

Greedy Algorithm

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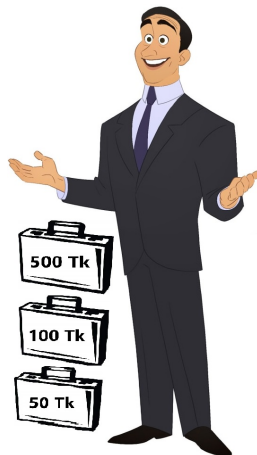
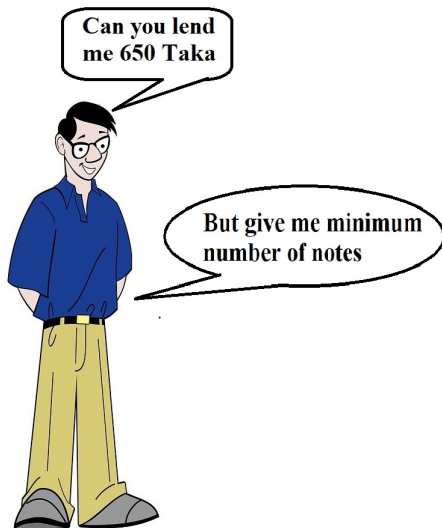
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He has a friend who needs some money.

He asks for 650 Taka but in minimum number of notes.

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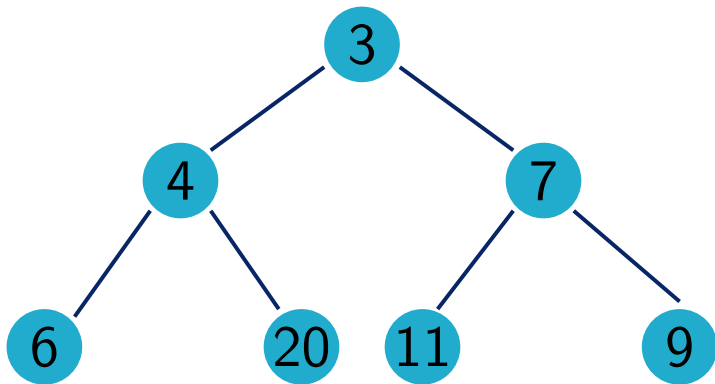


Figure: Graph

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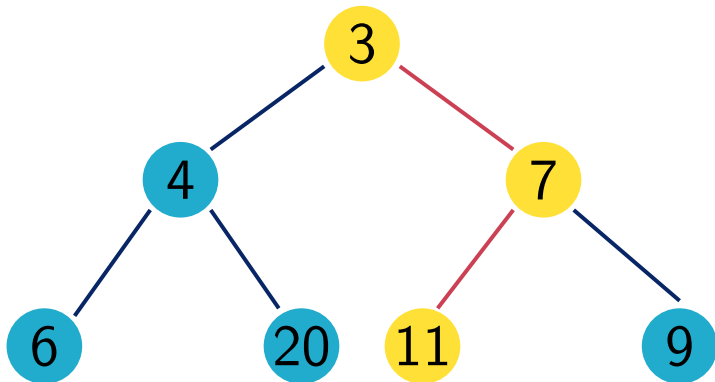


Figure: Found path with Greedy Algorithm

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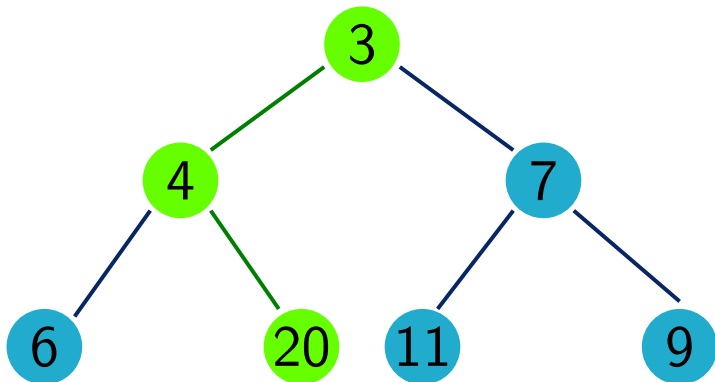


Figure: Actual Solution to the problem

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