

# Minimax Algorithm

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## Min-Max Algorithm:

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It is recursive algo which is used in decision making and game theory. It provides an optimal move for player assuming that opponent is also playing optimally.

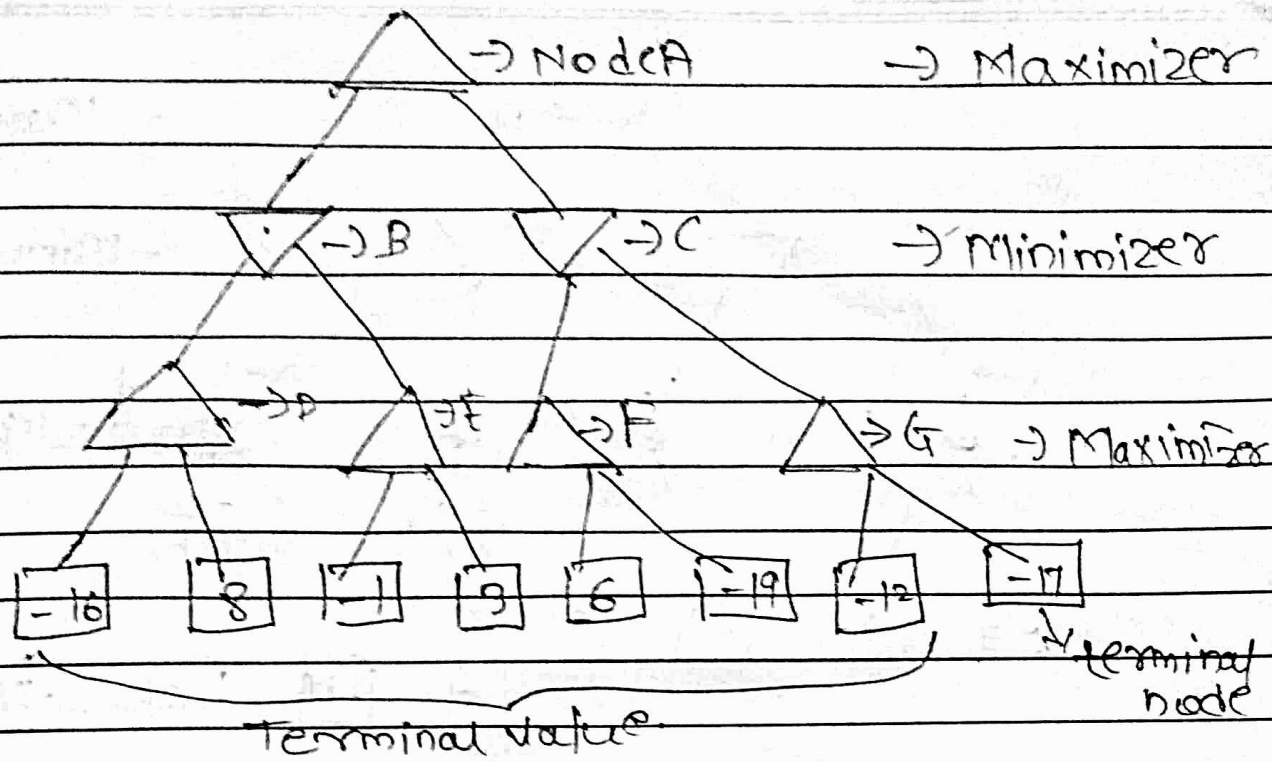
- Min max algo uses recursion to search through game tree.

In this algo 2 players play game, one is called MAX and other is MIN.

Min-Max algo is used for game playing in AI.

\* Step 1:

Lets take A is initial state of tree. Suppose max "takes first two ~~one~~ or which has worst case initial value =  $-\infty$ , and min will take next two which has worst case initial value =  $+\infty$ .



\* Step 2:

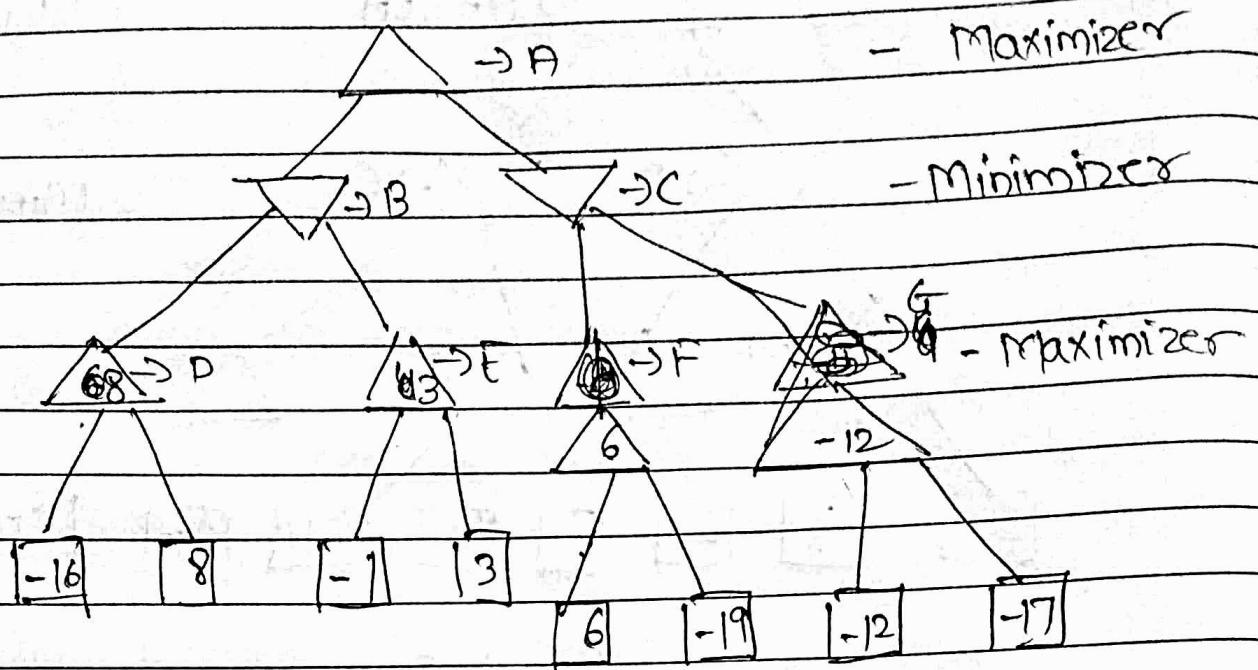
First we find utilities value for maximizer, its initial value is  $-\infty$ , so we will compare each value in terminal state with initial value of maximizer & determines higher needed values. It will find max among all.

$$\text{For Node D: } \max(-16, -\infty) \rightarrow \max(-16, 8) = 8$$

$$\text{For Node E: } \max(-1, -\infty) \rightarrow \max(-1, 3) = 3$$

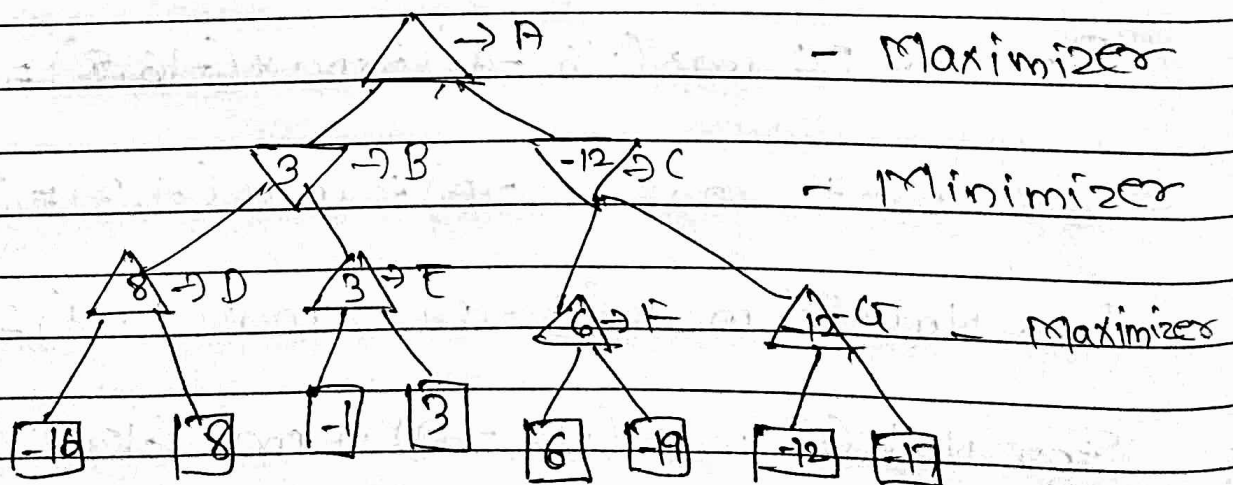
$$\text{For Node F: } \max(6, -\infty) \rightarrow \max(6, -19) = 6$$

$$\text{For Node G: } \max(-12, -\infty) \rightarrow \max(-12, -17) = -12$$



- Step 3:

In next step, it's turn for minimizer, so it will compare all nodes value with 2 & will find 3<sup>rd</sup> layer node value



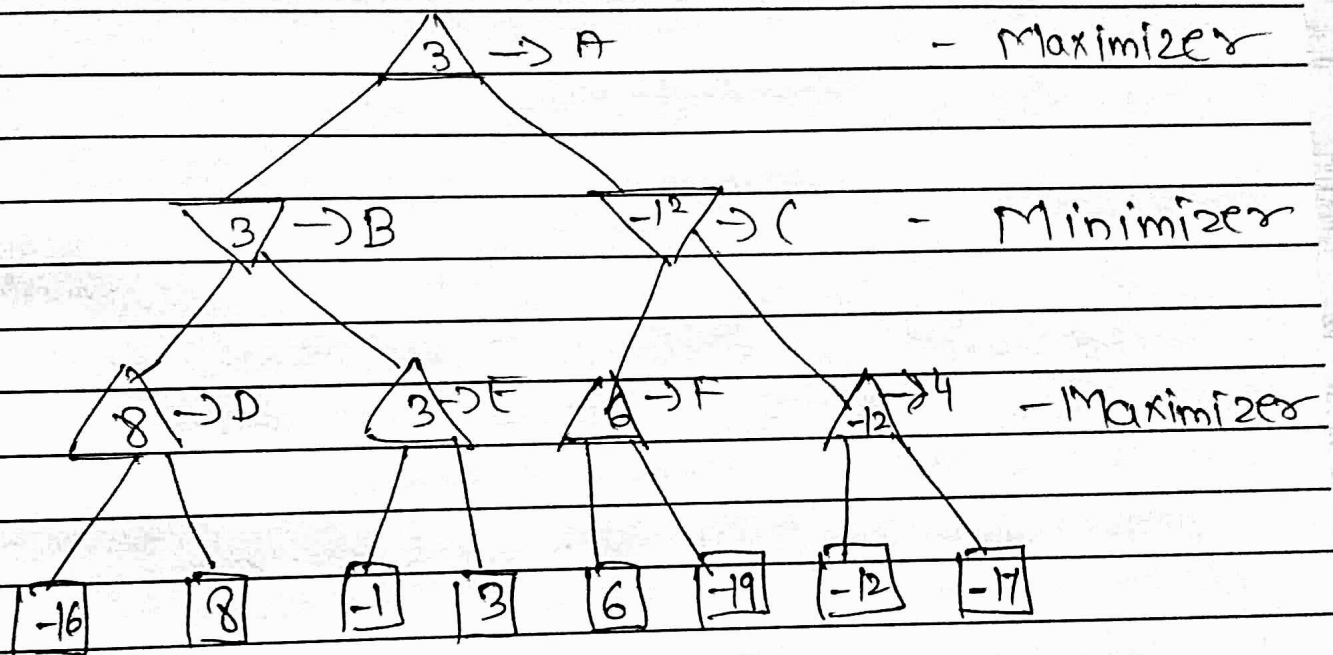
For Node B:  $\min(8, 3) = 3$

For Node C:  $\min(6, -12) = -12$

\* Step 4:

Now its turn for maximizer and it will again choose maximum of all nodes values and find maximum all node values & find ~~max~~ max. value at for root node.

for node A:  $\max(3, -12) = 3$



Hence, it was complete workflow of minmax algorithm with two play games