

Games : is Primarily behavioral, this is how Player's Perceive the intelligence. It's not Focused on winning, It enhances Play & enjoyment

\*Many similarities To search

Game tree is like Search tree

→ node → Search State

→ edge → moves

→ leaf nodes → determined Positions

at each node it's one or other Player's turn to move

| search   | Games  |
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| <p>— solution is heuristic Method</p> <p>— Heuristic can Find optimal solution</p> | <p>— solution is strategy</p> <p>(strategy specifies Move for every possible opponent reply)</p> |
| <p>— Evaluation function : cost From start to goal</p>                             | <p>— time limits force an approximate solution</p>   |
| <p>Ex- Path Planning</p> <p>, Scheduling activities</p>                            | <p>Ex- chess, checkers</p> <p><del>chark</del> othello</p> <p>backgammon</p>                     |



Coping with impossibility:

1. usually impossible to solve games completely
2. we can't search entire game tree  
we have to cut off search at a certain depth (like depth bounded depth first, lose completeness)
3. we have to estimate cost of internal nodes
4. using evaluation function
  - Based on static features

$F(n) > 0$  → winning in position  $n$

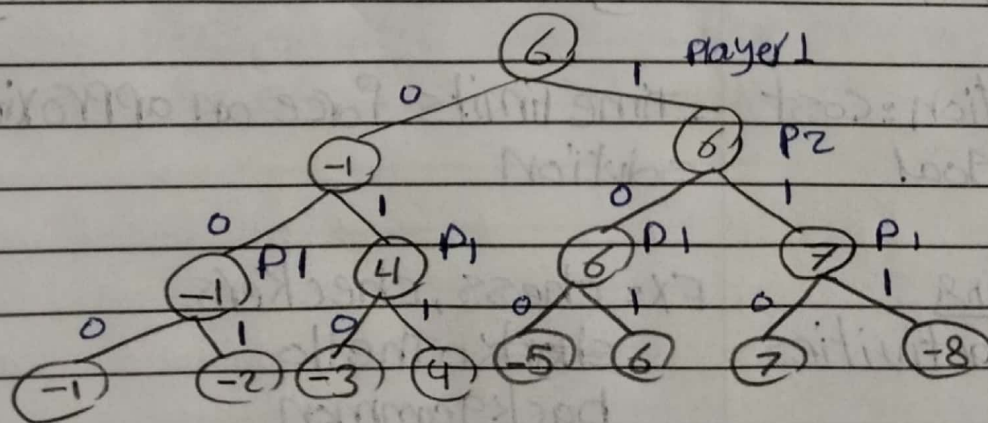
$F(n) = 0$  → Position  $n$  is tied

$F(n) < 0$  → opponent winning

Minimizes

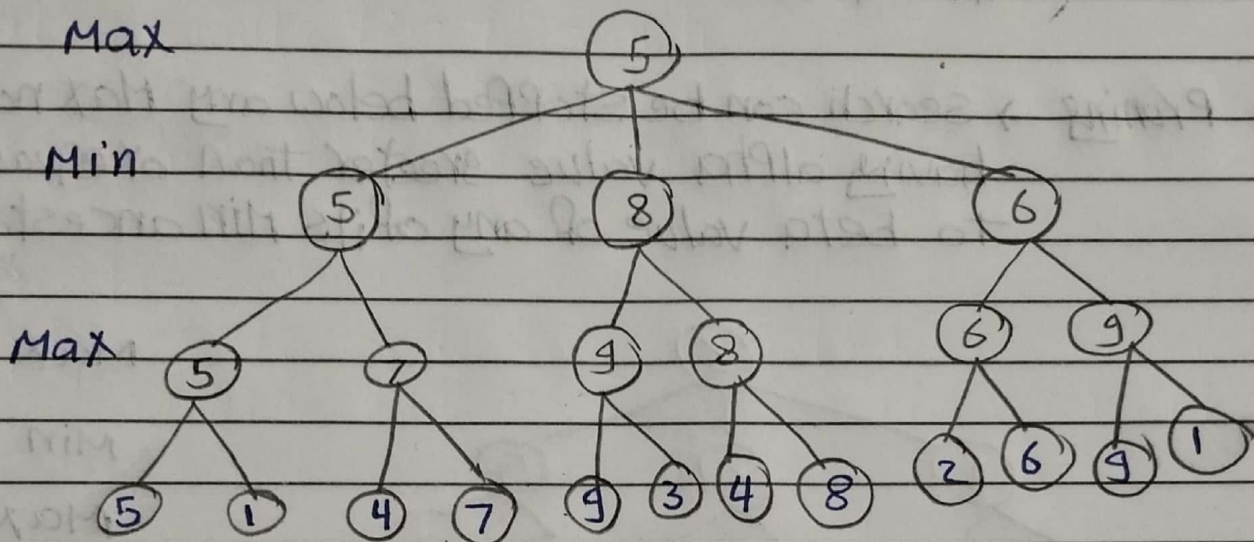
Min's best strategy :: (MiniMax)

choose the Move that minimizes the score that will result when Max choose the Maximizing move.





Minimax : 1. Complete (if tree <sup>is finite</sup> complete)  
 2. optimal  
 3. time  $\rightarrow O(b^m)$   
 4. space  $\rightarrow O(bm)$



Alpha & Beta values :

① Max node has  $\alpha$  value  $\rightarrow$  is lower bound on minimax score  
 $\hookrightarrow$  with best Play Max can score at least  $\alpha$

② Min node has  $\beta$  value  $\rightarrow$  is upper bound on minimax score  
 $\hookrightarrow$  with best Play Min can score no more than  $\beta$

\* if  $\beta = \alpha \rightarrow$  Min can do as well without letting Max  
 so we need not continue set here

\*  $\alpha$  can't decrease  
 $\beta$  can't increase

\* Alpha Pruning → Search can be stopped below any Min node having a beta value less than or equal to alpha value of any of its Max ancestors.

\* Beta Pruning → Search can be stopped below any Max node having alpha value greater than or equal to beta value of any of its Min ancestors.

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