

U-3 (Adversarial Search & Games in AI)

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* Adversarial Search

- problem environment is multiagent, competitive when agent's goal are in conflict.
- known as games.
- Mathematical game theory → economic view of any multiagent environment as a game

* Game -

~~* defn~~

- sort of conflict in which n individuals or groups (known as players) participate.
- game theory → games of strategy.
- John Von Neumann → father of game theory → 1923.
- game theory → decision-makers (players) → cope with other decision-maker (players) → diff purpose in mind.
- players determine own strategies of goals of opponent.
- games → integral attribute of human beings.
- computers → mimic people → able to play games.

Game playing → close relation to intelligence
& well-defined states and rules.

Application of Game Theory -

wideranging -

- von Neumann & Morgenstern indicated → utility of game theory
- economic models
- social sciences
- epidemiologists
- military strategists

limitation → could be inaccurate
 → computationally expensive
 → sensitive to game
 → & difficult to adapt



Game

- atleast two players
- solitaire → not considered a game by game theory.
- choosing from set of specified alternatives → move.
- games in which all moves of all players are known ~~to defn~~ → to everyone → games of perfect information.
- Board games → perfect info.
- card games → not perfect info.
- every instance of game must end -
- ~~defn~~ payoff → value associated with each player's final situation.

Theorems in Game Theory -

- rules → stipulates the cond" under which game begins.
- strategy → list of optimal choices for each player at every stage of a given game
- move → game progresses from one stage to another, beginning with an initial state.
- Minimax → the least good of all good outcomes.
- Maximin → the last bad of all bad outcomes.

* Characteristics of Game play -

- unpredictable opponent
- opponent introduces uncertainty / wants to win.
- Some limits

* Types of Games :-

i)

Based on chance

- 1) Deterministic
(not involving chance)
- 2) Non-deterministic
(can involve chance)

eg - chess, checkers, Tic-tac-toe

eg - Backgammon, Monopoly

ii)

Based on information

- 1) Perfect Information.

(all moves of all players
are known to everyone.)

eg - chess, checker, tic-tac-toe .

- 2) Imperfect Information

(all moves are not known
to everyone)

eg - Bridge, Poker, Scrabble

iii) General zero-sum games.

- choose strategies simultaneously (neither knowing what other player).
- eg → chess → one person will lose & one will win.
- win (+1) & lose (-1) = 0.

iv) Constant-sum game.

- algebraic sum of outcomes → constant.
- not necessarily zero.
- strategically equivalent to zero-sum games.

v) Non-zero-sum game -

- algebraic sum → outcomes are not constant.
- sum of payoffs → net gain for all outcomes.

- negative sum game (competitive) - nobody wins, everybody loses.
- positive sum game (co-operative) - one goal, contribute together.

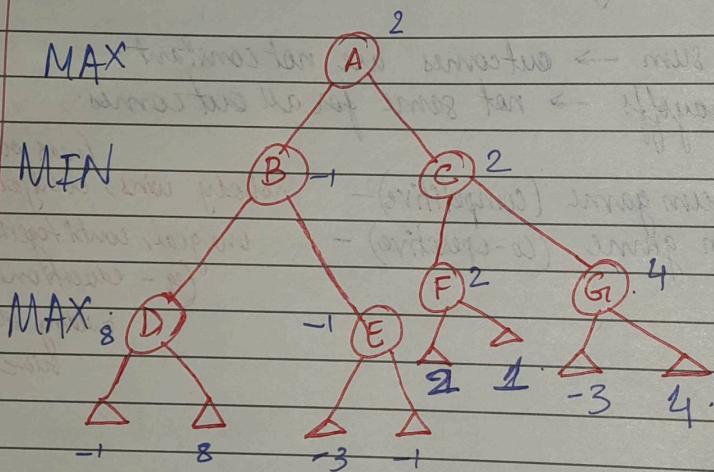
(was or a little)
(eg - educational game,
building block or
science exhibit)

vi) N-person game -

- more than 2 players
- analysis → more complex than zero-sum games.
- conflicts of interest are less obvious.

* Min-Max Algorithm

- Backtracking algorithm.
- Best move strategy used.
- max will try to maximize its utility (Best move)
- min will try to minimize utility (Worst move)
- minmax decision from current state.
- used as searching technique in game problem.
- complete depth-first exploration of game.
- Time complexity $\rightarrow O(b^d)$
 b - branching factor
 d - depth of graph



* Properties →

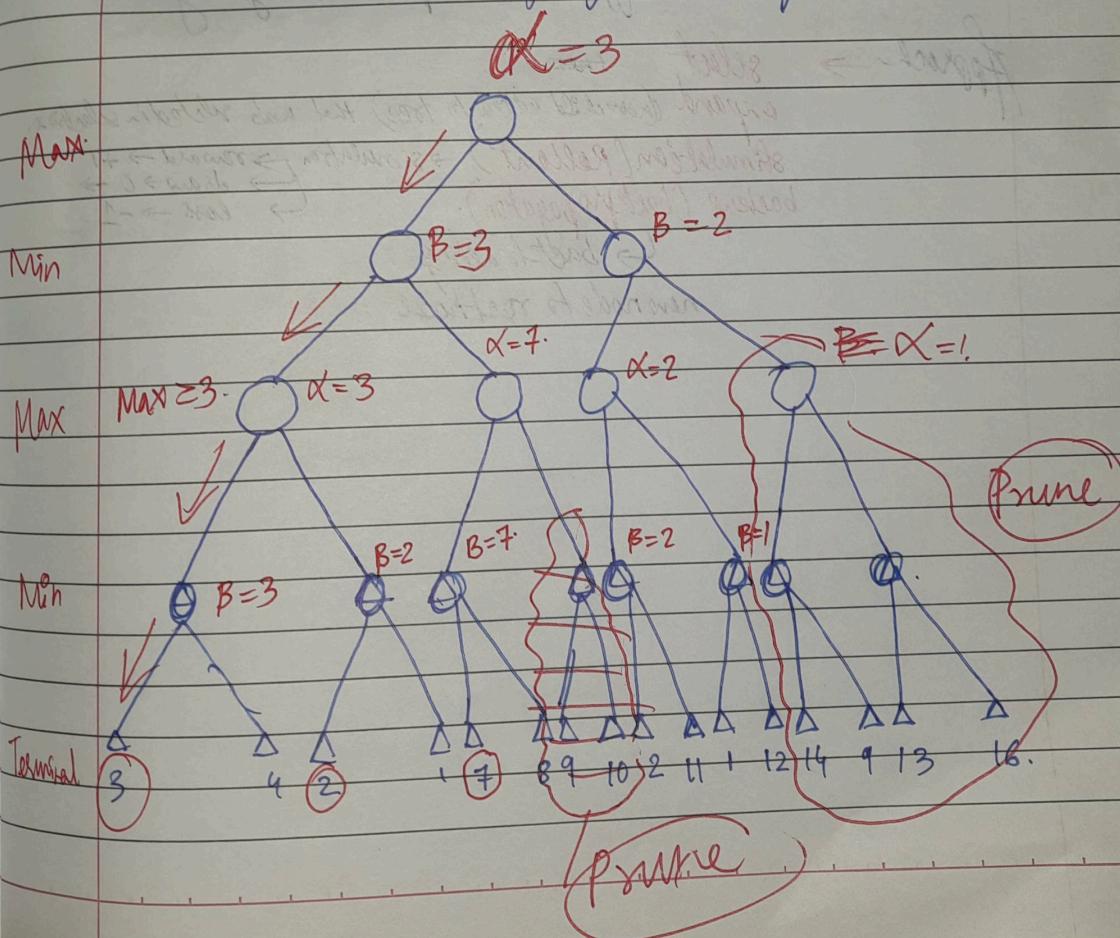
- complete soln for finite tree.
- optimal strategy \Rightarrow optimal opponent.

* Disadv →

- explores whole search space
- huge search game spaces \rightarrow lot of time.
- exact solution is completely infeasible.

Alpha Beta Pruning ($\alpha - \beta$)

- cutoff search by exploring less no. of nodes
 $\text{max} \rightarrow \alpha$ $\text{min} \rightarrow \beta$
- Search tree
- Advantages
 - reduce amt of time (search)
 - improve accuracy
 - simple algorithm to implement
- Disadvantages
 - difficult to implement correctly
 - less efficient in some case, such as when game tree is sparse.



Monte Carlo Tree Search - (MCTS)

- probabilistic & heuristic driven search.
- works on repeatedly simulating a game from given state.
- each simulation → playout → estimate value of each state.
- advantage → explore large game trees
 - use to play games that are complex (Brute force search)
 - learn from experience → updating
 - estimates of value of states → result of playing
- reliability issue.
- disadvantages
 - slow to converge (large no. of possible moves)
 - sensitive → choice of parameter.
 - difficult to adapt → changes in game.

Approach → select
 expand (new child added to tree) that was selected in selection.
 simulation (Rollout) → simulation

- reward → +1
- draw → 0
- loss → -1

 backup (backpropagation)

- backtracking
- new node to root node

Constraint Satisfaction Problem.

→ consists of 3 components V, D, C .

variables → Domains → constraints.
 $\{N, NW, NE,\}$
 $M, MW, ME,\}$
 $S, SE\}$

$D = \{red, green, blue\}$
 adjacent regions must have diff color

→ finding solⁿ that meets the constraints.

→ V is set of variables $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$

→ D is set of domains $\{D_1, D_2, D_3, \dots, D_n\}$ one for each variable

→ C → set of constraints that specify allowable combination of values.

$$C_i = (\text{scope}, \text{rel}) \quad \{C_1, C_2, C_3\}$$

→ scope is set of variable that participate in constraint.

→ rel is set relation that defines values that variable to take.

→ Properties in CSPs

- specific partial info
- non-directional
- declarative
- additive
- independent