## **CSC 110 Honors Project Final Writeup**

### **Overview**

My program allows a user to play through simple "Einstein's Riddle" style, grid-based logic puzzles. This style of puzzle typically involves three categories, in my case one subject and two adjectives, with grids that represent the relationship between any given pair of these categories. To solve the puzzle, a list of logic-based, textual clues is provided that can be solved through deductive reasoning. For example, if a subject was a person, say, John, who had blue eyes and brown hair you would mark the intersection of the columns for John and blue eyes, John and brown hair, and blue eyes and brown hair as solutions. For more information about this type of puzzle, visit this website.

### **Functionality**

When this program is started, it selects two random adjective categories that could describe a person, such as 'eye color' and 'language spoken', and chooses four adjectives from within each selected category randomly from a file, which could be ('Amber', 'Blue', 'Gray', 'Green') and ('Arabic', 'English', 'French', and 'Spanish'') in this example. After this, it selects four random names from a file to act as the subjects that are described by these adjectives, like ('Brody', 'Candice', 'Keaton', 'Talia').

After finalizing the choice of the aforementioned adjective categories and subjects, the program begins to generate all possible permutations of basic clues using these categories, encoding each clue as both human-readable text and computer-understandable logic, in JSON format. A possible clue that could be generated in this case is {text: "The person with Green eyes is Brody.", logic: [0,0,3,0]}.

After generating all possible clues, two constraint-satisfaction problem solvers are initialized, one for each adjective. One at a time, random clues are added or removed as constraints to these solvers, until exactly one unique solution is found for each adjective-subject pair. This means that, given this set of clues, the puzzle is fully defined, and a human should be able to solve it without issue.

However, there are two problems with this raw set of clues. For one, they only involve basic logical statements and relationships, such as "Subject A has X Y", "Subject B does not have X Y". Secondly, there may be redundant clues that are not required to solve the problem. To address these issues, the program executes two functions back-to-back. The first is what I call the consolidation step, which adds random compound clues that match the solution set, such as "The subject with X Y has U V". The second function reduces this new set of clues to the least number possible required to solve the puzzle. It accomplishes this by removing one clue at a time from the set and checking if the solution space is identical to its previous state. If it is, the clue is redundant and removed from the set. At this point, the set of clues is ready to be presented to the user. A function prints out an ordered list of the textual representation of the clues, wishing the user good luck.

After this, a series of steps are taken by the program in preparation for the start of the game. The first thing that happens is the game-board/grid is initialized as a 3D array, with each index set to 0, which represents a blank, unmarked space. Then, two threads are created and started. One runs the graphical user interface, and the other runs the command line interface. Each of these runs parallel to each other, so the user can interact with

both at the same time, except for during conditions outlined later on.

The graphical user interface in this program utilizes a slightly modified version of 'graphic.py' used in class. During each draw loop, the various parts of the gameboard are drawn on the screen. This includes the titles of each category, the grid lines (both bolded and standard), and the player's marks. To create a mark, the user must click on the square in the grid they want to place their mark on, which is 'O' on a right-click, which represents the solution (like a flag in minesweeper), and 'X' on a left-click, which represents an index that cannot be part of the solution set (like clearing tiles in minesweeper). Either of these symbols can be toggled back to blank through a left-click action as well. The way the program accomplishes this is through the 3D grid array mentioned earlier. When an 'O' is placed, the corresponding index in the grid array is set to 2, and for an 'X', it is set to 1. At the start of each graphics loop, this grid array is referenced to figure out what to draw at each grid location.

The command-line interface provides the user with several useful tools when running the game. When a user enters text into the command window and submits it (presses enter), the program parses and sanitizes the user's input and attempts to determine the user's intended command. The accepted commands are 'help', 'clear', 'check', 'show', and 'exit'. When the user selects 'help' the list of allowed commands prints to the screen. For 'clear', the 3D grid array is set to 0 at all indices, which subsequently clears the game board. For 'check', the current state of the gameboard is read and if there are any discrepancies/errors between it and the solution space, the number of errors is given to the user. If everything is correct, the program displays a 'win' message to the user, and the program closes. For 'show', the user is asked to confirm if they want to see the solution to the puzzle and if yes, the solutions are shown on the board, with the program ending afterward. Finally, 'exit' closes the program.

To prevent/mitigate race conditions, anytime a shared resource is planned to be modified by either thread, such as in the command line interface when the grid array is modified during the 'clear', 'check', and 'show' commands, a lock is applied on one of the threads. Once the operation is complete, the lock is removed and execution can continue as normal.

# **Going Beyond the 110 Topics**

This program dealt heavily with many of the topics we touched on in this course, such as branching statements, file input/output, graphics, string operations, and set operations, at a larger scope/scale. In addition, this program utilized concepts not explored in the course, such as constraint problems, threading, the JSON format, race conditions, and recursion.

### Conclusion

At the start of this project, I identified multiple challenges I'd have to overcome in order to be successful, such as finding a way to procedurally generate entire puzzles, with sets of written clues, for the user to solve, varying in difficulty, and being able to modify, display, check, and store the gameboard in an efficient way. I believe that I was able to accomplish both of these challenges over the past few months, and deliver a fully-functional deliverable that met the original specifications outlined at the start of this project.

	Brody	Candice	Keaton	Talia	Arabic	English	French	Spanish
Amber								
Blue								
Gray								
Green								
Arabic								
English								
French								
Spanish								

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C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\Shared\Python37 64\python.exe
Generating clues...
Consolidating clues...
Reducing clues...
Here are your clues. Have fun!
- [1] The person with Gray eyes is neither Talia nor Keaton.
- [2] The person with Green eyes is Brody.
– [3] The person with Arabic as their language is either Talia or Brody.
- [4] The person with Gray eyes has French as their language.
- [5] The person with Spanish as their language has Green eyes.
- [6] The person with Amber eyes is Keaton.
- [7] The eve color of Brody is Green.
Type 'help' for a list of commands.
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from graphics import graphics
from constraint import
import threading
import random
<mark>import</mark> json
threadLock = [1, 1]
def generate_clues(sub, adj1, adj2):
   data = {}
data['clues'] = []
   adj = [adj1, adj2]
   for i in range(0,4):
       for j in range(0,4):
          for k in range(0,2):
              data['clues'].append({
    'text': "The " + adj[k]["keyword"] + " of " + sub["list"][i] + " is " + adj[k]["list"][j] + ".",
    'logic': [0, i, j, k]
              # x is not y
data['clues'].append({
    'text': "The " + adj[k]["keyword"] + " of " + sub["list"][i] + " is not " + adj[k]["list"][j] + ".",
    'logic': [1, i, j, k]
              data['clues'].append({
    'text': "The " + sub["type"] + " with " + adj[k]["list"][j] + " " + adj[k]["type"] + " is " + sub["list"][i] + ".",
    'logic': [0, i, j, k]
              data['clues'].append({
    'text': "The " + sub["type"] + " with " + adj[k]["list"][j] + " " + adj[k]["type"] + " is not " + sub["list"][i] + ".",
    'logic': [1, i, j, k]
              })
   pairs = [[0,1],[0,2],[0,3],[1,2],[1,3],[2,3]]
   for pair in pairs:
      for j in range(0,4):
          for k in range(0,2):
              data['clues'].append({
    'text': "The " + sub["type"] + " with " + adj[k]["list"][j] + " " + adj[k]["type"] + " is either " + sub["list"][pair[0]] + " or " + sub[
    "list"][pair[1]] + ".",
                  'logic': [2, pair, j, k]
              })
              data['clues'].append({
    'text': "The " + sub["type"] + " with " + adj[k]["list"][j] + " " + adj[k]["type"] + " is either " + sub["list"][pair[1]] + " or " + sub[
                  "list"][pair[0]] + ".",
'logic': [2, pair, j, k]
              data['clues'].append({
    'text': "The " + sub["type"] + " with " + adj[k]["list"][j] + " " + adj[k]["type"] + " is neither " + sub["list"][pair[0]] + " nor " +
    sub["list"][pair[1]] + ".",
    'logic': [3, pair, j, k]
              data['clues'].append({
    'text': "The " + sub["type"] + " with " + adj[k]["list"][j] + " " + adj[k]["type"] + " is neither " + sub["list"][pair[1]] + " nor " +
    sub["list"][pair[0]] + ".",
                  'logic': [3, pair, j, k]
              })
   return data
def generate_categories():
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adj1_rand, adj2_rand = random.sample(range(0,len(adj_keywords)), 2)
  adj1_file = open("categories/" + adj_keywords[adj1_rand] + ".txt", 'r')
  adj1 lines = adj1 file.readlines()
  adj1 file.close()
  adj2_file = open("categories/" + adj_keywords[adj2_rand] + ".txt", 'r')
  adj2_lines = adj2_file.readlines()
  adj2_file.close()
  subj_file = open("subjects/" + "name.txt", 'r')
  subj_lines = subj_file.readlines()
  subj_file.close()
  adj1 list = []
  for i in random.sample(range(0,len(adj1_lines)), 4):
     adj1_list.append(adj1_lines[i].strip('\n'))
  adj2_list = []
  for i in random.sample(range(0,len(adj2_lines)), 4):
     adj2_list.append(adj2_lines[i].strip('\n'))
  subj_list = []
  for i in random.sample(range(0,len(subj lines)), 4):
     subj_list.append(subj_lines[i].strip('\n'))
  sub = {
     "keyword": "name",
"list": sorted(subj_list),
  adj1 = {
     "keyword": adj_keywords[adj1_rand],
"list": sorted(adj1_list),
     "type": adj_type[adj1_rand]
  adj2 = {
     "keyword": adj_keywords[adj2_rand],
"list": sorted(adj2_list),
     "type": adj_type[adj2_rand]
  return sub, adj1, adj2
def pick_clues(data, sub, adj1, adj2):
  solver1 = Problem()
  solver2 = Problem()
  sol1 = []
  sol2 = []
  clues = []
  clues_old = []
  reset_solver([solver1, solver2])
  print("Generating clues...")
  while (len(sol1) != 1) or (len(sol2) != 1):
     clues_old = list(clues)
     clue = get random clue(data)
     add_constraint(clue['logic'], solver1, solver2)
     clues.append([clue['text'], clue['logic']])
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sol1 = solver1.getSolutions()
                   sol2 = solver2.getSolutions()
                  if len(sol1) < 1 or len(sol2) < 1:
                            reset_solver([solver1, solver2])
                            for i in range(len(clues_old)):
                                       add_constraint(clues_old[i][1], solver1, solver2)
                                       clues.append(clues_old[i])
        \# Add certain compound clues to increase puzzle difficulty {\bf print("Consolidating\ clues...")}
        clues = consolidate_clues(clues, sol1, sol2, sub, adj1, adj2)
        print("Reducing clues...")
         for a in range(len(clues)):
                  for i in range(len(clues)):
                             reset_solver([solver1, solver2])
                            for j in range(len(clues)):
                                       if clues[i][1] != clues[j][1]:
                                                 add_constraint(clues[j][1], solver1, solver2)
                            if (len(solver1.getSolutions()) == 1) and (len(solver2.getSolutions()) == 1):
                                       del clues[i]
                                       break
        return clues, sol1, sol2
def consolidate_clues(clues, sol1, sol2, sub, adj1, adj2):
        adj = [adj1, adj2]
        for key in ['A', B', 'C', 'D']:
    # Convert the solution item to subj, adj1, adj2
                  i = ord(key) - ord('A')
                  j = sol1[0][key]
                   k = sol2[0][key]
                  if random.randint(0,2) == 0:
                            logic = [4, i, j, k]
                            if random.randint(0,1):
                                       text = "The " + sub["type"] + " with " + adj[0]["list"][j] + " " + adj[0]["type"] + " has " + adj[1]["list"][k] + " " + adj[1]["type"] + " has " + adj[1]["list"][k] + " " + adj[1]["type"] + " has " + adj[1]["list"][k] + " + adj[1]["
                                       text = "The " + sub["type"] + " with " + adj[1]["list"][k] + " " + adj[1]["type"] + " has " + adj[0]["list"][j] + " " + adj[0]["type"] + " has " + adj[0]["list"][j] + " " + adj[0]["type"] + " has " + adj[0]["list"][j] + " " + adj[0]["list"][j] + adj[0]["list"]
                            clues.append([text, logic])
         return clues
def reset_solver(solvers):
        for solver in solvers:
                   solver.reset()
                  solver.addVariable("A", [0, 1, 2, 3]) solver.addVariable("B", [0, 1, 2, 3]) solver.addVariable("C", [0, 1, 2, 3]) solver.addVariable("D", [0, 1, 2, 3])
                   solver.addConstraint(AllDifferentConstraint())
def get_random_clue(data):
        clue = data['clues'][random.randint(0,len(data['clues'])-1)]
def add_constraint(logic, solve_adj1, solve_adj2):
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if logic[0] == 0:
     for i in range(0,4):
        if i != logic[1]:
           add_constraint([1, i, logic[2], logic[3]], solve_adj1, solve_adj2)
  if logic[0] == 1:
     subject = chr(ord('A') + int(logic[1]))
     value = logic[2]
     adjective = logic[3] + 1
     for i in ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D']:
   if adjective == 1 and subject[0] == i:
           solve_adj1.addConstraint((lambda a: a != value), [subject[0]])
        elif adjective == 2 and subject[0] == i:
           solve_adj2.addConstraint((lambda a: a != value), [subject[0]])
  elif logic[0] == 2
     for i in range(0,4):
        if i not in {logic[1][0], logic[1][1]}:
           add_constraint([1, i, logic[2], logic[3]], solve_adj1, solve_adj2)
  elif logic[0] == 3:
     add_constraint([1,logic[1][0], logic[2], logic[3]], solve_adj1, solve_adj2)
     add_constraint([1,logic[1][1], logic[2], logic[3]], solve_adj1, solve_adj2)
  elif logic[0] == 4:
     add_constraint([0, logic[1], logic[3], 1], solve_adj1, solve_adj2)
def print_clues(clues):
  set clues = set()
  for clue in clues:
     set_clues.add(clue[0])
  i = 0
  for clue in set_clues:
     print(" - [" + str(i + 1) + "] " + clue)
i = i + 1
def gui(grid, sub, adj1, adj2):
  global threadLock
  xsize = 600
  ysize = 600
  window = graphics(xsize, ysize, "Karson's Logic Puzzle Player")
  window.set left click action(grid place, [grid, xsize, ysize, "I"])
  window.set_right_click_action(grid_place, [grid, xsize, ysize, "r"])
  while threadLock[0] != 0:
     window.clear()
     draw gridlines(window, xsize, ysize)
     draw_titles(window, sub, adj1, adj2, xsize, ysize)
     draw_marks(window, xsize, ysize, grid)
     window.update_frame(60)
     while threadLock[0] == -1:
        threadLock[1] = 1
def instantiate_grid(grid):
  grid.clear()
  for i in range(0,3):
     grid.append([])
     for j in range(0,4):
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grid[i].append([])
        for k in range(0,4):
           grid[i][j].append([])
           grid[i][j][k] = 0
def draw_gridlines(window, xsize, ysize):
  gridx = xsize / 9
  gridy = ysize / 9
  for i in range(1,10):
     window.line(i * gridx, 5 * gridy, i * gridx, 0, 'black', 1)
  for i in range(1,6):
     window.line(i * gridx, 5 * gridy, i * gridx, ysize, 'black', 1)
     window.line(0, i * gridy, xsize, i * gridy, 'black', 1)
  for i in range(6,10):
     window.line(0, i * gridy, 5 * gridx, i * gridy, 'black', 1)
  window.line(0, gridy, xsize, gridy, 'black', 2)
  window.line(0, 5 * gridy, xsize, 5 * gridy, 'black', 2)
  window.line(gridx, ysize, gridx, 0, 'black', 2)
  window.line(5 * gridx, ysize, 5 * gridx, 0, 'black', 2)
def draw_titles(window, sub, adj1, adj2, xsize, ysize):
  gridx = xsize / 9
  gridy = ysize / 9
  for i in range(0,4):
     fontsize = 10
     drawx = gridx * (i+1.05)
     drawy = 0.05 * gridy
     window.text(drawx, drawy, sub['list'][i][0:9], 'black', fontsize) window.text(drawx, drawy + (0.2 * gridy), sub['list'][i][9::], 'black', fontsize)
     drawx = 0.05 * gridx
     drawy = gridy *(i+1.05)
     window.text(drawx, drawy, adj1['list'][i][0:9], 'black', fontsize)
     window.text(drawx, drawy + (0.2 * gridy), adj1['list'][i][9::], 'black', fontsize)
     drawx = gridx * (i+5.05)
     drawy = 0.05 * gridy
     window.text(drawx, drawy, adj2['list'][i][0:9], 'black', fontsize)
     window.text(drawx, drawy + (0.2 * gridy), adj2['list'][i][9::], 'black', fontsize)
     drawx = 0.05 * gridx
     drawy = gridy * (i+5.05)
     window.text(drawx, drawy, adj2['list'][i][0:9], 'black', fontsize)
     window.text(drawx, drawy + (0.2 * gridy), adj2['list'][i][9::], 'black', fontsize)
def grid_place(window, xpos, ypos, args):
  gridx = int(xpos / (args[1] / 9))
  gridy = int(ypos / (args[2] / 9))
  subgrid = -1
  if gridx in range(1,5) and gridy in range(1,5):
     subgrid = 0
  elif gridx in range(5,9) and gridy in range(1,5):
     subgrid = 1
  elif gridx in range(1,5) and gridy in range(5,9):
     subgrid = 2
  xindex = (gridx - 1) \% 4
  yindex = (gridy - 1) \% 4
  if subgrid != -1:
     if args[3] == "|":
        if args[0][subgrid][xindex][yindex] == 0:
           args[0][subgrid][xindex][yindex] = 1
        else:
           args[0][subgrid][xindex][yindex] = 0
        for i in range(0,4):
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args[0][subgrid][i][yindex] = 1
args[0][subgrid][xindex][i] = 1
        args[0][subgrid][xindex][yindex] = 2
def draw_marks(window, xsize, ysize, grid):
  gridx = xsize / 9
  gridy = ysize / 9
  for i in range(0,3):
     for j in range(0,4):
        for k in range(0,4):
           drawx = (j + 0.5) * gridx
           drawy = (k + 0.5) * gridy
           if i == 0:
              drawx += gridx
              drawy += gridy
           elif i == 1:
              drawx += 5 * gridx
              drawy += gridy
           else:
              drawx += gridx
           drawy += 5 * gridy
# Draw an X at the tile
           if grid[i][j][k] == 1:
              window.line(drawx - 0.45 * gridx, drawy - 0.45 * gridy, drawx + 0.45 * gridx, drawy + 0.45 * gridy, 'black')
              window.line(drawx - 0.45 * gridx, drawy + 0.45 * gridy, drawx + 0.45 * gridx, drawy - 0.45 * gridy, 'black')
           if grid[i][j][k] == 2:
              window.ellipse(drawx, drawy, 0.9 * gridx, 0.9 * gridy, 'black')
              window.ellipse(drawx, drawy, 0.9 * gridx - 4, 0.9 * gridy - 4, 'white')
def cli(grid, sol1, sol2):
  print("\nType 'help' for a list of commands.")
  done = False
  while not done:
     command = input("> '
     command = sanitize(command)
     if "help" in command:
        print_help()
     elif "clear" in command:
        lockGUI()
        instantiate_grid(grid)
        unlockGUI()
     print("Cleared board.")
# Check how correct the current board is
     elif "check" in command:
        lockGUI()
        if check_solution(grid, sol1, sol2):
           unlockGUI()
           done = True
           input("\nPress enter when you are ready to exit...\n")
           closeGUI()
        else:
          unlockGUI()
     elif "show" in command:
        sure = False
        while not sure:
           print("Are you sure? This will end the game. (y/n)", end=")
           command = input(" ")
           command = sanitize(command)
           if 'y' == command:
              sure = True
              done = True
              lockGUI()
              show_solution(grid, sol1, sol2)
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unlockGUI()
               input("\nPr
                             ess enter when you are ready to exit...\n")
               closeGUI()
            elif 'n' == command:
               sure = True
      elif "exit" in command:
        print("Goodbye!")
        done = True
        closeGUI()
        print("Invalid command. Type 'help' for a list of available commands.")
def lockGUI():
  global threadLock
  threadLock[0] = -1
  threadLock[1] = 0
  while threadLock[1] != 1:
     threadLock[0] = -1
def unlockGUI():
  global threadLock
  threadLock[0] = 1
def closeGUI():
  global threadLock
  threadLock[0] = 0
def print_help():
  # Print help command
print("Available commands are:")
print("\t'help' - list available commands")
print("\t'clear' - clear board")
print("\t'check' - check solution")
print("\t'show' - show solution")
  print("\t'exit' - exit program")
def check_solution(grid, sol1, sol2):
  num_error = 0
  for i in sol1[0]:
     j = ord(i) - ord('A')
     if not grid[0][j][sol1[0][i]] == 2:
        num error +=1
  for i in sol2[0]:
      j = ord(i) - ord('A')
     if not grid[2][j][sol2[0][i]] == 2:
        num_error += 1
  for i in range(0,4):
     j = chr(ord(A') + i)
      if not grid[1][sol2[0][j]][sol1[0][j]] == 2:
        num_error += 1
  if num_error > 0:
      print("You have " + str(num_error) + " errors.")
      return False
  else:
      print("Congratulations! You beat the puzzle.")
      return True
def show_solution(grid, sol1, sol2):
  for i in range(0,3):
     for j in range(0,4):
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        for k in range(0,4):
           grid[i][j][k] = 1
  for i in sol1[0]:
  j = ord(i) - ord('A')
grid[0][j][sol1[0][i]] = 2
for i in sol2[0]:
     j = ord(i) - ord('A')
     grid[2][j][sol2[0][i]] = 2
  for i in range(0,4):
     j = chr(ord('A') + i)
     grid[1][sol2[0][j]][sol1[0][j]] = 2
def sanitize(string):
  if len(string) > 6:
     string = string[0:6]
  string = string.encode("ascii", errors="ignore").decode()
  for char in invalid_chars:
     string = string.replace(char, ")
  string = string.lower()
  return string
def main():
  sub, adj1, adj2 = generate_categories()
  all_clues = generate_clues(sub, adj1, adj2)
  puzzle_clues, sol1, sol2 = pick_clues(all_clues, sub, adj1, adj2)
  print("\nHere are your clues. Have fun!")
  print_clues(puzzle_clues)
  grid = []
  instantiate_grid(grid)
  t = threading.Thread(target=gui, args=(grid, sub, adj1, adj2))
  u = threading.Thread(target=cli, args=(grid, sol1, sol2))
  t.start()
  u.start()
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main()