



Computational Intelligence

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Report

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All my code and projects are available on my github: https://github.com/RoxaneGoffinet/Computational-Intelligence/tree/main

1 Pizza-Pub Problem

I started to work on the Pizza-Pub problem that was shown in class, I especially clarified all the constraint of the problem. At first I missed adding the fact that, of course, the bicycle cannot be moved back from the Pub to the Pizza restaurant without someone riding it... The final list of constraints that I found to describe the problem were :

- There must be someone on the bike for it to move
- The number of data scientist and computer scientist in total is fixed
- The number of data scientist should always be lesser in a place that the number of computer scientist
- The tandem bike can only move one or two people at a time
- At the beginning all are at the pizza restaurant
- At the end we want them all to be at the pub

My findings were that not all number of initial people can work. But also it is impossible to resolve the problem if there is more data scientist than computer scientist. And that the solution was obvious whenever there was only one data scientist. However the results were presented in class before I was able to implement properly this problem.

I also at the same time learn how to use github because even though I was registered on the platform for 3 years I never learnt how to use it. It changed my life.

2 Lab1

The first lab goal was to compare and implement different algorithms to explore and cover sets. For that I constructed the **Depth First**, **Breadth First**, **Greedy Best First** and **A***. And then to create also special sets in order to test those algorithm.

The Set Covering Problem is a classic optimization problem that involves selecting a subset of elements from a given collection in such a way that the selected subset covers all the elements in the original collection. This problem is known to be NP-hard, meaning there's no known polynomial-time algorithm that solves all instances of the problem efficiently. That is why, various approximation algorithms, greedy algorithms, and heuristics are commonly used to find near-optimal solutions in a reasonable amount of time, especially for larger problem instances.

- **Depth First** is a fundamental graph traversal talgorithm used to explore nodes and edges in a graph structure. It starts at a selected node and explores as far as possible along each branch before backtracking. While being one of the quickest algoritm I have tested Depth First doesn't guarantee the shortest path between nodes in a graph.
- **Breadth First** is another fundamental graph traversal algorithm used to explore nodes and edges in a graph. Unlike Depth-First, BF explores all the neighbor nodes at the present depth before moving on to nodes at the next depth level.
- **Greedy Best-First** is a variant of the Best-First algorithm. It is heuristic-based, it explores the graph by prioritizing nodes based on an evaluation function that estimates how close a node is to the goal state, without considering the total cost from the start node. It's called "greedy" because

- at each step, the algorithm chooses the node that appears to be the most promising according to the heuristic, regardless of the path cost to reach that node.
- A^* is a popular and widely used algorithm that combines the features of both uniform cost search and greedy best-first search by considering both the cost of the path from the start node and an estimated cost to reach the goal node. A^* search aims to find the shortest path from a starting node to a goal node in a weighted graph or a grid, where each edge or step between nodes has a specific cost or distance. The evaluation funtion at a node n can be written as f(n) = h(n) + g(n) with h(n) a heuristic function that estimates the cost or distance from the current node to the goal node and g(n) a cost function that represents the actual cost from the start node to the current node.

For A*, I designed 3 different heuristics in order to see wich one will works best. The first one h_1 was taken as the division of the number of state that has not been covered by the size of the largest set. This formulation of the heuristic is admissible, meaning it never overestimate the true cost to reach the goal, only provide a lower bound. The second one h_2 had the same idea but used a different way to calculate the largest set size. h_3 heuristic idea is a bit different, it iteratively selects sets from the sorted candidates list until the cumulative number of new elements covered by these sets exceeds or equals the missing size. It increments the taken counter until the condition is met. Finally, the function returns the value of taken, which represents the number of sets required to cover enough new elements to reduce the missing size to zero or less. This implementations of the heuristic can be seen under. The g(n) function is given by the number of state already covered, the same as used in Greedy Best First.

```
def h1(state):
2
        largest set size = max(sum(s) for s in SETS)
3
        missing\_size = PROBLEM\_SIZE - sum(covered(state))
4
        estimate = ceil(missing_size / largest set size)
5
6
        return estimate
7
   def h2(state):
9
        already covered = covered (state)
10
        if np.all(already_covered):
11
            return 0
12
        largest\_set\_size = max(sum(np.logical\_and(s, np.logical\_not(already\_covered))) \ for \ s \ in
        missing size = PROBLEM SIZE - sum(already covered)
        estimate = ceil(missing_size / largest_set_size)
15
        return estimate
16
17
18
   def h3(state):
19
        already covered = covered (state)
20
        if np. all (already covered):
21
22
            return 0
        missing size = PROBLEM SIZE - sum(already covered)
23
        candidates = sorted((sum(np.logical_and(s, np.logical_not(already_covered))) for s in
24
       SETS), reverse=True)
25
        while sum(candidates[:taken]) < missing_size:
26
            taken += 1
27
        return taken
```

The special set was designed by putting all "True" in one set and then "False" in every other set.

```
# Definition of a special set to test the heuristics

SETS = [tuple([False] * PROBLEM_SIZE) for _ in range(NUM_SETS)]

random_set_index = random.randint(0, NUM_SETS - 1)
```

```
SETS[random_set_index] = tuple([True] * PROBLEM_SIZE)
print(f"The set with all True values is at index {random_set_index}")
sert goal_check(State(set(range(NUM_SETS))), set())), "Problem not solvable"
```

Then, I compared the results obtained. What stands out is the Depth first algorithm is very fast but uses a lot of steps and tiles. Greedy Best first is also fast and uses not too much steps and tiles. The A* always give the minimum number of tiles used but generally it takes more steps to get there. The second heuristic seems to provide the best results but the third one also gives promising results. It is also the best algorithm to handle special sets (Depth First is very bad at that). It is worth noting that the results of Best First algorithm seems to be miscalculated on my part, because of their weirdness.

3 Halloween Challenge

The halloween challenge goal was to do Hill climbing and Simulated Annealing with Hill Climbing in order to solve a set covering problem and then compare the results obtained, and especially the number of call to the fitness function that has to done for each.

In order to achieve this, I designed a fitness function whose goal was to rewards solutions that cover more unique elements from the universe. The valid score is based on the maximum coverage of elements by the selected sets. And cost penalizes solutions based on the total number of selected sets. The goal is to minimize the number of selected sets. And used a the Tweak function designed by the professor that changes the value of a state chosen randomly.

```
def fitness (sets, state):
2
       """ Fitness function"
3
       cost = np.sum(state)
       if np.array(state).any():
4
           valid = sets[np.array(state), :].max(axis=0).sum()
6
7
           valid = 0
8
       return valid, -cost
9
10
       def tweak(state, size):
11
       """ This function changes the value of a state at one index chosen randomly""
12
       new_state = state.copy()
13
14
       index = randint(0, size - 1)
       new_state[index] = not new_state[index]
15
       return new_state
16
```

With this two function I could then, designed the pipeline for the Hill Climbing algorithm. Hill Climbing is a local search Algorithm that start with an arbitrary solution and iteratively move toward an optimal solution in the problem space. The idea is to start with an initial solution, and evaluate it's quality using an objective function (fitness). And then explore neighboring solutions to the current solution. At each step we stay where we are or move to the neighboring solution that improves the objective function the most.

```
def hill_climbing(problem_size, num_sets, density, nb_steps = 100000):
Resolve a set covering problem of size problem_size and with num_sets sets""

Make the problem
sets = make_set_covering_problem(num_sets, num_sets, density).toarray()

Hinitialization
```

```
initial state = [False for in range(num sets)]
7
       current_state = initial_state
8
       fit = fitness(sets, initial state)
9
       print (" The fitness of the initial state is : ", fit)
10
       visited states = dict()
11
       visited states [tuple (current state)] = fit
12
       counter = 0
13
       for step in range(nb_steps):
15
            new state = tweak (current state, problem size) # We change the state a little
16
17
            if tuple(new_state) in visited_states: # if we already visited this state
18
                new fit = visited states [tuple (new state)]
19
20
                     # if it's the first time we visit this state
21
                new_fit = fitness(sets, new_state)
22
                counter += 1 #we add one to the counter of times we used the fitness function
23
                visited states [tuple (new state)] = new fit #we store the new fitness
25
26
            if fit <= new fit: # if the fitness is better we keep the new state as the the
27
       current state
28
                current state = new state
29
30
                fit = new fit
31
32
       return fit, counter
33
```

Hill climbing tends to work well in general but can be really sensitive to the initialization and lead to local optima. That is why Hill Climbing with Simulated Annealing was introduced. It is an optimization algorithm that combines the local search capabilities of Hill Climbing with probabilistic techniques. Simulated Annealing introduces randomness to the search process, allowing the algorithm to escape local optima and explore a broader solution space.

```
def hill climbing with simulated annealing (problem size, num sets, density, T = 1, Tmin
        = 0.001, alpha = 0.95, nb steps = 1000):
2
3
        # Make problem
        sets = make_set_covering_problem(num_sets, num_sets, .3).toarray()
4
5
        # Initialization
7
        initial_state = [False for _ in range(num_sets)]
8
        current state = initial state
        fit = fitness(sets, initial_state)
9
10
        visited states = \{\}
        visited\_states [\,tuple \,(\,current\_state \,)\,] \,\,=\,\, fit
11
12
        counter = 0
13
        global_min = ()
        \min \overline{\text{fit}} = (0, 0)
14
15
        while T >= Tmin: # Comdition on the temperature parameter
16
             for step in range(nb steps):
17
                 new_state = tweak(current_state, problem_size)
18
19
20
                 if tuple (new_state) in visited_states:
                      new fit = visited states [tuple (new state)]
21
22
23
                 else:
                     new fit = fitness (sets, new state)
24
25
                     counter += 1
                      visited\_states[tuple(new\_state)] = new\_fit
26
27
                 if fit <= new_fit:</pre>
28
```

```
current state = new state
29
                      fit = \overline{new}_fit
30
                      if min fit < new fit:
31
32
                          global_min = new_state
                           min fit = new fit
33
34
                 else:
35
                      p = np.exp(-(sum(fit) - sum(new fit)) / T)
36
                      current\_state = choices([current\_state, new\_state], weights = (1 - p, p), k = 1)
37
        [0]
38
            T := alpha \# we decrease the temperature
39
        return min fit, counter
41
```

Then we optimized the parameters by choosing the best α and the best number of steps to optain the best results. We found that $\alpha = 0.7$ and nb steps = 500 yields the best results.

In the table 1 we can see the comparison of the results obtained with Hill Climbing and Hill Climbing with Simulated Annealing for problem with 0.3 density.

		Hill Climbing	Hill Climbing with SA
	number of points: 100	fitness: -8, call to fitness function: 220	fitness: -10, call to fitness function: 760
-	number of points: 1000	fitness: -15, call to fitness function: 1013	fitness: -19, call to fitness function: 1199
	number of points: 5000	fitness: -21, call to fitness function: 6980	fitness: -23, call to fitness function: 4714

TABLE 1 - Comparison of Hill Climbing and Hill Climbing with Simulated Annealing

What we see is that the fitness of Hill Climbing with Simulated Annealing is better than the one only with Hill Climbing. That makes sense since HC with SA is less likely to get stuck in local minimums. But in the mean time it means that more call to the fitness function are going to be made for small number of points. However that is not true for bigger number of points. We can thus say that HC with SA is an improvement that pays for the shortcomings of HC.

4 Lab2

The goal of Lab2 was to write agents able to play Nim, with an arbitrary number of rows. Nim is a strategical game in which two players take turns removing objects from distinct piles. On each turn, a player must remove at least one object, and may remove any number of objects provided they all come from the same pile. The goal of the game is to avoid taking the last object. We needed to write two agents:

- 1) An agent using fixed rules based on nim-sum (i.e., an expert system)
- 2) An agent using evolved rules using ES

For the first agent, we use different rules to choose the best move. Our goal is to win so if we are in a winning position we want to secure the victory. The two "sure" winning positions are: There is only one remaining line with a number of object >1, hen we take all but one object and we are sure to win as the other player will have to take the last object. The second is there is only two remaining lines with objects, and in at least one of them there is only one object left. In this case by removing all the objects on the line with multiple object, we are sure of winning. Once those two cases are done we use the nim sum to know if we are on a stable state as our strategy depend on it. If we are, we make only a small perturbation in the row containing the biggest number of objet, in hope of staying in a stable state. If we are not in a stable state,

but we can make it stable, then it is our best option to do so. And last case, we are not on a stable state and we can't make it stable, then we are in a losing position no matter what we do, so we can choose randomly. The code for the agent is written but we can make it stable, then it is our best option to do so. And last case, we are not on a stable state and we can't make it stable, then we are in a losing position no matter what we do, so we can choose randomly. You can find the code for this agent right under this paragraph.

```
def expert_nim_agent(state: Nim) -> Nimply:
1
2
        nim = nim \overline{sum}(\overline{state})
        non null = len([r \text{ for } r \text{ in state.rows if } r > 0])
3
4
        # Case 1: There is only one row with objects, we take all the objects but one ---> We win
         if the number of object >1
        if non null == 1:
6
            \overline{\max} \underline{\quad} row = \max(state.rows)
7
            row index = state.rows.index(max row)
8
            return row index, max row - 1
9
10
        \# Case 2: There is only 2 row with objects and one with only object in it, we take all
11
        the objects but one in the row with the maximum of object
           —> We win
12
        if non_null == 2 and 1 in state.rows:
13
            max row = max(state.rows)
14
15
            row index = state.rows.index(max row)
            return row index, max row
16
17
        # Case 3: We are on a stable state : we make a little perturbation
18
        if nim == 0:
19
            max_row = max(state.rows)
20
            row index = state.rows.index(max row)
21
            return row index, 1
23
        # Case 4: We are not in the stable state nut we can make it stable by removing some
24
        object
        for i, row in enumerate(state.rows):
25
            if row & nim \hat{} nim = 0:
                 return i, nim
27
28
        # Case 5: We are in non of the above cases: we are in loosing position. We make a
29
        random move
        return pure random(state)
30
```

This agent is very effective as we are always winning against the optimal and the pure random strategies already implemented.

Now for the agent using evolving strategies, the idea is to use a different already coded strategy at each move. In order to do that we start from either a random choice of strategy or our best strategy at disposition (here it was optimal) times the number of maximum move allowed in a game. And then the idea is to make it evolved so that at each move we have the best strategy used. In order to make it evolve we use mutation (we modify one strategy randomly) or we do reproduction. We can then finetuned the mutation rate to yield the best results. We stop the process when the iterator as reach the maximum number of generation or when our fitness is always of 100%. In the code after we can see the architecture of the code, here the fitness function is defined by the number of match won by the agent over the number of match played by the agent.

```
def train_agent():

# Initialization
pop = generate_population()

# Evolution : for each generation we select the best agents and reproduce them
```

```
for generation in range (NB GENERATIONS):
7
8
            # calculate the fitness of each agent
9
            fit = [fitness(agent) for agent in pop]
10
11
            # print the average and max fitness every 10 generations
12
            if generation % 10 == 0:
13
                print( " - Generation {} : Average Fitness = {}, Max fitness = {}".format(
        generation , np.mean(fit), max(fit)))
15
            # if we have a perfect agent we stop
16
            if np.mean(fit) == 1:
17
                break
19
            # selection of the best agents
20
            parents = selection (pop, fit)
21
22
23
            # reproduction of the best agents
24
            new pop = []
            for i in range (POP SIZE):
25
                mut = random ( ) < MUTATION RATE
26
27
                    new_pop.append(mutation(random.choice(parents)))
                else:
29
30
                    agent1 = random.choice(parents)
                    agent2 = random.choice(parents)
31
                    new pop.append(reproduction(agent1, agent2))
32
33
34
            pop = new pop
35
        return max(pop, key=fitness)
36
37
38
   best agent = train agent()
39
```

What we found is that the evolved agent has a winning rate of 97.10 % against optimal strategies. To put it in perspective the random agent has a winning rate of 18.10% against the optimal agent, so we achieve results that are correct. However those results are not better than the strict rule agent using nim-sum. It would've been good to compare one to each other to see which one really is better.

4.1 Reviews given

After finishing, I made two reviews for my classmates. The first one was addressed to Rita Mendes:

"First of all I really like that your code is clean and easy to understand. All the questions are implemented and give results. The only remarks I can raise is that maybe you could have better results in the second question by implementing the adaptive function. Also I feel like that maybe would have helped. Another thing I could suggest is printing the final score after your two evolutionary strategy as it helps to understand how well your algorithm is working. That said it is a really nice work."

The second review I issued was adress to Donato Lanzilotti:

"First of all, I would like to highlight the fact that this is a really nice, clean and commented notebook: very pleasant and agreeable to reed. However I have a few suggestions of amelioration that I can provide. First, your Donato function even though it is a good strategy is not really what was expected for the first question (algorithm with a set a rules based on the nim-sum) as it doesn't use him sum at all. Then, I feel like

you should have really tested your strategy on match against other strategies as the weight in your plot only shows that you have convergence but not that you perform well. That said I really appreciate the insights you made and the plots shown."

4.2 Reviews received

I also was given reviews for my work. First one was given by Rita Mendes Review received by Rita Mendes: "Hello, I have read through your code, and I want to share some thoughts: I like that you kept it simple, straight-forward and self-explanatory; I see that your mutation function only randomly changes a single gene in the genome to a different strategy. Maybe, as an improvement possibility, consider implementing a more sophisticated strategy that changes the whole genome such as Gaussian mutation as an improvement possibility. Nice job, and good luck for the next lab!".

And the second one was given by Francesco Volpi

"Hello, I find your work interesting. The unconventional individual encoding you've employed appears to be quite effective. Additionally, your code is easily comprehensible, thanks to the comments you've provided (the more, the better). I have a few suggestions: Consider adding more match (be aware: this will grow the computation time), that can be useful to have less variations in the fitness function for the same genotype. Can be useful use different enemies (from weaker to stronger ones) in the fitness function instead of using only the optimal one. That said, this is a good job."

$5 \quad Lab3 - ex lab9$

The goal of the lab was to write a local-search algorithm (eg. an EA) able to solve the problem instances 1, 2, 5, and 10 on a 1000-loci genomes, using a minimum number of fitness calls.

5.1 Methodology and Results

The idea of the Evolutionary algorithm is that it uses mechanisms inspired by biological evolution, such as reproduction, mutation, recombination, and selection. Candidate solutions to the optimization problem play the role of individuals in a population, and the fitness function determines the quality of the solutions. Evolution of the population then takes place after the repeated application of the above operators.

In order to do that I designed multiple functions such as :

- mutation: we change one of the boolean of the sequence on a random place
- swap: we exchange two boolean of the sequence from random places
- reversion : we
- crossover : we make a mix of two sequences coming from different individuals by cuting and jointing them at a point chosen randomly
- double crossover: we make a mix of two sequences coming from different individuals by cuting and jointing them between two points chosen randomly

An illustration of the modification of a binary sequence by each function is provided in the figure 1

Mutation of A: 00010000011111111111 Alea = 4
Swap of A: 0001000000111111110111 Alea = 4, 18
Reversion of A: 00000001111000111111 Alea = 7, 13
Crossover A/B: 0000000010101010101
Double crossover: 000001010101011111 Alea = 4, 16

FIGURE 1 – Illustration olf the effects of the functions

I also designed two different selection functions in order to chose a parent. One is chosing the individual with the best fitness and the other one is choosing the last individual with a higher fitness than an individual chosen randomly. Those functions are visible right under.

```
def selection (population, fitnesses, fitness):
        """ This function is selecting individual from the population with probability their
2
        ind = choices(population, weights=fitnesses, k=1)[0]
3
4
        return ind
   def selection2 (population, fitnesses, fitness, k=2):
         "" This function is selecting
7
        ind = choices(range(len(population)), k=k)
8
        best = ind[0]
9
        for i in ind:
10
            if fitnesses[i]> fitnesses[best]:
11
                best = i
12
        return population [best]
13
14
   def xover(ind1, ind2):
15
        """ This function is performing crossover between two individuals."""
16
        gen_length = min(len(ind1), len(ind2))
17
18
        g = randint(0, gen length - 1)
        if randint (0, 1) = 0:
19
            return ind1[:g] + ind2[g:]
20
        else:
21
            return ind2[:g] + ind1[g:]
22
   def double_xover(ind1, ind2):
24
        """ This function is performing two-point crossover on two individuals."""
25
        gen_length = min(len(ind1), len(ind2))
26
        g1 = randint(0, gen_length - 1)
27
        g2 = randint(g1, gen_length - 1)
28
29
        if randint (0, 1) = 0:
30
            return ind1[:g1] + ind2[g1:g2] + ind1[g2:]
31
        else:
32
            return ind2[:g1] + ind1[g1:g2] + ind2[g2:]
33
34
35
   def mutation (ind):
        """ This function is selecting one random gene and return a mutation of it."""
36
37
        gen length = len(ind)
       new_ind = ind.copy()
38
       g \, = \, randint \, (\, 0 \, , \, \, gen \, \underline{\hspace{0.1cm}} length \, -1)
39
40
        new_ind[g] = 1 - new_ind[g]
        return new ind
41
42
   def swap(ind):
43
        """ This function is selecting two random genes and return a swap of them."""
44
        gen_length = len(ind)
45
        new ind = ind.copy()
46
47
        g1, g2 = tuple(choices(range(0, gen length), k=2))
       new_ind[g1] = ind[g2]
48
        \text{new ind } [g2] = \text{ind } [g1]
49
        return new_ind
50
51
52
   def reversion (ind):
        """ This function is selecting two random genes and return a reversion of the genome
53
        between them."""
        gen_length = len(ind)
54
       new_ind = ind.copy()
55
        pos1 = randint(0, gen_length - 2)
56
        pos2 = randint(pos1, gen_length - 1)
57
       new ind[pos1:pos2] = list(reversed(ind[pos1:pos2]))
58
        return new_ind
59
```

Once we had all this possible twist at each generation we can wrote the evolution function. To construct the new generation from the previous one we select n_d individuals mutate, swap, reverse, or keep them as they are with a certain rate, and then we make them "reproduce" with crossover or double-crossover. We add those new individuals to our existing population and then we keep the n_p individuals with the best fitness. We store the fitness of the best individual and then we re-start the process.

Because we want as less call to the fitness function as possible we consider early stop in two cases : we reached the best fitness (1.0) or the fitness doesn't improve after x generation where x is a parameter to fine tune.

```
def evolution (population, fitness, early_stop = 10, select = 1):
1
2
         if select == 1: #choice of selection function
              select = selection
              select = selection 2
6
         stop = 0
9
         best fit = float ("-inf")
10
         list_fit = []
11
         fitnesses = [fitness(i) for i in population]
12
          for \ generation \ in \ range (NUM\_GENERATIONS): \\
13
              descendants = []
14
15
              for _ in range(DESCENDANTS_SIZE):
16
                  p1 = select (population, fitnesses, fitness)
17
                   if random() < MUTATION_RATE:</pre>
18
                       p1 = mutation(p1)
19
                   elif random() < SWAP_RATE:
20
                       p1 = swap(p1)
21
                   elif random() < REVERSION RATE:
22
                       p1 = reversion(p1)
23
                   else :
24
                       p1 = p1
25
26
27
                   if random() < CROSSOVER RATE:
28
                       p2 = select (population, fitnesses, fitness)
29
                       d = xover(p1, p2)
30
                   elif random() < DOUBLE CROSSOVER RATE:
31
                       p2 = select(population, fitnesses, fitness)
32
                       d = double xover(p1, p2)
33
                   else:
34
                       d = p1
35
36
                   descendants.append(d)
37
38
39
              new population = population + descendants
40
              fitnesses = [fitness(i) for i in new_population]
41
             \begin{array}{lll} combined &=& list\left(zip\left(new\_population\,, & fitnesses\right)\right) \\ sorted\_combined &=& sorted\left(combined\,, & key=lambda \ x: \ x[1]\,, & reverse=True\right) \end{array}
42
43
             new_population = [elem[0] for elem in sorted_combined]
44
              population = new_population[:POP_SIZE]
45
              fitnesses = [elem[1] for elem in sorted_combined]
              fitnesses = fitnesses [:POP SIZE]
47
48
              best_indiv = population[0]
49
              if fitnesses[0] > best_fit:
50
                  best_fit = fitnesses[0]
51
                  stop = 0
52
53
              else:
54
                  \operatorname{stop} \; +\!\!= \; 1
55
```

```
56
            list\_fit.append(best\_fit)
57
58
            if best_fit == 1:
59
                 print(f"Best individual: {best indiv}")
60
                 print (f"Best fitness: 100%")
61
                 print(f"Converged at generation {generation}")
62
63
                 break
            if stop >= early_stop:
64
                 print(f"Converged at generation {generation}")
65
                 print(f"Best individual: {best_indiv}")
66
                 print (f"Best fitness: {fitnesses [0]:.2%}")
67
                 break
            if generation = NUM\_GENERATIONS - 1:
69
                 print(f"Best individual: {best_indiv}")
70
                 print (f"Best fitness: {fitnesses[0]:.2%}")
71
                 print(f"Converged at generation {generation}")
72
73
        plt.plot(range(0, generation + 1), list_fit)
74
        plt.xlabel("Generations")
plt.ylabel("Best fitness")
75
76
        plt.title("Evolution of the best fitness over generations")
77
        plt.show()
```

The results obtained after training with parameters MUTATION_RATE = 0.5, SWAP_RATE = 0.5, REVERSION_RATE = 0.5, CROSSOVER_RATE = 0.6, DOUBLE_CROSSOVER_RATE = 0.5. They are visible in the table 2 and in the figure 2

Problem size	best fitness	number of iterations
1	100%	388
2	94.60%	1763
5	43.19%	996
10	29.00%	1481

Table 2 – Comparison of the EA results on different problem size

Finally I fine-tuned my parameters by testing different rates in order to find the better ones.

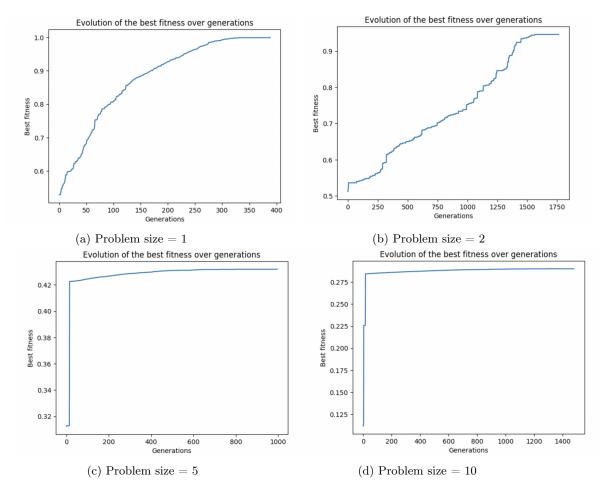


FIGURE 2 – Evolution of the fitness as a function of iteration for different problem sizes

```
LEN GEN = 1000
   POP SIZE = 50
   PROBLEM SIZE = \begin{bmatrix} 1, 2, 5, 10 \end{bmatrix}
   \overline{\text{DESCENDANTS}} \overline{\text{SIZE}} = 25
   NUM GENERATIONS = 5000
6
    for mutation_rate in [0.5, 0.6, 0.7]:
        for swap rate in [0.3,0.5,0.7]:
9
             for reversion rate in [0.3, 0.5, 0.7]:
10
                      for crossover rate in [0.5, 0.6, 0.7]:
11
                           for double_crossover_rate in [0.5,0.6,0.7]:
12
                               print(f"Mutation rate: {mutation_rate}")
13
                              MUTATION RATE = mutation rate
14
                               print(f"Swap rate: {swap_rate}")
15
                              SWAP RATE = swap rate
16
17
                               print(f"Reversion rate: {reversion rate}")
                              REVERSION RATE = reversion_rate
18
                               print(f"Crossover rate: {crossover_rate}")
19
                              CROSSOVER RATE = crossover_rate
20
                               print(f"Double crossover rate: {double crossover rate}")
21
                               DOUBLE_CROSSOVER_RATE = double_crossover_rate
22
                               fitness = lab9 lib.make problem(5)
23
                               evolution (population, fitness, early stop=200, select=2)
                               print ("Number of fitness call: ", fitness.calls)
25
26
                               print("
```

5.2 Reviews given

I gave one review to Giuseppe Nicola Natalizio. "Hey, nice code. I really appreciate the fact that you tried multiple method in order to get the best results. The laters, also seem satisfactory. However I think that the number of calls to the fitness function could and should be reduced as we want to avoid having too many of them. Looking at the graph we can see that for the first two techniques there is no evolution of fitness after a certain time, maybe implementing an early stop would have save you time and memory. I really liked the idea of the migration phenomenon and didn't thought of it myself, well done, I could also suggest that you try implementing other form of transformation such as double mutation, double crossover, reversion of a part of the genome as maybe it can boost your fitness faster (and maybe even higher). Nonetheless, it is great work."

And one to Luca Pastore: "Hey. I found your results obtained in this lab really great! But, I would have appreciated a code better commented, your readme file was a great idea but the presentation is not as readable as we would like. Also I think that some of your libraries imports are not necessary so you should clean it. I think that you could try different things to have better results. First, try to find other way to make the genome change, you could try multiple, mutation, different crossover, reversion, or other process inspired by biologie. I also think that your crossover function shouldn't try to force the cross over to always increase fitness because this can lead to local maxima. It's normal and good that you explore the surroundings of the actual solution. Anyway you have a lot of great idea and effective code writing skills so overall it's great work."

5.3 Reviews received

I only received a review from Marcello Vitaggio:

Your code is quite extensive and solid! Your selection methods, crossovers, mutations, and reversions seem well-defined and clear in their purposes.

The evolution function is well-structured. However, consolidating the population sorting and truncation into a single step can save computation. Instead of sorting and then slicing the population, consider using a selection algorithm (like tournament selection). You also used a convergence criteria to early stopping based on no more fitness increment, I should have used it too, nice touch.

Your approach of iterating through different parameter combinations and problem sizes is a great way to fine-tune your algorithm.

Regarding the code outputs, your code generates lengthy output due to the iterations and print statements, making it challenging to spot some code snippets within the outputs."

$6 \quad \text{Lab4} - \text{ex Lab10}$

The goal of lab 4 is to implement a Reinforcement Learning Player for a game with the best winning ratio. In order to do this I had to design a reward function named fitness function. My fitness function is actually quite simple: it is equal to 1 if we win the game, -1 if we loose and 0 if it's draw.

The entire implementation of the RL class is visible here:

```
class RLearning:
            -init_{-}(self, alpha, epsilon, d):
2
            \overline{\text{self}} \cdot \overline{\text{Q}} = \text{defaultdict}(\text{float})
3
            self.alpha = alpha
4
            self.epsilon = epsilon #control the exploration
5
            self.d = d
6
        def get_Q(self, state, action):
            state key = (tuple(state.x), tuple(state.o))
9
            return self.Q[(state_key, action)]
10
11
        def choose_action(self, state, available):
13
            """ This functions serves to choose the actions in function of the actual
14
        probabilities""
15
            if random.random() < self.epsilon: # we explore epsilon percent of the time
16
                return random.choice(available)
17
18
                 Q vals= [self.get Q(state, action) for action in available] # we retrieve the
19
        probabilities
                \max_{Q} = \max(Q_{vals})
20
                 best moves = [i for i in range(len(available)) if Q vals[i] = max Q] # we get
21
        the best moves
                 index = random.choice(best moves)
22
                 return available [index]
23
        def update Q(self, state, action, reward, next state, available):
25
            This function update the probabilities."
26
27
            state key = (tuple(state.x), tuple(state.o))
28
            next\_Q\_vals = [self.get\_Q(next\_state, next\_action) for next\_action in available]
29
            max next Q = max(next Q vals, default = 0.0)
30
```

```
self.Q[(state key, action)] = (1 - self.alpha) * self.Q[(state key, action)] + self.
31
        alpha * (reward + self.d * max_next_Q)
32
33
34
   def fitness (pos: State, player):
35
        """ Evaluate state: +1 first player wins """
36
37
        if check_win(pos.x):
38
            if player == 'x':
39
                return 1
40
41
            else:
42
                return -1
        elif check_win(pos.o):
43
            if player == 'o':
44
                return 1
45
            else:
46
47
                return -1
        else:
48
            {\tt return}\ 0
49
50
51
   def train (nb_train, alpha, epsilon, d, player):
52
        """ This function trains the agent'
53
54
        agent = RLearning (alpha, epsilon, d)
55
        for i in range(nb train):
56
            state = State(set(), set())
57
            available = list(range(1, 10))
58
            player_turn = 'x
59
            while available and not check_win(state):
60
61
                if player turn == player:
                    action = agent.choose_action(state, available)
62
63
64
                    action = random.choice(available)
65
                previous state = deepcopy(state)
66
                if player_turn == 'x':
67
                    state.x.add(action)
68
69
                else:
                    state.o.add(action)
70
71
                available.remove(action)
                reward = fitness(state, player)
72
                agent.update Q(previous state, action, reward, state, available)
73
                player_turn = 'o' if player_turn == 'x' else 'x'
74
            player = 'x' if player == 'o' else 'o'
75
76
77
        return agent
78
   def optimization (epsilons, alphas, ds, player, nb train=NB TRAIN):
79
            """ This function serves to optimize the parameters alpha, epsilon and d to yield
80
       the best results"""
        best agent = None
81
        best_percentage_win_agent = 0
82
83
84
        for epsilon in epsilons:
            for alpha in alphas:
85
86
                for d in ds:
                    agent = train(nb_train=nb_train, alpha=alpha, epsilon=epsilon, d=d, player=
87
        player)
                    win agent, win random, no win = count win (agent, player, fitness)
                    tot_games = win_agent + win_random + no_win
89
                    percentage_win_agent = (win_agent / tot_games) * 100
90
91
                    if percentage_win_agent > best_percentage_win_agent: #if the current agent
92
        is better than the previous one, we update the best agent and the best percentage
                         best\_percentage\_win\_agent = percentage\_win\_agent
93
                         best agent = agent
94
```

My RL agent achieve some great results. During the optimization we find that the best epsilon is 0.1, the best alpha is 0.6 and the best discount Factor is 0.8. Then for the testing we test the RL Player against a Random Player on 1000 games. The RL agent wins 91.1000000000000001 % of the time, while the percentage wins of the random player is 5.1%, and the percentage of draws is 3.8 %. So that means that the percentage of wins of the agent with respect to the random player : 94.670 %. This very encouraging! However it would have been better to compare the agent against a non random player as of course we expect the random player to be kinda dumb.

6.1 Reviews

I received one review from Luca Catalano "Hey Roxane! Fantastic work on your recent lab! The code is really well-organized and clean. I've got a few suggestions for you:

Consider adding a readme file where you can showcase your results and detail the process. Make sure your results are clearly visible within the .ipynb file. Experiment with implementing a different strategy in the Q learning algorithm, maybe explore a strategy that aims to create multiple potential paths to victory. Have you thought about creating a human player version and testing it against the algorithm? I hope these suggestions are helpful for your progress, and wishing you the best of luck on your exam! Luca"

I took it into account and added a readme file to make it clearer. I also received a review from Donato Lanzillotti

"First of all, congratulations for what you have done in LAB10. Some suggestions that could be useful also in the future.

The code is very clear, but not commented. I would suggest you to add a readme.txt file to explain in detail your strategy and also the organization of your code.

Showing the results you obtained could help the comprehension of the effectiveness of your strategy.

From what I understood, it seems that your agent is trained also as first player. It could useful, in order to increase the robustness of your player, training the agent also as second player.

The training of the agent is done only against a random player. It could be useful, in order to learn new strategies, training your agent also against an 'expert' player or in general against a player that does not play completely random.

Overall, you have done a great job. Sorry if I have misunderstood something."

7 Project

The goal of the final project was to design a player that would win against random in a Quixo game.

In order to do so, I designed two players. The first one is using reinforcement learning and the second one a Minmax strategy. Both players have been tested against a random player as well as between themselves.

For the RL player:

7.1 Implementation

7.1.1 Reinforcement Learning

```
class RLPlayer (Player):
              def __init__(self) -> None:
                      super().__init__()
3
                      self.moves = [Move.TOP, Move.BOTTOM, Move.LEFT, Move.RIGHT] # available moves
4
                      self.col = range(5) \# size of the game
                      self.row = self.col
 6
                      self.len move = 16 #number of pieces on the border (playable)
 7
                      self.ind = [[(i,j) for i in self.row] for j in self.col] # coordinates of each
              position
                      self.last move: [[Move]] # last move chosen for each position
 9
                      self.picks: [[int]] # number of times each position was chosen to play
10
                       self.pos_proba: [[float]] #probability of choosing each position
11
                      self.move\_proba: [[[float]]] \# probability pf each move for each position
12
                      self.id = -1 \#actual player
13
                      self.training\_size = 15000
14
                      self.testing\_size = 3000
15
                      self.lr = 0.2 \# learning\_rate
16
                      self.wins = 0 # number of wins achieved
17
                      self.nb games = 0 # number of training games played
18
                      self.last_reward = 0 # last reward obtained on a training game
19
                      self.epsilon = 1.0 \#exploration parameter
20
                      self.decay_rate = 0.05 # rate of decay for the epsilon parameter
21
22
23
              def is_playable(self, position: tuple[int, int], player_id: int, board) -> bool:
24
                       ''This function check that the piece we want to use is within the border limit and
              is not occupied by the opponent,,,
26
                      border = False
27
                      available = False
28
29
                      # Check error of position
                      if (position [0] >= 5 or position [1] >= 5 or position [0] < 0 or position [1] < 0):
30
                              print ("There is an error the row/col cannot be greater or equal to 5 ")
31
                              border = False
32
                      # Check border
33
                      elif (position [0] = 0 or position [0] = 4 or position [1] = 0 or position [1] = 4):
34
                              border \,=\, True
35
                      # Check availability
36
37
                      if (board[position] = player_id or board[position] = -1):
                              available = True
38
39
                      return (border and available)
40
41
42
              def get_move(self):
43
                              """ This function predict the best piece and move with respect to the
              probability"""
                              flat_proba = [item for row in self.pos_proba for item in row]
45
                              proba = softmax(flat_proba) \# we want them to sum up to one
46
                              flat ind = [item for row in self.ind for item in row]
47
                              valid_idx = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24] \# we can see that the constant of the 
              only move pieces on the border
                              table idx = [i for i in range(len(flat proba))]
```

```
ind = np.random.choice(table idx, p=proba)
50
                     while ind not in valid idx:
51
                          ind = np.random.choice(table idx, p=proba)
52
53
                     row = flat_ind[ind][0]
54
                     col = flat ind [ind ][1]
 55
                     moves = [Move.TOP, Move.BOTTOM, Move.LEFT, Move.RIGHT]
56
57
                     move = np.random.choice(moves, p = softmax(self.move proba[row][col]))
                     return row, col, move
58
59
60
61
 62
          def make_move(self, game: 'Game') -> tuple[tuple[int, int], Move]:
63
                """ This function is determining the next move"
64
65
                self.id = game.get_current_player() #update the actual player
66
 67
                if random.uniform (0,1) < self.epsilon: #random exploration
                     row = random.randint(0,4)
68
                     col = random.randint(0,4)
69
                     while not self.is_playable((row,col),self.id, game.get_board()):
70
                          row = random.randint(0,4)
71
 72
                          col = random.randint(0,4)
73
74
                     if (row = 0 \text{ and } col = 0):
                          move = random.choice([Move.BOTTOM, Move.RIGHT])
 75
                     elif (row = 0 and col = 4):
76
                          move \, = \, random \, . \, choice \, (\, [\, Move \, . BOTTOM, \, \, Move \, . \, LEFT \,]\,)
77
78
                     elif (row = 4 and col = 0):
                          move = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.RIGHT])
79
                     elif (row = 4 and col = 4):
80
81
                          move = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.LEFT])
                     elif (row = 0):
82
                          move = random.choice([Move.BOTTOM, Move.LEFT, Move.RIGHT])
83
                     elif (row = 4):
 84
                           move = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.LEFT, Move.RIGHT])
85
                     elif (col = 0):
 86
                          move = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.BOTTOM, Move.RIGHT])
87
                     elif (col = 4):
88
                          move = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.BOTTOM, Move.LEFT])
89
90
                     self.picks[row][col] += 1 #1
91
                     self.last move[row][col] = move
92
93
                else:
94
                     row, col, move = self.get move()
95
                     while game.get_board()[row][col] = 1 - self.id:
                          row, col, move = self.get_move()
97
                     self.picks[row][col] += 1
98
99
                     self.last_move[row][col] = move
100
                return (col, row), move
101
102
103
104
105
106
          def init proba(self):
107
                """ This function initialize every attributs"""
108
                 \begin{array}{l} self.pos\_proba = [[0 \hspace{0.1cm} for \hspace{0.1cm} \_in \hspace{0.1cm} self.col] \hspace{0.1cm} for \hspace{0.1cm} \_in \hspace{0.1cm} self.row] \hspace{0.1cm} \# \hspace{0.1cm} proba \hspace{0.1cm} of \hspace{0.1cm} each \hspace{0.1cm} position \\ self.picks = [[0 \hspace{0.1cm} for \hspace{0.1cm} i \hspace{0.1cm} in \hspace{0.1cm} self.row] \hspace{0.1cm} for \hspace{0.1cm} j \hspace{0.1cm} in \hspace{0.1cm} self.col] \hspace{0.1cm} \# \hspace{0.1cm} Number \hspace{0.1cm} of \hspace{0.1cm} picks \hspace{0.1cm} for \hspace{0.1cm} each \\ \end{array} 
109
110
          position
                self.last\_move = [[0 for i in self.row] for j in self.col] # last move of each
111
          position
                self.move proba = [[[0 for
                                                     in range(4) for _ in self.col for _ in self.row] #
112
          proba of TOP, BOTTOM, LEFT, RIGHT for each position
113
                for i in range (5):
114
```

```
self.pos proba[0][i] = 1/self.len move
115
                      self.pos_proba[4][i] = 1/self.len_move
116
                      self.pos proba[i][0] = 1/self.len move
117
118
                      self.pos_proba[i][4] = 1/self.len_move
119
120
                # if we are in a corner there is only two directions where we can move
                self.move_proba[0][0] = [0, 0.5, 0, 0.5]
121
122
                self.move_proba[0][4] = [0, 0.5, 0.5, 0]
                self.move\_proba[4][0] = [0.5, 0, 0, 0.5]
123
                self.move\_proba[4][4] = [0.5, 0, 0.5, 0]
124
125
                self.last\_move[0][0] = random.choice([Move.BOTTOM, Move.RIGHT])
126
                self.last_move[0][4] = random.choice([Move.BOTTOM, Move.LEFT])
127
                self.last\_move\,[\,4\,]\,[\,0\,] \ = \ random.\,choice\,(\,[\,Move.TOP,\ Move.RIGHT\,]\,)
128
                self.last move [4][4] = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.LEFT])
129
130
                # when we on the border but not in the corner, we can move in 3 directions
131
132
                for i in range (1,4):
                            \begin{array}{l} \texttt{self.move\_proba[0][i]} = [0\,,\,\,1/3\,,\,\,1/3\,,\,\,1/3] \ \# \ \text{we can't move to the top} \\ \texttt{self.move\_proba[4][i]} = [1/3\,,\,\,0\,,\,\,1/3\,,\,\,1/3] \ \# \ \text{we can't move to the bottom} \\ \texttt{self.move\_proba[i][0]} = [1/3\,,\,\,1/3\,,\,\,0\,,\,\,1/3] \ \# \ \text{we can't move to the left} \\ \end{array} 
133
134
135
                           self.move proba[i][4] = [1/3, 1/3, 1/3, 0] # we can't move to the right
136
137
                           \label{eq:self_last_move} $$ self.last_move[0][i] = random.choice([Move.BOTTOM, Move.LEFT, Move.RIGHT]) $$ self.last_move[4][i] = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.LEFT, Move.RIGHT]) $$
138
139
                           self.last_move[i][0] = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.BOTTOM, Move.RIGHT])
140
                           self.last_move[i][4] = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.BOTTOM, Move.LEFT])
141
142
143
144
           def init_random(self):
145
146
                """ This function initialize every attributs randomly"""
                self.pos\_proba = [[0 \ for \ \_in \ self.col] \ for \ \_in \ self.row] \ \# \ proba \ of \ each \ position \ self.picks = [[0 \ for \ i \ in \ self.row] \ for \ j \ in \ self.col] \ \# \ Number \ of \ picks \ for \ each \ position \ self.col]
147
148
           position
                self.ind = [[(i,j) for i in self.row] for j in self.col] # coordinates of each
149
           position
                self.last_move = [[0 for i in self.row] for j in self.col] # last move of each
150
           position
                self.move\_proba = [[[0 for _ in range(4)] for _ in self.col] for _ in self.row] #
151
          proba of TOP, BOTTOM, LEFT, RIGHT for each position
152
                for i in range (5):
153
                      self.pos proba[0][i] = random.random()
154
                      self.pos_proba[4][i] = random.random()
155
                      self.pos_proba[i][0] = random.random()
156
                      self.pos_proba[i][4] = random.random()
157
158
                self.last_move[0][0] = random.choice([Move.BOTTOM, Move.RIGHT])
159
                self.last move [0][4] = random.choice([Move.BOTTOM, Move.LEFT])
160
                self.last move [4][0] = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.RIGHT])
161
                self.last_move[4][4] = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.LEFT])
162
163
                self.move proba[0][0] = [0, random.random(), 0, random.random()]
164
                self.move\_proba[0][4] = [0, random.random(), random.random(), 0]
165
                self.move proba[4][0] = [random.random(), 0, 0, random.random()]
166
                self.move\_proba[4][4] = [random.random(), 0, random.random(), 0]
167
168
                for i in range (1,4):
169
170
                      self.last move[0][i] = random.choice([Move.BOTTOM, Move.LEFT, Move.RIGHT])
171
                     self.last_move[4][i] = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.LEFT, Move.RIGHT])
self.last_move[i][0] = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.BOTTOM, Move.RIGHT])
self.last_move[i][4] = random.choice([Move.TOP, Move.BOTTOM, Move.LEFT])
172
173
174
175
                     self.move\_proba[0][i] = [0, random.random(), random.random(), random.random()]
176
            we can't move to the top
```

```
self.move proba[4][i] = [random.random(), 0, random.random(), random.random()] #
177
         we can't move to the bottom
                 self.move proba[i][0] = [random.random(), random.random(), 0, random.random()] #
178
          we can't move to the left
                 self.move proba[i][4] = [random.random(), random.random(), random.random(), 0] #
179
          we can't move to the right
180
181
         def clear_picks(self):
182
              """This functions serves to clean all the picks (ie. set it back to 0)"""
183
             for i in self.row:
184
                 for j in self.col:
185
                      self.picks[i][j] = 0
186
187
188
189
         def training (self):
190
191
             """ This function serves for the training of the weights"""
             self.init_proba()
192
             self.epsilon=1
193
             win\_count = 0
194
             for _ in tqdm(range(self.training size)):
195
                 g = Game()
196
                 player1 = self
197
198
                 player2 = RandomPlayer()
                 winner \, = \, g.\,play\,(\,player1\,\,,\,\,player2\,)
199
                 self.update weights (winner)
200
201
                 rew = self.reward_function(winner)
                 self.update_epsilon(rew)
202
                 if winner == 0:
203
                      win\_count+=1
204
205
             self.save_weights()
206
             return (win count/self.training size)*100
207
208
209
         def update weights (self, winner):
210
             """ This function modify the proba in order to take into account the reward after
211
         the game"""
212
             if winner == 0:
                 los = 1
213
             else :
214
                 los = 0
215
             for i in self.row:
216
                 for j in self.col:
217
                         self.picks[i][j] >= 1: # if the piece was used
218
                          reward = ((los - self.pos_proba[i][j])*self.lr)/self.picks[i][j]
219
                          self.pos\_proba[i][j] = self.pos\_proba[i][j] + reward
220
                          index_moves = self.moves.index(self.last_move[i][j])
221
                          self.move_proba[i][j][index_moves] = self.move_proba[i][j][index_moves]
222
        + reward
223
                          self.picks[i][j]=0 # we put it back to 0
             return reward
224
225
         def reward_function(self, winner):
226
             """ This function serves as a reward/fitness function that evolves after each game (
227
         it stays between 0 and 1)"""
             self.nb games +=1
228
             if winner == 0:
229
                 self.wins +=1
230
231
             return self.wins/self.nb_games
232
233
         def update_epsilon(self, reward):
234
             """ This function adapt epsilon the exploration parameter based on the reward
235
         obtained"""
             if \ reward \ > \ self.last\_reward \ : \ \# \ Decrease \ epsilon \ for \ better \ performance
236
                 epsilon = self.epsilon - self.decay_rate
237
```

```
else :
238
                  epsilon = self.epsilon - self.decay_rate
239
240
              epsilon = max(0.1, epsilon)
241
              self.epsilon = min (1, epsilon)
242
243
244
245
246
         def save_weights(self):
    """ This function saves the weights after training"""
247
248
249
              fw = open('proba_pos', 'wb')
250
              pickle.dump(self.pos proba, fw)
251
              fw.close()
252
              fw = open('proba_move', 'wb')
253
              pickle.dump(self.move_proba, fw)
254
255
              fw.close()
256
257
         def load weights (self, file1, file2):
258
                   """ This function use file to initialize weights"""
259
260
                  self.init_proba()
                  self.epsilon = 0
261
                                      'rb')
262
                  fr = open(file1,
                  self.pos_proba = pickle.load(fr)
263
                  fr.close()
264
265
                  fr = open(file2, 'rb')
266
                  self.move_proba = pickle.load(fr)
267
                  fr.close()
268
```

So as we can see we choose the best strategy depending on the probabilities of the weight matix. At each game during the training phase we update the probabilities according to the result of the last game that is the input of the reward function. At the beginning we have to initialize the probabilities and to do so, two options were designed (init_random and init_proba). The first options init those weights randomly while the second initialize weights with the idea that some piece and move are more probable to be good. I actually use mainly the second one as it requires less training to yield good results (and training is very long). We also have functions to save and load the weights, it very practical as with those we don't have to train the agent each time we just load the weights and move matrix and we are good, this means a smaller computational time.

7.1.2 MinMax

As a second player I decided to implement the MinMax strategy. The objective of MinMax is to determine the optimal move for a player by considering the potential outcomes of each possible move and minimizing the maximum potential loss.

```
class MinmaxPlayer(Player):
    def __init__(self, depth) -> None:
        super().__init__()
        self.depth = depth
        self.board_size = 5

def all_possible_moves(self, player_id: int, board) -> list[list[tuple[int, int], Move]]:
        "''This function returns all the possible moves that can be done by a player in a given board'''
```

```
all possible moves = []
10
                 for row in range (5):
11
                     for col in range(5):
12
                         available = False
13
                         border = False
14
                         # Check border
15
                         if (row = 0 \text{ or } row = 4 \text{ or } col = 0 \text{ or } col = 4):
16
17
                              border = True
                         # Check availability
18
                         if (board[(row, col)] == player_id or board[(row, col)] == -1):
    available = True
19
20
21
                          if border and available:
22
                              if (row = 0 \text{ and } col = 0):
23
                                  all\_possible\_moves.append([(row, col), Move.BOTTOM])
24
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.RIGHT])
25
                              elif (row = 4 and col = 0):
26
                                  all\_possible\_moves.append([(row, col), Move.BOTTOM])
27
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.LEFT])
28
                              elif (row = 0 and col = 4):
29
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.TOP])
30
                                  all possible moves.append([(row, col), Move.RIGHT])
31
                              elif (row = 4 and col = 4):
32
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.TOP])
33
34
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.LEFT])
                              elif (col = 0):
35
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.BOTTOM])
36
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.LEFT])
37
38
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.RIGHT])
                              elif (col = 4):
39
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.TOP])
40
41
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.LEFT])
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.RIGHT])
42
43
                              elif (row = 0):
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.TOP])
44
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.BOTTOM])
45
                                  all possible moves.append([(row, col), Move.RIGHT])
46
                              elif (row = 4):
47
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.TOP])
48
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.BOTTOM])
49
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.LEFT])
50
                              else:
51
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.TOP])
52
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.BOTTOM])
all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.LEFT])
53
54
                                  all_possible_moves.append([(row, col), Move.RIGHT])
55
56
                 return all possible moves
57
58
59
60
        def heuristic(self, game: "BetterGame") -> int:
61
             """ This function is designed to return the heuristic value of the current board."""
62
            winner = game.check_winner()
63
            if winner == game.current_player_idx:
64
                return 1
65
            elif winner == 1 - game.current_player_idx:
66
                return -1
67
68
                 return (game.best_sequence() - 2.5) / 5
69
70
71
        def minimax(self, game: "BetterGame", depth, is_maximizing):
72
            """ This function is designed to return the best move that can be done by the
73
        current player."""
            if game.check winner() !=-1 or depth >= self.depth:
                 return self.heuristic(game)
75
76
```

```
possible moves = self.all possible moves(game.current player idx, game.get board())
77
              if is maximizing:
78
                   best score = float ("-inf")
79
                   for move in possible moves:
80
                        new game = deepcopy (game)
81
                        player = 1 - new_game.current_player_idx
82
                        new_game.move(move[0], move[1], player)
score = self.minimax(new_game, depth + 1, False)
83
                        best\_score = max(score, best\_score)
85
                   return best score
86
              else:
87
                   best_score = float("inf")
88
                   for move in possible_moves:
90
                        new_game = deepcopy(game)
                        \begin{array}{l} player = 1 - new\_game.current\_player\_idx \\ new\_game.move(move[0], move[1], player) \end{array}
91
92
                        score = self.minimax(new_game, depth + 1, True)
93
                        best_score = min(score, best_score)
                   return best score
95
96
97
         def make move(self, game: "BetterGame") -> tuple[tuple[int, int], Move]:
98
              """ This function is designed to return the best move that can be done by the
99
         current player."""
best_score = float("-inf")
100
              best m = None
101
              possible moves = self.all possible moves(game.current player idx, game.get board())
102
              for move in possible_moves:
103
                   new game = deepcopy (game)
104
                   new_game.move(move[0], move[1], new_game.current_player_idx)
105
                   score = self.minimax(new_game, 0, False)
106
107
                   if score > best score:
                        best_score = score
108
                        \operatorname{best} \ \operatorname{m} = \operatorname{move}
109
110
              return best_m[0], best_m[1]
111
```