

COMP8620: MC-AIXI-CTW

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We outline an implementation of Veness et al.'s Monte Carlo AIXI approximation[?], and report our simulation results on a number of toy domains.

1 Introduction

Recall that the AIXI agent is defined by its actions, which for each cycle k are given by

$$a_k^{\text{AIXI}} = \arg \max_{a_k} \sum_{o_k r_k} \cdots \max_{a_m} \sum_{o_m r_m} [r_k + \cdots + r_m] \xi(o_1 r_1 \dots o_m r_m | a_1 \dots a_m),$$

where the o_n and r_n are the observation and reward provided by the environment at cycle n , and ξ is a Bayesian mixture model for the environment.

Following Veness et al., we approximate a_k^{AIXI} using Monte Carlo tree search (upper confidence bound) to approximate the expectimax, we compute a mixture over variable-order Markov models using the context-tree weighting algorithm. This approximation is denoted MC-AIXI-CTW.

We present a lightweight C++ implementation of MC-AIXI-CTW, along with implementations of a number of simple games: PACMAN, TIC-TAC-TOE, BIASED ROCK-PAPER-SCISSOR, EXTENDED-TIGER, and CHEESEMAZE.

1.1 Files

The report archive should contain the following:

MC-AIXI-CTW-Grp3.zip

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\report
  report.pdf // this report
  report.tex
  cheesemaze_01.png // results plots
  extended_tiger_01.png
  biased_rock_paper_scissor_01.png
  tic_tac_toe_01.png
  pacman_01.png
\src
  main.hpp
  main.cpp
  environment.hpp
  environment.cpp
  agent.hpp
  agent.cpp
  search.hpp
  search.cpp
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predict.hpp
predict.cpp
util.hpp
util.cpp
README.md
cheesemaze.conf // environment configuration files
rockpaper.conf
tictactoe.conf
coinflip.conf
tiger.conf

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1.2 User Manual

2 MC-AIXI-CTW Implementation

2.1 Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS) Algorithm

1. Source code files
2. Class structure (SearchNode, DecisionNode, ChanceNode, ...)
3. Description of the algorithm (Veness...)

2.2 Context Tree Weighting (CTW)

2.3 Environments

2.3.1 Cheesemaze

2.3.2 Extended Tiger

2.3.3 Biased Rock-Paper-Scissor

2.3.4 Tic-Tac-Toe

2.3.5 Pacman

3 Simulation Results

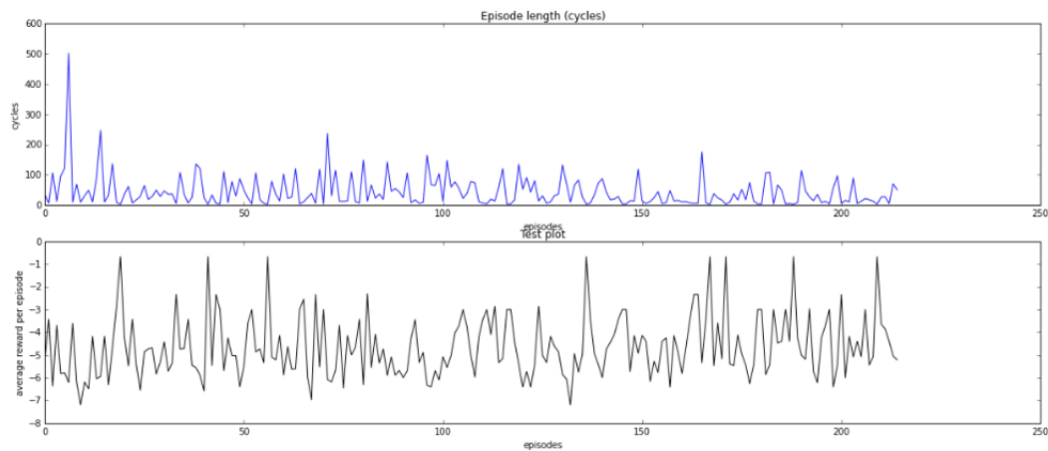
3.1 Cheesemaze

◇ Experimental setup ...

Any simulation provided should include detailed description of experimental setup; selected parameters of algorithms and examples; and concise interpretations of obtained simulation results.

Environment	MCTS	CTW	
1	$m = 100$	ct-depth = 96	
	$C = \sqrt{2}$		

◇ Plots ...



◇ Interpretation of Results

3.2 Extended Tiger

Experimental setup ...

Plots ...

3.3 Biased Rock-Paper-Scissor

Experimental setup ...

Plots ...

3.4 Tic-Tac-Toe

Experimental setup ...

Plots ...

3.5 Pacman

Experimental setup ...

Plots ...

4 Cross Domain Simulation Results

Cheesemaze and Extended Tiger

5 Possible Other things

Cross domain simulation on more difficult environments...

Separate CTW for Obs and Rews...