

CS5011 A3 Report

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1 Parts completed

- We successfully implemented all the requirements for part 1
- We again, successfully implemented all the requirements for part 2.

2 Parts not completed

- At time of writing we did not attempt to implement the SAT-solver strategy.

3 Literature review

The history

The rules minesweeper consists of a rectangular board of cells. At the start of the game, all the cells are covered, and some cells will contain nettles. The Player/agent can perform two actions in this game: Flagging or uncovering a cell. If a cell containing a mine is uncovered the agent has lost the game. If a cell that does not contain a mine is uncovered it will reveal a number. This number is equal to the number of cells that are adjacent to the uncovered cell and contain a mine. If a cell is uncovered that is not adjacent to any nettles, all of its neighbours will be uncovered. The agent has won when all of the cells that do not contain a mine are uncovered.

P vs. NP Much has been written about the complexity of minesweeper. Complexity is a measure of how “hard” a problem is. Kaye (2000) tells us that complexity-theory is a way of estimating the amount of time needed to solve a problem given the *length* of the input. The first class of problems is a class called P, for *polynomial-time computable* problems. These are the problems that when given an input of length n , that can be solved in n^k steps for some exponent k . Kaye writes that these problems are precisely the ones that are practically solvable. Conversely NP or *Nondeterministic Polynomial-time computable* is a class of problems that is solvable in polynomial time using “non-deterministic” algorithms (i.e. algorithms where the computer is allowed to make some guesses).

The complexity of minesweeper Kaye (2000) proved that minesweeper is NP-Complete. This

4 Design

5 Examples and Testing

5.1 Testing

Initial testing During the early stages of developemtn we mainly used two forms of testing. Manual inspection of states and outputs and **assert** statements. The **assert** served as micro unit tests, making sure that the things that worked still worked. Furthermore we visually inspected most of the output and states of the agent and the strategy to verify that the programmes worked correctly.

Framework After most of the strategies and game logic had been implemented, we implemented a way to automatically run tests with different implemetnations, and print the results in a readable format. This then allowed us to compare results across both the algorithms and maps which allowed us to correct several bugs in the logic of the game, agent and strategies.

5.2 Examples

A single run A single run of the programm using the easy equation strategy looks as follows:

Starting new game

Probing: (0,0)

0	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (1,0)

0	0	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (2,0)

0	0	0	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (3,0)

0	0	0	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (1,1)

0	0	0	2	?
?	0	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (0,1)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (0,2)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	?	?	?
1	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (1,2)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	?	?	?
1	2	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (2,1)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	?	?
1	2	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (3,1)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (2,2)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	?	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (3,2)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (0,2)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (1,2)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (2,2)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (2,1)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (3,1)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (0,1)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (1,1)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (2,1)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?

?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (0,1)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (1,1)

0	0	0	2	?
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

SPS

Checking Cell (1,2)

Checking Cell (2,2)

Checking Cell (3,2)

Checking Cell (3,1)

Checking Cell (3,0)

Flagging: (4,0)

0	0	0	2	F
0	0	0	2	?
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

Flagging: (4,1)

0	0	0	2	F
0	0	0	2	F
1	2	1	2	?
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

SPS

Checking Cell (1,2)

Checking Cell (2,2)

Checking Cell (3,2)

Checking Cell (3,1)

Probing: (4,2)

0	0	0	2	F
0	0	0	2	F
1	2	1	2	1
?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?

SPS

Checking Cell (1,2)

Checking Cell (2,2)

Checking Cell (3,2)

Checking Cell (4,2)

Probing: (3,3)

0	0	0	2	F
0	0	0	2	F
1	2	1	2	1
?	?	?	2	?
?	?	?	?	?

Probing: (4,3)

0	0	0	2	F
0	0	0	2	F
1	2	1	2	1
?	?	?	2	0
?	?	?	?	?

Revealing: (3,4)

0	0	0	2	F
0	0	0	2	F
1	2	1	2	1
?	?	?	2	0
?	?	?	2	?

Revealing: (4,4)

0	0	0	2	F
0	0	0	2	F
1	2	1	2	1
?	?	?	2	0
?	?	?	2	0

SPS

Checking Cell (1,2)

Checking Cell (3,4)

Flagging: (2,3)

0	0	0	2	F
0	0	0	2	F
1	2	1	2	1
?	?	F	2	0
?	?	?	2	0

Flagging: (2,4)

0	0	0	2	F
0	0	0	2	F
1	2	1	2	1
?	?	F	2	0
?	?	F	2	0

SPS

Checking Cell (1,2)

Checking Cell (2,2)

Probing: (1,3)

0	0	0	2	F
0	0	0	2	F
1	2	1	2	1
?	3	F	2	0
?	?	F	2	0

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SPS
Checking Cell (1,2)
Flagging: (0,3)
  0  0  0  2  F
  0  0  0  2  F
  1  2  1  2  1
  F  3  F  2  0
  ?  ?  F  2  0
```

```
Probing: (0,4)
  0  0  0  2  F
  0  0  0  2  F
  1  2  1  2  1
  F  3  F  2  0
  1  ?  F  2  0
```

```
Probing: (1,4)
  0  0  0  2  F
  0  0  0  2  F
  1  2  1  2  1
  F  3  F  2  0
  1  3  F  2  0
```

```
Final number of random guesses: 0
Final number of probes: 7
Final number of flags: 5
Number of runs untill success: 1
```

Whereas a run form the ProduceExperimentReport.jar looks like this:

```
flags
EASY\\_EQUATION,  RANDOM\\_GUESS,  SINGLE\\_POINT,
../ worlds/easy/nworld1      5,      5,      5,
../ worlds/easy/nworld2      9,      5,      8,
../ worlds/easy/nworld3      8,      5,      7,
../ worlds/easy/nworld4      7,      5,      7,
../ worlds/easy/nworld5      8,      5,      7,
../ worlds/hard/nworld1     20,      0,     20,
../ worlds/hard/nworld2     34,      0,     32,
../ worlds/hard/nworld3     33,      0,     35,
../ worlds/hard/nworld4     34,      0,     34,
../ worlds/hard/nworld5     34,      0,     34,
../ worlds/medium/nworld1    16,      0,     16,
../ worlds/medium/nworld2    10,      0,     10,
../ worlds/medium/nworld3    16,      0,     17,
../ worlds/medium/nworld4    10,      0,     10,
../ worlds/medium/nworld5    16,      0,     16,

probes
EASY\\_EQUATION,  RANDOM\\_GUESS,  SINGLE\\_POINT,
../ worlds/easy/nworld1     20,     20,     20,
../ worlds/easy/nworld2     16,     20,     17,
../ worlds/easy/nworld3     17,     20,     18,
```

../ worlds/easy/nworld4	18,	20,	18,
../ worlds/easy/nworld5	17,	20,	18,
../ worlds/hard/nworld1	80,	67,	80,
../ worlds/hard/nworld2	66,	11,	68,
../ worlds/hard/nworld3	67,	45,	65,
../ worlds/hard/nworld4	66,	36,	66,
../ worlds/hard/nworld5	66,	25,	66,
../ worlds/medium/nworld1	65,	19,	65,
../ worlds/medium/nworld2	71,	57,	71,
../ worlds/medium/nworld3	65,	34,	64,
../ worlds/medium/nworld4	71,	50,	71,
../ worlds/medium/nworld5	65,	65,	65,

randomGuesses

	EASY_EQUATION,	RANDOM_GUESS,	SINGLE_POINT,
../ worlds/easy/nworld1	0,	4,	0,
../ worlds/easy/nworld2	0,	6,	6,
../ worlds/easy/nworld3	0,	7,	1,
../ worlds/easy/nworld4	0,	4,	0,
../ worlds/easy/nworld5	0,	4,	2,
../ worlds/hard/nworld1	0,	7,	5,
../ worlds/hard/nworld2	0,	1,	5,
../ worlds/hard/nworld3	0,	1,	1,
../ worlds/hard/nworld4	0,	1,	0,
../ worlds/hard/nworld5	0,	6,	0,
../ worlds/medium/nworld1	0,	2,	0,
../ worlds/medium/nworld2	0,	1,	0,
../ worlds/medium/nworld3	0,	6,	2,
../ worlds/medium/nworld4	0,	2,	0,
../ worlds/medium/nworld5	0,	9,	1,

runsUntilSuccess

	EASY_EQUATION,	RANDOM_GUESS,	SINGLE_POINT,
../ worlds/easy/nworld1	1,	72,	1,
../ worlds/easy/nworld2	1,	345,	3,
../ worlds/easy/nworld3	1,	523,	5,
../ worlds/easy/nworld4	1,	161,	1,
../ worlds/easy/nworld5	1,	137,	3,
../ worlds/hard/nworld1	1,	1000,	4,
../ worlds/hard/nworld2	1,	1000,	6,
../ worlds/hard/nworld3	1,	1000,	2,
../ worlds/hard/nworld4	1,	1000,	1,
../ worlds/hard/nworld5	1,	1000,	1,
../ worlds/medium/nworld1	1,	1000,	1,
../ worlds/medium/nworld2	1,	1000,	1,
../ worlds/medium/nworld3	1,	1000,	19,
../ worlds/medium/nworld4	1,	1000,	1,
../ worlds/medium/nworld5	1,	1000,	3,

6 Running

1. Several `.jar` files are included with the submission. All of the `LogicN.jar` files should be run in the same manner: `java -jar LogicN.jar <testDirectory>` The program expects there to be a file in this directory called `map.txt`. The format of this file is as follows. The first three lines of the file should contain just one integer. The first two should be the length and width of the world respectively. The third should be the number of nettles present in the world. Then the array of the world should follow in CSV format (i.e. rows of integers separated by commas and rows should be separated by newlines). For example:

```
5
5
0, 0, 0, 2, -1
0, 0, 0, 2, -1
1, 2, 1, 2, 1
-1, 3, -1, 2, 0
1, 3, -1, 2, 0
```

Further examples of the file and directory structure that the programmes expect are included.

2. There is another `.jar` file included with the submission called `ProduceExperimentReport.jar`. This file expects as argument the root directory of the experiments. It will then recursively go through this directory tree looking for files called `map.txt` and running the experiments it finds with all provided implementations and record the data those experiments report. When all the experiments are done it will output the result in a table format (one for every variable)

7 Evaluation

Variables used In evaluating our systems we monitored four variables across our runs: The number of cells flagged, the number of probed cells, the number of random guesses the agent made and the number of runs it took for a strategy to be successful, which are detailed in table 1. 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

Variable justifications We chose to record the number of runs it took to complete a map by some strategy in stead of whether the strategy succeeded or not to account a bit better for the randomness. We did this because the more cells are already uncovered by the agent, the higher the probability of randomly guessing a mine. To reflect this we thought it was better record how many times it would take to complete a map to give the strategies that would have to make random guesses a better chance. This has the added advantage that it carries over well to generated maps which are not guaranteed to be solvable by inference alone. To avoid almost-infinite loops on the harder maps we capped the number of runs the agent was allowed to make at 1000.

Further more it is important to note that the number of probed cells does not include cells revealed because they are the neighbour of a cell of value 0. If these were included and the algorithm succeeds, the number of probes will always be equal to the size of the map minus the number of nettles. We decided that this would be a less usefull metric since it would not show any possible optimisations an agent could have made by clever deduction. Furthermore this also reflects between the cells the agent actively tries to reveal and the cells which are revealed by the world.

We recognise that al though giving the agents a number of runs to complete the world is an improvement over the single run, it is still not optimal. One could, for example, have set up everything such that we'd

compare an average performance across a fixed number of runs. This would probably have given an even better interpretation. We, however, did not have time to implement this. We also hypothesise that it would have made no difference in the conclusions we draw in this report since the strategies and maps are not complex enough to warrant these sophisticated analyses.

7.1 Interpretation of results

Relative performance of the strategies Looking at the data we see a clear hierarchy. The easy equation strategy performs better than the single point strategy which in turn is better than the random guessing. This was expected since every algorithm is an extension of the previous.

Flagged When looking at the flagged numbers we see that the random guess strategy flagged 5 cells in the easy maps and none in the others. That is because the random guess strategy flags all cells if and only if all the remaining cells are nettles (which it knows because this number is provided). So it will only flag cells if it succeeds by randomly guessing. Here we see that it only did so on the easy maps, which was to be expected. It could have also succeeded at the harder maps if we increased the run cap, but we did not find this a relevant experiment.

Probed In the way we set up the experiment the number of cells probed is not a very useful metric, but we included it for good measure anyway. This is because our algorithms are not complicated enough to make clever deductions which could potentially save on the number of probes that would be necessary. This could, however, become a useful metric if one were to develop more sophisticated algorithms. At the moment the number of cells probed is more of a reflection of how the map is laid out (are the nettles clustered or not/ does it contain a lot of 0s?) than how our algorithm performs. Note however that if the algorithm fails, then the probe counter reflects how far the algorithm came on its last run.

Random guesses Again the amount of random guesses is

Flagged Cells			
	EASY_EQUATION	RANDOM_GUESS	SINGLE_POINT
worlds/easy/nworld1	5	5	5
worlds/easy/nworld2	9	5	9
worlds/easy/nworld3	8	5	7
worlds/easy/nworld4	7	5	7
worlds/easy/nworld5	8	5	8
worlds/hard/nworld1	20	0	20
worlds/hard/nworld2	34	0	20
worlds/hard/nworld3	33	0	20
worlds/hard/nworld4	34	0	34
worlds/hard/nworld5	34	0	34
worlds/medium/nworld1	16	0	16
worlds/medium/nworld2	10	0	10
worlds/medium/nworld3	16	0	10
worlds/medium/nworld4	10	0	10
worlds/medium/nworld5	16	0	16

Table 1: Table containing the number of flagged cells by each algorithm per map.

Probed Cells			
	EASY_EQUATION	RANDOM_GUESS	SINGLE_POINT
worlds/easy/nworld1	7	6	7
worlds/easy/nworld2	7	7	7
worlds/easy/nworld3	6	6	7
worlds/easy/nworld4	3	5	3
worlds/easy/nworld5	3	5	2
worlds/hard/nworld1	26	3	28
worlds/hard/nworld2	18	7	26
worlds/hard/nworld3	22	2	32
worlds/hard/nworld4	26	2	26
worlds/hard/nworld5	29	4	29
worlds/medium/nworld1	12	2	12
worlds/medium/nworld2	11	7	11
worlds/medium/nworld3	23	2	24
worlds/medium/nworld4	18	2	18
worlds/medium/nworld5	12	3	11

Table 2: Table containing the number of probed cells by each algorithm per map. Here it is important to note that this does not include cells revealed because they are the neighbour of a cell of value 0

Random Guesses			
	EASY_EQUATION	RANDOM_GUESS	SINGLE_POINT
worlds/easy/nworld1	0	5	0
worlds/easy/nworld2	0	6	1
worlds/easy/nworld3	0	5	1
worlds/easy/nworld4	0	4	0
worlds/easy/nworld5	0	4	1
worlds/hard/nworld1	0	2	5
worlds/hard/nworld2	0	6	3
worlds/hard/nworld3	0	1	1
worlds/hard/nworld4	0	1	0
worlds/hard/nworld5	0	3	0
worlds/medium/nworld1	0	1	0
worlds/medium/nworld2	0	6	0
worlds/medium/nworld3	0	1	9
worlds/medium/nworld4	0	1	0
worlds/medium/nworld5	0	2	1

Table 3: Table containing the number of random guesses made by each algorithm per map.

8 Conclusion

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References

Kaye, R. (2000). Minesweeper is NP-complete. *Mathematical Intelligencer*, 22(2):9.

Runs untill successful			
	EASY_EQUATION	RANDOM_GUESS	SINGLE_POINT
worlds/easy/nworld1	1	133	1
worlds/easy/nworld2	1	377	1
worlds/easy/nworld3	1	100	1
worlds/easy/nworld4	1	21	1
worlds/easy/nworld5	1	31	2
worlds/hard/nworld1	1	1000	1
worlds/hard/nworld2	1	1000	4
worlds/hard/nworld3	1	1000	1
worlds/hard/nworld4	1	1000	1
worlds/hard/nworld5	1	1000	1
worlds/medium/nworld1	1	1000	1
worlds/medium/nworld2	1	1000	1
worlds/medium/nworld3	1	1000	2
worlds/medium/nworld4	1	1000	1
worlds/medium/nworld5	1	1000	2

Table 4: Table containing the number of runs until a strategy was successful by each algorithm per map. The number of runs was capped a 1000 so this value means that the algorithm was not successful at all.