Install necessary Libraries

Import Necessary Libraries

```
from __future__ import annotations
2
3
    import sys
 4
     import random
    import argparse
 5
    from collections import deque
8
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
9
    import numpy as np
10
   import pandas as pd
11 import seaborn as sns
12 import torch
13
    import torch.nn as nn
14
    from torch.distributions.normal import Normal
15
16
    import gymnasium as gym
17
```

Define Policy Network for continuous action space

```
1 class Policy_Network(nn.Module):
       """Parametrized Policy Network."""
 3
       def __init__(self, obs_space_dims: int, action_space_dims: int):
    """Creates a neural network responsible for predicting the mean and
 4
 5
 6
           standard deviation of a normal distribution from which actions are
 7
           subsequently sampled.
 8
 9
           Args:
10
               obs_space_dims: The dimensions of the observation space
11
               action_space_dims: The dimensions of the action space
12
13
           super().__init__()
14
15
           hidden_space1 = 16
16
           hidden_space2 = 32
17
           # Shared Network
18
19
           self.shared_net = nn.Sequential(
20
               nn.Linear(obs_space_dims, hidden_space1),
21
               nn.Tanh(),
22
               nn.Linear(hidden_space1, hidden_space2),
23
               nn.Tanh(),
24
           )
25
26
           # Policy Mean specific Linear Layer
27
           self.policy_mean_net = nn.Sequential(
28
               nn.Linear(hidden_space2, action_space_dims)
29
           )
30
31
           # Initialize log_std as a parameter
32
           self.log_std = nn.Parameter(torch.zeros(action_space_dims))
33
34
       def forward(self, x: torch.Tensor) -> tuple[torch.Tensor, torch.Tensor]:
35
            """Given an observation, this function provides the mean and standard deviation for sampling an action from a normal distribution
36
37
               Arguments:
                    x: The observation obtained from the environment
38
39
40
               Returns:
                    action means: The predicted mean of the normal distribution
41
42
                    action_stddevs: The predicted standard deviation of the normal distribution
43
44
           shared_features = self.shared_net(x.float())
45
46
           action_means = self.policy_mean_net(shared_features)
47
           action_stddevs = self.log_std.exp()
48
49
           return action_means, action_stddevs
```

Define Value Network

```
1 class ValueNetwork(nn.Module):
2
      def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size):
3
           super(ValueNetwork, self).__init__()
4
           self.fc = nn.Sequential(
 5
              nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_size),
 6
               nn.ReLU(),
7
               nn.Linear(hidden_size, hidden_size),
 8
               nn.ReLU(),
9
               nn.Linear(hidden_size, 1)
10
          )
11
12
       def forward(self, x):
13
           return self.fc(x)
```

Define PolicyGradientAgent

```
1 class PolicyGradientAgent:
       """Unified Policy Gradient algorithm that can work with or without a baseline."""
 3
 4
       def __init__(self, env, obs_space_dims, action_space_dims, lr=1e-5, use_baseline=False):
 5
            ""Initializes an agent that learns a policy via REINFORCE or PGB algorithm.
 6
 7
           Args:
               {\tt obs\_space\_dims:} \ {\tt Dimension} \ {\tt of} \ {\tt the} \ {\tt observation} \ {\tt space.}
 8
 9
               action_space_dims: Dimension of the action space.
10
               lr: Learning rate for policy optimization.
               use_baseline: Whether to use a baseline (value network).
11
12
13
           self.learning_rate = lr
14
           self.gamma = 0.99
15
           self.eps = 1e-6
16
           self.use_baseline = use_baseline
17
           self.env = env
18
19
           self.probs = []
20
           self.rewards = []
21
           self.states = [] if use_baseline else None
22
           self.policy_net = Policy_Network(obs_space_dims, action_space_dims)
23
24
           self.policy_optimizer = torch.optim.AdamW(self.policy_net.parameters(), lr=self.learning_rate)
25
           if use baseline:
26
27
               self.value_net = ValueNetwork(obs_space_dims, 16)
28
               self.value_optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(self.value_net.parameters(), lr=1e-5)
29
30
       def sample_action(self, state: np.ndarray) -> np.ndarray:
31
           state_tensor = torch.tensor(np.array([state]), dtype=torch.float32)
           action_means, action_stddevs = self.policy_net(state_tensor)
32
33
           distrib = Normal(action_means[0], action_stddevs[0].clamp(min=self.eps))
34
           action = distrib.sample()
35
           prob = distrib.log_prob(action)
36
           self.probs.append(prob)
37
           return\ action.clamp(min=self.env.action\_space.low[0],\ max=self.env.action\_space.high[0]).numpy(
38
39
       def update(self):
40
           # Calculate reward-to-go for all time steps
41
           R = 0
42
           deltas = []
43
           for r in self.rewards[::-1]:
44
               R = r + self.gamma * R
45
               deltas.insert(0, R)
46
47
           # Convert list to tensor
           deltas = torch.tensor(deltas, dtype=torch.float32)
48
49
50
           # Calculate policy loss
           policy_loss = -torch.stack(self.probs).mean() * deltas
51
52
           # Update the policy network
53
54
           self.policy_optimizer.zero_grad()
55
           # Sum or average the elements to create a scalar loss
56
           scalar_policy_loss = policy_loss.sum() # or policy_loss.mean()
57
           # Now you can call backward on the scalar loss
58
59
           scalar_policy_loss.backward()
60
           self.policy_optimizer.step()
61
           # If using baseline, calculate value loss and update value network
62
63
           if self.use baseline:
64
               states_tensor = torch.tensor(np.array(self.states), dtype=torch.float32)
65
               values = self.value_net(states_tensor).squeeze()
               advantages = deltas - values
66
67
               value_loss = (advantages ** 2).mean()
68
69
               self.value_optimizer.zero_grad()
70
               # # Sum or average the elements to create a scalar loss
71
               # scalar_value_loss = policy_loss.sum() # or policy_loss.mean()
72
73
               # # Now you can call backward on the scalar loss
74
               # scalar_value_loss.backward()
75
               value_loss.backward()
76
               self.value optimizer.step()
```

```
# Reset episode data
self.probs = []
self.rewards = []
if self.use_baseline:
self.states = []
```

Training Loop-Function-Vanilla Policy Gradient

```
1 # Define a function to run the Vanilla Policy Gradient (REINFORCE) algorithm
 2 def run_vanilla_pg(env, total_num_episodes, seeds, obs_space_dims, action_space_dims):
3
      rewards_over_seeds = []
4
 5
      for seed in seeds:
6
          torch.manual_seed(seed)
7
           random.seed(seed)
8
          np.random.seed(seed)
9
10
           agent = PolicyGradientAgent(env, obs_space_dims, action_space_dims, use_baseline=False) # Initialize the REINFORCE agent
11
           reward_over_episodes = []
12
13
           for episode in range(total_num_episodes):
14
              obs, info = env.reset()
              done = False
15
16
              while not done:
17
                  action = agent.sample_action(obs)
18
                   obs, reward, terminated, truncated, info = env.step(action)
19
                   agent.rewards.append(reward)
20
                   done = terminated or truncated
21
22
              reward_over_episodes.append(sum(agent.rewards))
23
              agent.update()
24
25
              if episode % 1000 == 0:
                   avg_reward = np.mean(reward_over_episodes[-100:]) # Calculate average of last 100 episodes
26
27
                   print("Episode: ", episode, "Average Reward: ", avg_reward)
28
29
           rewards_over_seeds.append(reward_over_episodes)
30
31
       return rewards_over_seeds
```

Training Loop-Function-Policy Gradient with Baseline

```
1 \# Define a function to run the Policy Gradient with Baseline algorithm
 2 def run_pgb(env, total_num_episodes, seeds, obs_space_dims, action_space_dims, learning_rate):
      rewards_over_seeds = []
 4
 5
       for seed in seeds:
 6
          torch.manual_seed(seed)
 7
           random.seed(seed)
8
           np.random.seed(seed)
9
10
           agent = PolicyGradientAgent(env, obs_space_dims, action_space_dims,
11
                                       lr=learning_rate, use_baseline=True) # Initialize the PGB agent
12
           reward_over_episodes = []
13
14
           for episode in range(total num episodes):
15
              obs, info = env.reset()
16
               done = False
17
               while not done:
18
                   action = agent.sample_action(obs)
19
                   agent.states.append(obs)
20
                   obs, reward, terminated, truncated, info = env.step(action)
21
                   agent.rewards.append(reward)
22
                   done = terminated or truncated
23
24
               reward_over_episodes.append(sum(agent.rewards))
25
               agent.update()
26
27
               if episode % 1000 == 0:
28
                   avg_reward = np.mean(reward_over_episodes[-100:]) # Calculate average of last 100 episodes
29
                   print("Episode: ", episode, "Average Reward: ", avg_reward)
30
31
           rewards_over_seeds.append(reward_over_episodes)
32
33
       return rewards_over_seeds
```

Plotting

```
1 def rolling_average(data, window_size=10):
      """Compute rolling average for smoother plots."""
3
      return pd.Series(data).rolling(window=window_size).mean()
1 def plot_learning_curve(smoothed_rewards, label, title, xlabel, ylabel):
2
     plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
     plt.plot(smoothed_rewards, label=label)
4
     plt.title(title)
     plt.xlabel(xlabel)
6
     plt.ylabel(ylabel)
7
     plt.legend()
8
     plt.grid(True)
9
     plt.show()
1 def plot_combined_learning_curve(smoothed_rewards, label, title, xlabel, ylabel):
2
     plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
3
     plt.plot(smoothed_rewards, label=label)
4
     plt.title(title)
5
     plt.xlabel(xlabel)
     plt.ylabel(ylabel)
6
7
     plt.legend()
8
     plt.grid(True)
     plt.show()
```

Main function

```
1 def main():
       parser = argparse.ArgumentParser()
       parser.add_argument('--algo', type=str, default='pg', choices=['pg', 'pgb'],
 3
 4
                           help='Algorithm to run: "pg" for vanilla policy gradient, "pgb" for policy gradient with baseline')
 5
       args = parser.parse_args()
 6
       env = gym.make("Ant-v4")
 8
       total_num_episodes = 5000
 9
       seeds = [8] # List of seeds you want to use
10
       obs_space_dims = env.observation_space.shape[0]
11
       action_space_dims = env.action_space.shape[0]
12
13
       if args.algo == 'pg':
14
           # Run Vanilla Policy Gradient
15
           rewards_vpg = run_vanilla_pg(env, total_num_episodes, seeds, obs_space_dims, action_space_dims)
16
17
           # Flatten the list to have a single list of rewards over all episodes
18
           flattened_rewards = [reward for seed_rewards in rewards_vpg for reward in seed_rewards]
19
20
           # Compute rolling average
21
           smoothed_rewards = rolling_average(flattened_rewards, window_size=50)
22
           plot_learning_curve( smoothed_rewards, 'Vanilla Policy Gradient',
23
24
                                'Learning Curve for Vanilla Policy Gradient Algorithm on Ant-v4',
25
                                'Episodes',
                                'Undiscounted Return'
26
27
28
           ### save variable smoothed_rewards
29
30
       elif args.algo == 'pgb':
31
           # Run Policy Gradient with Baseline
32
           rewards_pgb = run_pgb(env, total_num_episodes, seeds, obs_space_dims,
33
                                 action_space_dims, learning_rate= 1e-5)
34
35
           # Flatten the list to have a single list of rewards over all episodes
36
           flattened_rewards = [reward for seed_rewards in rewards_pgb for reward in seed_rewards]
37
           # Compute rolling average
38
39
           smoothed_rewards = rolling_average(flattened_rewards, window_size=50)
40
41
           plot_learning_curve( smoothed_rewards, 'Policy Gradient with Baseline',
42
                                'Learning Curve for Policy Gradient with Baseline Algorithm on Ant-v4',
43
                                'Episodes'
44
                                'Undiscounted Return'
45
                                )
46
47
           # Question 3
           learning_rates = [1e-4, 1e-5, 1e-6]
48
49
           results = {}
50
51
           for lr in learning_rates:
52
               print(f"Running experiment with learning rate: {lr}")
53
               rewards_pgb = run_pgb(env, total_num_episodes, seeds, obs_space_dims,
54
                                 action_space_dims, learning_rate= lr)
55
               flattened_reward = [reward for seed_rewards in rewards_pgb for reward in seed_rewards]
56
               results[f"lr={lr}"] = flattened_reward
57
           plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
58
59
60
           for lr, rewards in results.items():
61
               smoothed_rewards = rolling_average(rewards, window_size=50)
62
               plt.plot(smoothed_rewards, label=lr)
63
64
           plt.title('Learning Curves for Different Learning Rates in PGB Algorithm')
65
           plt.xlabel('Episodes')
66
           plt.ylabel('Undiscounted Return')
67
           plt.legend()
68
           plt.grid(True)
69
           plt.show()
70
```

PG algorithm output

```
1 # Simulate command-line argument: replace 'pg' with 'pgb' to run policy gradient with baseline
2 sys.argv = ['hw2_F.py', '--algo', 'pg']
3
4 # Then call the main function
5 if __name__ == '__main__':
6 main()
```

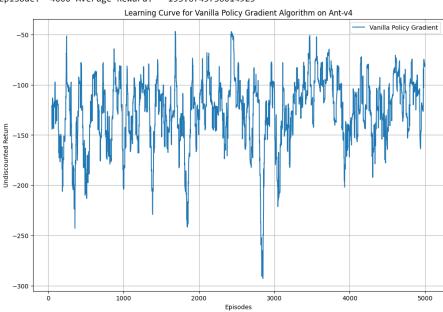
```
Episode: 0 Average Reward: -38.3722569940707

Episode: 1000 Average Reward: -142.5412074282239

Episode: 2000 Average Reward: -133.20385312322185

Episode: 3000 Average Reward: -101.3894163135508

Episode: 4000 Average Reward: -153.6745736014923
```



→ PGB algorithm output

```
1 # Simulate command-line argument: replace 'pg' with 'pgb' to run policy gradient with baseline
2 sys.argv = ['hw2_F.py', '--algo', 'pgb']
3
4 # Then call the main function
5 if __name__ == '__main__':
6 main()
```

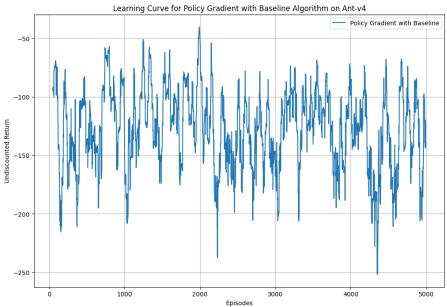
Episode: 0 Average Reward: -59.20542941625349

Episode: 1000 Average Reward: -114.72267109077255

Episode: 2000 Average Reward: -92.31426428371581

Episode: 3000 Average Reward: -152.1896180178551

Episode: 4000 Average Reward: -103.55475125602347



Running experiment with learning rate: 0.0001 Episode: 0 Average Reward: -74.51237787356047 1000 Average Reward: -116.63374839610125 Episode: Episode: 2000 Average Reward: -141.0960428273539 Episode: 3000 Average Reward: -100.1127510928168 Episode: 4000 Average Reward: -167.94084120539 Running experiment with learning rate: 1e-05 Episode: 0 Average Reward: -44.48651343751414 1000 Average Reward: -135.58542316701477 Episode: Episode: 2000 Average Reward: -93.82546841978532 Episode: 3000 Average Reward: -136.1494972191289 4000 Average Reward: -143.8363538322467 Episode: Running experiment with learning rate: 1e-06 0 Average Reward: -60.23545479633949 Episode: 1000 Average Reward: -122.50935612246671 Episode: 2000 Average Reward: -118.95391982287322 Episode: 3000 Average Reward: -127.64069280982977 Episode: 4000 Average Reward: -157.69421967281787

