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Agent Design

The AI agent implemented within this assignment is designed to operate in a specific environment, and complete one task. The agent will solve for a path through a maze, given a starting point, and a goal, or end point. There are four elements to an AI agent: Performance metric(s), Environment, Actuators, and Sensors (or PEAS, as given in the textbook).

The performance metric provides the agent a framework from which to make decisions. In this instance, we are to solve a maze from an arbitrary starting point. The overall idea behind this task is we want to move closer to the goal. In other words, we want to reduce our distance between us and the goal as much as possible with each step taken in the maze. To accomplish

this, the agent uses a straight-line distance between the current location and the goal. When deciding where to move next, the agent picks the location with the shortest distance to the goal. Details on how this distance is implemented and computed are described alongside the Environment the agent is designed to work within.

The environment, in its most basic sense, is a grid maze with randomly generated paths. This is implemented using a custom *gridGraph* class. This data structure is based on a graph, where each node of the graph is a "cell" within the grid maze, and each cell has four "walls" which are given as edges between each node. The initial cells and walls are built using the constructor method such that the initial state is a full grid, with each "wall" present around and between each "cell." Using this initial state, the maze is generated by using a randomized version of Prim's Algorithm based off the description given in source [1]. This produces a spanning tree that produces "passages" through the "walls" of a "cell" when two are connected through this tree. The effect, when drawn onto the screen, shows a random maze with many short branching corridors. The agent utilizes attributes of each instance of "cell" to determine its state, and which direction to move. The way in which these attributes are examined and implemented is explained subsequently.

The "actuators" implemented within the agent is the process of moving into a cell closer to the goal cell. The choice is made to move into the cell based on the process described in the performance metric.

Lastly, the sensors of this agent include the ability to determine if a cell has been visited before, if a wall is a passage or not, and whether or not the current cell is the goal cell. The combination of these sensing abilities gives the agent the proper percept such that the appropriate decisions with the goal in mind is made.

The way in which the agent works is akin to a greedy algorithm. It makes the best choice based on what is available to it at the moment, though does has some prescience since the location of the goal cell with respect to the current location is known. However, the agent will not know whether a path will result in a dead end until a dead end is reached. Additionally, the agent has issues when the path finding must cross the start cell to begin a new direction. The application handles the error by telling the user to reset the maze and try again. The pseudocode

of the algorithm used to implement the agent is given below. Note that straight-line distance is defined as the distance using the Pythagorean theorem, and the differences in the X and Y coordinates between the current cell and the goal cell. This quantity is used to compute the best option and subsequent cell to move forward to.

Figure 1: Al Agent Pseudocode.

```
WHILE the current cell is not equal to the goal cell

Mark the current cell as visited

Determine all possible moves

IF there are possible moves available THEN

Compute all distances

Move to cell with shortest distance

PUSH the cell to the path stack

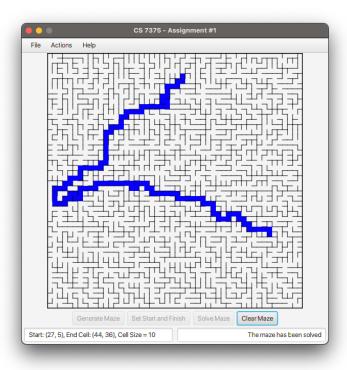
ELSE

POP the current cell off the path stack

END IF

END WHILE
```

Output Screenshot

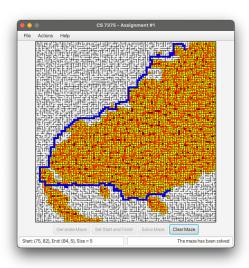


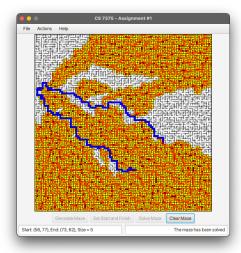
Tasks the Agent Can Solve

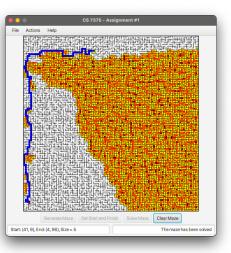
This particular agent can only solve for a path within a specific data structure. Using this agent outside of this particular environment will result in unpredictable behavior and may not

even work at all. Additionally, there was a last-minute addition of a feature that permits the user to see how efficient (or inefficient, as the case may be) the agent is at solving the problem. By using the visit count of each cell that keeps track of how many times the agent accesses that cell, it becomes possible to see where the agent has been and how many times. Below are several screen shots that illustrate this using the 100x100 grid maze. Note that the final solution path is given in blue, but the yellow to red cells indicate where the agent has visited within the maze. The darker the color, the more often the agent has visited a particular cell. It becomes obvious when looking at these images that the agent can be extremely inefficient at solving a maze, and as such suggests there is ample room for improvement in its behavior.









Video Demonstration

A video demonstration of the application can be found at the following YouTube link:

https://youtu.be/IZ10ZvcHrn0

GitHub Repository

All source files and associated binary files can be found on my personal GitHub page at:

https://github.com/mgarrettsisk/mazeSolver

References

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maze generation algorithm#Randomized Prim's algorithm

Source Code

main.java

```
package assignment01;
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.fxml.FXMLLoader;
import javafx.scene.Parent;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
public class Main extends Application {
    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception{
        Parent root =
    FXMLLoader.load(getClass().getResource("mainWindow.fxml"));
        primaryStage.setTitle("CS 7375 - Assignment #1");
        primaryStage.setScene(new Scene(root, 600, 600));
        primaryStage.setResizable(false);
        primaryStage.show();
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        launch(args);
    }
}
```

aiAgent.java

```
private gridGraph.cell goalCell;
    private final LinkedList<gridGraph.cell> solutionPathStack = new
    private final ArrayList<qridGraph.cell> possibleMoves = new
ArrayList<>();
    aiAgent(){
    aiAgent(gridGraph.cell startCell, gridGraph.cell goalCell) {
        this.solutionPathStack.push(startCell);
    public void solveMaze() {
            determinePossibleMoves(currentCell);
            if (possibleMoves.isEmpty()) {
                currentCell = computeBestMove(possibleMoves, goalCell);
```

```
public gridGraph.cell getGoalCell() {
public gridGraph.cell getCurrentCell() {
public void setPreviousCell(gridGraph.cell inputCell) {
public gridGraph.cell getPreviousCell() {
    return this.solutionPathStack.pop();
public LinkedList<gridGraph.cell> getSolutionPath() {
private void determinePossibleMoves(gridGraph.cell inputCell) {
    this.possibleMoves.clear();
    if (inputCell.getTopWall().isPassage()) {
       gridGraph.cell topNeighbor = inputCell.getNeighbors()[0];
    if (inputCell.getBottomWall().isPassage()) {
       gridGraph.cell bottomNeighbor = inputCell.getNeighbors()[2];
           this.possibleMoves.add(bottomNeighbor);
```

```
if (leftNeighbor.getVisitCount() == 0) {
            this.possibleMoves.add(leftNeighbor);
private gridGraph.cell computeBestMove(ArrayList<gridGraph.cell>
   int goalXpos = goalCell.getX();
    int goalYpos = goalCell.getY();
        int currentXpos = inputCellList.get(listIndex).getX();
        double radicand = Math.pow((goalXpos - currentXpos),2) +
        if (shortestDistance == -1.0) {
           shortestDistance = distance;
           outputIndex = listIndex;
           shortestDistance = distance;
```

gridGraph.java

```
gridGraph(int x, int y) {
public int getCellsSize() {
public wall getWall(int index) {
public int getWallsSize() {
    return walls.size();
private void generateGraphStructure(int xSize, int ySize) {
            cells.add(new cell(currentPosition));
```

```
cell workingCell = cells.get(listIndex);
int cellX = workingCell.getX();
    walls.add(workingRight);
    workingCell.setRightNeighbor(null);
    if (walls.contains(workingRight)) {
if (cellY == ySize) {
   wall workingBottom = new wall(workingCell, null);
    walls.add(workingBottom);
   workingCell.setBottomWall(workingBottom);
```

```
if (walls.contains(workingBottom)) {
workingCell.setBottomWall(walls.get(walls.indexOf(workingBottom)));
                        walls.add(workingBottom);
                if (cellX ==1) {
                    if (walls.contains(workingLeft)) {
                        workingCell.setLeftWall(workingLeft);
                        walls.add(workingLeft);
                    workingCell.setLeftNeighbor(cells.get(listIndex - 1));
            this.setPosition(coordinates);
            this.position = orderedPair;
```

```
protected int getX() {
protected int getY() {
protected void setTopWall(wall inputWall) {
protected wall getTopWall() {
protected wall getLeftWall() {
    this.rightWall = inputWall;
protected wall getRightWall() {
protected void setBottomWall(wall inputWall) {
protected wall getBottomWall() {
protected void setRightNeighbor(cell c) {
```

```
protected void setLeftNeighbor(cell c) {
       protected cell[] getNeighbors() {
        public boolean equals(Object obj) {
compareCell.getY());
       private final cell cellTwo;
            this.cellOne = cellOne;
        public cell getCellOne() {
        public boolean isPassage() {
```

mainController.java

```
import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
import java.util.Random;
public class mainController implements Initializable {
   public TextField notificationText;
   private gridGraph graph;
   public void initialize(URL location, ResourceBundle resources) {
       setPixelSize20();
       drawOutline(canvasGc);
       clearMazeButton.setDisable(true);
```

```
solveMazeMenuButton.setDisable(true);
   public void generateMaze() {
        int gridHeight = canvasHeight/this.pixelSize;
        ArrayList<gridGraph.wall> wallList = new ArrayList<>();
        int startCellXpos = random.nextInt(gridHeight);
        gridGraph.cell startCell = graph.getCell((startCellXpos *
gridWidth));
       startCell.visit();
       mazePath.add(startCell);
        addWalls(startCell, wallList);
            gridGraph.cell cellTwo = workingWall.getCellTwo();
            if (!(mazePath.contains(cellTwo))) {
               mazePath.add(cellTwo);
                workingWall.setPassage(true);
                addWalls(cellTwo, wallList);
                wallList.remove(workingWall);
                addWalls(cellOne, wallList);
                wallList.remove(workingWall);
```

```
updateDataTextArea(dataString);
    drawMaze(canvasGc, mazePath);
    drawOutline(canvasGc);
    setStartFinishButton.setDisable(false);
    setStartFinishMenuButton.setDisable(false);
    clearMazeButton.setDisable(false);
public void clearMaze() {
   updateNotificationArea("Maze cleared");
    updateDataTextArea(dataString);
    setStartFinishButton.setDisable(true);
    setStartFinishMenuButton.setDisable(true);
    clearMazeButton.setDisable(true);
    clearMazeMenuButton.setDisable(true);
    generateMazeMenuButton.setDisable(false);
public void solveMaze() throws NullPointerException {
        this.solutionPath = solver.getSolutionPath();
            int xPos = drawnCell.getX();
        drawMaze(canvasGc, mazePath);
        drawOutline(canvasGc);
```

```
solveMazeButton.setDisable(true);
        clearMazeButton.setDisable(false);
        clearMazeMenuButton.setDisable(false);
    } catch (NullPointerException ex) {
        clearMazeButton.setDisable(false);
        clearMazeMenuButton.setDisable(false);
        solveMazeButton.setDisable(true);
        solveMazeMenuButton.setDisable(true);
public void setStartFinishCells() {
            + formerString;
    solveMazeButton.setDisable(false);
    solveMazeMenuButton.setDisable(false);
    aboutController about = new aboutController();
    about.showWindow();
public void closeProgram() {
    Stage activeStage = (Stage) this.borderPane.getScene().getWindow();
    activeStage.close();
public void setPixelSize5() {
    clearMaze();
public void setPixelSize10() {
```

```
public void setPixelSize20() {
private void updateNotificationArea(String notification) {
private void updateDataTextArea(String data) {
private void addWalls(gridGraph.cell inputCell, ArrayList<gridGraph.wall>
        if (!(inputList.contains(workingWall))) {
    if (!(inputCell.getRightWall().getCellTwo() == null)) {
        gridGraph.wall workingWall = inputCell.getBottomWall();
        if (!(inputList.contains(workingWall))) {
            inputList.add(workingWall);
    if (!(inputCell.getLeftWall().getCellTwo() == null)) {
       gridGraph.wall workingWall = inputCell.getLeftWall();
        if (!(inputList.contains(workingWall))) {
            inputList.add(workingWall);
```

```
private void drawMaze(GraphicsContext contextInput,
        // draws a grid with cell size in pixels, size of pixel can be
        ArrayList<gridGraph.wall> drawnWalls = new ArrayList<>();
        for (int cellIndex = 0; cellIndex < inputMaze.size(); cellIndex++) {</pre>
!(workingCell.getTopWall().isPassage())) {
                if (!(drawnWalls.contains(workingCell.getTopWall()))) {
!(workingCell.getRightWall().isPassage())) {
                if (!(drawnWalls.contains(workingCell.getRightWall()))) {
                    drawnWalls.add(workingCell.getRightWall());
            if (workingCell.getBottomWall().getCellTwo() != null &&
                    drawGridLine(contextInput, workingCell, "bottom");
                    drawnWalls.add(workingCell.getBottomWall());
            if (workingCell.getLeftWall().getCellTwo() != null &&
!(workingCell.getLeftWall().isPassage())) {
                if (!(drawnWalls.contains(workingCell.getLeftWall()))) {
                    drawGridLine(contextInput, workingCell, "left");
                    drawnWalls.add(workingCell.getLeftWall());
   private void drawGridLine (GraphicsContext inputContext, gridGraph.cell
inputCell, String direction) {
        int gridXpos = inputCell.getX()-1;
        int gridYpos = inputCell.getY()-1;
        inputContext.setStroke(Color.BLACK);
```

```
inputContext.strokeLine(topLeftXpos, topLeftYpos, topRightXpos,
bottomLeftXpos, bottomLeftYpos);
            inputContext.strokeLine(bottomLeftXpos, bottomLeftYpos,
    private void drawOutline(GraphicsContext context) {
context.getCanvas().getWidth(),
        context.strokeLine(0, context.getCanvas().getHeight(),
context.getCanvas().getWidth(),
                context.getCanvas().getHeight());
    private void drawPixel (GraphicsContext contextInput, int x, int y, String
            contextInput.setFill(Color.BLUE);
            contextInput.setFill(Color.RED);
            contextInput.setFill(Color.GREEN);
        } else if (color.equalsIgnoreCase("light blue")) {
            contextInput.setFill(Color.LIGHTBLUE);
            contextInput.setFill(Color.BLACK);
```

aboutController.java

```
package assignment01;
import javafx.fxml.FXMLLoader;
import javafx.scene.Parent;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.control.Button;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
public class aboutController {
    // Initialize GUI Elements
    public Button closeAboutButton;
    public Stage activeStage = new Stage();
    // Public Methods
    public void showWindow() throws Exception {
        Parent root =
    FXMLLoader.load(getClass().getResource("aboutWindow.fxml"));
        activeStage.setTitle("About");
        activeStage.setScene(new Scene(root, 350, 250));
        activeStage.setResizable(false);
        activeStage.setwow();
    }
    public void closeWindow() {
        Stage currentStage = (Stage) closeAboutButton.getScene().getWindow();
        currentStage.close();
    }
}
```

mainWindow.fxml

```
<?import javafx.scene.layout.VBox?>
<BorderPane fx:id="borderPane" maxHeight="-Infinity" maxWidth="-Infinity"</pre>
fx:controller="assignment01.mainController">
   <right>
      <VBox BorderPane.alignment="CENTER" />
   </right>
   <left>
      <VBox BorderPane.alignment="CENTER" />
   </left>
      <MenuBar BorderPane.alignment="CENTER">
          <Menu mnemonicParsing="false" text="File">
            </items>
            <Menu mnemonicParsing="false" text="Actions">
                <MenuItem fx:id="generateMazeMenuButton"</pre>
                  <SeparatorMenuItem mnemonicParsing="false" />
                  <Menu mnemonicParsing="false" text="Set Pixel Size">
                         <RadioMenuItem fx:id="pixelSize5"</pre>
mnemonicParsing="false" onAction="#setPixelSize5" text="5">
                               <ToggleGroup fx:id="pixelSizeGroup" />
```

```
</RadioMenuItem>
mnemonicParsing="false" onAction="#setPixelSize10" text="10"
mnemonicParsing="false" onAction="#setPixelSize20" selected="true" text="20"
                     </items>
                  </Menu>
            </Menu>
          <Menu mnemonicParsing="false" text="Help">
              <MenuItem fx:id="aboutMenuButton" mnemonicParsing="false"</pre>
          </Menu>
        </menus>
      </MenuBar>
      <Canvas fx:id="centerCanvas" height="500.0" width="500.0"</pre>
   </center>
      <VBox BorderPane.alignment="CENTER">
            <HBox alignment="TOP CENTER" spacing="5.0">
                <children>
                   <Button fx:id="generateMazeButton" mnemonicParsing="false"</pre>
mnemonicParsing="false" onAction="#setStartFinishCells" text="Set Start and
                   <Button fx:id="clearMazeButton" mnemonicParsing="false"</pre>
               </children>
               <padding>
               </padding>
            </HBox>
                <children>
                   <TextField fx:id="dataTextField" editable="false"</pre>
                      <HBox.margin>
                      </HBox.margin>
                   </TextField>
                      <HBox.margin>
                      </HBox.margin></TextField>
```

aboutWindow.fxml