



## Modul 4: Adversarial Search

### Adversarial Search

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Inteligensi Buatan  
(*Artificial Intelligence*)



Adversarial  
Search

Non-Adversarial  
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Approximate  
solution:  
strategy

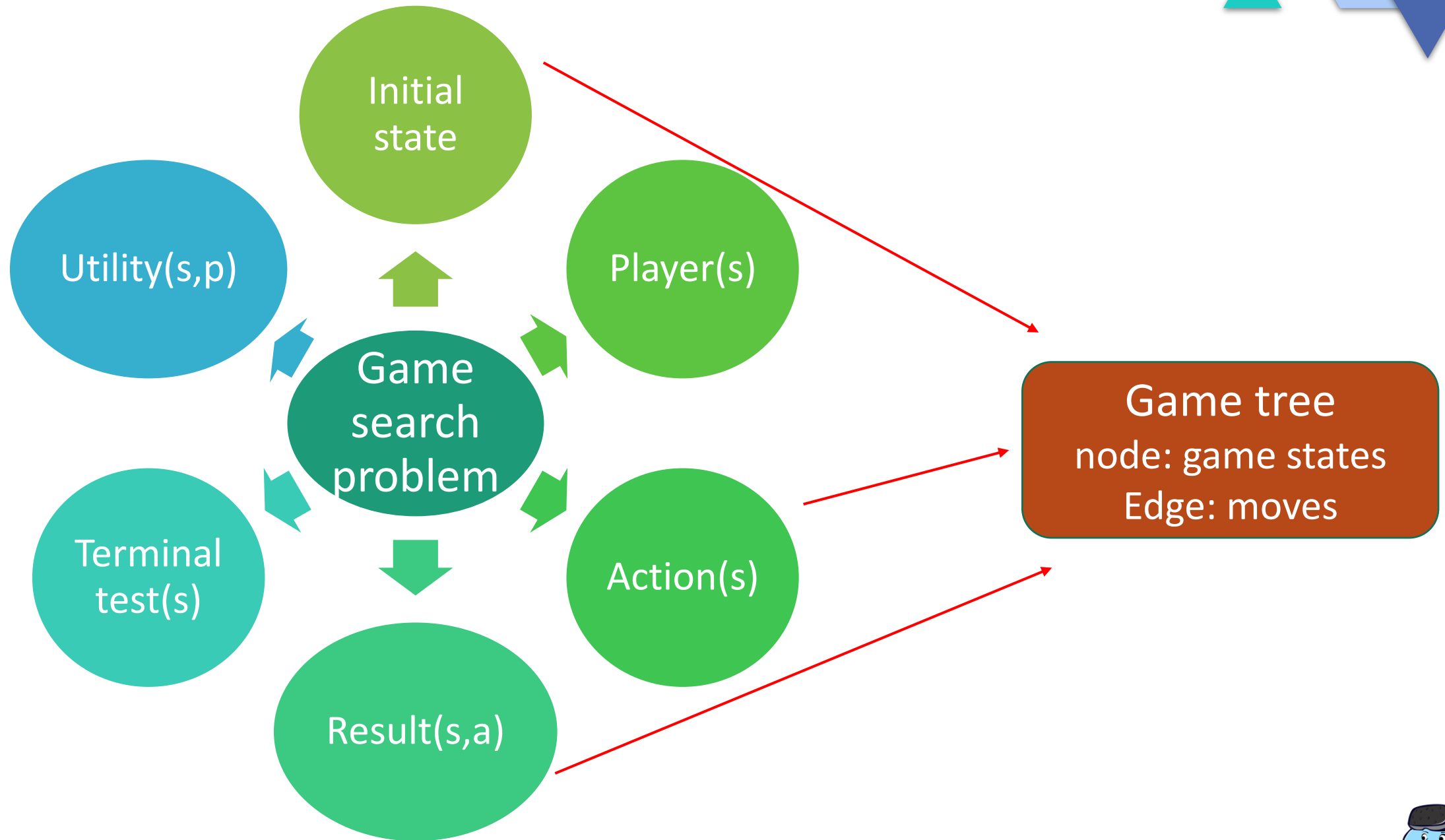
Multiagent:  
competitive  
environment  
(games)

Optimize  
solution: path to  
goal or solution  
state

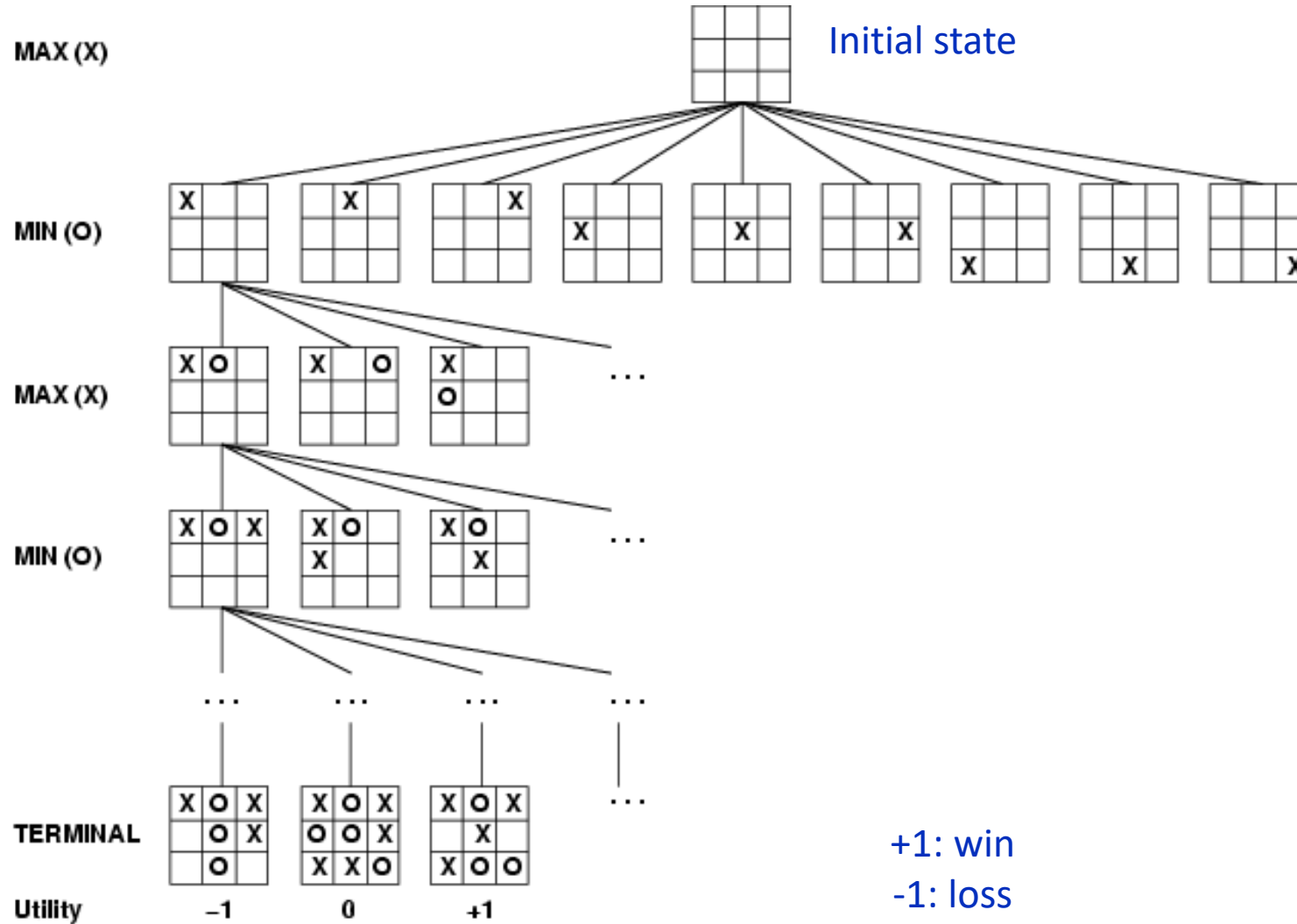
Deterministic and  
fully observable

Turn-taking





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



node: game states  
Edge: moves

+1: win  
-1: loss  
0: draw



# Optimal Decision with Minimax Algorithm

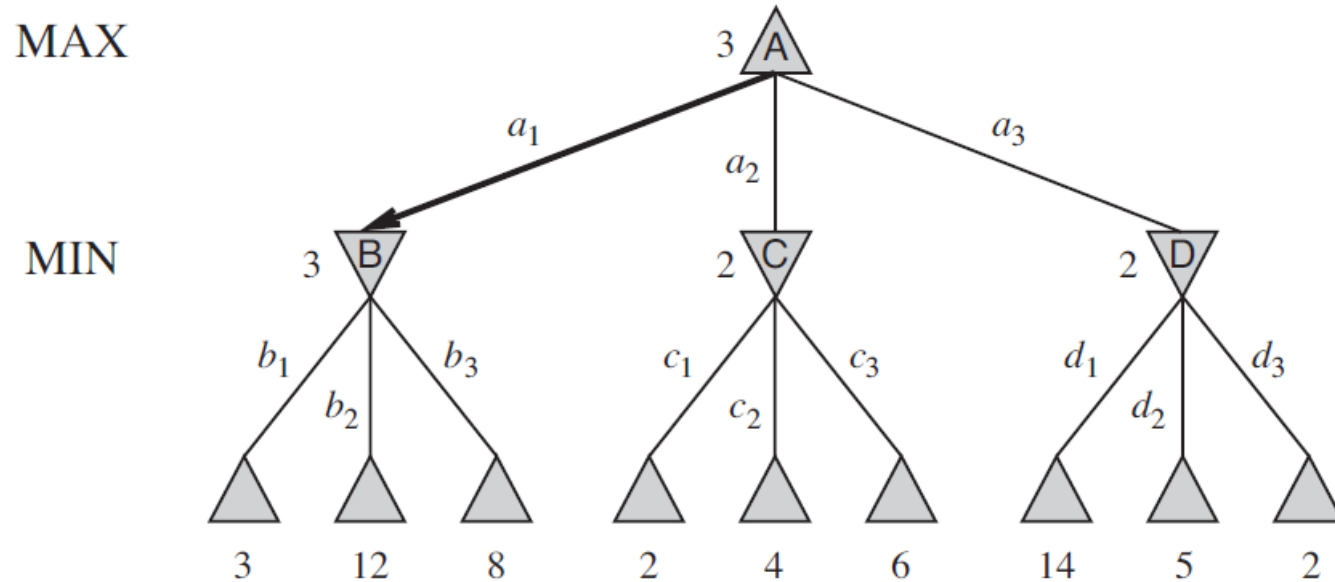
**function** MINIMAX-DECISION(*state*) **returns** *an action*  
**return**  $\arg \max_{a \in \text{ACTIONS}(s)} \text{MIN-VALUE}(\text{RESULT}(state, a))$

**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*

**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*



# Minimax: 2-ply Game Tree



Minimax(B) = min(  
 Minimax(result(B,  $b_1$ )),  
 Minimax(result(B,  $b_2$ )),  
 Minimax(result(B,  $b_3$ )))  
 = min(3, 12, 8) = 3

Minimax(A) = max(Minimax(B),  
 Minimax(C), Minimax(D))  
 = max(3, 2, 2) = 3

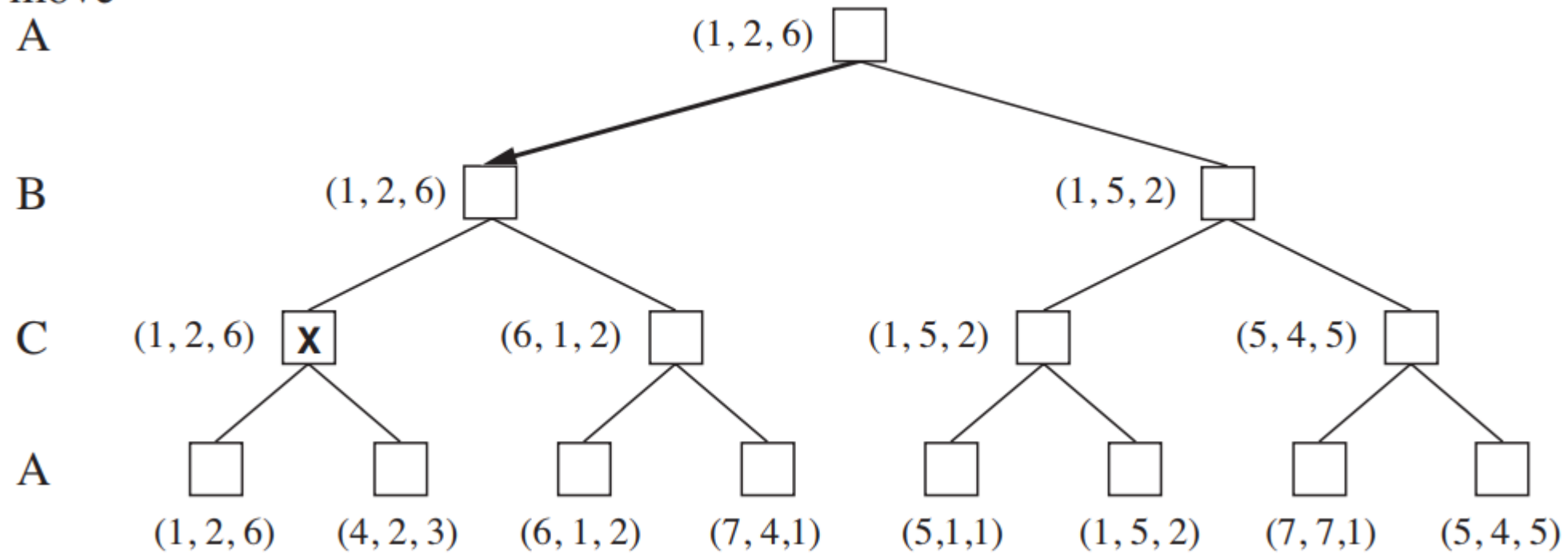
MINIMAX( $s$ ) =

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



# Minimax 3-ply in Multiplayer Games

to move  
A





# Minimax Properties

Complete?

Yes (if tree is finite)

Optimal?

Yes (against an optimal opponent)

Time complexity?

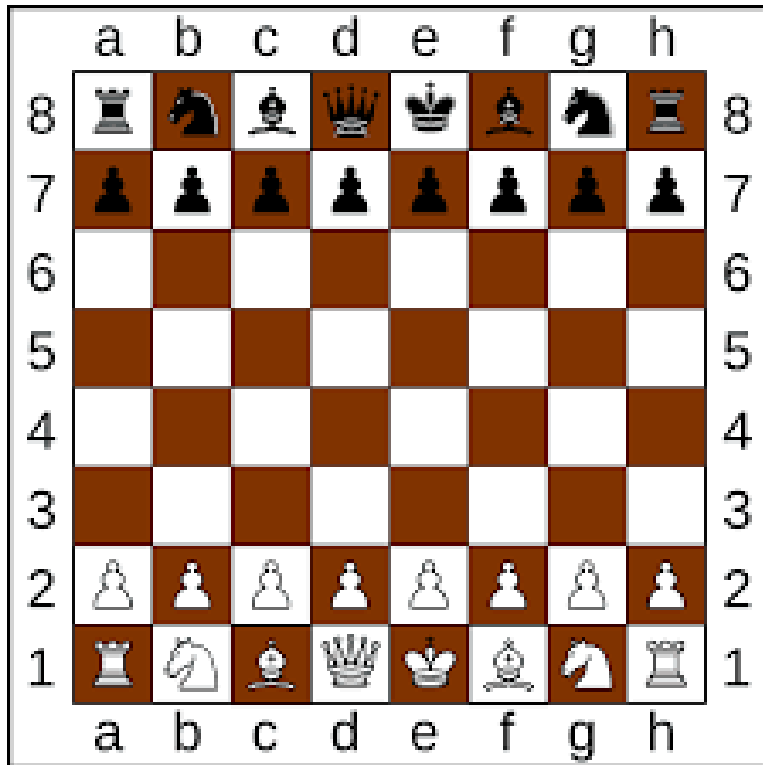
$O(b^m)$

Space complexity?

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



# Minimax for Chess

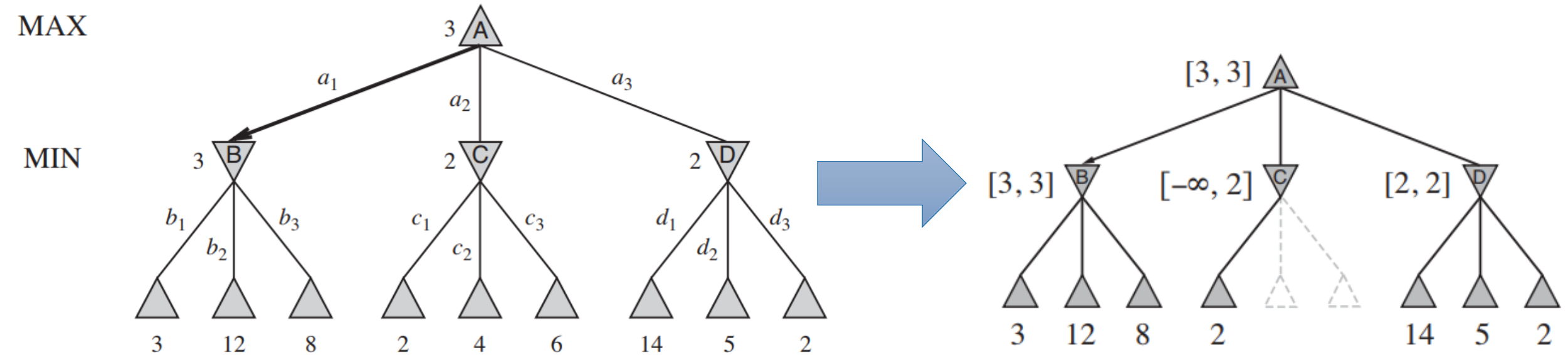


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- Branching factor: 35 (avg)
- Games often 50 moves for each player  $\rightarrow m=100$
- Game states is exponential in the depth of game tree.
- Exact solution is completely infeasible



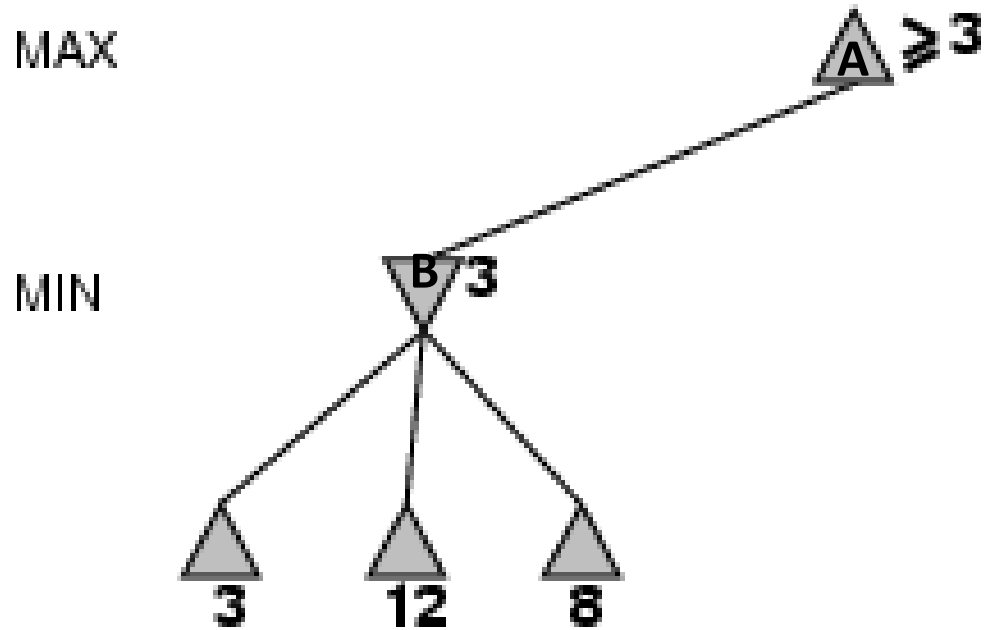
# $\alpha\beta$ Search: Minimax with Pruning



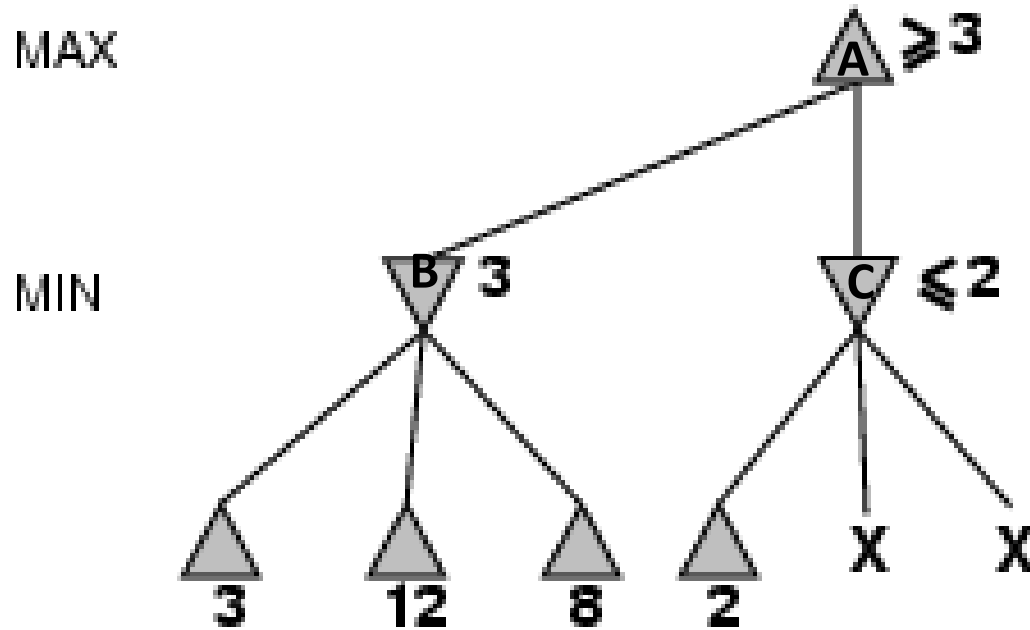
Pruning **does not** affect final result. It returns the same move as minimax would, but prunes away branches that cannot possibly influence the final decision.



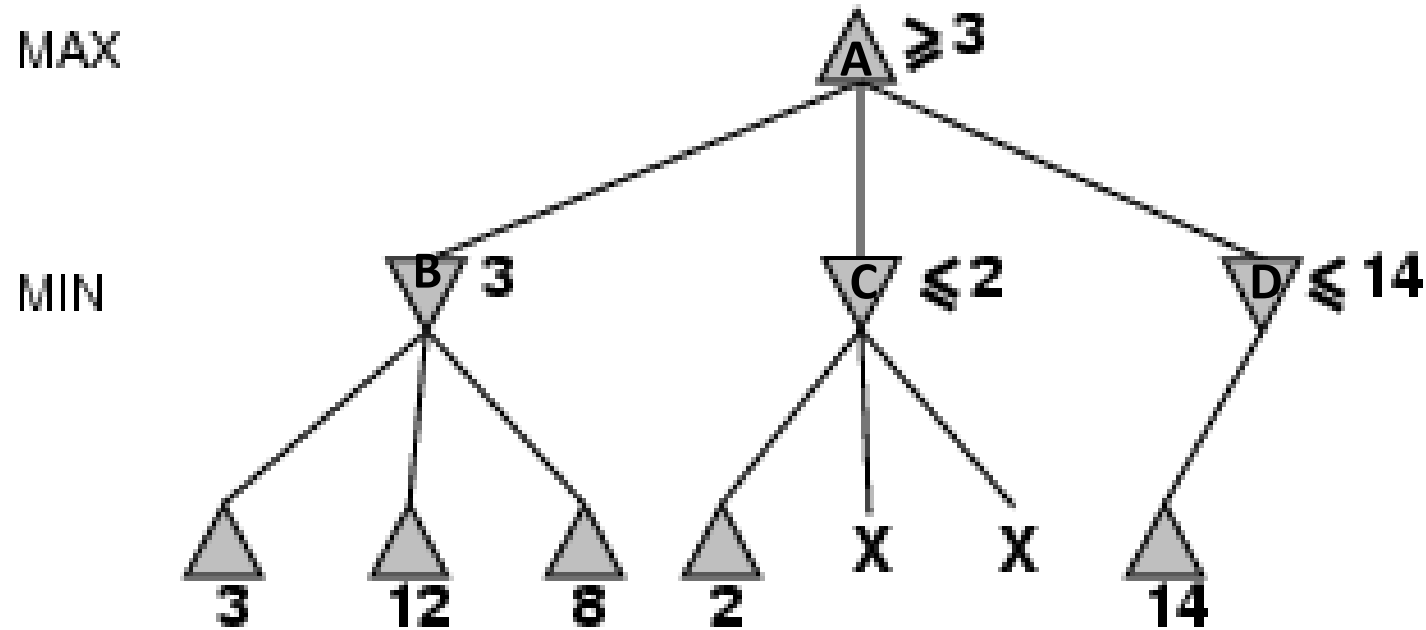
# $\alpha$ - $\beta$ pruning example



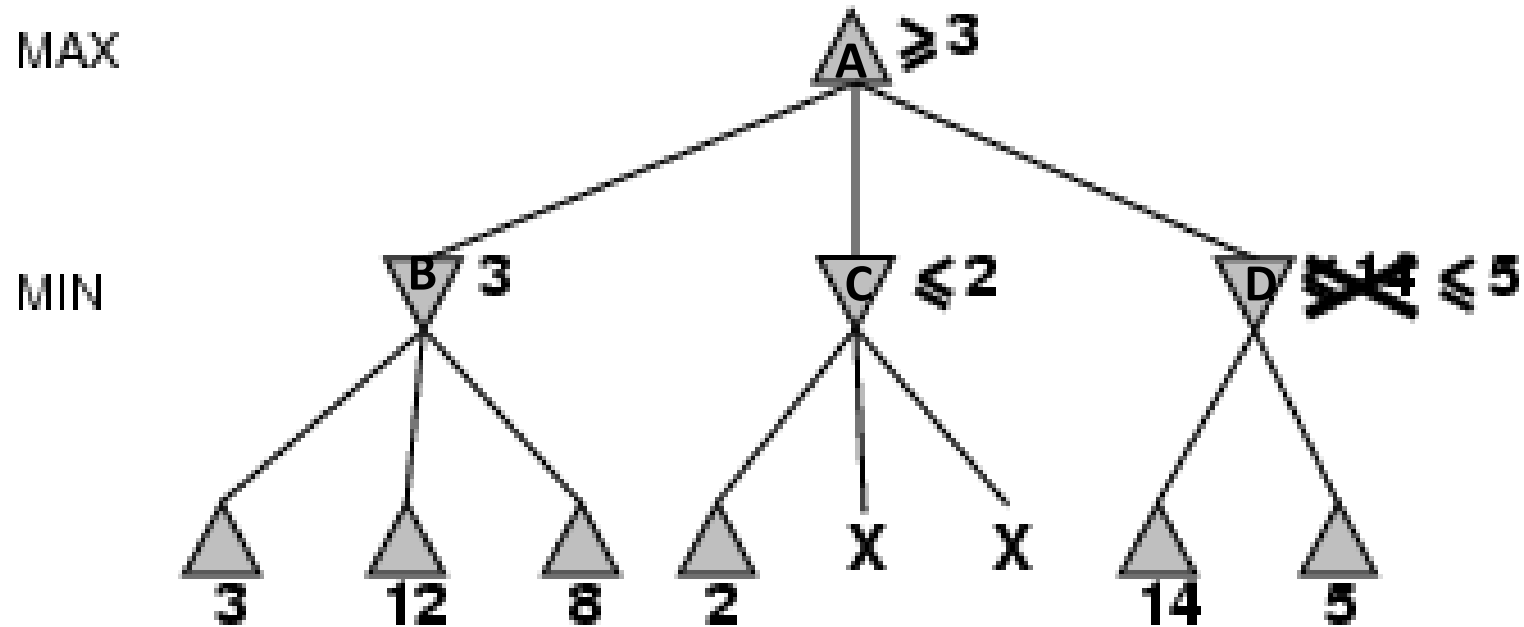
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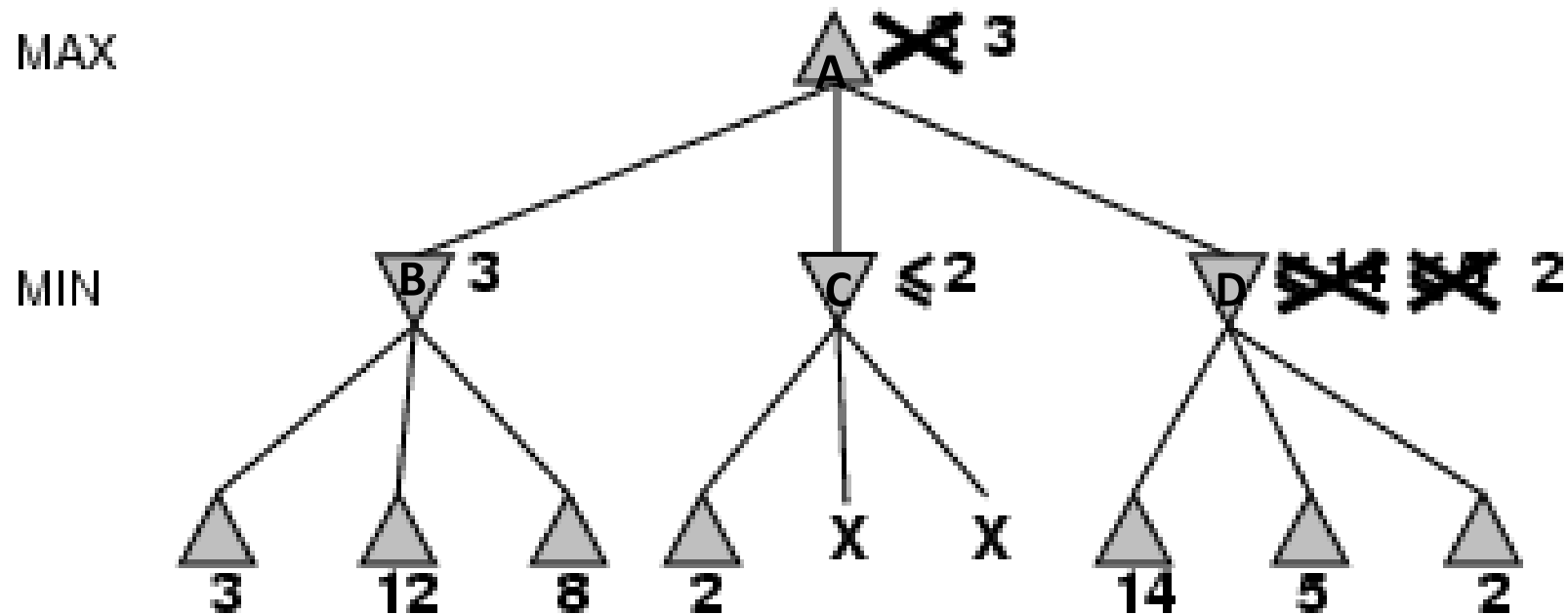
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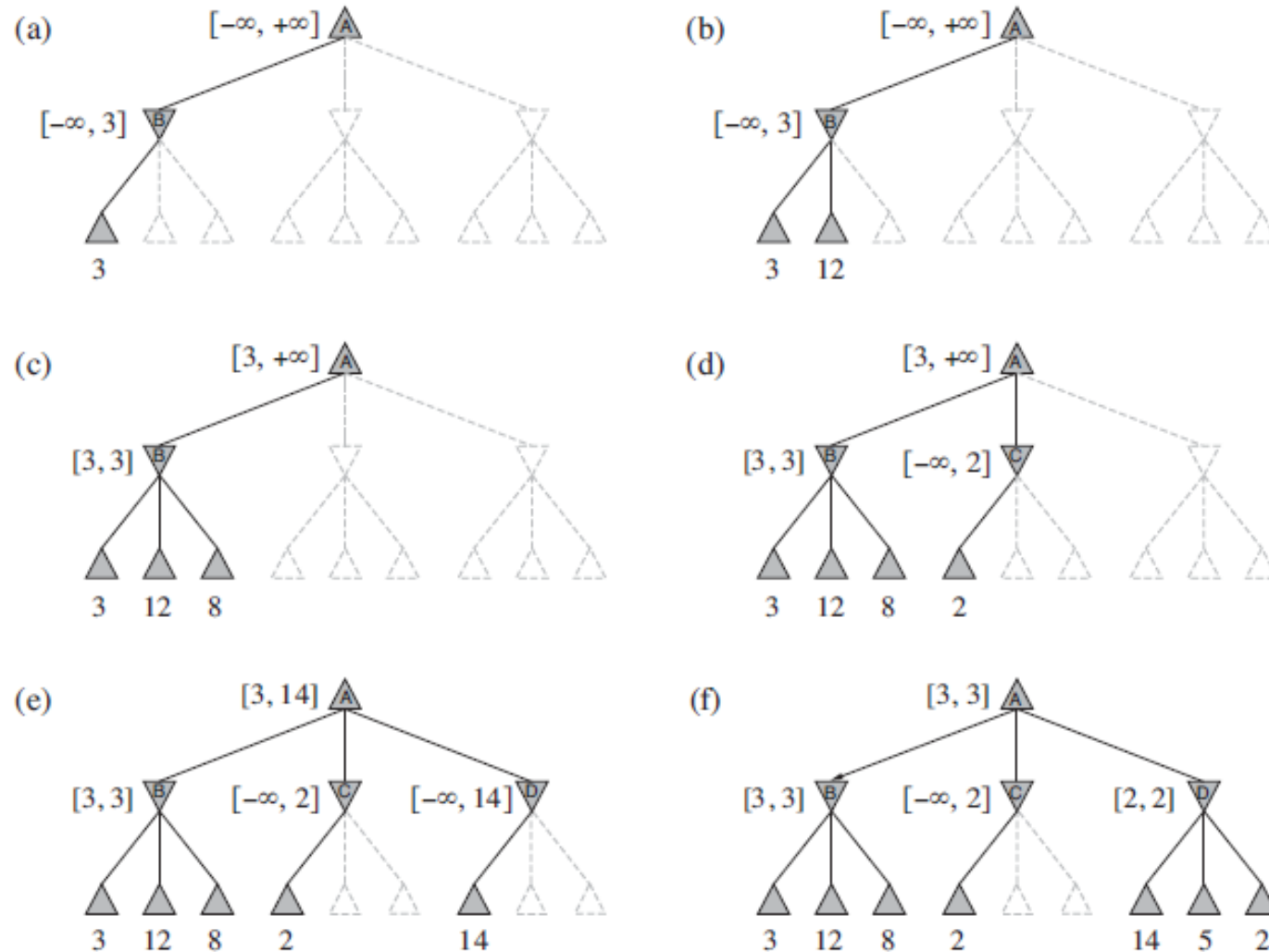


# $\alpha$ - $\beta$ pruning example





# Algorithm illustration with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ value



# Summary

Adversarial  
search

Minimax  
search

$\alpha\beta$ Search



