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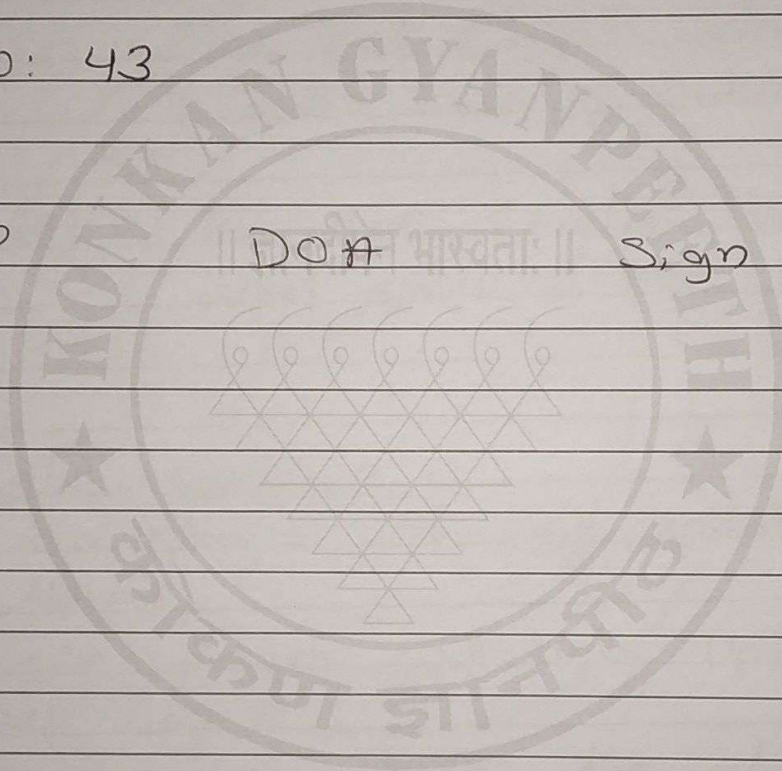
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Alpha - Beta Pruning

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

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

Beta (β) = The Best (highest value)
Initial value is Beta is $+\infty$

Rule and condition

The max player will only update the value of Alpha.

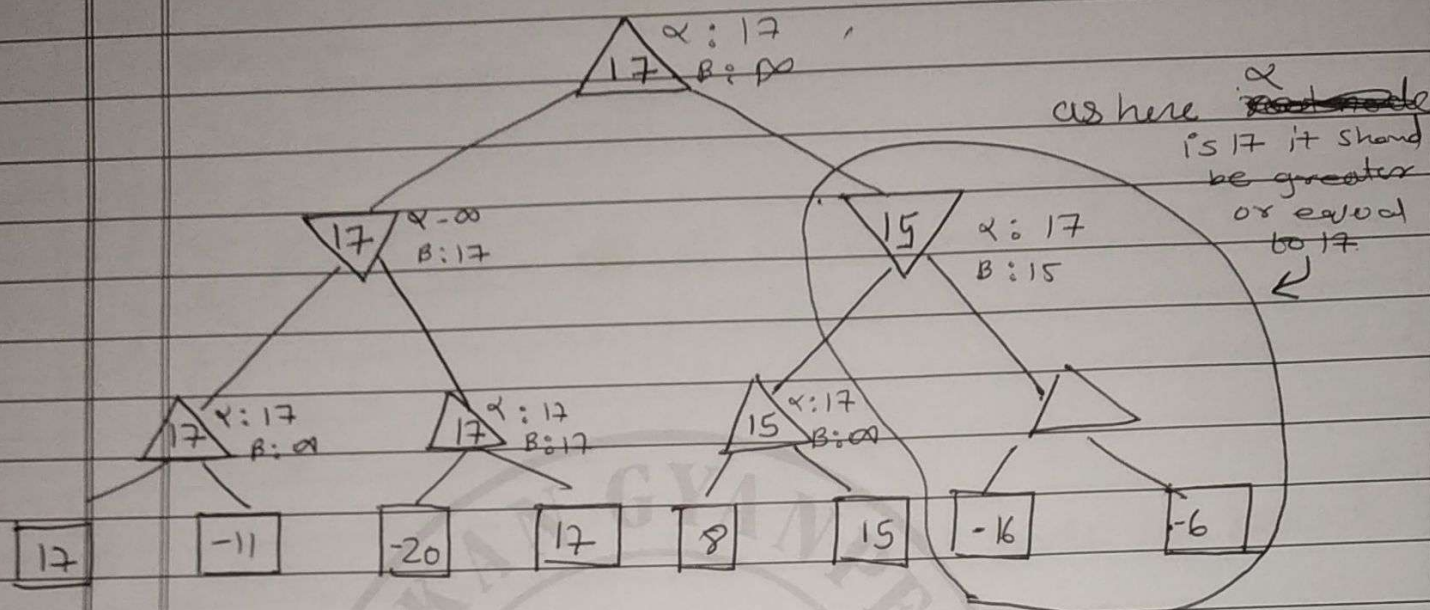
The min player will only update the value of β .

We will only pass the alpha, beta value to the child nodes.

Nodes value will be passed to upper node instead of values of alpha & beta.

Condition to prune : $\alpha \geq \beta$ or $\beta \leq \alpha$.

When alpha is greater than or equal to beta.



$$\alpha(-\infty, 17) = 17$$

$$\alpha(-\infty, -11) = -11$$

$$\alpha(+17, -11) = +17$$

- Max (Bottom left)

$$\beta(\infty, 17) = 17$$

- min (left)

$$\alpha(-\infty, -20) = -20$$

$$\alpha(-\infty, +17) = +17$$

$$\alpha(-20, +17) = 17$$

- max (bottom
left) (left node)

$$\alpha(17, 17) = 17$$

Top (max)

$$\alpha(17, 17) = 17$$

min (right)

$$\alpha(-\infty, 17) =$$

$$\alpha(17, 15) = 17$$

max Bottom
right

$$\alpha(17, 8) = 17$$

$$\alpha(17, 15) = 17$$

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$$\beta(\infty, 15) = 15 \quad \text{min (right)}$$

$$\alpha = 17$$

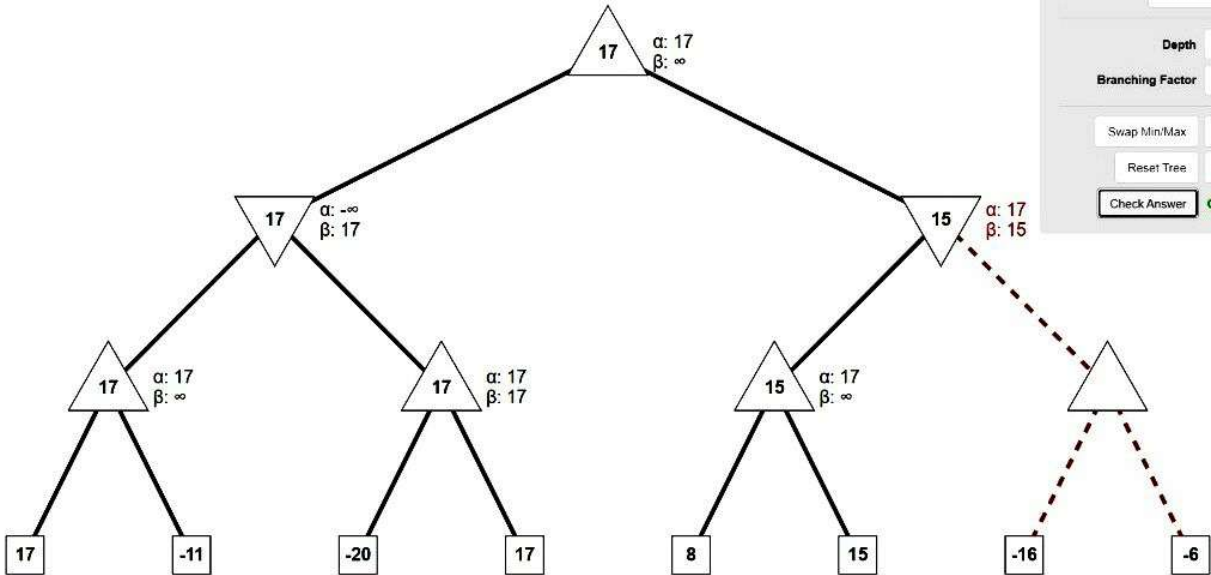
$$\beta = 15$$

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

$$\alpha = (17)$$

$$\beta = (\infty)$$

$$\alpha(17, 15) = \underline{\underline{17}} \quad s$$



Start Animation

Depth - +

Branching Factor - +

Swap Min/Max Regenerate Tree

Reset Tree Show Solution

Check Answer **Correct!**