Mars Rover Supporting Document

Design

The program runs from the command line with an argument passed for a location of a test file in the .txt format. This input gets parsed and loaded into Rover objects which then execute their commands and report their locations sequentially.

I began with a larger function to parse input data from .txt files and pass data to a Rover object which contained all the necessary commands to move and get info about the Rover, such as execute_commands(), rotate(), move() and report().

Following test successes - for input checking and single/multiple rovers landing and moving - I moved onto cleaning up the data parsing into smaller functions, structuring the planet size data into a Planet object and the test data into a MissionData object to pave the way for future implementations.

Assumptions

- The input is syntactically correct; that is, it follows the input syntax prescribed by the problem
- The input is semantically correct, that is, contains no Illegal characters
- Commands don't result in out-of-bounds location on the Planet for the Rover
- Commands never result in a Rover impacting with the start/finish position of another

Running the Code

This code requires python3 to be installed:

Upon opening the parent folder in a terminal the following command should be executed:

```
$ python3 tw_space_program.py <input.txt>
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Where <input.txt> is a file location for a test file. The default test file supplied would be 'tests/test.txt' (with or without quotation marks)

If you wish to run the pytest file (test_rover.py) you will need <u>pip</u> and <u>virtualenv</u> installed. (N.B virtualenv will be installed in the global python packages, pytest will only be installed locally in the virtualenv)

Then run the following commands:

```
$ virtualenv venv
$ source venv/bin/activate
$ pip install -r requirements.txt
$ pytest
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Successful testing screenshot: