

Below is the performance of “ID_Improved” agent

Playing Matches -----

Match 1: ID_Improved vs Random Result: 16 to 4
Match 2: ID_Improved vs MM_Null Result: 13 to 7
Match 3: ID_Improved vs MM_Open Result: 8 to 12
Match 4: ID_Improved vs MM_Improved Result: 7 to 13
Match 5: ID_Improved vs AB_Null Result: 13 to 7
Match 6: ID_Improved vs AB_Open Result: 13 to 7
Match 7: ID_Improved vs AB_Improved Result: 14 to 6

Results: ID_Improved 60.00%

1. custom_score : own_moves - opp_moves

The custom score heuristic is just a difference between computer and opponents move. The computer player would try maximize this difference between their move to keep the computer player's move count more than the opponent's move count.

Playing Matches: -----

Match 1: Student vs Random Result: 18 to 2
Match 2: Student vs MM_Null Result: 15 to 5
Match 3: Student vs MM_Open Result: 5 to 15
Match 4: Student vs MM_Improved Result: 10 to 10
Match 5: Student vs AB_Null Result: 14 to 6
Match 6: Student vs AB_Open Result: 10 to 10
Match 7: Student vs AB_Improved Result: 11 to 9

Results: Student 59.29%

2. custom_score_AggressivePlayer : (own_moves - 2*opp_moves)

The evaluation function weight the opponent's move twice. This heuristic is aggressive since it would force computer player to chase after the opponent

Playing Matches: -----

Match 1: Student vs Random Result: 13 to 7

Match 2: Student vs MM_Null Result: 16 to 4

Match 3: Student vs MM_Open Result: 13 to 7

Match 4: Student vs MM_Improved Result: 6 to 14

Match 5: Student vs AB_Null Result: 15 to 5

Match 6: Student vs AB_Open Result: 12 to 8

Match 7: Student vs AB_Improved Result: 14 to 6

Results: Student 63.57%

3. custom_score_SquareDifference : (own_moves**2 - opp_moves**2)

This evaluation function is to emphasize the difference between the moves of computer player and opponent. If opponent has few more moves than computer then the difference would be blown up to more negative value.

Playing Matches:

Match 1: Student vs Random Result: 14 to 6

Match 2: Student vs MM_Null Result: 15 to 5

Match 3: Student vs MM_Open Result: 12 to 8

Match 4: Student vs MM_Improved Result: 6 to 14

Match 5: Student vs AB_Null Result: 15 to 5

Match 6: Student vs AB_Open Result: 14 to 6

Match 7: Student vs AB_Improved Result: 12 to 8

Results: Student 62.86%

Conclusion: Using the “custom_score_AggressivePlayer” as the default score function since the performance seems to be better than the ID_Improve agent and other score function as per the above results