

I provided the heuristic method of AB\_custom AB\_Custom2, AB\_Custom\_3,  
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own = len(game.get\_legal\_moves(player))

opp = len(game.get\_legal\_moves(game.get\_opponent(player)))

The AB\_Improved heuristic is in fact custom\_2

The test result as below

Round 1

custom\_score: own - 1.5\*opp

custom\_2: own - opp

custom-3: 1.5\*own - opp

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Playing Matches									
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Match #	Opponent	AB_Improved		AB_Custom		AB_Custom_2		AB_Custom_3	
		Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1	Random	10	0	9	1	10	0	10	0
2	MM_Open	7	3	6	4	4	6	6	4
3	MM_Center	7	3	5	5	6	4	6	4
4	MM_Improved	8	2	7	3	6	4	5	5
5	AB_Open	5	5	4	6	6	4	5	5
6	AB_Center	2	8	6	4	6	4	6	4
7	AB_Improved	7	3	8	2	5	5	6	4
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Win Rate:		65.7%		64.3%		61.4%		62.9%	

Round 2

custom\_score: own - 2\*opp

custom\_2: own - opp

custom-3: 2\*own - opp

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Playing Matches									
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Match #	Opponent	AB_Improved		AB_Custom		AB_Custom_2		AB_Custom_3	
		Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1	Random	8	2	10	0	9	1	9	1
2	MM_Open	6	4	5	5	7	3	7	3
3	MM_Center	5	5	7	3	9	1	9	1
4	MM_Improved	7	3	6	4	5	5	5	5
5	AB_Open	5	5	5	5	4	6	5	5
6	AB_Center	6	4	6	4	7	3	6	4
7	AB_Improved	5	5	5	5	4	6	5	5
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Win Rate:		60.0%		62.9%		64.3%		65.7%	

### Round 3

custom\_score:  $\text{own} - 2.5 \times \text{opp}$

custom\_2:  $\text{own} - \text{opp}$

custom-3:  $2.5 \times \text{own} - \text{opp}$

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Playing Matches										
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Match #	Opponent	AB_Improved		AB_Custom		AB_Custom_2		AB_Custom_3		
		Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	
1	Random	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	
2	MM_Open	7	3	5	5	6	4	5	5	
3	MM_Center	8	2	7	3	6	4	8	2	
4	MM_Improved	5	5	7	3	7	3	7	3	
5	AB_Open	5	5	6	4	3	7	6	4	
6	AB_Center	5	5	6	4	5	5	6	4	
7	AB_Improved	3	7	6	4	5	5	3	7	
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Win Rate:		61.4%		67.1%		60.0%		64.3%		

### Round 4

custom\_score:  $\text{own} - 3 \times \text{opp}$

custom\_2:  $\text{own} - \text{opp}$

custom-3:  $3 \times \text{own} - \text{opp}$

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Playing Matches										
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Match #	Opponent	AB_Improved		AB_Custom		AB_Custom_2		AB_Custom_3		
		Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	
1	Random	9	1	10	0	10	0	8	2	
2	MM_Open	5	5	7	3	7	3	8	2	
3	MM_Center	8	2	7	3	9	1	8	2	
4	MM_Improved	6	4	7	3	5	5	7	3	
5	AB_Open	7	3	2	8	6	4	6	4	
6	AB_Center	6	4	5	5	6	4	5	5	
7	AB_Improved	5	5	4	6	6	4	5	5	
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Win Rate:		65.7%		60.0%		70.0%		67.1%		

### Round 5

custom\_score:  $\text{own}^{**2} - \text{opp}^{**2}$

custom\_2: own - opp  
 custom-3: -opp/own

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Playing Matches									
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Match #	Opponent	AB_Improved		AB_Custom		AB_Custom_2		AB_Custom_3	
		Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1	Random	9	1	9	1	9	1	8	2
2	MM_Open	7	3	6	4	6	4	8	2
3	MM_Center	7	3	8	2	7	3	7	3
4	MM_Improved	6	4	5	5	5	5	6	4
5	AB_Open	6	4	6	4	5	5	5	5
6	AB_Center	6	4	7	3	5	5	6	4
7	AB_Improved	5	5	7	3	5	5	3	7
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Win Rate:		65.7%		68.6%		60.0%		61.4%	

Round	Heuristic	AB_improved Win Rate	Win Rate	Gap
1	own - 1.5*opp	65.7	64.3	-1.4
	own - opp	65.7	61.4	-4.3
	1.5*opp-own	65.7	62.9	-2.8
2	own - 2*opp	60	62.9	2.9
	own - opp	60	64.3	4.3
	2*opp-own	60	65.7	5.7
3	own - 2.5*opp	61.4	67.1	5.7
	own - opp	61.4	60	-1.4
	2.5*own - opp	61.4	64.3	2.9
4	own - 3*opp	65.7	60	-5.7
	own - opp	65.7	70	4.3
	3*own - opp	65.7	67.1	1.4
5	own**2 - opp**2	65.7	68.7	3
	own - opp	65.7	60	-5.7
	-opp/own	65.7	61.4	-4.3
6	own**2 - opp**2	58.6	64.3	5.7
	own - opp	58.6	64.3	5.7
	2*own - opp	58.6	64.3	5.7

From round 1~5, I got the win rate gap against the AB\_improved, the green shows the top 5 heuristics, Among them, I choose 3 to conduct test round #6.

You can see the data of Round # 6 and # Round 2 are stably outperform the AB\_improved.

However, you should discuss a little *why* the results are the way they are. Why do you think your final combination of heuristics performs best of all?

From Round 1 to 5, I was testing the value of t, which varies in (1.5, 2, 2.5, 3), and test it against the AB\_Improved. And the final results shows 2 are optimal to my machine and my code.

The reasoning is based on the test data. As for the performance and computational cost, they have been covered by the lecture.

Round 6

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Playing Matches										
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Match #	Opponent	AB_Improved		AB_Custom		AB_Custom_2		AB_Custom_3		
		Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	
1	Random	9	1	9	1	10	0	9	1	
2	MM_Open	6	4	7	3	6	4	7	3	
3	MM_Center	7	3	7	3	8	2	7	3	
4	MM_Improved	6	4	6	4	7	3	6	4	
5	AB_Open	5	5	6	4	5	5	5	5	
6	AB_Center	3	7	6	4	5	5	5	5	
7	AB_Improved	5	5	4	6	4	6	6	4	
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Win Rate:		58.6%		64.3%		64.3%		64.3%		