

Improving Robot Learning from Feedback and Demonstration using Natural Language

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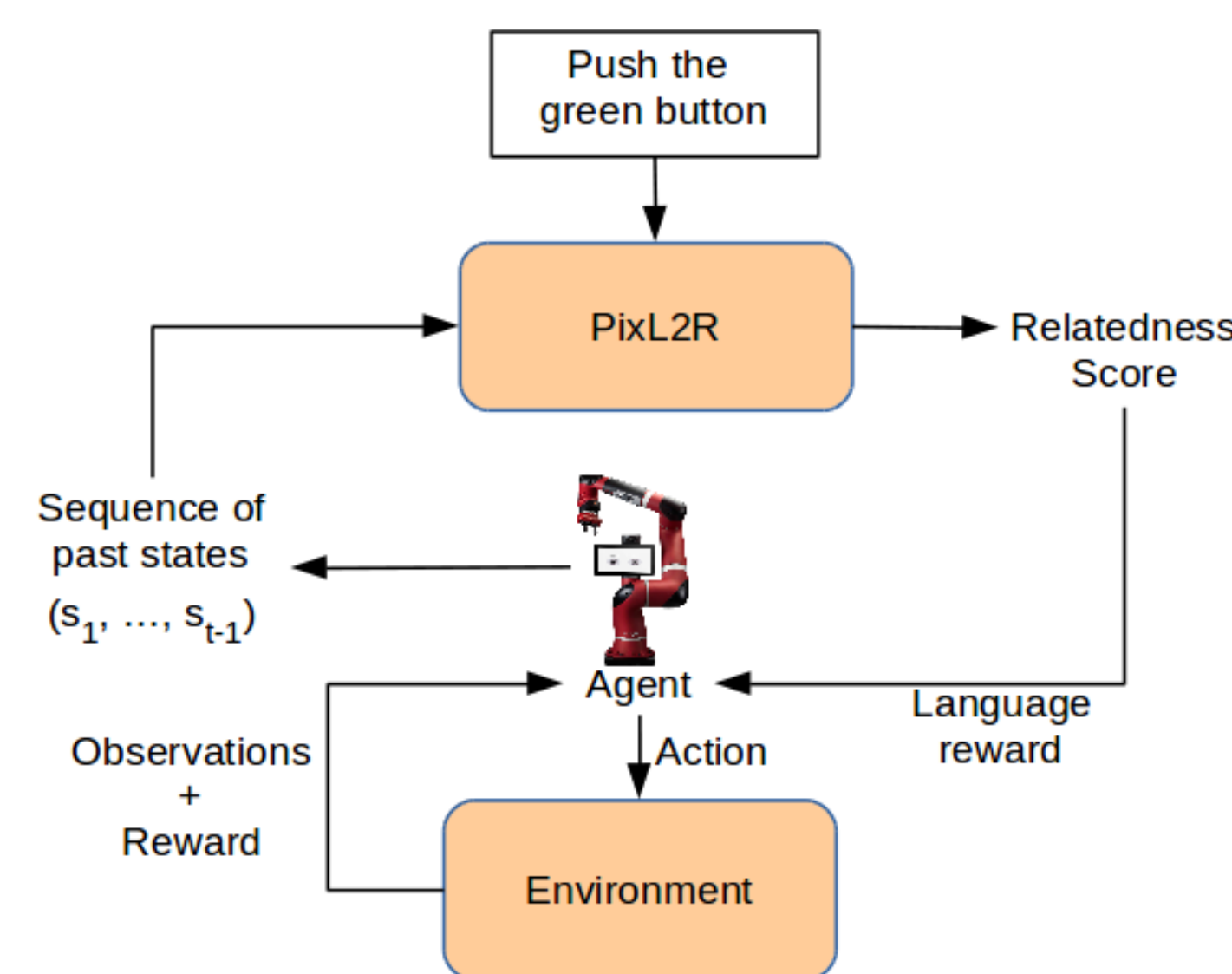
Challenge

- Use natural language narration to aid robot learning from feedback and demonstration.

Solution

- Generate rewards from relatedness of state sequence of images and language command.

Experiments show that rewards generated from natural language significantly improve policy training efficiency for robot manipulation tasks.

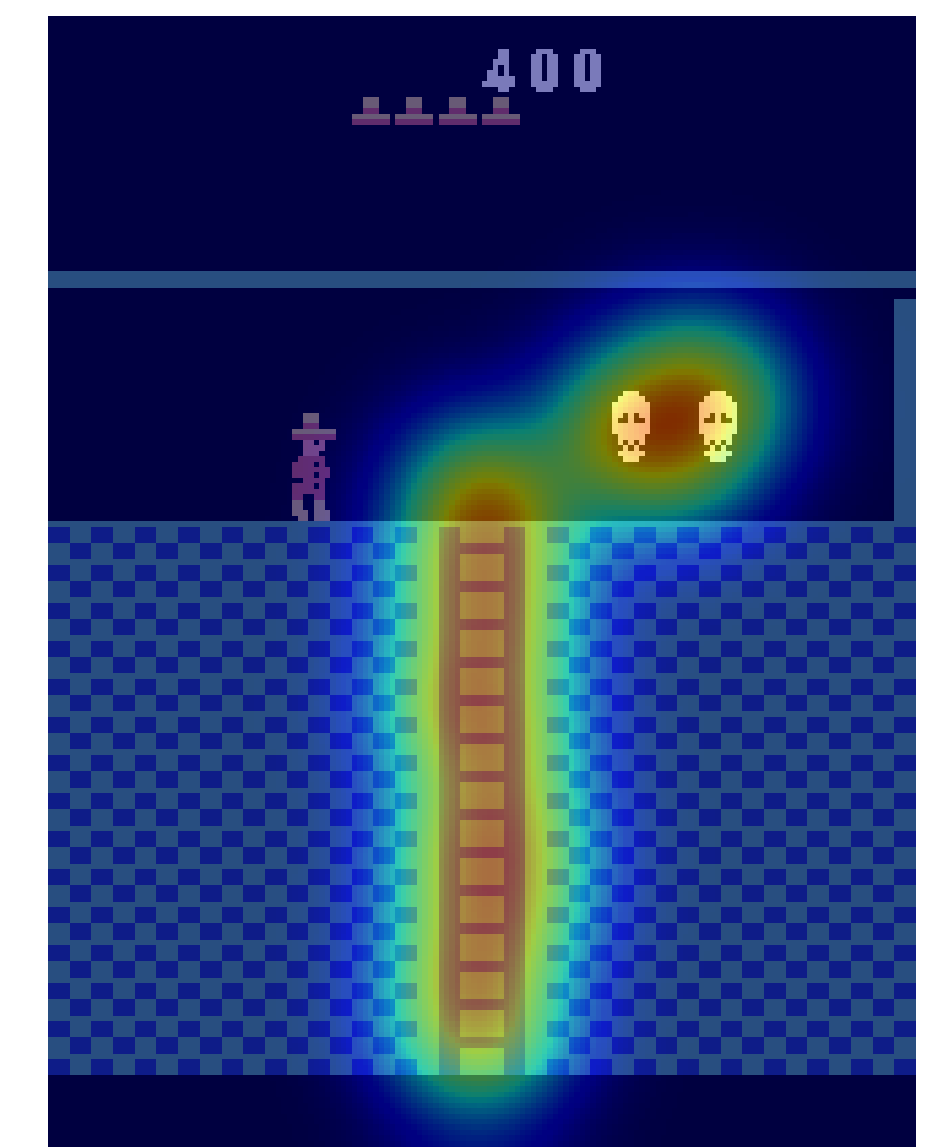


Scientific Impact

- Novel methods for using natural language to improve task learning from limited training data.

- Use natural language as supervised attention to improve generalization.

Experiments under progress.



“Climb down the ladder while avoiding the skulls”

Broader Impact

- Allow novice users to naturally and effectively train robots to perform novel tasks.
- Improve education for grad, undergrad (FRI), and HS (First Bytes) students.
- Measure improved learning rate from using natural language narration.