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Abstract

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List of Abbreviations

LAH List Abbreviations **Here**
WSF What (it) Stands **For**

Physical Constants

Speed of Light $c_0 = 2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ (exact)

List of Symbols

a	distance	m
P	power	W (J s ⁻¹)
ω	angular frequency	rad

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Motivation and Context

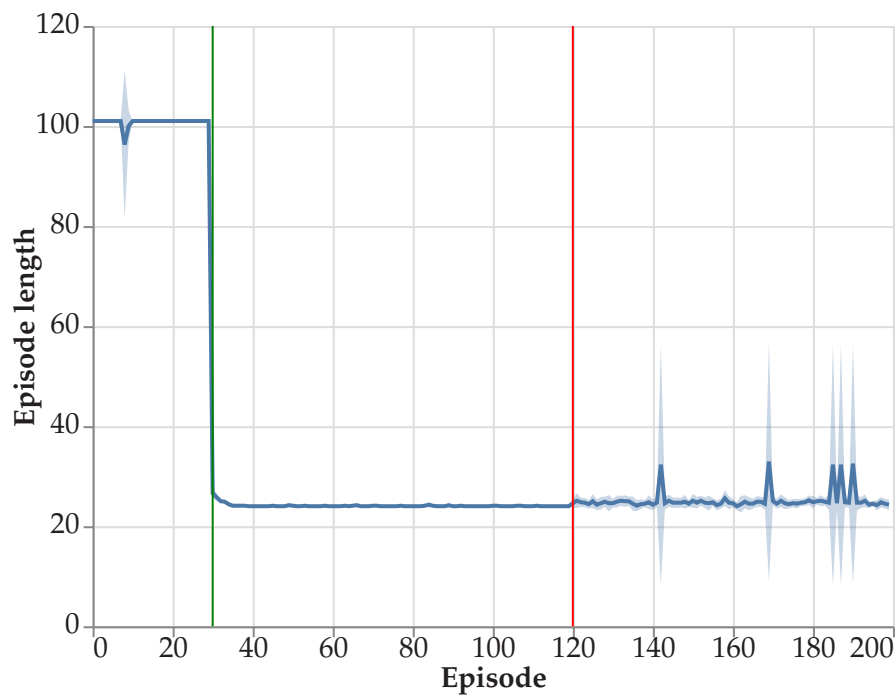


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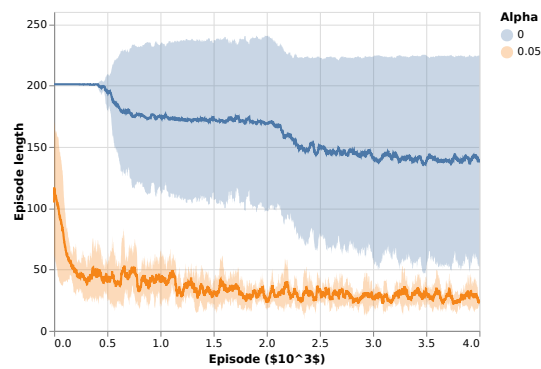


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Chapter 2

Background

In this chapter, we present the theoretical background which will set the stage for the rest of the dissertation. The chapter is structured as follows: First, we will discuss the essential concepts of reinforcement learning. We then examine methods of modelling environment dynamics before turning to various forms of intrinsic motivations.

2.1 Reinforcement Learning

Reinforcement learning is a framework in which agents can learn behaviours by interacting with the world around them. They do so by exploring which actions maximize a numerical reward signal. The reward signal may be noisy and delayed, hence making the scenario challenging. Agents must be able to sense the state of their environment to a certain degree and must be able to take actions which affect this state.

2.1.1 Finite Markov Decision Processes

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Chapter 3

Related Work

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Chapter 4

Tools and Methods

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Chapter 6

Conclusions and Future Work

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Appendix B

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