


## **Connect 4 game with AI using minimax algorithm**

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## Sample runs:

 Connect 4—□×

**First to play:**

User ▼

**Algorihm:**

Min max alpha-beta pruning ▼

Play

**First to play:**

User

User

Agent

**Algorihm:**

Min max alpha-beta pruning

Play

**First to play:**

User



**Algorihm:**

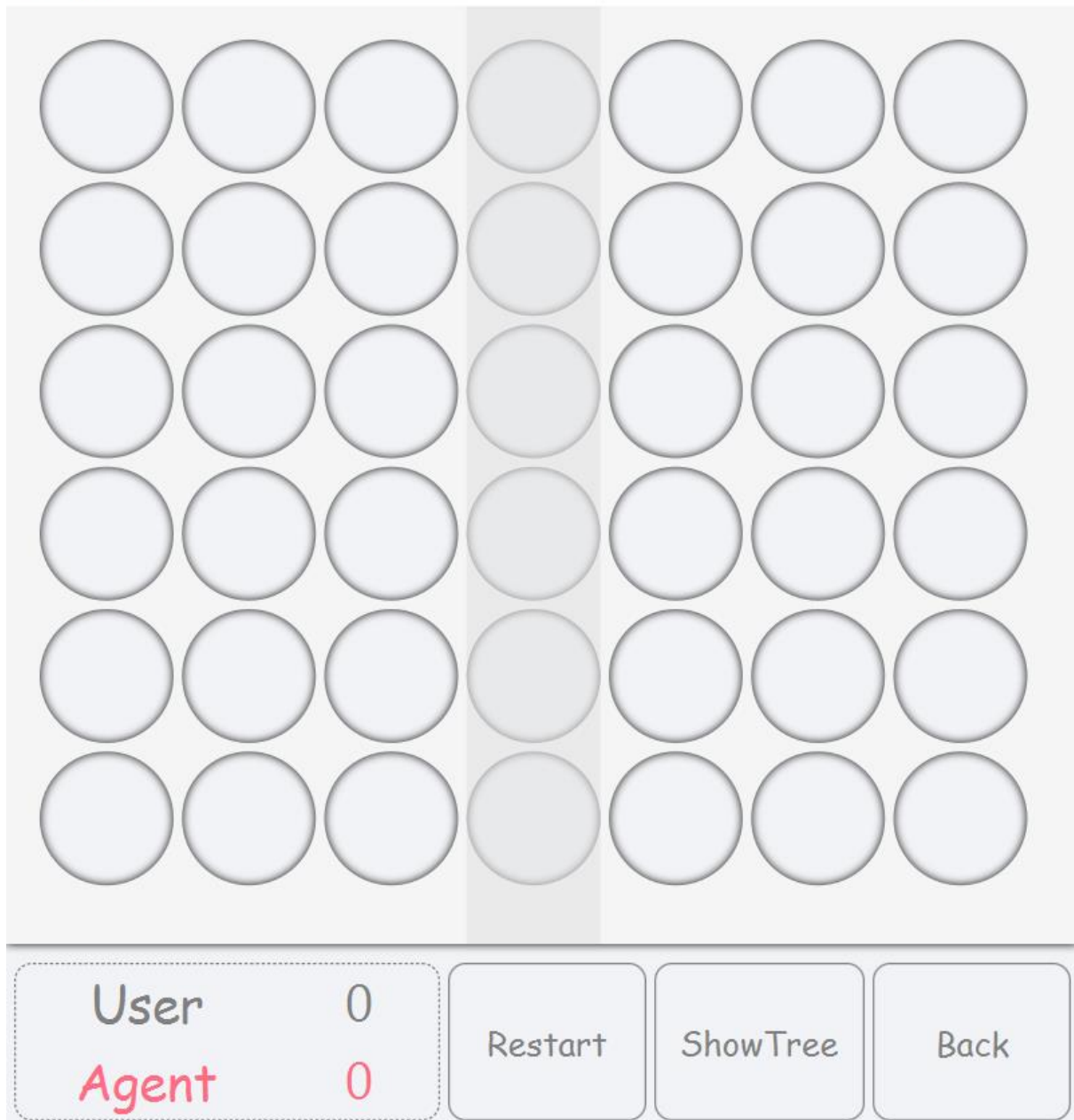
Min max alpha-beta pruning



Min max alpha-beta pruning

Min max

Play



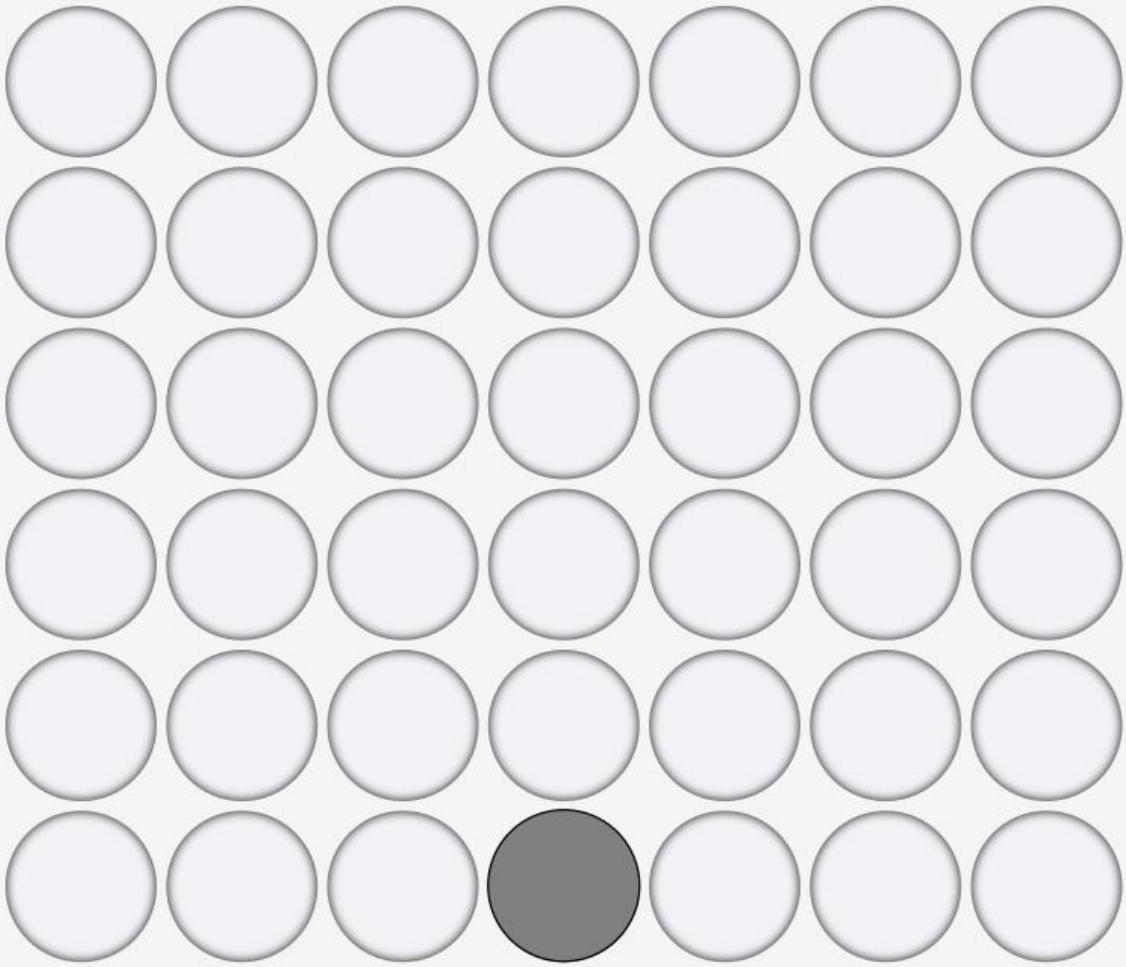
The image shows a Connect 4 game interface. The main board is a 6x7 grid of circular slots. The fourth column from the left is shaded gray, indicating it is full. The bottom of the interface contains a control panel with a score display and three buttons.

User	0
Agent	0

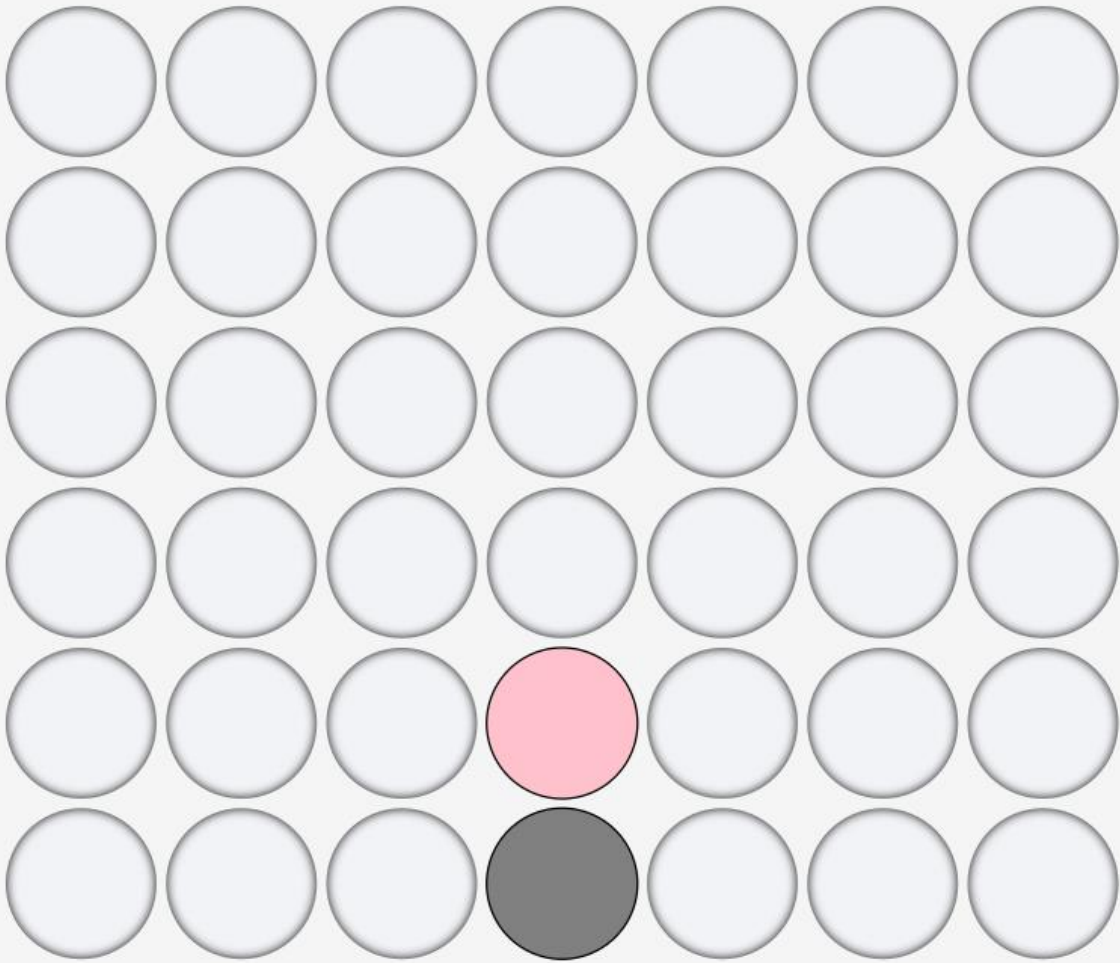
Restart

ShowTree

Back



User	0	Restart	ShowTree	Back
Agent	0			



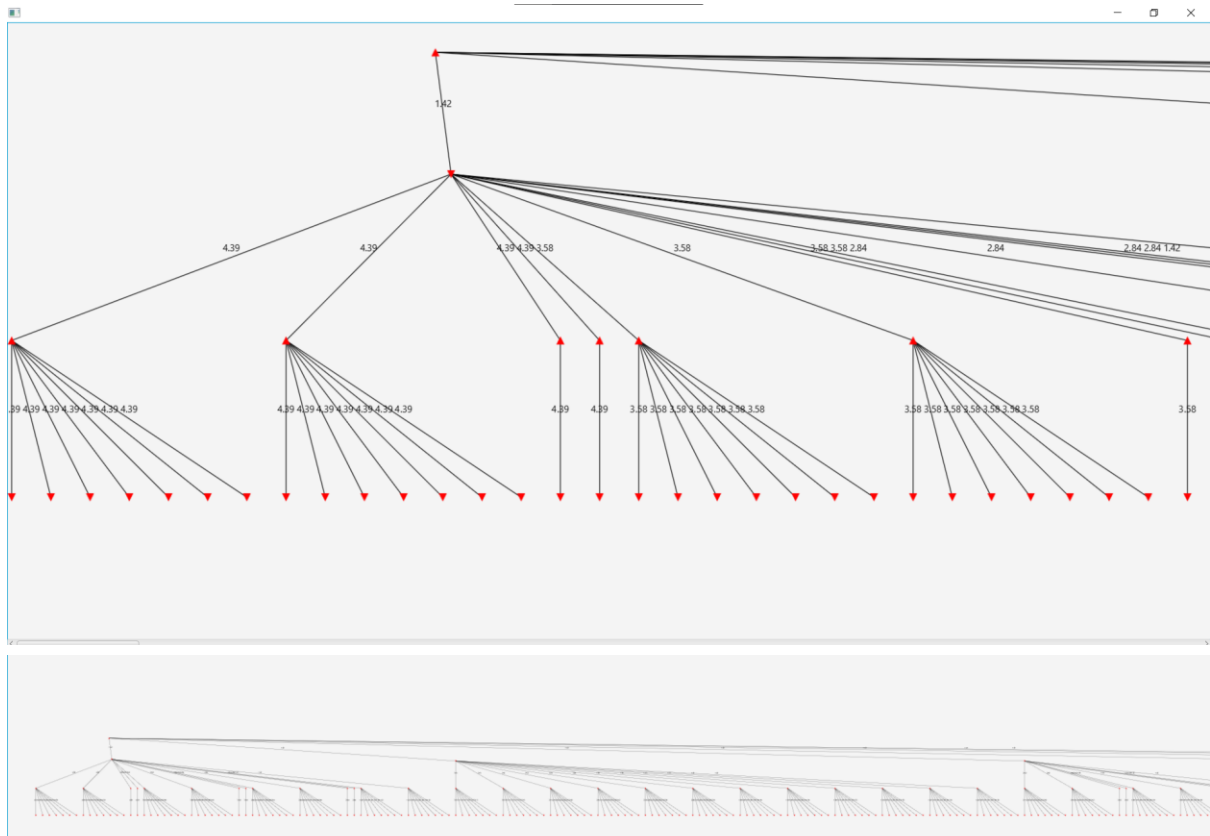
User 0

Agent 0

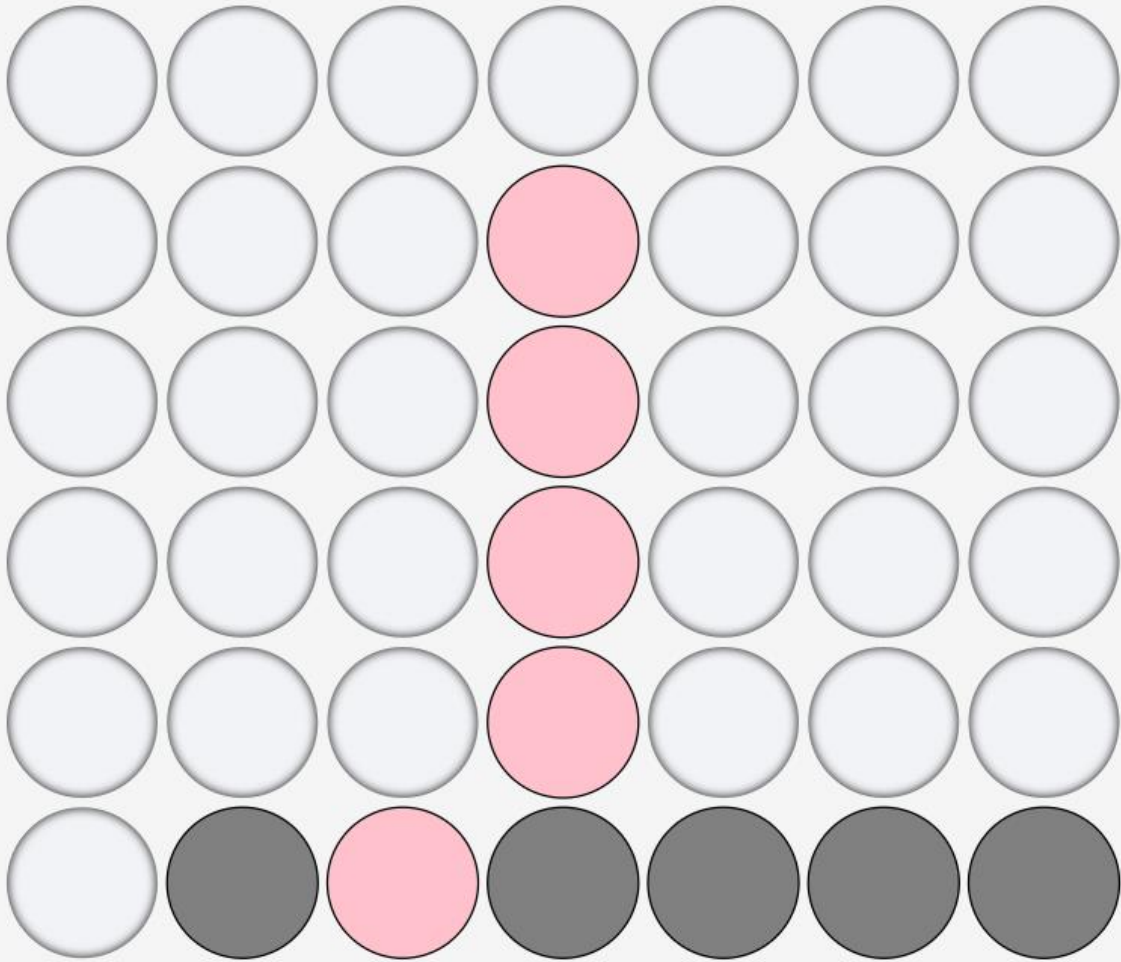
Restart

ShowTree

Back







User

1

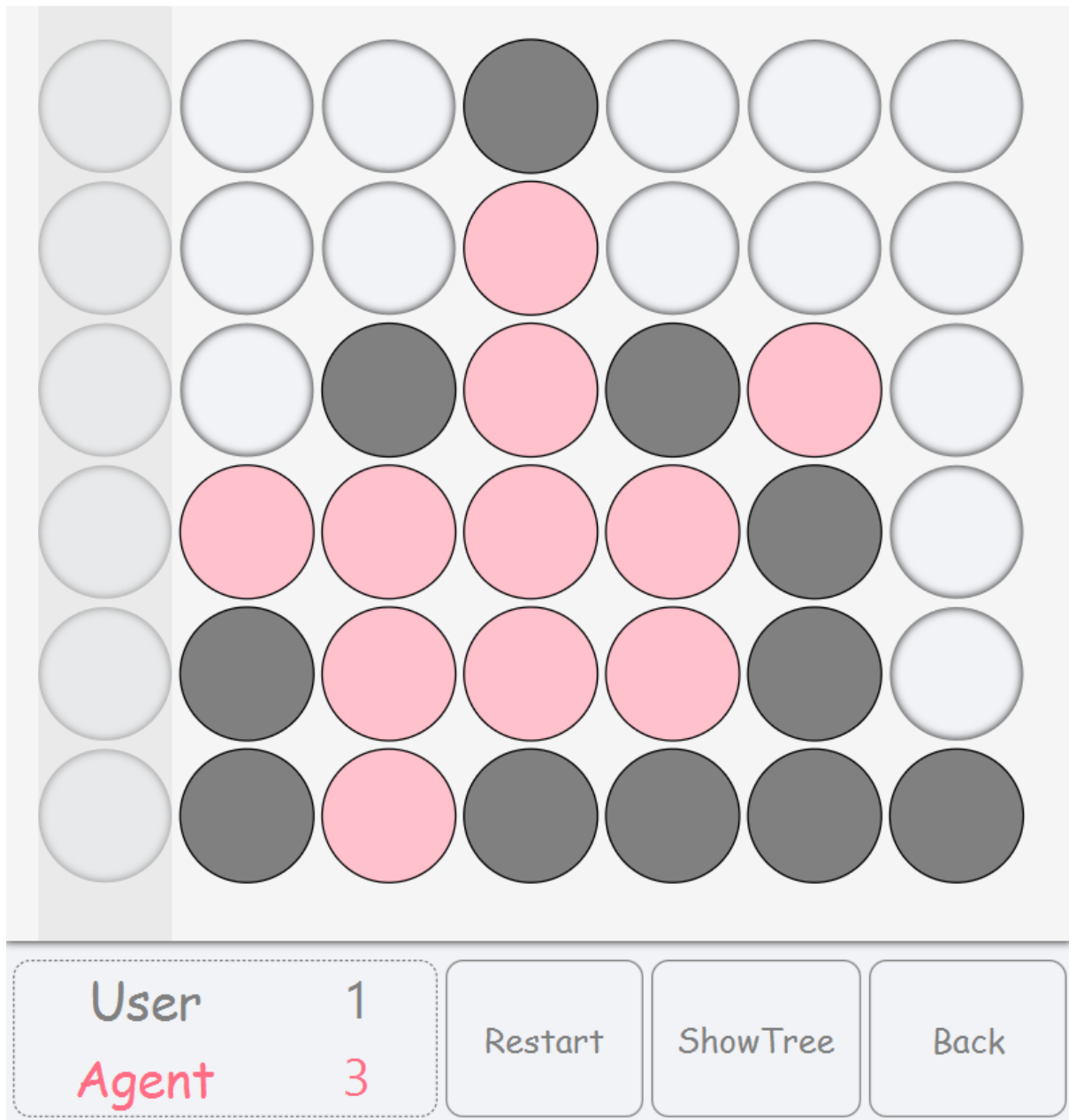
Agent

1

Restart

ShowTree

Back



A Connect 4 game interface. The board is a 6x7 grid of circles. The first column is shaded gray and empty. The other columns contain pieces: Column 2 has a gray piece at the bottom; Column 3 has a pink piece at the bottom and a gray piece above it; Column 4 has a gray piece at the bottom, a pink piece above it, and a gray piece above that; Column 5 has a pink piece at the bottom, a gray piece above it, and a pink piece above that; Column 6 has a pink piece at the bottom, a gray piece above it, and a pink piece above that; Column 7 has a gray piece at the bottom and a white piece above it. The controls at the bottom include a box for 'User 1' and 'Agent 3', and three buttons: 'Restart', 'ShowTree', and 'Back'.

User	1
Agent	3

Restart

ShowTree

Back

Connect 4

User2

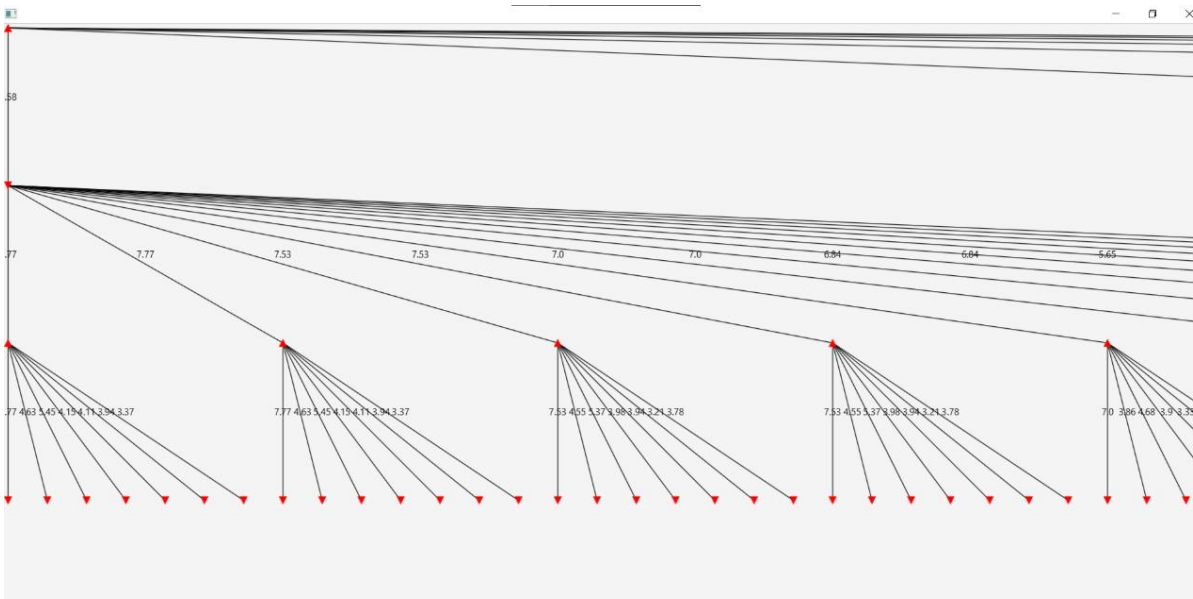
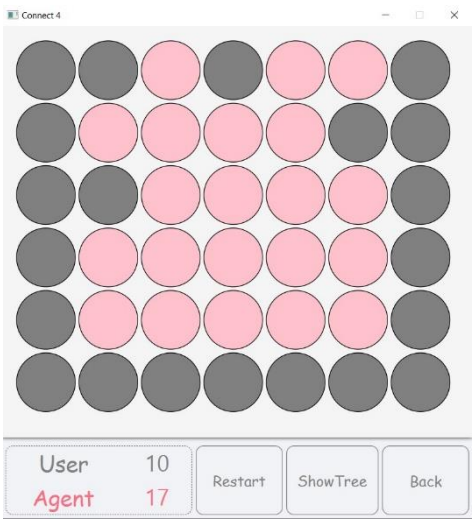
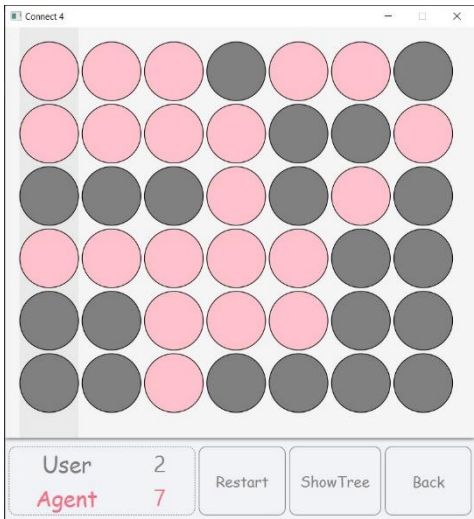
Agent7

Restart

ShowTree

Back

# Minimax without alpha beta:



## Comparison between 2 algorithms:

```
C:\Users\MohamedMedhatSaeedHa\.jdk\openjdk-18\bin\java.exe ...
At Depth 10
Time MinimaxAlphaBeta : 1.626
Expanded Nodes MinimaxAlphaBeta : 16157657
*****
Exception in Application start method
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM warning: Exception java.lang.OutOfMemoryError occurred dispatching signal UNKNOWN to handler- the VM may need to be forcibly terminated
Exception in thread "JavaFX Application Thread"
Exception: java.lang.OutOfMemoryError thrown from the UncaughtExceptionHandler in thread "main"

C:\Users\MohamedMedhatSaeedHa\.jdk\openjdk-18\bin\java.exe ...
At Depth 8
Time MinimaxAlphaBeta : 0.266
Expanded Nodes MinimaxAlphaBeta : 611799|
*****
Time MiniMax : 4.653
Expanded Nodes Minimax : 17678113

C:\Users\MohamedMedhatSaeedHa\.jdk\openjdk-18\bin\java.exe ...
At Depth 7
Time MinimaxAlphaBeta : 0.115
Expanded Nodes MinimaxAlphaBeta : 112415
*****
Time MiniMax : 1.001
Expanded Nodes Minimax : 1906049
```

## Data structures used:

- Pair
- Tree
- ArrayList

## State representation:

State is represented as long where each column in the 2d grid is represented as 9 bits 3 bits for number of occupied slots and 6 bits where each if the 6 bits denote who is playing user or agent.

# Pseudo Code:

## Minmax:

```
package algorithms;

import javafx.util.Pair;
import logic.Heuristic;
import logic.SlotState;
import logic.StateOperations;

public class MiniMax {

    public static TreeNode root;
    private static int maxDepth = 7;

    public static Pair<Long, TreeNode> decision(long state){
        root = new TreeNode(state, 0, true);
        var value = max(state, root, 0);
        root.val = value.getValue();
        Pair<Long, TreeNode> val = new Pair<>(value.getKey(), root);
        return val;
    }

    private static Pair<Long, Double> max(long state, TreeNode node, int depth) {

        if (StateOperations.getEmptySlotsCount(state) == 0 || depth >= maxDepth)
            return new Pair<Long, Double>(null, (double)
Heuristic.getStateScore(state));

        long maxChild = 0;
        double maxUtility = Double.NEGATIVE_INFINITY;

        for (var neighbour : StateOperations.getStateChildren(state,
SlotState.AGENT)) {
            var nodec = new TreeNode(neighbour, 0, false);
            node.children.add(nodec);
            var value = min(neighbour, nodec, depth + 1);
            var utility = value.getValue();
            nodec.val = utility;
            if (utility > maxUtility){
                maxChild = neighbour;
                maxUtility = utility;
            }
        }

        return new Pair<Long, Double>(maxChild, maxUtility);
    }

    private static Pair<Long, Double> min(long state, TreeNode node, int depth) {
        if (StateOperations.getEmptySlotsCount(state) == 0 || depth >= maxDepth)
            return new Pair<Long, Double>(null, (double)
Heuristic.getStateScore(state));
        long minChild = 0;
```

```

        double minUtility = Double.POSITIVE_INFINITY;

        for (long neighbour : StateOperations.getStateChildren(state,
SlotState.USER)) {
            var nodec = new TreeNode(neighbour, 0, true);
            node.children.add(nodec);
            var value = max(neighbour, nodec, depth+1);
            var utility = value.getValue();
            nodec.val = utility;
            node.children.add(nodec);
            if (utility < minUtility){
                minChild = neighbour;
                minUtility = utility;
            }
        }
        return new Pair<Long, Double>(minChild, minUtility);
    }
}

```

## Minimax with alpha-beta:

```

package algorithms;

import javafx.util.Pair;
import logic.Heuristic;
import logic.Node;
import logic.SlotState;
import logic.StateOperations;

import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Vector;

public class MinimaxAlphaBeta {

    static int maxDepth = 10;
    static TreeNode root = null;
    public static Pair<Long, TreeNode> decision(long state){
        root = new TreeNode(state, 0, true);
        var value = maximize(state, root, Double.NEGATIVE_INFINITY,
Double.POSITIVE_INFINITY, 0);
        root.val = value.getValue();
        Pair<Long, TreeNode> val = new Pair<>(value.getKey(), root);
        return val;
    }

    private static Pair<Long, Double> maximize(long state, TreeNode node, double
alpha, double beta, int depth) {
        if (StateOperations.getEmptySlotsCount(state) == 0 || depth >= maxDepth )
            return new Pair<Long, Double>(null , (double)
Heuristic.getStateScore(state));

        long maxChild = 0;
        double maxUtility = Double.NEGATIVE_INFINITY;
    }
}

```

```

        for (var c : StateOperations.getStateChildren(state, SlotState.AGENT)) {
            var nodec = new TreeNode(c, 0, false);
            node.children.add(nodec);
            var value = minimize(c, nodec, alpha, beta, depth+1);
            var utility = value.getValue();
            nodec.val = utility;
            if (utility > maxUtility){
                maxChild = c;
                maxUtility = utility;
            }
            if (maxUtility >= beta)
                break;
            if (maxUtility > alpha)
                alpha = maxUtility;
        }

        return new Pair<Long, Double>(maxChild, maxUtility);

    }

    private static Pair<Long, Double> minimize(long state, TreeNode node, double
alpha, double beta, int depth) {
        if (StateOperations.getEmptySlotsCount(state) == 0 || depth >= maxDepth)
            return new Pair<Long, Double>(null, (double)
Heuristic.getStateScore(state));
        long minChild = 0;
        double minUtility = Double.POSITIVE_INFINITY;

        for (var c : StateOperations.getStateChildren(state, SlotState.USER)) {
            var nodec = new TreeNode(c, 0, true);
            node.children.add(nodec);
            var value = maximize(c, nodec, alpha, beta, depth+1);
            var utility = value.getValue();
            nodec.val = utility;
            node.children.add(nodec);
            if (utility < minUtility){
                minChild = c;
                minUtility = utility;
            }
            if (minUtility <= alpha)
                break;
            if (minUtility < beta)
                beta = minUtility;
        }
        return new Pair<Long, Double>(minChild, minUtility);
    }
}

```