

Greedy Algorithms - II

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Variable length encoding schemes

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Prefix Code :

Prefix Code for a set S of letters is a function $\gamma : S \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ such that for all $x, y \in S$, $x \neq y$, $\gamma(x)$ is not a prefix of $\gamma(y)$.

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$$\text{encoding length} = \sum_{x \in S} n f_x |\gamma(x)|$$

Average number of bits per letter

$$\text{ABL}(\gamma) = \sum_{x \in S} f(x) |\gamma(x)|$$

An optimal Prefix Code is one that minimises ABL

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binary tree that minimises $\sum_{x \in S} f(x) \text{depth}(x)$

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The binary tree corresponding to the optimal prefix code is full.

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Let $u, v \in S$.

Let $\text{depth}(u) < \text{depth}(v)$. Then $f_u \geq f_v$.

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There is an optimal prefix code, with corresponding tree T^* , in which the two lowest frequency letters are assigned to leaves that are siblings in T^* .

Huffman_Code(S)

If $|S|=2$

 encode one using 0 and other using 1

else

 Let y^*, z^* - lowest frequency letters

$$S' = S \setminus \{y^*, z^*\} \cup \{w\}$$

$$f_w = f_{y^*} + f_{z^*}$$

$$T' = \text{Huffman_Code}(S')$$

In T' , take the leaf labeled with w and add two children labelled y^*, z^*

proof of optimality:

$$\text{ABL}(T') = \text{ABL}(T) + f_w$$

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Running Time :

Scheduling to minimise lateness

- A single resource and a set of n requests to use the resource
- Each request has a deadline d_i and needs contiguous time interval of time t_i
- Assign non-overlapping intervals for requests
- A request i is assigned the interval $[s_i, f_i]$
- i is said to be **late** if $f_i > d$
- **lateness** $= f_i - d$
- Schedule all intervals such that the maximum lateness is minimised

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- Greedy choices

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There is an optimal schedule with no idle time.

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Proof by Exchange : We'll convert an optimal schedule into a schedule without inversions and not increasing the maximum lateness.