Games/Adversarial search

Pros: How to Example: Characteristics: **Evaluation** When very large spaces, BFS is Chess function: 2 person play: Checkers not used game Consider Go (multiagent all the f(n) >> 0: Solve hard problems with Bridge environments) position n legal minimal initial structure good for Nim Alternate moves Tic-tacmoves (one you can me and bad for Min max: toe after another) make. you Othello Zero sum Perfect Compute information the new f(n) << 0: Agents 2 types: No chance position position n involved resulting bad for Competitive from each me and good for Cooperative move. Game tree: a tree you where the nodes are Evaluate game states and the each f(n) near edges are moves 0: neutral resulting position position Backtracking algo - DFS Optimal and Complete determine f(n) =Time complexity: O(b^m) which is +infinity: Space complexity: O(bm) best. win for b-legal moves me m-depth Make that move. f(n) = infinity: Wait for win for you your opponent to move and repeat.

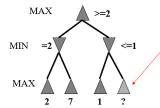
5 steps

Alpha beta pruning: improve performance of minmax.

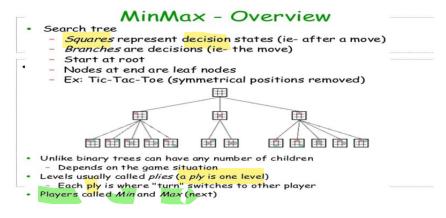
Gives same value of the root node as minmax algo, but needs less or equal computation.

DFS algo follow, time complexity: O(b^{m/2})

- Worst case: no pruning, examining bd leaf nodes, where each node has b children and a d-ply search is performed
- Best case: examine only (2b)^{d/2} leaf nodes.
- Best case is when each player's best move is the first alternative generated



- We don't need to compute the value at this node.
- No matter what it is, it can't affect the value of the root node.
- At each MAX node n, alpha(n) = maximum value found so far, start at -infinity and only increase
- At each MIN node n, beta(n) = minimum value found so far, start at +infinity and only decrease.



Extra:

- 1) Zero sum: one's loss is other's gain.
- 2) Perfect Information: both players have access to complete information about the state of the game.
- 3) No chance: players have full control over their moves and the outcome of the game is solely determined by their strategic decisions and actions.
- 4) **Evaluation function / static evaluator**: evaluate the "goodness" of a game position.
- 5) Heuristic evaluation function: approximate the true utility of a state without doing a complete search. Ex: pruning
- 6) Alpha cutoff: stop searching below MIN node n if beta(n) <= alpha(i) for some MAX node ancestor i of n.
- 7) **Beta cutoff:** stop searching below MAX node n if beta(i) <= alpha(n) for some MIN node ancestor i of n.
- 8) Pruning: ignore portions of the search tree that make no difference to the final choice
- 9) Metareasoning: It involves the ability to monitor, evaluate, and control one's own cognitive activities to improve problem-solving, decision-making, and learning.