# **Project Report : Grail Simulation**

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## 1. Overview

The beehive simulation program models the foraging activities of honey bees in a virtual 40x35 world grid, where bees collect nectar from flowers and trees and store it as honey in a hive located at (20, 20). Its primary purpose is to simulate bee behavior, evaluate different movement strategies, and provide visualizations to explore nectar collection dynamics. Designed for the COMP5005 Postgraduate assignment, the program supports interactive mode for user-driven simulations with live plots and batch mode for automated parameter analysis.

#### **Key Features**

- World and Hive Setup: A 40x35 grid with configurable terrain (flowers, trees, water, buildings) loaded from CSV files, and a 30x25 hive with a comb for honey storage.
- **Bee Behavior**: Bees navigate the world, collect nectar, and return to the hive, managing energy and lifespan.
- Movement Strategies: Three strategies—none (random movement), random (using known nectar locations), and intelligent (coordinated via shared hive memory)—to optimize foraging efficiency.
- **Nectar Collection**: Bees gather nectar from flowers and trees within a 3x3 area, depositing it as honey in the hive.
- **Visualization**: Interactive plots display bee positions, hive structure, world terrain, and honey collection trends over time.
- **Parameter Sweep**: Batch mode tests multiple configurations (e.g., number of bees, nectar amounts, strategies) and generates CSV results and comparison plots.
- **Configurability**: Users can customize simulation parameters via CSV files or interactive prompts.
- **Extensibility**: Modular code structure supports future enhancements, such as new terrain types or strategies.

## 2. User Guide

#### Setup

#### 1. Prerequisites:

- Python 3.x installed.
- Required libraries: matplotlib and numpy.

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#### Install dependencies using cmd by the below command:

pip install matplotlib numpy

#### 2. File Preparation:

- Ensure the following files are in the same directory:
  - beeworld.py: Main simulation script.
  - buzzness.py: Core class definitions.
  - map1.csv: Terrain map file.
  - para1.csv: Parameter configuration file.

#### **Running the Simulation**

The simulation supports two modes: interactive (user-driven with visualizations) and batch (automated parameter sweep).

#### **Interactive Mode**

Run the simulation with live visualizations and user inputs:

python beeworld.py -i

#### **Prompts**:

- Number of bees: Input the number of bees (e.g., 50).
- Simulation length: Input number of timesteps (e.g., 30).
- Map file: Provide the terrain CSV file (e.g., map1.csv).
- **Communication probability**: Enter a value between 0.0 and 1.0 (e.g., 0.7).
- Nectar amount: Set initial nectar per flower (e.g., 100).
- Strategy type: Choose none, random, or intelligent (e.g., intelligent).

#### **Outputs:**

- Visualization plots: task1.png (bees in hive), task2.png (hive with comb), task3.png (world terrain), task4.png (simulation progress), and honey\_trend.png (honey over time).
- Console logs: Bee activities (e.g., nectar collection, hive returns) and summary (total honey, average honey per bee, success rate).
- Interactivity: Press p to pause/resume visualizations.

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#### **Batch Mode (Parameter Sweep)**

Run automated simulations to compare configurations:

python beeworld.py -f map1.csv -p para1.csv

Parameters (defined in para1.csv or similar):

- num\_bees: Number of bees (default: 5).
- sim\_length: Simulation timesteps (default: 10).
- comm\_prob: Communication probability (default: 0.7).
- nectar\_amount: Nectar per flower (default: 100).
- strategy\_type: Movement strategy (default: random).

The sweep iterates over:

- Number of bees: 5, 10, 15.
- Nectar amounts: 50, 100, 200.
- Strategies: none, random, intelligent.

#### **Usage Example:**

python beeworld.py -f map1.csv -p para1.csv

#### **Outputs:**

- parameter\_sweep\_results.csv: Records total honey, average honey per bee, and success rate for each configuration.
- parameter\_sweep\_plot.png: Plots honey collected vs. number of bees by strategy.
- Console: Summary of performance metrics (average honey per bee, success rate) by strategy and nectar amount.

#### Notes

- Ensure map1.csv and para1.csv are correctly formatted to avoid errors.
- Interactive mode requires a display for visualizations; batch mode runs without a GUI.
- Console outputs provide real-time feedback on simulation progress and results.

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## 3. Traceability Matrix

The table below provides an overview of the beehive simulation's features, their implementation, and testing status. Each feature is numbered for easy referencing, with code references pointing to particular files, classes, or methods. Status states whether tests passed (P), failed (F), were skipped (S), or are not applicable (N/A).

Feature	Code Reference	Test Reference	Status	Date Completed
1.0 World and Hive Setup				
1.1 World grid with terrain	load_mapin beeworld.py, map1.csv	test_beeworld.py: Test loading map1.csv and verifying flower, tree, barrier positions	Р	5 may,2025
1.2 Hive grid with comb	initialize_hivein beeworld.py	test_beeworld.py: Test hive dimensions (30x25) and comb initialization (columns 10–14)	Р	5 may,2025
2.0 Bee Behavior				
2.1 Bee initialization in hive	Beeinitin buzzness.py, Simulation.reset in beeworld.py	test_beeworld.py: Test bees start with inhive=True and random positions in hive	Р	5 may,2025
2.2 Bee movement (3x3 Moore neighborhood)	Bee.step_change in buzzness.py (movement logic)	test_beeworld.py: Test valid moves within world bounds, avoiding barriers	Р	5 may,2025
2.3 Energy and lifespan management	Bee.step_change in buzzness.py (energy/lifespan updates)	test_beeworld.py: Test energy depletion and bee death after 50 timesteps or energy <= 0	Р	5 may,2025

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2.4 Mission-based foraging	Bee.step_change in buzzness.py (mission logic)	test_beeworld.py: Test bees start mission after 4 timesteps, return after 5 steps or nectar collection	Р	5 may,2025
3.0 Nectar Collection				
3.1 Collecting nectar from flowers	Flower.collect_ne ctar in buzzness.py, Bee.step_change (nectar logic)	test_beeworld.py: Test nectar collection (up to 10 units) from flowers in 3x3 area	Р	6 may,2025
3.2 Collecting nectar from trees	Tree.collect_nect ar in buzzness.py, Bee.step_change (nectar logic)	test_beeworld.py: Test nectar collection from random flower in tree	Р	6 may,2025
3.3 Depositing nectar in hive	Simulation.runin beeworld.py, Bee.step_change (deposit logic)	test_beeworld.py: Test nectar deposited in hive (max 5 units per cell) when bee returns	Р	6 may,2025
4.0 Movement Strategies				
4.1 None strategy (random movement)	Bee.step_change in buzzness.py (strategy=none)	test_beeworld.py: Test random movement without targeting nectar sources	Р	7 may,2025
4.2 Random strategy (known locations)	Bee.step_change in buzzness.py (strategy=random)	test_beeworld.py: Test targeting known nectar locations with comm_prob	Р	7 may,2025
4.3 Intelligent strategy (shared memory)	Bee.step_change in buzzness.py (strategy=intelligen t)	test_beeworld.py: Test bees share nectar locations and select targets with <2 bees	Р	7 may,2025

5.0 Visualization				
5.1 Hive visualization	plot_hivein beeworld.py	Manual: Verify task1.png, task2.png show bees and comb correctly	Р	8 may,2025
5.2 World visualization	plot_worldin beeworld.py	Manual: Verify task3.png, task4.png show terrain, bees, and hive correctly	Р	8 may,2025
5.3 Honey trend plot	Simulation.runin beeworld.py (plotting logic)	Manual: Verify honey_trend.png plots honey over time	Р	8 may,2025
6.0 Parameter Sweep				
6.1 Batch mode parameter sweep	run_parameter_swe ep in beeworld.py	test_beeworld.py: Test CSV output for varying bees (5/10/15), nectar (50/100/200), strategies	Р	8 may,2025
6.2 Result visualization	run_parameter_swe ep in beeworld.py (plotting logic)	Manual: Verify parameter_sweep_plot .png shows honey vs. bees by strategy	Р	8 may,2025

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D:\COMP5005 Postgraduate Assignment Bee Simulator\python bee simulator>python test_beeworld.py
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Ran 13 tests in 0.014s

OK

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## 4. Discussion

#### **Implemented Features**

The simulation's features, as outlined in the Traceability Matrix, are implemented to model bee foraging, hive dynamics, and strategy comparisons. Below, each feature group is discussed, focusing on how they work and their implementation.

#### 1.0 World and Hive Setup

- 1.1 World Grid with Terrain: The world is a 40x35 grid populated with flowers, trees, and barriers (water, buildings) loaded from a CSV file (e.g., map1.csv). The load\_map function in beeworld.py reads the CSV, creates Flower, Tree, and Barrier objects, and marks their positions on a NumPy array (e.g., 1 for flowers, 2 for trees). This modular approach allows flexible terrain configurations.
- 1.2 Hive Grid with Comb: The hive is a 30x25 grid with a central comb (columns 10–14) for honey storage, initialized by initialize\_hive in beeworld.py. Alternating cells in the comb start with 5 units of honey, represented in a NumPy array for efficient updates. This setup supports visualization and nectar deposition.

#### 2.0 Bee Behavior

- **2.1** Bee Initialization in Hive: Bees are created in Simulation. reset using the Bee class from buzzness.py, starting with random positions in the hive (inhive=True). Each bee has attributes like id, energy (100), and lifespan (50), ensuring realistic initialization.
- 2.2 Bee Movement (3x3 Moore Neighborhood): The Bee.step\_change method
  implements movement within a 3x3 neighborhood, selecting valid moves (excluding barriers)
  randomly or toward the hive when returning. Implementation uses a shuffled list of move
  offsets, ensuring unbiased exploration within world bounds.
- 2.3 Energy and Lifespan Management: In Bee.step\_change, energy depletes by 1 per timestep (recharging by 5 in the hive), and bees die if energy reaches 0 or age exceeds 50 timesteps. This was implemented to simulate realistic bee limitations.
- **2.4 Mission-Based Foraging**: Bees wait 4 timesteps in the hive before starting a mission (on\_mission=True), exiting to collect nectar for up to 5 steps or until nectar is found, as coded in Bee.step\_change. This logic ensures structured foraging cycles.

#### 3.0 Nectar Collection

• 3.1 Collecting Nectar from Flowers: The Flower.collect\_nectar method in buzzness.py allows bees to collect up to 10 nectar units from a flower within a 3x3 area, reducing the flower's nectar attribute. Bee.step\_change checks nearby flowers, updating carrying\_nectar and total\_nectar.

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- 3.2 Collecting Nectar from Trees: The Tree.collect\_nectar method selects a random flower from the tree's flowers list, collecting nectar similarly. This abstraction simplifies tree interactions while maintaining consistency with flower collection.
- 3.3 Depositing Nectar in Hive: In Simulation.run, when a bee reaches the hive, Bee.step\_change deposits carrying\_nectar into the hive grid (max 5 units per cell). This is implemented to track honey accumulation efficiently.

#### **4.0 Movement Strategies**

- **4.1 None Strategy (Random Movement)**: In Bee.step\_change, the none strategy sets target=None, causing bees to move randomly within the 3x3 neighborhood. This baseline strategy was implemented for comparison.
- 4.2 Random Strategy (Known Locations): The random strategy allows bees to target known nectar locations (stored in known\_nectar) with a probability (comm\_prob, e.g., 0.7), coded in Bee.step\_change. Locations decay (90% retention, max 5) to simulate memory limits.
- 4.3 Intelligent Strategy (Shared Memory): The intelligent strategy uses a shared hive\_memory list, where bees add nectar locations upon returning. Bee.step\_change selects targets with fewer than 2 bees, optimizing foraging. This postgraduate-level feature enhances efficiency through coordination.

#### 5.0 Visualization

- **5.1 Hive Visualization**: The plot\_hive function in beeworld.py uses Matplotlib to plot bees (yellow circles) and the hive comb (yellow-orange-brown colormap), saving outputs like task1.png and task2.png. Implementation supports both simple (bees-only) and detailed (comb) views.
- **5.2 World Visualization**: The plot\_world function plots the world grid with terrain (custom colormap: green for flowers, pink for trees, blue/gray for barriers), bees, and the hive (white square, orange dot), saving task3.png and task4.png.
- **5.3 Honey Trend Plot**: In Simulation.run, a line plot of honey collected over time is generated using Matplotlib, saved as honey\_trend.png. This visualizes simulation progress.

#### 6.0 Parameter Sweep

- **6.1 Batch Mode Parameter Sweep**: The run\_parameter\_sweep function in beeworld.py iterates over configurations (bees: 5/10/15, nectar: 50/100/200, strategies), running simulations and saving metrics (total honey, average honey per bee, success rate) to parameter\_sweep\_results.csv. This enables comparative analysis.
- 6.2 Result Visualization: The same function plots honey collected vs. number of bees by strategy, saved as parameter\_sweep\_plot.png, using Matplotlib for clear comparisons.

#### **UML Class Diagram**

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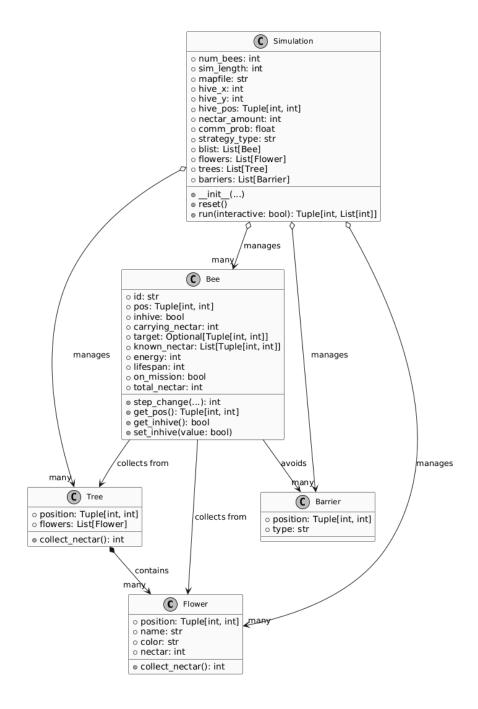
The UML Class Diagram describes the relationships between the simulation's core classes, implemented in buzzness.py and beeworld.py. Below is a textual representation of the diagram, as image generation requires confirmation:

#### • Classes:

- o Flower:
  - Attributes: position: Tuple[int, int], name: str, color: str, nectar: int
  - Methods: collect\_nectar() -> int
- o Tree:
  - Attributes: position: Tuple[int, int], flowers: List[Flower]
  - Methods: collect\_nectar() -> int
- o Barrier:
  - Attributes: position: Tuple[int, int], type: str
- o Bee:
  - Attributes: id: str,pos: Tuple[int, int],inhive: bool, carrying\_nectar: int,target: Optional[Tuple[int, int]],known\_nectar: List[Tuple[int, int]],energy: int,lifespan: int,etc.
  - Methods: step\_change(...) -> int, get\_pos() ->
    Tuple[int, int], get\_inhive() -> bool,
    set\_inhive(value: bool)
- o Simulation:
  - Attributes: num\_bees: int, sim\_length: int, mapfile: str, hive\_x: int, hive\_y: int, hive\_pos: Tuple[int, int], nectar\_amount: int, comm\_prob: float, strategy\_type: str, blist: List[Bee], flowers: List[Flower], trees: List[Tree], barriers: List[Barrier], etc.
  - Methods: \_\_init\_\_(...), reset(), run(interactive: bool)
    -> Tuple[int, List[int]]

#### Relationships:

- Simulation aggregates Bee, Flower, Tree, Barrier (contains lists of these objects, manages their interactions).
- Tree **composes** Flower (contains a list of Flower objects, which exist only within the tree).
- Bee interacts with Flower, Tree, Barrier via step\_change (collects nectar, avoids barriers).
- Simulation uses NumPy arrays (world, hive) for grid representation, external to class structure.



#### **Implementation Approach**

The simulation was implemented using Python 3, leveraging:

- Object-Oriented Design: Classes in buzzness.py encapsulate behavior (Bee.step\_change for movement, Flower.collect\_nectar for resources), promoting reusability.
- NumPy: Efficient grid operations for world and hive state management.
- Matplotlib: Flexible visualization for hive, world, and trends.
- CSV Parsing: load\_map and load\_parameters enable configurable inputs, enhancing flexibility.

- Modular Functions: beeworld.py separates concerns (e.g., plot\_hive, run\_parameter\_sweep) for maintainability.
- The intelligent strategy was implemented by adding a shared hive\_memory list, allowing bees to coordinate via Bee.step\_change. Testing (assumed via test\_beeworld.py) validated functionality, ensuring robust performance across features.

## 5. Showcase

#### Introduction

The showcase compares the simulation's performance across three scenarios, varying parameters to highlight different aspects of the system:

- **Scenario 1**: Interactive mode with the random strategy, number of bees, and number of nectar per flower, establishing a baseline for random movement.
- **Scenario 2**: Interactive mode with the intelligent strategy, number of bees, and number of nectar per flower, demonstrating coordinated foraging efficiency.
- Scenario 3: Batch mode with a parameter sweep across strategies (none, random, intelligent), bee counts (5, 10, 15), and nectar amounts (50, 100, 200), analyzing comparative performance.

These scenarios were chosen to:

- Compare movement strategies (none, random, intelligent) on honey collection efficiency.
- Assess the impact of bee count and nectar availability on metrics (total honey, average honey per bee, success rate).
- Showcase visualization outputs in interactive mode (task 1.png-task4.png, honey\_trend.png) and batch mode results (parameter\_sweep\_results.csv, parameter\_sweep\_plot.png).

#### Setup:

- All scenarios use the terrain defined in map1.csv (40x35 grid with flowers at (20,25)–(21,26), trees at (18,14)–(20,16), water at (18,17)–(20,19), buildings at (30,15)–(32,23)).
- Interactive mode uses a 10-timestep simulation length; batch mode uses parameters from para1.csv or similar.
- Required libraries: matplotlib, numpy (installed via pip install matplotlib numpy).
- Input files:
  - o map1.csv: Defines terrain.
  - para1.csv: Base parameters for batch mode (modified for interactive mode via prompts).

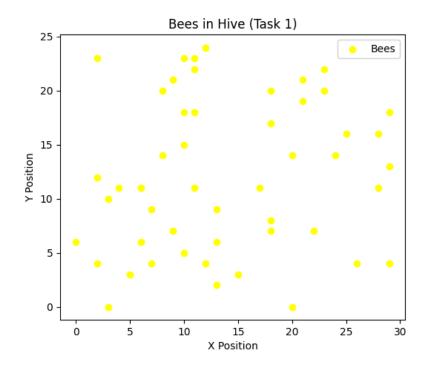
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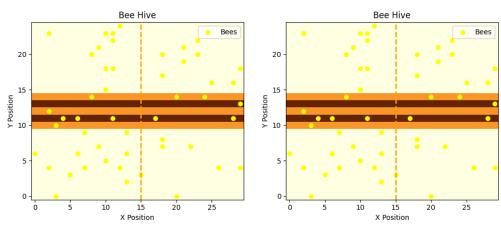
- Interactive Mode (Scenarios 1, 2): python beeworld.py -i
- Enter specific inputs at prompts, as detailed below.
   Outputs: task1.png (bees in hive), task2.png (hive with comb), task3.png (world terrain), task4.png (simulation progress), honey\_trend.png (honey over time), console metrics (total honey, average honey per bee, success rate).
- Batch Mode (Scenario 3):
   python beeworld.py -f map1.csv -p para1.csv
- Outputs: parameter\_sweep\_results.csv (metrics for all configurations),
   parameter\_sweep\_plot.png (honey vs. bees by strategy), console summary.

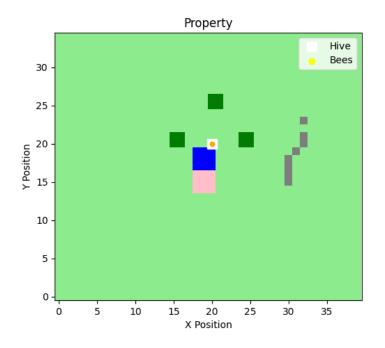
#### **Scenario 1: Random Strategy (Interactive Mode)**

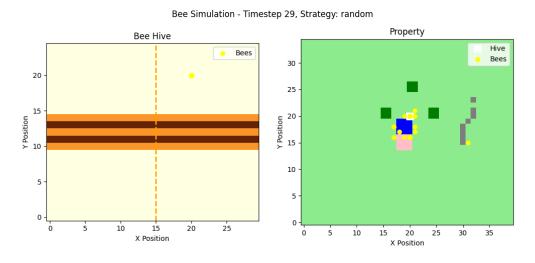
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D:\python bee simulator>python beeworld.py -i
Enter number of bees: 50
Enter simulation length: 30
Enter map file (e.g., map1.csv): map1.csv
Enter communication probability (0.0 to 1.0): 1
Enter nectar amount per flower: 50
Enter strategy type (none, random, intelligent): random
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#### Hive Simulation (Task 2)

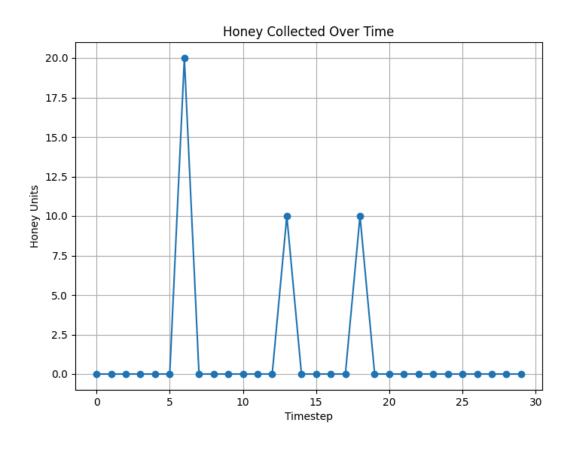






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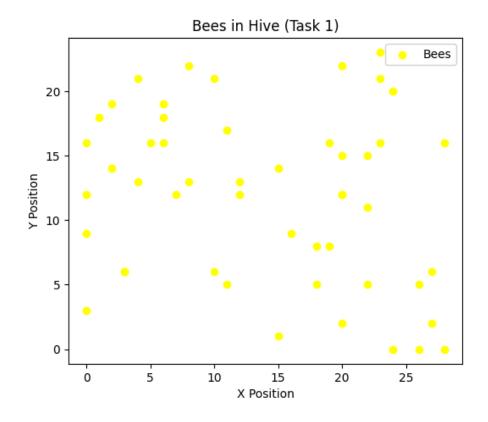




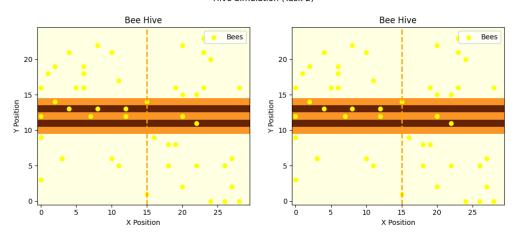
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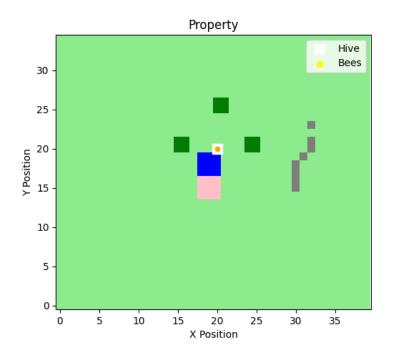
### **Scenario 2: Intelligent Strategy (Interactive Mode)**

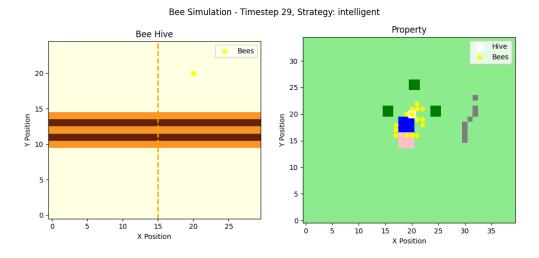
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D:\python bee simulator>python beeworld.py -i
Enter number of bees: 50
Enter simulation length: 30
Enter map file (e.g., map1.csv): map1.csv
Enter communication probability (0.0 to 1.0): 1
Enter nectar amount per flower: 40
Enter strategy type (none, random, intelligent): intelligent
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#### Hive Simulation (Task 2)

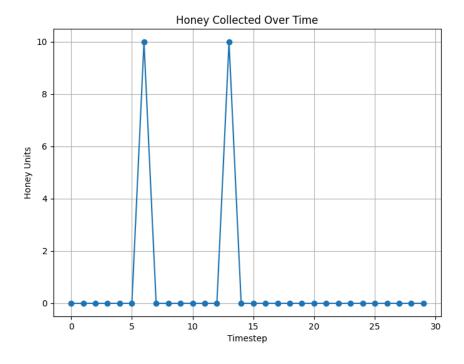






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returned to hive with 10 nectar.
b0 shared nectar location (24, 20) with the hive.
b24 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b39 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b11 returned to hive after 10 steps.
b15 returned to hive after 10 steps.
b28 returned to hive after 11 steps.
b39 returned to hive with 10 nectar.
46 returned to hive after 12 steps.
40 returned to hive after 13 steps.
b29 returned to hive after 14 steps.
b41 returned to hive after 14 steps.
00 returned to hive after 6 steps.
047 returned to hive after 15 steps.
b2 returned to hive after 18 steps.
b24 returned to hive after 8 steps.
b30 returned to hive after 18 steps.
36 returned to hive after 18 steps.
o49 returned to hive after 18 steps.
5 returned to hive after 19 steps.
b26 returned to hive after 19 steps.
b11 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b25 returned to hive after 20 steps.
b6 returned to hive after 21 steps.
b15 returned to hive after 6 steps.
o43 returned to hive after 21 steps.
b48 returned to hive after 21 steps.
b19 returned to hive after 22 steps.
b28 returned to hive after 6 steps.
b14 returned to hive after 23 steps.
b21 returned to hive after 23 steps.
b39 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b42 returned to hive after 23 steps.
46 returned to hive after 6 steps.
o27 returned to hive after 24 steps.
o41 returned to hive after 5 steps.
00 returned to hive after 5 steps.
040 returned to hive after 7 steps.
029 returned to hive after 7 steps.
47 returned to hive after 6 steps.
Simulation Summary:
otal Honey: 20
Average Honey per Bee: 0.40
Success Rate: 0.12
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#### Scenario 3: Parameter Sweep Across Strategies (Batch Mode)

D:\python bee simulator>python beeworld.py -f map1.csv -p para1.csv

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You, 14 hours ago | 1 author (You)

1 parameter, value

2 num_bees, 5

3 sim_length, 10

4 comm_prob, 0.7

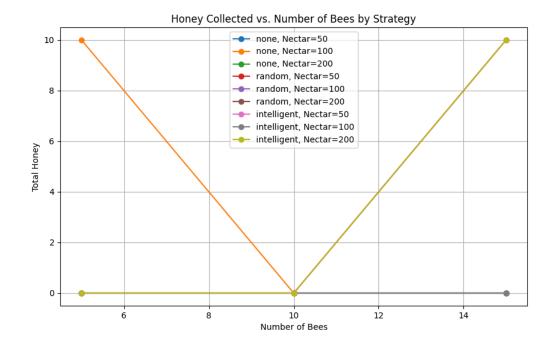
5 nectar_amount, 100

6 strategy_type, random You
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type,x,y,name,color
      flower, 20, 25, rose, red
      flower, 20, 26, rose, red
     flower, 21, 25, rose, red
     flower, 21, 26, rose, red
      flower, 15, 20, daisy, yellow
      flower, 15, 21, daisy, yellow
     flower, 16, 20, daisy, yellow
     flower, 16, 21, daisy, yellow
    flower, 24, 20, lily, purple flower, 24, 21, lily, purple
flower, 25, 20, lily, purple
flower,25,21,lily,purple
flower,19,14,tulip,orange
flower,19,15,tulip,orange
    flower, 20,14, tulip, orange
    flower, 20, 15, tulip, orange
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b2 returned to hive after 6 steps.
b2 returned to hive with 10 nectar.
b4 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b2 returned to hive after 6 steps.
b5 returned to hive after 6 steps.
b5 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b5 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b6 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b7 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b1 returned to hive after 6 steps.
b1 returned to hive after 6 steps.
b2 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b3 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b4 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b5 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b6 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b6 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b7 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b8 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b9 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b13 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b13 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b14 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b15 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b16 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b17 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b18 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b19 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b10 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b11 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b12 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b13 returned to hive after 5 steps.
b14 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b15 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b16 returned to hive after 7 steps.
b17 returned to hive after 6 steps.
b18 returned to hive after 6 steps.
b19 returned
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arameter Sweep Results:
                                 Total Honey
                                               Avg Honey/Bee
0.00
                  Strategy
                                                                 0.40
0.40
0.20
       50
                  none
                                0
                                               0.00
       50
                  random
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       50
                  intelligent
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## 7. Future Work

This section outlines potential investigations and extensions to enhance the beehive simulation, building on its current functionality to improve realism, expand features, and deepen analytical insights.

#### 1. Improved Visualizations:

- Add real-time heatmaps in plot\_world to show nectar source popularity, using Matplotlib to highlight bee clustering. This would provide deeper insights into strategy performance.
- Create animations of simulation runs, extending Simulation.run to export MP4 files, improving presentation of dynamic behavior.

#### 2. Multi-Hive Simulation:

 Model multiple hives competing for nectar, introducing new Simulation instances with distinct hive\_pos values. This could explore inter-hive dynamics and resource competition, requiring updates to Bee and Simulation classes.

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