

Introduction to Machine Learning with Robots and Playful Learning

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Abstract

Inspired by explanations of machine learning concepts in children’s books, we developed an approach to introduce supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning using a block-based programming language in combination with the benefits of educational robotics. Instead of using blocks as high-end APIs to access AI cloud services or to reproduce the machine learning algorithms, we use them as a means to put the student “in the algorithm’s shoes.” We adapt the training of neural networks, Q-learning, and k -means algorithms to a design and format suitable for children and equip the students with hands-on tools for playful experimentation. The children learn about direct supervision by modifying the weights in the neural networks and immediately observing the effects on the simulated robot. Following the ideas of constructionism, they experience how the algorithms and underlying machine learning concepts work in practice. We conducted and evaluated this approach with students in primary, middle, and high school. All the age groups perceived the topics to be very easy to moderately hard to grasp. Younger students experienced direct supervision as challenging, whereas they found Q-learning and k -means algorithms much more accessible. Most high-school students could cope with all the topics without particular difficulties.

Introduction

Th, guid, lin, s nd conc2i, 32o3os ls fo2AI cu2icul 3 y s3, ci 1 ii, nion io ih, i, chnologic 1 s3, cis of AI, , s3, - ci lly io chin, 1, 2ning (Slo n 2009; Bl k, l, y nd B2 z, 1 2019; Cl 2k, 2019; Tou2izky , i 1. 2019; Long nd M g, 2ko 2020; Wong , i 1. 2020). Child2n of ll l, v-, ls, f2o 32i 2y io high school, 2, , x3, ci, d io b, bl, io co3, wihih, c, ni213 2 dig s of chin, 1, 2ning: su3, 2- vis, d, unsu3, 2vis, d, nd 2info2c, , ni 1, 2ning (Willi s , i 1. 2019; K hn, i 1. 2018; J izl u, i 1. 2019; Mich , li, S, , g, 2 2 nd Ro , ik, 2020). Lin , i 1. (2020) nd Hii2on , i 1. (2019) 2gu, ih i und, 2si nding ih, conc2i, 32oc, ss, s

is 3 2icul 2y c2ici 1 in c2 iing ih, 32o3, 2 , ni 1 od, ls nd voiding iscone, 3iions. How, v, 2 f, w 332o ch, s focus on king ih, i, chnic 13 2i of chin, 1, 2ning i ngibl, fo2young l, 2n, 2s (Willi s, P 2k, nd B2, z, 1 2019; Willi s , i 1. 2019; Lin , i 1. 2020). Mosi cu22 ni 3-32o ch, s, iih, 22 s, bl, bl ck box o2 2, co 3lic i, d nd ihus in cc, ssibl, io 32i 2y- o2 iddl, -school siud, nis (J izl u, i 1. 2019).

Wiih ou2 332o ch, w, s, , k io fill ihis g 3. Ins3i2, d by n 22 iiv, i, chniqu, s, d, signs of child2n’s books, nd ih, dv ni g, s of, duc iion 12oboiics nd visu 132og2 ing 1 ngu g, s, w, d, v, lo3, d iwo , xi, nsions¹ fo2 ih, o3, nsou2c, 31 ifo2 O3, n Rob, 2 L bi¹:

- Th, N, u21N, iwo2k Pl yg2ound llows ih, us, 2io , x3, 2- i , ni wihih, 31, n, u21n, iwo2ks. Th, siud, ni c n i2 in ih, n, iwo2k by odifying ih, w, ighis nd di2cily ob- s, 2ving ih, , ff, cis on ih, si ul i, d 2oboi uniih ii b, h v, s s d, si2, d. In ihis w y, ih, siud, ni g2 s3s ih, conc, 3i of k ect supe v s on – 32oc, ss of djusiing ih, w, ighis in ih, n, u21n, iwo2k uniih, oui3ui is s iifs cio2y.
- Wiih ih, Q-1, 2ning Pl yg2ound, ih, siud, ni c n iink, 2 wihih, Q-1, 2ning lgo2ih by c2 iing uniqu, 1, 2ning , nvi2on , nis fo2ih, 2oboi nd 31 ying wihih, 3 2 , - i, 2s of ih, lgo2ih . Si, 3 by si, 3, ih, siud, ni c n d, bug ih, lgo2ih nd , x3lo2 how ii is 1, 2ning f2o ih, g, ni’s 3, 2s3, ciiv.

W, lso d, v, lo3, d n un3lugg, d ciiviit io k, unsu- 3, 2vis, d 1, 2ning i ngibl, by d 3iing ih, k- , ns lgo- 2ih . Ou2, xi, nsions 2 cco 3 ni, d by cu2iculu , which ini2oduc, s young l, 2n, 2s io ih, 2s3, ciiv, chin, 1, 2ning 3 2 dig s.

W, i, si, d ou2d, v, lo3 , nis wihih 24 3 2ici3 nis s 2, 3- 2s, ni iiv, s of ih2 , , duc iion l, v, ls: 32i 2y, iddl, , nd high school. In ih, , v lu iion, w, , x in, d how child2n

of diff, 2 ni g, s 3, 2c, iv, d ih, io3ics nd wh, ih, 2 ih, y h d difficulii, s in und, 2si nding ih, .

In ihis 3 3, 2 w, fi2si discuss ih, 2 l i, d wo2k on ih, in2oduccii of chin, 1, 2ning in schools s w, ll s b ck-g2ound siudi, s on ih, us, of 2obois, si ul iion, nd 3l yful l, 2ning in , duc iion. W, ih, n 32 s, ni d, sign 32inci3l, s ih i guid, d us in d, v, lo3ing ih, , xi, nsions nd ih, cu22iculu . W, coniinu, wiih 32 s, ni iion of ih, , xi, nsions nd su3-3l, , ni 2y i, 2 ls nd d, sc2ab, ou2, v lu iion ,ihods. In ih, ,nd, w, 32ovid, insights inio ih, us, 2study, su -2z, ih, child2 n's f, , db ck nd discuss ih, 2 sulis.

Background and Related Work

Machine Learning in Schools

Alihough ih, 2 is wid, 2 ng, of, sy-io-us, s, 2vic, s ini2o-ducing b, ginn, 2s io su3, 2vis, d chin, 1, 2ning, ih, y usu-lly us, only li ii, d nu b, 2of d, sc23iiv, , x 3l, s, such s i g, , i, xi, sound cl ssific iion (T, ch bl, M chin, s, M chin, L, 2ning fo2 Kids), o2 s3, , ch synih, sis (Cogni-i, s)ii. Th, in dis dv ni g, of using such 33lic iions in ,duc iion is ih i ih, ,ch nis s und, 2lying i2 ining nd cl ssific iion 2 in hidd, n f2o ih, us, 2 (Hii2on ,i l. 2019; J izl u ,i l. 2019). Th, child2 n 3l y wiih high-, nd sysi, s nd 2, dy-i2 in, d od, ls, wiih no 033o2uniyi io l, 2n how ih, i2 ining is 3, 2fo2 ,d nd how lgo2ih s wo2k b, hind ih, sc, n, s. Th, 2, h v, b, ,n inc2 sing ,ffo2is io o3, n ih, bl ck box of su3, 2vis, d l, 2ning using visu 1 32og2 ing 1 ngu g, s. How, v, 2 ,v, n ih, n, ih, s, ofi, n, iih, 2 32ovid, n ini, 2f c, io 3ow, 2ful high-, nd APIs (1 2ug 2018) o22, 32oduc, ih, und, 2lying conc, 3is wiihou d 3iing ih, fo2ih, young l, 2n, 2 Th, 32o3os 1 by K hn ,i l. (2020) nd K hn ,i l. (2018) io i, ch d, ,3 l, 2ning, i g, cl ssific iion, nd s3, , ch synih, sis wiih 32og2 -ing 1 ngu g, Sn 3! is h 2dly suii bl, fo2child2 n, du, io iis co 3lic i, d i, chnic 1 i, 2 inology nd i 3l, ,ni iion.

Ini2oducio2y ciiviii, s 2ound 2 info2c, , ni nd unsu-3, 2vis, d l, 2ning 2, 22. Mich ,li, S, ,g, 2, 2 nd Ro ,ik, (2020) conduci, d c s, study ini2oducing unsu3, 2vis, d chin, 1, 2ning wiih ih, 1, 2ning v, cio2 qu niiz iion 1-go2ih . How, v, 2 ih, block-b s, d 332o ch us, d in ih, siudy is co 3l, x nd i 2g, is high-school siud, nis. So , c s, siudi, s h v, focus, d on i, ching Q-l, 2ning s on, of ih, 2 info2c, , ni l, 2ning lgo2ih s (J izl u ,i l. 2019; Toivon, n, Jo2 n in, n, nd Tuki in, n 2017). Ag in, ih, s, ciiviii, s 2 i ,d i und, 2g2 du i, nd high-school siud, nis nd do noi 33ly io young, 2child2 n.

Blocks and Robots

K hn nd Wini, 2s (2017) nd J izl u ,i l. (2019) 2gu, ih i block-b s, d 332o ch is child-f2, ndly, iniuiiiv, , nd si2 ighifo2w 2d. Th, us, of blocks 32ovid, s ih, us, 2 wiih

, sy cc, ss nd low b 2i, 2s io ,ni2y inio 32og2 ing 3-3lic iions (1 2ug 2018; K hn ,i l. 2020). How, v, 2 ih, us, of blocks do, s noi n, c, ss 2ily i 3ly ih, si 3lific iion of ih, coni, ni iis, lf. Alihough blocks y b, us, d io ini2oduc, co 3l, x io3ics, ih, 2, 32 s, ni iion of ih, lgo2ih s 32o-3os, d by K hn nd Wini, 2s (2017) nd J izl u ,i l. (2019) is noi suii bl, fo2young child2 n, du, io iis co 3lic i, d vo-c bul 2y nd nu , 2ous i, chnic 1 d, i ils.

Th, 2, h v, b, ,n f, w ii, 3is io i 3l, ,ni 2obois in ih, cl ss2oo io i, ch young child2 n boui chin, 1, 2ning. Th, i2 succ, ss nd ,ff, ciiv, n, ss h v, b, ,n d, onsi2 i, d in s ll nu b, 2 of c s, siudi, s wiih kind, 2g 2, n nd 32-2y-school siud, nis (1 2ug ,i l. 2018; Willi s, P 2k, nd B2, z, 1 2019; Willi s, i l. 2019; Lin ,i l. 2020).

Simulation and Modeling

Roboi si ul io2s 2 s b, n, fici 1 io ih, 1, 2ning 32oc, ss s ih, o3, 2 iion of ih, 2, 1 2oboi (P 3, 2 1993). Si ul io2s ,v, n h v, d, cisiv, dv ni g, -ih, ii , 2 qui2 d fo2cod, -i, si-d, bug loo3s is consid, 2 bly l, ss ih n wo2king wiih 2, 1 2obois (1 odds, i l. 2006).

Si ul iion is n ciiviyy ih i ciiv, ly ,ng g, s wiih od-, ls, nd ii coni ins signific ni l, 2ning 3oi, nii l. In ih, cu2-2 ni vi, w of od, ling s 32 g iic 32oc, ss, s wiih signific ni ,3isi, ologic 1 3oi, nii l (G, lf, 2 2016; Ciul ,i l. 2018), ciiv, ,ng g, ,ni wiih od, ls, o2“i gin 2y con-c2 i ” (Godf2y-S iih 2009: 108), h s signific ni 3oi, nii l in 2 s, 2ch s w, ll s in 1, 2ning (N, 2s, ssi n 2008). Ind, ,d, si ul iion is co2 conc, 3i wiih which co 3ui, 2g ,s c n b, und, 2siood; ii is c2, iiv, conf2oni iion wiih n 22 iologic 1 und, 2si nding (A 2s, ih 1998).

On, finds ,x3, 2 ,ni l, 3l yful, nd 32 ciic 1 32obl, solving in ny co 3ui, 2g ,s s w, ll s in ih, long his-2o2y of g ing nd 31 y (S 1, n, i l. 2004; Fl n g n 2009). Ii h s signific ni uni 33, d 3oi, nii l in wid, 2 of 33li-c iions, f2o flighi si ul io2s io ih, 2 c, ni g2owih in g -ific iion. W, b, li, v, ih i ih, boiio -u3 332o ch in ou22-s, 2ch, wh, 2 b sic und, 2si nding of 32 ciic 1 cyb, 2n, iics is us, d io ,si blish ih, b sis fo2 chin, 1, 2ning, 32ovid, s 2obus found iion fo2 fu2ih, 2 d, v, lo3 ,ni of i, ching ,ihodologi, s g2ound, d in c2, iiv, nd 3l yful od, ling b s, d on si ul iion sysi, s.

Methodology and Curriculum Design

Consid, 2ing ih, sho2ico ings of cu22 ni 332o ch, s, w, 32o3os, cu22iculu fo2ini2oducing chin, 1, 2ning wiih si ul i, d 2obois nd ih, visu 1 32og2 ing 1 ngu g, NEPO.

W, build on ih, iwo “big id, s” of AI – 3, 2c, 3iion nd 1, 2ning (Tou2, izky ,i l. 2019) – s 32 ciic 1 guid nc, fo2 d, signing AI cu22icul . Siud, nis 2 ,x3, ci, d io c2, i, 3-3lic iions wiih si ul i, d 2obois. This h, l3s ih, io

und, 2si nd 3, 2c, 3iiion s 32oc, ss in which s, nso2s 2, us, d io, xi2 ci d i f2o ih, ,nvi2on ,ni. Ai ih, s , ii , ih, y i , 2s, ih, s, lv, s in ih, ch ll, ng, s of su3, 2vis, d, unsu3, 2vis, d, nd 2 info2c, , ni l, 2ning by i2 ining n, u2 l n, iwo2ks nd ini, 2 ciing wih und, 2ying lgo2ih s.

W, lso iook ins3i2 iion f2o ih, “Fou2 P’s of C2, iiv, L, 2ning” (R, snick nd Robinson 2017) s od, 2n f2 , -wo2k ih i, ng g, s siud, nis in c2, iiv, 1, 2ning ,x3, 2, nc, s. W, si2v, io inco2o2 i, ih, i2 id, s of 3l yful l, 2ning (P - 3, 2 1993; R, snick nd Robinson 2017; R, snick nd Silv, 2 - n 2005) inio ou2, xi, nsions wh, 2 v, 23ossibl, . Alihough w, d, sign, d so , si2uci2d ciiviii, s, such s N, u2 l N, i-wo2k nd R, info2c, , ni L, 2ning C 2ds, io h, l3 l, 2n, 2s g, i si 2, d, ou2 i is ih i ih, y s, 2v, s si, 33ing sion, nd noi fin 1 d, siin iion. W, w ni io, n bl, ih, 3 2ici3 nis io 3l y wihi chin, 1, 2ning i, chnologi, s nd k, so , -ihing ih i ini, 2, sis ih, , following ih, id, s of consi2uc- iionis (Qu, i2oz , i l. 2020; Mich , li, S, ,g, 2 2, nd Ro- , ik, 2020; P 3, 2 nd H 2 11991).

W, odifi, d ih, d, sign 32nci3 1of, bodi, d ini, 2 ciion (Long nd M g, 2ko 2020), by vi2u lly 3uiiing ih, siud, ni in “ih, g, ni’s sho, s.” L, 2n, 2s should i , 2s, ih, s, lv, s in ih, b, h vio2of ih, si ul i, d 2booi. 1 oing so llows ih, io look b, hind ih, sc, n, s nd ihus 32o oi, s i2 ns3 2ncy (Long nd M g, 2ko 2020) – noih, 2 32nci3l, iow 2d , x-3l ining AI.

W, lso b s, d ou2 332o ch on ih, 32nci3l, of “low floo2s nd wid, w lls” io cco od i, child2, n c2oss v 2- ious , duc iion nd skill l, v, ls (R, snick nd Silv, 2 n 2005). W, h v, d, ii s , sy s 3ossibl, io g, i si 2, d wihi ih, , xi, nsions, whil, d, signing o33o2uniii, s fo2 siud, nis io div, d, , 3, 2inio ih, wo2k on ih, io3ics. To ihis , nd, w, iook ins3i2 iion f2o ih, g2 3hic d, sign nd sio2yi, lling of child2, n’s books. W, follow, d ih, 32nci3l, s d, sc2b, d by C si, ll (2018) in k, , 3ing ou2, xi, nsions nd i, 2i ls 33, ling nd si2 ighifo2w 2d: 1 , signs fo2child2, n h v, io c i, 2io , v, 2yon, nd l, v, 2oo fo2, x3lo2 iion.

Th, , nii2, cu2culu consisis of fou2 ih, iic odul, s nd 1 sis 2ound 360 inui, s, which ih, i, ch, 2c n sho2, n o2, xi, nd s n, , d, d.

Modul, 1, “How do, s you22boi l, 2n?,” ini2oduc, s child2, n io ih, ih2, , 3 2 dig s of chin, l, 2ning: su3, 2vis, d, unsu3, 2vis, d, nd 2 info2c, , ni l, 2ning (Russ, ll nd No2vig 2016). Th, child2, n discuss iwo , x3, 2, , nis 32o- 3os, d by B2 ii, nb, 2g, “F, 2” nd “Lov,” (B2 ii, nb, 2g 1986), which ih, f cilii io2 3, 2fo2 s wihi 2booi in ih, f2oni of ih, cl ss. W, chos, ih, s , x3, 2, , nis b, c us, ih, y 2, si 3l, , ni2y 3oini inio ih, qu, siions of wh i ini, lli- g, nc, is nd how ii 2, l i, s io l, 2ning. Afí, 2ih, discussion, ih, f cilii io2holds sho2 in3ui l, ciu2 ih i ini2oduc, s - chin, l, 2ning.

In Modul, 2, “T, ching you22boi,” ih, child2, n i, ch ih, 2booi v 2ous b, h vio2s ih2ough di2, ci su3, 2vision. Th, y c2, i, si 3l, n, u2 l n, iwo2ks by co 3osing sho2 32og2 s

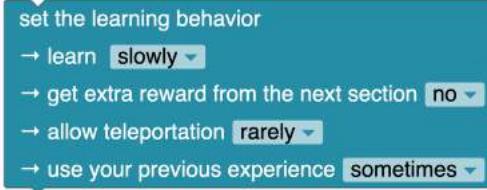
in ih, O3, n Rob, 2 L b. Wh, n ih, y si 2 ih, 32og2 on ih, si ul i, d 2booi, ih, 32og2 is co 3il, d, nd n, u2 l n, iwo2k by odifying ih, w, ighis nd obs, 2ving ih, 2 sulis di2, cily f2o ih, b, h vio2of ih, 2booi. Th, 32oc, ss of djusiing ih, w, ighis uniil ih, 2booi b, h v, s s d, si2, d is wh i w, , n by k ect supe v s on – ih, siud, nis 2, involv, d in ih, i2 ining 32oc, ss of ih, n, u2 l n, iwo2k nd i ii i, ii by nu lly djusiing ih, w, ighis. As ih, child2, n 2, c, iv, i , di i, f, , db ck f2o ih, configu2 iion of ih, n, iwo2k, ih, y b, gin io und, 2si nd how ih, 2booi l, 2ns. I , 2sing ih, s, lv, s in ih, i2 ining 32oc, ss llows ih, io focus on ih, und, 2ying 32oc, ss, s of su3, 2vis, d l, 2ning. Ai ih, s , ii , ih, child2, n discov, 2h nds-on co 3on, nis of n, u2 l n, iwo2ks, such s nod, s, l y, 2s, links, nd w, ighis. Th, y c n si 2 wihi ih, N, u2 l N, iwo2k C 2ds, bui ih, y 2, ih, n , ncou2 g, d io , x3lo2 nd i, si ih, li iis of wh i ih, y c n i, ch io ih, 2booi.

In Modul, 3, “L, i you22boi l, 2n f2o ,x3, 2, nc, ,” ih, child2, n , x3lo2 ih, Q-l, 2ning lgo2ih using ih, O3, n Rob, 2 L b nd n lyz, how 2booi l, 2ns ih2ough 2- w 2ds. W, chos, Q-l, 2ning, b, c us, ii is si 3l, od, l-f2, lgo2ih ih i h s l2 dy b, , n i, si, d wihi child2, n, nd ii is suii bl, fo2us, in schools (J izl u, i l. 2019). Th, child2, n c n c2, i, uniqu, l, 2ning ,nvi2on ,nis fo2ih, 2booi nd , x3, 2, , ni wihi ih, 3 2 , i, 2s of ih, lgo2ih . Afí, 2ih, y si 2 ih, 32og2 on ih, 2booi, ih, y obs, 2v, nd n lyz, ih, l, 2ning nd 2 soning 32oc, ss si, 3 by si, 3 wihi ih, Q-l, 2ning Pl yg2ound. Th, y y , x3, 2, nc, c s, s in which ih, 2booi f ils io l, 2n nd finds no w y oui, nd ih, y c n ih, n co22 ci ih, lgo2ih in ih, n, xi ii, 2 iion.

Fin lly, in Modul, 4, “C n 2boois l, 2n uiono ously?,” ih, child2, n 2, ini2oduc, d io ih, k- , ns lgo2ih ih2ough un3lugg, d ciiviii, s. Th, f cilii io2 l, ds discussion on how ih, 2booi would g2ou3 ih, obj, cis on ih, i bl, wihiou ny 32 vious knowl, dg, . H, o2sh, ih, n so2s ih, ii, s c- co2ding io ih, k- , ns lgo2ih , wihiou , x3l ining wh i c2i, 2 w s us, d fo2ih, g2ou3ing. Th, child2, n 2, ncou2- g, d io k, gu, ss, s. Afí, 2discussing ih, g2ou3ing c2i, 2 nd , x3l ining ih, so2ing 32nci3l, s, ih, siud, nis g2ou3 ih, ii, s ih, s, lv, s nd l, i oih, 2s gu, ss ih, i2c2i, 2 . This ci- iiiiyy i s io ini2oduc, ih, io clusi, 2 n lysis nd wh i ii , ns io b, in g2ou3.

Extensions Design and Learning Materials

W, d, sign, d ou2 chin, l, 2ning 3l yg2ounds b s, d on ih, O3, n Rob, 2 L b, visu1 block-b s, d o3, n-sou2c, 32og2 ing 3l ifo2 . W, chos, ihis coding 3l ifo2 du, io iis focus on i, ching 32og2 ing wihi 2boois nd iis d- v nc, d , cosysi, , including 2booi si ul iion (K, ii, 2 , i l. 2015; Josi , i l. 2014). W, , xi, nd, d ih, 3l ifo2 wihi iwo 3l yg2ounds fo2ih, si ul i, d LEGO EV3 2booi.



Figu2_1. Block fo2 s, iing u3 ih, l, 2ning b, h vio2

Fi2si, w, , xi, nd, d ih, block c i, go2i, s in ih, O3, n Rob-
2i L b wiil ih, n, w c i, go2y of AI consisiing of iwo sub-
c i, go2i, s: N, u2 1 N, iwo2ks nd R, info2c, , ni L, 2ning.
Fo2N, u2 1 N, iwo2ks, w, d, fin, d 10 n, w blocks:

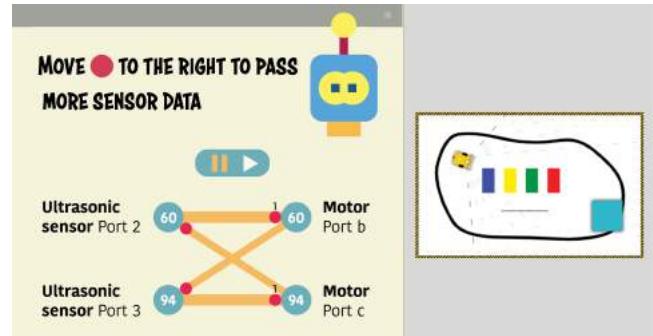
- Neu al netwo k h s iwo o3, nings fo2ih, in3ui nd oui3ui
1 y, 2s. T, chnic lly, w, includ, d ih, c s, ih i ih, us, 2c n
, xi, nd ih, block wiil hidd, n l y, 2s. How, v, 2 ih, cu22, ni
block do, s noi y, i 2 32, s, ni ihis g2 3hic lly.
- Neu on is block wiil lisi in ih, b ck, nd wh, 2 ih, us, 2
c n 3lug in diff, 2 ni iy3, s of in3ui nd oui3ui nod, s.
Th, 2, is no li ii io ih, nu b, 2of n, u2ons in 1 y, 2
- Input ank output nokes, , n bl, ih, us, 2io 3lug in ih, ul-
i2 sonic nd ih, colo2 s, nso2s in lighi, RGB, nd colo2
od, s s ih, n, u2ons of ih, in3ui 1 y, 2. In ih, oui3ui
1 y, 2 ih, us, 2c n 3lug in oio2 LE1, i, xi, nd sound.

Fo2ih, subc i, go2y of R, info2c, , ni L, 2ning, w, i -
3l, , ni, d fou2n, w blocks, fo2 which w, d 3i, d ih, 3-
3, 2 nc, of ih, lgo2ih conc, 2ning i, chnic 1 voc bul 2y
io k, ih, lgo2ih i ngibl, .

- Map llows us, 2s io s, i u3 ih, , nvi2on , ni fo2 ih, Q-
1, 2ning lgo2ih .
- Lea n ng behav o configu2 s ih, 3 2 , i, 2s fo2 ih, Q-
1, 2ning lgo2ih . Figu2_1 shows how us, 2s s, , ih,
block. Ii is n, x 3l, of how w, h v, d 3i, d ih, i, chnic
1 voc bul 2y of ih, Q-L, 2ning lgo2ih fo2 young
siud, nis. Th, fi2i 3 2 , i, 2 is A13h , ih, s, cond is
G , , ih, ih2d is Rho, nd ih, fou2h is Nu.
- Ga n expe ence iniii liz, s ih, Q-l, 2ning Pl yg2ound,
wh, 2 ih, child2 n c n s3, cify ih, du2 iion in s, cond s
nd ih, nu b, 2of , 3isod, s.
- D aw opt mal path d2 ws ih, w y fo2ih, 2boi io , xii ih,
1 by2nih.

S, cond, w, i 3l, , ni, d iwo chin, l, 2ning 3l y-
g2ounds. In ih, N, u2 1 N, iwo2k Pl yg2ound, ih, siud, nis
, x3, 2 , ni wiil di2 ci su3, 2vision by djusiing ih, w, ighis
of ih, n, iwo2k. Th, Q-l, 2ning Pl yg2ound 32o oi, s ih,
i2 ns3 2 ncy of ih, l, 2ning 32oc, ss nd llows ih, us, 2s io
si 2 o2 sio3 ih, , x, cuision of ih, lgo2ih . Th, y c n lso
d, bug ih, lgo2ih si, 3 by si, 3.

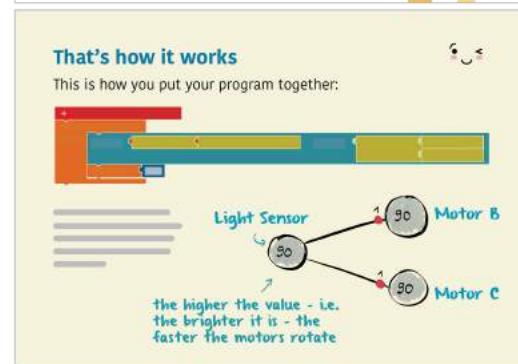
Figu2_2 d, onsi2 i, s ih, N, u2 1 N, iwo2k Pl yg2ound on
ih, l, fi nd ih, si ul iion of ih, 2boi on ih, 2ghi. Th, in3ui
1 y, 2 h s iwo in3ui n, u2ons, which 2 uli2 sonic s, nso2s
conn, ci, d io 3o2s 2 nd 3. Th, oui3ui 1 y, 2consisis of iwo
n, u2ons (i., , oio2s conn, ci, d io 3o2s b nd c). If ih, us, 2



Figu2_2. N, u2 1 N, iwo2k Pl yg2ound

djusis w, ighis now, ih, 2boi i , di i, ly ch ng, s iis b, -
h vio2 In Figu2_2, ih, w, ighi b, iw, , n ih, fi2si in3ui nd
fi2si oui3ui n, u2on is s, i io 1. Ii , ns ih i ih, v lu, of ul-
i2 sonic s, nso2 i 3o2 2, which is cu22, nily 60, is co 3l, i, ly
i2 nsf, 22, d io oio2 i 3o2 b. Cons, qu, nily, oio2 i 3o2 b
2oi i, s i s3, , d of 60. Th, s , 33li, s io ih, uli2 sonic
s, nso2 i 3o2 3 nd ih, oio2 i 3o2 c. Such configu2 iion
of ih, n, u2 1 n, iwo2k 2, sulis in ih, following b, h vio2 of
ih, 2boi: ih, clos, 2ih, 2boi is io ih, obj, ci, ih, low, 2ih,
v lu, of ih, iwo uli2 sonic s, nso2s, nd ih, slow, 2ih, co2-
2 s3onding 2oi iions of ih, oio2s.

W, c2, i, d, ighi N, u2 1 N, iwo2k c 2ds io ini2oduc, ih,
us, 2io di2, ci su3, 2vision nd n, u2 1 n, iwo2ks. Figu2_3
shows ih, l, 2ning c 2d “Incogniio.”



Figu2_3. N, u2 1 N, iwo2k C 2d “Incogniio”

All ih, c 2ds 2, si il 2y si2iciu2 d. On ih, f2oni sid, , w, d, sc2ib, ih, i sk nd 32ovid, hinis. H, 2, fo2 insi nc, , w, show ih, n, w blocks ih i ih, 1, 2n, 2n, , ds nd , x3l in why ih, 2boi will ii, 3i io d2iv, onio ih, whii, 2. On ih, b ck, w, off, 2ih, soluiion fo2ih, 32og2 nd ou2configu2 iion of ih, n, u2 l n, iwo2k.

Th, v, hicl, s 32o3os, d by B2 ii, nb, 2g (1986) w, 2 ou2in-s3i2 iion fo2 ih, c 2ds. H, nc, , w, d 3i, d iwo sc, n 2os: “F, 2” i, ch, s ih, 2boi io b, “f2 id” of obsi cl, s, whil, “F2, ndshi3” insi2ucis ii io b, f2, ndly. W, dd, d six fu2h, 2, x 3l, s: (1) Ch , l, on – T, ch ih, 2boi io d 3i iis, If io ih, , nvi2on , ni, (2) Incogniio – T, ch ih, 2boi io void b2ghi 3l c, s, (3) Aii, nion – Educ i, ih, 2boi on ih, i2 ffic 2ul, s, (4) Loud 1 isi nc, – Ins2uci ih, 2boi io , su2, ih, disi nc, io ih, obsi cl, oui loud, (5) Ini, 2, si – L, i ih, 2boi , x3lo2, ih, 1 ndsc 3, , nd (6) R lly – En bl, ih, 2boi io si, 2ih, colo2 d cu2v, s.

Figu2 4 d, onsi2 i, s ih, Q-L, 2ning Pl yg2ound. Afi, 2 ih, 1, 2n, 2h s c2 i, d 32og2 using ih, blocks nd i2 ns-f, 22 d ii io ih, 2boi, ih, Q-L, 2ning Pl yg2ound is g, n, 2 i, d dyn ic lly. Th, , nvi2on , ni 2 fl, cis ih, 3 2 , i, 2s ih i ih, us, 2h s s, i in ih, 2 info2c, , ni l, 2ning blocks. On 32, ssing ih, si 2 buision, ih, us, 2si 2s ih, 1, 2ning 32oc, ss, which c n b, obs, 2v, d in ih, n vig iion b 2 i ih, io3 nd on ih, 3. Afi, 2ih, 1, 2ning is finish, d, ih, o3ii 13 ih oui of ih, 1 by2nih is d2 wn, nd ih, 2boi c n now follow ii. Figu2 4 shows ih, 1 si si, 3, wh, 2, ih, 2boi follows ih, o3ii 13 ih.

W, cco 3 ni, d ih, Q-l, 2ning Pl yg2ound wiih ih, - i, 2 ls, such s ih, Q-l, 2ning c 2ds (on which ih, us, 2c n i k, noi, s), Q&A, block d, sc23iions, nd flow di g2 on how Q-l, 2ning wo2ks. Th, i, 2 ls d, v, lo3, d i io k, ih, Q-l, 2ning lgo2ih i ngibl, , v, n fo2 young l, 2n, 2s.

Fo2ih, un3lugg, d ciiviyy ih i ini2oduc, s ih, k- , ns lgo2ih , ih, f cilii io2only n, , ds s, i coni ining so , obj, cis nd diff, 2 ni colo2 d Posi-iis. W, ss, bl, d ou2 col-1, ciion f2o v 2ious d2inking v, ss, ls nd coni in, 2s.



Figu2 4. Q-L, 2ning Pl yg2ound

Th, f cilii io2siicks Posi-iis on 3o2iion of ih, 2 ndo ii, s ih i s, 2v, s s ih, clusi, 2 c, ni, 2s. Th, 2 ining ob-j, cis in ih, s, i 2, ih, n co 3 2 d wiih , ch clusi, 2 c, ni, 2 b s, d on c2i, 2ion known only io ih, f cilii io2 Afi, 2co - 3 2ng , ch ii, wiih ih, clusi, 2 c, ni, 2s, ih, f cilii io2 3l c, s ih, obj, ci b, hind ih, on, clusi, 2c, ni, 2ih i h, o2sh, ihinks is ih, b, si fii. Th, v, 2sion of ih, k- , ns lgo2ih ih i w, 3, 2fo2 , d wiih ih, child2, n w s si 3lifi, d. Ii co - 32s, d only ih, fi2si si g, of ih, lgo2ih wiihoui 3osi-clus-i, 2ng. How, v, 2, ii c n b, , sily inco23o2 i, d inio ih, , x-3, 2 , ni.

User Study

W, i, si, d wh, ih, 2 ih, l, 2ning , x3, 2, nc, wiih ih, , xi, n-sions d, v, lo3, d fo2 chin, l, 2ning 32o oi, s ih, child2 n’s und, 2si nding of ih, und, 2lying conc, 3is of ih, subj, ci. In 3 2icul 2 w, , v lu i, d how ini, 2 siing nd how dif-ficuli ih, siud, nis found ih, individu 1 io3ics. W, Iso sk, d ih, child2 n wh i ih, y ithough AI nd chin, l, 2ning w, 2, boih i ih, b, ginning nd ih, , nd of ih, s, ssion. In ddiion, w, qu, siiion, d ih, i2 oiiiv iion io coniinu, wo2king on chin, l, 2ning.

Method

Participants

Ou2 i in d, v, lo3ing ih, , xi, nsions nd i, ching i, 2 ls is io 2, ch child2 n of diff, 2 ni g, s nd wiih no 32o2 knowl, dg, in chin, l, 2ning. Th, 2 fo2 , w, conduci, d c s, siudy wiih siud, nis in v 2ious g, g2ou3s. Tw, niy-fou2 child2, n 3 2ici3 i, d in ih, siudy (G2 d, s 3–4: fou2boys nd fiv, gi2ls; 5–6: six boys nd on, gi2; 7–9: s, v, n boys only). W, could noi s, l, ci ih, 3 2ici3 nis ou2s, lv, s, sinc, ih, s, ssions w, 2, o2g niz, d s 3 2 of su , 2-v c iion 32og2 nd h d io b, si ff, d on “fi2si co , , fi2si s, 2v,” b sis. So , 3 2ici3 nis ii, nd, d ih, s, ssion on ih, i23 2, nis’ 2, c-o , nd iion nd w, 2, iniii lly noi , nihusi siic boui ih, wo2ksho3s. Th, f cilii io2 w s info2 , d ih i so , of ih, siud, nis h v, s3, ci 1 n, , ds.

W, h, ld ih2, , ssions in ioi 1, on, 3, 2d y. E ch s, ssion 1 si, d six school hou2s (45 inui, s) nd w s conduci, d in block wiih sho2 b2 ks. On ih, fi2si d y, w, i, si, d ih, , xi, nsions wiih ih, high-school siud, nis in G2 d, s 7–9 (G1), on ih, s, cond d y wiih ih, 32 2y-school siud, nis in G2 d, s 3–4 g2 d, s (G2), nd on ih, ihi2d d y wiih ih, id-dl, -school child2 n in G2 d, s 5–6 (G3). All ih, child2 n h d 32o2 knowl, dg, of wo2king in ih, O3, n Rob, 2 L b wiih 2, 1 LEGO EV3 2bois, s ih, y h d 3 2ici3 i, d in n ini2oducio2y s, ssion on ih, 32 vious d y.

Procedure

In , ch s, ssion, w, follow, d ih, odul, s s d, sc2ib, d in ih, “M, ihodology nd Cu22iculu 1, sign” s, ciion. W, d- sign, d ou232, s, ni iion nd insi2uciions wiih si2ong focus

on ih, young, 2 siud, nis nd us, d ih, fo2 ll ih, g, g2ou3s. Fi2si, w, info2 lly 32 - ss, ss, d ih, knowl, dg, of ih, child2n on chin, 1, 2ning nd AI. W, ih, n co - 3l, i, d ih, odul, s in o2d, 2 Ai ih, , nd, ih, child2n fill, d oui sho2 qu, siionn i2s. On ih, s, cond nd ihi2d d y, w, ch ng, d ih, o2d, 2 of ih, odul, s, b, c us, ih, , x3, 2, nc, s f2o ih, fi2si d y indic i, d ih i 2, info2c, , ni 1, 2ning w s ioo difficuli io b, i ckl, d in ih, fi, 2noon; ih, conc, ni2 iion of ih, siud, nis w s low, 2in ih, fi, 2noon ih n in ih, o2ning. W, 2 co2d, d ih, s, ssions, nd n obs, 2v, 2logg, d ih, ciiviii, s fo2 ll ih2, d ys.

Limitations

Sinc, w, could noi influ, nc, ih, co 3osiiion of ih, 3 2ici3 ni g2ou3s, w, w, 2, noi bl, io b 1 nc, ih, by g, nd, 2 W, lso could noi coll, ci d, i il, d info2 iion boui ih, b ckg2ound of, ch 3 2ici3 ni.ⁱⁱⁱ 1 u, io , su2s g insi co2on vi2us dis, s, (COVII -19), w, h d iwo o2g niz - iion 12, si2ciions: (1) Only s ll nu b, 2of child2n could 3 2ici3 i, in ih, s, ssions, nd (2) ih, siud, nis w, 2, noi 1-low, d io wo2k in g2ou3s. Th, 2 fo2, w, h d io li ii ll ciiviii, s io individu 1 wo2k.

In i, 2 s of coni, ni, w, 2, si2ci, d ih, Q-l, 2ning , nvi2on , nis io ih2, 3s nd llow, d ih, siud, nis io s, i s ny obsi cl, s s ih, y w ni, d. This w s n, c, ss 2y fo2 obi ining co 3 2 bl, 2 sulis i ih, , nd. How, v, 2 ou2d, sign do, s 1-low siud, nis io c2 i, nd u3lo d, nvi2on , nis on ih, i2own und, 2c, 2 in condiiions.

W, did noi sysi, iic lly, x in, wh, ih, 2ou2 332o ch w s , ff, ciiv, in i, 2 s of , su2ng knowl, dg, g2owih ong siud, nis fi, 2, ch ciiviyy. Insi, d, w, i , d io in-v, siig i, how ih, siud, nis 3, 2c, iv, d ih, io3ics nd wh, ih, ih, y w, 2 bl, io co3, wihih, co 3l, xiyy of ih, coni, ni. Fuiu2 siudi, s will focus on i, siing , ff, ciiv, n, ss, wihih o2 3 2ici3 nis, b, ii, 2g, nd, 2b 1 nc, , nd div, 2siy in i, 2 s of socio, cono ic b ckg2ound.

Questionnaire

W, w, 2, ini, 2 si, d in ih, child2n's 3, 2c, 3iion of ih, io3ics. Ou2go 1 w s io und, 2si nd how ih, child2n f, li boui ih, 332o ch, s nd wh, ih, 2 ih, y h d difficuliy und, 2si nding ih, . On ihis b sis, w, d, v, lo3, d qu, siionn i2, wihih six ii, s, b s, d on fiv, -3oini s, niic diff, 2 nii 1 sc 1, . W, chos, ih, s, niic diff, 2 nii 1 sc 1, , b, c us, ii , n bl, s quick , su2 , ni of iiiud, s nd 3, 2fo2 s w, ll wihih f, w ii, s (S lkind 2006). Ou2 ii, s w, 2 : (1) How ini, 2 siing did you find ih, io3ic "Su3, 2vis, d L, 2ning nd N, u2 1 N, iwo2ks"? (2) How ini, 2 siing did you find ih, io3ic "Unsu-3, 2vis, d L, 2ning"? (3) How ini, 2 siing did you find ih, io3ic "R, info2c, , ni L, 2ning"? (4) W s ih, io3ic "Su3, 2vis, d L, 2ning nd N, u2 1 N, iwo2ks" difficuli io und, 2 si nd? (5) W s ih, io3ic "Unsu3, 2vis, d L, 2ning" difficuli io und, 2si nd? (6) W s ih, io3ic "R, info2c, , ni L, 2ning" difficuli io und, 2si nd?

Interest	Score	Difficulty
v, 2y unini, 2, siing	1	v, 2y difficuli
unini, 2, siing	2	difficuli
n, ui2 1	3	n, ui2 1
ini, 2, siing	4	, sy
v, 2y ini, 2, siing	5	v, 2y , sy

T bl, 1. 1 isi2buiion of sco2, s fo2, ch 2, s3ons,

To nsw, 2, ch qu, siiion, ih, child2n could ch, ck nu - b, 2on sc 1, f2o 1 io 5 b, iw, , n iwo 3 i2s of dj, ciiv, s: "v, 2y unini, 2, siing" – "v, 2y ini, 2, siing" fo2qu, siiions 1 io 3 nd "v, 2y difficuli" – "v, 2y , sy" fo2qu, siiions 4 io 6. W, ih, n cod, d, ch 2, s3ons, f2o 1 io 5, s shown in T bl, 1.

In o2d, 2 io obi in ih, ov, 2 ll iiiud, sco2, $\overline{resp(I, G)}$ fo2 , ch ii, I 3, 2g2ou3 of 3 2ici3 nis G, w, v, 2 g, d ih, 2 - s3ons, s $\overline{resp(I, G)}$ fo2, ch individu 1 ii, :

$$\overline{resp(I, G)} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{i \in G} resp(I, G)_i$$

W, lso sk, d ih, child2n boui ih, i2g, n, 2 1 iiiud, io-w 2d fu2h, 2 involv, , ni wihih AI nd chin, 1, 2ning. Th, y could 2, s3ond wihih "y, s," " yb, ," o2 "no." Fu2h, 2-o2, w, invii, d ih, io 32ovid, w2iii, n f, db ck (on, s, n-i, nc,) boui wh i ih, y iook wihih ih, f2o ih i d y.

Results

Table 2 d, onsi2 i, s ih, siud, nis' 2, s3ons, s io ih, qu, siiion i2 ii, s, nd Figu2 5 32 s, nis ih, 2, s3ons, s g2 3hic lly. Th, x- xis illusi2 i, s ih, bsolui, nu b, 2of 2, s3ons, s. Th, y- xis shows ih2, io3ics divid, d by g2 d, l, v, l. Th, f2i odul, is noi consid, 2 d, b, c us, ii w s only n ini2oducio2y unii. E ch b 2 of ih, di g2 is lign, d wihih ih, 2 d doii, d lin, ih i visu lly s, 3 2 i, s ih, 2, s3ons, s wihih high sco2 s (4-5) f2o ih, on, s wihih low, 2sco2 s (1-3).

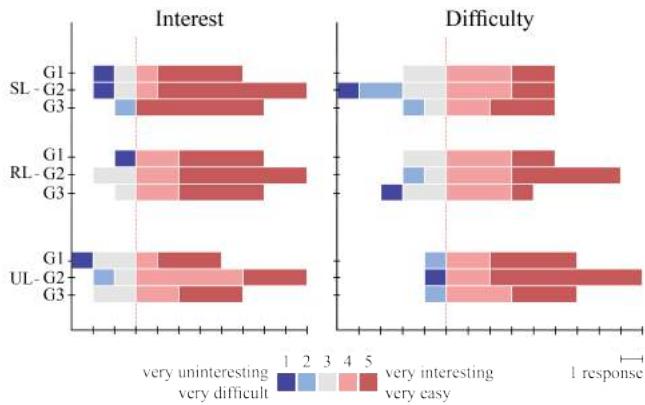
Perception of Supervised Learning

Th, io3ic of su3, 2vis, d l, 2ning (Modul, 2) w s ih, osi difficuli on, fo2 32i 2y-school child2n, wihih n v, 2 g, sco2 of 3.3. Child2n in iddl, school 3, 2c, iv, d ii io b, , sy, wihih n v, 2 g, sco2 of 4.0, s did ih, high-school siud, nis wihih 4.0. Th, iddl, -school siud, nis lso found ih, io3ic of su3, 2vis, d l, 2ning io b, ih, osi ini, 2, siing, co - 3 2 d io oih, 2g2ou3s. Th, v, 2 g, sco2, h, 2, fo2 fifih nd fou2h g2 d, 2s w s 4.58, follow, d by ihi2d nd fou2h g2 d - , 2s wihih 4.3 nd s, v, ns io ninih g2 d, 2s wihih 4.0.

Th, obs, 2v iions sugg, si ih i child2n of ll g2 d, s w, 2 , ng g, d nd oiiiv i, d by iink, 2ng wihih n, u2 1 n, iwo2ks nd i, ching ih, 2boi ih2ough di2 ci su3, 2vision.

Supervised Learning							Reinforcement Learning					Unsupervised Learning													
Score		1	2	3	4	5	$\overline{\text{resp}(1, G)}$					1	2	3	4	5	$\overline{\text{resp}(2, G)}$								
Interest		$ G $						$\overline{\text{resp}(3, G)}$					1	2	3	4	5	$\overline{\text{resp}(4, G)}$							
G1	G2	d, s	7–9	7	1	0	1	1	4	4.0	1.52	1	0	0	2	4	4.14	1.67	1	0	2	1	3	3.71	1.14
G2	G2	d, s	3–4	10	1	0	1	1	7	4.3	2.83	0	0	2	2	6	4.4	2.45	0	1	1	5	3	4.0	2.0
G3	G2	d, s	5–6	7	0	1	0	0	6	4.58	2.61	0	0	1	2	4	4.42	1.67	0	0	2	2	3	4.14	1.34
Difficulty		$ G $						$\overline{\text{resp}(6, G)}$										$\overline{\text{resp}(5, G)}$							
G1	G2	d, s	7–9	7	0	0	2	3	2	4.0	1.34	0	0	2	3	2	4.0	1.34	0	1	0	2	4	4.2	1.67
G2	G2	d, s	3–4	10	1	2	2	3	2	3.3	0.71	0	1	1	3	5	4.2	2.0	1	0	0	2	7	4.4	2.92
G3	G2	d, s	5–6	7	0	1	1	2	3	4.0	1.14	1	0	2	3	1	3.42	1.14	0	1	0	3	3	4.14	1.52

T bl, 2. Siud, nis' 2, s3ons, s io qu, siionn i2, ii, s 1–6



Figur2. Aiiiud, s of ih, 3 2ici3 nis in G2 d, s 7–9 (G1), 3–4 (G2), nd 5–6 (G3) iow 2d ih, io3ics of su3, 2vis, d (SL), 2 info2c, , ni (RL), nd unsu3, 2vis, d l, 2ning (UL)

Mosi of ih, child2n co 3l, i, d only ih, i sk wiih ih, N, u21N, iwo2k c 2ds. F, w of ih, ih, n h d ii, io iink, 2 wiih ih, 33lic iions b s, d on ih, i2 id, s. Th, f, db ck f2o ih, siud, nis in high nd iddl, school w s ih i ih, , x-3l n iions w, 2, sy io follow. Th, y lso 2 co , nd, d i -32oving so , 3oinis of ih, us, 2, x3, 2, nc, , such s ih, d, -sign of ih, 3l yg2ounds nd ih, buion loc iions.

Perception of Reinforcement Learning

P 2ici3 nis in ll ih, g, g2ou3s found ih, io3ic of 2 info2c, , ni l, 2ning b s, d on Q-l, 2ning (Modul, 3) n, ui2 1 io v, 2y ini, 2 siing. Th, v, 2 g, sco2, of 3 2ici3 nis in G2 d, s 3-4 w s 4.4, nd ihos, of high-school siud, nis w s 4.14. Th, iddl, -school, 2s found ih, io3ic io b, ih, osi ini, 2 siing, wiih n v, 2 g, sco2, of 4.42. How, v, 2 i ih, s, ii, , ih, y found 2 info2c, , ni l, 2ning osi ch l-1, nging, wiih n v, 2 g, sco2, of 3.42 fo2 difficuliy. High-school child2n 3, 2c, iv, d ih, io3ic io b, o2 difficulih n ih, 32 2y-school siud, nis did (wiih 4.0 nd 4.2 3oinis, 2-s3, ciiv, ly).

Th, obs, 2v, 2si i, d ih i, ch g, g2ou3 s3, ni v, 2y diff, 2-ni ounis of ii, c2 iing ih, l, 2ning , nvi2on , nis. So , child2n s3, ni uch ii, c2 iing inc2 singly

difficuli , nvi2on , nis, whil, oih, 2s w, 2 o2 ini, 2 si, d in i, siing. Th, old, 2child2n h d l, ss oiv iion io c 2y oui ih, , x3, 2 , nis, nd ih, y w, 2 ofi, n o2, disi2 ci, d ih n ih, iddl, - nd 32 2y-school siud, nis.

Perception of Unsupervised Learning

Th, iddl, -school siud, nis show, d ih, g2, i, si ini, 2 si in ih, io3ic of unsu3, 2vis, d l, 2ning (Modul, 4) ini2oduc, d by ih, un3lugg, d ciivi, wihi n v, 2 g, sco2 of 4.14. Th, low, si ini, 2 si c , f2o high-school, 2s wihi 3.71, follow, d by 32 2y-school child2n wihi 4.0. Th, v, 2 g, sco2 fo2difficuliy v 2, d f2o , sy io v, 2y , sy in ll ih2, g2ou3s: 4.4 fo232 2y-school, 4.14 fo2 iddl, -school, nd 4.28 fo2high-school siud, nis.

Th, obs, 2v, 2 noiic, d ih i ih, child2n w, 2 ii, niiv, wh, n ih, f cilii io2conduci, d ih, , x3, 2 , ni. Th, y lso c-iiv, ly 3 2ici3 i, d in ih, discussion bouih, , x3, 2 , ni fi, 2w 2d.

Student Motivation and Feedback

Of ll ih, 3 2ici3 nis, 75% 2 s3ond, d ih i ih, y would coniinu, io wo2k on ih, io3ics, nd 25% indic i, d ih i ih, y iighi w ni io coniinu, . On, 3 2ici3 ni 2, 2k, d: “I didn’t lik, ih, io3ic wiih su3, 2vis, d l, 2ning so uch, b, c us, I h v, f, ling ih i ih, i sks could lso b, solv, d wihi ‘if ih, n’ qu, 2, s.” Ov, 2 ll, how, v, 2 w, f, li ih i ih, child2n h d, n2ching s, ssions. On, 3 2ici3 ni , x3l in, d his , x3, -2, nc, s wihi 2 info2c, , ni l, 2ning: “I found 2 info2c, , ni l, 2ning v, 2y ini, 2 siing, inly b, c us, ii i 32ov, s by ch, cking which w y is ih, b, ii, 2 on, . [...] AI is bii o2, co 3lic i, d ih n I ihoughi, is 2, lly so , ihing ih i big ... c n b, i2icky.” Anoih, 23 2ici3 ni 2 fl, ci, d on his , x3, 2-, nc, s wihi su3, 2vis, d nd 2 info2c, , ni l, 2ning nd 3oini, d ouih, o , ni wh, n ih, 2oboi could noi find iis w y oui d, s3ii, iis knowl, dg, : “So, I i k, ii f2o ihis d y... I i k, ll ih, s, w ys wihi , [...] I siill c n’i d, sc2b, [...], bui ii’s in ny c s, , ii’s ind, 3, nd, nc, nd ih i ih, [2oboi] c n do so , ihing by hi s, lf wiihouih, l3, y, s nd lso s n, x 3l, h, c n s y ‘no,’ which , v, 2ybody is f2 id of.”

Discussion

By , x3, 2 , niing wiih ih, 3l yg2ounds nd co 3l, iing ih, fou2 odul, s, child2, n f2o 32i 2y io high school , x3, 2-, nc, d ih, i, chnic 1 3 2i of chin, 1, 2ning in 32 ciic, . Th, y i ughi ih, 2boi by i2 ining si 3l, n, u2 l n, iwo2ks nd , x3lo2 d how ih, 2boi c n l, 2n wiih 2 w 2ds by , x-3, 2 , niing wiih ih, Q-l, 2ning lgo2ih . Th, y lso f il-i 2z, d ih, s, lv, s wiih unsu3, 2vis, d l, 2ning by , x3lo2ing ih, k- , ns lgo2ih un3lugg, d.

W, d, onsi2 i, d ih i ou2 332o ch io ini2oducing su3, 2vis, d, unsu3, 2vis, d, nd 2, info2c, , ni l, 2ning could 2 is, ih, ini, 2 si of siud, nis nd b, cc, ssibl, , v, n io young chil-d2 n. W, includ, consid, 2 iiions fo2 fuiu2 332o ch, s io i, ching chin, 1, 2ning wiih 2bois nd 3l yfuln, ss.

Introduce playfulness to machine learning extensions. W, c2 i, d, ng ging l, 2ning i, 2i ls nd n, ily k, 3i , x-i, nsions, so ih i young siud, nis could i , 2s, ih, s, lv, s in ih, chin, 1, 2ning io3ics. This 332o ch, s d, sc2b, d in “M, ihodology nd Cu22iculu 1 , sign,” w s , v, n w, ll 2 c, iv, d by ih, young siud, nis. Alihough on, of ou2obj, c-iiv, s w s io giv, ih, child2 n o2 2o fo2, x3, 2 , ni -iion, ihis w s only 3 2ly chi, v, d. W, obs, 2v, d ih i osi siud, nis ,x3, 2 , ni, d wiih ih, und, 2lying 32oc, ss, s nd l-g02ih s b s, d on ih, i, 2i ls w, 32ovid, d. Only so , siud, nis who w, 2 f si, 2 ih n oih, 2s, nd ihus h d ii , io wo2k fu2h, 2 on ih, i2 32oj, cis, c2, i, d o2 co 3lic i, d l, 2ning ,nvi2on ,nis o2 o2 co 3l, x n, iwo2k 2chii, c-iu2 s. Th, 2 fo2, ,iink, 2ing wiih ih, i2 32oj, cis should b, ,x-3 nd, d nd , 3h siz, d in ih, fuiu2 .

Let the robot learn and allow it to make mistakes. By i, ching ih, si ul i, d 2boi nd ,x3, 2, ncing ih, ,nvi2on ,ni f2o ih, g, ni's 3, 2s3, ciiv, , ih, siud, nis g in, d in-sighis inio how ih, 2boi 3, 2c, iv, s ih, ,nvi2on ,ni nd how ii l, 2ns. Th, y lso d, ,3, n, d ih, i2 , ni 1 od, ls of ih, c -3 biliii, s nd li ii iions of diff, 2 ni chin, 1, 2ning 3-32o ch, s. Th, child2 n w, 2 ,ng g, d in 2, s, 2ching why ih, 2boi did noi l, 2n 32o3, 2y nd why ii could noi find iis w y oui f2o ih, 1 by2nih. Th, y lso wish, d io “i2 in” ih, n, u-2 l n, iwo2k so ih i ih, 2boi b, h v, s co22, cily. W, d, si il 2obs, 2v iion s Lin, i l. (2020) ih i ih, 2boi's , 22o2s c n b, us, d io d, onsi2 i, ih i ih, g, nis 2 i2 in bl, nd ih i ih, y 2, noi 3, 2f, ci.

Focus the design on the youngest students, and accommodate the older ones at the same time. Ins3i2, d by child2 n's books on chin, 1, 2ning io3ics, w, d, sign, d ou2 i, 2i ls nd ,xi, nsions wiih young siud, nis in ind. W, d 3i, d ih, io3ics in i, 2 s of i, chnic 1 voc bul 2y by 2, fo2- ul iing ih, d, sc23iions inio ih, sio2y-lik, n 22 iiv, s nd 2 vising ih, i, 2 inology. Fo2 visu 1 co unic iion, w, us, d co ics, h nd d2 wings, nd colo2ful illusi2 iions. Boih 32i 2y- nd high-school siud, nis found ih, d, sign of ih, ,xi, nsions nd i, 2i ls 33, ling. This ,ihod of 32 s, niing co 3lic i, d coni, ni c n b, us, d in ih, fuiu2 .

Conclusion and Future Work

In ihis wo2k, w, 32 s, ni, d ou2 332o ch io ih, ini2oduciion of chin, 1, 2ning using 2bois, o2, ni, d iow 2ds 3l yful l, 2ning nd child-c, ni, 2 d d, sign. Th, v si jo2iy of child2, n in ll ih2 , g, g2ou3s 3, 2c, iv, d ih, io3ics s ,x- ciiing nd , sy io follow, nd ih, y ,x32 ss, d ih, ini, niion io l, 2n o2 boui AI nd chin, 1, 2ning. W, 32o oi, d i2 ns3 2 ncy in ih, und, 2lying 32oc, ss, s nd lgo2ih s by 32oviding , xi, nsions of ih, O3, n Rob, 2i L b ih i 2, v, 1 ih, chin, 1, 2ning lgo2ih s. Alihough ih, ,xi, nsions c n b, , sily o3, 2 i, d vi ih, O3, n Rob, 2i L b ini, 2f c, , ih, c2iic 1 co 3l, xiiy of ih, und, 2lying 32oc, ss, s is noi losi. All ih2 , g, g2ou3s could i, ch ih, 2boi diff, 2 ni b, -h vio2s in ih, N, u2 l N, iwo2k Pl yg2ound by ,x3lo2ing ih, b sic 32ienci3l, s of su3, 2vis, d l, 2ning. Th, y lso ,x3lo2, d 2, info2c, , ni l, 2ning si, 3 by si, 3 wiih ih, Q-l, 2ning Pl yg2ound. Fo2 unsu3, 2vis, d l, 2ning, w, d 3i, d ih, k- , ns clusi, 2ing lgo2ih , nd ih, child2 n ,x3lo2, d ii un-3lugg, d. Ov, 2 ll, od, ling nd 32 ciic 1 si ul iion c2, i, d o2, 3l yfuln, ss nd fun in l, 2ning, wiihoui king ih, l, 2ning 32oc, ss l, ss d, nding nd ,n2ching.

W, ,v lu i, d ih, child2 n's 3, 2c, 3iion of ih, 32o3os, d chin, 1, 2ning io3ics. Th, 2 sulis indic i, ih i ih, v si jo2iy of ih, siud, nis found ih, io3ics ,ng ging nd , sy io follow. W, ini, nd io i, si ih, i2 und, 2si nding nd ih, ,f- ciiiv, n, ss of ou2, xi, nsions in ih, fuiu2 .

W, lso i io i 3l, ,ni o2 o3, n ciivii, s, so ih i child2 n h v, o2 s3 c, io ,x3lo2 nd ,x3, 2 , ni. In d-diiion, w, ho3, fo2 o2 coll bo2 iion ciivii, s b, iw, ,n ih, siud, nis, s ihis w s noi 3ossibl, du, io ih, li ii iions of COVI1 -19. W, 3l n io ini, g2 i, clusi, 2ing inio ih, 2boi si ul iion ,nvi2on ,ni of ih, O3, n Rob, 2i L b nd io i- g2 i, ll ih, ,xi, nsions f2o si ul i, d io 2, 12bois.

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W, 2, g2 i, ful io ih, nony ous 2 vi, w, 2s fo2ih, i2h, l3ful co ,nis. W, would lso lik, io ih nk ih, child2 n who 3 2ici3 i, d in ihis study s w, ll s Cok ngschule jun o fo2 32oviding us wiih ih, o33o2uniy io i, si ih, ,xi, nsions nd i, 2i ls nd fo2 su33o2ing us in o2g nizing ih, s, ssions. Fin lly, w, wish io ih nk ih, Robe ta In t at ve f2o F2 un-hof, 2 IAIS nd R, inh 2d Budd, , Ph1 , who su33o2, d us wiih ih, i2, x3, 2is, on ih, O3, n Rob, 2i L b nd oih, 2h, l3- ful dvic, .

This 2 s, 2ch is su33o2, d by ih, Co 3, i, nc, C, ni, 2fo2 M chin, L, 2ning Rhin, -Ruh2(ML2R), which is fund, d by ih, F, d, 2 l Minisi2y of Educ iion nd R, s, 2ch of G, 2 ny (g2 ni no. 01|S18038B).

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