

The above problem can be solved by "Huffman's Algorithm".

Step 1- Initialize n one-node tree, label them with the characters of the alphabet.
Record the frequency of each character in its tree's root to indicate the tree's weight.

2. Repeat the following operation until a single tree is obtained.

Find two trees with the smallest weight. Make them the left and right subtrees of a new tree and record the sum of their weights in the root of the new tree as its weight.

The tree constructed by the above algorithm is called a "Huffman tree".

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Char	A	B	C	D	-
Prob/freq.	0.35	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.15

A
0.35

C
0.2

D
0.2

-
0.15

B
0.1

Final code

Char	A	B	C	D	-
Prob/freq	0.35	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.15
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Interval Scheduling Proof

S : array of start time
 f : array of finish time
 n : # of activities.

A solution set
 k : index of
last taken
activity in A

Greedy (S, f, n)

Sort activities in both arrays by finish time.
in ascending order. ($n \log n$)

Add $a[0]$ to A

$k = 0$

for $i = 1$ to $n-1$

$\Theta(n)$

if $S[i] \geq f[k]$

Add $a[i]$ to A

$k = i$

Body of the loop is constant

$$\text{Total} = \Theta(n \log n) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= \Theta(n \log n)$$

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Given a set of activities $S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$
 $S_{opt} = \{o_1, o_2, o_3, \dots, o_m\}$

Assume that the activities in both S and S_{opt} ordered by finish time in increasing order

o_1 and a_1 are not necessarily equal

→ If $o_1 = a_1$, we are done

→ If $o_1 \neq a_1$, we can replace o_1 with

a_1 and still get a valid solution, why?

o_1									
i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
s_i	2	2	4	1	5	8	9	11	13
f_i	3	5	7	8	9	10	11	14	16
d_i	1	3	3	7	4	2	2	3	3
duration	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗

Let suppose we have a solution start
with $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m\}$

and let $S_{opt} = \{a_1, o_2, o_3, \dots, o_m\}$

we know that start time of $S(o_1) \geq \text{finish}(o_1)$

for $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$

Since $f_{a_1} \leq f_{o_1}$ $S_{o_i} \geq f_{a_1}$ for all

~~This implies that~~ $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$

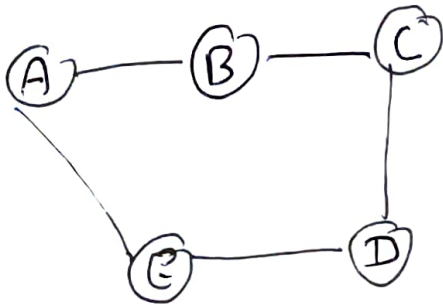
This proves that there always exists an
optimal solution that starts with the greedy
choice (activity with min finish time)

(Greedy choice property)

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- 1- Greedy choice property \rightarrow There exists at least one optimal solution that starts with greedy choice.
- 2- Optimal substructure
 \downarrow
we can keep searching

Longest Path



$$L.P(B, D) = \langle B, A, E, D \rangle$$

$$\neq L.P(B, A) = \langle B, C, D, E \rangle$$

$$+ L.P(A, D) = \langle A, B, C, D \rangle$$

This does not satisfy the optimal substructure subproblem.

$O_1 \quad O_2 \quad O_3 \quad \dots \quad O_m$

$a_1 \quad a_2 \quad a_3 \quad a_4 \quad \dots \quad a_n$

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