

# **CS 480**

## ***Introduction to Artificial Intelligence***

**September 16th, 2021**

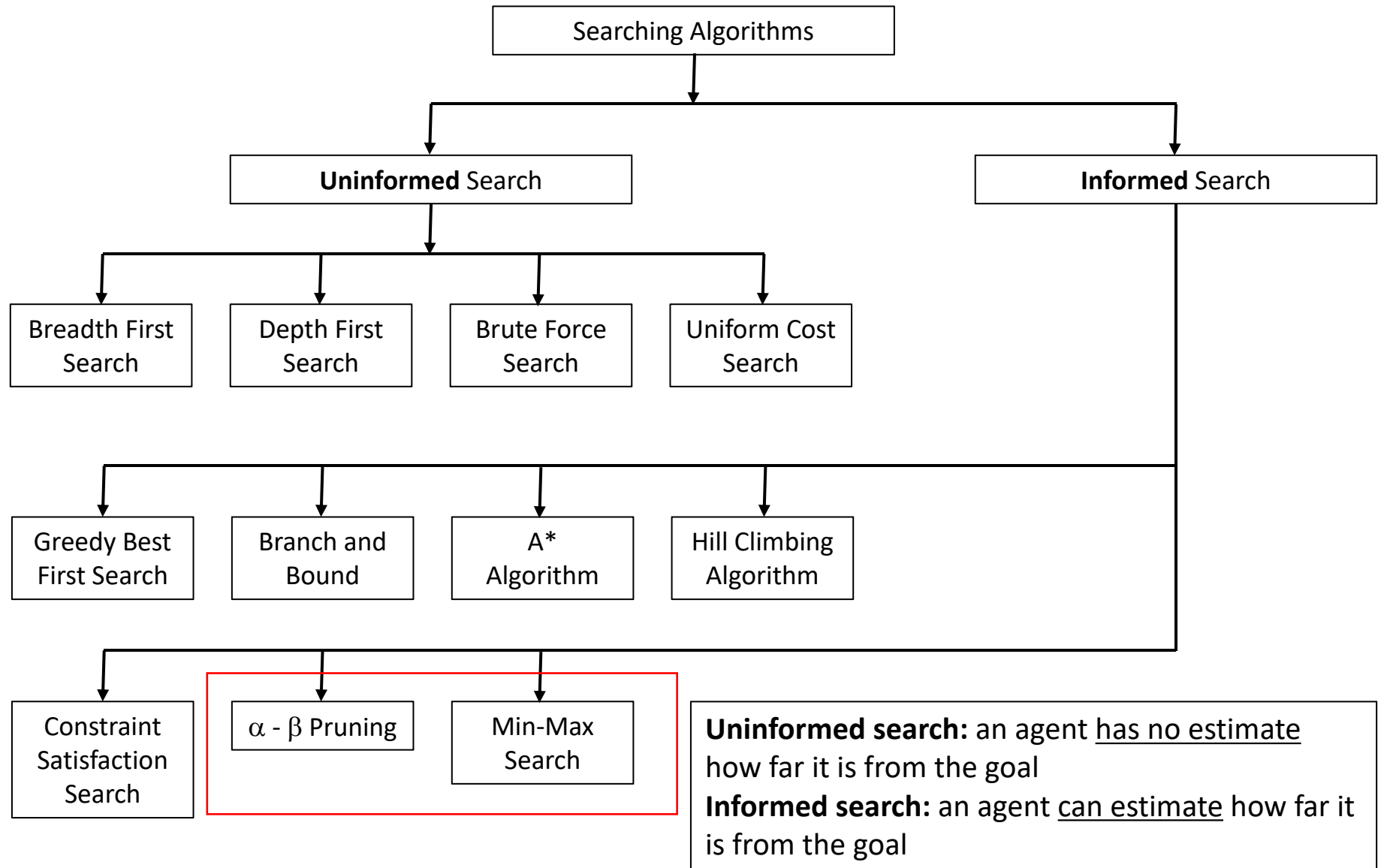
# **Announcements / Reminders**

- **Written Assignment #01 is posted**
  - **due on Wednesday (09/22/21) at 11:00 PM CST**
- **Contribute to the discussion on Blackboard, please**
- **Please follow the Week 04 To Do List instructions**

# Plan for Today

- **Adversarial Search: MinMax /  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  Pruning**
- **Constraint Satisfaction Problems: Introduction**

# Selected Searching Algorithms

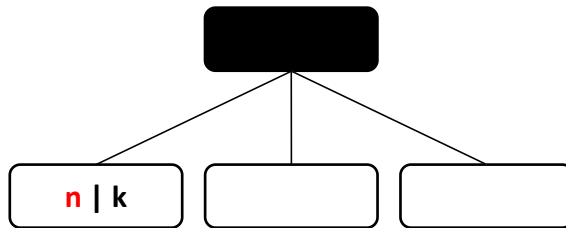


# MinMax: Assigning MINMAX Values

## CASE 1:

State **n** is Terminal Node

ISTERMINAL(**n**) = true  
TOMOVE(**n**) = MAX or MIN



TERMINAL/LEAF

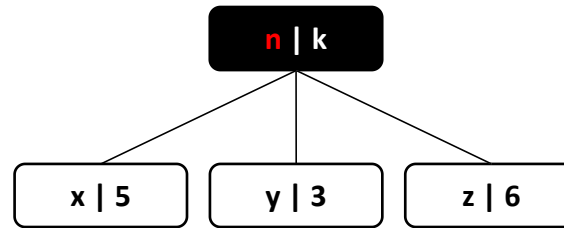
$$k = \text{MINMAX}(n) = \text{UTILITY}(n)$$

= utility value of this state for MAX Player

## CASE 2:

State **n** is a Non-Terminal Node  
and it is MIN Player's move

ISTERMINAL(**n**) = false  
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$$k = \text{MINMAX}(n) =$$

$$= \min_{a \in \text{ACTIONS}(n)} \text{MINMAX}(\text{RESULT}(n, a))$$

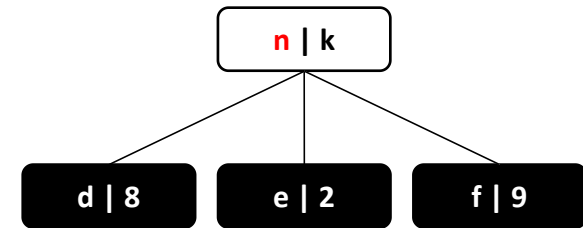
$$= \min(\text{MINMAX}(x), \text{MINMAX}(y), \text{MINMAX}(z))$$

$$= \min(5, 3, 6)$$

## CASE 3:

State **n** is a Non-Terminal Node  
and it is MAX Player's move

ISTERMINAL(**n**) = false  
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$$k = \text{MINMAX}(n) =$$

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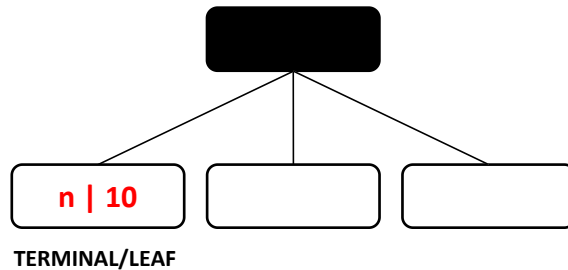
$$\text{MINMAX}(n) = \begin{cases} \text{UTILITY}(n, \text{MAX}), & \text{if } \text{ISTERMINAL}(n) \\ \max_{a \in \text{ACTIONS}(n)} \text{MINMAX}(\text{RESULT}(n, a)), & \text{if } \text{TOMOVE}(s) = \text{MAX} \\ \min_{a \in \text{ACTIONS}(n)} \text{MINMAX}(\text{RESULT}(n, a)), & \text{if } \text{TOMOVE}(s) = \text{MIN} \end{cases}$$

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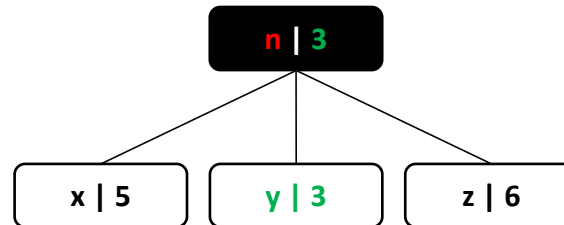
= utility value of this state for MAX Player

= 10

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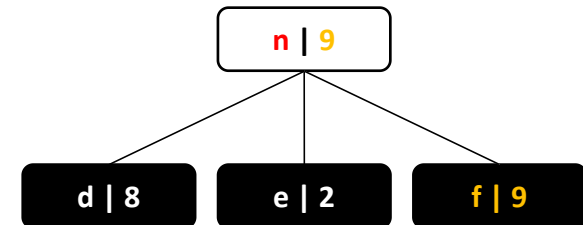
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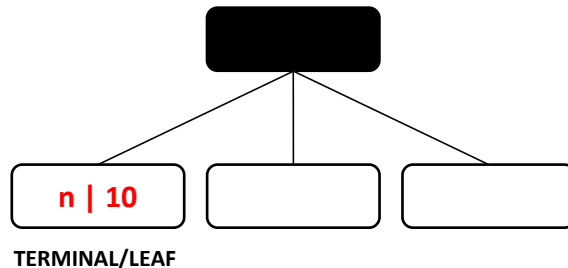
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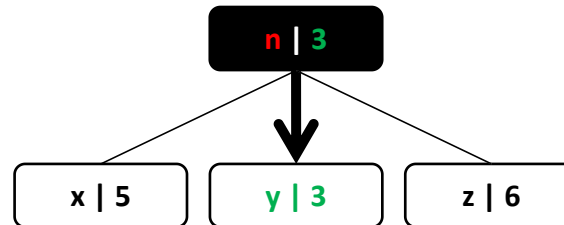
What does it mean?

Utility of node **n**, to MAX Player, is 10 (if the game gets here, this is what MAX Player will receive)

## CASE 2:

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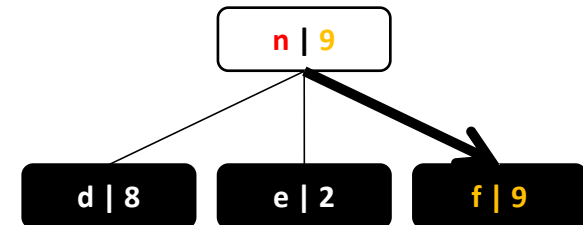
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At node **n**, MIN Player will choose a move from **n** to **y** to MINIMIZE MAX Player's utility

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What does it mean?

At node **n**, MAX Player will choose a move from **n** to **f** to MAXIMIZE MAX Player's utility

# MinMax Algorithm: Pseudocode

**function** MINIMAX-SEARCH(*game*, *state*) **returns** *an action*

$\text{player} \leftarrow \text{game}.\text{TO-MOVE}(\text{state})$

$\text{value}, \text{move} \leftarrow \text{MAX-VALUE}(\text{game}, \text{state})$

**return** *move*

**function** MAX-VALUE(*game*, *state*) **returns** *a (utility, move) pair*

**if** *game*.IS-TERMINAL(*state*) **then return** *game*.UTILITY(*state*, *player*), *null*

$v \leftarrow -\infty$

**for each** *a* **in** *game*.ACTIONS(*state*) **do**

$v2, a2 \leftarrow \text{MIN-VALUE}(\text{game}, \text{game}.\text{RESULT}(\text{state}, a))$

**if**  $v2 > v$  **then**

$v, \text{move} \leftarrow v2, a$

**return** *v*, *move*

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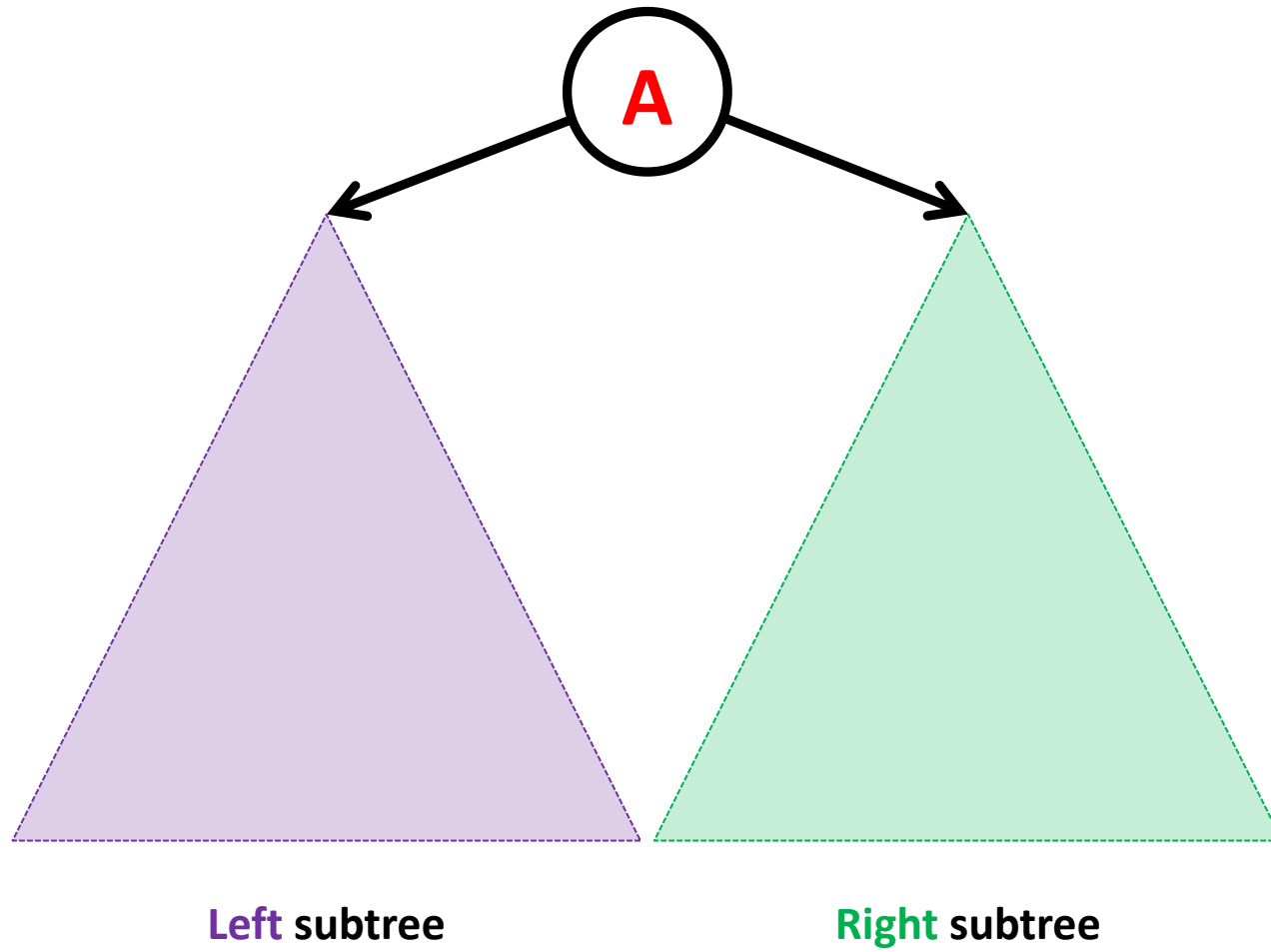
**if**  $v2 < v$  **then**

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**return** *v*, *move*



# Search Tree: Recursive Structure



# MinMax Algorithm: Pseudocode

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**return** *move*

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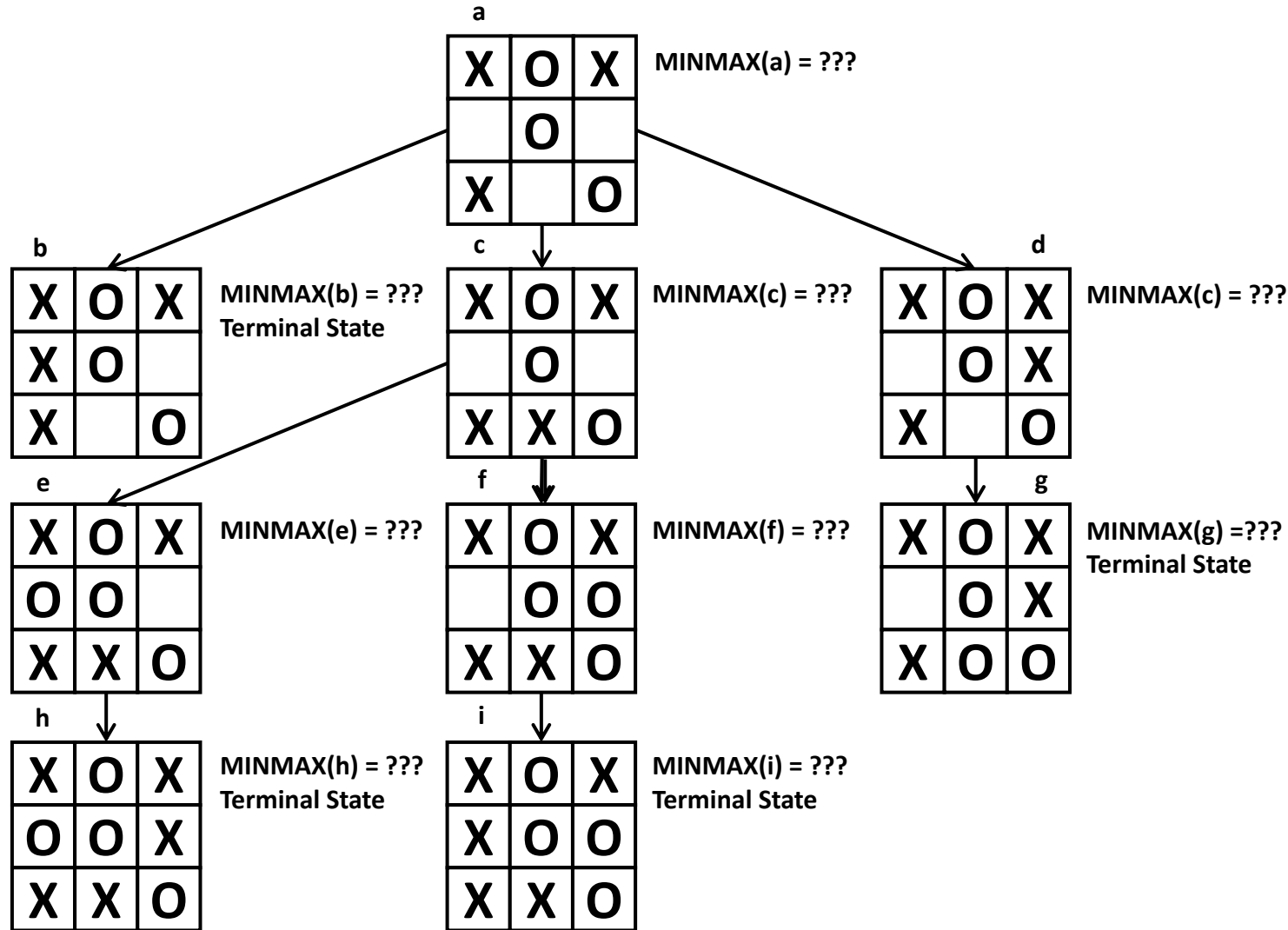
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**return** *v*, *move*

**RECURSION**

A diagram illustrating the recursive nature of the MinMax algorithm. A central point has three arrows pointing outwards. One arrow points to the 'MAX-VALUE' function, another points to the 'MIN-VALUE' function, and a third points to the 'MINIMAX-SEARCH' function. This indicates that each of these functions can call itself or the other to solve subproblems.

# MinMax Algorithm: Tic Tac Toe



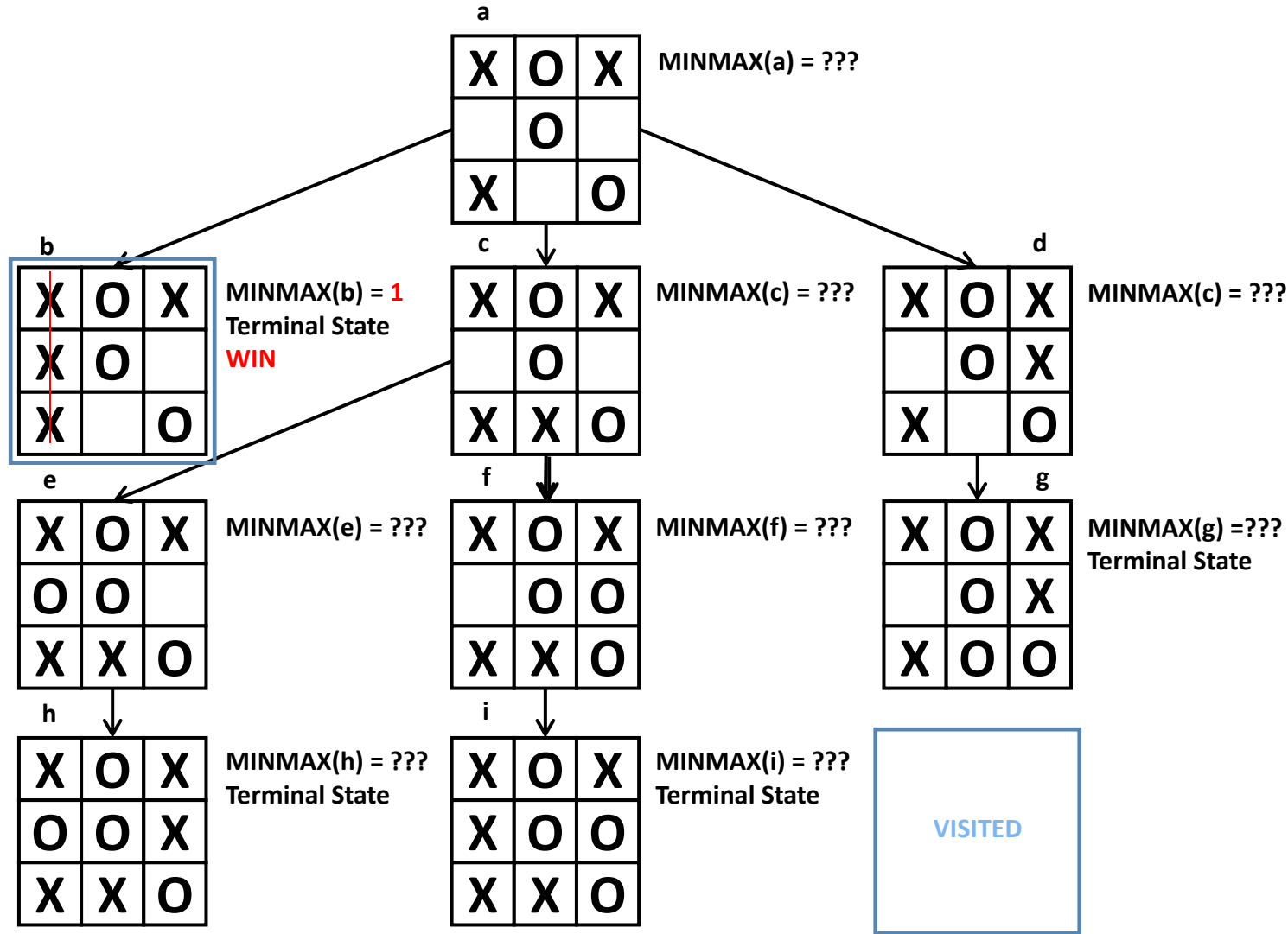
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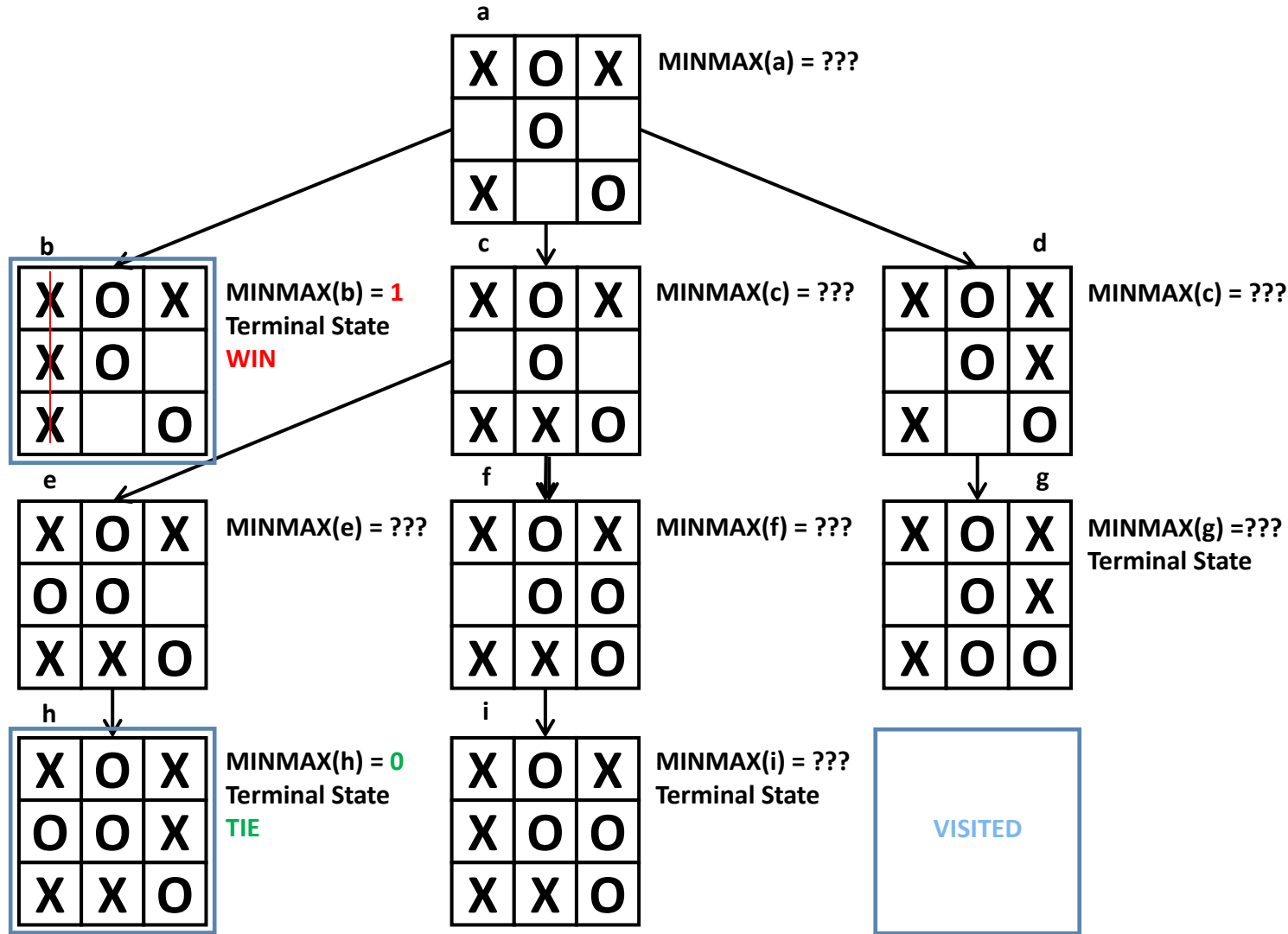
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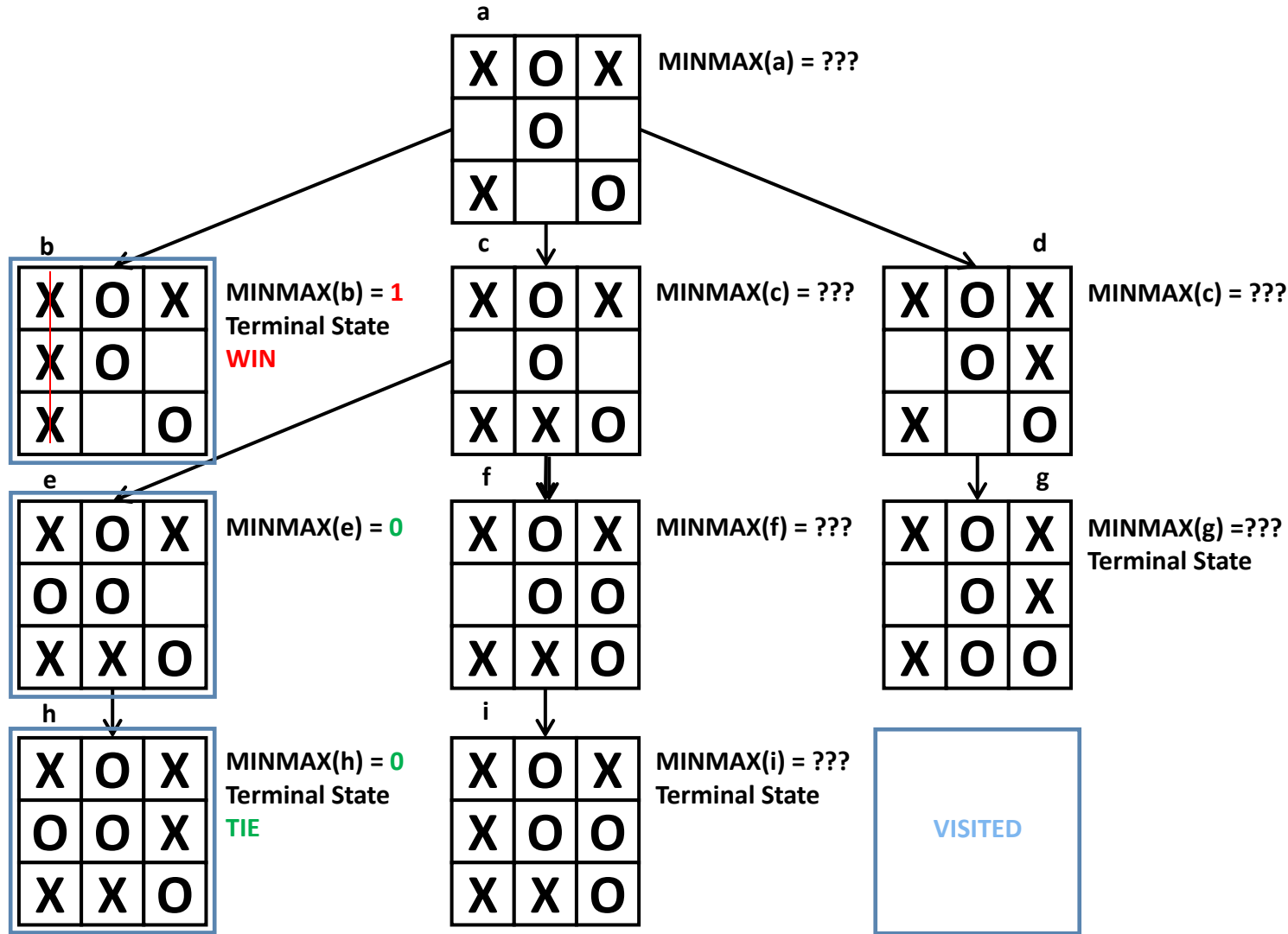
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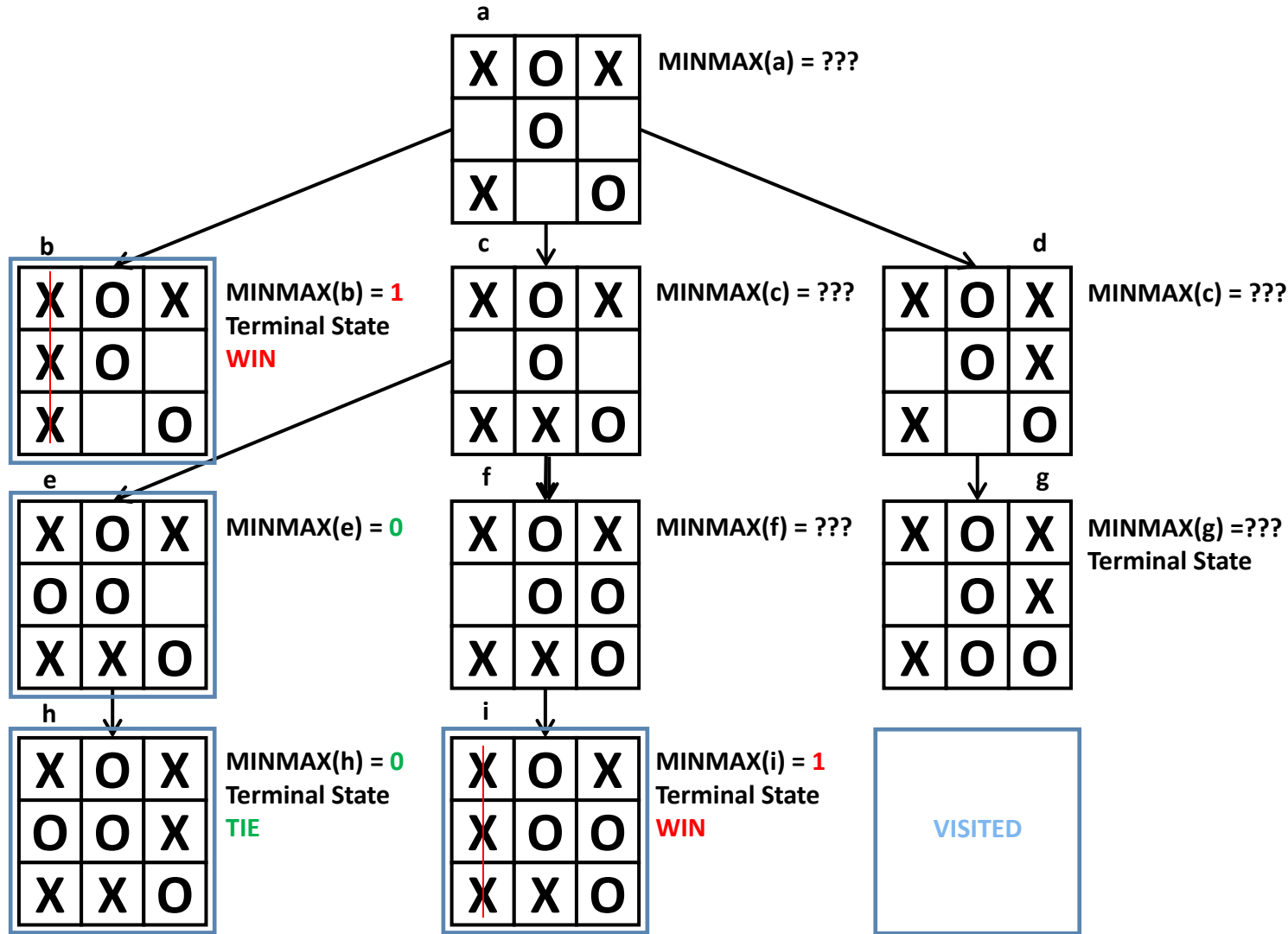
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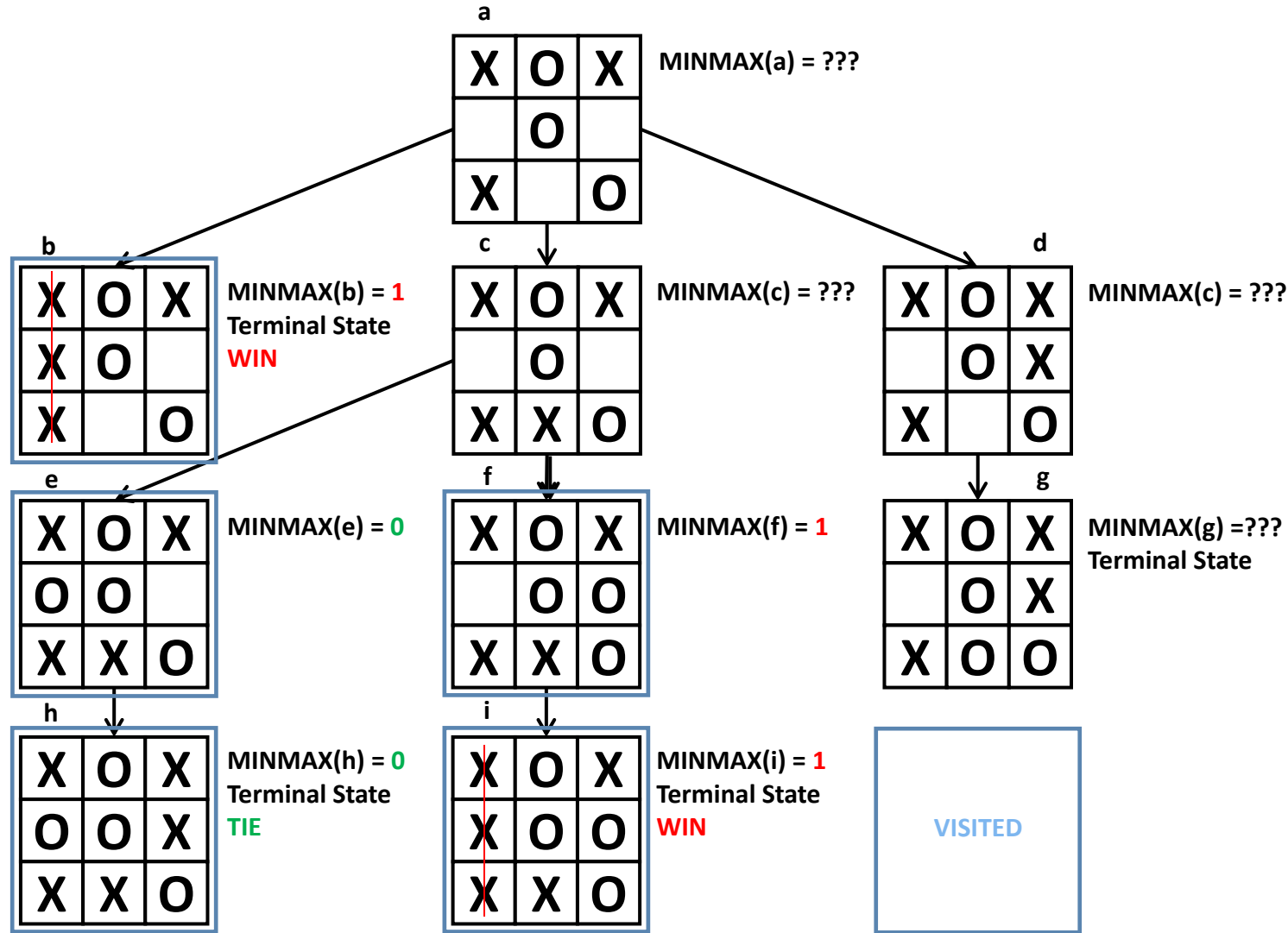
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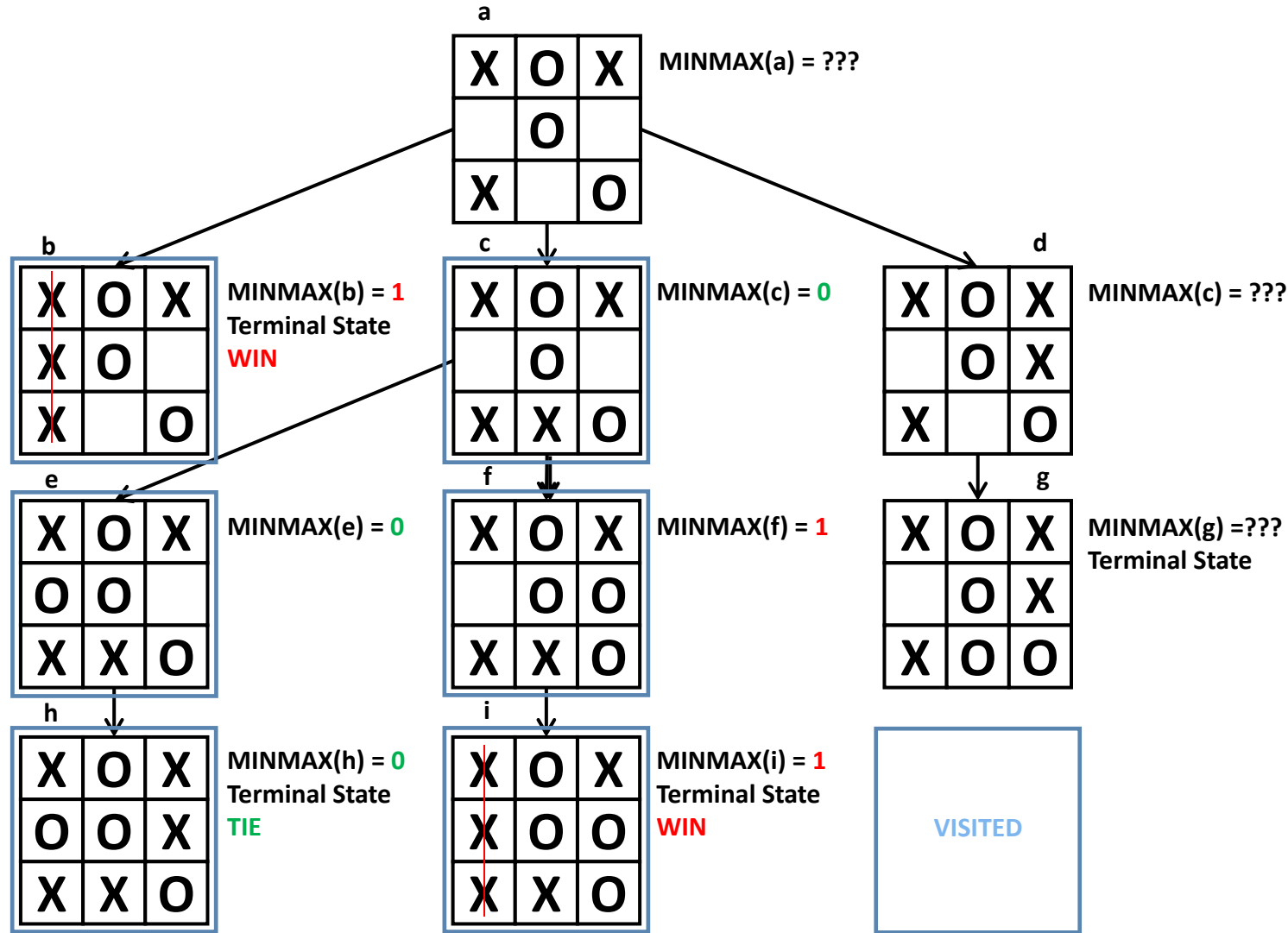
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X's move  
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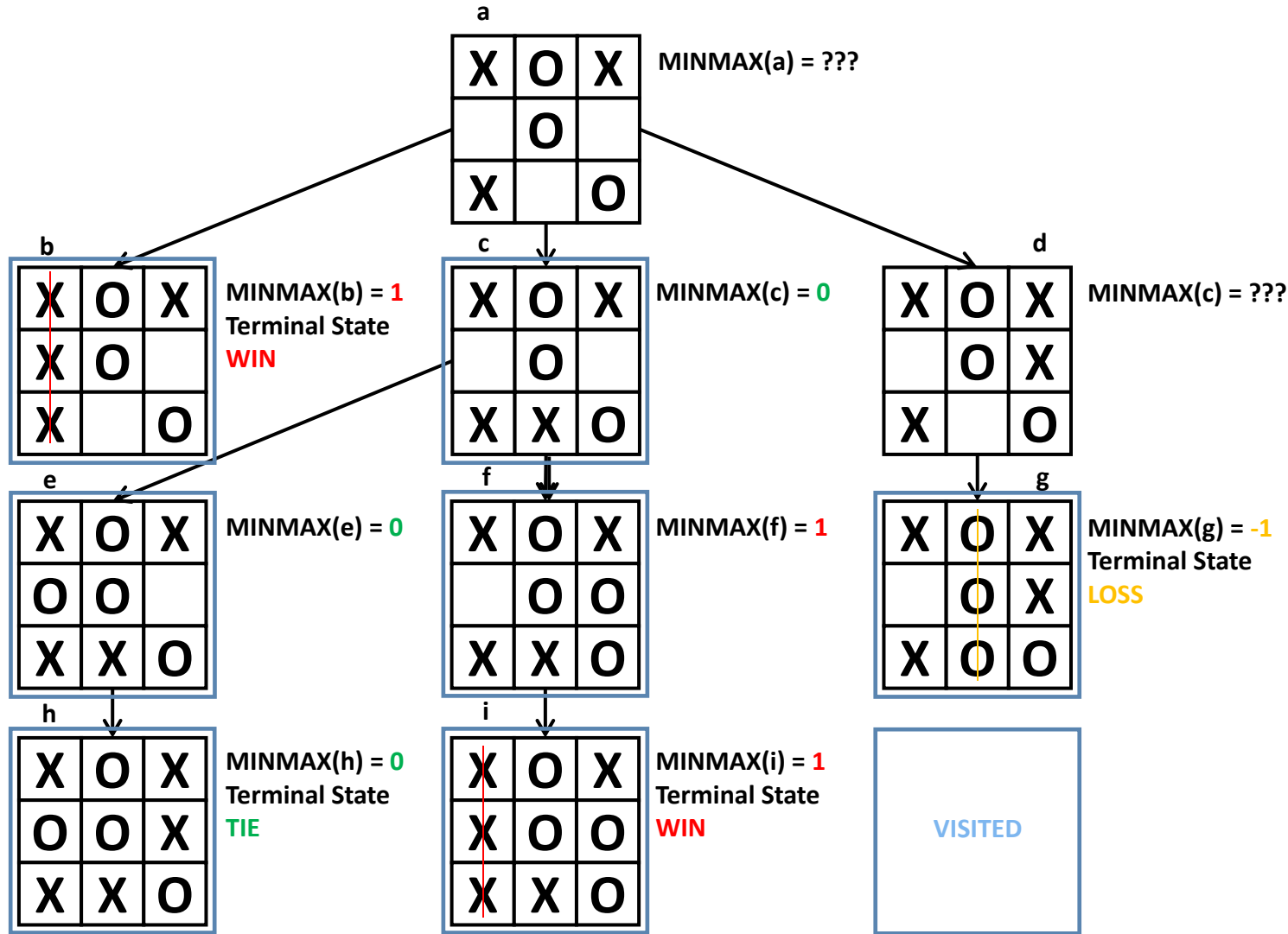
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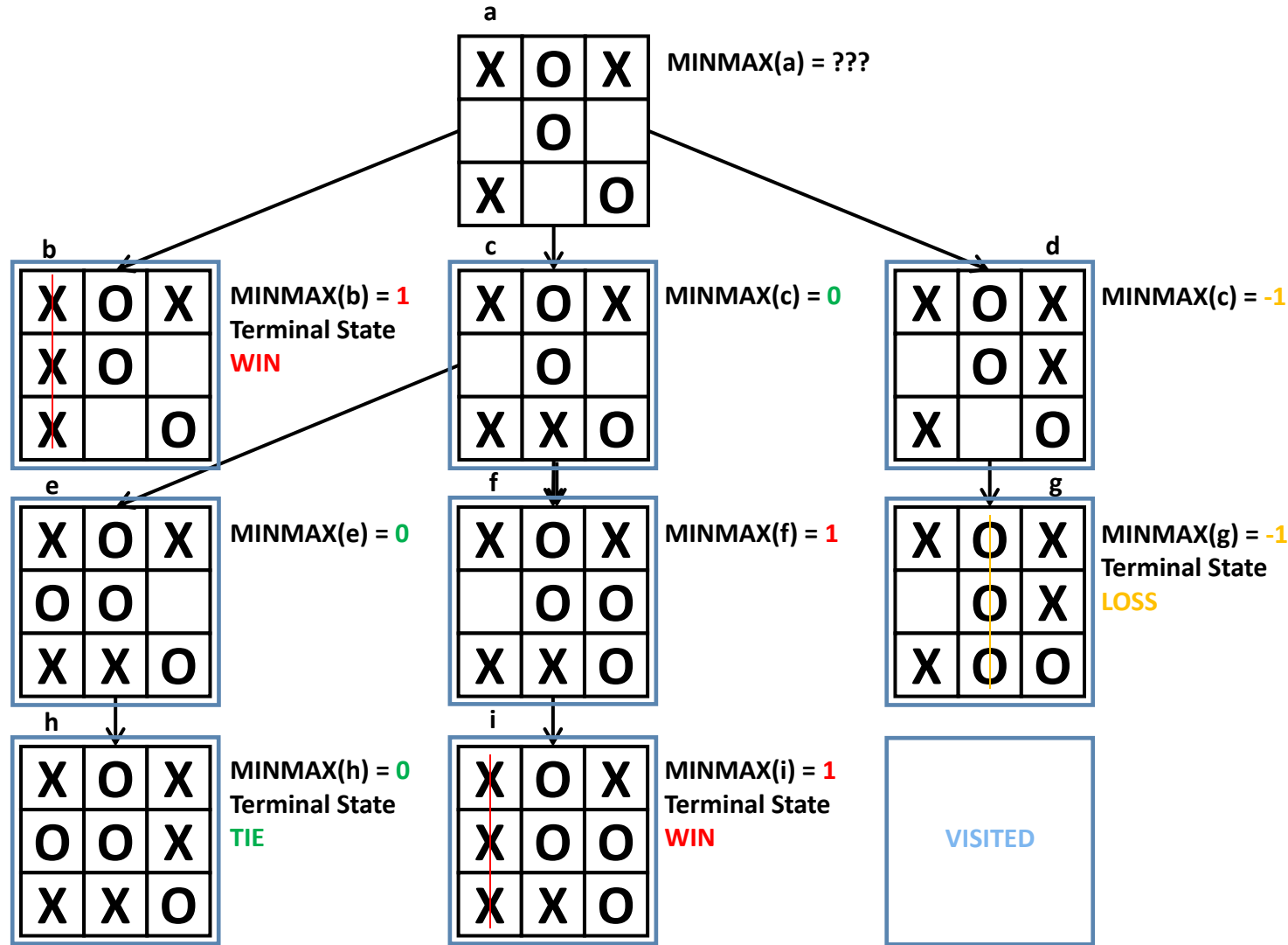
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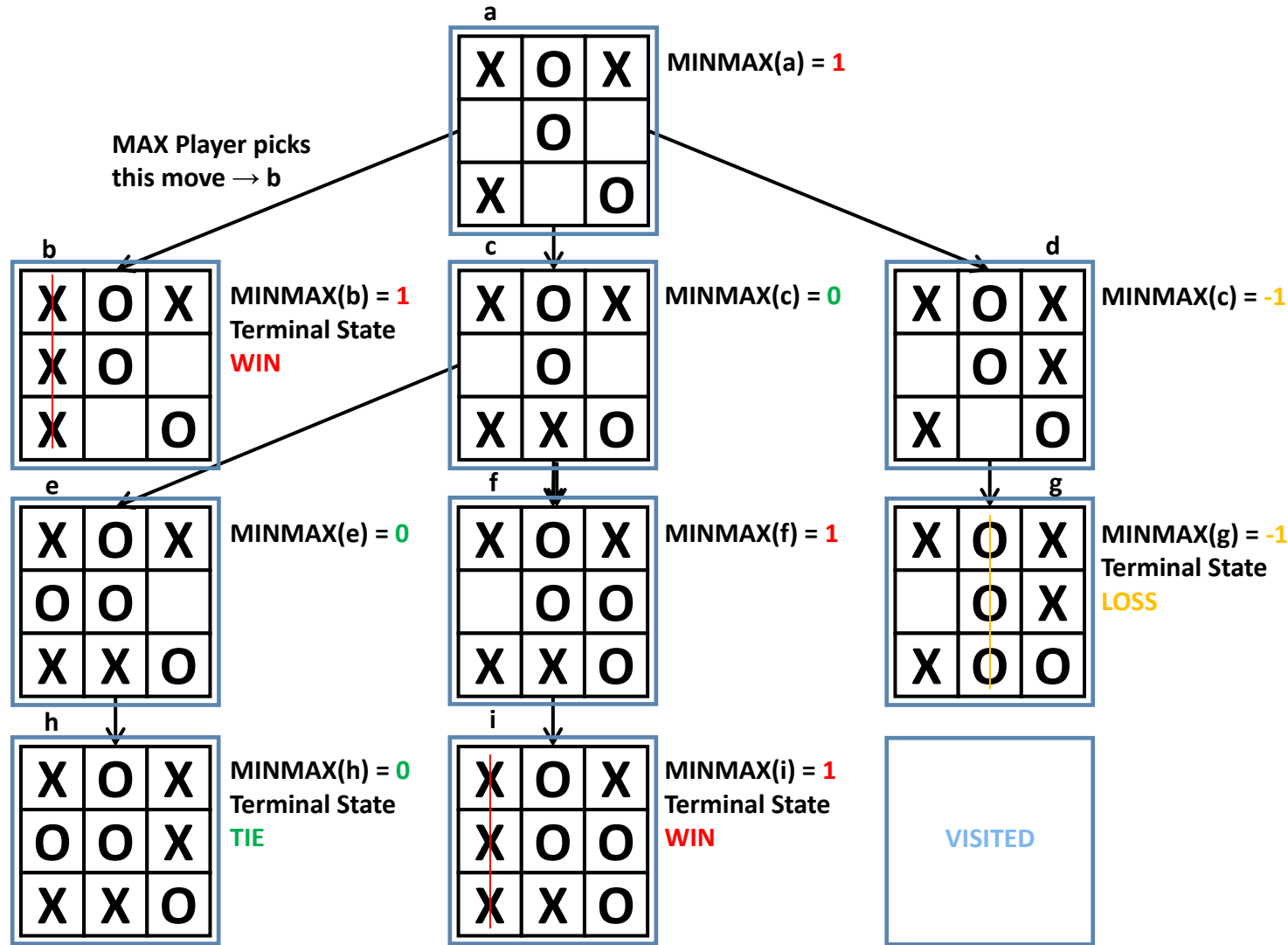
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# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Pseudocode

**function** ALPHA-BETA-SEARCH(*game*, *state*) **returns** an action

$\text{player} \leftarrow \text{game.TO-MOVE}(\text{state})$

$\text{value}, \text{move} \leftarrow \text{MAX-VALUE}(\text{game}, \text{state}, -\infty, +\infty)$

**return** *move*

**function** MAX-VALUE(*game*, *state*,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) **returns** a (*utility*, *move*) pair

**if** *game.IS-TERMINAL*(*state*) **then return** *game.UTILITY*(*state*, *player*), null

$v \leftarrow -\infty$

**for each** *a* **in** *game.ACTIONS*(*state*) **do**

$v2, a2 \leftarrow \text{MIN-VALUE}(\text{game}, \text{game.RESULT}(\text{state}, a), \alpha, \beta)$

**if**  $v2 > v$  **then**

$v, \text{move} \leftarrow v2, a$

$\alpha \leftarrow \text{MAX}(\alpha, v)$

**if**  $v \geq \beta$  **then return** *v*, *move*

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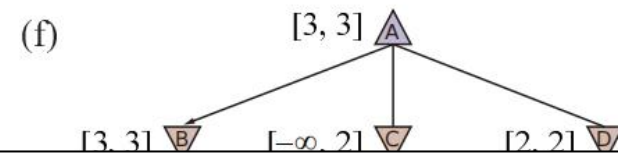
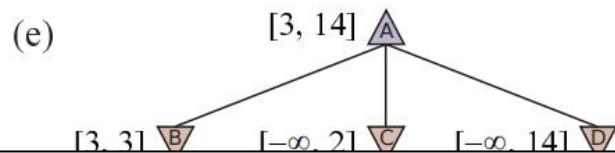
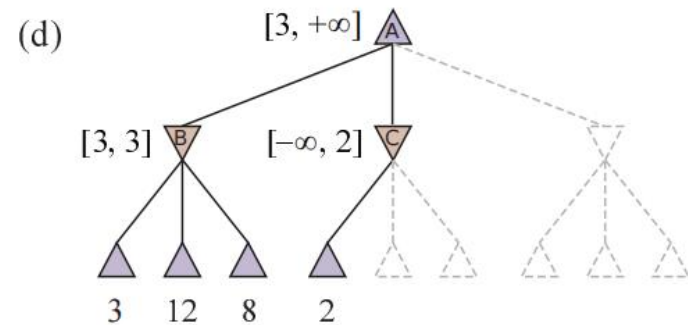
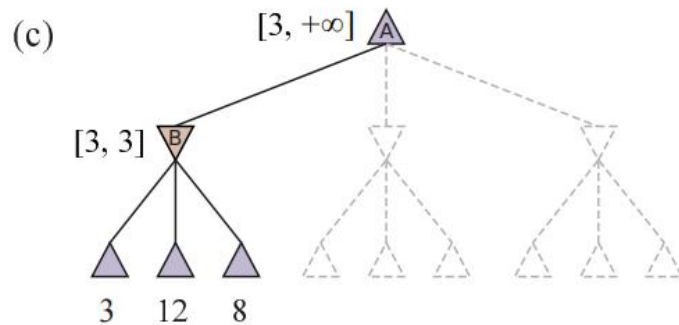
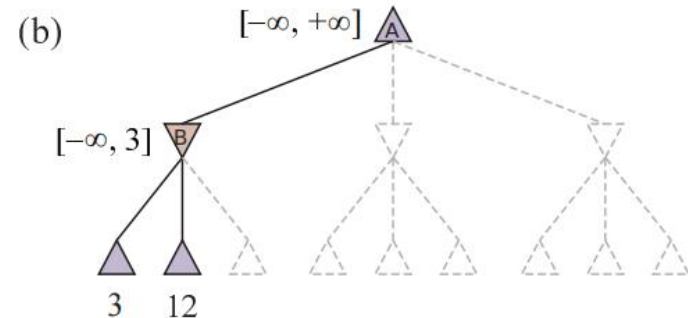
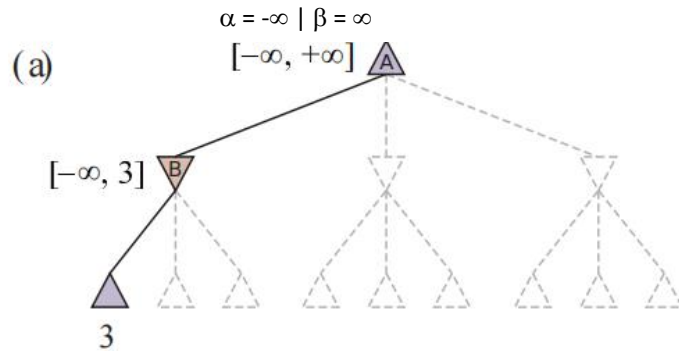
$v, \text{move} \leftarrow v2, a$

$\beta \leftarrow \text{MIN}(\beta, v)$

**if**  $v \leq \alpha$  **then return** *v*, *move*

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# Example MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ Pruning

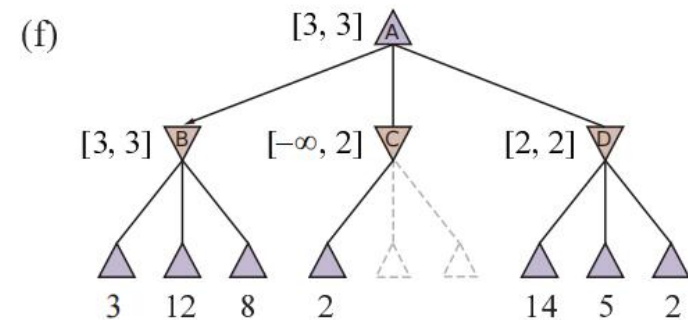
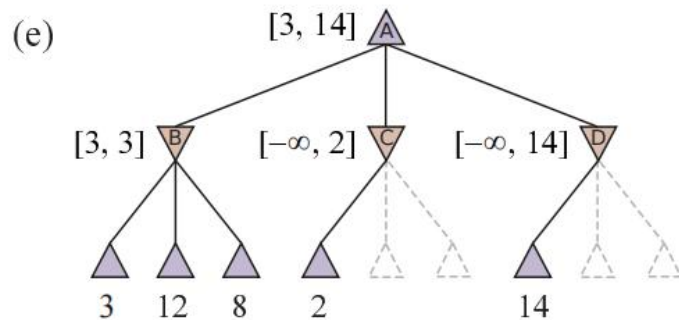
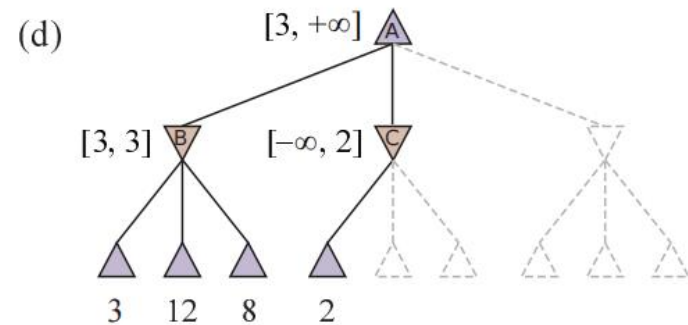
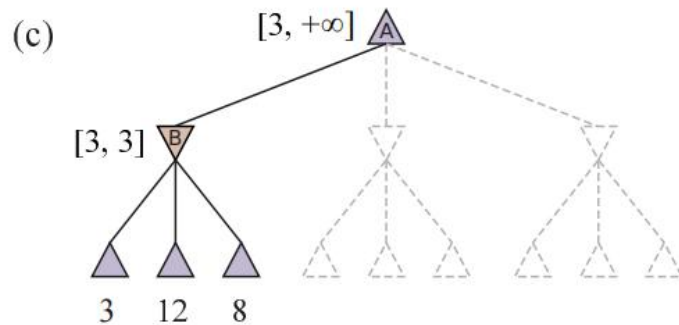
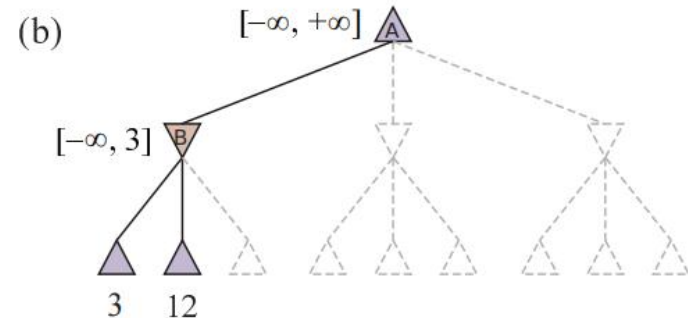
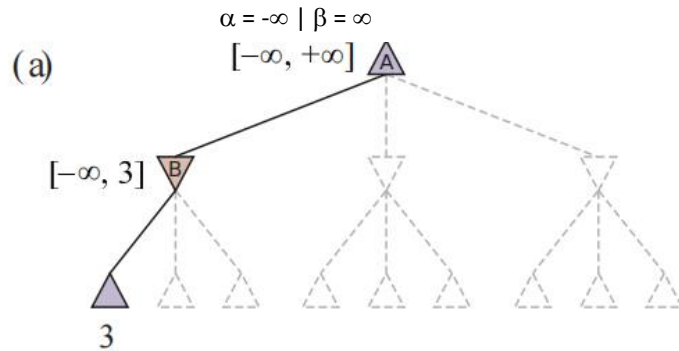


$\alpha$ : the value of the best (highest-value) choice we have found so far at any choice point along the path for MAX player ("at least")

$\beta$ : the value of the best (lowest-value) choice we have found so far at any choice point along the path for MIN player ("at most")



# Example MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ Pruning



# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Pseudocode

**function** ALPHA-BETA-SEARCH(*game*, *state*) **returns** an action

*player*  $\leftarrow$  *game*.TO-MOVE(*state*)

*value*, *move*  $\leftarrow$  MAX-VALUE(*game*, *state*,  $-\infty$ ,  $+\infty$ )

**return** *move*

**function** MAX-VALUE(*game*, *state*,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) **returns** a (*utility*, *move*) pair

**if** *game*.IS-TERMINAL(*state*) **then return** *game*.UTILITY(*state*, *player*), null

*v*  $\leftarrow -\infty$

**for each** *a* **in** *game*.ACTIONS(*state*) **do**

*v2*, *a2*  $\leftarrow$  MIN-VALUE(*game*, *game*.RESULT(*state*, *a*),  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ )

**if** *v2* > *v* **then**

*v*, *move*  $\leftarrow$  *v2*, *a*

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**if** *v*  $\geq \beta$  **then return** *v*, *move*

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**if** *v2* < *v* **then**

*v*, *move*  $\leftarrow$  *v2*, *a*

$\beta \leftarrow \text{MIN}(\beta, v)$

**if** *v*  $\leq \alpha$  **then return** *v*, *move*

**return** *v*, *move*

**RECURSION**

A diagram consisting of three arrows originating from a single point on the right. One arrow points upwards to the MAX-VALUE function call in the ALPHA-BETA-SEARCH function. Another arrow points leftwards to the MIN-VALUE function call within the MAX-VALUE function. The third arrow points downwards to the MAX-VALUE function call within the MIN-VALUE function.



# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Pseudocode

```
function ALPHA-BETA-SEARCH(game, state) returns an action  
  player  $\leftarrow$  game.TO-MOVE(state)  
  value, move  $\leftarrow$  MAX-VALUE(game, state,  $-\infty$ ,  $+\infty$ )  
  return move
```

```
function MAX-VALUE(game, state,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) returns a (utility, move) pair  
  if game.IS-TERMINAL(state) then return game.UTILITY(state, player), null  
  v  $\leftarrow$   $-\infty$   
  for each a in game.ACTIONS(state) do  
    v2, a2  $\leftarrow$  MIN-VALUE(game, game.RESULT(state, a),  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ )  
    if v2 > v then  
      v, move  $\leftarrow$  v2, a  
       $\alpha \leftarrow$  MAX( $\alpha$ , v)  
    if v  $\geq$   $\beta$  then return v, move  
  return v, move
```

MAX Player's move

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function MIN-VALUE(game, state,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) returns a (utility, move) pair  
  if game.IS-TERMINAL(state) then return game.UTILITY(state, player), null  
  v  $\leftarrow$   $+\infty$   
  for each a in game.ACTIONS(state) do  
    v2, a2  $\leftarrow$  MAX-VALUE(game, game.RESULT(state, a),  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ )  
    if v2 < v then  
      v, move  $\leftarrow$  v2, a  
       $\beta \leftarrow$  MIN( $\beta$ , v)  
    if v  $\leq$   $\alpha$  then return v, move  
  return v, move
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MIN Player's move

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    if v2 > v then  
      v, move  $\leftarrow$  v2, a  
       $\alpha \leftarrow$  MAX( $\alpha$ , v)  
    if v  $\geq$   $\beta$  then return v, move  
  return v, move
```

Go through all legal  
actions/moves  
(subtrees) **recursively**

MAX Player's move

```
function MIN-VALUE(game, state,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) returns a (utility, move) pair  
  if game.IS-TERMINAL(state) then return game.UTILITY(state, player), null  
  v  $\leftarrow$   $+\infty$   
  for each a in game.ACTIONS(state) do  
    v2, a2  $\leftarrow$  MAX-VALUE(game, game.RESULT(state, a),  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ )  
    if v2 < v then  
      v, move  $\leftarrow$  v2, a  
       $\beta \leftarrow$  MIN( $\beta$ , v)  
    if v  $\leq$   $\alpha$  then return v, move  
  return v, move
```

Go through all legal  
actions/moves  
(subtrees) **recursively**

MIN Player's move

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Pseudocode

```
function ALPHA-BETA-SEARCH(game, state) returns an action  
  player  $\leftarrow$  game.TO-MOVE(state)  
  value, move  $\leftarrow$  MAX-VALUE(game, state,  $-\infty$ ,  $+\infty$ )  
  return move
```

```
function MAX-VALUE(game, state,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) returns a (utility, move) pair  
  if game.IS-TERMINAL(state) then return game.UTILITY(state, player), null  
  v  $\leftarrow$   $-\infty$   
  for each a in game.ACTIONS(state) do  
    v2, a2  $\leftarrow$  MIN-VALUE(game, game.RESULT(state, a),  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ )  
    if v2 > v then                                If higher MINMAX(subtree) value found  
      v, move  $\leftarrow$  v2, a                               store a as the best move  
       $\alpha \leftarrow$  MAX( $\alpha$ , v)                               update bound  $\alpha$  (within this recursive call only!)  
    if v  $\geq$   $\beta$  then return v, move  
  return v, move
```

Go through all legal  
actions/moves  
(subtrees) **recursively**

MAX Player's move

```
function MIN-VALUE(game, state,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) returns a (utility, move) pair  
  if game.IS-TERMINAL(state) then return game.UTILITY(state, player), null  
  v  $\leftarrow$   $+\infty$   
  for each a in game.ACTIONS(state) do  
    v2, a2  $\leftarrow$  MAX-VALUE(game, game.RESULT(state, a),  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ )  
    if v2 < v then                                If lower MINMAX(subtree) value found:  
      v, move  $\leftarrow$  v2, a                               store a as the best move  
       $\beta \leftarrow$  MIN( $\beta$ , v)                               update bound  $\beta$  (within this recursive call only!)  
    if v  $\leq$   $\alpha$  then return v, move  
  return v, move
```

Go through all legal  
actions/moves  
(subtrees) **recursively**

MIN Player's move



# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Pseudocode

```
function ALPHA-BETA-SEARCH(game, state) returns an action  
  player  $\leftarrow$  game.TO-MOVE(state)  
  value, move  $\leftarrow$  MAX-VALUE(game, state,  $-\infty$ ,  $+\infty$ )  
  return move
```

```
function MAX-VALUE(game, state,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) returns a (utility, move) pair  
  if game.IS-TERMINAL(state) then return game.UTILITY(state, player), null  
  v  $\leftarrow$   $-\infty$   
  for each a in game.ACTIONS(state) do  
    v2, a2  $\leftarrow$  MIN-VALUE(game, game.RESULT(state, a),  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ )  
    if v2 > v then                                If higher MINMAX(subtree) value found  
      v, move  $\leftarrow$  v2, a                               store a as the best move  
       $\alpha \leftarrow$  MAX( $\alpha$ , v)                               update bound  $\alpha$  (within this recursive call only!)  
    if v  $\geq$   $\beta$  then return v, move  
  return v, move
```

Go through all legal  
actions/moves  
(subtrees) **recursively**

MAX Player **does NOT**  
**change** bound  $\beta$  here!

MAX Player's move

```
function MIN-VALUE(game, state,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) returns a (utility, move) pair  
  if game.IS-TERMINAL(state) then return game.UTILITY(state, player), null  
  v  $\leftarrow$   $+\infty$   
  for each a in game.ACTIONS(state) do  
    v2, a2  $\leftarrow$  MAX-VALUE(game, game.RESULT(state, a),  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ )  
    if v2 < v then                                If lower MINMAX(subtree) value found:  
      v, move  $\leftarrow$  v2, a                               store a as the best move  
       $\beta \leftarrow$  MIN( $\beta$ , v)                               update bound  $\beta$  (within this recursive call only!)  
    if v  $\leq$   $\alpha$  then return v, move  
  return v, move
```

Go through all legal  
actions/moves  
(subtrees) **recursively**

MIN Player **does NOT**  
**change** bound  $\alpha$  here!

MIN Player's move

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

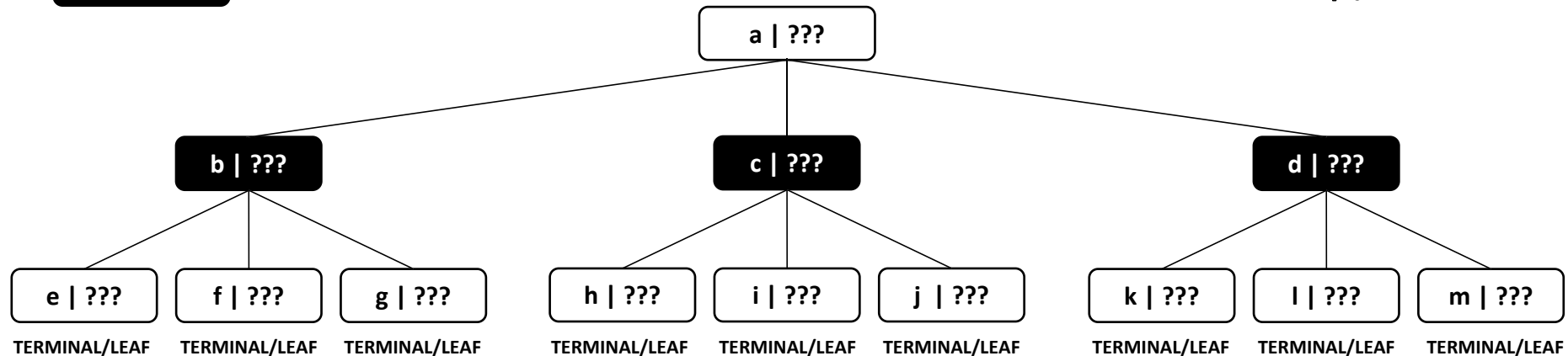
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



**MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:**

- **MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN**
- **MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.**

**MINMAX(a) = max(MINMAX(b), MINMAX(c), MINMAX(d)) = max(???, ???, ???) → can't be established**

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

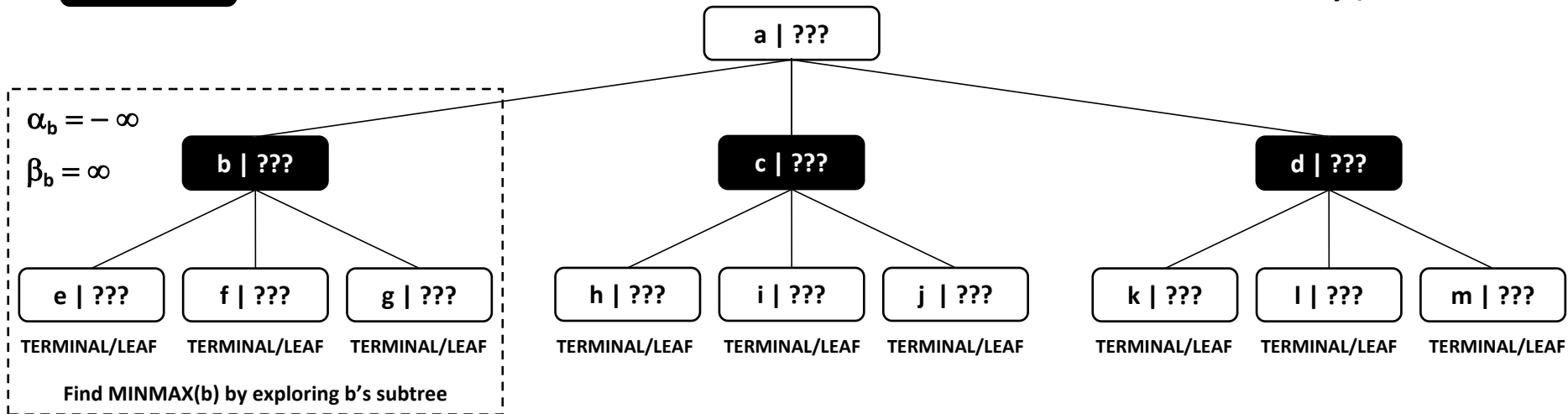
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
  - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- MINMAX(a) =  $\max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(???, ???, ???) \rightarrow$  can't be established

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- MIN Player (at node b) has not seen any successor MINMAX values yet  $\rightarrow$  min MINMAX seen:  $v = \infty$
- $v > \alpha_a$  ( $\infty > -\infty$ )  $\rightarrow$  we can keep exploring b's subtree

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

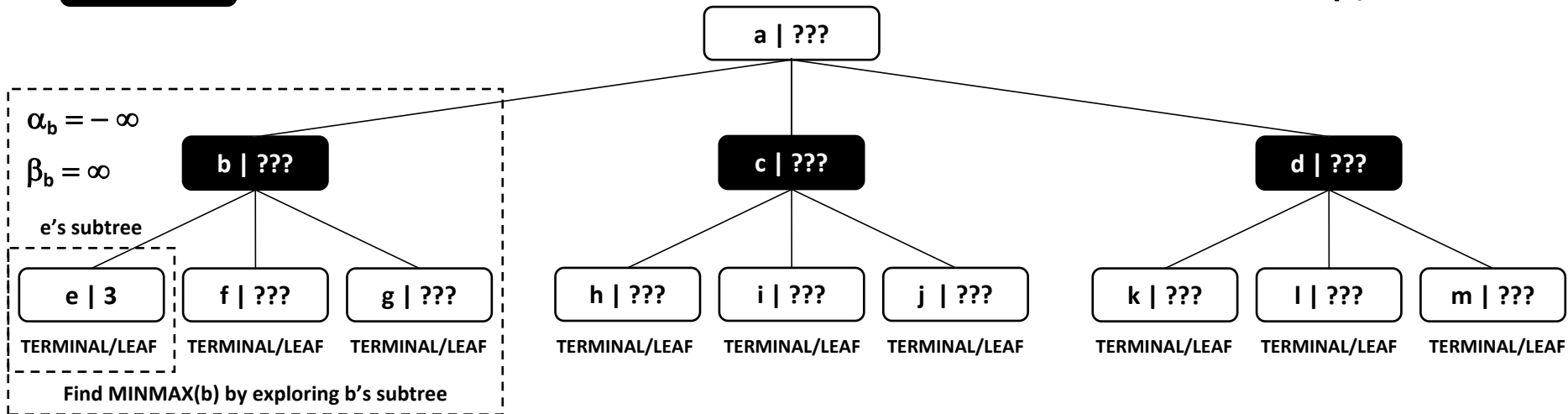
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
  - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- MINMAX(a) =  $\max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(???, ???, ???) \rightarrow$  can't be established

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- We need to analyze e's subtree
- Node e is a terminal node (Case 1)  $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(e) = \text{UTILITY}(e) = 3 \mid v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(e) = 3$

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

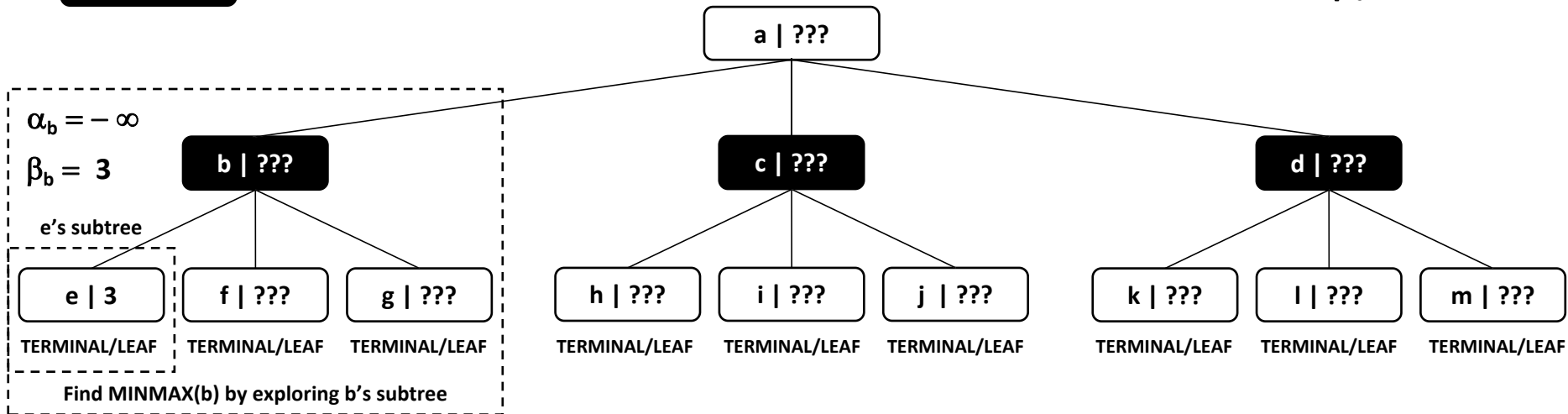
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
  - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- MINMAX(a) =  $\max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(???, ???, ???) \rightarrow$  can't be established

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- $v_2 < v$  ( $3 < \infty$ )  $\rightarrow v = v_2 = 3 \rightarrow \beta_b = \min(\beta_b, v) = \min(\infty, 3) = 3$
- $v > \alpha_a$  ( $3 > -\infty$ )  $\rightarrow$  we can keep exploring b's subtree



# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

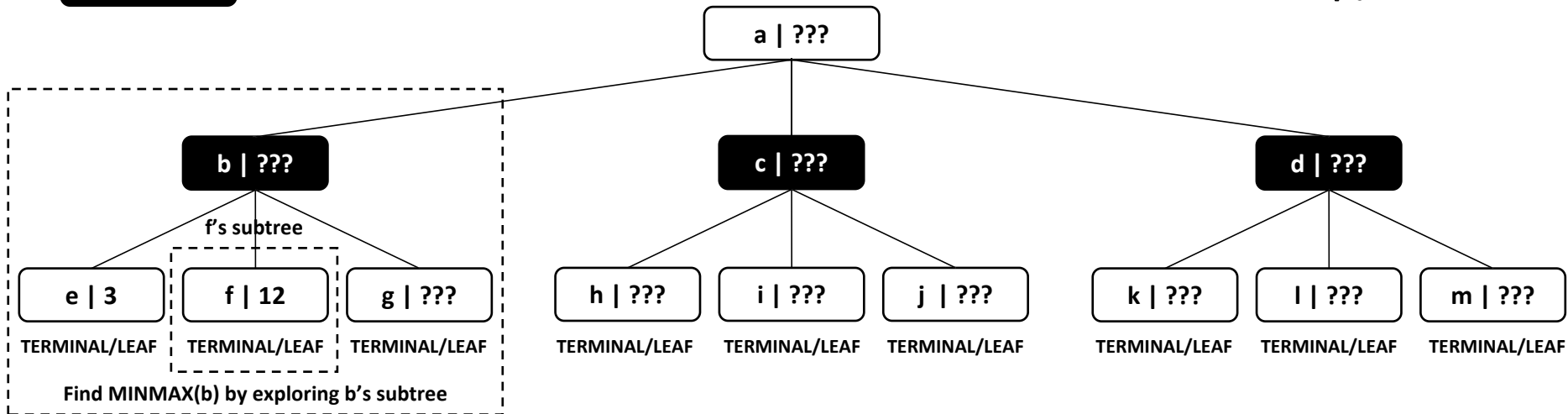
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



**MAX Player** wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state **a** to one of three successor states: **b**, **c**, **d**. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = \text{UNKNOWN}$  |  $\text{MINMAX}(c) = \text{UNKNOWN}$  |  $\text{MINMAX}(d) = \text{UNKNOWN}$
  - **MAX Player's decision:** not enough information yet.
- $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(???, ???, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

**MIN Player** needs to explore **b's** subtree:

- We need to analyze **f's** subtree
- Node **f** is a terminal node (Case 1)  $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(f) = \text{UTILITY}(f) = 12$  |  $v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(f) = 12$

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

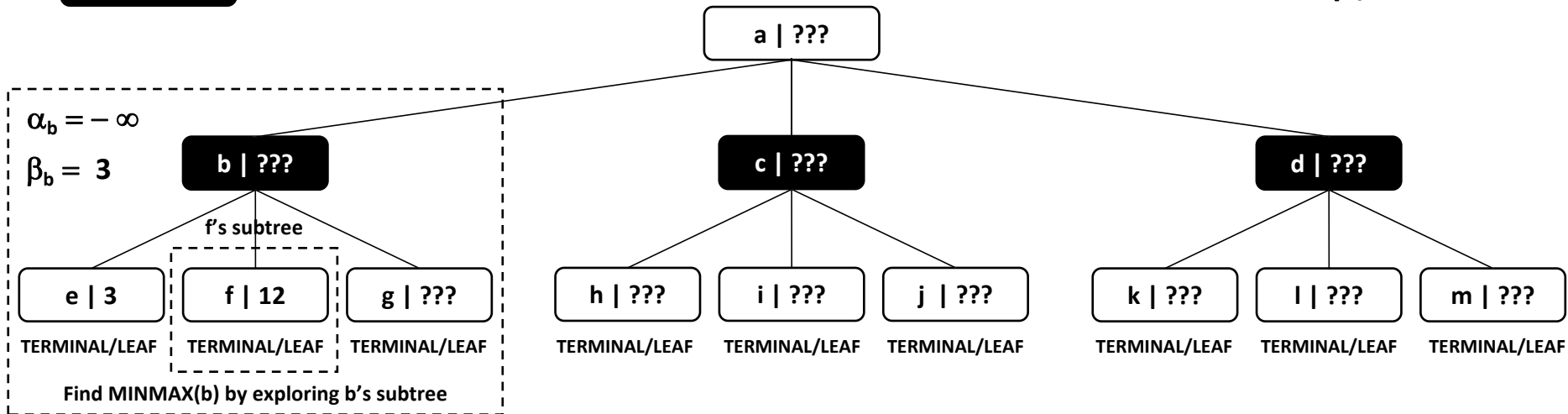
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
  - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- MINMAX(a) =  $\max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(???, ???, ???) \rightarrow$  can't be established

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- $v_2 > v$  ( $12 > 3$ )  $\rightarrow$  MINMAX(f) is not "better" than MINMAX(e)  $\rightarrow$  no changes
- $v > \alpha_a$  ( $3 > -\infty$ )  $\rightarrow$  we can keep exploring b's subtree

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

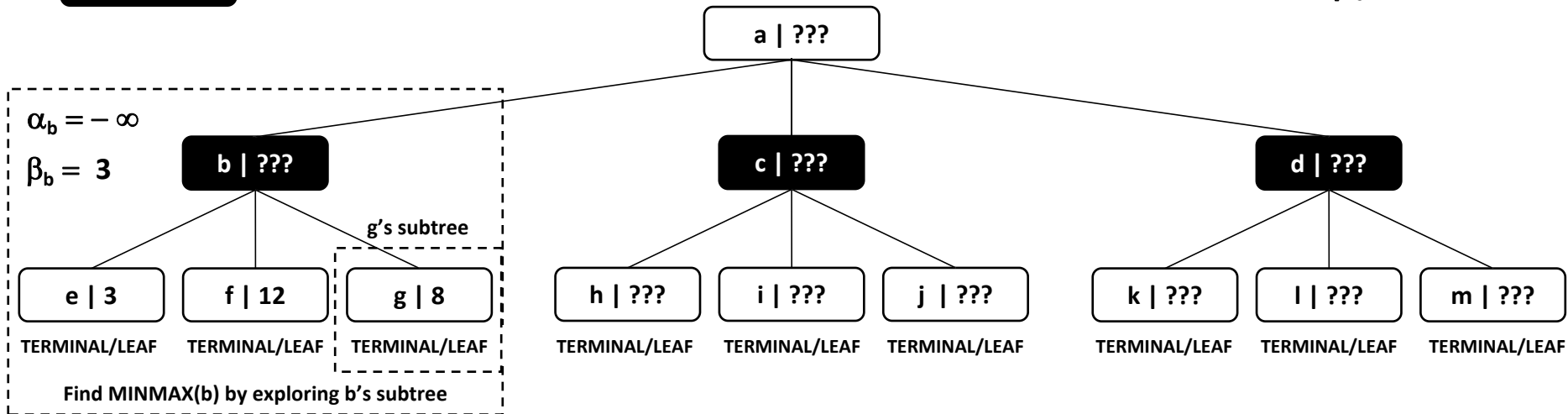
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
  - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- MINMAX(a) =  $\max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(???, ???, ???) \rightarrow$  can't be established

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- We need to analyze g's subtree
- Node g is a terminal node (Case 1)  $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(g) = \text{UTILITY}(g) = 8 \mid v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(g) = 8$

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

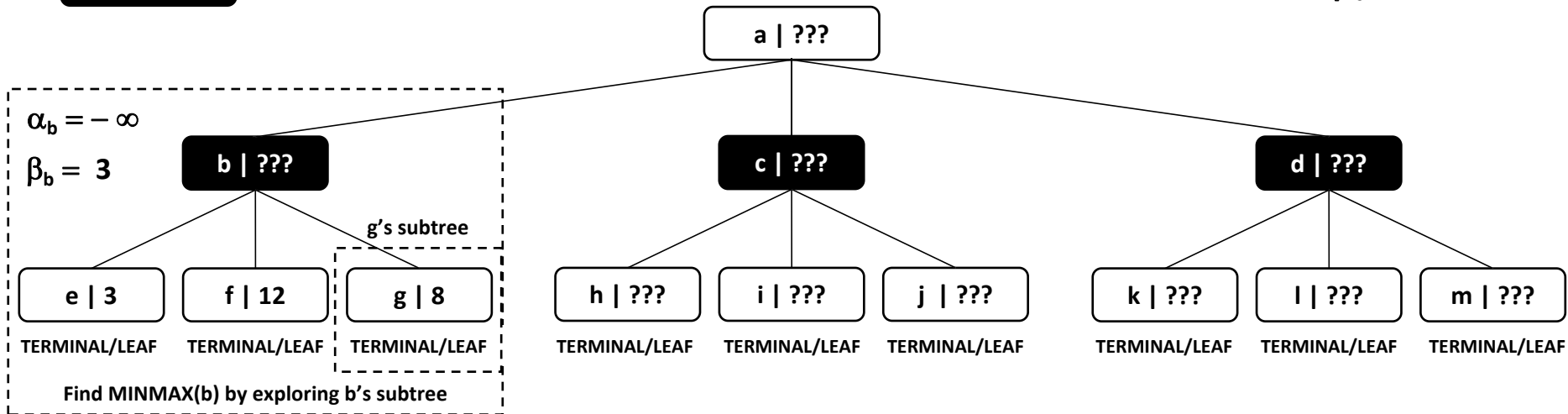
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
  - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- MINMAX(a) = max(MINMAX(b), MINMAX(c), MINMAX(d)) = max(???, ???, ???) → can't be established

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- $v_2 > v$  ( $8 > 3$ ) → MINMAX(g) is not "better" than MINMAX(e) → no changes
- $v > \alpha_a$  ( $3 > -\infty$ ) → we could keep exploring b's subtree, but all b's subtrees are explored now

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

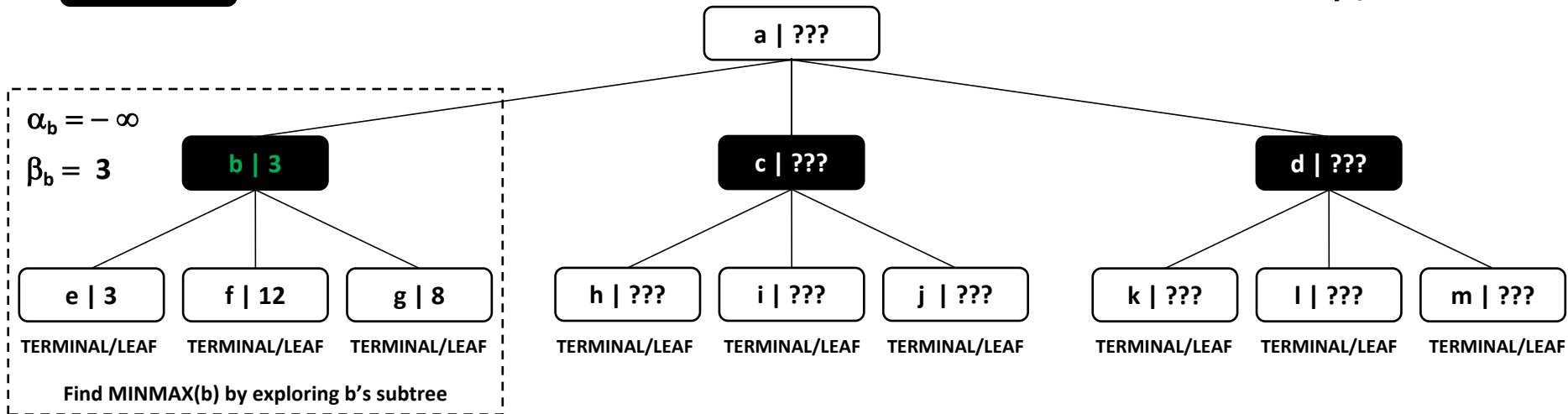
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
  - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- MINMAX(a) =  $\max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(???, ???, ???) \rightarrow$  can't be established

MIN Player explored entire b's subtree:

- MINMAX(b) =  $\min(\text{MINMAX}(e), \text{MINMAX}(f), \text{MINMAX}(g)) = 3$  (Case 2)
- $v > \alpha_a$  ( $3 > -\infty$ )  $\rightarrow$  we could keep exploring b's subtree, but all b's subtrees are explored now

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

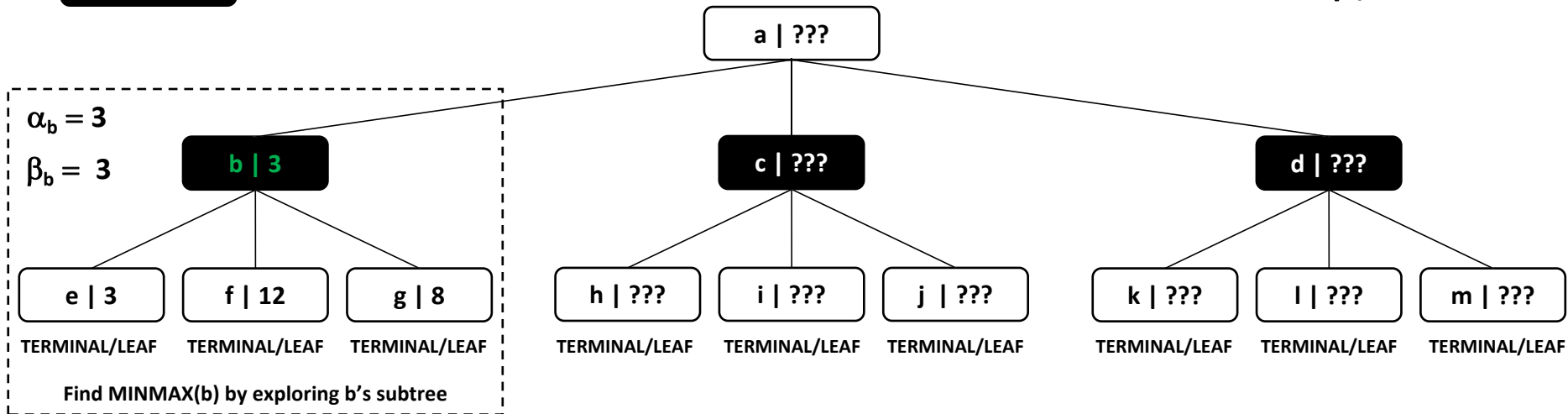
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
  - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- MINMAX(a) =  $\max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(???, ???, ???) \rightarrow$  can't be established

MIN Player explored entire b's subtree:

- We know the exact value of MINMAX(b)  $\rightarrow \alpha_b = 3$

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

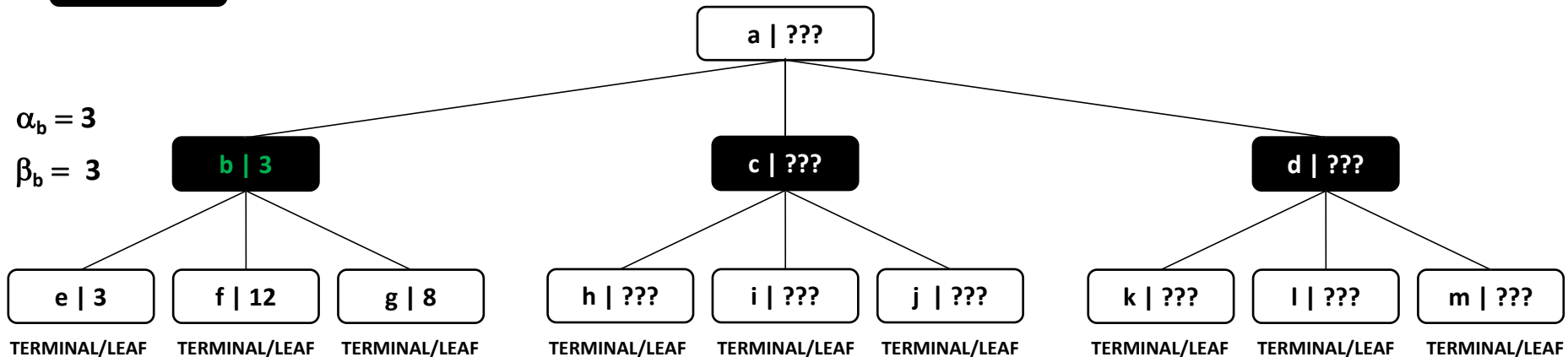
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

MINMAX(a) =  $\max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, ???, ???) \rightarrow$  can't be established, **but**  
**MAX Player now knows that it will be AT LEAST 3 (3 OR HIGHER)  $\rightarrow \alpha_a = 3$**

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

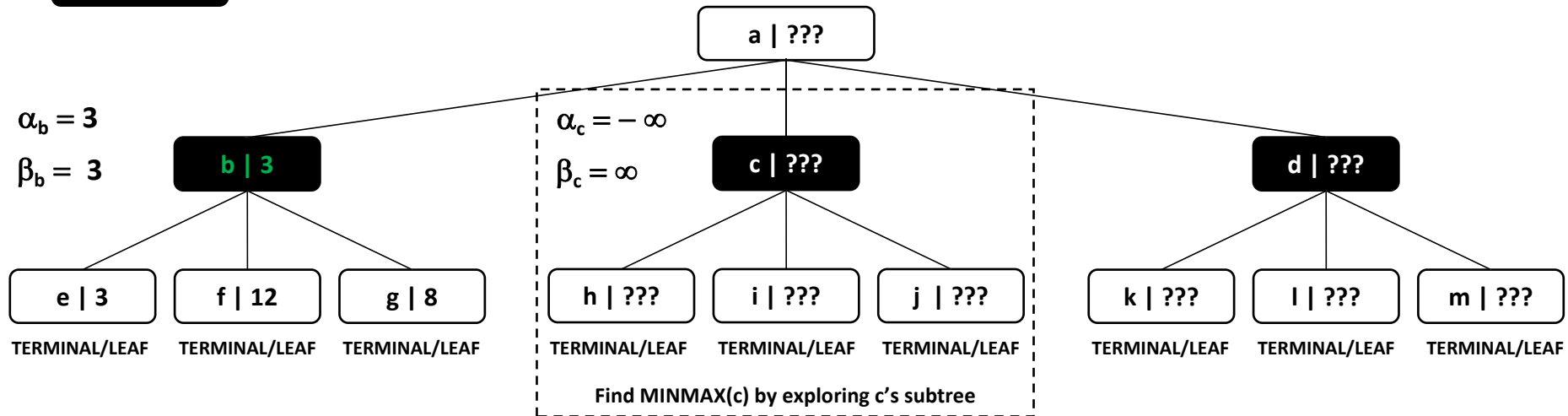
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, ???, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore c's subtree:

- MIN Player (at node c) has not seen any successor MINMAX values yet  $\rightarrow \min \text{ MINMAX seen: } v = \infty$
- $v > \alpha_a$  ( $\infty > 3$ )  $\rightarrow$  we can keep exploring c's subtree



# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

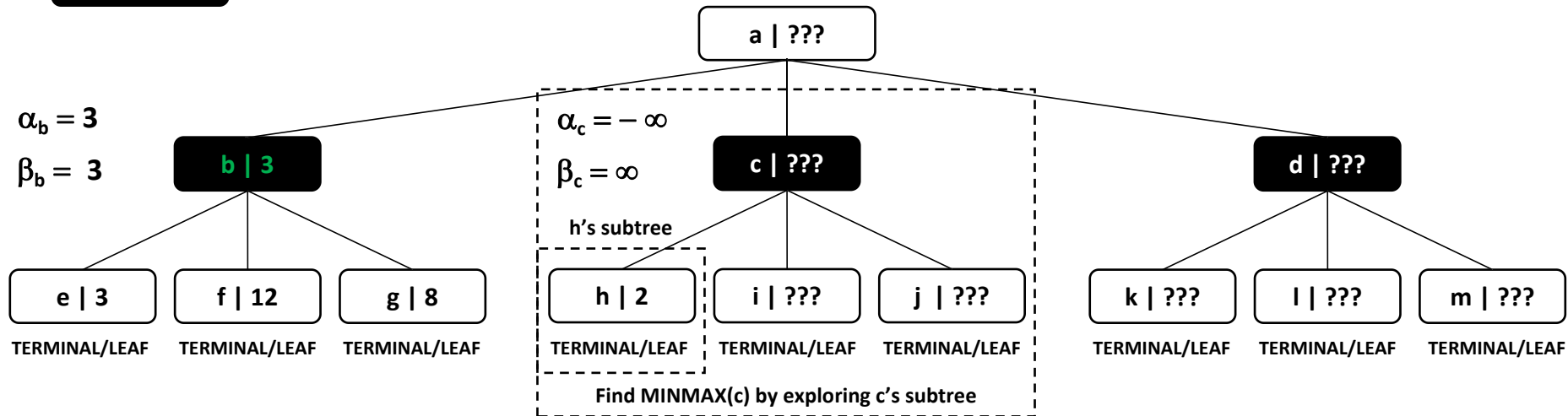
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.  
 $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, ???, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore c's subtree:

- We need to analyze h's subtree
- Node h is a terminal node (Case 1)  $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(h) = \text{UTILITY}(h) = 2$  |  $v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(h) = 2$

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

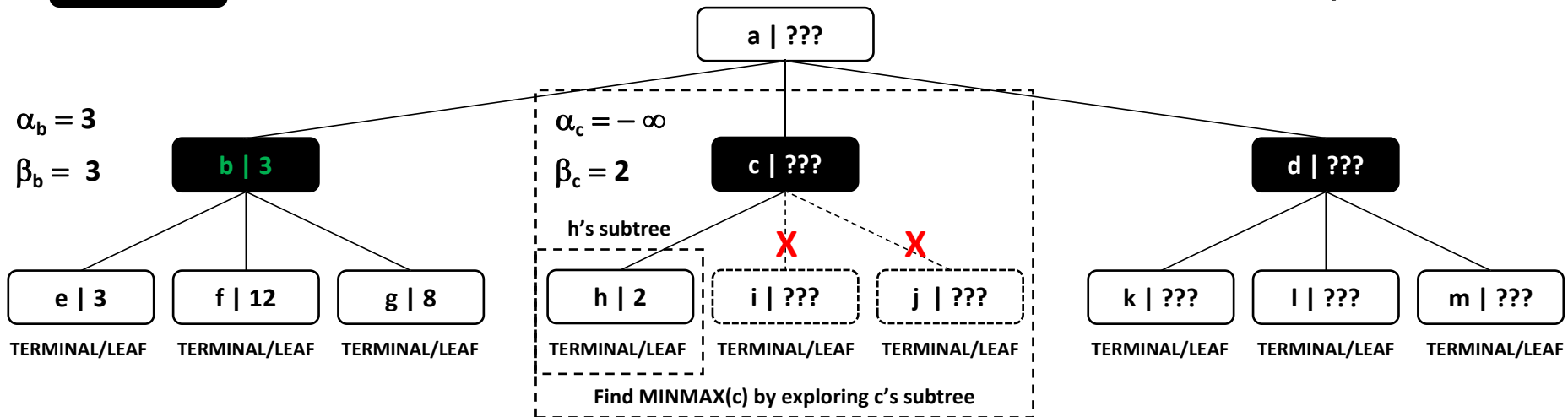
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN

- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, ???, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore c's subtree:

- $v_2 < v$  ( $2 < \infty$ )  $\rightarrow v = v_2 = 2 \rightarrow \beta_c = \min(\beta_c, v) = \min(\infty, 2) = 2$

- $v < \alpha_a$  ( $2 < 3$ )  $\rightarrow$  **we cannot keep exploring c's subtree**  $\rightarrow$  prune remaining branches

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

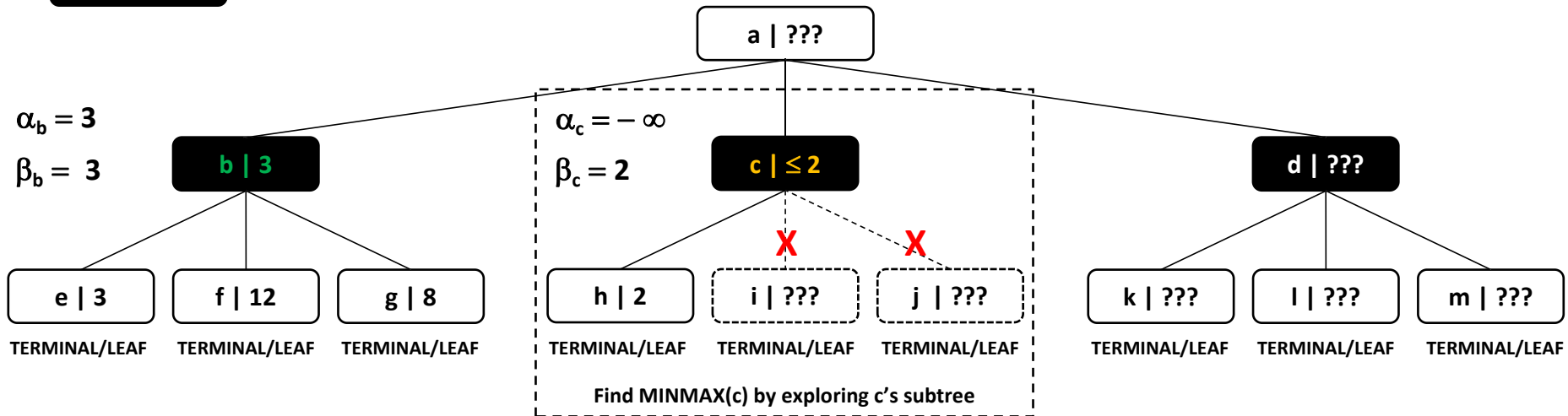
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.  
 $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, ???, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player explored c's subtree as far as it was necessary:

- We know that **MINMAX(c)  $\leq 2$**

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

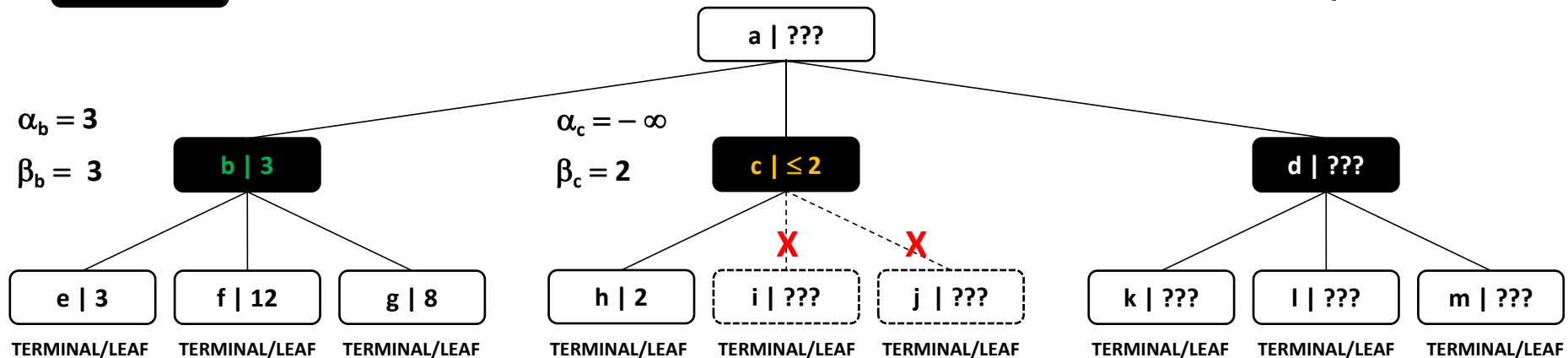
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | **MINMAX(c) = ≤ 2** | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

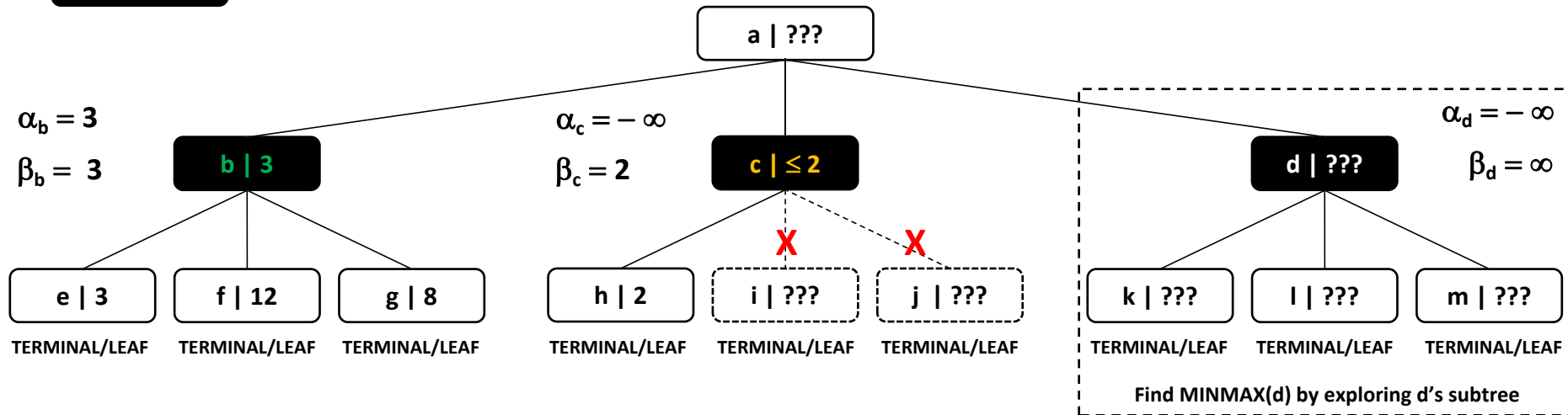
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | **MINMAX(c) =  $\leq 2$**  | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- MIN Player (at node d) has not seen any successor MINMAX values yet  $\rightarrow$  min MINMAX seen:  $v = \infty$
- $v > \alpha_a$  ( $\infty > 3$ )  $\rightarrow$  we can keep exploring d's subtree

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

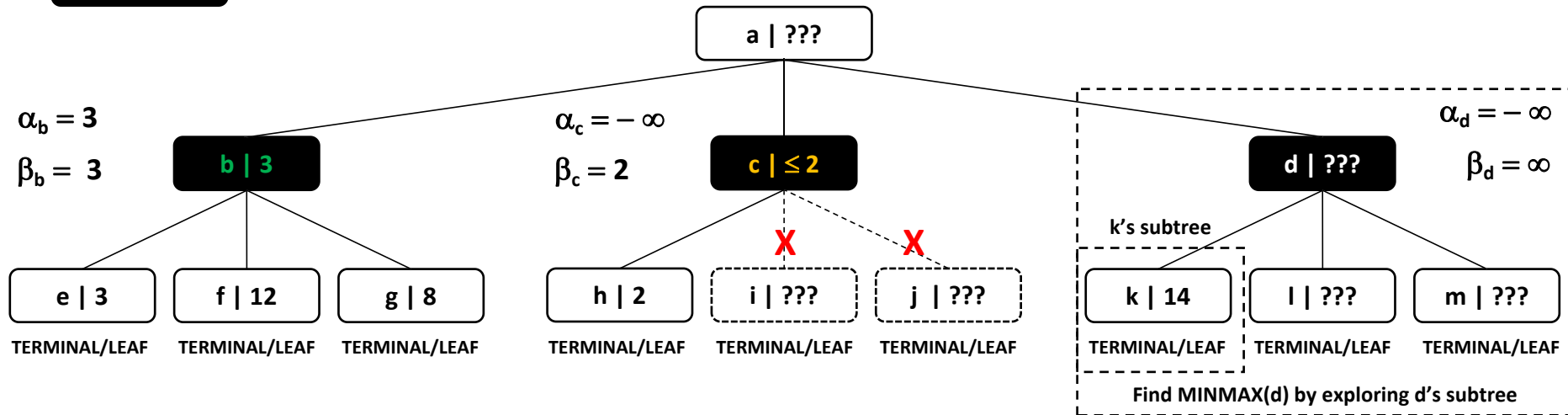
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | **MINMAX(c) = ≤ 2** | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

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MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- We need to analyze k's subtree
- Node k is a terminal node (Case 1)  $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(k) = \text{UTILITY}(k) = 14$  | v2 = MINMAX(k) = 14



# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

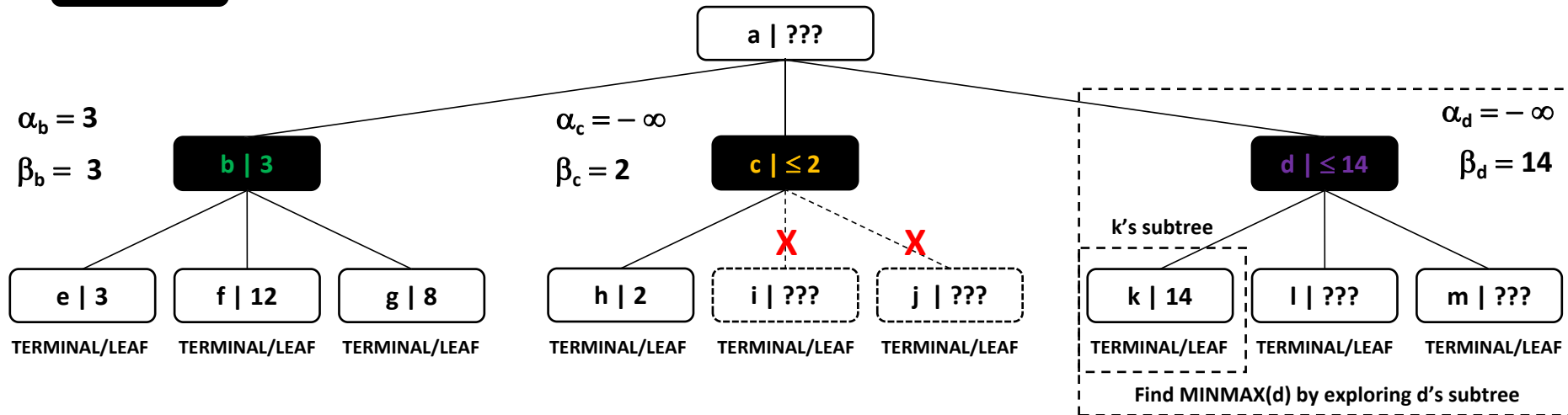
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

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MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- $v_2 < v$  ( $14 < \infty$ )  $\rightarrow v = v_2 = 14 \rightarrow \beta_d = \min(\beta_d, v) = \min(\infty, 14) = 14$
- $v > \alpha_a$  ( $14 > 3$ )  $\rightarrow$  we can keep exploring d's subtree  $\rightarrow$  we also know that **MINMAX(d)  $\leq 14$**

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

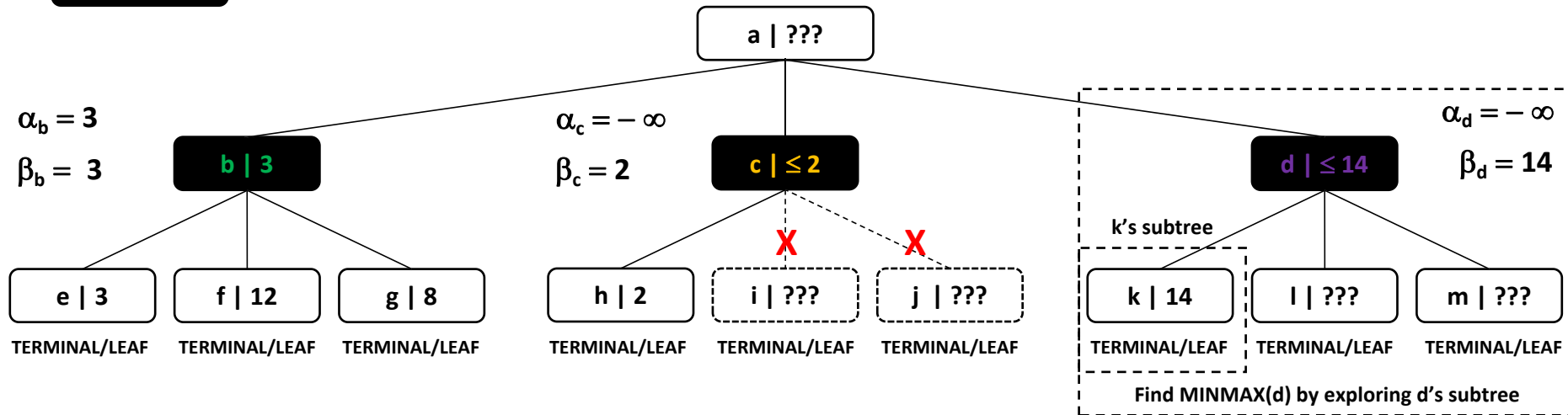
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = 14$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = 3 | MINMAX(c) =  $\leq 2$  | MINMAX(d) =  $\leq 14$

- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, \leq 14) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- we know that  $\text{MINMAX}(d) \leq 14 \rightarrow \text{this tells us that } \text{MINMAX}(a) \text{ cannot be } > 14 \rightarrow \beta_a = 14$

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

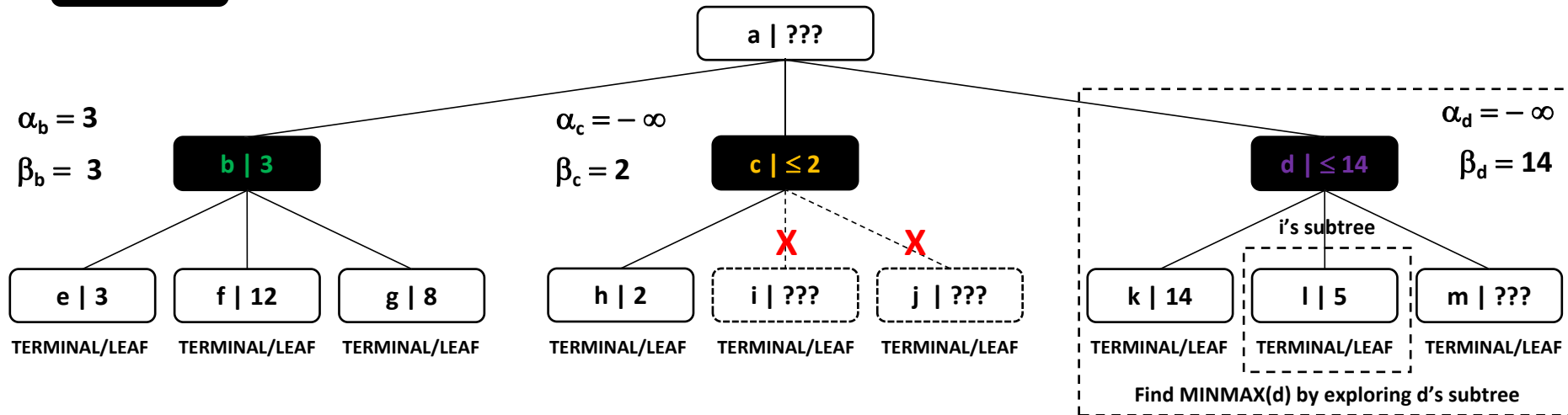
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = 14$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

▪ **MINMAX(b) = 3** | **MINMAX(c) = ≤ 2** | **MINMAX(d) = ≤ 14**

▪ MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

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MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

▪ We need to analyze l's subtree

▪ Node l is a terminal node (Case 1)  $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(l) = \text{UTILITY}(l) = 5$  |  $v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(l) = 5$

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

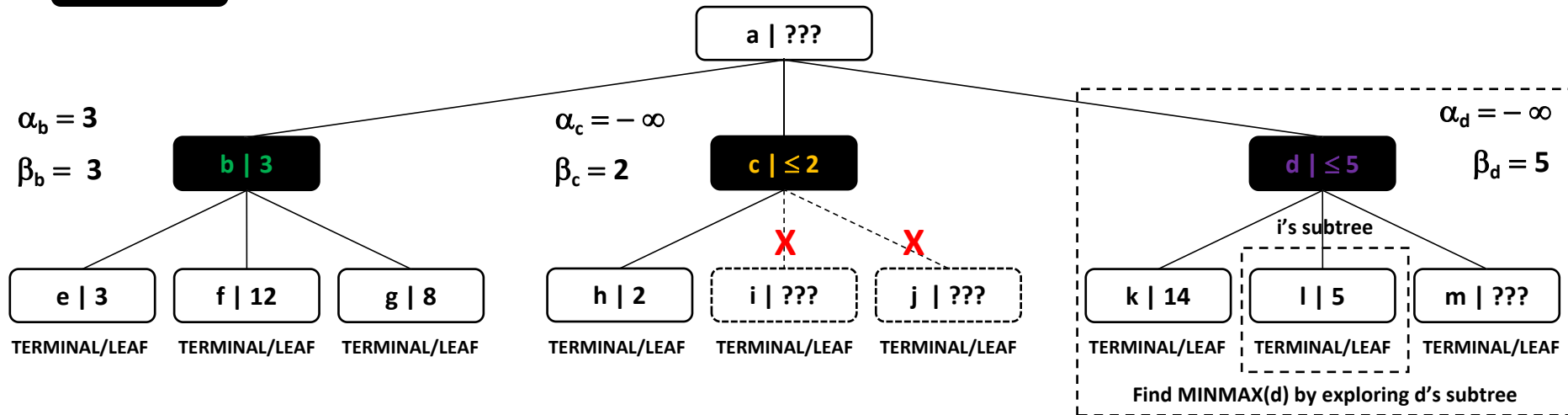
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = 14$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

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▪ MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, \leq 14) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

▪  $v_2 < v$  ( $5 < 14$ )  $\rightarrow v = v_2 = 5 \rightarrow \beta_d = \min(\beta_d, v) = \min(\infty, 5) = 5$

▪  $v > \alpha_a$  ( $5 > 3$ )  $\rightarrow$  we can keep exploring d's subtree  $\rightarrow$  we also know that **MINMAX(d)  $\leq 5$**

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

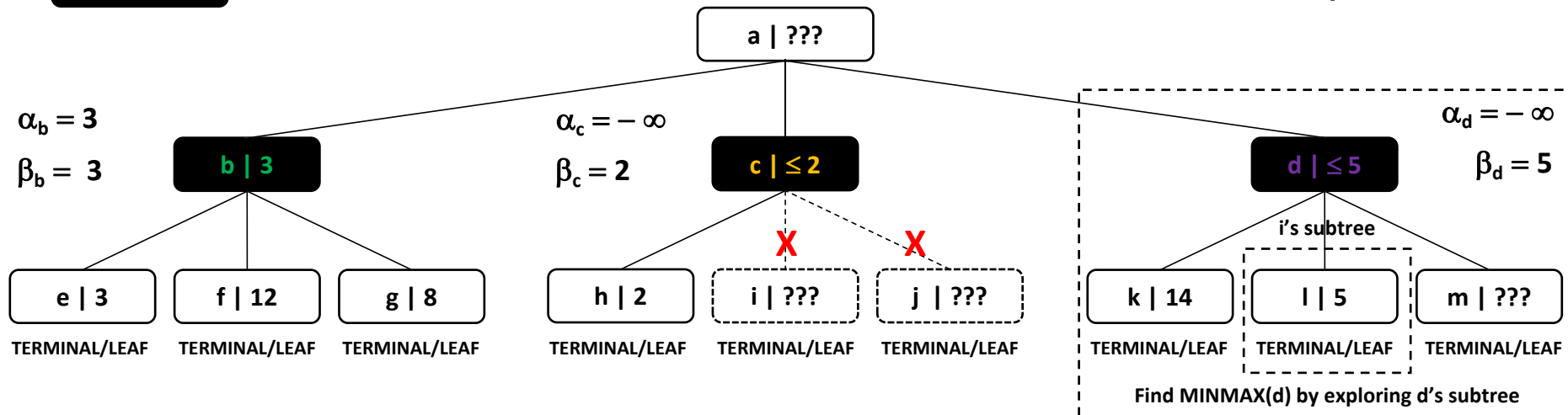
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = 5$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | **MINMAX(c) = ≤ 2** | **MINMAX(d) = ≤ 5**
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, \leq 5) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- we know that **MINMAX(d) ≤ 5** → this tells us that MINMAX(a) cannot be > 5 →  $\beta_a = 5$

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

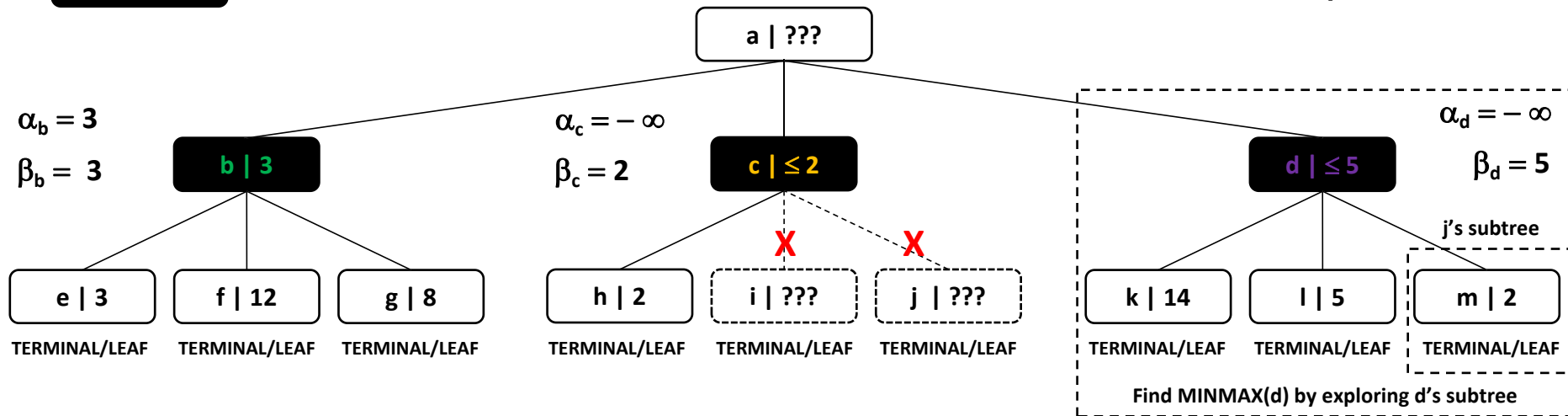
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = 5$



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▪ MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

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MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

▪ We need to analyze m's subtree

▪ Node m is a terminal node (Case 1)  $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(m) = \text{UTILITY}(m) = 2$  |  $v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(m) = 2$



# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

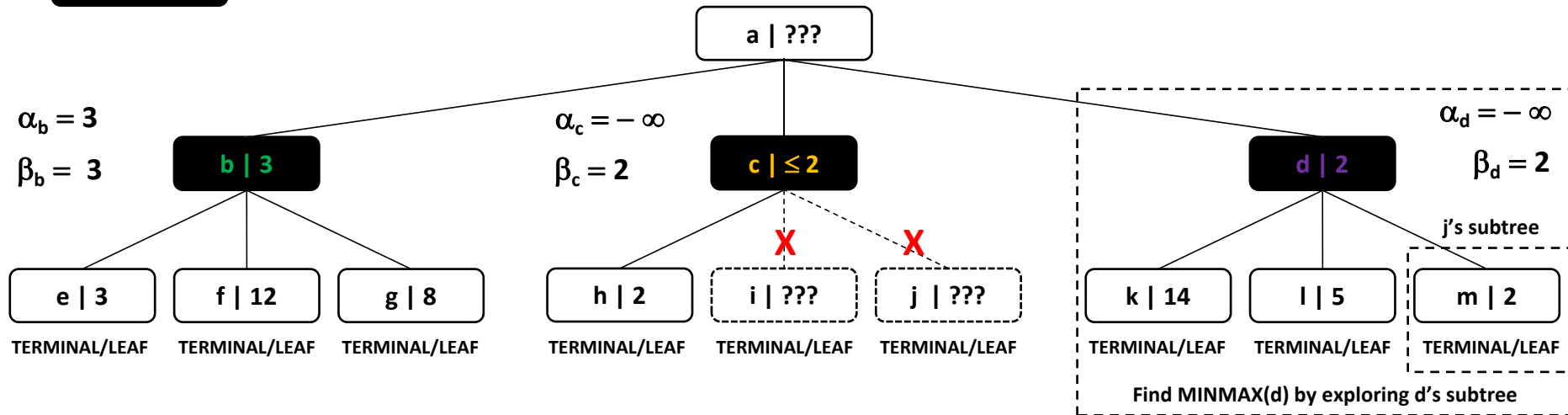
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = 5$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = 3$  |  $\text{MINMAX}(c) = \leq 2$  |  $\text{MINMAX}(d) = \leq 5$
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, \leq 5) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- $v_2 < v$  ( $2 < 5$ )  $\rightarrow v = v_2 = 2 \rightarrow \beta_d = \min(\beta_d, v) = \min(\infty, 2) = 2$
- $v < \alpha_a$  ( $2 < 3$ )  $\rightarrow$  we cannot keep exploring d's subtree  $\rightarrow$  we also know that  $\text{MINMAX}(d) = 2$

# MinMax with $\alpha$ - $\beta$ : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

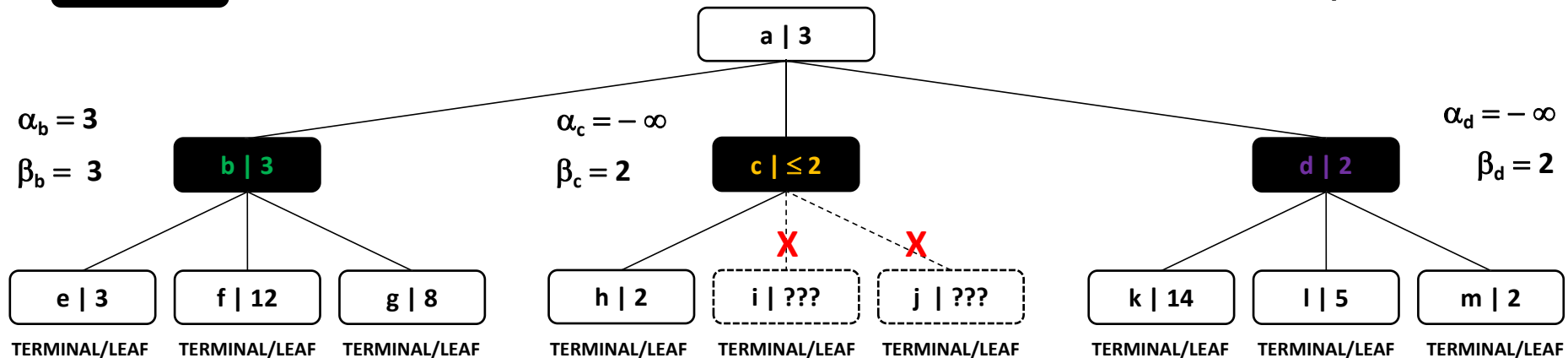
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least:  $\alpha_a = 3$

at most:  $\beta_a = 3$



Find MINMAX(d) by exploring d's subtree

MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

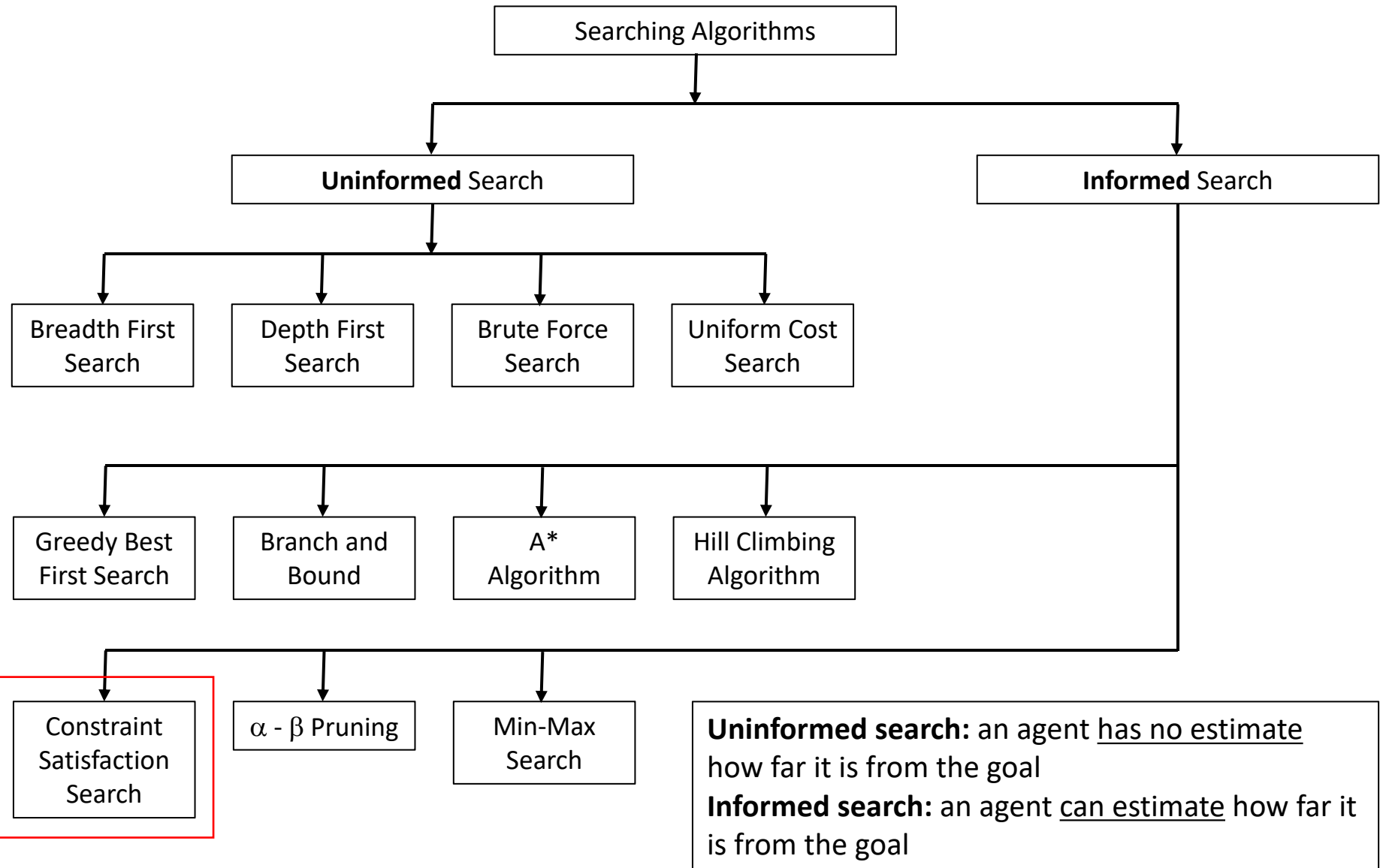
▪ **MINMAX(b) = 3** | **MINMAX(c) = ≤ 2** | **MINMAX(d) = 2**

▪ MAX Player's decision: **choose move b, because:**

$$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, 2) = 3$$

▪ Since we know MINMAX(a), we can update  $\beta_a$  for completeness  $\rightarrow \beta_a = 3$

# Selected Searching Algorithms



# Constraint Satisfaction Problem

**A Constraint Satisfaction Problem (CSP) consists of three components:**

- **a set of variables  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$**
- **a set of domains  $D = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$**
- **a set of constraints  $C$  that specify allowable combinations of values**
- **A domain  $D_i$  is a set of allowable values  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  for variable  $X_i$**
- **A constraint  $C_j$  is a  $\langle \text{scope}, \text{relation} \rangle$  pair, for example  $\langle (X_1, X_2), X_1 > X_2 \rangle$**

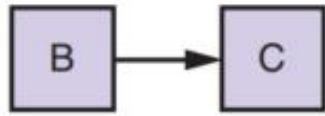
# Constraint Satisfaction Problem

The goal is to **find an assignment** (variable = value):

$$\{X_1 = v_1, \dots, X_n = v_n\}$$

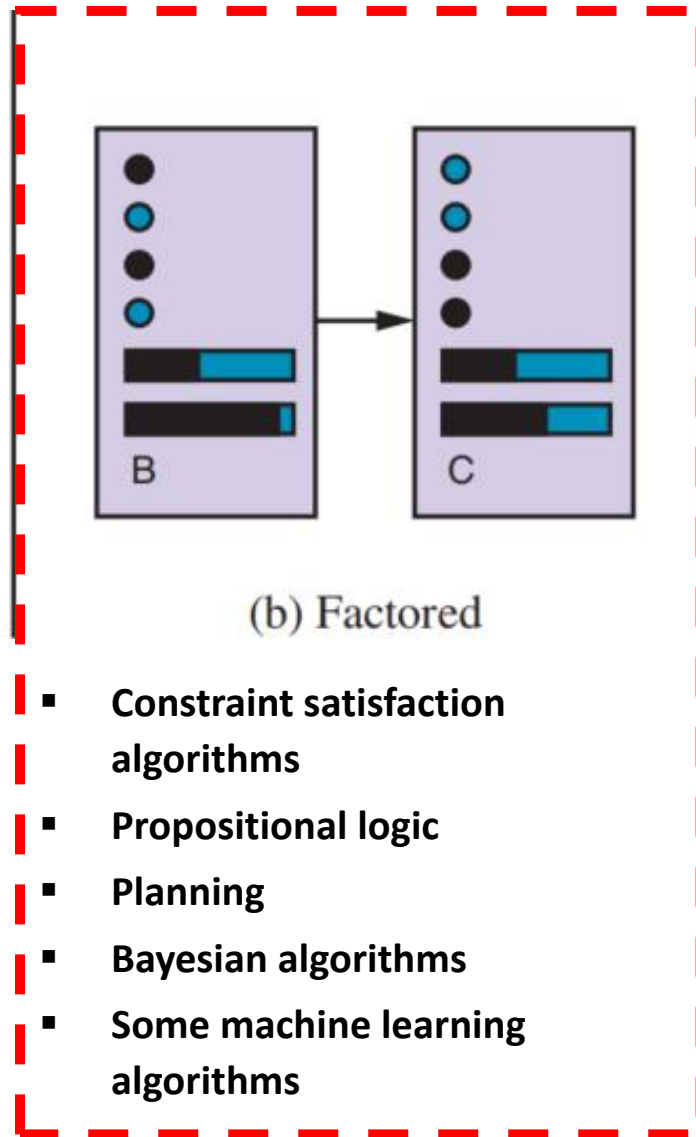
- If NO constraints violated: **consistent** assignment
- If ALL variables have a value: **complete** assignment
- If SOME variables have NO value: **partial** assignment
- SOLUTION: **consistent** and **complete** assignment
- PARTIAL SOLUTION: **consistent** and **partial** assignment

# State Representations



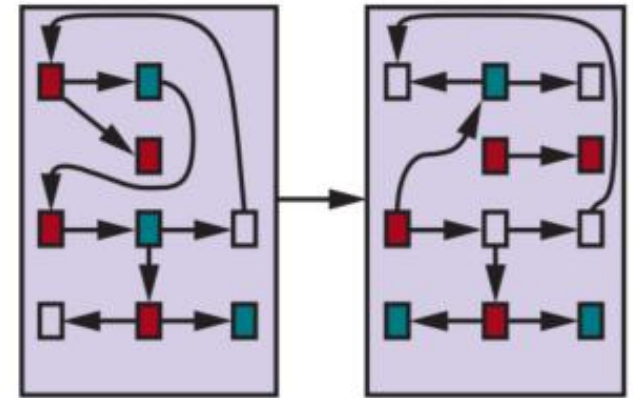
(a) Atomic

- Searching
- Hidden Markov models
- Markov decision process
- Finite state machines



(b) Factored

- Constraint satisfaction algorithms
- Propositional logic
- Planning
- Bayesian algorithms
- Some machine learning algorithms



(c) Structured

- Relational database algorithms
- First-order logic
- First-order probability models
- Natural language understanding (some)



# CSP Example: Map Coloring

## Problem:



## Variables:

$X = \{WA, NT, Q, NSW, V, SA, T\}$

## Variable Domains:

$D_{WA} = \{RED, GREEN, BLUE\}$

$D_{NT} = \{RED, GREEN, BLUE\}$

$D_Q = \{RED, GREEN, BLUE\}$

$D_{NSW} = \{RED, GREEN, BLUE\}$

$D_V = \{RED, GREEN, BLUE\}$

$D_{SA} = \{RED, GREEN, BLUE\}$

$D_T = \{RED, GREEN, BLUE\}$

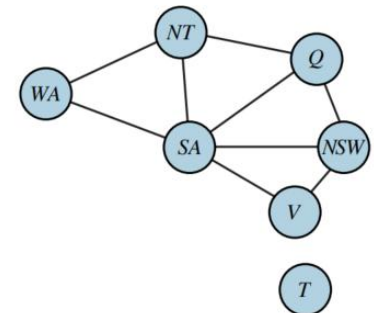
Color this map in a way that no two neighbors have same color

## Constraints (Rules):

- Neighboring regions have to have **DISTINCT** colors:

$CONSTRAINTS = C = \{SA \neq WA, SA \neq NT, SA \neq Q, SA \neq NSW, SA \neq V, WA \neq NT, NT \neq Q, Q \neq NSW, NSW \neq V\}$

## Constraint Graph:



# CSP Example: Sudoku (3x3 for now)

Problem:

$x_{1,1}$	$x_{1,2}$	$x_{1,3}$
$x_{2,1}$	$x_{2,2}$	$x_{2,3}$
$x_{3,1}$	$x_{3,2}$	$x_{3,3}$

Variables:

$X = \{x_{1,1}, x_{1,2}, x_{1,3}, x_{2,1}, x_{2,2}, x_{2,3}, x_{3,1}, x_{3,2}, x_{3,3}\}$

Variable Domains:

$D_{x_{1,1}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

$D_{x_{1,2}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

$D_{x_{1,3}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

$D_{x_{2,1}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

$D_{x_{2,2}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

$D_{x_{2,3}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

$D_{x_{3,1}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

$D_{x_{3,2}} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

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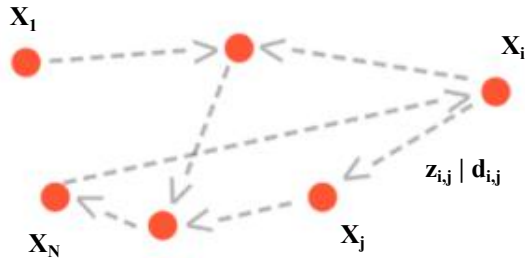
Constraints (Rules):

- Each value  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$  can appear EXACTLY once:

$CONSTRAINTS = C = \{x_{1,1} \neq x_{1,2}, x_{1,1} \neq x_{1,3}, x_{1,1} \neq x_{2,1}, x_{1,1} \neq x_{2,2}, x_{1,1} \neq x_{2,3}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{1,3}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{2,1}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{2,2}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{2,3}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{3,1}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{2,1}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{2,2}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{2,3}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{3,1}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{3,3}, x_{2,1} \neq x_{2,2}, x_{2,1} \neq x_{2,3}, x_{2,1} \neq x_{3,1}, x_{2,1} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{2,1} \neq x_{3,3}, x_{2,2} \neq x_{2,3}, x_{2,2} \neq x_{3,1}, x_{2,2} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{2,2} \neq x_{3,3}, x_{2,3} \neq x_{3,1}, x_{2,3} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{2,3} \neq x_{3,3}, x_{3,1} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{3,1} \neq x_{3,3}, x_{3,2} \neq x_{3,3}\}$

# CSP Example: Traveling Salesman

**Problem:**



**Variables:**

$$Z = \{z_{1,2}, z_{1,3}, \dots, z_{N-1,N}\}$$

$$D = \{d_{1,2}, d_{1,3}, \dots, d_{N-1,N}\}$$

**Variable Domains:**

$$D_{z_{i,j}} = \{\text{traveled}, \text{notTraveled}\}$$

or better:

$$D_{z_{i,j}} = \{1, 0\}$$

$$D_{d_{i,j}} = \mathbb{R}_+$$

There are:

- $N$  cities (vertices)
- $N(N-1)$  links (edges)
- Each link has some positive cost  $d$
- Total path (tour) cost is  $COST$

**Constraints (Rules):**

- Exit each city EXACTLY once:

$$\sum_{j=1}^N z_{i,j} = 1$$

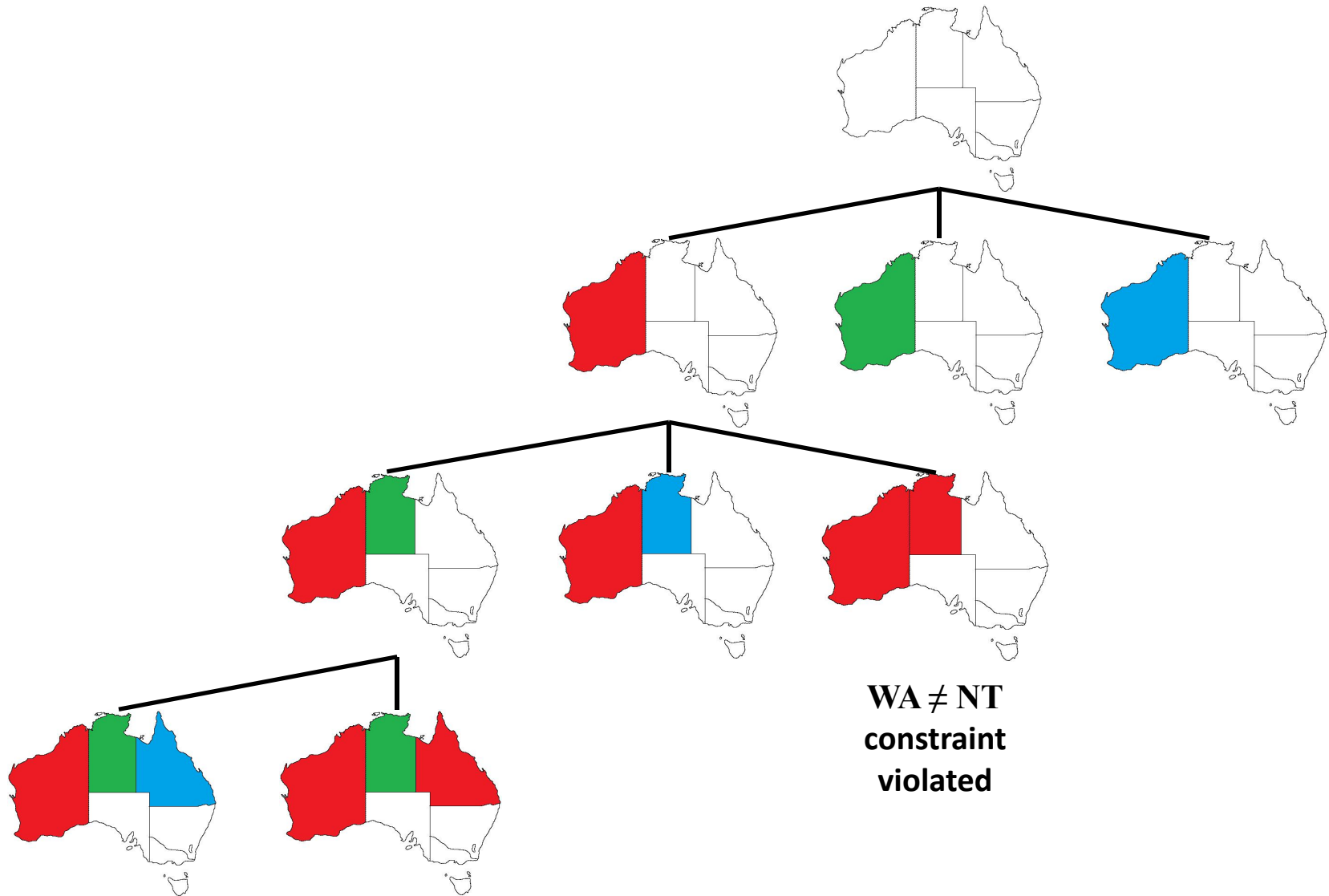
- Enter each city EXACTLY once:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N z_{i,j} = 1$$

- Cost of tour is at most  $C$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N z_{i,j} d_{i,j} \leq COST$$

# CSP as a Tree Search Problem



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