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Topic Huffman Coding

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- It was first developed by David Huffman.
- It is data compression technique in which size of data / message is reduced.
- Variable length coding algorithm
- Reducing size of file / message without losing any of the details

Huffman Coding

Suppose the string below is to be sent over a network.

B|c|A|A|D|D|D|c|c|A|C|A|C|A|C

Initial String

As we know that, Each character occupies 8 bits,

According to ASCII,

$$A = 65 = \underline{01000001}$$

$$B = 66 = \underline{01000010}$$

:

& so on,

As in given string total 15 strings  
so total  $15 \times 8 = \underline{120}$  bits required to store / send data.

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We can send the above data by using fixed length Coding

Let us consider the following string

ABBCDDBCCDAABBEEEBEA B

In the above string total 20 characters

Each character required 8 bits to store (ASCII)

∴ Total Bits required =  $20 \times 8 = 160$  bits

Now another method, fixed length  
Coding

2 bits can represent 4 characters

i.e. 

00	{ bit bit bit bit}
01	
10	
11	

 2 bits

& 3 bits can represent 8 characters

000	{ bit bit bit bit bit bit bit bit}
001	
010	
011	
100	
101	
110	
111	

 3 bits

so, on.

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as in the given string only 5 different characters i.e. A, B, C, D, E so we required 3 bits (8 combination)

Table :-

0 0 0 - A

0 0 1 - B

0 1 0 - C

0 1 1 - D

1 0 0 - E

1 0 1 } unused

1 1 0 } unused

1 1 1 } unused

The string : A B C D B C C D A A B B E E E B E  
 000 001 001 010 011 --- also on

So here for each character 3 bits  
required

Total no. of bits =  $20 \times 3 = 60$  bits

Now for Decoding the message which is sent on the network, need required Table 1

so for sending the Table required 5 characters ( $5 \times 8 = 40$  bits)  
 & 3 bits for each character ( $3 \times 5 = 15$  bits)

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∴ Total number of bits required  
for this method

$$= \underline{20 \times 3} + \underline{5 \times 8} + \underline{5 \times 3}$$

(3 bits for each character)      (5 different chars A, B, C, D, E  
                                      8 bits each)      + (3 bits for each char.  
                                      Total 5 chars)

Now consider variable length coding

Huffman Coding

Here length of bits is not fixed  
for each character it is different

Now consider the string

A B B C D B C C D A A B B E E E B E A B

Step 1 Write the frequency of each character.

char	Frequency / Count. of Each char
A	4
B	7
C	3
D	2
E	4

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Step 2

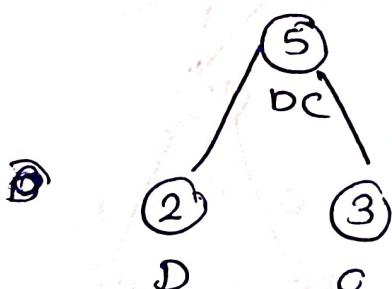
Now Design Huffman Tree.  
 So here arrange all character in increasing order according to their frequency count

∴ ~~Step 2~~ D C E A B  
 2 3 4 4 7

Step 3

Select Two least Frequency Count character. (Left side of Tree... Lowest count value)

D C E A B  
 2 3 4 4 7



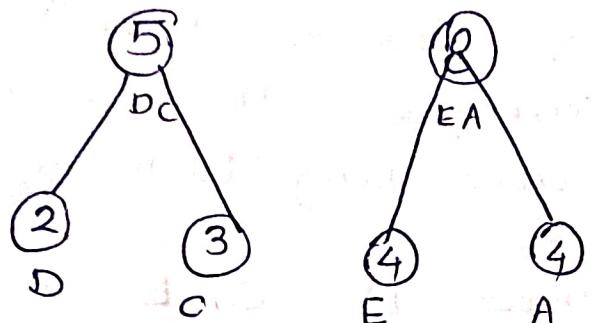
Now, arrange the count again

E 4 A 4 DC 5 B 7

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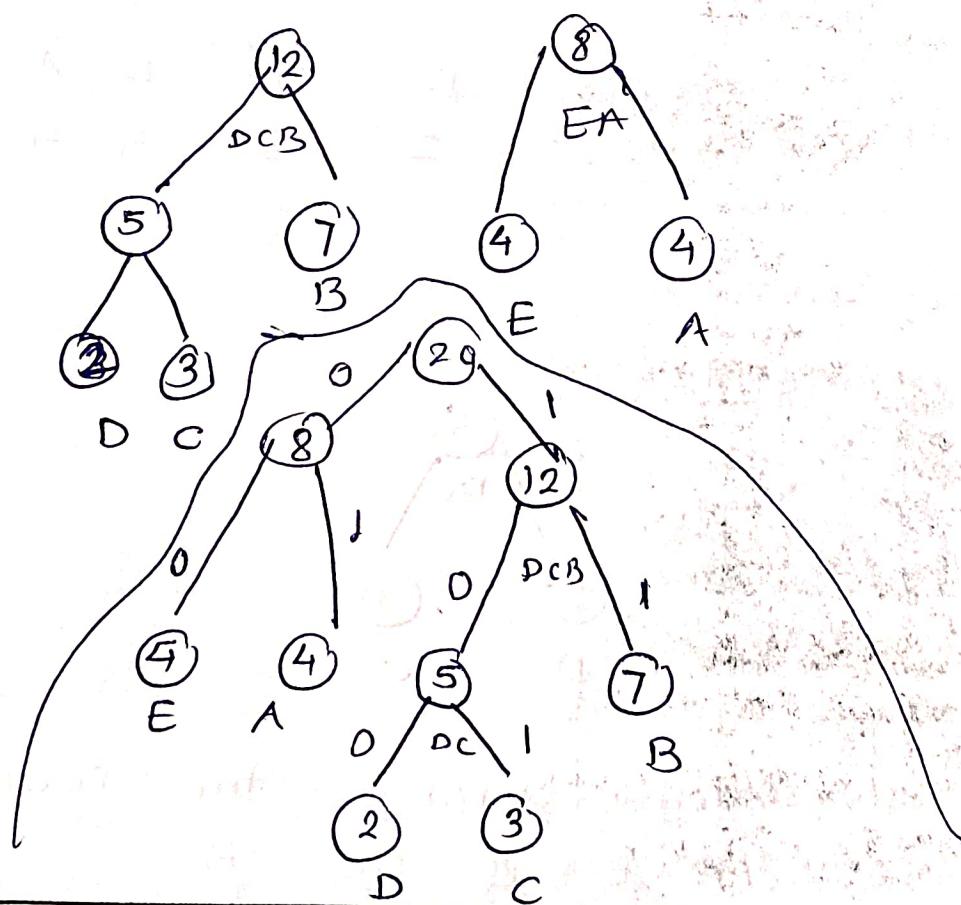
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Now, Again Arrange the frequency count  
 Characters Acc. to new count

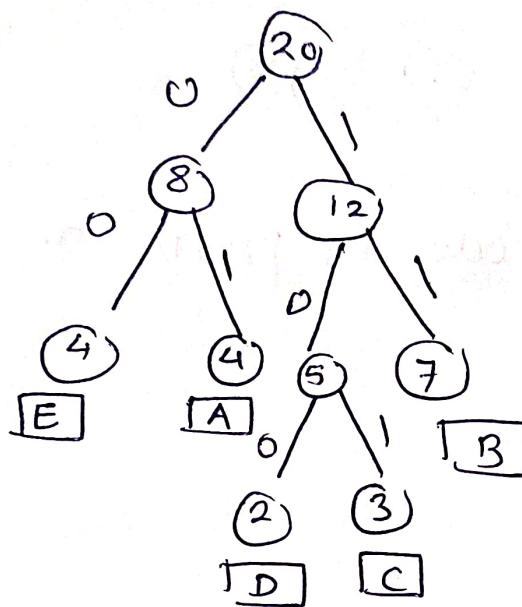
5 7 8  
 DCB EA



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Now find the huffman coding for

char	Huffman code	Frequency count	Total Bit for Each character = freq count * Total bits
A	= 0↓	4	$4 \times 2 = 8$
B	= 1↓	7	$7 \times 2 = 14$
C	= 101	3	$3 \times 3 = 9$
D	= 100	2	$2 \times 3 = 6$
E	= 00	4	$4 \times 2 = 8$
		Total	$\leq 45 \text{ bits}$

Also Table needed to send & for Table required Total Bits.

$$= 5(\text{char}) \times 8 \text{ bit}(\text{Each char})$$

$$+ \text{Total Bits } 12 \text{ bits } (\text{All char})$$

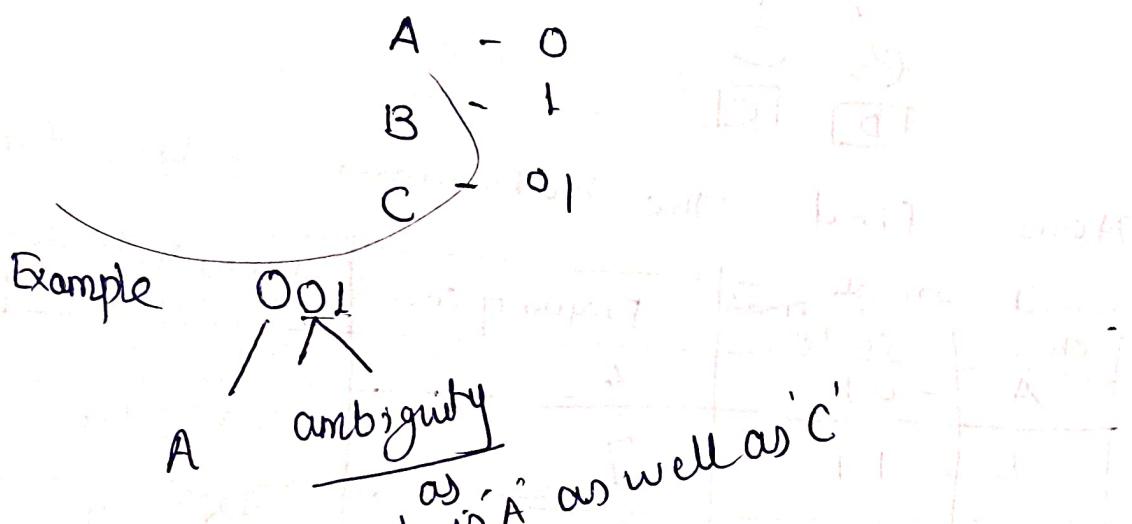
$$= 40 + 12 = 52$$

$$\text{Total Number of Bits} = 52 + 45 \\ = \underline{\underline{97 \text{ bits}}}$$

Time Complexity  $O(n \log n)$

Prefix Code: No code is prefix of another code.

For Example



$$001 \Rightarrow AAB$$

$$\underline{\text{OR}} \quad 001 \Rightarrow AC$$

- Encoding follows the prefix rule
- most generated char will get the small code & least generated char will get the large code

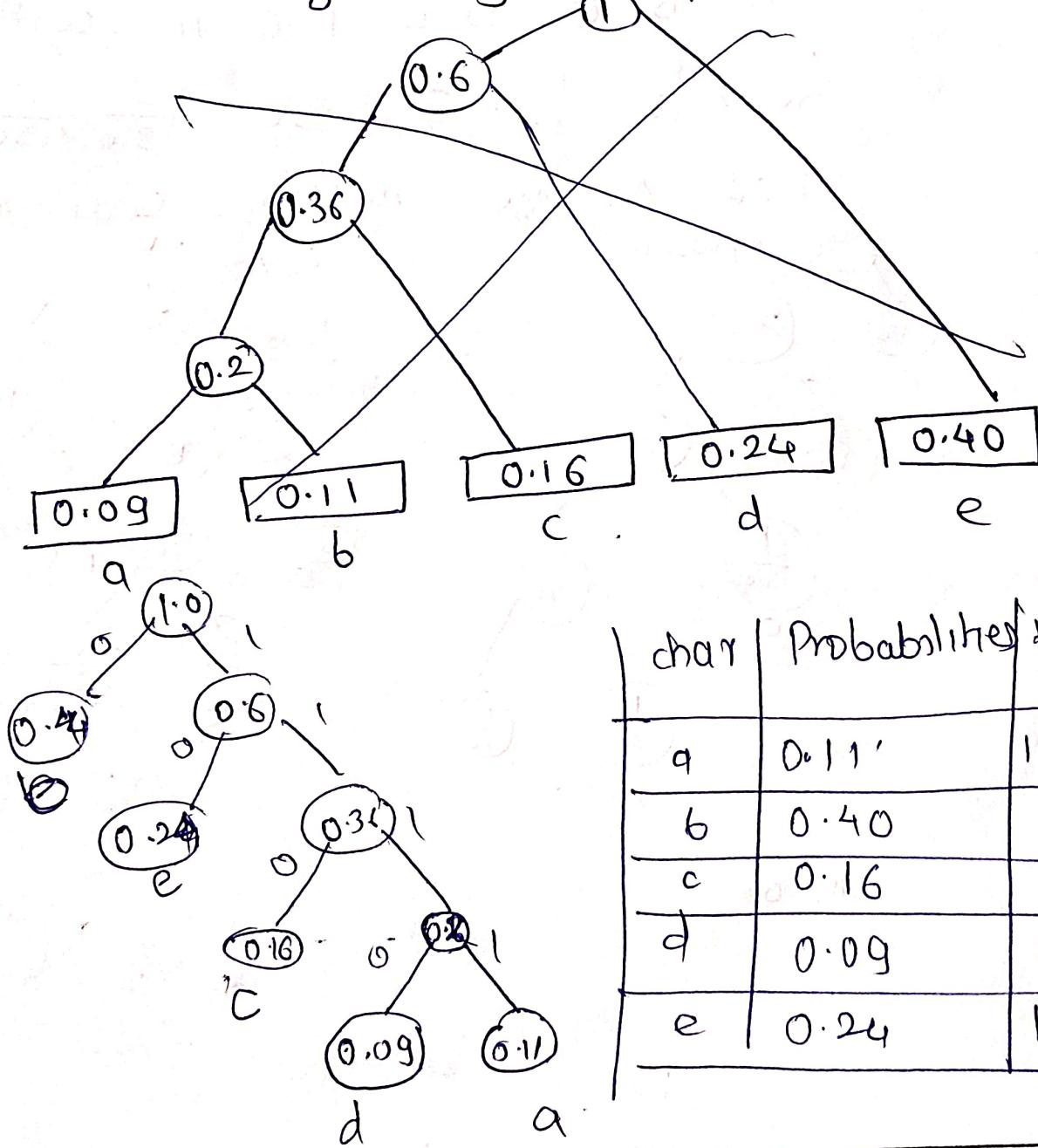
- Time Complexity  $O(n \log n)$

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A Text is made up of the characters a, b, c, d, e each occurring with the probability 0.11, 0.40, 0.16, 0.09 & 0.24 resp. The optimal Huffman coding tech. will have the average length of ?.



$$\text{Total Bits} = \text{avg prob} \times \text{problem size} = \sum_{i=1}^n (P_i \times b_i)$$

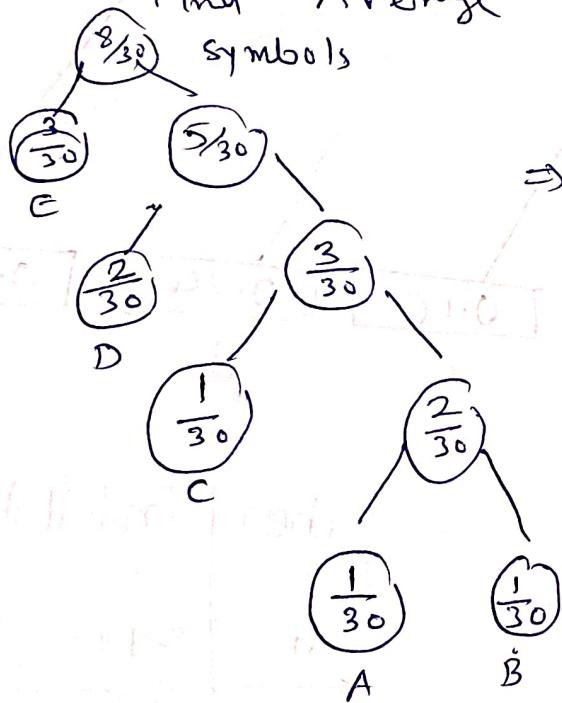
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total Bits} &= 0 \times 4 + 6 \times 1 + 10 \times 3 + 4 \times 4 + 2 \times 2 \\ &= 0.11 \times 4 + 0.40 \times 1 + 0.16 \times 3 + 0.09 \times 4 + 0.24 \times 2 \\ &= 0.44 + 0.40 + 0.48 + 0.36 + 0.48 \\ &= \underline{\underline{2.16}} \quad \text{bits/symbol}\end{aligned}$$

Ex 3

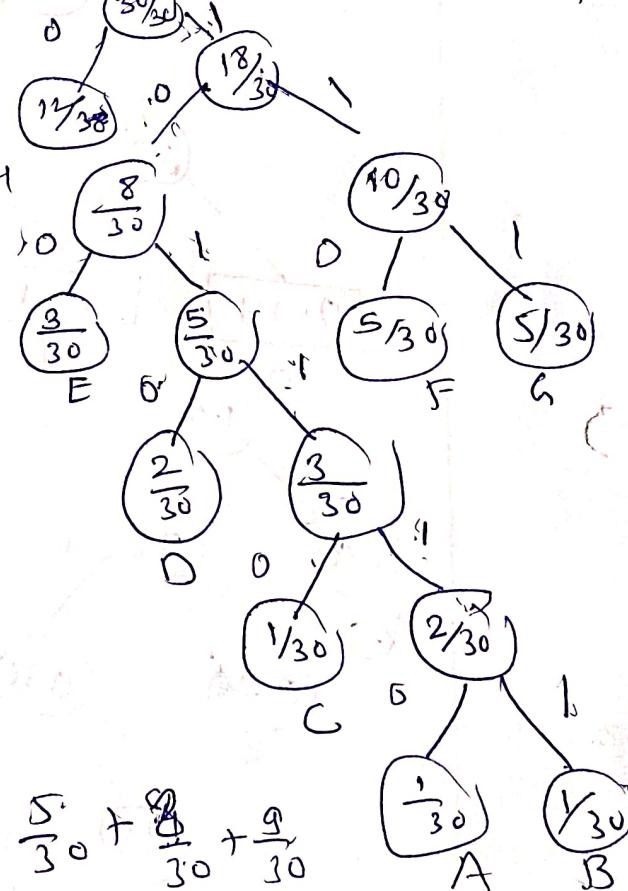
A B C D E F G H with prob

$$\frac{1}{30}, \frac{1}{30}, \frac{1}{30}, \frac{2}{30}, \frac{3}{30}, \frac{5}{30}, \frac{5}{30}, \frac{12}{30} \text{ resp.}$$

Find Average Huffman code size bits per symbol



Huffman code size bits per symbol



$$H = 0$$

$$\frac{6}{30} + \frac{6}{30} + \frac{5}{30} + \frac{8}{30} + \frac{9}{30}$$

$$+ \frac{15}{30} + \frac{15}{30} + \frac{12}{30}$$

$$= \frac{76}{30} \quad \text{bits/symbol}$$

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