

CS 161 Intro. To Artificial Intelligence

Week 4, Discussion 1D

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Arc Consistency (AC)

Arc consistency (**before search**):

- An arc is unidirectional: (X_i, X_j) or $(X_i \leftarrow X_j) \neq (X_j, X_i)$ or $(X_j \leftarrow X_i)$
- Variable is arc consistent: Every value in its domain satisfies the variable's binary constraints
 - X_i is arc consistent with respect to another variable X_j if for every value in the current domain D_i , there is some value in the domain D_j that satisfies the binary constraint on the arc (X_i, X_j)
- Network is arc consistent: every variable is arc consistent with every other variable

Arc Consistency (AC) - Example

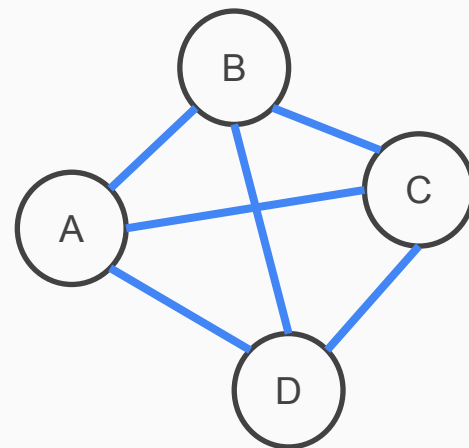
Q: The initial domain of both X and Y is the set of digits (0~9). $Y=X^2$. What will the domains of X and Y be after enforcing arc consistency?

- Consider the arc ($X \leftarrow Y$)
 - Make X arc-consistent with respect to Y
 - For any value in X's domain, there should be at least one value in Y's domain that satisfied the constraint
 - X: {0,1,2,3}
- Consider the arc ($Y \leftarrow X$)
 - Y: {0,1,4,9}
- Result – X: {0,1,2,3}, Y: {0,1,4,9}

Arc Consistency (AC)

Evaluation of AC:

- Notations:
 - n : # of variables
 - d : largest domain size
 - c : # of constraints
- Time complexity: $O(n^2 d^3)$
 - Checking consistency of one arc: $O(d^2)$
 - Look at different combinations of values
 - At most $(n^2 - n)$ arcs: $O(n^2)$ or $O(c) \leftarrow 2 \cdot c$ constraints
 - Each arc (X_i, X_j) can be inserted at most d times
 - X_i has at most d values to delete



Comparison of AC and FC

AC3:

- **Before** search
- **initialization**: push **all** arcs in the queue
- **maintain the queue**: when some variable X_i 's domain size change, push ($X_k \leftarrow X_i$) into the queue, where X_k is neighbor of X_i . → Do both POP and PUSH!

FC:

- **During** search
- **initialization**: when assign value to X , push all X 's neighbor into the queue. (neighbor $\leftarrow X$)
- **maintain the queue**: queue won't add anything after initialized. → ONLY POP, NO PUSH!

Types of Games

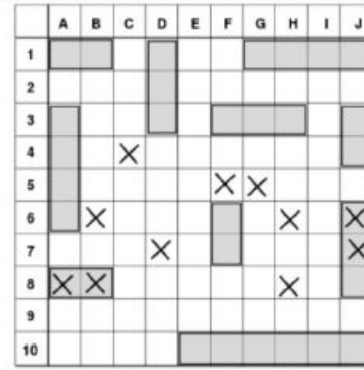
	deterministic	chance
perfect information	chess, checkers, go, othello	backgammon monopoly
imperfect information	battleships, blind tictactoe	bridge, poker, scrabble nuclear war



Go: Perfect and Deterministic



Monopoly: Perfect, Chance Introduced



Battleship: Imperfect and Deterministic



Bridge: Imperfect, Chance Introduced

Game as a Search Problem

Can we use search strategies to win games?

- Require to make some decision when calculating the optimal decision is infeasible
- The **solution** will be a **strategy** that specifies a move for every possible opponent reply
- Challenges:
 - Very, very large search space
 - Time limits

Game as a Search Problem

- ▶ **S0**: The initial state, which specifies how the game is set up at the start.
- ▶ **PLAYER(s)**: Defines which player has the move in a state.
- ▶ **ACTIONS(s)**: Returns the set of legal moves in a state.
- ▶ **RESULT(s, a)**: The transition model, which defines the result of a move.
- ▶ **TERMINAL-TEST(s)**: A terminal test, which is true when the game is over and false otherwise.
 - ▶ States where the game has ended are called terminal states.
- ▶ **UTILITY(s, p)**: A utility function that defines the final numeric value for a game that ends in terminal state s for a player p .
 - ▶ Also called an objective function or payoff function.
 - ▶ In chess, the outcome is a win, loss, or draw, with values $+1$, 0 , or $1/2$.

Optimal Decisions in Games

How to find the optimal decision in a deterministic, perfect-information game?

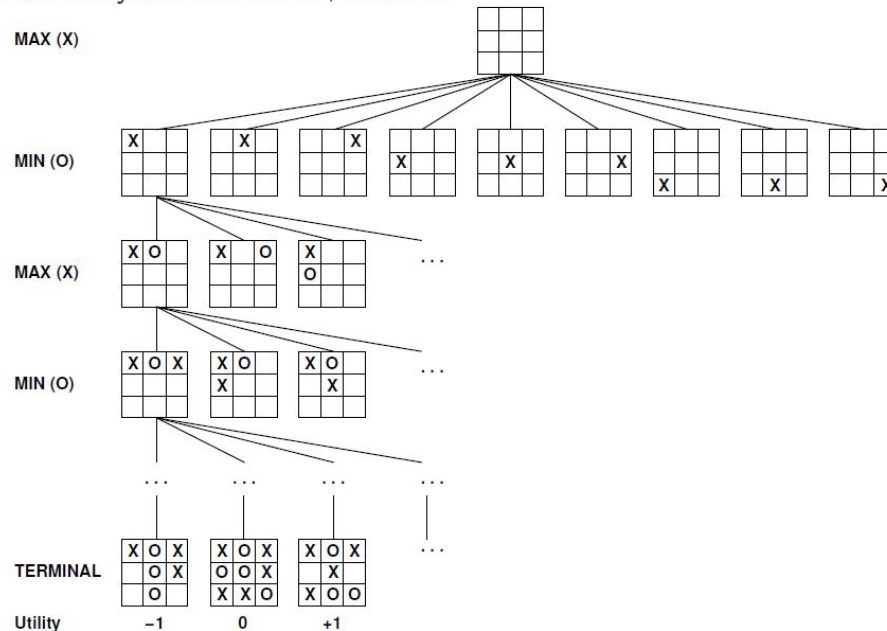
Idea: choose the move with **highest achievable payoff** against the **best play of the other player**

Partial Game Tree:

- Top node is the initial state
- Giving alternating moves by MAX and MIN

Tic-tac-toe Game Tree

- Two Players: MAX: X ; MIN: O



Minimax Algorithm

- Imagine we are MAX
- We refer to the payoff as MINIMAX value, at each step
 - MAX wants MINIMAX value to be as big as possible
 - MIN wants MINIMAX value to be as small as possible

$\text{MINIMAX}(s) =$

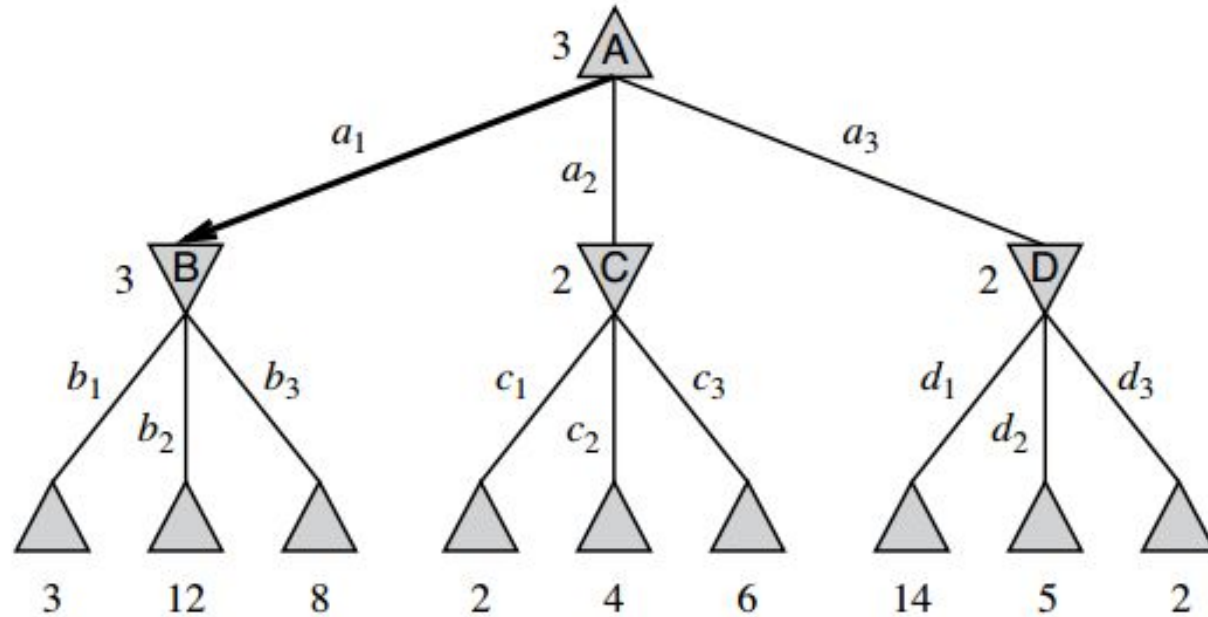
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Minimax Algorithm

△ : takes max value among child nodes ▽ : takes min value among child nodes

MAX

MIN



Minimax Algorithm

Evaluation:

- Complete (if tree is finite)
- Optimal (since we are against an optimal opponent)
- Time complexity: $O(b^m)$
 - b : max # of children nodes for one parent node
 - m : max depth of the state space
- Space complexity: $O(bm)$ → depth-first exploration

Actually don't need to explore every path and compute MINIMAX for every node!

- Increase the efficiency
- Use Alpha-beta pruning

Alpha-beta Pruning

Minimax: a way of finding an optimal move in a two player game.

Alpha-beta pruning: finding the optimal minimax solution while avoiding searching subtrees of moves which won't be selected.

- α : maximum lower bound of possible solutions
- β : minimum upper bound of possible solutions
- If N is estimated value of the node, then $\alpha \leq N \leq \beta$

Alpha-beta Pruning

α : maximum lower bound of possible solutions

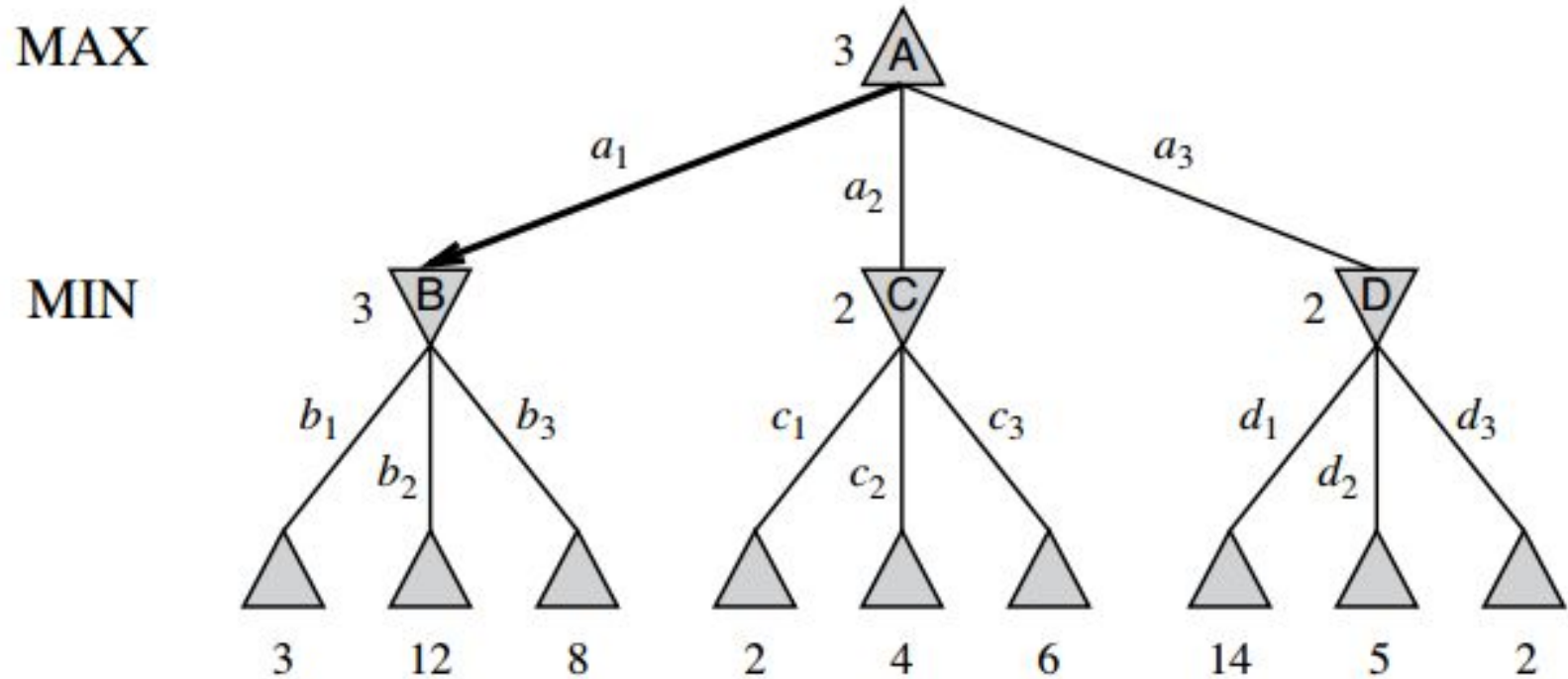
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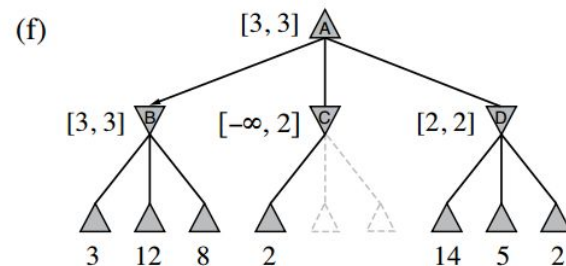
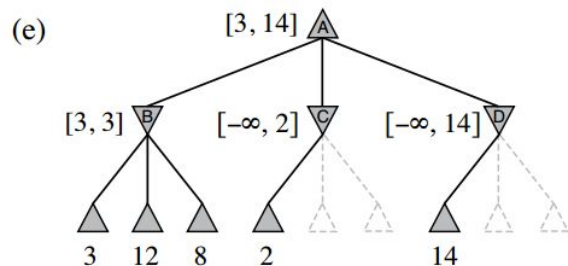
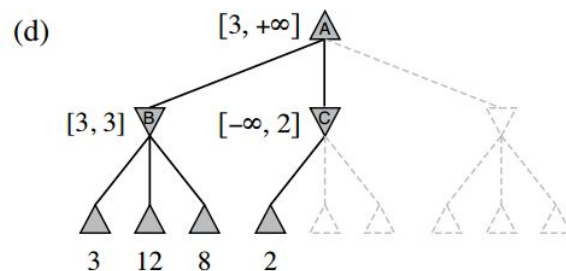
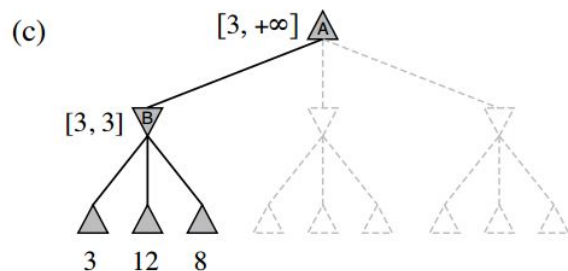
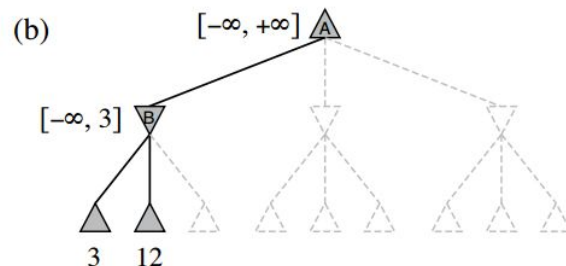
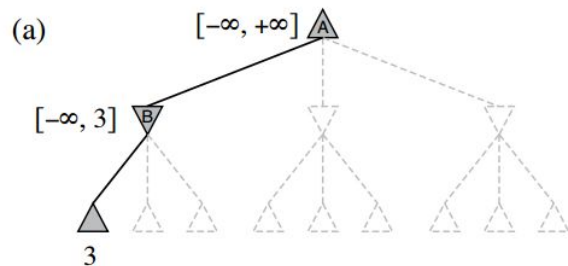
Steps:

- During the search, each node carries an upper bound α a lower bound β
- Pushing bound upward:
 - When a child returns, it pushes its value onto the parent (**always tighten the bound**)
 - **Max** player will modify its lower bound, and **min** player will modify its upper bound
- Pushing bound downward (**both lower and upper**) and prune:
 - If min parent, max children, when $\alpha_{children} \geq \beta_{parent}$, prune!
 - If max parent, min children, when $\alpha_{parent} \geq \beta_{children}$, prune!

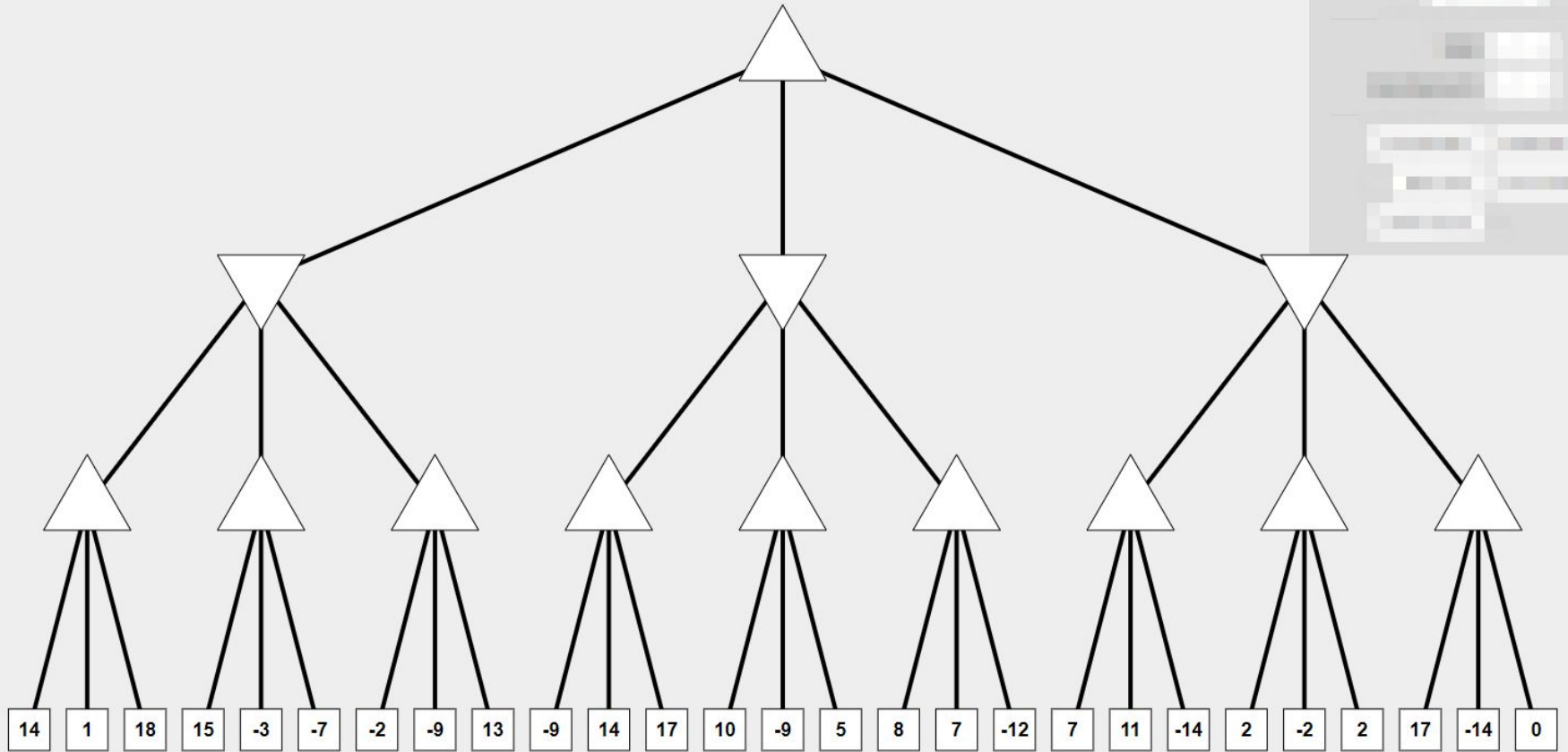
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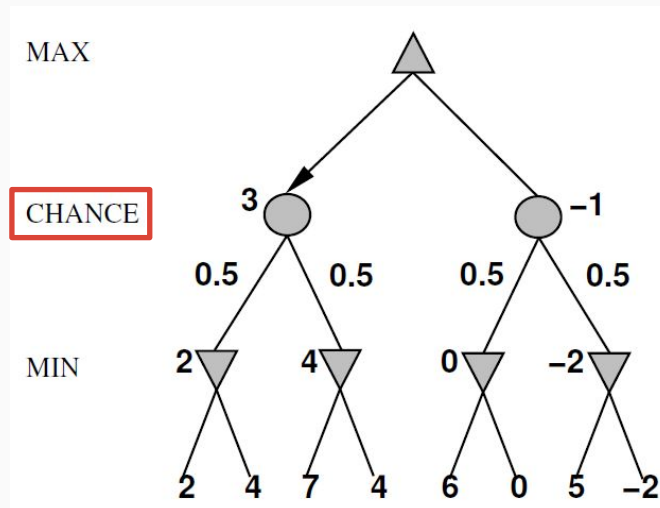


Alpha-beta Pruning - Practices



Nondeterministic Game

- In deterministic games with perfect information, Minimax Algorithm gives perfect play
- What if the game is nondeterministic with perfect information?
 - In nondeterministic games, chances are introduced
 - For example:
 - Two people MAX and Min play a game
 - Flip a coin after each player make a decision
 - The result of coin flipping changes the state



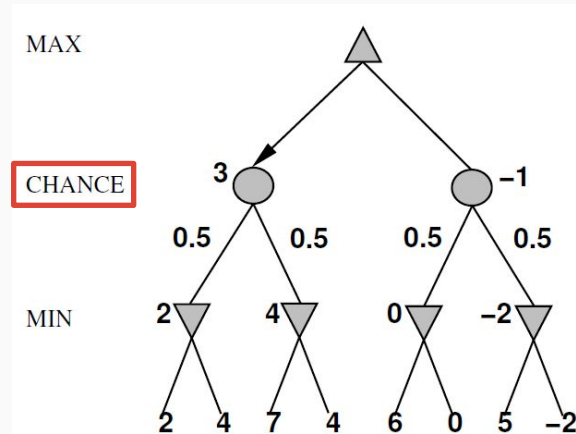
Expected Minimax Algorithm

- In nondeterministic games, EXPECTMINIMAX gives perfect play
 - Just like MINIMAX, except we must also handle chance nodes

if *state* is a MAX node then
 return the highest EXPECTIMINIMAX-VALUE of
 SUCCESSORS(*state*)
if *state* is a MIN node then
 return the lowest EXPECTIMINIMAX-VALUE of
 SUCCESSORS(*state*)
if *state* is a chance node then
 return average of EXPECTIMINIMAX-VALUE of
 SUCCESSORS(*state*)

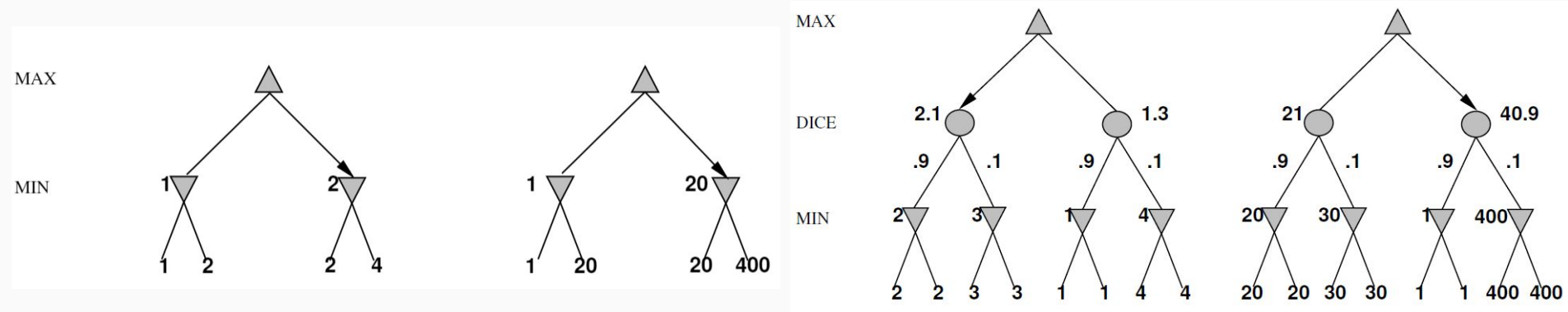
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Expected Minimax Algorithm

- Unlike MINIMAX algorithm where only **order** of terminal nodes matters, in EXPECTMINIMAX algorithm, **exact values** of terminal nodes also matter!



Logic

- Logic: knowledge representation language
 - Represent human knowledge as "**sentences**" (a.k.a *axiom*)
 - **Knowledge base (KB)**: a set of sentences
- Examples
 - **Propositional logic**
 - Boolean logic
 - **First-order logic**
 - Quantifiers \forall, \exists , objects and relations
- Key components in Logic
 - Syntax: how to write sentences
 - Semantics: how to interpret sentences
 - Reasoning/Inference: What new knowledge can be derived from known facts

Propositional Logic - Syntax

Syntax:

- Atomic sentence
 - A single propositional symbol, like A (A can be True or False)
- Logical connectives
 - \neg not
 - \wedge and (**conjunction**)
 - \vee or (**disjunction**)
 - \Rightarrow (*or* \rightarrow) implication
 - \Leftrightarrow if and only if
- Complex sentence
 - $A \vee B, A \vee \neg C \Rightarrow B, \dots$
- A special type of sentence: Horn clause

Syntax Forms

Syntax Forms:

CNF (Conjunction Normal Form): $(A \vee \neg B) \wedge (A \vee \neg C \vee D)$

- CNF consists of **clauses** that are connected by conjunction.
 - **Clauses:** disjunctions of **literals** (a symbol or its negation).
- $(A \vee \neg B) \wedge (A \vee \neg C \vee D)$
 - 2 clauses: $(A \vee \neg B)$, $(A \vee \neg C \vee D)$
 - 4 variables: A, B, C, D
 - Literals: A , $\neg B$, $\neg C$, D

DNF (Disjunction Normal Form): $(A \wedge \neg B) \vee (A \wedge \neg C \wedge D)$

- All propositional sentences can be converted to CNF/DNF.
- We will mainly use CNF. For most algorithms, you will need to standardize the sentence by converting

Syntactic Forms - NNF

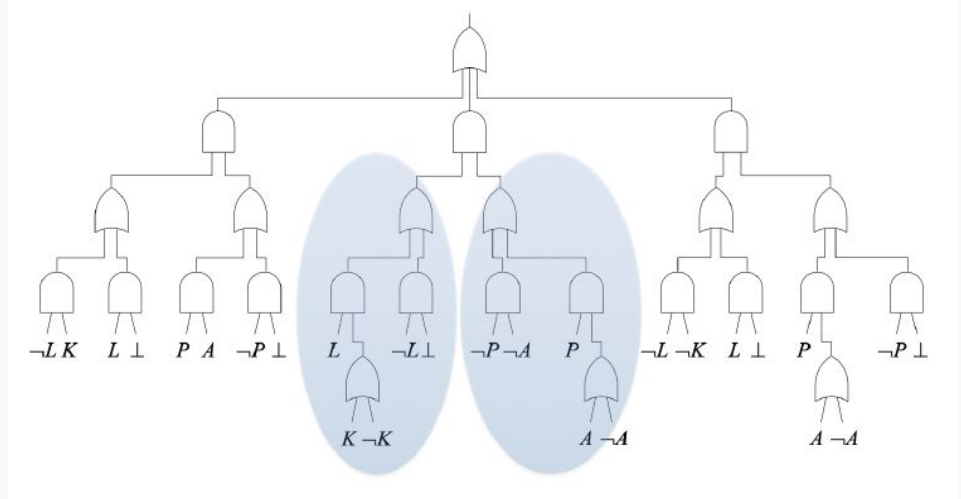
Syntax Forms:

NNF (Negation Normal Form): $((\neg A \vee B) \vee (A \vee \neg C)) \wedge D$

- Negation signs only appears next to variables
- E.g. $(\neg(A \vee B) \vee (A \vee \neg C)) \wedge D$ is not NNF

Decomposable NNF:

- Subcircuits/Inputs of an and-gate cannot share variables
- Satisfiability of DNNF can be decided in linear time



Horn Clause

Horn Clause:

- Proposition symbol; or
- (**conjunction** of symbols) \Rightarrow symbol
- E.g. $C \wedge (B \Rightarrow A) \wedge (C \wedge D \Rightarrow B)$

$$A \vee B \vee \neg C \quad X$$

$$\neg A \vee B \vee \neg C \checkmark \equiv A \wedge C \Rightarrow B$$

$$\neg A \vee \neg B \vee \neg C \checkmark$$

A typical form of horn clause

Horn Form: When KB (knowledge base) = **conjunction** of Horn clauses

Why do we care about Horn clause?

- It's a special type! If the sentences are Horn clauses, inference can be done in linear time (exponential for general sentences)

Syntactic Forms – Tractable and Universal

Tractable:

- A problem is intractable if the time required to solve it grows exponentially with its size
- If a problem is tractable, it becomes easy to solve in some particular form.
 - Expressing knowledge in a tractable form helps with inference
 - E.g. Solving satisfiability is NP-complete on general propositional sentences, but it's linear on horn forms □ horn forms is tractable

Universal:

- A form is universal if any sentence of propositional logic can be converted to this form.
 - E.g. CNF is universal because any propositional sentences can be converted to CNF
 - In this class, we just tell you whether a form is universal □ proof can be complicated

Syntactic Forms – Tractable and Universal

CNF:	●	Universal --	●
DNF:	●	Tractable --	▲
Horn:			▲
NNF:	●		
DNNF circuits:	●		▲

Semantics

- Answers when is a sentence true:

$P \Rightarrow Q$ is equivalent to $\neg P \vee Q$

P	Q	$\neg P$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
false	false	true	false	false	true	true
false	true	true	false	true	true	false
true	false	false	false	true	false	false
true	true	false	true	true	true	true

Figure 7.8 Truth tables for the five logical connectives. To use the table to compute, for example, the value of $P \vee Q$ when P is true and Q is false, first look on the left for the row where P is *true* and Q is *false* (the third row). Then look in that row under the $P \vee Q$ column to see the result: *true*.

Semantics

Logical Equivalence:

$(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha)$	commutativity of \wedge
$(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\beta \vee \alpha)$	commutativity of \vee
$((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma))$	associativity of \wedge
$((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma))$	associativity of \vee
$\neg(\neg\alpha) \equiv \alpha$	double-negation elimination
$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha)$	contraposition
$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta)$	implication elimination
$(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$	biconditional elimination
$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta)$	De Morgan
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$(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma))$	distributivity of \wedge over \vee
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Figure 7.11 Standard logical equivalences. The symbols α , β , and γ stand for arbitrary sentences of propositional logic.

Entailment

Entailment is a relationship between sentences (syntax) that is based on semantics

- Use \models to denote entailment:
 - $\alpha \models \beta$: α entails β
 - α, β can be single sentence or KB
- Properties:
 - $\alpha \models \beta$ iff every model in which α is true, β is also true
 - $\alpha \models \beta \Leftrightarrow M(\alpha) \subseteq M(\beta)$
 - Any two sentences α and β are equivalent only if each of them entails the other
 - i.e., $\alpha \equiv \beta$ iff $\alpha \models \beta$ and $\beta \models \alpha$.

Entailment

More properties:

- KB Δ entails a sentence α is denoted as $\Delta \models \alpha$ if $M(\Delta \wedge \alpha) = M(\Delta)$.
- KB Δ is consistent with sentence α if $M(\Delta \wedge \alpha)$ is non-empty.
- KB Δ contradicts sentence α if $\Delta \wedge \alpha$ is not satisfiable.

Sanity check: KB entails α iff it contradicts $\neg\alpha \rightarrow$ used in inference

Why is entailment so important?

- We have some known facts represented as a knowledge base KB
- Now we make a new claim β
- Does our known facts support this new claim β ?

Terminology Semantics

- w : world - some boolean assignment to every variable
- $w \models \alpha$: w entails α - a world where sentence α is true!
- $M(\alpha)$: models of α - set of worlds that entail α
- α equivalent to β
 - $M(\alpha) = M(\beta)$
- α is contradictory/inconsistent
 - $M(\alpha) = \emptyset$
- α is valid/tautology
 - $M(\alpha) = \text{set of all worlds}$
- α and β are mutually exclusive
 - $M(\alpha) \cap M(\beta) = \emptyset$
- α implies β
 - $M(\alpha) \subseteq M(\beta)$