

Q.1 For tic-tac-toe

1) Minimax (plain) (9! total moves)

2) Alpha beta pruning

3) depth-limited Search

all three will terminate.

For chess

1) Minimax (plain) possibly never terminate

2) Alpha beta search can possibly never terminate

3) depth-limited Search will terminate

For tic-tac-toe maximum depth is 9

so, total no. of moves can be 9! so

1. plain minimax can terminate.

2. Alpha beta search :- in worst case requires similar or lesser moves, so this will also terminate.

3. Depth limited Search - we can always select a limit such that algorithm will terminate.

For chess

1) Plain Minimax - $O(b^m)$ $b=35$ $m=100$

so plain minimax can possibly never terminate

2) Alpha beta search - $O(b^{m/2})$, 35^{50} is still

big value, so it can possibly never terminate

3) depth-limited search: we can always set limit such that algorithm will terminate.