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## Alpha beta Pruning:-

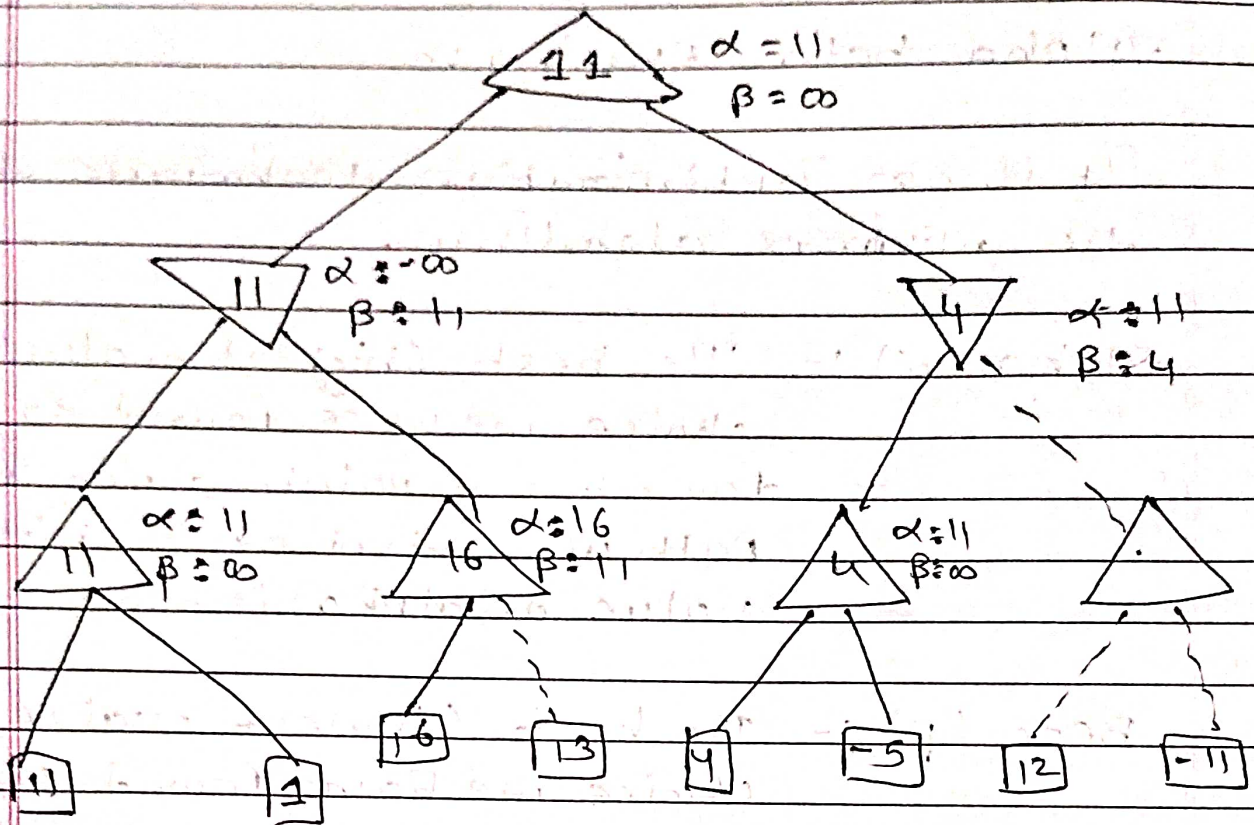
It is an optimization technique of the minimax algorithm.

**Alpha ( $\alpha$ )** :- The best (highest - value) choice we have found so far at any point along the path of maximizer. The initial value of alpha is  $-\infty$ .

**Beta ( $\beta$ )** :- The best (lowest - value) choice we have found so far at any point along the path of minimizer. The initial value of beta is  $+\infty$ .

**condition:-**  $\alpha \geq \beta$  (or)  $\beta \leq \alpha$   
when  $\alpha$  is the greater than or equal to beta.





1)  $\alpha(-\infty, 11) = 11$   
 $\alpha(-\infty, 1) = 1$   
 $\alpha(11, 1) = 11$

-max (Bottom left)

2)  $\beta(\infty, 11) = 11$

-min (left)

3)  $\alpha(-\infty, 16) = 16$   
 $\alpha(-\infty, 13) = 13$   
 $\alpha(16, 13) = 16$

-max (Bottom left)

4)  $\alpha(11, 4) =$

-Top (max)

5)  $\beta(11, 16) = 11$

-min (right)

$$6) \beta(-\infty, 16) = 16$$

-max (Bottom right)

$$7) \alpha(11, 4) = 11$$

$$\alpha(4, -5) = 4$$

~~max~~

$$8) \beta(\infty, \overset{4}{\cancel{11}}) = \cancel{11} 4$$

min (right)

$$\alpha = 11$$

$$\beta = 4$$

$$\therefore \alpha \geq \beta$$



