

# Introduction to Algorithms

CS 430

Lecture L18 - 20

# Outlines

- Greedy Algorithm
  - Activity selection problem
  - 0-1 Knapsack problem
  - Huffman code

# Why Greedy?

When we are seeking for optimal solution

- Dynamic programming

Decompose the problem to subproblems and take either **top-down** or **bottom-up** to solve the subproblems. The optimal solution depends on the combination of all solutions to subproblems.

- Problem exhibits optimal substructure.
- How about just to consider the local best choice and assume that all these local choices will lead to a global optimal solution?

Does this strategy work for all circumstances?

- Zero-Sum Game Theory
  - A zero-sum game is a mathematical representation of a situation in which each participant's gain or loss of utility is exactly balanced by the losses or gains of the utility of the other participants.

- Example for local utility and global utility



- Greedy Algorithm

- local optimal choice leads to global optimal solution
- a special case of dynamic programming
- dynamic programming: traversing the solutions of subproblems is equivalent to traversing subproblems; for bottom-up, a root has to consider the solutions of its children before solve itself;
- greedy: solutions of children do not affect the current choice; bottom-up is invalid.

- Greedy algorithm
  - definition:
    - A Greedy Algorithm always makes the choice that looks best at the moment. It makes a locally optimal choice in the hope that this choice will lead to globally optimal solution.
    - Greedy algorithms do not always yield optimal solutions, but for many problems, they do.

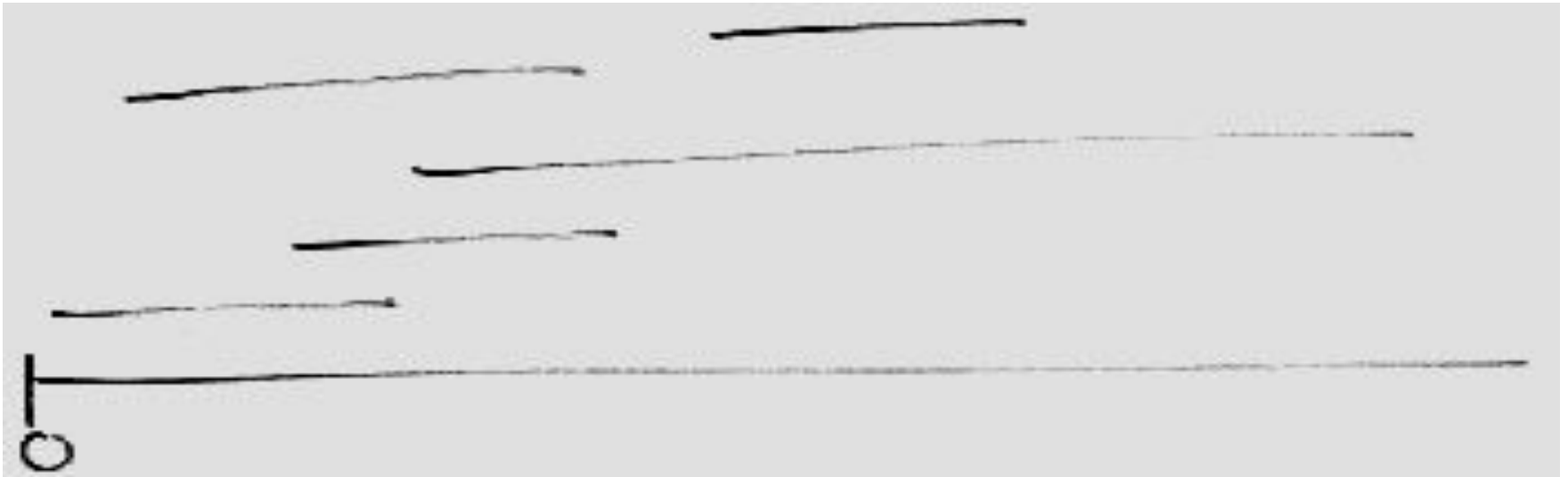
# Applications of Greedy Algorithms

- Activity Selection Problem
- 0-1 Knapsack
- Huffman Codes



# Activity Selection Problem\*

- Set  $S$  of  $n$  activities each with start  $s_i$ , finish  $f_i$
- Maximum set of Compatible Activities (non overlapping)



# Activity Selection Problem\*

- An activity selection problem: we have a set  $S=\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  of  $n$  proposed activities that wish to use a resource, which can serve only one activity at a time. Each activity  $a_i$  has a start time  $s_i$  and a finish time  $f_i$ . Where
$$0 \leq s_i \leq f_i \leq \infty .$$
- Activities  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  are compatible if the intervals  $[s_i, f_i)$  and  $[s_j, f_j)$  do not overlap.  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  are compatible if  $s_i \geq f_j$  or  $s_j \geq f_i$ .
- In the activity selection problem, we wish to select a maximum-size subset of mutually compatible activities.

# Activity Selection – Brute Force\*

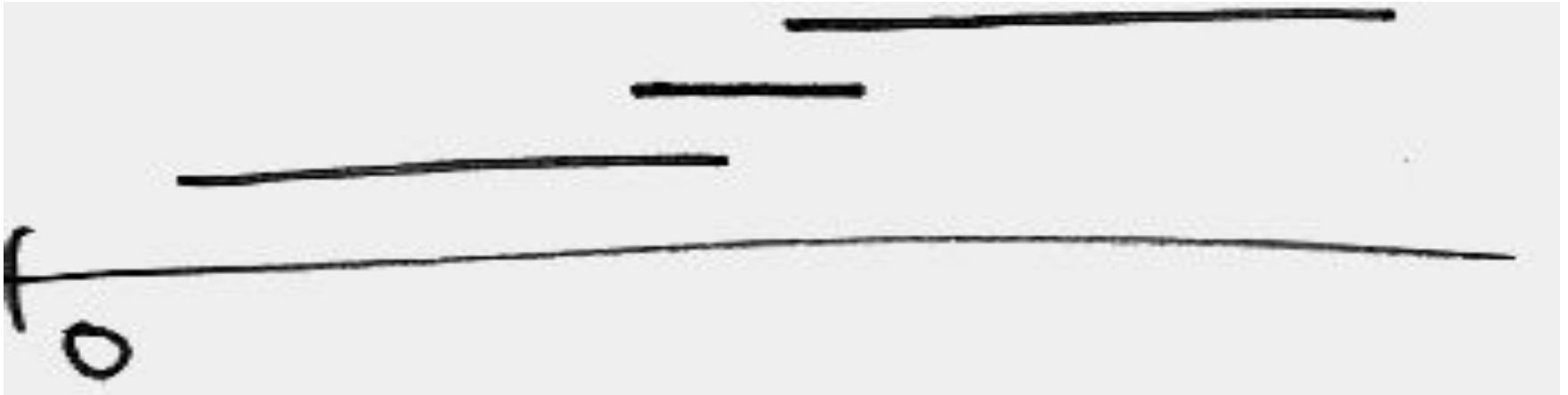
Try ALL compatible meeting combinations, pick the one with the max # of activities.

- “n” activities;
- total number of different combinations =  $2^n$ ;
- subset of those are compatible

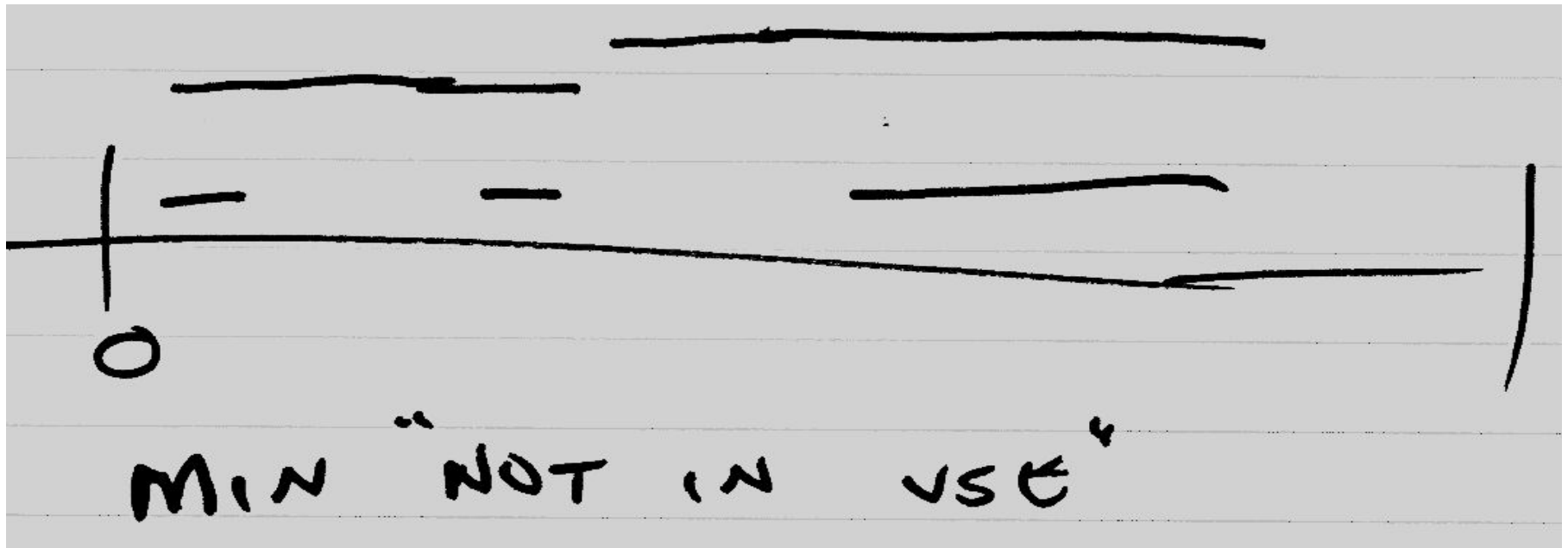
# Activity Selection– Possible Greedy Approaches

- Pick shortest meeting first
- Minimize “not in use” time between meetings
- Pick meetings with least number of conflicts
- Pick earliest start meeting
- Divide problem into smaller sub-problems

# Pick Shortest Meeting - Counter Example

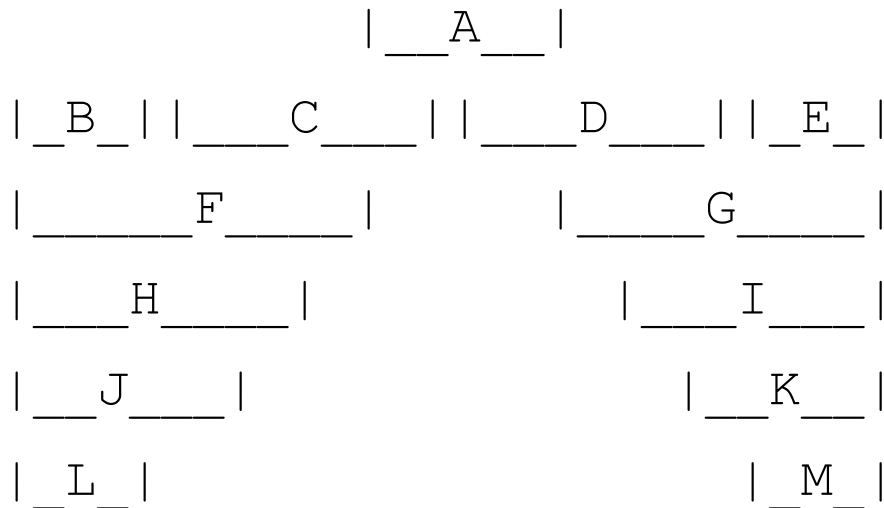


# Minimize “Not in use”- Counter Example



# Pick Least Conflict - Counter Example

A=(4,6) B=(0,1) C=(1,5) D=(5,9) E=(9,10) F=(0,4) G=(6,10) H=(0,3)  
I=(7,10) J=(0,2) K=(8,10) L=(0,1) M=(9,10)



A overlaps 2 meetings, while everything else overlaps at least 3 mtgs

If we choose A, we exclude C and D, and the max we can get is 3 mtgs (A, and one from each side of A)

The optimal answer is 4 mtgs B, C, D, E (other similar answers length 4)

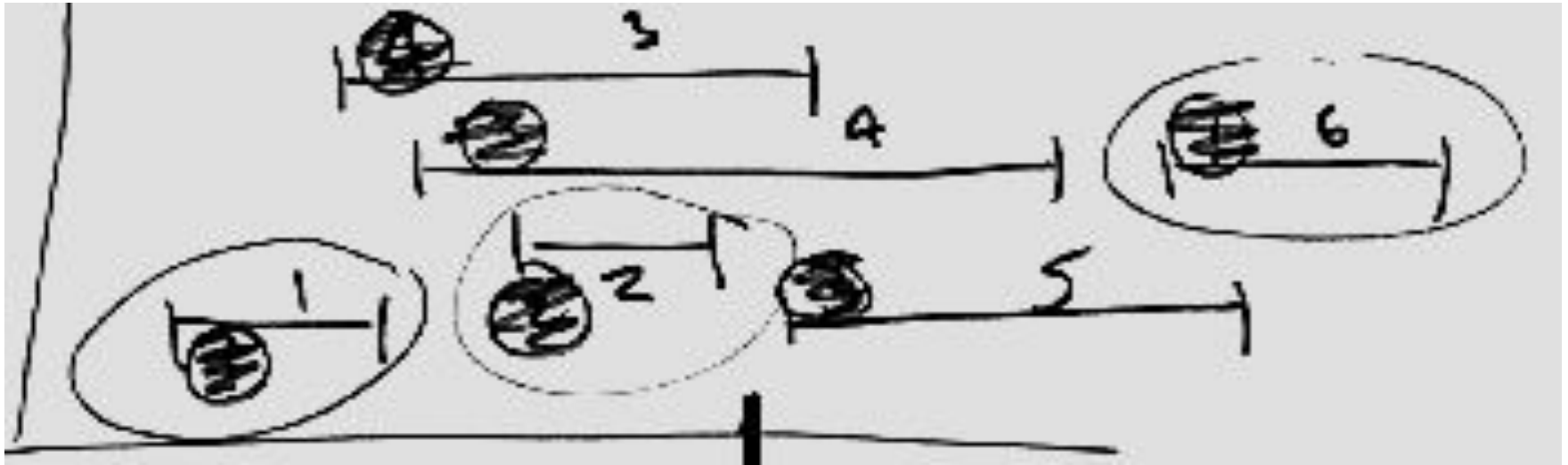
# Earliest Start Time First - Counter Example

GREEDY  
EARLIEST  
START TIME FIRST





**Earliest Finish Time first - Divide problem into smaller sub-problems -**



1	2	6
1	2	5
1	4	6

# Optimal Sub

$a_i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$s_i$	1	3	1	9	6	7	1	5	3	7
$f_i$	4	4	2	11	7	8	2	7	6	8

Optimal solution to main problem contains optimal solutions to sub problems of main.

If A is solution to S

Optimal Subset of MTGS

$\{2,4,k,8,10\}$  No order     $\{1,2,3,\dots,n\}$  No Order

Remove earliest ending activity from A

(Happens to be MTG k)  $f_k < f_i$

$A' = \{2,4,8,10\}$  must be solution to subproblem

$S' = \{S: s_i > f_k\}$  = All MTGS starting after k finishes

$A'$  must be solution to  $S'$ , if it isn't then original solution to  $A$  was not optimal for  $S$



$S' +$   
 $\text{Stuff} = S$

Suppose that  $A'$  is not the optimal solution to  $S'$ , there is an optimal solution  $X$  to  $S'$ :

$$|X| + \{k\} > A$$

Contradiction

$A$  is Optimal

- Greedy choice
  - We should choose an activity that leaves the resource available for as many other activities as possible.
  - Choose the activity in  $S$  with the earliest finish time since that would leave the resource available for as many activities the follow it as possible.
  - Let  $S_k = \{a_i \in S: s_i \geq f_k\}$  be the set of activities that start after  $a_k$  finishes.
  - If  $a_1$  is in the optimal solution, then an optimal solution to the original problem consists of activity  $a_1$  and all activities in an optimal solution to the subproblem  $S_1$ .

# Prove greedy choice property for “Earliest Finish time first”

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$s_i$	1	3	0	5	3	5	6	8	8	2	12
$f_i$	4	5	6	7	9	9	10	11	12	14	16

Assume MTGS ordered earliest finish time first.  
Assume optimal solution A for problem S

Therefore, there is always an answer that  
contains the greedy choice  
choice

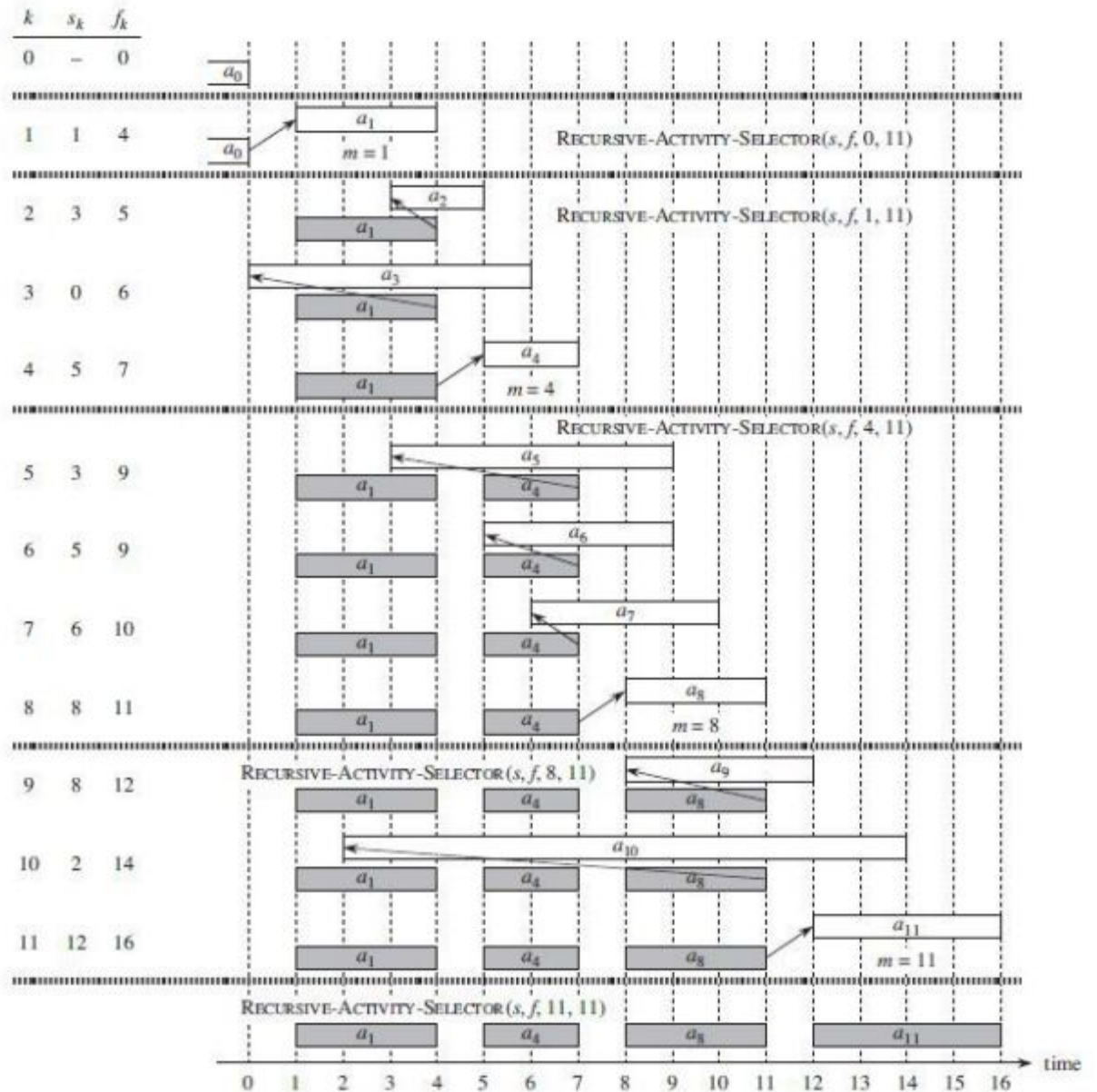
meeting k ends first in solution A

$$B = A - \{K\} + \{1\}$$

Replace non greedy  
first choice in A

with Greedy choice  
This can be done  $f_1 < f_k$

- Algorithm



- Algorithm

RECURSIVE-ACTIVITY-SELECTOR( $s, f, k, n$ )

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1   $m = k + 1$ 
2  while  $m \leq n$  and  $s[m] < f[k]$            // find the first activity in  $S_k$  to finish
3       $m = m + 1$ 
4  if  $m \leq n$ 
5      return  $\{a_m\} \cup \text{RECURSIVE-ACTIVITY-SELECTOR}(s, f, m, n)$ 
6  else return  $\emptyset$ 
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GREEDY-ACTIVITY-SELECTOR( $s, f$ )

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1   $n = s.length$ 
2   $A = \{a_1\}$ 
3   $k = 1$ 
4  for  $m = 2$  to  $n$ 
5      if  $s[m] \geq f[k]$ 
6           $A = A \cup \{a_m\}$ 
7           $k = m$ 
8  return  $A$ 
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■ The optimal solution

- ◆  $S_{ij}$  is the set of activities that start after activity  $a_i$  and that finish before activity  $a_j$  starts.
- ◆ We wish to find a maximum set of mutually compatible activities in  $S_{ij}$ . Assume that the maximum set is  $A_{ij}$  which includes some activity  $a_k$ .
- ◆  $A_{ij} = A_{ik} \cup \{a_k\} \cup A_{kj}$
- ◆ The number of elements in  $A_{ij}$  is  $|A_{ij}| = |A_{ik}| + |A_{kj}| + 1$ .

## Dynamic programming approach

- ◆  $c[i,j]$  is the size of an optimal solution to the set  $S_{ij}$ ;  
 $c[i,j] = c[i,k] + c[k,j] + 1$ .

$$c[i,j] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } S_{ij} = \emptyset \\ \text{Max}\{c[i,k] + c[k,j] + 1\}, & \text{when } a_k \in S_{ij} \text{ and } S_{ij} \neq \emptyset \end{cases}$$



# Comparison on Dynamic and Greedy

- Greedy algorithm obtains an optimal solution to a problem by making a sequence of choices. At each decision point, the algorithm makes choices that seems best at the moment.
- This strategy does not always produce an optimal solution, but sometimes it does.

# Comparison on Dynamic and Greedy (cont'd)

- The greedy choice property: we can sample a globally optimal solution by making locally optimal (greedy) choices.
- When we are considering which choice to make, we make the choice that looks best to the current problem without considering effects from subproblems.
- In dynamic programming, we make a choice at each step. But the choice depends on the solution to subproblems. We solve dynamic programming problems processing from smaller subproblems to larger subproblems.

Does Greedy always work for optimization problems?

# 0-1 Knapsack Problem

- The thief robbing a store finds  $n$  items. The  $i$ th item is worth  $z_i$  dollars and the weight is  $w_i$  lbs where  $z_i$  and  $w_i$  are integers. The thief wants to take as valuable a load as possible, but he can carry at most  $W$  lbs in his knapsack.  $W$  is an integer. Which items should he take?
- The thief must either take or leave an item. He can not take a fractional amount of an item.

# Fractional Knapsack Problem

- He can take a fractional amount of an item.

# 0-1 vs Fractional Knapsack\*

$n$  items

$w_i$  weight

$v_i$  values

Total weight limit =  $W$

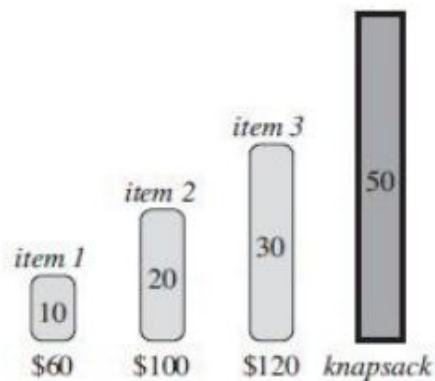
Maximize value

Total weight  $\leq W$

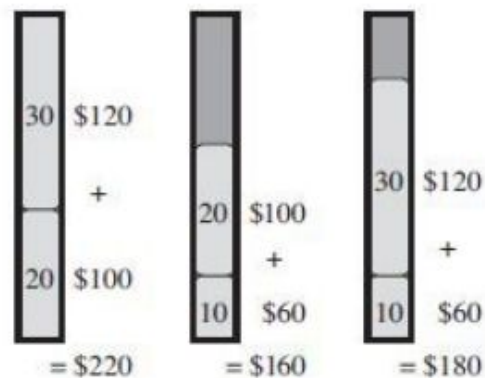
- Fractional amounts of items are not/ are allowed

# Greedy Possibilities

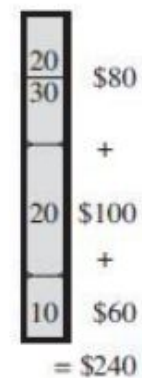
- Max value first
- Min weight first
- Max value/weight first



(a)



(b)



(c)

10

20

30

W=50

\$60

\$100

\$120

$$\frac{v}{w} = \frac{\$6}{1b}$$

$$\frac{\$5}{1b}$$

$$\frac{\$4}{1b}$$

All

All

$$10lbs + 20lbs + 20lbs = 50$$

$$\$60 + \$100 + \$80 = \$240$$

10

20

30

\$40

\$100

\$150

$$\frac{v}{w} = \frac{\$4}{1b}$$

$$\frac{\$5}{1b}$$

$$\frac{\$5}{1b}$$

\$250



# Fractional Knapsack Optimal Substructure

$$S = \left\{ \begin{matrix} w_1 & \dots & w_i & \dots & w_n \\ v_1 & \dots & v_i & \dots & v_n \end{matrix} \right\} \quad W$$

Given optimal solution A to fractional Knapsack problem ( $w'_i \leq w_i$  for all i)

$$A = \{0, 0, w'_3, 0, w'_i, w'_5, \dots, w'_n\}$$

Remove item i (weight  $w'_i$ ) from A

A' is same as A without  $w'_i$

$$A' = \{0, 0, w'_3, 0, w'_5, \dots, w'_n\}$$

A' is be optimal solution for sub-problem, S'

Total weight =  $W - w_i$

original n-1 items (excluding item i)

# Fractional Knapsack Optimal Substructure (continued)

B is solution to  $S'$

If B was better than  $A'$   
(value  $B > \text{value } A'$ )

then item  $i$  plus B would be better than A.

Contradiction

# Fractional Knapsack Greedy Choice

$$S = \left\{ \begin{matrix} w_1 & \dots & w_i & \dots & w_n \\ v_1 & \dots & v_i & \dots & v_n \end{matrix} \right\} \quad W$$

(Take biggest unit value first)

Prove global optimal solution can be found from a local greedy choice

Assume items are in Greedy Choice order and we have optimal answer A (not necessarily created from greedy choice)

$$\frac{v_1}{w_1} \geq \frac{v_2}{w_2} \geq \frac{v_3}{w_3} \geq \dots \geq \frac{v_n}{w_n} \quad 0 \leq w'_i \leq w_i$$

$$A = \{w'_1, w'_2, \dots, w'_n\}$$

# Fractional Knapsack Greedy Choice (continued)

If item 1 has the largest unit value, either A has the greedy choice ( $w'_1 \neq 0$ ) or A doesn't have Greedy Choice ( $w'_1 = 0$ )

Show that there is an equally optimal solution B that does have greedy choice (removing some weight of item k and adding same weight of item 1)

$$B = A - \{\text{item } k\} + \{\text{item } 1\}$$

$$W_A = W_B = W$$

$$V_B \geq V_A$$

# Fractional Knapsack Greedy Choice (continued)

Replacing

min {weight of k or weight of 1} Lbs

item k with

min {weight of k or weight of 1} Lbs item 1

Replace the rest of k (if exist) with item 2

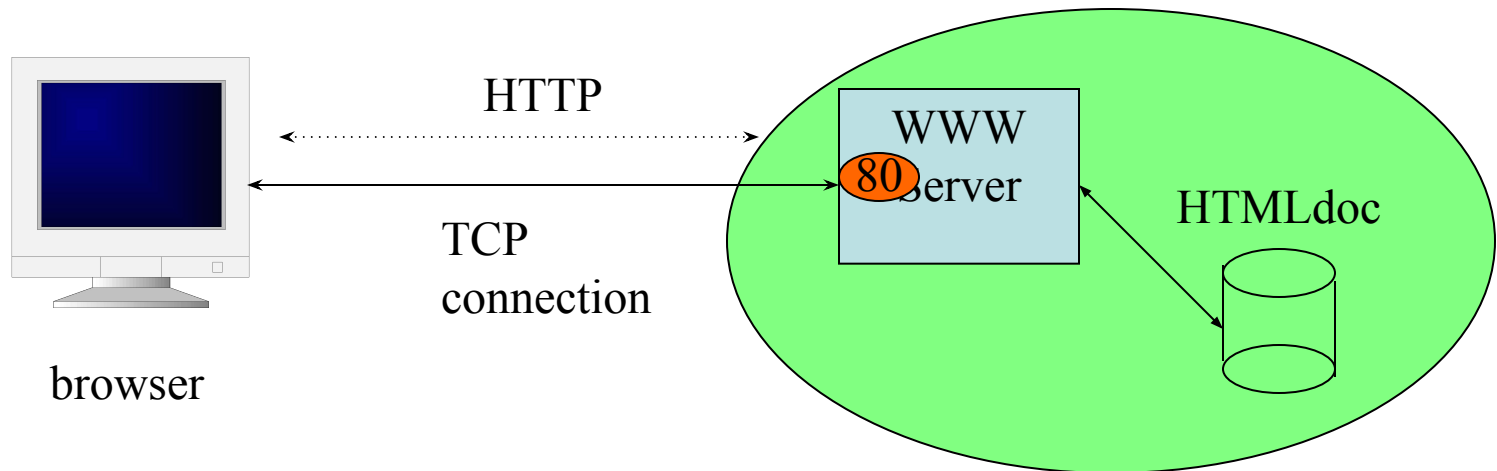
(continuing greedy choice)

$$\frac{v_1}{w_1} \geq \frac{v_k}{w_k} \text{ (items in greedy order)}$$

$$B_{\text{VALUE}} \geq A_{\text{VALUE}}$$

# Coding problem

- a webpage--HTTP



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[m]?d[m]("DOMContentLoaded",o,1),1[m]("load",r,1)}):(d[v]("onreadystatechange",i),1[v]("onload",r)),c("mark","firstbyte",f),null,"api";var x=0,o=e(6)},[0],wrap-function:[function(e,n,t)
{function r(e){return!(e&&e instanceof Function&&e.apply&&e[e])}var i=e("ee"),o=e(5),a="nr@original",f=Object.prototype.hasOwnProperty,c=1;n.exports=function(e,n){function t(e,n,t,i){function
rWrapper(){var r,a,f,c;try{a=this,r=o(arguments),f=function(){return t?t(r,a):t||[]}}catch(u){l(u,"",[r,a,i],f)}s(n+"start",[r,a,i],f);try{return c=e.apply(a,r)}catch(p){throw s(n+"err",
[r,a,p],f,p)}finally{s(n+"end",[r,a,c],f)}return r(e)?e:(n||n="",nrWrapper[a]=e,p(e,nrWrapper),nrWrapper)}function u(e,n,i,o){i||i="",var a,f,c,u=""===i.charAt(0);for(c=0;c<n.length;c++)f=n
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        <a href="https://www.iit.edu/events">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/61">News</a>
      </li>
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        <a href="https://www.iit.edu/giving">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/40261">Giving</a>
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        <a href="https://my.iit.edu">myIIT</a>
      </li>
    </nav>
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        <ul class="menu">
          <li class="menu-item-collapsed li-level-one">
            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/resources-parents-and-families">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/2226">Admitted Students</a>
          </li>
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            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/resources-current-students">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/2231">Parents and Families</a>
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            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/resources-faculty-and-staff">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/46">Current Students</a>
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            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/resources-school-counselors">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/2236">Faculty and Staff</a>
          </li>
          <li class="menu-item-collapsed li-level-one">
            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/resources-community-affairs">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/53201">Community</a>
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          <li class="menu-item-collapsed li-level-one">
            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/resources-school-counselors">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/2246">School Counselors</a>
          </li>
          <li class="menu-item-collapsed li-level-one">
            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/resources-school-counselors">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/53201">Coronavirus (COVID-19)</a>
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      <li class="menu-item-expanded li-level-one">
        <a href="https://www.iit.edu/academics">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/21">Academics</a>
        <button class="menu-item-button">Open the Academics menu</button>
        <ul class="menu">
          <li class="menu-item-collapsed li-level-two">
            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/academics/programs">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/96">Academic Programs</a>
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            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/admissions-aid">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/26">Admission and Aid</a>
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            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/admissions-aid/apply">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/951">Apply</a>
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          <li class="menu-item-collapsed li-level-two">
            <a href="https://www.iit.edu/admissions-aid/request-information">data-drupal-link-system-path="node/956">Visit and Tour</a>
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# Illinois Tech News



**College of Computing and Lewis College  
of Science and Letters Launch at Illinois  
Tech →**



**Kenneth T. Christensen Named  
Armour College of Engineering  
Dean →**

› Engineering Innovation



- Suppose that you sent 100,000 characters to a destination, and any of them may be one of {a,b,c,d,e,f}
- $2^n \geq 8$  then  $n=3$  bits
- the total traffic is:  $3\text{bits} \times 100,000 = 300,000$  bits
- how to compress this traffic?
  - Variable-length codeword is introduced to save space.
  - Strategy: the more frequently the character is used, the shorter code is designated for it.

# Huffman Codes

Data Compression using a greedy algorithm to construct

Data is a sequence of characters

Use frequency of occurrence of characters to build an optimal way to represent each character as a binary string

	a	b	c	d	e	f
Frequency (in thousands)	45	13	12	16	9	5
Fixed-length codeword	000	001	010	011	100	101
Variable-length codeword	0	101	100	111	1101	1100

**Figure 16.3** A character-coding problem. A data file of 100,000 characters contains only the characters a–f, with the frequencies indicated. If each character is assigned a 3-bit codeword, the file can be encoded in 300,000 bits. Using the variable-length code shown, the file can be encoded in 224,000 bits.

fixed-length:  $3\text{bits} \times 100,000 = 300,000$  bits

variable-length:

$$45,000 \times 1 + 13,000 \times 3 + 12,000 \times 3 + 16,000 \times 3 + 9,000 \times 4 + 5,000 \times 4 \\ = 224,000 \text{ bits}$$

$(300,000 - 224,000) / 300,000 > 25\%$  ---big deal!

# Fixed-Length vs. Variable Length Codes

Fixed Length – Each character is represented by a unique binary string. Easy to encode, concatenate the codes together. Easy to decode, break off 3-bit codewords and decode each one.

Variable Length – Give frequent characters shorter codewords, infrequent characters get long codewords. However, how do we decode if the length of the codewords are variable?



- Solution--Prefix Codes

- We consider only codes in which no codeword is also a prefix of some other codeword. Such codes are called prefix codes.
- Since no codeword is a prefix of any other, decoding is unambiguous.

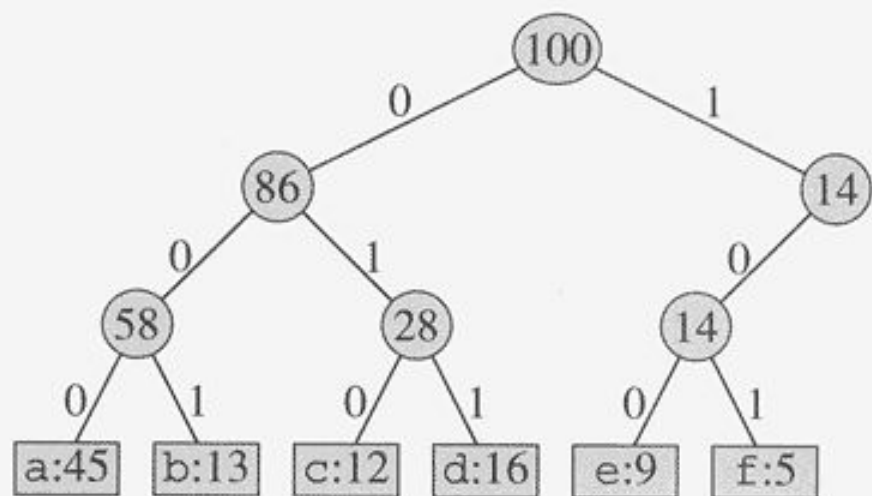
- classed IP address      net id+host

A	0	net id				host id							
B	1	0	net id				host id						
C	1	1	0	net id				host id					
D	1	1	1	0	group id								
E	1	1	1	1	0	reserved							

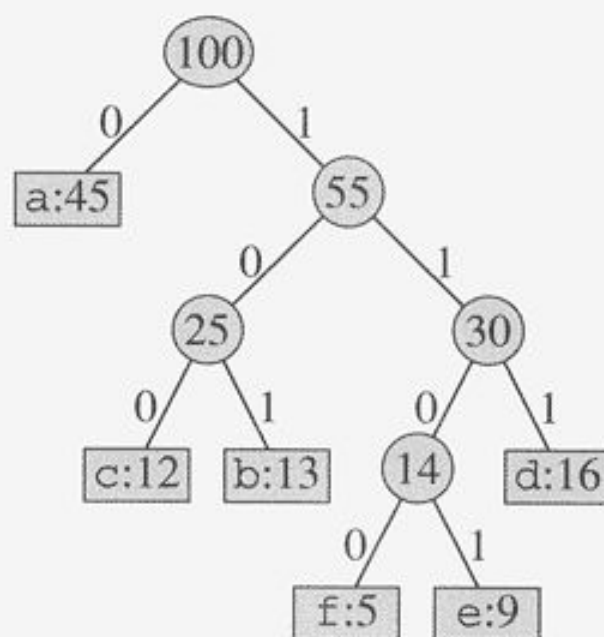


- Solution--Prefix Codes

- Binary tree provides a convenient representation for the prefix code.
- Binary tree method – 0 means go to left child, 1 means go to right child (not a binary search tree).



(a)



(b)

**Figure 16.4** Trees corresponding to the coding schemes in Figure 16.3. Each leaf is labeled with a character and its frequency of occurrence. Each internal node is labeled with the sum of the frequencies of the leaves in its subtree. (a) The tree corresponding to the fixed-length code  $a = 000, \dots, f = 101$ . (b) The tree corresponding to the optimal prefix code  $a = 0, b = 101, \dots, f = 1100$ .

# Optimal Variable Length Prefix Codes

An optimal (minimal) code is always represented by a full binary tree (every non-leaf has 2 children).

WHY?

If “C” is the alphabet to be compressed (coded), you need  $|C|$  leaves and  $|C|-1$  internal nodes (in a full binary tree).

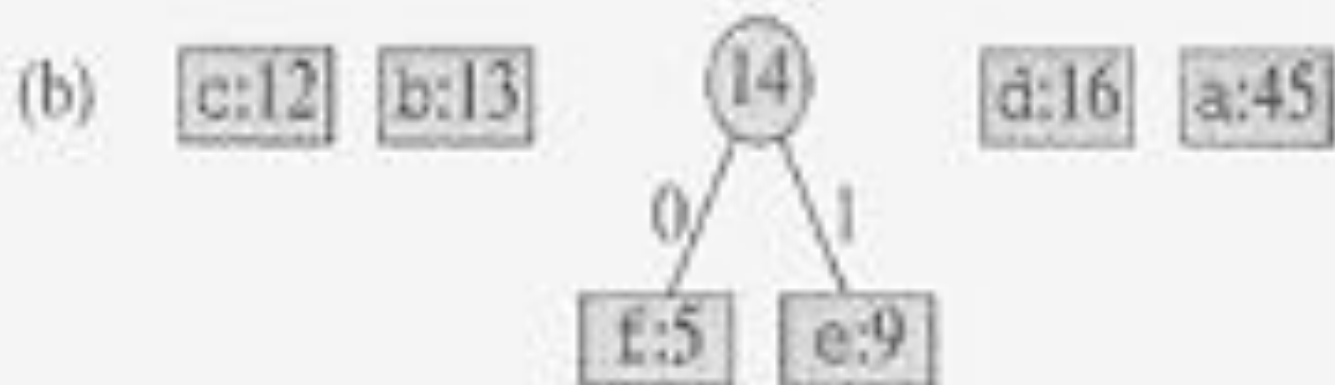
Cost of Tree in bits

$$B(T) = \sum_{\text{for all } c \in C} \text{freq}(c) * \text{depth}(c)$$

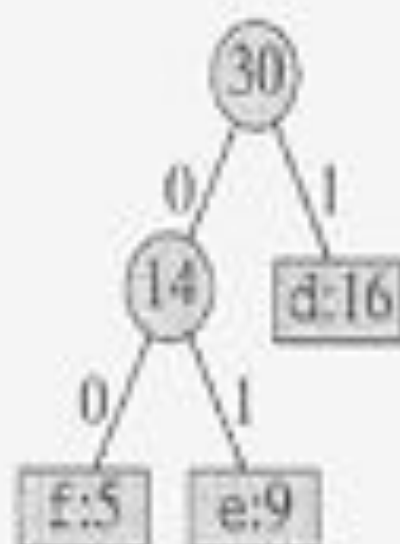
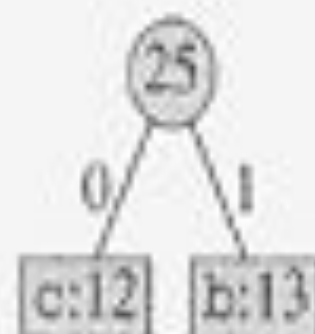
# Greedy Algorithm to construct an Optimal Huffman Code

- Builds tree bottom up
- the character with the least frequency should be on the longest path
- Uses minimum priority queue to merge 2 least frequent objects (objects are leaf nodes or other subtrees) together into new subtree.

(a) f:5 e:9 c:12 b:13 d:16 a:45

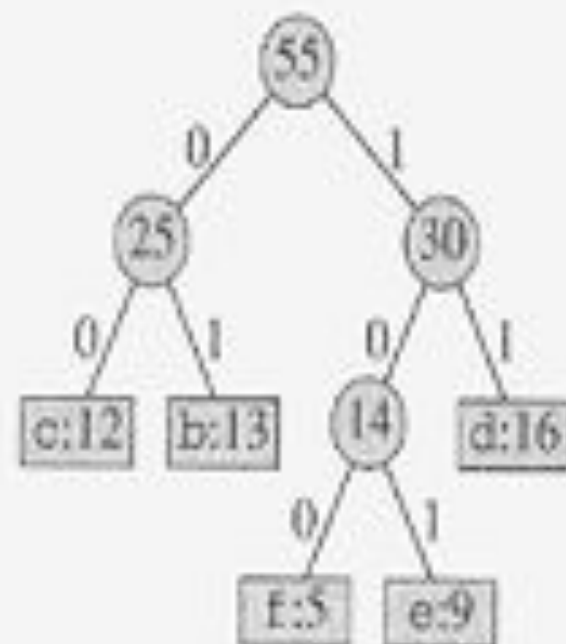


(d)

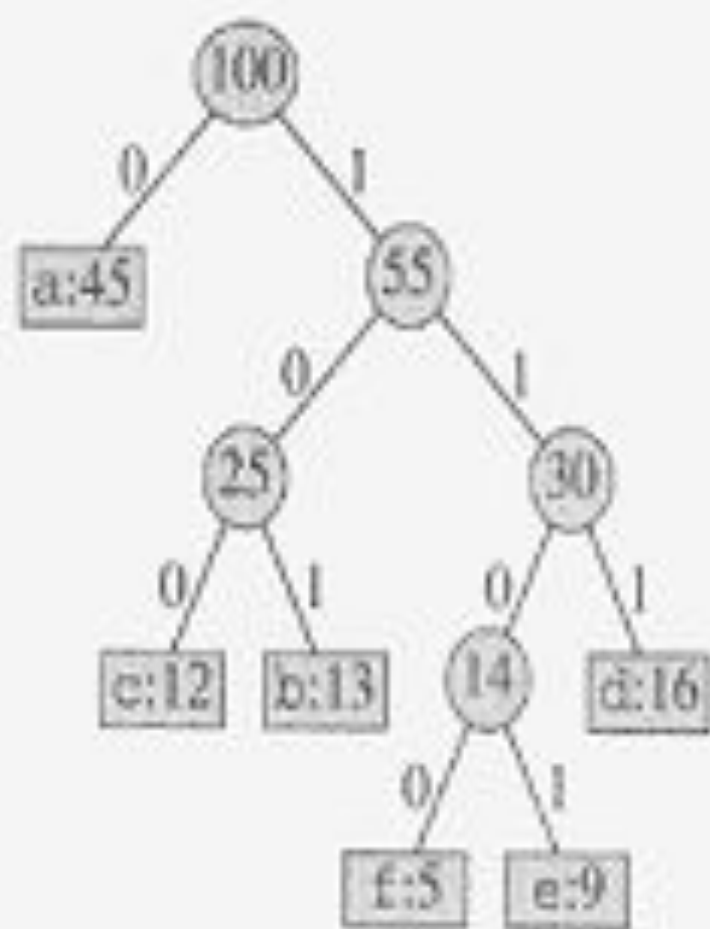


a:45

(e) a:45



(f)



HUFFMAN( $C$ )

1  $n \leftarrow |C|$

2  $Q \leftarrow C$

3 **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n - 1$

4     **do** allocate a new node  $z$

5          $left[z] \leftarrow x \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$

6          $right[z] \leftarrow y \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$

7          $f[z] \leftarrow f[x] + f[y]$

8          $\text{INSERT}(Q, z)$

9 **return**  $\text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$

▷ Return the root of the tree.