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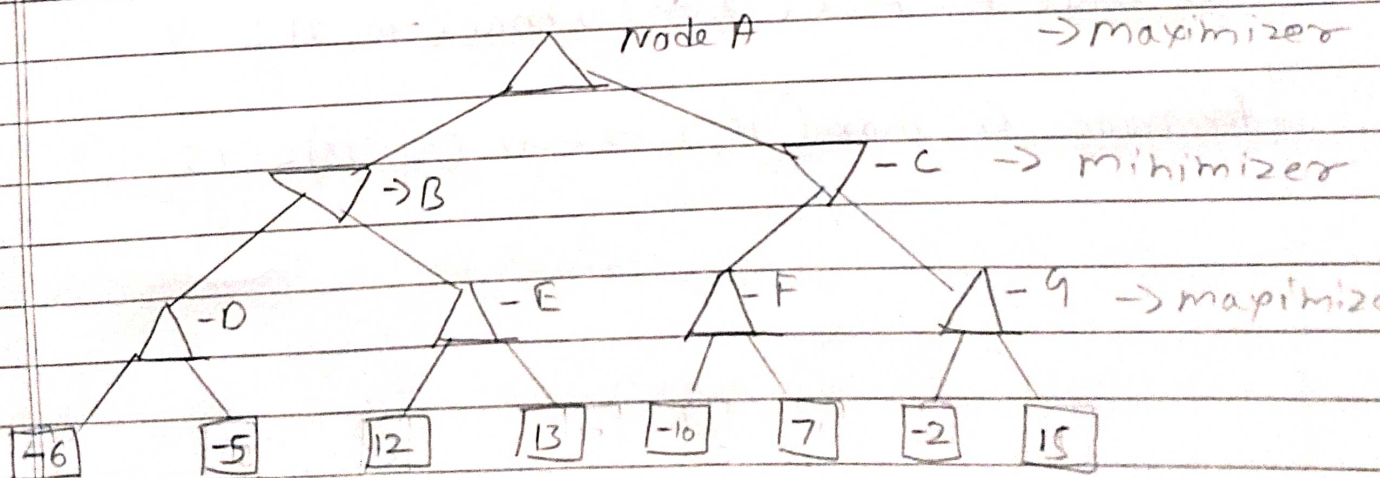
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* Min-max Algorithm :-

Min-max Algorithm is a recursive or back-tracking algo which is used in decision making and game theory. It provides an optimal move for the player assuming that opponent is also playing optimally.

- min max algo uses recursion to search through the game tree
- In this algo two players play the game, one is called max and other is called min
- min-max algo is mostly used for game playing in AI

Step 1 :- Let take A is the initial state of the tree. Suppose maximize take first turn (when x) which has worst case initial value $= -\infty$, and minimize will take next turn which has worst case initial value $= +\infty$.



Terminal Node

Step 2:-

first find the utilities value for the maximum, its initial value is $-\infty$, so we will compare each value in terminal state with initial value of maximize and determine the higher node value. It will find the maximum among all.

for node D : $\max(4, \infty) \rightarrow \max(4, -12) = 4$

for node E : $\max(17, 4) \rightarrow \max(-3, 17) = 17$

for node F : $\max(11, \infty) \rightarrow \max(-12, 11) = 11$

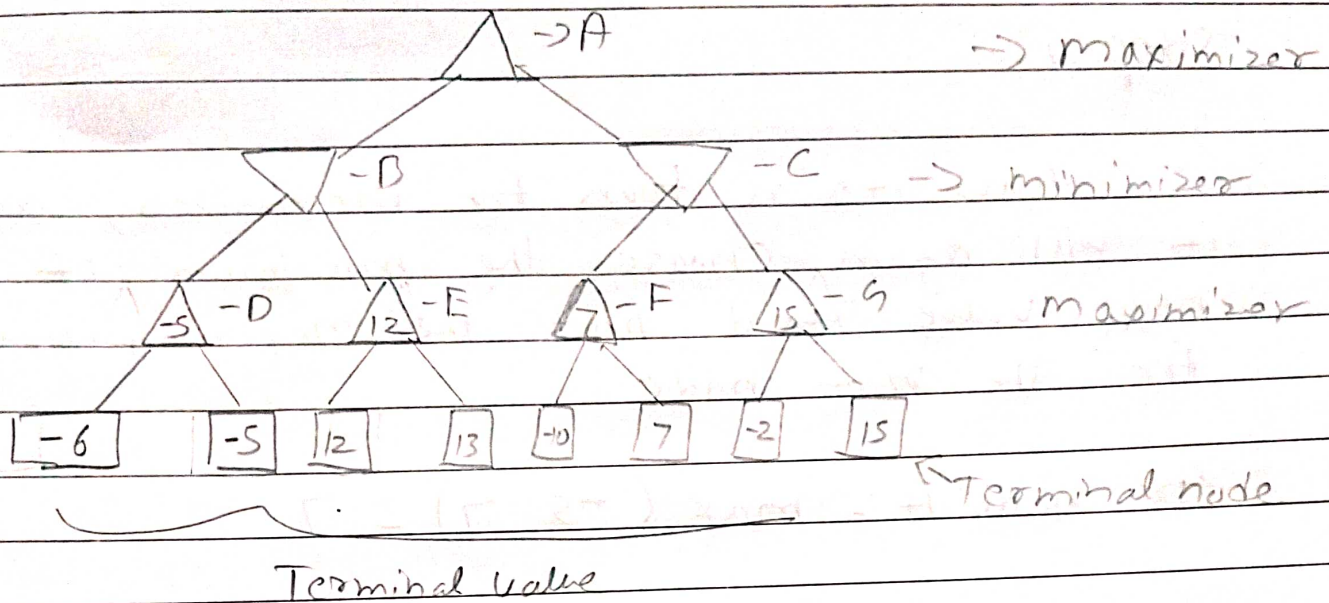
for node G : $\max(6, 11) \rightarrow \max(6, 1) = 6$

for node D : $\max(-5, \infty) \rightarrow \max(-6, -5) = -5$

for node E : $\max(12, -5) \rightarrow \max(12, 13) = 12$

for node F : $\max(7, \infty) \rightarrow \max(-10, 7) = 7$

for node G : $\max(15, 7) \rightarrow \max(-2, 15) = 15$

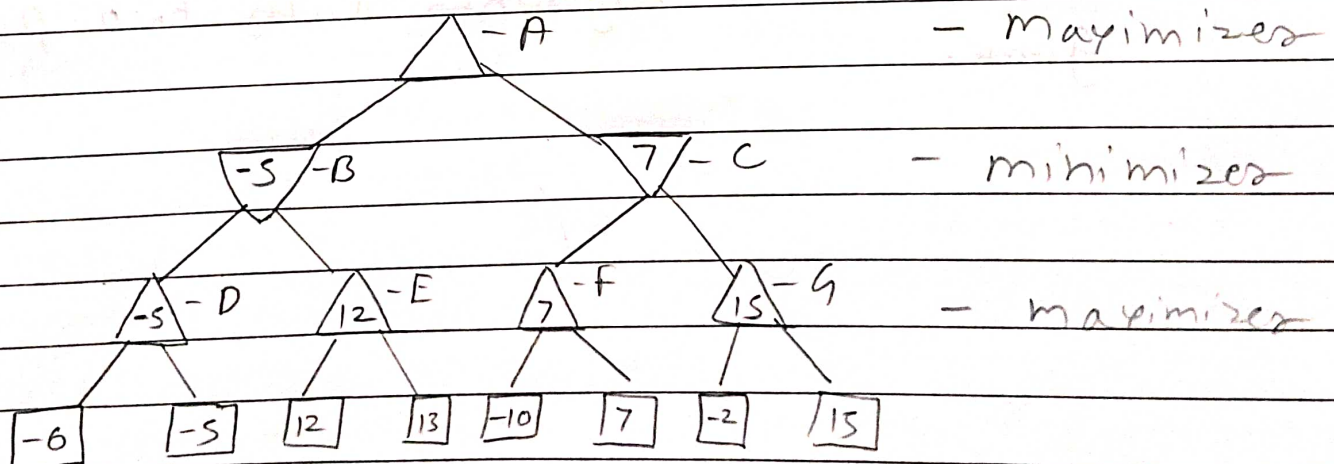


Step 3 :-

In the next step, It's a turn for minimizer, so it will compare all node value with two and will find the 3rd layer node value

for node B - $\min(\text{value of D}, \text{value of E}) = \min(-5, 12) = -5$

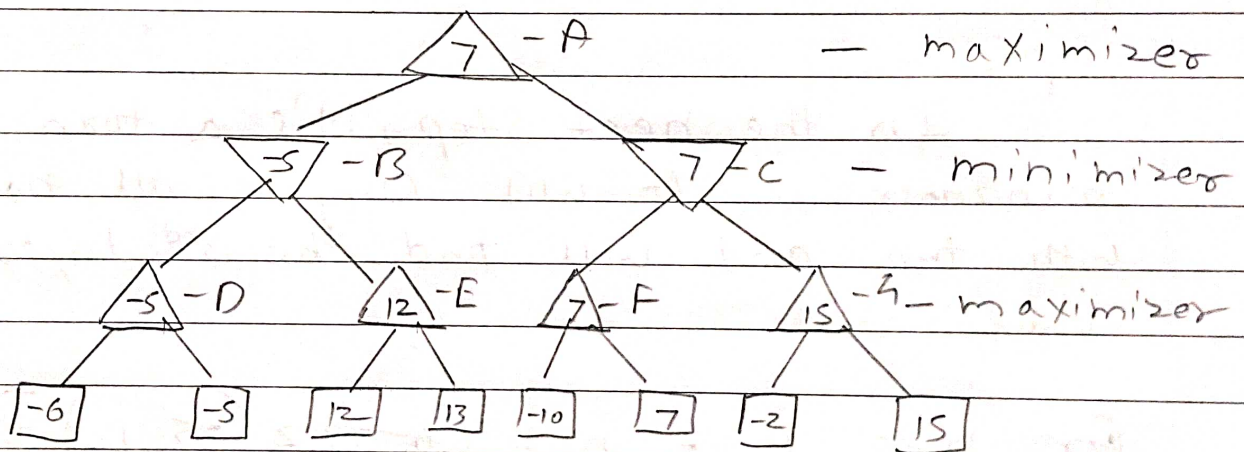
for node C - $\min(\text{value of F}, \text{value of G}) = \min(7, 15) = 7$



Step 4:-

Now it's a turn for maximizer, and it will again choose the maximum of all node value and find the maximum value for the root node

for node A:- $\max(-5, 7) = 7$



Hence, it was the complete workflow of the minimax Algorithm with two players game.