



STL, vector, cython
Automata

Build a C++ code to generate the Wolfram's R30 Automata algorithm

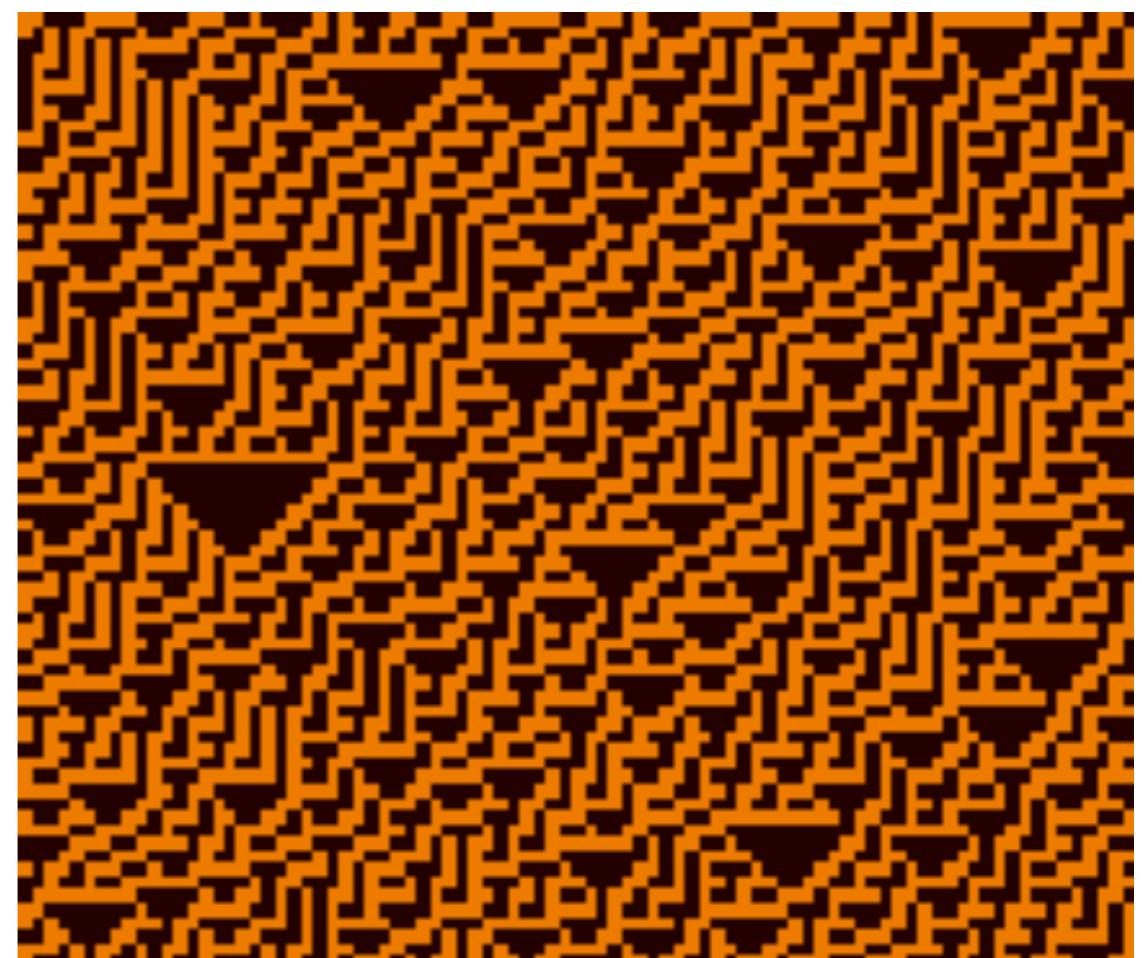
- C++ code
- Check that the code is working
- Generate a cython interface
- Generate a python interface
- Access C++ code through python

R30 algorithm

The simplest nontrivial cellular automaton would be one-dimensional, with two possible states per cell, and a cell's neighbors defined as the adjacent cells on either side of it. A cell and its two neighbors form a neighborhood of 3 cells, so there are $2^3 = 8$ possible patterns for a neighborhood. A rule consists of deciding, for each pattern, whether the cell will be a 1 or a 0 in the next generation. There are then $2^8 = 256$ possible rules.^[4] These 256 cellular automata are generally referred to by their [Wolfram code](#), a standard naming convention invented by Wolfram that gives each rule a number from 0 to 255. A number of papers have analyzed and compared these 256 cellular automata. The [rule 30](#) and [rule 110](#) cellular automata are particularly interesting.

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C++ header file

```
#import <vector>
#import <iostream>

std::vector<int> generate_start_pattern (const int n);
std::vector<int> generate_new_pattern (const std::vector<int> v);
```

C++ program file part1

```
#import <vector>
#import <iostream>
#import "cautomata.h"
// generate a start pattern
std::vector<int> generate_start_pattern (const int n)
{
    std::vector<int> v(n,0); // create vector of zeroes
    v[n/2]=1; // set the middle element to 1
    return v;
}

std::vector<int> generate_new_pattern (const std::vector<int> v)
{
    // current pattern          111 110 101 100 011 010 001 000
    // new state for center cell 0   0   0   1   1   1   1   0
    std::vector<int>::const_iterator it;
    std::vector<int>::iterator nit;
    std::vector<int> newv(v);
    for(it=v.begin()+1, nit=newv.begin()+1; it < v.end()-1; it++, nit++)
    {
        int value = 100 * *(it-1);
        value += 10 * *it;
        value += *(it+1);
        if (value==100 || value==1 || value==10 || value==11)
            *nit = 1;
        else
            *nit = 0;
    }
    return newv;
}
```

C++ program file part1

```
void print(const std::vector<int> v)
{
    for( std::vector<int>::const_iterator it = v.begin(); it != v.end(); ++it)
        std::cout << *it;
    std::cout << std::endl;
}

int main(int argc,char **argv)
{
    if (argc <= 1)
    {
        std::cout << "Syntax: automata #numberofcolumns" << std::endl;
        return -1;
    }
    int n = atoi(argv[1]);
    std::vector<int> v = generate_start_pattern (n);
    print(v);
    for(int i=0;i<30;++i)
    {
        v = generate_new_pattern (v);
        print(v);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Road map

- C++ code working
- Create the interface for cython (create a .pxd file)
- Create the interface for python (create a .pyx file)
- Create setup.py to compile the parts
- Create the python testcode
- Improve the python testcode using matplotlib

Interface C++ to Cython (.pxd)

```
# cautomata.pxd
import cython
from libcpp.vector cimport vector

cdef extern from "cautomata.h":
    vector[int] generate_start_pattern (const int n)
    vector[int] generate_new_pattern (const vector[int] v)
```

Interface Cython to Python (.pyx)

```
# automata.pyx
cimport cautomata as ca
from libcpp.vector cimport vector

def gfp(int n): #generate first pattern
    return ca.generate_start_pattern(n)

def gp(const vector[int] v): #take pattern and generate new one
    return ca.generate_new_pattern(v)
```

Interface Cython to Python (.pyx)

```
from distutils.core import setup
from distutils.extension import Extension
from Cython.Distutils import build_ext
import numpy
import os
os.environ["CC"] = "clang++" # on your system use g++
os.environ["CXX"] = "clang++" # on your system use g++
setup( name = 'myautomata', # module name to call in python code
ext_modules=[Extension("myautomata", # specifies all the files needed
                      sources=["automata.pyx","cautomata.cpp"],
                      language="c++", # tells cython to use C++ instead of C
                      include_dirs=[numpy.get_include(),"."])],
cmdclass = {'build_ext': build_ext},
)
```

build our C++/cython/python hybrid

```
nagal:example_automata>python setup.py build_ext --inplace
```

```
running build_ext
```

```
cythoning automata.pyx to automata.cpp
```

```
building 'myautomata' extension
```

```
creating build
```

```
creating build/temp.macosx-10.10-intel-2.7
```

```
clang++ -fno-strict-aliasing -fno-common -dynamic -arch x86_64 -arch i386 -g -Os -pipe -fno-common -fno-strict-aliasing -fwrapv -DENABLE_DTRACE -DMACOSX -DNDEBUG -Wall -Wstrict-prototypes -Wshorten-64-to-32 -DNDEBUG -g -fwrapv -Os -Wall -Wstrict-prototypes -DENABLE_DTRACE -arch x86_64 -arch i386 -pipe -I/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/numpy/core/include -I. -I/System/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/2.7/include/python2.7 -c automata.cpp -o build/temp.macosx-10.10-intel-2.7/automata.o
```

```
automata.cpp:1769:28: warning: unused function '__Pyx_PyObject_AsString' [-Wunused-function]  
static CYTHON_INLINE char* __Pyx_PyObject_AsString(PyObject* o) {
```

^many more warnings.....

```
automata.cpp:1626:27: warning: function '__Pyx_PyInt_As_long' is not needed and will not be emitted
```

```
[-Wunused-internal-declaration]
```

```
static CYTHON_INLINE long __Pyx_PyInt_As_long(PyObject **x) {
```

9 warnings generated.

```
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```

```
clang++ -bundle -undefined dynamic_lookup -arch x86_64 -arch i386 -Wl,-F. build/temp.macosx-10.10-intel-2.7/automata.o build/temp.macosx-10.10-intel-2.7/cautomata.o -o /Users/beerli/Documents/Work/talks/ISC-4304/lectures/L24/example_automata/myautomata.so
```

Python program: runautomata.py

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
import myautomata
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# takes image matrix an fills a line at index
def fill_line(image,x,index,width):
    for i in xrange(width):
        xx = pick_color(int(x[i]))
        image[index][i] = xx

# fills whole image using width and height, the burnin is allow
# a few cycles of the algorithms before we visualize them
def fill_image(image,width,height,burnin):
    x = myautomata.gfp(width) # start with first pattern
    for i in xrange(burnin): # burnin (throw a way cycles)
        x = myautomata.gp(x) # get next new pattern and overwrite the old
    line vector
    for i in range(height): # now collecting results
        x = myautomata.gp(x) # new line pattern
        fill_line(image,x,i,width) # insert line pattern into image
```

Python program: runautomata.py

```
def pick_color(i):
    # returns x which is a list of
    # RGB color + alpha channel
    # [Red, Green, Blue, Alpha]
    # the values are between 0 and 1
    # this is bright red: [1, 0, 0,1]
    if i==0:
        x = [0.1,0,0,1] # is reddish black
    else:
        x = [0.9,0.4,0,1] # this is yellowish orange-brown
    return x

if __name__ == '__main__':
    w=300
    h=400
    image = np.empty((w,h,4),np.float32)
    fill_image(image,h,w,200)
    ii=plt.imshow(image,interpolation='none', extent=[0,w,
0,h],aspect='auto')
    plt.show()
```

