Generative World Models: The Dreamer Models

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Prediction

Decision Making











Models.

What is a model?





What is a model?





What is a model?

$P_{\theta}(S_{t+1} \mid S_t, a_t)$





Why Model?

Models are *necessary*

Robots can't just try out random actions in the world!







Learning Models.

(Early work in Model Based RL by Pieter Abeel et al. 2010 <u>https://people.eecs.berkeley.edu/~pabbeel/autonomous_helicopter.html</u>)

Stanford University Autonomous Helicopter

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Physics Models

Simple









Open World Models





Simple







Physics Models

Simple

Know state

Strong prior on dynamics







Physics Models

Simple

Know state

Strong prior on dynamics





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Know state

Unknown dynamics



Physics Models

Simple

Know state

Strong prior on dynamics





Open World Models

Unknown state

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Know state

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Modelling Tamago Sushi

Think-Pair-Share!

Think (30 sec): How would you model making tamago sushi?

Pair: Find a partner

Share (45 sec): Partners exchange ideas







Challenges with learning complex models

Challenge 2: Planning with Complex Dynamics

Challenge 1: High-dimensional observations





Image



From MIT 6.8300/6.8301: Advances in Computer Vision





Reconstructed image















Previous State S_{t-1}





Action "Flip"



Recall from previous lecture! (Ross & Bagnell, 2012)







What if we don't have expert data?







The DREAMER Algorithm

DREAM TO CONTROL: LEARNING BEHAVIORS BY LATENT IMAGINATION

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DREAMER







DREAMER







Given: Observations, rewards, actions



Goal: Fit a Model

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Given: Observations, rewards, actions

Predict: States, Dynamics Function, **Reward Function**



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Goal: Fit a Model

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 S_2



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 S_3

Actions

Observations











compute states

 $p_{\theta}(s_t | o_t, s_{t-1}, a_{t-1})$

State Encoder





compute states

predict rewards

 $q_{\theta}(r_t \mid s_t)$

Reward Decoder











reconstruction

 $q_{\theta}(o_t | s_t)$ Observation Decoder







$q_{\theta}(s_t | s_{t-1}, a_{t-1})$ Dynamics Function





Results: Learning World Model

Input Images



Future Outcomes





DREAMER





Goal: Learn a Policy using Actor-Critic

 $\pi_{\phi}(a_t \mid s_t)$

Actor

From rollouts in the model

 $q_{\theta}(s_t)$

$V_{\psi}(s_t)$

Critic

$$S_{t-1}, a_{t-1})$$









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imagine ahead





Rollout policy $\pi_{\phi}(a_t | s_t)$

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imagine ahead



predict rewards



Predict rewards (Freeze gradients) $q_{\theta}(r_t | s_t)$





imagine ahead



predict rewards



predict values



Update critic $V_{\psi}(s_t)$











predict values





Update actor $\pi_{\phi}(a_t | s_t)$



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DREAMER: Results











Sparse Cartpole Acrobot Swingup

Hopper Hop

Walker Run

Quadruped Run















Boxing

Freeway

Frostbite

Collect Objects



Are we done?





MASTERING ATARI WITH DISCRETE WORLD MODELS

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Atari was hard for Model Based RL

Atari Performance







DreamerV2 beats all model free!



Atari Performance





Problem: Dreamer V1 predicts a single mode of <u>dynamics</u>

Dreamer V1 predicts single mode dynamics



Images Posteriors



Idea: Predict multiple discrete modes!



Possible Next Images Posteriors





Sparse Representation



32 classes each









Model



Are we done?



Mastering Diverse Domains through World Models



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MineRL Diamond Challenge





MineRL Diamond Challenge

Gather Wood



Create Wood Pickaxe



Create Furnace



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Smelt Iron and Create Iron Pickaxe



Mine Stone and Create Stone Pickaxe



Mine Iron Ore



Search

Mine Diamond









DreamerV3 solved this task!



DreamerV3 First Diamond from Scratch



Problem: Scale of rewards, values vary wildly across domains

Solution: "Squash" predictions with symlog function





Solution: "Squash" predictions with symlog function



 $\mathcal{L}(\theta) \doteq \frac{1}{2} (f(x, \theta) - \text{symlog})$ $\operatorname{symlog}(x) \doteq \operatorname{sign}(x) \ln(|x|+1)$

$$(y))^2 \qquad \hat{y} \doteq \operatorname{symexp}(f(x,\theta))$$

 $\operatorname{symexp}(x) \doteq \operatorname{sign}(x)(\exp(|x|) - 1)$





DreamerV3 scales really well!







tl,dr

Challenges with learning complex models



Challenge 1: Partial Observability

Challenge 2: Planning with Complex Dynamics

Extensions (V2, V3)





