# Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence Laboratory

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Minimax with alpha-beta pruning



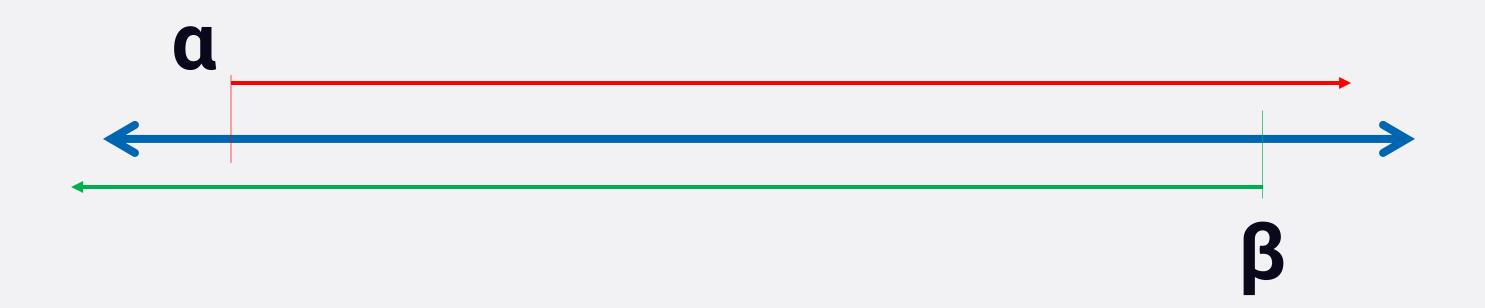
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- a: Alpha is the maximum lower bound of possible solutions. It is equivalent to ≥ -∞
- β: Beta is the minimum upper bound of possible solutions. It is equivalent to ≤ ∞.

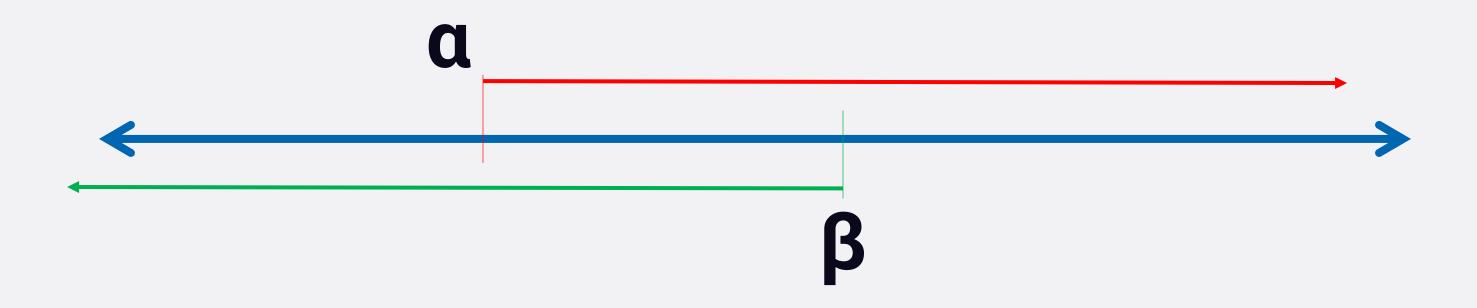
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