Professional Practice

Meeting with Syngenta Modelling team

Present: Richard Casey, Sean Jellesmark, Fabienne Ericher

Meeting started at 13:02 23/04/2024

Meeting started with introductions. Both Sean and Fabienne work for a company called Syngenta in their modelling team. Syngenta are a leading science based agricultural technology company. Their aim is to continue to help farmers around the world grow safe a nutritious food while taking care of the planet. As a result, they are constantly testing new chemicals with the aim of reducing the damage to the environment whilst increasing the yield of the farmers crop per square inch.

Sean reiterated out conversation via email and that he mainly uses 'R' (R is an open-source programming language designed for data science and statistics) and had as a result set up the meeting with Fabienne who has more experience with C# and Unity.

Fabienne and I spoke of what my experiences are and my history in programming, we went though my Github Repository and if I had any other project to choose from.

Fabienne is keen to get me involved but due to the statistical nature of the work that she is currently doing, it primarily involves R, which does not align with my current skill set centered around Unity and C#.

During our discussion, I expressed my keen interest in their projects and the potential to expand my programming horizons; however, I shared my concerns about the timing. With only six weeks remaining in my university program, alongside the requirements to complete my dissertation, I conveyed that it would not be feasible for me to dedicate the necessary time to learn a new programming language effectively.

Both Fabienne and Sean understood my position and agreed that under the current circumstances, it might not be beneficial for either party to pursue a project that requires an immediate start with R. We concluded that while this opportunity is not suitable at the moment, we remain open to potential collaborations in the future as my skill set and availability change.

We ended the meeting by exchanging contact information and expressing mutual appreciation for the professional and open discussion. We agreed to keep in touch and revisit potential opportunities at a later date when there is a better alignment in project requirements and my professional capabilities.

Meeting adjourned at 13:57.