

Aim - Write a program to demonstrate Huffman Coding

Description

- 1) What is Huffman coding
- 2) Huffman coding is also known as encoding. It is an algorithm to compress data, basically. It is a baseless data compression algo.
- 3) This idea is to assign variable length code to input character
- 4) The most frequent character gets the smallest code & the least frequent character gets the biggest code
- 5) The bit sequence is assigned in such a way that the code assigned to one character is not the prefix of the code assigned to any other character to prevent ambiguity while encoding

2) Algorithm:

There are mainly 2 parts

- i) Built a Huffman Tree from input character
- ii) Traverse the Huffman Tree and assign codes to character

i) Input is a set of unique characters along with their frequencies

1. Create a leaf node for each unique character and build a min heap of all nodes

(Min-Heap - used as a priority queue. The value of frequency is used to compare, compare least



frequency means root node

2. Extract 2 nodes with min freq from the min heap

3. Create a new internal node with a frequency equal to the sum of the two nodes frequency. Make the first extracted child as its left child and other as right child. Add this node to min heap.

4. Repeat step 2 and 3 until the heap contains only one node. This remaining node is the root node and the tree is complete.

ii) Traverse the tree formed starting from the root. Maintain an auxiliary array. While moving to left child, write 0 to array while moving to right child, write 1 to array. Print array when leaf is encountered.

With this we can generate codes for characters. And using them we can compress the data.

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# A Huffman Tree Node

class node:

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def \_\_init\_\_(self, freq, symbol, left=None, right=None):

# frequency of symbol

self.freq = freq

# symbol name (charecter)

self.symbol = symbol

# node left of current node

self.left = left

# node right of current node

self.right = right

# tree direction (0/1)

self.huff = ''

# utility function to print huffman

# codes for all symbols in the newly

# created Huffman tree

def printNodes(node, val=''):

# huffman code for current node

newVal = val + str(node.huff)

# if node is not an edge node

# then traverse inside it

if (node.left):

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d -> 101

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b -> 1101

e -> 111

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def printNodes(node, val=''):
    # huffman code for current node
    newVal = val + str(node.huff)

    # if node is not an edge node
    # then traverse inside it
    if node.left:
        printNodes(node.left, newVal)
    if node.right:
        printNodes(node.right, newVal)

    # if node is edge node then
    # display its huffman code
    if not node.left and not node.right:
        print(f"{node.symbol} -> {newVal}")
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# charecters for huffman tree

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chars = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f']
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# frequency of charecters

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freq = [ 5, 9, 12, 13, 16, 45]
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# list containing unused nodes

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nodes = []
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# converting ccharecters and frequencies

# into huffman tree nodes

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for x in range(len(chars)):
    nodes.append(node(freq[x], chars[x]))
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while len(nodes) > 1:
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# converting ccharacters and frequencies
# into huffman tree nodes
for x in range(len(chars)):
    nodes.append(node(freq[x], chars[x]))

while len(nodes) > 1:
    # sort all the nodes in ascending order
    # based on theri frequency
    nodes = sorted(nodes, key=lambda x: x.freq)

    # pick 2 smallest nodes
    left = nodes[0]
    right = nodes[1]

    # assign directional value to these nodes
    left.huff = 0
    right.huff = 1

    # combine the 2 smallest nodes to create
    # new node as their parent
    newNode = node(left.freq+right.freq, left.symbol+right.symbol)

    # remove the 2 nodes and add their
    # parent as new node among others
    nodes.remove(left)
    nodes.remove(right)
    nodes.append(newNode)

# Huffman Tree is ready!
printNodes(nodes[0])
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