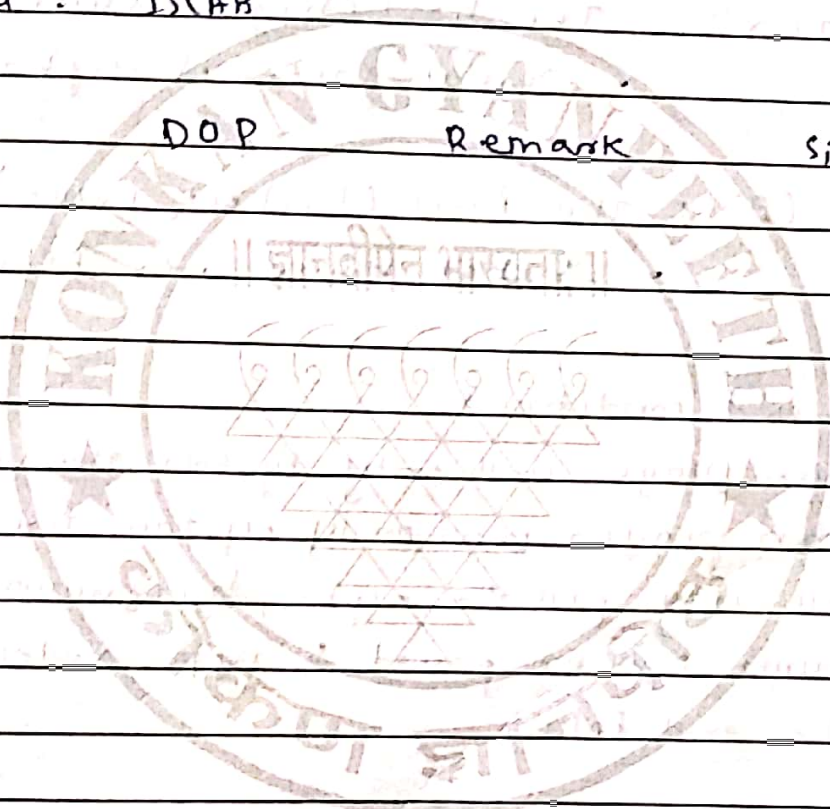


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## Alpha - Beta Pruning:-

- Alpha-beta pruning - Alpha beta pruning is a modified version of the min-max algo. It is an optimisation technique for the min-max algo.

- Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) = The first (highest) value

- Initial value of alpha is  $-\infty$

- Beta ( $\beta$ ) = The first (highest) value

- Initial value of beta is  $+\infty$

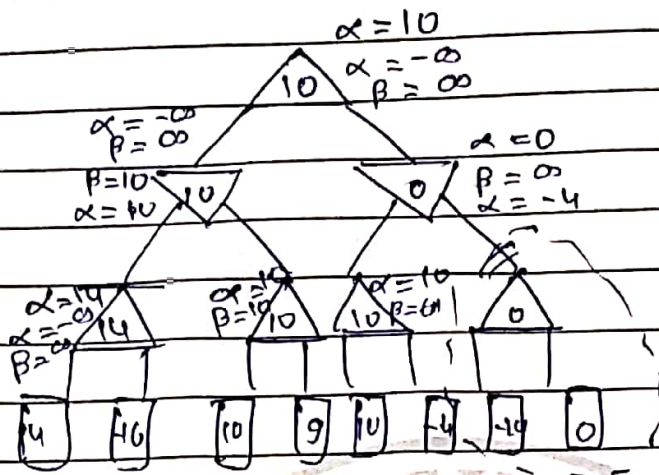
- Rules and conditions

- 1) The max player will only update the value of alpha.
- 2) The min player will only update the value of  $\beta$ .
- 3) We will only pass the alpha, beta values to child nodes.
- 4) Node values will be passed to upper nodes instead of values of alpha and beta.

i) Condition to prune:  $a \geq b$  or  $b \leq a$

- when alpha is greater than or equal to beta.

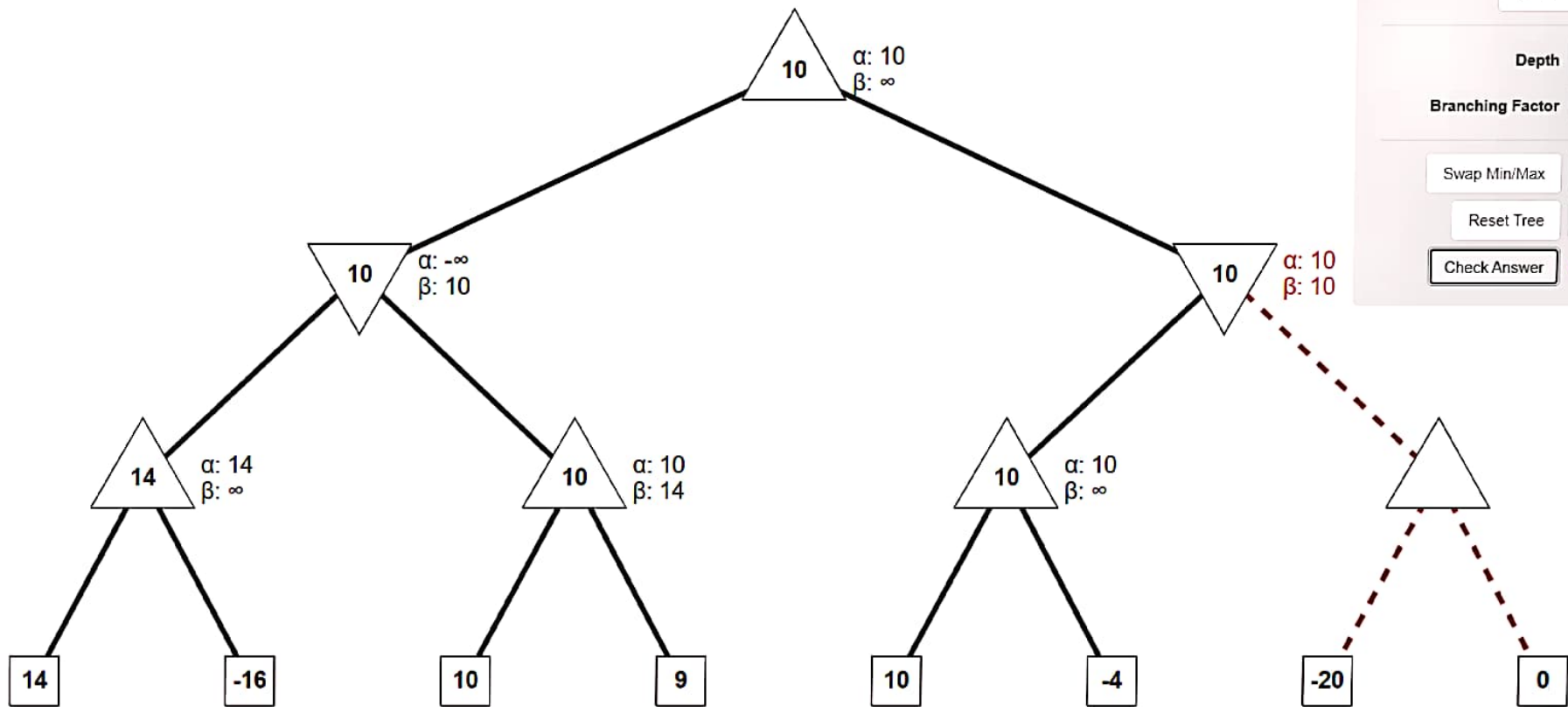




- 1)  $\alpha (-\infty, 14) = 14$   
 $\alpha (-\infty, -16) = -16$  - max (Bottom left)  
 $\alpha (14, -16) = 14$  - min (left)
- 2)  $\beta (\infty, 14) = 14$  - min (left)
- 3)  $\alpha (-\infty, 10) = 10$   
 $\alpha (-\infty, 9) = 9$  - max (Bottom left node)  
 $\alpha (10, 9) = 10$  - Top (max)
- 4)  $\alpha (10, 10) = 10$  - min (Right)
- 5)  $\beta (14, 10) = 10$  - max (Bottom right)
- 6)  $\beta (-\infty, 10) = 10$   
 $\alpha (10, -4) = 10$   
 $\alpha (10, -4) = 10$
- 7)  $\beta (\infty, -4) = -4$  - min (Right)  
 $\alpha = 10$   
 $\beta = -4$

$\therefore \alpha \geq \beta$  so the node is pruned

- 8)  $\alpha = 10$ ,  $\beta = \infty$   
 $\alpha (10, 10) = 10$  solution



Start Animation

Depth - +

Branching Factor - +

Swap Min/Max

Regenerate Tree

Reset Tree

Show Solution

Check Answer

Correct!