

CSE 5120 Homework Assignment 3 – Fall 2021

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Total number of points: 15

In the tic-tac-toe game program provided in file `NxN_tictactoe.py`, **replace the naïve response by player O via function `random_O(self)` with a new T3 member function `maximin_O(self)`.**

The new function will apply “maximin” reasoning (the counterpart of “minimax” reasoning from the viewpoint of player X) each time the program (opponent player O) makes a move.

Define new member functions using the notes from the previous lecture; our notes, possibly with some debugging, ought to provide us with the all the `maximin(self)` functions will need to do.

Do not forget to replace, in member function `play(self)`, the call to `random_O` with a call to the new `maximin_O` function.

This assignment is meant to have us try out and correct as necessary the particular implementation ideas that were developed in the lecture. Any submitted code that deviates greatly from the approach taken in `NxN_tictactoe.py` and the class notes will not count in fulfillment of this assignment.

Test by playing one 3x3, one 4x4, and 5x5 game of tic-tac-toe.

Submit by Thursday, 10/13, by 11:59 pm: Via Blackboard portal: (1) A copy of your file modified file `NxN_tictactoe.py`, (2) Screenshots that show the first 4 and last 4 moves in a 5x5 game you have played with the program. In case your program does not run, submit for items (1) and a screenshot that shows the attempt to run the program and error messages.

Also, please adhere to the following naming rules when submitting your files.

File naming: For ease of identification of your submitted work, make sure that you adhere to the following **file naming convention:** for each file `XYZ.py`, or screenshot that you submit, name the file

Lastname_Firstname_####_XYZ.py(<any other>)

where `####` are the last four digits of your student id, and `XYZ` is replaced with the name of your file. **Your work may not be graded if you do not adhere to this naming convention.**