



Reinforcement learning in System identification

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- 1. Learn forward models from data of Dynamical Systems trajectories
- 2. Propose the use of RL as a framework to learn forward models
- 3. RL optimizes in the long run, so we aim to reduce compounding error
- 4. RL explores, so we expect this help to obtain robust models
- 5. RL provide us with a Q-function, which in this case learns the cumulative error the model will commit



INTRODUCTION REINFORCEMENT LEARNING IN SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION





Transpose the datasets from {s,a,r,s'} to {(s,a),∆s,||s'-s||,(s',a')}
The reward is then the negative of the cumulative prediction error
Simulate episode from datasets to let the RL explore/exploit
Let RL optimize the trajectory error for the long run (Bellman)
Obtain a forward model: actor policy
Obtain an uncertainty model: Q-function



FORWARD MODELS WITH RL - MUJOCO REINFORCEMENT LEARNING IN SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION

Key points:

- SAC (Soft Actor-Critic) agent
- Train and test on 3 Mujoco's environments
- Test on different rollouts lengthts





Walker2d-v2 - Train rollout length (30 steps)



Test Rollouts Length Steps





Halfcheetah-v2 - Train rollout length (30 steps)





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CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK REINFORCEMENT LEARNING IN SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION



Conclusions

RL has been proven as a valid Forward Model learning approach.

Strengths:

- Can generate forward-models from historical data of a system.
- Rollouts are more robust.
- Reduces the compounding error, especially in long trajectories.

Weaknesses:

- In shorts rollouts, SL seems performs better.
- In simulation stage, long trajectories can end in unexplored states, with undesired learned policies.
- Slower training than SL.

Future work

- Improve the RL forward model to become a robust training environment.
- Include constraints/controls on OOD state spaces.
- Develop similarity metrics with source systems.





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