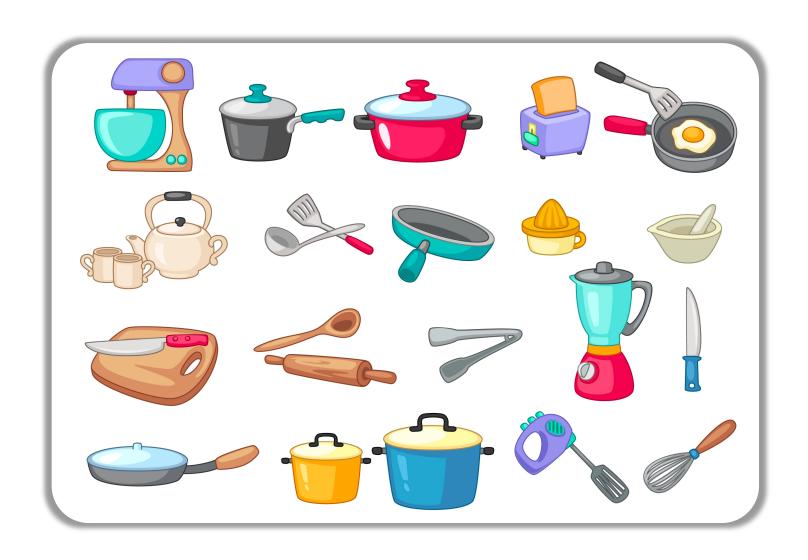
Generalization to New Actions in Reinforcement Learning

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Cooking Tools



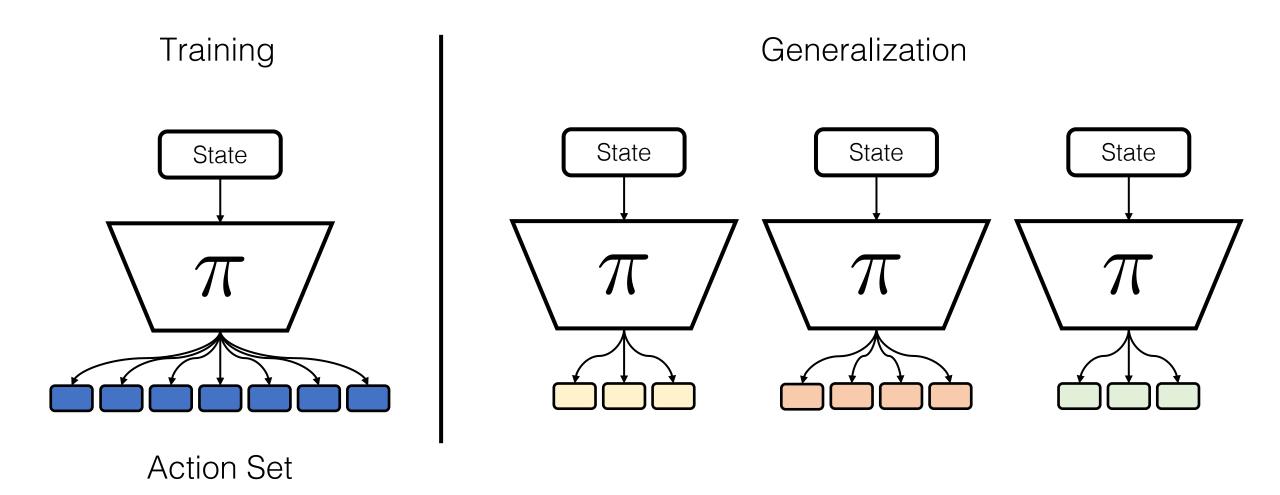
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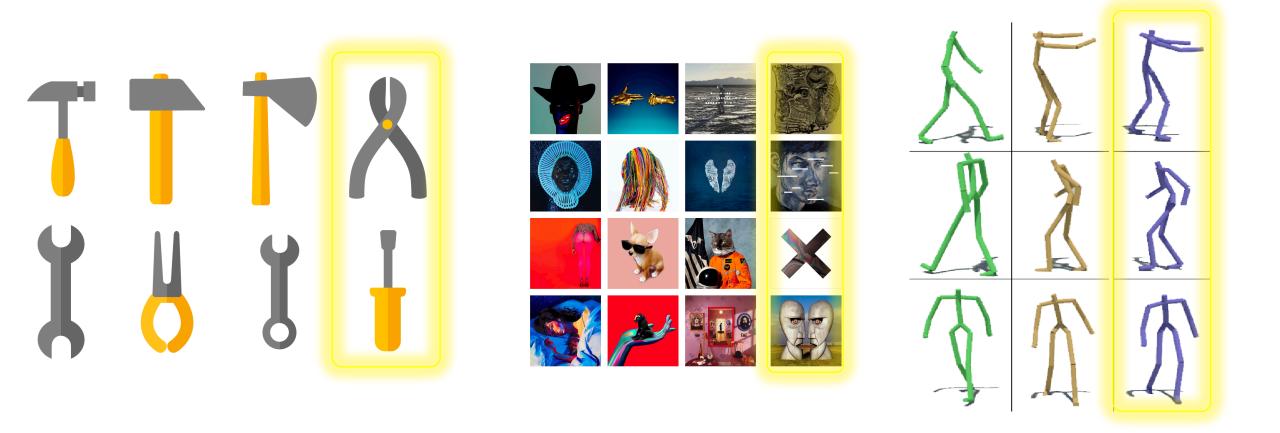




Generalization to New Actions



Using new New Actions



Tool Improvisation

New Recommendations

Acquired Skill Set

Approach Intuition

- 1. Observation
- 2. Inference
- 3. Decision-making





Actions are characterized by their behaviors

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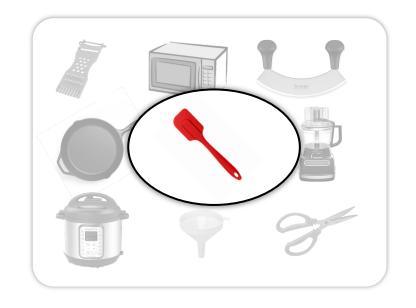




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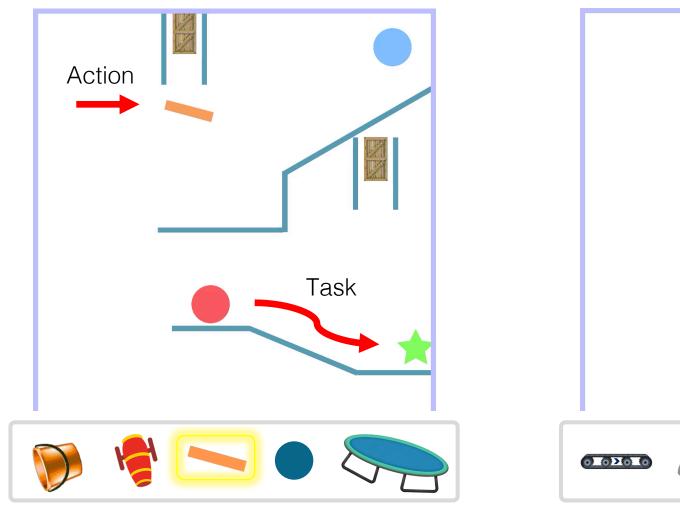
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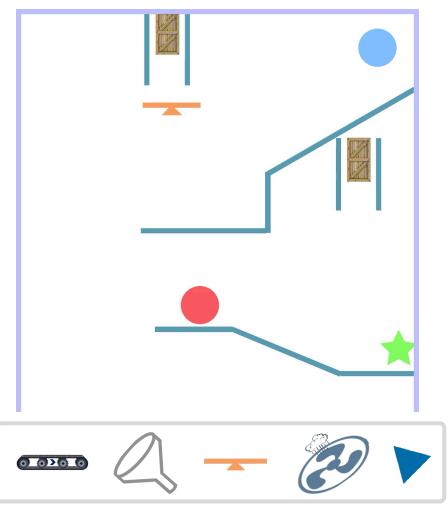


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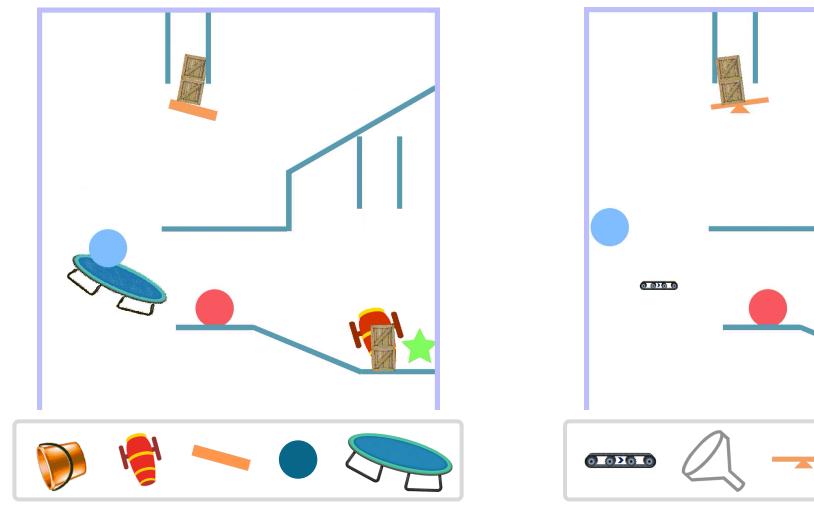






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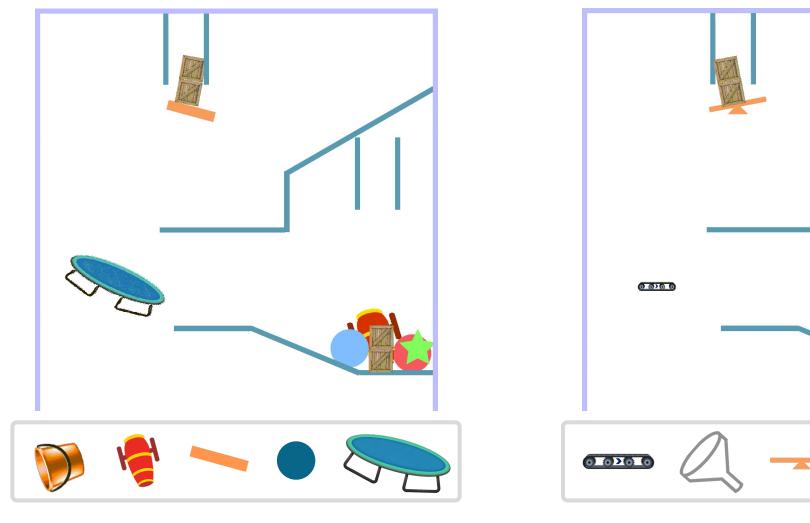
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Training actions

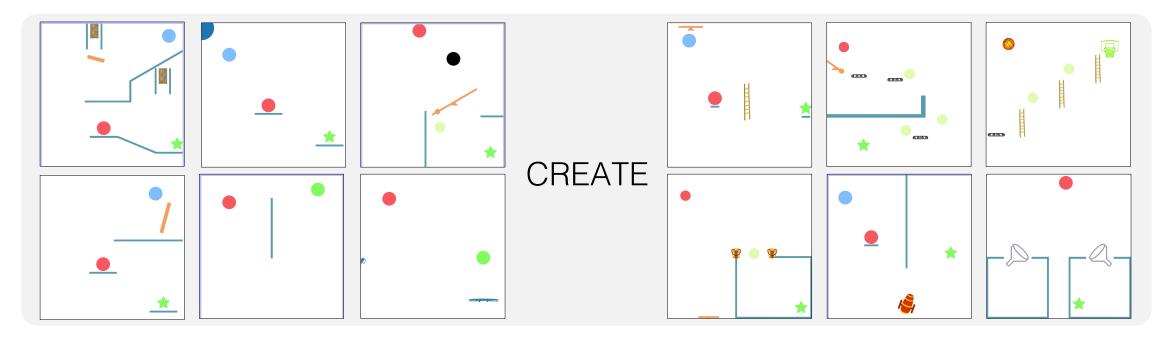
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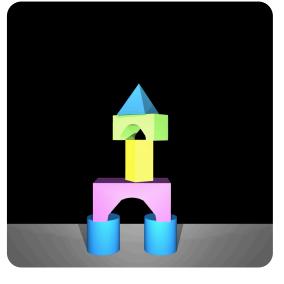


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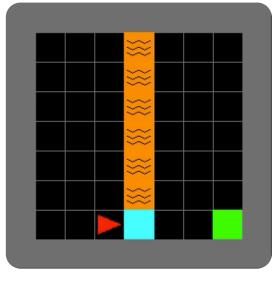
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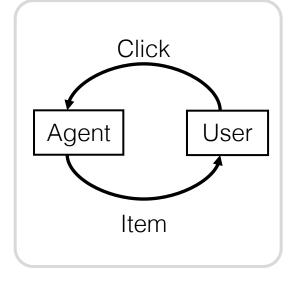
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Shape Stacking



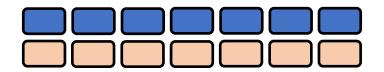
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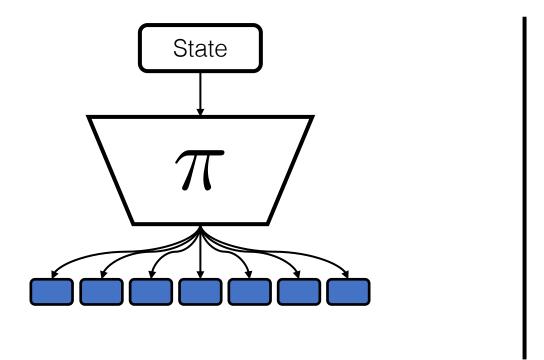
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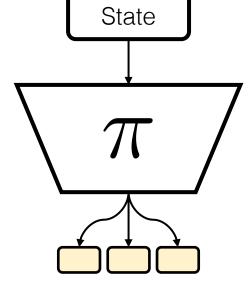
Problem Formulation

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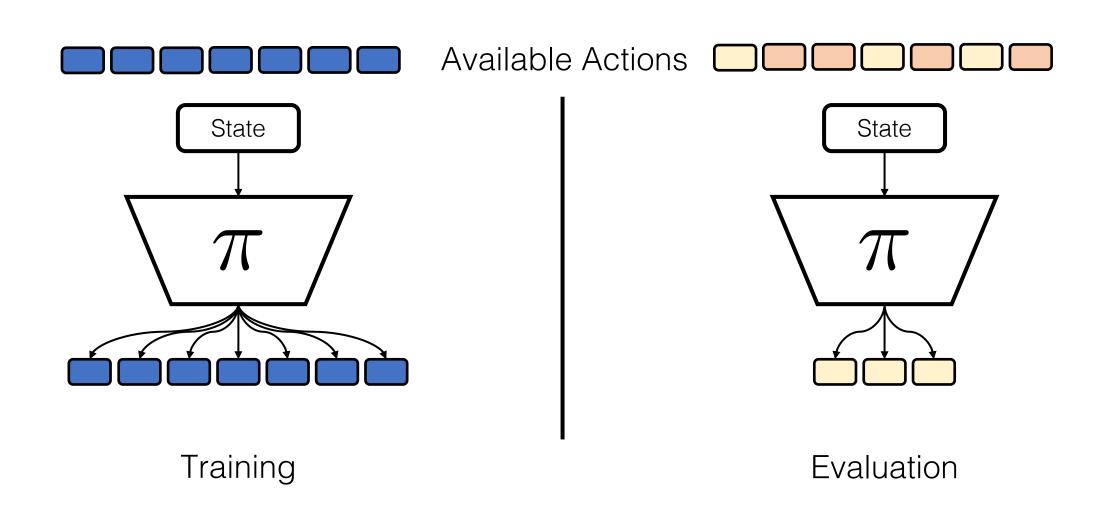




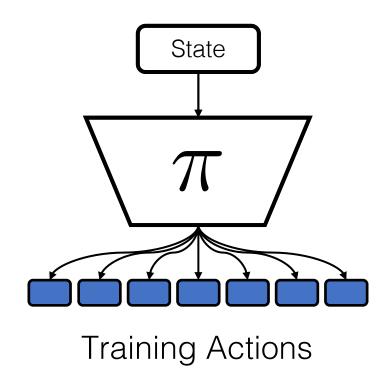
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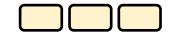
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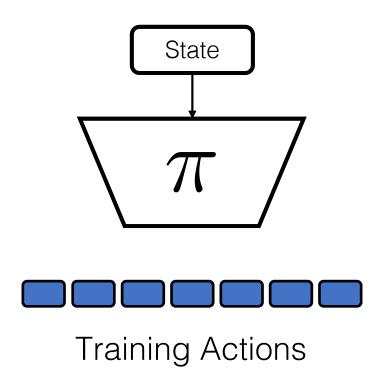
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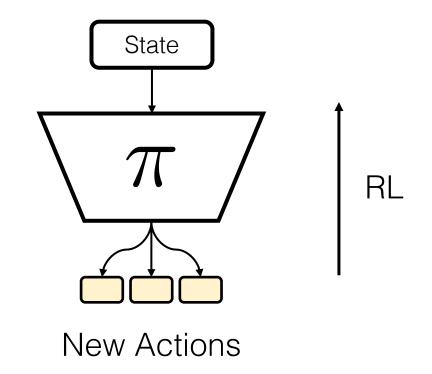




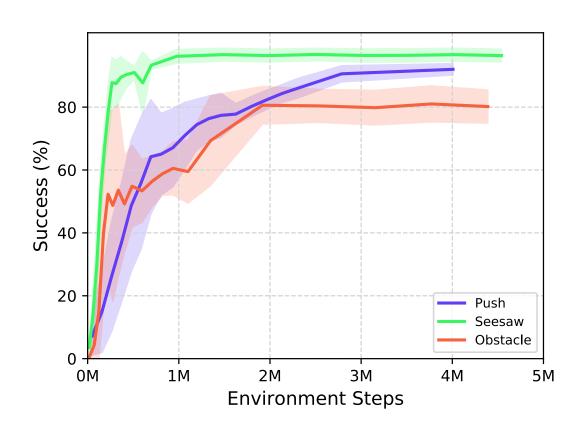
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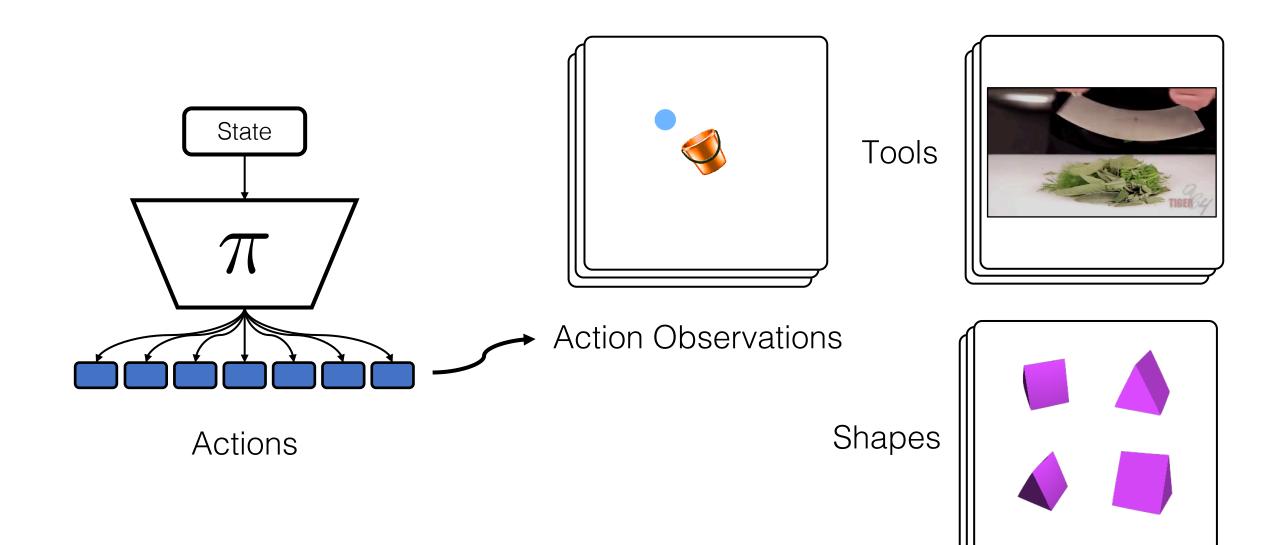


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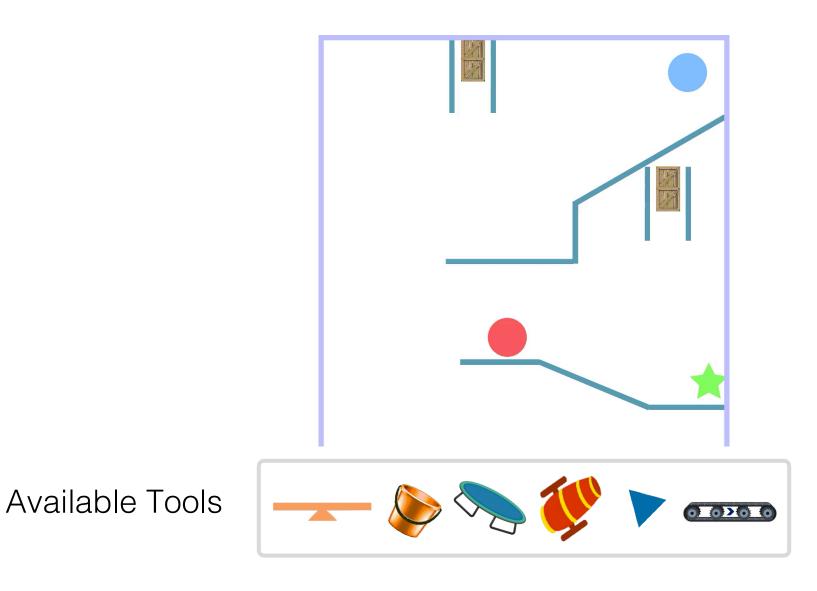


Zero-Shot Generalization to New Action Sets is Important

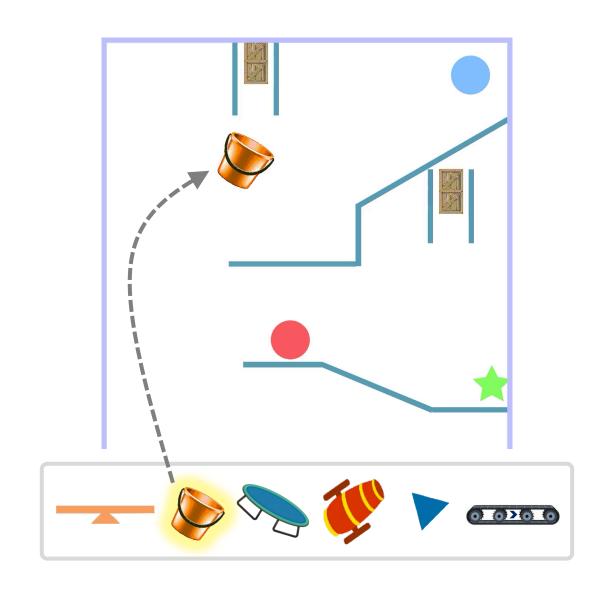
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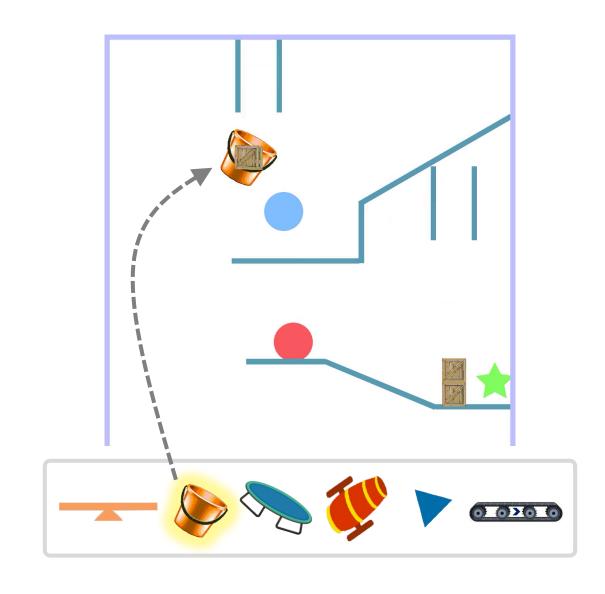
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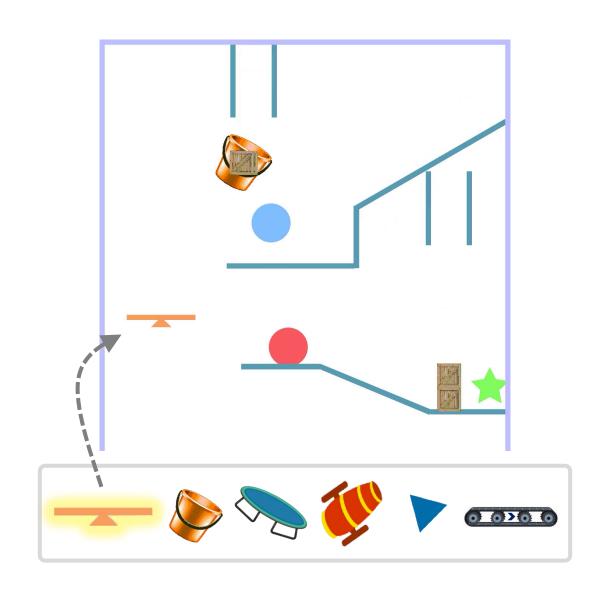
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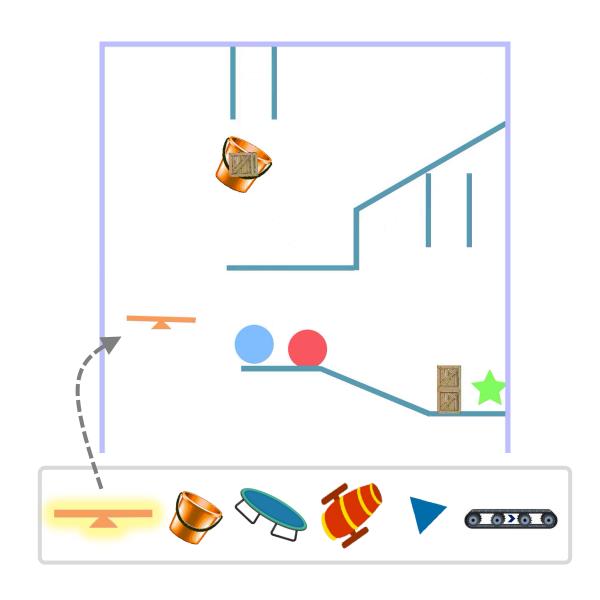
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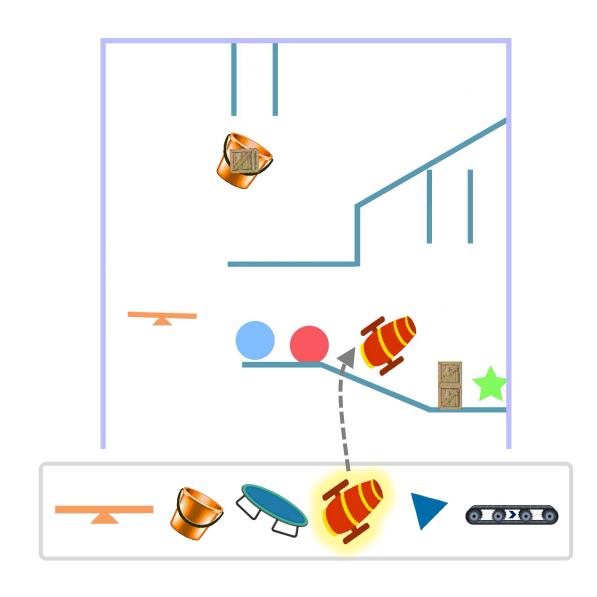
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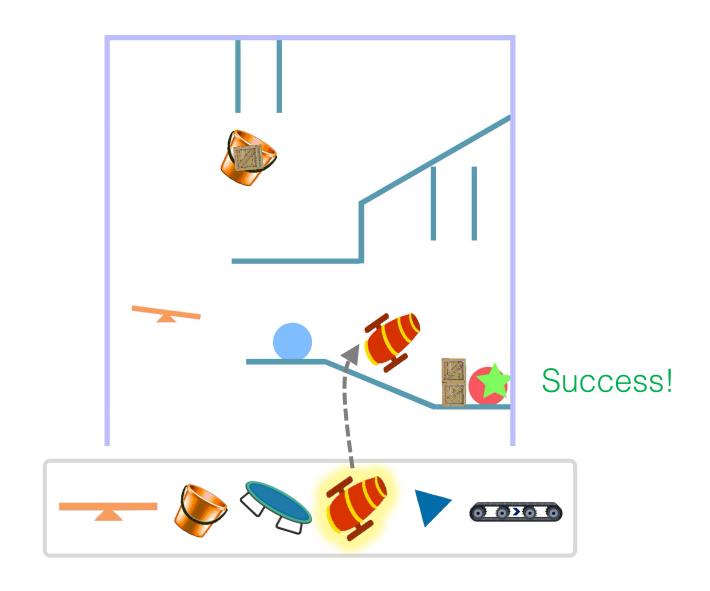
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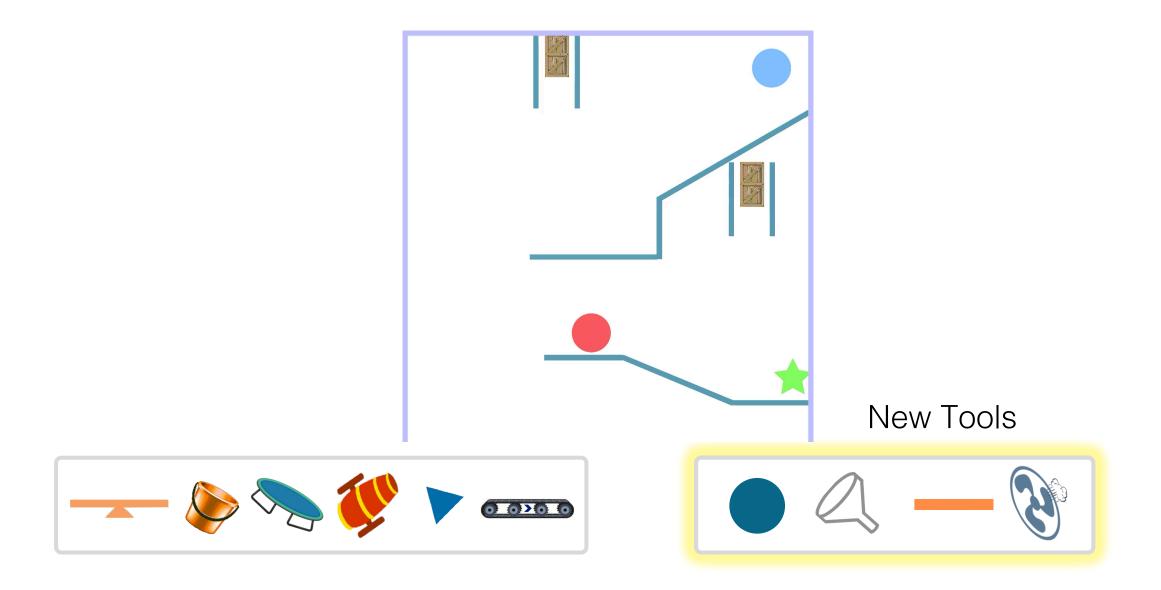
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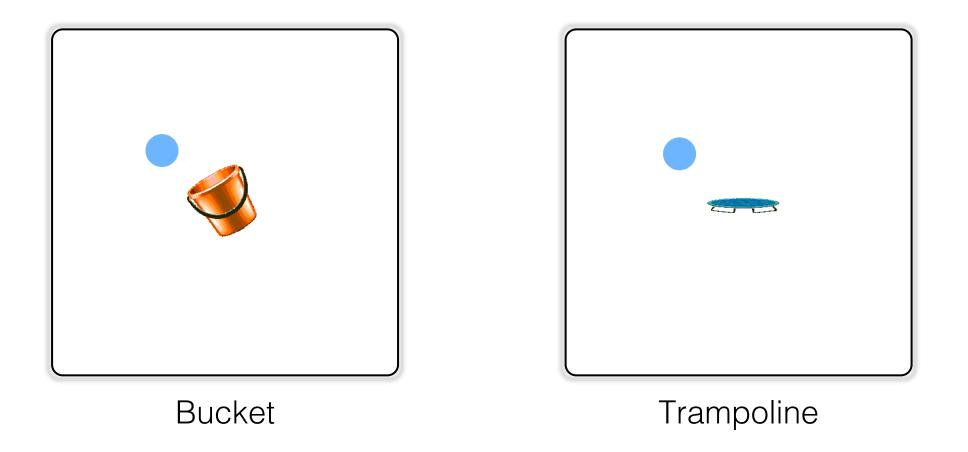
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How to solve the task with new tools?

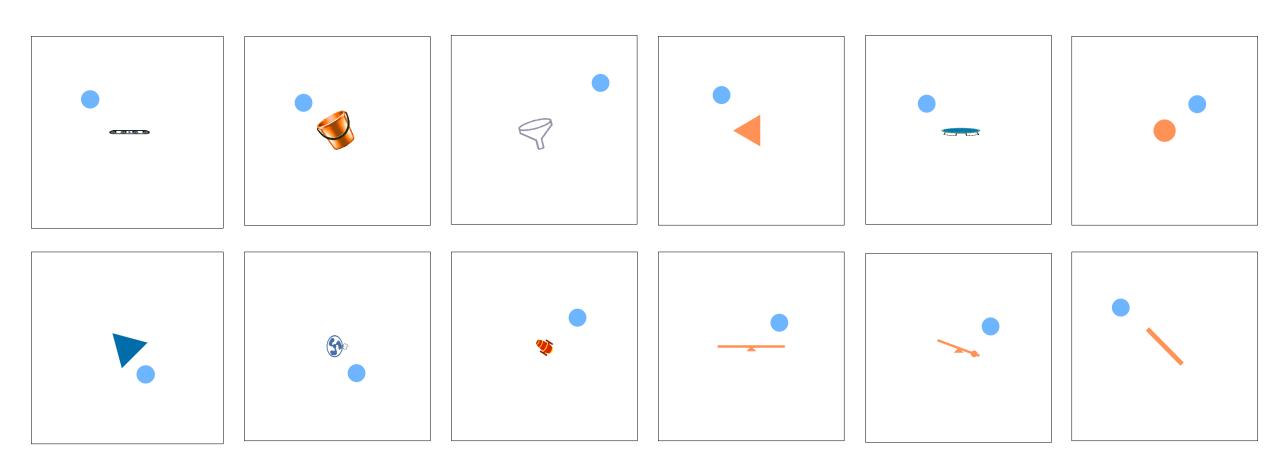


Action Observations



Diverse behaviors of tools

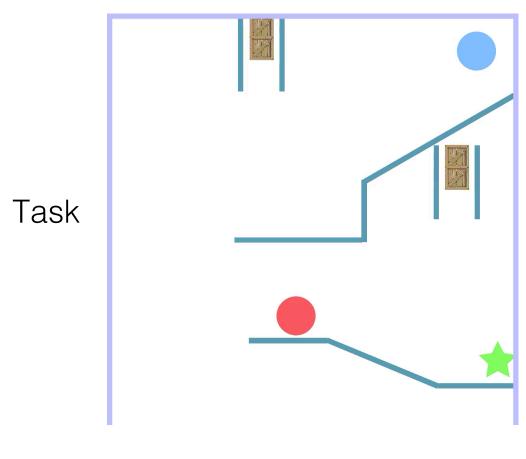
CREATE Tools



More tools generated by varying the parameters of these tool types

Approach

Approach



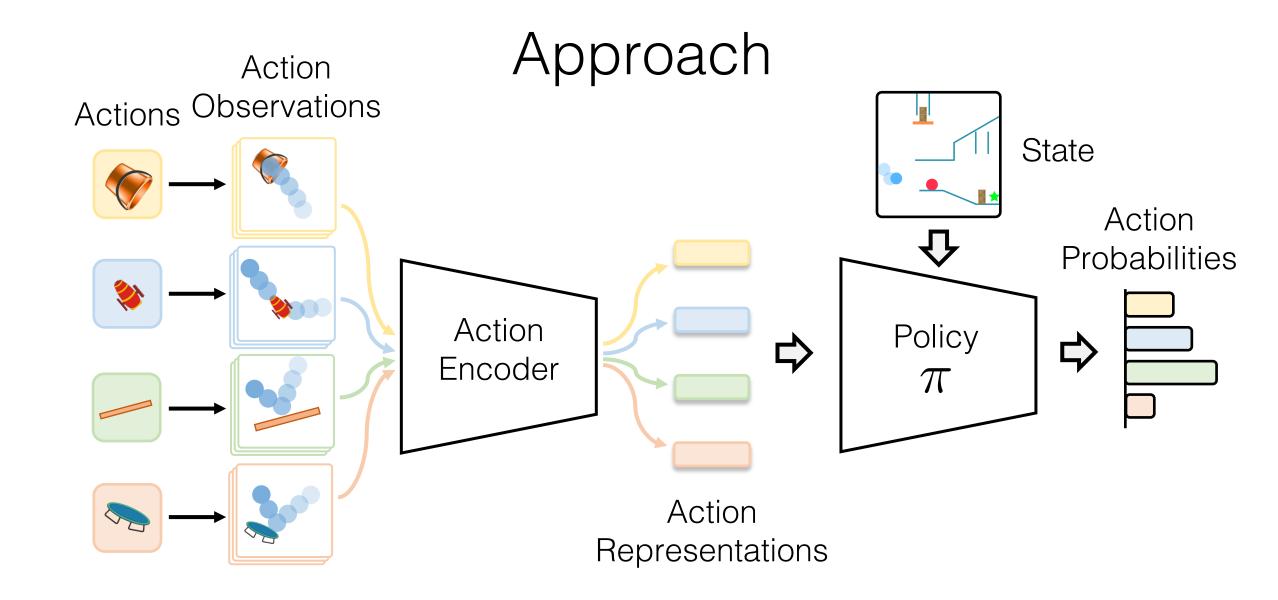
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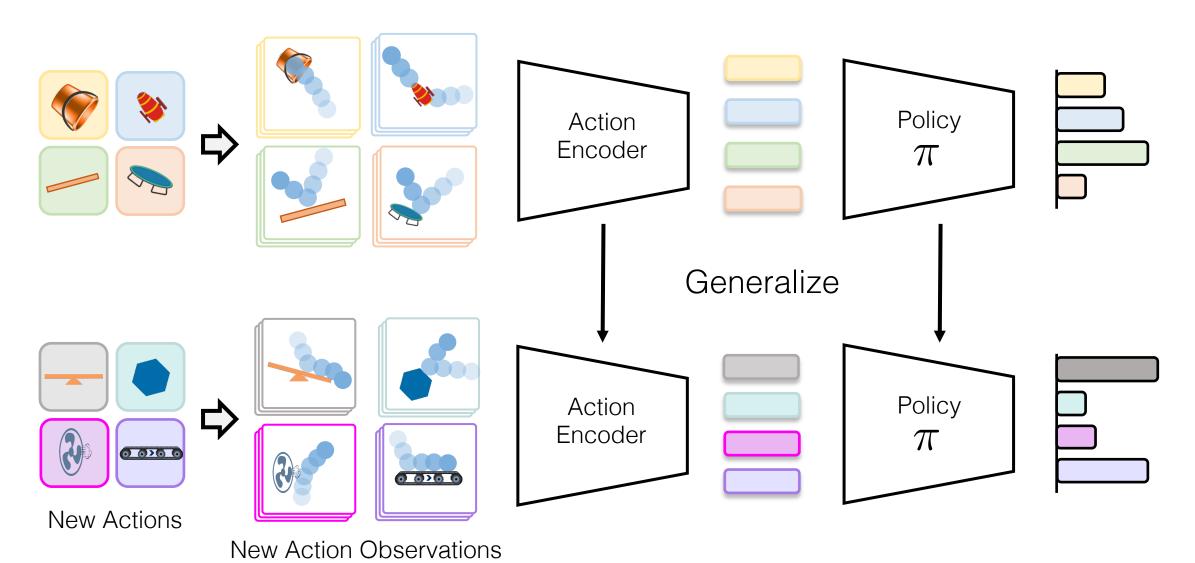




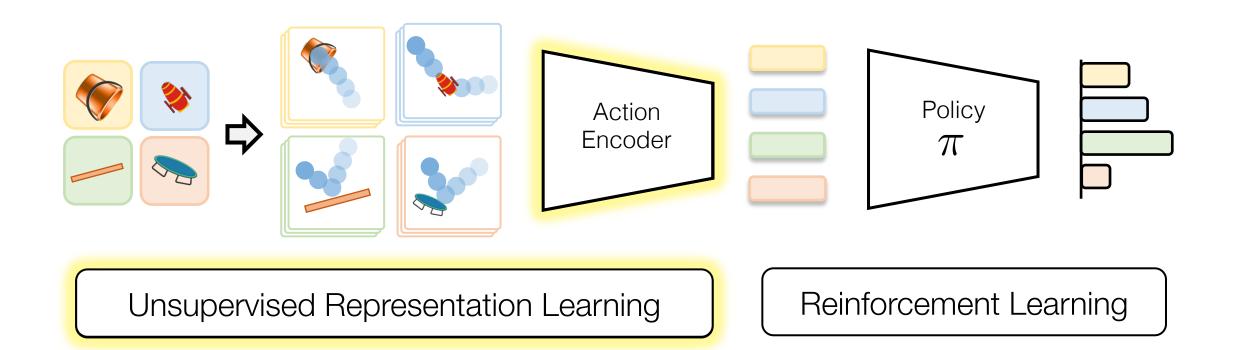
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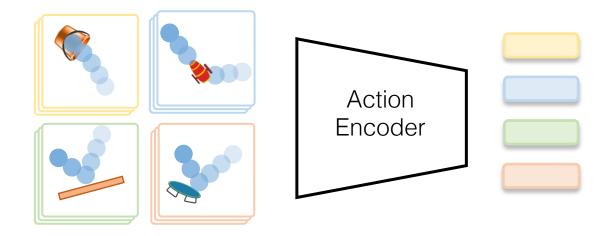
Same Pipeline for New Actions



Training Procedure



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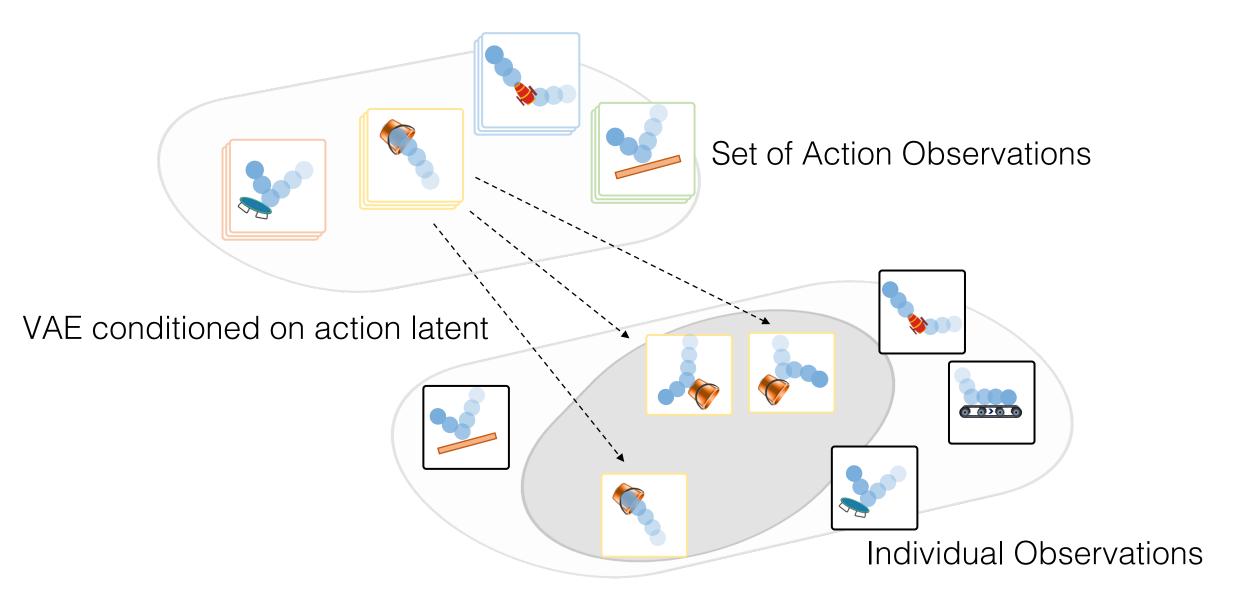


Hierarchical Variational Auto-encoder (HVAE) architecture (Edwards & Storkey, 2017)

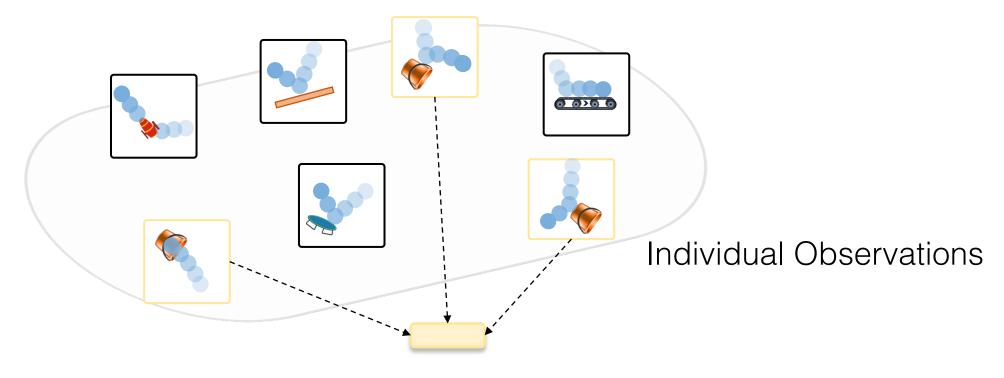
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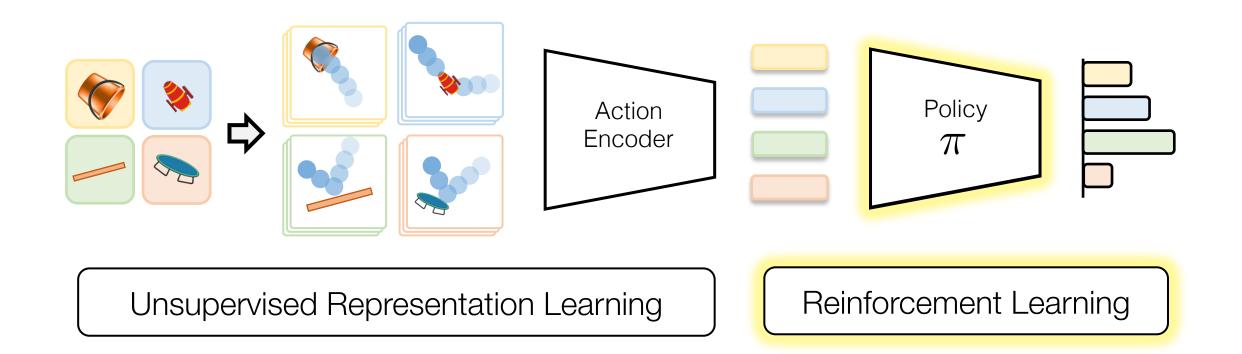


Flat VAE without Hierarchy?

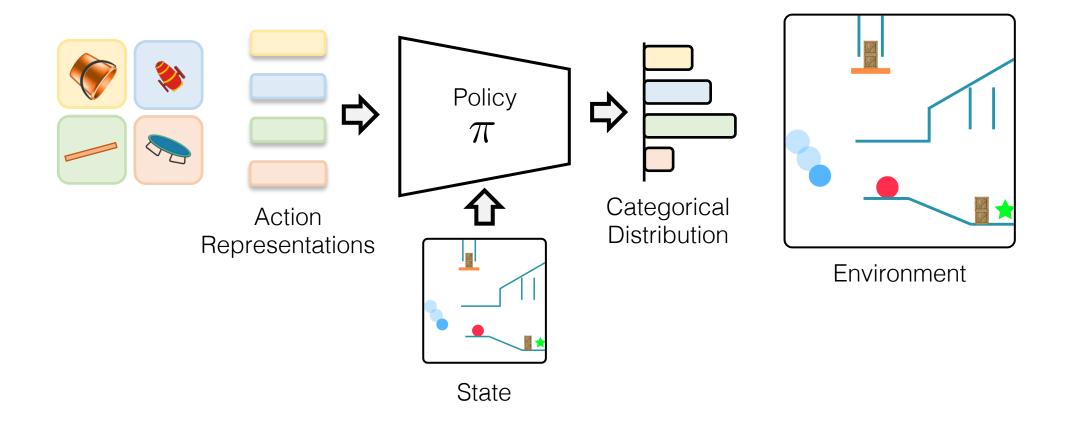


Averaging observation latents

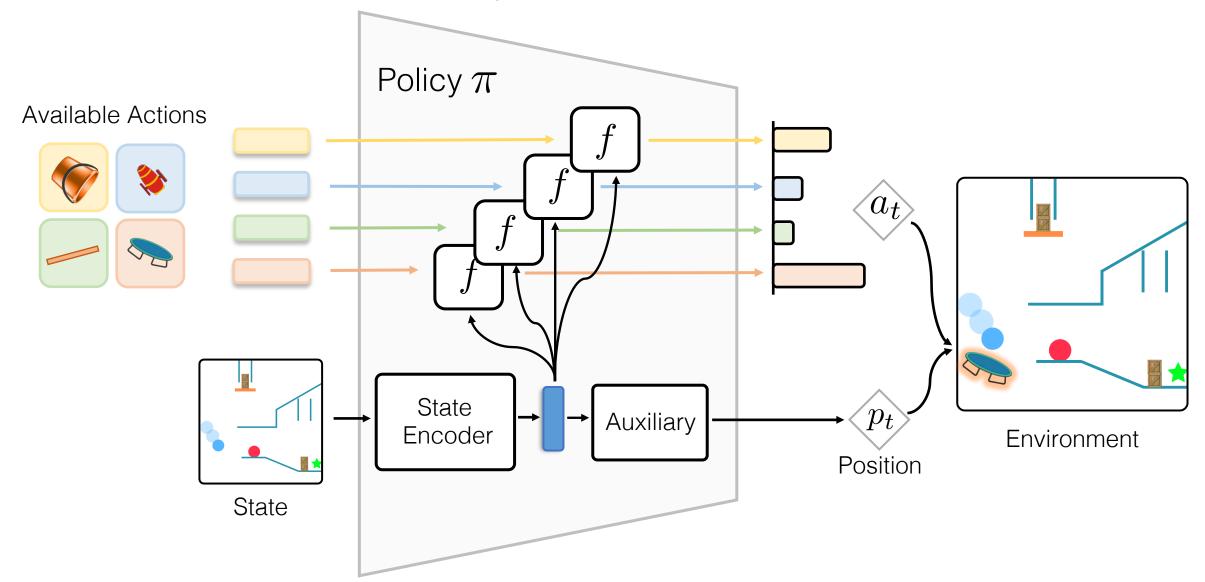
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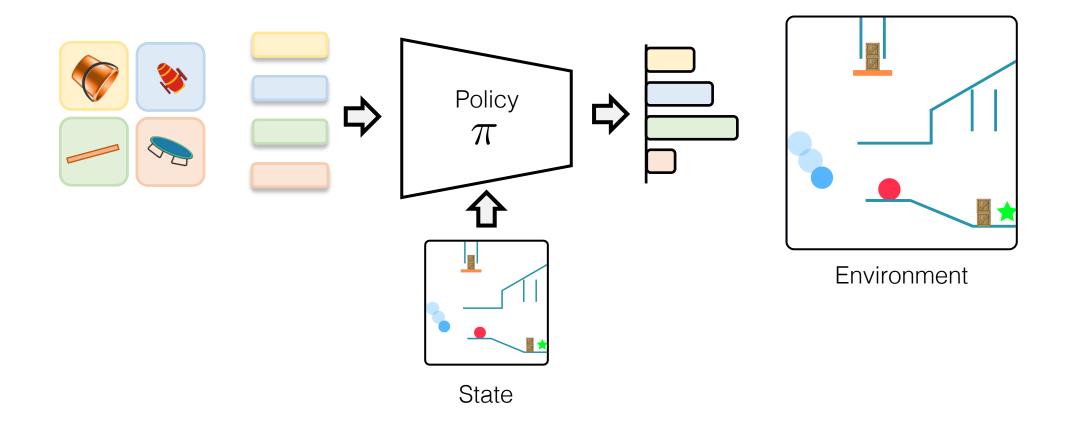
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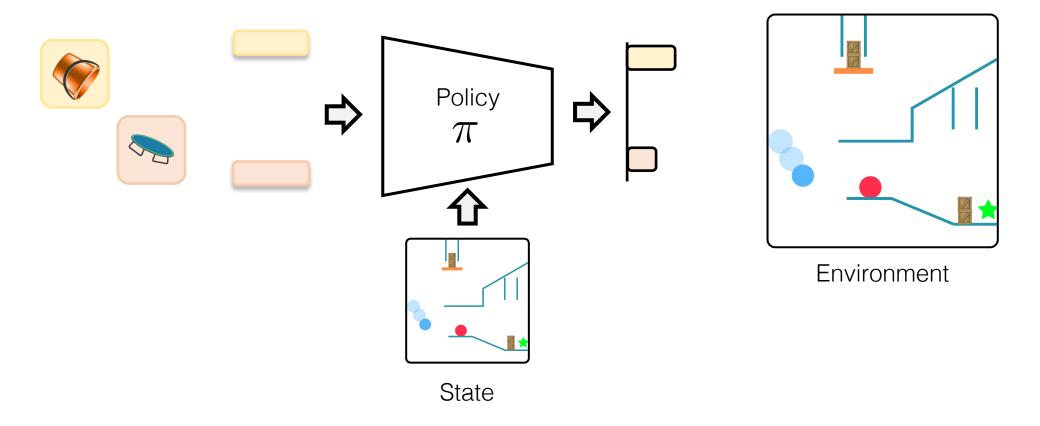
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Avoiding Overfitting in RL

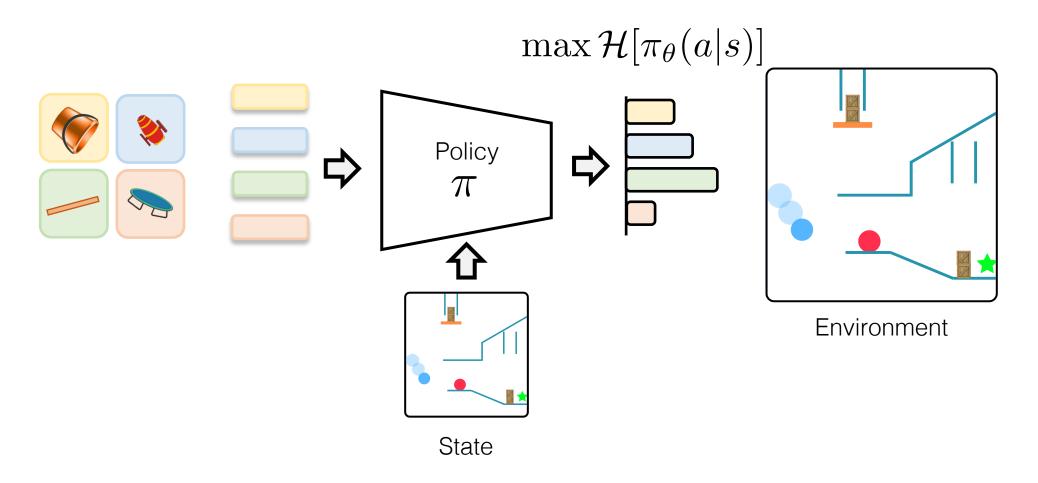


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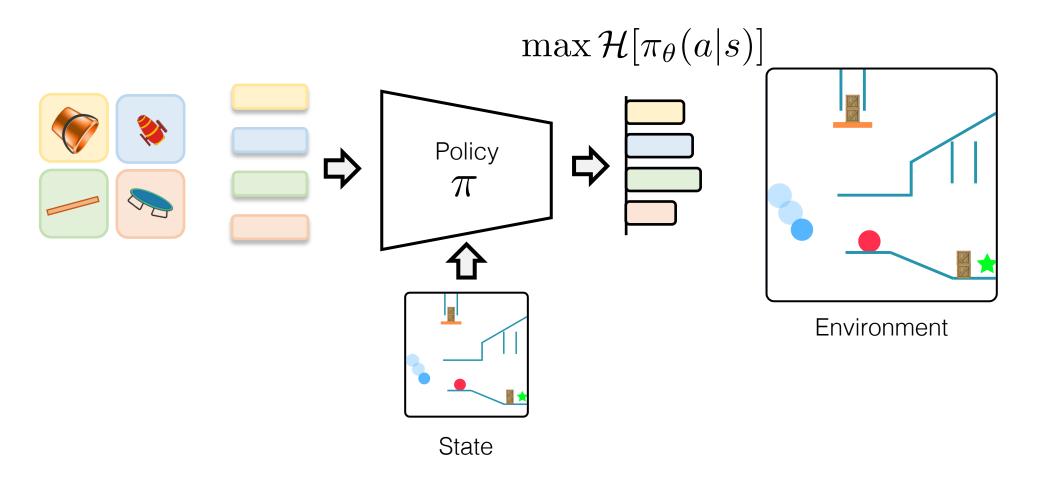
Avoid overfitting to certain actions

Maximum Entropy RL



Encourage diverse actions

Maximum Entropy RL

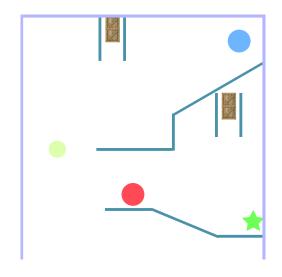


Encourage diverse actions

Environments

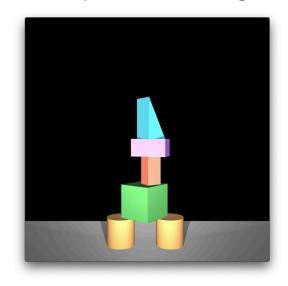
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CREATE



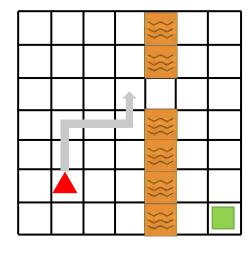
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Shape Stacking



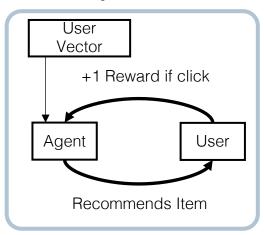
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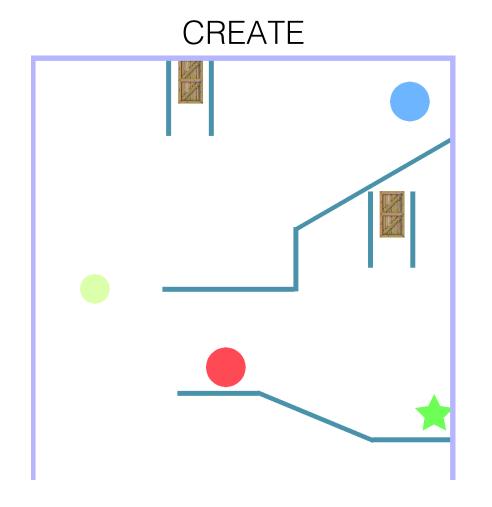
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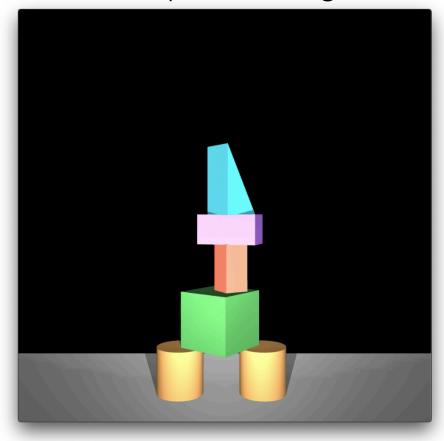


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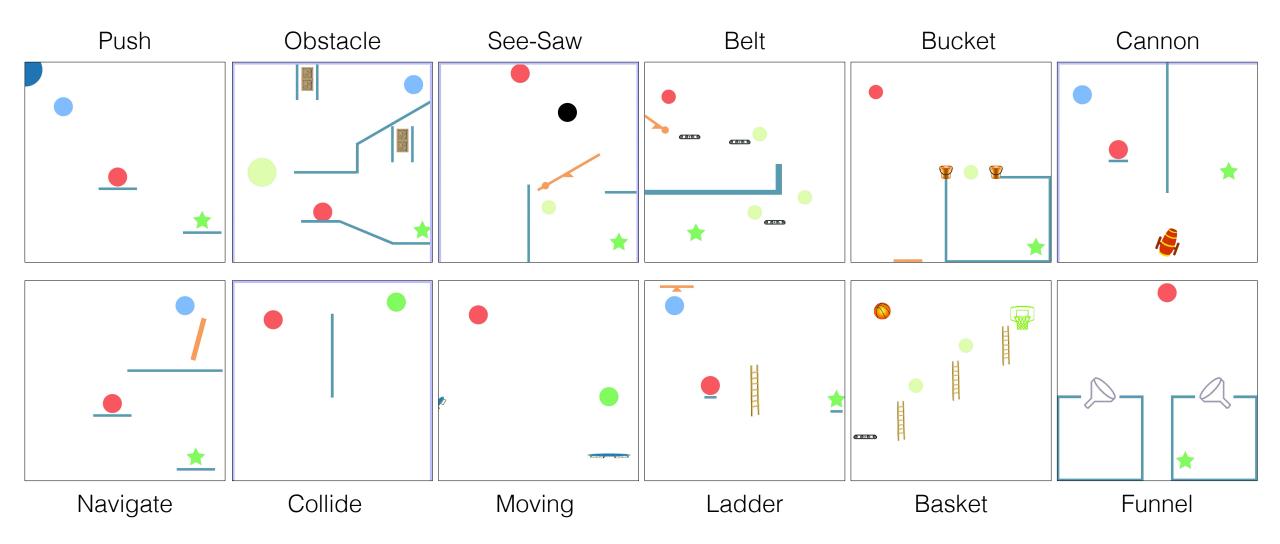
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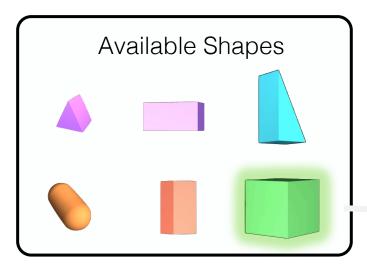


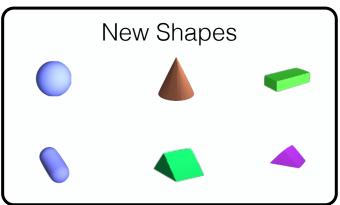


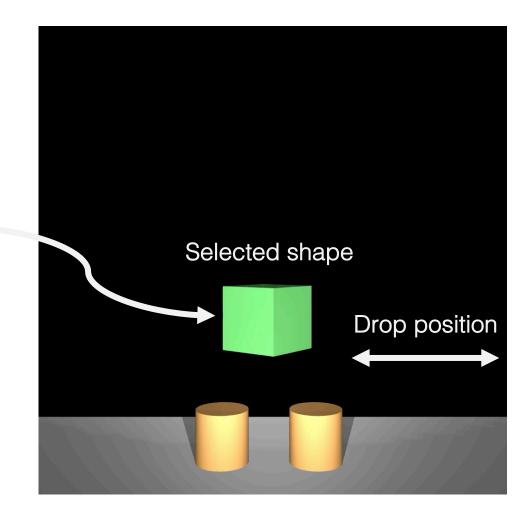
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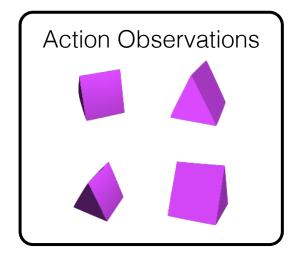


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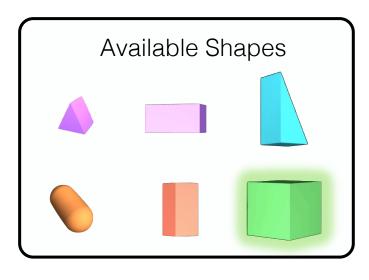


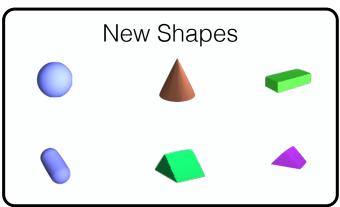


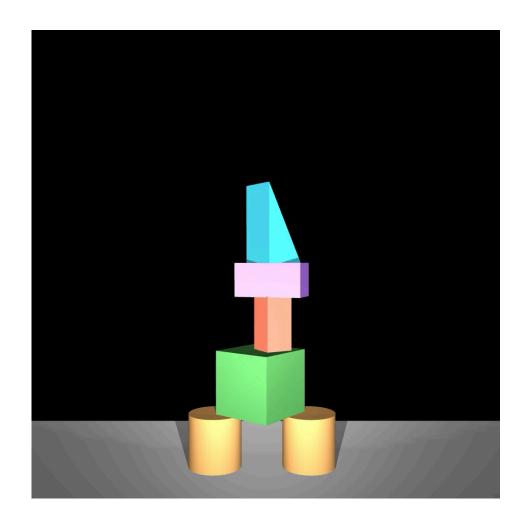


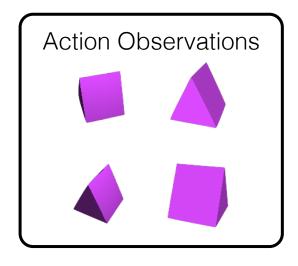
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Shape Stacking





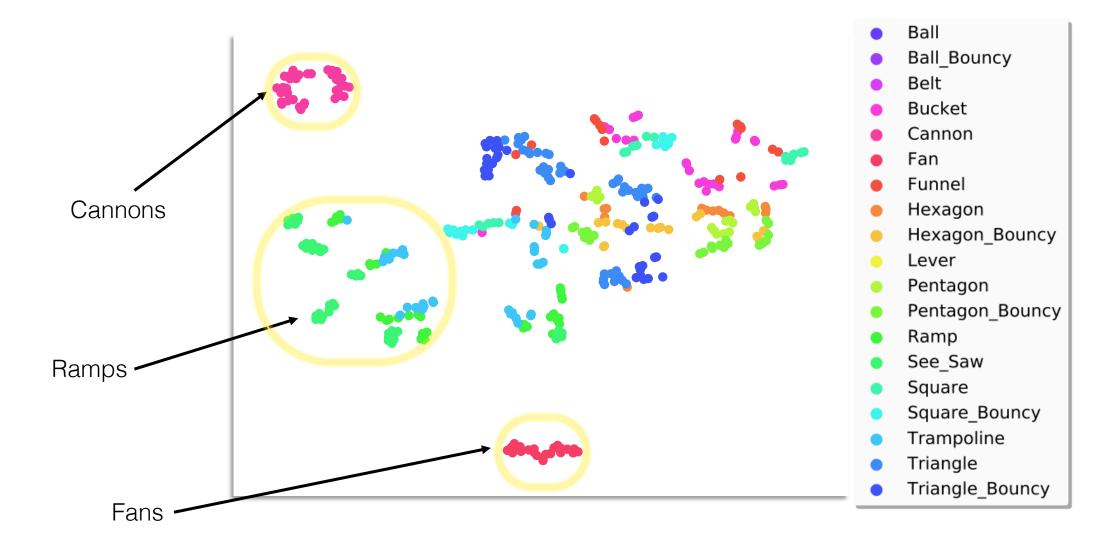




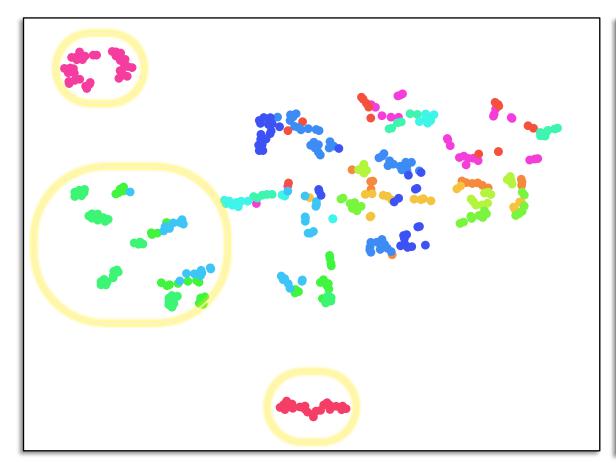
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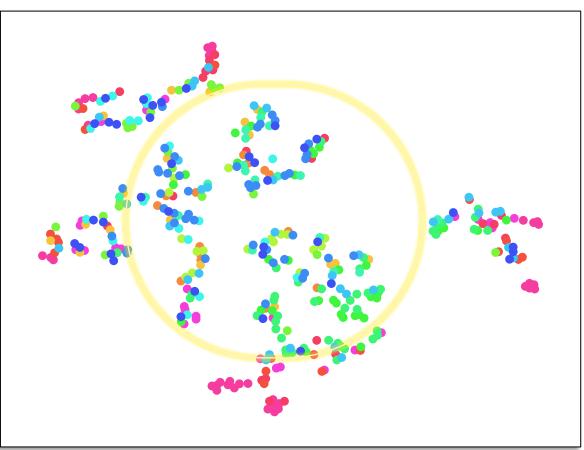
Results

t-SNE Visualization of Representations



Hierarchy extracts semantic information

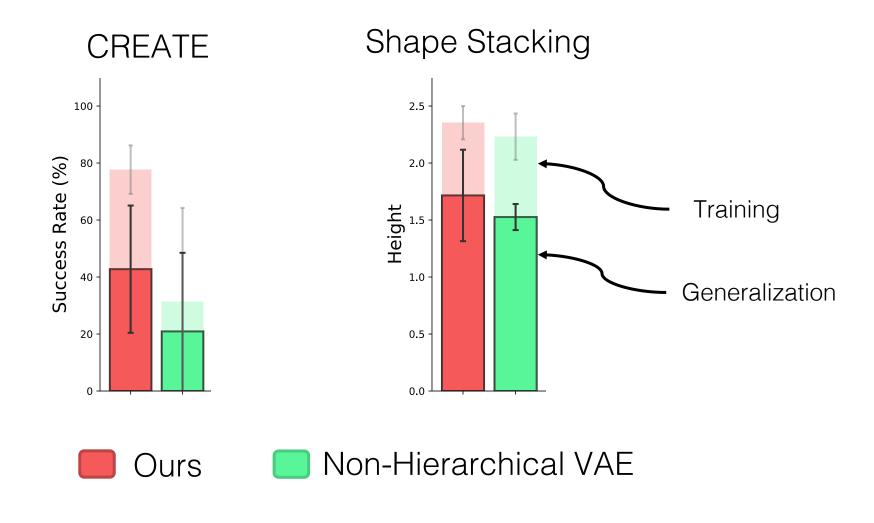




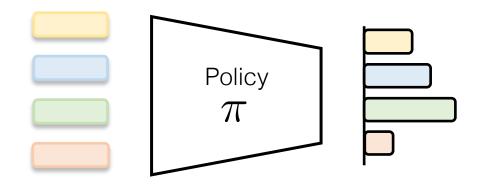
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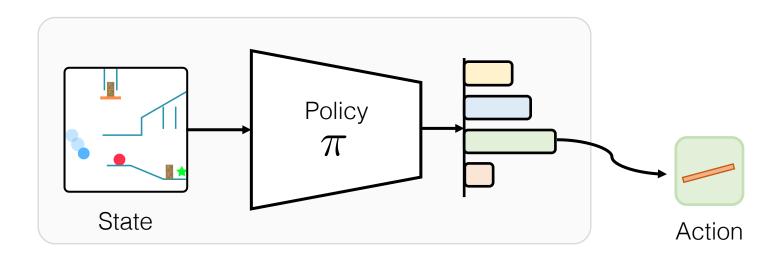
Hierarchy helps policy learning



Policy Architecture Baselines



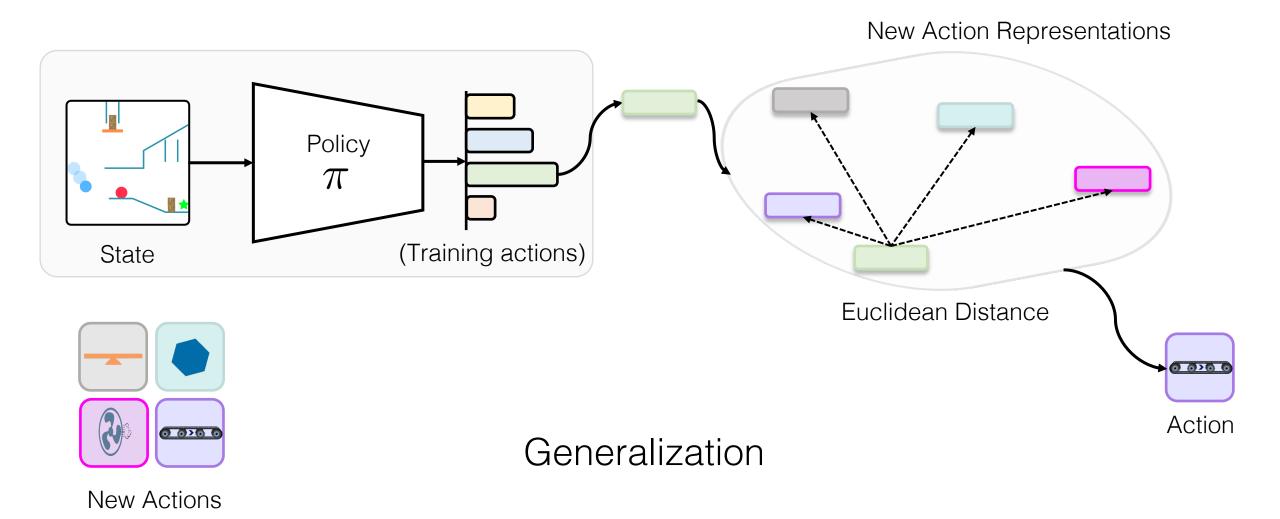
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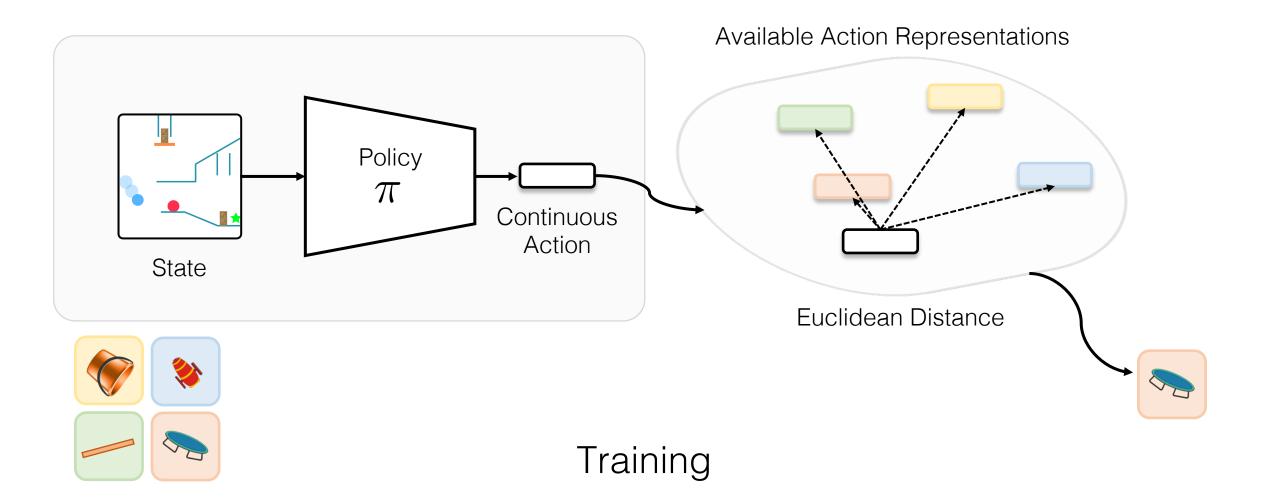


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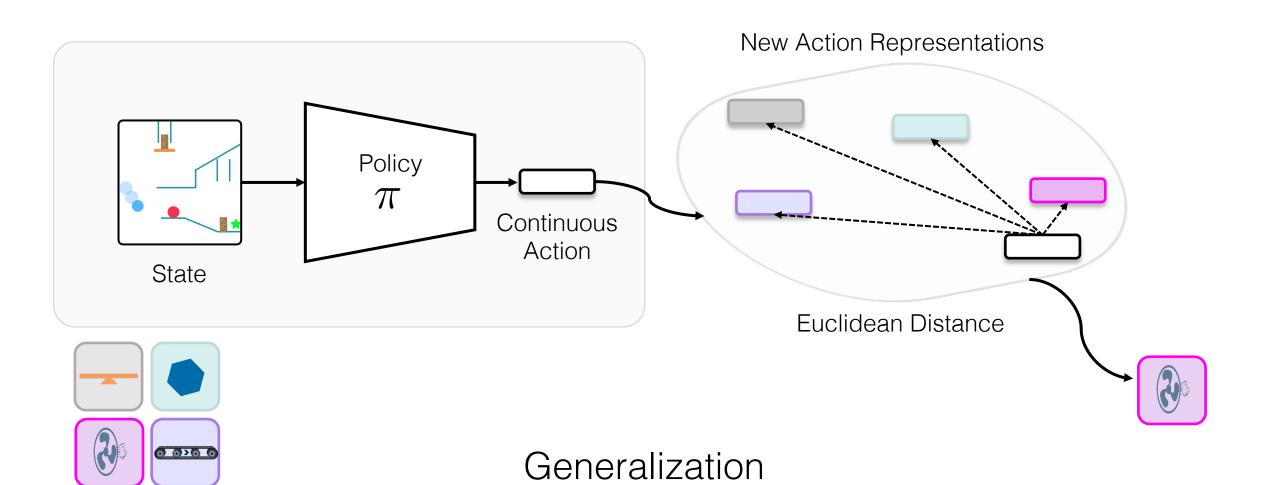
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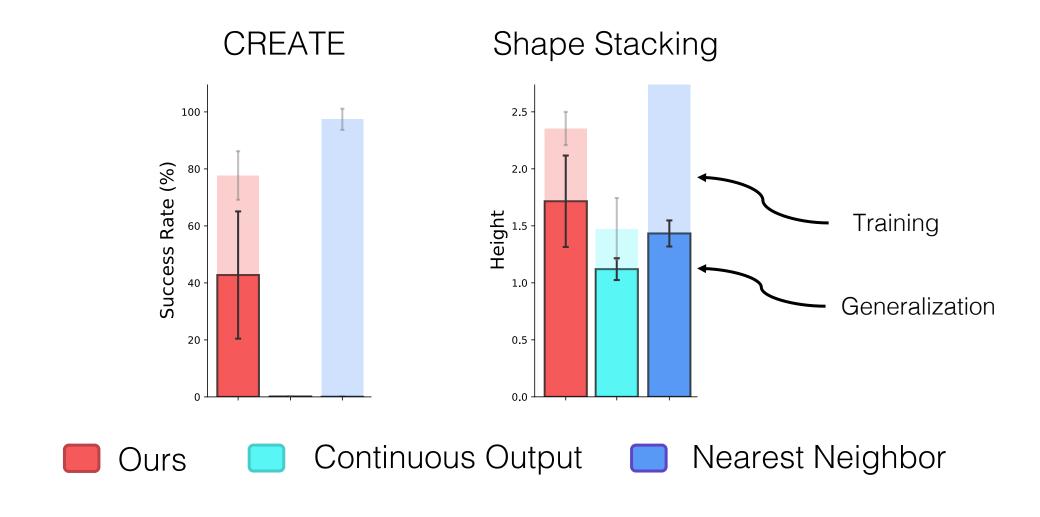


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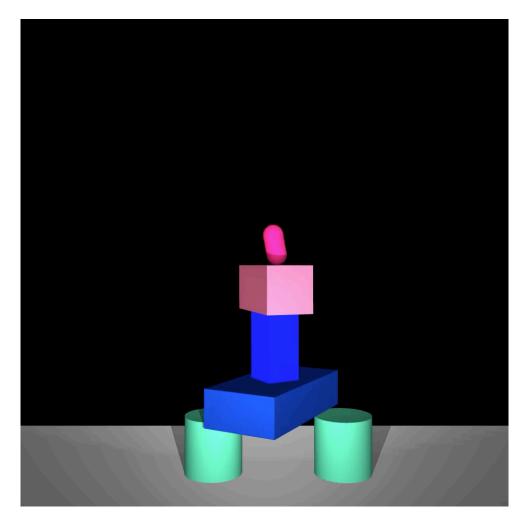


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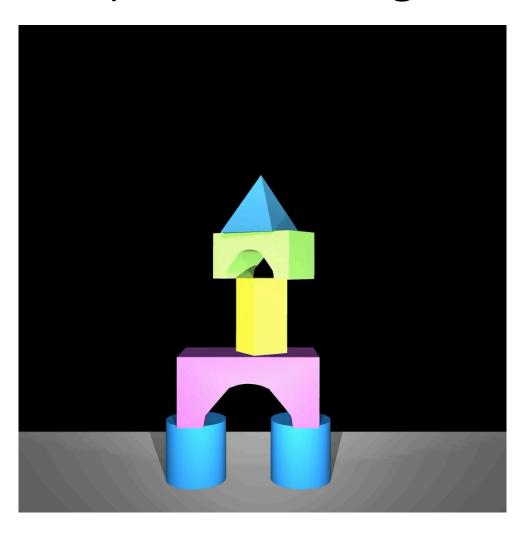
Learning task utility helps generalization



Qualitative Results: Shape Stacking

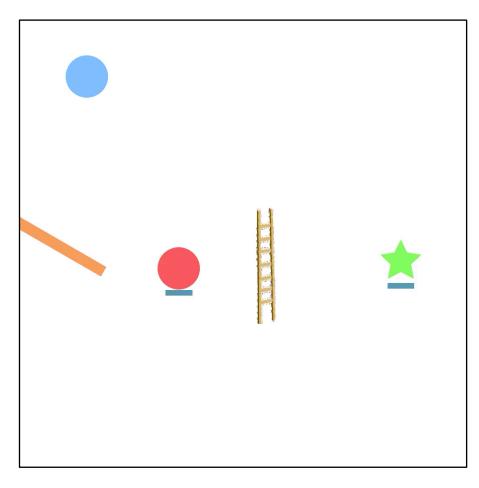


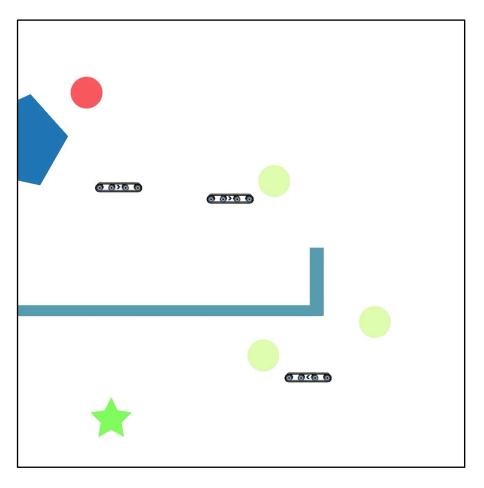
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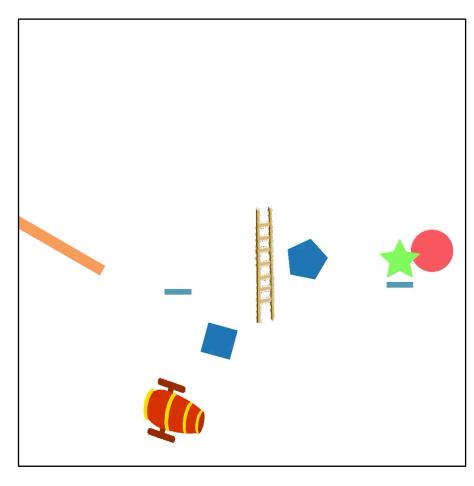
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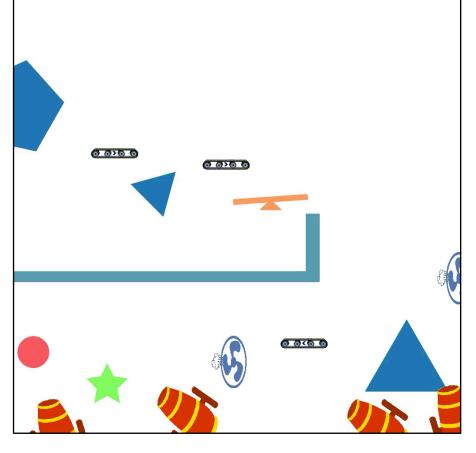




Ladder Belt

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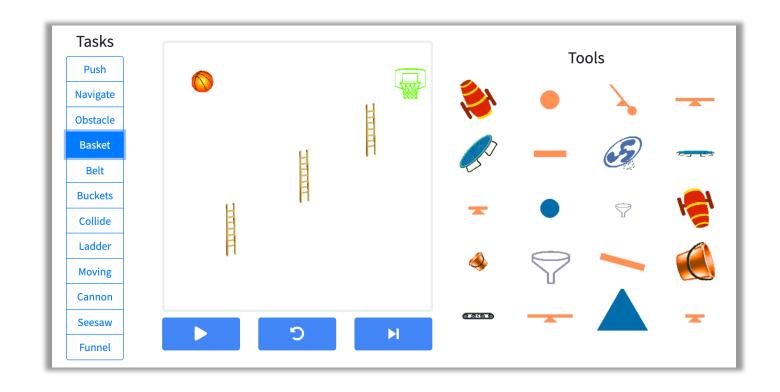




Ladder Belt

Takeaways

Solving tasks using new action choices without retraining!



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