Evaporative Cooling Simulator

A simulator to generate the data to train an ML system and visualise the simulation result.

Features

- Generate simulation data based on the time, temperature and occupancy count
- Visualise the animated simulation result with charts
- Export simulation result as image

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The program is wriiten in Python3 and required the following library installed:

- adjustText==0.7.3
- matplotlib==3.1.3
- pandas==1.0.1
- numpy==1.18.1

File Structures

File	Description
image 1n	All the export images will be stored under data/images
melbourne_temperature.csv	Simulator input file which include the hourly Time and Temperature data from 9AM to 17PM. This input file is required when the occupancy number is randomly generated.
melbourue_temperature_occupancy.csv	Simulator input file which include the hourly(10 minutes interval) Time, Temperature and OccupancyCount data from 9AM to 17PM. This input file is required when the occupancy number is provided.
melbourne_temperature_calculated.xlsx	This is the matrix of the simulation data which include the stage 1, 2 and 3 corrections.
configure.ini	This is where user set up the behavior of the simulator
requirments.txt	All the dependencies reqired for this python program,

	see the Installation section to insall the dependencies.
simulator.py	Simulator python script, it contains the logic of preparing and animating the graphs.
matrix_generator.py	It contains the logic of loading the raw data and calculate the stage 1 2 & 3 matrixs.
helper_function.py	It contains the helper functions that used to calculate occupancy positions, nozzle's postion and status.
animation_player.py	It contains the python Class for animation player and the tool bar.
ReadMe.md	Documentation file

Installation

Install the dependencies.

pip install -r requirements.txt

Run the Simulation

After install the dependecies libraries, you can run the simulator using following command.

python simulator.py

Simulator Configuration

Below is the content of the conigure.ini, the settings in this file will affect the behaviors of the simulator.

[SETTING]
AUTO_GENERATE_OCCUPANTS=False
[CHART]
MAIN_TITLE=Evaporative Cooling System Simulation
ROOM_TITLE=Room Occupancy
CHART2_TITLE=Temperature & Occupancy VS Time
CHART3_TITLE=Release Periods & Active nozzles VS Time
[PARAMETERS]
MAX_OCCUPANCY=10
[CHARTEXPORT]

EXPORT=False START_FRAME=0

END_FRAME=10

 $\hbox{[{\bf SETTING}] The values of ${\tt AUTO_GENERATE_OCCUPANTS}$ could be {\tt True} \ or \ {\tt False} \ .$

- When AUTO_GENERATE_OCCUPANTS = True, the simulator will take
 melbourne_temperature.csv as input and generate random occumancy number between 1
 and MAX_OCCUPANCY for each 10 minutes time interval.
- When AUTO_GENERATE_OCCUPANTS = False, the simulator will take melbourue_temperature_occupancy.csv as input, and use the predefined occupancy count for each 10 minutes interval.

[CHART] The value of MAIN_TITLE, ROOM_TITLE, CHART2_TITLE, CHART3_TITLE could be any text value. It will affect the heading text of the charts in the visualisation.

[PARAMETERS] The value of MAX_OCCUPANCY should be an interger large than 1. It will affect the max number of random occupancy count for each time interval.

[CHARTEXPORT] The value of EXPORT could be True or False.

- When EXPORT = True, the script will generate the imagess for frame number between START_FRAME and END_FRAME. For example, if the START_FRAME=0 and END_FRAME=10, the script will generate 11 images from frame 0 to frame 10. Each time interval is considered as a frame.
- When EXPORT = False, the script won't generate images and will only start the visualisation.

The value of START_FRAME and END_FRAME are integer.

- The integer value should between 0 and (total frame number-10)
 - Based on the visualisation design, the default slider window is 10 time intervals values. The simulator visualisation will stop at the last 10 frames, because there are no futher values to display.
- START_FRAME should be smaller than END_FRAME
- Each frame image takes around 1 seconds to generate

Developer Notes

This simulation program contains three main parts:

- Matrix calculation for stage 1,2 & 3. Anything related to matrix please update the code in matrix_generator.py
- Create Graphs Currently the simulation include three graphs, for any future update about adding graphs/elements please check the code before plot_simulation function in simulator.py
- Update the Graphs(Animation) The graphs are update based on the data in matrix, if you want to change how the graph is anamated plesae check the plot_simulation function in simulator.py

Additional links Subplot

- https://matplotlib.org/stable/api/_as_gen/matplotlib.pyplot.subplot.html
- https://matplotlib.org/stable/gallery/subplots_axes_and_figures/axes_margins.html#sphx-glr-gallery-subplots-axes-and-figures-axes-margins-py

Graph share x axis

• https://matplotlib.org/stable/gallery/subplots_axes_and_figures/two_scales.html

Animation

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/44985966/managing-dynamic-plotting-in-matplotlib-animation-module/44989063#44989063

Matplotlib Library - where you can find code examples

• https://matplotlib.org/stable/gallery/index.html