
 Playing Matches

Match #	Opponent	AB_Improved		AB_Custom		AB_Custom_2		AB_Custom_3	
		Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1	Random	18	2	19	1	18	2	12	8
2	MM_Open	6	14	4	16	8	12	3	17
3	MM_Center	14	6	12	8	12	8	3	17
4	MM_Improved	7	13	6	14	3	17	3	17
5	AB_Open	5	15	13	7	8	12	6	14
6	AB_Center	17	3	16	4	15	5	12	8
7	AB_Improved	7	13	14	6	9	11	3	17
Win Rate:		52.9%		60.0%		52.1%		30.0%	

The rate of matches among different heuristic agents are shown above. As we can see, the custom_score is relatively higher. While custom_score_3 is giving very low performance.

custom_score:

I used $(\text{own_moves} - 2 * \text{opp_moves})$ to estimate the board score. This means I would put more weight on preventing my opponent from winning. If my opponent has less spaces to move to, I would have more chance to win.

custom_score_2:

I used $(2 * \text{own_moves} - 3 * \text{opp_moves})$ to estimate the board score. In which I just tried different weights for my own moves and opponent moves.

custom_score_3:

I used the $(\text{distance from current position to center} - \text{opp_moves})$. The more distance from current position to center, the more space to explore, while there should be less opportunities for the opponent to win. But this turns out to have a very low score among all the strategies. I think it's because the distance from current position to center cannot really represents the chance of more spaces for myself.