

# Priority Queues and Huffman Encoding

Introduction to Homework 8

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## Compression

Process of encoding information so that it takes up less space.

Compression applies to many things!

- Store photos without taking up the whole hard-drive
- Reduce size of email attachment
- Make web pages smaller so they load faster
- Make voice calls over a low-bandwidth connection (cell, Skype)

Common compression programs:

- WinZip, WinRar for Windows
- zip



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## Huffman's Insight

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Use variable length encodings for different characters to take advantage of frequencies in which characters appear.

- Make more frequent characters take up less space.
- Don't have codes for unused characters.
- Some characters may end up with longer encodings, but this should happen infrequently.

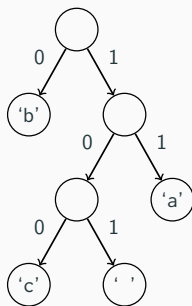
# Huffman Encoding

- Create a “Huffman Tree” that gives a good binary representation for each character.
- The path from the root to the character leaf is the encoding for that character; left means 0, right means 1.

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Huffman Tree



## Homework 8: Huffman Coding

Homework 8 asks you to write a class that manages creating and using this Huffman code.

- (A)** Create a Huffman Code from a file and compress it.
- (B)** Decompress the file to get original contents.

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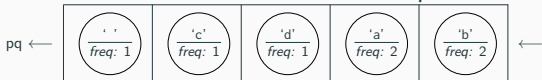
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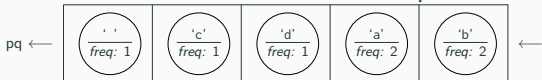
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Compressed Output: 1001001101110110

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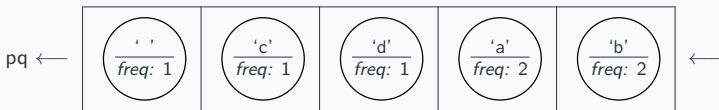
Generate Counts Array:

index	0	1	...	32	...	97	98	99	100	101
value	0	0		1		2	2	1	1	0

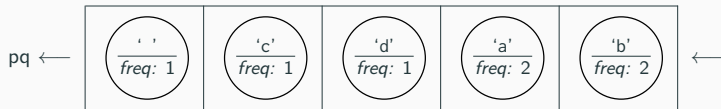
This is super similar to LetterInventory but works for all characters!

## Step 2: Create PriorityQueue

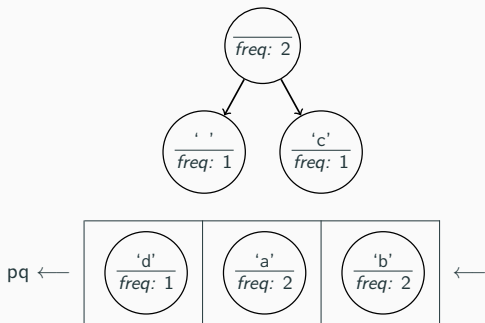
- Store each character and its frequency in a HuffmanNode object.
- Place all the HuffmanNodes in a PriorityQueue so that they are in ascending order with respect to **frequency**



## Step 3: Remove and Merge

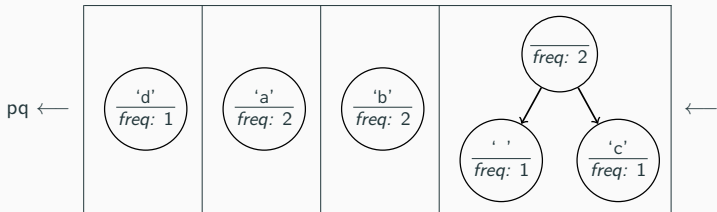


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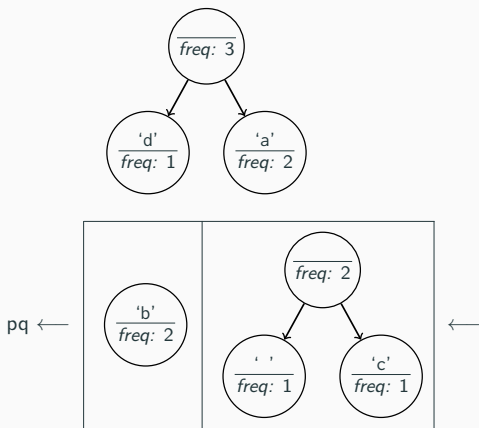




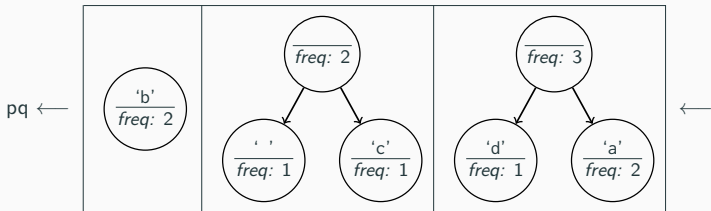
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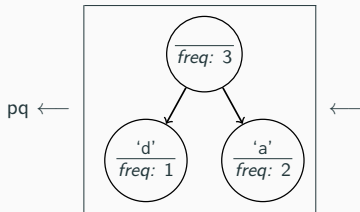
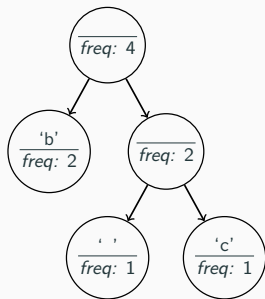
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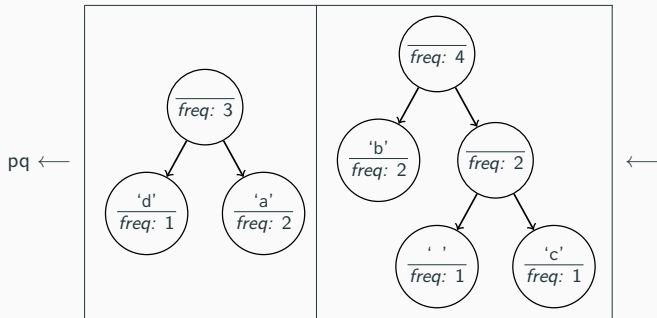
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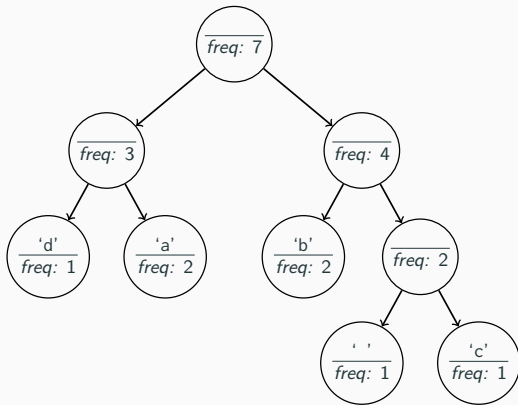
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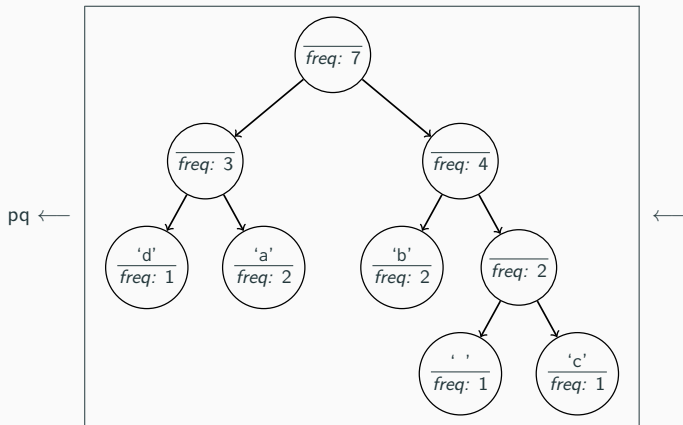


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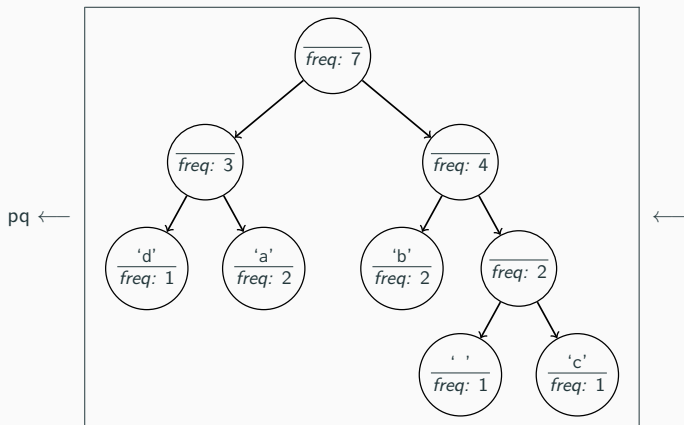


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- What is the relationship between frequency in file and binary representation length?



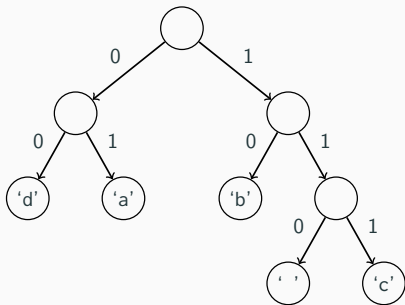
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### Algorithm Pseudocode

```
while P.Q. size > 1:  
    remove two nodes with lowest frequency  
    combine into a single node  
    put that node back in the P.Q.
```

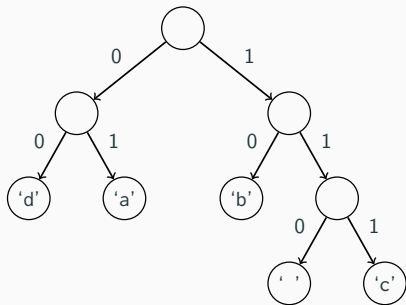
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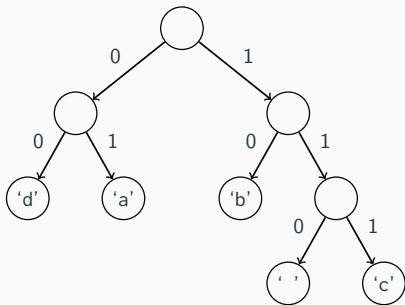
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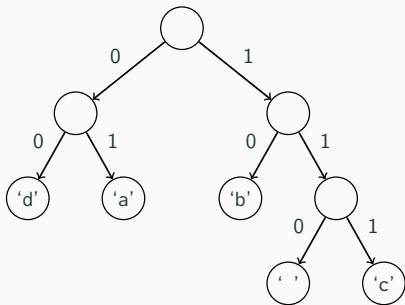
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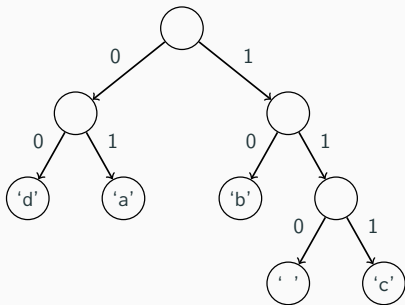
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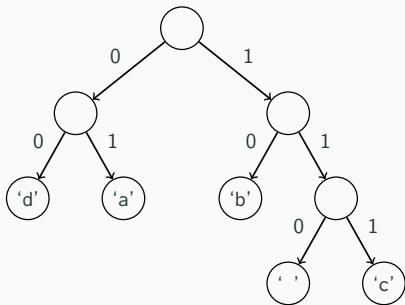
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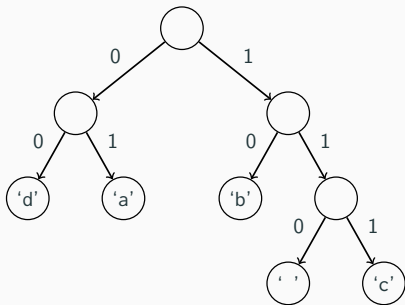
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#### Uncompressed Output

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## Part B: Decompressing the File

**Step 1:** Reconstruct the Huffman tree from the code file

**Step 2:** Translate the compressed bits back to their character values.

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### Input code File

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101

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112

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Initially the tree is empty

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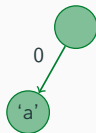
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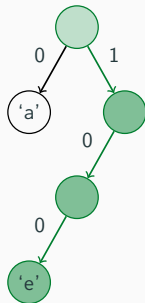
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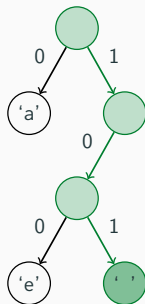
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Tree after processing third pair



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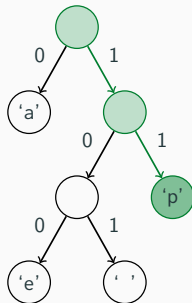
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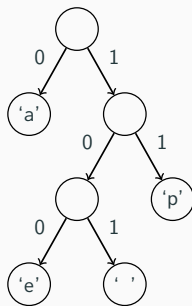
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### Output



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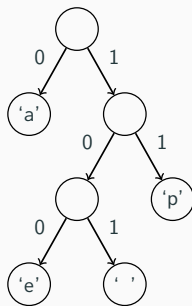
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### Output

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## Working with Bits? That Sounds a Little Bit Hard

Reading bits in Java is kind of tricky, we are providing a class to help!

```
public class BitInputStream
```

<code>BitInputStream(<b>String</b> file)</code>	Creates a stream of bits from <b>file</b>
<code>hasNextBit()</code>	Returns true if bits remain in the stream
<code>nextBit()</code>	Reads and returns the next bit in the stream

# Review - Homework 8

## Part A: Compression

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```
public HuffmanCode(int[] counts)
```

- Slides 11-13

```
public void save(PrintStream out)
```

- Slide 14

## Part B: Decompression

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```
public HuffmanCode(Scanner input)
```

- Slide 17

```
public void translate(BitInputStream in,  
                      PrintStream out)
```

- Slide 18