Spike: 10

Title: Tactical Analysis with PlanetWars

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#### Goals / deliverables:

Use tactical analysis to influence agent decisions in the context of a strategic game model.

### Technologies, Tools, and Resources used:

List of information needed by someone trying to reproduce this work

- Cloned Planet Wars Code
- Swinburne Lecture Notes

### Tasks undertaken:

After importing the previous Planet Wars code, we must create a new bot file. This will be our ComplexBot.

- Now that our new bot has been created, we have to add it to the simulation.
  - In the settings portion of the bottom of the main.py file, edit the players to look like this.

```
'players': [
#'OneMove',
#'Blanko',
'Rando',
#'Simple',
'ComplexBot'
#'PingPong',
],
```

Then to get a better understanding of the tactics available to use, we can use

the ComplexBot to print all the possible game info.

```
def update(self, gameinfo):
   if gameinfo:
       print("All planets:")
        for planet in gameinfo.planets.values():
           print(vars(planet))
       print("Neutral planets:")
       for planet in gameinfo.neutral_planets.values():
           print(vars(planet))
       print("My planets:")
       for planet in gameinfo.my_planets.values():
           print(vars(planet))
       print("Enemy planets:")
        for planet in gameinfo.enemy_planets.values():
           print(vars(planet))
       print("Not my planets:")
       for planet in gameinfo.not_my_planets.values():
           print(vars(planet))
       print("All fleets:")
       for fleet in gameinfo.fleets.values():
           print(vars(fleet))
       print("My fleets:")
       for fleet in gameinfo.my_fleets.values():
           print(vars(fleet))
       print("Enemy fleets:")
       for fleet in gameinfo.enemy_fleets.values():
           print(vars(fleet))
```

- Now that we will be able to see our available intel we can create tactics. The tactical setup I implemented was as follows.

My ComplexBot uses two distinct tactics: scouting and attacking.

## **Scouting Tactic:**

- Objective: Get information on neutral and enemy planets
- Execution:
  - For each bot-controlled planet with more than 10 ships, identify targets to scout.
  - A target is a neutral or enemy planet that is prioritized by their vision\_age and proximity.
  - If a targets vision\_age is more than 5, send scouts.

# **Attacking Tactic**

- Objective: Send ships to control neutral and enemy planets.
- Execution:
  - Create a target list of enemy and neutral planets, sorted by their growth rate and number of ships from most to least.
  - For each controlled planet, if it has more than 1.5 times the ships of a target, send a fleet.
  - Attack fleets consist of 75% of a planet's ships.

### What we found out:

The tasks and strategies used in this spike relate to multiple ULO's:

- 1. Discuss and Implement software development techniques to support the create of AI behaviour in games:
  - The creation of ComplexBot required the planning and analysis of Al behaviours included Al vs Al behaviour.
- 4. Create agents that are capable of planning actions in order to achieve goals
  - The scouting part of ComplexBot in particular demonstrates this ULO. By using a tactic to gather more information, the bot can better determine the best course of action.

Complex Bots Stats

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	Games	Games Won	Win%	Average Steps	Longest	Shortest
	Played				Game (steps)	Game (steps)
Map 5	20	20	100%	127	233	102
Map 10	20	20	100%	112	190	72
Map 25	20	20	100%	134	289	69
Map 30	20	20	100%	60	97	20
Map 55	20	20	100%	76	105	39

These are the stats from ComplexBots games. In every game he was facing 1 other bot, Rando.py. As can be seen from the data, the outcome of each game was the same even when using different maps.