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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 optimization technique for the minmax algo.

- Alpha (α) = The best (high value)
= Initial value of alpha is $-\infty$.

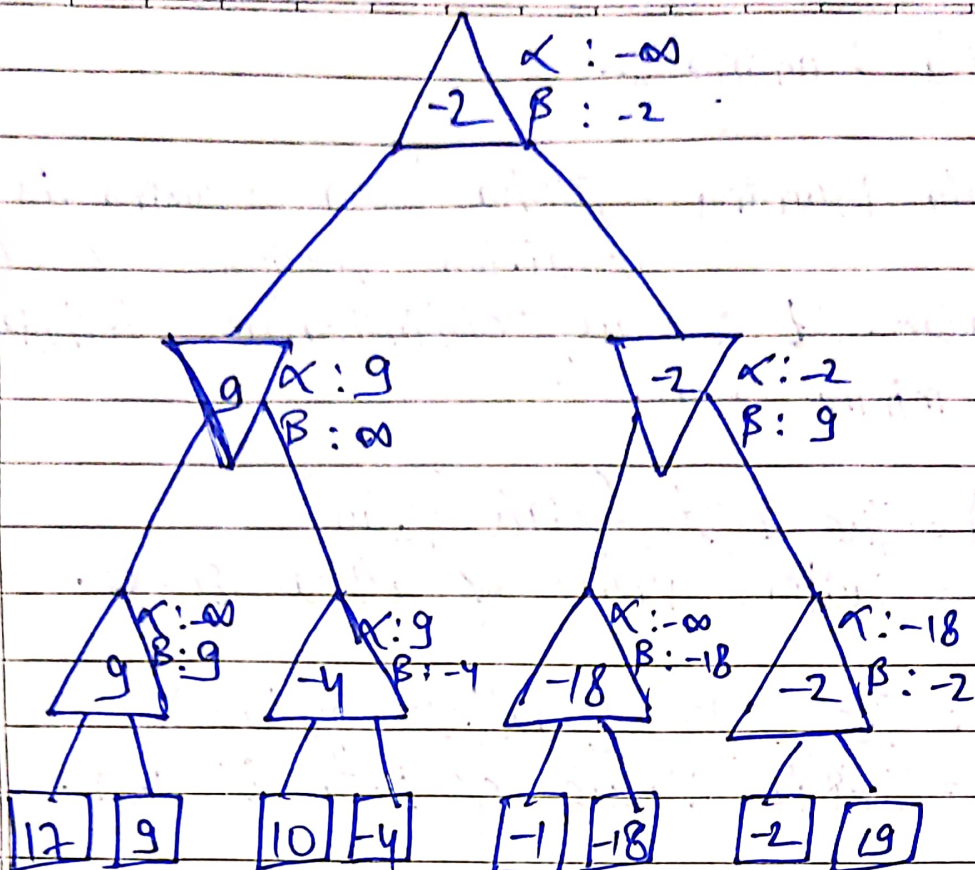
- Beta (β) = The best (highest value)
= Initial value of Beta is $+\infty$.

Rules & Conditions :-

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

- Condition to prune : $a \geq b$ or $b \leq a$

- When alpha is greater than or equal to beta.



$$\begin{aligned}
 1) \quad & \alpha(-\infty, 17) = 17 \\
 & \alpha(-\infty, 9) = 9 \\
 & \alpha(17, 9) = 9
 \end{aligned}$$

- Max(Bottom left)

$$2) \quad \beta(9, 17) = 17$$

- Min (left)

$$\begin{aligned}
 3) \quad & \alpha(-\infty, 10) = 10 \\
 & \alpha(-\infty, -4) = -4 \\
 & \alpha(10, -4) = -4
 \end{aligned}$$

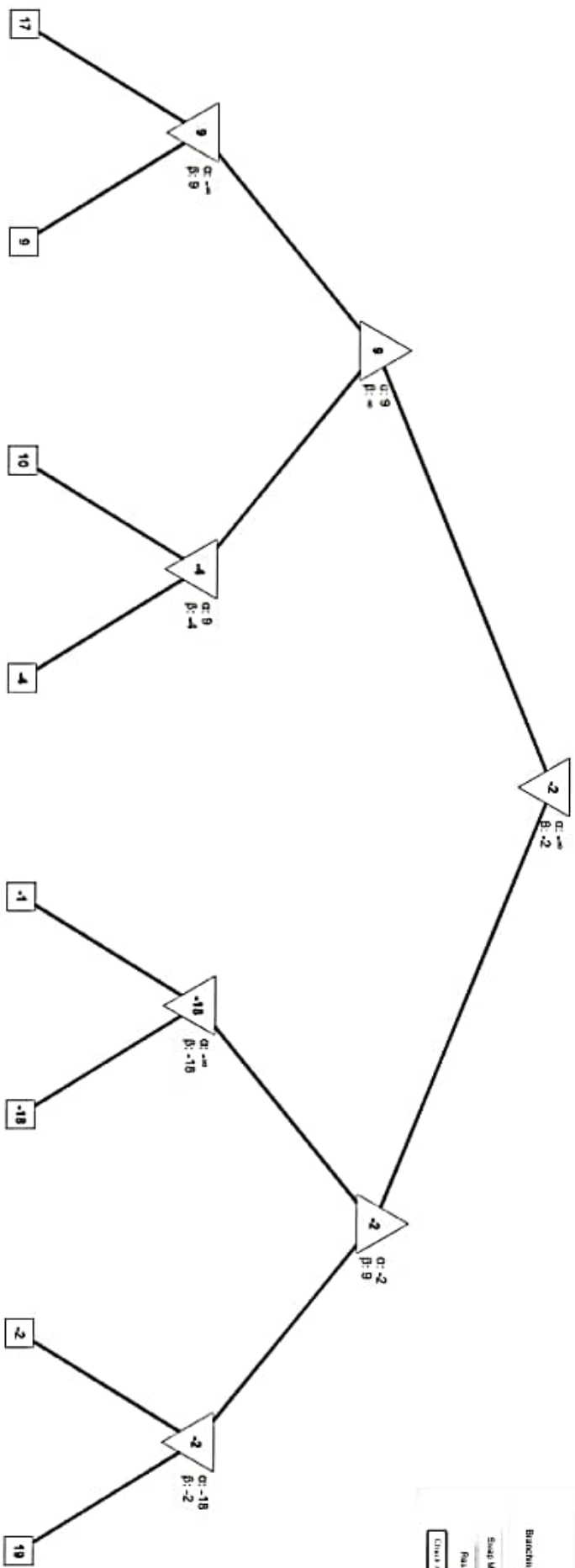
- Max(Bottom left)
(left node)

$$4) \quad \alpha(-2, -2)$$

- Top (Max)

$$5) \quad \beta(-\infty, -2)$$

- Top



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