

Othello, Part I: Count pieces to be flipped

function countFlipPieces(gameboard, the player's color, a grid, a direction);
Output: the number of that opponent's pieces that can be flipped

Description

- The state of the game board is represented by a string of 36 characters, including + (for empty grid), X (for dark pieces), and O (for light pieces).
For example, "+++++++XX++OOOX+++OXOO++X+XX+++++" means

	a	b	c	d	e	f
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B				●	●	
C		○	○	○	●	
D			○	●	○	○
E			●		●	●
F						
- Player 1 uses dark pieces and Player 2 uses light pieces.
- The coordination of a grid is in the format of Xy, where the uppercased X denotes the row and the lowercased y denotes the column.
- Direction ID 0 ~ 7 denote the eight directions, i.e. 上 up, 右上 up-right, 右 right, 右下 down-right, 下 down, 左下 down-left, 左 left, and 左上 up-left.
In this practice, when there is a tie (e.g. two moves having the same heuristic scores), choose the lower-ID direction.
(In the future, you can break tie with random numbers.)

Some examples are given here.

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