

- **Example:** Given an undirected tree T with one vertex of degree 3, two vertices of degree 2, and all other vertices being leaves, determine the *number of leaves* and draw all non-isomorphic undirected trees that satisfy these conditions.

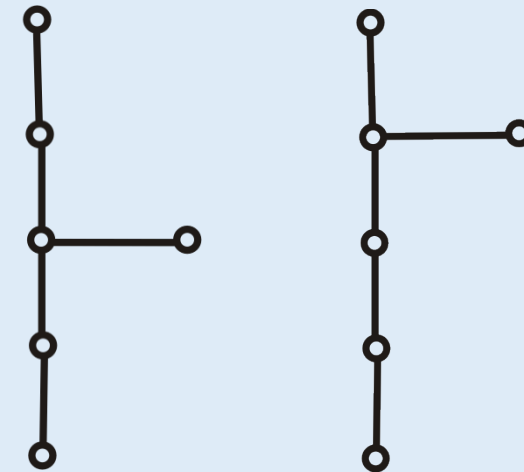
- **Solution :** Let the tree have x leaves 、 m edges and $n (= 1+2+ x)$ vertices . The total degree is $= 3*1+2*2+1* x$. Using the properties of trees $m=n-1$ and the Handshaking Lemma:

$$2 \times m = 2 \times (n-1) = 2 \times (3+x-1) = 2 \times (2+x)$$

$$2 \times (2+x) = 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 2 + x$$

- **Answer:** The tree has 3 leaves.

The degree sequence of T : 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3.



Constructing an Undirected Tree: An Example

- **Example:** Draw all non-isomorphic undirected trees of order 6.
- **Solution:** There are 5 edges, and the total degree is 10.

Possible degree sequences:

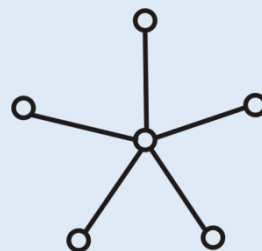
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(2) 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 4

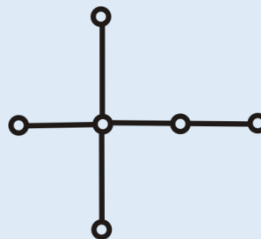
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(4) 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3

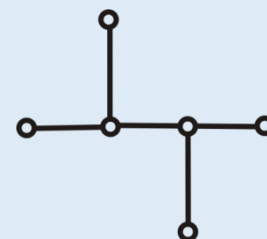
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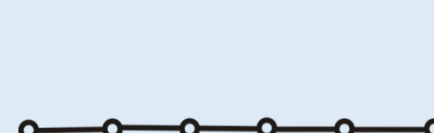
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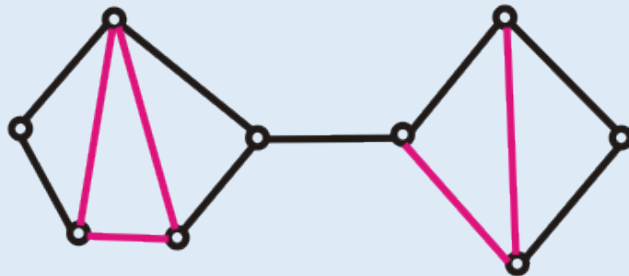


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- 7.1.1 Definition and Properties of Undirected Trees
- 7.1.2 Spanning Trees

↳ Spanning Tree T and Its Co-Tree \bar{T}

- Let G be an undirected connected graph.
 - A **spanning tree** T of G : a spanning subgraph of G that is also a tree.
 - A **branch** of the spanning tree T : an edge of G that belongs to T .
 - A **chord** of the spanning tree T : an edge of G that does **not** belong to T .
 - The **co-tree** of the spanning tree T : the subgraph induced by the set of all chords.
- **Note:** The co-tree \bar{T} is not necessarily connected, and it may contain cycles.
- **Example:** The black edges form a spanning tree, and the red edges form the co-tree.



- **Theorem 7.3** : Every undirected connected graph has a spanning tree.
- **Proof:** Use the **cycle-breaking method**.
 - ① If the graph contains no cycles, then the graph itself is a spanning tree.
 - ② Otherwise, remove any edge from a cycle — this does not destroy connectivity.
 - ③ Repeat this process until there are no cycles remaining. The resulting graph is a spanning tree of the original graph.
- **Corollary 1:** If an undirected connected graph has n vertices and m edges, then $m \geq n - 1$.
- **Corollary 2:** If an undirected connected graph has n vertices and m edges, then the co-tree of any spanning tree contains $m - n + 1$ edges.

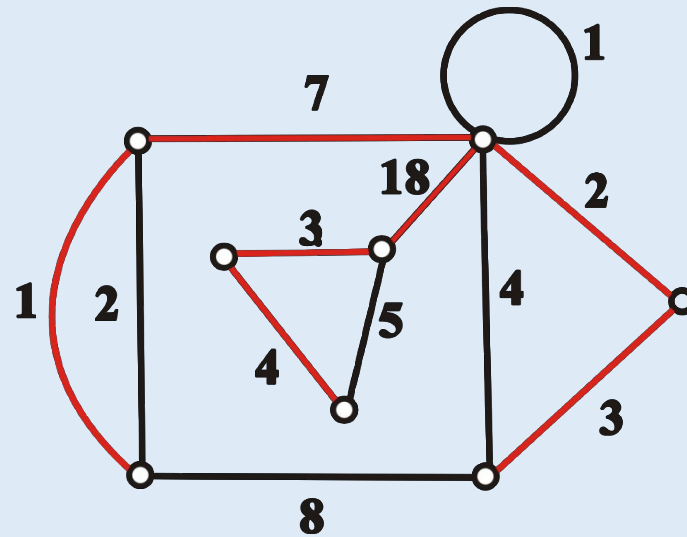
↳ Weighted Graphs and Minimum Spanning Trees

- Each edge e of a graph G is assigned a real number $w(e)$, called the **weight** of edge e .
 - The graph G together with the weights on its edges is called a **weighted graph**, denoted by $G=<V,E,W>$.
 - Let H be a subgraph of G , The **weight of H** denoted $W(H)$ is the sum of the weights of all edges in H .
- **Minimum Spanning Tree (MST):**
A spanning tree of a weighted graph G that has the **minimum total weight** among all possible spanning trees.

↳ Kruskal's MST Algorithm - Cycle-Avoidance Approach

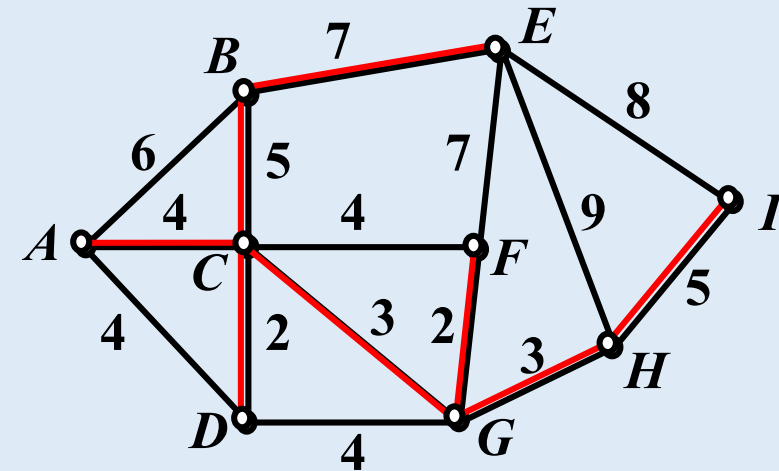
- Kruskal's Algorithm — An algorithm for *finding a minimum spanning tree*. Let G be an undirected connected weighted graph of order n .
 - (1) Sort all edges in non-decreasing order of weight (excluding cycles), i.e. $W(e_1) \leq W(e_2) \leq \dots \leq W(e_m)$.
 - (2) Initialize $T \leftarrow \emptyset$, $i \leftarrow 1$, $k \leftarrow 0$.
 - (3) If e_i does not form a cycle with the edges already in T , then set $T \leftarrow T \cup \{e_i\}$, $k \leftarrow k+1$.
 - (4) If $k < n-1$, then set $i \leftarrow i+1$, and repeat step (3).

- Example: Find a minimum spanning tree of the graph.



$$W(T)=38$$

- **Example:** A telecommunications company has a *fiber-optic network* coverage requirement as shown in the figure. The possible cable routes between buildings and their lengths (in meters) are given in the diagram.
- **Question:** Under the condition that the entire network must be connected, how should the cable routes be selected to ensure that the *total cable length is minimized*?
- **Solution:**



Total Length :
 $2+2+3+3+4+5+5+7=31$ (meters)

7.1 Undirected Trees • Brief summary

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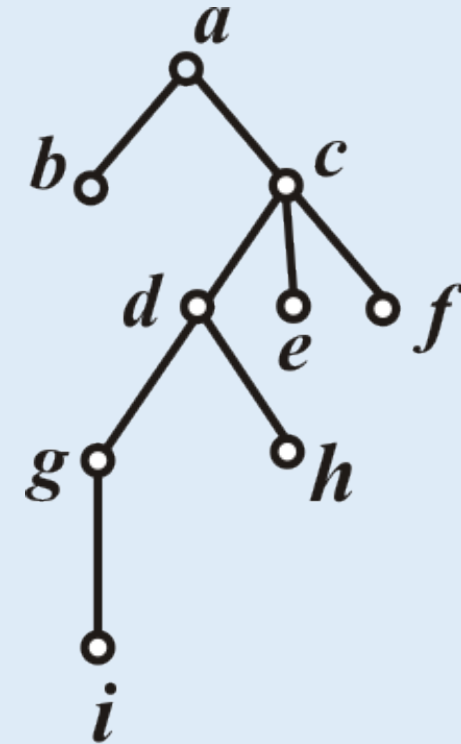
↳ Directed Tree vs. Rooted Tree

- **Directed Tree**: A directed graph that becomes an undirected tree when edge directions are ignored.
- **Rooted Tree**: A nontrivial directed tree in which exactly one vertex has in-degree 0 (*the root*), and all other vertices have in-degree 1.
- **Root**: The vertex with **in-degree 0** in a directed tree.
- **Leaf**: A vertex with in-degree 1 and **out-degree 0** in a directed tree.
- **Internal Vertex**: A vertex with in-degree 1 and **out-degree greater than 0** in a directed tree.
- **Branching Vertex**: A general term referring to both the *root and internal vertices*.
- **Level of a Vertex v** : The *length of the path* from the root to vertex v .
- **Height of the Tree**: The *maximum level* among all vertices in the directed tree.

↳ Drawing a Rooted Tree(e.g.)

■ **Example:** (as shown in the diagram on the right):

- a is the root.
- b, e, f, h, i are the leaves.
- c, d, g are internal vertices.
- a, c, d, g are branching vertices.
- a is at level 0; level 1 contains b, c ; level 2 contains d, e, f ; level 3 contains g, h ; level 4 contains i .
- The height of the tree is 4.



↳ Viewing a Rooted Tree as a Family Tree

- If vertex a is adjacent to vertex b , then b is called the *child* of a , and a is the *parent* of b .
- If b and c are both children of the same vertex, they are called *siblings*.
- If $a \neq b$ and a can reach b , then a is an *ancestor* of b , and b is a *descendant* of a .
- Let v be a vertex in the rooted tree that is not the root. The subgraph induced by v and all its descendants is called the *subtree rooted* at v .
- If a fixed order is assigned to the vertices at each level of a rooted tree, it is called an *ordered tree*.

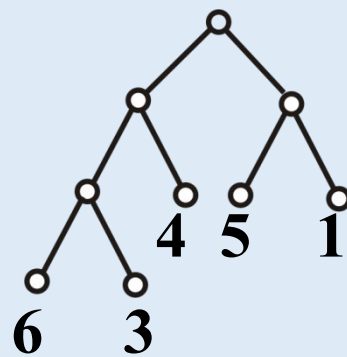
↳ r-ary Tree and Ordered r-ary Tree

- Rooted trees can be *further classified* based on the number of child nodes per parent, the order of child nodes, the regularity of the structure, and the completeness of the tree.
- *r-ary Tree*: A rooted tree in which each branching vertex has at most *r* children.
- *r-ary Regular Tree*: A rooted tree in which each branching vertex has exactly *r* children.
- *Complete r-ary Regular Tree*: An r-ary regular tree in which all leaves are at the same level.
- *Ordered r-ary Tree*: An r-ary tree in which a specific order is assigned to the children of each vertex.
- *Ordered r-ary Regular Tree*: An ordered tree in which each branching vertex has exactly *r* ordered children.
- *Ordered Complete r-ary Regular Tree*: An ordered r-ary regular tree in which all leaves are at the same level.

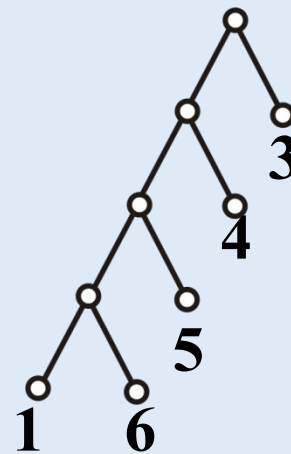
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- **Definition 7.1:** Let T be a binary tree with t *leaves* v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t , and let the weights of the leaves be w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t .
 - The **weight** of tree T is defined as: $W(t) = \sum_{i=1}^t w_i l(v_i)$, where $l(v_i)$ is the level (depth) of leaf v_i .
 - Among all binary trees with t leaves and weights w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t , the one with the minimum total weight $W(T)$, is called the *optimal binary tree*.

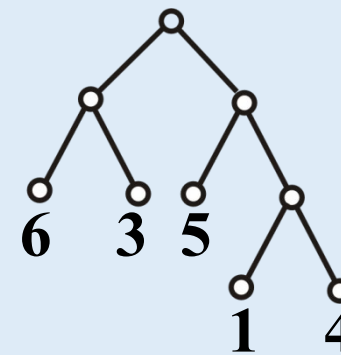
- **Example:**



$$W(T_1)=47$$



$$W(T_2)=54$$



$$W(T_3)=43$$

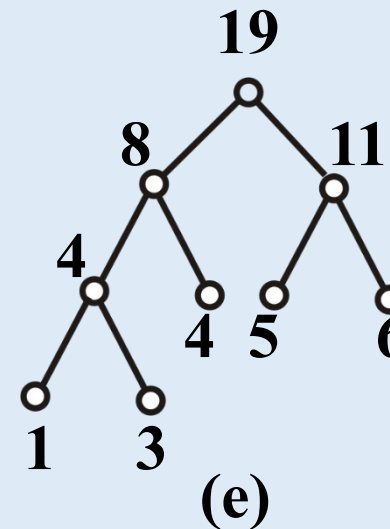
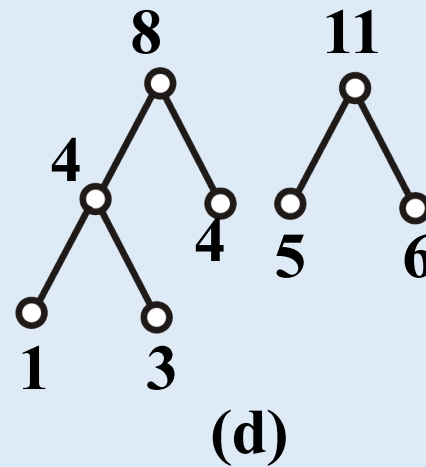
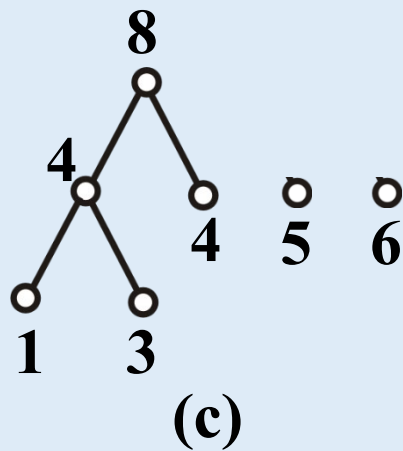
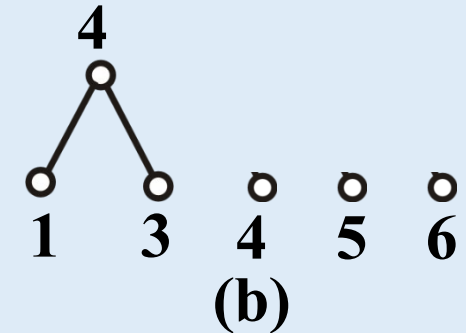
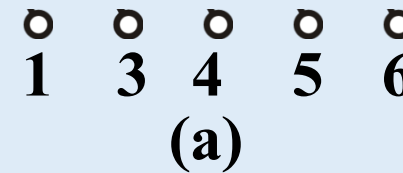
- **Huffman Algorithm:** Constructing the *Optimal Binary (Huffman) Tree*.
Given real numbers w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t :
 - ① Create t leaves, each assigned a weight of w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t respectively.
 - ② Among all vertices with in-degree 0 (not necessarily leaves), select the two with the smallest weights. Create a new branching node with these two as its children. The weight of the new node is the sum of its two children's weights.
 - ③ Repeat step ② until there is only one vertex with in-degree 0 remaining.
- The total weight $W(T)$ is the sum of the weights of all branching nodes.
The resulting binary tree is the *optimal binary tree*, having the *minimum weighted path length*.

Static Huffman Coding Algorithm(e.g.)

- **Example:** Find the optimal binary tree with weights 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and compute its total weight.

- **Solution:**

Steps (a) through (e) show the computation process using the Huffman algorithm.



$$W(T) = 4 + 8 + 1 + 19 = 42$$

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↳ Prefix Codes and Binary Prefix Codes

■ Definition 7.2:

- Let $\beta = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{n-1} \alpha_n$ be a string of length n , and let $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_j$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$) be a **prefix** of β (with length j).
- If no two distinct strings β_i, β_j ($i \neq j$) in a non-empty set $B = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m\}$ are prefixes of one another, then B is called a **prefix code**.
- A prefix code that uses only two symbols (e.g., 0 and 1) is called a **binary prefix code**.

■ Examples :

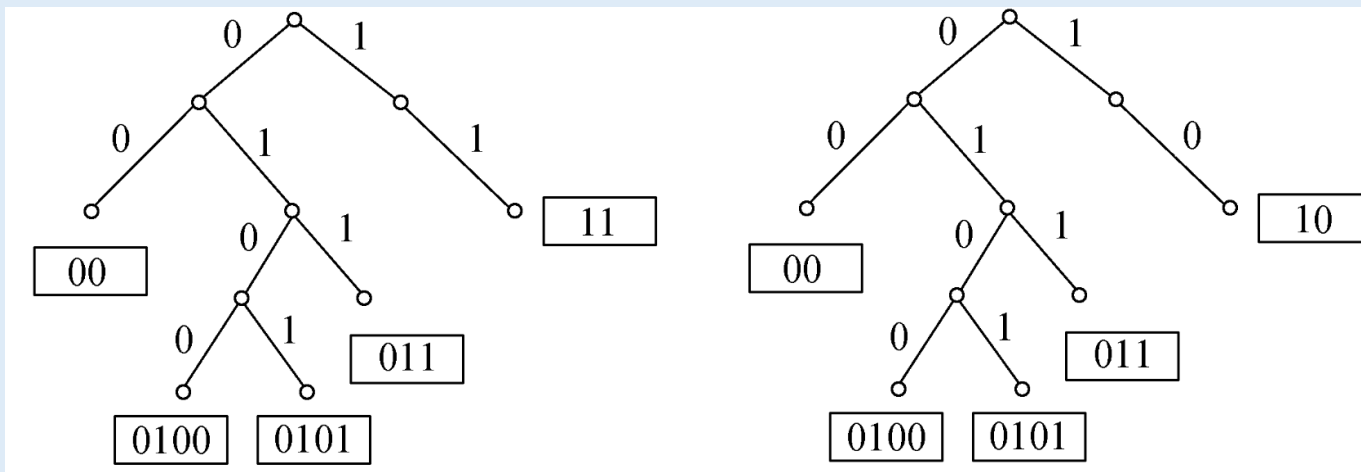
- $\{0, 10, 110, 1111\}$, $\{10, 01, 001, 110\}$ are binary prefix codes.
- $\{0, 10, 010, 1010\}$ is not a prefix code.

Generating Binary Prefix Codes Using a Binary Tree

■ A binary tree can generate a set of *binary prefix codes*:

- ① For each branching node, if it has two associated edges, label the **left** edge with **0** and the **right** edge with **1**.
- ② If a branching node has only **one** associated edge, you may label it with either **0** (interpreted as left) or **1** (interpreted as right).
- ③ For each leaf, record the sequence of digits along the path from the root to that leaf. The resulting strings form a *binary prefix code*.

■ Examples :



Prefix Code :

{00, 11, 011, 0100 , 0101},
{00, 10, 011, 0100 , 0101}

↳ Examples of Binary Prefix Code Applications

- **Example:** In communication, suppose the frequency (%) of octal digits is given as follows: 0: 30, 1: 20, 2: 15, 3: 10, 4: 10, 5: 5, 6: 5, 7: 5.
 - Using binary prefix codes, find the binary prefix code that transmits the digits with the **fewest number of binary bits** (this is called the **optimal prefix code**).
 - Also, calculate the **total number of binary digits** needed to transmit 10,000 octal digits following the given frequency distribution using the optimal prefix code.
 - The **total number of binary digits** required if a **fixed-length code** (of length 3) is used for each octal digit instead.

Examples of Binary Prefix Code Applications

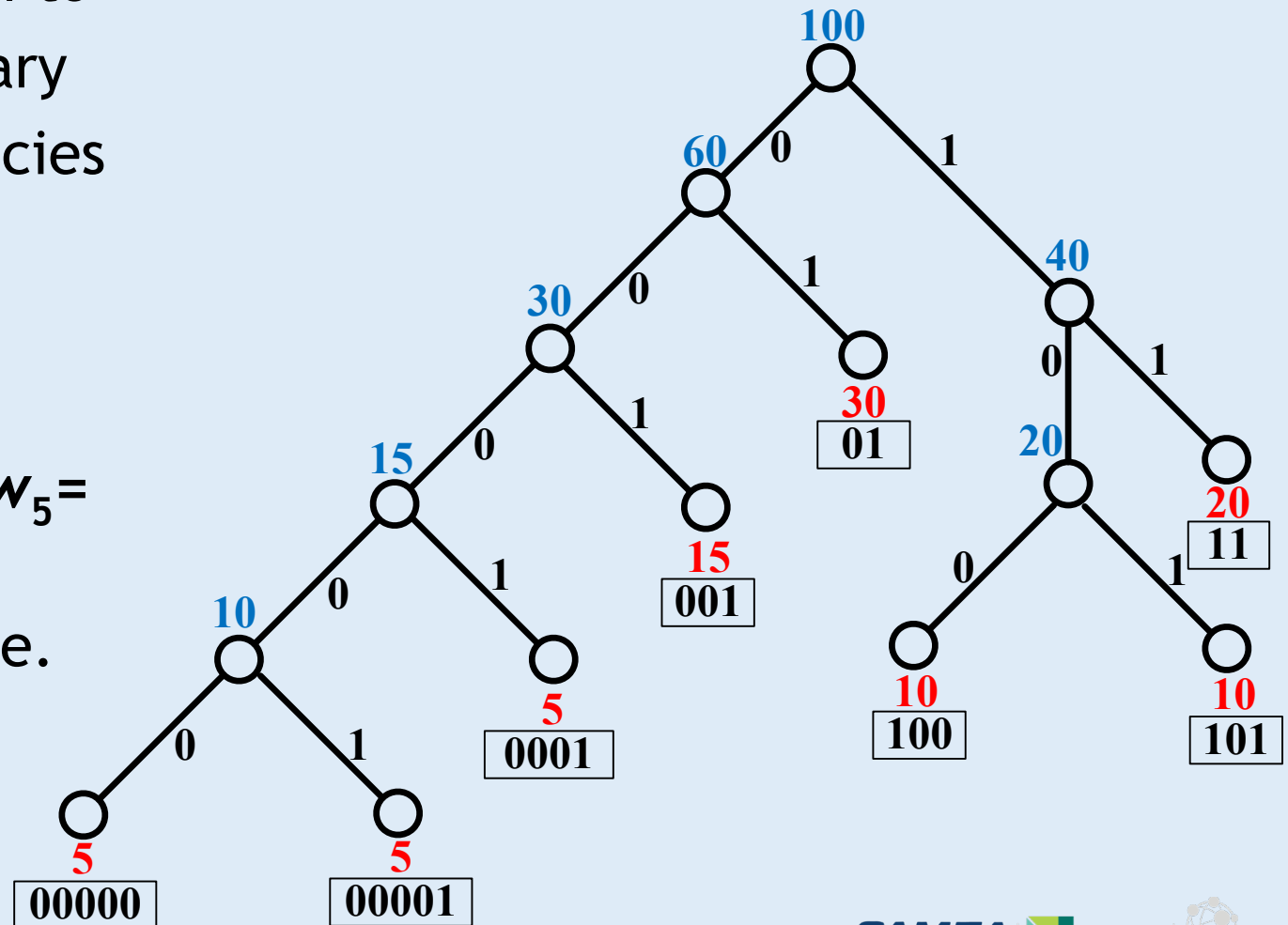
■ Solution:

- ① Use the Huffman algorithm to construct the optimal binary tree, treating the frequencies (multiplied by 100) as the weights.

Let:

$$w_1=5, w_2=5, w_3=5, w_4=10, w_5=10, w_6=15, w_7=20, w_8=30.$$

- ② Construct the Huffman tree.



Examples of Binary Prefix Code Applications

■ Solution:

- ③ Assign codes. For characters with the same frequency, their codes or fixed-length codes can be interchanged without affecting the **validity** or **optimality** of the encoding.

Digit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Frequency	30%	20%	15%	10%	10%	5%	5%	5%
Huffman Code	01	11	001	100	101	0001	00001	00000
Code Length	2	2	3	3	3	4	5	5
Fixed-Length (Length 3) Code	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111

Examples of Binary Prefix Code Applications

■ Solution:

- ④ Calculate the number of binary digits required to *transmit 10,000 octal digits* according to the given frequency distribution:
- *Huffman encoding* (optimal prefix code):
$$W(T) = (3000 + 2000) * 2 + (1500 + 1000 + 1000) * 3 + 500 * 4 + (500 + 500) * 5 = 27500.$$
 - Fixed-length encoding (length 3):
$$10000 * 3 = 30000.$$
 - *Bits saved* by using the optimal prefix code:
$$30000 - 27500 = 2500, \text{ approximately } 8.33\%.$$

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■ Traversing (Touring) a *Rooted Tree*:

Visiting each vertex of a rooted tree exactly once.

■ Traversal methods for a *binary ordered tree*:

(1) *Inorder traversal*: **L**eft subtree \rightarrow **R**oot \rightarrow **R**ight subtree

(2) *Preorder traversal*: **R**oot \rightarrow **L**eft subtree \rightarrow **R**ight subtree

(3) *Postorder traversal*: **L**eft subtree \rightarrow **R**ight subtree \rightarrow **R**oot

- When the binary ordered tree is not a full (regular) tree, the left or right subtree may be absent.

↳ Preorder, inorder, and postorder of an ordered rooted tree(e.g.)

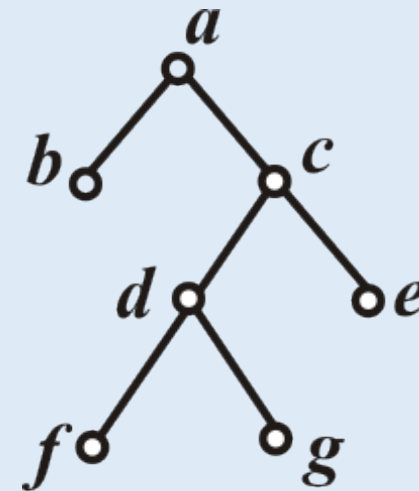
- **Example:** The traversal results of the tree on the right are:

(1) Inorder traversal: $b \underline{a} (f \underline{d} g) \underline{c} e$

(2) Preorder traversal: $\underline{a} b (\underline{c} (\underline{d} f g) e)$

(3) Postorder traversal: $b ((f g \underline{d}) e \underline{c}) \underline{a}$

- **Note:** Underlined nodes are (sub)tree roots, and each pair of parentheses encloses a subtree.

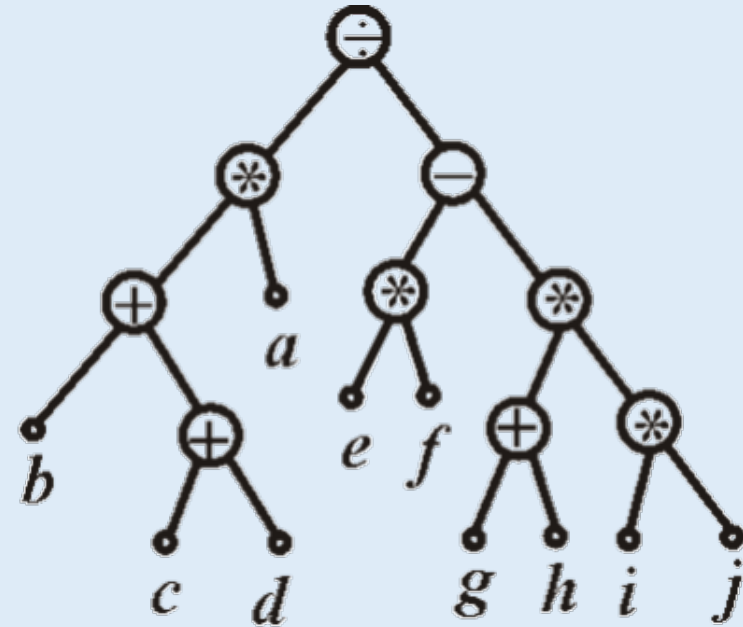


↳ Expression Tree Construction Rules

- ① Place an **operator** at each branching node.
- ② A **binary operator** node has two children. The operation applies to the subexpressions represented by the left and right subtrees. By convention, the **minuend** or **dividend** is placed in the **left subtree**.
- ③ A **unary operator** node has only one child. The operation applies to the subexpression represented by the subtree rooted at that child.
- ④ **Numbers** and **variables** are placed at the **leaves** of the tree.

■ Example:

- The diagram on the right is a binary ordered tree representing the expression $((b+(c+d))*a)\div((e*f)-(g+h)*(i*j))$
- The inorder traversal of this binary ordered tree yields the **original** expression.



Polish and reverse Polish notations of a rooted tree

■ **Polish Notation** (Prefix Notation):

Traverse the binary ordered tree representing the expression using **preorder traversal**, and omit all parentheses.

■ **Reverse Polish Notation** (Postfix Notation):

Traverse the binary ordered tree using **postorder traversal**, and omit all parentheses.

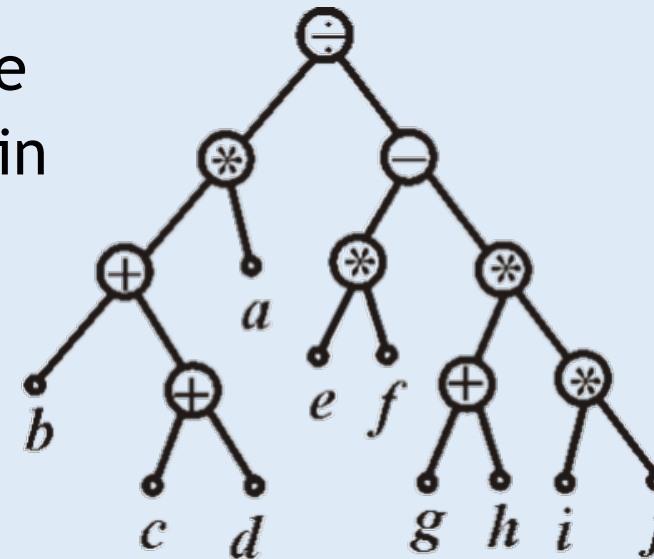
■ **Example:** The Polish notation and Reverse Polish notation for the expression shown in the diagram on the right are:

- Polish Notation (Prefix):

$\div * + b + c d a - * e f * + g h * i j$

- Reverse Polish Notation (Postfix):

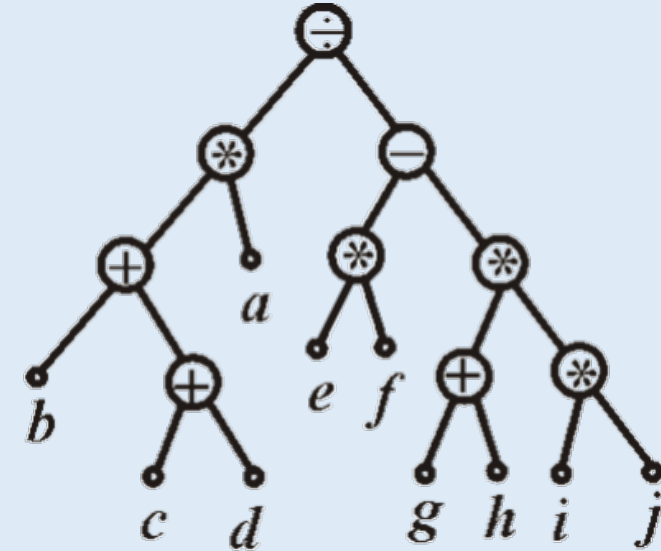
$b c d + + a * e f * g h + i j * * - \div$



How computers process Polish and reverse Polish notation

Computer Processing Method:

- For an expression represented in **Polish notation**, computation starts from the **root node**—the operator is encountered first, followed by its operands.
- For an expression in **Reverse Polish notation**, computation begins from the **leaf nodes** and proceeds **upward step by step** until reaching the root node.



- Polish Notation (Prefix):
 $\div * + b + c d a - * e f * + g h * i j$
- Reverse Polish Notation (Postfix):
 $b c d + + a * e f * g h + i j * * - \div$

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