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# Evolutionary Algorithm

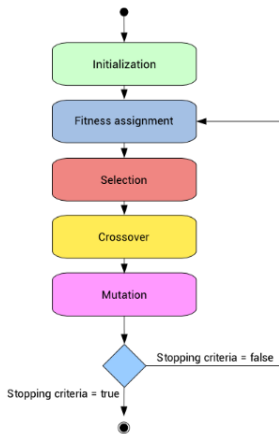


Figure: Flow chart of evolutionary algorithm

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- Selection: Roulette Wheel Selection

- Crossover: random crossover point

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- Mutate: random mutate point

*Parent 3:* (7,6) (5,5) (5,4) (2,2) (6,5) (7,7) (4,4)

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# Reinforcement Learning

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# Monte Carlo Tree Search[13][14][15]

- Selection
- Play-out
- Expansion
- Backpropagation

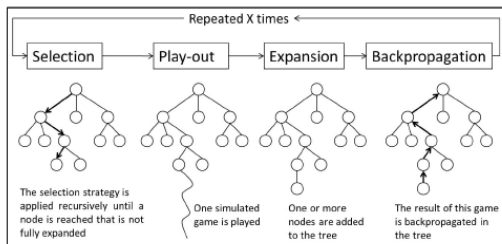


Figure: Flow chart of MCTS

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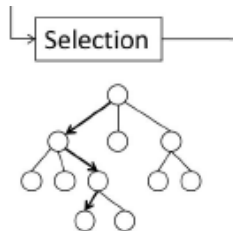
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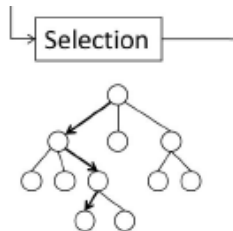
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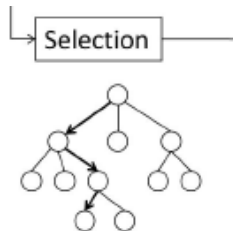
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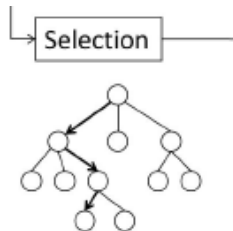


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- Trade-off between exploration and exploitation



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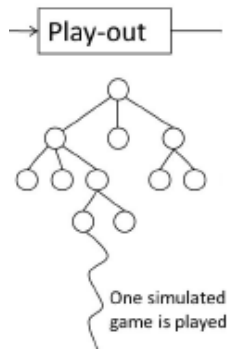
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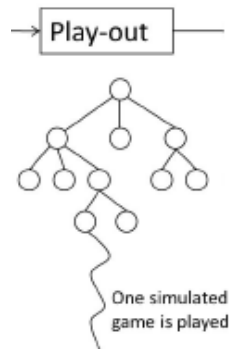
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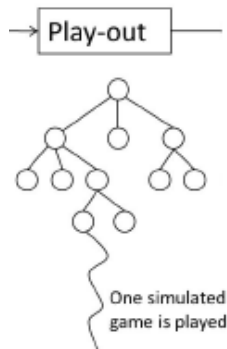
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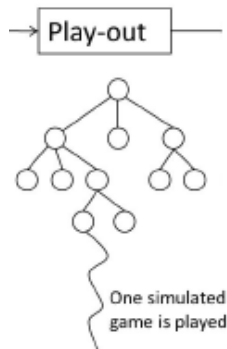
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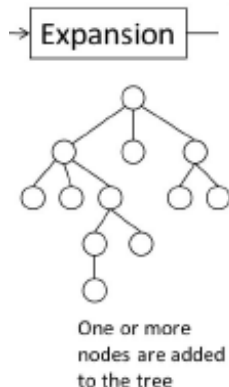
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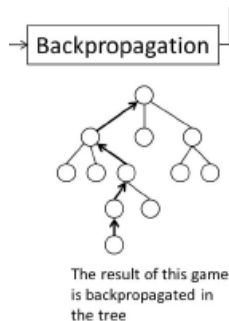
- Random game is played
- Roll-out policy
- Limited depth



- Expand the game tree with all nodes in play-out step



- Back propagate outcome and visit numbers





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# Solve Game

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- Choose a knowledge re-presentation

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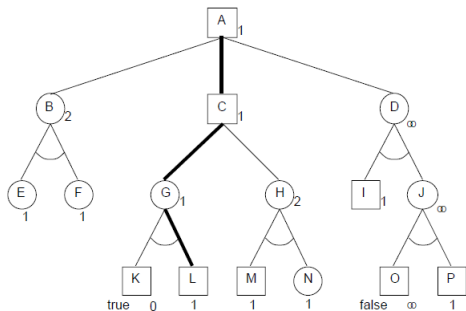
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- Choose a knowledge re-presentation
- Perform a search: single-agent tree, game trees, AND/OR tree

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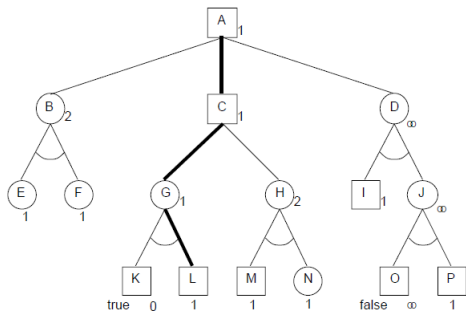
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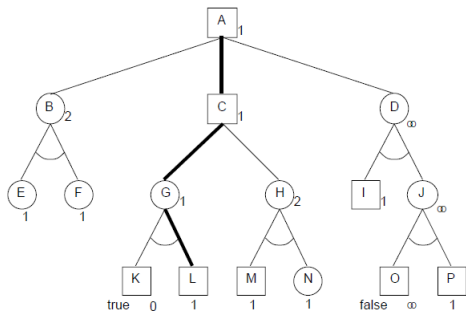
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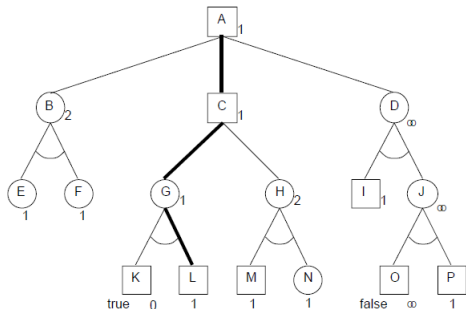
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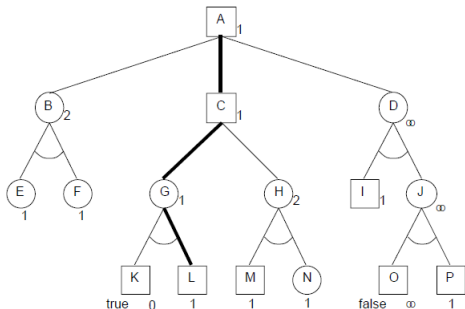
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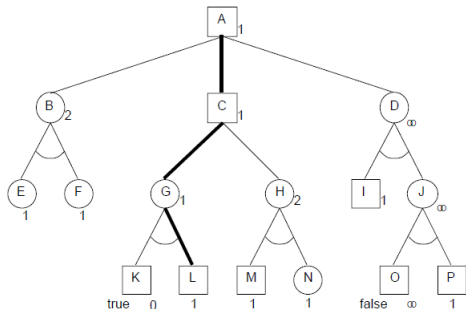
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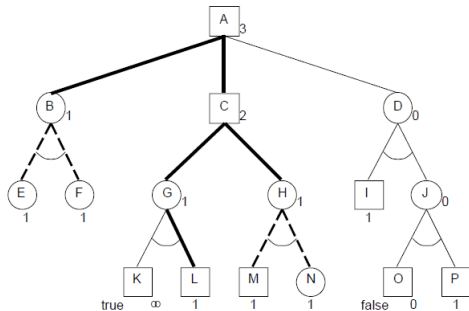
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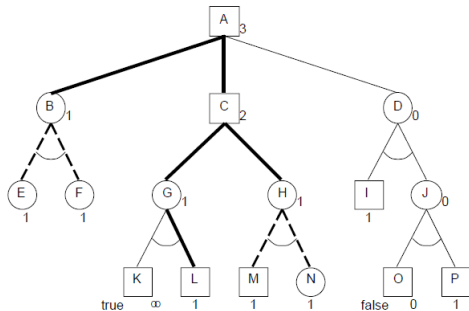
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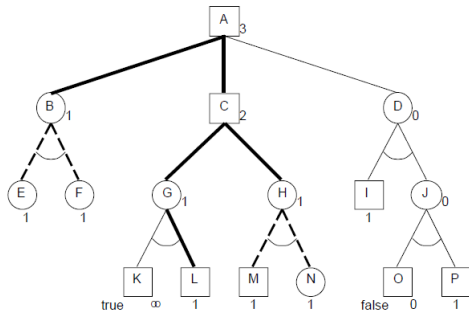
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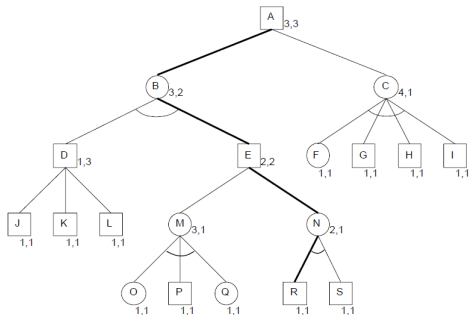
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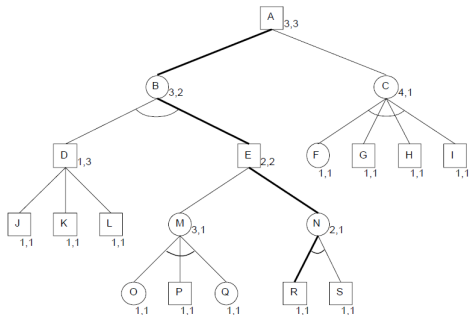
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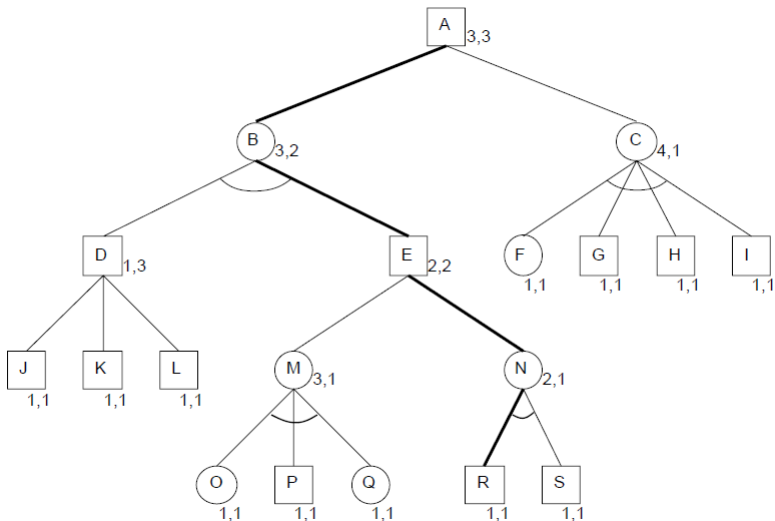
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- Attributes:

$$U = \{A(i, j, z) | 1 \leq i \leq j \leq 10, z \in \{A, \dots, J, 0, \dots, 9, X\}\}$$

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- Operator  $U_f$ :  $f$  as a 3-tuple

$$\langle f^{pre}, f^{del}, f^{add} \rangle, f^{pre}, f^{del}, f^{add} \subset U \text{ and } f^{del} \subset f^{pre}$$

- $r_0 = \langle \{A(1, 1, 0)\}, \{A(1, 1, 0)\}, \{A(1, 1, A)\} \rangle$

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- Paths  $U_p$ : Series of operators applicable to initial state  $\{r_0, r_1\}, \{r_0, r_1, r_2\}$  is a path;  $\{r_0, r_0\}$  isn't a path
- Paths equivalent  $P \equiv Q$ :  $P$  is a permutation of  $Q$  and  $P, Q$  are paths  $\{r_0, r_1\} \equiv \{r_1, r_0\}$
- Path class:  $U_p / \equiv: \overline{\{r_0, r_1\}} = \{\{r_0, r_1\}, \{r_1, r_0\}\}$
- Key class  $U_k$ : A path class such that the last operator of all paths belonging to that path class is the same  $\overline{\{r_0\}}, \dots, \overline{\{r_9\}}, \overline{\{r_0, \dots, r_9, r_{10}\}}$
- $\overline{\{r_0, r_1\}}$  is a path class but not a key class.

# Solve Gomoku

Method: pn-search + db-search[17]

# Solve Gomoku

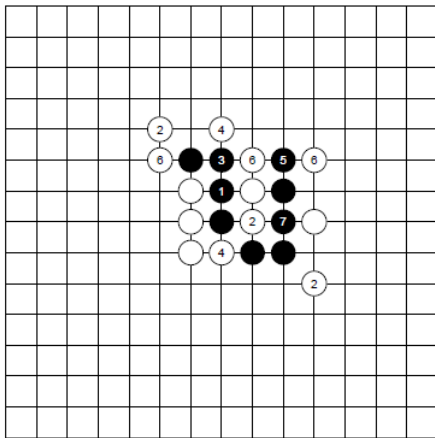
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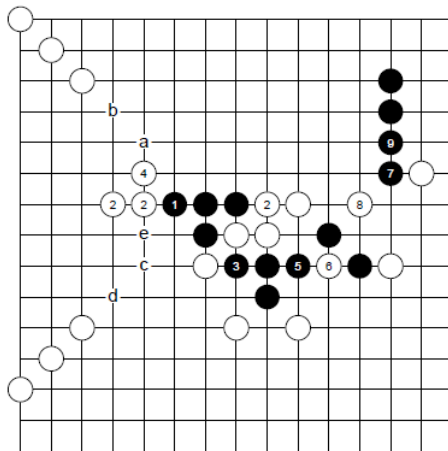
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Method: pn-search + db-search[17]

- Attributes
- Initial state
- Goal state
- Operator:  
transform into  
single-agent





# Minimax Algorithm

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function MINIMAX-DECISION(state) returns an action
  return  $\operatorname{argmax}_{a \in \text{ACTIONS}(s)} \text{MIN-VALUE}(\text{RESULT}(\text{state}, a))$ 

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function MAX-VALUE(state) returns a utility value
  if TERMINAL-TEST(state) then return UTILITY(state)
   $v \leftarrow -\infty$ 
  for each a in ACTIONS(state) do
     $v \leftarrow \text{MAX}(v, \text{MIN-VALUE}(\text{RESULT}(s, a)))$ 
  return v

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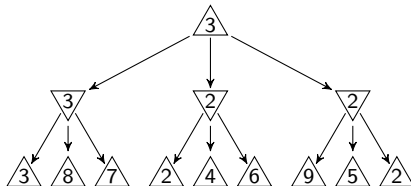
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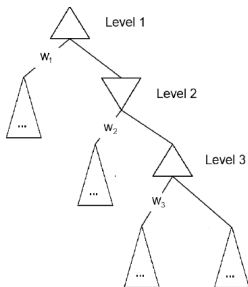
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**Figure:** Pseudocode of minimax algorithm

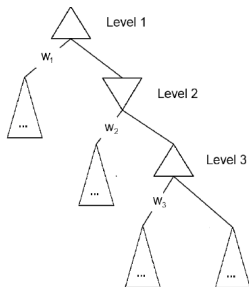
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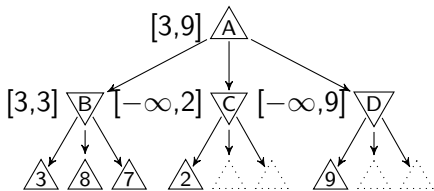


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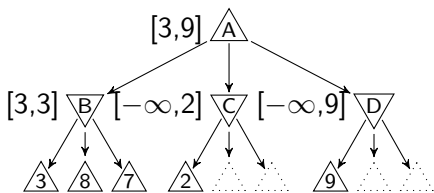
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$[\alpha, \beta]$  is a closed interval  
as the estimation of  
utility value so far.

# Pseudocode of alpha-beta pruning

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**function** ALPHA-BETA-SEARCH(*state*) **returns** an action  
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 $v \leftarrow -\infty$   
**for each**  $a$  **in**  $\text{ACTIONS}(\text{state})$  **do**  
 $v \leftarrow \text{MAX}(v, \text{MIN-VALUE}(\text{RESULT}(s, a), \alpha, \beta))$   
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**if**  $v \leq \alpha$  **then return**  $v$   
 $\beta \leftarrow \text{MIN}(\beta, v)$   
**return**  $v$

**Figure:** Pseudocode of alpha-beta pruning



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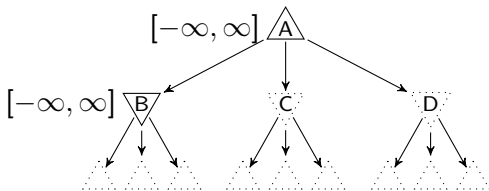
**Figure:** Pseudocode of alpha-beta pruning

# Example of alpha-beta pruning1

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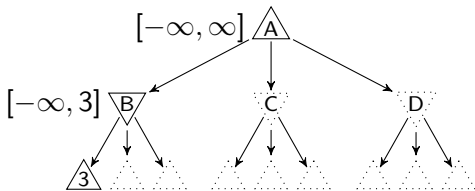
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# Example of alpha-beta pruning2

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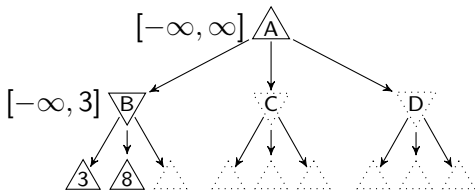
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# Example of alpha-beta pruning3

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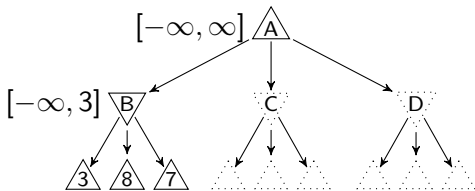
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# Example of alpha-beta pruning4

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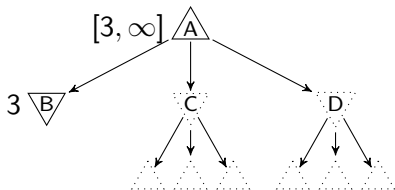
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# Example of alpha-beta pruning5

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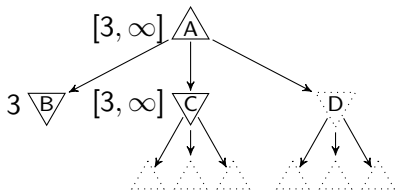


# Example of alpha-beta pruning6

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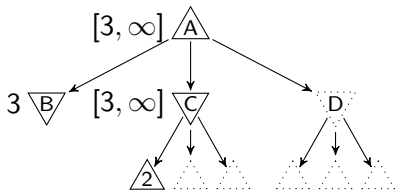
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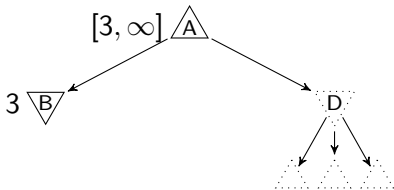
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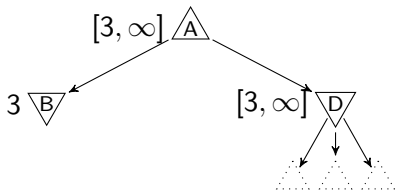
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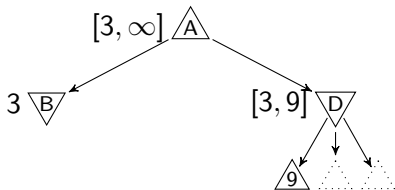
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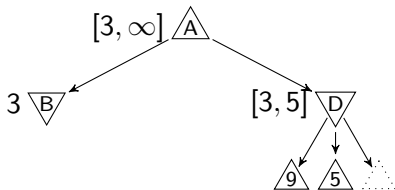
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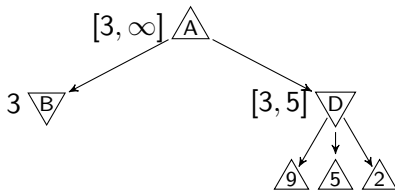
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# Example of alpha-beta pruning<sup>12</sup>

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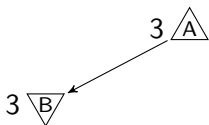
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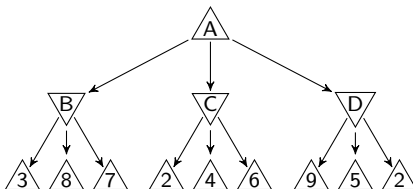
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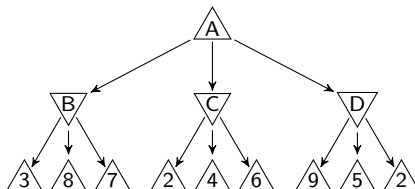
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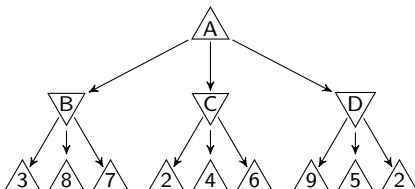


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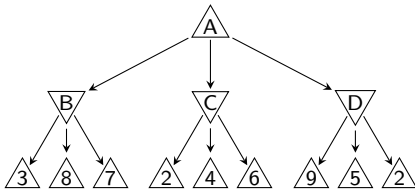
- First line: The role of the root node(1 for MAX node and 0 for MIN node) and the depth of the tree
- Example: 1 3

## Input of Practice



- First line: The role of the root node(1 for MAX node and 0 for MIN node) and the depth of the tree
- Example: 1 3
- Second line: Tree Structure
- Example:  $[[3,8,7],[2,4,6],[9,5,2]]$

# Output of Practice

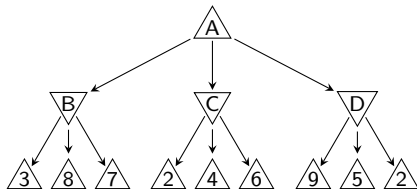


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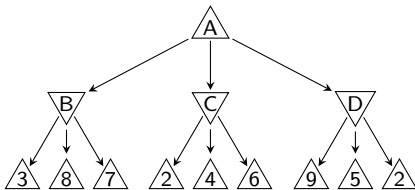
- First line: The result for minimax search
- Example: 3

# Output of Practice

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- First line: The result for minimax search
- Example: 3
- Second line: Pruned nodes in order
- Example: 4 6

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- Gomoku Rule: Free Gomoku Rule(five or more)
- Balanced opening from a set
- The board has 20x20 squares
- 15 seconds per move, 90 seconds per match
- 10 fixed AI, 12 matches with each one

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- No more than 3 people a team
- Upload to test once a day
- Uploading file may not take more than 5 MB of space (zipped together with all necessary files) named as id.zip
- Only one CPU core
- No deep neural network
- No pondering



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- `ftp://10.88.3.60`
- Gomoku manager  
`http://gomocup.org/download-gomocup-manager/`
- AI `http://gomocup.org/download-gomoku-ai/`
- Python Template  
`https://github.com/stranskyjan/pbrain-pyrandom`
- Gomocup `http://gomocup.org/`

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