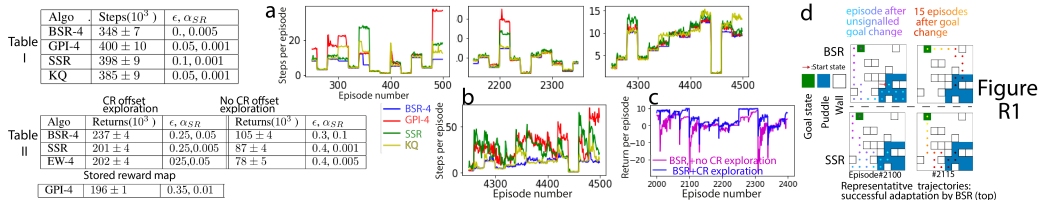


1 We'd like to thank the reviewers for their encouraging comments and helpful suggestions on how to best improve the  
 2 paper. We've tried to follow these as closely as possible and are excited to share the details below.  
 3 As suggested by both Reviewers 1&2 (**R1Q4&R2Q2**), we agree that it is much better to search through exploration  
 4 and learning rates when feasible. We now show results for SR learning rate  $\alpha_{SR} \in [0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1]$  and  
 5 exploration  $\epsilon \in [0., 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.35]$  for Experiments 1&2. For Exp.1 BSR performed best in all  
 6 40 settings. Best-performing results (for total steps taken in 4500 episodes) are presented in Table I. We also agree  
 7 with (**R1Q3&R2Q1**) that it is instructive to present per-episode statistics and trajectories, to make the results more  
 8 interpretable and tie them in with existing literature, and thank **R1&2** for these suggestions. Per-episode steps are  
 9 presented at the beginning, middle and end of training for respective best performing  $\alpha_{SR}$  and  $\epsilon$  (Fig. R1a), as well as  
 10 an 'average' setting of  $\alpha_{SR} = 0.01$  and  $\epsilon = 0.1$  (Fig. R1b) that shows how SSR and GPI don't have the capacity to  
 11 keep adapting in this case. For Exp.2 we also ran each parameter setting with or without CR offset based exploration  
 12 (**R2Q3**) for BSR, SSR and EW, and added  $\epsilon = 0.4$ . Total (Table II) and per-episode returns (Fig. R1c) of the best  
 parameter settings illustrate the effect of CR based exploration. Fig. R1d shows representative trajectories. We will



13 integrate these results into Fig. 2 and follow up with Exp. 3. We apologize for omitting important related work from our  
 14 original submission (**R2Q1&Q4**), we now reference [1,2,3] when discussing limitations of SR for transfer in Sections 1,  
 15 4, and 6: In particular, we refer to the experiment in [1] showing the limited policy revaluation capabilities, and discuss  
 16 how [2] finds evidence of these limitations in human behaviour. We also outline important, qualitative differences  
 17 between the transfer experiments in [3] and our Experiment 1: in [3] the agent only has to learn four, partially disjoint  
 18 trajectories (connecting opposite corners of an open maze), resulting in much more limited ambiguity in optimal action  
 19 choice for most states. In signalled settings like our known quartile (KQ), or for agents with memory (e.g. RNNs) this  
 20 becomes a simple task. In our case most states can be part of a large number of optimal trajectories, with internal walls  
 21 providing for non-trivial dynamics. Studying performance across all these possible trajectories frames this problem  
 22 properly in terms of lifelong/multitask learning, and highlights which algorithms can adapt well across all tasks.  
 23 We apologise to **R3** for any lack of clarity in our presentation and model. We aimed to use notation standard in the  
 24 literature, but agree that it is crucial to clearly define all notation. We have reworked Section 3 to clarify the algorithmic  
 25 components, added detailed figure legends (e.g. for 1b: Dirichlet process mixture model of the convolved reward maps.  
 26 The model is defined by a base distribution  $H$  and concentration parameter  $\alpha$ , giving a random distribution over CR  
 27 maps.) and defined all notation. We now explicitly describe the Chinese restaurant process (CRP) view of the DP and  
 28 our particle filter to clarify the inference process. Briefly, the CRP gives a closed-form prior over the discrete latent  
 29 contexts at every step, each associated with both a CR map (e.g.  $CR_3$  for context 3) and a successor map  $M$ . We base  
 30 our inference on observed CR values that depend on the current reward function and the policy the agent is following  
 31 according to the successor maps. This inference is intractable and we want to avoid specifying priors over  $M$  and  
 32 CR maps (priors normally defined by  $H$ ). Amortizing the inference, we calculate a posterior over latent contexts by  
 33 combining the CRP prior with Gaussian likelihoods of the observed CR value given the value stored in the CR maps. We  
 34 update the sampled successor map  $M$  independently by TD update (L101), and then update the CR map at the end of the  
 35 episode. This allows the agent to both integrate evidence and refine the SR at each step, while updating the CR map of  
 36 the overall most likely context. Regarding **R3Q1**, the subscript was indeed omitted by mistake from the SR learning rate  
 37  $\alpha_{SR}$ , we corrected this and included a definition in the text. Similarly (**R3Q3**), the state embedding  $\phi(s)$  and the reward  
 38 vector  $w$  are now defined straight away, rather than later, and we point out that in the tabular case  $\phi(s)$  is a one-hot  
 39 encoding of states and  $w$  the corresponding vector of reward per state. On the suggestion of **R1Q1** we also include a  
 40 detailed methodological description in the SI and the suggested reference. **R1Q2** raises an important question regarding  
 41 biological plausibility. In the tabular case, our algorithm relies only on TD updates, delta rule/Rescorla-Wagner type  
 42 update of the CR maps, and Bayesian filtering (filtering is implemented by neurons e.g in probabilistic population  
 43 codes or sampling based methods<sup>[4]</sup>). In the continuous setting we do rely on backpropagating the TD error through an  
 44 MLP, but see [5] for recent advances. We do believe this puts the algorithm firmly in the biologically plausible setting  
 45 compared to approaches relying on recurrent policy gradients or meta-learning with long-range backprop through time.  
 46 As suggested (**R1Q6**) there is also behavioural evidence that GPI is not a good fit in Section 5.2, as it both makes many  
 47 error trials, and takes longer to reach the goal, while animals (and BSR) have few error trials and tend to head straight  
 48 to a goal after initial mistakes. This is suggested by Fig.4h and discussed briefly, but we will include a more detailed  
 49 discussion. The correlation coefficient in section 5.1 (**R1Q5**) measures the correlation between the episode number and  
 50 the z-score difference ( Fig. 3c). It gives a measure of the transitioning from the old to the new maps. [1] Russek et al.  
 51 2017, [2]Momennejad et al. 2017, [3]Lehner et al. 2017, [4]Kutschireiter et al 2017, [5] Whittington et al. [2019]  
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