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.

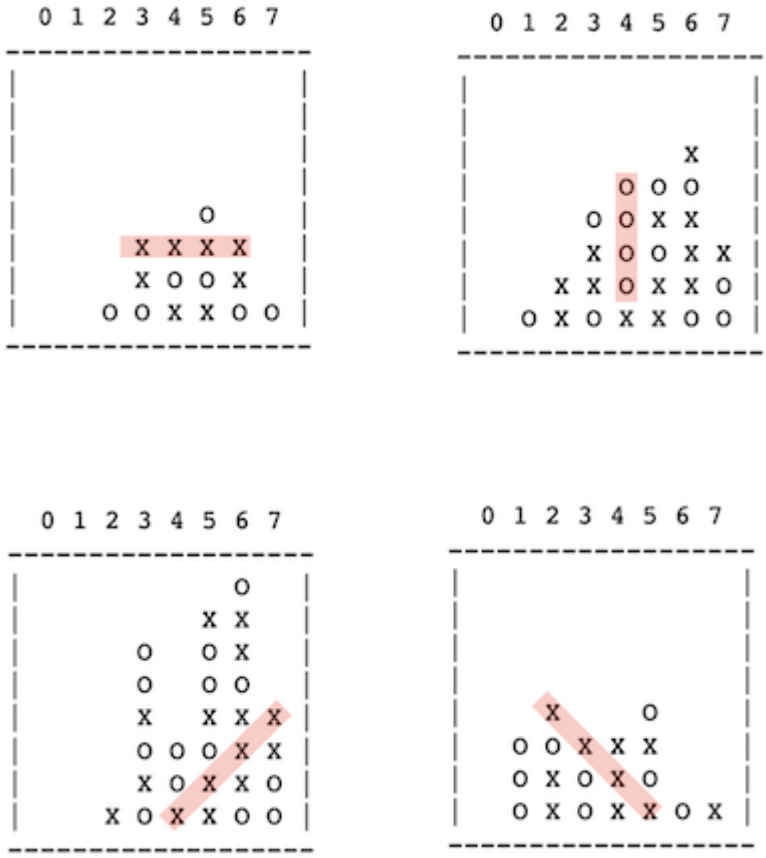
Problem One: Interactive Connect 4 (30 pts)

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 `O` instead of red and yellow. The first player to get four across, down, or on a diagonal wins:



Utility Code

You must use this data structure for the board.

In [1]:

```python
import numpy as np

# Board is 8x8 numpy array
# 0 = no piece
# 1 = X piece
# 2 = O piece

blank = 0
X = 1
O = 2

symbol = [' ','X','O']

N = 8

def getEmptyBoard():                                    # use this function
    return np.zeros((N,N)).astype(int)

# This will be used to indicate an error when you try to make a move i

ERROR = -1

# Check for error: use this function ONLY, since numpy arrays work sti

def isError(B):
    if type(B) == int:
        return B == ERROR
    else:
        return False

# Print out a human-readable version of the board, can indent if want

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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  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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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.

In [2]:

```
# This function should make the indicated move on the input board, and
# if there is no room in the column of the move.  Note that you are cl
# IN PLACE, but also returning it, so you can indicate the error by re
# Do NOT make a copy, as that is very inefficient!

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

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

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

def dropPiece(player,move,board):
    if (illegalMove(move) or noRoomInColumn(move,board)):
        return ERROR
    else:
        for row in reversed(range(0, 8)):
            if(board[row][move] == 0):
                board[row][move] = player
                break
    return board                    # just to get it to compile, you

# tests

# makeExample takes a list of X,O,X,O etc. moves and create a board.
# May be useful for testing.

def makeExample(moves):
    B = getEmptyBoard()
    player = X
    nextPlayer = O
    for m in moves:
        B = dropPiece(player,m,B)
        if isError(B):              # NOTE: This is the way to check
            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(O,4,B)
B = dropPiece(X,0,B)
B = dropPiece(O,7,B)
B = dropPiece(X,5,B)
```

```
B = dropPiece(O,3,B)
B = dropPiece(X,4,B)
B = dropPiece(O,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 0 <= m <= 7, since thei

m = 4

print("No room in column "+str(m)+":",noRoomInColumn(m,fullBoard),'\n'

printBoard( dropPiece(X,m,fullBoard) )
```

```
Move outside range 0..7!

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |                 |
 |                 |
 |           X     |
 |       O X O     |
 | X     X O X   O |
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  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 | O X O X O X O X |
 | X O X O X O X O |
 | O X O X O X O X |
 | X O X O X O X O |
 | O X O X O X O X |
 | X O X O X O X O |
 | O X O X O X O X |
 | X O X O X O X O |
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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.

In [3]:

```
# player = 1 (X) or 2 (O)
# checkWin(X,board) returns X=1 if X wins,  else 0
# checkWin(O,board) returns O=2 if O wins,  else 0

# No need to check if X and O both have winning sequences, since this


# horizontal win :
def horizontalWin(player,board):
    for row in range(8):

        for col in range(5):
            if(board[row][col] == player):
                if (board[row][col + 1] == player
                    and board[row][col + 2] == player
                    and board[row][col + 3] == player):
                    return True
    return False

# vertical win :
def verticalWin(player,board):
    for col in range(8):

        for row in range(5):
            if(board[row][col] == player):
                if (board[row + 1][col] == player
                    and board[row + 2][col] == player
                    and board[row + 3][col] == player):
                    return True
    return False

# postive diagonal win //// :
def posDiagonalWin(player,board):
    for row in range(3, 8):

        for col in range(5):
            if(board[row][col] == player):
                if (board[row - 1][col + 1] == player
                    and board[row - 2][col + 2] == player
                    and board[row - 3][col + 3] == player):
                    return True
    return False

# negative diagonal win \\\\\ :
def negDiagonalWin(player,board):
    for row in range(5):

        for col in range(5):
            if(board[row][col] == player):
                if (board[row + 1][col + 1] == player
                    and board[row + 2][col + 2] == player
                    and board[row + 3][col + 3] == player):
                    return True
    return False


```

```
def checkWin(player,board):
    # your code here

    if(horizontalWin(player,board) or
       verticalWin(player,board) or
       negDiagonalWin(player,board) or
       posDiagonalWin(player,board)):
        return player
    else:
        return 0
```

In [4]:

```
# tests

NoWins = [
 np.array([[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,
 np.array([[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, 2,
 np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[2, 0, 0,

XWins = [
 np.array([[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,
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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,

OWins = [
 np.array([[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,
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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,
 np.array([[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],[0, 0, 0,
```

In [5]:
```
for b in XWins:
    print(checkWin(X,b),end='')        # 111111111111
print()
for b in OWins:
    print(checkWin(O,b),end='')        # 2222222222222
print()
for b in NoWins:
    print(checkWin(X,b),end='')         # 00000
print()
```

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1111111111111
2222222222222
00000
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Part C

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.

In [6]:

```
### Interactive version

from numpy.random import randint

def randCol(board):
    m = randint(8)
    while noRoomInColumn(m,board):                # no move in this co
        m = randint(8)
    return m

def randomPlayer(board):
    boardSize = 64
    gameBoard = board

    for k in range(boardSize):
        # you are X
        Xmove = int(input('X\'s move: '))  # convert string to int
        print('\n')
        # random player is O
        Omove = (randCol(board))
        if illegalMove(Xmove):
            print("Illegal move: not in range 0..7.")
            break
        else:
            #print("You entered",Xmove)
            gameBoard = dropPiece(X,Xmove,gameBoard)
            printBoard(gameBoard)
            print('\n')
            if(checkWin(X,gameBoard) == X):
                print('X WINS !')
                break
        print('O\'s move: ' + str(Omove) + '\n')
        gameBoard = dropPiece(O,Omove,gameBoard)
        printBoard(gameBoard)
        print('\n')
        if(checkWin(O,gameBoard) == O):
            print('O WINS !')
            break

    if (k == boardSize - 1):
        print("Tie Game!")

randomPlayer(getEmptyBoard())
```

```
X's move: 1


  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |   X           |
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O's move: 5

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |   X       O     |
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X's move: 1

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |                 |
 |   X             |
 |   X       O     |
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O's move: 2

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |                 |
 |   X             |
 |   X O     O     |
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X's move: 1

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |                  |
 |   X              |
 |   X              |
 |   X O     O      |
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O's move: 4

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |   X              |
 |   X              |
 |   X O   O O      |
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X's move: 1


   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |   X              |
 |   X              |
 |   X              |
 |   X O   O O      |
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X WINS !
```

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 `O_SCORE` be the sum of the following:

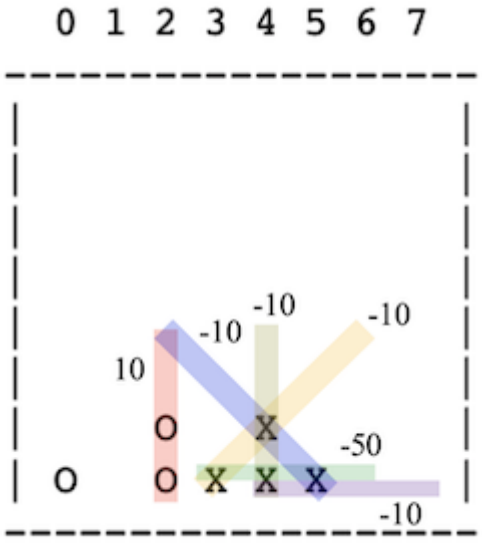
- For any sequence of 3 O's (in a row, column, or diagonal) which could potentially be extended later to a win, add `THREE_SCORE`
- For any sequence of 2 O's (in a row, column, or diagonal) which could potentially be extended later to a win, add `TWO_SCORE`

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 `TWO_SCORE`

Return `O_SCORE + X_SCORE`

For example, in the following board `B`, if we set `THREE_SCORE = 50` and `TWO_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 `TWO_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 `-TWO_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.

In [7]:

```
import sys

OWIN = sys.maxsize
XWIN = -OWIN

THREE_SCORE = 50                    # just for testing, you may want to
TWO_SCORE = 10                      # for these two parameters


# Return evaluation of the board from O's point of view

def eval(board):

    while(checkWin(X, board) == 0 and checkWin(O, board) == 0):
        score = 0

        # check horizontal 2s
        for row in range(8):
            for col in range(8):

                if(col <= 6):
                    # check horizontal 2s to the right
                    if(board[row][col] == O and board[row][col + 1] ==
                        score += TWO_SCORE
                        if(col <= 5):
                            if(board[row][col + 2] == O):
                                score += THREE_SCORE
                    elif(board[row][col + 1] == X and board[row][col]
                        score -= TWO_SCORE
                        if(col <= 5):
                            if(board[row][col + 2] == X):
                                score += THREE_SCORE

                if(row <= 6):
                    # check vertical 2s downward
                    if(board[row][col] == O and board[row - 1][col] ==
                        score += TWO_SCORE
                        if(row <= 5):
                            if(board[row - 2][col] == O):
                                score += THREE_SCORE
                    elif(board[row][col] == X and board[row - 1][col]
                        score -= TWO_SCORE
                        if(row <= 5):
                            if(board[row - 2][col] == X):
                                score += THREE_SCORE

                if(row >= 1 and col <= 6):
                    # check pos diagonal 2s
                    if(board[row][col] == O and board[row - 1][col + 1
                        score += TWO_SCORE
                        if(row >= 2):
                            if(col <= 5 and board[row - 2][col + 2] ==
                                score += THREE_SCORE
                    elif(board[row][col] == X and board[row - 1][col +
                        score -= TWO_SCORE
                        if(row >= 2 and col <= 5):
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                            if(board[row - 2][col + 2] == X):
                                score += THREE_SCORE

                if(row <= 6 and col <= 6):
                    # check neg diagonal 2s
                    if(board[row][col] == O and board[row + 1][col + 1
                        score += TWO_SCORE
                        if(row <= 5 and col <= 5):
                            if(board[row + 2][col + 2] == O):
                                score += THREE_SCORE
                    elif(board[row][col] == X and board[row + 1][col +
                        score -= TWO_SCORE
                        if(row <= 5 and col <= 5):
                            if(board[row + 2][col + 2] == X):
                                score += THREE_SCORE
        return score

    if(checkWin(X, board) == X):
        return XWIN
    elif(checkWin(O, board) == O):
        return OWIN

```

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()
testEval(makeExample([6, 5, 1])); print()
testEval(makeExample([0, 2, 6, 1, 2, 1])); print()
testEval(makeExample([2, 6, 6, 1, 4, 0, 3, 3, 3, 2])); print()
testEval(makeExample([4, 3, 2, 6, 5, 3, 7, 5, 4, 4, 1, 2])); print()
testEval(makeExample([3, 5, 6, 2, 2, 5, 7, 3, 6, 6, 5, 4, 6, 4, 4]));
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()
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]));
testEval(makeExample([7, 7, 7, 4, 0, 0, 7, 6, 7, 2, 6, 6, 7, 6, 1]));

print()
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  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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|     O   X       |
| O   O X X X     |
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eval(B) = 10

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|   X       O X   |
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eval(B) = 0

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |   O X           |
 | X O O       X   |
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eval(B) = 20
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   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |       X         |
 |     O O     X   |
 | O O X X X   O   |
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eval(B) = 60
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   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |         O       |
 |     O O X O     |
 |   X X O X X O X |
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eval(B) = 70
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   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |     O X O O X X |
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eval(B) = 170
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   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |                 |
 |     X           |
 |     X           |
 |     X   O     X |
 | X X O   X O X O |
```

```
 | O O O   X O X O |
 | O X O X X X O O |
 | O O X X O X O X |
 -------------------

eval(B) = 260

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 | O X O X O X O X |
 | X O X O X O X O |
 | X O X O X O X O |
 | O X O X O X O X |
 | X O X O X O X O |
 | X O X O X O X O |
 | O X O X O X O X |
 | X O X O X O X O |
 -------------------

eval(B) = 1200

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |   X             |
 |   X         X   |
 |   O         X   |
 |   X         O X |
 | O O O O   O X X |
 -------------------

eval(B) = 9223372036854775807

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |               X |
 |               X |
 |             O X |
 |             O X |
 | O           X O |
 | X X O   O   O X |
 -------------------

eval(B) = -9223372036854775807
```

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]:

```
maxNodeLimit = 10000            # You can not change this
maxDepth = 3                    # You will want to change this and expe
countNodes = 0
def minMax(board, player, depth, alpha, beta):

    global countNodes
    countNodes += 1

    otherPlayer = None
    # Gives the other player:
    if player == X:
        otherPlayer = O
    else:
        otherPlayer = X

    #Base cases:
    # Check if node limit reached
    if countNodes > maxNodeLimit:
        return (0, None)
    # Check if leaf node or depth limit reached
    if depth == maxDepth:
        return (eval(board), None)

    bestScore = -XWIN if player == X else -OWIN
    bestMove = None

    # Make every possible move to check for best move
    for move in range(8):

        row = None

        for i in range(len(board)-1,-1,-1):
            if board[i][move] == blank:
                row = i
                break

        if row is not None:
            #recursive move and undoing the move afterwards
            board[row][move] = player
            score, _ = minMax(board, otherPlayer, depth+1, alpha, beta
            board[row][move] = blank

            if player == O:
                if score > bestScore:
                    bestScore = score
                    bestMove = move
                alpha = max(alpha, score)
            else:
                if score < bestScore:
                    bestScore = score
                    bestMove = move
                beta = min(beta, score)

            if alpha >= beta:
                break

```

```
    if bestMove == None:
        bestMove = 7
    return (bestScore, bestMove)


# You will use this function in your interactive version below

def player(board):
    move = minMax(board,0,0,-sys.maxsize,sys.maxsize)[1]    # only pla
    return move
```

In [10]:
```
# Some simple tests:  better testing can be done by running the intera
# Your results may vary slight from what is shown here, but should be

maxDepth = 1          # minMax will call eval on all children of root

board1 = makeExample([3,4,2,5,2,6,2])
print()
printBoard(board1)
print("minMax:", minMax(board1,O,0,-sys.maxsize,sys.maxsize) )  # (92

board2 = makeExample([3,4,2,5,2,0,2])
print()
printBoard(board2)
print("minMax:", minMax(board2,O,0,-sys.maxsize,sys.maxsize) )  # (10,

maxDepth = 2

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

board3 = makeExample([3,0,4,4,3,4,5])
print()
printBoard(board3)
print("minMax:", minMax(board3,O,0,-sys.maxsize,sys.maxsize) )  # (-9

```

```
  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
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |     X           |
 |     X           |
 | O   X X O O     |
 -------------------
minMax: (40, 6)

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
```

```
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |     X            |
 |     X            |
 | O   X X O O      |
 --------------------
minMax: (-50, 2)

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 --------------------
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |         O        |
 |       X O        |
 | O     X X X      |
 --------------------
minMax: (-9223372036854775807, 7)
```

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:

- 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 [14]:

```
import time

from numpy.random import randint

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

#X is player; O is bot
def ConnectFour():
    board = getEmptyBoard()
    currplayer = X
    for k in range(64):
        if k % 2 == 0:
            move = int(input('X\'s move: '))  # convert string to int
            if illegalMove(move):
                print("Illegal move: not in range 0..7.\n")
                break
            elif noRoomInColumn(move,board):
                print ("Illegal move: column ", move, ' is already ful
                break
            else:
                print('\n')
                printBoard(dropPiece(X, move, board))
                print('\n')
                if checkWin(X, board):
                    print('Win for O!\n')
                    break

        else:
            currPlayer = O
            t_start = time.perf_counter()
            move = player(board)
            t_end = time.perf_counter()
            print("Time elapsed:", np.around(t_end-t_start,2), "secs."
            print("Number of Nodes examined:", countNodes)
            if noRoomInColumn(move,board):
                print ("Illegal move: column ", move, ' is already ful
                break
            else:
                print('O\'s move: ', move,"\n")
                printBoard(dropPiece(O, move, board))
                print('\n')
                if checkWin(O, board):
                    print('Win for O!\n')
                    break

    print("Bye!")
ConnectFour()

# Your code here
```

```
X's move: 5
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |           X     |
 -------------------
```

```
Time elapsed: 0.02 secs.
Number of Nodes examined: 788
O's move:  0
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 | O         X     |
 -------------------
```

```
X's move: 6
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 | O         X X   |
 -------------------
```

```
Time elapsed: 0.01 secs.
Number of Nodes examined: 819
O's move:  1
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
```

```
 |                 |
 |                 |
 | O O       X X   |
 -------------------
```

```
X's move: 2
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 | O O X     X X   |
 -------------------
```

```
Time elapsed: 0.01 secs.
Number of Nodes examined: 847
O's move:  0
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 | O               |
 | O O X     X X   |
 -------------------
```

```
X's move: 3
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 | O               |
 | O O X X   X X   |
 -------------------
```

```
Time elapsed: 0.02 secs.
Number of Nodes examined: 899
```

```
O's move:  4

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 | O               |
 | O O X X O X X   |
 -------------------


X's move: 3


   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 | O     X         |
 | O O X X O X X   |
 -------------------


Time elapsed: 0.01 secs.
Number of Nodes examined: 940
O's move:  1

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 | O O   X         |
 | O O X X O X X   |
 -------------------


X's move: 3


   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
```

```
 |                 |
 |       X         |
 | O O   X         |
 | O O X X O X X   |
 -------------------
```

```
Time elapsed: 0.02 secs.
Number of Nodes examined: 982
O's move:  3
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |       O         |
 |       X         |
 | O O   X         |
 | O O X X O X X   |
 -------------------
```

```
X's move: 2
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |       O         |
 |       X         |
 | O O X X         |
 | O O X X O X X   |
 -------------------
```

```
Time elapsed: 0.02 secs.
Number of Nodes examined: 1005
O's move:  2
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |       O         |
 |     O X         |
 | O O X X         |
 | O O X X O X X   |
 -------------------
```

```
Win for O!

Bye!
```

Appendix: Expected Outputs

Problem 1 B

```
Move outside range 0..7!

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|           X     |
|       O X O     |
| X     X O X   O |
-------------------

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
| O X O X O X O X |
| X O X O X O X O |
| O X O X O X O X |
| X O X O X O X O |
| O X O X O X O X |
| X O X O X O X O |
| O X O X O X O X |
| X O X O X O X O |
-------------------

No room in column 4: True

ERROR: Overflow in column.
```

Problem 1 C

```
-------- Win for X --------------------------------

X's move: 3

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|       X          |
--------------------

O's move: 2

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|     O X          |
--------------------

X's move: 3

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|       X          |
|     O X          |
--------------------

O's move: 2

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
```

```
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|     O X          |
|     O X          |
--------------------
```

```
X's move: 3
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|        X         |
|     O X          |
|     O X          |
--------------------
```

```
O's move: 4
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|        X         |
|     O X          |
|     O X O        |
--------------------
```

```
X's move: 3
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|        X         |
|        X         |
|     O X          |
|     O X O        |
```

```
|                  |
--------------------

Win for X!
Bye!


---------- Win for O ------------------------------

X's move: 3

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|       X          |
--------------------

O's move: 2

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|     O X          |
--------------------


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


O's move: 3

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|     X            |
|     X   X     O  |
```

```
|     O O O   O O |
| X O X X O   X X |
| O X O X X X O O |
-------------------

X's move: 0

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|     X           |
|     X   X     O |
| X   O O O   O O |
| X O X X O   X X |
| O X O X X X O O |
-------------------

O's move: 1

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|     X           |
|     X   X     O |
| X O O O O   O O |
| X O X X O   X X |
| O X O X X X O O |
-------------------

Win for O!
Bye!


----------- Error: Move not in range -----------------------------

X's move: 3

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
```

```
|                  |
|                  |
|       X          |
--------------------

O's move: 7

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|       X       O  |
--------------------

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       |
--------------------

O's move: 3

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
--------------------
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
|                  |
```

```
|                 |
|                 |
|       O X       |
-------------------


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



X's move: 2

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|       X         |
|       X         |
|       X         |
|       O         |
|     X X X       |
|   O X X X O   O |
| O O X O X O O O |
-------------------

O's move: 3

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|       O         |
|       X         |
|       X         |
|       X         |
|       O         |
|     X X X       |
|   O X X X O   O |
| O O X O X O O O |
-------------------

X's move: 3
Illegal move: column 3 is already full.
Bye!
```

Problem 2 Part A

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|     O   X       |
| O   O X X X     |
-------------------
```

```
eval(B) = -80
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|   X       O X   |
-------------------
```

```
eval(B) = 0
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|   O X           |
| X O O       X   |
-------------------
```

```
eval(B) = 20
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
```

```
|                 |
|       X         |
|     O O     X   |
| O O X X X   O   |
-------------------
```

```
eval(B) = -20
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|         O       |
|     O O X O     |
|   X X O X X O X |
-------------------
```

```
eval(B) = 90
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|             X   |
|         X X O   |
|     X O O O X   |
|     O X O O X X |
-------------------
```

```
eval(B) = -10
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|     X           |
|     X           |
|     X   O     X |
| X X O   X O X O |
| O O O   X O X O |
| O X O X X X O O |
| O O X X O X O X |
-------------------
```

```
eval(B) = -30
```

```
  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
| O X O X O X O X |
| X O X O X O X O |
| X O X O X O X O |
| O X O X O X O X |
| X O X O X O X O |
| X O X O X O X O |
| O X O X O X O X |
| X O X O X O X O |
-------------------

eval(B) = 0

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|                 |
|   X             |
|   X         X   |
|   O         X   |
|   X         O X |
| O O O O   O X X |
-------------------

eval(B) = 9223372036854775807

  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
-------------------
|                 |
|                 |
|               X |
|               X |
|             O X |
|             O X |
| O           X O |
| X X O   O   O X |
-------------------

eval(B) = -9223372036854775807
```

Problem Two Part B

```
  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
 --------------------
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |     X            |
 |     X            |
 | O   X X O O      |
 --------------------
minMax: (10, 2)

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 --------------------
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |     X            |
 |     X            |
 | O   X X O O      |
 --------------------
minMax: (-50, 2)

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 --------------------
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |         O        |
 |       X O        |
 | O     X X X      |
```

```
 --------------------
minMax: (-9223372036854775807, 7)
```

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 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |       X         |
 -------------------

O's move: 7

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |       X       O |
 -------------------
Number of nodes examined: 10000
Elapsed time: 13.9 secs.

X's move: 4

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |                 |
 |       X X     O |
 -------------------

O's move: 5

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 -------------------
 |                 |
```

```
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |       X X O   O  |
 --------------------
Number of nodes examined: 9111
Elapsed time: 12.5 secs.

X's move: 4

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 --------------------
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |         X        |
 |       X X O   O  |
 --------------------

O's move: 4

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 --------------------
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |         O        |
 |         X        |
 |       X X O   O  |
 --------------------
Number of nodes examined: 9050
Elapsed time: 12.53 secs.

X's move: 2

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 --------------------
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
 |                  |
```

```
 ------------------
 |                |
 |                |
 |         O      |
 |         X      |
 |     X X X O   O |
 ------------------
```

```
O's move: 1
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 ------------------
 |                |
 |                |
 |                |
 |                |
 |                |
 |         O      |
 |         X      |
 |   O X X X O   O |
 ------------------
```

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

```
X's move: 3
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 ------------------
 |                |
 |                |
 |                |
 |                |
 |                |
 |         O      |
 |       X X      |
 |   O X X X O   O |
 ------------------
```

```
O's move: 5
```

```
   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 ------------------
 |                |
 |                |
 |                |
 |                |
 |                |
 |         O      |
 |       X X O    |
 |   O X X X O   O |
 ------------------
```

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

X's move: 3

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |                 |
 |       X O       |
 |       X X O     |
 |   O X X X O   O |
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O's move: 3

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |       O         |
 |       X O       |
 |       X X O     |
 |   O X X X O   O |
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Number of nodes examined: 6912
Elapsed time: 8.96 secs.

X's move: 2

   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |                 |
 |       O         |
 |       X O       |
 |     X X X O     |
 |   O X X X O   O |
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O's move: 6
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  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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 |                 |
 |       O         |
 |       X O       |
 |     X X X O     |
 |   O X X X O O O |
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Number of nodes examined: 3953
Elapsed time: 4.87 secs.

Win for O!
Bye!
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