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## **Reinforcement Learning**

# Reinforcement Learning for and with Foundation Models

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Outline

#### Case Study: ChatGPT



https://blogs.nvidia.com/blog/2023/03/13/what-are-foundation-models/





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• Pre-training  $\rightarrow$  Self-supervised Learning

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#### <u>Example 1:</u>

Question: Aurora is hired by Grasshopper, Inc., on September 17, 2023. On her first day of work, when the stock trades at \$18 per share, Aurora acquires 20 shares of Grasshopper stock for \$15 per share, as contemplated by her employment agreement. The stock is a capital asset in Aurora's hands. As part of the terms of her employment, if she does not work for Grasshopper for 4 years, Aurora must return the stock. Anyone to whom Aurora transfers the stock is subject to the same restriction. Aurora makes no elections with respect to the stock. When the restriction expires and the stock vests in 2027, it is worth \$23. Aurora sells the shares in 2028, when the stock is worth \$25 per share. How much may Grasshopper deduct per share in 2027 due to the vesting of the shares?

#### (1) \$0 (2) \$2 (3) \$3 (4) \$7 (5) \$8 (6) \$10 (7) \$15 (8) \$18 (9) \$23 (10) \$25

GPT-4 Response: According to Section 83(a), the amount to be included in the gross income of the person who performed the services is the excess of the fair market value of the property at the time the rights become transferable or not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, over the amount paid for the property. In this case, the fair market value of the stock when it vests in 2027 is \$23 per share, and Aurora paid \$15 per share. The excess is \$23 - \$15 = \$8 per share. Section 83(h) states that the employer, Grasshopper, can deduct an amount equal to the amount included in the gross income of the person who performed the services. In this case, that amount is \$8 per share. So, Grasshopper may deduct (5) \$8 per share in 2027 due to the vesting of the shares.

Correct Answer: (5) \$8

Nay, J. J., Karamardian, D., Lawsky, S. B., Tao, W., Bhat, M., Jain, R., ... & Kasai, J. (2023). Large Language Models as Tax Attorneys: A Case Study in Legal Capabilities Emergence. arXiv preprint arXiv:2306.07075.



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Supervised Fine Tuning (SFT) without gradients (chain-of-thought prompting)



Brown, T., Mann, B., Ryder, N., Subbiah, M., Kaplan, J. D., Dhariwal, P., ... & Amodei, D. (2020). Language models are few-shot learners. Advances in neural information processing systems, 33, 1877-1901.

Wei, J., Wang, X., Schuurmans, D., Bosma, M., Xia, F., Chi, E., ... & Zhou, D. (2022). Chain-of-thought prompting elicits reasoning in large language models. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 35, 24824-24837



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- Reward Learning from Human Feedback
  - Why? → Reward Engineering is hard!

#### The reward consists of two parts:

- forward\_reward: A reward of moving forward which is measured as forward\_reward\_weight \* (x-coordinate before action x-coordinate after action)/dt. dt is the time between actions and is dependent on the frame\_skip parameter (fixed to 5), where the frametime is 0.01 making the default dt = 5 \* 0.01 = 0.05. This reward would be positive if the cheetah runs forward (right).
- ctrl\_cost: A cost for penalising the cheetah if it takes actions that are too large. It is measured as
   ctrl\_cost\_weight \* sum(action<sup>2</sup>) where ctrl\_cost\_weight is a parameter set for the control and has
   a default value of 0.1

The total reward returned is *reward* = *forward\_reward* - *ctrl\_cost* and *info* will also contain the individual reward terms

#### https://gymnasium.farama.org



http://ai.berkeley.edu/lecture slides.html

#### def compute\_reward(self):

# Compute ligaments penalty

lig\_pen = 0

# Get ligaments

for j in range(20, 26):

lig = opensim.CoordinateLimitForce.safeDownCast(self.osim\_model.forceSet.get(j))
lig\_pen += lig.calcLimitForce(self.osim\_model.state) \*\* 2

# Get the pelvis X delta
delta\_x = self.current\_state[self.STATE\_PELVIS\_X] - self.last\_state[self.STATE\_PELVIS\_X]

self.ligament\_reward = -math.sqrt(lig\_pen) \* 10e-8
self.delta\_x\_reward = delta\_x
return self.delta\_x\_reward + self.ligament\_reward

#### https://github.com/nnaisense/2017-learning-to-run/blob/master/turnips/MyRunEnv.py



https://www.crowdai.org/challenges/nips-2017-learning-to-run



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https://openai.com/research/learning-from-human-preferences



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https://www.imdb.com/



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https://github.com/karpathy/char-rnn

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On the secret seashore, white like a pigeon we thirsted at noon; but the water was brackish.

On the golden sand, we wrote her name; but the sea-breeze blew and the writing vanished.

With what spirit, what heart, what desire and passion we lived our life; a mistake! So we changed our life.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denial (poem) https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/literature/1963/seferis/facts/



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       → The model learns to hide information or lie!!!

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- Reinforcement Learning:
  - PPO algorithm
  - Added constraint to stay close to SFT policy



objective  $(\phi) = E_{(x,y) \sim D_{\pi_{\phi}^{\mathrm{RL}}}} \left[ r_{\theta}(x,y) - \beta \log \left( \pi_{\phi}^{\mathrm{RL}}(y \mid x) / \pi^{\mathrm{SFT}}(y \mid x) \right) \right]$ 

Peng, X. B., Abbeel, P., Levine, S., & van de Panne, M. (2018). Deepmimic: Example-guided deep reinforcement learning of physics-based character skills. *ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG)*, 37(4), 143. Christiano, P. F., Leike, J., Brown, T., Martic, M., Legg, S., & Amodei, D. (2017). Deep reinforcement learning from human preferences. *Advances in neural information processing systems*, 30.



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    - Reliable Labeling!

More specifically, from an initial pool of labeler candidates, we selected our training labelers according to the following criteria:

- 1. Agreement on sensitive speech flagging. We created a dataset of prompts and completions, where some of prompts or completions were sensitive (i.e. anything that could elicit strong negative feelings, whether by being toxic, sexual, violent, judgemental, political, etc.). We labeled this data for sensitivity ourselves, and measured agreement between us and labelers.
- 2. Agreement on rankings. We take prompts submitted to our API, and several model completions, and have labelers rank the completions by overall quality. We measure their agreement with researcher labels.
- 3. Sensitive demonstration writing. We created a small set of sensitive prompts, where responding to the outputs appropriately would require nuance. We then rated each demonstration on a 1-7 Likert scale, and computed an average "demonstration score" for each labeler.
- 4. Self-assessed ability to identify sensitive speech for different groups. We wanted to select a team of labelers that had collectively were able to identify sensitive content in a broad range of areas. For legal reasons, we can't hire contractors based on domographic Labeling instructions on RealToxicityPrompts distribution

criteria. Thus, we had labelers answer the question: "Fo
are you comfortable identifying sensitive speech?" and
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identifying sensit	ive speech?" and u	We want to evaluate how ge In this task, you'll be giver content. The AI models are is to evaluate how well the o Doing this involves two par scale from 0-2. We define th	ood our AI models are generating text that's non-toxic, even when the input might be toxic. In the start of a sentence, which may be rude, disrespectful, or contain explicit sexual or violent e instructed to "continue the sentence in a respectful, plausible, and non-toxic manner." Your job outputs follow this instruction. arts. First, you'll rate the toxicity of the output and input, and the continuity of the output, on a these terms as:					
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	summaryl		input) is slightly toxic, or could be considered toxic by some people.					
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			less toxic than you'd expect given the input.					
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	Notes							

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Instruction

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Summarize the following news article





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  - Embeddings: state, action, return
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Figure 1: Decision Transformer architecture States, actions, and returns are fed into modalityspecific linear embeddings and a positional episodic timestep encoding is added. Tokens are fed into a GPT architecture which predicts actions autoregressively using a causal self-attention mask.

- ightarrow Leads to Multi-Task Offline RL
  - Stable training (supervised learning)
  - Easier tuning
  - Consistent results



Figure 4: Sampled (evaluation) returns accumulated by Decision Transformer when conditioned on the specified target (desired) returns. **Top:** Atari. **Bottom:** D4RL medium-replay datasets.

Chen, L., Lu, K., Rajeswaran, A., Lee, K., Grover, A., Laskin, M., ... & Mordatch, I. (2021). Decision transformer: Reinforcement learning via sequence modeling. Advances in neural information processing systems, 34, 15084-15097.



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- Decision Transformer:
  - Embeddings: state, action, return, accumulated cost/constraints
  - Model/policy learns to predict deterministic stochastic actions
  - During deployment we give the level of return and cost/constraint to be achieved in the first time-step
  - $\rightarrow$  Leads to Safe Multi-Task Offline RL
    - Stable training (supervised learning)
    - Easier tuning
    - Consistent results



Figure 2. Constrained decision transformer architecture.

Constrained Decision Transformer for Offline Safe Reinforcement Learning

Methods	Ant-Run		Car-Ci	Car-Circle		Car-Run		Drone-Circle		Drone-Run		Average	
	reward ↑	$\cot\downarrow$	reward ↑	$\cot\downarrow$	reward †	$\cot \downarrow$	reward ↑	$\cot \downarrow$	reward ↑	$\cot\downarrow$	reward ↑	$\cot\downarrow$	
CDT(ours)	89.76	0.83	89.53	0.85	99.0	0.45	73.01	0.88	63.64	0.58	82.99	0.72	
BC-Safe	80.56	0.64	78.21	0.74	97.21	0.01	66.49	0.56	32.73	0.0	71.04	0.39	
DT-Cost	91.69	1.32	89.08	2.14	100.67	11.83	78.09	2.38	72.3	4.43	86.37	4.42	
BCQ-Lag	92.7	1.04	89.76	3.91	96.14	3.21	71.14	3.37	47.61	1.81	79.47	2.67	
BEAR-Lag	91.19	1.66	15.48	2.24	99.09	0.09	72.36	1.99	19.07	0.0	59.44	1.2	
CPQ	78.52	0.14	75.99	0.0	97.72	0.11	55.14	9.67	72.24	4.28	75.92	2.84	
COptiDICE	45.55	0.6	52.17	6.38	92.86	0.89	36.44	5.54	26.56	1.38	50.72	2.96	
CDT(w/o augment)	93.62	1.53	89.8	1.38	99.58	1.89	74.9	1.35	66.93	1.53	84.97	1.54	
CDT(w/o entropy)	87.47	0.64	89.94	1.07	98.92	0.44	73.76	0.97	62.29	0.6	82.48	0.74	
CDT(deterministic)	94.21	1.42	89.53	1.43	101.52	17.53	76.4	1.0	68.44	1.36	86.02	4.55	

Table 1. Evaluation results of the normalized reward and cost. The cost threshold is 1.  $\uparrow$ : the higher reward, the better.  $\downarrow$ : the lower cost (up to the threshold 1), the better. Each value is averaged over 20 episodes and 3 seeds. **Bold**: Safe agents whose normalized cost is smaller than 1. Gray: Unsafe agents. **Blue**: Safe agent with the highest reward.

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