

1st and 5 from the 5, 20 seconds left				
Cross (2) vs Prevent (3)				
		Key	Prob	Value
19, 4, false	WIN		0.2	1
0, 1, true	LOSS		0.05	0
22, 2, false	WIN		0.25	1
47, 3, false	WIN		0.1	1
0, 1 false	2-5 @5, 15sec	5,3,5,3	0.4	0.659667
				0.813867
2nd and 11 from the 45, 60 seconds left				
Slant (1) vs Blast (1)				
-1, 4, false	3-12 from 46, 40 sec	46,2,12,8	0.2	0.243445
20, 3, false	1-10 from 25, 45 sec	25,4,10,9	0.05	0.590648
10, 2, false	3-1 from 35, 50 sec	35,2,1,10	0.25	0.484103
7, 2, false	3-4 from 38, 50 sec	38,2,4,10	0.1	0.407997
4, 2, false	3-7 from 41, 50 sec	41,2,7,10	0.4	0.374094
				0.389684

[0.732121, 0.638194, 0.918791]  
 [0.564917, 0.631933, 0.813867]  
 [0.779833, 0.713867, 0.628784]

[0.389684, 0.340814, 0.399850]  
 [0.361404, 0.395205, 0.507141]  
 [0.563908, 0.408008, 0.400010]

# Alpha-Beta Pruning

bounds

Alpha-Beta ( $p, \alpha, \beta, \text{depth}, h$ ) returns

what Minimax returns  
w/ same depth, h

value ( $p$ )  
 $h(p)$

if  $p$  terminal  
if  $\text{depth} = 0$

MM( $p$ )

if  $\alpha \leq \text{MM}(p) \leq \beta$

with fail-soft  
mods below

→ lower bound on  $\text{MM}(p)$   
a.s.t.  $\beta \leq a \leq \text{MM}(p)$   
→ upper bound on  $\text{MM}(p)$   
s.t.  $\text{MM}(p) \leq b \leq \alpha$

if  $\text{MM}(p) \geq \beta$

if  $\text{MM}(p) \leq \alpha$

if  $p$  is terminal then return value ( $p$ )

if  $\text{depth} = 0$  then return heuristic ( $p$ )

if  $p$  is a max position

for each position  $p'$  reachable in one move from  $p$  while  $\alpha < \beta$   
 $a \leftarrow \max(a, \text{AB}(p', \alpha, \beta, \text{depth}-1, h))$   
 $\alpha \leftarrow \max(a, \alpha)$

modify to  
fail soft;  
return value is bound

return  $a$

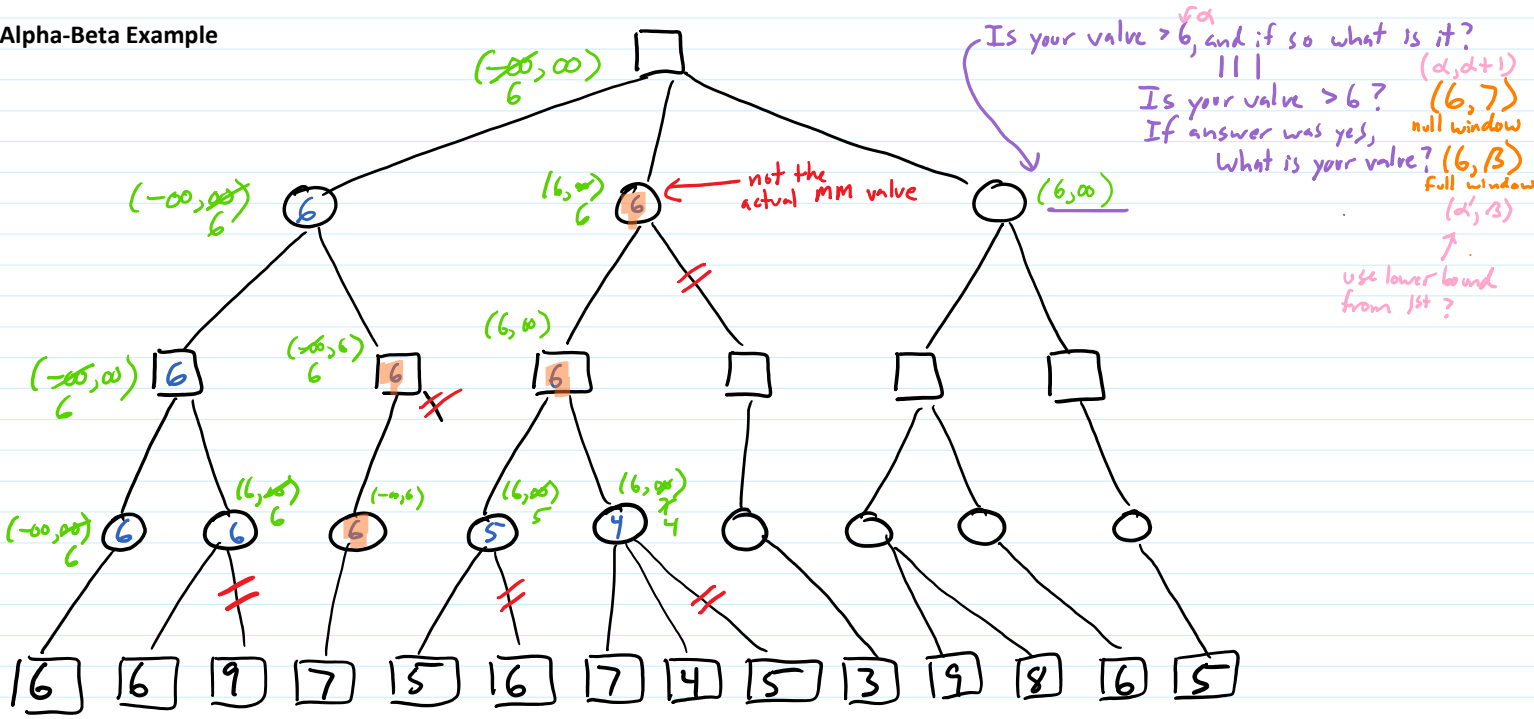
else

for each position  $p'$  reachable in one move from  $p$  while  $\alpha < \beta$   
 $b \leftarrow \min(b, \text{AB}(p', \alpha, \beta, \text{depth}-1, h))$   
 $\beta \leftarrow \min(b, \beta)$

return  $\beta$

start with call  $\text{AB}(p, -\infty, \infty, d, h)$  on current pos  $p$

Alpha-Beta Example



Modified example from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha-Beta\\_pruning](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha-Beta_pruning)