

Priority Queues and Huffman Encoding

Introduction to Homework 8

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Homework 8: Huffman Coding

File Compression

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 Idea

Huffman's Insight

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.

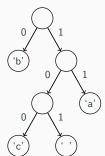
Huffman Encoding

- 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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- **Step 5:** Compress the input file using the encodings Compressed Output: 1001001101110110

Step 1: Count Character Occurrences

We do this step for you

Input File

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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

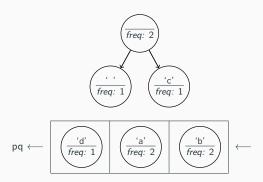
This is super similar to LetterInventory but works for all characters!

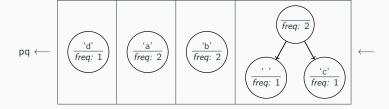
Step 2: Create PriorityQueue

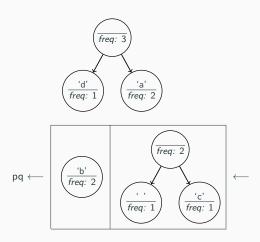
- Store each character and its frequency in a HuffmanNode object.
- Place all the HuffmanNodes in a PriorityQueue so that they are in ascending order with respect to frequency

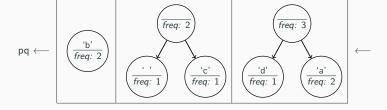


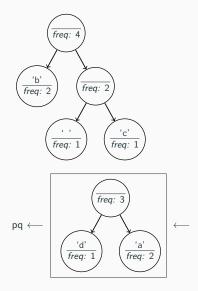


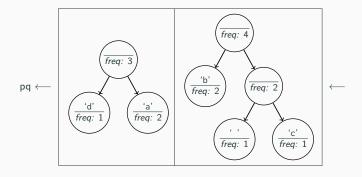


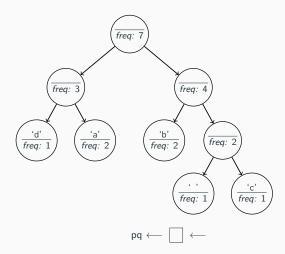


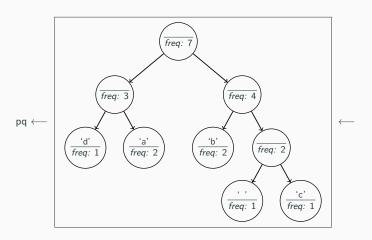


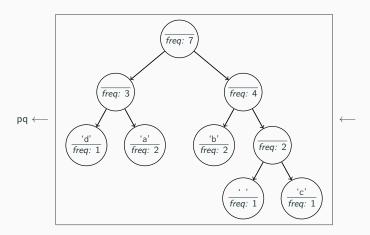










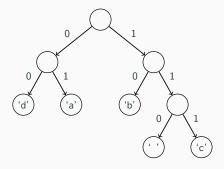


• What is the relationship between frequency in file and binary representation length?

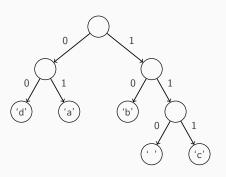
Step 3: Remove and Merge Algorithm

Algorithm Pseudocode

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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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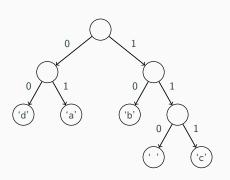


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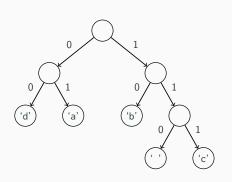


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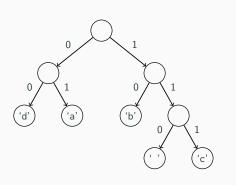
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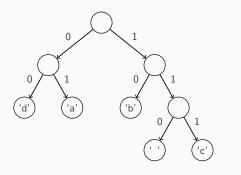
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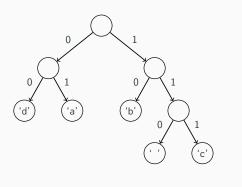
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Part B: Decompressing the File

- **Step 1:** Reconstruct the Huffman tree from the code file
- **Step 2:** Translate the compressed bits back to their character values.

Now are just given the code file produced by our program and we need to reconstruct the tree.

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Initially the tree is empty

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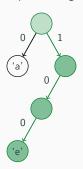
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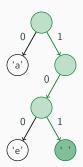
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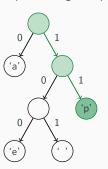
Tree after processing third pair



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Tree after processing last pair



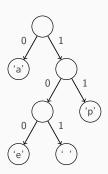
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Output



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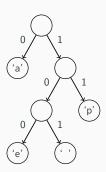
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Output

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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

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

Review - Homework 8

Slide 18

Part A: Compression

Part B: Decompression