

Alpha-beta pruning

Function A-B-SEARCH (state)
 $(v, a) = \text{max-value(state, } -\infty, +\infty)$
return a

Function MAX-VALUE (state, α , β)
IF terminal(state) THEN return utility(state)
 $v = -\infty$
FOREACH (a, s) in successors DO
 $v = \max(v, \text{min-value}(s, \alpha, \beta))$
 a = action that corresponds to v
 IF $v \geq \beta$ THEN return (v, a) ←
 $\alpha = \max(\alpha, v)$
return (v, a)

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Function MIN-VALUE (state)
IF terminal(state) THEN return utility(state)
 $v = +\infty$
FOREACH (a, s) in successors DO
 $v = \min(v, \text{max-value}(s, \alpha, \beta))$
 a = actions that corresponds to v
 IF $v \leq \alpha$ THEN return (v, a) ←
 $\beta = \min(\beta, v)$
return (v, a)

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