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1. INTRODUCTION

Problem solving is a method of deriving solutions step by step which begins from initial description of the problem to the desired solution.

The task is solved by a series of actions that minimises the differences between given situation and desired goal.

In A.I, the problems are frequently modelled as "state-space problem" which is set of all possible states.

The two types of problem solving methods are,

- General purpose methods
- Special purpose methods.

The General purpose methods are used to solve wide variety of problems.

The Special purpose methods are used to solve particular specific problems.

The order of application of rules to the current state is called "Control Strategy".

2. GENERAL PROBLEM SOLVING

General problem solving uses,

- production System.
- State Space Search
- Control strategies

a. production System:- (P.S)

production System is a mechanism which helps the A.I programs to search/run more conveniently in State-Space problem.

The production System consists of Initial state & final state of the problem along with database of that particular task.

A production System consists of production Rules, which has Left Rule and Right Rule.

The Left-Side of Rule consists of current state. Where as Right side of the Rule describes new state. That is obtained after applying the rule.

EX:- Water Jug problem.

Problem Statement:- We have 2 Jugs, one is a 5 Litre and other a 3 Litre with no measuring marks. There will be continuous supply of water.

Goal:- To have only 4 Litre of water in a 5L Jug.

Solu Hen:- The State Space Search is described as ordered pair of integers (x, y) , such that x represents 5L jug and y represents 3L jug.

The possible operations that can be used in this problem are:

1. Fill & Empty 5L Jug.
2. Fill & Empty 3L Jug.
3. pour water from 5L Jug to 3L Jug.
4. pour water from 3L Jug to 5L Jug.

Based on the above operations, the production rules for water jug problem as mentioned below;

Rule No.	Left Side of Rule	Right Side of Rule	Description
1.	$(x, y \mid x < 5)$	$(5, y)$	Fill 5L Jug.
2.	$(x, y \mid x > 0)$	$(0, y)$	Empty 5L Jug.
3.	$(x, y \mid y < 3)$	$(x, 3)$	Fill 3L Jug.
4.	$(x, y \mid y > 0)$	$(x, 0)$	Empty 3L Jug.
5.	$(x, y \mid x + y < 5 \wedge y > 0)$	$(x + y, 0)$	Empty 3L into 5L Jug.
6.	$(x, y \mid x + y < 3 \wedge x > 0)$	$(0, x + y)$	Empty 5L into 3L Jug.
7.	$(x, y \mid x + y > 5 \wedge y > 0)$	$(5, y - (5 - x))$	pour 3L to 5L until 5L Full.
8.	$(x, y \mid x + y > 3 \wedge x > 0)$	$(x - (3 - y), 3)$	pour 5L to 3L until 3L Full.

Solution path 1: For Water Jug Problem (6 steps)

Rule applied	5L Jug	3L Jug	Step No.
Start state	0	0	1
1	5	0	2
8	2	3	3
4	2	0	4
6	0	2	5
1	5	2	6
8	4	3	
Goal state	4		

The Goal of filling 4L water in 5L Jug is obtained within 6 steps, which is optimal solution.

b. State Space Search

State-space search is similar to production system which represents the facility to search for a better path.

while using this method, we find a path from start state to goal state to solve a problem.

A state space basically consists of components,

1. A set S contains starting states of problem.
2. A set G contains goal states of a problem.
3. Set of nodes (states) in graphs/tree are represented to solve the problem.
4. Set of arcs (which connects nodes).

Eg:- (Missionaries & Cannibals problem)

Missionaries : Good, indicated by M , No. of Missionaries : 3

Cannibals : Bad, indicated by C , No. of Cannibals : 3

No. of Boats : 1

Goal :-

To move all 3 Missionaries and Cannibals from one side of the river to other side of the river using boat.

Conditions :

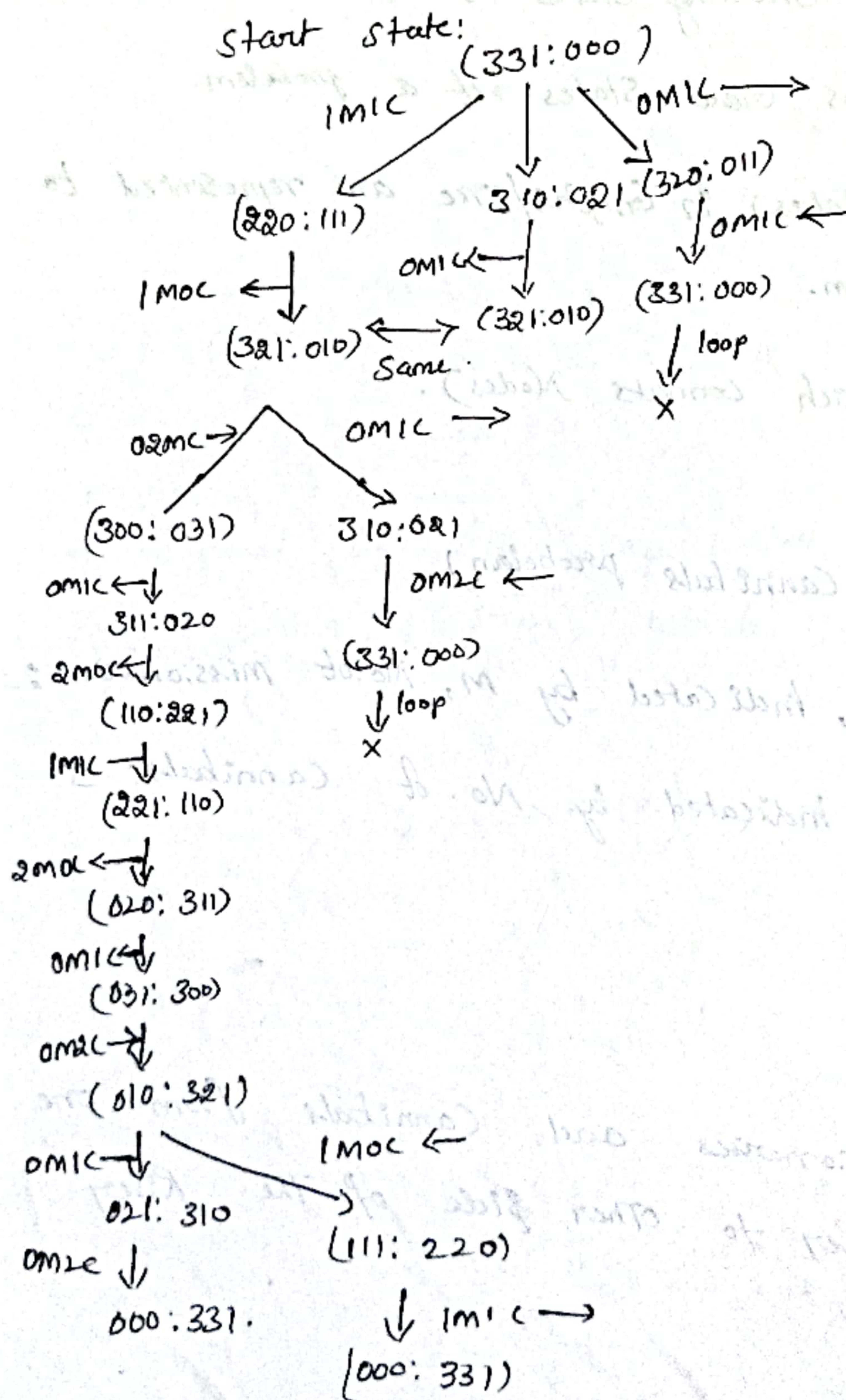
Min 1 can row the Boat (either M or C) Eg: M1C

Max 2 can row Boat (either M or C) Eg: MM, CC, MC

$(M_{count}) \geq (C_{count})$, else game over.

To generate a Search Space, we use valid operations using

Tree mentioned below,



Goal state

Solution path: 11 steps:

Start State (331:000)

1 MIC → R

1 MOC ← L

0 M2C → R

0 M1C ← L

2 MOC → R

1 MIC ← R

2 MOC → R

0 M1C ← L

0 M2C → R

0 M1C ← L

0 M2C → R

Goal State (000:331)

Finally all the 3 missionaries and 3 cannibals are moved from one side of the river to the other side using a boat with in 11 steps.

C. Control Strategies:

Control strategies is one of the most important components of problem solving, which describes the order of application of rules to the current state. The control strategy must explore the solution space in systematic manner.

If we select a control strategy where we select a rule randomly from the applicable rules, then it definitely causes motion and finally leads to a solution. They are;

1. Data-Driven Search (Also called as forward chaining)
It starts from start state.
2. Goal-Driven Search (Also called as backward chaining)
It starts from goal state.

Forward Chaining:-

Here, the process begins with known facts and proceeds towards a solution.

The states of the next level of the tree are generated by finding the new state which matches the goal or not.

Backward Chaining:- It is a goal-directed strategy which begins with goal state and proceeds working backwards. It concludes its goal when it reaches its start state.

3. Characteristics of Problem:

To find a proper solution for a problem, first we need to analyse the problem based on below mentioned factors,

1. Type of the problem.
2. Decomposition of the problem.
- 2+1 Role of Knowledge.
- 3+1 Consistency of Knowledge.
- 4+1 Requirement of the Solution.

1. Type of the problem:

There are 3 types of problems like.

- Ignorable problem (Simple Control Strategy)
- Recoverable problem (Water Jug problem)
- Irrecoverable problem.

2. Decomposition of the problem:-

Decomposition of the problem is the process of dividing the problem into set of independent smaller sub problems and later combines the solved sub solutions to get the final solution.

This technique is also called as "Divide & Conquer" method.

It can also be used for parallel processing.

3. Role of Knowledge:

The knowledge plays an important role in solving any kind of problem.

Knowledge can be in the form of rules & facts which help in generating search space to find the solution.

Consistency of Knowledge:

The consistency of knowledge base is very important to solve a problem. If the knowledge base is inconsistent, it may lead to wrong solution.

Requirement of The Solution:-

Requirement of The Solution needs to analyze the problem whether we need an absolute or relevant solution.

4. EXHAUSTIVE SEARCHES

Exhaustive Search is an Uniformed Search technique which considers mostly all the element in the search process.

Some of the Exhaustive Search techniques are,

1. Breadth First Search (BFS)
2. Depth First Search (DFS)
3. Depth First iterative deepening (DFID)
4. Bidirectional Search.

1. Breadth First Search (BFS):-

BFS expands all the states from the start state in 1st level and expands all the states in the next level and so on until it reaches its goal state.

2. Algorithm Explanation:-

The Search using BFS is implemented using two lists (OPEN & CLOSE)

The OPEN List contains the states that are to be expanded.

The CLOSED List contains the states that are already expanded.

OPEN List is implemented as Queue, whereas CLOSED List is implemented as Stack.

Algorithm:-

Input: START State, Goal State

Variables: OPEN, CLOSED, STATE-X, SUCC, FOUND

Output: YES & NO.

- Initialize. OPEN List from START and CLOSED = NULL
- FOUND = false.
- while (OPEN \neq NULL (and FOUND = false) do.
 - remove the first state from OPEN and call it as STATE-X.
 - Send The STATE-X into CLOSED
 - if STATE-X = GOAL. Then FOUND = TRUE.
else.
 - Expand. STATE-X, which produces SUCCs.
 - append SUCCs to The end of OPEN list
- if FOUND = true Then. return "YES" else. return "No"
- stop.

2. DEPTH FIRST SEARCH (DFS)

In DFS, The search process descends from current state until the goal state is reached. and then backsacks to the next most recently expanded. node and generates one of its descendents.

DFS is memory efficient when compared to BFS. Since the DFS stores a single path from the root node to the leaf (goal) node.

Algorithm Explanation:-

The search using DFS is implemented using two lists (OPEN & CLOSED).

The OPEN list contains the states that are to be expanded.

The closed list contains the states that are already expanded.

∴ Both the OPEN & the CLOSED list is implemented within stacks.

Eg:- Search Tree using DFS for water jug problem

The path
(0,0)

WATER JUG problem

Search tree generation using DFS	OPEN LIST	CLOSED LIST
START state. (0,0)	$[(0,0), \text{nil}]$	
↓ {13}		
(5,0)	$[(5,0), (0,0)]$	$[(0,0), \text{nil}]$
{23} ↙ {33} ↓		
x (5,3)	$[(5,3), (5,0)]$	$[(5,0), (0,0), (0,0), \text{nil}]$
↓ {23}		
(0,3)	$[(0,3), (5,3)]$	$[(5,3), (5,0), (5,0), (0,0), (0,0), \text{nil}]$
{1,43} ↙ ↓		
x (3,0)	$[(3,0), (0,3)]$	$[(0,3), (5,3), (5,3), (5,0), (5,0), (0,0), (0,0), \text{nil}]$
↓ {33}		
(3,3)	$[(3,3), (3,0)]$	$[(3,3), (3,0), (0,3), (5,3), (5,3), (5,0), (5,0), (0,0), (0,0), \text{nil}]$
{1,43} ↙ {43} ↓		
x (6,1)		
↓ {23}		
(0,1)		
{1,243} ↙ ↓		
x (1,0)		
↓ {33}		
(1,3)		
{1,43} ↙ ↓		
x (4,0)	$[(4,0), (1,3)]$	$[(4,0), (0,3), (1,3), (1,0), (1,0), (0,1), (5,1), (5,1), (3,3), (3,3), (3,0), (3,0), (0,3), (5,3), (5,3), (5,0), (0,0), (0,0), \text{nil}]$
Goal state.		

The path is obtained from the best stored in CLOSED. The solution

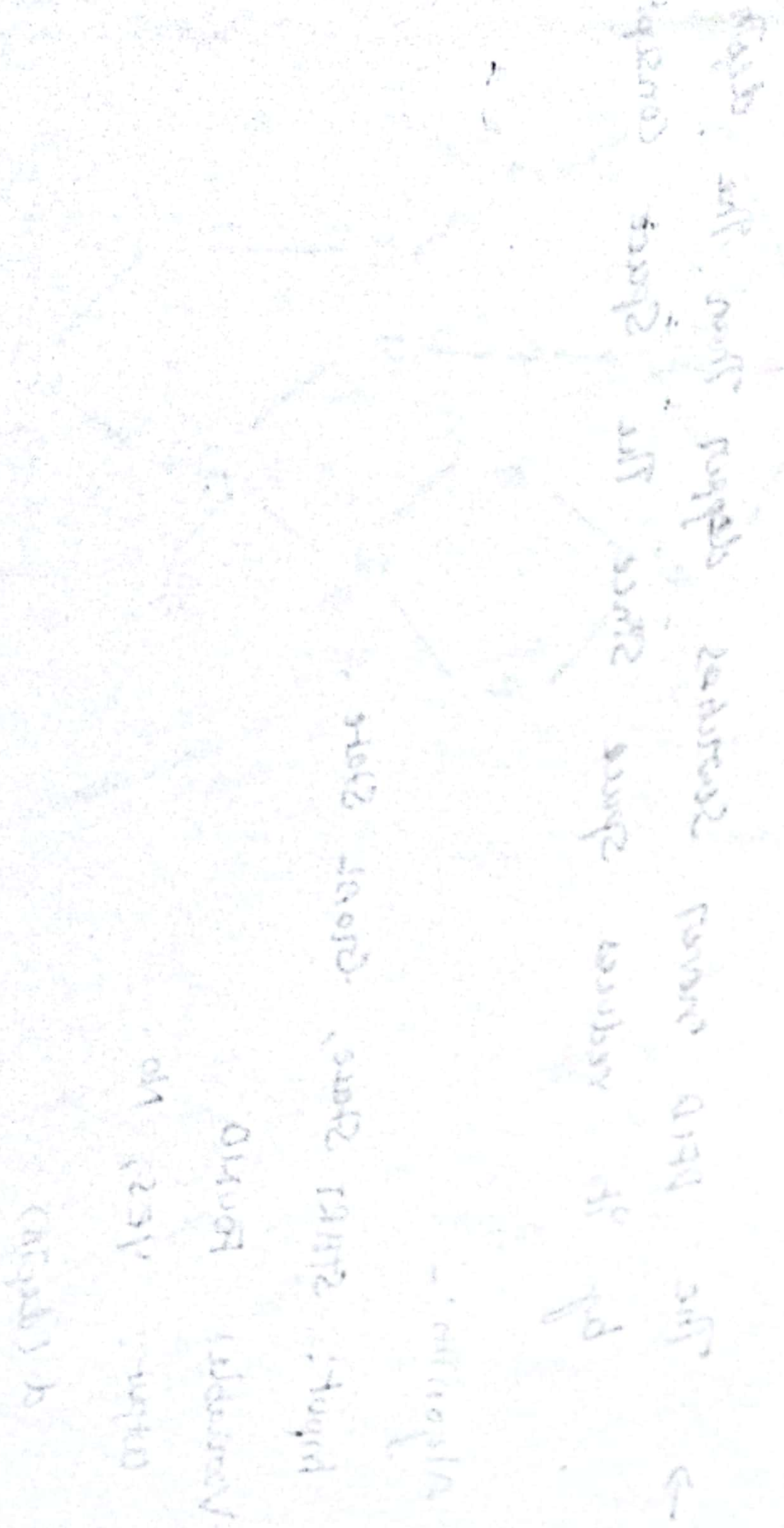
path is: $(0,0) \rightarrow (5,0) \rightarrow (5,3) \rightarrow (0,3) \rightarrow (3,0) \rightarrow (3,3) \rightarrow (5,1) \rightarrow (0,1) \rightarrow (1,0) \rightarrow (1,3)$

$\rightarrow (4,0)$...

... about ...

START ...

... of ...



... = ...

... = ...

DEPTH FIRST ITERATIVE DEEPENING (DFID)

Definition:- The DFID uses the advantages of BFS and DFS to make the search process in a tree.

BFS has an advantage of reaching the goal and.

DFS has an advantage of using less memory.

Algorithm Explanation:-

- The DFID expands all the nodes at a given depth before expanding any node.
- The DFID is used to find the shortest path / optimal solution from a start state to goal state.
- The DFID never searches deeper than the depth (D) where by it reduces space since the space consumption is $O(d)$.

Algorithm:-

Input: START State, GOAL State.

Variable: FOUND

Output: YES, No.

d (depth)

o Initialize. $d=1$ and $FOUND = false$.

while (FOUND = false)

{ perform a DFS from start to d.

if goal is obtained, $FOUND = true$.

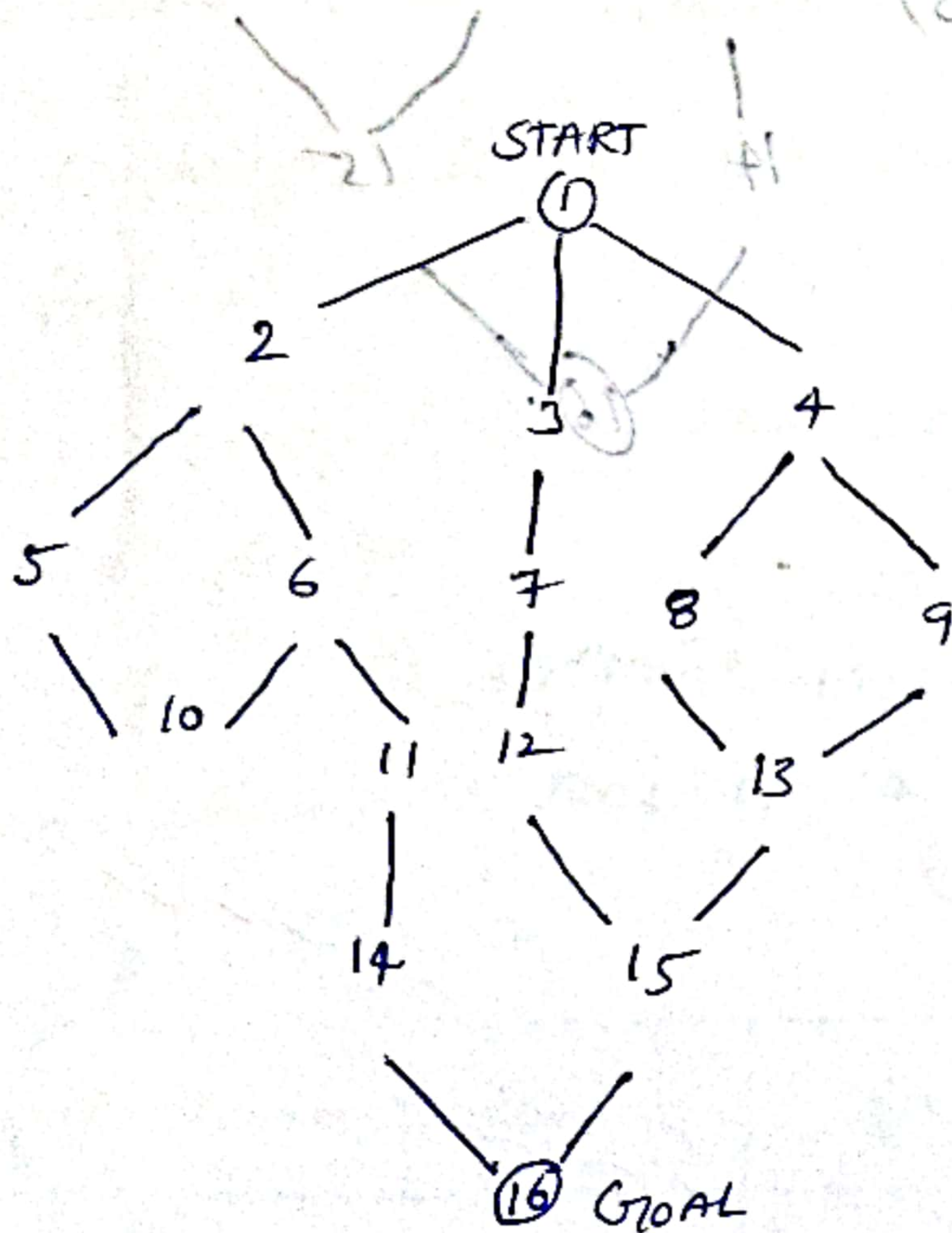
else discard that node and check for other nodes at depth $d = d+1$.

3. If $FOUND = true$. Then return the 'Yes' else return 'No'
o stop.

BIDIRECTIONAL SEARCH

- Bidirectional Search is a graph algorithm which runs two searches simultaneously
- one search starts from start state and other search moves backward from goal state.
- when both the search meet in the middle then the search process stops.

Eg:- Graph



our object is to find the best path to reach the goal.
using bidirectional strategy (top to down and down to stop simultaneously)

ANALYSIS OF SEARCH METHODS

The effectiveness of any search strategy in problem solving is measured in terms of

- 1) Completeness
- 2) Time Complexity
- 3) Space Complexity
- 4) Optimality.

1) Completeness:- When an algorithm guarantees a solution, it is considered to be complete.

2) Time complexity:- It is time required by an algorithm to find a solution.

3) Space complexity:- It is space required by an algorithm to find a solution.

4) Optimality:- The algorithm is optimal if it finds best solution from different solutions of a problem.

Search Technique	Time	Space	Solution
BFS	$O(b^d)$	$O(b^d)$	Optimal Sol
DFS	$O(b^d)$	$O(d)$
DFID	$O(b^d)$	$O(d)$	Optimal Sol
Bi-directional	$O(b^{d/2})$	$O(b^{d/2})$

{ where:
 b = branch of tree
 d = depth of tree }

5. Heuristic Search Techniques

a) General Purpose Heuristics

- (i) One of the most important analysis of search process is to find the number of nodes in a complete search tree
- (ii) This simple analysis improves the exhaustive search and to find an upperbound on search time
- (iii) This search strategy which uses some domain knowledge are called informed search strategy

Search Strategy	Time Complexity	Space Complexity
BFS	$O(b^d)$	$O(b^d)$
DFS	$O(b^d)$	$O(d)$
IDS	$O(b^d)$	$O(d)$
Bi-directional Search	$O(b^{d/2})$	$O(b^{d/2})$

5. b) Branch and Bound Search :- (Uniform Cost Search)

- * Here, The cost function (denoted by $g(u)$) is used to know cumulative expense to the path from start node. current node 'x'
- * While generating search space a least cost path is expanded. at each iteration till goal state is reached.
- * Since branch and bound search expands the least-cost partial path, it is also called 'uniform cost search'.

Algorithm:-

Input: ; START and GOAL State
Variables: OPEN CLOSED, NODE, SUCC, FOUND
output: YES & NO.

Method:-

- Initialize. The start node ($g(\text{root}) = \phi$) in OPEN List:
closed = ϕ ;
- FOUND = false;
- while (OPEN $\neq \phi$ and FOUND = false) do.
 - {
 - remove top element from OPEN LIST and call it NODE
 - if NODE = GOAL NODE, Then FOUND = true else.
 - {
 - put NODE in CLOSED list.
 - find succ's of NODE, if found, then store their 'g' values in 'OPEN LIST'

Sort all nodes in the open list based on cost function

3.

3. if found = true. Then return YES, else return NO:

Stop.

START and GOAL STATE

OPEN, CLOSED, NODE, SUCCESS, FOUND

YES & NO

OPEN LIST:

start node (front) = ϕ in OPEN LIST:

closed = ϕ

found = false

5.c) Hill climbing:

* Hill climbing is one of the variants of "Generate and Test" algorithm.

Generate and Test Algorithm:

Start

- Generate a possible solution
- Test/ check if it is the goal.
- if not, go to start else quit

Stop.

* Hill climbing can be used to solve problems that have many solutions where some solutions are better than others.

* Hill climbing uses DFS with added quality measures i.e. (measure of remaining cost from current to goal)

eg:- Travelling Sales Man. problem.

Algorithm:

input: START AND GOAL states

Variables: OPEN, NODE, SUCC'S, FOUND

output: YES, & NO.

Method :-

- Initialize START NODE in an OPEN list and FOUND = false
- while (OPEN \neq empty and FOUND = false) do

{

- remove top element from OPEN CALL IF NODE
 - if NODE = goal NODE, Then FOUND = true.
- else.

- ~~find S~~
- find succ's of NODE if any, sort them by cost goal. state and add them to OPEN LIST

3.

if FOUND = true. Then return YES, else NO.

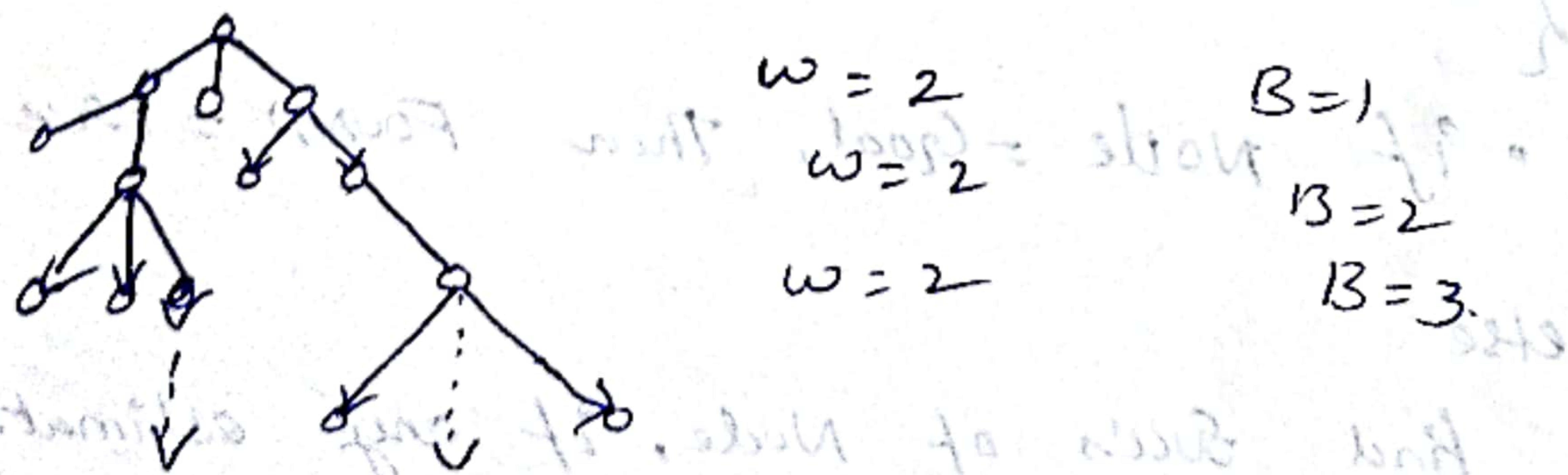
- Stop.

5.d) Beam Search.

- x) Beam Search is a Heuristic Search algorithm in which 'w' number of best nodes at each level is expanded.
- x) It progresses level by level and moves downward only from the best 'w' nodes at each level.
- x) Beam Search uses 'BF's to build its Search tree.

Eg:- 'w' indicates No. of Best States on each level and 'B' indicates The Branching factor

ie: 'w' indicates No. of nodes will only be considered.



In above graph, $w=2$ and $B=3$.

Algorithm:-

Input: START AND GOAL STATES

Variables: OPEN, NODE, succ's, w-OPEN, FOUND

Output: YES, & NO.

Method :-

- NO'DE = Root NODE and FOUND = false.
- if NODE = goal NODE then FOUND = True.

else.
find succs of NODE, if any, estimate cost and store in OPEN list

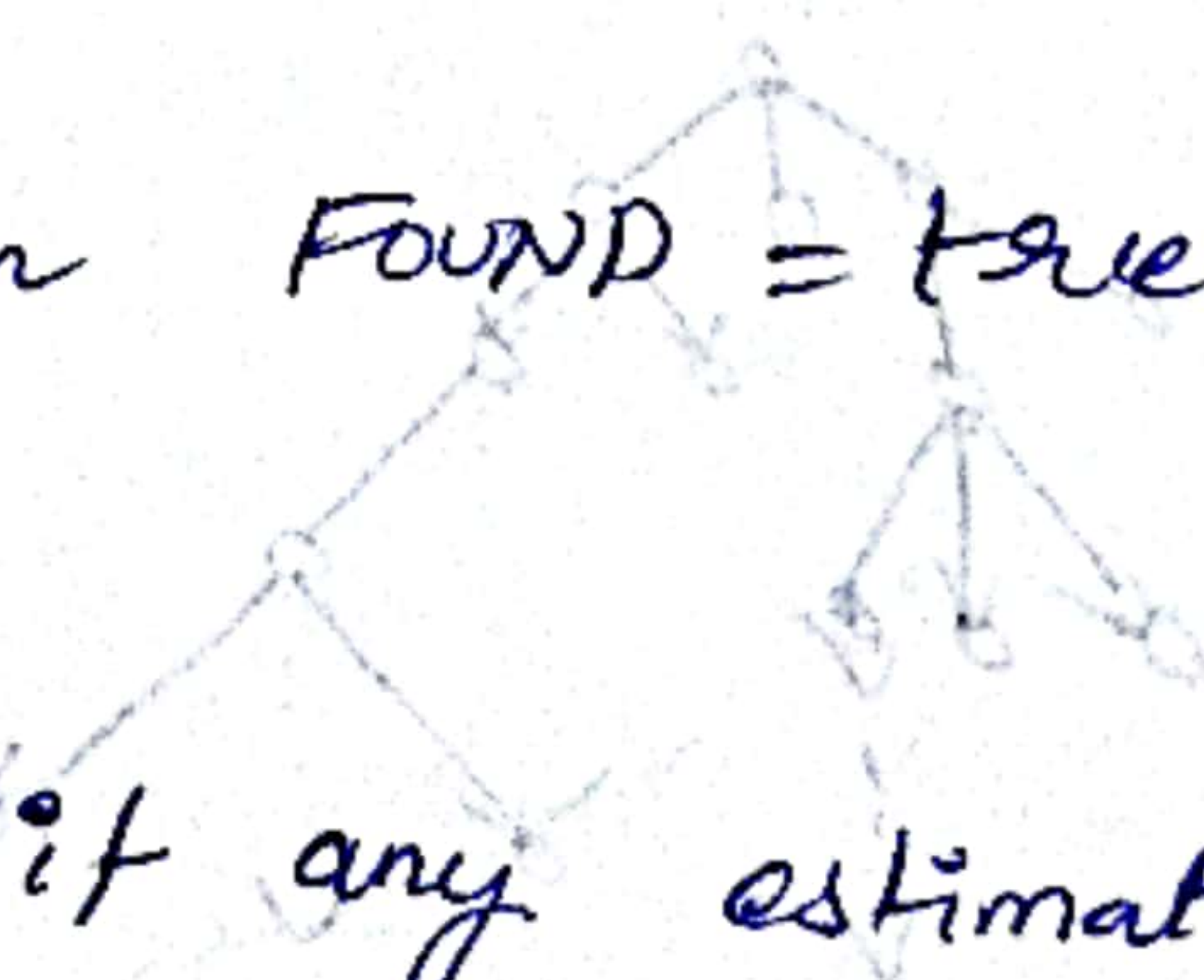
- while (FOUND = false) do
 - Sort OPEN List
 - Select two 'w' elements from OPEN and ~~PULL~~ PULL in w-OPEN and empty OPEN LIST
 - For each node in w-OPEN List

- if Node = Goal, Then FOUND = true

else.

find succs of Node, if any estimate cost and store in OPEN.

- 3.
- 3.
- if FOUND = true. Then return yes or NO.
- stop.



50) Best-First Search:

- * It is based on expanding the best partial path from current node to goal node.
- * The cost of partial paths is calculated, using "Heuristic" i.e. if the state has been generated earlier and new path is better than the previous one, then change the parent and update the cost.
- * In hill climbing, sorting is done on successive nodes, but in BEST-FIRST sorting is done on entire list.
- * The performance depends on the heuristic function.

Algorithm:-

Input: START and GOAL STATES.

Variable: OPEN, CLOSED, NODE, FOUND

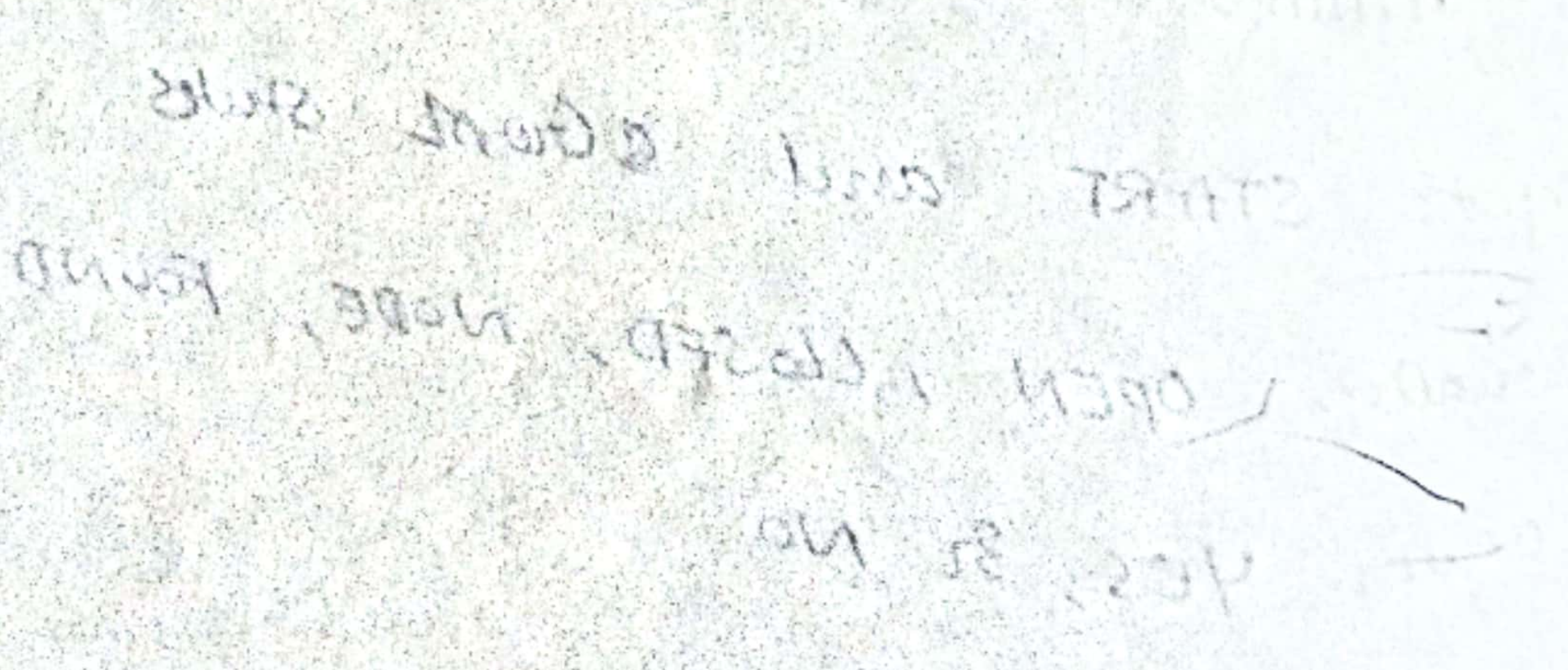
Output: YES, or NO.

Method:

- Initialize OPEN list with root node, CLOSED = ϕ , FOUND = false
- while (OPEN $\neq \phi$ and FOUND = false) do
 - {
 - if first element = Goal node, Then FOUND = true.
 - else, remove from OPEN list and put in CLOSED list
 - add its successors, if any, in OPEN LIST
 - Sort the entire list with heuristic function to reach goal node.

• if FOUND = true, Then return yes, else return No.
 • Stop.

The cost of partial paths is calculated using heuristic.
 if the state has been generated, visited and new path
 is better than the previous one, then change the
 parent and update the cost.
 in Bell climbing, sorting is done on successive nodes, but
 in Best-First sorting is done on entire list
 The performance depends on the heuristic function



OPEN is empty? (Yes or No?)
 OPEN is empty? (Yes or No?)
 OPEN is empty? (Yes or No?)

A* Algorithm:

1) A* Algorithm is a Heuristic search technique which is useful to find the shortest path through the search space using the 'Heuristic' function.

* Heuristic function is denoted by $h(n)$

* Cost to reach node (n) from start node is denoted by $g(n)$

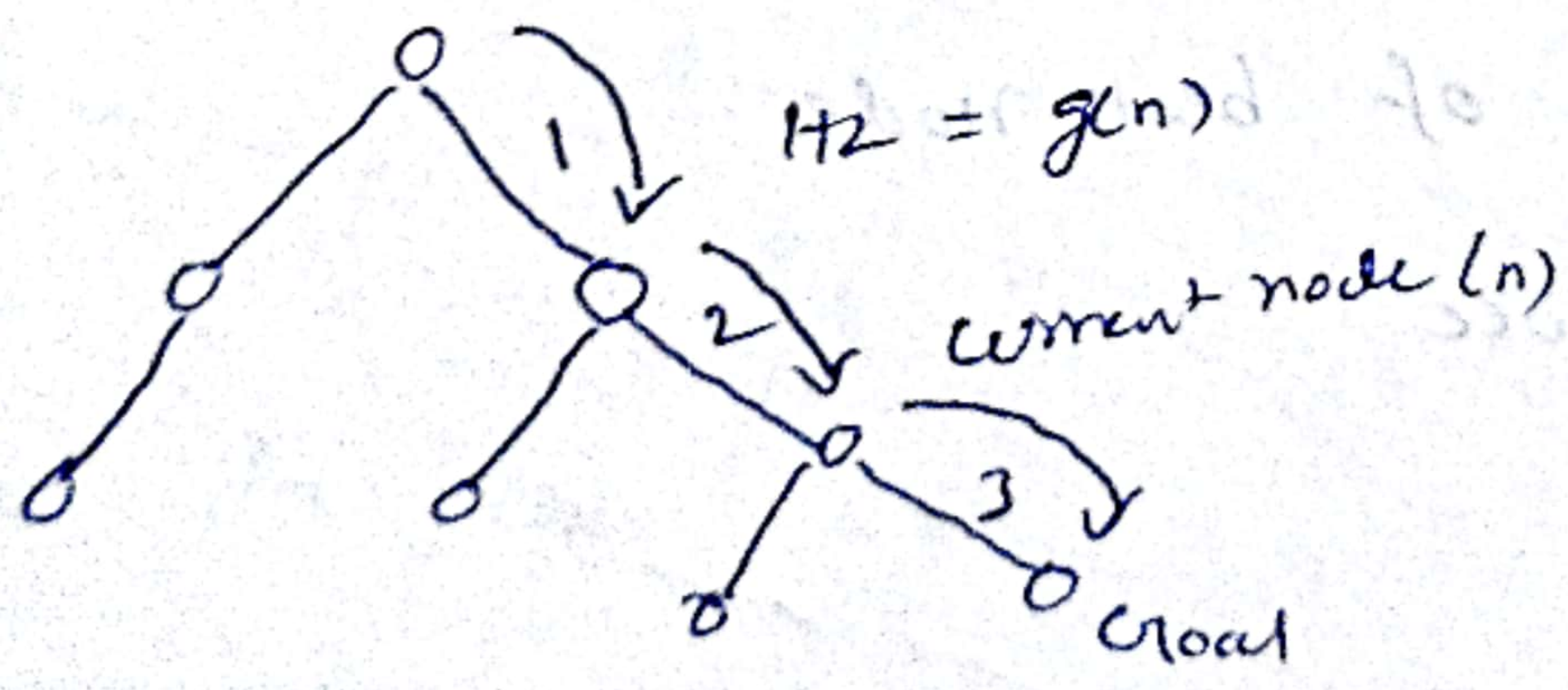
* Since A* Algorithm uses both Heuristic = Cost values, the estimated cost of cheapest solution, denoted by $f(n)$ is given by $f(n) = h(n) + g(n)$.

where, $f(n)$ = estimated cost to cheapest solution.

$g(n)$ = Cost to reach node (n) from start state

$h(n)$ = Cost to reach from node (n) to goal state.

Eg:-



Algorithm :- The algorithm proceeds with lowest $f(n)$ value at each node.

Input: START and GOAL STATES

Variables: OPEN, CLOSED, BEST node, Succ, g , FOUND

Output: YES, or NO.

Method: -

- Initialize OPEN LIST with start node $CLOSED = \phi, g = \phi, f = h, FOUND = false.$

while (OPEN $\neq \phi$ and FOUND = false) do

- {
 - remove node with low value of f from OPEN and store in CLOSED and call it best-node.

if (best-node = goal) then found = true.
else.

{

- Expand Succ of best node.

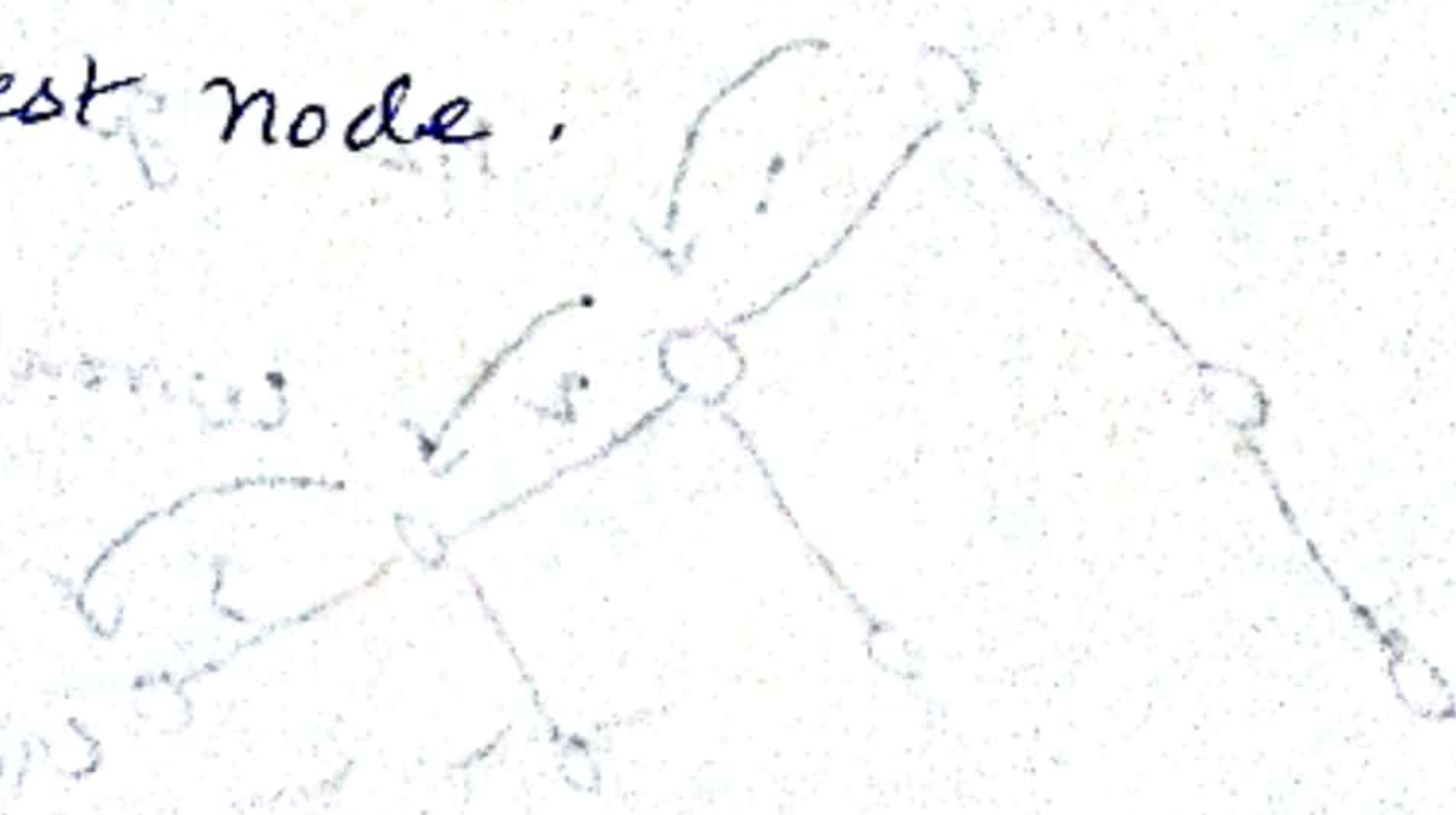
for each Succ
do

{

- establish parent link of Succ and compute.

$$g(Succ) = g(\text{best-node}) + \text{cost}(\text{from best-node to Succ})$$

if Succ \in OPEN (not processed) change parent



- if succ ∈ CLOSED, (processed), Then ignore.
- if succ ∉ OPEN & CLOSED,
 - add to best-nodes Succ's
 - compute $f(\text{succ}) = g(\text{succ}) + h(\text{succ})$
 - Store succ on OPEN with its f value.

3.

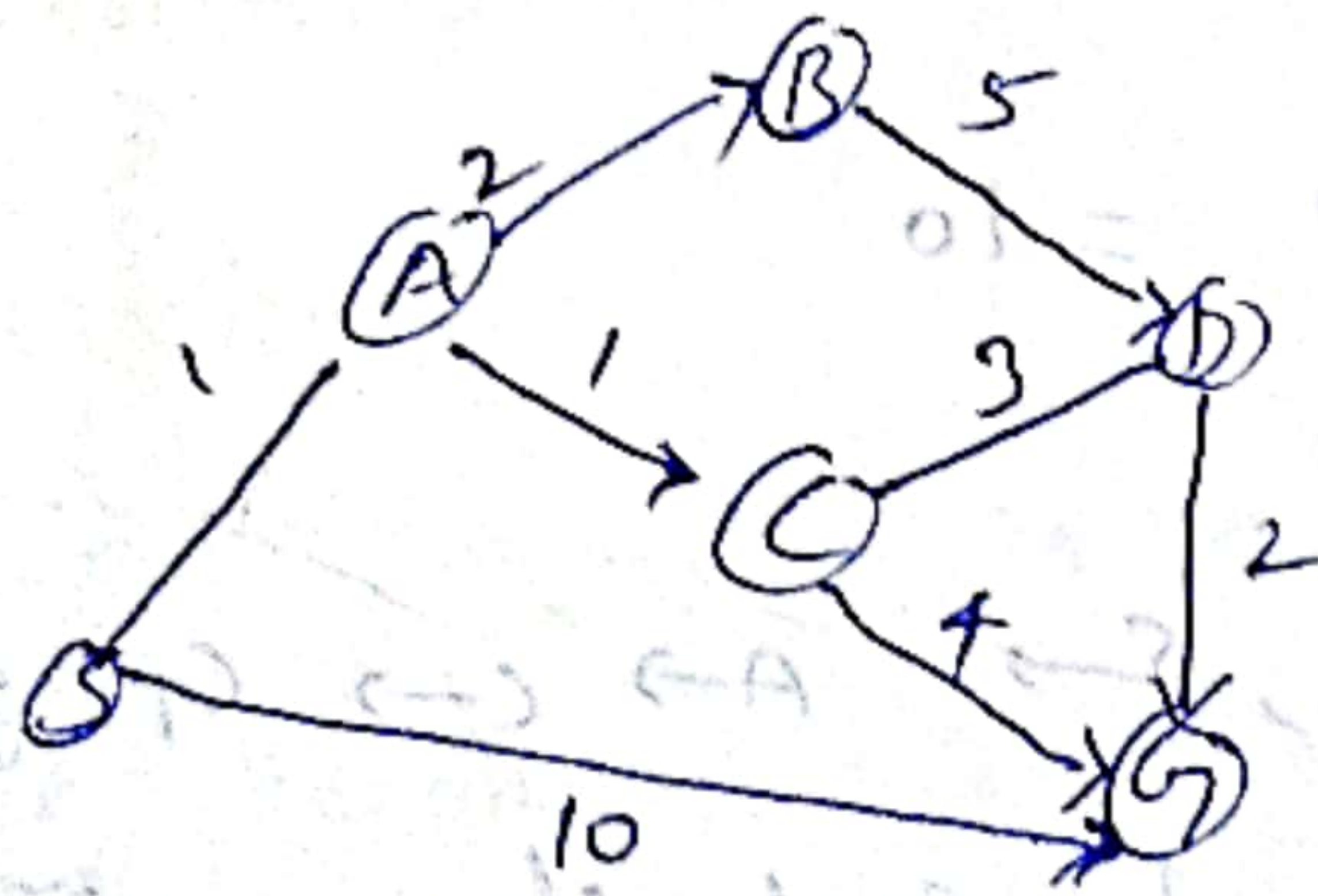
3.

3.

- if FOUND = true then return YES, else return NO.

- Stop.

Eg:-



Suppose $h(n)$ for each states

States	$h(n)$
S	5
A	3
B	4
C	2
D	6
G	0

$$1) S \rightarrow A \Rightarrow f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

$$f(n) = 1 + 3 = 4$$

(a)

$$S \rightarrow G \Rightarrow f(n) = \cancel{3+4} \rightarrow 10+0 = 10$$

(least and best)

$$2) S \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \Rightarrow f(n) = 3+4 = 7$$

(b)

$$S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \Rightarrow f(n) = \cancel{5+6} \rightarrow \overset{2+2=4}{A}$$

(a)

$$\cancel{S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow D} \Rightarrow f(n) = \cancel{6+10} = 6$$

$$3) S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \Rightarrow f(n) = 5+6 = 11$$

(b)

$$S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow G \Rightarrow f(n) = 6+0 = 6$$

$$4) S \rightarrow G \Rightarrow f(n) = 10+0 = 10$$

Out of all above paths, $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow G$ gives the complete path from start to goal along with $S \rightarrow G$

Now consider the lowest $f(n)$ among above two paths,

$$\text{ie, } S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow G = 6$$

$$\text{and } S \rightarrow G = 10$$

from above, $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow G$ is lowest $f(n)$ is 6.

So consider it as the shortest path.

Q. optimal solution by A* Algorithm.

To get the optimal solution by A* Algorithm we need to consider 3 factors.

1) Underestimation

2) overestimation

3) Admissibility.

1) Underestimation: - Here, n never estimates actual value from current to goal. The A* Algorithm ensures to find an optimal path from a goal.

2) overestimation: -

Here, The heuristic value of each node in the graph/tree is overestimated.

3) Admissibility: -

A Search Algorithm is admissible, i.e. for any graph, it always terminates in an optimal path from start state to goal state, if path exists.

H. Monotonic function

A heuristic function (h) is monotonic if,

1) \forall states x_i and $x_j \rightarrow x_j$ is successor of x_i

$$ie; h(x_i) - h(x_j) \leq \text{cost}(x_i, x_j)$$

$$2) h(\text{Goal}) = 0$$

Each monotonic heuristic function is admissible.

* A cost function (f) is monotonic if $f(N) \leq f(\text{Succ}(N))$

* for any admissible cost function f , we can construct a monotonic admissible function

6. Iterative Deepening A* (ID A*)

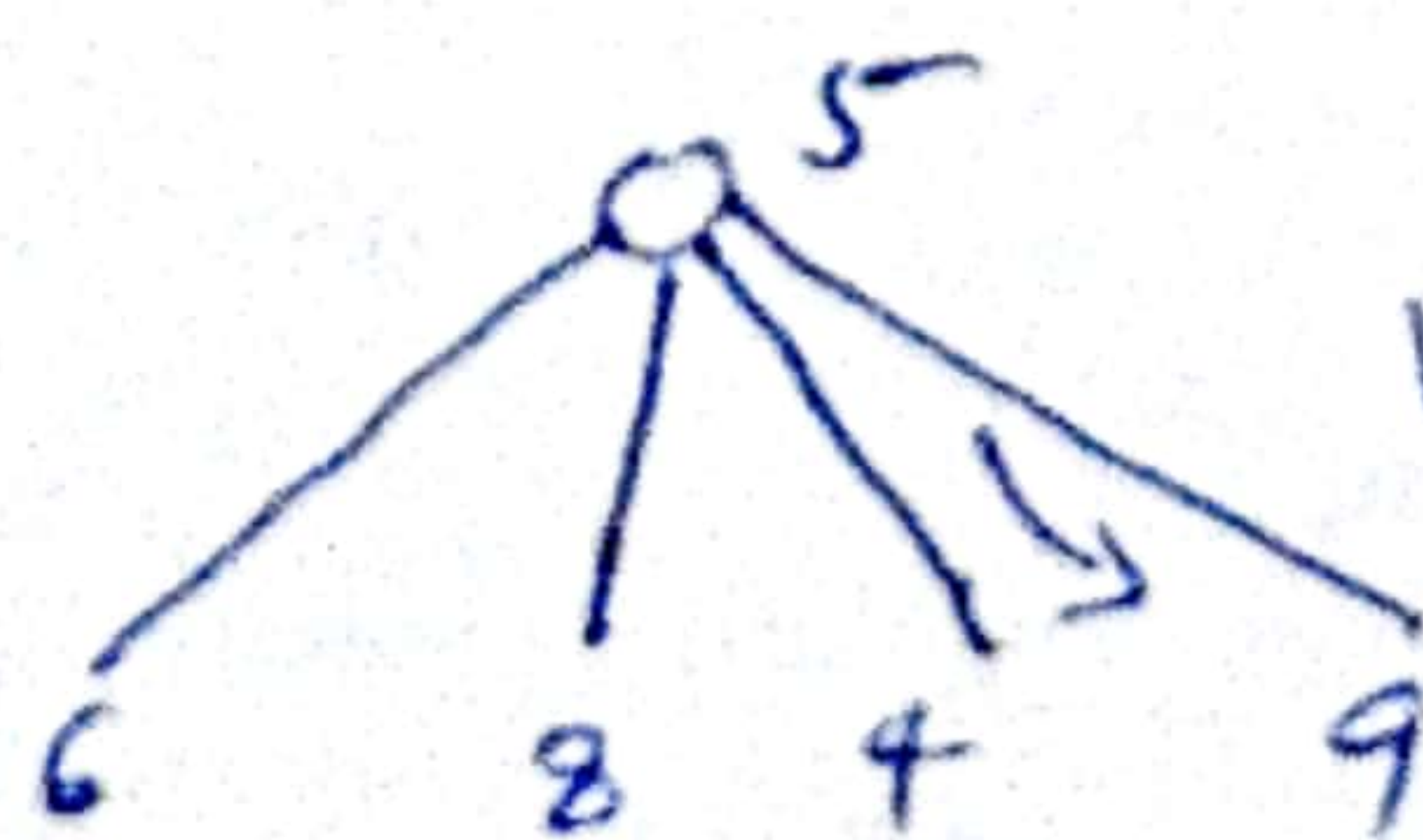
* It is a combination of depth first iterative deepening and A* algorithm.

* Here, the successive iterations are corresponding to increasing values of the total cost of path, rather than increasing depth of a search.

Algorithm:-

- * For each iteration, perform DFS for a branch when its total cost (g^n) exceeds a given threshold.
- * Let, the initial threshold starts at estimate cost of the start state and increases for each iteration of the algorithm.
- * The threshold used for next iteration is the minimum cost of all values exceeding the current threshold.
- * Repeat above steps until goal state is reached.

Eg:- 1st iteration:



Value less than threshold (5) is chosen.

7) Constraint Satisfaction

x) Many A.I problems can be viewed as problems of constraint satisfaction in which the goal is to solve some problem state that satisfies a given set of constraints instead of finding optimal path to the solution. Such problems are called constraint satisfaction (CS) problems.

Examples of (CS) problems are.

a) Cryptography

b) n-Queen problem

c) map colouring

d) crossword puzzle. -- etc

Cryptography problem: -

$$\begin{array}{cccc} C_4 & C_3 & C_2 & C_1 \\ & B & A & S E \\ + & B & A & L L \\ \hline G & A & M & E S \end{array}$$

Constraints Equations are.

$$\begin{array}{l} E + L = S \quad \rightarrow C_1 \\ C_1 + S + L = E \quad \rightarrow C_2 \\ C_2 + 2A = M \quad \rightarrow C_3 \\ C_3 + 2B = A \quad \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

INTRODUCTION

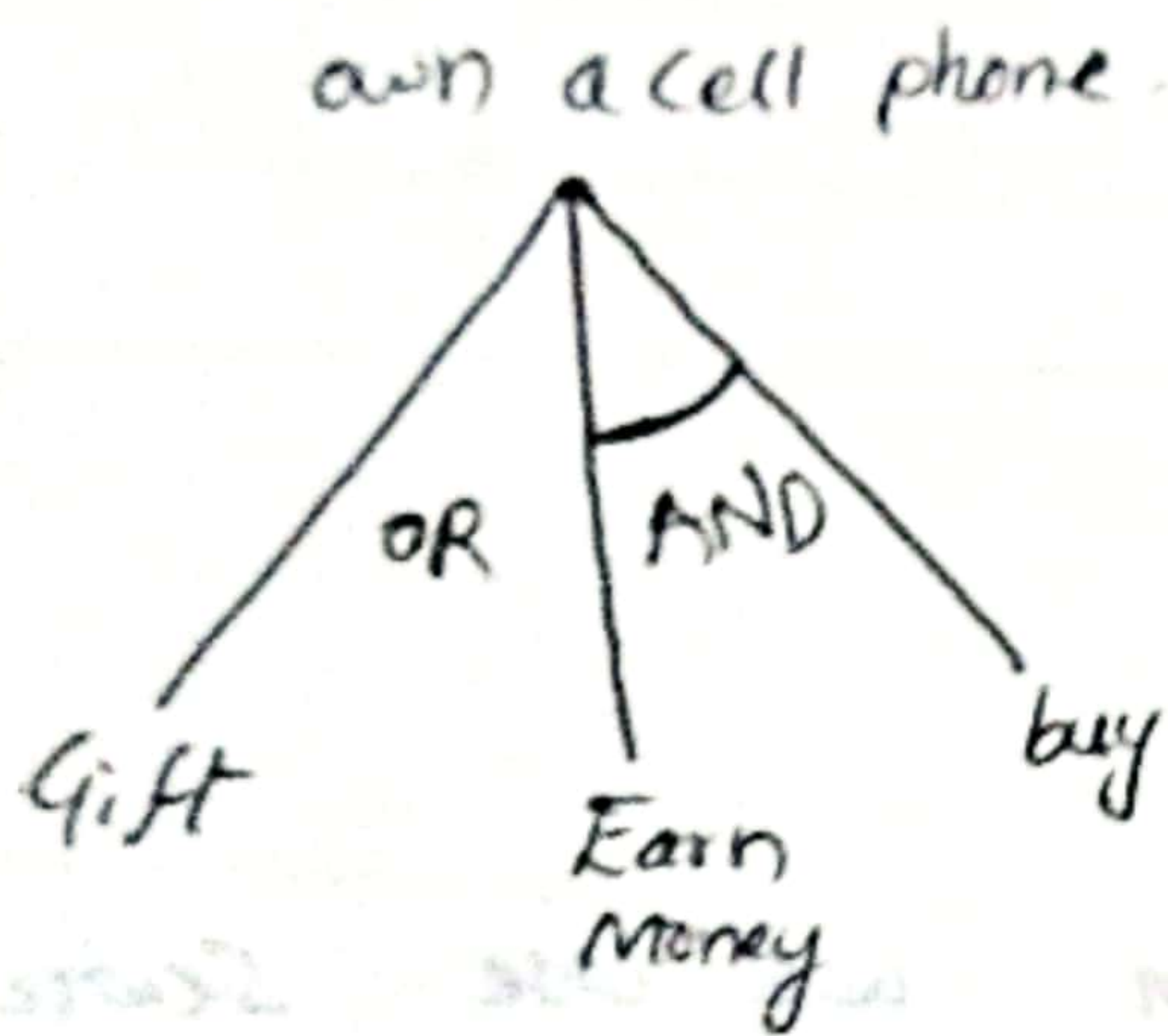
PART-B

- 1) An effective way of solving a complex problem is to reduce it to simple parts and solve each part separately. This method is called problem reduction.
- 2) To solve each kind of complex problems we use AND-OR graph or tree.
- 3) We use AND-OR graphs in 'Game playing' which uses state space search problem solving mechanism.
- 4) The effectiveness of a search may be improved by using generate-test procedures.

problem - Reduction

1. A given complex problem can be solved in many ways. Here we use AND-OR graph, tree to find the solution.

Eg:-



2. By default we don't have Arc, it is considered to be.

~~AND~~ if a represent with an Arc between paths, it is and considered to be 'AND'.

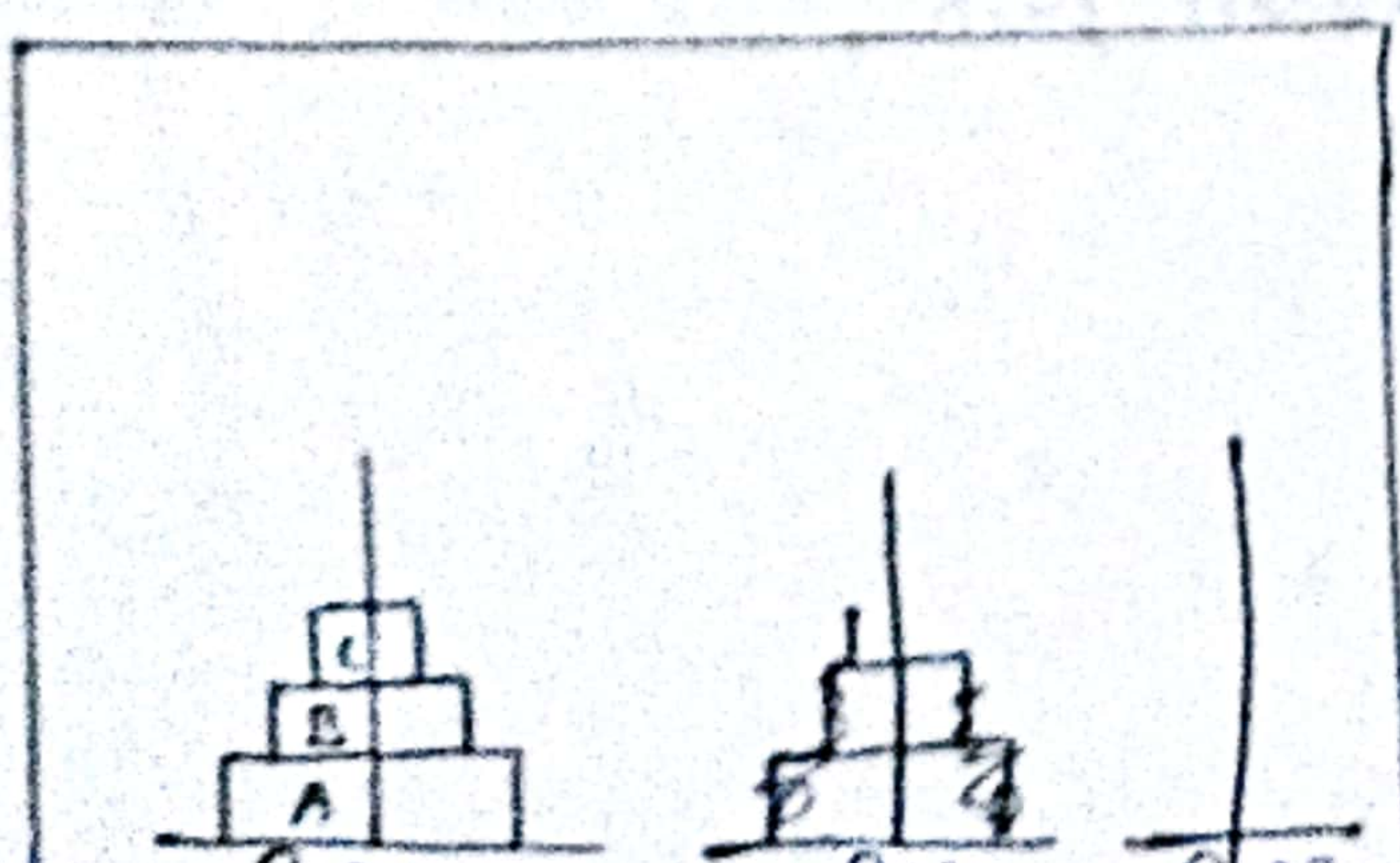
3) From above example, if we want to own a cellular phone. we have two choices, They are.

1. Get as gift
OR

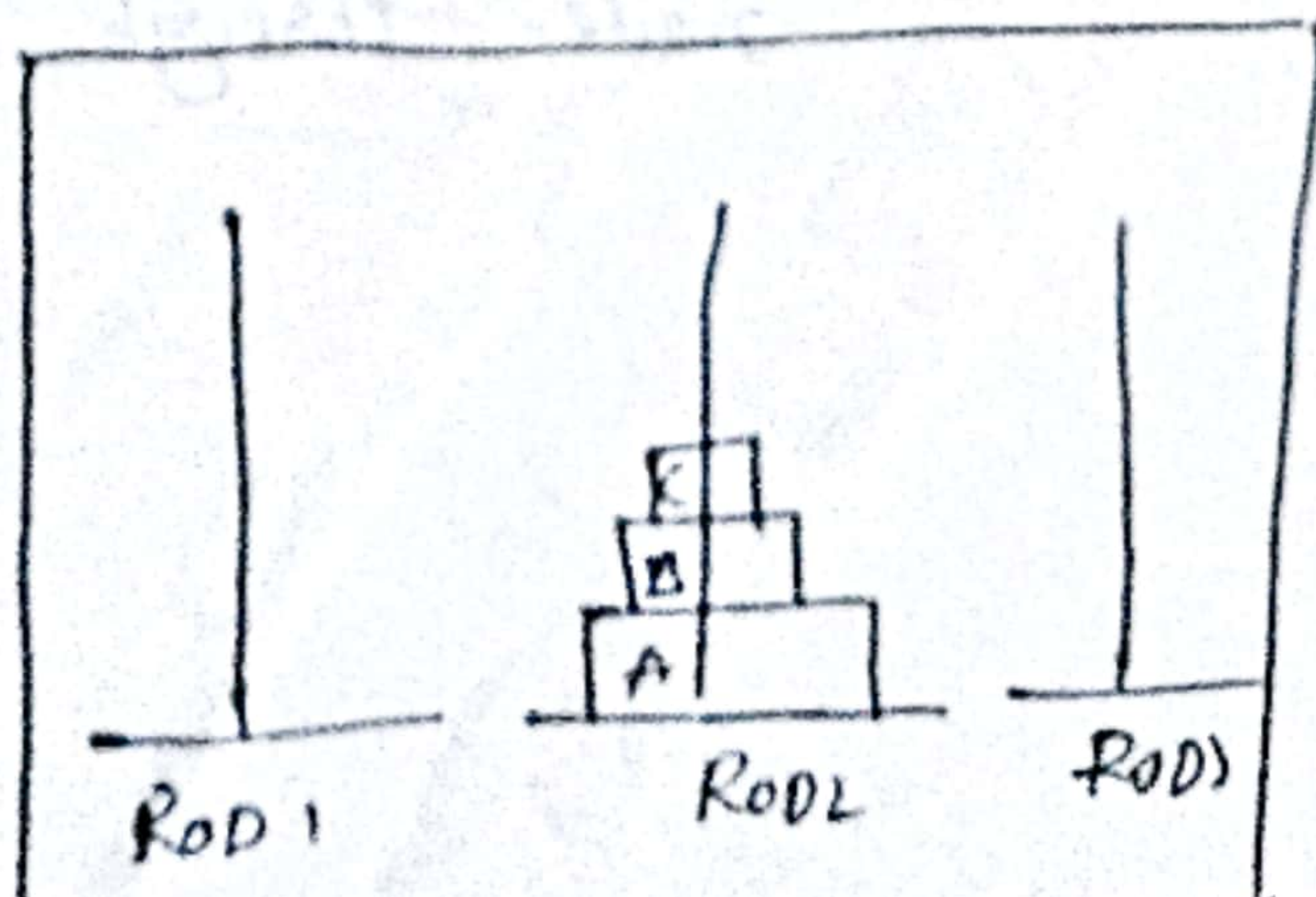
2. Earn money AND Buy it and own a cellular phone.

EX 2:- 3 disks Towers of Hanoi

Start State

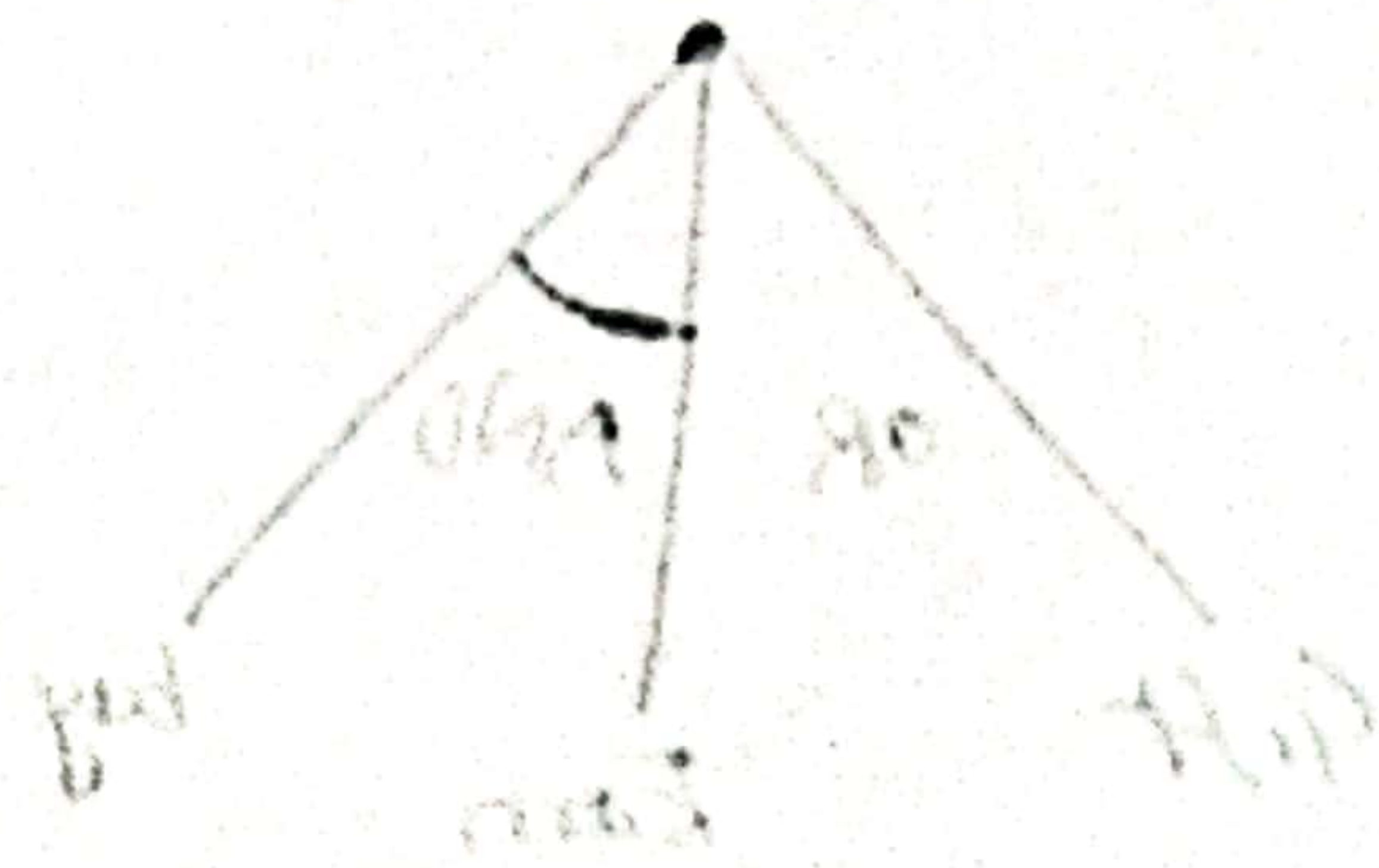


Goal state



Conditions :-

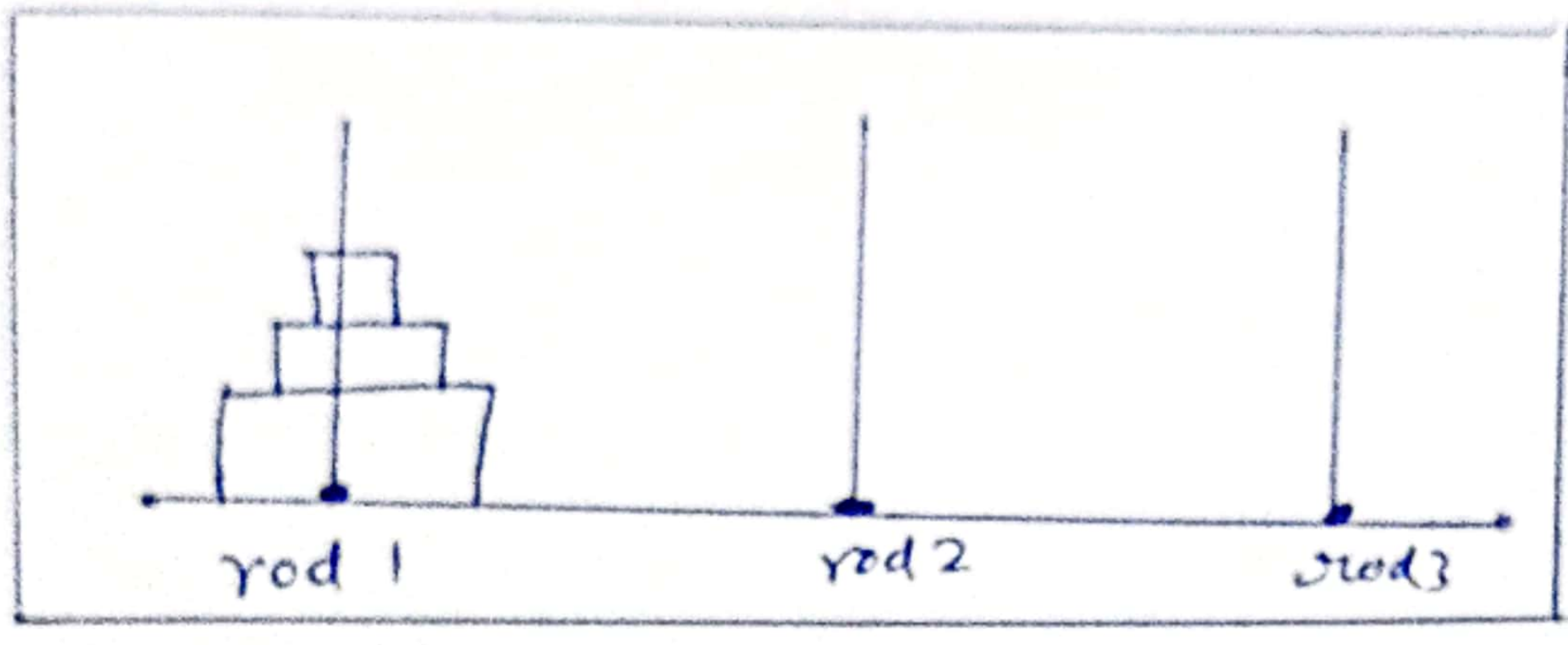
1. Only one disk can be moved at a time.
2. No large disk should be placed on a smaller disk.
3. Move all the disks of rod 1 to rod 2 with the same order.



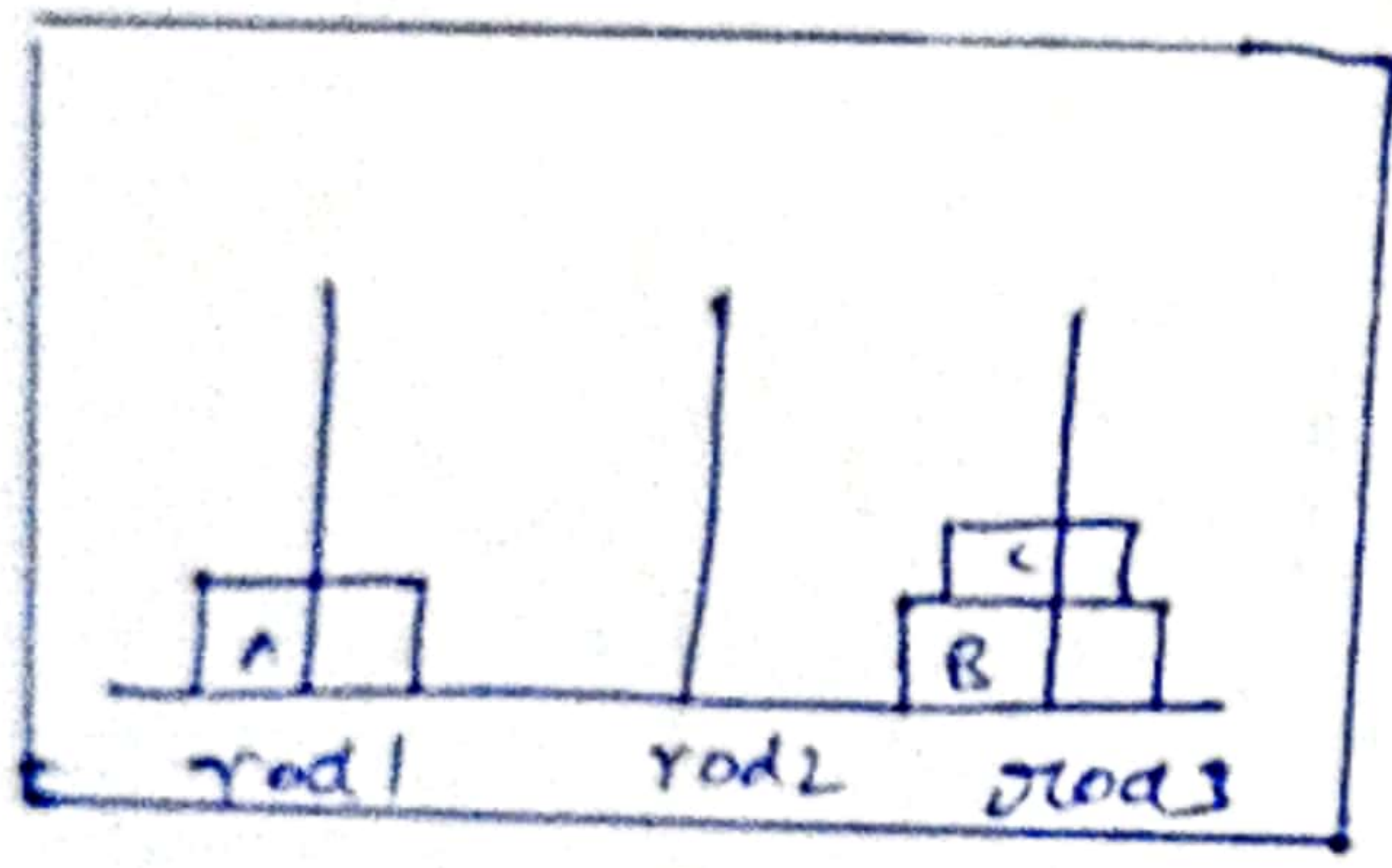
process :-

1. To solve the above problem we use search space tree which is in the form of AND-OR graph.
2. Here with heuristic function denoted by 'F' for each node in AND-OR graph which is similar to compute and estimated value. (A*)
3. In AND-OR graph, the estimated costs for all paths generated from the start node are calculated by heuristic functions. Then best path is chosen to continue further.
4. The heuristic values of successor nodes are calculated and cost of parent nodes is revised accordingly.
5. The revised cost is propagated back to the start node through the chosen path.

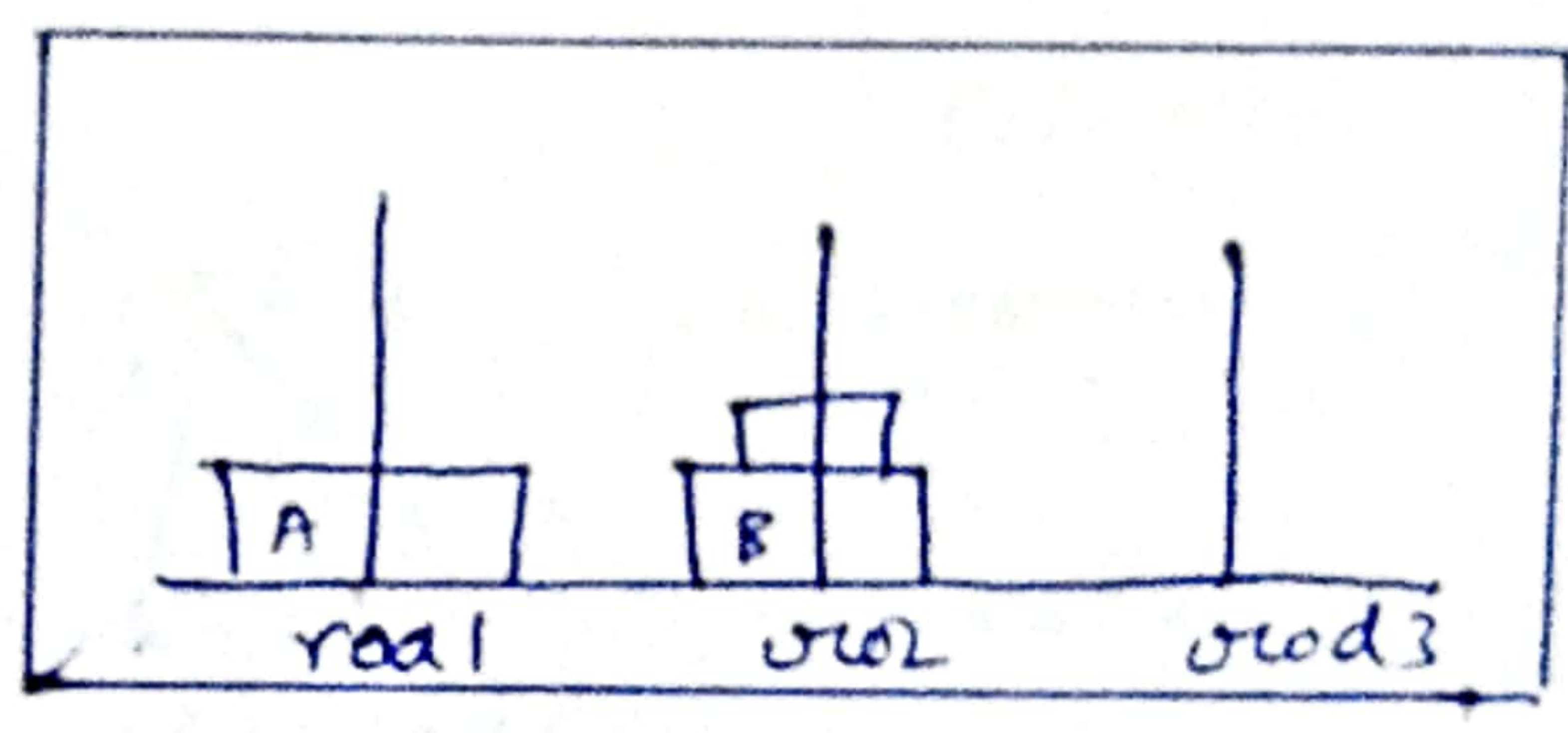
AND-OR Graph for 3 disks Towers of Hanoi problem.



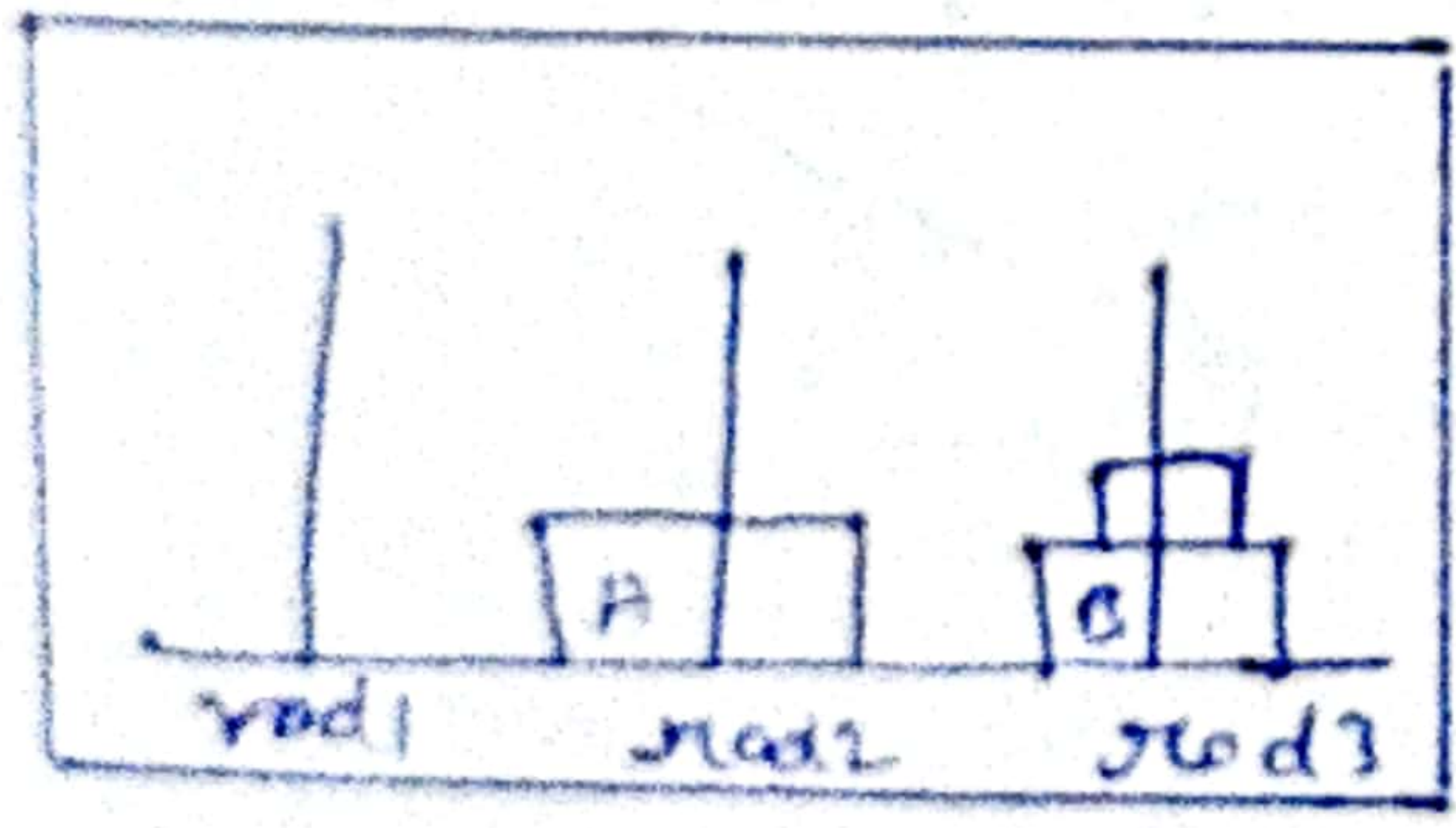
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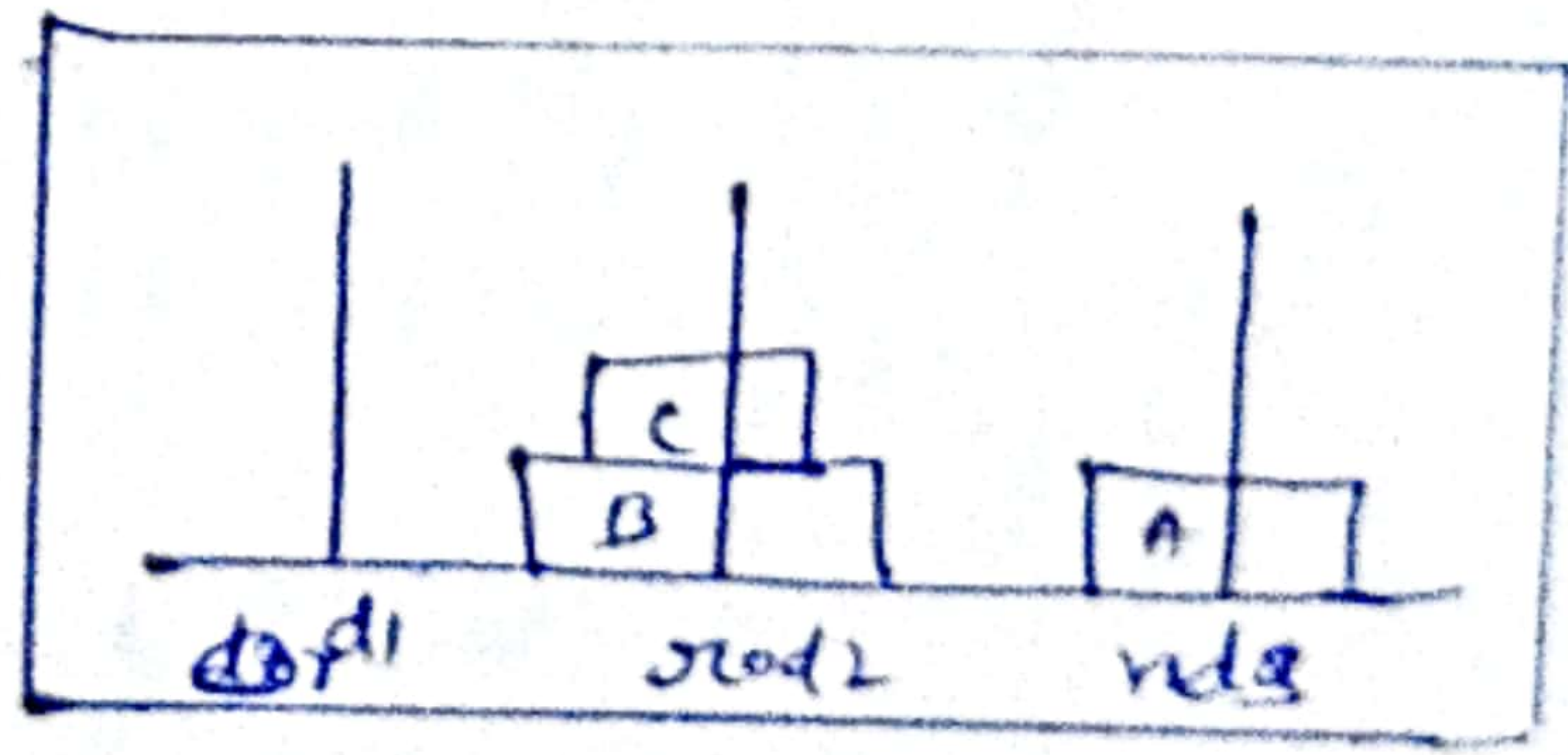
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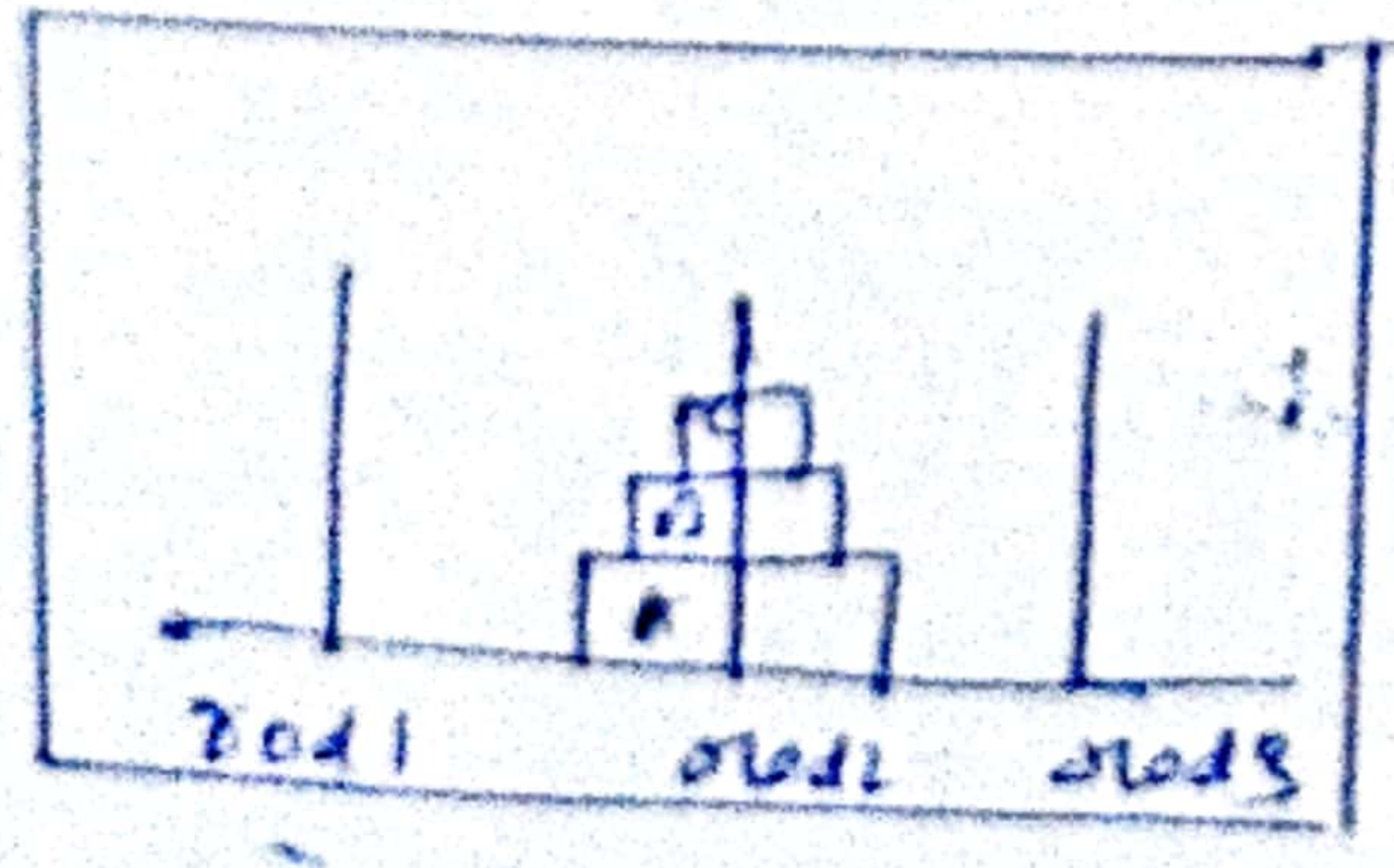
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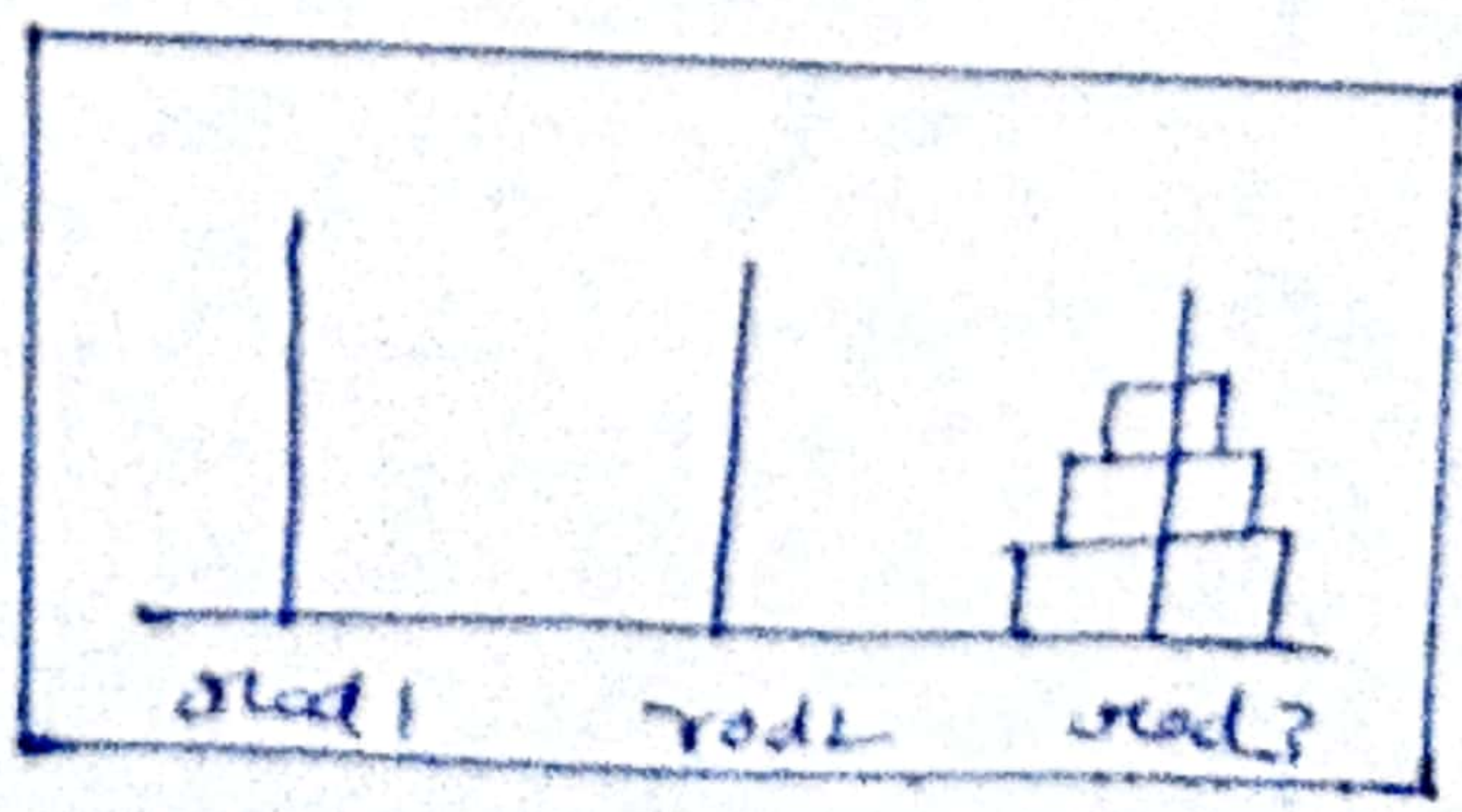
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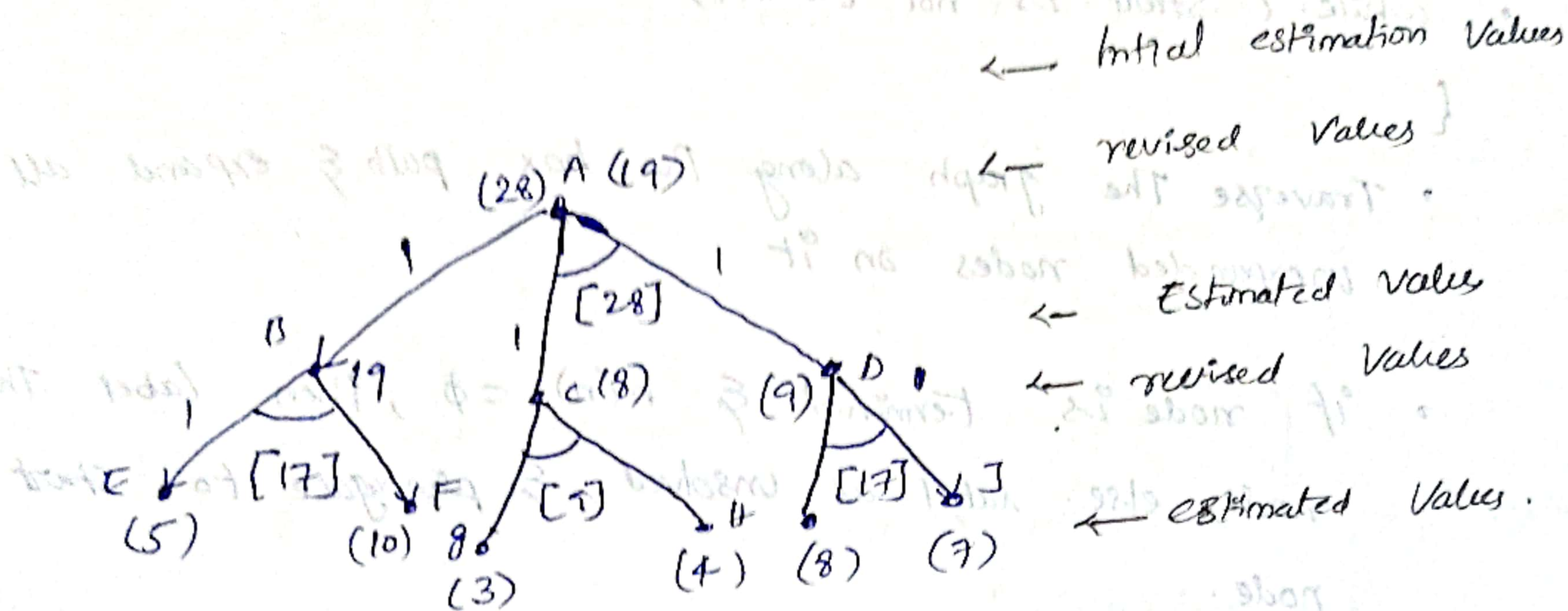
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AO* Algorithm

AND-OR graph algorithm is also called "AO* Algorithm" which is used to search for a solution in AND-OR graph.

AO* Algorithm: - Eg: -



let $h(n) = 1$ for all nodes n

$g(n)$ estimates values are represented by $()$ &

revised values are represented by $[\]$.

- from above Eg, Initially estimated values are 19 & 14, for $(A \rightarrow B)$ & $(A \rightarrow C \& D)$, so we choose $(A \rightarrow C \& D)$
- Since we choose $(A \rightarrow C \& D)$, we now expanded $C \& D$ & change the estimated values and also compute the revised values
- After comparing & changing the revised values, a new revised value occurs for $(A \rightarrow C \& D)$, is $[28]$ instead of (19) , so now we compare $[28]$ revised value with (19) value. i.e. (28)

- Hence now we change our path to $(A \rightarrow B)$ values, a new. The optimal solution to reach The Goal

A* Algorithm:-

- Initialize graph with start node.

- while (start is not labelled)

{

- Traverse The graph along the box. path & expand all unexpanded nodes on it

- if node is terminal & $h(n) = \phi$, Then. Label The node, else. label as unsolved, & propagate to start node.

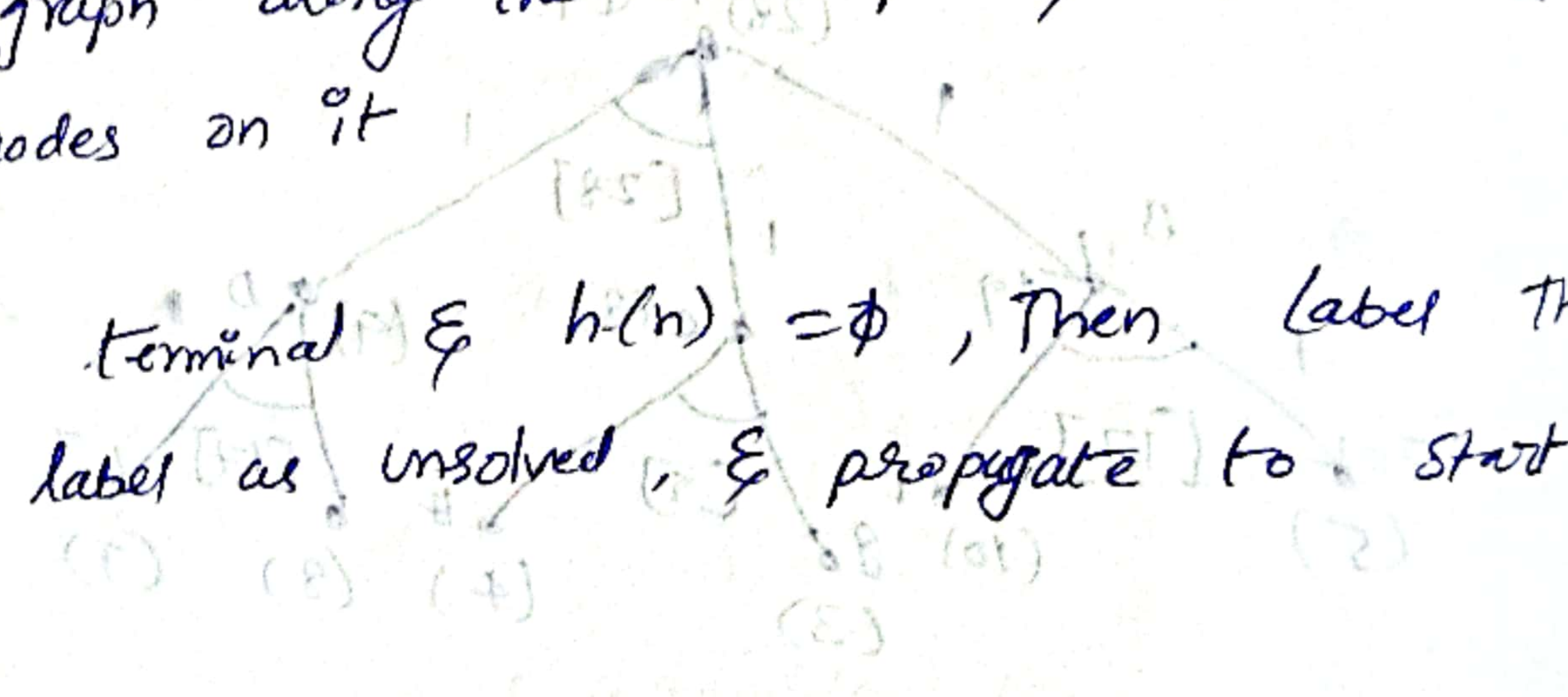
- if node is Non-terminal, add. The.

- Revise cost of expanded nodes & propagate to start node.

- Choose the current best path

}

- if (start node = solved), The leaf nodes of best path from root is The Solution nodes, else. , No solution exists



3. Game playing

- Game playing requires contain well defined states & rules

- A game is delayed. as a sequence of choices which are made from a number of discrete alternatives

- Games can be classified into two types,

a) perfect information Games (Tic-tac-toe, Chess...)

both players have access to same information

b) Imperfect information Games (cards, dice, ...)

both players do not have complete information

a) Game problem Vs state space problem.

Game problem state space problem.

Board position

States

legal moves

Rules

winning position

Goal

• A Game starts with initial state & ends with a win/loss/draw

• Game problem is defined by using "Game Tree"

In 'Game Tree', one level is treated as OR node level & other as 'AND' node level

The philosophy of games is, minimize. The maximum possible loss & maximize. The minimize gain

The players are named as MAX & MIN.

Status Labeling procedure in Game Tree.

- Status labeling procedure for a node with win, loss & draw for a 'game tree' is,

• if i is a non-terminal maxnode, then

$$\text{Status}(i) = \begin{cases} \text{win, if any of } i\text{'s successors is a win} \\ \text{loss, if all } i\text{'s successors are loss.} \\ \text{DRAW, if any of } i\text{'s succs is draw \& \end{cases}$$

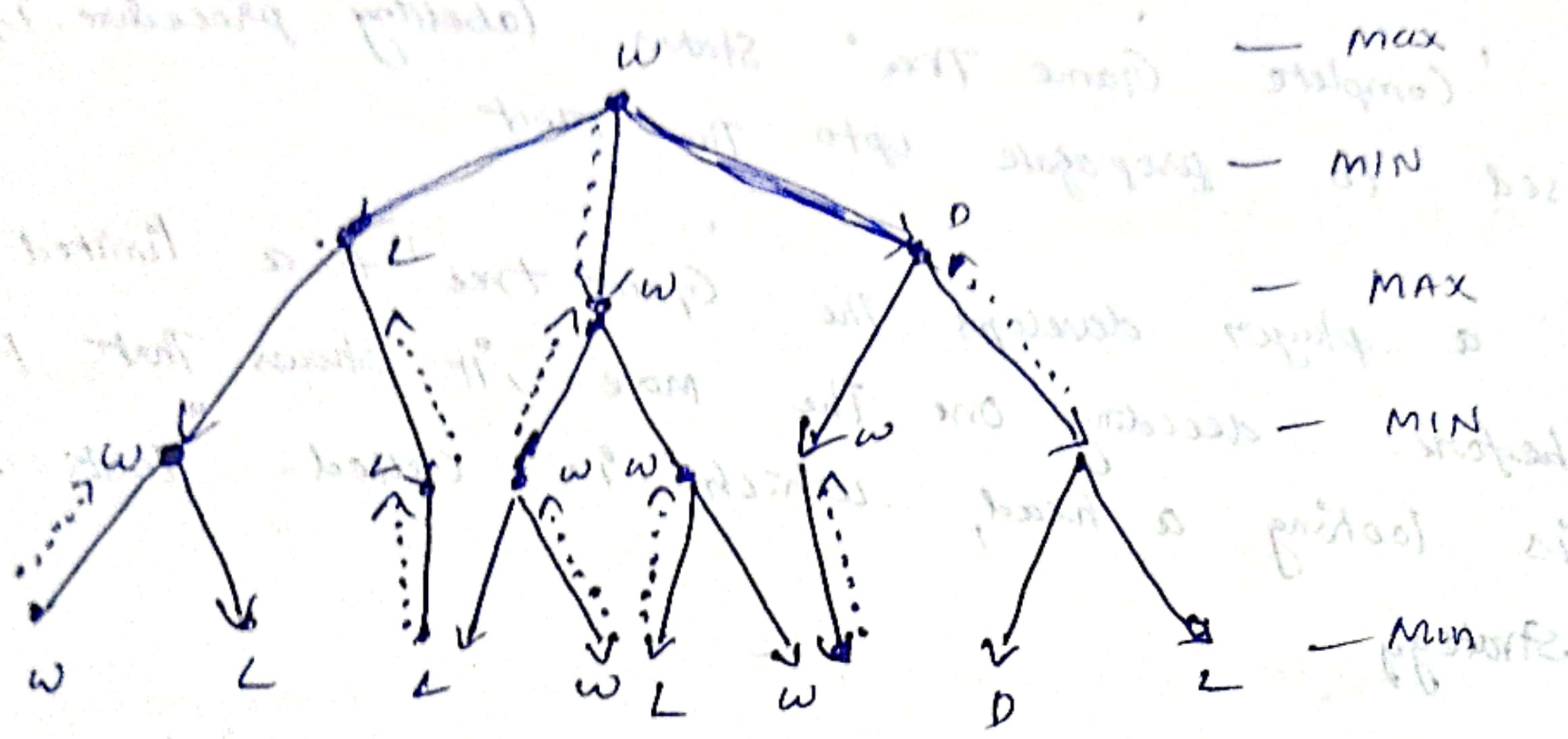
more here is win
none
(NONE)

• if i is a non-terminal MIN node, then

$$\text{Status}(i) = \begin{cases} \text{WIN, if all } i\text{'s successors are win} \\ \text{loss, if any of } i\text{'s succs is a loss} \\ \text{DRAW, if any of } i\text{'s succs is a draw \& \end{cases}$$

none is less

Eg: Complete 'Game Tree' with 'MAX' playing First move.



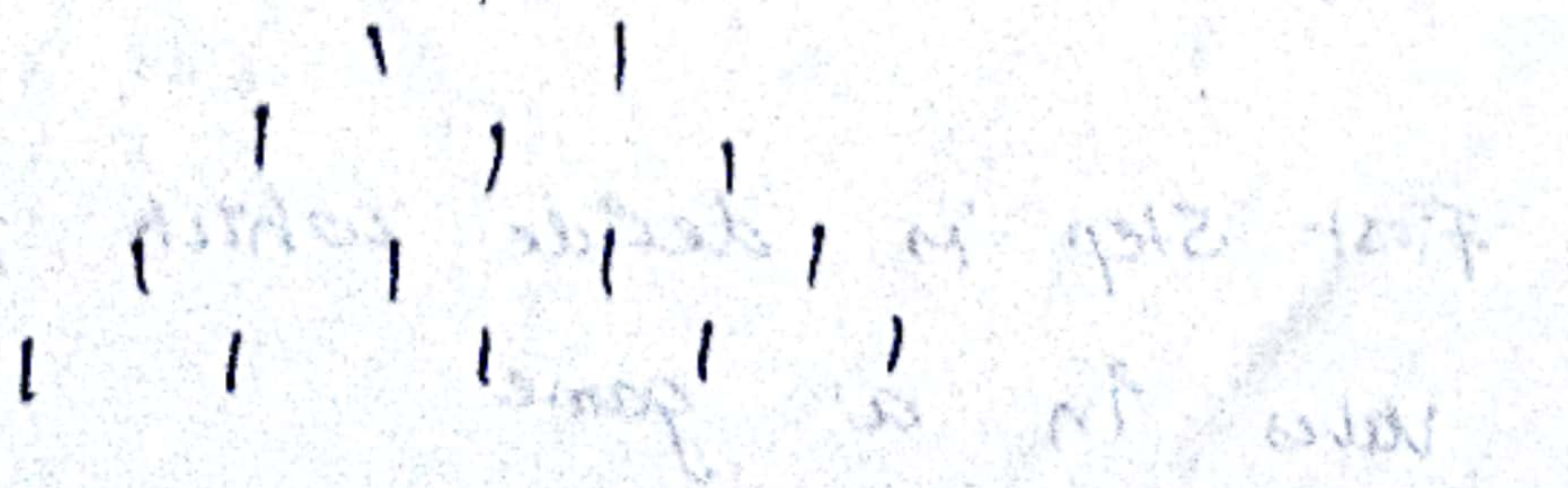
Let us indicate win with 'w', loss with 'L', Draw with 'D'

Nim Game problem

It is a two player game which has single pile of match sticks (> 1). Moves are made by players alternately.

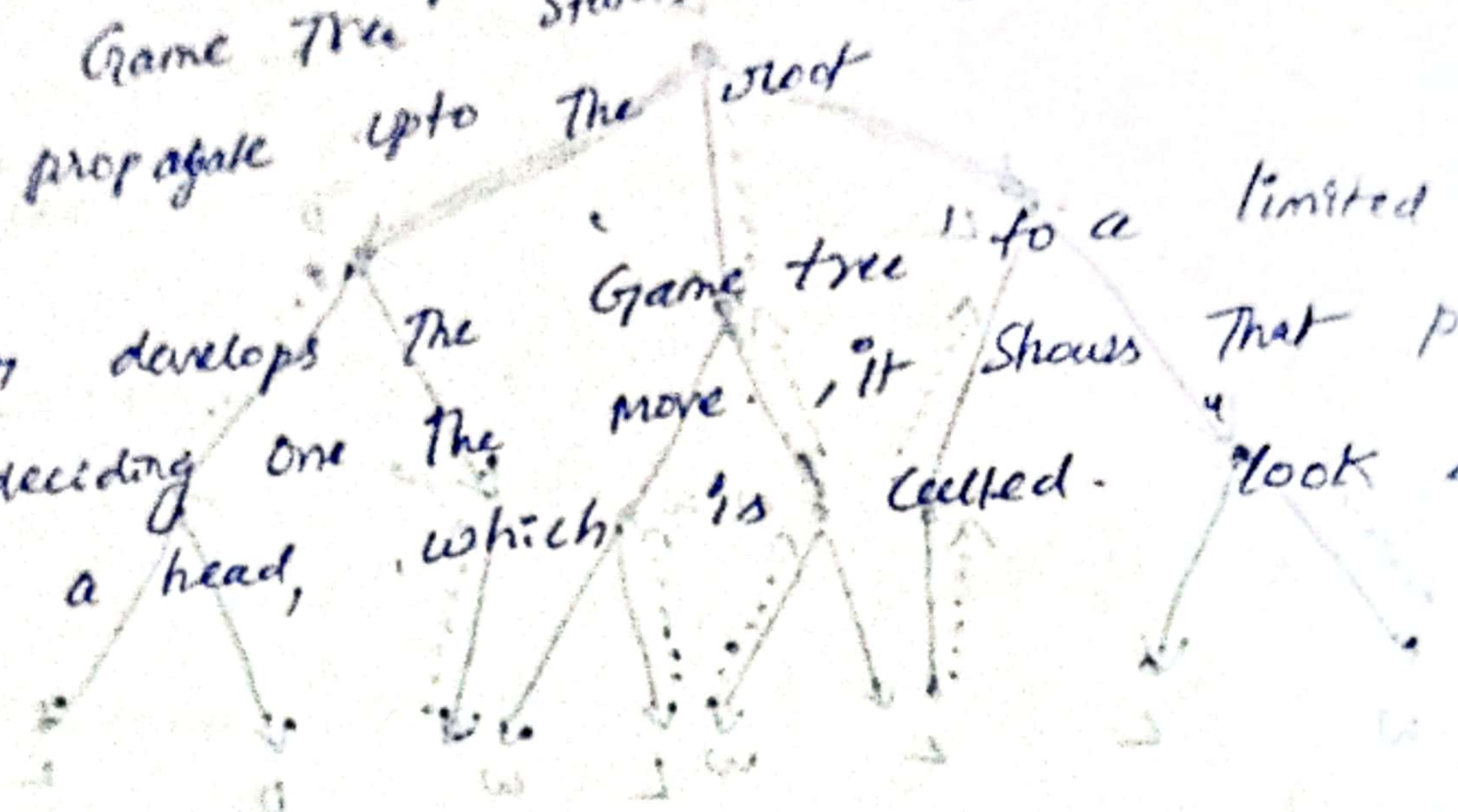
In a move, each player can pick a maximum of half the no. of match sticks in pile.

Whoever takes the last matchstick loses.



→ Bounded Look-Ahead Strategy & use of Evaluation Functions.

- In 'Complete Game Tree' status labelling procedure is used to propagate upto the root.
- If a player develops the move, it shows that player is looking ahead, which is called 'look ahead' strategy.



- If a player is looking ahead n number of levels before making a move, it is called n -move 'look-ahead' strategy.

→ The actual value of a terminal state is unknown. Since it is not a exhaustive search - in this case, we use an 'Evaluation function'.

Using Evaluation functions

- The process of evaluation of a game is determined by the structural features of the current state.
- The steps involved in the evaluation procedure are,
 - o First step is to decide which features are of value in a game.
 - o Next step is to provide each feature with a range of possible values.

o last step to divide a set of weights in order to combine all the feature values into a single value.

MINIMAX!

procedure:-

The estimated scores generated by a heuristic evaluation function for leaf nodes are propagated to the root using 'MINIMAX' procedure.

- A 'MINIMAX' procedure is a recursive algorithm where a ~~player~~ player tries to maximize its chances of win a simultaneously minimizing the chances of win of opponent.

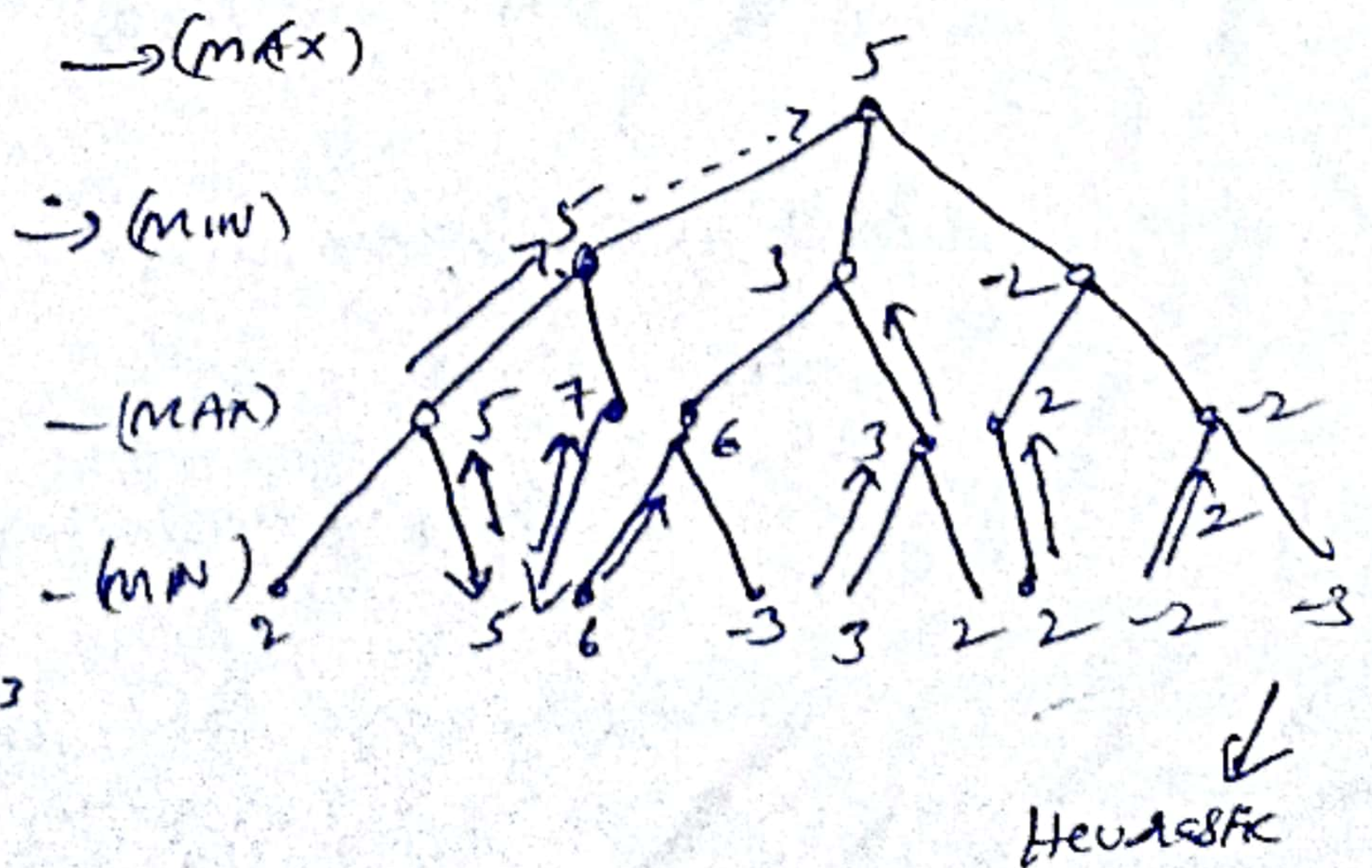
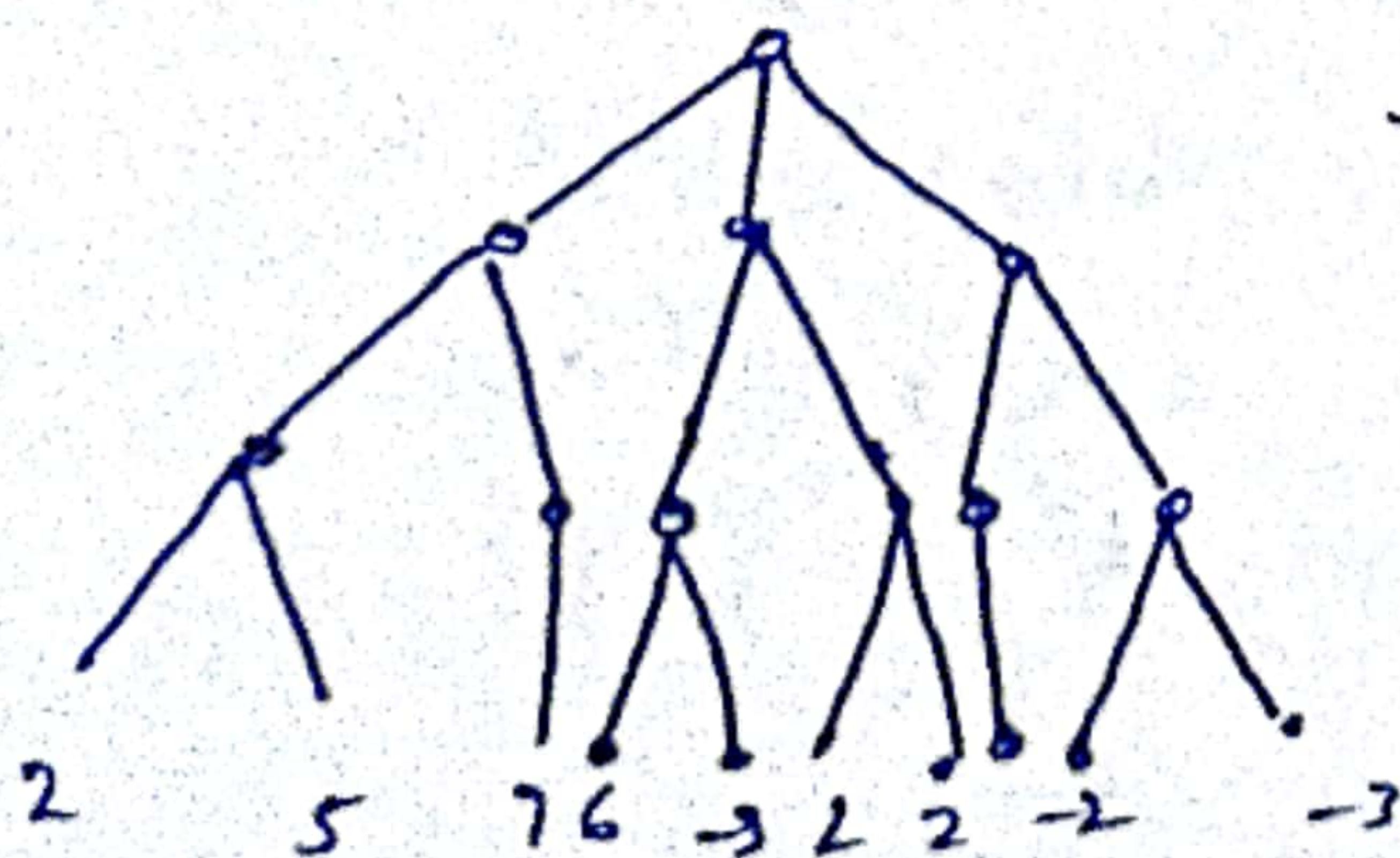
- The player hoping to achieve a positive number is called "maximising player" & the opponent is called "minimizing player."

Eg:-

Game Tree

Game TREE

MAX
MIN
MAX
MIN



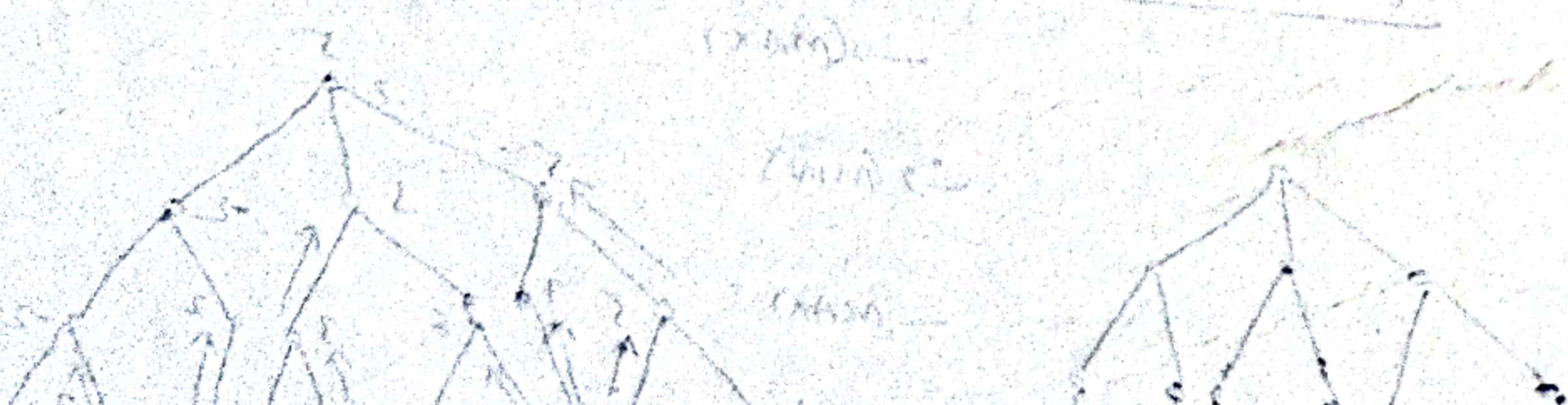
In above figure, The leaf nodes are to be used since they have heuristic values

Since The parent node of leaf node is 'MAX' turn, he chooses the maximum value from its leaf node is 5 from (2 & 5) & so on

Since The above level of is 'MIN' turn, he chooses the minimum value is 5 from (5 & 7) and so on

Finally The root node (last level from bottom) is of 'MAX' turn he will choose the MAX value i.e. 5 (from 5, 3, 2)

→ Next page.



(MINIMAX)

MINIMAX Algorithm.

→ it is a recursive / back tracing algorithm which is used for decision making in Game Theory (which searches in (GAME TREE))
(TIC-TAC-TOE ... chess)

MINIMAX (pos, depth, player)

{ if depth (pos, depth) turn return

({ VAL = Eval (pos, player) . path = Nil })

else .

{ succ-list = GEN (pos)

if succ-list = Nil then return

(Eval = Eval (pos, player) . path = Nil })

else

{ Best-val = min value returned by EVAL

for each succ's succ-list do

{ succ-Result = MINIMAX (succ, depth+1, player)

No's value = -val of succ-Result

if New-value > Best-val Then

{ Best-val = New-value .

Best-path = Add (succ, path of succ Result)

} . 3

return (Eval = Best-val . path = Best-path)

5. Alpha-Beta pruning (Optimized minimax algorithm)

- The main drawback of Minimax algorithm is, it cannot handle very complex games (chess, go, etc). Since these games have ~~big~~ 'huge branching' factor a player has lot of choices.
- The above limitation can be overcome by 'Alpha-Beta' pruning.

Definition

- Alpha-Beta (α - β) pruning (is) a strategy which reveals the number of tree branches, which is also called Backward pruning.
- α - β pruning is a modified depth first procedure which reveals the amount of work done in generating useless nodes.

Procedure :-

- α - β pruning procedure ~~requires~~ requires 2 Threshold values α (Lower Bound) & β (Upper bound).
Max Node has α which never decreases \Rightarrow
Min Node has β which never increases \Leftarrow (Threshold values)

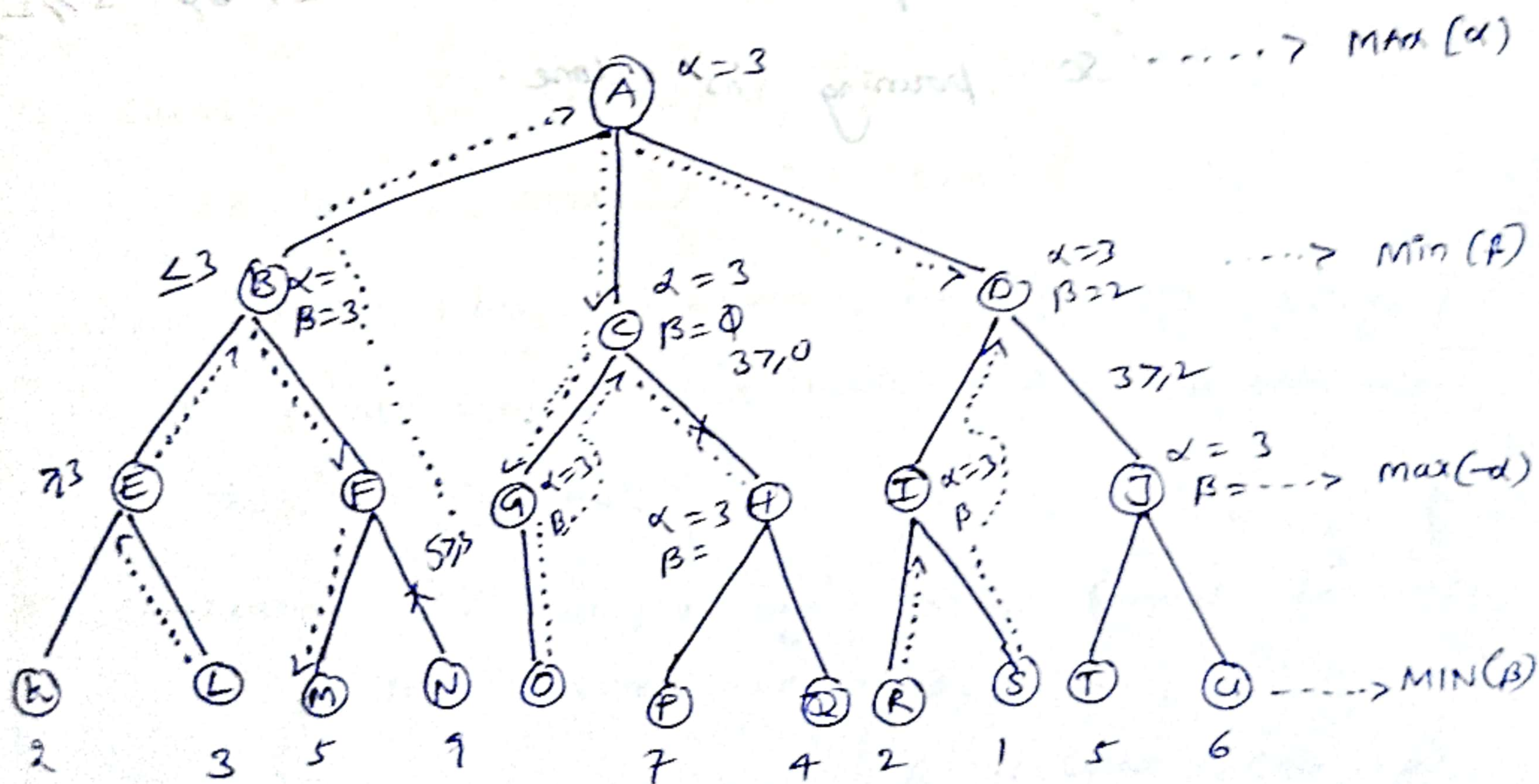
During The traverse, α - β pruning uses DFS, & Checks

nodes where $d \geq \beta$ during back traverse, if its condition satisfies, Then pruning is done from That node.

MAX = α

MIN = β

pruning connection : $d \geq \beta$.



From above. MINMAX Game Tree, α - β pruning is applied,

Since α - β pruning is applied, DFS is used

First (3) is extracted by α at E,

(3) is extracted by α at B.

(3) is corrected by down to β at F

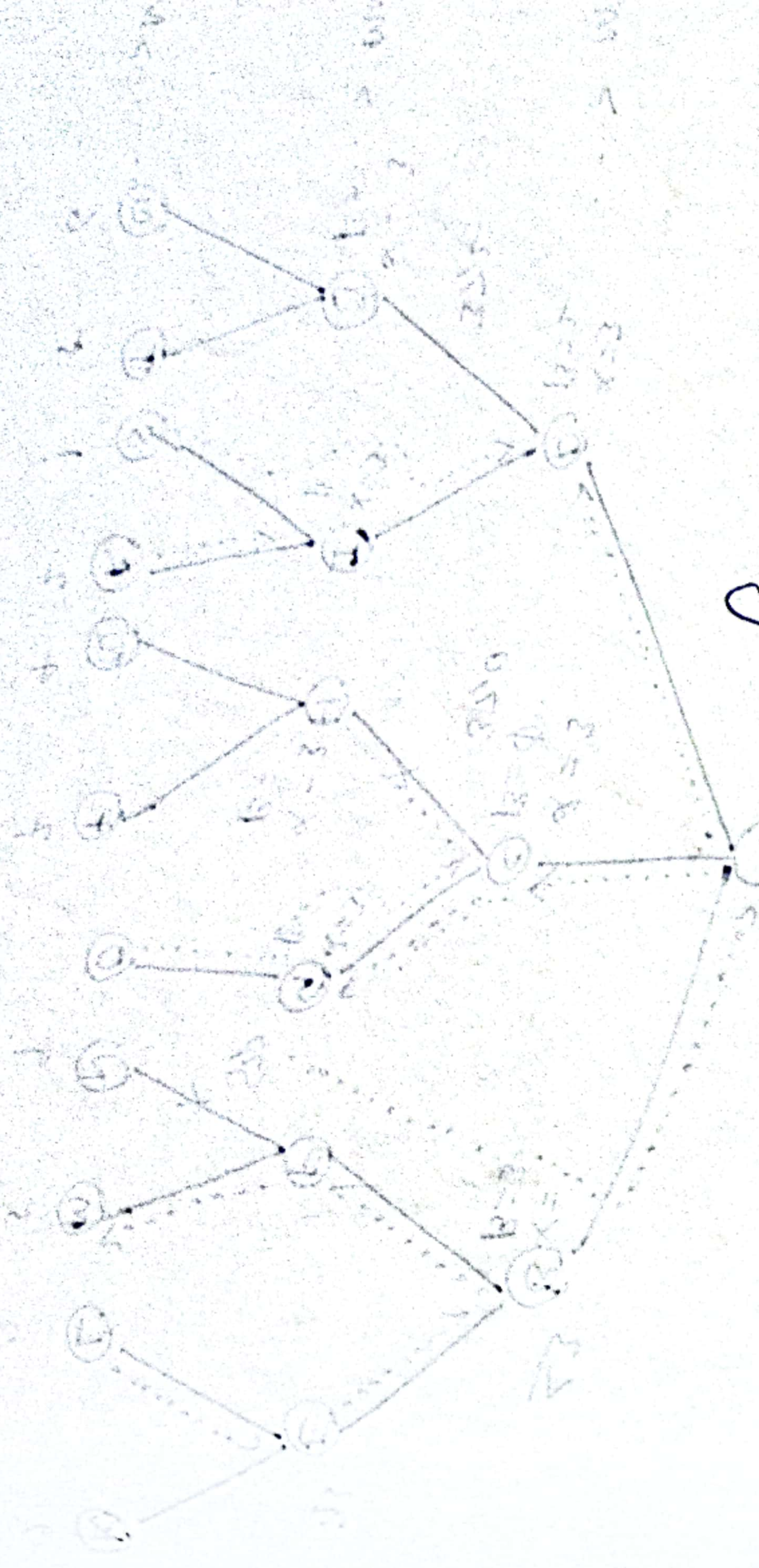
(5) is extracted by α at F.

Now comparison at F is done, for α & $\beta \Rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ &
 Since $5 > 3$, Then pruning is applied for that branch.

(3) is extracted by d at A success is, CID, G, HT, ...
 (3) is corrected down to all success is, CID, G, HT, ...
 about half ...
 (2) is extracted by B at C .

Now comparison at C is done. $\alpha = 3500$, so pruning is done by B at D .

(2) is extracted by B at D .
 Now comparison at D is done. $\alpha = 3712$, so pruning is done.



Two-player perfect Information Games.

Some of the two player perfect information games

which are associated with combination of search & knowledge are,

1) Chess

2) Checkers

3) Othello.

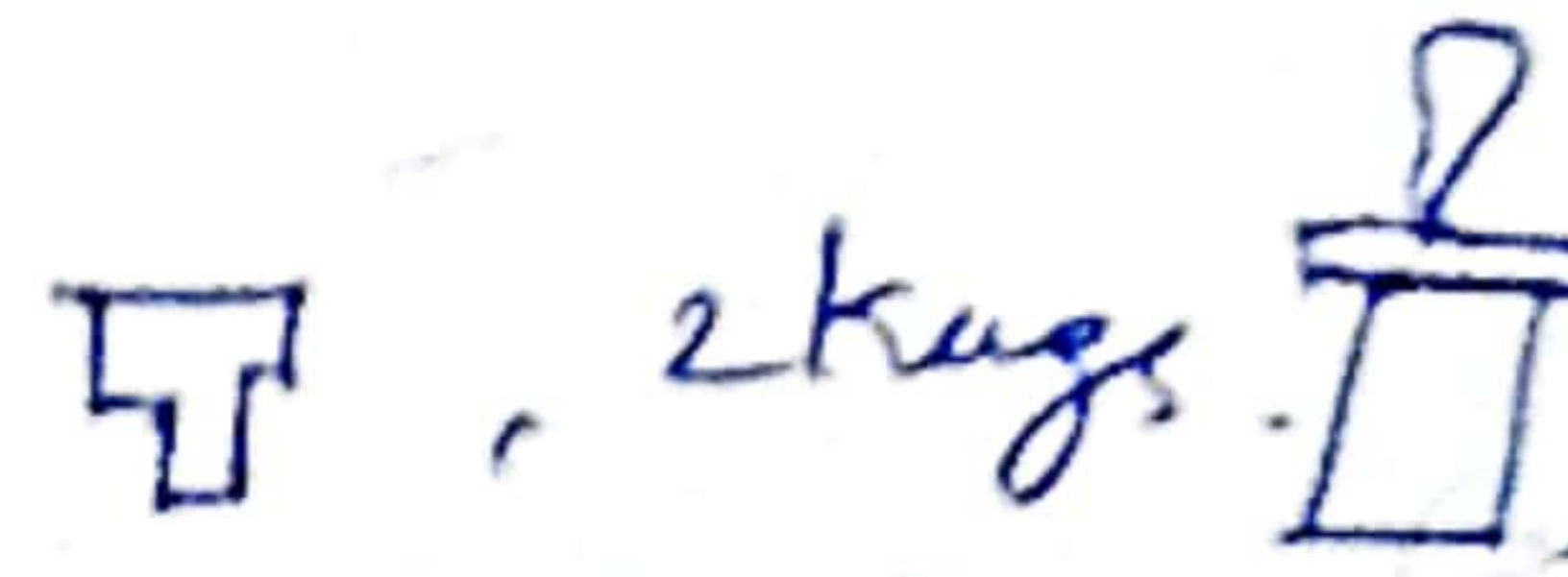
4) Go

5) Backgammon.

1) Chess:- (Developed by Green Belt in 1967)

64 squares, arranged in 8x8.

Each has, 1 King, 1 Queen, 2 Rooks,



& pawns. Goal is to make state opponent King.

check & checkmate.

2) Checkers:- (Developed by Arthur Samuel in 1967)

8x8 square board,

each player has 12 pieces of 1 color each and are placed in that color in 3 rows

- closest row to player is king row, called kings & others are men.

- Kings move diagonally, fwd, bwd. & men can move only diagonal fwd.

- when men pieces jump over king pieces they transform to kings

Goal: remove all opponent pieces on the board.

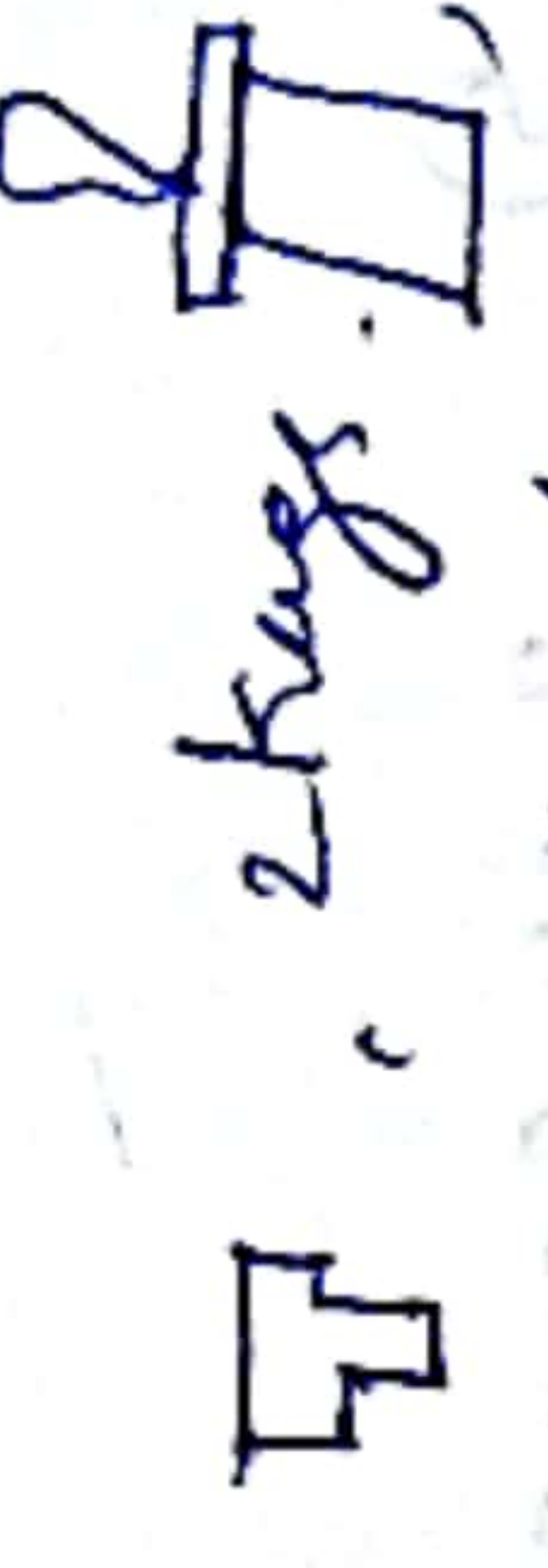
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3) checkers:- (also called Reversi) 8x8 square grid.
dev by Rosenbloom in 1982) Grid has
& distinct of light. Each face represent a player.

Goal:- make more pieces of players to have.
of that colour free

4) Go 19x19 board.

Each player uses stones either black & white.
Goal is occupy larger part of the board.

5) Backgammon:- Developed by Babylonians in 1980 playing
pieces are moved by using Dice! player
must choose from numerous optimum.