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**UNIT – III**

**GREEDY TECHNIQUE**

**Topic**

**Greedy Technique: Huffman Coding /Trees**



## Greedy Technique : Huffman Coding Trees

Huffman Trees are constructed for encoding a given text of  $n$  characters.

Code word: Encoding a given text require each character to be associated with some bit sequence. This is called code word.

Huffman Related to Greedy Technique:

- \* At each step, Huffman coding selects the two least frequent characters to combine [follows Greedy Choice].

- \* It ensures that overall encoding will be as short as possible.

### Types of Encodings:

#### (i) Fixed length Encoding:

It is an encoding technique in which each character is associated with a bit string of some fixed length.

#### (ii) Variable length Encoding:

This technique includes each character associated with code word of different length.

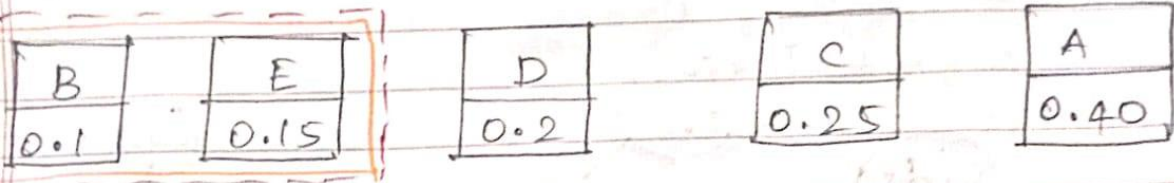
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Example:

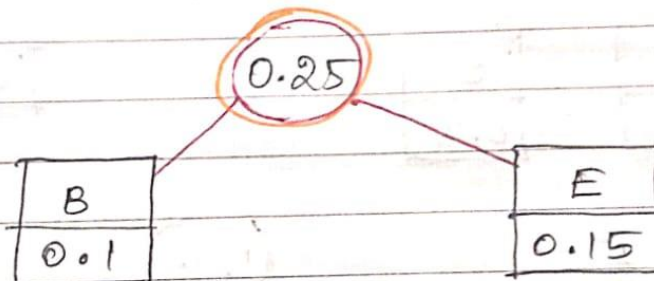
Characters	A	B	C	D	E
probability	0.40	0.1	0.25	0.2	0.15

Step 1:

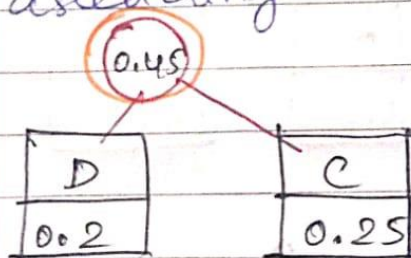
First arrange characters in ascending order based on probabilities.



Step 2:

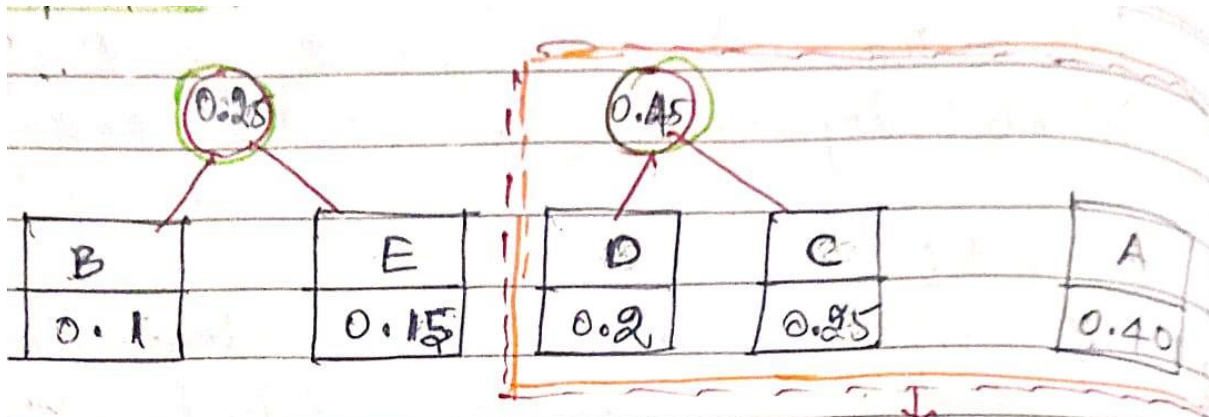


Again arrange the probabilities in ascending order, after combining C & D

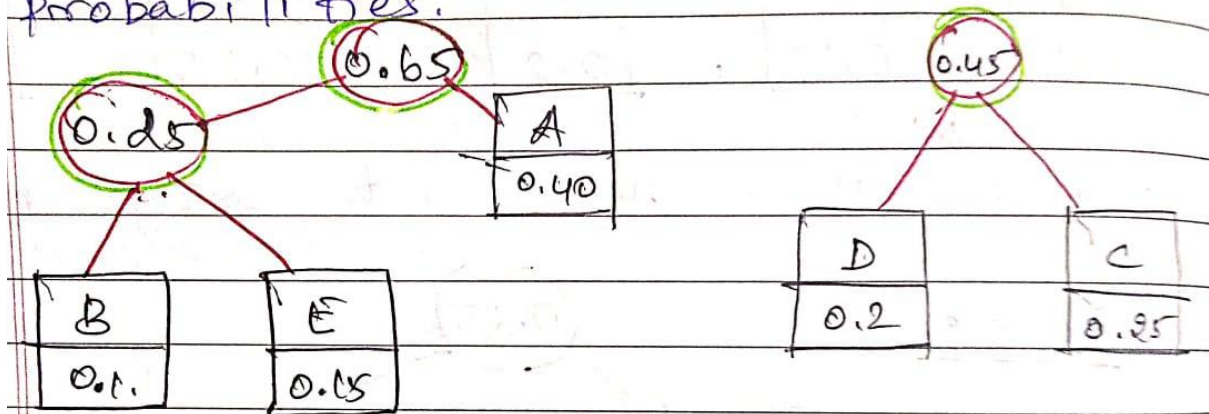


Arrange the nodes in ascending order based on probability

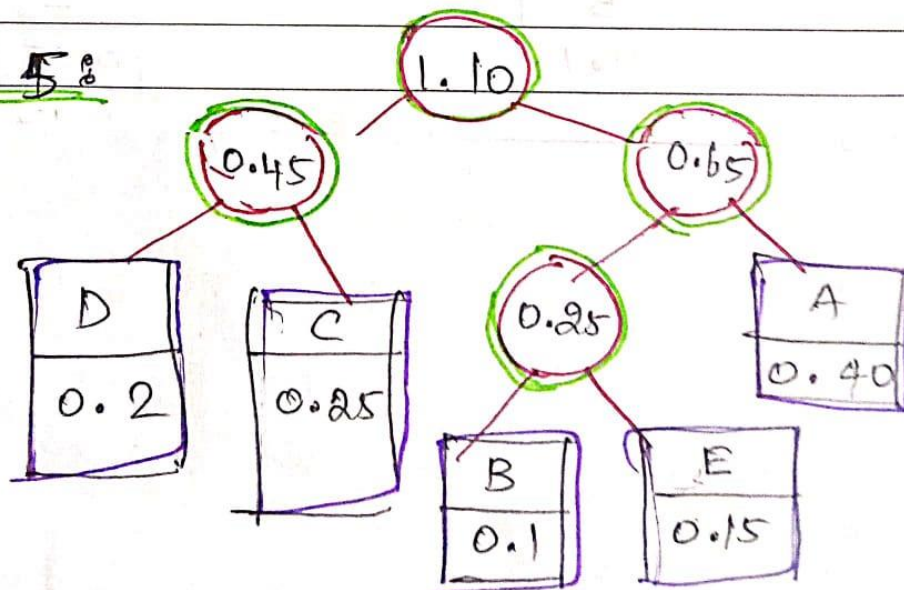




Now combine (B, E) & A in ascending order based on probabilities.



Step 5:





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Step 6: Encode the tree,

- ★ Assign '0' to the Left Branch.
- ★ Assign '1' to the Right Branch.

Huffman Tree

Step 6: Encoding:

A	B	C	D	E
11	100	101	00	101

★ Encode word DAD :

D	A	D
↓	↓	↓
00	11	00

DAD can be encoded as 001100

★ Decode 1101100

11	01	100
↓	↓	↓
A	C	B

Decoded string ACB





Prefix code:

code word associated with

each character is called prefix code.  
Tree is called Huffman code.

Calculate Number of Bits Per character in given code:

$$\text{Number of Bits per Character} = \sum_{\text{All Characters}} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Length of} \\ \text{Code word} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{l} \text{Probability} \\ \text{of corresponding} \\ \text{Character} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= 2 \times 0.4 + 3 \times 0.1 + 2 \times 0.25 + 2 \times 0.2 + 3$$

$$= 2.45 \approx 3 \text{ bits per character}$$

Algorithm:

Algorithm Huffman (data[], freq[], size)

{ while (size > 1) // find 2 min freq. node.

min1 = 0, min2 = 1.

if (freq[min1] > freq[min2])

{ min1 = 1

min2 = 0

}

for (i = 2, i < size, i++)

if (freq[min1] < freq[i])

min2 = min1



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min1 = i
} else if (freq[i] < freq[min2])
{
    min2 = i
}
}
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### Complexity Analysis:

#### Time Complexity:

- (i) Building Huffman Tree :  $O(n^2)$   
(Since we find the two smallest elements repeatedly)
- (ii) Generating Huffman codes :  $O(n)$
- (iii) Total complexity is  $O(n^2)$  (Simpler but slower than heap based  $O(n \log n)$ )

#### Space Complexity: $\rightarrow$ For Heap?

- (i) Huffman Tree Nodes :  $O(n)$
- (ii) Code Table: Huffman code Map :  $O(n)$
- (iii) Bit Storage for Encoded Data:  $O(m)$   
 $m \Rightarrow$  Number of Bits in encoded string.

Total space complexity:  $O(n+m)$