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**CSE481: Artificial Intelligence**

**Mancala Game**

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**Description**

Mancala is a two player turn based strategy board game played with small stones. There are 6 pits at each player’s side and one store for each player. The objective of the game is to collect as many stones in your store as possible. The player with the most stones in his/her store at the end of the game wins.

Game support different difficulty levels based on the tree depth. Game support different mode Stealing mode and Non-Stealing mode

**Rules**

* Initially there are 4 stones in each pit and stores are empty.
* Play always moves in a counterclockwise circle (left to right).
* Each player controls 6 pits at his/her side.
* When a player makes a move, the player takes all stones from one of the pits under the player’s control. Moving counterclockwise the player drops one stone in each pit in a turn, including the player’s own store but not their opponent.
* If the last stone landed in your store, take another move.
* If the last stone landed in one of your pits and this pit was empty one, you take all stones in your opponent’s pit opposite to yours.
* The game is over when one player’s pits are empty. The other player takes the seed from his pits and puts them in his store and counts up the stones. Whoever has the most stones win.

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User Guide

1. Choose Difficulty level by enter (1, 2, 3)
   1. EASY
   2. AMATURE
   3. WORLDCLASS
2. Choose the Mode you desired to play with by entering (1,2)
   1. With Stealing
   2. Without stealing
3. Choose which player to start play by entering (1,2)
   1. Human
   2. Computer
4. When your turn is come then enter the number of PIT you want to move

A screenshot of a computer

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System Architecture

User Interface

Event Manger

Backend

Game Class

Algorithm Class

Board State Class

**User Interface:**

* Command line interface showing the table of each state
* Taking the next move from the player

**Event Manger:**

* Whenever player enter his move, passing the required information to the backend

**Backend:**

* Consist of 3 Main classes (Game, Board\_State, Algorithm)
* Contains the actual Implementation

Functions Description

1. Game Class

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| Function Name | Input | Output | Description |
| play | **playerStrategy**: defines the human and algorithm strategy  **player**: player whose turn is now  **board**: created object of BOARD class  **difficulty**: chosen difficulty of the game by the user   Easy ---> difficulty =1,  AMATURE ---> difficulty =2  WORLDCLASS --> difficulty =3  **mode:** chosen mode by user 1--> stealing(mode=true)  2--->without stealing(mode=false) | bool | 1. set depth according to difficulty  2. make moves of stones on board either by human or algorithm  3. Check if game is terminated |
| start | **playerStrategy1**: defines the human or algorithm strategy  **playerStrategy2**: defines the human or algorithm strategy  **difficulty**: chosen difficulty of the game by the user   Easy ---> difficulty =1,  AMATURE ---> difficulty =2,  WORLDCLASS --> difficulty =3  **mode:** chosen mode by user 1--> stealing(mode=true)  2--->without stealing(mode=false) | ….. | Game loop |

1. Board State Class

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| Function Name | Input | Output | Description |
| getLimit | **player**: current player | integer | Calculating the index of starting PIT according to current player |
| evaluation | **player**: current player | …. | Evaluate the current state based on  1. Difference between the two stores  2. the Difference between number of stones in each PIT and it’s opposite PIT |
| Move | **player**: current player  **move:** index of chosen PIT to move stones from it  **mode:** stealing (1) or without stealing(0) | bool | Actual move of stones from chosen PIT to adjacent PIT |
| getScore | **player**: current player | integer | Calculate score from both player's stores to reveal the game result (absolute difference between stores) |
| isGameOver |  | bool | Checks if the game is over when one player’s pits are completely empty. |
| print\_board |  | …. | Responsible for printing the game board |

1. Algorithm Class

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| Function Name | Input | Output | Description |
| calcMaxValue | **board\_state:** object of BOARD class  **player**: current player  **depth:** chosen depth  **alpha**  **beta**  **mode:** chosen mode (stealing or without stealing) | integer | Calculate Max Value of the current node |
| calcMinValue | **board\_state:** object of BOARD class  **player**: current player  **depth:** chosen depth  **alpha**  **beta**  **mode:** chosen mode (stealing or without stealing) | integer | Calculate Max Value of the current node |
| alphabetaAlgorithm | **player**: current player  **depth:** chosen depth  **mode:** chosen mode (stealing or without stealing)  **board\_state:** object of BOARD class | integer | Apply AlphaBeta algorithm using recursion  And return index of PIT to be moved |

**Description of utility function:**

Evaluate is based on

1. Difference between the two stores
2. Difference between number of stones in each PIT of player1 and number of stones in in each PIT of player2