Blocksworld Architecture

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The Goal

The 2D Blocksworld web game has been produced in order to more easily gather data to bootstrap the AI tied with the ongoing Human-Robot Collaboration project. The eventual goal is to have a 3D version, but in the meantime the AI should be proven in a simpler, 2D case from which it can learn and have its structure tweaked to best solve the problem.

AI Architecture

Since a good portion of what is interpreted by the AI is natural language, a series of neural networks are used. The training takes place in the neural network suite of programs (see below for more details).

In order to simplify what the AI has to interpret, multiple small AI's are run off of the input, each of which "annotates" the input with a different piece of information. For example, given an input of "Move the Green A there," one neural network flags the text as wanting a "green" block, and another will say the user wants to "move" a block rather than flip one.

Software Architecture

There are three major functionalities in the Blocksworld system: the neural network construction and training, the Python web server, and the web page that is shown to the end user. See the attached architecture diagram here for a general overview.

Neural Network Construction and Training

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Everything in the neural network repository is related to training or running the various different neural networks that together form the Blocksworld AI. The training happens before the server is ever started, but this repository also includes python files used to run the neural network models it trains.

It's important to note that the Neural Network repository is a suite of programs, not a library. Some are standalone programs, some generate data, and some train the models.

Firstly is generate_text_instructions.py, which generates the training data for the trainer to use. It outputs the inputs into one file, then splits up the expected outputs into multiple files for each neural network to use.

The most important file is trainer_core.py, which does the majority of the work when it comes to training. It's called by each of the individual trainers to train on their model with their specific expected outputs. This outputs .h5 files that store the models, and can be re-run on stored models to improve an existing model.

Finally is model_runner.py, which is used by the server as an interface to actually load and run the models to get some output from them. There is a user-friendly frontend to this, called model_repl.py, which is useful for quick testing of a newly trained model.

Python Server

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Web Page

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Testing / Continuous Integration

Deployment