

To-Do's and Progress Tracking Notebook

This notebook is intended to keep track of my progress each day over intercession on this project. I'll log my TODO's each morning or night and what I've accomplished each day. Let's hope I keep up with it properly.

Monday December 17th

TO DO

1. Re-arrange Github repos
 2. Organize Google Drive papers & PDF's
 3. Print most useful papers
 4. Send "progress tracking" e-mail to Seid & Graham
 5. Compile genetic algorithm functions into notebook
- Comment genetic algorithm code

Progress

Github repositories organized, took far longer than I thought it would. I learned the significance of .git files after attempting to create new repos out of existing but removed repo folders with .git files in them.

Organized Google Drive folders & papers, selected those to print.

Sent "progress tracking" e-mail.

Began commenting genetic algorithm functions, pushing notebook start until tomorrow. Would like to do a descriptive written background of project in that notebook.

Tuesday December 18th

TO DO

1. Continue commenting some of GA functions
 2. Write and apply description of project in GA notebook
 3. Organize code in GA notebook
 4. Add descriptions and walk-through in GA notebook
- Add section describing species and population creation

Progress

Major progress on today's todos. If not finished, each point is nearly completed.

GA notebook still needs work in analyzing final plots.

GA functions could use some better commenting.

Wednesday December 19th

TO DO

Today's ToDo: (Technical, "Figure-Stuff-Out" Day)

1. Look into setting up RStudio Server on Linux Lab PC
2. Create package for GA functions as practice

Carried over from Yesterday:

1. Continue GA notebook, analyze advanced plots.

2. Continue GA function commenting, possibly re-organize functions?

Looking Forward / Rolling ToDo:

1. Make larger plan for going forward
2. Compile plan into a chart / pseudocode
3. Look more into literature: how to apply GA to this project

Progress

I spent a good amount of time fiddling with RStudio Server on the CAELinux PC in the lab without any luck in accessing it from another computer. Judging by some similar problems on discussion forums, it seems like the school networking is blocking the PC from opening the correct ports to access it remotely.

Then I moved on to compiling my GA functions into a package, which was successful but I have not uploaded it to CRAN.

Lastly, I made major progress on the GA notebook. All that is left to do is explore a few more functions for the contour plots in order to better understand the evolution process in these algorithms.

Thursday December 20th

TO DO

Today's ToDo: (Big Picture Day)

1. Finalize GA notebook.
2. See "looking forward", make plans for work during/after break.
3. Review "Math Framework for Task Repertoire Expansion" paper and decide if that model fits.

Looking Forward / Rolling ToDo:

1. Make larger plan for going forward as chart / pseudocode
2. Look more into literature: how to apply GA to this project, Annotated Bibliography Google Doc

Progress

After reading some literature, I wrote "ThresholdNotebook" to better understand the claims of a paper on the robustness of a colony with greater genetic variability. This notebook outlines the exact simulation of the paper. While this simulation was very simple, I would like to continue investigating the idea of genetic variability and robustness to a changing environment and task demands. Need to keep looking into literature and frame research question properly.

Friday December 21st - Tuesday January 1st

Took Holiday Break

Wednesday January 2nd - Friday January 4th

Wisdom Teeth Removed, out of commission for a few days.

Saturday January 5th

Back to work.

TO DO

Today's ToDo:

1. Work on ThresholdNotebook, see if I can draw any further conclusions on the work than the authors did.

Rolling ToDo:

1. Make larger plan for going forward as flowchart / pseudocode
2. Look more into literature: how to apply GA to this project, Annotated Bibliography Google Doc. Specifically, review "Math Framework for Task Reportoire Expansion" paper and decide if that model fits.

Progress

Limited progress, I had a late start after travelling. Mostly reading papers and looking over ThresholdNotebook. I think I will have to look more into the biology of bees and the Queen's task performance before having workers.

Sunday January 6th

TO DO

Today's ToDo:

1. Gather more information on the biology of bees and how the solitary queen starts a new nest and a colony.
2. Work on ThresholdNotebook.

Rolling ToDo:

1. Make larger plan for going forward as flowchart / pseudocode
2. Look more into literature: how to apply GA to this project, Annotated Bibliography Google Doc. Specifically, review "Math Framework for Task Reportoire Expansion" paper and decide if that model fits.

Progress

I spent the day in the library with their available resources on social insects. I read "Humble bee, Bumblebee" about the practical biology of bumblebees and better understand the process of creating a bumblebee colony. I also read parts of "Evolution of Social Insect Colonies: Sex Allocation and Kin Selection" and "Social Insects: Ecology and Behavioral Biology" and I will continue to read these in the next few days. Some progress on ThresholdNotebook, mostly reading into the paper.

Monday January 7th

TO DO

Today's ToDo:

1. Continue research on biology of colonies. Specifically, look into the mechanisms and processes of caste transitions. Consider applicaiton to simulation.
2. Work on, possibly finalize, ThresholdNotebook.

Rolling ToDo:

1. Make larger plan for going forward as flowchart / pseudocode

2. Look more into literature: how to apply GA to this project, Annotated Bibliography Google Doc. Specifically, review “Math Framework for Task Reportoire Expansion” paper and decide if that model fits.

Progress

Major progress on annotated bibliography. Lots of useful information gathered on caste transitions.

Tuesday Januray 8th

TODO:

Today's ToDo:

1. Finish ThresholdNotebook
2. Investigate ThresholdNotebook implications

Progress

ThresholdNotebook finished.

Began investigating the idea of interacting rates of change (systems of differential equations).

Wednesday January 9th

TODO:

Progress

Thursday January 10th - Tuesday January 15th

Weekend Vacation to Quebec, little tangible work done.

Wednesday January 16th

TODO:

Today's ToDo's:

1. Work on ColSim.R, decide if it will work for base of simulation
2. Outline big picture for simulation

Progress

Lots of time spent on tedious parts of ColSim.R. Specifically, using lapply to modify rows of a matrix.