

Tic-Tac-Toe AI with Alpha-Beta and Evaluation Modes

Objective:

Build an AI that plays Tic-Tac-Toe using **Alpha-Beta pruning**, with **two evaluation options**: a classical heuristic and a ML model. The AI should support **multiple difficulty levels**, and the **user chooses** which evaluation function to use when playing.

Project Requirements

1. Game Environment

- Implement a **3×3 Tic-Tac-Toe board**.
- Implement functions for:
 - Generating legal moves
 - Detecting terminal states (win/loss/draw)

2. Alpha-Beta Search

- Implement **Alpha-Beta pruning** to select the best move.
- The search uses **an evaluation function**, which can be either:
 1. **Classical heuristic** (hand-coded)
 2. **Machine-learned evaluation**

3. Evaluation Functions (Students Must Implement Both)

- **Classical Heuristic:** Hand-coded evaluation
- **Machine-learned Evaluation**
 - Train an **AI model** using the provided dataset
 - Features include:
 - Number of X marks, O marks
 - Number of rows/columns/diagonals where X or O is close to winning
 - X in center or corners
 - Labels: +1 if X eventually wins, -1 if O wins.

4. Difficulty Levels

- **The user chooses:**
 - **Difficulty level: Easy, Normal, Hard**
 - **Evaluation function** (classical or ML)

5. User Interaction

- GUI or console interface.
- Allow the user to:
 - Choose X or O
 - Select difficulty
 - Select evaluation function
- Display the board after each move.
- Show AI evaluation scores for each possible move.