

Certainly! I'll explain the provided alpha-beta pruning code in relation to the pseudocode of the algorithm.

The alpha-beta pruning algorithm is an optimization of the minimax algorithm, which is used in game tree search to determine the best move for a player in a game. It works by minimizing the number of nodes evaluated in the search tree.

Here's a breakdown of the code and its relation to the pseudocode:

```
def alphabeta(self, board, maximizing, alpha, beta):
    # terminal case
    case = board.final_state()

    # player 1 wins
    if case == 1:
        return 1, None # eval, move

    # player 2 wins
    if case == 2:
        return -1, None

    # draw
    elif board.isfull():
        return 0, None
```

In the pseudocode, the terminal conditions are checked first. If the game has reached a terminal state (win, loss, or draw), the evaluation value is returned along with the move (which is None in this case). This corresponds to the base case in the pseudocode.

The remaining code implements the recursive part of the algorithm:

```
if maximizing:
    max_eval = -100
    best_move = None
    empty_sqr = board.get_empty_sqr()

    for (row, col) in empty_sqr:
        temp_board = copy.deepcopy(board)
        temp_board.mark_sqr(row, col, 1)
        eval, _ = self.alphabeta(temp_board, False, alpha, beta)
        if eval > max_eval:
            max_eval = eval
            best_move = (row, col)
        alpha = max(alpha, max_eval)
        if beta <= alpha:
            break

    return max_eval, best_move
```

In the pseudocode, this corresponds to the MAX player's turn. The code initializes the maximum evaluation value (`max_eval`) to a very low value and the best move (`best_move`) to None. It retrieves the empty squares on the board and iterates over them.

For each empty square, it creates a copy of the board, marks the square with the MAX player's move, and recursively calls the `alphabeta` function with the `maximizing` flag set to `False`. The returned evaluation value is compared with the current maximum evaluation value (`max_eval`), and if it is greater, it updates `max_eval` and `best_move` .

The code also updates the alpha value with the maximum evaluation value and checks if beta is less than or equal to alpha. If it is, it breaks out of the loop, as the remaining moves will not affect the final decision.

```
elif not maximizing:
    min_eval = 100
    best_move = None
    empty_sqrs = board.get_empty_sqrs()

    for (row, col) in empty_sqrs:
        temp_board = copy.deepcopy(board)
        temp_board.mark_sqr(row, col, self.player)
        eval, _ = self.alphabeta(temp_board, True, alpha, beta)
        if eval < min_eval:
            min_eval = eval
            best_move = (row, col)
        beta = min(beta, min_eval)
        if beta <= alpha:
            break

    return min_eval, best_move
```

In the pseudocode, this corresponds to the MIN player's turn. The code is similar to the MAX player's turn, but with the roles of minimum and maximum evaluations reversed. It initializes the minimum evaluation value (`min_eval`) to a very high value and the best move (`best_move`) to `None`. It performs the same steps as the MAX player's turn but with the considerations for the minimum evaluation value (`min_eval`) and the beta value.

The code updates the beta value with the minimum evaluation value and checks if beta is less than or equal to alpha. If it is, it breaks out of the loop.

The code then returns the evaluation value and the best move for the current player's turn.

The alpha-beta pruning algorithm prunes certain branches of the game tree based on the values of alpha and beta, which represent the best values found for the MAX and MIN players, respectively. By eliminating branches that are guaranteed to be worse than the current best move, it reduces the number of nodes that need to be evaluated, leading to a more efficient search.

I hope this explanation helps you understand the code in relation to the pseudocode of the alpha-beta pruning algorithm! Let me know if you have any further questions.