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GAME MECHANIC

- 1) P submits a vector of weights.
- 2) The server generates 20 random candidates scored using the weights provided by P.
- 3) M receives the 20 random candidates.
- 4) M iteratively submits up to 20 candidates.
- 5) At each submission, P submits 'noise' for weights.
- 6) Each candidate is scored against the altered weights.
- 7) Either the M guesses the ideal candidate in < 20 attempts, or the game concludes.
- 8) M gets a score.

MESSAGE PROTOCOL

S = Server, M = Matchmaker, P = Person

GAME INIT

P->S: team1	# Team name
M->S: team2	# Team name
S->M: M 7	# Player, Attributes
S->P: P 7	# Player, Attributes
S->P: WEIGHTS	# Timer on P starts
P->S: [-0.20, -0.45, -0.35, 0.28, 0.22, 0.0, 0.5]	# P's weights
S->P: OK ERROR "error message"	# Timer on P pauses
S->M: [0.0, 0.0, 0.1, 0.0, 0.50, 1.0, 1.0] 0.57, [0.0, ...] 0.23	# 20 scored, random candidates

GAME LOOP (<=20x)

S->M: CANDIDATE	# Timer on M starts
M->S: [0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0]	# Proposed candidate
S->M: OK ERROR "error message"	# Timer on M pauses
S->P: NOISE	# Timer on P starts
P->S: [0.01, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]	# Weight 'noise'
S->P: OK ERROR "error message"	# Timer on P pauses
S->M: -0.09	# Score using altered weights

GAME RESULT

S->P: GAMEOVER -0.09 20	# Score using unaltered weights
S->M: GAMEOVER -0.09 20	# Best score, number of guesses

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Noise is not cumulative; it is applied against the weights supplied by P in step 1.
- Noise is a vector of weight displacements. |noise| == |weights|
- When generating noise, P may modify 5% of the criteria (P may choose which ones) by 20% each, e.g. if a chosen criterion has a weight of 0.4, then P can modify it to any value between 0.4 - (0.2*0.4) and 0.4 + (0.2*0.4). This must be within [-1, 1] range
- P supplies noise without knowing anything about the candidates proposed by M.
- Score for a candidate is the dot product of the weights and the candidate vectors.
- A player X beats player Y if X obtains a greater score or obtains the same score but with fewer candidates than Y does for X's P.
- This game is turn-based, don't calculate while not your turn.
- All communication will be via a socket. Your program should take a port number as an argument
- 'P' can't 'win'. The game result is a measurement of how well M performs. As a result, if P submits invalid data, then M advances, but if M submits invalid data then he gets a score of -1.0, 20. Moreover, client program errors are game terminating.
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