

Custom Score functions implented are:

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def custom_score(game, player):
    """Calculate the heuristic value of a game state from the point of view
    of the given player.
    This should be the best heuristic function for your project submission.
    Note: this function should be called from within a Player instance as
    `self.score()` -- you should not need to call this function directly.
    Parameters
    game : `isolation.Board`
        An instance of `isolation.Board` encoding the current state of the
        game (e.g., player locations and blocked cells).
    player : object
        A player instance in the current game (i.e., an object corresponding to
        one of the player objects `game.__player_1__` or `game.__player_2__`.)
    Returns
    float
        The heuristic value of the current game state to the specified player.
    """
    if game.is_loser(player):
        return float("-inf")
    if game.is_winner(player):
        return float("inf")
    moves_player = len(game.get_legal_moves(player))
    moves_rival = len(game.get_legal_moves(game.get_opponent(player)))
    return float(moves_player/2-2*moves_rival)

def custom_score_2(game, player):
    """Calculate the heuristic value of a game state from the point of view
    of the given player.
    Note: this function should be called from within a Player instance as
    `self.score()` -- you should not need to call this function directly.
    Parameters
    game : `isolation.Board`
        An instance of `isolation.Board` encoding the current state of the
        game (e.g., player locations and blocked cells).
    player : object
        A player instance in the current game (i.e., an object corresponding to
        one of the player objects `game.__player_1__` or `game.__player_2__`.)
    Returns
    float
        The heuristic value of the current game state to the specified player.
    """
    if game.is_loser(player):
        return float("-inf")
    if game.is_winner(player):
        return float("inf")
    moves_player = len(game.get_legal_moves(player))
    moves_rival = len(game.get_legal_moves(game.get_opponent(player)))
    return float(-(moves_rival)**2)

def custom_score_3(game, player):
    """Calculate the heuristic value of a game state from the point of view
    of the given player.
    Note: this function should be called from within a Player instance as
    `self.score()` -- you should not need to call this function directly.
    Parameters
    game : `isolation.Board`
        An instance of `isolation.Board` encoding the current state of the
        game (e.g., player locations and blocked cells).
    player : object
        A player instance in the current game (i.e., an object corresponding to
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    one of the player objects `game.__player_1__` or `game.__player_2__`.
Returns
float
    The heuristic value of the current game state to the specified player.
"""
if game.is_loser(player):
    return float("-inf")
if game.is_winner(player):
    return float("inf")
moves_player = len(game.get_legal_moves(player))
moves_rival = len(game.get_legal_moves(game.get_opponent(player)))
return float(moves_player-2*moves_rival)

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custom score and custom score3 are similar to improved score. Where custom score3 is trying to increase moves of given player and reduce 2 fold moves of rival , but in custom score we are increasing moves of given player by 2 fold and reduce rivals moves by 2 fold. In custom score2 we are trying to decrease rivals moves exponentially

This script evaluates the performance of the custom_score evaluation function against a baseline agent using alpha-beta search and iterative deepening (ID) called `AB_Improved`. The three `AB_Custom` agents use ID and alpha-beta search with the custom_score functions defined in game_agent.py.

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| Playing Matches | | | | | | | | | |
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| Match # | Opponent | AB_Improved | | AB_Custom | | AB_Custom_2 | | AB_Custom_3 | |
| | | Won | Lost | Won | Lost | Won | Lost | Won | Lost |
| 1 | Random | 8 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 9 | 1 |
| 2 | MM_Open | 6 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| 3 | MM_Center | 8 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 3 |
| 4 | MM_Improved | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| 5 | AB_Open | 2 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| 6 | AB_Center | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 7 | AB_Improved | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
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| Win Rate: | | 58.6% | | 70.0% | | 67.1% | | 55.7% | |

The win rate from the tournament results are: AB custom > AB custom2> AB improved > AB custom3

I choose AB custom because:

1 It has got the highest winning rate of 70%

2 The winning factor for AB custom is dependent on increase of ones moves and decrease of the rivasl moves, by 2 fold helped to get 70% of win rate.

3 depth, because moves of rival is considered, its actual depth is one layer deeper than open_score if given the same depth limitation.