

Prompting Decision Transformer for Few-Shot Policy Generalization

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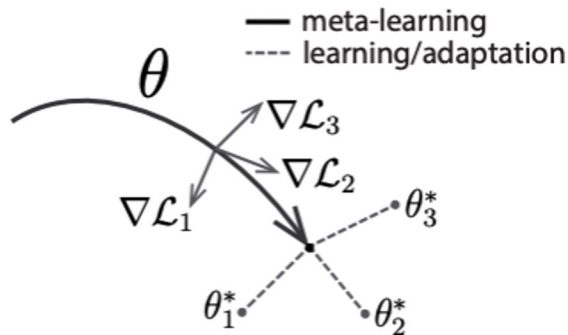
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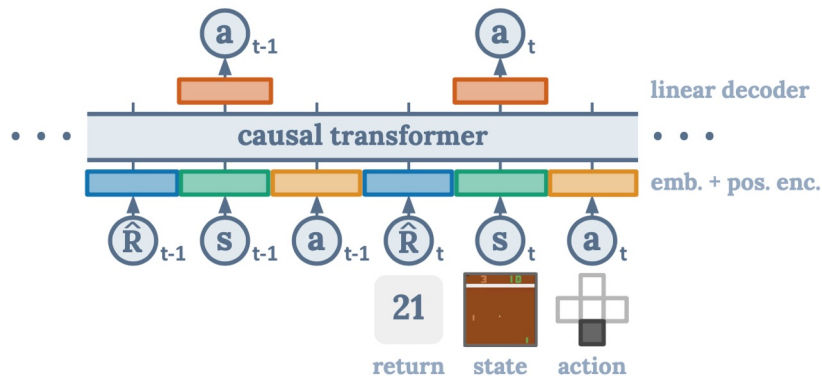
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Few-Shot Policy Generalization

How to achieve **few-shot policy generalization** via only **offline data**?



Algorithm:
MAML [Finn, 2017]



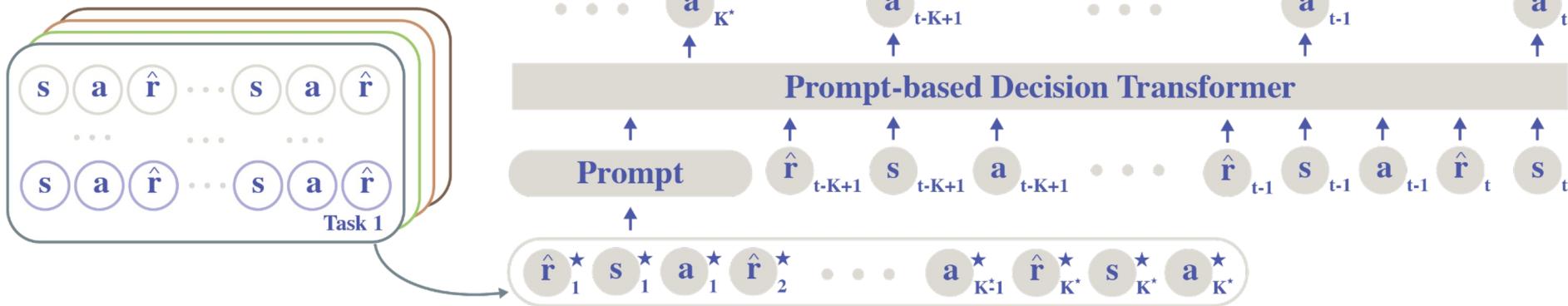
Model Architecture:
Decision Transformer [Chen, 2021]

Will a better model architecture help achieve few-shot generalization?

Prompt Decision Transformer (Prompt-DT)

- A policy conditioned on short trajectory prompts (2-15 steps) composed of few-shot demonstrations.

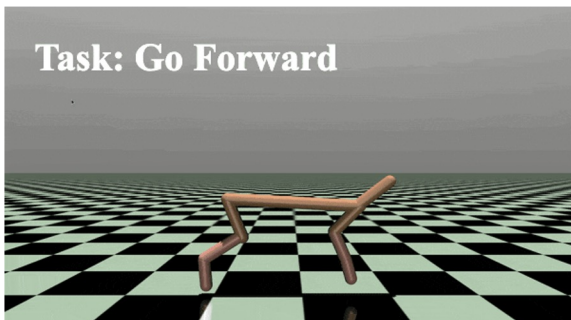
Few-shot Demonstrations



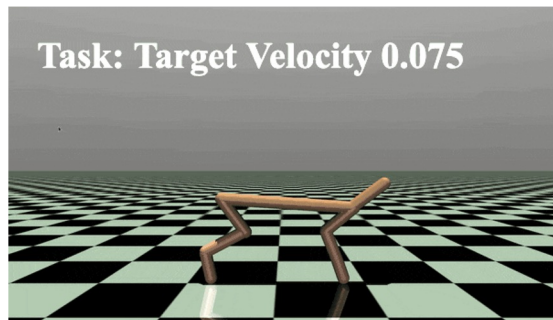
Prompt-DT could successfully **solve the unseen task** with a short trajectory prompt that only contains **2-15 timesteps**, demonstrating **strong data efficiency**.

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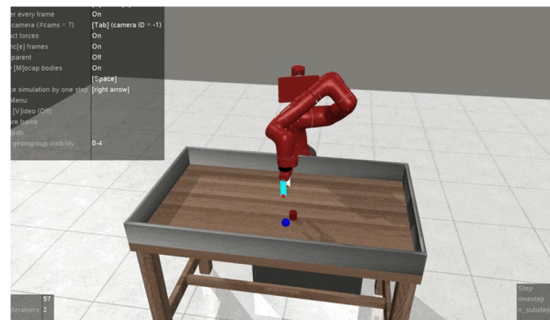
- **Evaluation on MuJoCo fine-grained control benchmarks.**



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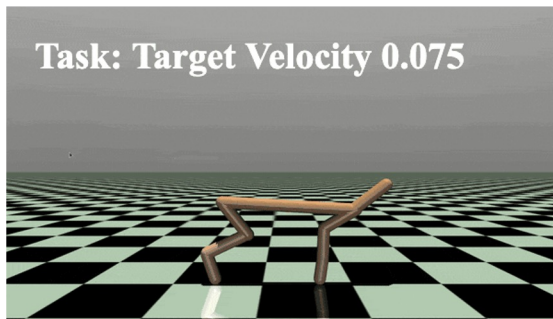
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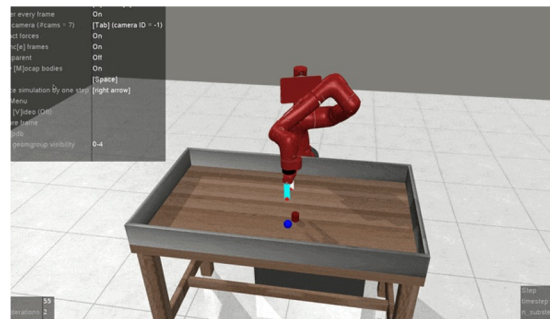
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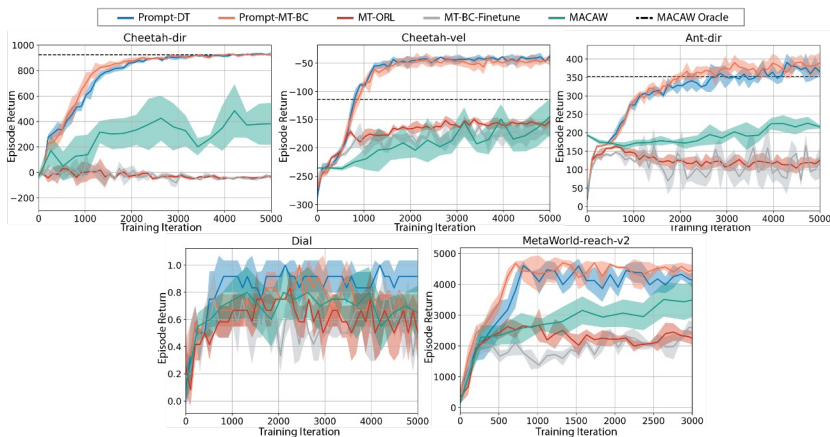


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Prompt Decision Transformer

Thank you for listening!

- See our paper for more about the training and testing algorithms, experiments, and ablations on the effect of prompt quality and quantity.



Project website:
mxu34.github.io/PromptDT/



Scan for visualization!