

ALPHA-BETA PRUNING

MAX, MIN = 1000, -1000

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def minimax(depth, nodeIndex, maximizingPlayer, values, alpha, beta):  
    if depth == 3:  
        return values[nodeIndex]
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    if maximizingPlayer:  
        best = MIN  
        for i in range(0, 2):  
            val = minimax(depth + 1, nodeIndex * 2 + i, False, values, alpha, beta)  
            best = max(best, val)  
            alpha = max(alpha, best)  
            if beta <= alpha:  
                break  
        return best  
    else:  
        best = MAX  
        for i in range(0, 2):  
            val = minimax(depth + 1, nodeIndex * 2 + i, True, values, alpha, beta)  
            best = min(best, val)  
            beta = min(beta, best)  
            if beta <= alpha:  
                break  
        return best
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if __name__ == "__main__":  
    values = [3, 5, 6, 9, 1, 2, 0, -1]  
    print("The optimal value is:", minimax(0, 0, True, values, MIN, MAX))  
output:  
The optimal value is: 5
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