

10.4 Movement of Ants

R Quick Review Questions

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This file contains system-dependent Quick Review Questions and answers in *R* for Module 10.4 on "Movement of Ants." Complete all code development in *R*.

Grid Initializations

Quick Review Question 1 This question refers to the initialization of the grid for ant movement. In an M-file, we define a function *gridInit* to return an initial grid, *grid*. The function begins as follows:

```
initAntGrid<- function(n, probAnt)
% INITANTGRID - initialization of n+2-by-n+2 array for ant simulation
% probAnt is the probability that a site has an ant.
global EMPTY NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST STAY BORDER
EMPTY = 0
NORTH = 1
EAST = 2
SOUTH = 3
WEST = 4
STAY = 5
BORDER = 6
```

- Initialize *grid* to be an $n+2$ -by- $n+2$ array of value *BORDER*.
- Write a statement to return a random integer between 1 and 4 representing the four directions.
- Complete the code to assign values to the interior of the two-dimensional array *grid*. With a probability of *probAnt*, a site contains an ant that faces in a random direction. Otherwise, the site does not contain an ant.

```
for (i in 2:n+1){
  for (j in 2:n+1){
    if( _____ ){
      grid[_____] = floor(runif(1,1,5))
    else
      grid[_____] = _____;
    }
  }
}
```

Quick Review Question 2

- Assign to *pherGrid* a $n+2$ -by- $n+2$ array of value grid of zeros.
- Complete the loop to generate a chemical trail with no ants on the middle row of the grid, *grid*. The maximum amount of chemical, *MAXPHER*, which is a global constant, occurs in column n , and for column $i+1$ the amount of chemical is a fraction, i / n , expressed as an integer, of the maximum, *MAXPHER*. For example, if *MAXPHER* is 50, i is 10, and n is 17, then the amount of chemical in column 10 is the integer 29 because $(50)(10)/17 = 29.41$.

```
i = round(n/2);
for i = 1:n
    grid[mid, i+1] = _____;
end
```

Applying Diffusion

Quick Review Question 3 Complete the code for *applyDiffusionExtended* to apply the *diffusion* function to each internal cell and returns an $(n + 2)$ -by- $(n + 2)$ pheromone grid, keeping the border intact.

```
applyDiffusionExtended = function(matExt, diffusionRate)
n = ncol(matExt) - 2
pherGrid = matExt
for(i in _____ : _____){
    for (j in _____ : _____){
        site = matExt[i, j];
        N = matExt[i-1, j];
        NE = matExt[i-1, j+1];
        E = matExt[i, j+1];
        SE = matExt[i+1, j+1];
        S = matExt[i+1, j];
        SW = matExt[i+1, j-1];
        W = matExt[i, j-1];
        NW = matExt[i-1, j-1];
        pherGrid[i, j] = diffusionPher(diffusionRate,
            site, N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW);
    }
}
return (phergrid)
}
```

Sensing**Quick Review Question 4**

- Complete the first line of the function M-file *sense.m*.

```
_____ <- _____ sense(site, na, ea, sa, wa, np, ep, sp, wp)
```

- Complete the command in the function definition to indicate that *STAY* and *EMPTY* are not local.

```
utils::globalVariables(_____)
```

- c. Complete the command to indicate that an empty site does not sense anything. Thus, its value remains the same.

```
if (site == _____)
    direction = _____
}
```

- d. Complete the assignment to *lst* of a list of the amounts of pheromone, *np*, *ep*, *sp*, *wp*, in neighboring cells.

```
lst = _____
```

- e. This part refers to the second *sense* rule that an ant does not turn to a cell from which the creature just came. Suppose *site* is the direction from which the ant came. Write the statement to do the following: If *site* is less than or equal to 4 (i.e., not *STAY*), make the corresponding value of *lst* be a small number, -2.

- f. This question refers to the fourth *sense* rule: An ant does not turn to a location that currently contains an ant. Suppose *na* is the ant grid value for the neighbor to the north. Assuming *neighbors* is defined as [*na*, *ea*, *sa*, *wa*], write the loop to do the following: If the neighbor in a direction contains an ant, make the corresponding element of *lst* be -2.

- e. Complete the statement to assign the maximum level from *lst* to *mx*.

```
mx = _____
```

- f. According to rule 6, if no neighboring cell is available, the ant will not plan to move. Start the *if* statement to test that the ant cannot (i.e., *mx* is negative), and if so the returned value is *STAY*

```
_____(_____) {
    direction = _____
}
```

- g. Parts g-j refer to Rule 5, which says that an ant turns in the direction of the neighboring available (not the previous, an occupied, or a border cell) with the greatest amount of chemical. Complete the statement to assign to *posList* a list of indices in *lst* where the maximum level, *mx*, occurs.

```
posList = _____(_____)
```

- h. Complete the statement to assign to *lng* the number of elements in *posList*.

```
lng = _____(posList)
```

- i. Complete the statement to assign to *rndPos* a random integer between 1 and *lng*, inclusively, that is a possible index of *posList*.

```
rndPos = _____
```

- j. Give the code to return the *posList* element with index *rndPos*.

- k. Give this entire *sense* rule.

Quick Review Question 5 *applySenseExtended* is similar to *applyPherExtended*, except we change the value of the *antGrid* cell only if the cell contains an ant (i.e. is not *EMPTY*). Start the *if* statement to test that the *ij* element of *antGrid* is not *EMPTY*.

Walking

Quick Review Question 6

- a. Complete the assignment so that the new amount in *newPherGrid[i, j]* is the maximum of 0 and the current amount minus *EVAPORATE* (rule 7).

newPherGrid[i, j] = _____

- b. Give the ant-grid element to the north of *antGrid[i, j]*.

Simulation

Quick Review Question 7

- a. Write a statement to assign to *antGrids* a page containing *antGrid*.
b. Write a statement to append *antGrid* to *antGrids* as the *i + 1* element.

Visualizing the Simulation

Quick Review Question 8 Suppose *antGrids* is a list of ant grids, *pherGrids* is a list of pheromone grids, and *maxp* is the maximum amount of chemical in any cell of any grid in *pherGrids*.

- a. Write a statement to assign to *m* the number of grids in *antGrids*.
b. Write a statement to assign to *n* the number of rows (or columns) on the interior of an individual grid.
c. Write a statement to initialize *gr* to be an $n \times n$ matrix of zeros.
d. Assign to *a* the *k*th element of *antGrids*.
e. Assign to *map* the appending of the *rgb* value for red and the gray scale sequence from 0 to 1 with *maxp* number of values.
f. Suppose *p* is the *k*th element of *pherGrids*. Complete the nested loops to assign to *gr[i - 1, j - 1]* an appropriately scaled pheromone value from *p[i, j]* if *a[i, j]* is *EMPTY* and 0 otherwise, when an ant is present. We subtract one from the indices of *gr* because we are not including the border. To scale, we first add 1 to *p[i, j]* to eliminate the possibility of zero, and then we divide by (*maxp* + 1) to obtain a value greater than zero but less than or equal to one. Finally, to have the larger amounts of chemical be darker, we subtract the result from one.

```
for (i in 2:(n+1)){
  for (j in 2:(n+1)) {
```

```

        if (a[i, j] == EMPTY) {
            gr[i-1, j-1] = _____ # most chem->black
        }
        else {
            gr[i-1, j-1] = _____ # make ant lowest value, -> red
        }
    }
}

```

- g. Write statements to produce an image of *gr* using the color map *map*, no axes, and a box around the image.

Answers to Quick Review Questions

1.
 - a. `grid = BORDER*matrix(rep(1,(n+2)*(n+2)),ncol=n+2)`
 - b. `floor(runif(1,1,5))`
 - c.


```

          for (i in 2:n+1){
              for( j in 2:n+1){
                  if (runif(1) < probabAnt){
                      grid[i, j] = floor(runif(1,1,5))
                  }
                  else
                      grid[i, j] = EMPTY
              }
          }
          
```
2.
 - a. `grid = matrix(rep(0,(n+2)*(n+2)),ncol=n+2)`
 - b.


```

          i = floor(n/2) + 1
          for (j in 1:n){
              grid[mid, i+1] = i/n*MAXPHER;
          }
          
```
3.


```

      applyDiffusionExtended<-function (matExt, diffusionRate){
          n = ncol(matExt) - 2
          pherGrid = matExt
          for (i in 1:n+1){
              for (j in 2:n+1){
                  site = matExt[i, j]
                  N = matExt[i-1,j]
                  NE = matExt[i-1, j+1]
                  E = matExt[i, j+1]
                  SE = matExt[i+1, j+1]
                  S = matExt[i+1, j]
                  SW = matExt[i+1, j-1]
                  W = matExt[i, j-1]
                  NW = matExt[i-1, j-1]
                  pherGrid[i, j] = diffusionPher(diffusionRate,
                      site, N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW)
              }
          }
          return(pherGrid)
      }
      
```
2.
 - a. `sense <- function(site, na, ea, sa, wa, np, ep, sp, wp)`

```

b.   utils::globalVariables(c("STAY", "EMPTY"))
c.   if (site == EMPTY){
        direction = EMPTY
    }
d.   lst = c(np, ep, sp, wp)
e.   if (site < STAY){
        lst(site) = -2
    }
f.   for (i in 1:4){
        if (neighbors[i] > 0){
            lst[i] = -2
        }
    }
e.   mx = max(lst)
f.   if (mx < 0){
        direction = STAY
    }
g.   posList = which(lst == mx)
h.   lng = length(posList)
i.   rndPos = ceiling (runif(1,0,lng))
j.   posList[rndPos]
k.

sense = function(site, na, ea, sa, wa, np, ep, sp, wp)
global STAY EMPTY

if (site == EMPTY){
    direction = EMPTY
    return
}

lst = c(np, ep, sp, wp)

# don't allow ant to turn to previous cell, so make value artificially
# small
if (site < STAY){
    lst(site) = -2
}

# don't allow ant to turn to cell with another ant, so make value
# artificially small
neighbors = c(na, ea, sa, wa)
for (i in 1:4){
    if (neighbors[i] > 0){
        lst(i) = -2
    }
}

mx = max(lst)
if (mx < 0){
    direction = STAY
}else{
    posList = which(lst == mx)
    lng = length(posList)
    rndPos = ceiling(runif(1,0,lng))
    direction = posList[rndPos]
}

```

```

    }

5.  if (antGrid[i, j] != EMPTY)...

6.  a.  newPherGrid[i, j] = max((newPherGrid[i, j] - EVAPORATE, 0));
    b.  newPherGrid[i - 1, j]

7.  a.  antGrids[, , 1] = antGrid
    b.  antGrids[, , i+1] = antGrid

8.  a.  m = length(antGrids[1,1,])
    b.  n = length(antGrids[,1,1]) - 2
    c.  gr = matrix(rep(0,n*n), nrow=n)
    d.  a = antGrids[, , k]
    e.  map = append(rgb(1,0,0),gray(seq(0,1,length=maxp)))
    f.
        for (i in 2:(n+1)){
            for (j in 2:(n+1)) {
                if (a[i, j] == EMPTY) {
                    gr[i-1, j-1] = 1 - (p[i, j]+1)/(maxp+1) # most chem->black
                }
                else {
                    gr[i-1, j-1] = 0 # make ant lowest value, -> red
                }
            }
        }

    g.
        image(gr, col=map, axes=FALSE)
        box()

```