

GAMES

CS221: Section 5

Today's agenda

- Game Trees
- Expectimax
- Minimax

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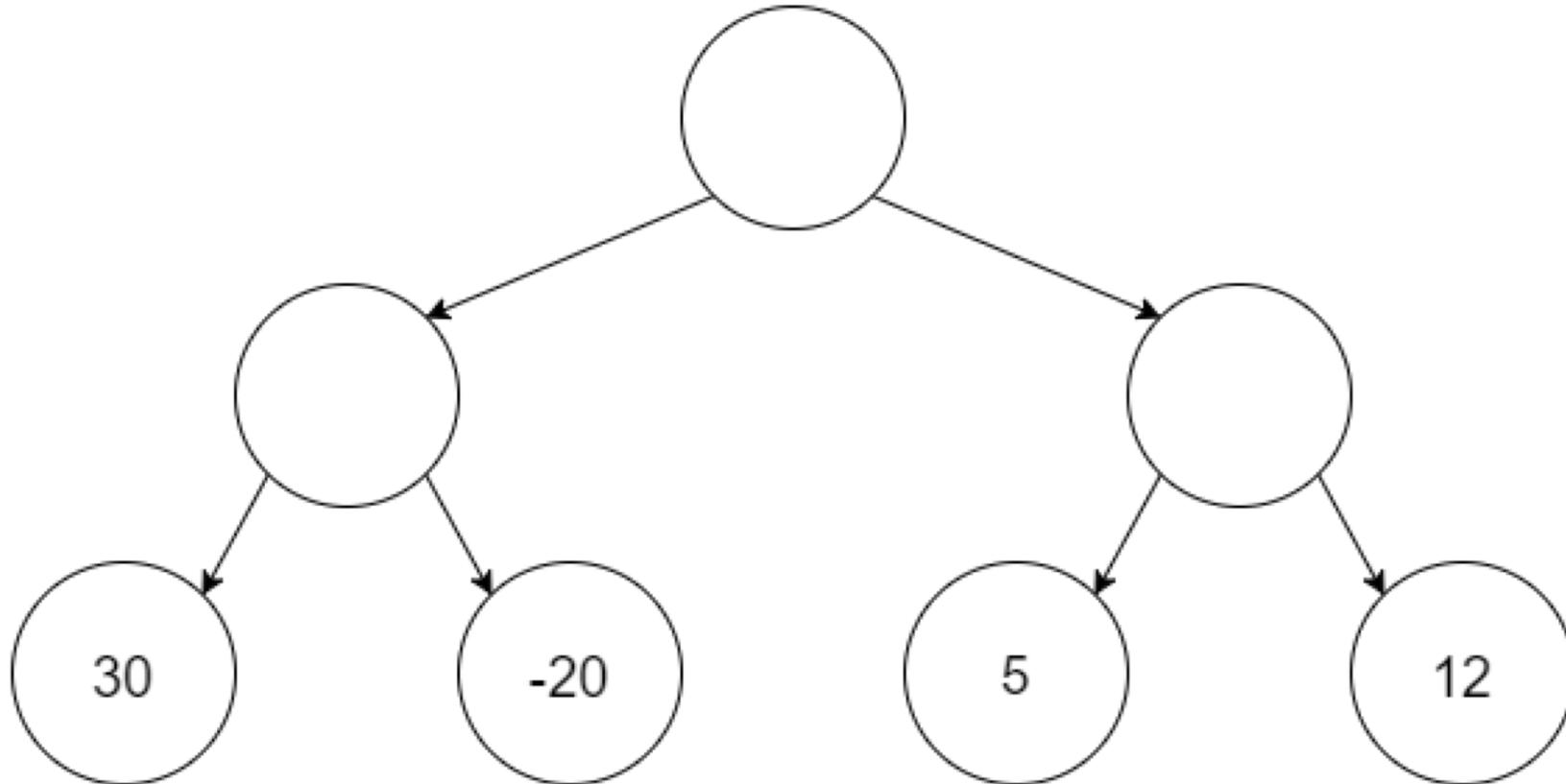
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Key idea: game tree

Each node is a decision point for a player.

Each root-to-leaf path is a possible outcome of the game.



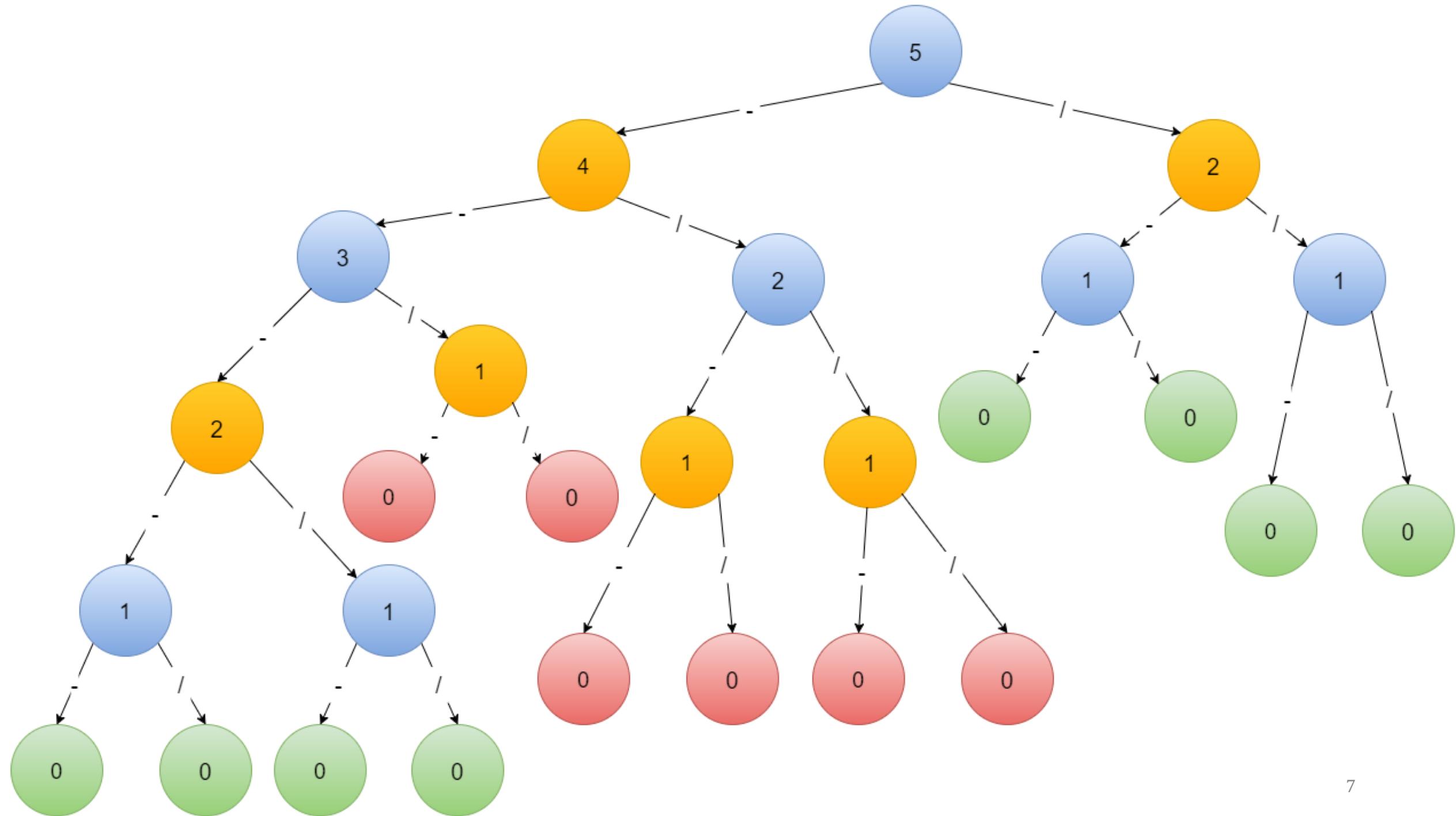
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Lets say $N=5$



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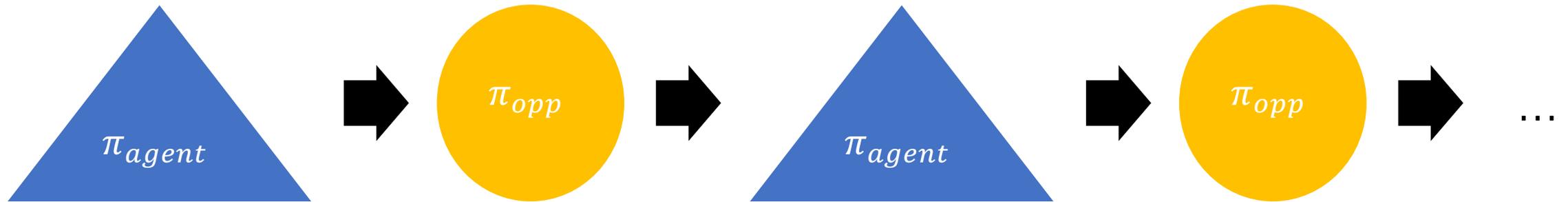
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The agent chooses the policy that is

optimal with respect to a fixed known policy

Expectimax Recurrence



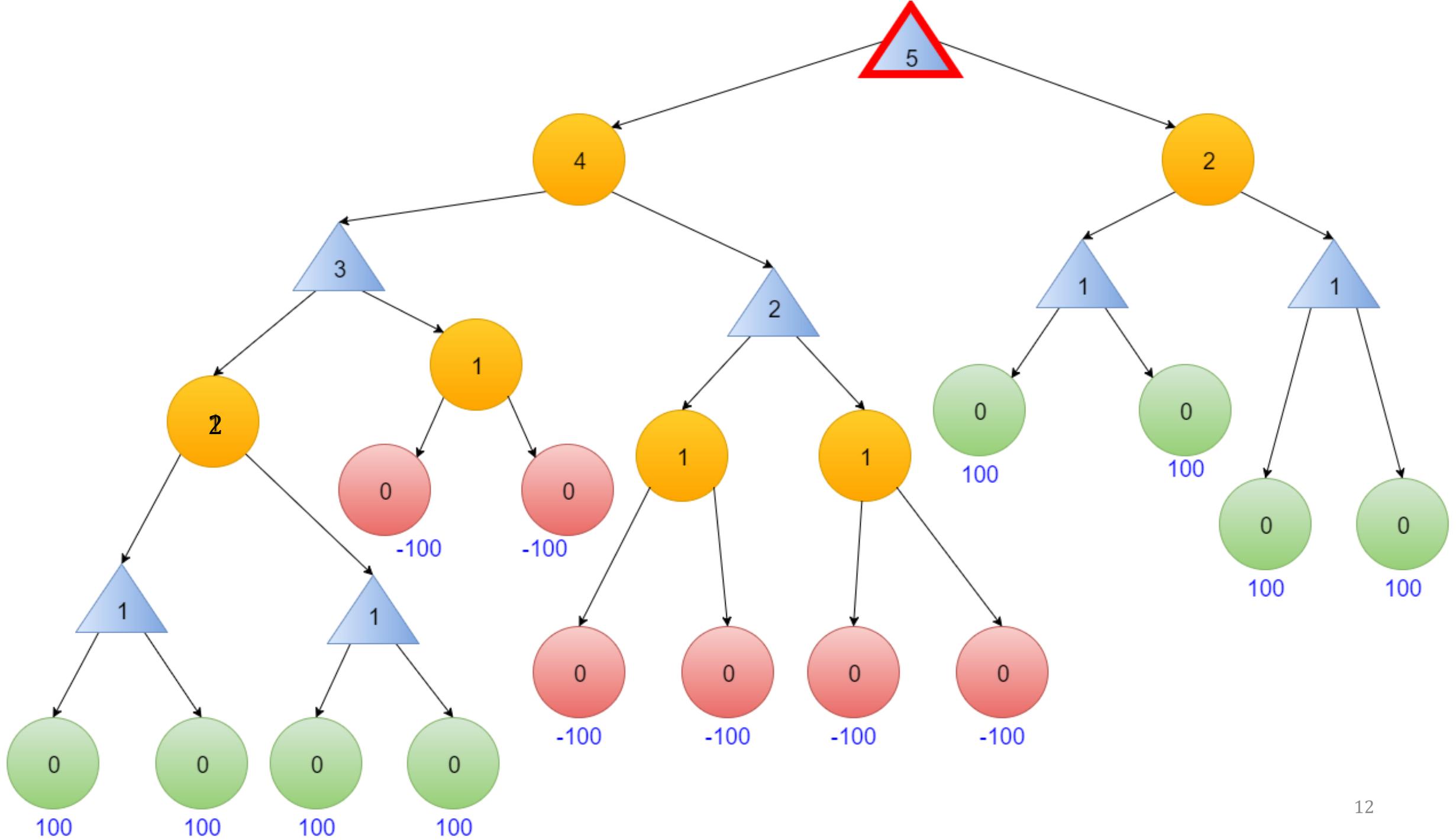
$$V_{opt,\pi}(s) = \begin{cases} \text{Utility}(s) & \text{IsEnd}(s) \\ \max_{a \in \text{Actions}(s)} V_{opt,\pi}(\text{Succ}(s, a)) & \text{Player}(s) = \text{agent} \\ \sum_{a \in \text{Actions}(s)} \pi_{opp}(s, a) V_{opt,\pi}(\text{Succ}(s, a)) & \text{Player}(s) = \text{opp} \end{cases}$$

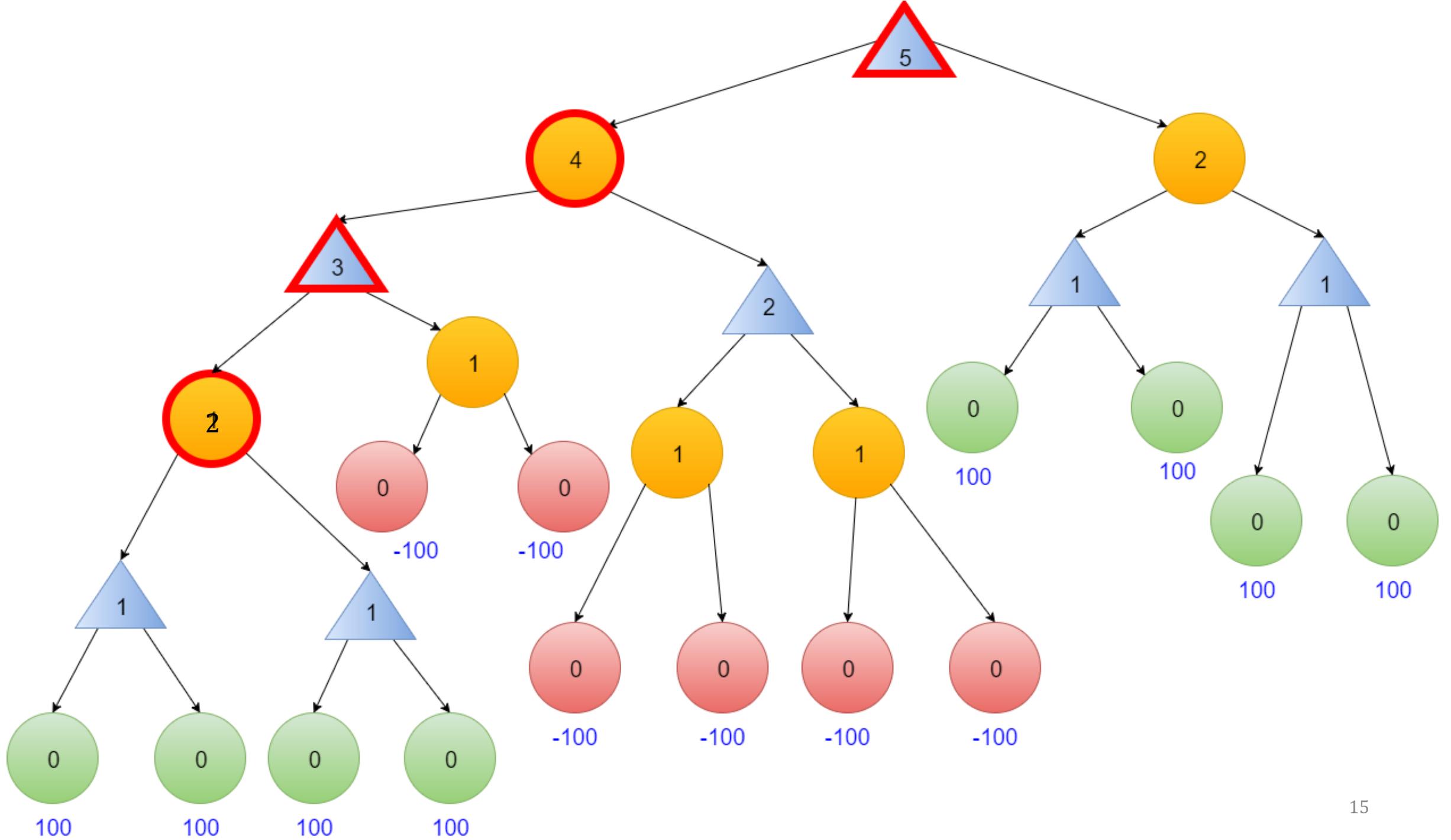
For our example, let's assume that the opponent

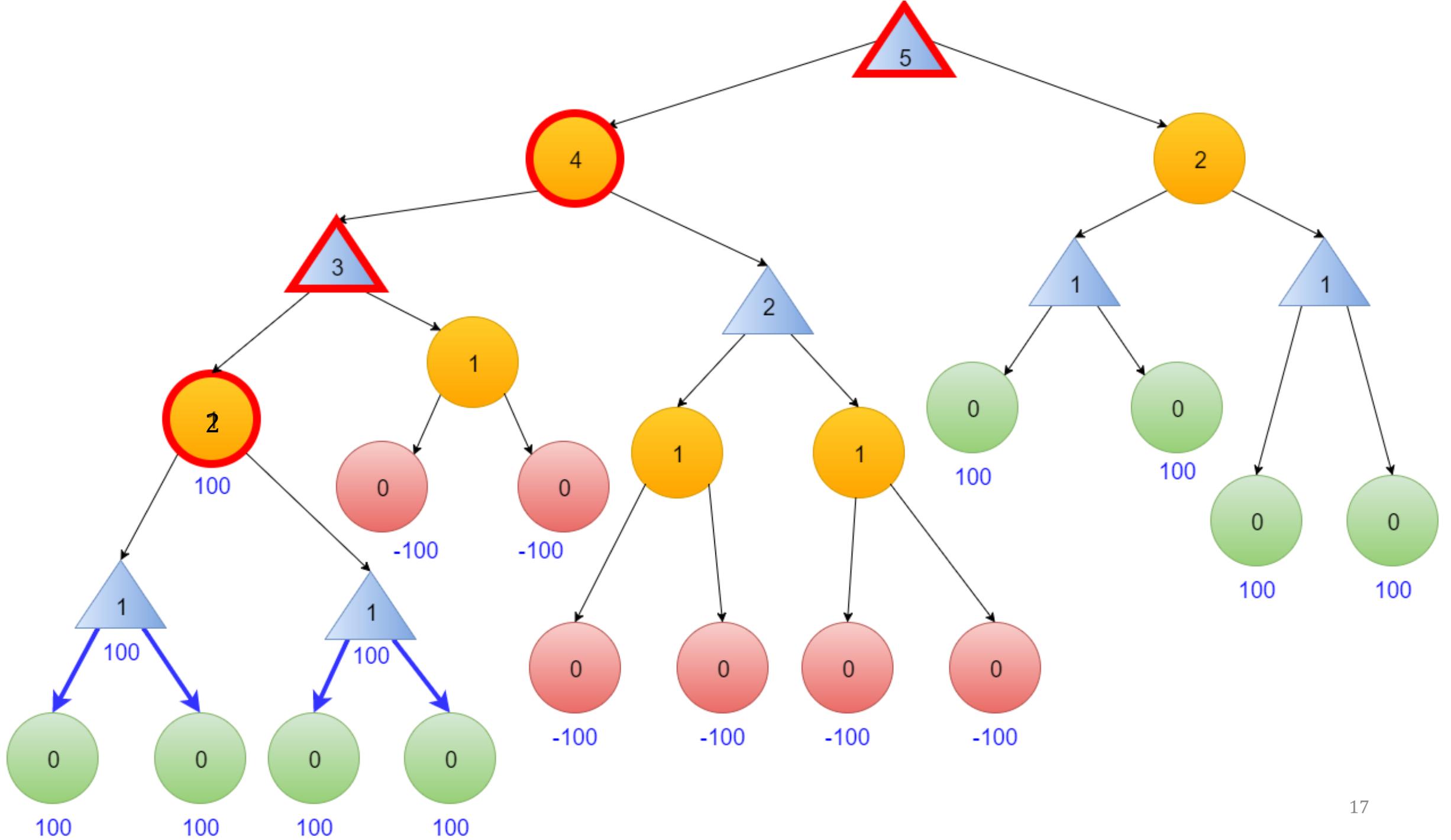
- Decrements if the number is odd
- Uniformly chooses to decrement or halve if the number is even

Thus the opponent's policy is given by

$$\pi_{opp} = \begin{cases} \text{Decrement 1} & \text{Number is odd} \\ \text{Choose uniformly} & \text{Number is even} \end{cases}$$





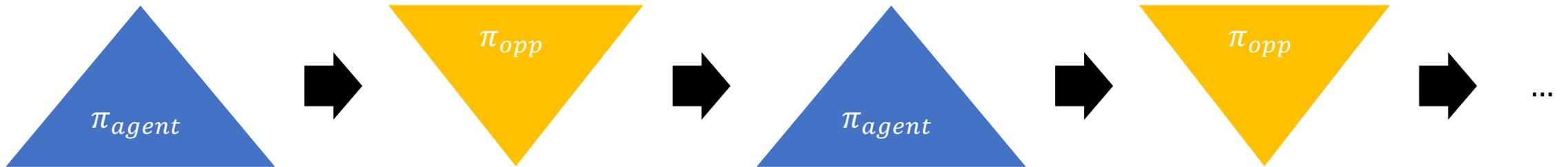


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Minimax Recurrence



$$V_{opt}(s) = \begin{cases} \text{Utility}(s) \\ \max_{a \in \text{Actions}(s)} V_{opt}(\text{Succ}(s, a)) \\ \min_{a \in \text{Actions}(s)} V_{opt}(\text{Succ}(s, a)) \end{cases}$$

IsEnd(s)

Player(s) = agent

Player(s) = opp

