

Alpha - Beta pruning :-

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

- Alpha (α) = The last (high value)
= Initial value of alpha is $-\infty$

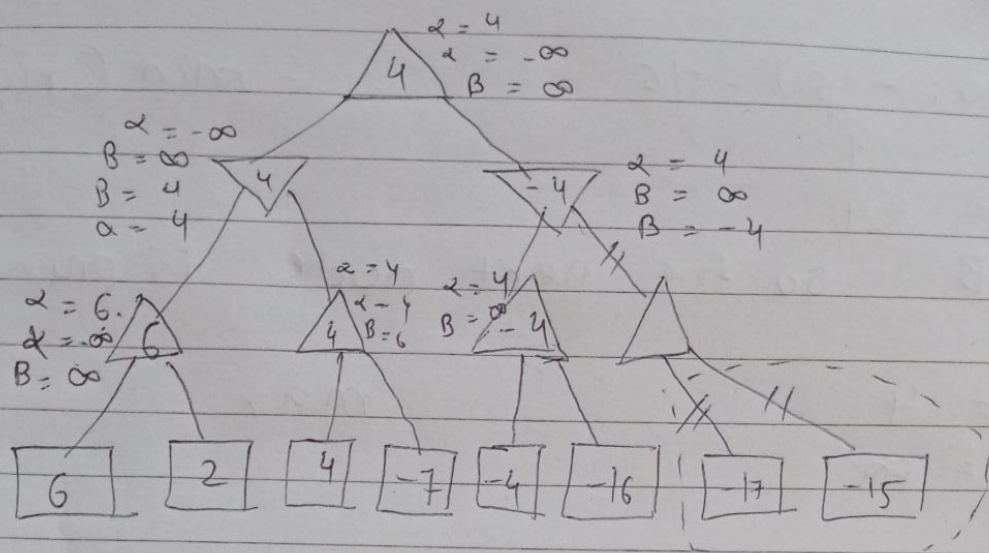
- Beta (β) = The last (higher value)
= Initial value is Beta too

- Rules & conditions :-

- 1) The max player will only update the value of alpha
- 2) The min player will only update the value of β
- 3) we will only have the alpha, beta values to the child nodes
- 4) nodes values will be passed to upper nodes instead of values of alpha & beta

- Condition :- $a \geq b$ or $b \leq a$

- When alpha is greater than or equal to beta.



$$1) \alpha(-\infty, 6) = 6$$

$$\alpha(-\infty, 2) = 2$$

$$\alpha(6, 2) = 6$$

max (Bottom
left)

$$2) B(\infty, 6) = 6$$

- min (left)

$$3) \alpha(-\infty, 4) = 4$$

$$\alpha(-\infty, -7) = -7$$

$$\alpha(4, -7) = 4$$

max (Bottom left)
(left node)

$$4) \alpha(4, -4)$$

Top (max)

$$5) B(6, 4) = 4$$

min (right)

$$6) B(-\infty, 4) = 4$$

max (Bottom
right (right node)

$$7) \alpha(4, -4) = 4$$

$$\alpha(4, -16) = 4$$

$$\alpha(-4, -16) = -4$$

8) $B(\infty, -16) = -16$ - min (right)

$\alpha = 4$

$\beta = -4$

$\alpha \geq \beta$ so the next node is pruned

9) $\alpha = 4$
 $\beta = \infty$

max

$\alpha(4, -4) = 4$

