

Different heuristics were tested in this game. My goal is to develop a heuristic such that Student outperforms ID_Improved. In all cases, this was achieved. I ultimately selected to use the first one in my submitted agent, as the Student outperforms by over 9%.

1. own_moves - opp_moves
 - a. ID_Improved 72.14%
 - b. Student 81.43%
2. 1/(opp_moves+1)+own_moves
 - a. ID_Improved 70.00%
 - b. Student 76.43%
3. own_moves^2 - opp_moves^2
 - a. ID_Improved 79.29%
 - b. Student 80.71%

Output:

```
return float(own_moves^2 - opp_moves^2)
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Evaluating: ID_Improved

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Playing Matches:

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Match 1: ID_Improved vs Random Result: 16 to 4  
Match 2: ID_Improved vs MM_Null Result: 18 to 2  
Match 3: ID_Improved vs MM_Open Result: 15 to 5  
Match 4: ID_Improved vs MM_Improved Result: 11 to 9  
Match 5: ID_Improved vs AB_Null Result: 15 to 5  
Match 6: ID_Improved vs AB_Open Result: 18 to 2  
Match 7: ID_Improved vs AB_Improved Result: 18 to 2
```

Results:

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ID_Improved 79.29%
```

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*****
```

Evaluating: Student

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*****
```

Playing Matches:

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Match 1: Student vs Random Result: 18 to 2  
Match 2: Student vs MM_Null Result: 18 to 2  
Match 3: Student vs MM_Open Result: 12 to 8  
Match 4: Student vs MM_Improved Result: 15 to 5  
Match 5: Student vs AB_Null Result: 16 to 4  
Match 6: Student vs AB_Open Result: 14 to 6  
Match 7: Student vs AB_Improved Result: 20 to 0
```

Results:

```
-----  
Student 80.71%  
[Finished in 319.5s]
```

```
return float(own_moves - opp_moves)
```

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```

```
Evaluating: ID_Improved
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*****
```

Playing Matches:

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Match 1: ID_Improved vs Random Result: 17 to 3
Match 2: ID_Improved vs MM_Null Result: 14 to 6
Match 3: ID_Improved vs MM_Open Result: 13 to 7
Match 4: ID_Improved vs MM_Improved Result: 9 to 11
Match 5: ID_Improved vs AB_Null Result: 16 to 4
Match 6: ID_Improved vs AB_Open Result: 16 to 4
Match 7: ID_Improved vs AB_Improved Result: 16 to 4
```

Results:

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```
ID_Improved 72.14%
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*****
```

```
Evaluating: Student
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*****
```

Playing Matches:

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```

```
Match 1: Student vs Random Result: 15 to 5
Match 2: Student vs MM_Null Result: 18 to 2
Match 3: Student vs MM_Open Result: 16 to 4
Match 4: Student vs MM_Improved Result: 14 to 6
Match 5: Student vs AB_Null Result: 17 to 3
Match 6: Student vs AB_Open Result: 14 to 6
Match 7: Student vs AB_Improved Result: 20 to 0
```

Results:

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```
Student 81.43%
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[Finished in 330.0s]
```

```
return float(1/(opp_moves+1)+own_moves)
```

Playing Matches:

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```
Match 1: ID_Improved vs Random Result: 16 to 4
Match 2: ID_Improved vs MM_Null Result: 17 to 3
Match 3: ID_Improved vs MM_Open Result: 9 to 11
Match 4: ID_Improved vs MM_Improved Result: 11 to 9
Match 5: ID_Improved vs AB_Null Result: 13 to 7
Match 6: ID_Improved vs AB_Open Result: 15 to 5
Match 7: ID_Improved vs AB_Improved Result: 17 to 3
```

Results:

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```

ID_Improved 70.00%

Evaluating: Student

Playing Matches:

Match 1: Student vs Random	Result: 17 to 3
Match 2: Student vs MM_Null	Result: 15 to 5
Match 3: Student vs MM_Open	Result: 14 to 6
Match 4: Student vs MM_Improved	Result: 11 to 9
Match 5: Student vs AB_Null	Result: 15 to 5
Match 6: Student vs AB_Open	Result: 17 to 3
Match 7: Student vs AB_Improved	Result: 18 to 2

Results:

Student 76.43%

[Finished in 328.6s]