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1. Determine the cost and structure of an optimal binary search tree for a set of $n = 7$ keys with the following probabilities:

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
p_i		0.04	0.06	0.08	0.02	0.10	0.12	0.14
q_i	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05

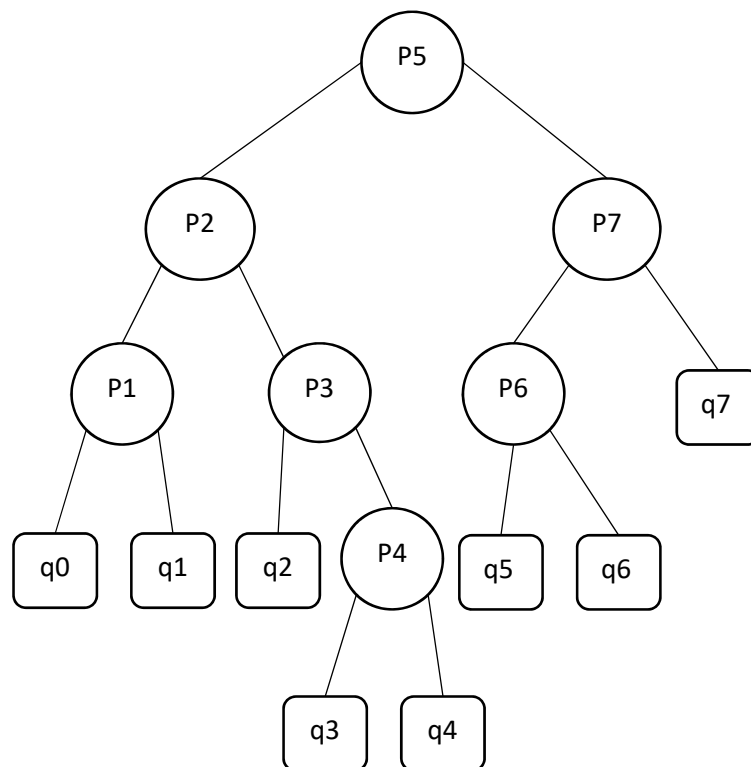
→ Using Optimal-BST,

The matrix e is:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0.06	0.28	0.62	1.02	1.34	1.83	1.42	3.12
2		0.06	0.30	0.68	0.93	1.41	1.96	2.61
3			0.06	0.32	0.57	1.04	1.48	2.13
4				0.06	0.24	0.57	0.99	1.55
5					0.05	0.30	0.72	1.20
6						0.05	0.32	0.78
7							0.05	0.34
8								0.05

Therefore, the cost is 3.12

The Optimal Binary Search Tree structure is:



2. **Not just any greedy approach to the activity-selection problem produces a maximum-size set of mutually compatible activities. Give an example to show that the approach of selecting the activity of least duration from among those that are compatible with previously selected activities does not work. Do the same for the approaches of always selecting the compatible activity that overlaps the fewest other remaining activities and always selecting the compatible remaining activity with the earliest start time.**

➔ Approach of selecting the activity of least duration from among those that are compatible with previously selected activities does not work. Example:

Suppose, our activity times are $\{(3, 5), (1, 4), (4, 7)\}$

Then, the greedy solution is {activity 1}.

The optimal solution is {activity 2, activity 3}.

Approach of always selecting the compatible activity that overlaps the fewest other remaining activities:

Suppose, our activity times are $\{(3, 5), (0, 2), (6, 8), (2, 4), (4, 6), (1, 3), (1, 3), (5, 7), (5, 7)\}$

Then, the greedy solution is {activity 1, activity 2, activity 3}

The optimal solution is {activity 2, activity 3, activity 4, activity 5}

Approach of always selecting the compatible remaining activity with the earliest start time:

Suppose, our activity times are $\{(1, 10), (2, 3), (4, 5)\}$

Then, the greedy solution is {activity 1}

The optimal solution is {activity 2, activity 3}

3. **Prove that a binary tree that is not full cannot correspond to an optimal prefix code.**

➔ **Statement:** Let, T be a binary tree which is not full. Then there must exist an internal node x who has only one child y . We can merge u and v into a single node. Therefore, this new tree has depth less than T .

Elaboration: Let, T be a binary tree corresponds to prefix code such that T is not full. Then, there must exist an internal node, say x , such that x has only one child y .

Construct another binary tree, say N , which has same leaves as T and has same depth as T , except for the leaves which are in the subtree rooted at y in T . These leaves will have depth in N , which implies T cannot correspond to an optimal prefix code.

4. Prove that if we order the characters in an alphabet so that their frequencies are monotonically decreasing, then there exists an optimal code whose codeword lengths are monotonically increasing.

→ Let, two codewords be c_1 and c_2 , where $c_1.\text{freq} > c_2.\text{freq}$
 Let, another two codewords be x and y , such that $x.\text{length} < y.\text{length}$

Comparing the assignment costs for these two cases:

Shorter codeword to lower frequency. Cost is,

$$\gamma_1 = x.\text{length} * c_2.\text{freq} + y.\text{length} * c_1.\text{freq}$$

Shorter codeword to higher frequency

$$\gamma_2 = x.\text{length} * c_1.\text{freq} + y.\text{length} * c_2.\text{freq}$$

Taking difference,

$$\gamma_1 - \gamma_2 = (x.\text{length} * c_2.\text{freq} + y.\text{length} * c_1.\text{freq}) - (x.\text{length} * c_1.\text{freq} + y.\text{length} * c_2.\text{freq})$$

$$= x.\text{length} * (c_2.\text{freq} - c_1.\text{freq}) + y.\text{length} * (c_1.\text{freq} - c_2.\text{freq})$$

$$= (c_1.\text{freq} - c_2.\text{freq}) * (y.\text{length} - x.\text{length})$$

$$> 0 \quad , \text{ (because, } c_1.\text{freq} - c_2.\text{freq} > 0, \text{ and } y.\text{length} - x.\text{length} > 0)$$

Rearranging the codes such that they are monotonically increasing, we can now choose the one which is the shortest, and assign it to the character with the biggest frequency. Repeating this procedure until all the characters have been assigned a code, lowers the total cost since we are assigning the codes optimally.

Therefore, this corroborates our claim, i.e., if we order the characters in an alphabet so that their frequencies are monotonically decreasing, then there exists an optimal code whose codeword lengths are monotonically increasing.

5. Show that edge (u, v) is

- A tree edge or forward edge if and only if $u.d < v.d < v.f < u.f$,
- A back edge if and only if $v.d \leq u.d < u.f \leq v.f$, and
- A cross edge if and only if $v.d < v.f < u.d < u.f$

→ Edge (u, v)

- In $u.d < v.d < v.f < u.f$, u is an ancestor of v . Therefore, the edge is forward edge.
- In $v.d \leq u.d < u.f \leq v.f$, u is a descendant of v . Therefore, the edge is back edge.
- In $v.d < v.f < u.d < u.f$, v has been finished when exploring (u, v) , i.e., v is visited before u . Therefore, the edge is cross edge.

