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Min Max Algorithm

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min max algorithm is a recursive & backtracking algo which is used in decision-making and game theory. It provides an optimal move to the player assuming that opponent is also playing optimally.

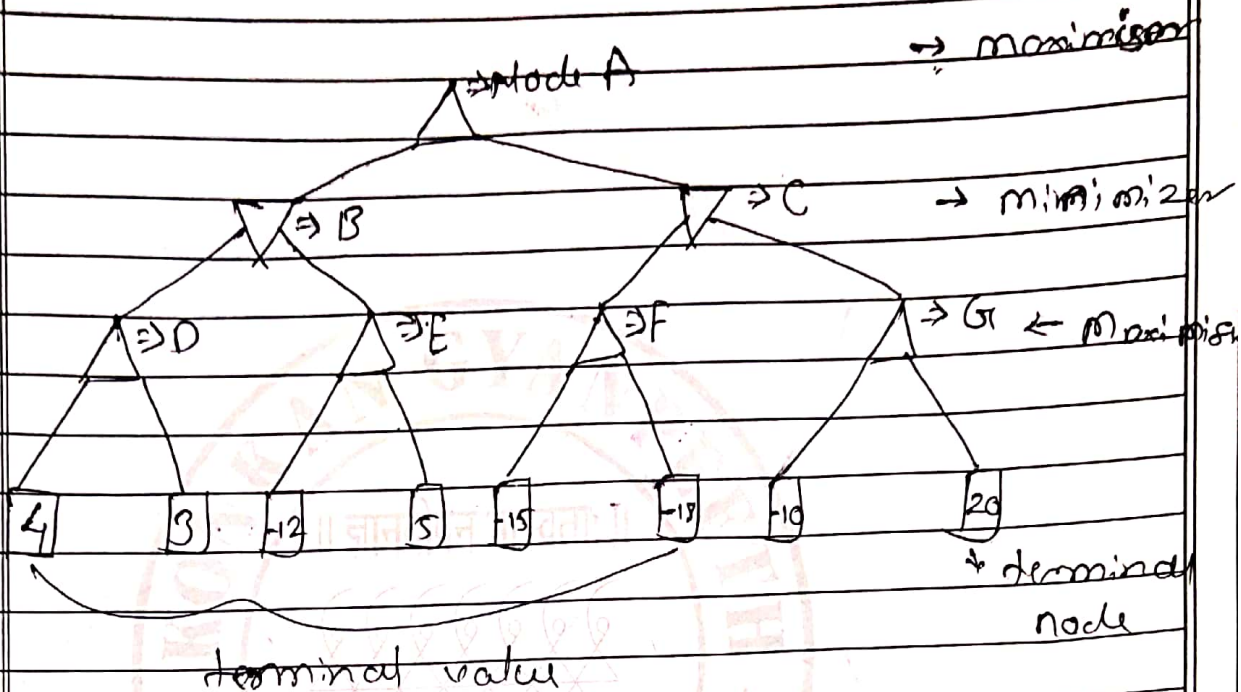
- min max algo uses recursion to search through the game tree.
- In this algo two players play the game, one is called MAX and other is called MIN.
- min max algo is mostly used for game playing in AI.

Step 1

~~Let's take A's as the initial state~~
~~node/ =~~
~~- the first node/min~~

Let's take A's the initial state of the tree. Suppose maximizer takes first turn (when A) which the worst-case initial value = $-\infty$ and minimizer will take next turn which

has worst-case initial value $= +\infty$



Step 2 :

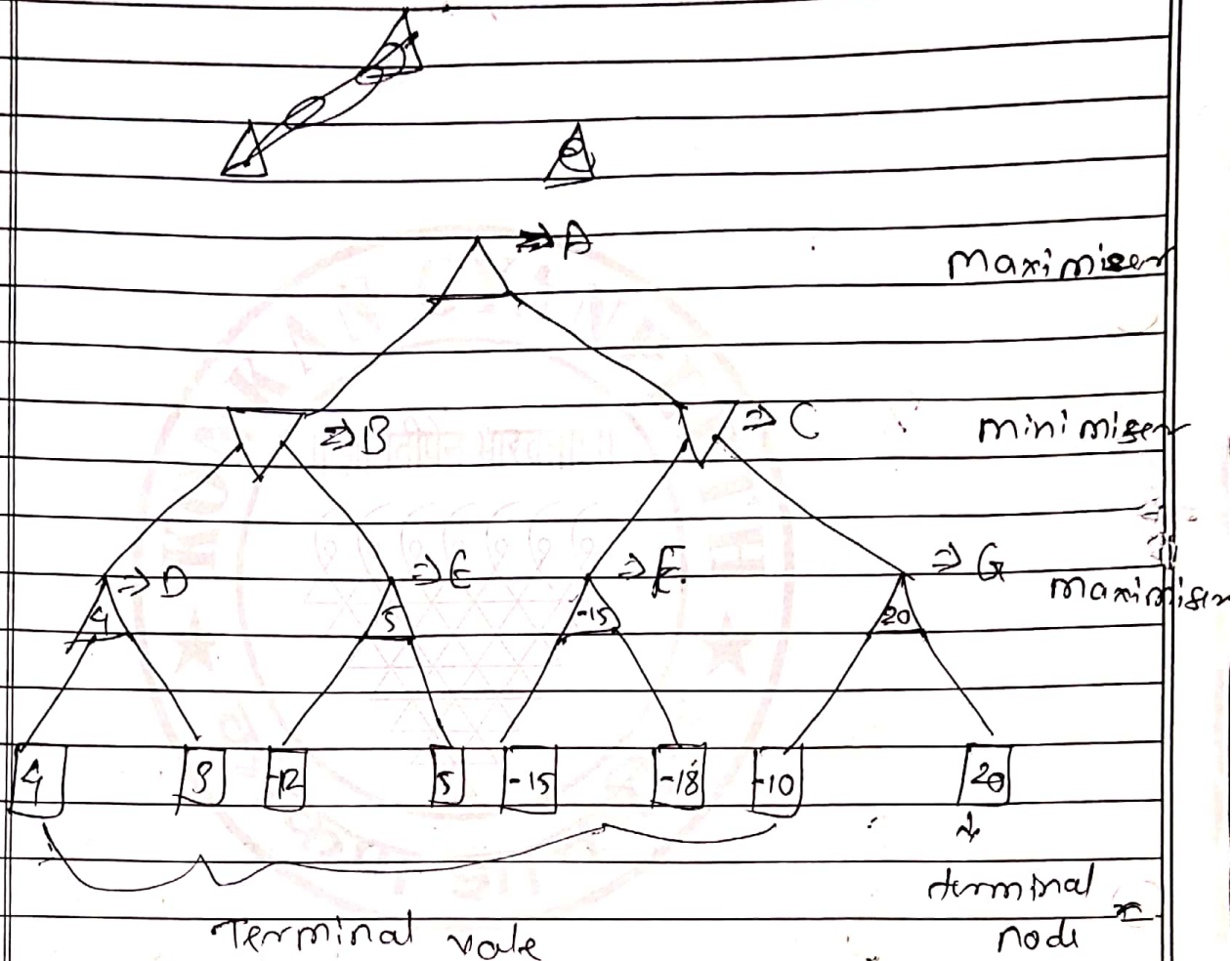
first we find the utilities value for the maximizer its initial value is $-\infty$, so we will compare each value is terminal state with initial value of maximizer and determine the high nodes values. It will find the maximum among all

$$\text{for node D} : \max(4, -\infty) \Rightarrow \max(4, 3) = 4$$

$$\text{for node E} : \max(-12, -\infty) \Rightarrow \max(-12, 5) = 5$$

$$\text{for node F} : \max(-15, -\infty) \Rightarrow \max(-15, -18) = -15$$

for node G $\max(-10, 20) \Rightarrow \max(-10, 20) = 20$

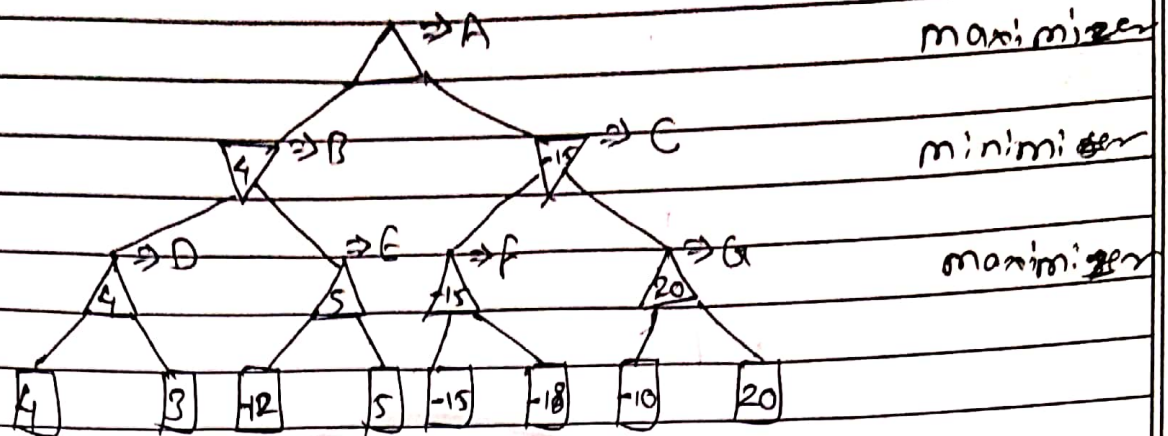


Step 3 :

In the next steps, it's a turn for minimiser, so it will compare all nodes value with per two, and will find the 3rd layer node value

for node B - $\min(4, 5) = 4$

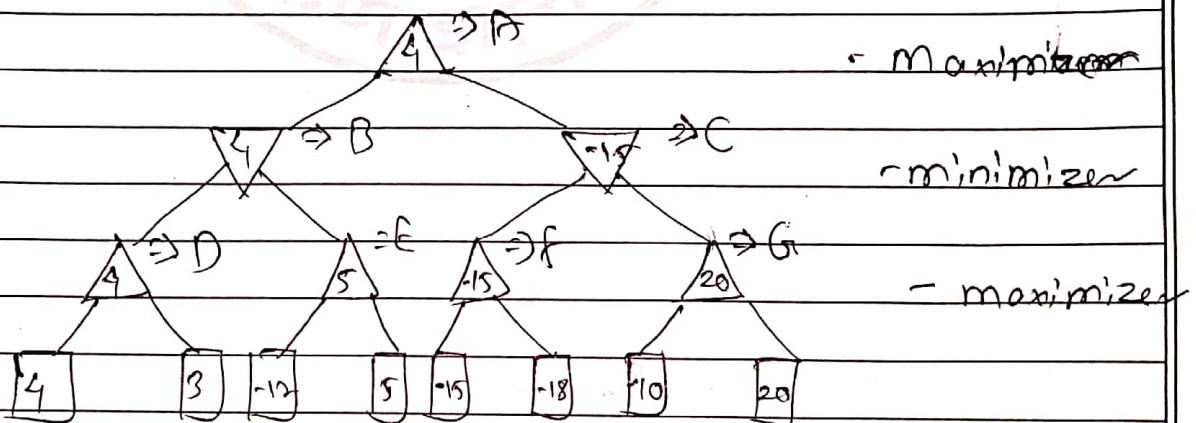
for node C - $\min(-15, 20) = -15$



Step 4

Now it's a turn for maximiser and it will again choose the maximum of all nodes values and find the terminal maximum value for the root nodes

$$\text{for node A} = \max(4, -15) = 4$$



Hence it was the complete work flow of the minimax algorithm with two player game