

Project Report

CY5-1 Analysis of Algorithms

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Space Invaders Game

Introduction:

This project is a Python-based implementation of the classic arcade game **Space Invaders**. The game involves controlling a player spaceship to shoot and destroy alien invaders while dodging alien bullets. As the player progresses, the game dynamically increases difficulty by respawning aliens with faster movement and firing rates. A main menu allows the user to start a new game, view the high score, or quit.

Objective:

To create a scalable and interactive arcade game that showcases programming concepts such as event handling, collision detection, and performance management for a dynamically scaling game environment.

Features:

1. Gameplay:

- Control a player spaceship with keyboard inputs.
- Destroy aliens to earn points and survive.
- Aliens fire bullets at the player, increasing the challenge.

2. Dynamic Difficulty:

- Aliens respawn with faster movement upon being destroyed.
- Alien firing rates increase over time.

3. Main Menu:

- Start a new game.
- View the high score.
- Quit the application.

4. High Score Tracking:

• Retains the highest score for the session.

Game Flow:

- 1. Main Menu:
 - The player selects an option: New Game, View High Score, or Quit.
- 2. Gameplay Mechanics:
 - The player moves and shoots bullets to destroy aliens.
 - o Destroyed aliens respawn with increased speed and faster firing rates.
 - The game ends when the player is hit by an alien bullet.
- 3. Game Over:
 - Displays the score and returns to the main menu.
 - Updates the high score if necessary.
- 1. Time Complexity (Per Frame): O(n2)O(n^2)O(n2).
- 2. **Space Complexity**: O(n2)O(n^2)O(n2).

Challenges Faced:

- 1. **Collision Detection:** Scaling collision detection efficiently for n2n^2n2 entities.
- 2. **Dynamic Difficulty:** Balancing alien speed and firing rates to maintain playability.
- 3. **Optimization:** Managing performance as the number of entities increases.

Future Enhancements:

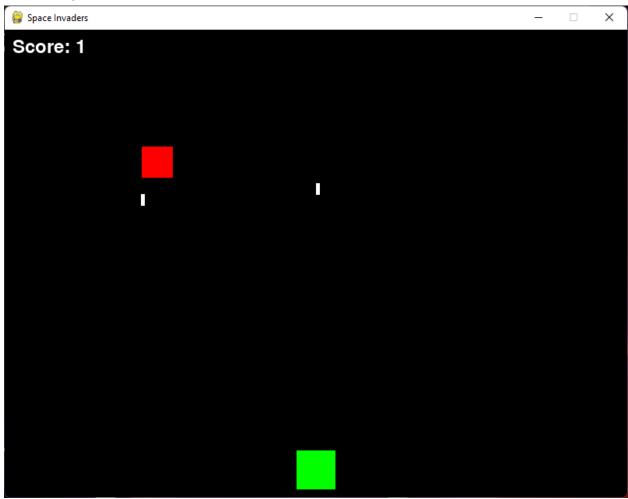
- 1. **Persistent High Scores:** Save scores across sessions using file handling or a database.
- 2. Level Progression: Add levels with varying alien formations and movement patterns.
- 3. Enhanced Graphics: Introduce animations, explosions, and more dynamic visuals.
- 4. **Power-Ups:** Add collectible items for shields, extra lives, or rapid fire.

Appendix:

Code Files: Python script (space_invaders.py).

Libraries: Install Pygame using pip install pygame.

Game Play:



CODE:

import pygame

import random

import sys

Initialize pygame

pygame.init()

Screen dimensions

WIDTH, HEIGHT = 800, 600

screen = pygame.display.set_mode((WIDTH, HEIGHT))

pygame.display.set_caption("Space Invaders")

Colors

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BLACK = (0, 0, 0)
WHITE = (255, 255, 255)
RED = (255, 0, 0)
GREEN = (0, 255, 0)
# FPS
clock = pygame.time.Clock()
FPS = 60
# Load assets
player_width, player_height = 50, 50
alien_width, alien_height = 40, 40
bullet_width, bullet_height = 5, 15
# Game variables
player_speed = 5
bullet_speed = -7
alien_speed_increment = 0.5
alien_bullets = []
alien_fire_rate = 3000 # Milliseconds between alien shots
bullet_cooldown = 500 # Milliseconds between shots
max_bullets = 5 # Max bullets on screen
high_score = 0 # Persistent high score
font = pygame.font.Font(None, 36)
def main menu():
  """Display the main menu and handle user input."""
  while True:
    screen.fill(BLACK)
    title_text = font.render("SPACE INVADERS", True, WHITE)
    new_game_text = font.render("1. New Game", True, GREEN)
    high_score_text = font.render(f"2. High Score: {high_score}", True, WHITE)
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quit_text = font.render("3. Quit", True, RED)
    # Display menu options
    screen.blit(title_text, (WIDTH // 2 - title_text.get_width() // 2, 100))
    screen.blit(new_game_text, (WIDTH // 2 - new_game_text.get_width() // 2, 200))
    screen.blit(high_score_text, (WIDTH // 2 - high_score_text.get_width() // 2, 250))
    screen.blit(quit_text, (WIDTH // 2 - quit_text.get_width() // 2, 300))
    pygame.display.flip()
    # Handle menu input
    for event in pygame.event.get():
      if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
        pygame.quit()
        sys.exit()
      if event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN:
        if event.key == pygame.K_1:
           return "new_game"
        elif event.key == pygame.K_2:
           return "high_score"
        elif event.key == pygame.K_3:
           pygame.quit()
           sys.exit()
def game_loop():
  """The main game loop."""
  global high score
  # Player variables
  player x = WIDTH // 2 - player width // 2
  player_y = HEIGHT - player_height - 10
  last_bullet_time = 0
  bullets = []
  # Alien variables
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aliens = [{"x": random.randint(0, WIDTH - alien_width), "y": random.randint(50, 150), "speed": 3}]
last_alien_fire_time = pygame.time.get_ticks()
# Game variables
score = 0
running = True
while running:
  screen.fill(BLACK)
  current_time = pygame.time.get_ticks()
  # Event handling
  for event in pygame.event.get():
    if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
      running = False
  # Player movement
  keys = pygame.key.get_pressed()
  if keys[pygame.K_LEFT] and player_x > 0:
    player_x -= player_speed
  if keys[pygame.K_RIGHT] and player_x < WIDTH - player_width:
    player_x += player_speed
  if keys[pygame.K_SPACE] and current_time - last_bullet_time > bullet_cooldown:
    bullets.append((player_x + player_width // 2, player_y))
    last_bullet_time = current_time
  # Update bullets
  for i, (bx, by) in enumerate(bullets):
    bullets[i] = (bx, by + bullet_speed)
    if by < 0:
      bullets.pop(i)
  # Check collisions with aliens
  for bullet in bullets[:]:
    for alien in aliens[:]:
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if check_collision(bullet[0], bullet[1], alien["x"], alien["y"], alien_width, alien_height):
      bullets.remove(bullet)
      aliens.remove(alien)
      score += 1
      # Spawn new alien
      aliens.append({
         "x": random.randint(0, WIDTH - alien_width),
        "y": random.randint(50, 150),
        "speed": abs(alien["speed"]) + alien_speed_increment
      })
      break
# Alien movement
for alien in aliens:
  alien["x"] += alien["speed"]
  if alien["x"] <= 0 or alien["x"] >= WIDTH - alien_width:
    alien["speed"] *= -1
# Alien firing
if current_time - last_alien_fire_time > alien_fire_rate:
  for alien in aliens:
    alien_bullets.append((alien["x"] + alien_width // 2, alien["y"] + alien_height))
  last_alien_fire_time = current_time
# Update alien bullets
for i, (bx, by) in enumerate(alien bullets):
  alien_bullets[i] = (bx, by + abs(bullet_speed) // 2)
  if by > HEIGHT:
    alien_bullets.pop(i)
# Check collisions with player
for bullet in alien bullets[:]:
  if check_collision(bullet[0], bullet[1], player_x, player_y, player_width, player_height):
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running = False
    # Drawing
    draw_player(player_x, player_y)
    for alien in aliens:
      draw_alien(alien["x"], alien["y"])
    for bullet in bullets:
      draw_bullet(*bullet)
    for bullet in alien_bullets:
      draw_bullet(*bullet)
    # Display score
    score_text = font.render(f"Score: {score}", True, WHITE)
    screen.blit(score_text, (10, 10))
    # Update display
    pygame.display.flip()
    clock.tick(FPS)
  # Update high score
  if score > high_score:
    high_score = score
def check_collision(obj1_x, obj1_y, obj2_x, obj2_y, obj2_width, obj2_height):
  return\ obj2\_x < obj1\_x < obj2\_x + obj2\_width\ and\ obj2\_y < obj1\_y < obj2\_y + obj2\_height
def draw_player(x, y):
  pygame.draw.rect(screen, GREEN, (x, y, player width, player height))
def draw_alien(x, y):
  pygame.draw.rect(screen, RED, (x, y, alien_width, alien_height))
def draw bullet(x, y):
  pygame.draw.rect(screen, WHITE, (x, y, bullet_width, bullet_height))
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# Main game loop
while True:
    choice = main_menu()
    if choice == "new_game":
        game_loop()
    elif choice == "high_score":
        screen.fill(BLACK)
        high_score_text = font.render(f"High Score: {high_score}", True, WHITE)
        screen.blit(high_score_text, (WIDTH // 2 - high_score_text.get_width() // 2, HEIGHT // 2))
        pygame.display.flip()
        pygame.time.wait(2000)
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