

Isolation Heuristic Analysis

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1 Heuristics

For my heuristics I've decided to focus on the number of moves between the oponent and the player. As so we can define the following variables: p for the number(length) of player moves, o for the number(length) of oponent moves, w for the weight.

1.1 Heuristic 1

For the first heuristic we simply calculate the diference of moves between the player and the oponent, to try and minimize the opponents move:

$$p - o \quad (1)$$

1.2 Heuristic 2

The second heuristic we add a weight w , variable and multiply the weighted player moves with the oponent moves, trying to maximize the number of the players moves. Given the following equation:

$$p - w * o \quad (2)$$

1.3 Heuristic 3

The final heuristic measures the *centrality*, which is the distance from the center to a certain location in the board.

The centrality is given by:

$$w = (\alpha - X) * 2 + (\beta - y) * 2 - (x - X) * 2 - (y - Y) * 2 \quad (3)$$

Where α is the board width, β is the board height, (x, y) are the player coordinates, and (X, Y) are the central positions of the board.

And the heuristic is measured as, where our weight variable is the given centrality:

$$p + w * o \quad (4)$$

2 Evaluation