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163 def evaluate_utility(self, board):
164     self.num_red_man = 0
165     self.num_red_king = 0
166     self.num_black_man = 0
167     self.num_black_king = 0
168     points_wall_red = 0
169     points_wall_black = 0
170     points_center_red = 0
171     points_center_black = 0
172
173     for row in board:
174         for piece in row:
175             up = piece.row - 1
176             down = piece.row + 1
177             left = piece.col - 1
178             right = piece.col + 1
179
180             if piece.colour == 'r':
181                 self.num_red_man += 1
182             if piece.colour == 'R':
183                 self.num_red_king += 1
184             if piece.colour == 'b':
185                 self.num_black_man += 1
186             if piece.colour == 'B':
187                 self.num_black_king += 1
188
189             if (piece.colour == 'r' or piece.colour == 'R'):
190                 #If Red sticked to wall
191                 if (piece.col == 0 or piece.col == 7):
192                     points_wall_red += 0.5
193                 #If Red takes center
194                 if ((piece.col >= 2 and piece.col <= 5) and (piece.row >= 2 and piece.row <= 5)):
195                     # without Black's threat
196                     if (board[up][left] != 'b') or (board[up][left] == 'b' and board[down][right] != '0'):
197                         if (board[up][left] != 'B') or (board[up][left] == 'B' and board[down][right] != '0'):
198                             if (board[up][right] != 'b') or (board[up][right] == 'b' and board[down][left] != '0'):
199                                 if (board[up][right] != 'B') or (board[up][right] == 'B' and board[down][left] != '0'):
200                                     if (board[down][left] != 'B') or (board[down][left] == 'B' and board[up][right] != '0'):
201                                         if (board[down][right] != 'B') or (board[down][right] == 'B' and board[up][left] != '0'):
202                                             if(piece.colour == 'r'):
203                                                 points_center_red += 0.5
204                                             if(piece.colour == 'R'):
205                                                 points_center_red += 1
206
207             if (piece.colour == 'b' or piece.colour == 'B'):
208                 #If Black sticked to wall
209                 if (piece.col == 0 or piece.col == 7):
210                     points_wall_black += 0.5
211                 #If Black takes center
212                 if ((piece.col >= 2 and piece.col <= 5) and (piece.row >= 2 and piece.row <= 5)):
213                     # without Reds's threat
214                     if (board[down][left] != 'r') or (board[down][left] == 'r' and board[up][right] != '0'):
215                         if (board[down][left] != 'R') or (board[down][left] == 'R' and board[up][right] != '0'):
216                             if (board[down][right] != 'r') or (board[down][right] == 'r' and board[up][left] != '0'):
217                                 if (board[down][right] != 'R') or (board[down][right] == 'R' and board[up][left] != '0'):
218                                     if (board[up][left] != 'R') or (board[up][left] == 'R' and board[down][right] != '0'):
219                                         if (board[up][right] != 'R') or (board[up][right] == 'R' and board[down][left] != '0'):
220                                             if(piece.colour == 'b'):
221                                                 points_center_black += 0.5
222                                             if(piece.colour == 'B'):
223                                                 points_center_black += 1
224
225     points_num_red = (self.num_red_man + (self.num_red_king * 2))
226     points_num_black = (self.num_black_man + (self.num_black_king * 2))
227
228     points_num = (points_num_red - points_num_black)
229     points_wall = (points_wall_red - points_wall_black)
230     points_center = (points_center_red - points_center_black)
231
232     points_total = points_num + points_wall + points_center
233
234     utility = points_total
235     return utility

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I have come up with a Heuristic function that counts 3 things.

1. (Lines 179-186 & 224-225) The given utility where I count the number of Red pieces and Black pieces. Red Normal pieces = +1, Red King pieces = +2, Black Normal pieces = -1, Black King pieces = -2.
2. (Lines 189-191 & 207-209 & 228) Counting the number of pieces that Stick to the Wall so that it cannot be captured. When a Red piece sticks to the wall, Black cannot capture it, thus +0.5. When a Black piece sticks to the wall, Red cannot capture it, thus -0.5
3. (Lines 192-204 & 210-222 & 229) Counting the number of pieces that Take Control of the Center so that it has more possible choices to move. Taking Control of the Center also means that it shouldn't be threatened by the Opponent. If Red Normal pieces take control of the center, +0.5, if Red King pieces take control of the center, +1.0. If Black Normal pieces take control of the center, -0.5, if Black King pieces take control of the center, -1.0.

At the end, these points are all added to determine the utility (Heuristic) of each state.