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Lecture Three: The Agent Moves! (May 10th)

● Outline

- Confirm proper installation
- Previous assignment: Segregation Model, Prisoner's Dilemma Model
- Create a new model
- Create a tree structure; Space, Agent and Output
- Rule: Rule Editor and Execution Order
- Grammar (「Forward」 「Turn」 「Substitution」 「My.」 「Random Number」)
- Assignment

● Confirm proper installation

Has everyone safely installed KK-MAS on their home and school PCs?

More important, are these performing properly? Make sure to report status to the professor.

● Previous assignment: Segregation Model, Prisoner's Dilemma Model

Eight reported back. (Segregation: seven students, PD; two and a half students)

● Create a new model and tree structure

> If you activate KK-MAS, a screen to create a new model will appear automatically.

> Let's create Space!

[Insert (right-click) > Add Space]

> Space name

(reserved words, "Space")

> Space type

(Grid model, Hexagon model)

> Space size

(X-axis, Y-axis, Layer)

> End of space

(Loop, Don't loop)

> Let's create an Agent!

[Insert (right-click) > Add Agent]

>Agent: name "Walker"

>Agent: number

>Agent: property [View (right-click) >Property]

>Let's have a look at the Variables.

In creating a model, agents come with several variables.

>X,Y,Layer Display X axis, Y axis and Layer.

>Direction Display direction of agent.X axis 0. Anti-clockwise 360 degrees. Unit is degrees.

>Variables: Initial value All 0.Set up by [Settings (right-click) >Set Initial Value]

>Variables: Property Determine features and characteristics. [View (right-click) >Property] Details will follow.

>Let's add one new variable. [Insert (right-click) >Add Variable]

You are able to add variables freely. This agent (Walker) is expected to move around,so a variable indicating his speed ("Speed") will be added.

>Variables: Type This is type for each value of variable. Need to set type for all variables. Use real numbers.

○The tree structure is tentatively set. The picture appears as such...The tree can be redrawn whenever necessary.

●Set outputs

We have created agents and space. But without setting the outputs, we can neither see nor show them. [Settings>Outputs>Add (Map)] will display space. [Map Element List>Add] will display agents.

>The full cast of performers are ready. 「Walker」 will appear with the push of the button.

>By setting the outputs,you can set the **Map, Time Series Graphs, Bar Graphs, Value Screen and Data Files** as well. (shown in former task) Details on such settings will follow.

●Rule: Rule Editor and Execution Order (abbreviated version)

>With no instructions so far, the agents stand still. Once we write-in instructions, these performers or players will start to move. You can write-in rules by opening the (**Rule Editor**) [View (right click) >Rule Editor] Double-click will also work.

Agt_Init{}	Initial rule is executed once, when the agent is first created. Initial setting is done here and not with the tree.
Agt_Step{}	Execution rule which is executed at every step is written here.

○Execution order will be explained in detail, later. (Note: this is of crucial importance)

○Now you are prepared to write-in the rules.

☆ [Settings > Run Preferences > GC Interval] Change 10 to 1.

●Today's Grammar Tips

Basic rules in writing rules for 「Forward」 「Turn」 and in handling numbers and variables.

Forward ()

Proceed forward, this distance. (=forward as I see it)

e.g. Forward(1)

Turn ()

Turn left, this angle. (degrees) Change of Direction.

e.g., Turn(1), Turn(-10)

My.

Used when agent designates his own variable.

e.g., My.X, My.Y, My.Direction

=

Grammar to order replacing. Replace left hand variable with right hand figure.

e.g., My.X = 25 (Switch my X axis to 25)

rnd ()

Uniform random number that is more than 0 and less than 1.

e.g., My.Speed = rnd()*10 ()

int()

Round off, here. Example; If **3.1415**, it would be **3**.

e.g., My.Speed = int(rnd()*10) ()

●Agenda

- [1] Walker takes forward strides, one at a time towards X axis.
- [2] Walker takes forward strides, one at a time towards Y axis.
- [3] Walker takes forward strides, one at a time towards top right hand corner at 45 degrees.
- [4] Walker takes forward strides, which is turning 5 degrees left, one at a time.
- [5] Walker takes forward strides, which is turning 3 degrees right, one at a time.

- [6] Ten Walkers walk straight forward from the epicenter of the space, toward different directions.
- [7] Ten Walkers walk at different velocity, from the epicenter of the space, toward different directions.
- [8] Ten Walkers walk at different speed every time from the epicenter of the space, toward different directions.

- [9] Walker draws the biggest possible circle, without once getting out of space.
- [10] Intoxicated: totally drunk.
- [11] Skating from the origin to the epicenter of the space, how many spins can the figure skater do?