Huffman Coding and PageRank

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Huffman Coding Example

- ▶ **Problem**: Compress "AABBCC".
- Assign shorter binary codes to frequent characters.
- Step-by-Step:
 - 1. Frequencies: A:2, B:2, C:2.
 - 2. Build tree: Codes A:0, B:10, C:11.
 - 3. Compressed: 001010101111 (12 bits vs. 48).

Huffman Coding

- Builds binary tree based on character frequencies.
- Shorter codes for frequent characters.
- ▶ **Time Complexity**: $O(n + k \log k)$, k =unique characters.
- **Space Complexity**: O(k).

PageRank Example

- ▶ **Problem**: Rank webpages A, B, C with links $A\rightarrow B$, $B\rightarrow C$, $C\rightarrow A$.
- Assign importance based on incoming links.
- Step-by-Step:
 - 1. Initial ranks: 1/3 each.
 - 2. Iterate: A = (C's rank)/1, etc.
 - 3. Result: Equal ranks (simplified).

PageRank

- Ranks nodes based on incoming links.
- Uses iterative updates with damping factor.
- ▶ Time Complexity: $O(\text{iters} \times E)$.
- **Space Complexity**: O(V).