EvIL: Evolution Strategies for Generalisable Imitation Learning Silvia Sapora



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Of Moments and Matching: A Game-Theoretic Framework for Closing the Imitation Gap, Swamy et al. 2021











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Background: Evolution Strategies

Generation 1



Generation 4



Generation 2



Generation 5

Generation 3



Generation 6



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Idea: Reward Shaping - EvIL



Results: Reward Shaping - EvIL



Results: Transfer - EvIL



Open Source Code



github.com/SilviaSapora/evil