This file is attached to my HuskyCT submission but here is a screenshot in case of any problems or for ease of reference.

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def frequency(file):
       # create a dictionary to efficiently store the frequency of each nucleotide
frequency_dictionary = {'A': 0, 'C': 0, 'G': 0, 'T': 0}
      # open the text file and read its contents
with open(file, 'r') as f:
    contents = f.read().upper()
      # iterate through each nucleotide in the contents, and increment the count for its corresponding key in the dictionary
for nucleotide in contents:
    if nucleotide in frequency_dictionary:
        frequency_dictionary[nucleotide] += 1
      return frequency dictionary
def huffman(dictionary):
    # create a heap list of the frequency dictionary items, where each item is a list [frequency, [nucleotide, code]]
    heap = [[amount, [nucleotide, ""]] for nucleotide, amount in dictionary.items()]
      # heapify the list so that it can be used to create the Huffman tree
heapq.heapify(heap)
      while len(heap) > 1:
    low = heapq.heappop(heap)
            high = heapq.heappop(heap)
           for pair in low[1:]:
pair[1] = '0' + pair[1]
           for pair in high[1:]:
    pair[1] = '1' + pair[1]
       # and the rest of the eleme
tree = heapq.heappop(heap)
       # create an empty string to store the binary encoding of the sequence encoded = ""
       \# iterate through each nucleotide in the sequence, and append its binary code to the encoded string for nucleotide in sequence:
            encoded += codes[nucleotide]
       frequency_of = frequency(input_file)
      # create the Huffman tree and binary codes from the frequency dictionary
tree, bin = huffman(frequency_of)
      # open the input file and read its contents
with open(input_file, 'r') as i:
    sequence = i.read().upper()
       \# write the encoded binary string to the output file with {\bf open(output\_file,\ 'w')} as {\bf o:}
           o.write(encoded)
if __name__ == '__main__':
    compress_file("dna.txt", "compressed.txt")
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This is the output of the compressed.txt file when the code is ran with dna.txt as the inputted file:

If you used fixed-length code to encode the message, how many bits do you need per character? For a fixed length code we would only really need 2 bits to represent 4 possibilities. In basic binary this makes the most sense but written out it's simple, A: 00, C: 01, G: 10, T: 11. Thus for any example we'd encode an entire message in n\*2 total bits.

If you used fixed-length code to encode the message, how many bits do you need to encode this message? Using the idea we just described, we'd only need n\*2 bits to encode the message, this means that for the total characters (510) we'd need 1020 bits.

## What are the codes for each character after using Huffman coding?

For the sequence, I believe the codes come out to A: 0, C: 100, G: 101, T: 11 where the most frequent characters get shorter binary codes.

## What is the average number of bits per character after using Huffman coding? Show your work.

So for the average number of bits per character we have to take the total number of bits being used divided by the values they uphold. We can basically allude this to 9/4 which gives us an average of 2.25. This response gives us a general consensus of the average we'd get given we don't know the frequency truly occurring in the input. Yet, we have access to dna.txt which means we also can verify the frequency of the occurrences. So if we take (240/510) for A, (60/510) for G, (150/510) for T, and multiply those by the number of bits they use to represent themselves, we get the equation

1\*(240/510) + 3\*(60/510) + 3\*(60/510) + 2\*(150/510)

which gives us approximately 1.76 bits per character.

## How many bits do you need to encode this message? Show your work.

Using what we found in the previous question we can find the number of bits to encode the message. We simply multiply the average times the total number of characters encoded (1.76\*510) which gives us 898 which is relatively close to the 900 characters that were developed when the code was ran (in compressed.txt)

## Create a Huffman encoding tree for these four characters. Show your work.

