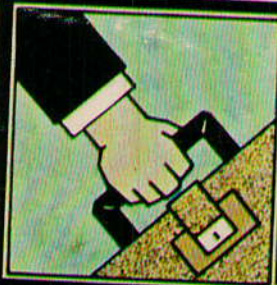


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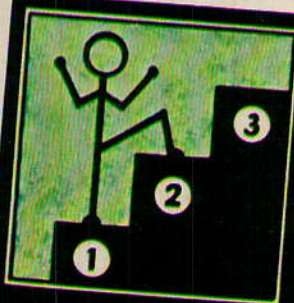
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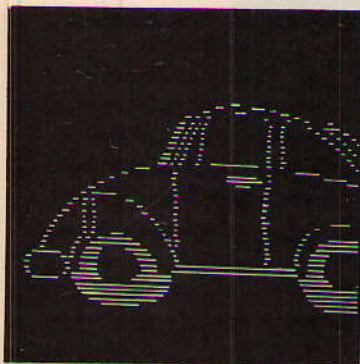
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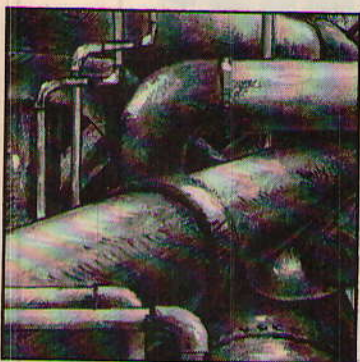
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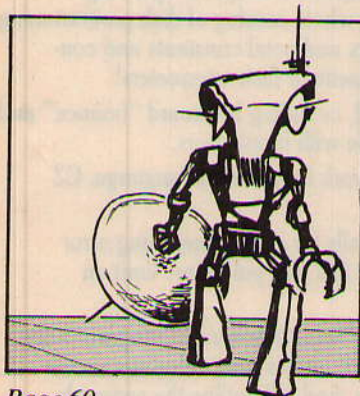
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A General Game Playing Program

BY HERBERT L. DERSHEM

Programmers have used the look-ahead strategy to develop competitive game playing programs for games like checkers and chess. A general form of this look-ahead algorithm can be described in terms of a recursive procedure implemented in BASIC for specific games. If your BASIC processor accepts recursive subroutine calls, then you can use this algorithm to play any suitable game by programming three additional subroutines that describe the game. (For more information on recursive programming, see "Recursive Programming in BASIC", April PC.)

Consider a game with two players called "computer" and "opponent". At any given point in the game, two descriptors describe the situation: the game status (GS), often the status of the game board; and the player to move next (PM), either "computer" or "opponent". Each GS, PM pair results either in a completed game with a winner, or in a draw, or in a set of legal moves for PM. Each legal move maps the GS, PM pair. Let's consider the case where the players alternate moves, making the new PM generated by a move always different from the previous PM.

Now we're ready to recursively state the look-ahead algorithm which, given a GS, PM pair, evaluates all the legal moves available to player PM and determines the optimal one.

Algorithm Evaluate to find the best move BM for player PM from game status GS with evaluation of E.

Evaluate (GS, PM, E, BM)

1. If (GS, PM) is directly evaluable, evaluate it and place result in E; return.

2. Generate MV_1, MV_2, \dots, MV_n , the set of all legal moves from (GS, PM), and GS_1, GS_2, \dots, GS_n , the corresponding set of game statuses after the legal moves are applied to GS.

3. If PM = computer, call Evaluate (GS_i , opponent, E_i , BM_i) for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$; for E_k , the largest of E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n , set $E = E_k$, $BM = MV_k$; return.

4. If PM = opponent, call Evaluate (GS_i , computer, E_i , BM_i) for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$; for E_k , the smallest of E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n , set $E = E_k$, $BM = MV_k$; return.

Evaluation of a game status is always from the computer's point of view. The larger the evaluation, the better the status is for the computer. Therefore, the principle behind this algorithm is that the computer always chooses from the legal moves that move resulting in a game status with largest evaluation. On the other hand, the opponent always chooses the move with the smallest evaluation, since that move is the least desirable for the computer.

How does the computer determine whether a move is directly evaluable? If a game status is terminal, there are no further moves. Or sometimes the computer stops when a certain number of levels of moves have been examined. For example, a 3-level look-ahead will examine all of the computer's legal responses. As you can see, the number of moves that must be examined grows rapidly as the level of the search in final level (level 3 in the example above), you must implement some heuristic procedure to evaluate the GS, PM pair. The ability of this procedure, the static evaluation function, to ac-

curately evaluate the game's status greatly affects how well the computer will compete. There's a trade-off between the depth of look-ahead and the validity of the static evaluation function. If the static evaluation function is perfect, the computer can use it to evaluate all its alternatives directly and not look ahead at all. On the other hand, if the computer can look ahead clear to the end of the game, examining all of the alternatives, it has no need for a static evaluation function since the perfect evaluation function is the game result: win, lose or draw. In practice we find ourselves somewhere between those two extremes.

For the general BASIC version for this algorithm, see Listing 1. Two additions to the algorithm have been made to speed up the search. Both halt the process when it's obvious no more searching is needed.

Suppose the search is at a level generating the computer's responses. If, at the preceding level, the opponent's best move evaluates to 4 and so far the computer's best move at this level evaluates to 5, why continue the search at this level? The opponent will never choose the current move under consideration because it will evaluate to no smaller than 5 which is already 1 worse than the best move the opponent has examined so far. This condition is tested in line 2100 of the program in Listing 1. In tree searching this process, called alpha-beta pruning, usually saves search time.

Additional savings can result from statement 2130 where, as soon as a player has found a sure winner for himself, he stops searching.

Now let's look at two implementations of the algorithm in Listing 1. The first, found in Listing 2, is the familiar game of tic-tac-toe. The implementation requires the addition of three subroutines to the general game status evaluator at 2000. These are 1000, a move generator; 3000, a static move evaluation function; and 4000, a game-over tester. But the choices shown here are examples; try designing your own improved versions of these subroutines.

The particular implementation here uses a maximum search depth of 10 levels. For tic-tac-toe, this level implies all searches will be terminated by the end of the game since the longest

possible game is 9 moves. The static evaluation function returns 100 if the position is a win for the computer, -100 if it's a win for the opponent, and 0 if it's a draw.

Subroutine 2000 has been modified slightly from that shown in Listing 1 to accommodate the presence of only one subscripted variable in Radio Shack Level 1 BASIC, the system on which this program was implemented.

The ancient game of Kalah, our second game, is played on a board with six small pits on either side and large pits at each end. The game begins with 3 markers in each of the small pits as shown in Figure 1.

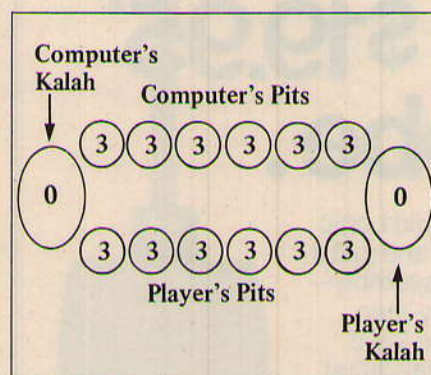


Figure 1 Initial position of Kalah board

The players alternate moves according to the following rules:

1. A player moves by choosing a pit on his side of the board and distributing the markers contained in that pit into other pits counterclockwise around the board beginning with the counterclockwise neighbor of the emptied pit. He places one marker in each pit and Kalah in turn until all markers removed are distributed. *Example:* If the opponent began play from the initial board shown above by emptying the fifth pit from the left on his side, after his move the board would look like Figure 2.

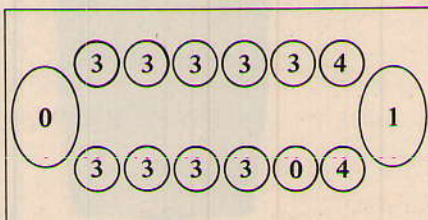
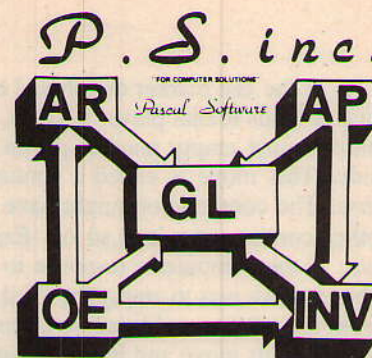


Figure 2 Example of a move



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2. If the last marker distributed by a player lands in that player's Kalah, the player must empty another pit on his side. This move is called a continuation. The continuation might have another continuation, and so on. *Example:* If the computer's response to the above move was to empty the third pot from the left, it would receive a continuation. This move and its continuation are illustrated in Figure 3.

3. If the last marker distributed on a player's move lands in an empty pit on the player's side of the board, and if some markers are in his opponents pit directly opposite this pit, then the last marker distributed and all the markers in the opposite pit are placed in the Kalah of the player making the move. This move is called a capture. *Example:* If the opponent now empties the lands in the empty pit and captures the

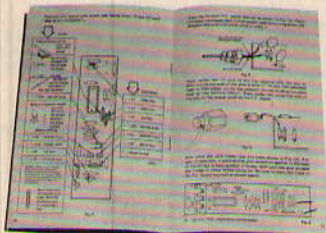
computer's four markers on the opposite side (Figure 4).

The winner has the most markers in his Kalah at the end of the game. When a player has no more markers in his pits and it's his turn to move, the game ends. At that point the opponent places all the markers in his pits into his Kalah, and the winner is determined.

Listing 3 shows the application of the game playing algorithm to this game. The continuation complicates matters by requiring two locations to store a move as well as a special coding scheme for continuation moves.

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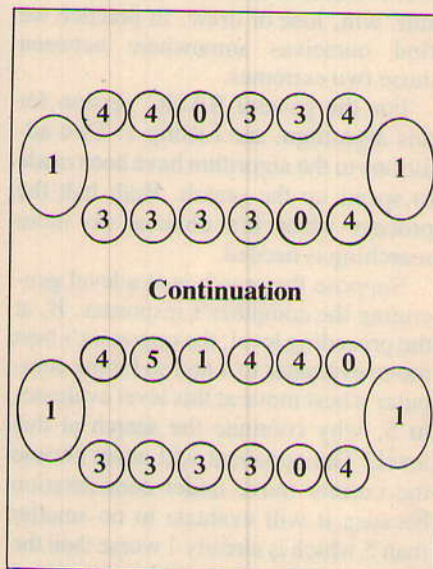


Figure 3 Example of a move and continuation

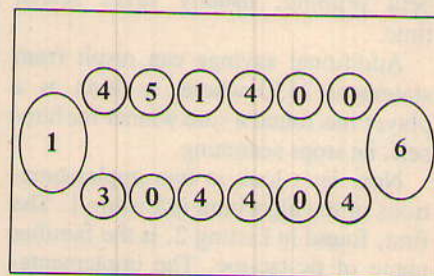


Figure 4 Example of a capture

Now that you've seen these examples, you can implement this algorithm for other games. You might want to improve the computer's performance on these games by providing better static evaluation functions or increasing the maximum depth of search. You must proceed with caution, however. Look-ahead algorithms can consume lots of computer time. So be prepared to wait for the computer's moves. □

Listing 1 - Game-Playing Algorithm

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1500 REM GENERAL GAME PLAYING PROGRAM. THIS SUBROUTINE,
1510 REM WHICH IS CALLED BY 1990, WILL ACCEPT A GAME STATUS STORED
1520 REM IN A(1) THRU A(S) AND RETURN IN S(1) THE BEST MOVE FOUND
1530 REM AND IN E THE EVALUATION OF THAT MOVE.
1540 REM PARAMETERS:
1550 REM S IS THE NUMBER OF LOCATIONS NEEDED TO STORE GAME STATUS.
1560 REM M IS THE MAXIMUM DEPTH OF SEARCH
1570 REM N IS A VALUE WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE CODE FOR A MOVE AND
1575 REM REPRESENTS A NULL MOVE.
1580 REM W IS A VALUE SUCH THAT ANY GAME STATUS WHICH EVALUATES
1590 REM >W IS A WIN FOR THE COMPUTER AND ANY WHICH EVALUATES
1600 REM <=-W IS A WIN FOR THE OPPONENT.
1610 REM
1620 REM VARIABLES:
1630 REM L IS THE LEVEL INDICATOR FOR THE CURRENT LEVEL OF SEARCH.
1640 REM Z INDICATES PLAYER WHO IS MOVING: 1=COMPUTER, -1=OPPONENT.
1650 REM Q IS THE STACK POINTER. IT INDICATES THE POSITION IN THE
1660 REM STACK DIMENSIONED VARIABLE WHERE THE CURRENT GAME STATUS
1670 REM DESCRIPTION BEGINS.
1680 REM M(L) IS THE CURRENT MOVE BEING EXAMINED AT LEVEL L
1690 REM S(L) IS THE BEST MOVE EVALUATED SO FAR AT LEVEL L.
1700 REM B(L) IS THE EVALUATION OF THE BEST MOVE SO FAR AT LEVEL L.
1710 REM E IS THE VARIABLE IN WHICH THE EVALUATION OF THE BEST MOVE
1720 REM IS RETURNED.
1730 REM
1740 REM SUBROUTINES:
1750 REM 1000 GENERATES FROM MOVE M(L), THE NEXT MOVE IN A SEQUENCE
1760 REM OF ALLOWABLE MOVES FROM THE GAME STATUS STORED AT POSITION
1770 REM Q IN THE STACK. THE MOVE IS STORED IN M(L), AND THE NEW
1780 REM GAME STATUS IS PLACED IN THE STACK BEGINNING AT POSITION
1790 REM Q+S. THE FIRST MOVE IN THE SEQUENCE IS GENERATED WHEN
1800 REM M(L)=N, THE NULL MOVE, WHEN THE SUBROUTINE IS CALLED.
1810 REM IF M(L) IS THE LAST MOVE IN THE SEQUENCE, THEN M(L)=N
1815 REM IS RETURNED.
1820 REM 3000 EVALUATES THE GAME STATUS STORED BEGINNING AT POSITION
1830 REM Q OF THE STACK USING A STATIC EVALUATION FUNCTION. THE
1840 REM VALUE IS STORED IN E.
1850 REM 4000 TESTS THE GAME STATUS STORED BEGINNING AT POSITION Q
1860 REM OF THE STACK. IF IT IS A GAME ENDING POSITION, THAT IS,
1870 REM IF NO MORE MOVES ARE POSSIBLE, 0 IS RETURNED AS 1.
1880 REM OTHERWISE, 0 IS RETURNED AS ZERO.
1890 REM
1900 REM THIS SUBROUTINE IS WRITTEN IN RADIO SHACK LEVEL I BASIC
1910 REM EXCEPT FOR THE USE OF EXTRA
1920 REM DIMENSIONED VARIABLES M,S, AND L.
1930 REM THESE HAVE BEEN USED FOR CLARITY.
1940 REM
1950 REM INITIALIZE L AND Z ON THE FIRST CALL.
1960 REM L=0: Z=-1
1970 REM UPDATE L,Q, AND Z FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF SEARCH.
1980 REM L=L+1: Q=S*(L-1)+1: Z=-Z
1990 REM TEST IF GAME IS OVER.
2000 REM L=0: Z=-1
2010 REM IF LEVEL IS TO THE MAXIMUM OR GAME IS OVER, EVALUATE
2020 REM USING STATIC EVALUATION FUNCTION AND RETURN.
2030 REM IF (L<N)*(O=0) GOTO 2050
2040 REM GOSUB 3000
2050 REM GOTO 2150
2060 REM INITIALIZE FOR BEST POSSIBLE MOVE SEARCH.
2070 REM M(L)=N: S(L)=N: B(L)=-Z*W
2080 REM GENERATE NEXT MOVE
2090 REM GOSUB 1000
2100 REM IF NO MORE MOVES, SET E AND RETURN.
2110 REM IF M(L)=N THEN E=B(L): GOTO 2150
2120 REM EVALUATE THIS MOVE, M(L), BY A RECURSIVE CALL.
2130 REM GOSUB 2000
2140 REM IF THE BEST MOVE AT THIS LEVEL IS ALREADY BETTER FOR Z
2150 REM THAN THE BEST MOVE FROM PRECEDING LEVEL WAS FOR -Z, THEN
2160 REM THIS MOVE WILL NOT BE CHOSEN BY -Z ANYWAY, SO RETURN
2170 REM WITHOUT EVALUATING THE OTHER MOVES AT THIS LEVEL.
2180 REM IF L=1 GOTO 2110
2190 REM IF Z*B(L)>Z*B(L-1) THEN B(L)=E: GOTO 2150
2200 REM IF THIS IS THE FIRST RESPONSE TRIED OR IT IS BETTER
2210 REM THAN THE BEST SO FAR, RECORD IT AS BEST SO FAR.
2220 REM IF (S(L)<N)*(Z*B(L)>Z*B(L-1)) GOTO 2060
2230 REM B(L)=E: S(L)=M(L)
2240 REM IF THIS RESPONSE WINS, THERE IS NO NEED TO SEARCH MORE.
2250 REM IF Z*B(L)<W GOTO 2060
2260 REM ADJUST L,Q, AND Z AND RETURN.
2270 REM L=L-1: Q=Q-S: Z=-Z: RETURN

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Listing 2 - Tic-Tac-Toe

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954 REM TIC-TAC-TOE MOVE EVALUATOR IN RADIO SHACK LEVEL I BASIC.
956 REM THE BOARD POSITION IS STORED IN A(Q) THRU A(Q+8) AS
958 REM      X      X
959 REM      A(Q)  X  A(Q+1)  X  A(Q+2)
960 REM      XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
961 REM      A(Q+3) X  A(Q+4)  X  A(Q+5)
962 REM      XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
963 REM      A(Q+6) X  A(Q+7)  X  A(Q+8)
964 REM      X      X
965 REM
968 REM A POSITION UNOCCUPIED CONTAINS A 0.
972 REM A POSITION OCCUPIED BY THE COMPUTER'S MARK CONTAINS A 1.
974 REM A POSITION OCCUPIED BY THE OPPONENT'S MARK CONTAINS A 4.
975 REM M(L), S(L), AND B(L) FROM THE GENERAL ALGORITHM (SEE FIG. 1)
976 REM ARE STORED IN A(Q+9), A(Q+10), AND A(Q+11), RESPECTIVELY.
978 REM VALUES OF PARAMETERS:
980 REM S=12
982 REM M=10 (SEARCHES UNTIL COMPLETION OF GAME)
984 REM N=0
986 REM W=100
988 REM
990 REM
992 REM SUBROUTINE 1000 STORES IN A(Q+9) THE NEXT MOVE FOR BOARD
994 REM POSITION A(Q)-A(Q+8) FROM PREVIOUS MOVE A(Q+9). IF A(Q+9)=0,
996 REM FIRST MOVE IS RETURNED. IF THERE ARE NO MORE MOVES, A(Q+9)
998 REM IS RETURNED AS ZERO. NEW BOARD IS STORED IN A(Q+5)-A(Q+8)
1000 A(Q+9)=A(Q+9)+1
1010 IF A(Q+9)>9 THEN A(Q+9)=0: RETURN
1019 REM IF POSITION IS OCCUPIED, TRY THE NEXT ONE.
1020 IF A(Q+A(Q+9)-1)<>0 GOTO 1000
1030 FOR I=0 TO 8
1040 A(Q+S+I)=A(Q+I)
1050 NEXT I
1059 REM RECORD THE MOVE.
1060 A(Q+S+A(Q+9)-1)=(Z=1)+4*(Z=-1)
107C RETURN
1086 REM
1088 REM TIC-TAC-TOE VERSION OF GENERAL EVALUATION ALGORITHM
1090 L=0: Z=-1: S=12: M=10: N=0: W=100
2000 L=L+1: Q=S*(L-1)+1: Z=-Z
2010 GOSUB 4000
2020 IF (L=M)*(O=0) GOTO 2050
2030 GOSUB 3000
2040 GOTO 2150
2050 A(Q+9)=N: A(Q+10)=N: A(Q+11)=-Z*W
2060 GOSUB 1000
2070 IF A(Q+9)=N THEN E=A(Q+11) GOTO 2150
2080 GOSUB 2000
2090 IF L=1 GOTO 2110
2100 IF Z=E=Z*(A(Q-S+11)) THEN A(Q+11)=E: GOTO 2150
2110 IF (A(Q+10)<>N)*(Z=E<=Z*(A(Q+11))) GOTO 2060
2120 A(Q+11)=E: A(Q+10)=A(Q+9)
2130 IF Z*(A(Q+11))<W GOTO 2060
2150 L=L-1: Q=Q-S: Z=-Z: RETURN
2986 REM
2988 REM STATIC MOVE EVALUATOR FOR TIC-TAC-TOE.
2990 REM SUBROUTINE EXAMINES A(Q)-A(Q+8) AND RETURNS:
2992 REM E=100 IF WINNING POSITION FOR THE COMPUTER.
2994 REM E=-100 IF WINNING POSITION FOR THE OPPONENT.
2996 REM E=0 IF DRAW POSITION.
2998 REM E=-0.5 IF NOT A GAME-OVER POSITION.
3000 GOSUB 4000
3010 IF ABS(V)=100 THEN E=V: RETURN
3020 IF V=8 THEN E=0: RETURN
3030 E=-0.5: RETURN
3988 REM
3990 REM GAME-OVER TESTER FOR TIC-TAC-TOE.
3992 REM SUBROUTINE EXAMINES A(Q)-A(Q+8) AND RETURNS:
3994 REM O=1, V=100 IF WINNING POSITION FOR COMPUTER.
3996 REM O=1, V=-100 IF WINNING POSITION FOR OPPONENT.
3998 REM O=1, V=8 IF DRAW POSITION.
3999 REM O=0, V<8 IF NOT A GAME ENDING POSITION.
4000 RESTORE: V=0
4010 FOR I=1 TO 8
4020 READ A,B,C
4030 T=A(Q+1)+A(Q+8)+A(Q+C)
4040 IF T=3 THEN V=100: O=1: RETURN
4050 IF T=12 THEN V=-100: O=1: RETURN
4060 IF (T=5)+(T=6)+(T=9) THEN V=V+1
4070 NEXT I
4080 O=(V=8)
4090 RETURN
4099 REM THIS STORES ALL 8 COMBINATIONS OF POSITIONS FOR WINNING.
4100 DATA 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,0,3,6,1,4,7,2,5,8,0,4,8,2,4,6

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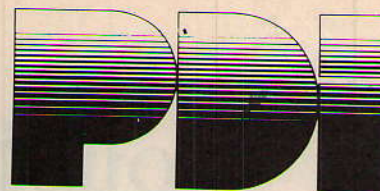
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Listing 3 - Kalah

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938 REM KALAH GAME EVALUATOR IN RADIO SHACK LEVEL I BASIC.
940 REM THE BOARD IS STORED IN A(Q) THRU A(Q+13) AS
942 REM
944 REM
946 REM COMPUTER'S PITS
948 REM A(Q+12) A(Q+11) A(Q+10) A(Q+9) A(Q+8) A(Q+7)
950 REM A(Q+13) A(Q) A(Q+1) A(Q+2) A(Q+3) A(Q+4) A(Q+5)
952 REM OPPONENT'S PITS
954 REM
956 REM A SIMPLE MOVE IS REPRESENTED BY AN INTEGER 0-5 WITH 0
958 REM REPRESENTING THE PIT FARTHEST FROM THE PLAYER'S KALAH
960 REM AND 5 THE PIT NEAREST THE PLAYER'S KALAH.
962 REM A CONTINUATION MOVE IS THE SEQUENCE OF SIMPLE MOVES CODED
964 REM AS FOLLOWS:
966 REM (MOVE1)*6(I-1) + (MOVE2)*6(I-2) + ... + (MOVEI)*6(I-1) TO INDICATE
968 REM THE NUMBER OF CONTINUATIONS.
970 REM M(L) IS STORED IN A(Q+14), A(Q+15)
972 REM S(L) IS STORED IN A(Q+16), A(Q+17)
974 REM B(L) IS STORED IN A(Q+18)
976 REM VALUE OF PARAMETERS:
978 REM S=19
980 REM M IS UNDER EXTERNAL PROGRAM CONTROL
982 REM N=-1
984 REM W=100
986 REM
988 REM SUBROUTINE 1000 STORES IN A(Q+14), A(Q+15) THE NEXT MOVE FOR
990 REM BOARD POSITION A(Q)-A(Q+13) FROM PREVIOUS MOVE A(Q+14),
992 REM A(Q+15). IF A(Q+15)=-1, THE FIRST MOVE IS RETURNED.
994 REM IF THERE ARE NO MORE MOVES, A(Q+14) IS RETURNED AS -1.
996 REM THE RESULTING BOARD POSITION IS STORED IN A(Q+5)-A(Q+13).
998 REM
1000 A(Q+14)=A(Q+14)+1: T=A(Q+14): R=A(Q+15)
1002 REM INITIALIZE NEW BOARD.
1004 FOR I=0 TO 13: A(Q+5+I)=A(Q+1): NEXT I
1006 REM IF MOVE AT ONE CONTINUATION EXHAUSTED, COME BACK A LEVEL.
1008 IF (INT(T/6)*6=T)*(R<>1) THEN T=T/6: R=R/6: GOTO 1002
1010 REM TEST FOR LAST MOVE.
1012 IF (T=6)*(R=1) THEN A(Q+14)=-1: RETURN
1014 U=T: V=R
1016 REM PULL OUT SIMPLE MOVE.
1018 X=INT(U/V): U=U-X*V: V=INT(V/6)
1020 REM P IS THE PIT POSITION ON BOARD OF MOVE.
1022 P=7*(Z=1)+X
1024 REM IF PIT IS EMPTY, GO GET ANOTHER MOVE.
1026 IF A(Q+P+5)=0 THEN T=T+1: GOTO 1010
1028 REM MAKE THE MOVE.
1030 D=Q+S: FOR I=P+1 TO P+A(D+P)
1032 J=I-INT(I/14)+14
1034 A(D+J)=A(D+J)+1
1036 NEXT I
1038 I=A(D+P): A(D+P)=0
1040 REM IF A NEW CONTINUATION IF SOUND, GO FORWARD A LEVEL.
1042 IF (J=6+7*(Z=1))*(V=0) THEN T=T*6: R=R*6: U=0: V=1
1044 REM MORE CONTINUATIONS?
1046 IF V>0 GOTO 1040
1048 REM TEST FOR CAPTURE.
1050 IF (A(D+J)<>1)+(P+1)=6+7*(Z=1) GOTO 1170
1052 A(D+6+7*(Z=1))=A(D+J)+A(D+12-J)+A(D+6+7*(Z=1))
1054 A(D+J)=0: A(D+12-J)=0
1056 REM MOVE COMPLETED, SO RETURN.
1058 A(Q+14)=T: A(Q+15)=R: RETURN
1060 REM
1062 REM GENERAL EVALUATION ALGORITHM (FIG. 1) FOR KALAH.
1064 L=0: Z=-1: S=19: N=-1: W=100
1066 L=L+1: Q=S*(L-1)+1: Z=-Z
1068 GOSUB 4000
1070 IF (L<=M)*(O=0) GOTO 2050
1072 GOSUB 3000
1074 GOTO 2150
1076 A(Q+14)=N: A(Q+15)=1: A(Q+16)=N: A(Q+17)=1: A(Q+18)=-Z*W
1078 GOSUB 1000
1080 IF A(Q+14)=N THEN E=A(Q+18): GOTO 2150
1082 GOSUB 2000
1084 IF L=1 GOTO 2110
1086 IF Z<=Z*(A(Q+18)) THEN A(Q+18)=E: GOTO 2150
1088 IF A(Q+16)<N*(Z<=Z*(A(Q+18))) GOTO 2060
1090 A(Q+18)=E: A(Q+16)=A(Q+14): A(Q+17)=A(Q+15)
1092 IF Z*(A(Q+18))<W GOTO 2060
1094 L=L-1: Q=Q-S: Z=-Z: RETURN
1096 REM
1098 REM STATIC MOVE EVALUATOR FOR KALAH.
1100 REM E=100 IF WINNING POSITION FOR THE COMPUTER.
1102 REM E=-100 IF WINNING POSITION FOR THE OPPONENT.
1104 REM ELSE:
1106 REM E=((CONTENT OF COMP'S KALAH)-(CONTENTS OF OPP'S KALAH))*
1108 REM (1 + 1/(19 - MAX CONTENTS OF A KALAH))
1110 REM
1112 REM WINNING POSITION?
1114 GOSUB 4000
1116 E=A(Q+13)-A(Q+6)
1118 IF O=1 THEN E=100*((E>0)-(E<0)): RETURN
1120 F=A(Q+13)*(E>0)+A(Q+6)*(E<0)
1122 E=E*(1+1/(19-F))
1124 RETURN
1126 REM
1128 REM GAME-OVER TESTER FOR KALAH.
1130 REM O=1 IF GAME IS OVER.
1132 REM O=0 IF GAME NOT OVER.
1134 O=0
1136 REM TEST FOR A WINNER.
1138 IF (A(Q+13)>18)+A(Q+6)>18 THEN O=1: RETURN
1140 REM TEST FOR MOVER'S PITS ALL EMPTY.
1142 J=7*(Z=1)
1144 FOR I=J TO J+5
1146 IF A(Q+I)<>0 THEN RETURN
1148 NEXT I
1150 REM THEY ARE, SO EMPTY OTHER'S PITS INTO KALAH.
1152 FOR I=7-J TO 12-J
1154 A(Q+13-J)=A(Q+13-J)+A(Q+I): A(Q+I)=0
1156 NEXT I
1158 O=1: RETURN

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