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Introduction

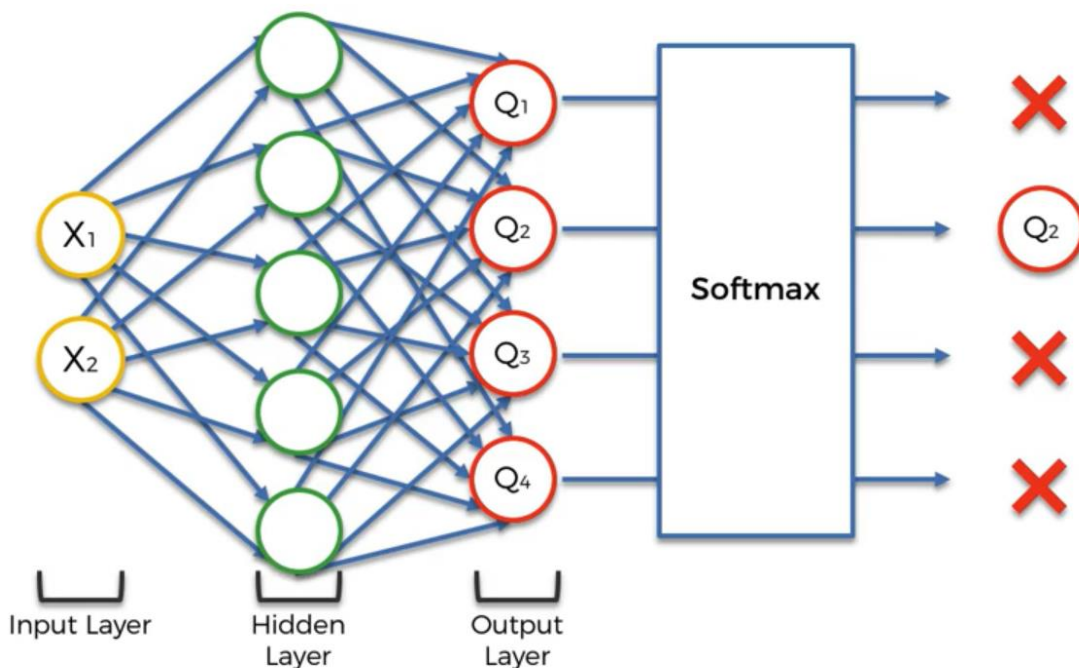
A self-driving car in itself provides a revolutionary solution to the economic and ecological problems related to transportation and traffic. It can prevent car crashes, enhance traffic efficiency and promote environment friendly. Furthermore, a modelled version of a self-driving car can be a very useful tool in creating a suitable environment for training a system which is capable of learning from its surroundings. This way a system can learn about complex situations that may arise on real-life roads without actually causing nuisance on roads.

Hence, in this project, the goal would be to create a modelled version of a self-driving car which would learn itself to drive from one point to another without any prior instructions to operate. It will learn from its surroundings and follow a road while dodging obstacles. The motive of the car would be to reach the goal destination from initial point of start. The car would explore the environment and use this knowledge to learn the appropriate path.

Methodology Adopted

Overall Approach:

The learning process will be fulfilled using Deep Q-learning. Deep Q-Learning is the result of combining Q-Learning with an Artificial Neural Network. The states of the environment will be encoded by a vector which will be passed as input into the Neural Network. Then the Neural Network will try to predict which action should be played, by returning as outputs a Q-value for each of the possible actions. Eventually, the best action to play will be chosen by either taking the one that has the highest Q-value, or by overlaying a Softmax function.



Tools and Technology Used:

- Python3.9
- Numpy
- Random
- PyTorch
- Matplotlib
- Kivy

Procedure

Initialization:

For all couples of actions a and states s , the Q-values are initialized to 1:

$$\forall a \in A, s \in S, Q_0(a, s) = 1$$

The Experience Replay is initialized to an empty list M .

We start in the initial state s_0 . We play a random action and we reach the first state s_1 .

1. We play the action a_t , where a_t is a random draw from the W_s distribution:

$$a_t \sim W_{s_t}(\cdot) = \frac{\exp(Q(s_t, \cdot))^\tau}{\sum_{a'} \exp(Q(s_t, a'))^\tau}, \text{ with } \tau \geq 0$$

2. We get the reward $r_t = R(a_t, s_t)$
3. We get into the next state s_{t+1} , where s_{t+1} is a random draw from the $T(a_t, s_t, \cdot)$ distribution:

$$s_{t+1} \sim T(a_t, s_t, \cdot)$$

4. We append the transition (s_t, a_t, r_t, s_{t+1}) in M .
5. We take a random batch $B \subset M$ of transitions. For each transition $(s_{t_B}, a_{t_B}, r_{t_B}, s_{t_B+1})$ of the random batch B :

- We get the prediction:

$$Q(s_{t_B}, a_{t_B})$$

- We get the target:

$$r_{t_B} + \gamma \max_a Q(a, s_{t_B+1})$$

- We get the loss:

$$\text{Loss} = \frac{1}{2} \left(r_t + \gamma \max_a Q(a, s_{t+1}) - Q(a_t, s_t) \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} TD_t(a_t, s_t)^2$$

- We backpropagate this loss error and update the weights according to how much they contributed to the error.
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Project Specifications

Custom roads/obstacles: Provided tools to make custom roads or obstacles in the environment. These are done by clicking and dragging the mouse through the screen. The affected pixels turn their value to 1.

Car: Created a class car which contains all the properties and methods for the car. It is used to define velocity, rotation and angle of the car at any instant of time.

Sensors: A car contains three sensors. They sense data from front, left and right. These are indicated through three dots.

Signals: These are the quantity used to detect the density of the pixels with value 1 in front of the sensors. This is done by taking a box of pixels in front of the sensors and adding all the pixels with value 1 and dividing them with total number of pixels.

Other features:

- Velocity gets slow at corners of the screen or at obstacles. This is done through reward system. All rewards lie between -1 to +1.
- A clear, load and save button to clear all the obstacles so as to create a new environment, load a saved model and to save a model.
- Taking the top left and right bottom as the goal state. The bottom left is considered as the origin.

Neural Network Architecture: Made the neural network architecture which would take the environment state vectors as input features and produce Q-values as the output.

Experience Replay: Used experience replay to store the past states or experiences which is used to make future decisions.

Source Code:

- For the environment map, the car and features.

```
1  # Self Driving Car
2
3  # Importing the libraries
4  import numpy as np
5  from random import random, randint
6  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
7  import time
8
9  # Importing the Kivy packages
10 from kivy.app import App
11 from kivy.uix.widget import Widget
12 from kivy.uix.button import Button
13 from kivy.graphics import Color, Ellipse, Line
14 from kivy.config import Config
15 from kivy.properties import NumericProperty, ReferenceListProperty, ObjectProperty
16 from kivy.vector import Vector
17 from kivy.clock import Clock
18
19 # Importing the Dqn object from our AI in ai.py
20 from ai import Dqn
21
22 # Adding this line if we don't want the right click to put a red point
23 Config.set('input', 'mouse', 'mouse,multitouch_on_demand')
24
25 # Introducing last_x and last_y, used to keep the last point in memory when we draw the sand on the map
26 last_x = 0
27 last_y = 0
28 n_points = 0
29 length = 0
30
31 # Getting our AI, which we call "brain", and that contains our neural network that represents our Q-function
32 brain = Dqn(5,3,0.9)
33 action2rotation = [0.20,-20]
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32 brain = Brain(5,5,0.5)
33 action2rotation = [0,20,-20]
34 last_reward = 0
35 scores = []
36
37 # Initializing the map
38 first_update = True
39 def init():
40     global sand
41     global goal_x
42     global goal_y
43     global first_update
44     sand = np.zeros((longueur,largeur))
45     goal_x = 20
46     goal_y = largeur - 20
47     first_update = False
48
49 # Initializing the last distance
50 last_distance = 0
51
52 # Creating the car class
53
54 class Car(Widget):
55
56     angle = NumericProperty(0)
57     rotation = NumericProperty(0)
58     velocity_x = NumericProperty(0)
59     velocity_y = NumericProperty(0)
60     velocity = ReferenceListProperty(velocity_x, velocity_y)
61     sensor1_x = NumericProperty(0)
62     sensor1_y = NumericProperty(0)
63     sensor1 = ReferenceListProperty(sensor1_x, sensor1_y)

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67     sensor3_x = NumericProperty(0)
68     sensor3_y = NumericProperty(0)
69     sensor3 = ReferenceListProperty(sensor3_x, sensor3_y)
70     signal1 = NumericProperty(0)
71     signal2 = NumericProperty(0)
72     signal3 = NumericProperty(0)
73
74     def move(self, rotation):
75         self.pos = Vector(*self.velocity) + self.pos
76         self.rotation = rotation
77         self.angle = self.angle + self.rotation
78         self.sensor1 = Vector(30, 0).rotate(self.angle) + self.pos
79         self.sensor2 = Vector(30, 0).rotate((self.angle+30)%360) + self.pos
80         self.sensor3 = Vector(30, 0).rotate((self.angle-30)%360) + self.pos
81         self.signal1 = int(np.sum(sand[int(self.sensor1_x)-10:int(self.sensor1_x)+10, int(self.sensor1_y)-10:int(self.sensor1_y)+10]))
82         self.signal2 = int(np.sum(sand[int(self.sensor2_x)-10:int(self.sensor2_x)+10, int(self.sensor2_y)-10:int(self.sensor2_y)+10]))
83         self.signal3 = int(np.sum(sand[int(self.sensor3_x)-10:int(self.sensor3_x)+10, int(self.sensor3_y)-10:int(self.sensor3_y)+10]))
84         if self.sensor1_x>longueur-10 or self.sensor1_x<10 or self.sensor1_y>largeur-10 or self.sensor1_y<10:
85             self.signal1 = 1.
86         if self.sensor2_x>longueur-10 or self.sensor2_x<10 or self.sensor2_y>largeur-10 or self.sensor2_y<10:
87             self.signal2 = 1.
88         if self.sensor3_x>longueur-10 or self.sensor3_x<10 or self.sensor3_y>largeur-10 or self.sensor3_y<10:
89             self.signal3 = 1.
90
91     class Ball1(Widget):
92         pass

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90
91 class Ball1(Widget):
92     pass
93 class Ball2(Widget):
94     pass
95 class Ball3(Widget):
96     pass
97
98 # Creating the game class
99
100 class Game(Widget):
101
102     car = ObjectProperty(None)
103     ball1 = ObjectProperty(None)
104     ball2 = ObjectProperty(None)
105     ball3 = ObjectProperty(None)
106
107     def serve_car(self):
108         self.car.center = self.center
109         self.car.velocity = Vector(6, 0)
110
111     def update(self, dt):
112
113         global brain
114         global last_reward
115         global scores
116         global last_distance
117         global goal_x
118         global goal_y
119         global longueur

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123     longueur = self.height
124     if first_update:
125         init()
126
127     xx = goal_x - self.car.x
128     yy = goal_y - self.car.y
129     orientation = Vector(*self.car.velocity).angle((xx,yy))/180.
130     last_signal = [self.car.signal1, self.car.signal2, self.car.signal3, orientation, -orientation]
131     action = brain.update(last_reward, last_signal)
132     scores.append(brain.score())
133     rotation = action2rotation[action]
134     self.car.move(rotation)
135     distance = np.sqrt((self.car.x - goal_x)**2 + (self.car.y - goal_y)**2)
136     self.ball1.pos = self.car.sensor1
137     self.ball2.pos = self.car.sensor2
138     self.ball3.pos = self.car.sensor3
139
140     if sand[int(self.car.x),int(self.car.y)] > 0:
141         self.car.velocity = Vector(1, 0).rotate(self.car.angle)
142         last_reward = -1
143     else: # otherwise
144         self.car.velocity = Vector(6, 0).rotate(self.car.angle)
145         last_reward = -0.2
146         if distance < last_distance:
147             last_reward = 0.1
148
149     if self.car.x < 10:
150         self.car.x = 10
151         last_reward = -1
152     if self.car.x > self.width - 10:
153         self.car.x = self.width - 10

```

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167 # Adding the painting tools
168
169 class MyPaintWidget(Widget):
170
171     def on_touch_down(self, touch):
172         global length, n_points, last_x, last_y
173         with self.canvas:
174             Color(0.8,0.7,0)
175             d = 10.
176             touch.ud['line'] = Line(points = (touch.x, touch.y), width = 10)
177             last_x = int(touch.x)
178             last_y = int(touch.y)
179             n_points = 0
180             length = 0
181             sand[int(touch.x),int(touch.y)] = 1
182
183     def on_touch_move(self, touch):
184         global length, n_points, last_x, last_y
185         if touch.button == 'left':
186             touch.ud['line'].points += [touch.x, touch.y]
187             x = int(touch.x)
188             y = int(touch.y)
189             length += np.sqrt(max((x - last_x)**2 + (y - last_y)**2, 2))
190             n_points += 1.
191             density = n_points/(length)
192             touch.ud['line'].width = int(20 * density + 1)
193             sand[int(touch.x) - 10 : int(touch.x) + 10, int(touch.y) - 10 : int(touch.y) + 10] = 1
194             last_x = x
195             last_y = y
196

```

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196
197 # Adding the API Buttons (clear, save and load)
198
199 class CarApp(App):
200
201     def build(self):
202         parent = Game()
203         parent.serve_car()
204         Clock.schedule_interval(parent.update, 1.0/60.0)
205         self.painter = MyPaintWidget()
206         clearbtn = Button(text = 'clear')
207         savebtn = Button(text = 'save', pos = (parent.width, 0))
208         loadbtn = Button(text = 'load', pos = (2 * parent.width, 0))
209         clearbtn.bind(on_release = self.clear_canvas)
210         savebtn.bind(on_release = self.save)
211         loadbtn.bind(on_release = self.load)
212         parent.add_widget(self.painter)
213         parent.add_widget(clearbtn)
214         parent.add_widget(savebtn)
215         parent.add_widget(loadbtn)
216         return parent
217
218     def clear_canvas(self, obj):
219         global sand
220         self.painter.canvas.clear()
221         sand = np.zeros((longueur,largeur))
222
223     def save(self, obj):
224         print("saving brain...")

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```

219     global sand
220     self.painter.canvas.clear()
221     sand = np.zeros((longueur, largeur))
222
223     def save(self, obj):
224         print("saving brain...")
225         brain.save()
226         plt.plot(scores)
227         plt.show()
228
229     def load(self, obj):
230         print("loading last saved brain...")
231         brain.load()
232
233     # Running the whole thing
234     if __name__ == '__main__':
235         CarApp().run()
236

```

- For Deep Q-learning, experience replay and neural network.

```

1  # AI for Self Driving Car
2
3  # Importing the Libraries
4
5  import numpy as np
6  import random
7  import os
8  import torch
9  import torch.nn as nn
10 import torch.nn.functional as F
11 import torch.optim as optim
12 import torch.autograd as autograd
13 from torch.autograd import Variable
14
15 # Creating the architecture of the Neural Network
16
17 class Network(nn.Module):
18
19     def __init__(self, input_size, nb_action):
20         super(Network, self).__init__()
21         self.input_size = input_size
22         self.nb_action = nb_action
23         self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input_size, 30)
24         self.fc2 = nn.Linear(30, nb_action)
25
26     def forward(self, state):
27         x = F.relu(self.fc1(state))
28         q_values = self.fc2(x)
29         return q_values
30

```

```

30
31 # Implementing Experience Replay
32
33 class ReplayMemory(object):
34
35     def __init__(self, capacity):
36         self.capacity = capacity
37         self.memory = []
38
39     def push(self, event):
40         self.memory.append(event)
41         if len(self.memory) > self.capacity:
42             del self.memory[0]
43
44     def sample(self, batch_size):
45         samples = zip(*random.sample(self.memory, batch_size))
46         return map(lambda x: Variable(torch.cat(x, 0)), samples)
47

```

```

47
48 # Implementing Deep Q Learning
49
50 class Dqn():
51
52     def __init__(self, input_size, nb_action, gamma):
53         self.gamma = gamma
54         self.reward_window = []
55         self.model = Network(input_size, nb_action)
56         self.memory = ReplayMemory(100000)
57         self.optimizer = optim.Adam(self.model.parameters(), lr = 0.001)
58         self.last_state = torch.Tensor(input_size).unsqueeze(0)
59         self.last_action = 0
60         self.last_reward = 0
61
62     def select_action(self, state):
63         probs = F.softmax(self.model(Variable(state, volatile = True))*100) # T=100
64         action = probs.multinomial(num_samples = 1)
65         return action.data[0,0]
66

```



```

66
67 def learn(self, batch_state, batch_next_state, batch_reward, batch_action):
68     outputs = self.model(batch_state).gather(1, batch_action.unsqueeze(1)).squeeze(1)
69     next_outputs = self.model(batch_next_state).detach().max(1)[0]
70     target = self.gamma*next_outputs + batch_reward
71     td_loss = F.smooth_l1_loss(outputs, target)
72     self.optimizer.zero_grad()
73     td_loss.backward(retain_graph = True)
74     self.optimizer.step()
75
76 def update(self, reward, new_signal):
77     new_state = torch.Tensor(new_signal).float().unsqueeze(0)
78     self.memory.push((self.last_state, new_state, torch.LongTensor([int(self.last_action)]), torch.Tensor([self.last_reward])))
79     action = self.select_action(new_state)
80     if len(self.memory.memory) > 100:
81         batch_state, batch_next_state, batch_action, batch_reward = self.memory.sample(100)
82         self.learn(batch_state, batch_next_state, batch_reward, batch_action)
83     self.last_action = action
84     self.last_state = new_state
85     self.last_reward = reward
86     self.reward_window.append(reward)
87     if len(self.reward_window) > 1000:
88         del self.reward_window[0]
89     return action
90

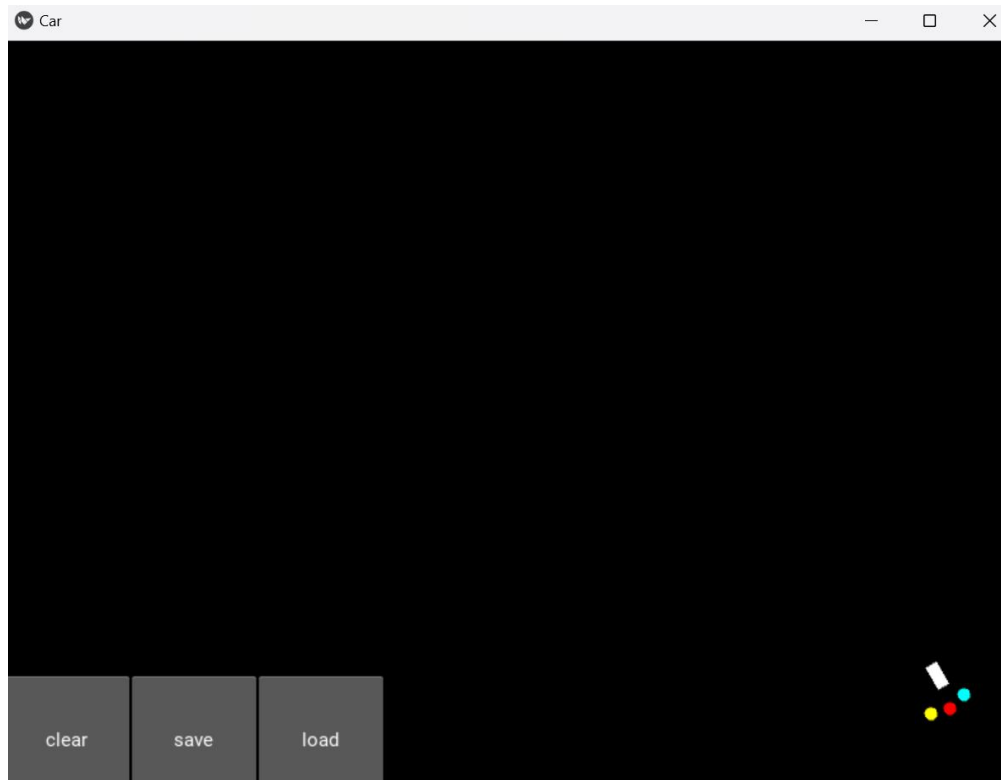
```

```

90
91 def score(self):
92     return sum(self.reward_window)/(len(self.reward_window)+1.)
93
94 def save(self):
95     torch.save({'state_dict': self.model.state_dict(),
96               'optimizer' : self.optimizer.state_dict(),
97               }, 'last_brain.pth')
98
99 def load(self):
100     if os.path.isfile('last_brain.pth'):
101         print("=> loading checkpoint... ")
102         checkpoint = torch.load('last_brain.pth')
103         self.model.load_state_dict(checkpoint['state_dict'])
104         self.optimizer.load_state_dict(checkpoint['optimizer'])
105         print("done !")
106     else:
107         print("no checkpoint found...")

```

Results Screenshots:

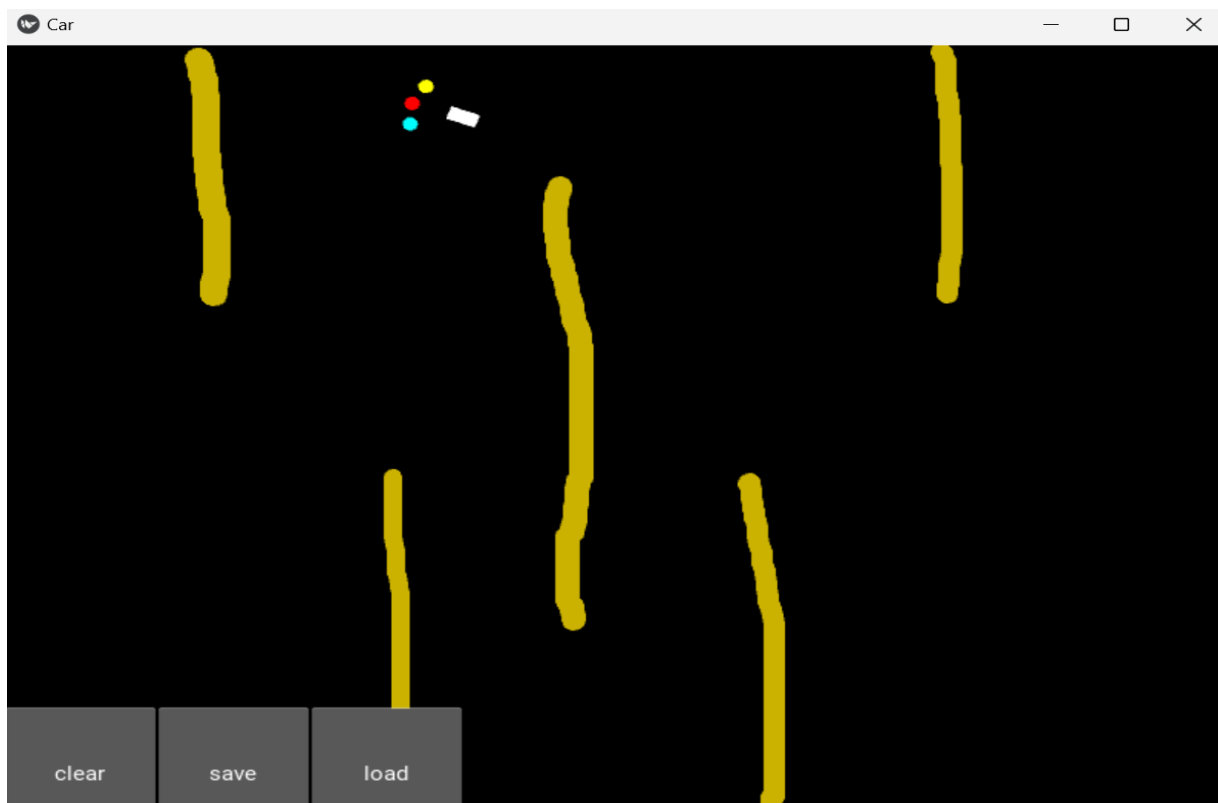


The interface of car and environment



Creating Obstacle/Road using mouse

Experimenting with different roads and obstacles:



Conclusion and Future work

Deep Q- learning proved out to be an efficient method to learn and execute a self-driving car. The model generated superior results while handling random situations, similar to a real car on roads. The environment allowed the user to make custom obstacles giving the car difficult challenges. The car made sensible motion from its source to destination. The next steps should be to add more moving objects in the environment.