French Military Game AI Using Temporal Difference Learning

1.0 About

This project is to create a program to play French military game which learns by its mistake. At first it plays with random parameters. And after a while it learns to play well by learning from opponents moves. To learn about the game and how to play go to, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hare_games

2.0 Implementation

This uses temporal difference learning to learn by its mistakes. In the game a state is defined as the three positions of green dots and the position of the red dot.

And it use four parameters for learning.

 Θ_1 - number of moves it can take.

 Θ_2 - vertical distance from winning position.

 Θ_3 - Length to the nearest black dot.

 Θ_4 - Is it inn a danger position or not.

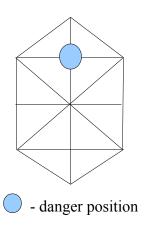


figure 2.0 – danger positions

These are used to calculate prediction (V) values for a given state.

$$V(s) = A.\Theta_1 + B.\Theta_2 + C.\Theta_3 + D.\Theta_3$$

Next state (or next move) from a given state is calculated by finding all possible moves form that state, getting the V values for all that states and getting the state which has the maximum V value. After each move the new V value will be calculated and used both V values are used to modify the parameters.

$$A_{\text{new}} = A_{\text{old}} + .(V_{\text{old}}(s) - V_{\text{new}}(s)) * \Theta_1$$

When the new V values are calculated 1000 will be added to the v value if the red dot had hit the winning position and 1000 will subtracted if the red dot was caught. More information Temporal Difference Learning, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temporal difference learning

3.0 Prerequisites

This script is written in python. Install 'python' and 'Tkinter' to run the script. (use synaptic package manager in Ubuntu to install them.)

4.0 Running the Application

Use fallowing command to run the application.

To move a dot click on it and when it turned in to blue click on the position which you want to put place it. If you need to reset a game click on the red square with a 'R'.

5.0 More Inf0

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6.0 Screen Shots

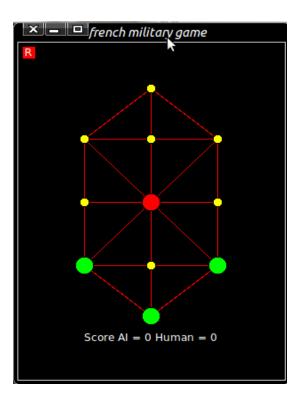


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