Reinforcement Learning with Sparse Bellman Error Extrapolation for Infinite-Horizon Approximate Optimal Tracking

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Problem Formulation

Dynamical System

Given a control affine nonlinear dynamical system:

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) + g(x(t))u(t)$$

Control Objective (Regulation Case)

Design a controller, u(t), which minimizes a cost function:

$$J(x,u) = \int_0^\infty (x(\tau)^T Q x(\tau) + u(\tau)^T R u(\tau)) d\tau$$

Cost-to-Go

Optimal value function:

$$V^*(x) = \min_{\substack{u(\tau) \in U\\\tau \in \mathbb{R}_{\ge t}}} \int_t^\infty (x(\tau)^T Q x(\tau) + u(\tau)^T R u(\tau)) d\tau$$















Hamilton Jacobi Bellman Equation

Hamilton Jacobi Bellman (HJB) equation:

$$0 = \nabla_{x} V^{*}(x) (f(x) + g(x)u^{*}(x)) + x^{T}Qx + u^{*}(x)^{T}Ru^{*}(x)$$

Optimal Controller

From Solving the HJB equation:

$$u^{*}(x) = -\frac{1}{2}R^{-1}g(x)^{T} (\nabla_{x}V^{*}(x))^{T}$$

- Cannot solve HJB analytically
- Approximate the Value Function (V^*)
 - Stone Weierstrass Theorem
 - Neural Networks













HJB Equation



Optimal Value Function and Optimal Control Policy:

$$V^*(x) = W^T \sigma(x) + \varepsilon(x) \qquad u^*(x) = -\frac{1}{2} R^{-1} g(x)^T (\nabla_x \sigma(x)^T W + \nabla_x \varepsilon(x)^T)$$

Unknown: Neural weights $W \rightarrow \hat{W}_c, \hat{W}_a$ \hat{W}_a : Actor weight \hat{W}_c : Critic weight

Value Function and Optimal Control Policy Approximation

$$\widehat{V}(x,\widehat{W}_c) = \widehat{W}_c^T \sigma(x) \qquad \widehat{u}(x,\widehat{W}_a) = -\frac{1}{2}R^{-1}g(x)^T (\nabla_x \sigma(x)^T \widehat{W}_a)$$

Bellman Error (BE): Residual from HJB

 $\hat{\delta}(x,\widehat{W}_{c},\widehat{W}_{a}) \triangleq \nabla_{x}\widehat{V}(x,\widehat{W}_{c})\left(f(x) + g(x)\widehat{u}(x,\widehat{W}_{a})\right) + \widehat{u}(x,\widehat{W}_{a})^{T}R\widehat{u}(x,\widehat{W}_{a}) + x^{T}Qx$

















Instantaneous BE: Residual from Optimality

 $\hat{\delta}_i(e,t) \triangleq \hat{\delta}\left(e_i, \widehat{W}_c(t), \widehat{W}_a(t)\right)$

Weight Update Laws using R-MBRL







Segmentation



- Separate operating domain
- Bellman error extrapolation contained to segment
- Smaller history stack
- Switches depending on region
- Introduces discontinuities















Segmentation









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• Linear Quadratic Tracking (LQT)

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 + x_2 \\ 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2}x_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$
$$x_d = \begin{bmatrix} 4\sin(t) \\ 4\cos(t) + 4\sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Analytical solution known
- Non-sparse basis outside of box
- $\sigma(\zeta) = [e_1^2, e_1e_2, e_1x_{d1}, e_1x_{d2}, e_2^2, e_2x_{d1}, e_2x_{d2}]^T$
- Sparse basis inside of box
- $\sigma(\zeta) = [e_1^2, e_1e_2, 0, 0, e_2^2, e_2x_{d1}, e_2x_{d2}]^T$
- Dynamics approximated with neural network

































• SS Model-Based ADP







Standard Model-Based ADP















Model-based Reinforcement Learning for Optimal Feedback Control of Switched Systems

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Stability Analysis

- Theorem 1: Subsystem Stability Analysis
 - $V_{L,i}(r_i,t) = V_i^*(x) + \frac{1}{2}\widetilde{W}_{c,i}^T \Gamma_i^{-1}\widetilde{W}_{c,i} + \frac{1}{2}\widetilde{W}_{a,i}^T \widetilde{W}_{a,i}$

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$$\dot{V}_{L,i}(r_i,t) \leq \frac{\Lambda_i}{\alpha_{2,i}} V_{L,i}(r_i,t) + l_i$$

- System state (x), weight estimation errors $(\widetilde{W}_c, \widetilde{W}_a)$, and control policy u(t) is Uniformly Ultimately Bounded
- Exponential convergence to a region $V_{L,i}(r_i, t) \leq \frac{2l_i \alpha_{2,i}^3}{\Lambda_i \alpha_{1,i}^2}$.

















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• When switching from $i = 1 \rightarrow 2$, there is a jump between the multiple Lyapunov functions.

$$V_{L,1}(r_1,t) = V_1^*(x) + \frac{1}{2}\widetilde{W}_{c,1}^T\Gamma_1^{-1}\widetilde{W}_{c,1} + \frac{1}{2}\widetilde{W}_{a,1}^T\widetilde{W}_{a,1}$$
$$V_{L,2}(r_2,t) = V_2^*(x) + \frac{1}{2}\widetilde{W}_{c,2}^T\Gamma_2^{-1}\widetilde{W}_{c,2} + \frac{1}{2}\widetilde{W}_{a,2}^T\widetilde{W}_{a,2}$$

Scales by const. due to quadratic value fcn. assumption Switching causes discrete jumps in these values









Theorem 2:

The system consisting of a family of subsystems, each with control affine dynamics and a properly designed dwell-time, τ , ensures that x, $\widetilde{W}_{c,i}$ and $\widetilde{W}_{a,i} \forall i$ will converge to a neighborhood of the origin in the sense that $V_{L,i}(r_i, t) \leq V_{L,B}$ for all $t \geq T$; where $V_{L,B} \in \mathbb{R}$ is the maximum ultimate bound for all subsystems, and $T \in \mathbb{R}$ is the time required to reach the ultimate bound $V_{L,B}$; provided a minimum dwell-time τ^* is satisfied.





Switched System ADP



• F-16 longitudinal dynamics

• [Stevens, Lewis, Johnson, 2016]

Explore further connection with Ben Dickenson (AFRL/RW), regarding reconfigurable aircraft munition that extend wings, retract wings



	Dynamic Model
Mode 1, Unaltered Model	$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0.9 & -0.002\\ 0.8 & -1.1 & -0.2\\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 0\\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$
Mode 2, Altered Model	$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 & 0.2 & -0.01 \\ 0.6 & -1.3 & -0.1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$
Mode 3, Altered Model	$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0.5 & -0.02\\ 0.9 & -0.8 & -0.4\\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 0\\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$











Switched System ADP



- Switch between multiple dynamical systems
 - Arbitrary switching sequence
 - Satisfies minimum dwell-time condition
- Switching Sequence
 - {1,2,3,1,3,2}

















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Lyapunov-Based Real-Time and Iterative Adjustment of Deep Neural Networks

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DNN-Based Adaptive Control

Multiple Timescale Learning





DNN-Based Adaptive Control



- Van der Pol Oscillator
- Trained with 600s of simulation data
- Transient response is fast relative to the overall timescale

















DNN-Based Adaptive Control

Trained on identical dynamics









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Trained on similar dynamics (different coefficients) - transfer learning















No offline training. Inner-layer DNN weights are randomly initialized.













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