# **Guide Your Agent with Adaptive Multimodal Rewards**

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### TL;DR: Imitation Learning framework leveraging visual-text alignment reward for better generalization.

### Introduction

**Text-conditioned BC with pre-trained VL models** is widely used for training instruction-following agents with

Limitation: Prior work focused on providing pre-trained input text embeddings as input to the policy.

• Within task, text instruction doesn't provide a different signal.



• Hard to fully utilize text instruction, inducing poor generalization ability (goal misgeneralization [1])

Train env: coin always at the far right





#### Contribution

- We propose **ARP**, a novel IL framework that trains a returnconditioned policy using adaptive multimodal rewards from pre-trained encoders.
- We show that ARP can (a) effectively **mitigate goal** misgeneralization and (b) execute unseen text **instructions** associated with useen objects.

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### **Adaptive Return-conditioned Policy**

### How can we exploit the text instruction more efficiently?

Use the similarity between visual observation and text instruction as a reward signal.



#### Given dataset D with N expert state-action trajectories,

**Multimodal Reward** Label each expert demonstration τ with multimodal rewards, defined as CLIP [2] similarity.  $\tau^* = (R_0, o_0, a_0^*, ..., R_T, o_T, a_T^*)$  where  $R_t = \sum_{i=t}^T r_{\phi, \psi}(o_i, \mathbf{x})$  $r_{\phi,\psi}(o_t, \mathbf{x}) = s(f_{\phi}^{\mathrm{vis}}(o_t), f_{\psi}^{\mathrm{txt}}(\mathbf{x}))$ 

**Retun-conditioned Policy** Train return-conditioned transformer (or RNN) using return-labeled dataset  $D^*$ .

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\tau^* \sim \mathcal{D}^*} \left[ \sum_{t \leq T} l(\pi_{\theta}(a_t | o_{\leq t}, R_t), a_t^*) \right]$$

Fine-tuning Pre-trained Encoders Adapt pre-trained CLIP models using in-domain expert demonstrations to improve the quality of multimodal rewards.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm FT} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm VIP} + \beta \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\rm IDM}$$

**Robust to visual distractions** IDM [4] objective

**Temporal Consistency** VIP [3] objective

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## **Key Experimental Results**

#### **ARP mitigates goal misgeneralization in 3 different Procgen test environments.**



#### **ARP** facilitates spatial generalization in RLBench.



(a) Pick Up Cup

#### (b) Training/test performance

ARP-RSSM+ (O

#### **ARP** can execute unseen instructions with unseen objs.

