 6.4
pick-place-wall-v2	42.8 \pm 3.7	74.4 \pm 6.9	70.7 \pm 5.2	71.7 \pm 5.7	65.3 \pm 1.9	76.8 \pm 11.4
stick-pull-v2	58.0 \pm 8.8	76.0 \pm 3.6	71.3 \pm 1.9	67.5 \pm 5.6	62.0 \pm 11.4	72.8 \pm 11.1

Table 10: LIBERO-90 multitask IL success rates across 90 tasks. Results across 4 random seeds.

Task ID	ResNet-T	ACT	Diffusion Policy	PRISE	VQ-BeT	QueST
1	0.45	1.00	0.95	0.80	1.00	1.00
2	0.10	0.60	1.00	0.35	0.85	0.98
3	0.25	0.95	1.00	0.70	0.95	0.95
4	0.00	0.40	0.90	0.50	1.00	0.93
5	0.00	0.30	0.95	0.45	1.00	0.93
6	0.00	0.70	1.00	0.65	0.98	1.00
7	0.00	0.40	1.00	0.50	0.90	0.93

Task ID	ResNet-T	ACT	Diffusion Policy	PRISE	VQ-BeT	QueST
8	0.45	1.00	0.80	0.95	0.80	1.00
9	0.00	1.00	0.95	0.60	0.78	0.90
10	0.30	0.95	0.90	0.35	0.80	0.93
11	0.70	1.00	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.98
12	0.40	1.00	0.95	0.95	0.88	0.95
13	0.05	0.35	0.90	0.20	0.88	0.68
14	0.35	0.25	1.00	0.40	0.58	0.80
15	0.10	0.75	1.00	0.35	0.45	0.53
16	0.10	0.95	1.00	0.75	0.95	0.95
17	0.05	0.75	0.85	0.40	0.55	0.83
18	0.05	0.50	0.75	0.15	0.88	0.68
19	0.30	0.25	1.00	0.30	0.93	1.00
20	0.00	1.00	0.95	0.65	0.68	0.90
21	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.98	1.00
22	0.00	0.70	1.00	0.30	0.93	0.95
23	0.40	0.75	1.00	0.85	0.95	0.95
24	0.00	0.45	0.90	0.05	0.68	0.85
25	0.30	0.10	1.00	0.95	0.90	1.00
26	0.60	0.10	1.00	0.90	0.78	0.98
27	0.00	0.60	0.90	0.55	0.50	0.55
28	0.00	0.35	0.85	0.05	0.40	0.68
29	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
30	0.10	0.85	1.00	1.00	0.93	0.98
31	0.05	0.40	0.90	0.50	0.85	0.90
32	0.25	1.00	1.00	0.85	0.85	0.98
33	0.00	0.30	0.55	0.20	0.33	0.68
34	0.10	0.50	0.85	0.30	0.93	0.98
35	0.05	0.50	1.00	0.80	1.00	0.98
36	0.10	1.00	1.00	0.75	1.00	0.95
37	0.00	0.05	0.90	0.25	0.70	0.70
38	0.05	0.00	0.90	0.30	0.88	0.65
39	0.00	0.90	0.85	0.20	0.98	0.95
40	0.25	0.40	0.95	0.85	0.88	1.00
41	0.15	0.90	0.70	0.50	0.98	0.95
42	0.40	0.85	1.00	0.55	0.85	1.00
43	0.45	0.70	1.00	0.80	1.00	0.95
44	0.10	0.85	0.85	0.40	0.80	0.85
45	0.40	0.75	1.00	0.85	0.98	0.98
46	0.00	0.80	1.00	0.55	0.90	1.00
47	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.35	0.63	0.90
48	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.25	0.88	1.00

Task ID	ResNet-T	ACT	Diffusion Policy	PRISE	VQ-BeT	QueST
49	0.00	0.00	0.95	0.65	0.50	1.00
50	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.65	0.63	1.00
51	0.00	0.35	0.30	0.40	0.83	0.83
52	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.93	0.75
53	0.05	0.05	0.35	0.30	0.80	0.80
54	0.05	0.05	0.75	0.60	0.75	0.83
55	0.00	0.15	0.85	0.50	0.98	0.93
56	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.35	0.88	0.80
57	0.30	0.00	0.50	0.80	1.00	1.00
58	0.25	0.00	1.00	0.50	1.00	0.98
59	0.00	0.50	0.75	0.20	1.00	0.90
60	0.25	0.00	0.90	0.65	0.90	0.93
61	0.40	0.45	0.90	0.80	0.98	1.00
62	0.20	0.05	0.55	0.85	1.00	1.00
63	0.00	0.05	0.35	0.40	0.80	0.80
64	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.40	0.40	0.78
65	0.00	0.25	0.80	0.15	0.68	0.90
66	0.00	0.05	0.70	0.15	0.85	0.83
67	0.15	0.45	0.60	0.30	0.88	0.95
68	0.10	0.55	0.35	0.55	0.65	0.83
69	0.35	0.60	0.55	0.85	0.88	0.95
70	0.10	0.85	0.50	0.90	0.35	0.95
71	0.55	0.60	0.95	0.55	0.58	0.95
72	0.20	0.00	0.90	0.35	0.95	0.93
73	0.20	0.30	0.85	0.60	0.35	1.00
74	0.00	0.35	0.75	0.30	0.90	0.65
75	0.05	0.70	0.45	0.45	0.48	1.00
76	0.10	0.35	0.30	0.25	0.88	0.78
77	0.30	0.10	0.40	0.65	0.93	0.88
78	0.30	0.70	0.15	0.80	0.98	0.95
79	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.45	0.95	0.88
80	0.45	0.95	0.00	0.30	0.00	1.00
81	0.20	0.45	0.05	0.30	1.00	0.78
82	0.00	0.50	0.55	0.35	0.85	0.73
83	0.45	0.55	0.55	0.80	0.28	0.88
84	0.05	0.00	0.55	0.55	0.73	0.85
85	0.20	0.15	0.75	0.75	0.88	0.95
86	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.75	0.65	0.95
87	0.20	0.30	0.95	0.95	0.88	0.98
88	0.10	1.00	0.95	0.65	0.35	0.95
89	0.25	0.85	0.70	0.55	0.58	1.00

Task ID	ResNet-T	ACT	Diffusion Policy	PRISE	VQ-BeT	QueST
90	0.10	0.45	0.90	0.55	0.95	0.50

Table 11: MetaWorld multitask IL success rates across 45 tasks. Results across 5 random seeds.

Task ID	ResNet-T	ACT	Diffusion Policy	VQBeT	QueST
assembly-v2	0.73	0.97	0.88	0.82	1.00
basketball-v2	0.76	0.80	0.78	0.82	0.68
bin-picking-v2	0.89	1.00	0.96	0.20	0.94
button-press-topdown-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
button-press-topdown-wall-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
button-press-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
button-press-wall-v2	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.98	0.98
coffee-button-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
coffee-pull-v2	0.90	0.92	0.96	0.82	0.98
coffee-push-v2	0.89	0.96	0.86	0.94	0.90
dial-turn-v2	0.98	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00
door-close-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
door-lock-v2	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00
door-open-v2	0.96	0.95	0.96	0.94	0.94
door-unlock-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
drawer-close-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
drawer-open-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
faucet-close-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
faucet-open-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
hammer-v2	0.95	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.94
handle-press-side-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
handle-press-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
handle-pull-side-v2	0.69	0.94	0.78	0.74	0.98
handle-pull-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
lever-pull-v2	0.94	0.93	0.84	0.80	0.92
peg-insert-side-v2	0.81	0.94	0.90	0.76	0.86
peg-unplug-side-v2	0.88	0.91	0.88	0.92	0.90
pick-out-of-hole-v2	0.62	0.89	0.74	0.34	0.76
pick-place-v2	0.67	0.71	0.76	0.74	0.78
plate-slide-back-side-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
plate-slide-back-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
plate-slide-side-v2	0.98	1.00	0.98	0.98	1.00
plate-slide-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
push-back-v2	0.72	0.64	0.76	0.64	0.80
push-v2	0.84	0.90	0.84	0.76	0.92
push-wall-v2	0.92	0.98	0.94	0.94	1.00

Task ID	ResNet-T	ACT	Diffusion Policy	VQBeT	QueST
reach-v2	0.39	0.37	0.32	0.28	0.36
reach-wall-v2	0.49	0.47	0.52	0.36	0.42
shelf-place-v2	0.65	0.85	0.66	0.76	0.88
soccer-v2	0.42	0.25	0.42	0.36	0.52
stick-push-v2	0.75	1.00	0.96	0.94	0.96
sweep-into-v2	0.90	0.92	0.88	0.90	0.84
sweep-v2	0.98	1.00	0.98	1.00	1.00
window-close-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
window-open-v2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

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