CS 4100 Homework 04: Connect Four

Due Tuesday 3/14 at midnight (1 minute after 11:59 pm) in Gradescope (with a grace period of 6 hours)

You may submit the homework up to 24 hours late (with the same grace period) for a penalty of 10%.

You must submit the homework in Gradescope as a zip file containing two files:

- The .ipynb file (be sure to Kernel -> Restart and Run All before you submit); and
- · A .pdf file of the notebook.

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All homeworks will be scored with a maximum of 100 points; if point values are not given for individual problems, then all problems will be counted equally.

An Appendix is provided with examples of output for cases where the expected output is not able to be explained in comments.

Problem One: Interactive Connect 4 (30 pts)

In this first problem, you will create the basic functionality for an interactive version of the Connect 4 game, in which you play against a naive player player(...) which simply chooses a random move. In the rest of the homework, you will write an improved player(...) which uses minmax to search for the best move.

Setup and Rules of Connect 4

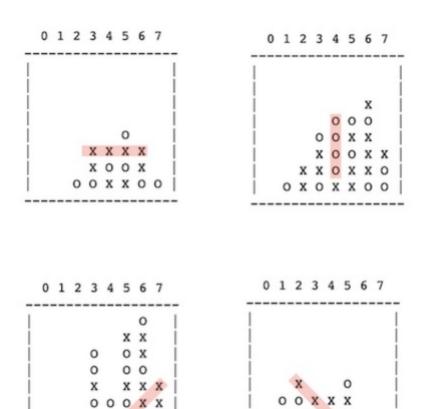
Connect 4 is a children's game consisting of an 8x8 frame in which you can drop either red or yellow disks in a column; the disks fall to the bottom and can not be moved afterwards:



Two players (one taking red, the other yellow) take turns dropping the disks into the frame. We shall use X and 0 instead of red and yellow. The first player to get four across, down, or on a diagonal wins:

o x o x o

o x o x x o x



Utility Code

You must use this data structure for the board.

X O X X O

x o x x o o |

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In [1]: import numpy as np
        # Board is 8x8 numpy array
        # 0 = no piece
        #1 = X piece
        #2 = 0 piece
        blank = 0
        X = 1
        0 = 2
        symbol = [' ','X','0']
        N = 8
                                                        # use this function to create a
        def getEmptyBoard():
            return np.zeros((N,N)).astype(int)
        # This will be used to indicate an error when you try to make a move in a column t
        ERROR = -1
        # Check for error: use this function ONLY, since numpy arrays work strangely with
        def isError(B):
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if type(B) == int:
       return B == ERROR
   else:
       return False
# Print out a human-readable version of the board, can indent if want to trace th
def printBoard(B,ind=0):
   indent = '\t'*ind
   if isError(B):
       print(indent, "ERROR: Overflow in column.")
       return
   print(indent,' 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7')
   print(indent,'----')
   for row in range(N):
       print(indent,'|',end='')
       for col in range(N):
           print(' '+ symbol[B[row][col]],end='')
       print(' |')
   print(indent,'----')
printBoard(getEmptyBoard())
print()
printBoard(ERROR)
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ERROR: Overflow in column.

Part A

Fill in the following template for dropPiece to allow players to drop pieces into the frame to make a move.

Consult the Appendix to see the detailed outputs from the tests.

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In [2]: # This function should make the indicated move on the input board, and return that
# if there is no room in the column of the move. Note that you are changing the c
# IN PLACE, but also returning it, so you can indicate the error by returning ERRC
# Do NOT make a copy, as that is very inefficient!

# player is 1 (X) or 2 (0); 0 <= move <= 7; board is 8x8 numpy array as shown in i
# If move is illegal (either outside range 0..7) or there is no room in that colum

def illegalMove(m):
    return not(0 <= m <= 7)

def noRoomInColumn(move, board):
    return (board[0][move] != 0)

def dropPiece(player, move, board):
    if illegalMove(move) or noRoomInColumn(move, board):
        return ERROR</pre>
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for c in range(N):
        if(board[N-(c+1)][move] == 0):
            board[N-(c+1)][move] = player
            return board
                                      # just to get it to compile, you must write t
    return ERROR
# tests
# makeExample takes a list of X,0,X,0 etc. moves and create a board.
# May be useful for testing.
def makeExample(moves):
    B = getEmptyBoard()
    player = X
    nextPlayer = 0
    for m in moves:
        B = dropPiece(player,m,B)
        if isError(B):
                                     # NOTE: This is the way to check for an error
            return ERROR
        player, nextPlayer = nextPlayer, player
    return B
# Test out of range error -- See Appendix for what you should produce
if(dropPiece(X,100,getEmptyBoard())):
    print("Move outside range 0..7!")
else:
    print("Range test did not work. ")
print()
# Test dropPiece
B = dropPiece(X,3,getEmptyBoard())
B = dropPiece(0,4,B)
B = dropPiece(X, 0, B)
B = dropPiece(0,7,B)
B = dropPiece(X, 5, B)
B = dropPiece(0,3,B)
B = dropPiece(X, 4, B)
B = dropPiece(0,5,B)
B = dropPiece(X, 5, B)
printBoard(B)
print()
L2R = list(range(8))
R2L = L2R[::-1]
M = (L2R + R2L) * 4
fullBoard = makeExample(M)
printBoard(fullBoard)
print()
# next one should return error message for any \theta <= m <= 7, since there is no room
m = 4
print("No room in column "+str(m)+":",noRoomInColumn(m,fullBoard),'\n')
printBoard( dropPiece(X,m,fullBoard) )
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Move outside range 0..7!

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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No room in column 4: True

ERROR: Overflow in column.

Part B

Next, you must write the function checkWin, which determines whether one of the players has a winning configuration.

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In [3]: # player = 1 (X) or 2 (0)
        # checkWin(X,board) returns X=1 if X wins, else 0
        # checkWin(0,board) returns 0=2 if 0 wins, else 0
        # No need to check if X and 0 both have winning sequences, since this will be used
        def checkWin(player, board):
            for c in range(N):
                for r in range(N):
                    # Horizontal check
                    counter = 0
                    for i in range(4):
                        if illegalMove(c+i):
                            break
                        elif board[r][c+i] == player:
                            counter += 1
                        else:
                            break
                    if counter == 4:
                        return player
                    # Vertical check
                    counter = 0
                    for j in range(4):
                        if illegalMove(r+j):
                            break
                        elif board[r+j][c] == player:
                            counter += 1
                        else:
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break
        if counter == 4:
            return player
        # LDiag check
        counter = 0
        for k in range(4):
            if illegalMove(r+k) or illegalMove(c-k):
            elif board[r+k][c-k] == player:
                counter += 1
            else:
                break
        if counter == 4:
            return player
        # RDiag check
        counter = 0
        for l in range(4):
            if illegalMove(r+l) or illegalMove(c+l):
                break
            elif board[r+l][c+l] == player:
                counter += 1
            else:
                break
        if counter == 4:
            return player
return 0
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In [4]: # tests
     NoWins = [
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0,
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0,
     XWins = [
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
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      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
      OWins = [
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
      np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
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In [5]: for b in XWins:
        print(checkWin(X,b),end='') # 111111111111

print()
    for b in OWins:
        print(checkWin(0,b),end='') # 222222222222

print()
    for b in NoWins:
        print(checkWin(X,b),end='') # 00000

print()

111111111111

22222222222222
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Part C

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This last part of Problem One will enable you to play interactively against a random player. You should play the game sufficiently to understand the rules and some basic strategy before starting on the minmax version of the player.

Since I/O is always the most frustrating and least interesting part of any program, the template below provides some basic interaction to build on.

You should provide an interaction approximately as shown in the Appendix at the bottom of this notebook.

Note carefully:

- You must check for a win after each move;
- Code your main loop as a for loop with a maximum of 64, so that if the board were to fill up, the game would terminate with the message "Tie game!" (just check if the for loop variable == 64 after the loop ends);
- Terminate the game with an appropriate error message (as shown in the Appendix) if your move is an error, i.e.,
 - Move is not in the range 0..7; or
 - Move is in a column that is already full.

Note that the random player will never make an illegal move.

The graders will play your game to verify that it works as expected.

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In [6]: ### Interactive version

from numpy.random import randint

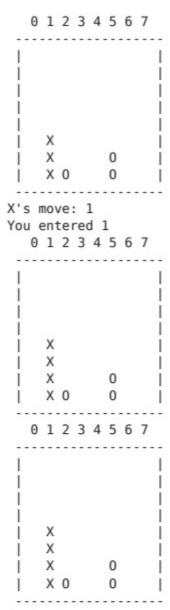
def randomPlayer(board):
    move = randint(8)
    while noRoomInColumn(move,board):  # no move in this column, try
    move = randint(8)
    return move

# following is just to show how to accept input from keyboard, you will rewrite al
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board = getEmptyBoard()
for k in range(64):
   move = int(input('X\'s move: ')) # convert string to int
    if illegalMove(move) or noRoomInColumn(move, board):
        print("Illegal move: not in range 0..7.")
        break
    else:
        dropPiece(X,move,board)
        print("You entered", move)
        printBoard(board)
       if checkWin(X, board) == 1:
            printBoard(board)
            print('X wins!')
            break
        dropPiece(0, randomPlayer(board),board)
        print('0\'s move: '+str(m))
        printBoard(board)
       if checkWin(0, board) == 2:
            print('0 wins!')
            break
if k == 63:
   print("Tie game!")
print("Bye!")
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X's move: 1 You entered 0 1 2 3 4		
X X 0's move: 4		
0 1 2 3 4	5 6 7	
 X 0		 - - - - -
X's move: 1 You entered	1	
0 1 2 3 4		
 X X 0		
0's move: 4 0 1 2 3 4	1567	
 X	0	
X's move: 1 You entered	1	
0 1 2 3 4		
 X X X	0	 - - - - -

0's move: 4



X wins! Bye!

Problem Two (60 pts)

You will now create an automated player. The basic ideas have been presented in lecture on 2/8 and 2/13 and we will not repeat them here.

Part A

The first task is to write the evaluation (heuristic) function which tells you how good a board position is for you.

There are two parameters which you can experiment with to provide the best behavior:

- THREE_SCORE
- TWO_SCORE

The evaluation method returns an integer value calculated from O's point of view as follows:

- If the board is a win for O, return sys.maxsize = 9223372036854775807 (you will need to import sys)
- If the board is a win for X, return -sys.maxsize = -9223372036854775807

Otherwise, let 0 SCORE be the sum of the following:

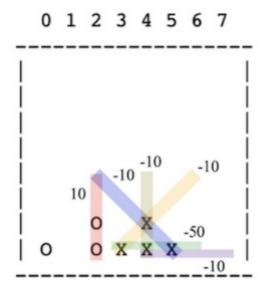
- For any sequence of 3 O's (in a row, column, or diagonal) which could potentially be extended later to a win, add THREE SCORE
- For any sequence of 2 O's (in a row, column, or diagonal) which could potentially be extended later to a win, add TW0 SCORE

and let X SCORE be the sum of the following:

- For any sequence of 3 X's (in a row, column, or diagonal) which could potentially be extended later to a win, subtract THREE SCORE
- For any sequence of 2 X's (in a row, column, or diagonal) which could potentially be extended later to a win, subtract TW0 SCORE

Return 0_SCORE + X_SCORE

For example, in the following board B, if we set THREE_SCORE = 50 and TW0_SCORE = 10, eval(B) should return -80, not a good position for O!



(Note that the two winning configurations for X in the lower right corner are not mutually exclusive, and in fact an intelligent player would always choose to move to 6, so that a move to 7 is irrelevant; however, considering all such interactions is too complicated, and in the eval function described below, we do not account for these complications.)

Complete the following template and test it as shown.

HINT: The best way to write this is to adapt your checkWin function, which already enumerates all possible sequences which could produce a win. For each such sequence, count the number of 0's, 1's, and 2's. Then:

- If there are four 2's, then return sys.maxsize (a win for O);
- If there are four 1's, then return -sys.maxsize (a win for X);
- If there are two 0's and two 2's, then this is a sequence which should count for TW0_SCORE;
- If there is one 0 and three 2's, then this is a sequence which should count for THREE SCORE;
- If there are two 0's and two 1's, then this is a sequence which should count for -TW0_SCORE;
 and
- If there is one 0 and three 1's, then this is a sequence which should count for
 THREE SCORE.

Note that for the first two cases, as an alternative you could simply call your original checkWin before checking the other cases.

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In [7]: import sys
        OWIN = sys.maxsize
        XWIN = -OWIN
        THREE SCORE = 50
                                          # just for testing, you may want to experiment w
        TWO SCORE = 10
                                         # for these two parameters
        # Return evaluation of the board from 0's point of view
        XTHREE LIST = [[1,0,1,1], [1,1,0,1], [1,1,1,0], [0,1,1,1]]
        XTWO_LIST = [[0,1,1,0], [0,0,1,1], [1,1,0,0], [0,1,0,1], [1,0,1,0], [1,0,0,1]]
        OTHREE LIST = [[2,0,2,2], [2,2,0,2], [2,2,2,0], [0,2,2,2]]
        OTWO_LIST = [[0,2,2,0], [0,0,2,2], [2,2,0,0], [0,2,0,2], [2,0,2,0], [2,0,0,2]]
        def scoreUp(line):
            for a in range(3):
                if line[a] == -1:
                    return 0
            if line in XTHREE LIST:
                return -1 * THREE SCORE
            elif line in OTHREE LIST:
                return THREE SCORE
            elif line in XTWO LIST:
                return -1 * TWO SCORE
            elif line in OTWO LIST:
                return TWO SCORE
            else:
                return 0
        def eval(board):
            if checkWin(0, board) == 2:
                return OWIN
            if checkWin(X, board) == 1:
                return XWIN
            sumVal = 0
            # Checks all blank spaces
            for c in range(N):
                for r in range(N):
                    # Horizontal case
                    line = []
                    for i in range(4):
                        if illegalMove(c+i):
                            line.append(-1)
                        else:
                            line.append(board[r][c+i])
                    sumVal += scoreUp(line)
                    # Vertical case
                    line = []
                    for j in range(4):
                        if illegalMove(r+j):
                            line.append(-1)
                        else:
                             line.append(board[r+j][c])
                    sumVal += scoreUp(line)
                    # LDiag case
                    line = []
                    for k in range(4):
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In [8]: # tests with THREE SCORE = 50 and TWO SCORE = 10
        def testEval(board):
            printBoard(board)
            print()
            print('eval(B) =',eval(board))
        testEval(makeExample([3,0,4,2,5,2,4])); print()
                                                                                       # ev
        testEval(makeExample([6, 5, 1])); print()
                                                                                       # ev
        testEval(makeExample([0, 2, 6, 1, 2, 1])); print()
                                                                                       # ev
        testEval(makeExample([2, 6, 6, 1, 4, 0, 3, 3, 3, 2])); print()
                                                                                       # ev
        testEval(makeExample([4, 3, 2, 6, 5, 3, 7, 5, 4, 4, 1, 2])); print()
                                                                                       # ev
        testEval(makeExample([3, 5, 6, 2, 2, 5, 7, 3, 6, 6, 5, 4, 6, 4, 4])); print() # ev
        testEval(makeExample([5, 1, 7, 0, 3, 6, 1, 4, 2, 2, 5, 0, 4, 5, 4, 2,
                              3, 6, 6, 1, 1, 2, 2, 7, 6, 7, 2, 0, 0, 5, 4, 7,
                              7, 4, 2])); print()
                                                                                       # ev
        r1 = [2, 1]*4; r2 = [1, 2]*4
        testEval(np.array([r1,r2,r2,r1,r2,r2,r1,r2])); print()
        testEval(makeExample([7, 1, 1, 5, 6, 1, 7, 6, 1, 3, 1, 2, 6, 0, 6])); print() # ev
        testEval(makeExample([7, 7, 7, 4, 0, 0, 7, 6, 7, 2, 6, 6, 7, 6, 1])); print() # ev
        print()
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0 1 2 3 4	5 6 7
 0 0 X	
eval(B) = -8	9
0 1 2 3 4	5 6 7
 X	0 X
eval(B) = 0	
0 1 2 3 4	5 6 7
 0 X X 0 0	
eval(B) = 20)
0 1 2 3 4	5 6 7
 X 00 00 X X X	
eval(B) = -2	0
0 1 2 3 4	5 6 7

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| 00X0 |
 | XXOXXOX|
eval(B) = 90
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
          X
     X X 0
    X 0 0 0 X
    0 X 0 0 X X |
eval(B) = -10
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    X
XX0 X0X0
[ 0 0 0 X 0 X 0 ]
| 0 X 0 X X X 0 0 |
| 0 0 X X 0 X 0 X |
eval(B) = -30
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 | 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 X |
| X 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 |
| X O X O X O X O |
| 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 X |
| X O X O X O X O |
| X O X O X O X O |
| 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 X |
| X 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 |
eval(B) = 0
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
X
X
           X
 0
           X
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eval(B) = 9223372036854775807

0 X

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

[0000 0XX]

| X

Part B

Now you must implement the minMax algorithm as described in lecture, with the following changes and additions:

- minMax as shown in the template must take the following parameters:
 - board -- the current board being evaluated
 - player -- either 1 (X) or 2 (O); the O player is the maximizing player (board is a max node)
 and X is the minimizing player (board is a min node)
 - depth -- level of this call: the first call in player starts at level 0, and you should increase the depth by 1 for each recursive call to minMax
 - alpha,beta -- cutoff bounds as described in lecture.
- minMax must return a pair (score, move) giving the min-max score calculated for the board and the move that corresponds to this score. The move will only be used at the top level by player, and will be ignored by recursive calls to minMax. (However, it might be useful for tracing execution.) By this arrangement, you will not need a separate "chooseMove" function as shown in the lecture slides, and can simply use the first call to minMax to generate the move.
- You must count the number of nodes examined (or, following the pseudo-code below, the number of calls to minMax); you may examine at most 10,000 nodes in any single call to player; as shown in the pseudo-code, a new call to minMax above this limit should immediately return (0,None).
- It is strongly recommended that you do not make multiple copies of the board (e.g., when
 creating child nodes); instead, use the "recursive backtracking" trick of making a move on the
 board before each recursive call, then undoing the move before the next call:

```
for move in range(8):
    row = row that this move would be placed in
    board[row][move] = player that is making this move
# make the move
    val = minMax(board, <other player>, ...)
    board[row][move] = 0
# undo the move
```

```
In [9]: # Code for Part B

maxNodeLimit = 10000  # You can not change this
maxDepth = 5  # 8^4 < 10000, 8^5 > 10000

countNodes = 0
```

```
def minMax(board, player, depth, alpha, beta):
             global countNodes
             countNodes += 1
             if countNodes > maxNodeLimit:
                 countNodes += -1
                 return (0, None)
             boardScore = eval(board)
             if boardScore == alpha or boardScore == beta or depth == maxDepth:
                 return (boardScore, None)
             scoreList = []
             for move in range(8):
                 if noRoomInColumn(move, board):
                     continue
                 else:
                     for i in range(8):
                         if board[7-i][move] == 0:
                              row = 7-i
                             break
                 board[row][move] = player
                 scoreList.append((minMax(board, (player%2)+1, depth+1, alpha, beta)[0],mov
                 board[row][move] = 0
             combo = ()
             if player == 0:
                 scoreVal = alpha
                 for j in range(len(scoreList)):
                     if scoreVal <= scoreList[j][0]:</pre>
                         scoreVal = scoreList[j][0]
                         combo = scoreList[j]
                 return combo
             else:
                 scoreVal = beta
                 for k in range(len(scoreList)):
                     if scoreVal >= scoreList[k][0]:
                         scoreVal = scoreList[k][0]
                         combo = scoreList[k]
                 return combo
         # You will use this function in your interactive version below
         def player(board):
             ( ,move) = minMax(board,0,0,-sys.maxsize,sys.maxsize) # only place we need
             return move
In [10]: # Some simple tests: better testing can be done by running the interactive version
         # Your results may vary slight from what is shown here, but should be similar
                               # minMax will call eval on all children of root node
         maxDepth = 1
         board1 = makeExample([3,4,2,5,2,6,2])
         print()
         printBoard(board1)
         print("minMax:", minMax(board1,0,0,-sys.maxsize,sys.maxsize) ) # (92233720368547)
         board2 = makeExample([3,4,2,5,2,0,2])
```

```
print()
printBoard(board2)
print("minMax:", minMax(board2,0,0,-sys.maxsize,sys.maxsize) ) # (10, 2)

maxDepth = 2

board2 = makeExample([3,4,2,5,2,0,2])
print()
printBoard(board2)
print("minMax:", minMax(board2,0,0,-sys.maxsize,sys.maxsize) ) # (-50, 2)

board3 = makeExample([3,0,4,4,3,4,5])
print()
printBoard(board3)
print("minMax:", minMax(board3,0,0,-sys.maxsize,sys.maxsize) ) # (-92233720368547)
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
  X
    X
   X X O O O
minMax: (9223372036854775807, 7)
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
į X
    X
0 X X O O
minMax: (10, 2)
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
l X
    X
0 X X 0 0
minMax: (-50, 2)
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    0
     X 0
0 X X X
```

Part C

Now you must copy your code from Problem 1 C down to the next cell, but use player instead of randomPlayer, and verify that your game works as you expect.

Note the following requirements:

minMax: (-9223372036854775807, 7)

You must print out the number of nodes examined (= number of times minMax is called)

 You must print out the elapsed time to make the call to player, you can use the time library as follows:

```
import time

t_start = time.perf_counter()
code to be timed
t_end = time.perf_counter()

print("Time elapsed:", np.around(t_end-t_start,2), "secs.") #
will print out to 2 decimal places
```

A typical session is shown in the Appendix.

```
In [11]: import time
         maxDepth = 4
         # Your code here
         from numpy.random import randint
         board = getEmptyBoard()
         for k in range(64):
             move = int(input('X\'s move: ')) # convert string to int
             if illegalMove(move) or noRoomInColumn(move, board):
                 print("Illegal move: not in range 0..7.")
                 break
             else:
                 dropPiece(X,move,board)
                 if checkWin(X, board) == 1:
                     printBoard(board)
                     print('X wins!')
                     break
                 countNodes = 0
                 t start = time.perf counter()
                 cpuMove = player(board)
                 t_end = time.perf_counter()
                 dropPiece(0, cpuMove,board)
                 print('0\'s move: '+str(cpuMove))
                 printBoard(board)
                 print("Number of nodes examined: "+str(countNodes))
                 print("Time elapsed:", np.around(t end-t start,2), "secs.")
                                                                                   # will p
                 if checkWin(0, board) == 2:
                     print('0 wins!')
                     break
         if k == 63:
             print("Tie game!")
         print("Bye!")
```

```
X's move: 2
0's move: 4
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
     -----
Number of nodes examined: 4681
Time elapsed: 10.12 secs.
X's move: 2
0's move: 7
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
      X
      X
        0
Number of nodes examined: 4681
Time elapsed: 10.05 secs.
X's move: 5
0's move: 7
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
      Χ
        0 X 0
Number of nodes examined: 4681
Time elapsed: 10.07 secs.
X's move: 7
0's move: 5
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
               X
      X
            0
        0 X
                0 |
Number of nodes examined: 4681
Time elapsed: 10.39 secs.
```

Time etapsed: 10.39 secs. X's move: 2 0's move: 2 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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0
          ΧI
     X
         0 0 |
     X
      X 0 X 0 |
Number of nodes examined: 4169
Time elapsed: 8.33 secs.
X's move: 3
0's move: 4
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
     0
         X |
     X
     X 00 0 |
    X X 0 X 0 |
Number of nodes examined: 4673
Time elapsed: 9.94 secs.
X's move: 3
0's move: 4
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    0
     X 0 X I
     X X O O O |
      XXOX 0 |
Number of nodes examined: 4513
Time elapsed: 9.55 secs.
X's move: 4
0's move: 3
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
     0 X
     X 0 0 X I
     X X O O O |
      XXOX 0 |
Number of nodes examined: 4553
Time elapsed: 9.47 secs.
X's move: 5
0's move: 6
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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Number of nodes examined: 3321 Time elapsed: 6.51 secs.

0 wins! Bye!

Problem Three (Connect4 Contest) (10 pts)

For this problem, you will provide a complete listing of all necessary code in a single code cell, so that we can copy it into a master notebook to run a contest among all the submissions, plus Prof Snyder's implementation, and the random player.

You may examine at most 10,000 nodes, and you may take no longer than 30 seconds to make a move (on my power Mac, which is quite fast, so this is just to make sure that you don't do something completely crazy that takes absurd amounts of time). There is no other restriction on the depth, just that you may call minMax at most 10,000 times.

We will run multiple versions of the contest, perhaps with slightly randomized starting points (all with eval scores of 0 to "level the playing field"). At the end we will have a ranking of all submissions.

For this part of the homework, you will receive points as follows:

- · If you rank below the random player, you will receive 0 points;
- If you rank above Prof Snyder's player, you will receive 10 points and definite bragging rights;
- Otherwise, we will divide the remaining players into 10 intervals (we'll be generous), receiving from 1 to 10 points (thus you can still get 10 points even if you can't beat Snyder's player).

Note: I have run similar contests in the past, and my experience has been that lots of students were able to beat my player!

In the next code cell, keep the first line, add your name in the second line, and then copy

ALL CODE from the previous cells which would be necessary to run your player function.

DO NOT copy down all the tests, just the code!

You do not have to copy down your interactive code, just the code necessary to run player; however you may do so if you want to verify that everything works as expected.

It would be an **excellent** idea to Restart and then just run this one cell, to make sure you have copied down everything necessary.

```
In [12]: # Solution for Problem Three
         # Your name:
         # Max Correia
         # your code here
         # Imports
         import time
         import sys
         from numpy.random import randint
         # win condition function
         def checkWin(player, board):
             for c in range(N):
                 for r in range(N):
                     # Horizontal check
                      counter = 0
                      for i in range(4):
                          if illegalMove(c+i):
                              break
                          elif board[r][c+i] == player:
                              counter += 1
                          else:
                              break
                      if counter == 4:
                          return player
                      # Vertical check
                      counter = 0
                      for j in range(4):
                          if illegalMove(r+j):
                              break
                          elif board[r+j][c] == player:
                              counter += 1
                          else:
                              break
                      if counter == 4:
                          return player
                      # LDiag check
                      counter = 0
                      for k in range(4):
                          if illegalMove(r+k) or illegalMove(c-k):
                              break
                          elif board[r+k][c-k] == player:
                              counter += 1
                          else:
                              break
```

```
if counter == 4:
                return player
            # RDiag check
            counter = 0
            for l in range(4):
                if illegalMove(r+l) or illegalMove(c+l):
                elif board[r+l][c+l] == player:
                    counter += 1
                else:
                    break
            if counter == 4:
                return player
    return 0
# eval function + variables
OWIN = sys.maxsize
XWIN = -OWIN
THREE SCORE = 50
                                  # just for testing, you may want to experiment w
TWO SCORE = 10
                                  # for these two parameters
# Return evaluation of the board from 0's point of view
XTHREE\_LIST = [[1,0,1,1], [1,1,0,1], [1,1,1,0], [0,1,1,1]]
XTWO_LIST = [[0,1,1,0], [0,0,1,1], [1,1,0,0], [0,1,0,1], [1,0,1,0]]
OTHREE_LIST = [[2,0,2,2], [2,2,0,2], [2,2,2,0], [0,2,2,2]]
OTWO_LIST = [[0,2,2,0], [0,0,2,2], [2,2,0,0], [0,2,0,2], [2,0,2,0]]
def scoreUp(line):
    for a in range(3):
       if line[a] == -1:
            return 0
    if line in XTHREE LIST:
        return -1 * THREE SCORE
    elif line in OTHREE LIST:
        return THREE SCORE
    elif line in XTWO LIST:
        return -1 * TWO SCORE
    elif line in OTWO LIST:
       return TWO SCORE
    else:
        return 0
def eval(board):
    if checkWin(0, board) == 2:
        return OWIN
    if checkWin(X, board) == 1:
        return XWIN
    sumVal = 0
    # Checks all blank spaces
    for c in range(N):
        for r in range(N):
            # Horizontal case
            line = []
            for i in range(4):
                if illegalMove(c+i):
                    line.append(-1)
                else:
                    line.append(board[r][c+i])
            sumVal += scoreUp(line)
```

```
# Vertical case
            line = []
            for j in range(4):
                if illegalMove(r+j):
                    line.append(-1)
                else:
                    line.append(board[r+j][c])
            sumVal += scoreUp(line)
            # LDiag case
            line = []
            for k in range(4):
                if illegalMove(r+k) or illegalMove(c-k):
                    line.append(-1)
                else:
                    line.append(board[r+k][c-k])
            sumVal += scoreUp(line)
            # RDiag case
            line = []
            for l in range(4):
                if illegalMove(r+l) or illegalMove(c+l):
                    line.append(-1)
                else:
                    line.append(board[r+l][c+l])
            sumVal += scoreUp(line)
    return sumVal
# minMax function + variables
maxNodeLimit = 10000 # You can not change this
maxDepth = 5
                              # 8^4 < 10000, 8^5 > 10000
countNodes = 0
def minMax(board, player, depth, alpha, beta):
    global countNodes
    countNodes += 1
    if countNodes > maxNodeLimit:
        countNodes += -1
        return (0, None)
    boardScore = eval(board)
    if boardScore == alpha or boardScore == beta or depth == maxDepth:
        return (boardScore, None)
    scoreList = []
    for move in range(8):
        if noRoomInColumn(move, board):
            continue
        else:
            for i in range(8):
                if board[7-i][move] == 0:
                    row = 7-i
                    break
        board[row][move] = player
        scoreList.append((minMax(board, (player%2)+1, depth+1, alpha, beta)[0],mov
        board[row][move] = 0
```

```
combo = ()
    if player == 0:
        scoreVal = alpha
        for j in range(len(scoreList)):
            if scoreVal <= scoreList[j][0]:</pre>
               scoreVal = scoreList[j][0]
               combo = scoreList[j]
        return combo
    else:
        scoreVal = beta
        for k in range(len(scoreList)):
            if scoreVal >= scoreList[k][0]:
                scoreVal = scoreList[k][0]
               combo = scoreList[k]
        return combo
# Player function
def player(board):
    ( ,move) = minMax(board,0,0,-sys.maxsize,sys.maxsize) # only place we need
    return move
```

Appendix: Expected Outputs

Problem 1 B

```
Move outside range 0..7!
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
        X
      0 X 0
X X O X O i
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
.......
| 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 X |
| X O X O X O X O |
1 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 X 1
| X O X O X O X O |
| 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 X |
| X O X O X O X O |
| 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 X |
| X O X O X O X O |
No room in column 4: True
ERROR: Overflow in column.
```

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Χ':	S	mov	e:	3						
	0	1 2	3	4	5	6	7			
			X							
0':	s	mov	e:	2						
		1 2			5	6 7	7			
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Χ':	S	mov	e:	3						
(0	1 2	3	4	5	6 7	7			
			X							
0':	s	mov	e:	2						
		1 2			5	6 7	7			

X's move: 3

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
l x
0 X 0 X
O's move: 4
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
I I
X's move: 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
X X
0 X
Win for X!
Bye!
Win for 0
X's move: 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
i x
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```
0's move: 2
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    0 X
.... Many moves later ......
0's move: 3
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    X
    x x 0
    000 00
X O X X O X X I
| 0 X 0 X X X 0 0 |
X's move: 0
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    X
    X X 0
[X 000 00]
X O X X O X X I
| 0 X 0 X X X 0 0 |
0's move: 1
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    X
    X X 0 |
[X0000 00]
IXOXXO XXI
| 0 X 0 X X X 0 0 |
```

```
Win for 0!
Bye!
----- Error: Move not in range
X's move: 3
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    X
0's move: 7
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
  X 0 |
X's move: 10
Illegal move: not in range 0..7.
Bye!
----- Error: move to column already filled ------
X's move: 4
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
      X
0's move: 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
```

.... Many moves later.....

X's move: 2

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

0's move: 3

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

X's move: 3

Illegal move: column 3 is already full.

Bye!

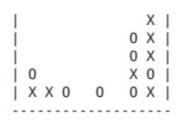
Problem 2 Part A

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

```
eval(B) = -80
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 X 0 X
eval(B) = 0
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 0 X
| X 0 0 X
eval(B) = 20
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    X
   0 0 X
| 0 0 X X X 0 |
eval(B) = -20
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
   0 0 X 0
   XXOXXOXI
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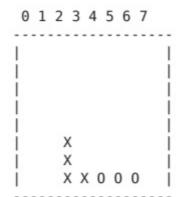
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      X X 0
     X 0 0 0 X
     0 X 0 0 X X |
eval(B) = -10
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    X
    X
    X 0 X |
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| 0 X 0 X X X 0 0 |
| 0 0 X X 0 X 0 X |
eval(B) = -30
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
| 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 X |
| X O X O X O X O |
| X O X O X O X O |
| 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 X |
| X O X O X O X O |
| X O X O X O X O |
| 0 X 0 X 0 X 0 X |
| X O X O X O X O |
eval(B) = 0
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
  X
  X
          X
           X
  X 0 X I
| 0 0 0 0 0 X X |
eval(B) = 9223372036854775807
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
```

X |



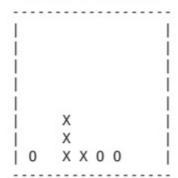
eval(B) = -9223372036854775807

Problem Two Part B



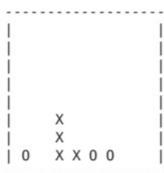
minMax: (9223372036854775807, 7)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



minMax: (10, 2)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



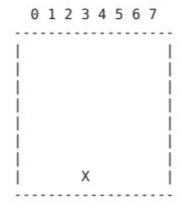
minMax: (-50, 2)

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İ	0	İ
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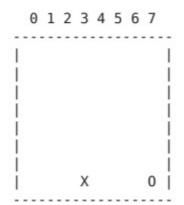
Problem Two Part C

This trace was performed with a vanilla-flavored minMax (nothing other than alpha-beta pruning), with a maxDepth of 5.

X's move: 3



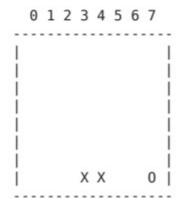
0's move: 7



Number of nodes examined: 10000

Elapsed time: 13.9 secs.

X's move: 4



0's move: 5



Number of nodes examined: 9111 Elapsed time: 12.5 secs.

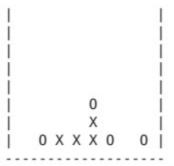
X's move: 4

0's move: 4

Number of nodes examined: 9050 Elapsed time: 12.53 secs.

X's move: 2

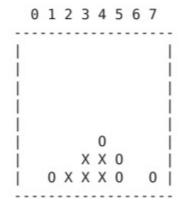
0's move: 1



Number of nodes examined: 2899 Elapsed time: 4.01 secs.

X's move: 3

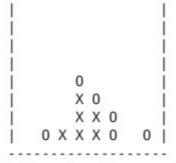
0's move: 5



Number of nodes examined: 6609 Elapsed time: 9.29 secs.

X's move: 3

0's move: 3



Number of nodes examined: 6912 Elapsed time: 8.96 secs.

X's move: 2

0's move: 6

Number of nodes examined: 3953 Elapsed time: 4.87 secs.

Win for 0! Bye!