Learning to Play Atari Games



Outline

- Motivation
 - \circ Intuition behind the idea
- Previous Research
- Rough New Idea







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VS

• Semantics

"Investigating Human Priors For Playing Video Games" Dubey et al. 2018





Blue -Average time to solve in minutes

Orange - Average number of deaths

Yellow - Average number of states



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Can we speed up the learning by taking advantage of human priors?







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Repurposing Tank Soar

Actions

- Move Left
- Move Right
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State

- Number of Missiles
- X coordinate
- Y coordinate







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Has a general idea of how to play the game that isn't dependent on the current map. Can we speed up the learning of Atari like games by using semantic knowledge and interactive task learning?



Questions or Comments?