

# Continuous\_Control

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## 1 Continuous Control

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You are welcome to use this coding environment to train your agent for the project. Follow the instructions below to get started!

### 1.0.1 1. Start the Environment

Run the next code cell to install a few packages. This line will take a few minutes to run!

```
In [1]: !pip -q install ./python
```

```
tensorflow 1.7.1 has requirement numpy>=1.13.3, but you'll have numpy 1.12.1 which is incompatible
ipython 6.5.0 has requirement prompt-toolkit<2.0.0,>=1.0.15, but you'll have prompt-toolkit 3.0.
```

The environments corresponding to both versions of the environment are already saved in the Workspace and can be accessed at the file paths provided below.

Please select one of the two options below for loading the environment.

```
In [2]: from unityagents import UnityEnvironment
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import gym
import random
import torch
import numpy as np
from collections import namedtuple, deque
import copy

import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.nn.functional as F
import torch.optim as optim
from torch.distributions import Categorical

device = torch.device("cuda:0" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
```

```
In [3]: # select this option to load version 1 (with a single agent) of the environment
        #env = UnityEnvironment(file_name='/data/Reacher_One_Linux_NoVis/Reacher_One_Linux_NoVis

        # select this option to load version 2 (with 20 agents) of the environment
        env = UnityEnvironment(file_name='/data/Reacher_Linux_NoVis/Reacher.x86_64')
```

```
INFO:unityagents:
'Academy' started successfully!
Unity Academy name: Academy
    Number of Brains: 1
    Number of External Brains : 1
    Lesson number : 0
    Reset Parameters :
        goal_speed -> 1.0
        goal_size -> 5.0
Unity brain name: ReacherBrain
    Number of Visual Observations (per agent): 0
    Vector Observation space type: continuous
    Vector Observation space size (per agent): 33
    Number of stacked Vector Observation: 1
    Vector Action space type: continuous
    Vector Action space size (per agent): 4
    Vector Action descriptions: , , ,
```

Environments contain *brains* which are responsible for deciding the actions of their associated agents. Here we check for the first brain available, and set it as the default brain we will be controlling from Python.

```
In [4]: # get the default brain
        brain_name = 'ReacherBrain'
        brain = env.brains[brain_name]
```

## 1.0.2 2. Examine the State and Action Spaces

Run the code cell below to print some information about the environment.

```
In [5]: # reset the environment
        env_info = env.reset(train_mode=True)[brain_name]

        # number of agents
        num_agents = len(env_info.agents)
        print('Number of agents:', num_agents)

        # size of each action
        action_size = brain.vector_action_space_size
        print('Size of each action:', action_size)

        # examine the state space
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states = env_info.vector_observations
state_size = states.shape[1]
print('There are {} agents. Each observes a state with length: {}'.format(states.shape[0], state_size))
print('The state for the first agent looks like:', states[0])

```

Number of agents: 20

Size of each action: 4

There are 20 agents. Each observes a state with length: 33

```

The state for the first agent looks like: [ 0.00000000e+00 -4.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00
-0.00000000e+00 -0.00000000e+00 -4.37113883e-08  0.00000000e+00
 0.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00
 0.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00 -1.00000000e+01  0.00000000e+00
 1.00000000e+00 -0.00000000e+00 -0.00000000e+00 -4.37113883e-08
 0.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00
 0.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00  5.75471878e+00 -1.00000000e+00
 5.55726624e+00  0.00000000e+00  1.00000000e+00  0.00000000e+00
-1.68164849e-01]

```

### 1.0.3 3. Take Random Actions in the Environment

In the next code cell, you will learn how to use the Python API to control the agent and receive feedback from the environment.

Note that **in this coding environment, you will not be able to watch the agents while they are training**, and you should set `train_mode=True` to restart the environment.

```
In [6]: #buffer = ReplayBuffer(300)
```

```

env_info = env.reset(train_mode=True)[brain_name]           # reset the environment
states = env_info.vector_observations                       # get the current state (for each agent)
scores = np.zeros(num_agents)                             # initialize the score (for each agent)
counter = 0
while True:
    counter += 1
    actions = np.random.randn(num_agents, action_size)     # select an action (for each agent)
    actions = np.clip(actions, -1, 1)                      # all actions between -1 and 1
    env_info = env.step(actions)[brain_name]                # send all actions to the environment
    next_states = env_info.vector_observations               # get next state (for each agent)
    rewards = env_info.rewards                              # get reward (for each agent)
    dones = env_info.local_done                             # see if episode finished
    scores += env_info.rewards                              # update the score (for each agent)
    # buffer.push(states, actions, rewards, next_states, dones)
    states = next_states                                    # roll over states to next time step
    if np.any(dones):                                       # exit loop if episode finished
        break
print('Total score (averaged over agents) this episode: {}'.format(np.mean(scores)))
counter

```

Total score (averaged over agents) this episode: 0.1304999970830977

Out[6]: 1001

When finished, you can close the environment.

#### 1.0.4 4.1 DDPG (actor-critic)

This notebook implement DDPG (<https://spinningup.openai.com/en/latest/algorithms/ddpg.html>) algorithm to solve this continuous control problem. Two networks are utilized: one for actor and one for critic. The uniform weights inilization helps the training to converge faster.

```
In [ ]: def hidden_init(layer):
    fan_in = layer.weight.data.size()[0]
    lim = 1. / np.sqrt(fan_in)
    return (-lim, lim)

class Actor(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, state_size, action_size, fc_units=256):
        super(Actor, self).__init__()
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(state_size, fc_units)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(fc_units, action_size)
        self.reset_parameters()

    def reset_parameters(self):
        self.fc1.weight.data.uniform_(*hidden_init(self.fc1))
        self.fc2.weight.data.uniform_(-3e-3, 3e-3)

    def forward(self, state):
        x = F.relu(self.fc1(state))
        return F.tanh(self.fc2(x))

class Critic(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, state_size, action_size, fcs1_units=256, fc2_units=256, fc3_units=256):
        super(Critic, self).__init__()
        self.fcs1 = nn.Linear(state_size, fcs1_units)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(fcs1_units+action_size, fc2_units)
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(fc2_units, fc3_units)
        self.fc4 = nn.Linear(fc3_units, 1)
        self.reset_parameters()

    def reset_parameters(self):
        self.fcs1.weight.data.uniform_(*hidden_init(self.fcs1))
        self.fc2.weight.data.uniform_(*hidden_init(self.fc2))
        self.fc3.weight.data.uniform_(*hidden_init(self.fc3))
        self.fc4.weight.data.uniform_(-3e-3, 3e-3)
```

```

def forward(self, state, action):
    xs = F.leaky_relu(self.fcs1(state))
    x = torch.cat((xs, action), dim=1)
    x = F.leaky_relu(self.fc2(x))
    x = F.leaky_relu(self.fc3(x))
    return self.fc4(x)

```

### 1.0.5 4.2 add noise

Because the actor (policy) network is deterministic. To consider exploitation in the training Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process is used for adding noise

```

In [ ]: class OUNoise:
    """Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process."""

    def __init__(self, size, mu=0., theta=0.15, sigma=0.2):
        """Initialize parameters and noise process."""
        self.size = size
        self.mu = mu * np.ones(size)
        self.theta = theta
        self.sigma = sigma
        self.reset()

    def reset(self):
        """Reset the internal state (= noise) to mean (mu)."""
        self.state = copy.copy(self.mu)

    def sample(self):
        """Update internal state and return it as a noise sample."""
        x = self.state
        dx = self.theta * (self.mu - x) + self.sigma * np.random.standard_normal(self.size)
        self.state = x + dx
        return self.state

```

### 1.0.6 4.3 replay buffer

This algorithm is off policy. So we initialize a replay buffer to store the tuples collected at each step and reuse them for training.

```

In [ ]: class ReplayBuffer(object):
    def __init__(self, buffer_size):
        self.memory = deque(maxlen=buffer_size)
        self.experience = namedtuple("Experience", field_names=["state", "action", "reward", "next_state", "done"])

    def push(self, states, actions, rewards, next_states, done):
        for state, action, reward, next_state, done in zip(states, actions, rewards, next_states, done):
            self.memory.append(self.experience(state, action, reward, next_state, done))

    def sample(self, batch_size):

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        samples = random.sample(self.memory, k = batch_size)
        batch = self.experience(*zip(*samples))
        states = torch.from_numpy(np.asarray(batch.state)).float().to(device)
        actions = torch.from_numpy(np.asarray(batch.action)).float().to(device) # discrete
        rewards = torch.from_numpy(np.asarray(batch.reward)).float().view(-1,1).to(device)
        next_states = torch.tensor(np.asarray(batch.next_state)).float().to(device)
        # 0 for not finished, 1 for terminated
        dones = torch.tensor([1 if done else 0 for done in batch.done]).float().view(-1,1).to(device)
        return states, actions, rewards, next_states, dones

    def __len__(self):
        return len(self.memory)

```

#### 1.0.7 4.4 agent

The agent class stores two set of networks: critic and actor networks for training; a copy of them (actor\_target, critic\_target) to compute the loss (avoid the moving target). The weights of target networks are soft updated at every step.

```

In [7]: class Agent():
        def __init__(self, state_size, action_size, num_agents):
            self.state_size = state_size
            self.action_size = action_size
            self.epsilon = EPSILON
            self.t_step = 0
            # Actor Network (w/ Target Network)
            self.actor = Actor(state_size, action_size).to(device)
            self.actor_target = Actor(state_size, action_size).to(device)
            self.actor_optimizer = optim.Adam(self.actor.parameters(), lr = LR_ACTOR)
            # Critic Network (w/ Target Network)
            self.critic = Critic(state_size, action_size).to(device)
            self.critic_target = Critic(state_size, action_size).to(device)
            self.critic_optimizer = optim.Adam(self.critic.parameters(), lr = LR_CRITIC, wei
            # Noise process
            self.noise = OUNoise((num_agents, action_size))
            # Replay memory
            self.buffer = ReplayBuffer(buffer_size = BUFFER_SIZE)

        def get_action(self, state, add_noise = True):
            state_tensor = torch.from_numpy(state).float().to(device)

            self.actor.eval()
            with torch.no_grad():
                action = self.actor(state_tensor).detach().cpu().numpy()
            self.actor.train()

            if add_noise:
                action += self.epsilon * self.noise.sample()

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        return np.clip(action, -1, 1)

def learn(self, experiences, gamma):
    states, actions, rewards, next_states, dones = experiences
    # ----- update critic ----- #
    actions_next = self.actor_target(next_states)
    Q_targets_next = self.critic_target(next_states, actions_next)
    Q_targets = rewards + (gamma * Q_targets_next * (1 - dones))

    Q_expected = self.critic(states, actions)

    loss_fn = nn.MSELoss()
    critic_loss = loss_fn(Q_expected, Q_targets.detach())

    self.critic_optimizer.zero_grad()
    critic_loss.backward()
    self.critic_optimizer.step()
    # ----- update actor ----- #
    actions_pred = self.actor(states)
    actor_loss = -self.critic(states, actions_pred).mean()

    self.actor_optimizer.zero_grad()
    actor_loss.backward()
    self.actor_optimizer.step()

def soft_update(self, model, target_model, tau):
    for target_param, param in zip(target_model.parameters(), model.parameters()):
        target_param.data.copy_(tau*target_param.data + (1.0-tau)*param.data)

def step(self, state, action, reward, next_state, done):
    self.buffer.push(state, action, reward, next_state, done)

    if len(self.buffer) > BATCH_SIZE:
        self.t_step = self.t_step + 1
        for _ in range(LEARN_NUM):
            experiences = self.buffer.sample(BATCH_SIZE)
            self.learn(experiences, GAMMA)

        if (self.t_step % UPDATE_EVERY) == 0:
            self.soft_update(self.critic, self.critic_target, TAU)
            self.soft_update(self.actor, self.actor_target, TAU)
            self.t_step = 0

def reset(self):
    self.noise.reset()
    self.epsilon = self.epsilon * EPSILON_DECAY

```

## 1.0.8 4.5 train agent

start training

```
In [ ]: BUFFER_SIZE = int(1e5) # replay buffer size
        BATCH_SIZE = 128      # minibatch size
        GAMMA = 0.99          # discount factor
        TAU = 0.999           # for soft update of target parameters
        LR_ACTOR = 5e-4        # learning rate of the actor
        LR_CRITIC = 5e-4       # learning rate of the critic
        WEIGHT_DECAY = 0.0     # L2 weight decay
        EPSILON = 1.0          # explore->exploit noise process added to act step
        EPSILON_DECAY = 0.99   # decay rate for noise process
        UPDATE_EVERY = 1       # how often to update the target network
        LEARN_NUM = 1

        agent = Agent(state_size, action_size, num_agents)

In [8]: n_episodes = 100

        score_list = []
        best_score = 30.0
        for i_episode in range(1, n_episodes+1):

            scores = np.zeros(num_agents)
            agent.reset()
            env_info = env.reset(train_mode=True)[brain_name]
            states = env_info.vector_observations

            while True:

                actions = agent.get_action(states)
                env_info = env.step(actions)[brain_name]

                next_states = env_info.vector_observations
                rewards = env_info.rewards
                dones = env_info.local_done

                agent.step(states, actions, rewards, next_states, dones)

                states = next_states
                scores += rewards

            if np.any(dones):
                break
```



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print('\rEpisode {} \tAverage Score: {:.2f}'.format(i_episode, np.mean(scores)))
score_list.append(np.mean(scores))

if np.mean(scores) >= best_score:
    print('\nmodel saved!')
    torch.save(agent.actor.state_dict(), 'checkpoint_actor.pth')
    torch.save(agent.critic.state_dict(), 'checkpoint_critic.pth')
    best_score = np.mean(scores)

fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
plt.plot(np.arange(len(score_list)), score_list)
plt.ylabel('Score')
plt.xlabel('Episode #')
plt.show()

```

Episode 1	Average Score: 0.80
Episode 2	Average Score: 0.53
Episode 3	Average Score: 0.67
Episode 4	Average Score: 0.89
Episode 5	Average Score: 0.94
Episode 6	Average Score: 1.11
Episode 7	Average Score: 1.36
Episode 8	Average Score: 1.47
Episode 9	Average Score: 1.68
Episode 10	Average Score: 2.43
Episode 11	Average Score: 2.80
Episode 12	Average Score: 3.33
Episode 13	Average Score: 3.86
Episode 14	Average Score: 5.85
Episode 15	Average Score: 8.28
Episode 16	Average Score: 11.13
Episode 17	Average Score: 16.23
Episode 18	Average Score: 15.98
Episode 19	Average Score: 19.08
Episode 20	Average Score: 22.76
Episode 21	Average Score: 26.67
Episode 22	Average Score: 26.92
Episode 23	Average Score: 30.17

model saved!

Episode 24	Average Score: 32.33
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model saved!

Episode 25	Average Score: 33.07
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model saved!

Episode 26	Average Score: 34.64
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model saved!
Episode 27      Average Score: 35.14

model saved!
Episode 28      Average Score: 35.34

model saved!
Episode 29      Average Score: 36.87

model saved!
Episode 30      Average Score: 36.43
Episode 31      Average Score: 37.51

model saved!
Episode 32      Average Score: 37.57

model saved!
Episode 33      Average Score: 37.33
Episode 34      Average Score: 35.46
Episode 35      Average Score: 35.99
Episode 36      Average Score: 36.29
Episode 37      Average Score: 37.16
Episode 38      Average Score: 36.72
Episode 39      Average Score: 37.08
Episode 40      Average Score: 37.89

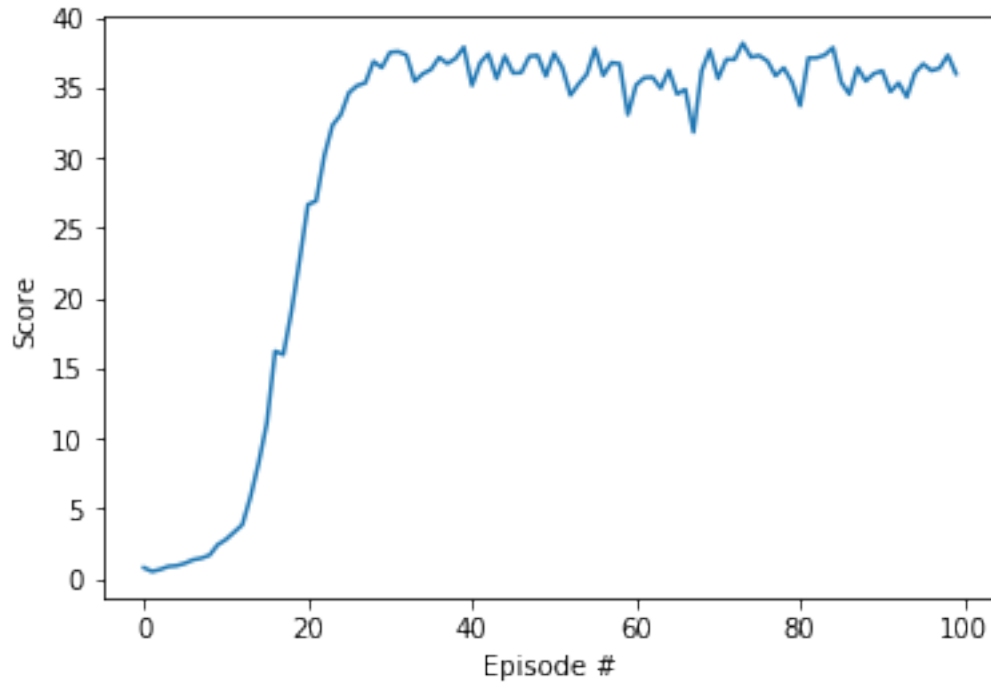
model saved!
Episode 41      Average Score: 35.15
Episode 42      Average Score: 36.77
Episode 43      Average Score: 37.42
Episode 44      Average Score: 35.64
Episode 45      Average Score: 37.26
Episode 46      Average Score: 36.04
Episode 47      Average Score: 36.07
Episode 48      Average Score: 37.24
Episode 49      Average Score: 37.29
Episode 50      Average Score: 35.82
Episode 51      Average Score: 37.44
Episode 52      Average Score: 36.45
Episode 53      Average Score: 34.46
Episode 54      Average Score: 35.26
Episode 55      Average Score: 35.96
Episode 56      Average Score: 37.80
Episode 57      Average Score: 35.87
Episode 58      Average Score: 36.78
Episode 59      Average Score: 36.70
Episode 60      Average Score: 33.08

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Episode 61	Average Score: 35.19
Episode 62	Average Score: 35.70
Episode 63	Average Score: 35.75
Episode 64	Average Score: 34.96
Episode 65	Average Score: 36.24
Episode 66	Average Score: 34.54
Episode 67	Average Score: 34.87
Episode 68	Average Score: 31.83
Episode 69	Average Score: 36.21
Episode 70	Average Score: 37.67
Episode 71	Average Score: 35.65
Episode 72	Average Score: 37.01
Episode 73	Average Score: 37.01
Episode 74	Average Score: 38.17

model saved!

Episode 75	Average Score: 37.18
Episode 76	Average Score: 37.28
Episode 77	Average Score: 36.90
Episode 78	Average Score: 35.85
Episode 79	Average Score: 36.41
Episode 80	Average Score: 35.40
Episode 81	Average Score: 33.71
Episode 82	Average Score: 37.11
Episode 83	Average Score: 37.12
Episode 84	Average Score: 37.32
Episode 85	Average Score: 37.85
Episode 86	Average Score: 35.38
Episode 87	Average Score: 34.54
Episode 88	Average Score: 36.42
Episode 89	Average Score: 35.48
Episode 90	Average Score: 36.00
Episode 91	Average Score: 36.20
Episode 92	Average Score: 34.71
Episode 93	Average Score: 35.34
Episode 94	Average Score: 34.34
Episode 95	Average Score: 36.06
Episode 96	Average Score: 36.69
Episode 97	Average Score: 36.22
Episode 98	Average Score: 36.39
Episode 99	Average Score: 37.31
Episode 100	Average Score: 35.99



```
In [19]: env.close()
```

### 1.0.9 5. Watch trained agent

```
In [3]: env = UnityEnvironment(file_name='/data/Reacher_One_Linux_NoVis/Reacher_One_Linux_NoVis.
        brain_name = 'ReacherBrain'
        brain = env.brains[brain_name]
```

```
env_info = env.reset(train_mode=True)[brain_name]
```

```
num_agents = len(env_info.agents)
action_size = brain.vector_action_space_size
states = env_info.vector_observations
state_size = states.shape[1]
```

```
INFO:unityagents:
'Academy' started successfully!
Unity Academy name: Academy
  Number of Brains: 1
  Number of External Brains : 1
  Lesson number : 0
  Reset Parameters :
    goal_size -> 5.0
    goal_speed -> 1.0
Unity brain name: ReacherBrain
```

```

Number of Visual Observations (per agent): 0
Vector Observation space type: continuous
Vector Observation space size (per agent): 33
Number of stacked Vector Observation: 1
Vector Action space type: continuous
Vector Action space size (per agent): 4
Vector Action descriptions: , , ,

```

```
In [13]: agent = Agent(state_size, action_size, num_agents)
```

```

agent.actor.load_state_dict(torch.load('checkpoint_actor.pth'))
agent.critic.load_state_dict(torch.load('checkpoint_critic.pth'))

```

```

In [15]: scores = np.zeros(num_agents)                                # initialize the score (for each agent)
env_info = env.reset(train_mode=True)[brain_name]
states = env_info.vector_observations
while True:
    actions = agent.get_action(states, add_noise = False) # select an action (for each agent)
    env_info = env.step(actions)[brain_name]              # send all actions to the environment

    next_states = env_info.vector_observations            # get next state (for each agent)
    rewards = env_info.rewards                           # get reward (for each agent)
    dones = env_info.local_done                          # see if episode finished

    states = next_states                                 # roll over states to next time
    scores += env_info.rewards                           # update the score (for each agent)

    if np.any(dones):                                    # exit loop if episode finished
        break
print('Total score (averaged over agents) this episode: {}'.format(np.mean(scores)))

```

```
Total score (averaged over agents) this episode: 37.8899991530925
```

```
In [ ]: env.close()
```

### 1.0.10 6.Ideas for Future Work

- Implement Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) for better performance
- try prioritized experience replay
- try N-step returns