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Modul 4: Adversarial Search

Adversarial Search

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Adversarial Search

Approximate solution: strategy

Multiagent: competitive environment (games)

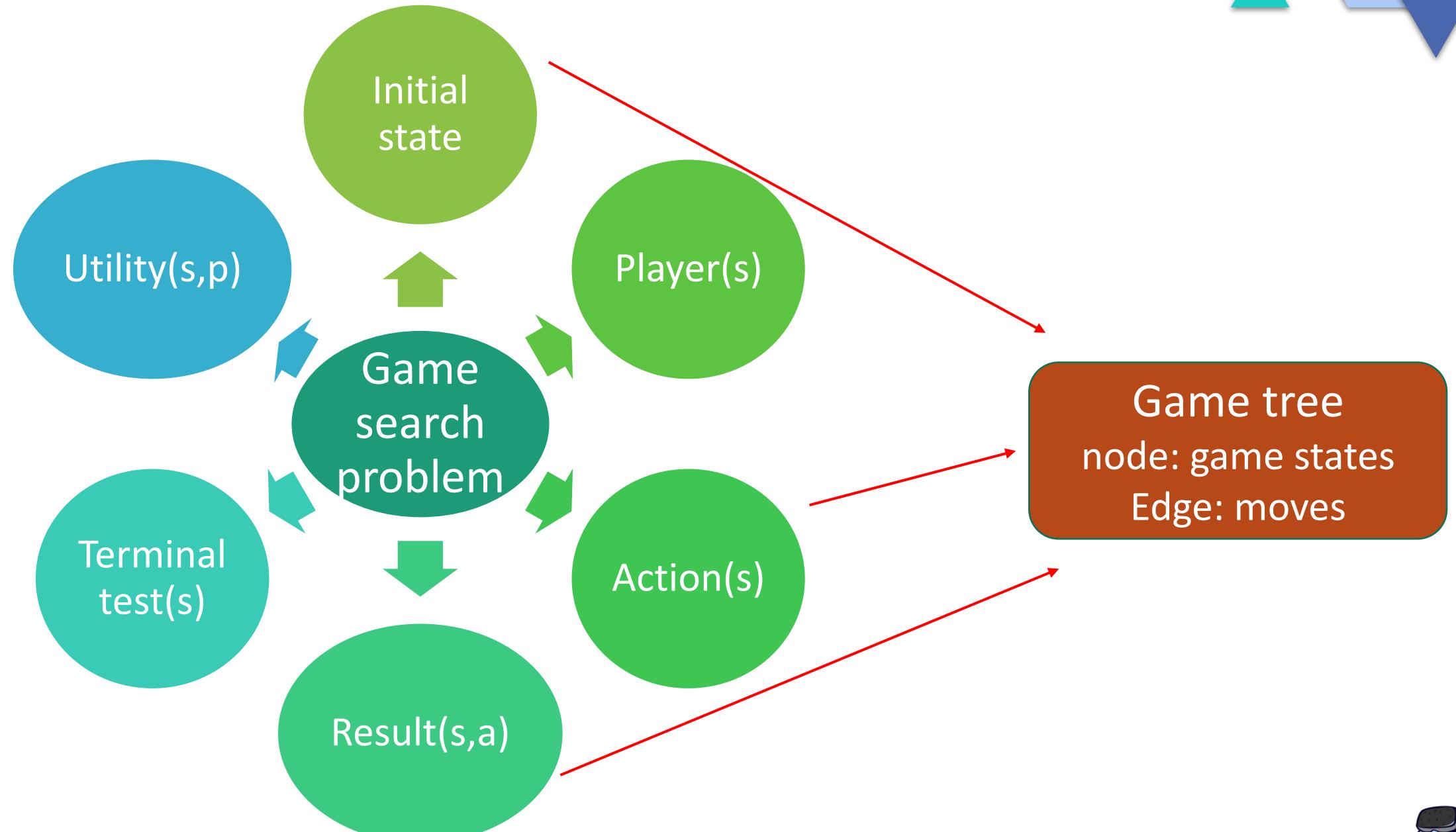
Non-Adversarial Search

Optimize solution: path to goal or solution state

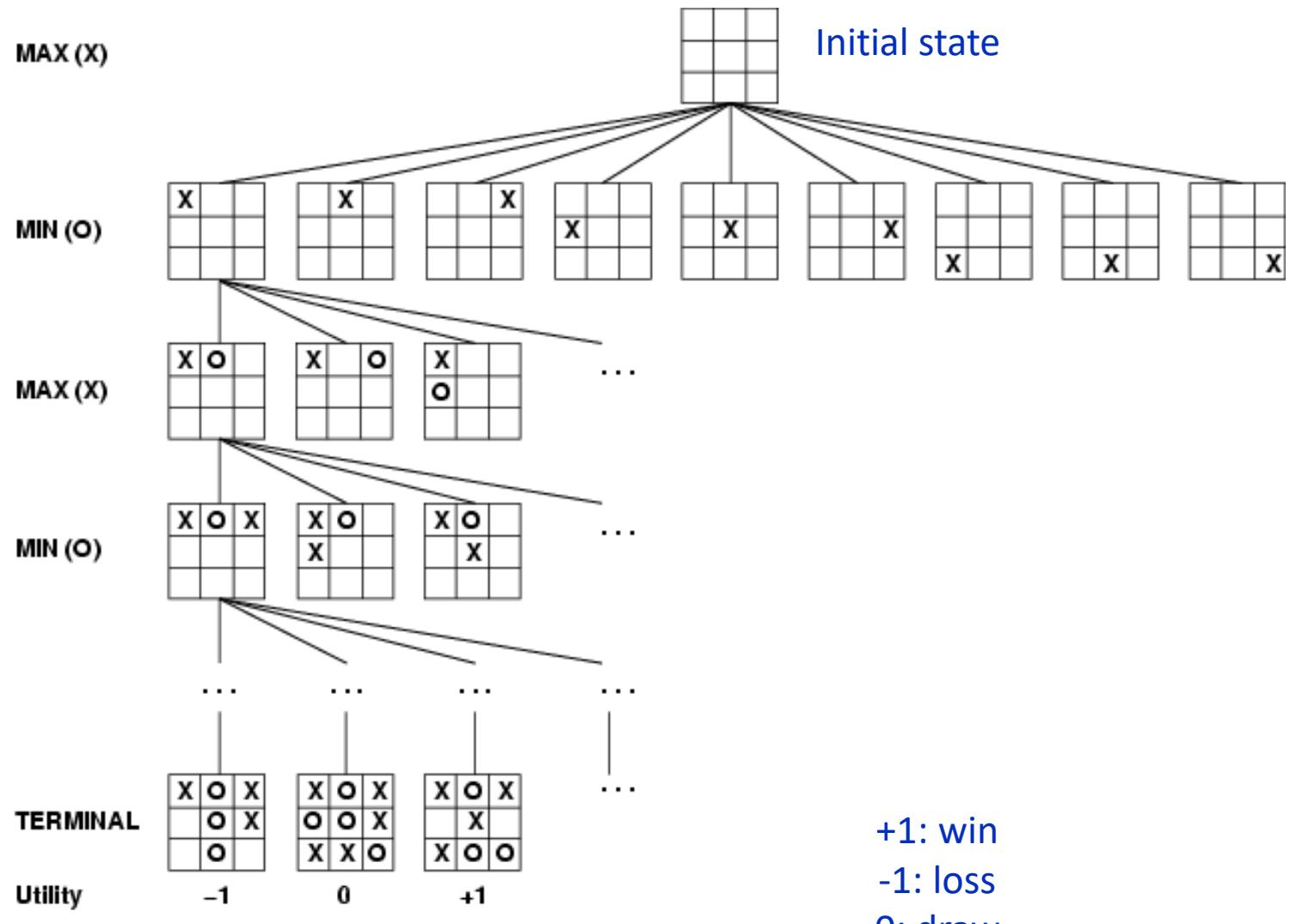
Deterministic and fully observable

Turn-taking





Game tree (2-players, tic-tac-toe)



node: game states
Edge: moves



Optimal Decision with Minimax Algorithm

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function MINIMAX-DECISION(state) returns an action
    return  $\arg \max_{a \in \text{ACTIONS}(s)} \text{MIN-VALUE}(\text{RESULT}(s, a))$ 
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function MIN-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 $\leftarrow \text{MIN}(v, \text{MAX-VALUE}(\text{RESULT}(s, a)))$

return *v*

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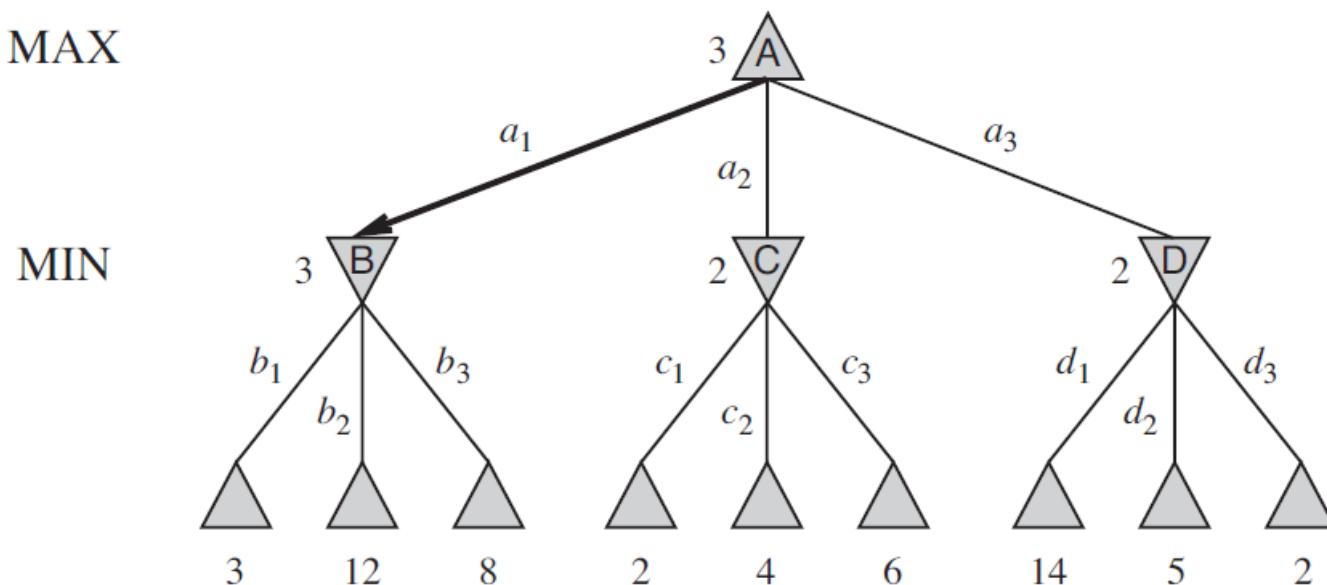
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Minimax: 2-ply Game Tree



$\text{Minimax}(B) = \min(\text{Minimax}(\text{result}(B, b_1)), \text{Minimax}(\text{result}(B, b_2)), \text{Minimax}(\text{result}(B, b_3)))$
 $= \min(3, 12, 8) = 3$

$\text{Minimax}(A) = \max(\text{Minimax}(B), \text{Minimax}(C), \text{Minimax}(D))$
 $= \max(3, 2, 2) = 3$

$\text{MINIMAX}(s) =$

$$\begin{cases} \text{UTILITY}(s) & \text{if TERMINAL-TEST}(s) \\ \max_{a \in \text{Actions}(s)} \text{MINIMAX}(\text{RESULT}(s, a)) & \text{if } \text{PLAYER}(s) = \text{MAX} \\ \min_{a \in \text{Actions}(s)} \text{MINIMAX}(\text{RESULT}(s, a)) & \text{if } \text{PLAYER}(s) = \text{MIN} \end{cases}$$





Minimax 3-ply in Multiplayer Games

to move

A

B

C

A

(1, 2, 6)

(1, 2, 6)

(1, 5, 2)

(1, 2, 6)

(6, 1, 2)

(1, 5, 2)

(5, 4, 5)

(1, 2, 6)

(4, 2, 3)

(6, 1, 2)

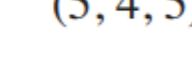
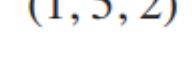
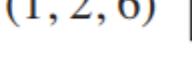
(7, 4, 1)

(5, 1, 1)

(1, 5, 2)

(7, 7, 1)

(5, 4, 5)



Minimax Properties

Complete?

Yes (if tree is finite)

Optimal?

Yes (against an optimal opponent)

Time complexity?

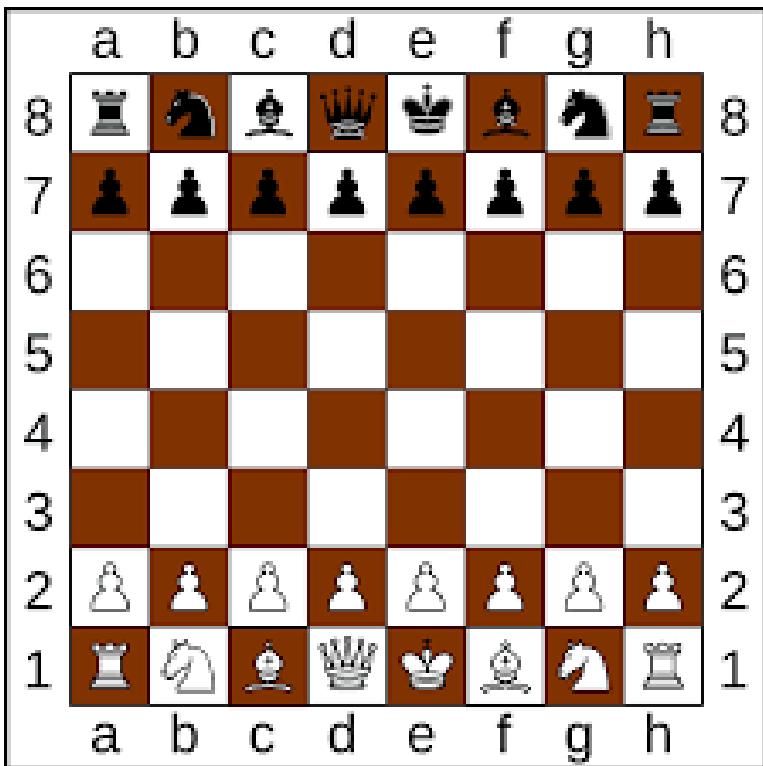
$O(b^m)$

Space complexity?

$O(bm)$ (depth-first exploration)



Minimax for Chess



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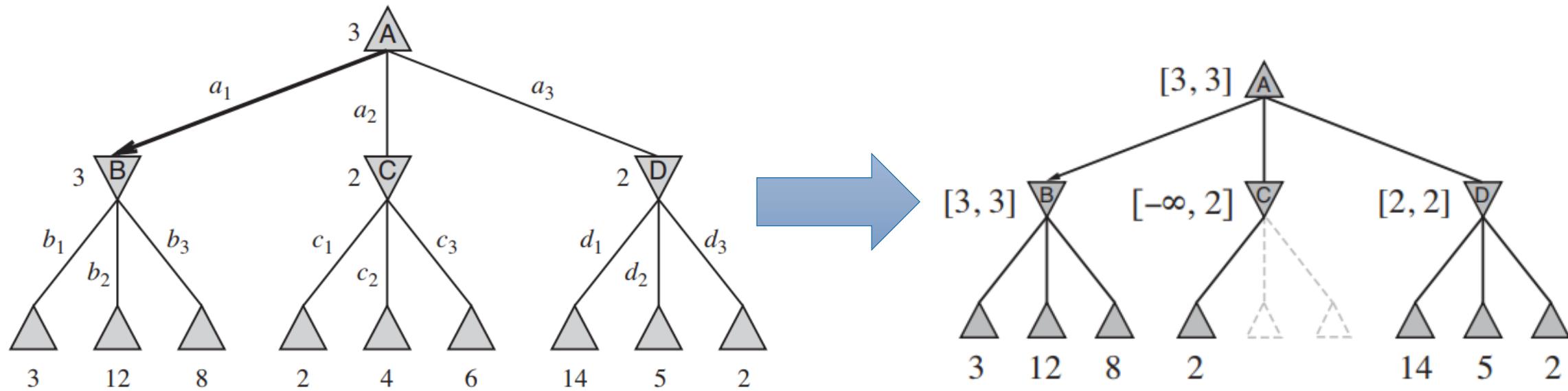
- Branching factor: 35 (avg)
- Games often 50 moves for each player → $m=100$
- Game states is exponential in the depth of game tree.
- Exact solution is completely infeasible



$\alpha\beta$ Search: Minimax with Pruning

MAX

MIN

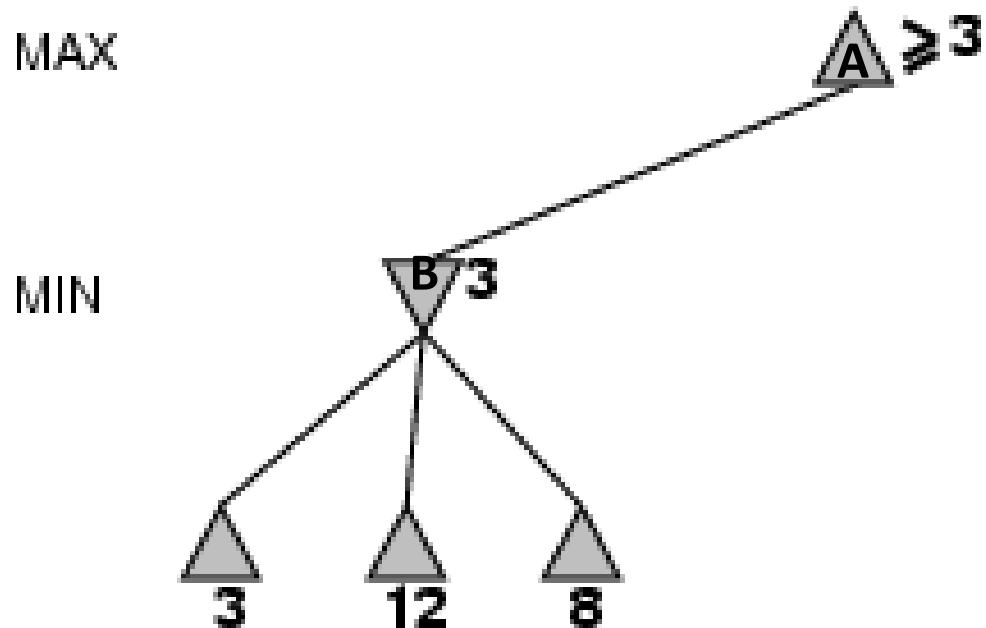


Pruning **does not** affect final result. It returns the same move as minimax would, but prunes away branches that cannot possibly influence the final decision.



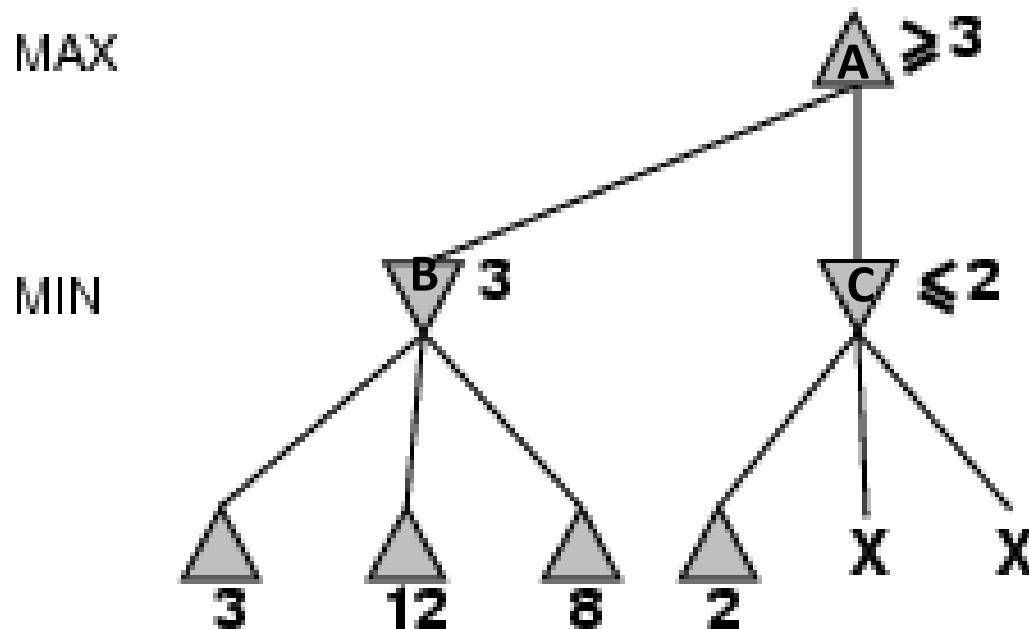


α - β pruning example

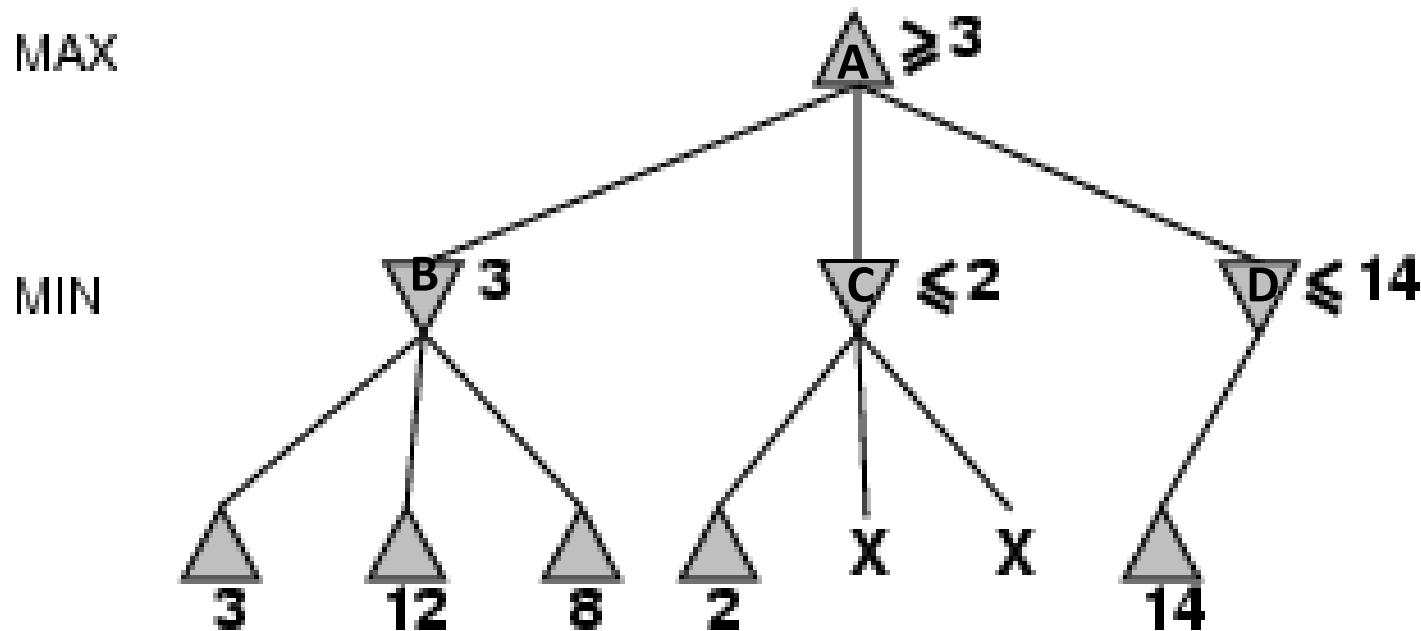




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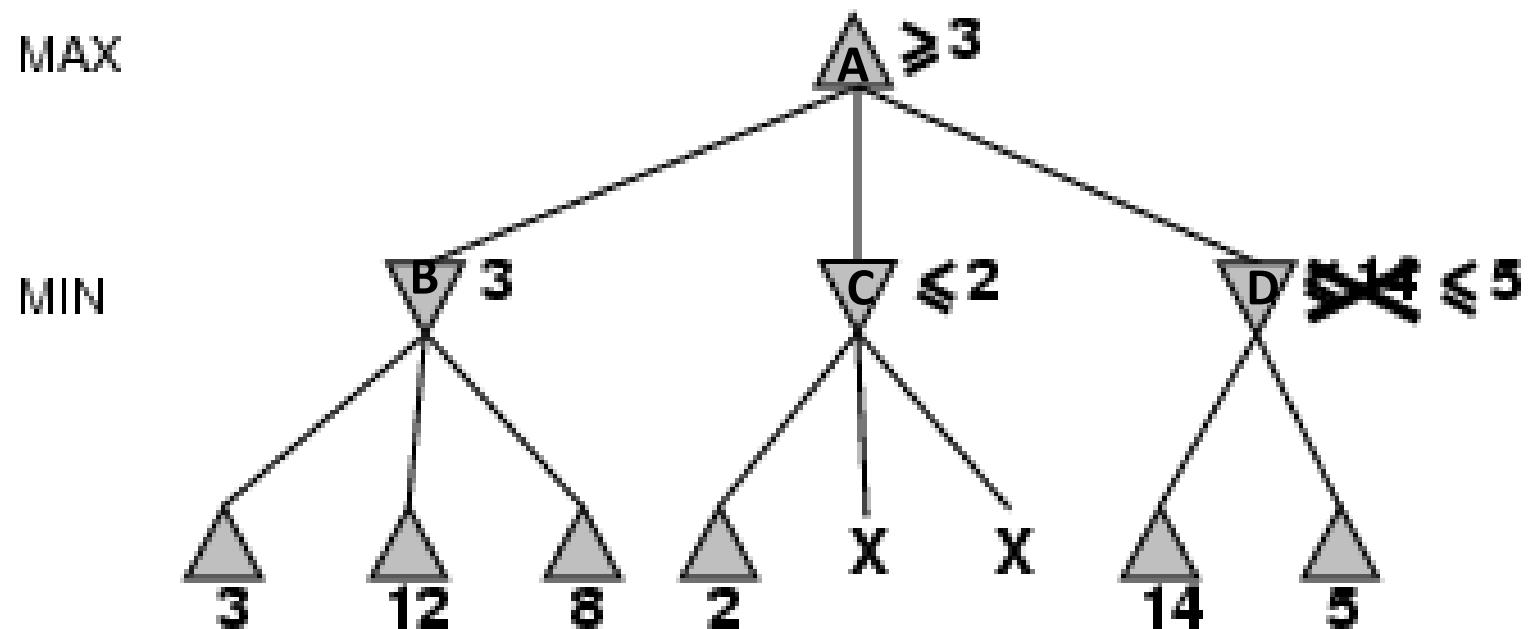


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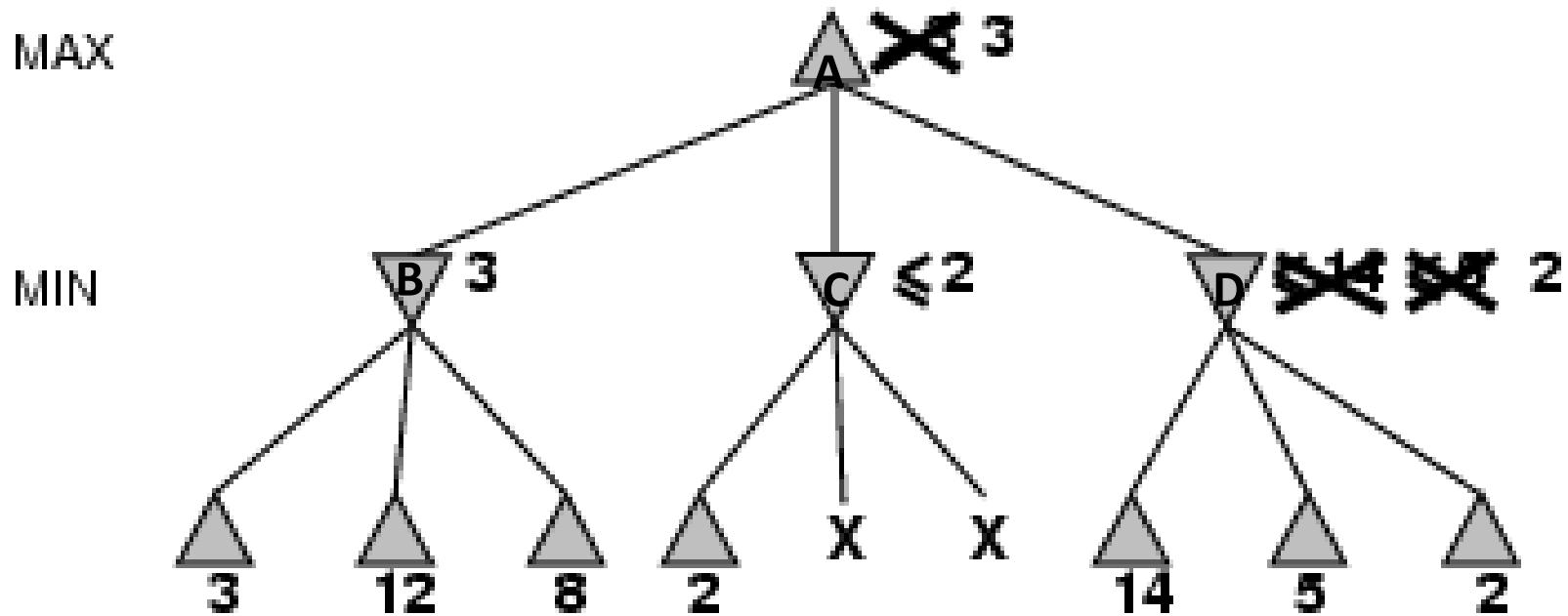


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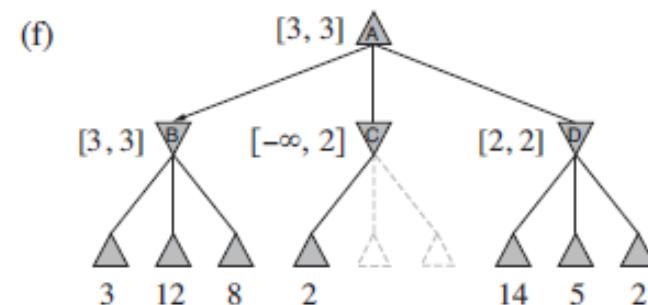
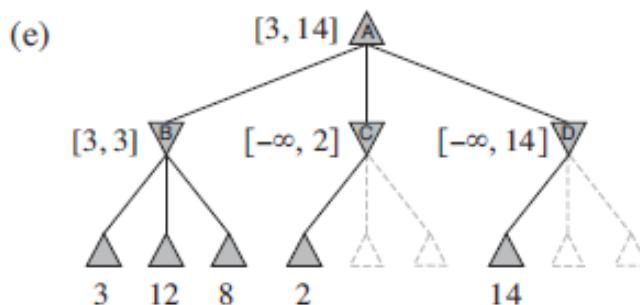
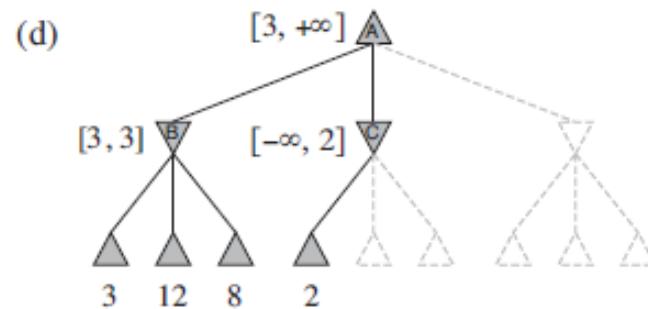
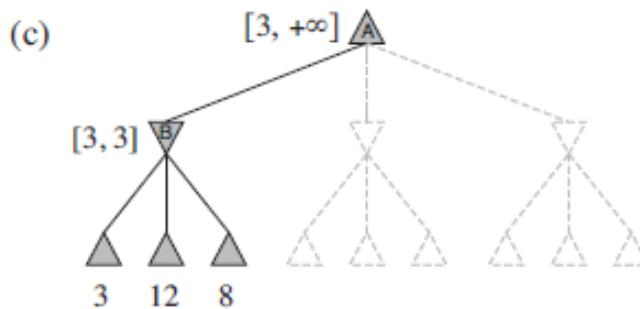
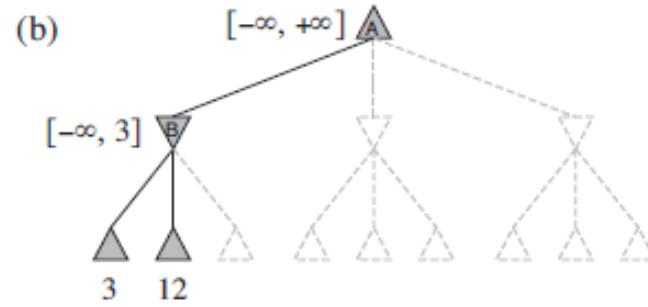
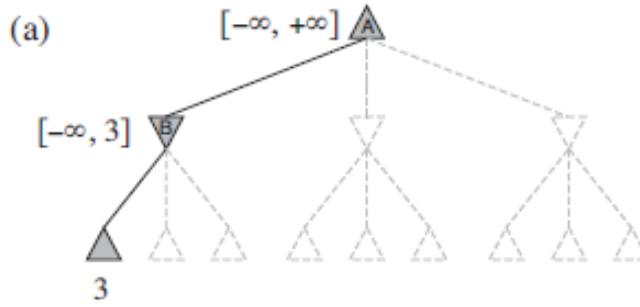




α - β pruning example



Algorithm illustration with α - β value



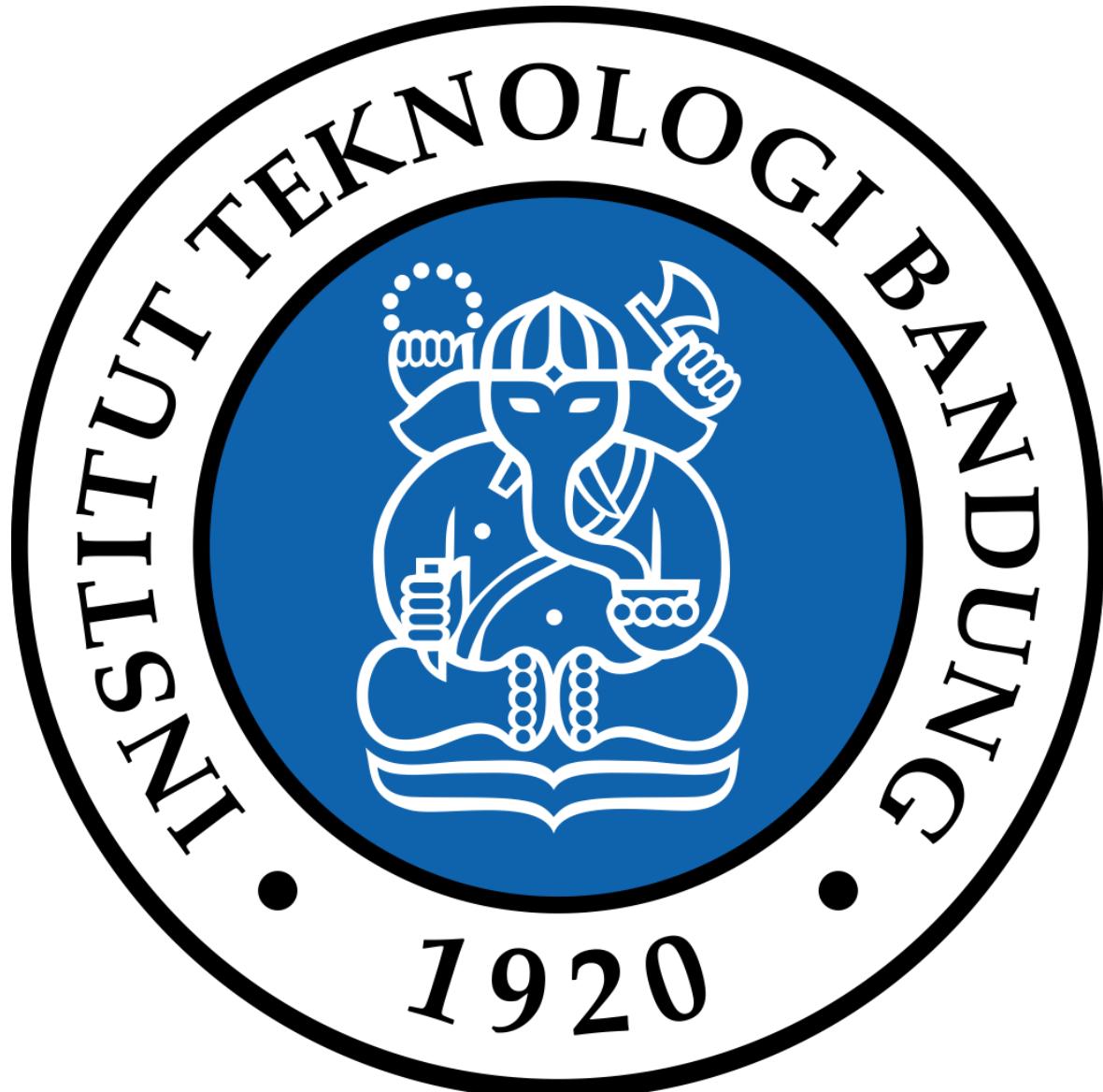
Summary

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Minimax
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$\alpha\beta$ Search





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