

Greedy Algorithms

- locally optimal choice
- myopic (blind) choice

Coin Changing Problem:-

1, 5, 10, 25, 50 → cent coins

92-cents = ? # smallest no. of coins possible

$$= 1 \times 50 + 1 \times 25 + 1 \times 10 + 1 \times 5 + 2 \times 1 \rightarrow 92 \text{¢}$$

Q2:-

If you have denominations like

1, 14, 25

28¢ = ?

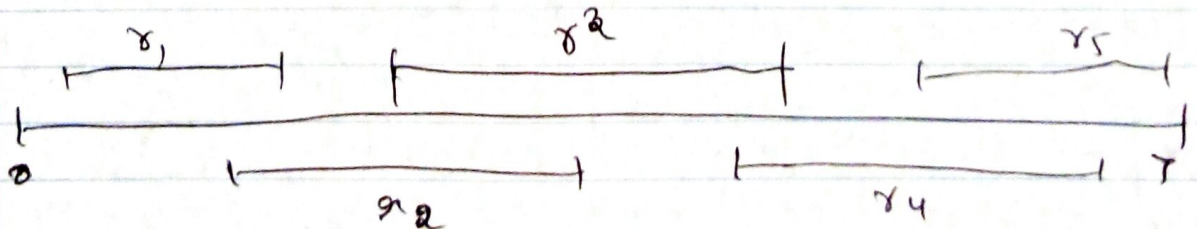
Greedy algorithm will choose,

$$25¢ + 3 \times 1¢ = 4 \text{ coins,}$$

but we can do it 2 coins

greedy algo fails,

Room Scheduling Algorithm



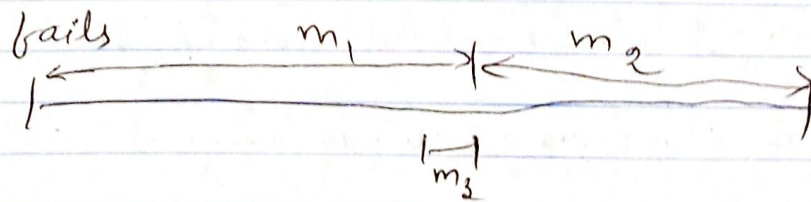
We have a meeting room, and there are requests to the meeting room, but the time slots overlap.

But we can accommodate only one request at a time.

→ We should make sure that, maximum # of meetings take place.

Choices:

① Shortest meeting first:



→ In the above case, you can schedule only one meeting. But we could have done "2" meetings.

2) S.M.F is sub-optimal.

② Earliest Ending meeting first:

Greedy Algorithm - Continuation:-

1) Huffman Code :-

* To compress the information and use less memory, we encode characters.

* There are different types of encoding patterns (or) standards

Ex:- ASCII

* In ASCII (American Standard for Information Interchange), every character is given a hexadecimal - number.

Ex:- a - 0x40, A - Z

b - 0x41 } 8 bits

So, if we have 10,000 characters, we use 80000 bits.

* To compress the data, We can use "small length" codes for most repeating chars and "large length" codes for less frequent chars.

So that we can use less memory.

→ For example, a, e → repeats more in english characters, so, assign bits of small length to a, e, and for less repeating characters assign bigger length bits.

e := 1

a := 01

z := 00000001111111

But, Decoding = ?

→ Coding & Decoding made easy in Prefix Codes:

Prefix Codes:-

Ex:- a, b

code(a) cannot be a proper prefix of
code(b)

any character

any character

Proper - Prefix = ?

b₁ : 0001

b₂ : 000

} b₂ is proper prefix of b₁

→ ASCII codes are prefix codes

Ans:-

$x = \boxed{00000}01$ $r^y?$

3 0000

→ We can arrange code-words in the form of a tree in "Pre-fix" Codes

Ex:-

$$a = 01$$

b : 001

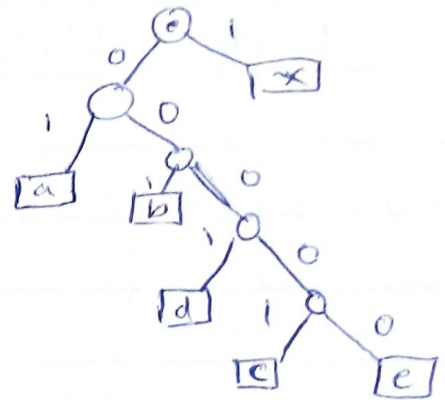
C : 00001

$d = 0001$

e : 00000

 (a, b, c, d, e)

decision tree



Ex:-

$\overline{0000101011101101101101}$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_c \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_a \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_a \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{xx} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_a \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_x \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_a \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_x \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_a \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_x \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_a$

→ ASCII is a 8 bit prefix code

↓
can be stored in 'Hash Table'

Optimal Pre-fix Code:-

If we have document containing, 10^6 chars containing

a, b, c, d, e
0.3, 0.2, 0.1, 0.05, 0.35 → fractions of occurrence

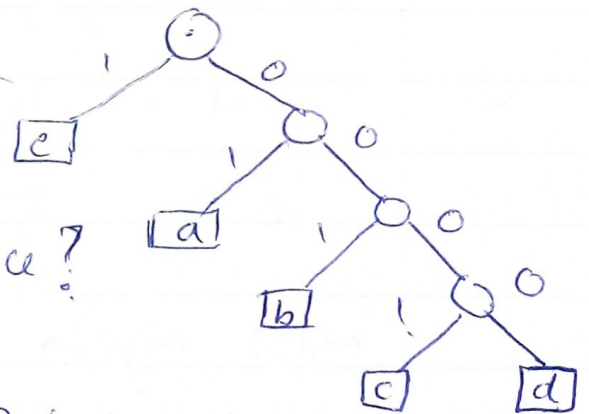
a : 000
b : 001
c : 010
d : 011
e : 100

If we use '3' bits, we need 3×10^6 bits of space.

considering above occurrences,

using this code
 10^6 bits document size

requires how much space?



$$= 0.35 \times 1 + 0.3 \times 2 + 0.2 \times 3 + 0.1 \times 4 + 0.05 \times 4$$

= 2.15 bits per character,

H.W: Design probabilities of chars, that gives even worse compression

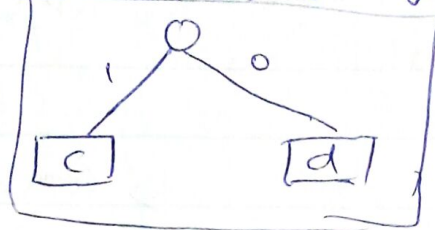
Huffman Code:- (Going Bottom Up) = \rightarrow Optimal

a	b	c	d	e
1	1	1	1	1
0.3	0.2	0.1	0.05	0.35

- ① Take the two least frequent chars & make a sub-tree;

(Combine two chars & make a composite character & assign frequency by adding freq. of

Tree -

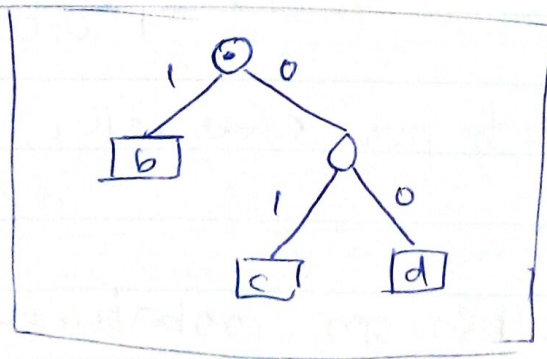


"cd"
 \downarrow
composite word
char
 $0.1 + 0.05 = 0.15$

②

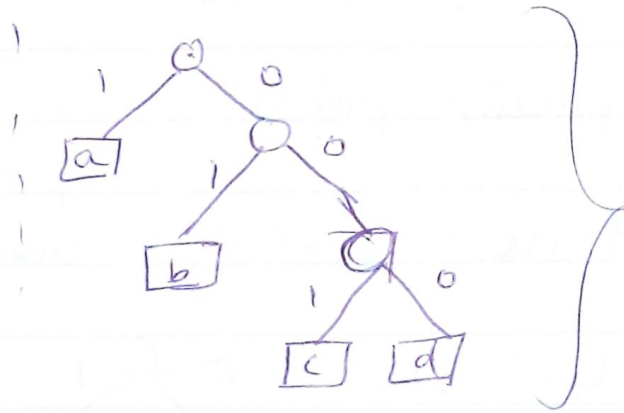
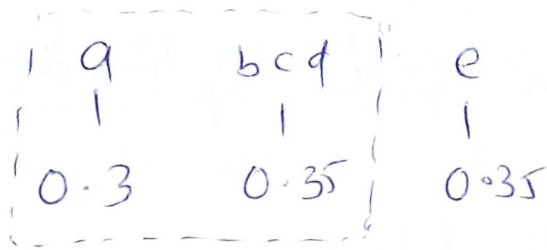
a	b	"cd"	e
1	1	1	1
0.3	0.2	0.15	0.35

Now again you take, two least frequently occurring char



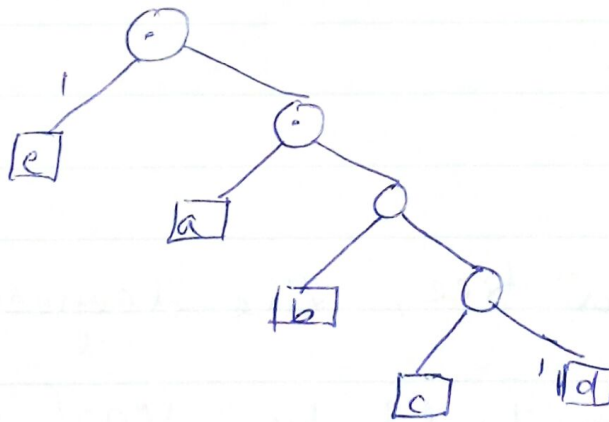
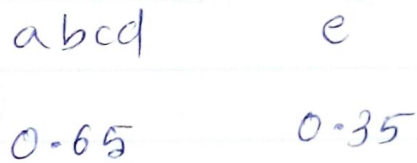
"bcd"
 \downarrow
 $0.2 + 0.15$
 $= 0.35$

3)



"abcd"
↓
 $0.3 + 0.35$
 $= 0.65$

4)



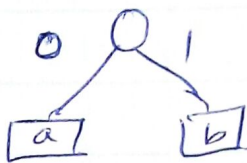
If you go from 'top to down'
(Shannon's Algo). It'll be sub-optimal.

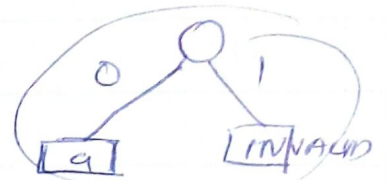
Why Huffman - Code Optimal?

Proof of Optimality:-

Three main points

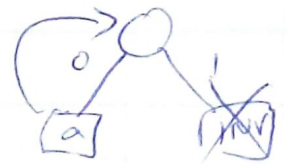
1) Deepest node always has a sibling. It

should be like  but cannot be

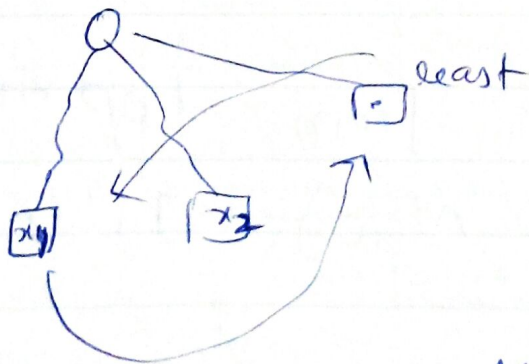


→ Huffman-^{code} will not give invalid nodes

2)



② In a tree, the deepest nodes, x_1 & x_2 are (or) should be least frequent characters



(or) If that is not the case, then exchange with the least frequent characters, node, which is up in the tree.

③ Optimal-Substructure

Transform the input-problem, ~~to~~ by taking, ~~the~~ '2' least frequently occurring characters & ~~more~~ combining to 'one' character by adding probabilities ~~for~~ frequencies.

then, the remaining tree must be optimal for the other problem

