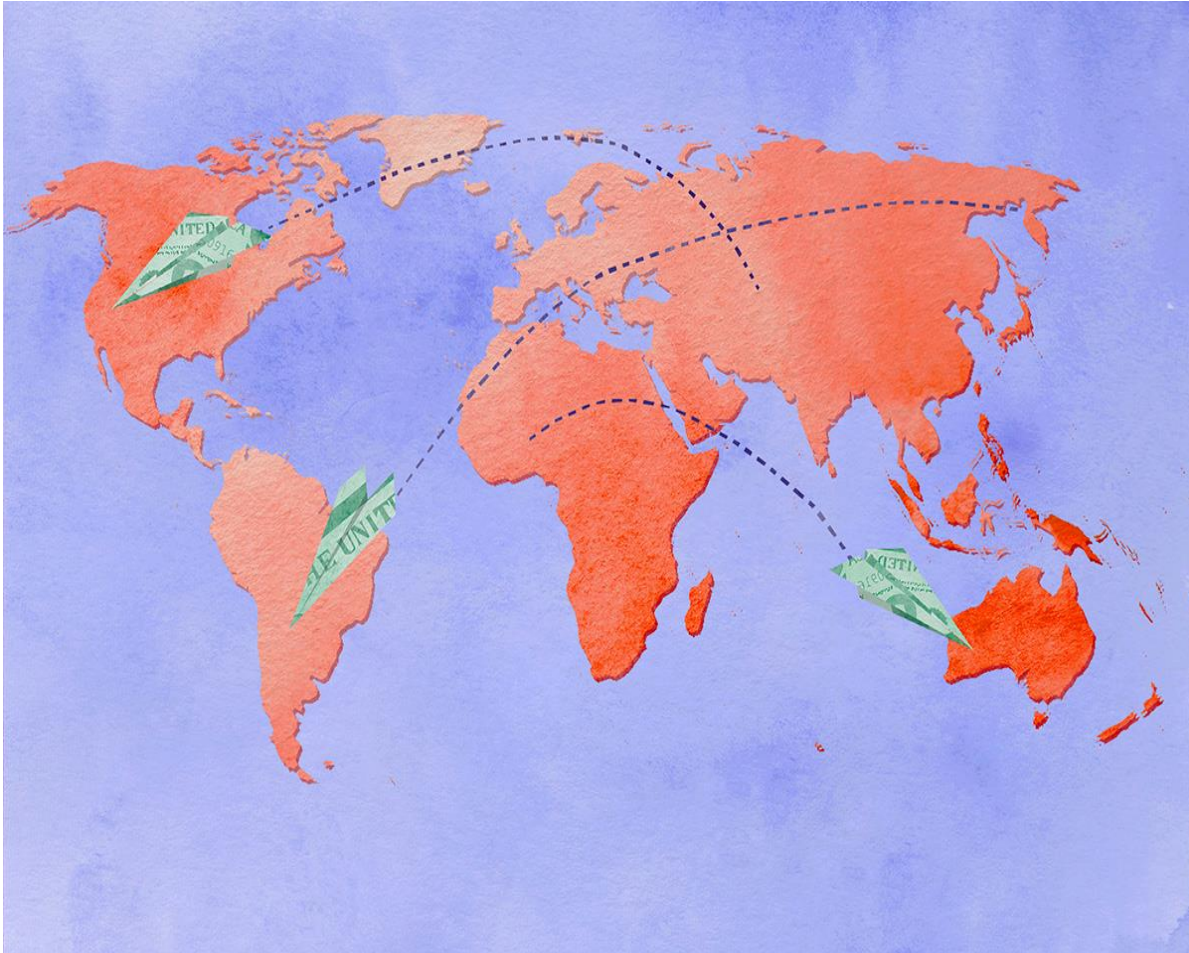


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Greedy Lecture 2



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| $c \in A$ | $f_c$ | $T$ | $l_c$ |     |
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## Cost of an encoding

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$$B(T, \{f_c\}) = \sum_{c \in A} f_c l_c$$

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# Morse Code





# International Morse Code

1. The length of a dot is one unit.
2. A dash is three units.
3. The space between parts of the same letter is one unit.
4. The space between letters is three units.
5. The space between words is seven units.

A ● —  
B — ● ● ●  
C — ● — ●  
D — ● ●  
E ●  
F ● ● — ●  
G — — ●  
H ● ● ● ●  
I ● ●  
J ● — — —  
K — ● —  
L ● — ● ●  
M — —  
N — ●  
O — — —  
P ● — — ●  
Q — — ● —  
R ● — ●  
S ● ● ●  
T —

U ● ● —  
V ● ● ● —  
W ● — —  
X — ● ● —  
Y — ● — —  
Z — — ● ●

1 ● — — — —  
2 ● ● — — —  
3 ● ● ● — —  
4 ● ● ● ● —  
5 ● ● ● ● ●  
6 — ● ● ● ●  
7 — — ● ● ●  
8 — — — ● ●  
9 — — — — ●  
0 — — — — —

A A

E T E T

**E is the prefix of encoding for A**

**Code can be decoded to several messages**

# Prefix-free code

Code for alphabets  $A$  such that for any two symbol  $x, y \in A$ , if  $x \neq y$  then  $\text{code}(x)$  is not a prefix of  $\text{code}(y)$

# Prefix-free code

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|-----------|-------|--------|
| e:        | 74    | 0      |
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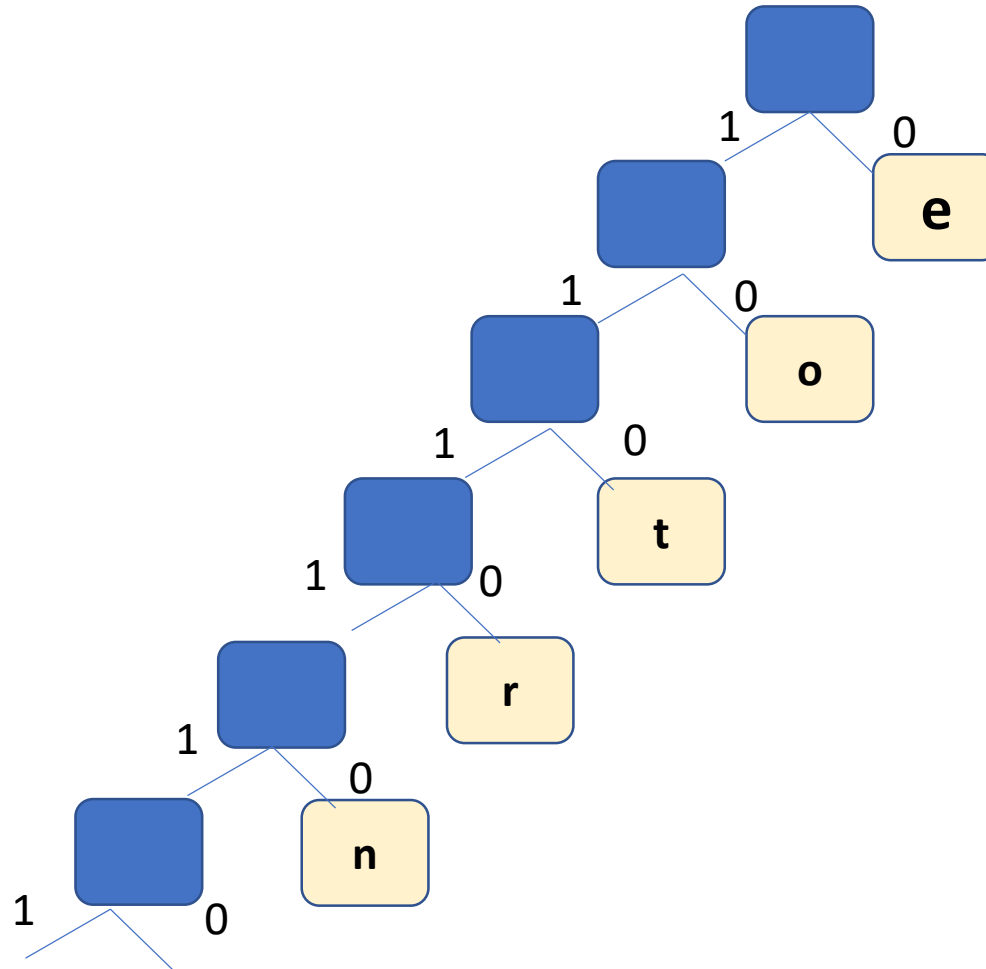
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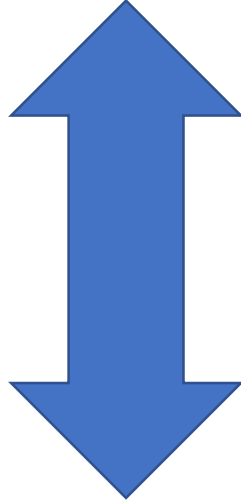
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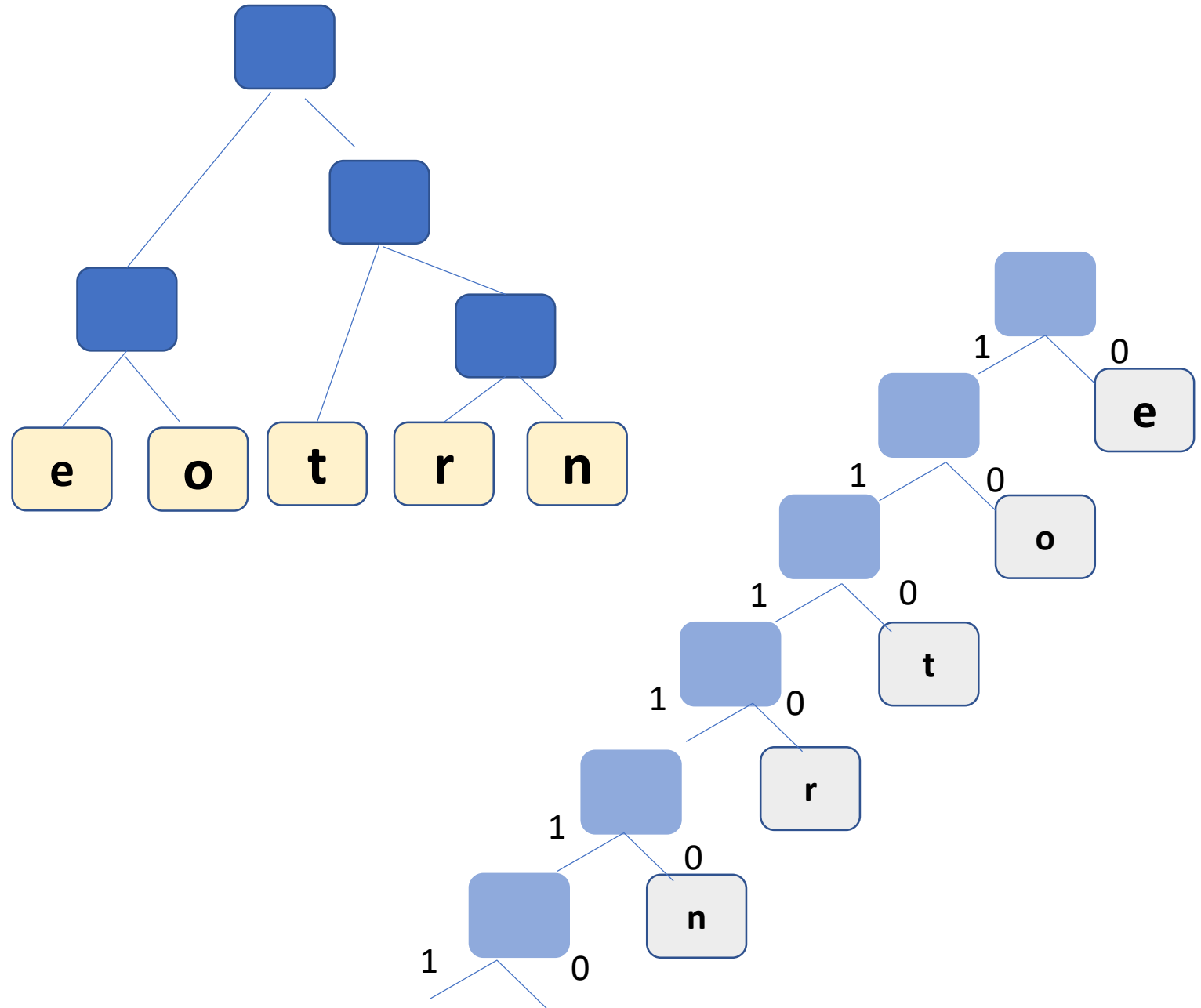
Prefix-free code



Binary tree

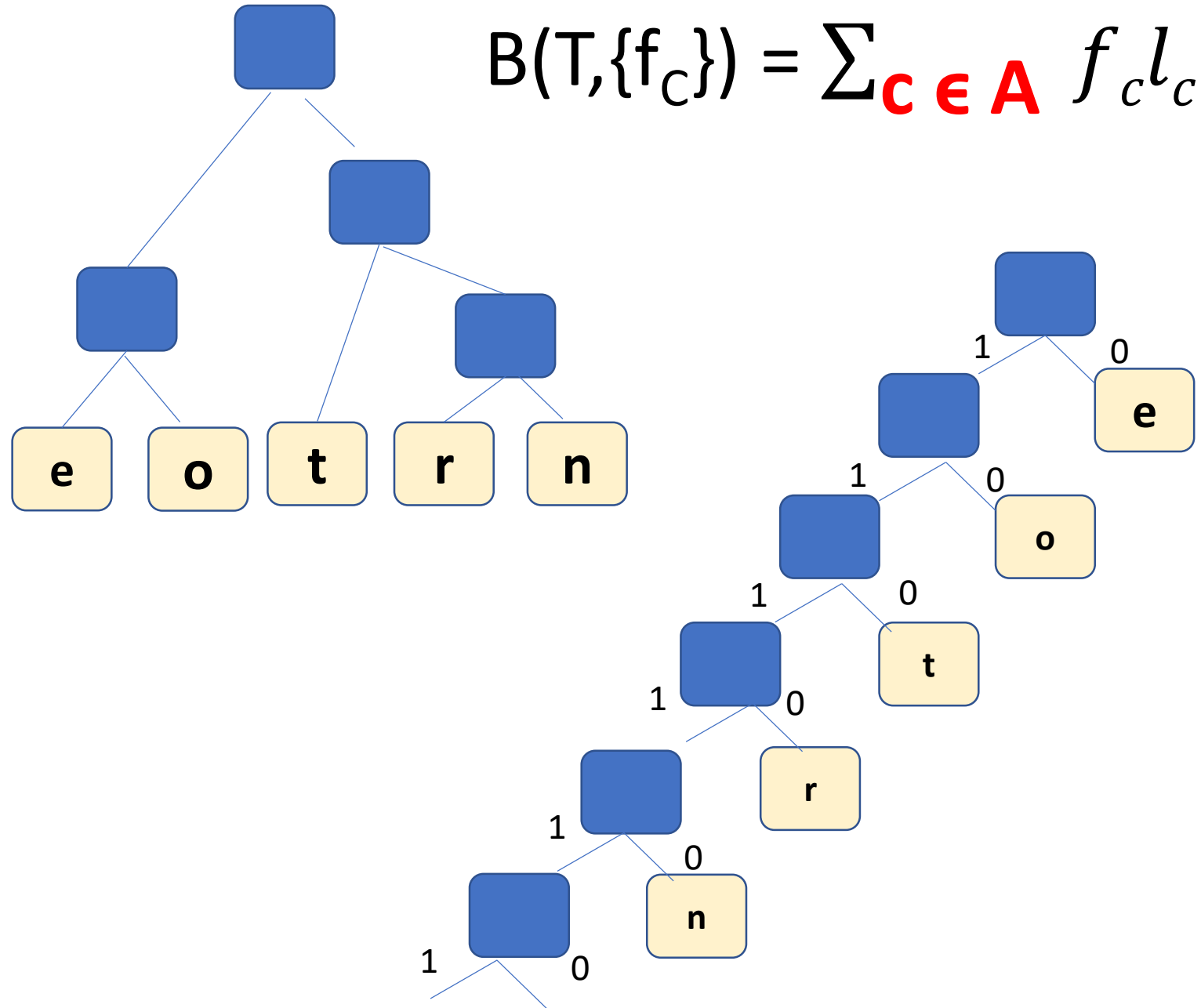
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| e:        | 74    | 00  |
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# Goal

given the character frequencies  $\{f_c\}_{c \in A}$

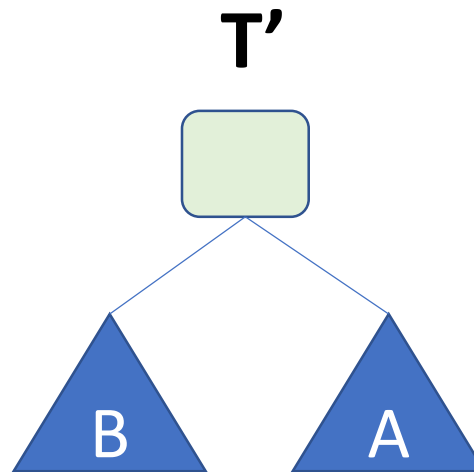
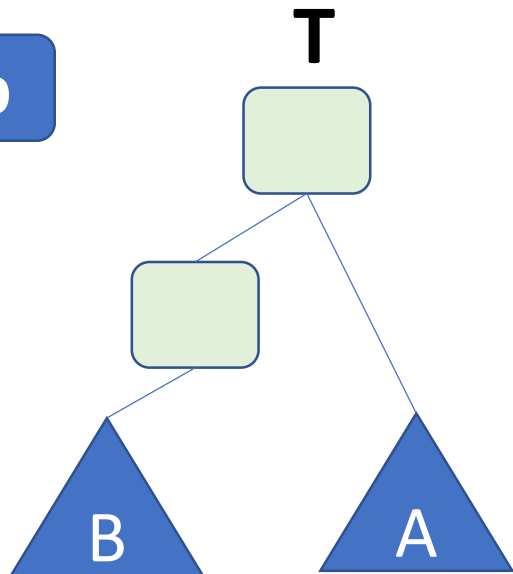
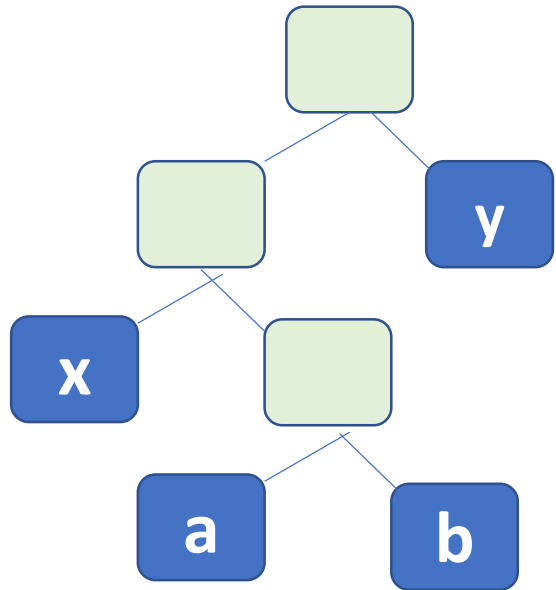
produce a prefix code  $T$  with smallest cost

$$\min_T B(T, \{f_c\})$$

# *Property*

Lemma: Optimal tree is full

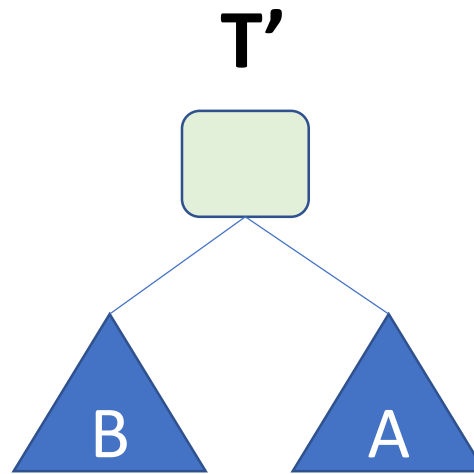
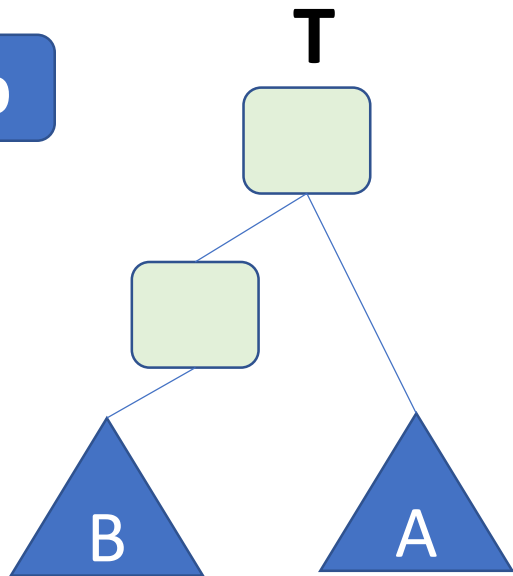
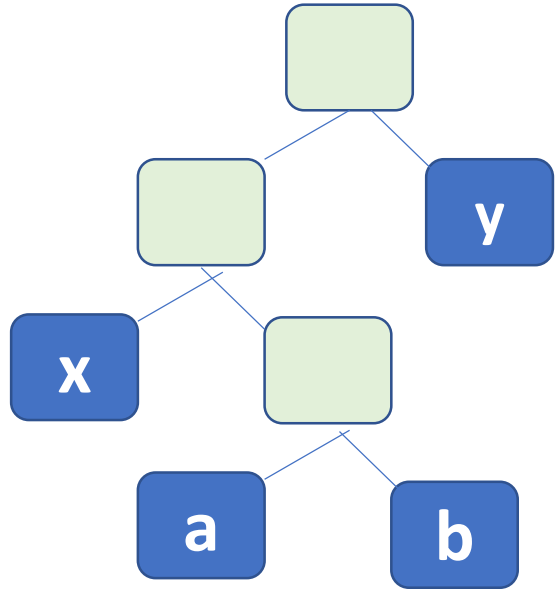
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# Huffman coding

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o: 55

t: 50

r: 48

n: 43

a: 38

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o

t

r

n

a

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**e: 74**

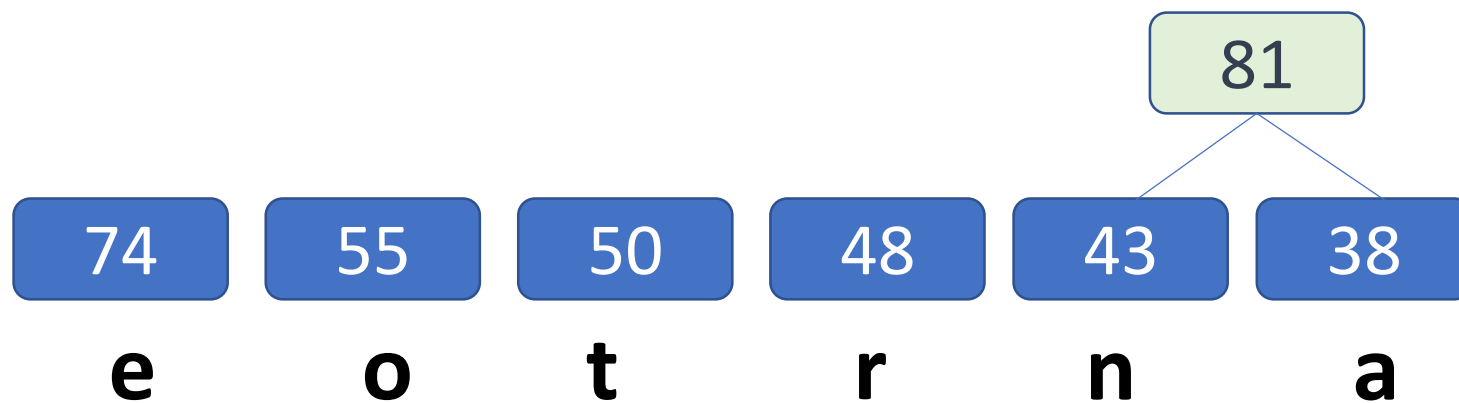
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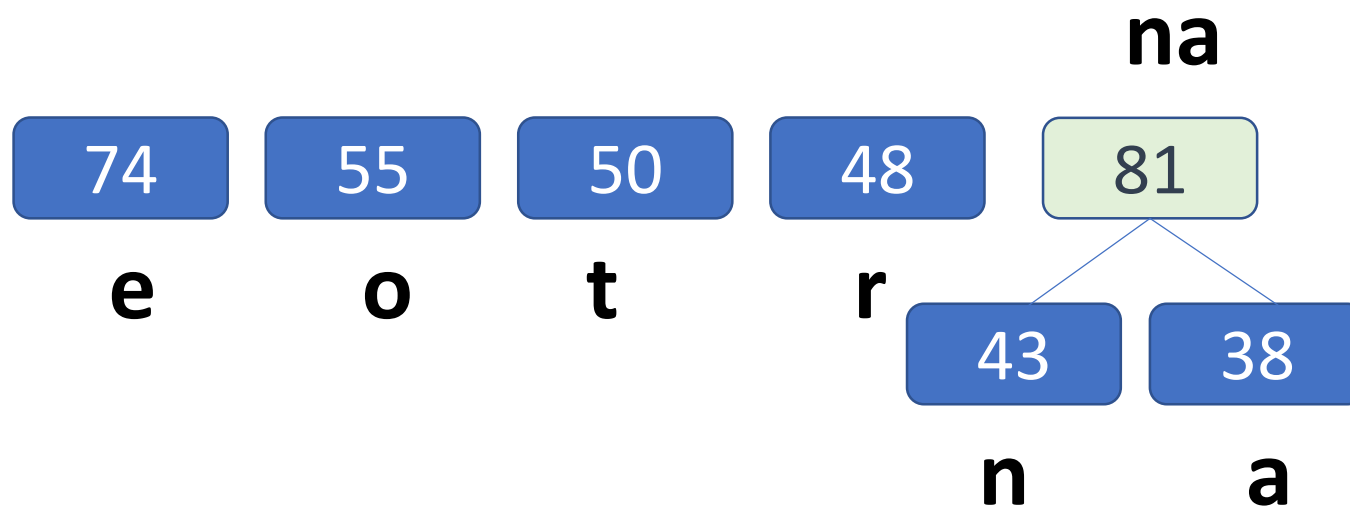
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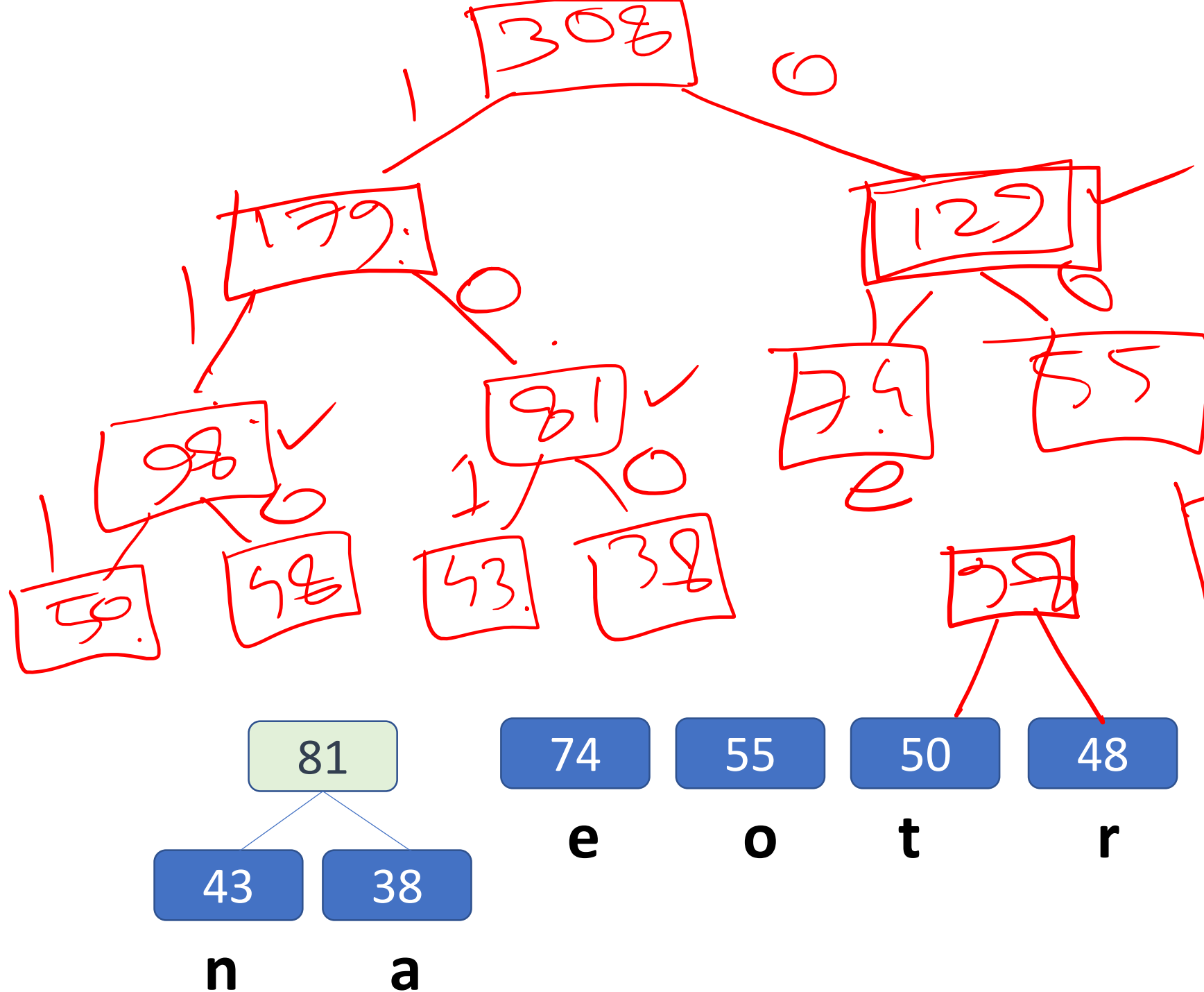
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**a: 38**



$c = 0$

$0 = \infty$

$n-1$  |||

character

r in A

$n = 101$

$a = 100$



$c \in A$     $f_c$

**e: 74**

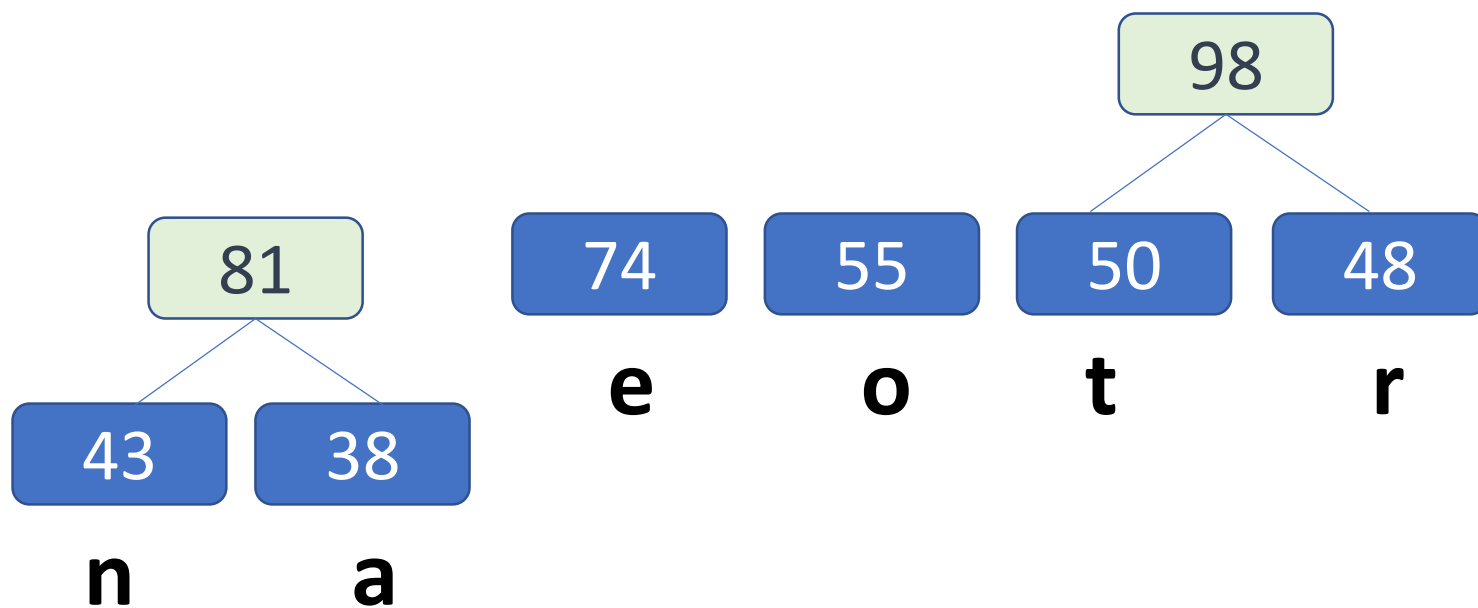
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**N-1**  
character  
in A

$c \in A$     $f_c$

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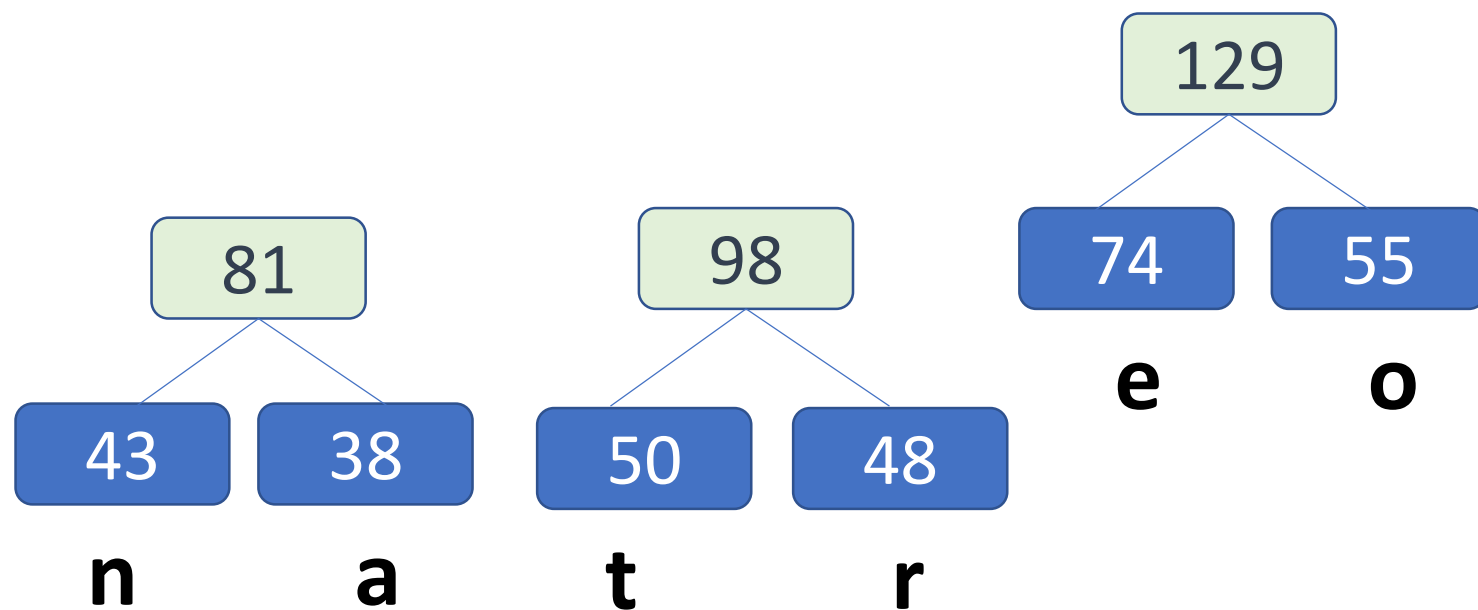
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**N-2**  
character  
in A

$c \in A$     $f_c$

**e:**   **74**

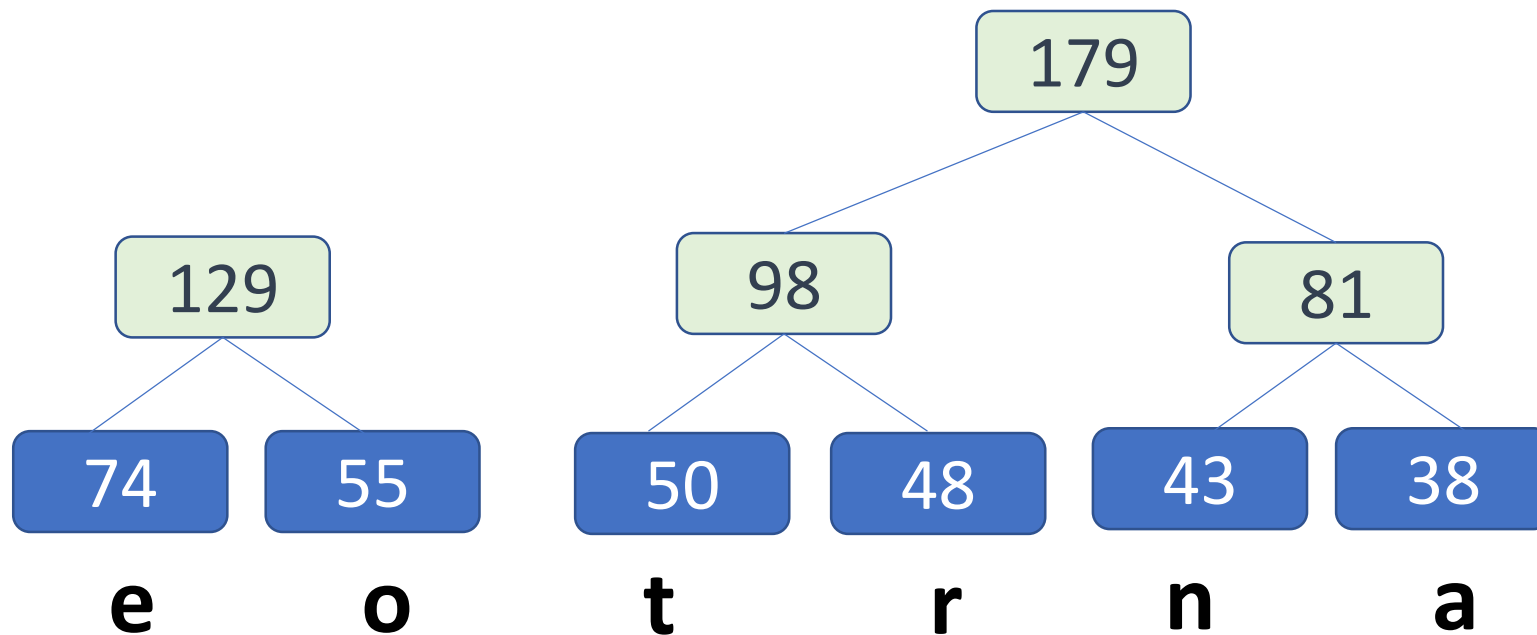
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N-3  
character  
in A

$c \in A$   $f_c$

e: 74

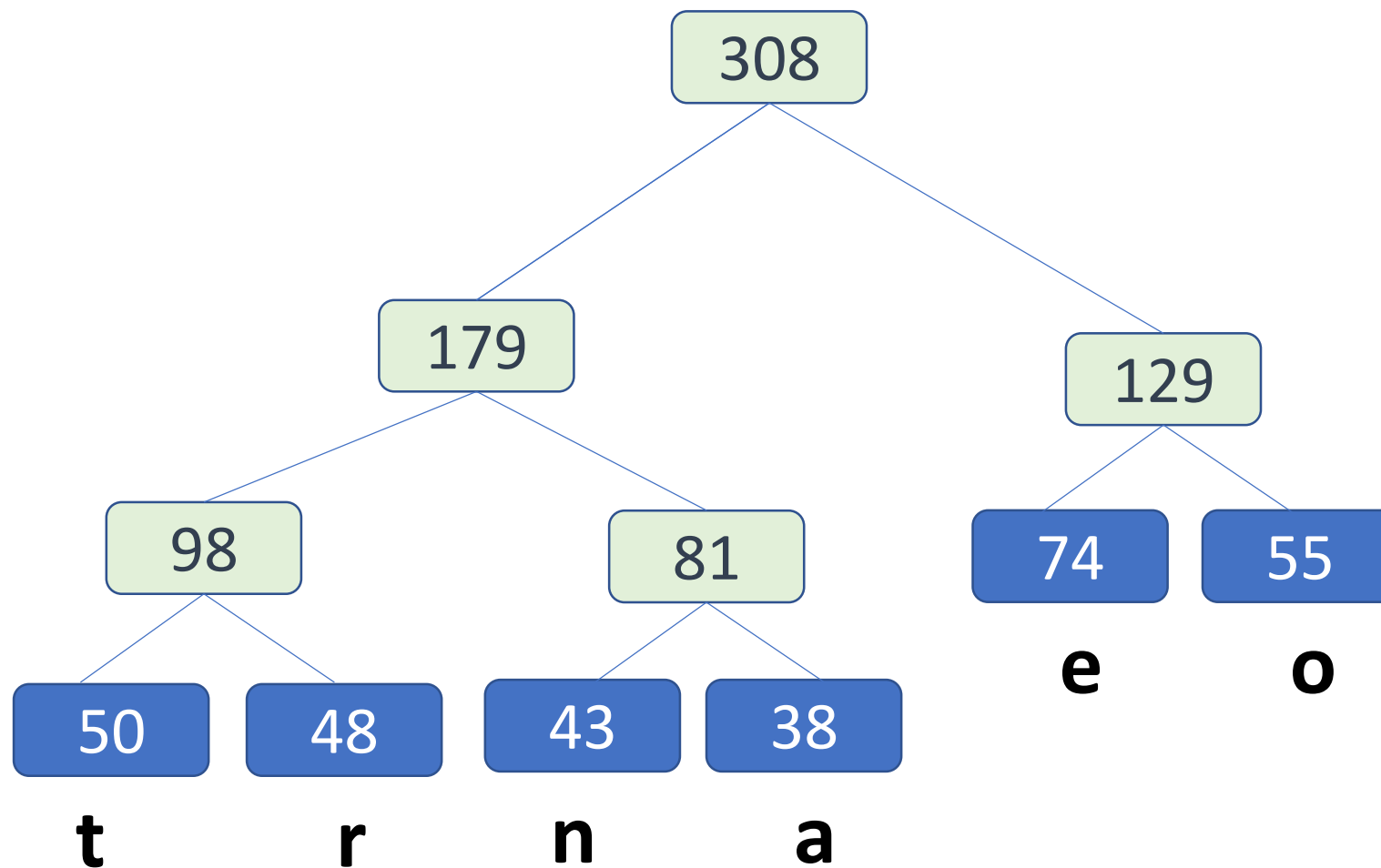
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N-4  
character  
in A

## Cost of an encoding

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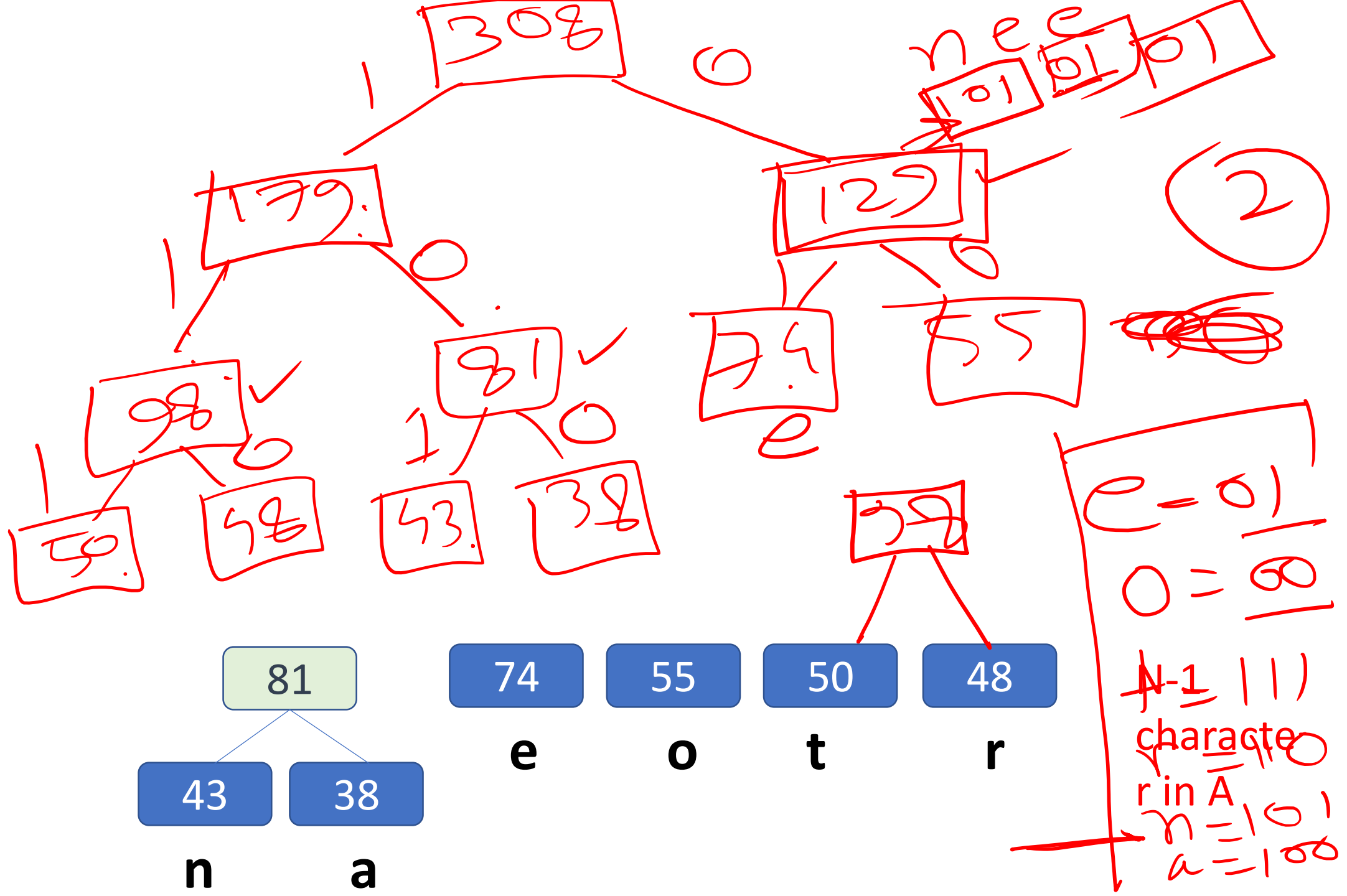
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# Objective

**Given  $\{f_c\}$  , we can compute a prefix-free code using the Huffman's algorithm.**

**Prove the resulting tree is optimal one.**

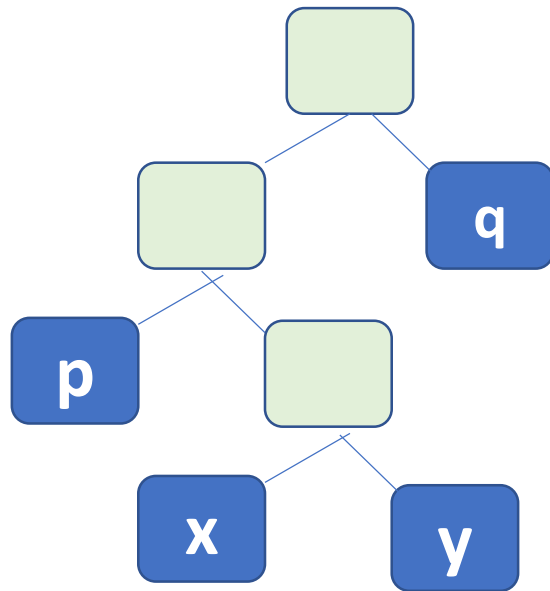
$f_x$   $f_y$

# Exchange Lemma

~~Tree~~ is Full

LEMMA:

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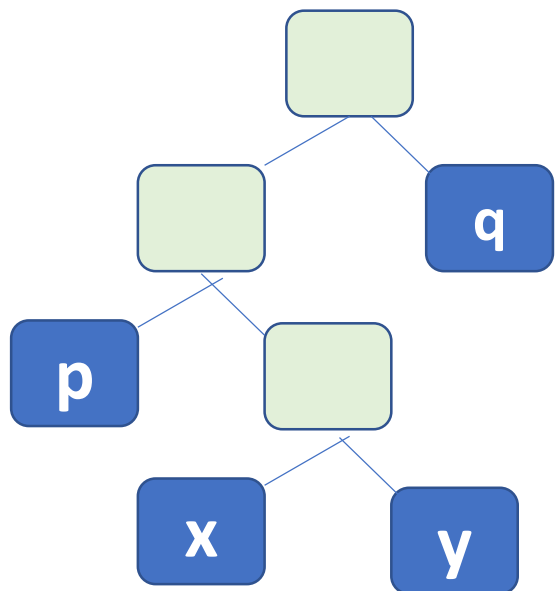


~~Tree~~  $x, y$  will be in the lowest level



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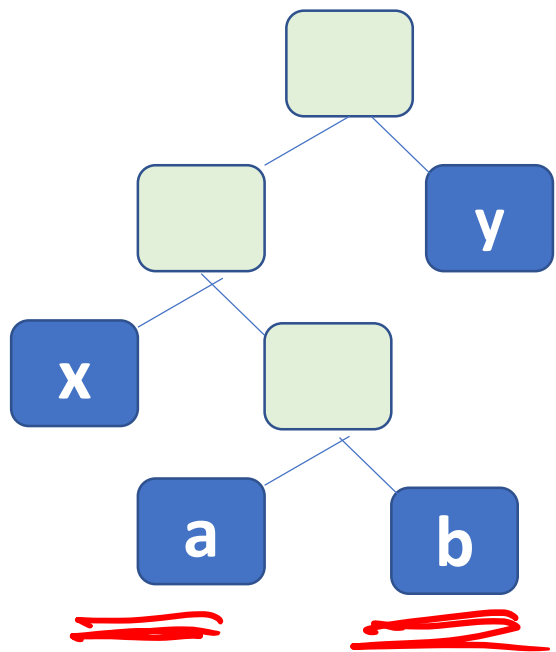
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CASE 1:

$x, y$  are siblings in the tree, lemma holds

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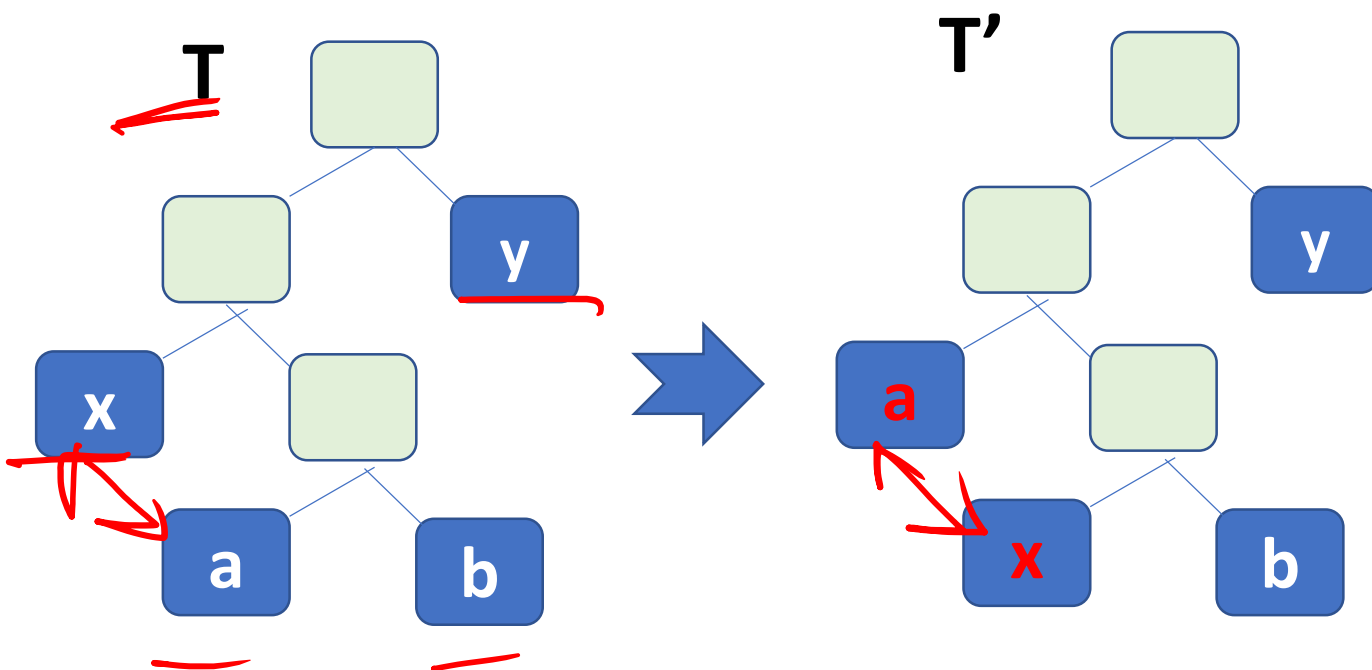
$a, b$  are siblings in the lowest level of tree

**Note: why  $a, b$  exist???**

**Because tree is full**

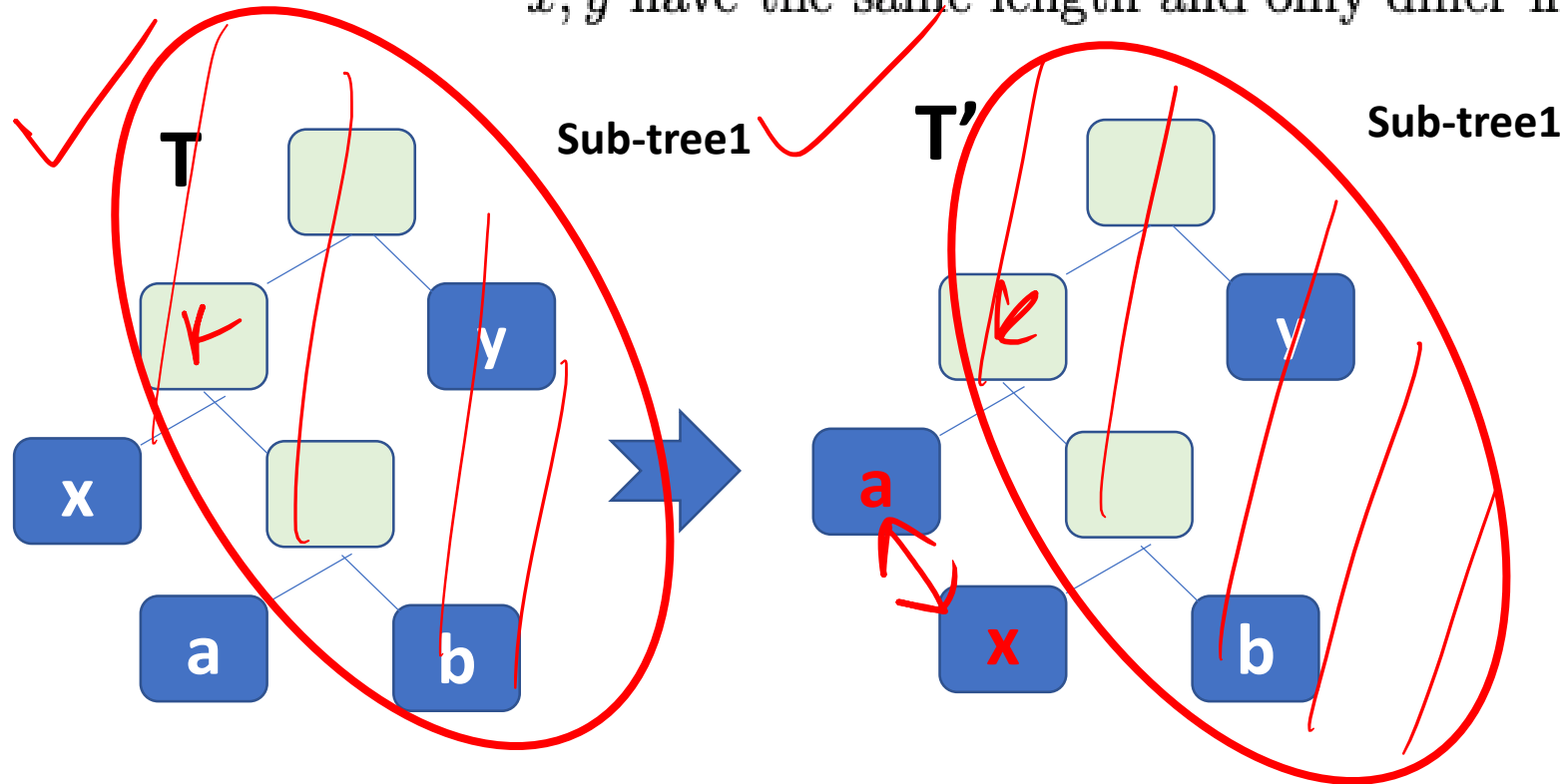
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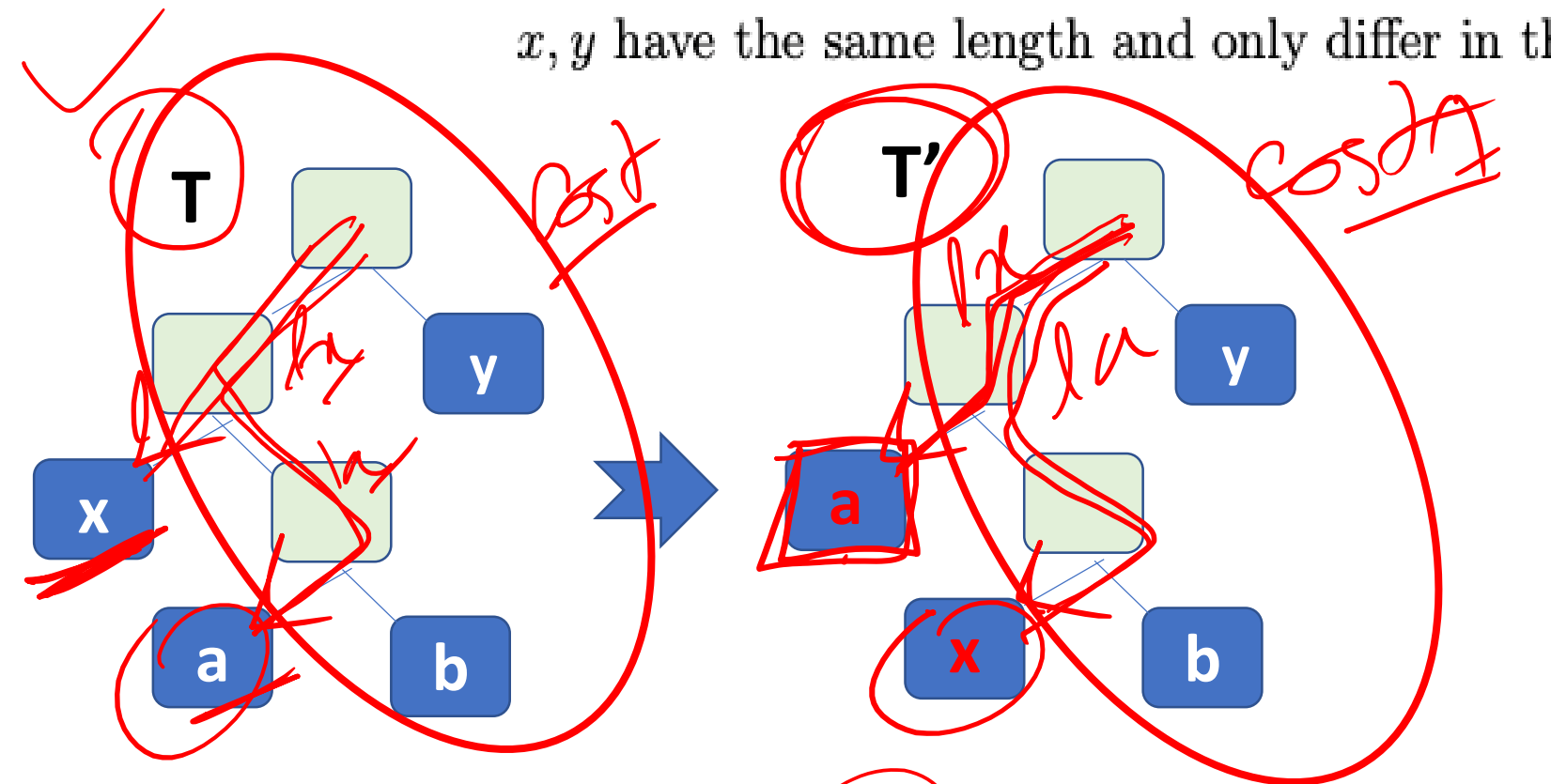
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$$B(T) = \text{Cost1} + f_x |x| + f_a |a|$$

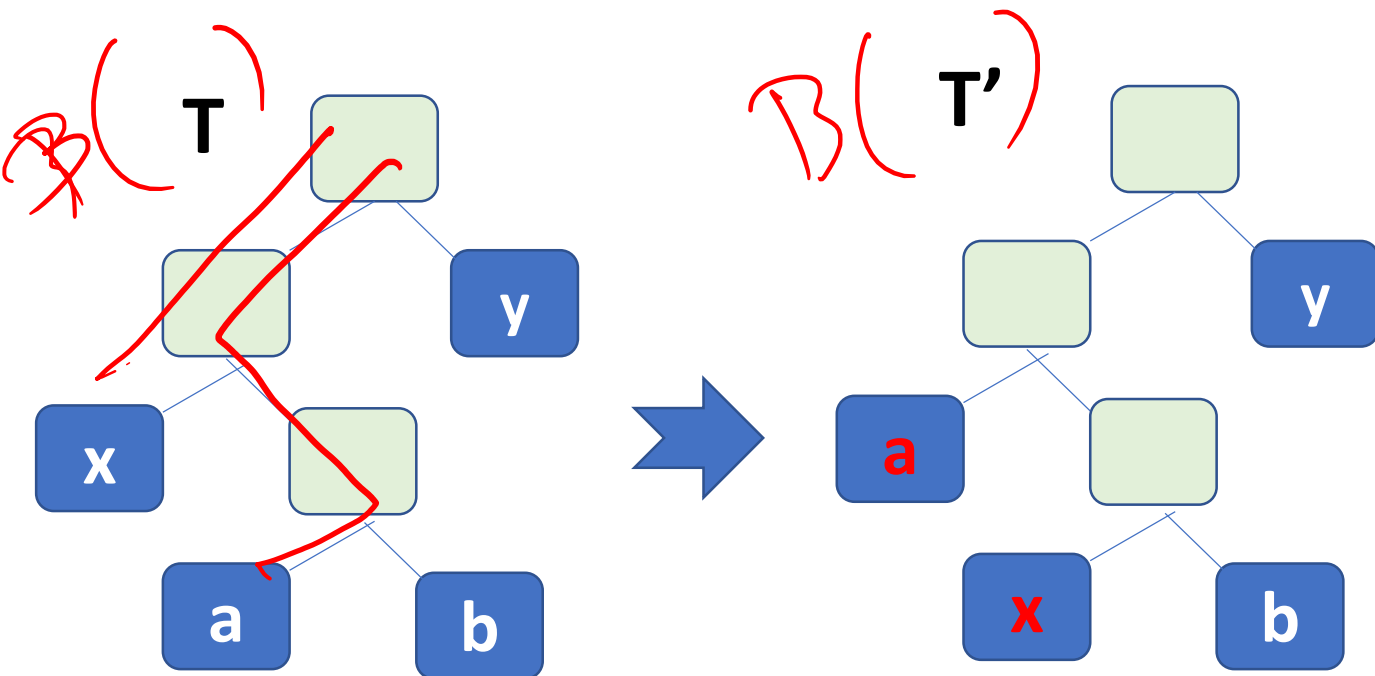
$$B(T') = \text{Cost1} + f_x |a| + f_a |x|$$

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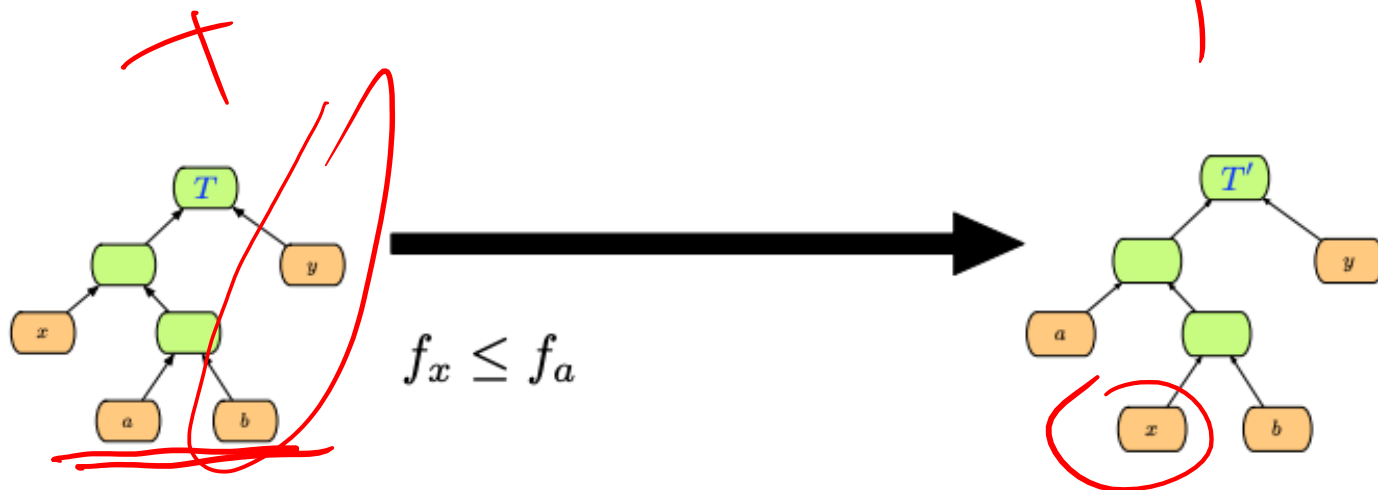
$$B(T) = \text{Cost1} + f_x l_x + f_a l_a$$

$$B(T') = \text{Cost1} + f_x l_a + f_a l_x$$

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$$\begin{aligned} B(T) - B(T') &= f_x l_x + f_a l_a - f_x l_a - f_a l_x \\ &= (f_x l_x - f_x l_a) + (f_a l_a - f_a l_x) \\ &= f_x (l_x - l_a) + f_a (l_a - l_x) \\ &= (l_a - l_x)(f_a - f_x) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten notes:  $\geq 0$  (circled),  $\geq 0$  (circled),  $\geq 0$  (circled)



$$B(T) = \sum_c f_c l_c + f_x l_x + f_a l_a \quad B(T') = \sum_c f_c l'_c + f_x l'_x + f_a l'_a$$

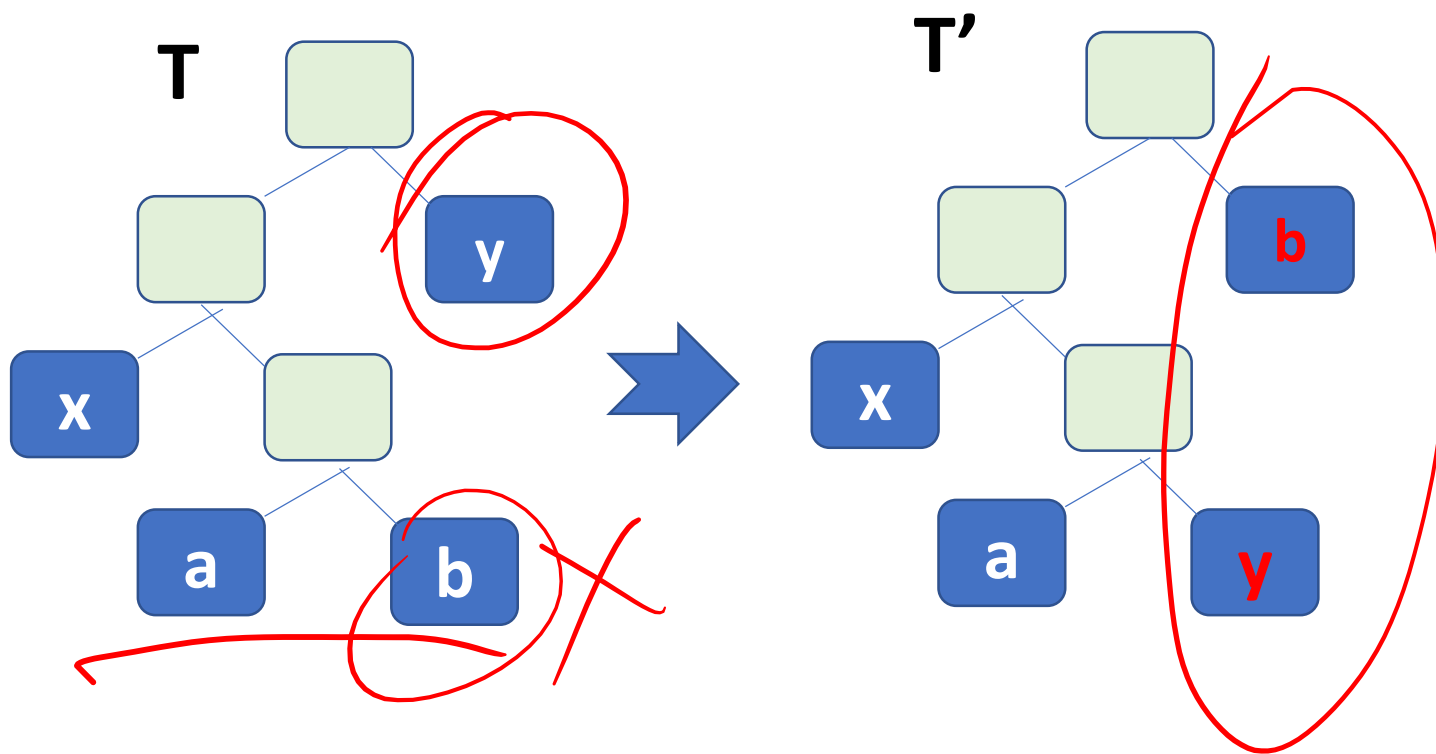
$$B(T) - B(T') \geq 0$$

But T is optimal!!

T optimal

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Do the same  
argument with  $b$   
and  $y$

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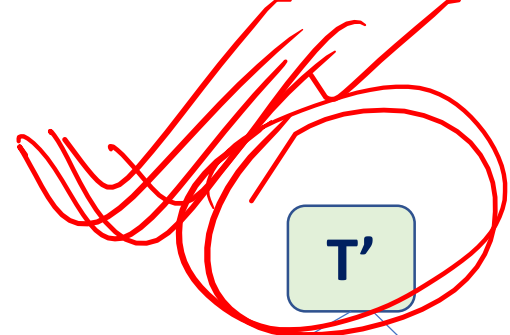


# Optimal sub-structure

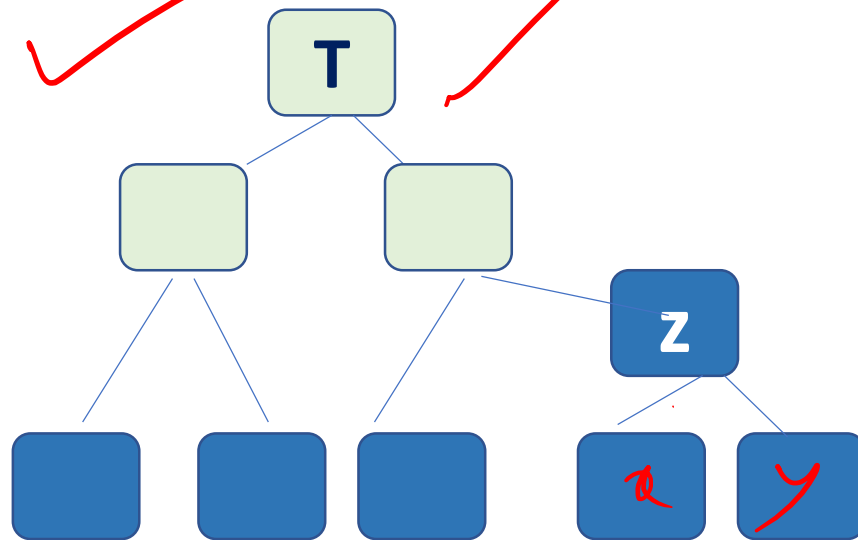


**Lemma:** the optimal solution for  $T$  consists of computing an optimal solution for  $T'$  and replacing the left  $z$  with a node having children  $x, y$

*Optimal*



$$B(T') = B(T)$$



$$B(T) = f_x + f_y$$

$$B(T') = B(T) - f_x - f_y$$

$$f_z = f_x + f_y$$

$$l_x = l_z + 1$$

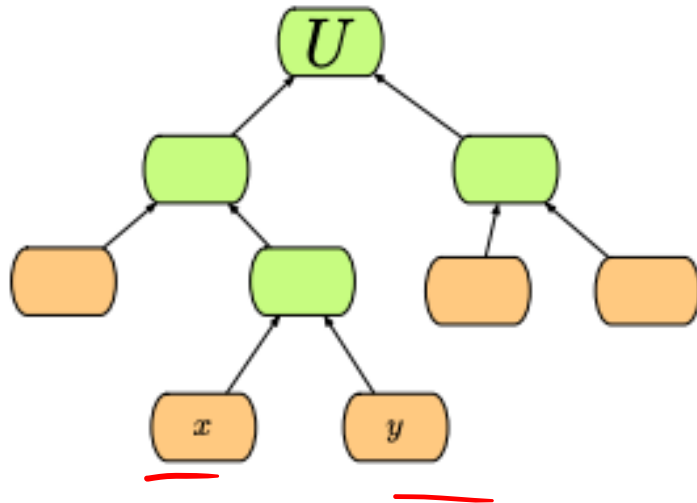
$$l_y = l_z + 1$$

$$B(T') = (f_x + f_y)(l_z)$$

$$B(T) = f_x(l_z + 1) + f_y(l_z + 1)$$

Suppose  $T$  is not optimal

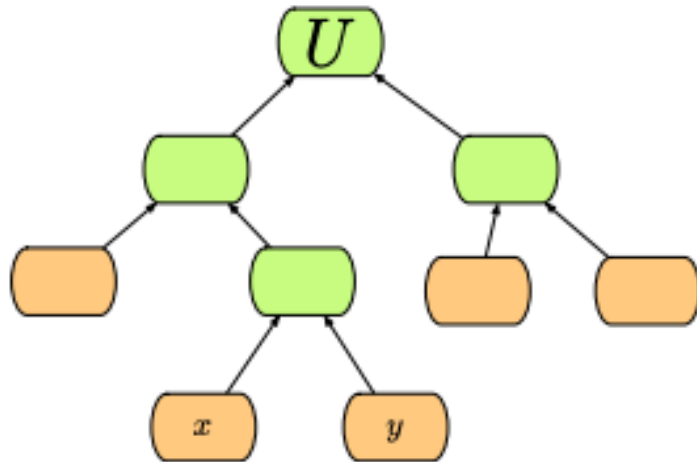
There exist another tree  $U$  such that  $B(U) < B(T)$



~~X~~ and  $y$  are siblings in  $U$

Suppose  $T$  is not optimal

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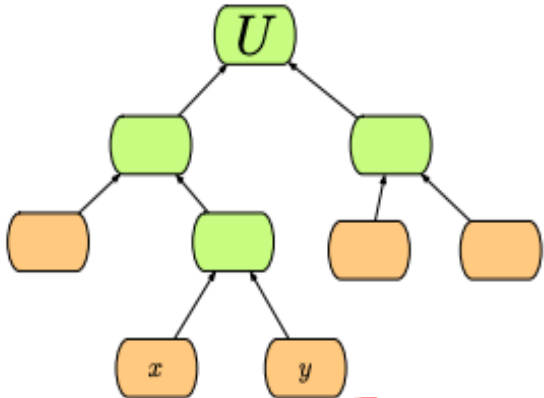


$x$  and  $y$  are siblings in  $U$

Suppose  $T$  is not optimal

~~$B(T')$  can be~~

There exist another tree  $U$  such that  $B(U) < B(T)$



Define a tree  $U'$  such that  $x, y$  are combined to  $z$

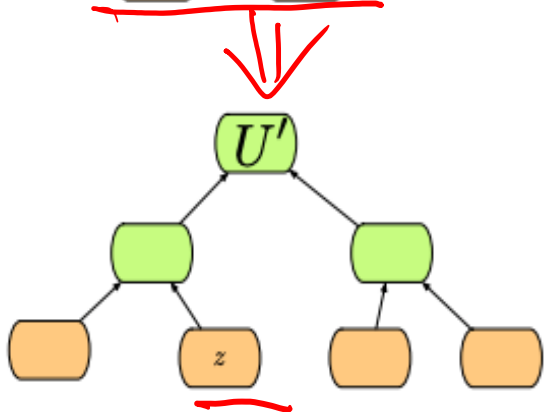
$$B(U') = B(U) - f_x - f_y$$

$$< B(T) - f_x - f_y$$

$$= B(T')$$

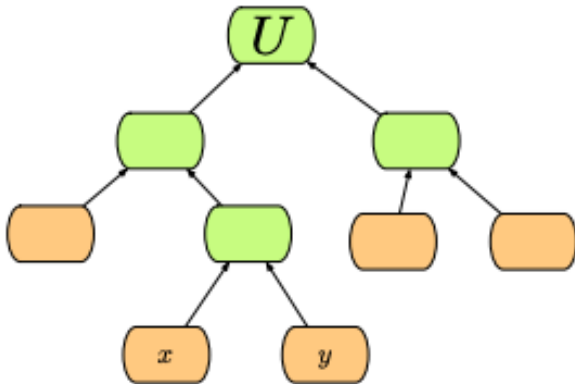
$$= B(T')$$

$$B(U') < B(T')$$



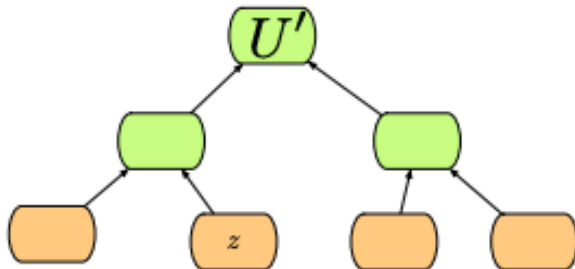
Suppose  $T$  is not optimal

Conflicts with the assumption that  $T'$  is not optimal. Hence,  $T$  must have also been optimal.



$$B(U) < B(T)$$

$$B(U') = B(U) - f_x - f_y$$
$$< B(t) - f_x - f_y$$



But this implies that  $B(T')$  was not optimal