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Four Connect Game with AI

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Evaluation Function Summary

1. The core evaluation function is calculated as, function value = $f(C) - f(H)$ where $f(C)$ returns points calculated for AI and $f(H)$ returns points calculated for human.

2. In the game the pieces are matched horizontally, vertically, right side diagonally and left side diagonally.

So $f(C)$ is evaluated by counting the sum of total AI pieces and total consecutive AI pieces for a single AI move for horizontal, vertical, right side diagonal and left side diagonal position.

$f(H)$ is also evaluated similarly for human pieces for a single AI move.

3. Then the difference of $f(H)$ from $f(C)$ is counted to determine the value of the evaluation function.

Early Stopping Criteria

The idea to build the AI is creating a game tree for every possible move. Then, with the help of minimax algorithm and alpha-beta pruning the best move should be determined for AI. But it is very much time consuming to build a game tree for every turn of AI move. So we have fixed a depth of the game tree level so that the tree is built of the depth and run evaluation function on that. In our project we fixed the depth as 6 which is the criteria for early stopping and giving efficient move within short time.