

NetLogo – Making our agents more interesting

Step 1 – download and open the netlogo #3 file from canvas

Please download model file from Practical Resources 3 on canvas as this will be our starting point.

Step 2 – creating a food function for the butterflies

We will now create a function to enable our butterflies to smell food within a particular range and return a value to a local variable within the make_butterfly_move function in order to decide what the butterfly should do. Add the following code to your program.

```
to-report food_function [sensitivity]
  set food_around_me other ( food in-radius sensitivity )
  set closest_food min-one-of food_around_me [distance myself]
  let can_smell_food [false]
  let eating_food [false]

  if health < 100 [
    ask food in-radius rad [
      ifelse amount > 0 [
        set eating_food true
        set amount amount - 5
        set color color - .25
      ][
        die
      ]
    ]
  ]

  if eating_food = true [
    set health health + 5
    adjust_vision_cone
  ]

  if (closest_food != nobody) [
    set can_smell_food true
  ]
  report can_smell_food
end

; this creates a reporting function called food_function and expects a value for sensitivity
; this sets the food_around_me variable to the ID's of the food within the sensitivity
; this sets the closest_food variable to the ID of the closest food source
; this creates a local variable called can_smell_food and sets it to false
; this creates a local variable called eating_food and sets it to false

; if health is less than 100 then...
; this sets up a radius around the food to the value of the global variable rad which
; if amount (a food variable) is greater than 0...
; set the local variable called eating_food to true indicating the butterfly is eating
; reduces 5 from the amount variable in the food
; reduce the color intensity of the food by .25
; otherwise...
; there is no food left so kill the good agent

; if eating_food is true then...
; add 5 to health of butterfly
; call adjust_vision_cone function as health impact on the vision of the butterfly

; if closest_food is not empty (the butterfly can smell food in range) then...
; set can_smell_food to true

; return value of can_smell_food to location where function was called
```

Add the following line to the code in the make_butterfly_move code. The 30 signifies the sense of smell.

```
let can_smell_food food_function 30 ; this creates a local variable called can_smell_food then fills it with the return value
```

Step 3 – switching your butterflies behaviours

To switch the behaviour of your butterflies between avoiding people, looking for food and random wandering the code should look as follows:

```
to make_butterflies_move
  ask butterflies [
    ifelse health > 0 [
      show_visualisations
      set color blue
      let have_seen_person people_function
      let can_smell_food food_function 30
      ifelse ( have_seen_person = true ) [
        right 180
      ][
        ifelse ( can_smell_food = true ) and ( health < 100 ) [
          set heading ( towards closest_food )
        ][
          right (random bwr - (bwr / 2))
        ]
      ]
      forward butterflies_speed + ( speed_variation * 0.1 )
    ][
      set color gray
      die
    ]
  ]
end

; this is defining a function called make_butterflies_move
; this asks all of the butterflies in the population to do what is in the brackets
; if health is greater than 0 then (still alive)...
; call the show_visualisations function
; this sets the color of each butterfly to blue
; this creates a local variable called have_seen_person then fills it with the return value
; this creates a local variable called can_smell_food then fills it with the return value
; if local variable have_seen_person is true...
; set heading of the butterfly to 180 (turn around to avoid!)
; otherwise...
; if local variable can_smell_food is true...
; set heading towards closest food source
; otherwise...
; this turns the butterfly right relative to its current heading by a random degree number
; moves butterfly forward by the butterflies_speed variable
; otherwise...
; set color to gray to indicate dead butterfly
; this kills off the butterfly
```

In addition to this you will need to comment out 2 lines in the people_function as outlined below.

```
;right 180 ;-----; set heading of the butterfly to 180 (turn around to avoid!)
][
;right (random bwr - (bwr / 2)) ;-----; if seen = false...
;right (random bwr - (bwr / 2)) ;-----; this turns the butterfly right relative to its current heading by a random degree number using
```

* Now test your model and experiment with the various parameters

Step 4 – creating venom pods

Similar to previous steps to create weapons we will breed a new population of agents called vpods as follows.

```
breed [ venom vpod ] ; creating a population of venom pods as weapons to defend the butterflies
```

The we will create a function to setup the vpods using the following code.

```
to make_venom ; this creates a function called make_venom
  setxy random-xcor random-ycor ; this sets the position of the venom to a random location in the world
  set color green ; this sets the color of the venom to green
  set size 5 ; this sets the size of the venom to 5
  set shape "x" ; this sets the shape of the venom to an x
end
```

We then add some lines to the setup function to add the vpods to the world and set them up by calling the make_venom function.

```
create-venom 20 [ ; this creates x number of new venom pods for the butterflies to store and use
  make_venom ; this calls the make_venom function
]
```

* Now test your model and see if the vpods appear

Step 5 – picking up venom pods

Step 5.1 – adding another variable to the butterflies

In order for the butterflies to keep a log on the vpods they are carrying you need to create an additional variable on the butterfly at the beginning of the code. The butterflies-own variables should now look like this.

```
butterflies-own [ people_seen people_hit ; this creates 2 variables which will be used to count the total people seen and total people hit by
  health robustness speed_variation ; this creates 3 variables for health, durability and speed
  per_vis_rad per_vis_ang ; this creates variables for personalised vision cones
  food_around_me closest_food ; this creates 2 variables to save the locations of food
  have_venom ; this creates a variable to store the amount of venom held
]
```

Step 5.2 – creating the pickup function

To enable the butterflies to pickup the vpods we will write a new function similar to what we created for the food function but simpler as we are not actively looking. The code is as follows.

```
to pickup_venom ; this creates a function called pickup_venom
  let pickup [false] ; this creates a local variable called pickup and sets it to false
  ask venom in-radius rad [ ; this sets up a radius around the butterfly to the value of the global variable rad which we are
    set pickup true ; this sets the local variable pickup to true
    die ; this removes the vpod from the map
  ]
  if pickup = true [ ; if pickup is true then...
    set have_venom have_venom + 1 ; add 1 to the have_venom count on the butterfly
  ]
end
```

Once you have done this you need to call the function in the make_butterflies_move function as follows. Place this in a logical location within the function.

```
pickup_venom ;++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++; this calls the pickup_venom function
```

Step 5.3 – making the v pods have impact

To make the v pods have impact you need to add some lines of code to the people_function. Essentially you need to add a local variable to store the ID of the person hit, log the ID within the in-radius part of the code and add an if statement to use the v pod, kill the person and update the have_venom counter. The people function should now look as follows:

```
to-report people_function ; this creates a reporting function called people_function
let seen [false] ; this creates a local variable called seen
let hit [false] ; this creates a local variable called hit
let person_hit 0 ;+++++++; this creates a local variable called person_hit and sets it to 0

ask peoples in-cone per_vis_rad per_vis_ang [ ; this sets up a vision cone on the butterfly with the parameters from per_vis_rad per_vis_ang and
set color green ; this sets the color of the person detected within the vision code of the butterfly to green
set seen true ; this sets the local variable called seen to true indicating that a person has been seen
]

ask peoples in-radius rad [ ; this sets up a radius around the butterfly to the value of the global variable rad which we are
set hit true ; this sets the local variable called hit to true indicating that a person has collided with the b
set person_hit who ;+++++++; this sets the local variable called person_hit to the individual who
show person_hit
]

ifelse seen = true [ ; if then else statement based on the local variable seen, if seen = true then...
set people_seen people_seen + 1 ; add 1 to the people_seen count
set color white ; set color of butterfly to white
;right 180 ;-----; set heading of the butterfly to 180 (turn around to avoid!)
][ ; if seen = false...
;right (random bwr - (bwr / 2)) ;-----; this turns the butterfly right relative to its current heading by a random degree number using
]

if hit = true [ ; if statement based on the local variable hit, if seen = true then...
ifelse have_venom > 0 [ ;+++++++; if have_venom is greater than 0 then...
ask people person_hit [die] ;+++++++; kill off the person hit
set have_venom have_venom - 1 ;+++++++; remove 1 from the have_venom of the butterfly
][
set people_hit people_hit + 1 ; add 1 to the people_hit count
set color green ; set color of butterfly to green
set health health - robustness ;+++++++; adjust health of butterfly to health - collision penalty (robustness)
adjust_vision_cone ;+++++++; calls adjust_vision_cone to update the vision parameters based on health changes
]
]
report seen ;+++++++; return true or false based in local variable seen
end
```

Step 6 – using graphs to keep tabs on our model

As an easy visual indicator you can add a plot to your interface, this can be done by entering the details as per the screenshot below.

Color	Pen name	Pen update commands
Yellow	Food	plot count food
Blue	Butterflies	plot count butterflies
Red	People	plot count peoples
Green	Vpods	plot count venom

