

ICS 271
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Homework Assignment 3
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1. (a) $< 3^9$
(b) Depth of the tree = 9 (excluding root node)
Does the complete game tree contain all the board positions you counted in (a)? No, eg. 'less ○ than ×' will not appear in the tree.
Does it contain additional board positions? No.
(c) See Figure 1.
(d) See Figure 1.
(e) See Figures 2-4.
2. Yes. The game tree is complete, so alpha-beta pruning algorithm is guaranteed to force a win.
3. (a) First node from left to right. (See Figure 5)
(b) See Figure 5.
4. If $a > 0$, then we have

$$\min(5ax_1 + b, 5ax_2 + b, \dots, 5ax_n + b) = 5a \min(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + b$$

$$\max(5ax_1 + b, 5ax_2 + b, \dots, 5ax_n + b) = 5a \max(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) + b$$

That means the linear transformation ($a > 0$) of leaf nodes would not affect the value of parent node. Maximum or minimum choice would not change.

5. Take the average over all n executions is Monte Carlo method. According to **Strong Law of Large Numbers**,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X}), x_i \in \mathbf{X}$$

The average of more samples lead to the true expected value.

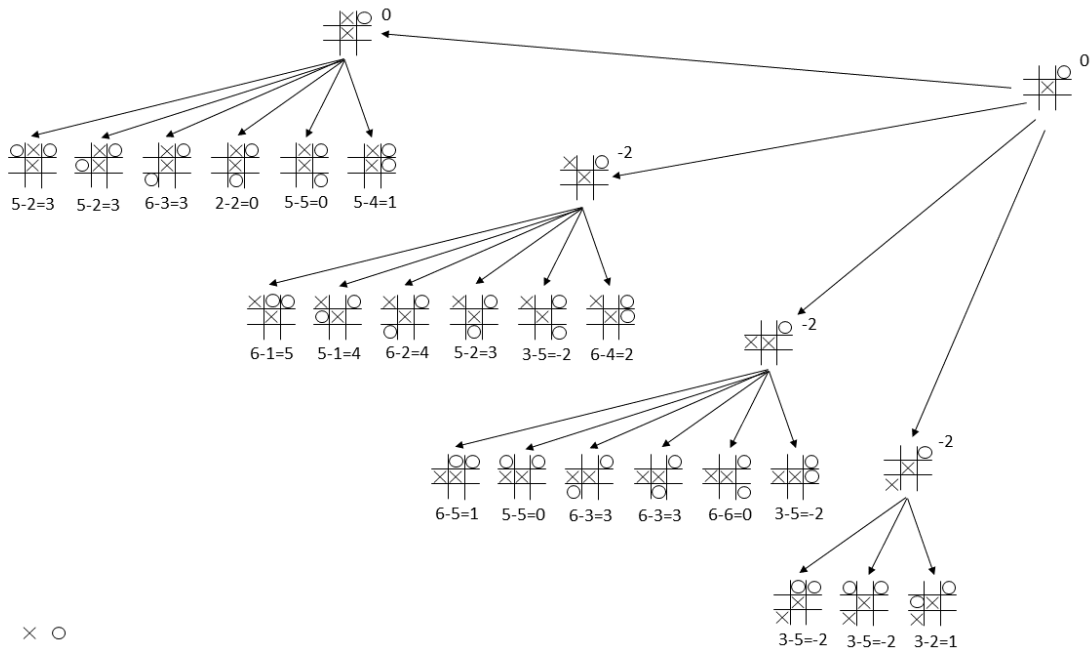


Figure 1:

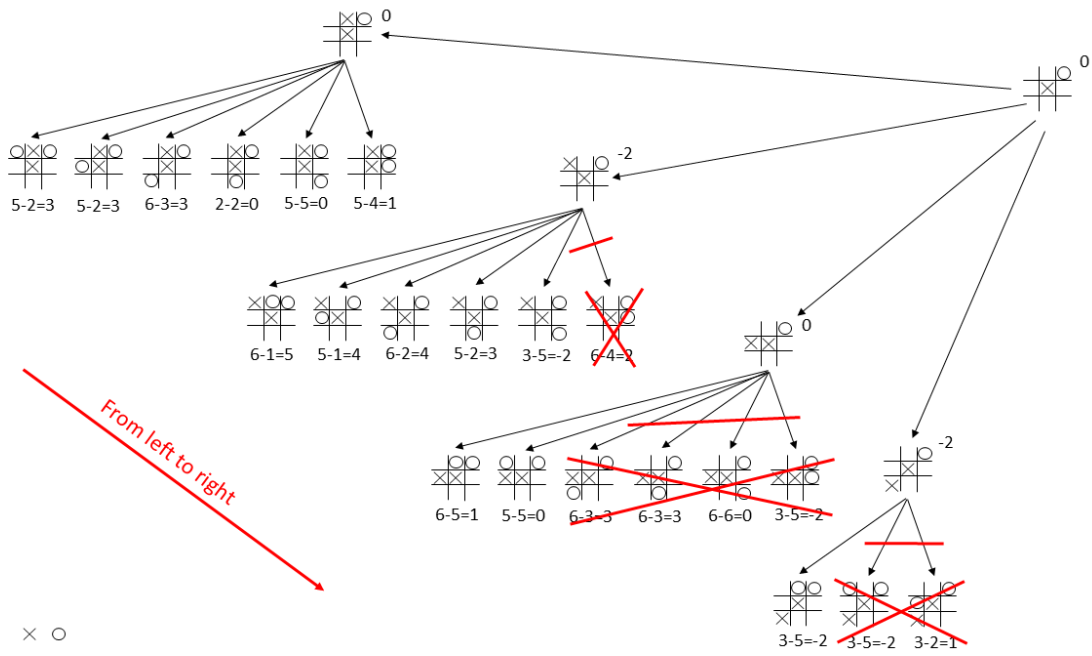


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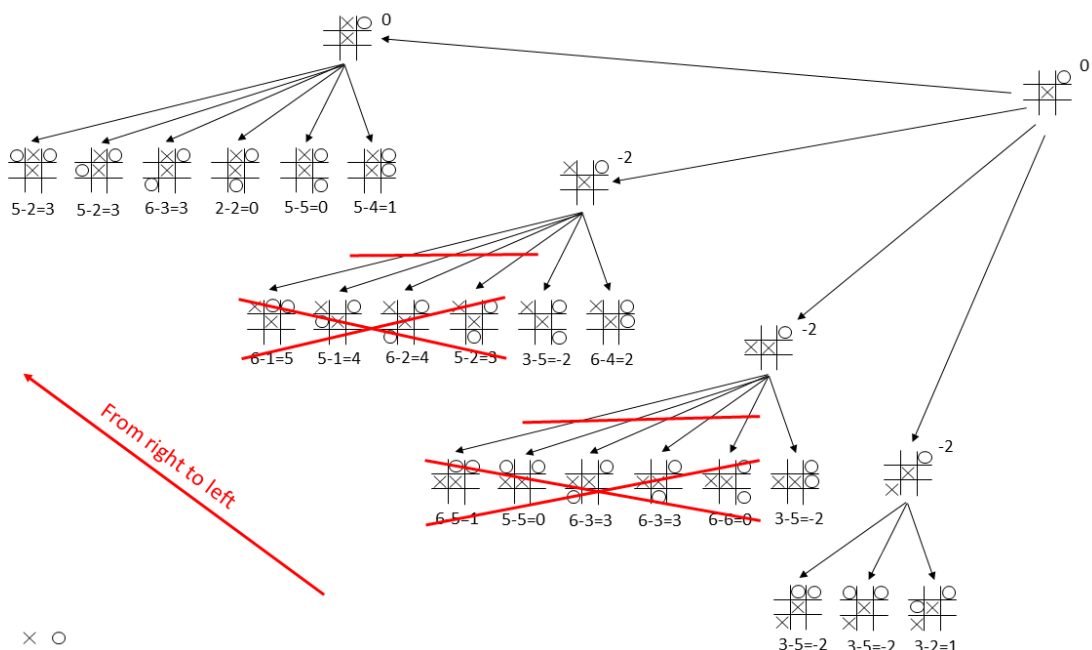


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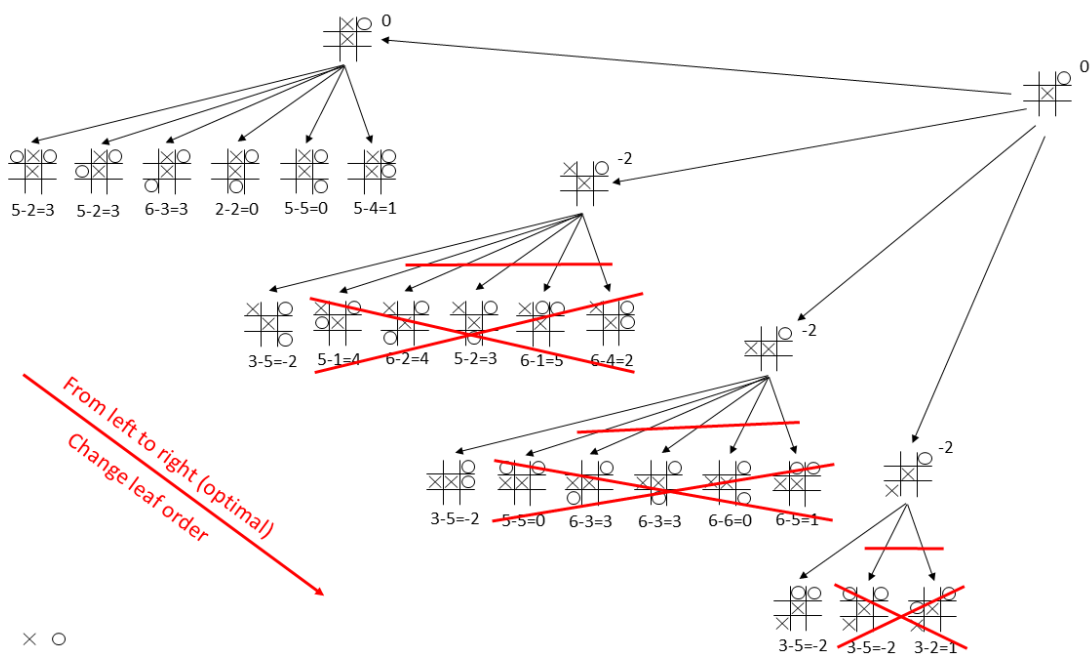


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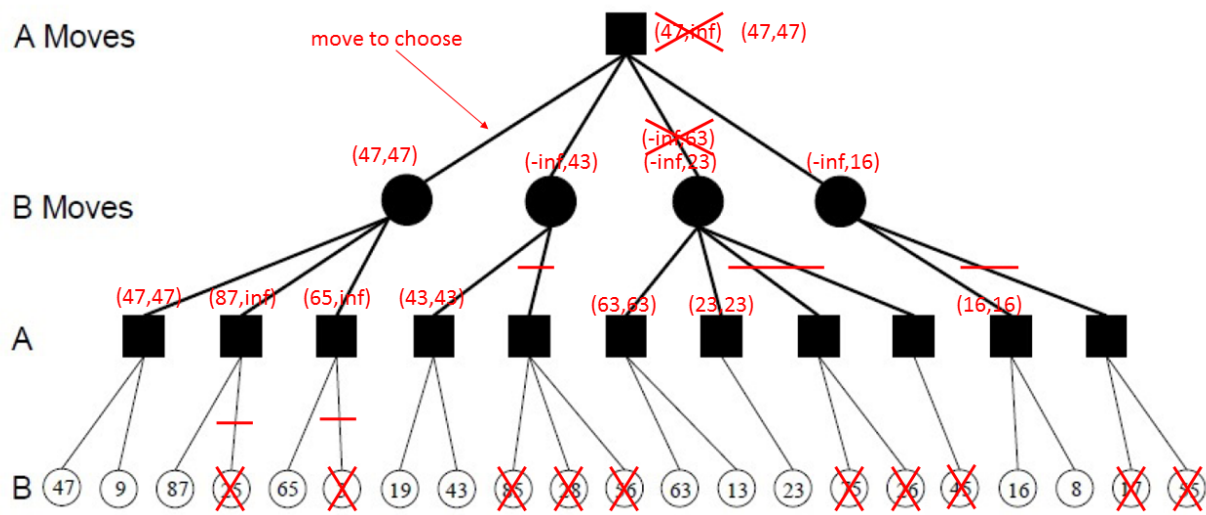


Figure 5: