

Alpha-Beta Pruning Implementation in Python

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def alpha_beta_pruning(depth, node_index,
maximizing_player, values, alpha, beta):

    # Base case: If we reach a leaf node
    if depth == 0 or node_index >= len(values):
        return values[node_index]

    if maximizing_player:
        max_eval = float('-inf')
        # Explore child nodes
        for i in range(2): # Assuming binary tree
            eval = alpha_beta_pruning(depth - 1, node_index * 2 +
i, False, values, alpha, beta)
            max_eval = max(max_eval, eval)
            alpha = max(alpha, eval)
            if beta <= alpha:
                break # Beta cut-off
        return max_eval
    else:
        min_eval = float('inf')
        # Explore child nodes
        for i in range(2): # Assuming binary tree
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        eval = alpha_beta_pruning(depth - 1, node_index * 2 +
i, True, values, alpha, beta)
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        min_eval = min(min_eval, eval)
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        beta = min(beta, eval)
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        if beta <= alpha:
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            break # Alpha cut-off
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    return min_eval
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# Example usage
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if __name__ == "__main__":
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    # Example tree with leaf node values
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    values = [3, 5, 6, 9, 1, 2, 0, -1]
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    depth = 3 # Depth of the tree
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    alpha = float('-inf')
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    beta = float('inf')
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    optimal_value = alpha_beta_pruning(depth, 0, True, values,
alpha, beta)
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    print(f"The optimal value is: {optimal_value}")
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