

## (4) Discussion

# Reward engineering

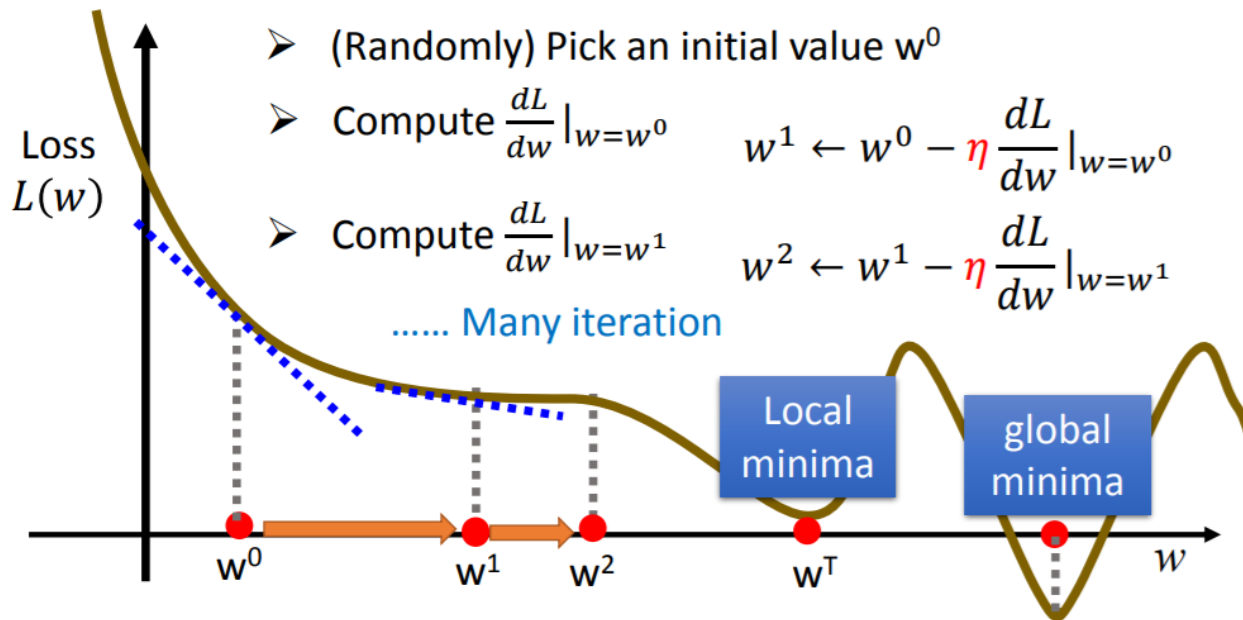
Goal 1 rewards is too large, NN will think it is optimal and not try to reach goal 2

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if (stage == 1)
{
    distToGoal = Vector3.Distance(EndTouchPlane.position, goalUpTouchPt.position);
    if (distToGoal <= 0.1f && (EndTouchPlane.position.y > goal2UpTouchPt.position.y))
    {
        stage = 2;
        AddReward(50.0f);
        goal.transform.parent = EndPivot.transform; //grab goal
    }
}
else //stage =2
{
    distToGoal = Vector3.Distance(goalDownTouchPt.position, goal2UpTouchPt.position);
    if (distToGoal <= 0.1f && (goalDownTouchPt.position.y > goal2UpTouchPt.position.y))
    {
        msg = System.DateTime.Now.ToShortTimeString();
        msg = msg + trainingVE.name + " Goal 2! ==> " + distToGoal.ToString() + " \n";
        print(msg);
        AddReward(100.0f);
        EndEpisode();
    }
}
```

# Local optimization problem

$$w^* = \arg \min_w L(w)$$

- Consider loss function  $L(w)$  with one parameter  $w$ :



Reference: 李弘毅 ML Lecture 1 <https://youtu.be/CXgbekl66jc>

AI lecture 1. Introduction.pdf

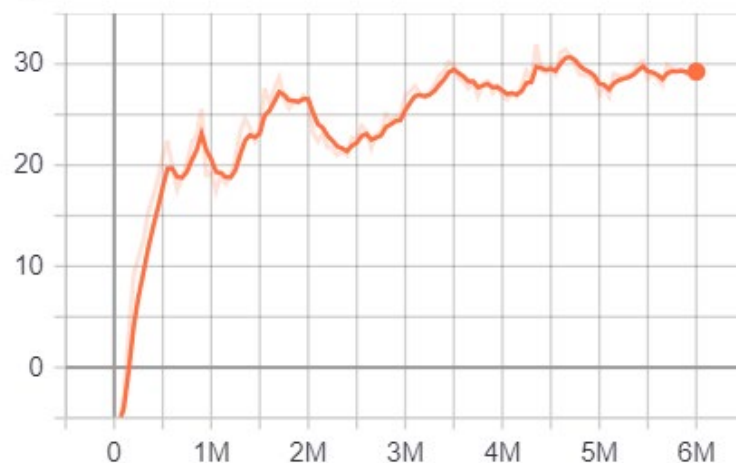
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        EndEpisode();
    }
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# Results after 6M, not trying to reach goal 2

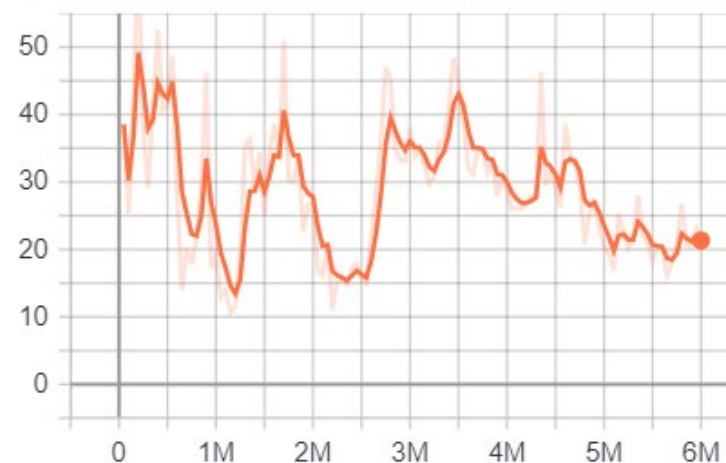
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TouchCube. Step: 4650000. Time Elapsed: 5450.021 s. Mean Reward 31.424. Std of Reward: 21.255.
TouchCube. Step: 4700000. Time Elapsed: 5505.923 s. Mean Reward 30.806. Std of Reward: 21.625.
TouchCube. Step: 4750000. Time Elapsed: 5564.717 s. Mean Reward 29.958. Std of Reward: 22.099.
TouchCube. Step: 4800000. Time Elapsed: 5622.012 s. Mean Reward 28.933. Std of Reward: 22.763.
TouchCube. Step: 4850000. Time Elapsed: 5682.895 s. Mean Reward 28.850. Std of Reward: 22.684.
TouchCube. Step: 4900000. Time Elapsed: 5740.727 s. Mean Reward 28.859. Std of Reward: 22.627.
TouchCube. Step: 4950000. Time Elapsed: 5798.793 s. Mean Reward 28.237. Std of Reward: 22.969.
TouchCube. Step: 5000000. Time Elapsed: 5875.859 s. Mean Reward 26.861. Std of Reward: 23.499.
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TouchCube. Step: 5250000. Time Elapsed: 6182.128 s. Mean Reward 28.745. Std of Reward: 22.854.
TouchCube. Step: 5300000. Time Elapsed: 6241.398 s. Mean Reward 28.894. Std of Reward: 22.783.
TouchCube. Step: 5350000. Time Elapsed: 6301.609 s. Mean Reward 29.309. Std of Reward: 22.451.
TouchCube. Step: 5400000. Time Elapsed: 6360.000 s. Mean Reward 30.027. Std of Reward: 22.279.
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TouchCube. Step: 5900000. Time Elapsed: 6955.998 s. Mean Reward 28.983. Std of Reward: 22.789.
TouchCube. Step: 5950000. Time Elapsed: 7015.871 s. Mean Reward 29.124. Std of Reward: 22.626.
TouchCube. Step: 6000000. Time Elapsed: 7074.349 s. Mean Reward 29.342. Std of Reward: 22.618.
```

# Results after 6M, not trying to reach goal 2

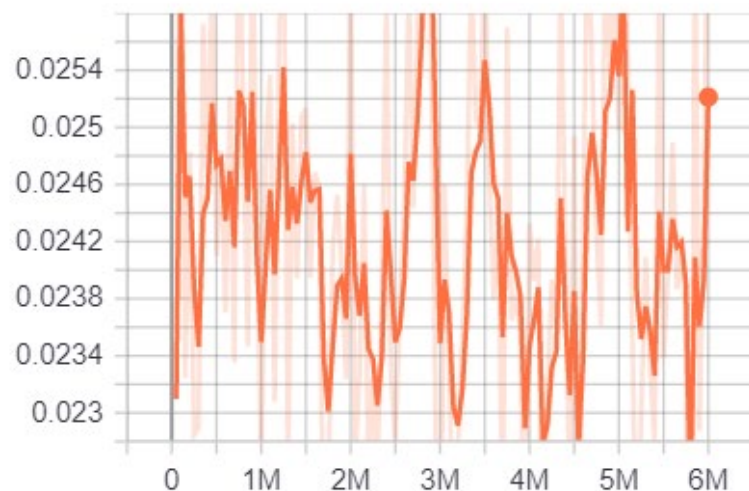
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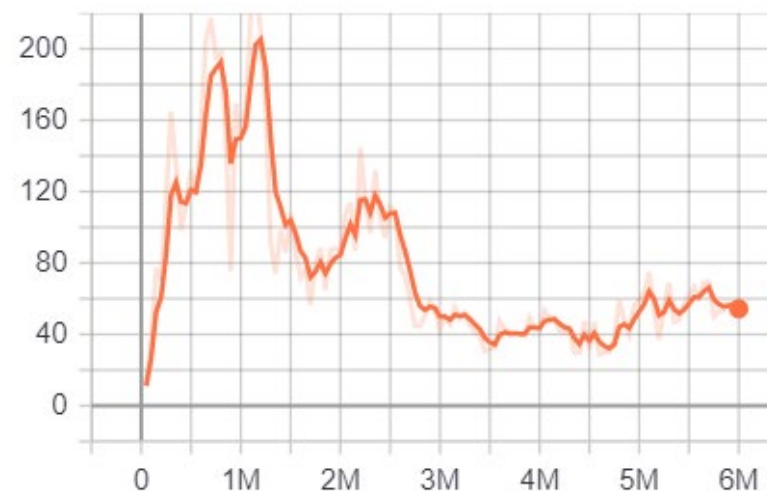
Episode Length  
tag: Environment/Episode Length



Policy Loss  
tag: Losses/Policy Loss



Value Loss  
tag: Losses/Value Loss



# Reward is too small to encourage reach goal 1

```
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{
    distToGoal = Vector3.Distance(EndTouchPlane.position, goalUpTouchPt.position);
    if (distToGoal <= 0.1f && (EndTouchPlane.position.y > goal2UpTouchPt.position.y))
    {
        stage = 2;
        AddReward(1.0f);    5.5 also fail
        goal.transform.parent = EndPivot.transform; //grab goal
    }
}
else //stage =2
{
    distToGoal = Vector3.Distance(goalDownTouchPt.position, goal2UpTouchPt.position);
    if (distToGoal <= 0.1f && (goalDownTouchPt.position.y > goal2UpTouchPt.position.y))
    {
        msg = System.DateTime.Now.ToShortTimeString();
        msg = msg + trainingVE.name + " Goal 2! ==> " + distToGoal.ToString() + " \n";
        Debug.Log(msg);
        AddReward(100.0f);
        EndEpisode();
    }
}
```



This reward design will guild AI to reach goal2, but AI learns to stay at sweet zone to get higher rewards rather than touch goal2

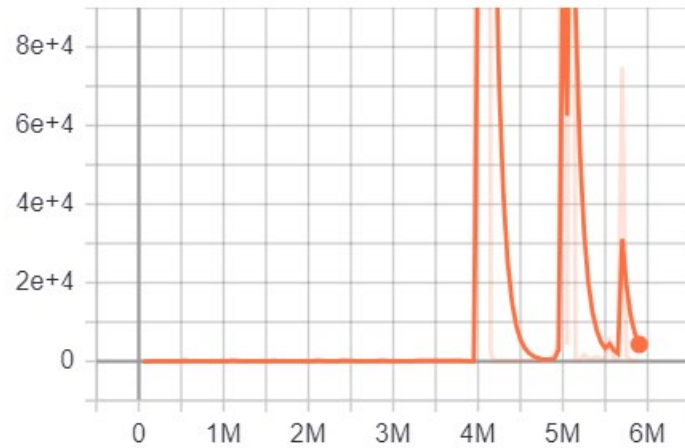
```
else // stage = 2
{
    if (PointTouch(goalDownTouchPt, goal2UpTouchPt, 0.1f))
    {
        msg = System.DateTime.Now.ToShortTimeString();
        msg = msg + trainingVE.name + " Goal 2! \n";
        Debug.Log(msg);
        AddReward(100.0f);
        EndEpisode();
    }
    else if (PointTouch(goalDownTouchPt, goal2UpTouchPt, 0.5f))
        AddReward(10.0f);
    else if (PointTouch(goalDownTouchPt, goal2UpTouchPt, 1.0f))
        AddReward(5.0f);
}
```

可以引誘AI慢慢接近 goal2, 但AI 很快就學會停在接近 goal 2的區域久一點來多打分, 而不去 touch goal2!

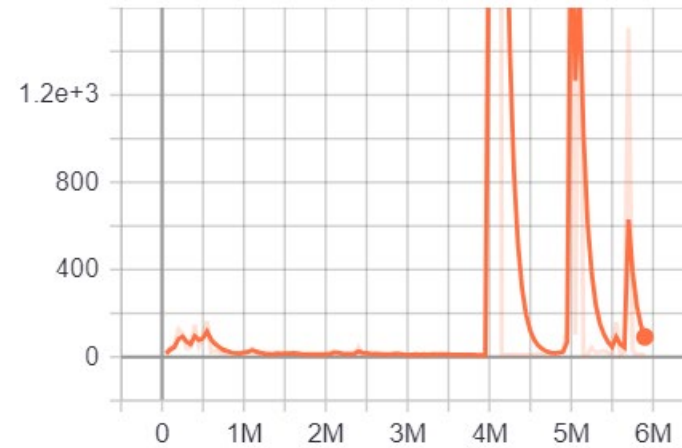


# AI learns to stay at sweet zone to get higher rewards rather than touch goal2

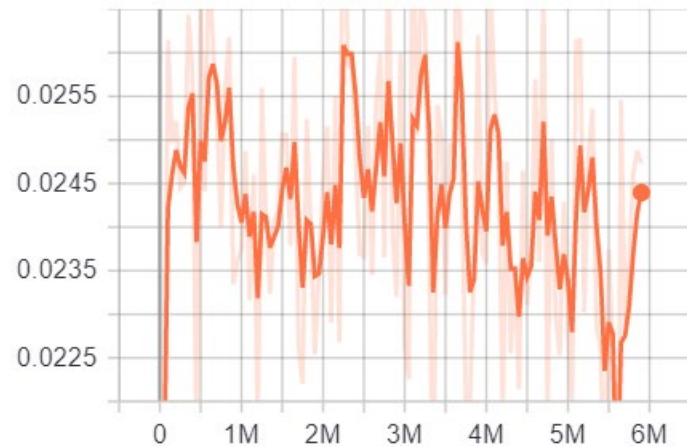
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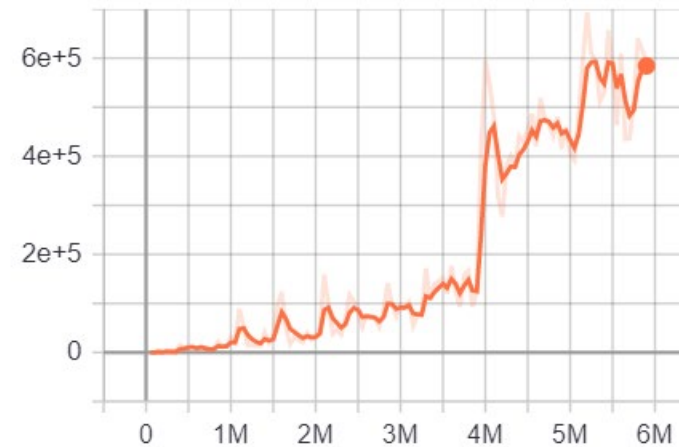
Episode Length  
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Policy Loss  
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Value Loss  
tag: Losses/Value Loss



Improper initial position will result in biased behavior

# Improper initial position design

```
//use polar coordinate to calculate x, z to place goal1
float radius = UnityEngine.Random.Range(0.8f, 1.5f);
float theta = (UnityEngine.Random.Range(5.0f, 80.0f) / 180.0f) * Mathf.PI;
float x = radius * Mathf.Sin(theta); red cube is generated at right side
float z = radius * Mathf.Cos(theta);
goal.transform.localPosition = new Vector3(x, -1.46f, z);
goal.rotation = GoalRotation;

radius = UnityEngine.Random.Range(0.8f, 1.5f);
theta = (UnityEngine.Random.Range(-80.0f, -5.0f) / 180.0f) * Mathf.PI;
x = radius * Mathf.Sin(theta); white cube is generated at left side
z = radius * Mathf.Cos(theta);
goal2.transform.localPosition = new Vector3(x, -1.46f, z);
goal2.rotation = Goal2Rotation;
```

# Biased behavior

