AI Group Project - Meeting Minutes

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Date	Minutes
22/02/2022	 Formation of the group. Common areas of interests discussed. GitHub repository created.
28/02/2022	 Brainstorming of Project ideas. Tic Tac Toe, Flappy Bird, 2048, generic ML problem, Rubix cube, Tetris, Wordle, Snake game, etc.
07/03/2022	 Literature review and feasibility analysis of different project ideas. 2048 was selected as a project idea since it was challenging and not much research was done on the application of various AI algorithms from different families in 2048.
14/03/2022	Literature review of various AI algorithms to determine which algorithms would suit our use case and be diverse enough to be compared across different evaluation metrics.
17/03/2022	 Expectimax, MCTS and tuple based Q Learning were chosen as the remaining algorithms after extensive research. Multiple GitHub repositories were looked at to get an exhaustive idea on how to approach the problem.
25/03/2022	 Initial gaming framework and layout of 2048 was implemented using pygame. Introduction and related works written in the report.
26/03/2022	 The Greedy Best First Search algorithm was implemented as a Baseline. Different heuristics were explored such as Monotonicity, Smoothness, Max value and Empty Cell. Greedy Best First Search algorithm discussion and results added to report.
28/03/2022	 The Expectimax algorithm was implemented with multiple heuristics. Expectimax algorithm discussion and results added to report. Score of 4096 obtained with exponential empty cell heuristic and with equal weightage with depth =2.
04/04/2022	 Monte Carlo Tree Search was implemented and tested with different heuristics such as merge score, max tile score, sum of all tile scores, etc. Merge score heuristic gave the best result. Score of 4096 obtained with depth of 4 and rollout=100. MCTS discussion and results added to report.
06/04/2022	 Q-Learning was implemented and was equipped to use different heuristics such as Tuple based collaborative feature slicing, and snake heuristics. Score of 4096 was observed with 1000 episodes of training. Q learning discussion and results added to report.

08/04/2022	 MCTS ,Q learning and Expectimax were experimented with alternate heuristic method (snake heuristics) Expectimax gave a score of 8192 with snake heuristic and depth=4 Report updated.
09/04/2022	 The algorithms were compared and rigorously tested across different evaluation metrics like performance, average max tile score, average time to reach 2048. Report updated.
10/04/2022	 Final presentation. Cleaning code and reviewing the report. Submission of Project.