AI Final project report AI angent for Catan

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# Introduction

In this report we will present our finding about an AI agent for the game "Settlers of Catan".

The game is a multiplayer board game Players take on the roles of settlers, each attempting to build and develop holdings while trading and acquiring resources. Players gain points as their settlements grow; the first to reach a set number of points, typically 10, wins.

We chose to do some reduction to game eliminating the option to trade between players.

We used a platform called PyCatan to simulate the game, and chose to use the OOP approach, by using objects to represents the board, players, agents and game sessions. Also, we have a heuristics class.

We decided to have 4 kind of moves available for our agents:

### Move – to move the robber if the dice rolled 7

### Build – a road or a settlement or a city

### Buy – to buy a deveploment card

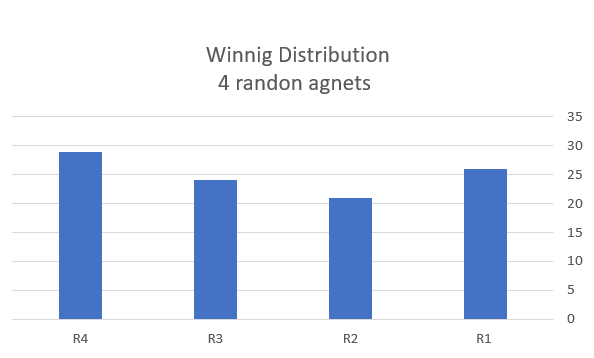
### Use – to activate a develepmont card

We used two ways to test our agent – the first way is to create many agents to compare with each other while using methods learned in class like ExpectiMax trees and Expected value. The second method we used is a neural network which we trained using game logs we have translated to an array of numbers.

# agents

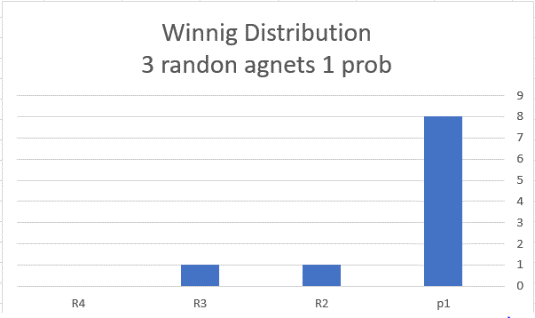
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The random agent chooses one move randomly from all the legal moves given to him.



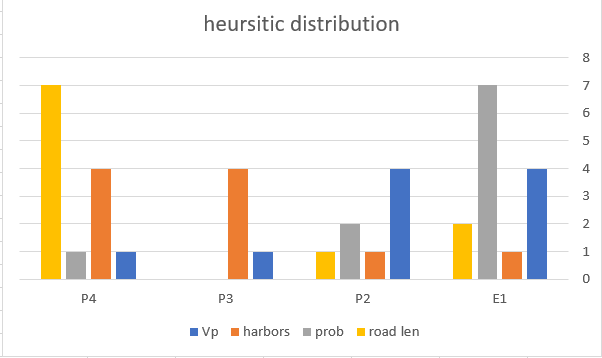
## Probability agent

This agent chooses the move with the highest heuristic value ai calculates which move will get him to the next state with the highest number of points



## One move agent and Expectimax agnet

Those agents calculate the best move to make according to a given heuristic.



While both agents can be given a heuristic the one move agent only simulate the state of the board in one move, the Expectimax agent creates a tree with a given depth.

We have tested the next heuristics on both agents:

### Harbors – an agent using this heuristic will choose moves that will get him as many harbors as possible

### Prefer resources – an agent using this heuristic will prefer different resources at any given time in the game according to the progress of the game

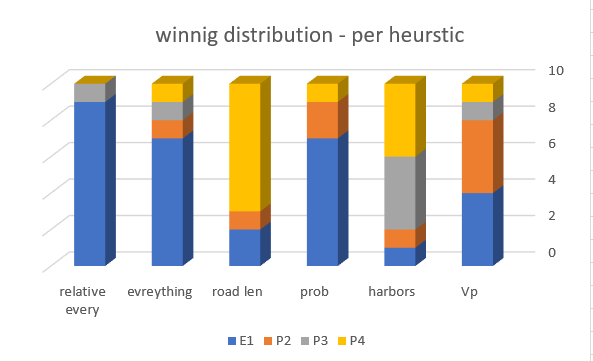
### Roads – an agent using this heuristic will try to build as many roads as possible

### Settelments – an agent using this heuristic will try to build as many settelments as possible

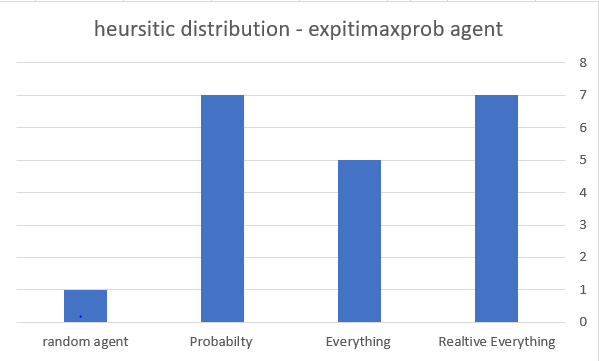
### Vp – the victory points heuristic

### Everithing heuristic – this heuristic calucaltes a sum of all the previous heuristic with a given weight function

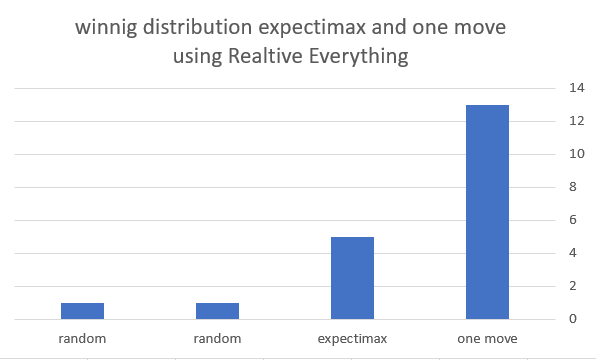
### Relative – this heuristic calculates the heuristic value of the given player and the heuristic value of all the other players and return the heuristic value of the player divided by the avarage of the heuristic value of all the other players.



After testing all the heuristic on both the agents we have concluded that the "Relative everything" heuristic gives us the best result on both agents.



After finding the best heuristic we tested the agents against each other using "relative everything" the findings are shown in the next figure:

the findings clearly shows that the one move agent gives us the best result.

Weve tested the agent agaisnt human players Pה אין אין לי דאטה

# neural network

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