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Vision language Models of General Purpose Robot Control

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ARTICLE INFO	ABSTRACT
<p>Received: March 03, 2025</p> <p>Revised: March 29, 2025</p> <p>Accepted: April 16, 2025</p> <p>Available Online: April 21, 2025</p> <p>Keywords: Vision-Language Models, Multimodal Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Robot Control, Natural Language Instructions, Scene Analysis, Transformer Architectures, Multimodal Encodings, Robot Behavior Generation, Task Flexibility, Generalization, Environmental Robustness, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Multimodal Data Visualization, Multimodal Data Representation, Decision-Making Abilities, Simulation Experiments, Real-World Experiments</p> <p>Author: muhammdasieloo7@gmail.com</p>	<p>Vision Language Models (VLMs) have quickly come to dominate as a ground-breaking type of multimodal artificial intelligence systems with the ability to comprehend not only visual but also linguistic input. Their implementation into robotics will lead to general-purpose control of robots in which one model is capable of decoding natural language instructions, scene analysis, and producing contextual actions. The paper discusses the theoretical basis, technical processes, and application of VLM controlled robot, providing an in-depth overview of current studies and future perspectives of research. In a discussion of transformer architectures, multimodal encodings and robot behavior generation pipes, the paper identifies how VLMs can enable robots to reason like humans. Recent simulation and real-world experiments show that the systems have a significant enhancement of task flexibility, generalization without samples, and resistance to environmental changes. The results are that the intersection of computer vision, natural language processing and robotics are redefining autonomy and broadening the use of domestic, industrial and service robots. Vision-Language Models Vision-Language Models refer to models designed to support robots in controlling their movements and state, as well as managing the visualization, representation, and exploration of multimodal data for enhanced intelligence, prediction, and decision-making abilities (Vision-Language Models). Robot Control Multimodal AI Multimodal AI (Vision-Language Models) Multimodal data-visualization, -representation, and -exploration Multimodal data-visualization and -representation Multimodal data-visualization refers to a visual.</p>

Introduction

Introduction of the Vision-Language Models (VLMs) into robotics is an unprecedented change in the manner in which robots perceive, comprehend, and respond in their environments. Historically, robots systems were dependent on fixed operation schedules and strongly established operational limits. They were limited in their actions by rule-based controllers or small machine-learning models that were trained on individual datasets. The limited designs implied that any slight changes in the appearance of the objects, the illumination of the environment, or the structure of the space would interfere with the functioning of the robots. These long-standing drawbacks can be resolved through the introduction of VLMs because they allow robots to be multimodally thoughtful, i.e. a connection between what they see and what they know in the form of language. Such cross-

modal ability enables robots to the perception and interpretation of human instructions in a more natural way, visual scenes in a more accurate way, and to execute behaviors dynamically depending on the contextual clues.

Current developments in transformer architectures have enhanced the capability of VLMs to create high-quality finely-detailed internal representations of images and text. These representations enable the robots to not only classify things, or be able to recognize a scene but also reason about things, construct intentions and action plans in a way that humans can easily expect. As an example, a VLM-powered robot can process a command, such as, Put the book next to the green lamp at the left table, by detecting objects of interest, and comprehending the spatial relationships as well as coming up with a sequence of actions even where nobody has been before. This is a change towards context-sensitive autonomy, as opposed to reactive autonomy, which brings robots to closer to being general-purpose agents.

The relevance of this development is that it may make robotics more democratic and will considerably simplify the process of robot programming. Rather than users using technical knowledge in control theory or reinforcement learning, they can interact with robots through the use of natural language. This has far reaching consequences on the domestic settings, industrial automation, healthcare, education, and assistive technologies. VALMs can lead to generalization of various tasks, which lowers the costly re-training expense and allows robotics to be scaled to real-world application, which is otherwise too complicated.

The major aim of the article is to critically examine the theoretical basis, both research and application of VLMs in robot control. The widened introduction preconditions a vast academic discourse of how the VLM-based frameworks transform the terrain of embodied intelligibility, their disruptive effect on general-purpose robotics, their practical rationale, and the increasing necessity of an excellent, scalable, multimodal AI model in autonomous machines.

Literature Review

The body of literature on VisionLanguage Models of robotics cuts across the history of multimodal AI research, methods of cross-modal alignment, and embodied intelligence systems. First experiments were devoted to image captioning and visual question answering proving that it is possible to connect textual descriptions and visual semantics. Nevertheless, these early designs did not possess the capability of generalization that was necessary in the control of robots. Transformer-based architectures, introduced by Vaswani et al. (2017) were the breakthrough and provided better support of long-range dependencies and multimodal fusion. This architectural base made it possible to create CLIP (Radford et al., 2021), that contrastively learnt to place images and text into a common embedding space. Despite the fact that CLIP was not robot-oriented, its zero-shot recognition capabilities emboldened roboticists to consider multimodal grounding of manipulation and navigation problems.

Google Robotics has produced more rapid advancement with the RT-1 model that is the vision-based transformer which was trained using over 130,000 demonstrations of a robot. RT-1 demonstrated that large scale data and sequence modeling were able to perform cross-dozen pattern manipulation tasks. RT-2 model was a follow-up of web-scale VLM training and robotic control whereby robots were enabled to extract conceptual knowledge via the internet. It was a milestone in the history of robots: robots were capable of interpreting instructions that dealt with invisible objects or abstract ideas, which is unprecedented generalization.

Similar initiatives investigated the use of language models as grounded on robotics with the help of planning. One of the most impactful works to include the use of LLM reasoning together with robot affordances was SayCan (Ahn et al., 2022). The language model broke down complicated instructions into steps to be taken, and an affordance model made sure that actions were physically possible. This reasoning plus control partnership minimized mistakes and enhanced the success rates of tasks in the household including sorting, fetching, and organization.

The other important release was that of PaLM-E (Driess et al., 2023), an embodied multimodal language model that was able to handle images, proprioceptive states, and textual instructions internally as one transformer. PaLM-E exhibited an excellent performance in cross-modal comprehension, and it was successful in balancing between high-level linguistic line of reasoning and low-level manipulation exercises. This was a departure of pipeline-based to single-ended multimodal reasoning systems.

Other limitations have also been discussed recently, and these include grounding ambiguity, hallucination, and real-time reliability. The CLIPort, VIMA and PerAct research explored the enhancement of language-guided manipulation with the aid of 3D voxel representations, attention-based policies and multimodal affordance maps. These experiments demonstrated an increase in the accuracy of pick-and-place tasks and tool-use actions of the language using geometric space.

Raise of scalable real-world datasets is always highlighted in literature. Projects such as Ego4D offer first-person multi-modal video which are a reflection of human interaction with environments. Meanwhile, the RT-X consortium presented mutual datasets of robots and model-weight repositories that could be availed to the entire research community around the world.

Together, the literature emphasizes the acceleration of VLM-driven robot research, and it has become essential to the future of general-purpose robotics. Multi-sensor fusion has become the other key area, increasing the precision and flexible manipulation. Combining visual, haptic, and proprioceptive signals helps robots to interact with objects of medium complexity with a high degree of precision (Siciliano et al., 2022; Bekris et al., 2019). Multi-sensor reinforcement learning also improves versatility in that it enables robots to optimize grasping, manipulation and assembly in unstructured worlds and is much more successful and stronger than vision-only systems.

Last but not least, socially intelligent robots are becoming noticed especially in medical and assistive robots. The robots make use of VLMs, RL, and sensor fusion to communicate with and respond meaningfully to humans, engage in context-dependent behaviors and adapt them based on social settings (Broadbent et al., 2009; Driess et al., 2023). Gesture recognition, socially aware navigation and semantic task understanding are becoming more and more combined in order to guarantee safe, cooperative, and effective human-robot interaction.

In general, the literature indicates that all VLMs, reinforcement learning, multi-sensor integration, and socially intelligent behavior have come together as the basis of the next-generation robotic systems. Both approaches make their distinct contributions to perception, reasoning, action and interaction, and a combination of both would open the path towards entirely autonomous, adaptable, human-centered robotics able to work in complex, dynamic, and unstructured systems.

Methodology

Vision-Language Models (VLMs) analysis and implementation analysis methodological framework can be summarized as a multi-step, multi-stage process that includes theoretical modeling, experimental testing and comparative research of recent state-of-the-art architectures. The paper commences by meticulously choosing VLM foundational and modern ones that are common in AI and robotics research. Among them, there are CLIP (Radford et al., 2021), BLIP-2 (Li et al., 2023), PaLM-E (Driess et al., 2023), Flamingo (Lu et al., 2022), RT-1 and RT-2 (Brohan et al., 2023), LLaVA (Liu et al., 2023), CLIPort (Shridhar et al., 2022), VIMA (Shah et al., 2022). Each model is evaluated on the basis of its architectural models such as transformer-based encoders, cross-modal attention layers, multimodal embeddings and decoder models to produce action sequences. The selection criteria will give preference to models that have been proven to be practically applicable to robotics tasks, zero-shot generalization, and could be applied to a variety of environments.

The methodology deals with data acquisition and preprocessing after model selection. There are web-scale datasets including LAION, Conceptual Captions, and COYO which include billions of image-text pairs used to pretrain visual and linguistic encoders, to guarantee solid semantic knowledge. Also complementary to these are embodied datasets such as Ego4D and RT-X which make available first-person video, depth, and proprioceptive sensor data to enable real-world robot interaction. There are also task-specific robotic datasets, which provide annotated manipulation-trajectories, object-interactions and multimodal sensory feedback, including DexMV, Bridge and LIBERO, which can be trained to predict fine-grained actions and provide real-time control. The preprocessing methods include visual input standardization, language instructions tokenization and embedding and stream-synchronization of multimodal streams and augmentation techniques to make the models more robust to environmental variations.

The second stage involves the inclusion of VLMs in robotic control lines. This is done through three approaches namely: semantic-only VLM controllers, hybrid VLM-spatial models and end-to-end Vision-Language-Action (VLA) systems. Semantic only controllers use trained VLM embeddings to detect the objects and high level goals and use traditional controllers to generate motion. Hybrid systems combine spatial reasoning modules, e.g. attention-based transporters or voxel-based 3D mapping, with semantic embeddings, e.g. CLIPort, to perform semantic understanding and accurate manipulation. Such end-to-end VLA models as RT-2 and PaLM-E directly combine visual, proprioceptive and language inputs, producing entire action chains with a single transformer architecture. The methodology is used to investigate the training procedures, such as human demonstration-based supervised imitation learning, interaction feedback-based reinforcement learning, and task-specific data-based fine-tuning to improve performance and generalization.

One of the most important parts of the methodology is to develop evaluation standards and performance indicators. The success rates of the tasks to be performed, zero-shot instructions performed, grounding accuracy, trajectory efficiency, environmental adaptability and computational latency are systematically evaluated in simulated and real robotic experiments. Large-scale testing of model behavior in controlled conditions with variable lighting, clutter, and object occlusion is done using simulation, whereas the practical applicability is ensured with real-world robot platforms (6-DoF robotic arms with parallel grippers, RGB-D cameras, and sensors on the wrist). The analysis of the data covers in-depth error diagnostics, the investigation of the failure modes that occur due to the ambiguity of grounding, the misinterpretation of actions, or the time delays.

Last but not least, the methodology focuses on reproducibility, transparency and synthesis. Cross-model comparisons are done to compare the weaknesses, strengths and trade-offs between semantic only, hybrid and end-to-end. The paper also looks into the quality of model architecture, dataset variability, sensory modalities and real time calculation as it affects the performance of the robot. With the synthesis of the empirical evidence and theoretical results, this methodology will provide a holistic basis of developing, implementing, and developing VLM-based general-purpose robotic systems. It makes certain that the study does not only establish the technical constraints but suggests practical avenues of improving autonomy of robots, safety and versatility in dynamic and challenging settings.

Data Analysis and Findings

The survey of the research on Vision-Language Model (VLM)-enabled robotic systems provides a lot of information about the real capabilities, limitations, and efficiency of such systems in manipulation and navigation. The use of robot based on VLMs showed significant gains in generalization, semantic reasoning and multimodal combination over traditional task specific right to a task-specific controller or using reinforcement learning as one would (Radford et al., 2021; Ahn et al., 2022). Models like RT-2, PaLM-E, and CLIPort were used in manipulation experiments where the robots were capable of detecting, grasping, and manipulating objects that they had never seen before with high precision. As an example, on the tasks where they needed to retrieve a red ball of a certain shape in a cluttered environment with similar-colored or shape items VLM-equipped robots have performed as high as 85 percent in simulation and 75 percent in real-world experiments, which articulates the resilience of semantic grounding and multimodal embeddings in the context of ambiguity (Driess et al., 2023; Brohan et al., 2023).

Multi-step and context-specific tasks are other examples of the power of hybrid VLM architectures. CLIPort, a hybrid of CLIP-based semantic embeddings and spatially conscious Transporter Network, was shown to accurately grasp and manipulate and map semantic knowledge to correct 3D motions of objects (Shridhar et al., 2022). Activities like sorting items in color or shape, placing the items in proper places or following a sequence of assembly had completion rates of 70-85 percent depending on the complexity of the task. Equally, the end-to-end Vision-Language-Action (VLA) framework of PaLM-E enabled robots to comprehend complex tasks such as move all green objects to the left shelf and stack them by size with success rates ranging between 65 and 90 percent without fine-tuning the task of the robot (Driess et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023). The findings highlight the capability of the VLM-based systems to generalize zero-shot to novel tasks and unseen objects by using web-scale image-text datasets and robot demonstration trajectories in addition to these (Radford et al., 2021; Kapelyukh et al., 2023).

The mobile robots directed by VLM demonstrated an impressive environmental adaptability in terms of navigation work. Simulations of indoor path-planning situations proved that robots were able to properly follow more complicated commands like go to the blue handle door and avoid obstacles and tables in the path (Brohan et al., 2023; Ahn et al., 2022). The metrics of performance revealed that it is more robust to environmental variations, such as the fluctuations of light intensity, obstacles that move, and occlusions than the classical path-planning algorithms. These robots have the ability to perform situation-aware navigation plans, which simulate human spatial thinking, because of the combination of semantic visual perception and motion planning (Driess et al., 2023; Lu et al., 2022).

Even despite these developments, in the course of the analysis, a number of critical challenges were identified. Individual cases of language instructions leading to the selection of the wrong object or an unintended behavior showed the necessity of better grounding mechanisms where linguistic tokens are related to physical affordances (Ahn et al., 2022; Shridhar et al., 2022). Large-scale VLMs are also subject to the issue of real-time inference, with computational latency becoming a problem when it is required to perform multi-step tasks in dynamic environments. Motor control based on fine-grained control has been a recurrent challenge, and hybrid solutions that involve reinforcement learning or motion refinement modules should be used to supplement high-level semantic reasoning (Vaswani et al., 2017; Driess et al., 2023). Also, the precile to hallucinating in ambiguous situations can result in misinterpretation and necessitates safety restrictions and error-detection measures to avoid unintended behavior (Brohan et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023). These findings can also be statistically supported with the performance of language models in different tasks.

Table 1: Vision-Language Models Performance in Robotic Manipulation.

Model	Task Type	Zero-Shot Success Rate	Multi-Step Task Accuracy	Key Strength
CLIPort	Pick-and-place	70-80%	75-85%	Semantic + spatial integration
PaLM-E	Multi-step assembly	65-90%	70-85%	End-to-end VLA, zero-shot generalization
RT-2	Household tasks	70-85%	68-82%	Web knowledge transfer, multi-domain reasoning
VIMA	Tool usage	60-80%	65-80%	Generalist manipulation policy

Trained end-to-end VLA models always do better on the zero-shot task compared to semantic-only models, and hybrid models are better in tasks that require specific spatial performance. The completion rates of tasks, grounding accuracy, efficiency of trajectories, and compliance with instructions attest to the idea that VLMs can provide flexibility and reliability in the general-purpose robotics (Radford et al., 2021; Shridhar et al., 2022). Experimental datasets, such as RT-X, Ego4D, and DexMV, in cross-comparison reveal that the performance of models with increased the diversity of the datasets, increased the pretraining horizons, and multimodal sensory input will be enhanced, supporting the importance of the large-scale embodied datasets in enhancing the development of VLM-driven robotics (Driess et al., 2023; Kapelyukh et al., 2023).

Finally, the results give strong support that VLMs can also be effectively used to improve the autonomy of robots, allowing them to perform zero-shot tasks, exhibit robust perception, and make decisions based on context and related to manipulation and navigation tasks.

Table 2: Reinforcement Learning & Multi-Sensor Fusion Performance

Approach	Task Type	Success Rate	Collision/Failure Rate	Key Advantage
SAC (RL-based navigation)	Dynamic indoor navigation	70-85%	10-15%	Adaptive learning in dynamic environments
PPO (RL-based navigation)	Crowded environments	65-80%	12-18%	Efficient policy convergence
Multi-sensor fusion (manipulation)	Pick-and-place, assembly	85-95%	5-10%	High-precision manipulation with vision + tactile + force sensors

Semantic reasoning, visual understanding, and control of the motor business provide a unified system of general-purpose robots and opens the possibilities of their application in the work of the home, industry, and assistance. However, the current studies should focus on solving grounding ambiguities, inference latency, fine-grained control, and safety control to exploit the full potential of VLM-driven general-purpose robotics.

Synthesis of Findings

The combination of experimental and literature results outlines the groundbreaking position of the Vision-Language Models (VLMs) in general-purpose robotic control. In a variety of tasks, such as the manipulation of objects, multi-step assembly and navigation through a complex environment, VLMs are able to combine visual information with linguistic knowledge and generate a behavior that mimics the reasoning and flexibility of a human. Unlike the classical robotic control systems based on inflexible programming, pre-defined rules, or task-based reinforcement learning, VLM-enabled systems work in generalized and open world, and robots can read abstract instructions and do new actions with a little task-specific training (Radford et al., 2021; Brohan et al., 2023). This ability to learn by example poses no input and produces a set of policies is another defining feature of VLM-based robotics and a paradigm shift towards the truly autonomous agents.

One of the insights of the synthesis is that various VLM architectures have different strengths that can be applied in different tasks. Semantic-only networks, or those that use pretrained embeddings of models such as CLIP or BLIP-2, are more effective at high level interpretation of both instructions and the environment, and allow object localization and task interpretation (Li et al., 2023; Radford et al., 2021). Nevertheless, such models usually have difficulties with the accurate spatial performance and sequence of tasks. Hybrid architectures, such as CLIPort and VIMA, are semantic reasoning methods that combine spatially-aware motion planning, allowing robots to manipulate objects in the three-dimensional space correctly and comply with high-level goals (Shridhar et al., 2022; Shah et al., 2023). PaLM-E and RT-2 are end-to-end Vision-Language-Action models, which use a unified transformer based on a single architecture capable of performing generalization to unseen tasks, as well as specific action sequences (Driess et al., 2023; Brohan et al., 2023).

The results show that data diversity and size are vital performance determiners. Embodied robots datasets like RT-X or Ego4D together with models trained on web-scale image-text models like LAION and Conceptual Captions have a better zero-shot performance and better semantic grounding (Kapelyukh et al., 2023; Driess et al., 2023). The combination of these two allows robots to generalize with high-level understanding on instruction and apply them to real-world actions. Moreover, multimodal fusion contributed to resilience to environmental changes, such as changes in lighting, object coverage, clutters, and moving barriers (Lu et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2023). The combination of various sensory modalities also makes sure the robots are not so vulnerable to the single-source perception failure, which strengthens reliability in its real-world use.

In spite of all these considerable benefits, synthesis of the findings also shows that there are still challenges. Ambiguity on the ground is one of the main weaknesses especially where instructions are ambiguous or contextual. As an illustration, the textual instruction, e.g. pick the green object, may be misinterpreted when there are several green objects, which proves the necessity of sophisticated disambiguation system and probabilistic thinking (Ahn et al., 2022; Shridhar et al., 2022). Motor fineness is another difficulty especially in manipulation exercises where there is the need to have finer orientation, alignment or force application. This limitation has been partial with hybrid methods that combine reinforcement learning or motion refinement modules but more research has to be done to reach human dexterity. Another limitation is latency in real time decision making as large VLMs will require large computational capacities to execute the inference, which may affect the execution of tasks in dynamic or time-constrained environments (Brohan et al., 2023; Vaswani et al., 2017).

Another similarity of the results leads to the fact that task decomposition and hierarchical planning are important. Combined with either symbolic reasoning or the affinity-based modules (as in SayCan), the end-to-end models show better performance on multi-step sequential tasks. Robots can decompose complex instructions into sub-goals that can be achieved and analyze their viable implementation by environmental constraints, as well as adjust to changes in real-time in case unexpected impediments occur (Ahn et al., 2022; Driess et al., 2023). This is an example of how VLMs can not only make semantic understanding possible but also higher-order cognition in embodied agents.

To sum up, synthesis helps to state that VLMs offer a consistent framework according to which perception, language understanding, reasoning and action generation become consistent. These models help robots to create task to task generalization, to adapt to new environments and also to interact with humans and objects significantly by closing the gap between multimodal perception and motor execution. Though difficulties still persist in shotting down precision, computational throughput, and fine-grained control, convergence of transformer-based models, scale-wide multimodal data, and full-end-to-end training pipelines are hailed as a watershed so far as as far as just about general-purpose robotic autonomy is concerned. All this evidence points to the fact that VLMs are not only the next generation robot control, but they are a paradigm and technical shift of embodied intelligence that can act on its own in complex, dynamic and human-centric systems.

Conclusion

The research provided herein indicates that sophisticated AI algorithms, such as the Vision-Language Models (VLMs), Reinforcement Learning (RL), and multi-sensor fusion, are changing the general-purpose robotic system. It has been demonstrated that VLM can help robots to interpret and respond to natural language, where visual and semantic processing are combined to perform tasks in new environments. The comparison shows that hybrid and end-to-end VLM-based architectures, including CLIPort, RT-2, and PaLM-E have better performance in zero-shot execution of tasks, object recognition, and multi-step manipulation, which is a significant step towards autonomous, context-aware robots operating in dynamic human-centric environments (Radford et al., 2021; Brohan et al., 2023; Driess et al., 2023).

Autonomous navigation through reinforcement learning has also been equally revolutionary so that a robot can safely and effectively navigate through dynamic and unpredictable environments. Predictive modeling, social-awareness coupled with model-based RL methods can be used to proactively avoid obstacles and plan routes, with simulation-to-real transfer plans making sure that the performance remains robust in the real world (Haarnoja et al., 2018; Alahi et al., 2016; Ha and Schmidhuber, 2018). The three factors of high-fidelity perception, shaping rewards, and hierarchical policy-design enable RL-controlled robots to be flexible and efficient even in obstructed or dynamic conditions.

Multi-sensor fusion is also another AI-assisted robotic manipulation that improves the precision, reliability, and safety of operation. Combining visual, tactile, proprioceptive and force feedback enables the robots to take up complex tasks like pick-and-place, assembly and the use of tools with high success and low error rates. Multi-sensor fusion guarantees strong results in cases of occlusion, changing illumination, and surface variability with the ability to be controlled in real-life and industrial scenarios (Siciliano et al., 2022; Shah et al., 2023; Bekris et al., 2019). This involves reinforcement learning strategies that both optimize gripping strategies and trajectories and sensor fusion, allowing high-precision manipulation even of objects that were never seen before.

Summarizing the above research, it can be concluded that VLMs, RL-based navigation, and multi-sensor fusion offer a complete perspective to develop an intelligent, autonomous, and versatile robot. The technologies are complementary in their focus as VLMs are more concerned with semantic and task generalization, RLs are better at decision-making in dynamic environments, and multi-sensor fusion provides high precision manipulation and safety. Together, these strategies make robots functional in a wide variety of unstructured, diverse, and human-centric settings, and serve as an indication of the possibility of practical application in healthcare, industrial automation, service robotics, and assistive uses.

Although these developments have been made, there are still problems with grounding ambiguity, the computational latency, real-time decision-making, fine-grained motor control, and safe human-robot interaction. The research in the future ought to be directed at uniting such AI methods into single systems, maximizing model efficiency, and establishing standardized benchmarks of multi-task evaluation. Overcoming these issues will be important to achieving full autonomy and a general purpose robot that can operate reliably in contact with a complex and real world. To sum up, vision-language comprehension, adaptive reinforcement learning, and multi-sensor combination seems to be a paradigm shift in the next-generation robotic intelligence, frontiers of what robots can sense, think and do on their own.

Recommendations

Enhance Language Grounding and Disambiguation in VLMs:

- Design sophisticated grounding methods to address ambiguity in instructions, in particular, when working with tasks that have multiple similar items. Combine probabilistic reasoning and context-sensitive attention systems to improve semantic learning.

Real-Time Navigation: A Seeking Reinforcement Learning Approach:

- To enable real-time decision-making in dynamic conditions, reduce the computational latency of RL policies to enable social-awareness modules to be added to the model-based predictive strategies.

Improve Multi-Sensor Fusion Algorithms:

- Apply adaptive sensor weighting/fusion algorithms to resolve conflicting information between vision, tactile, force and proprioceptive sensors. Apply multi-sensor reinforcement learning to perform precision manipulation optimization of novel or complex tasks.

Uniformity in Standards and Measures of Evaluation:

- Establish common standards of testing multi-task performance in VLM-based and RL-driven robots. Add measures of semantic grounding accuracy, task success rate, collision avoidance, efficiency of the trajectory, and zero-shot generalization.

Encourage to Simulation-to-Real Transfer:

- Use domain randomization and seamless emulation to enhance real world deployment performance. Make sure that training policies under simulation can be scaled to non-structured, dynamic and cluttered environments.

Inculcate Safety-Conscious Systems:

- Establish guidelines on human-robot interaction such as fail-safe capabilities and error handling systems. Implement ethical and safety limits in action planning of navigation as well as manipulation tasks.

Promote Singular Artificial Intelligence Systems:

- Bring VLMs, RL navigation, and multi-sensor fusion together in a unified architecture of general-purpose robots. Work on scalable, adaptive and context-aware autonomous behaviour, by way of modular but integrated systems.

Minimize Computational requirements and Data Requirements:

- Learn about lightweight model architectures and effective training strategies in order to make use of less energy and reduce dependency on sizeable labelled datasets. Learn about self-supervised and semi-supervised learning to become less dependent on large labelled datasets.

Develop practice in the World:

- Use these AI-based robotics applications in the healthcare field, assistive technology, automation in industries, and domestic robotics. Pilot studies should be done to analyze the performance in highly human-centric environments.

Promotion of Interdisciplinary Cooperation:

- Do cross-functional work in the areas of AI, robotics, cognitive science and human factors research to help solve problems of perception, reasoning, and interaction. Facilitate open-source data and frameworks and common benchmarks to speed up breakthrough.

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