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1. **Introduction to Wumpus World**
   1. **Problem instruction**

Imagine being placed inside a dark cave with the goal of **finding hidden treasure** and **escaping safely**. You have **no map** of the cave and **no clear knowledge of the dangers** that lie within. How would you plan your moves to **ensure you leave with the gold in hand**?

This is the essence of the **Wumpus World problem**. In this scenario, the agent—our player—must navigate the cave by **making optimal decisions** based only on limited information and logical reasoning. Such problems are a classic example of **knowledge-based reasoning** in **Artificial Intelligence**.

In the term “**Wumpus World**,” the Wumpus represents the monster that threatens the agent, while the **World refers to the cave environment** containing gold and hazards. **The objective** of the agent is simple but challenging: to explore the cave, **collect the treasure**, and finally **climb out** with the maximum possible score.

* 1. **Objectives**

As mentioned above, the agent’s task is to escape the cave with the gold in hand while achieving the highest possible score. But what does “**the highest score**” mean in this context? The scoring system is defined as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Action** | **Score** |
| Move Forward | +10 |
| Turn left / right | -1 |
| Shoot | -10 |
| Die (fall in pit or eaten by wumpus) | -1000 |
| Climb out (with gold) | +1000 |
| Climb out (without gold) | 0 |

Thus, the **danger** comes not only from the Wumpus but also from the possibility of the agent **falling into a pit**. However, the agent is given a **single arrow** that can be used to kill one Wumpus, or it may choose the safer option of climbing out without collecting the gold.

From actions such as *move*, *turn left*, *turn right*, and *shoot*, the agent must reason out the next optimal step to take. **The objective is not to discover the globally best strategy, but rather to find the gold and escape the cave with the highest possible score.**

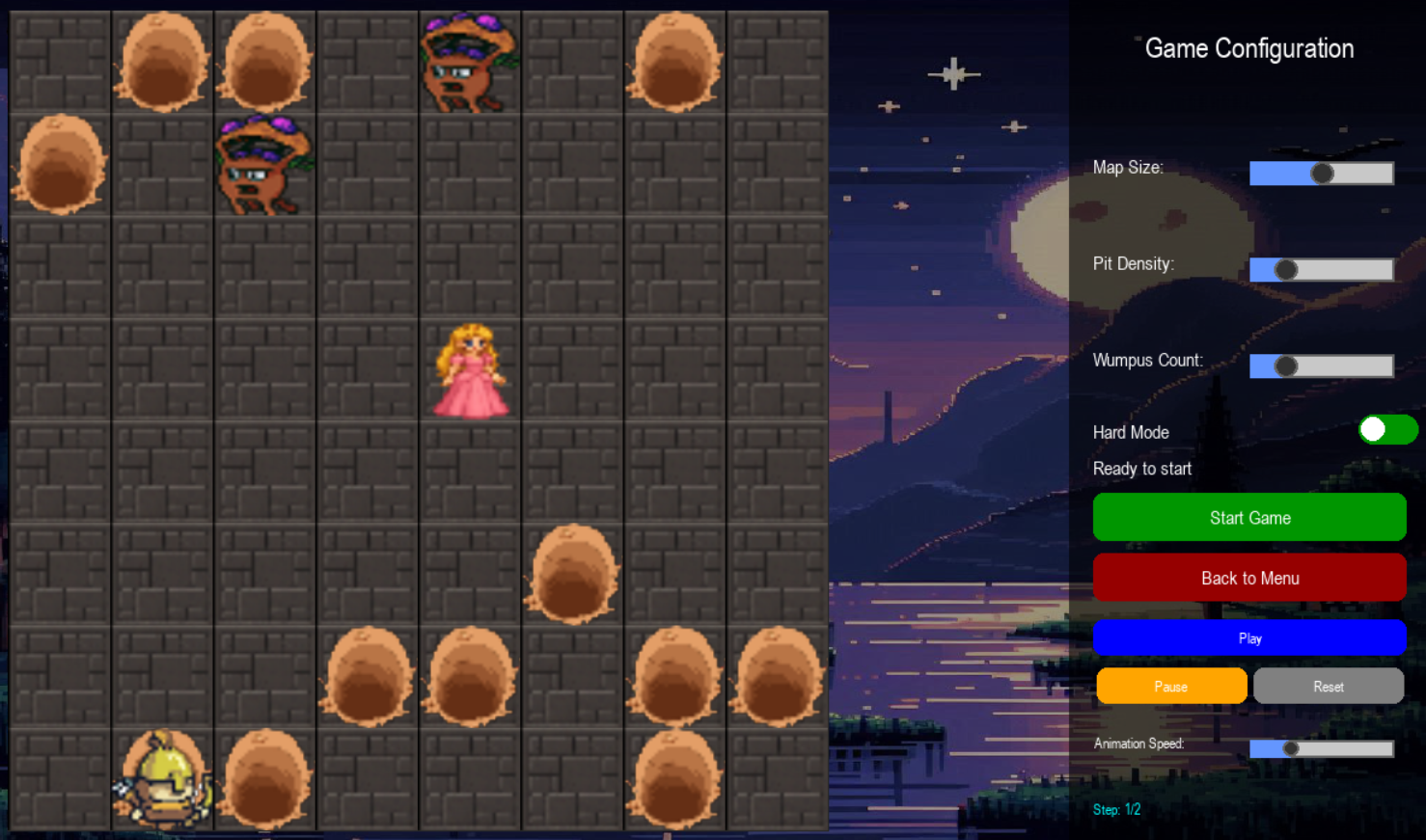
1. **Game Visualization and Design system**

Before going into the detailed definitions of the Wumpus game and the algorithms used to solve the problem, let first look at the **game interface** and provide an introduction to the **project’s code structure**.

* 1. **Game visualization**



***Image 2.a.1****: Menu screen. Include* ***2 buttons****: click* ***play*** *to change to game screen,* ***exit*** *to quit the game.*



***Image 2.a.2****: Game screen. Include* ***2 sides****:* ***Left side*** *displays* ***game’s animation*** *step by step. Meanwhile, the* ***right side*** *displays the* ***game’s UI configuration*** *to adjust the game components, such as* ***Map size*** *(min = 4, max = 8),* ***Pit*** *quantity is calculate by its* ***density*** *(let the size of the map mutiply with the density, min = 0.1, max = 0.5), the* ***number of wumpus*** *(min = 1, max = 5). The list of the button includes:* ***Start Game*** *– to solve the current map display;* ***Back to menu*** *– back to menu screen;* ***Play*** *– play the solving’s animation;* ***Pause*** *– stop the solving’s animation;* ***Reset*** *– reset the animation display. User can also adjust the speed of the animation.*

* 1. **System architecture and module design**

This project is organized into five main areas:

* **Assets**: stores resources such as images and sounds.
* **Design**: contains code related to the user interface, including buttons, sliders, and toggles.
* **Development**: includes code for game logic and algorithm implementation.
* **Screen**: manages the different screens of the game.
* **Main** and **main\_process**: contain the main functions responsible for launching the program. Notify that **main\_process** is used for running the test version of the game quickly.
  + 1. **Design space**

This is where the game’s UI components are programmed. Among them, three key UI elements have the greatest impact on the game: **Text**, **Button**, and **Slider**.

* **Text**: Uses the system font **Arial**. The arguments passed to this object include content, position, size, style, and color. Based on these, methods are **implemented for rendering text** and updating its content.
* **Button**: Takes arguments similar to Text (content, position, size), but requires additional design work to make it visually appealing. This includes background, rounded corners, hover effects (lighter color), click effects (darker color), and an ***onClick*** function to **notify** the system when the **button is pressed** (**mouse click within its area**).
* **Slider**: Used to **adjust game parameters** such as map size and the number of Wumpus. In addition to position and size, the slider requires **min, max, and default values** for user configuration. The implementation also includes a rectangular track and a draggable circle to indicate the current value.
  + 1. **Screen space**

This area manages the player interface screens, implemented using the **State Design Pattern** to allow smooth transitions between pages via the **set\_screen** function.

The most important interface in this project is the **GameScreen**, which directly connects to the algorithm. Referring back to **Figure 2.a.2**, this screen is divided into **two parts**: the **game animation part** and the **algorithm configuration** **part**. In general, the right panel provides input adjustments, while the left panel visualizes the game.

To simplify implementation, the inputs and outputs of the algorithm must be clearly defined.

* **Inputs**: parameters such as map size, pit density, and the number of Wumpus. These are provided to the solver tool, which then builds and executes the algorithm.
* **Outputs**: information returned by the solver to be displayed on the game screen. The three most important outputs are:
  1. The list of actions taken by the Agent.
  2. The list of actions taken by the Wumpus.
  3. The final score obtained after the algorithm finishes.

The algorithmic details will be presented in later sections. Here, we explain how the UI is rendered from the solver’s output. In other words, the solver’s **output** serves as the **input** to the rendering module. Here is an example of the solver output:

* **Score**: -1009
* **Agent actions**: [‘move’, ‘turn\_left’, ‘turn\_right’, ‘shoot’, ...]
* **Wumpus actions**:

[

['stay', 'stay', 'stay', 'stay', 'E', ...]

['stay', 'stay', 'stay', 'stay', 'N', 'stay', …]

]

**Rendering routine:** execute the game step by step by applying each action of both the Agent and the Wumpus. For every received action, update state, then draw the corresponding change on the screen.

**Render Agent:** four primary actions: move, turn\_left, turn\_right, shoot. Maintain two state variables: agent\_pos and agent\_dir.

* **On move:** update agent\_pos by adding the unit vector of agent\_dir.
* **On turn\_left / turn\_right:** rotate agent\_dir accordingly.
* **Shooting animation** is **not implemented** in this project.

**Render Wumpus:** similar idea, but Wumpus movement is not tied to a facing direction. Use a variable (e.g., wumpus\_movement) to track each Wumpus’s step.

* **If action is stay:** no update.
* **If action is one of N, E, S, W** (North, East, South, West): update the position with the corresponding delta.
  + 1. **Main space**

This file contains the program’s runtime functions. It uses **double buffering**: draw each layer once into an off-screen back buffer, then swap it to the front buffer on each tick to display. This reduces flicker and keeps frame timing consistent.

There is an alternate main entry point, **main\_process**, used to test how the algorithm behaves.

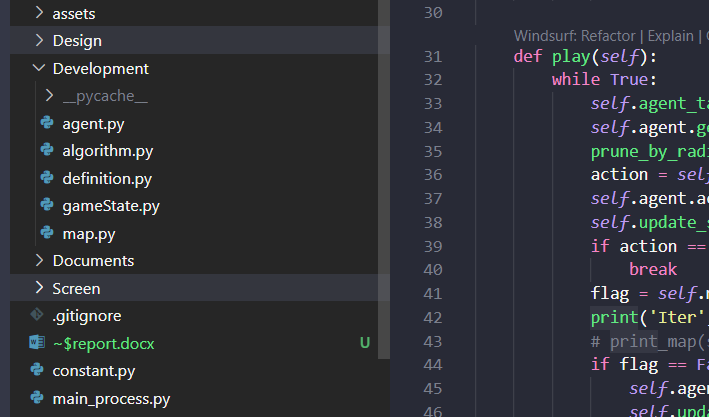
There is also a **constants** file that centralizes and **manages all immutable configuration values** used by the program.

* + 1. **Development space**

If Section 2.b.ii explains how to use the solver’s output, this section is where the solver itself is built. The algorithmic details will be covered later; here we introduce how the game objects are structured.

This section contains five key programming areas:

* **agent**: manages the agent entity.
* **map**: manages the agent’s environment; tracks Wumpus, pits, gold, etc.
* **algorithm**: implements reasoning/planning modules that update the agent’s knowledge and yield actions.
* **definitions**: declares literals/predicates for map cells to support the solver.
* **gameState**: manages results and the algorithm lifecycle (start, run, finish).



***Image 2.b.iv.1****: Directory structure and object management*

After covering the project introduction, the UI, and the code structure. Now this is the suitable moment to move on to the most important part: the algorithms.

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