

# TIC TAC TOE PROBLEM

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In[1]:= generaltictactoe[simulate_,
  numiter_, size_] := Module[{}],
  (* simulate = 1 if simulating,
  if 0 brute force *)
  (* numiter is the number of
  times we go through *)
  (* doing it on size by size for the board *)
  If[simulate > 1,
    Print["Bad choice of simulate."]];
  wins[1] = 0; wins[2] = 0;
  (* keeps track of wins *)
  list = {};
  For[i = 1, i ≤ size, i++,
    For[j = 1, j ≤ size, j++,
      list = AppendTo[list, {i, j}]
    ]]; (* creates the board for the game *)
  If[simulate == 0,
    biglist = Permutations[list]];
  (* if brute force, store ALL games *)
  If[simulate == 1, numdo = numiter,
    numdo = (size * size) !];
  (* this sets how many times we do *)
  For[n = 1, n ≤ numdo, n++,
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{
  If[Mod[n, numdo / 10] == 0, Print[
    "We have done ", 100.0 n / numdo, "%."]];
  (* prints out status every 10% *)
  If[simulate == 1, game =
    RandomSample[list], game = biglist[[n]]];
  (* randomly choose a game,
  or take the next brute force game *)
  (* reset game board;
  we have list of moves now *)
  For[i = 1, i ≤ size, i++,
    For[j = 1, j ≤ size, j++,
      board[i, j] = 0;]]; (* initialize all
  board squares to 0; no one took *)
  gameover = 0; (* make this 1
  as soon as game done *)
  nummoves = 0; (* keeps track
  of what move we are on *)

  While[
    nummoves < size * size && gameover < 1,
    {
      (* play till run
      out of moves or someone wins *)
      nummoves = nummoves + 1;
    }
  ]
}

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(* making a move! *)
currentmove = game[[nummoves]];
(* loads move *)
x = currentmove[[1]];
y = currentmove[[2]];
If[Mod[nummoves, 2] == 1,
  board[x, y] = 1, board[x, y] = -1];
(* adds move to board *)

(* check to see if someone has won *)
win = 0;
For[i = 1, i ≤ size, i++,
  If[Abs[Sum[board[i, j], {j, 1, size}]] ==
    size, win = 1];
]; (* ends i for loop;
checks columns *)
For[j = 1, j ≤ size, j++,
  If[Abs[Sum[board[i, j], {i, 1, size}]] ==
    size, win = 1];
]; (* ends i for loop; checks rows *)
If[Abs[Sum[board[i, i], {i, 1, size}]] ==
  size, win = 1];
If[Abs[Sum[board[size + 1 - i, i],
  {i, 1, size}]] == size, win = 1];

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    If[win > 0,
      {
        gameover = 1;
        (* someone won! record *)
        If[Mod[nummoves, 2] == 1, wins[1] =
          wins[1] + 1, wins[2] = wins[2] + 1];
      }]; (* end if statement on win *)

  }]; (* end of While loop *)

]; (* end of n for loop *)

If[simulate == 1,
  Print["We are simulating and doing ",
    numiter, " trials."],
  Print["We are brute force enumerating
    all possibilities."]];

Print["Percentage of time player 1 won: ",
  100.wins[1] / numdo, "(actual = ",
  wins[1] / numdo, ")"];
Print["Percentage of time player 2 won: ",
  100.wins[2] / numdo, "(actual = ",
  wins[2] / numdo, ")"];
Print["Percentage of time of tied game: ",

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100. - 100. (wins[1] + wins[2]) / numdo,
"(actual = ",
(numdo - wins[1] - wins[2]) / numdo, ")";
] (* end of module *)

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In[ ]:= Timing[generaltictactoe[1, 1000, 20]]
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We have done 10.%.

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We have done 20.%.

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We have done 30.%.

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We have done 40.%.

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We have done 70.%.

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We have done 80.%.

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We have done 90.%.

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We have done 100.%.

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We are simulating and doing 1000 trials.

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Percentage of time player 1 won: 0.(actual = 0)

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Percentage of time player 2 won: 0.(actual = 0)

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Percentage of time of tied game: 100.(actual = 1)

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Out[ ]:= {216.327, Null}
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In[12]:= Timing[generaltictactoe[0, 1000, 2]]
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We have done 50.%.

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We have done 100.%.

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We are brute force enumerating all possibilities.

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Percentage of time player 1 won: 100.(actual = 1)

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Percentage of time player 2 won: 0.(actual = 0)

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Percentage of time of tied game: 0.(actual = 0)

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Out[12]= {0., Null}
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In[ ]:= Timing[generaltictactoe[0, 1000, 3]]
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We have done 10.%.  
 We have done 20.%.  
 We have done 30.%.  
 We have done 40.%.  
 We have done 50.%.  
 We have done 60.%.  
 We have done 70.%.  
 We have done 80.%.  
 We have done 90.%.  
 We have done 100.%.  
 We are brute force enumerating all possibilities.

Percentage of time player 1 won: 58.4921 (actual =  $\frac{737}{1260}$ )

Percentage of time player 2 won: 28.8095 (actual =  $\frac{121}{420}$ )

Percentage of time of tied game: 12.6984 (actual =  $\frac{8}{63}$ )

Out[1]= {122.664, Null}

In[3]= **Timing[generaltictactoe[1, 1000, 20]]**

We have done 10.%.  
 We have done 20.%.  
 We have done 30.%.  
 We have done 40.%.  
 We have done 50.%.  
 We have done 60.%.  
 We have done 70.%.  
 We have done 80.%.  
 We have done 90.%.  
 We have done 100.%.  
 We are simulating and doing 1000 trials.

Percentage of time player 1 won: 0. (actual = 0)

Percentage of time player 2 won: 0. (actual = 0)

Percentage of time of tied game: 100. (actual = 1)

Out[3]= {238.853, Null}

In[27]= **fastgeneralTictactoe[simulate\_, numiter\_, size\_] := Module[{},  
 (\* simulate = 1 if simulating, if 0 brute force \*)  
 (\* numiter is the number of times we go through \*)**

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(* doing it on size by size for the board *)
If[simulate > 1, Print["Bad choice of simulate."]];
wins[1] = 0; wins[2] = 0; (* keeps track of wins *)
list = {};
For[i = 1, i ≤ size, i++,
  For[j = 1, j ≤ size, j++,
    list = AppendTo[list, {i, j}]
  ]]; (* creates the board for the game *)
If[simulate == 0, biglist = Permutations[list]];
(* if brute force, store ALL games *)
If[simulate == 1, numdo = numiter, numdo = (size * size)!];
(* this sets how many times we do *)
For[n = 1, n ≤ numdo, n++,
  {
    If[Mod[n, numdo / 10] == 0, Print["We have done ", 100.0 n / numdo, "%."]];
    (* prints out status every 10% *)
    If[simulate == 1, game = RandomSample[list], game = biglist[[n]]];
    (* randomly choose a game, or take the next brute force game *)

    gameover = 0; (* make this 1 as soon as game done *)
    nummoves = 0; (* keeps track of what move we are on *)
    (* initialize all sums to 0 *)
    For[k = 1, k ≤ size, k++,
      {
        rowsum[k] = 0;
        columnsum[k] = 0;
      }];
    maindiagsum = 0; oppdiagsum = 0;

    While[nummoves < size * size && gameover < 1,
      {
        (* play till run out of moves or someone wins *)
        nummoves = nummoves + 1; (* making a move! *)
        currentmove = game[[nummoves]]; (* loads move *)
        x = currentmove[[1]];
        y = currentmove[[2]];
        If[Mod[nummoves, 2] == 1, player = 1, player = -1];

        rowsum[x] = rowsum[x] + player;
        columnsum[y] = columnsum[y] + player;
        If[x == y, maindiagsum = maindiagsum + player];
      }
    ]
  }

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If[x + y == size + 1, oppdiagsum = oppdiagsum + player];

(* check to see if someone has won *)
win = 0;
(* only check where add new mark! *)
If[Abs[rosum[x]] == size, win = 1,
  If[Abs[columnsum[y]] == size, win = 1,
    If[x == y && Abs[maindiagsum] == size, win = 1,
      If[x + y == size + 1 && Abs[oppdiagsum] == size, win = 1]]]];

If[win > 0,
  {
    gameover = 1; (* someone won! record *)
    If[Mod[nummoves, 2] == 1, wins[1] = wins[1] + 1, wins[2] = wins[2] + 1];
  }]; (* end if statement on win *)

}]; (* end of While loop *)

}]; (* end of n for loop *)

If[simulate == 1, Print["We are simulating and doing ", numiter, " trials."],
  Print["We are brute force enumerating all possibilities."]];

Print["Percentage of time player 1 won: ",
  100. wins[1] / numdo, "(actual = ", wins[1] / numdo, ")"];
Print["Percentage of time player 2 won: ", 100. wins[2] / numdo,
  "(actual = ", wins[2] / numdo, ")"];
Print["Percentage of time of tied game: ",
  100. - 100. (wins[1] + wins[2]) / numdo,
  "(actual = ", (numdo - wins[1] - wins[2]) / numdo, ")"];
] (* end of module *)

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In[29]:= Timing[fastgeneralictactoe[0, 1000, 3]]
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We have done 10.%.  
 We have done 20.%.  
 We have done 30.%.  
 We have done 40.%.  
 We have done 50.%.  
 We have done 60.%.  
 We have done 70.%.  
 We have done 80.%.  
 We have done 90.%.  
 We have done 100.%.

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Percentage of time player 1 won: 58.4921 (actual =  $\frac{737}{1260}$ )

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In[30]:= **Timing[generaltictactoe[1, 1000, 20]]**

We have done 10.%.  
 We have done 20.%.  
 We have done 30.%.  
 We have done 40.%.  
 We have done 50.%.  
 We have done 60.%.  
 We have done 70.%.  
 We have done 80.%.  
 We have done 90.%.  
 We have done 100.%.

We are simulating and doing 1000 trials.

Percentage of time player 1 won: 0. (actual = 0)

Percentage of time player 2 won: 0. (actual = 0)

Percentage of time of tied game: 100. (actual = 1)

Out[30]= {228.573, Null}

In[34]:= **Timing[fastgeneraltictactoe[1, 1000, 20]]**

We have done 10.%.

We have done 20.%.

We have done 30.%.

We have done 40.%.

We have done 50.%.

We have done 60.%.

We have done 70.%.

We have done 80.%.

We have done 90.%.

We have done 100.%.

We are simulating and doing 1000 trials.

Percentage of time player 1 won: 0.(actual = 0)

Percentage of time player 2 won: 0.(actual = 0)

Percentage of time of tied game: 100.(actual = 1)

Out[34]= {5.25723, Null}

In[33]= **Timing[fastgeneraltictactoe[1, 1000, 200]]**

We have done 10.%.

We have done 20.%.

We have done 30.%.

We have done 40.%.

We have done 50.%.

We have done 60.%.

We have done 70.%.

We have done 80.%.

We have done 90.%.

We have done 100.%.

We are simulating and doing 1000 trials.

Percentage of time player 1 won: 0.(actual = 0)

Percentage of time player 2 won: 0.(actual = 0)

Percentage of time of tied game: 100.(actual = 1)

Out[33]= {536.082, Null}

In[35]= **Timing[generaltictactoe[1, 1, 200]]**

We have done 100.%.

Out[35]= \$Aborted

In[37]= **Timing[generaltictactoe[1, 1, 100]]**

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We have done 100.%.  
We are simulating and doing 1 trials.  
Percentage of time player 1 won: 0.(actual = 0)  
Percentage of time player 2 won: 0.(actual = 0)  
Percentage of time of tied game: 100.(actual = 1)
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Out[37]= {126.517, Null}
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In[40]:= Timing[fastgeneralTicTacToe[1, 1000, 100]]
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We have done 10.%.  
We have done 20.%.  
We have done 30.%.  
We have done 40.%.  
We have done 50.%.  
We have done 60.%.  
We have done 70.%.  
We have done 80.%.  
We have done 90.%.  
We have done 100.%.  
We are simulating and doing 1000 trials.  
Percentage of time player 1 won: 0.(actual = 0)  
Percentage of time player 2 won: 0.(actual = 0)  
Percentage of time of tied game: 100.(actual = 1)
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Out[40]= {132.211, Null}
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