

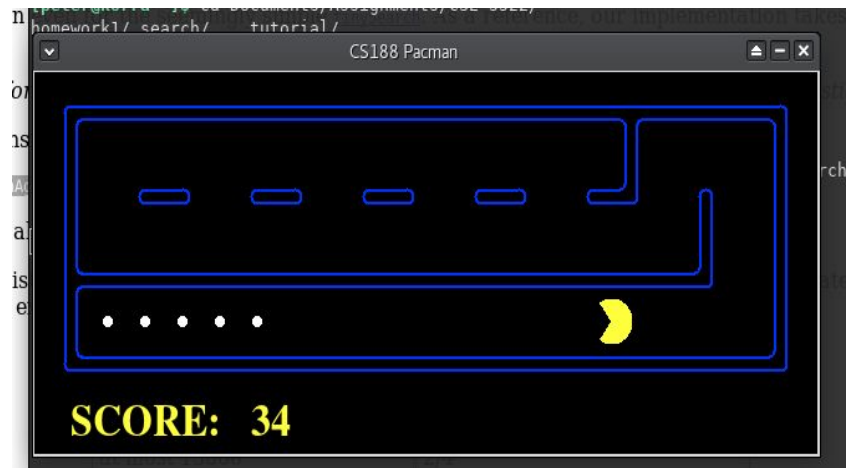
Project 1 Awards

TA: Peter Massey-Plantinga

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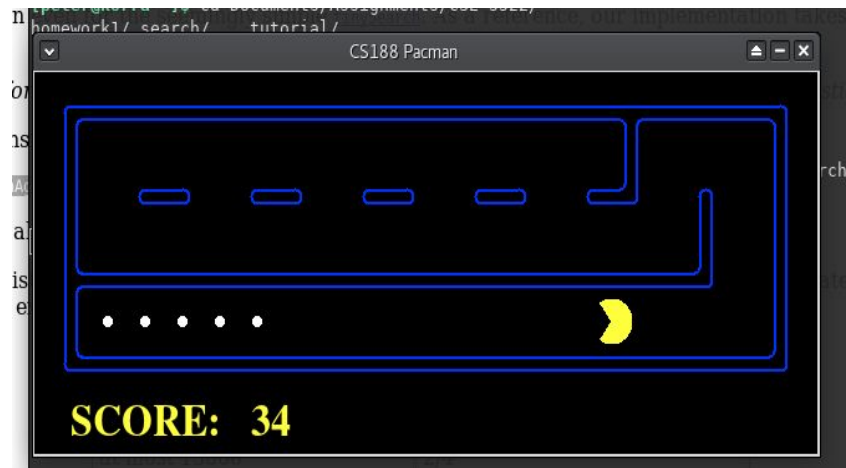
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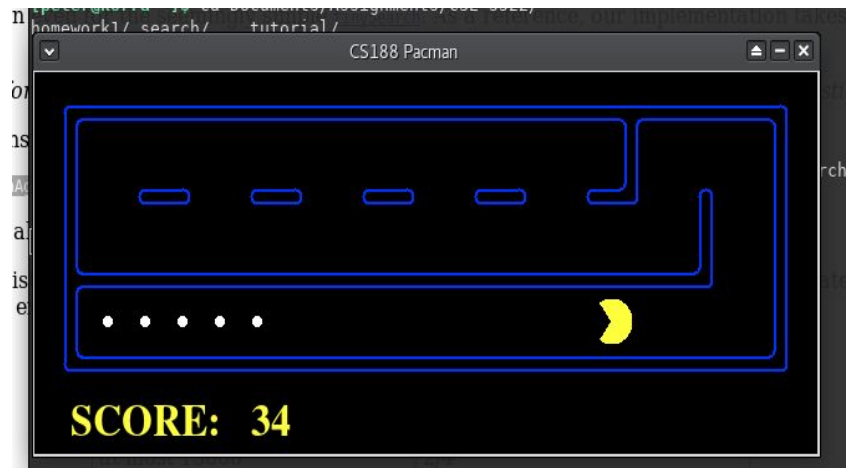
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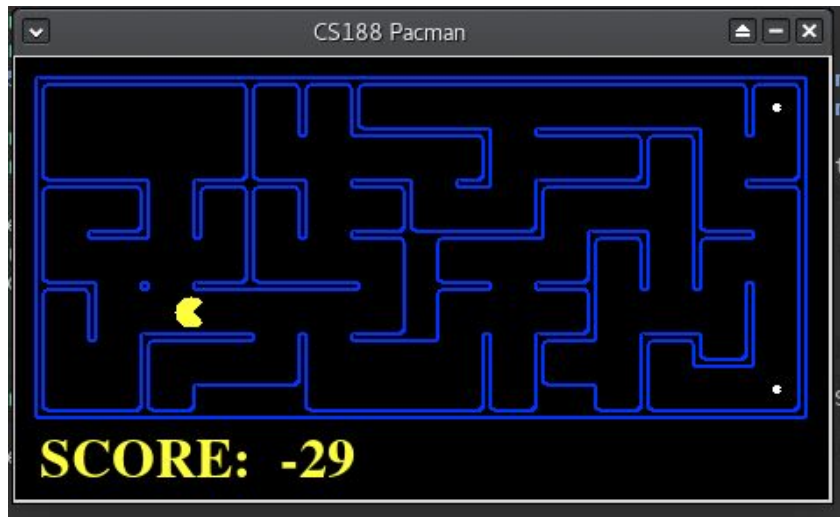
- Heuristic: farthest pair + distance to closest dot of the pair
- Speed: reasonable (3 sec) with storing all pairs of distances



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- 692 nodes, but technically not admissible
- Heuristic: Find closest corner (manhattan) and go to it
- Fix: don't go to middle of 3, brings total to 741



Problem 6 — Davis Heuristic

- Apply the heuristic from problem 7
- 365 nodes examined

Why does this work?

- Good estimate of distance
- Can store computation

