

CS50p Final Project

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Project Name

Backgammon GAME for two players.

Programming Language

Python.

Project Description

This game allows two players to play the game. The game is set up on a board with 24 triangles known as points. Each player starts with 15 checkers, and the objective of the game is to get all of one's pieces off the board as quickly as possible. The legal moves are determined by rolling dice at the start of each player's turn.

Project Structure

The program consists of a main function and 9 additional functions namely: `play_game`, `initialize_board`, `print_board`, `get_move`, `roll_dice`, `can_move`, `make_move`, `check_winner` and `switch_player`.

Main Function

This function is the entry point of the program and prints a welcome message.
It then calls the `play_game()` function to start the game.

```
2  
3  def main():  
4      print("Welcome to Backgammon!")  
5      play_game()  
6
```

play_game Function

This function initializes the board, sets the current player to "X", and starts a loop that continues until the game is over. In each iteration of the loop, it prints the current state of the board, gets the move for the current player using the `get_move()` function, makes the move using the `make_move()` function, and checks if the game is over using the `check_winner()` function. If the game is over, it prints the winner and sets the `game_over` flag to `True`. Otherwise, it switches the current player using the `switch_player()` function.

```
7 def play_game():
8     board = initialize_board()
9     current_player = "X"
10    game_over = False
11
12    while not game_over:
13        print_board(board)
14        move = get_move(current_player, board)
15        make_move(board, move, current_player)
16        if check_winner(board, current_player):
17            print("Player", current_player, "wins!")
18            game_over = True
19        else:
20            current_player = switch_player(current_player)
```

initialize_board Function

This function returns a dictionary that represents the initial state of the board. Each key in the dictionary represents a point on the board, and the value is a list of checkers on that point. The first element of the list represents the color of the checkers on that point.

```
22 def initialize_board():
23     return {
24         1: ["X", "X", "X", "X", "X"],
25         6: ["O", "O", "O", "O", "O"],
26         8: ["O", "O", "O", "O", "O"],
27         12: ["X", "X", "X", "X", "X"],
28         13: ["O", "O", "O", "O", "O"],
29         17: ["X", "X", "X", "X", "X"],
30         19: ["X", "X", "X", "X", "X"],
31         24: ["O", "O", "O", "O", "O"]
32     }
```

print_board Function

This function takes a board dictionary as input and prints the current state of the board to the console.

```
34 def print_board(board):
35     for i in range(24, 0, -1):
36         if i in board:
37             print("|".join(board[i]), end=" ")
38         else:
39             print("| |", end=" ")
40         if i % 6 == 1:
41             print()
```


get_move Function

This function takes the current player and the board dictionary as input and returns a list of moves for the player. It rolls two dice using the `roll_dice()` function and prompts the player to enter a move for each roll. It checks if the move is valid using the `can_move()` function and returns a list of valid moves.

```
43 def get_move(player, board):
44     roll1, roll2 = roll_dice()
45     print("Player", player, "rolls", roll1, "and", roll2)
46     moves = []
47     for roll in [roll1, roll2]:
48         if can_move(player, board, roll):
49             move = input("Enter move for roll " + str(roll) + ": ")
50             moves.append((move, roll))
51         else:
52             moves.append(None)
53     return moves
```

roll_dice Function

This function returns two random integers between 1 and 6, which represent the values of two dice.

```
55 def roll_dice():  
56     return random.randint(1, 6), random.randint(1, 6)
```

can_move Function

This function takes the current player, the board dictionary, and the value of a roll as input and returns True if the player can make a move with the given roll, and False otherwise.

```
58 def can_move(player, board, roll):
59     for i in range(1, 25):
60         if i in board and board[i][0] == player:
61             if i + roll in board:
62                 if len(board[i+roll]) <= 5 or board[i+roll][0] == player:
63                     return True
64             else:
65                 return True
66     return False
```


make_move Function

This function takes the board dictionary, a list of moves, and the current player as input and updates the board according to the moves made by the player.

```
68 def make_move(board, moves, player):
69     for move in moves:
70         if move:
71             src, dest = move[0].split("-")
72             src, dest = int(src), int(dest)
73             if src in board and board[src][0] == player:
74                 if dest in board:
75                     if len(board[dest]) <= 5 or board[dest][0] == player:
76                         board[src].pop(0)
77                         board[dest].insert(0, player)
78                 else:
79                     board[src].pop(0)
80                     board[dest] = [player]
```



check_winner Function

This function takes the board dictionary and the current player as input and returns True if the player has won the game, and False otherwise.

```
82 def check_winner(board, player):  
83     return all(cell == player for cell in board[1][:5]) or all(cell == player for cell in board[24][:5])
```



switch_player Function

This function takes the current player as input and returns the other player.

```
85  def switch_player(player):  
86      return "O" if player == "X" else "X"
```