

1. Number of my moves

- a. 73.5%. The heuristic function here is number of my moves. This heuristic function can help me **win most of the time** by selecting relatively reasonable path that maximizes this heuristic function. But it **fails** to consider opponent's situation. This heuristic function cannot beat ID_Improved.

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*****
Evaluating: ID_Improved
*****

Playing Matches:
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Match 1: ID_Improved vs Random      Result: 19 to 1
Match 2: ID_Improved vs MM_Null     Result: 18 to 2
Match 3: ID_Improved vs MM_Open     Result: 13 to 7
Match 4: ID_Improved vs MM_Improved Result: 18 to 2
Match 5: ID_Improved vs AB_Null     Result: 14 to 6
Match 6: ID_Improved vs AB_Open     Result: 14 to 6
Match 7: ID_Improved vs AB_Improved Result: 17 to 3
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Results:
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ID_Improved      80.71%
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*****
Evaluating: Student
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Playing Matches:
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Match 1: Student vs Random      Result: 18 to 2
Match 2: Student vs MM_Null     Result: 16 to 4
Match 3: Student vs MM_Open     Result: 12 to 8
Match 4: Student vs MM_Improved Result: 14 to 6
Match 5: Student vs AB_Null     Result: 13 to 7
Match 6: Student vs AB_Open     Result: 14 to 6
Match 7: Student vs AB_Improved Result: 16 to 4
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Results:
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Student          73.57%
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b.

2. Number of opponent moves

- a. 69.29%. The heuristic function here is number of my opponent moves. This heuristic function achieves worse score than first heuristic function by selecting relatively reasonable path for **my opponent** that maximizes this heuristic function. This heuristic function cannot beat ID_Improved. I **definitely don't** want to use this heuristic function.

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*****
Evaluating: ID_Improved
*****

Playing Matches:
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Match 1: ID_Improved vs Random      Result: 19 to 1
Match 2: ID_Improved vs MM_Null     Result: 19 to 1
Match 3: ID_Improved vs MM_Open     Result: 17 to 3
Match 4: ID_Improved vs MM_Improved Result: 15 to 5
Match 5: ID_Improved vs AB_Null     Result: 19 to 1
Match 6: ID_Improved vs AB_Open     Result: 17 to 3
Match 7: ID_Improved vs AB_Improved Result: 18 to 2
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Results:
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ID_Improved      88.57%
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*****
Evaluating: Student
*****
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Playing Matches:
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Match 1: Student vs Random      Result: 17 to 3
Match 2: Student vs MM_Null     Result: 18 to 2
Match 3: Student vs MM_Open     Result: 11 to 9
Match 4: Student vs MM_Improved Result: 14 to 6
Match 5: Student vs AB_Null     Result: 15 to 5
Match 6: Student vs AB_Open     Result: 10 to 10
Match 7: Student vs AB_Improved Result: 12 to 8
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Results:
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Student          69.29%
```

b.

3. Number of my moves – Number of opponent moves
 - a. 90%. The heuristic function here is number of my moves minus number of opponent moves. This heuristic function can help me win most of the time by selecting relatively **optimal path** that maximizes this heuristic function. This heuristic function beats ID_Improved.

I select this heuristic function based on the following reasons:

1. It takes number of my move into consideration.
2. It takes number of opponent move into consideration.
3. It outperforms ID_Improved baseline benchmark.
4. It has highest 'Student' score among all three heuristic functions.

That's why I select this heuristic function to be my final choice.

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*****
Evaluating: ID_Improved
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Playing Matches:
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Match 1: ID_Improved vs Random      Result: 19 to 1
Match 2: ID_Improved vs MM_Null     Result: 20 to 0
Match 3: ID_Improved vs MM_Open     Result: 17 to 3
Match 4: ID_Improved vs MM_Improved Result: 13 to 7
Match 5: ID_Improved vs AB_Null     Result: 19 to 1
Match 6: ID_Improved vs AB_Open     Result: 19 to 1
Match 7: ID_Improved vs AB_Improved Result: 16 to 4
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Results:
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ID_Improved      87.86%
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*****
Evaluating: Student
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Playing Matches:
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Match 1: Student vs Random      Result: 18 to 2
Match 2: Student vs MM_Null     Result: 19 to 1
Match 3: Student vs MM_Open     Result: 18 to 2
Match 4: Student vs MM_Improved Result: 19 to 1
Match 5: Student vs AB_Null     Result: 18 to 2
Match 6: Student vs AB_Open     Result: 19 to 1
Match 7: Student vs AB_Improved Result: 15 to 5
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Results:
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Student          90.00%
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b.