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Langton's Ant

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1 Introduction

Along with the Game of life, Langton's ant is a cellular automaton; more specifically a two dimensional Turing machine. Compared to Game of life, its a simpler version since the rule is only applied to the cells where the ant has been. Since any two dimensional array can be transformed to a one dimensional array, we could say that Langton's Ant is a Turing Machine where the ant is the head of the Turing machine and the space is the tape. The Ant moves to a specific location depending on the input and it can write on the tape.

2 Development

All the source Code for this and other projects for this class can be found on: <https://github.com/asdf1234Damian/ComputerSelectedTopics>.

2.1 Automata.h

```
1  #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
2  #include <vector>
3  #include <iostream>
4  #include <ctime>
5  #include <fstream>
6  #include <chrono>
7  #include <random>
8
9  class Automata{
10 public:
11     unsigned int size;
12     double p;
13     Automata(unsigned int,double,short int,short int,short int,short
        ↪ int,short int,short int);
14     sf::Texture antUp;
15     sf::Texture antRight;
16     sf::Texture antLeft;
17     sf::Texture antDown;
18     sf::Color cleanC= sf::Color(0,0,0);
19     sf::Color pheromC= sf::Color(250, 250,250);
20     int zoom=1,viewx=0,viewy=0,totalAnts=0, totalPher=0, gen=1;
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21     void run();
22 private:
23     void addAnt(int, int);
24     int getDir(sf::Sprite);
25     void eraseAnt(int,int);
26     void rotateAnt(int, int,int);
27     void rotateAnt(sf::Sprite);
28     sf::Vector2f moveAhead(sf::Sprite);
29     bool standing(sf::Sprite);
30     bool antExist(int, int);
31     void flipCell(int x, int y);
32     void updateView();
33     void randomStart();
34     void update();
35     sf::RenderWindow grid;
36     sf::View view;
37     bool running=false;
38     bool state=true; //True sets current state to A, false to B
39     std::vector<sf::RectangleShape> cells;
40     std::vector<sf::Sprite> ants;
41     void pollEvent();
42     bool getValue(float, float);
43     bool rule(float, float);
44     size_t getIndex(float , float );
45     void setCell(float , float );
46 };

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2.2 Automata.cpp

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1  #include "Automata.h"
2
3  std::default_random_engine
4  generator
5  ↪ (std::chrono::system_clock::now().time_since_epoch().count());
6  std::normal_distribution<double> distribution(0.0,1.0);
7
8  Automata::Automata(unsigned int size, double p,short int cr1,short
9  ↪ int cr2,short int cg1,short int cg2,short int cb1,short int
10 ↪ cb2):grid({1000,1000},"Good old Lang's Ant"),cells(size*size){

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8   grid.setPosition(sf::Vector2i(200,100));
9   view.reset(sf::FloatRect(viewx, viewy, size/zoom, size/zoom ));
10  this-> pheromC= sf::Color(cr1,cg1,cb1);
11  this-> cleanC= sf::Color(cr2,cg2,cb2);
12  this->size=size;
13  this->p=p;
14  this->antUp.loadFromFile("images/03.png");
15  this->antRight.loadFromFile("images/02.png");
16  this->antDown.loadFromFile("images/01.png");
17  this->antLeft.loadFromFile("images/04.png");
18  grid.setFramerateLimit(30);
19  grid.setView(view);
20 }
21 //Ant Functions////////////////////////////////////
22 void Automata::addAnt(int x, int y){
23     sf::Sprite ant =sf::Sprite();
24     ant.setTexture(antUp);
25     ant.setScale(.003, .003);
26     ant.setPosition((float) x, (float) y);
27     ants.push_back(ant);
28 }
29
30 void Automata::eraseAnt(int x, int y){
31     for (size_t i = 0; i < ants.size(); i++) {
32         if (ants[i].getPosition()==sf::Vector2f(x,y)) {
33             ants.erase(ants.begin()+i);
34         }
35     }
36 }
37
38 void Automata::rotateAnt(int x, int y, int angle){
39     for (size_t i = 0; i < ants.size(); i++) {
40         if (ants[i].getPosition()==sf::Vector2f(x,y)) {
41             if (angle==1) {
42                 switch (getDir(ants[i])) {
43                     case 1:
44                         ants[i].setTexture(antRight);
45                         break;
46
47                     case 2:

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48         ants[i].setTexture(antDown);
49         break;
50
51         case 3:
52         ants[i].setTexture(antLeft);
53         break;
54
55         case 4:
56         ants[i].setTexture(antUp);
57         break;
58     }
59     }else{
60         switch (getDir(ants[i])) {
61             case 1:
62             ants[i].setTexture(antLeft);
63             break;
64
65             case 2:
66             ants[i].setTexture(antUp);
67             break;
68
69             case 3:
70             ants[i].setTexture(antRight);
71             break;
72
73             case 4:
74             ants[i].setTexture(antDown);
75             break;
76         }
77     }
78 }
79 }
80 }
81
82 void Automata::rotateAnt(sf::Sprite ant){
83     switch (getDir(ant)) {
84         case 1:
85         ant.setTexture(antRight);
86         break;
87     }
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88     case 2:
89         ant.setTexture(antDown);
90         break;
91
92     case 3:
93         ant.setTexture(antLeft);
94         break;
95
96     case 4:
97         ant.setTexture(antUp);
98         break;
99     }
100 }
101
102 sf::Vector2f Automata::moveAhead(sf::Sprite ant){
103     float x=ant.getPosition().x;
104     float y=ant.getPosition().y;
105     switch (getDir(ant)) {
106         case 1:
107             y++;
108             break;
109
110         case 2:
111             x++;
112             break;
113
114         case 3:
115             y--;
116             break;
117
118         case 4:
119             x--;
120             break;
121
122     }
123     if (x<0) {x=size-1;}else if (x>=size) {x=0;}
124     if (y<0) {y=size-1;}else if (y>=size) {y=0;}
125     return sf::Vector2f(x,y);
126 }
127
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128 //Aux Functions////////////////////////////////////
129
130 bool Automata::antExist(int x, int y){
131     for (size_t i = 0; i < ants.size(); i++) {
132         if (ants[i].getPosition().x==x && ants[i].getPosition().y==y){
133             return 1;
134         }
135     }
136     return 0;
137 }
138
139 int Automata::getDir(sf::Sprite ant){
140     if (ant.getTexture()==&antUp)
141         return 1;
142     if (ant.getTexture()==&antRight)
143         return 2;
144     if (ant.getTexture()==&antDown)
145         return 3;
146     if (ant.getTexture()==&antLeft)
147         return 4;
148     return 0;
149 }
150
151 bool Automata::standing(sf::Sprite ant){
152     return getValue(ant.getPosition().x, ant.getPosition().y);
153 }
154
155 size_t Automata::getIndex(float x, float y){
156     return (y*size + x);
157 }
158
159 bool Automata::getValue(float x, float y){
160     if (x<0) {x=size-1;}else if (x>=size) {x=0;}
161     if (y<0) {y=size-1;}else if (y>=size) {y=0;}
162     if (cells[getIndex(x,y)].getFillColor()==pheromC) {
163         return true;
164     }else{
165         return false;
166     }
167 }
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168
169 void Automata::flipCell(int x, int y){
170     if (getValue(x,y)!=1) {
171         totalPher++;
172         cells[y*size + x].setFillColor(pheromC);//white
173     }else{
174         totalPher--;
175         cells[y*size + x].setFillColor(cleanC);//black
176     }
177 }
178
179 //Init Functions////////////////////////////////////
180
181 void Automata::randomStart(){
182     for (size_t x = 0; x < size; x++){
183         for (size_t y = 0; y < size; y++) {
184             cells[y*size + x].setPosition({(float)x,(float)y});
185             cells[y*size +
186                 ↪ x].setSize({(float)1000/size,(float)1000/size});
186             cells[y*size + x].setFillColor(cleanC);
187             if (distribution(generator)<p) {
188                 totalAnts++;
189                 addAnt(x, y);
190             }
191         }
192     }
193     std::cout <<gen<<"<< totalPher<< '\n';
194 }
195
196 void Automata::run(){
197     randomStart();
198     while (grid.isOpen()) {
199         //grid.clear(cleanC);
200         for (size_t i = 0; i < size*size; i++) {
201             grid.draw(cells[i]);
202         }
203         for (size_t i = 0; i < ants.size(); i++) {
204             grid.draw(ants[i]);
205         }
206         grid.display();

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207     pollEvent();
208 }
209 }
210
211 void Automata::update(){
212     float x,y;
213     for (size_t i = 0; i < ants.size(); i++) {
214         x=ants[i].getPosition().x;
215         y=ants[i].getPosition().y;
216         if(standing(ants[i])){
217             rotateAnt(x, y, 1);
218         }else{
219             rotateAnt(x, y, 3);
220         }
221         flipCell(x,y);
222         if (!antExist(moveAhead(ants[i]).x,moveAhead(ants[i]).y)){
223             ants[i].setPosition(moveAhead(ants[i]));
224         }
225     }
226     gen++;
227     std::cout <<gen<<" , "<<totalPher<< '\n';
228     state=!state;
229 }
230
231 void Automata::updateView(){
232     view.reset(sf::FloatRect(viewx, viewy, size/zoom, size/zoom ));
233     grid.setView(view);
234 }
235
236 void Automata::pollEvent(){
237     sf::Event e;
238     if (running) {
239         update();
240     }
241     while (grid.pollEvent(e)) {
242         if (e.type== sf::Event::Closed) {
243             grid.close();
244         }else if (e.type == sf::Event::MouseButtonPressed){
245             int x=(e.mouseButton.x*size) / (zoom*grid.getSize().x);
246             int y=(e.mouseButton.y*size) / (zoom*grid.getSize().y);

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247
248     if (e.mouseButton.button == sf::Mouse::Left){
249         if (antExist(x,y)) {
250             eraseAnt(x,y);
251         }else{
252             addAnt(x,y);
253         }
254     }else if(e.mouseButton.button == sf::Mouse::Right){
255         rotateAnt(x,y,90);
256     }
257
258 }else if(e.type==sf::Event::KeyPressed){
259     switch (e.key.code) {
260         case sf::Keyboard::Right:
261             update();
262             break;
263
264         case sf::Keyboard::Up:
265             zoom++;
266             updateView();
267             break;
268
269         case sf::Keyboard::Down:
270             if (zoom>1) {
271                 zoom--;
272                 updateView();
273             }
274             break;
275
276         case sf::Keyboard::A:
277             if(viewx>0){
278                 viewx-=size/(zoom*10);
279                 updateView();
280             }
281             break;
282
283         case sf::Keyboard::D:
284             if((unsigned)viewx<=size-size/zoom){
285                 viewx+=size/(zoom*10);
286                 updateView();
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287     }
288     break;
289
290     case sf::Keyboard::S:
291     if((unsigned)viewy<size-size/zoom){
292         viewy+=size/(zoom*10);
293         updateView();
294     }
295     break;
296
297     case sf::Keyboard::W:
298     if(viewy>0){
299         viewy-=size/(zoom*10);
300         updateView();
301     }
302     break;
303
304     case sf::Keyboard::Left:
305     running = !running;
306     break;
307
308     default:
309     break;
310 }
311 }
312 }
313 }
314
315 //Main Program////////////////////////////////////
316
317 int main(int argc, char const *argv[]) {
318     freopen("gens","w+",stdout);
319     //Size
320     unsigned int size=strtoul(argv[1], NULL,10);
321     //Probability
322     double p=strtod(argv[2], NULL);
323     //Colors
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324  short int cr1=strtoul(argv[3], NULL,10),cg1=strtoul(argv[4],  
    ↪  NULL,10),cb1=strtoul(argv[5], NULL,10),cr2=strtoul(argv[6],  
    ↪  NULL,10),cg2=strtoul(argv[7], NULL,10),cb2=strtoul(argv[8],  
    ↪  NULL,10);  
325  //Initialization  
326  Automata GOL(size,p,cr1,cr2,cg1,cg2,cb1,cb2);  
327  GOL.run();  
328  return 0;  
329 }
```