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Alpha - Beta pruning :

Alpha-beta pruning = Alpha beta pruning is a modified version of the min max algo. It is an optimization technique for the minmax algo.

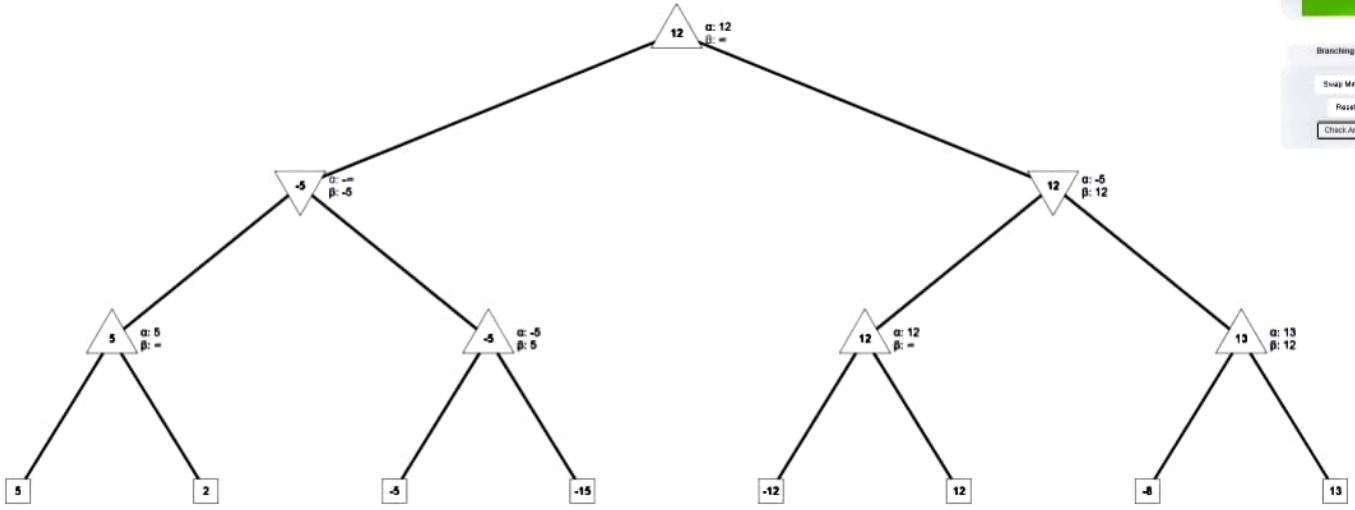
Alpha (α) = The best (highest value)
Initial value of apha is $-\infty$.

Beta (β) = The best (highest value)
Initial value of Beta is $+\infty$.

Rules and conditions :
1) The max player will only update the value of alpha.
2) The min player will only update the value of Beta.
3) We will only pass the alpha, beta values to the child nodes.
4) Node values will be passed to upper nodes instead of values of alpha and beta.

Condition to prune : $a \geq b$ or $b \leq a$

When alpha is greater than or equal to beta



Depth - +

Branching Factor - +

Swap Min/Max | Regenerate Tree

Reset Tree | Show Solution

Check Answer | Correct!

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Nodes are pruned when $\beta \leq \alpha$