# **Artificial Intelligence Capstone Project3 report**

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#### I. Introduction

In this project, I solve the minesweeper game using logical agents. In the minesweeper game, every cell has only two kinds of value, true for mine and false for safe. The logical agent will make moves base on its knowledge base (KB). During the game, the logical agent will update its KB, by adding new information or adapt to environment changes. In this project, the game will be initialized by three level, easy, medium, or hard, which indicates the number of cells and mines. An initial list of "safe" cells is also created, the number of initial safe cells is a factor that I can modify. The three levels are, Easy (9x9 board with 10 mines), Medium (16x16 board with 25 mines), and Hard (30x16 board with 99 mines). I start with round(sqrt(#cells)) for number of initial safe cells.

#### II. Environment

I implemented this logical minesweeper agent in Python.

### III. Algorithms and implementation

For implementation, I created three classes, "MineSweeper" as the game control module, "Board" as the game board information, and "PlayerAgent" as player module.

```
class MineSweeper:
def __init__(self, level, free):
self.board = Board(level, free)

# print(initial_board.ans, initial_board.init_safe_cell)

self.playerAgent = PlayerAgent(self.board)

# print(playerAgent.KB, playerAgent.KB0)

# print(playerAgent.board.board_size)

# self.foldername = f'{level}_{self.board.init_safe_cell_num}_{int(time.time())}'

# os.mkdir(self.foldername)
```

At the beginning of the game, the MineSweeper initialize the game board and the PlayerAgent. When initializing the board, I generate a board with the size according to the level. I also create the initial safe cells in this section.

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When initializing the PlayerAgent, I initial KB with negative single-literal clauses representing all the safe cells, KB0, which is empty, status list to update the status the map.

```
class PlayerAgent:

def __init__(self, board):

self.board = board

self.KB0 = {}

self.KB = []

init_safe_cell = self.board.init_safe_cell

for cell in init_safe_cell:

clause = ",".join(cell.astype(str))

clause = f'not {clause}'

self.KB.append([clause])

# initialize the status

# -1 for unmarked

# OPEN for marked as safe

# FLAG for marked as mine

self.status = np.ones(self.board.board_size, dtype=np.int32) * -1

self.cnt, self.not_found = 0, 0
```

Then the game starts, the MineSweeper will see if the game is end. If the game is not end, the game play proceeds in a loop. The game is ended when the KB is empty, meaning that all the cells are marked, succeed, or the game is stuck, meaning that no single-literal clause could be found and matching two clauses could not solve the problem either, failed.

In each iteration, the player will first check if it is late game, which is about the global constraint. If the number of unmark cell is less than ten, the global constraint will add some clauses to the KB.

```
# Late game, when unmark_cell_num is less than 10, add global constraints.
unmark_cell_num = self.board.unmark_cell_num
unmark_mine_num = self.board.unmark_mine_num
if unmark_cell_num <= 10 and unmark_cell_num>=unmark_mine_num:
    # print("Late Gam
   unmark_cells = self.get_unmark_cells()
    for clause in list(comb(unmark_cells, unmark_cell_num-unmark_mine_num+1)):
       clause = list(clause)
       if not self.hasduplicate(clause):
           self.subsumption(clause)
    for clause in list(comb(unmark_cells, unmark_mine_num+1)):
       clause = list(clause)
        for i in range(len(clause)):
           clause[i] = f'not {clause[i]}'
        if not self.hasduplicate(clause):
           self.subsumption(clause)
```

Then it will enter the normal loop, which is implemented following the spec.

• The game play proceeds in a loop. Within each iteration:

If there is a single-lateral clause in the KB:

Mark that cell as safe or mined.

Move that clause to KB0.

Process the "matching" of that clause to all the remaining clauses in the KB. If new clauses are generated due to resolution, insert them into the KB.

If this cell is safe:

Query the game control module for the hint at that cell.

Insert the clauses regarding its unmarked neighbors into the KB.

Otherwise:

Apply pairwise "matching" of the clauses in the KB.

If new clauses are generated due to resolution, insert them into the KB.

\* For the step of pairwise matching, to keep the KB from growing too fast, only match clause pairs where one clause has only two literals.

The player will go through the KB, which starts from the clause that has less length (using sorted function). Once there is a single-lateral clause, check whether it is a safe case or mine case. The safe case is a bit complicated, since we need to add more clauses according to new environment information. In both cases, the player first eliminates the clauses containing both negative and positive single-literal clauses. Then I will mark the status list as FLAG or SAFE, in the case of mine or safe. In the safe case, the player will then query the hint from the board, see if there are any marked cells (if there are flag that are marked, minus one).

So far, the player has m, the number of unmarked neighbors, and n, the modified hint. There are three situations now, m=n, n=0, and m>n>0. When m=n, meaning that all the unmarked cells are mine. Add positive-clauses to the KB.

```
m = len(neighbors)
n = hint

# (m == n): insert the m single-literal positive clauses
# to the knowledge base, one for each unmarked neighbor

if m == n:

for neighbor in neighbors:

if not self.hasduplicate(neighbor):

self.KB.append([neighbor])
```

When n=0, meaning that all the unmarked cells are safe. Add negative-clauses to the KB.

```
elif n == 0:

for neighbor in neighbors:

if not self.hasduplicate(f'not {neighbor}'):

self.KB.append([f'not {neighbor}'])
```

If m>n>0, we will generate CNV clauses into the KB.

Since there are n mines, if we pick n+1 from the m unmarked cells, there definitely will be one mine in these n+1 cells. Therefore, we can generate a all-positive-literal. On the other hand, there are m-n safe cells, if we pick m-n+1 from m cells, and there will always be one safe cell in these m-n+1 cells. An all-negative literal can be created.

```
elif m > n:

for clause in list(comb(neighbors, len(neighbors)-hint+1)):

clause = list(clause)

if not self.hasduplicate(clause):

self.subsumption(clause)

for clause in list(comb(neighbors, hint+1)):

clause = list(clause)

for i in range(len(clause)):

clause[i] = f'not {clause[i]}'

if not self.hasduplicate(clause):

self.subsumption(clause)
```

After generating new clauses, before adding it into the knowledge base, we need to check if there are duplicated clauses in the KB. If there are not duplicated clauses in KB, do subsumption, check if there are stricter clauses in the KB. If passed the two tests, add the clause into KB.

If a single-literal clause is found during an iteration, after marking the regarding cell and updating the KB, the iteration is over. Otherwise, pairwise matching will be done to the KB. The player will go through all clauses in KB, to see if there are other duplicated clauses in the KB, or a subsumption could apply on the clauses. I implemented it using a 2-layer loop, going through all the clauses pairwise.

If neither a single-literal clause nor a update could be apply to KB, it means that the player is stuck. In this project, this means lost of the game, so the MineSweeper will end the game.

#### IV. Experiments and results

#### 1. Relationship between level

Results with number of initial safe cell equals to round(sqrt(number of cells)). Matches per play means the average pairwise match used in game.

```
level: easy 85/100
matches per play 0.82
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level: medium 94/100
matches per play 0.26
-----
level: hard 3/100
matches per play 5.18
```

Notice that hard level stocks very often.

Win rate: Medium > Easy > Hard

Matches per play: Hard > Easy > Medium

This is the result that I expected, since the mine per cell for level is: Medium 0.098 (25/256) < Easy 0.124 (10/81) < Hard 0.206 (99/480)

### 2. Relationship between free initial cell

Results with different initial safe cell. (0.5, 1, 2) \* round(sqrt(#cells))

```
times of free initial cells: 0.5
level: easy 32/50
matches per play 1.18

times of free initial cells: 1
level: easy 42/50
matches per play 0.46

times of free initial cells: 2
level: easy 43/50
matches per play 0.62
```

This result is tested on easy level.

With more free initial cells, the higher win rate and lower matches per play. This indicates that it's more likely to find a single-clause with higher free initial cells.

However, this result is not consistent with the medium level.

1 time is better than 0.5 and 2 this time in the medium level. Maybe that there are some relations between the free initial cell and the #mine/#cells.

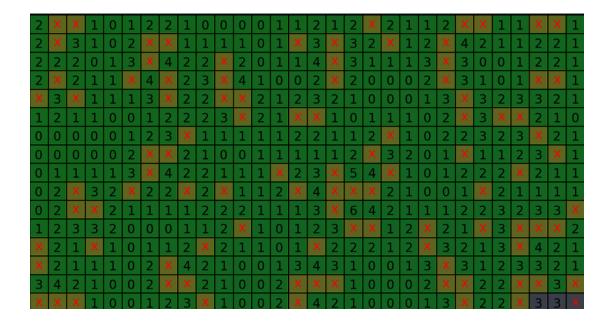
For hard situation, because the #marked\_cell varies a lot, the matches per play may vary too. Therefore, I don't think it's suitable to compare it here.

### 3. Low win rate of hard level

inference.

I suppose it is reasonable that hard level has a low win rate.

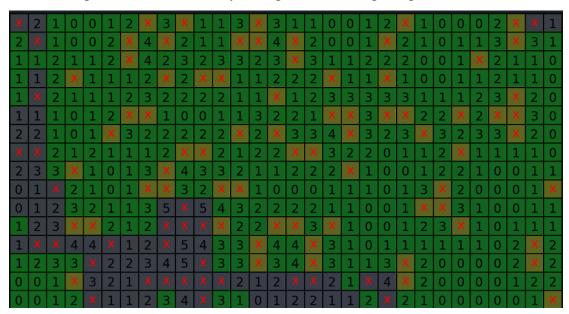
There are some close games where the board really can't solve using logical



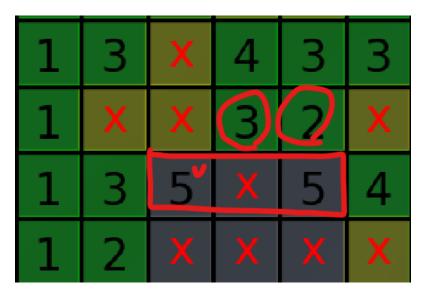
There are some games that we couldn't even start, for example, if none of the free initial cells connects to each other nor a hint equal to 0 been selected as a free initial cell.



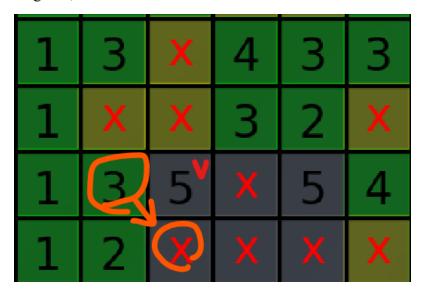
Even if the game starts successfully, it might stock during midgame also.



However, since I often play some minesweeper games, I could realize some safe steps sometimes. For example in the middle-left of the previous example,



Since the 3 has 1 mine left in its neighbor, the 2 also has 1 mine left in its neighbor, so the V marked 5 is safe in this situation.



Moreover, since the left 5 is safe, the 3 in the left can infer to the bottom-right cell is mine. Maybe the game wouldn't be stuck.

I'm not sure if I implemented the algorithm wrong, or our algorithm can't solve this kind of problem.

Otherwise:

Apply pairwise "matching" of the clauses in the KB.

If new clauses are generated due to resolution, insert them into the KB.

\* For the step of pairwise matching, to keep the KB from growing too fast, only match clause pairs where one clause has only two literals.

Finally, I've thought of that maybe it's because we only generate new clauses in pairwise matching with 2 literals. This may lead to the problem. However, there is a chance that I implemented the algorithm wrong.

#### V. Conclusion

In this project, I've learnt the method to implement a logical agent, using CNF knowledge base. In addition, I got a chance to think of a game that I've played since I was young, minesweeper. Since I play minesweeper on minesweeper.online, I know a way to evaluate the hardness of a board, 3BV.

3BV is the minimum number of clicks required to complete a board without using flags. The higher it is, the more difficult is the game.

Maybe, it is better to find a way to evaluate the 3BV and see if there are relationships with #free initial cell.

## VI. Appendix

Main function: Main.py

```
# HW3.py > ...
1    import numpy as np
2    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3    # from itertools import combinations as comb
4    from collections import OrderedDict
5    from Board import Board
6    from Player import PlayerAgent
7    import os
8    import time
9
10    # Constants
11    MINE = 1000
12    OPEN = 2000
13    FLAG = 3000
14
15    class MineSweeper:
16    def __init__(self, level, free):
17         self.board = Board(level, free)
18         # print(initial_board.ans, initial_board.init_safe_cell)
19         self.playerAgent = PlayerAgent.KBO)
20         # print(playerAgent.board.board_size)
21         # self.foldername = f'{level}_{self.board.init_safe_cell_num}_{int(time.time())}'
22         # self.foldername = f'{level}_{self.board.init_safe_cell_num}_{int(time.time())}'
23         # os.mkdir(self.foldername)
```

```
def start(self):
    while self.checkEnd():
        flag = self.playerAgent.iter()
        if flag > 0:
            self.board = self.playerAgent.board
            # if flag == 1:
    # self.plot_board()
    if self.playerAgent.cnt < self.board.cell_num:</pre>
        self.plot_board()
        plt.savefig(f'test/{level}_{self.playerAgent.cnt}_{int(time.time())}final.png', dpi=300, transparent=True)
        return 0, self.playerAgent.not_found
    return 1, self.playerAgent.not_found
def checkEnd(self):
    return self.playerAgent.KB
def plot board(self):
    status = self.playerAgent.status
    ans = self.board.ans
    annot_size = self.board.annot_size
    1, w = status.shape
    args_mine = OrderedDict(
       color='r',
fontsize=annot size
```

```
horizontalalignment='center',
    verticalalignment='center')
args_hint = OrderedDict(
    fontsize=annot_size,
     horizontalalignment='center',
     verticalalignment='center')
for i in range(1):
    for j in range(w):
         if status[i, j] == -1:
    plt.fill([j, j, j+1, j+1], [l-i-1, l-i, l-i, l-i-1], c='gray', alpha=0.3)
elif status[i, j] == FLAG:
    plt.fill([j, j, j+1, j+1], [l-i-1, l-i, l-i, l-i-1], c='yellow', alpha=0.3)
         elif status[i, j] == OPEN:

| plt.fill([j, j, j+1, j+1], [l-i-1, l-i, l-i, l-i-1], c='lime', alpha=0.3)

if ans[i, j] == MINE:
              plt.annotate('x', (j+0.5, l-i-0.5), **args_mine)
              plt.annotate(ans[i, j], (j+0.5, l-i-0.6), **args_hint)
plt.gca().set_xticks(np.arange(w+1))
plt.gca().set_yticks(np.arange(l+1))
plt.gca().set_xlim([0, w])
plt.gca().set_ylim([0, 1])
plt.gca().tick_params(bottom=False, top=False, left=False, right=False)
plt.gca().tick_params(labelbottom=False, labeltop=False, labelleft=False, labelright=False)
plt.gca().grid(which='major', color='k', linestyle='-')
plt.gca().set_aspect('equal')
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    level = "hard"
    timestoplay = 50
    num_matches = []
    frees = [0.5, 1, 2]
for free in frees:
         for i in range(1, timestoplay+1):
             game = MineSweeper(level, free)
             flag, num = game.start()
             num_matches.append(num)
             if flag:
                  win+=1
        print("----
         print(f"times of free initial cells: {free}")
         print(f"level: {level} {win}/{i}")
         print(f"matches per play {sum(num_matches)/len(num_matches)}")
print("----")
         win = 0
        num_matches = []
```

### Board.py with class of Board

```
import numpy as np

import numpy as np

# Constants

MINE = 1000

OPEN = 2000

FLAG = 3000

# board_meta = {
    'easy': {
        'board_size': (9, 9),
        'mine_num': 10,
        'annot_size': 20
},

medium': {
    'board_size': (16, 16),
    'mine_num': 25,
    'annot_size': 10
},

'hard': {
    'board_size': (16, 30),
    'mine_num': 99,
    'annot_size': 8
}
```

```
class Board:
        initialize the board information with the given level
        meta = board meta[level]
        self.board_size = meta["board_size"]
        self.mine num = meta["mine num"]
        self.annot_size = meta["annot_size"]
        self.cell_num = self.board_size[0] * self.board_size[1]
        self.unmark_mine_num = self.mine_num
        self.unmark_cell_num = self.cell_num
        self.init_safe_cell_num = int(free*(np.round(np.sqrt(self.cell_num))))
        self.ans, self.init_safe_cell = self.generate_board()
   def generate_board(self):
        genearte the borad with the initialized information.
           ans: board_size numpy array storing answer
        mines = set()
        while len(mines) < self.mine_num:</pre>
           i = np.random.randint(0, self.board_size[0])
            j = np.random.randint(0, self.board size[1])
            mines.add((i, j))
```

```
# Set the size of and to (board_size.x+2, board_size.y+2) for easier calculation

ans = np.zeros((self.board_size[0]+2, self.board_size[1]+2), dtype=np.int32)

for mine in mines:

i, j = mine[0]+1, mine[1]+1

ans[i, j] = MINE

for di in [-1, 0, 1]:

for dj in [-1, 0, 1]:

new_i = i + di

new_j = j + dj

if ans[new_i, new_j] == MINE:

continue

ans[new_i, new_j] += 1

# Set ans back to (board_size.x, board_size.y)

ans = ans[1:-1, 1:-1]

safe_cell = np.argwhere(ans!=MINE)

idx = np.random.choice(np.arange(0, safe_cell.shape[0]), self.init_safe_cell_num, replace=False)

return ans, safe_cell[idx]
```

Player.py, information of class player.

```
import numpy as np
import os
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
MINE = 1000
OPEN = 2000
FLAG = 3000
class PlayerAgent:
   def __init__(self, board):
        self.board = board
        self.KB0 = {}
        self.KB = []
        init safe cell = self.board.init safe cell
        for cell in init_safe_cell:
            clause = ",".join(cell.astype(str))
clause = f'not {clause}'
            self.KB.append([clause])
        self.status = np.ones(self.board.board_size, dtype=np.int32) * -1
        self.cnt, self.not_found = 0, 0
```

```
def get_neighbors(self, i, j):
    neighbors = []
    for di in [-1, 0, 1]:
        for dj in [-1, 0, 1]:
            if di==0 and dj==0:
            new_i = i + di
            new_j = j + dj
            if (new i<0 or new i>=self.board.board size[0] or
                    new j<0 or new j>=self.board.board size[1]):
            neighbors.append(f'{new_i},{new_j}')
    return neighbors
def get_unmark_cells(self):
    cells = []
    for i in range(self.board.board size[0]):
        for j in range(self.board.board size[1]):
            if f'{i},{j}' not in self.KB0:
                cells.append(f'{i},{j}')
    return cells
def isduplicate_pairwise(self,clause1, clause2):
    match = 0
    for literal in clause1:
        if literal in clause2:
            match += 1
    if match==len(clause2) and len(clause1)==len(clause2):
        return True
```

```
# knowledge base
def hasduplicate(self, targetclause):
    if type(targetclause)==type(""):
       targetclause = [targetclause]
    for clause in self.KB:
        if self.isduplicate_pairwise(targetclause, clause):
           return True
def literal_subsumption(self, clause):
    for i in range(len(self.KB)):
        if clause in self.KB[i]:
           self.KB[i] = []
def subsumption_pairwise(self, i, j):
    See if there are stricter clauses that we can eliminate.
    return true if updated, false if not updated
    clause1, clause2 = self.KB[i], self.KB[j]
   match = 0
    for literal in clause1:
        if literal in clause2:
            match += 1
    if match==len(clause1) and len(clause1)<len(clause2):</pre>
        self.KB[j] = []
    elif match==len(clause2) and len(clause2)<len(clause1):</pre>
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```
elif match==len(clause2) and len(clause2)<len(clause1):
        self.KB[i] = []
def subsumption(self, clause):
   insert = True
   update = False
    for i in range(len(self.KB)):
        sentence = self.KB[i]
        if not len(sentence):
       match = 0
        for literal in clause:
            if literal in sentence:
               match += 1
        if match==len(sentence) and len(sentence)<=len(clause):</pre>
            insert = False
        elif match==len(clause) and len(sentence)>len(clause):
            self.KB[i] = []
            update = True
    if insert:
        self.KB.append(clause)
       update = True
   return update
```

```
# generate new clause if there is only one pair on complementary literals
# between two clauses
# both clauses are lists.

def comp(self, clause1, clause2):
    c1 = list(clause1)
    c2 = list(clause2)

match = 0

for literal in clause1:
    if 'not' in literal:
        | l = literal[4:]
    else:
        | l = f'not {literal}'

if l in clause2:
        | c1.remove(literal)
        | c2.remove(l)

match += 1

If there is only one pair of complementary literals:
        | Apply resolution to generate a new clause, which will be inserted into the KB

if match == 1:
    return list(set(c1+c2))
else:
    return []
```

```
def iter(self):
    flag = 0
    unmark cell num = self.board.unmark cell num
    unmark_mine_num = self.board.unmark_mine_num
    if unmark_cell_num <= 10 and unmark_cell_num>=unmark_mine_num:
        unmark_cells = self.get_unmark_cells()
       for clause in list(comb(unmark_cells, unmark_cell_num-unmark_mine_num+1)):
            clause = list(clause)
            if not self.hasduplicate(clause):
               self.subsumption(clause)
        for clause in list(comb(unmark_cells, unmark_mine_num+1)):
            clause = list(clause)
            for i in range(len(clause)):
               clause[i] = f'not {clause[i]}'
            if not self.hasduplicate(clause):
               self.subsumption(clause)
    self.KB = sorted(self.KB, key=lambda c:len(c))
    found = False
    for i in range(len(self.KB)):
       clause = self.KB[i]
        if len(clause) == 1:
            self.cnt+=1
            found = True
            if clause[0].startswith('not'):
                targetname = clause[0][4:]
               self.KB0[targetname] = False
```

```
self.KB0[targetname] = False
self.KB[i] = []
self.board.unmark cell num -=1
# remove clause[0] (not {targetgame})
self.literal_subsumption(clause[0])
for j in range(len(self.KB)):
    if targetname in self.KB[j]:
        self.KB[j].remove(targetname)
cell = targetname.split(',')
x, y = int(cell[0]), int(cell[1])
self.status[x, y] = OPEN
hint = self.board.ans[x, y]
neighbors = self.get_neighbors(x, y)
for j in range(len(neighbors)):
    if neighbors[j] in self.KB0:
         if self.KB0[neighbors[j]] == True:
             hint -= 1
         neighbors[j] = ''
neighbors = [n \text{ for } n \text{ in neighbors if } len(n) > 0]
m = len(neighbors)
if m == n:
    for neighbor in neighbors:
         if not self.hasduplicate(neighbor):
```

```
if not self.hasduplicate(neighbor):
                                      self.KB.append([neighbor])
                          # to the knowledge base, one for each unmarked neighbor
                          elif n == 0:
                              for neighbor in neighbors:
                                  if not self.hasduplicate(f'not {neighbor}'):
                                      self.KB.append([f'not {neighbor}'])
                          elif m > n:
                              for clause in list(comb(neighbors, len(neighbors)-hint+1)):
                                  clause = list(clause)
                                   if not self.hasduplicate(clause):
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                                      self.subsumption(clause)
                              for clause in list(comb(neighbors, hint+1)):
                                  clause = list(clause)
                                   for i in range(len(clause)):
                                      clause[i] = f'not {clause[i]}'
                                  if not self.hasduplicate(clause):
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                                      self.subsumption(clause)
                              print(f'ERROR: hint: {hint}, neighbors: {len(neighbors)}')
                          self.KB0[clause[0]] = True
                          self.KB[i] = []
                          self.board.unmark cell num -= 1
                          self.board.unmark_mine_num -= 1
                          self.literal subsumption(clause[0])
                          for i in range(len(self.KB)):
```

```
if new_clause:

if not self.hasduplicate(new_clause):

if self.subsumption(new_clause):

update = True

else:

self.KB[j] = []

update = True

else:

self.KB[j] = []

update = True

# stop if the knowledge base didn't update after pairwise matching

# (can neither find a single-literal clause nor generate any new

# clause from the knowkedge base)

if not update:

return 0

else:

flag = 1

self.KB = [c for c in self.KB if len(c)>0]

if flag:

# haven't found a single-literal clause

return 2

else:

# found a single-literal clause

return 1
```