A Multi-algorithm Game Playing Agent

Summary

Background

Scenario

Previous Work

Algorithmic

Neural Networks

Finally, an interesting piece of previous work is found within the code of Pokemon Red itself.

Design

Input Layer

The role of the input layer is to capture the current visual output of the game emulator and translate it into pieces which can be used by the image recognition layer.

Image Recognition Layer

Decision Tree Layer

Minimax Layer

What is it

This algorithm layer is not strictly necessary. It would be possible to make a capable game playing algorithm with only a decision tree. This is actually the approach taken by certain enemie AI algorithms (for trainers) within Pokemon Red. However, a decision tree would lead to limitations where the algorithm will not be able to find the same optimal move that a player could. This is because the decidion tree is inherently limited in the number of moves ahead that can be considered.

Heuristic Function

Example Tree

Output Layer

Implementation

Unit Testing

Further Interface Improvements

Lessons in Autonomous Agent Design

Conclusion

References

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