

## Assignment 2 - Adversarial Search with Alpha-Beta Pruning

### Problem Statement:

You are tasked with implementing the Minimax algorithm with Alpha-Beta Pruning for a two-player game. The game involves a simple game tree where:

- Player A (MAX) tries to maximize the score.
- Player B (MIN) tries to minimize the score.

The game tree is provided as input in a specific format, and your algorithm should compute the optimal value for Player A using Alpha-Beta Pruning. Additionally, it should output the nodes pruned during the process.

### Requirements:

1. Implement the Minimax algorithm with Alpha-Beta Pruning.
2. Ensure that your algorithm:
  - Minimizes the number of nodes evaluated.
  - Correctly tracks and reports pruned nodes.
3. Test the implementation using the sample input provided.

### Input Format:

- A tree represented as an adjacency list. Each node specifies its children and value (if it's a leaf).
- Input will consist of:
  - A root node ID.
  - A dictionary representing the tree structure.

### Output Format:

- The optimal value for Player A (MAX).
- A list of pruned nodes (if any).

Sample Input	Sample Output
root = "A" tree = { "A": ["B", "C"], "B": ["D", "E"], "C": ["F", "G"], "D": [5], "E": [6], "F": [3], "G": [9] }	Optimal Value: 5 Pruned Nodes: ["G"]

Submission Guidelines:

- Deadline: 14 September, Sunday 02:00 pm
- There will be a viva on the assignment.

Pseudocode:

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function minimax(node, depth, isMaximizingPlayer, alpha, beta):  
  
    if node is a leaf node :  
        return value of the node  
  
    if isMaximizingPlayer :  
        bestVal = -INFINITY  
        for each child node :  
            value = minimax(node, depth+1, false, alpha, beta)  
            bestVal = max( bestVal, value)  
            alpha = max( alpha, bestVal)  
            if beta <= alpha:  
                break  
        return bestVal  
  
    else :  
        bestVal = +INFINITY  
        for each child node :  
            value = minimax(node, depth+1, true, alpha, beta)  
            bestVal = min( bestVal, value)  
            beta = min( beta, bestVal)  
            if beta <= alpha:  
                break  
        return bestVal
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