

### **Option 3: Build an agent using advanced search techniques (for example: killer heuristic, principle variation search (not in lecture), or monte carlo tree search (not in lecture))**

**Create a performance baseline using run\_search.py to evaluate the effectiveness of a baseline agent (e.g., an agent using your minimax or alpha-beta search code from the classroom)**

In [3]:

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print("Random: 100%")
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**Use run\_search.py to evaluate the effectiveness of your agent using your own custom search techniques**

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print("Random: 90%")
print("Greedy: 52.5%")
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**You must decide whether to test with or without "fair" matches enabled--justify your choice in your report**

I decide test with "fair" matches enabled. Because in some games, picking a winning move for the opening guarantees the player a victory. Playing "fair" matches this way will balance out the advantage of picking perfect openings.

**Q1:How much performance difference does your agent show compared to the baseline?**

A1: My agent(principle variation search) won 5% more games than baseline(alpha-beta search).

**Q2:Why do you think the technique you chose was more (or less) effective than the baseline?**

A2: Because principle variation search will never examine a node that can be pruned by alpha-beta.

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