

Lecture

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# Huffman code

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# ASCII Example

Bits		b <sub>7</sub>	b <sub>6</sub>	b <sub>5</sub>	b <sub>4</sub>	b <sub>3</sub>	b <sub>2</sub>	b <sub>1</sub>	Column No.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NUL	DLE	SP	0	@	P	.	p
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0	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	u
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BCAA

B                    C                    A                    A  
1000010 1000011 1000001 1000001

# Fixed Length Code : Space Used

Assume an  $m$  bit fixed length code.

For a file of  $n$  characters

Need  $nm$  bits.

# Variable Length Code : Space Used

**Idea:** use less bits for frequent characters and more bits for rare characters.

**Example:** suppose alphabet of 3 symbols:  
{ X, Y, Z }.

suppose in file: 1000000  
characters.

Need 2 bits for a fixed length  
code for a total of  
2,000000 bits.

# Variable Length Code : Space Used

**Idea:** use less bits for frequent characters and more bits for rare characters.

Suppose the frequency distribution of the characters is:

X	Y	Z
999,000	500	500

Encode:

X	Y	Z
0	10	11

# Variable Length Code VS Fixed Length Code : Space Used

Fixed code:  $1,000,000 \times 2 = 2,000,000$

Variable code:  $999,000 \times 1$   
                   $+ \quad 500 \times 2$   
                   $500 \times 2$

**1,001,000**

# Fixed Length : Decoding

Example:  $X = 00$

$Y = 01$

$Z = 10$

000010 is XXZ

100001 is ZXY

# Variable Length : Decoding

Idea : Prefix coding

Prefix code, where no code is a prefix of another.

Example:  $X = 0$   
 $Y = 10$   
 $Z = 11$

None of the above codes is a prefix of another.

# Variable Length : Decoding

**Example:** X = 0  
          Y = 10  
          Z = 11

So, for the string:

X X X Y Y Z Z Z the encoding:

0 0 0 10 10 11 11 11

# Variable Length : Coding

Construct a variable length code for a given file with the following properties:

1. Prefix code.
2. Using shortest possible codes.
3. Efficient.

# Variable Length : Coding

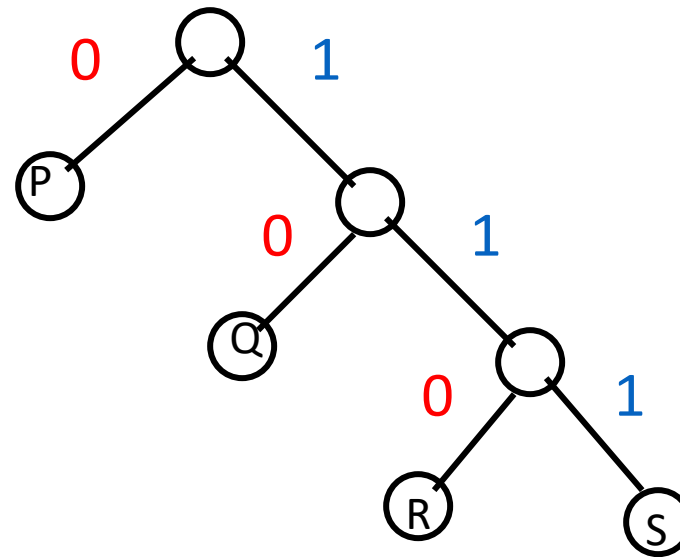
**Idea** : Consider the paths from the root to each of the leaves P, Q, R, S:

P : 0

Q : 10

R : 110

S : 111



# Greedy Approach (Variable Length Coding)

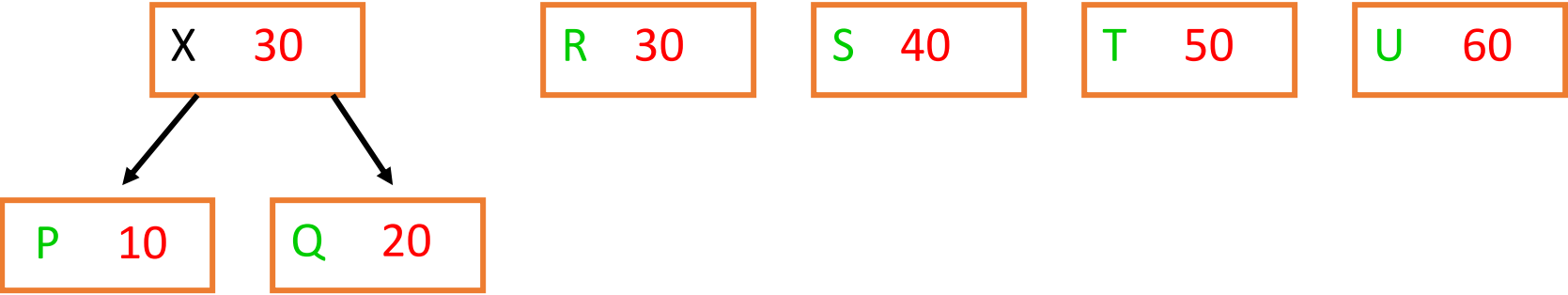
1. Consider all pairs: <frequency, symbol>.
2. Choose the two lowest frequencies, and make them brothers, with the root having the combined frequency.
3. Iterate.

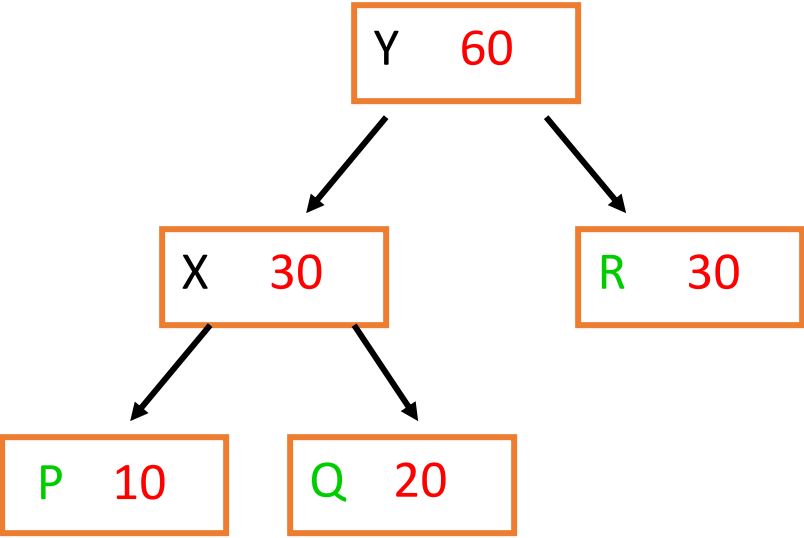
# Greedy Approach : Example

P	Q	R	S	T	U
10	20	30	40	50	60

# Greedy Approach : Example

P 10	Q 20	R 30	S 40	T 50	U 60
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S 40

T 50

U 60

S 40

T 50

Y 60

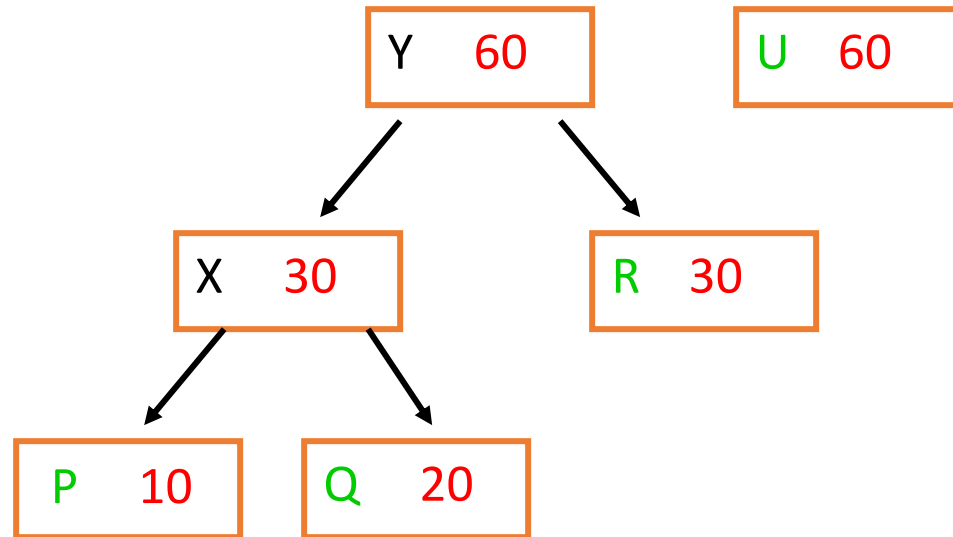
U 60

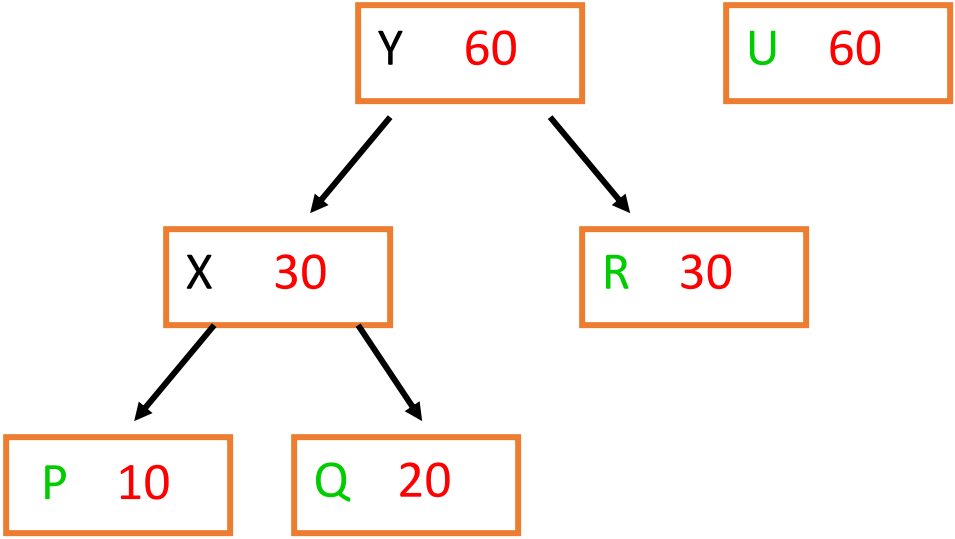
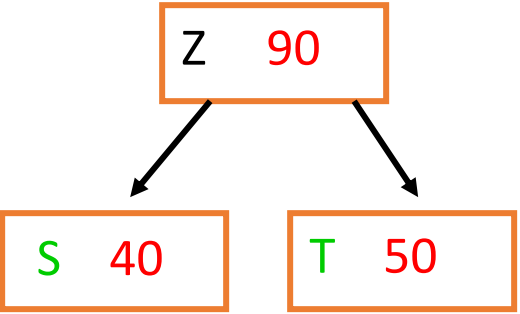
X 30

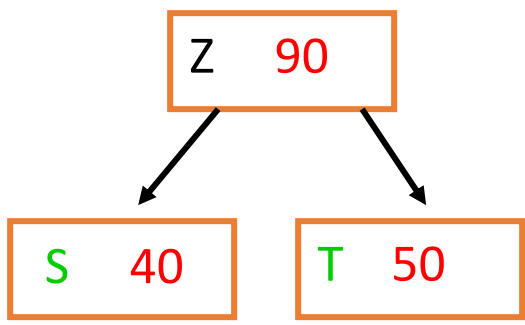
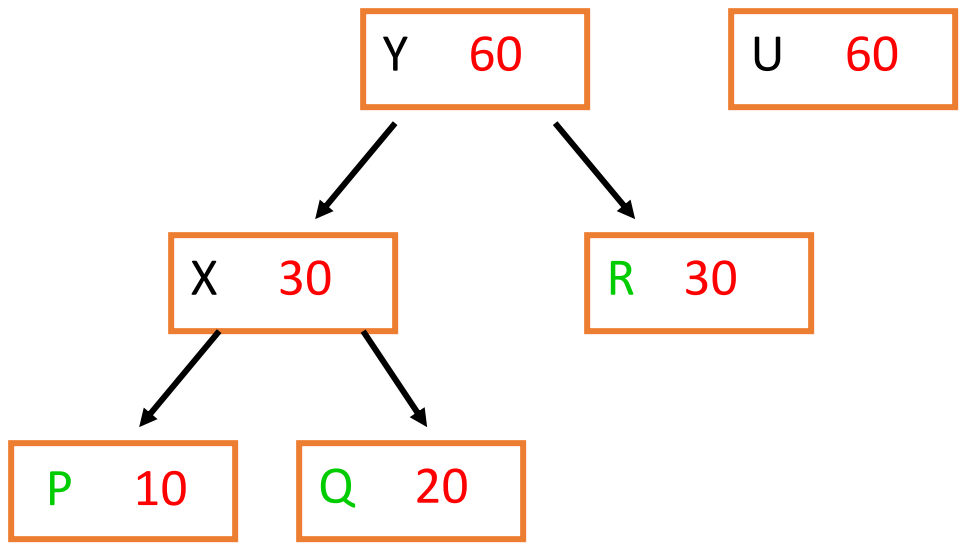
R 30

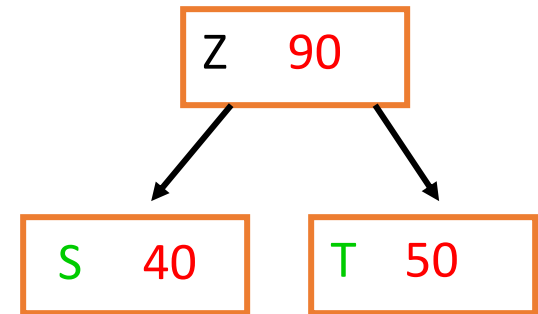
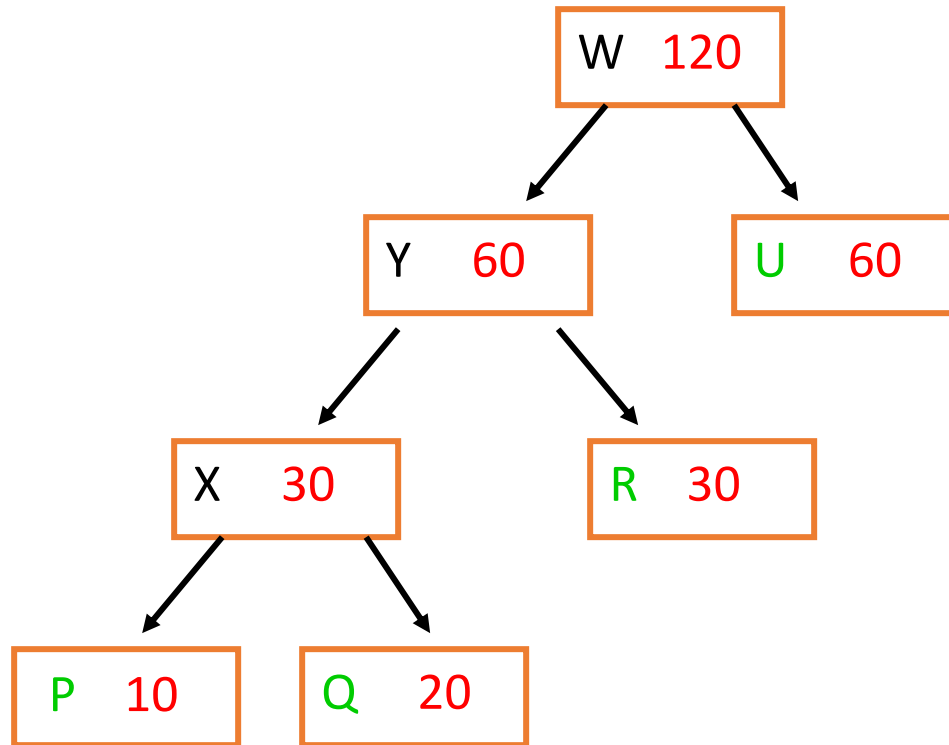
P 10

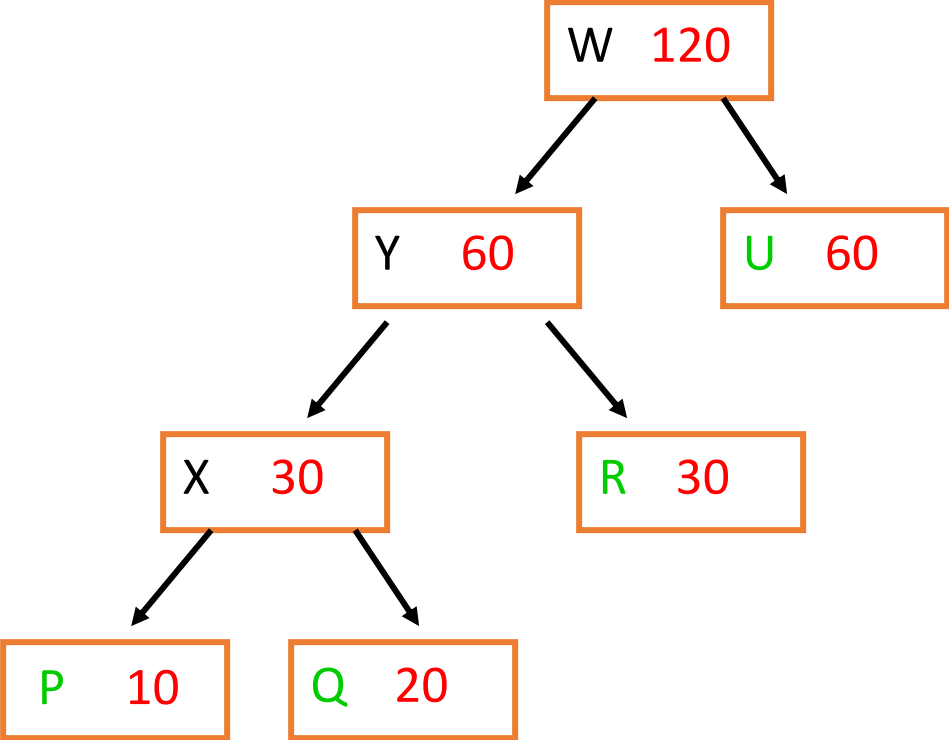
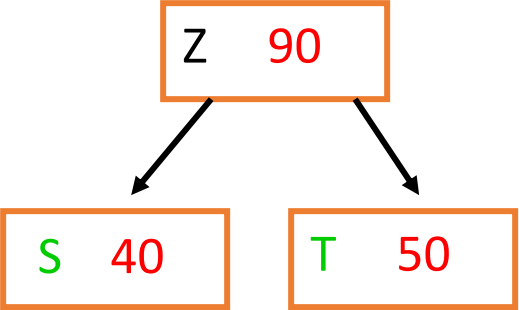
Q 20

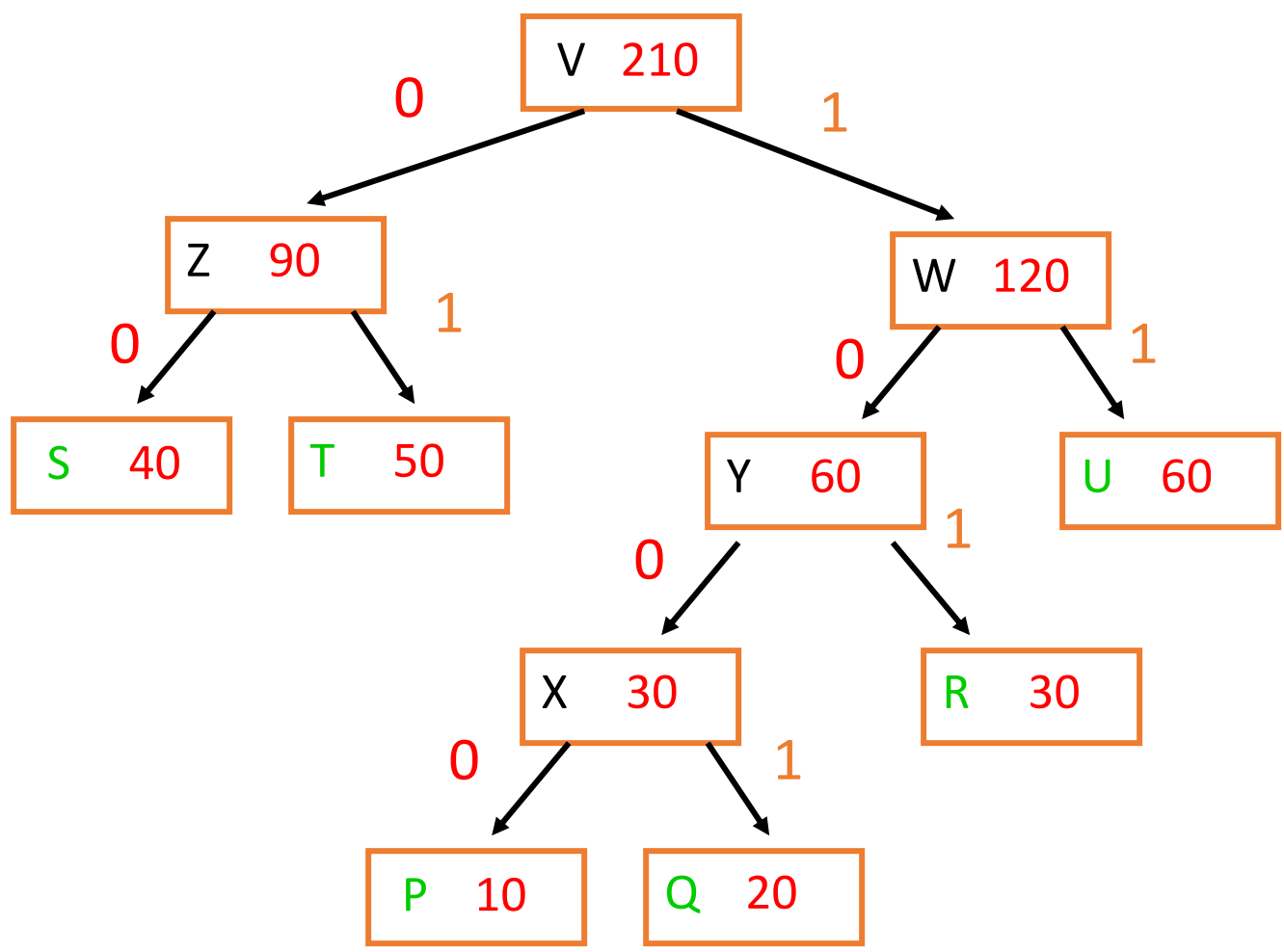












# The Huffman encoding:

P: 1000

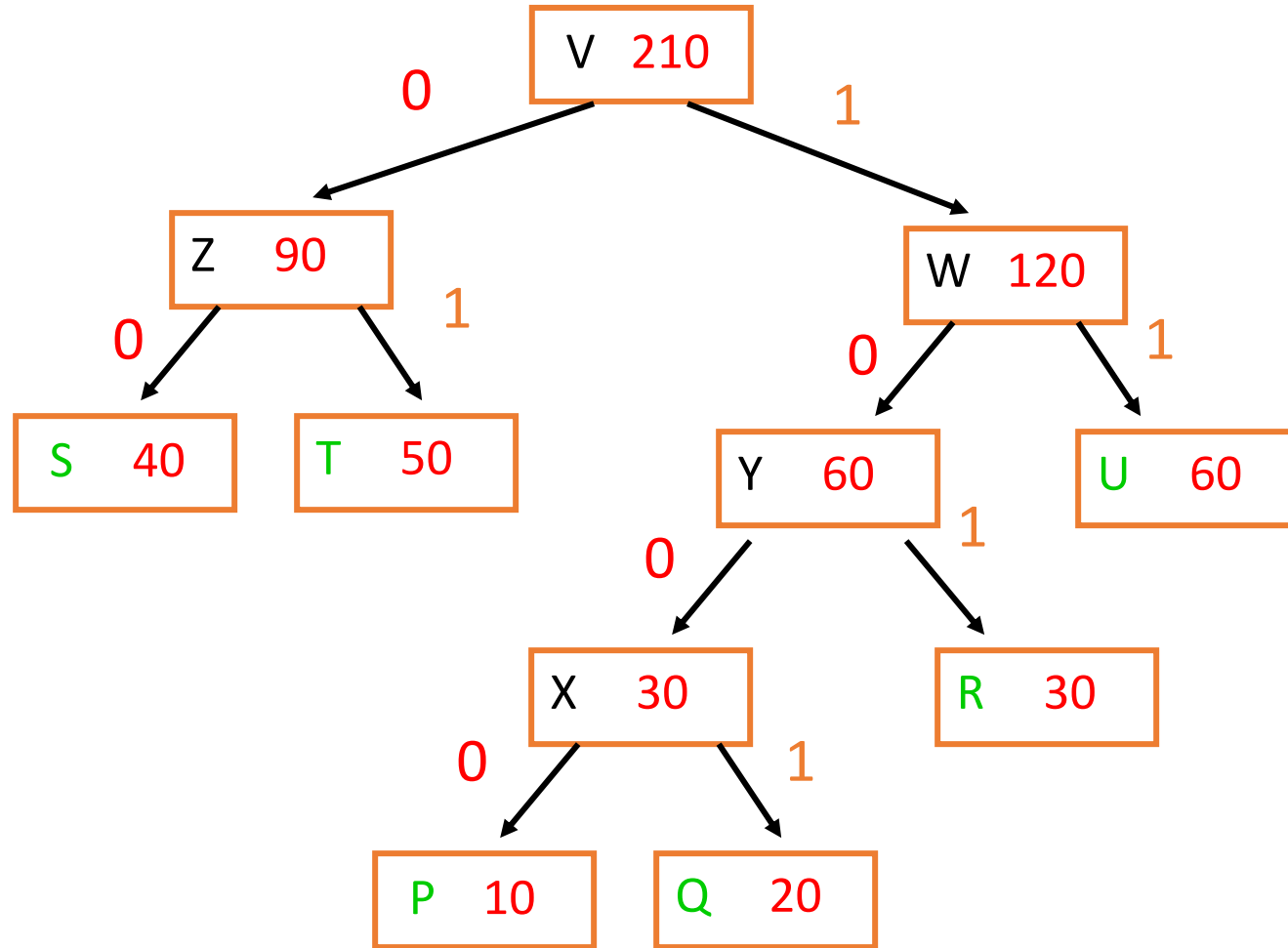
Q: 1001

R: 101

S: 00

T: 01

U: 11



**File Size:**  $10 \times 4 + 20 \times 4 + 30 \times 3 + 40 \times 2 + 50 \times 2 + 60 \times 2 =$   
 $40 + 80 + 90 + 80 + 100 + 120 = 510$  bits

The Huffman code:

Required 510 bits for the file.

Fixed length code:

Need 3 bits for 6 characters.

File has 210 characters.

Total: 630 bits for the file.

# The algorithm:

Initialize trees of a single node each.

Keep the roots of all subtrees in a priority queue.

Iterate until only one tree left:

Merge the two smallest frequency subtrees into a single subtree with two children, and insert into priority queue.

# Huffman Code Construction of Tree

HUFFMAN( $C$ )

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1   $n = |C|$ 
2   $Q = C$ 
3  for  $i = 1$  to  $n - 1$ 
4      allocate a new node  $z$ 
5       $z.left = x = \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$ 
6       $z.right = y = \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$ 
7       $z.freq = x.freq + y.freq$ 
8      INSERT( $Q, z$ )
9  return EXTRACT-MIN( $Q$ )    // return the root of the tree
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Note:-

- If elements are equal put it any side.
- After constructing the tree, put Left level 0 and Right level 1.
- If answer to any question does not match check it by putting Left level 1 and Right level 0.

# Algorithm Time

Each priority queue operation (e.g. heap):  
 $O(\log n)$

In each iteration: one less subtree.

Initially:  $n$  subtrees.

Total:  $O(n \log n)$  time.

# Steps for Traversing the Huffman Tree

1. Create an auxiliary array
2. Traverse the tree starting from root node
3. Add 0 to array while traversing the left child and add 1 to array while traversing the right child
4. Print the array elements whenever a leaf node is found

# Do yourself

Character	a	b	c	d	e	f
Frequency	70	2	5	13	3	7
Huffman Code	1	01100	0111	00	01101	010



Thank You