We thank all reviewers for their valuable feedback. We are encouraged that they found our algorithm novel $(\mathbf{R1})$, our 1

paper well-written (R1, R2, R3, R4) with sound claims (R2), solid theoretical justifications (R3), and clear technical 2 expositions (R4). We are honored that R4 recognizes the potential value of our work to the RL community. We provide 3

detailed responses to their major concerns below: 4

[R1, R4]: 1. Evaluation on more complex domains. We appreciate this valuable suggestion. To better illustrate the 5

performance of our approach, we provide more evaluations on the *Humanoid* task (given the limited time constraint), 6

which is a challenging domain with high state-action dimension ($\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A} = \mathbb{R}^{376} \times \mathbb{R}^{17}$). The strength of *OPOLO* is 7

more significant in this domain ((Figure 1), while its counterparts can be prone to sub-optimality (DAC) or overfitting 8

(ValueDICEfO) (see our response 2). 9

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[R2, R4]: 2. Solid comparison with stronger baselines. Following this informative suggestion, we compare with 10 three more baselines: (1) ValueDICE as R4 mentioned. We would like to emphasize that ValueDICE is a LfD approach 11 which is *not directly applicable* to LfO (see Sec 8.8), as it requires the expert actions at our disposal. For fairer 12 comparisons, we implemented its variant (2) ValueDICEfO (as suggested by R2), which replaces ground-truth expert 13 actions with pseudo ones provided by an inverse model. Thanks to R2's valuable suggestions, we also implemented

14 (3) DACfO, a variation of DAC that learns the discriminator on (s, s') instead of (s, a); Although ValueDICEfO and 15

DACfO have not been investigated by other prior work, we still found them quite interesting and relevant to our setting. 16

Results in Figure 1 (learning efficiency) and Table 2 (asymptotic performance) shows that: *OPOLO* (blue) in general 1) 17

learns faster than DACfO (red), 2) yields higher asymptotic performance than DACfO and ValueDICEfO (green), and 18

3) is more *robust* than other off-policy baselines including *ValueDICE* (orange) which uses expert actions. *OPOLO* is 19

the only approach that consistently achieves competitive performance regarding both sample-efficiency and asymptotic 20

performance across all tasks, and is therefore more stable compared with ValueDICE. As for the LfO baseline 21

ValueDICEfO, its performance compared with ValueDICE can be further deteriorated by potential action-drifts, as the 22

inferred actions are not guaranteed to recover expertise (see Sec 3.4 and Sec 8.3). 23

[R3]: 3. Comparison with other choices of *f*-divergence. Following this valuable suggestion, we evaluated the effects of different *f*-functions, where $f(x) = \frac{1}{p}|x|^p$, $f^*(y) = \frac{1}{q}|y|^q$, s.t. $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, p, q > 1, as adopted by *DualDICE* (Nachum'19). We observed that *OPOLO* yields reasonable performance across different *f*-functions, although our 24

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choice (q = p = 2) turns out to be most stable. Results using the Ant task is illustrated in Figure 2. 27

[R2]: 4. Conceptual resemblance to prior art: DICE and the inverse-action regularization. We appreciate this 28 insightful comment for drawing a nice connection between OPOLO and other prior arts. We would like to highlight that: 29 1) Our approach is inspired by while different from *DICE*, as it is the first work to extend *DICE* to a more challenging 30 scenario (LfO), which is non-trivial especially when the philosophy of *DICE* is not directly applicable to this setting, 31 for which we have provided theoretical analysis (Sec 8.8). 2) Unlike prior art that empirically validated the effects of an 32

inverse-action model, we provide solid interpretations of its functionality, i.e. a *mode-covering* regularizer, by both 33 theoretical derivations and empirical ablation studies. 34

[R4]: 5. Effects of learning discriminator using fresh data. We appreciate this insightful suggestion. We had similar 35 ideas before, by training discriminator D using on-policy data, which did not bring us much benefit in terms of the 36 learning efficiency. We attribute this phenomenon to a training distribution drift, i.e. the on-policy dataset seen by D 37 differs from the off-policy ones used to train π and Q, and the (potential) overfitting of D may cause it forget on how to 38

distinguish stale (off-policy) samples. We consider it analogous to a *catastrophic forgetting* issue. 39

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Env	HalfCheetah	Hopper	Walker	Swimmer	Ant	Humanoid
opolo(-x)	7632.80±128.88	3581.85±19.08	3947.72 ± 97.88	$257.38 {\pm} 4.28$	5783.57±651.98	4699.68±1245.81
DAC	6900.00±131.24	3534.42±10.27	4131.05±174.13	$232.12{\pm}2.04$	5424.28 ± 594.82	2303.97 ± 379.28
DACfO	7035.63±444.14	3522.95±93.15	3033.02 ± 207.63	185.28 ± 2.67	4920.76 ± 872.66	640.49±233.43
ValueDICE	5696.94±2116.94	3591.37±8.60	1641.58±1230.73	262.73±7.76	3486.87±1232.25	942.47±730.13
ValueDICEfO	4770.37 ± 644.49	3579.51+10.23	431.00 ± 140.87	265.05+3.45	75.08 ± 400.87	198.39 ± 65.46



Figure 1: Learning curves averaged over 3 random seeds.