

# Overall performance

***** Playing Matches *****									
Match #	Opponent	AB_Improved		AB_Custom		AB_Custom_2		AB_Custom_3	
		Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1	Random	137	63	136	64	131	69	130	70
2	MM_Open	128	72	138	62	124	76	120	80
3	MM_Center	150	50	139	61	151	49	149	51
4	MM_Improved	123	77	126	74	130	70	125	75
5	AB_Open	107	93	102	98	113	87	91	109
6	AB_Center	107	93	117	83	101	99	110	90
7	AB_Improved	100	100	103	97	108	92	117	83
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Win Rate:		60.9%		61.5%		61.3%		60.1%	

As we can see from above, the three score functions' result is just above the `AB_improved` winning rate, which is the benchmark of the test. I set game number between each set players to be `200` , for minizing the variation on winning rate.

## Custom 1

the score function I used in `custom 1` is

```
player_moves - opponent_moves + 0.1 * player_distance_to_center
```

This function combines both `AB_improved` and `AB_open` . We put less weight on the distance since the perfomance of `AB_improved` is better than `AB_open` , also the scale of the distance is from 0~5, and we don't want it to be the dominating part.

It turns out is slightly better than `AB_improved` , but not far ahead.

## Custom 2

The score function in `custom 2` is

```
players_moves - 2 * opponent_moves
```

This function is similar to `AB_improved` , but we put more weight on minimizing the opponent's available moves. Its performance is slight worse than `custom 1` and better than `AB_improved` .

## Custom 3

The score function I used in `custom 3` is

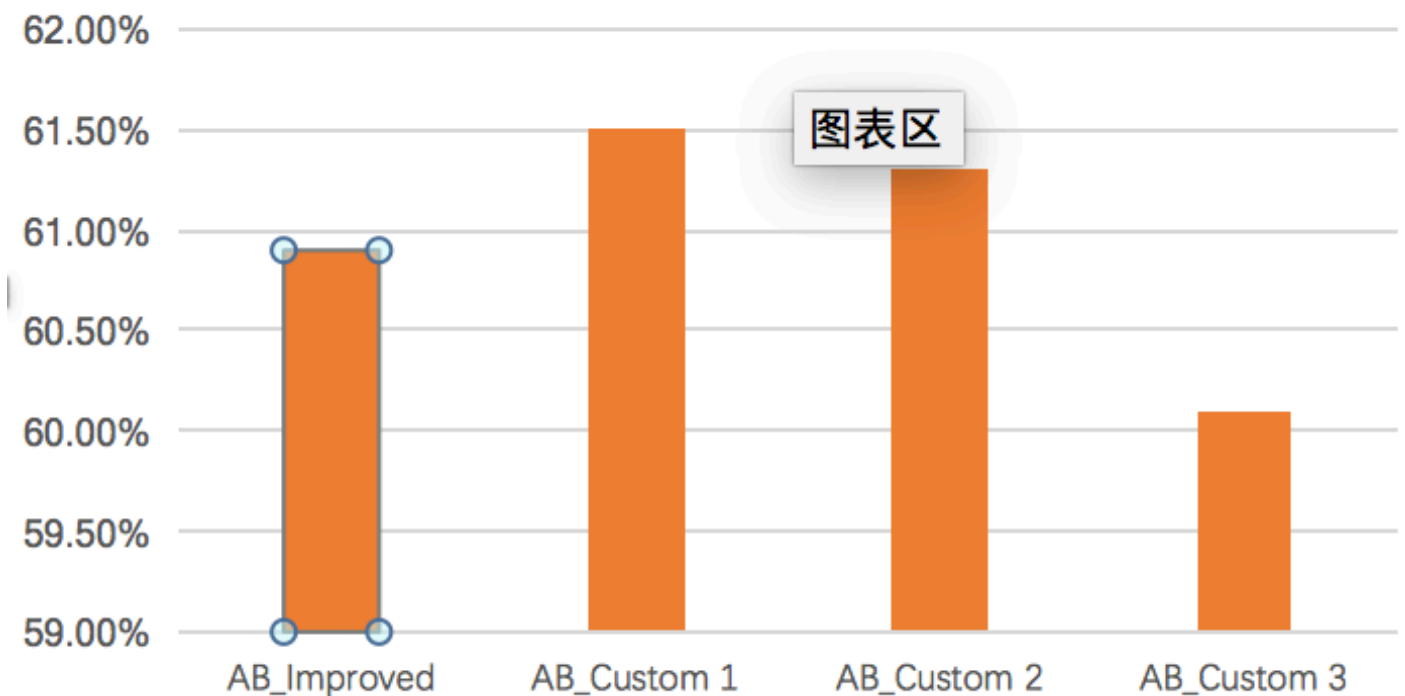
```
min(player_moves - opponent_moves, player_distance_to_center)
```

This function is another combination of `AB_improved` and `AB_open`. It turns out it is slightly worse than `AB_improved`.

## Conclusion

For computation complexity, `AB_custom 2` clearly is the easiest function to compute, and then the `AB_custom 3`. The other two `AB_improved` and `AB_custom 1` are the more difficult functions to compute as they involve square and square roots. But on the other hand, they all just functions involve only constants, which means they are the same when considering level of computational complexity. As the result, they will go into the similar depth of the game tree.

win rate



For the winning rate, we can see from above, our `AB_custom 1` has the best performance.

To conclude, I would recommend `AB_custom 1` here. As it has the best performance result, with the similar complexity level as the other heuristic functions.