

The results of tournament.py are recorded below:

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	9	1	8	2	7	3	8	2
2	MM_Open	6	4	6	4	7	3	6	4
3	MM_Center	7	3	7	3	9	1	6	4
4	MM_Improved	5	5	9	1	8	2	4	6
5	AB_Open	5	5	5	5	6	4	6	4
6	AB_Center	5	5	6	4	6	4	4	6
7	AB_Improved	6	4	6	4	4	6	6	4

Win Rate:		61.4%		67.1%		67.1%		57.1%	

There were 27.0 timeouts during the tournament -- make sure your agent handles search timeout correctly, and consider increasing the timeout margin for your agent.

All of my algorithms ended up being basic riffs off of AB_Improved and AB_Center.

AB_Custom takes AB_Improved and adds (AB_Center / 24.5) This regularizes it to a single possible extra move for being further away from the center.

AB_Custom_2 takes AB_Improved and multiplies opponents_moves by 1.5, leading to more aggressive play. It then adds (AB_Center / 24.5) This regularizes it to a single possible extra move for being further away from the center.

AB_Custom takes AB_Improved and adds 2 * (AB_Center / 24.5) This regularizes it to two possible extra moves for being further away from the center.