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**Data Abstractions** 

Lecture 17

CSE 332: Data Abstractions

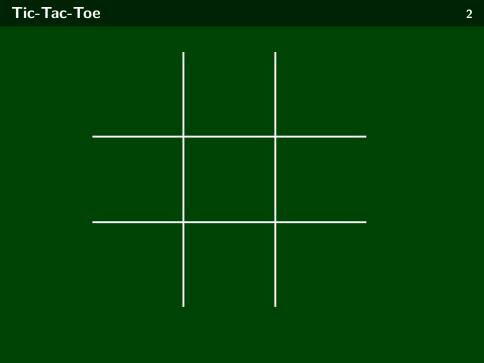
**P3** 

■ P3 out today!

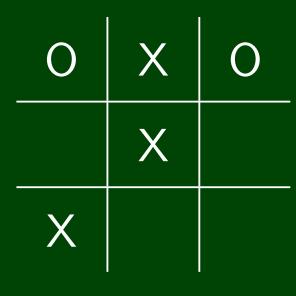
 $\blacksquare$  Make your groups today!

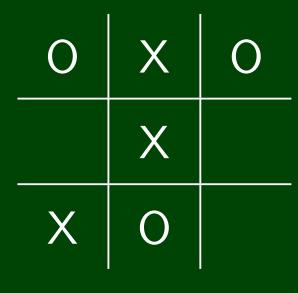
Decide on several weekly meeting times!

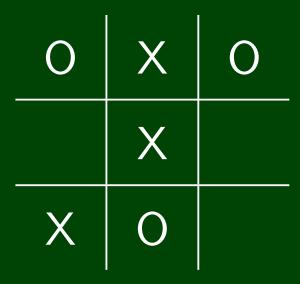
■ The exercises due today will help you with P3!



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No matter what happens at this point, it's a draw.

```
// Let's assume I'm X
   win(Board b) {
 3
      if (0 can win on the next move) {
          block it
 5
6
      else if (the center square is open) {
          take it
8
9
      else if (a corner square is open) {
10
          take it
11
12
      else if (...) {
13
14
15 }
```

## Do We Really Want To Do This?

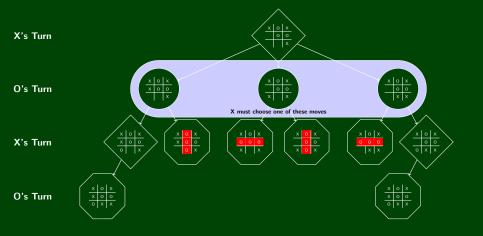
- Difficult to code
- Different for every game
- How do we even know we're right?
- Way too much thinking—that's what computers are for!

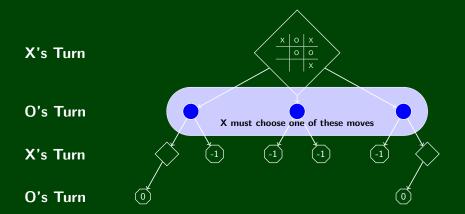
```
boolean win(Board b) {
      if (b.threeXs()) {
3
          return true:
4
5
      else {
6
          for (Move m : every possible move) {
             if (win(b.do(move))) {
8
                return true;
9
10
          return false;
12
```

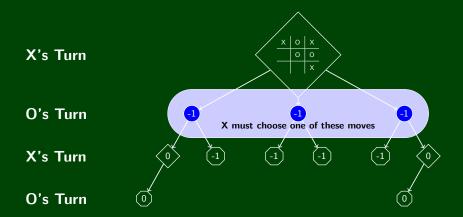
## There's An Issue Here!

- When we make a move, it's not our turn any more.
- So the recursive call should be to **our opponent's option**
- Key Insight: Instead of guessing what the opponent is going to do, assume she plays optimally!

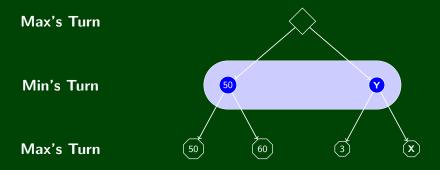
```
1 // +1 is a win; +0 is a draw; -1 is a loss
  int eval(Board b) {
      if (b.gameOver()) {
 3
 4
         if (b.hasThree(me)) {
 5
            return 1;
6
         else if (b.hasThree(them)) {
8
            return -1;
9
10
         else {
11
            return 0;
12
13
14
      else {
15
         int best = -1;
16
          for (Move m : every possible move) {
17
             best = max(best, eval(b.apply(move)));
18
19
         return best;
20
```







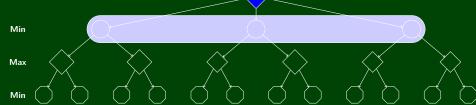
An Idea!

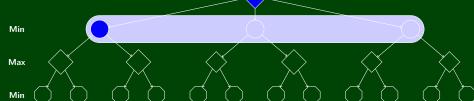


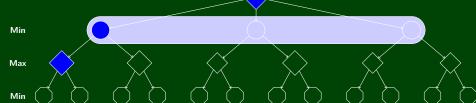
To fill in Y, **MIN** will take min(3,X). So, there are two cases:

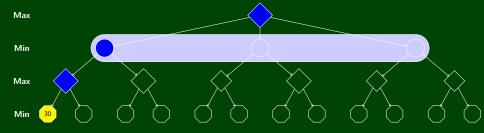
- = 4 = X > 3. Then,  $Y = \min(3,4) = 3$ . So, the box is 50.
- 2 = X < 3. Then,  $Y = \min(3,2) = 2$ . So, the box is 50.

The values of X and Y don't matter! Don't calculate them!

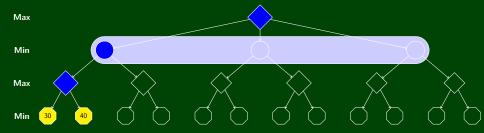




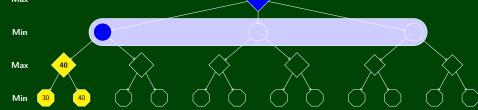


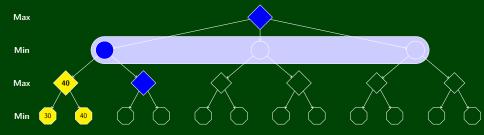


Do we check the next node? We currently have no information. So, yes!

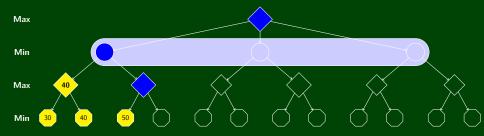


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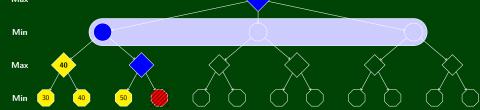


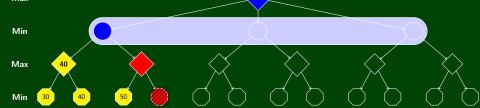


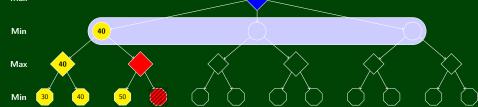
Do we check the next node? The current bounds are  $[-\infty,40]$ . So, we **might** do better!

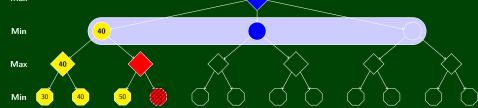


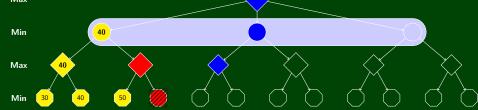
Do we check the next node? Max will choose  $x \ge 50$  which is already worse than the 40. The current bounds are [50,40]. Don't bother.

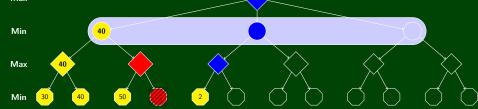


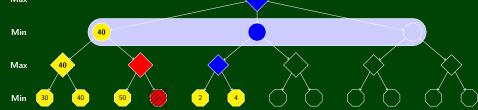


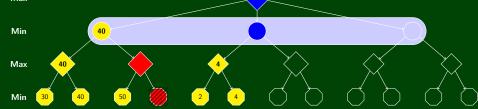


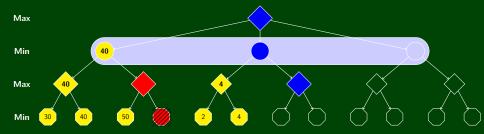




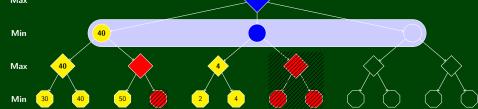


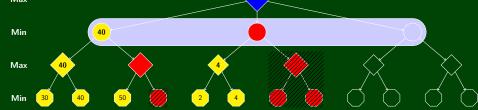


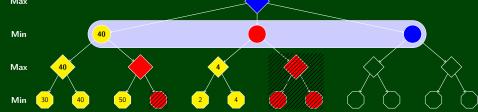


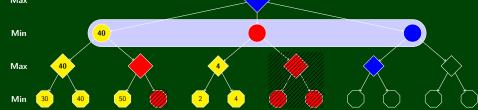


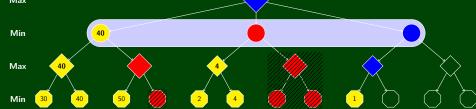
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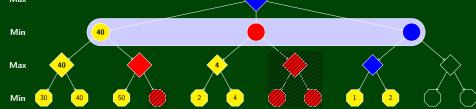


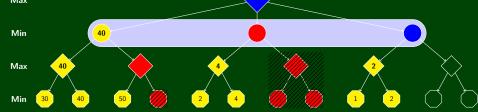


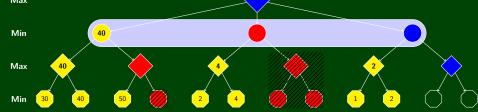


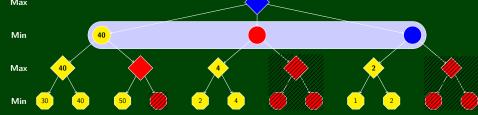




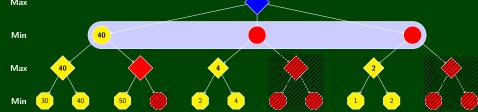




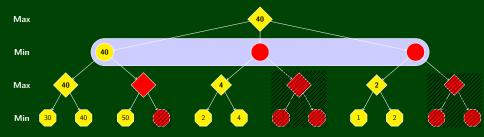




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The algorithm we just ran is called **AlphaBeta**.  $\alpha$  is the lower bound;  $\beta$  is the upper bound

P3 combines graph algorithms (more on this later) with parallelism.

You will implement four algorithms:

- Minimax (the first one we discussed)
- Parallel Minimax
- Alpha-Beta Pruning (the second one we discussed)
- Jamboree (a parallel alpha-beta)

Each of these four algorithms has their own wrinkles. Each builds on the last.

A **branching factor** is how many times a node splits at each level. In chess, for a random position, the average branching factor is:

35

The average chess game lasts about

## 40 Moves

If we wanted to evaluate the whole game, we would be evaluating  $35^{40}$  leaves. If we were able to evaluate **1 trillion** leaves a second, we would need  $10^{48}$  seconds.

In addition to writing these bots, you'll get to watch them play.

A demo is worth 1000 words.