

## Report on Implementation of Intelligent Agent for Mancala Game

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- In this assignment I implemented Minimax algorithm with alpha beta pruning.
- Six Heuristics are used for evaluating utility function of terminal node or leaf nodes (when depth is limited).
- Moves are shuffled randomly before calling minimax function to child nodes.
- If there are multiple moves results same peak utility, then tie is broken by the following procedure:
  - (1) Capture1 := maximum stone be captured by move1
  - (2) Capture2 := maximum stone be captured by move2
  - (3) If capture1 != capture2
    - Return move associated with maximum capture
  - (4) If capture1 != 0
    - Return randomly from move1 and move2
  - (5) If both move1 and move2 is bonus move
    - Return move with larger index
  - (6) Else if any of move is bonus
    - Return move associated with bonus move
  - (7) Else
    - Return move randomly from move1 and move2
- Iterative deepening search on Minimax algorithm can be used when computation time is limited for getting next move
- Performance of different heuristics is attached here

