Artificial Intelligence for deterministic 2 players games with UCT

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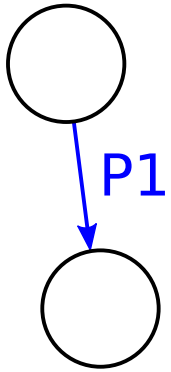

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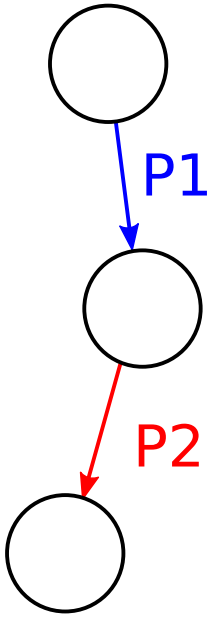

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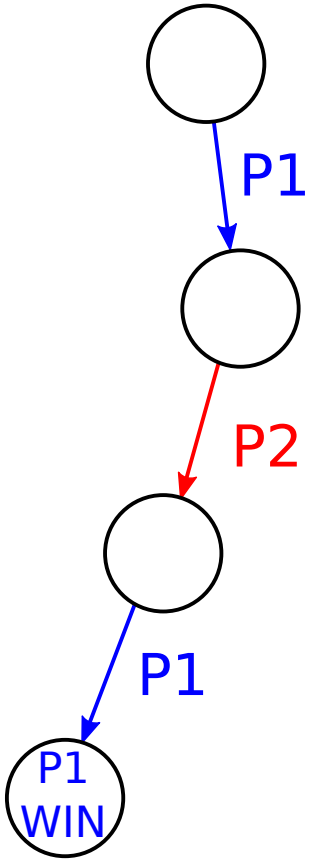

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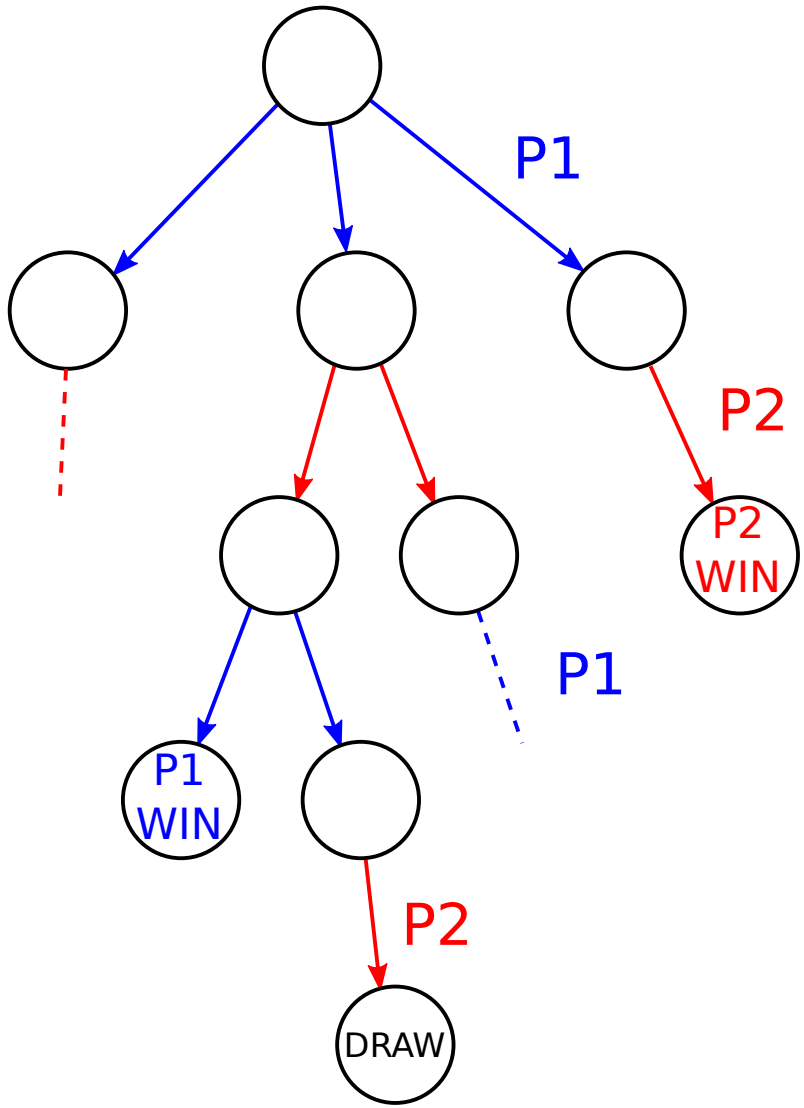

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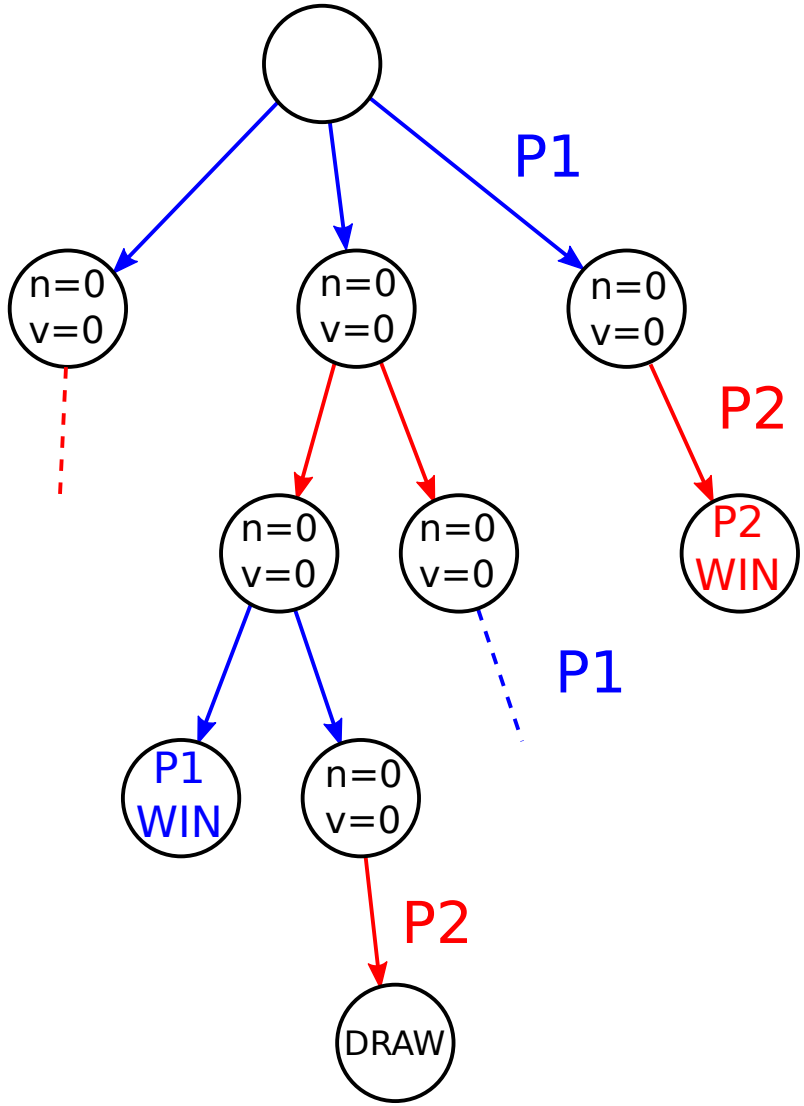

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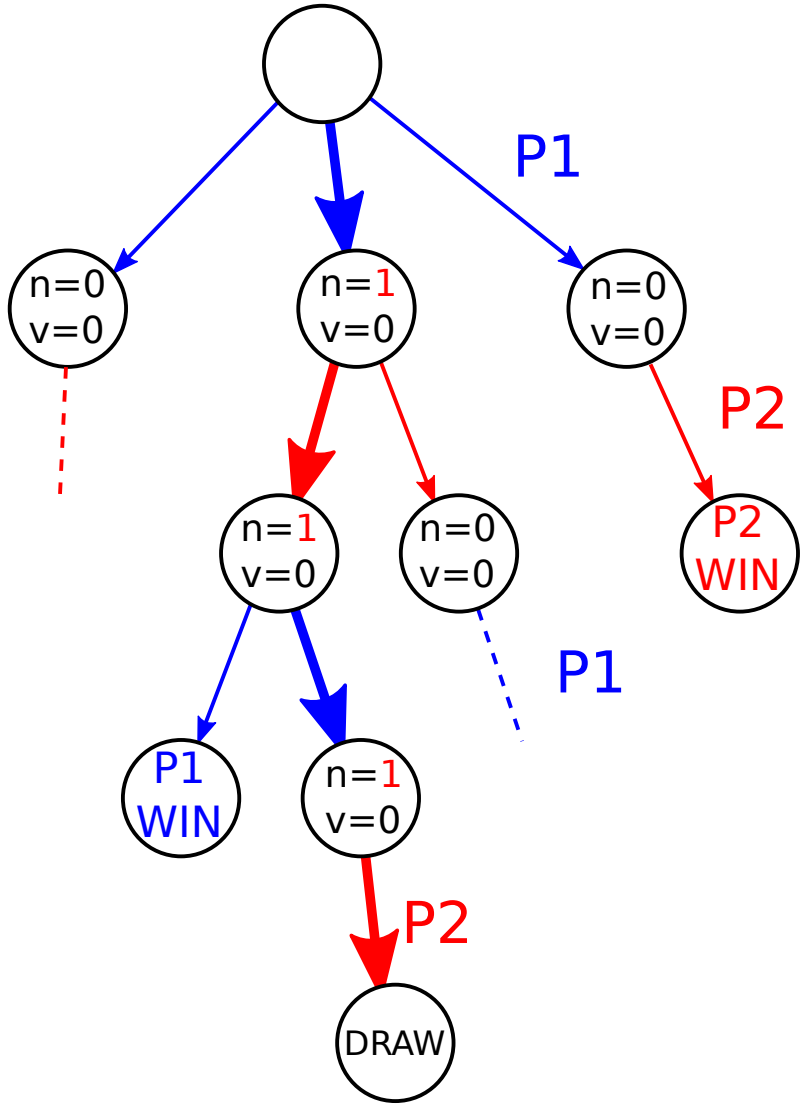

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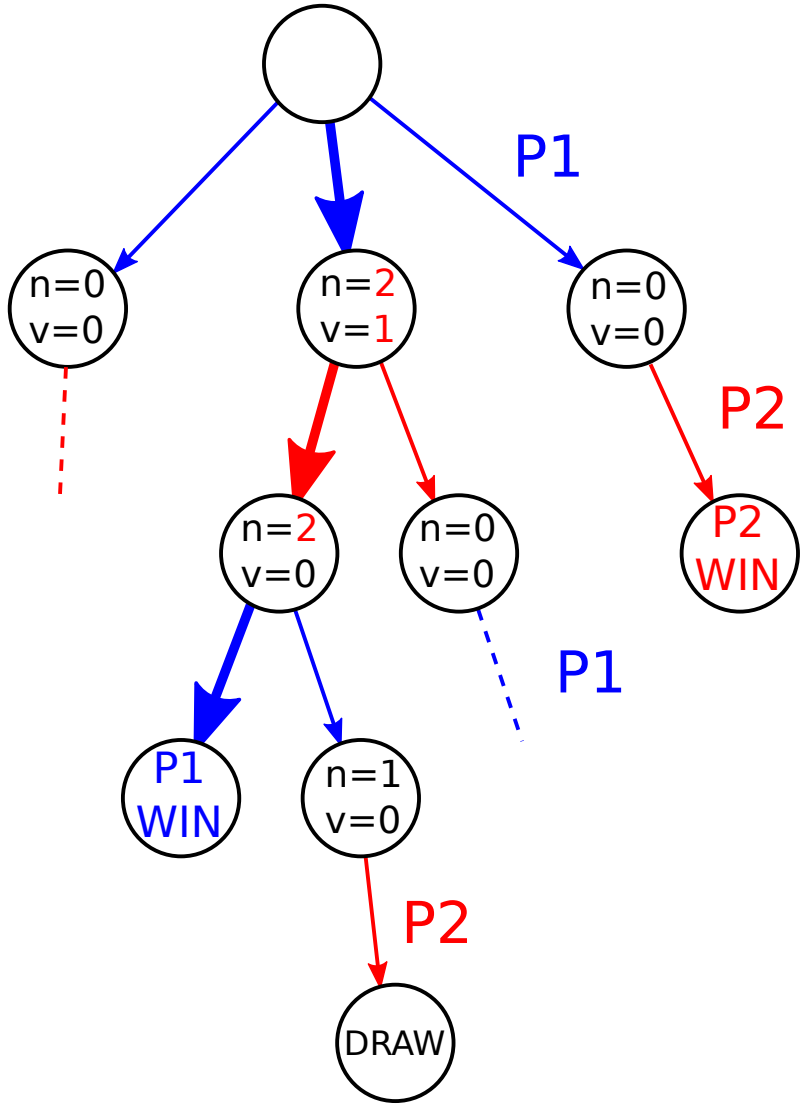

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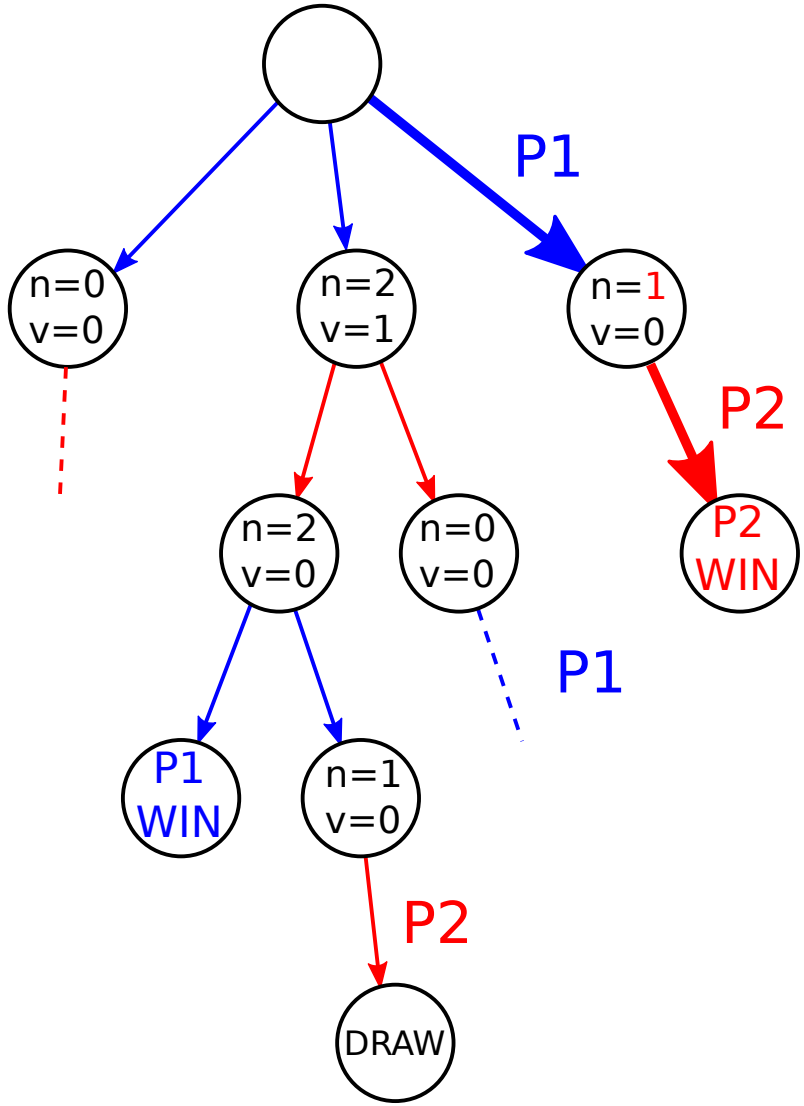

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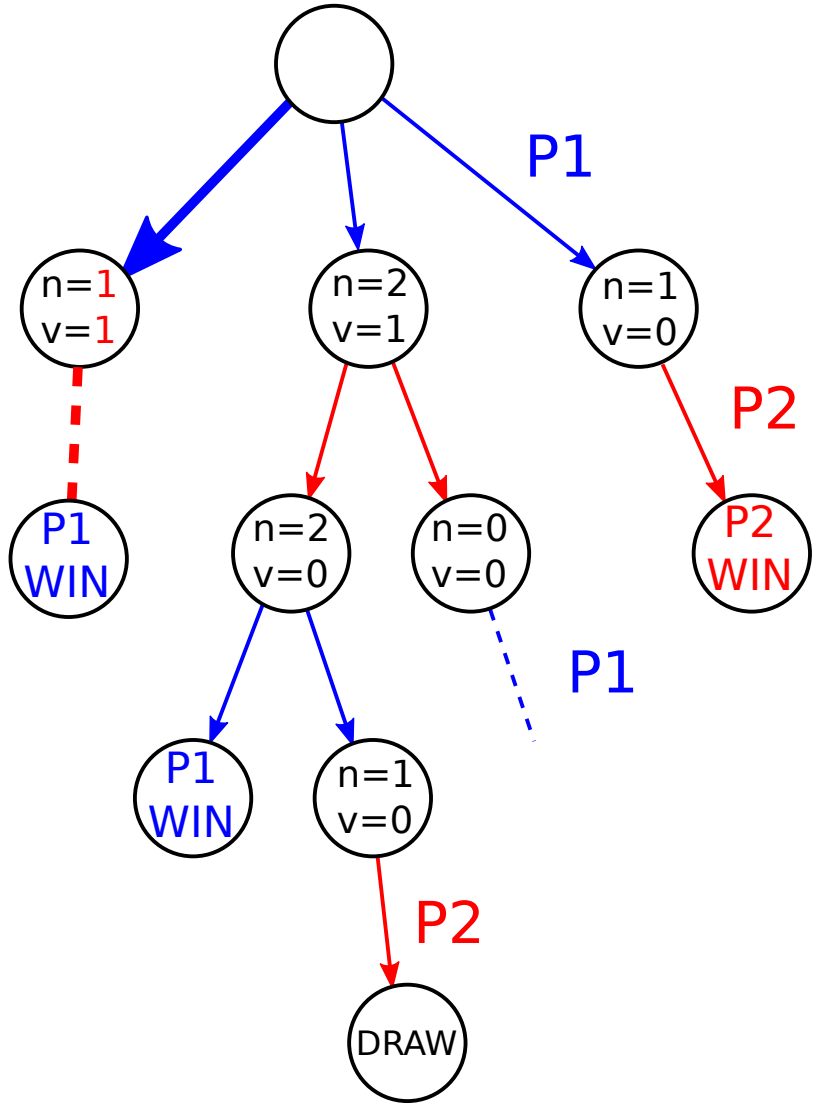

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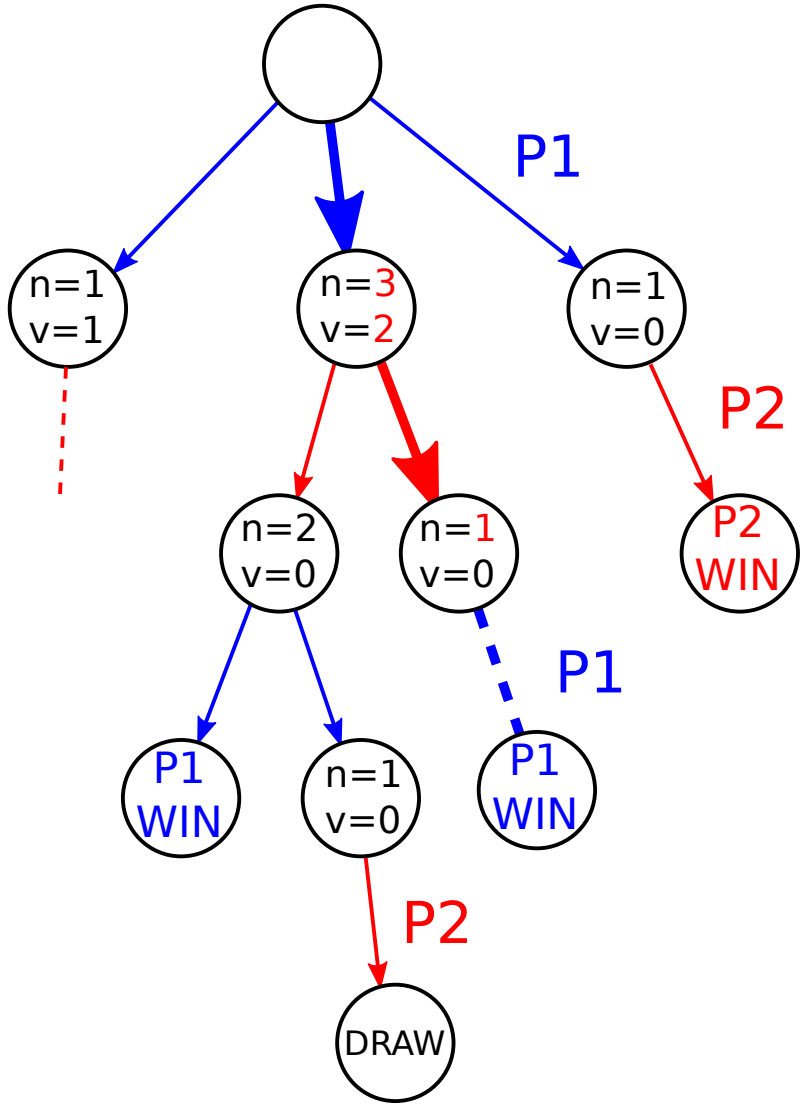

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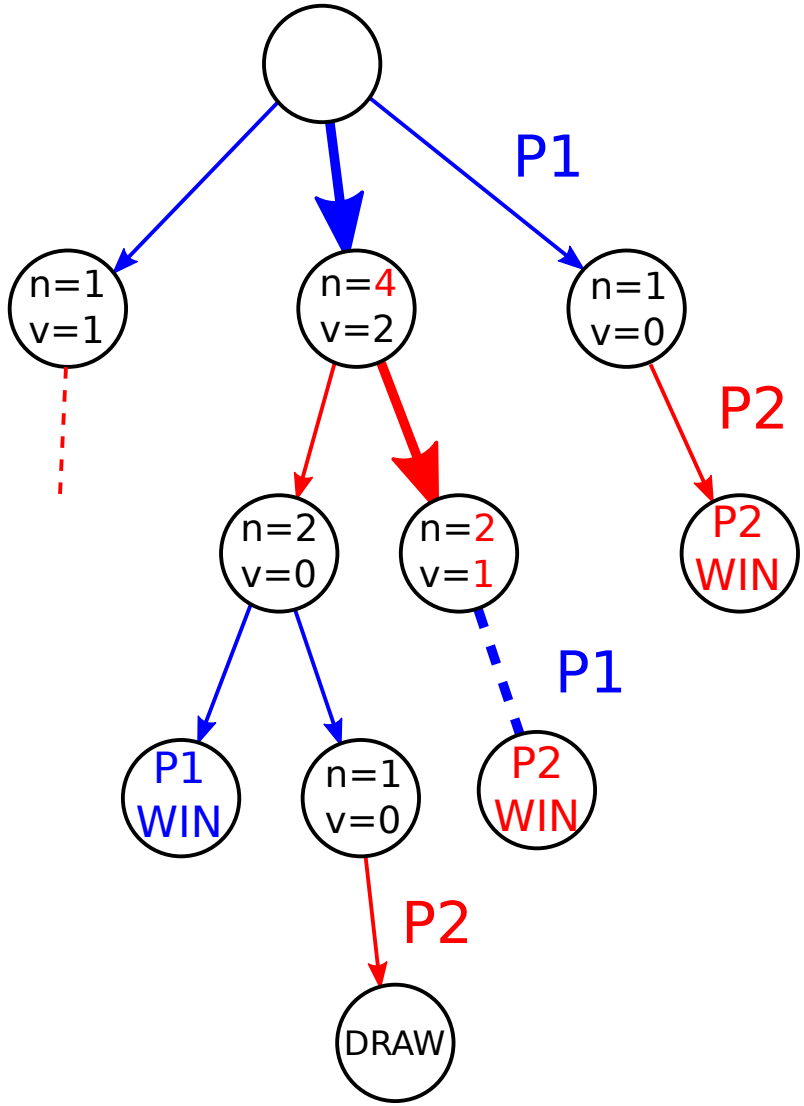


C++ implementation

- I implemented UCT in C++
- Use Qt, CMake but mainly based on standard library
- $\sim$ 3000 C++ lines

https ://github.com/elcerdo/uct

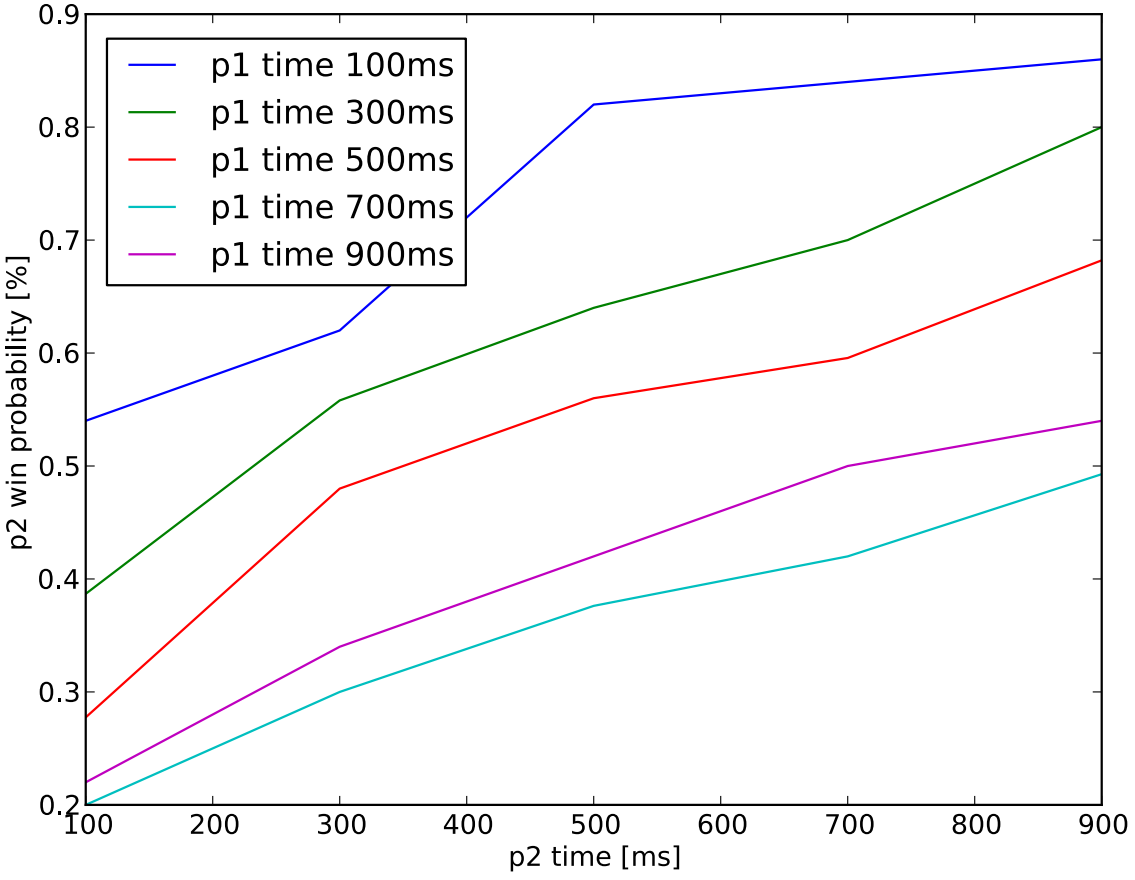
Easy implementation of new games

```
class Board {
public:
    virtual ~Board() =0;

    virtual Board *deepcopy() const =0;
    virtual Move *parse_move_string(Token player,const char *string) const =0;
    virtual void print() const =0;
    virtual bool is_move_valid(const Move &move) const =0;
    virtual Moves get_possible_moves(Token player) const =0;
    virtual void play_move(const Move &move) =0;
    virtual bool play_random_move(Token player) =0;
    virtual Token check_for_win() const =0;
    virtual Token play_random_game(Token next_player);
};
```

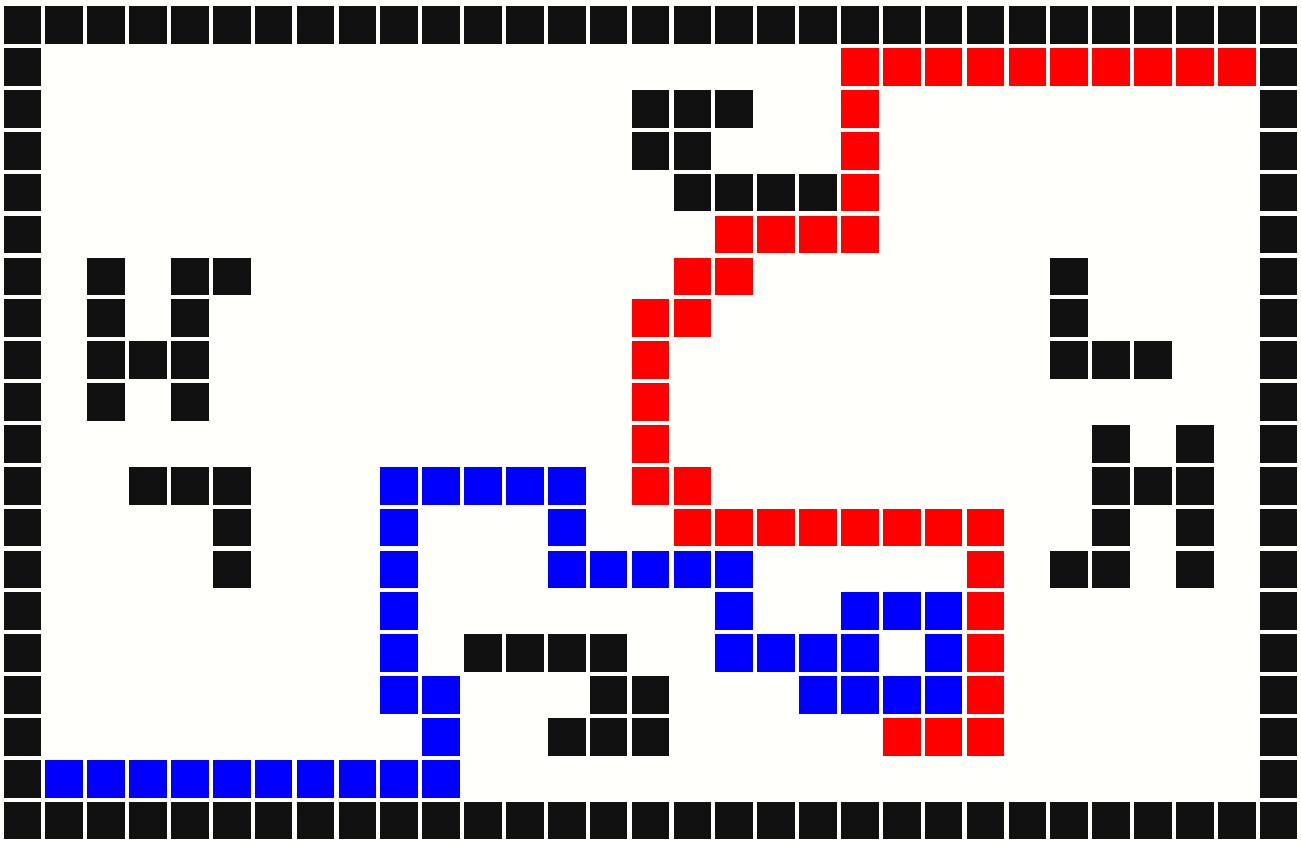
- Derivate abstract board class
- Implement a few virtual methods
- That's it !
  UCT handles the hard part of choosing the best move for you.

AI strength vs. computation time : Othello



AI win probability increase linearly with computation time for computation time below 1s.

Google AI Challenge 2010 : Tron



UCT finished 50th over more than 3000 contestants.

Demonstation
Can you beat the IA ?

Thanks for your attention

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Wide technical and academical knowledge

- Classe préparatoire PT
- ENS Cachan
  aggrégation physique appliquée / EEA
- Thèse au laboratoire CREATIS (Université Lyon I)
  Imagerie médicale ultrasonore
  Estimation de mouvement
- Post doc au Centre Léon Bérard (Lyon)
  Simulation Monte-Carlo Protonthérapie (GATE)
  Imagerie γ-prompt

Numerous computer side project

- Freesiege, Blocks, ...
- UCT
- Autojump, cluster submission tools