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VGP310 Example code to build a Huffman tree from character frequencies  
in min priority queue of the code symbols with character and freq.

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This queue structure automatically sorts the Csym elements  
in ascending order (least first)

1-22 modified to create encode table using strings of 1/0 characters  
to represent bit stream.

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//#include "stdafx.h"
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#include <iostream>
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#include <vector>
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#include <queue>
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#include <string>
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using namespace std;
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// Code symbol data structure (or node)
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struct CsymNode {
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    char c;
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    unsigned int f;
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    CsymNode *left, *right;
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// overloaded initialize constructor for this structure
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CsymNode(char c, unsigned f) {
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    left = NULL;
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    right = NULL;
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    this->c = c;
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    this->f = f;
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}
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};
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// Comparator boolean operator for use by the priority queue
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struct compare_Csym {
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    bool operator() (const CsymNode *a, const CsymNode *b) const  
    {
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        return a->f > b->f;
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    } // Note the > forces ascending order
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};
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// struct for encoder table nodes
struct EncoderNode {
    char c;
    string bits; // now uses string for bits for convenience
};

/*****
Function to scan a string counting frequency of characters then putting them
into a priority queue. Returns the number of codesymbols discovered.
*****/
unsigned freqcount(string& str, priority_queue<CsymNode*, vector<CsymNode*>,
compare_Csym>& pq) {
    unsigned symcnt = 0;
    vector<unsigned> freq(256, 0);

    // Loop scan the input string incrementing the count using the ASCII code
    // for the character as an address for the counter value.
    for (unsigned i = 0; i < str.size(); i++) {
        ++freq[(unsigned)str[i]];
    }

    // Loop scans the vector of freq counts and pushes any non zero
    // into a priority queue using the ASCII char equal to the index.
    for (unsigned i = 0; i < 255; i++) {
        if (freq[i] > 0) {
            CsymNode *newnode = new CsymNode((char)i, freq[i]);
            //cout << "debug: " << newnode->c << " " << newnode->f << endl;
            pq.push(newnode);
            ++symcnt;
        }
    }

    return symcnt;
}

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Function to build a Huffman coding tree
*****/
CsymNode *huffmantree(priority_queue<CsymNode*, vector<CsymNode*>,
compare_Csym>& pq) {
    CsymNode *left, *right, *top;

    top = NULL;
    while (pq.size() > 1) {
        left = new CsymNode((char)255, 0);
        right = new CsymNode((char)255, 0);
        left = pq.top();
        pq.pop();
        right = pq.top();
        pq.pop();
        // Create new parent node with freq being the sum
        // of the two child node freqs. We use the hex 0xff
        // for all non leaf nodes.
        top = new CsymNode((char)255, left->f + right->f);
        top->left = left;
        top->right = right;
        // Push the new node into the queue and the process repeats
        // with one fewer nodes in the queue each time.
        pq.push(top);
    }

    return top; // returns last top node which is the root of the tree
}

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/*****
Recursive function to traverse Huffman tree and build an encoder table
(dictionary)
*****/
void huffencodetable(CsymNode *root, vector<EncoderNode> *etable, string str) {
    EncoderNode n1;

    if (!root)          // terminates the recursion
        return;

    if ((unsigned)root->c < 255) {
        n1.c = root->c;
        n1.bits = str;

        etable->push_back(n1);
    }

    huffencodetable(root->left, etable, str + "0");
    huffencodetable(root->right, etable, str + "1");
}

/*****
Huffman encoder function creates a bitstream string of 0 and 1 char representing
the binary encoded data (using a string out of convenience).
*****/
void huffmanencoder(string& str, vector<EncoderNode>& etable, string& bitstream)
{
    bitstream.clear(); // start with a clean slate
    for (unsigned i = 0; i < str.size(); i++) {
        // look up each char in string and add code to bitstream string
        for (unsigned j = 0; j < etable.size(); j++){
            if (str[i] == etable[j].c)
                bitstream = bitstream + etable[j].bits;
        }
    }
}

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/*****
Huffman decoder function takes a bitstream string input and decodes
using decoder tree referenced by root ptr.
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void huffmandecoder(CsymNode *root, string& bitstream, string& decodestr){
    CsymNode *ptr;
    ptr = root;
    decodestr.clear();

    for(unsigned i = 0; i<bitstream.size(); i++){
        // if no char c=data in node traverse left/right as bitstream dictates
        if(bitstream[i] == '0' && (unsigned char)ptr->c >= 255 ){
            ptr = ptr->left;
        }
        else if(bitstream[i] == '1' && (unsigned char)ptr->c >= 255 ){
            ptr = ptr->right;
        }

        // if node contains data concatenate to str
        if((unsigned)ptr->c < 255){
            decodestr = decodestr + ptr->c;
            ptr = root;
        }
    }
}

/*****
Recursive function to traverse Huffman tree and print contents
*****/
void printtree(CsymNode *root, string str) {
    if (!root)          // terminates the recursion
        return;
    //cout << hex << (short)root->c <<endl;
    if ((unsigned)root->c < 255) {      // I used 0xff as the null character
        cout << root->c << ": " << str.c_str() << endl;
    }

    printtree(root->left, str + "0");
    printtree(root->right, str + "1");
}

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/*****
Main program body
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int main()
{
    cout << "Huffman Encode/Decode Builder" << endl;

    // Instantiation of priority queue object.
    // Note: vector parameter is required along with the compare operator
    priority_queue<CsymNode*, vector<CsymNode*>, compare_Csym> pq;
    queue<CsymNode *> q2;

    CsymNode *root;
    vector<EncoderNode> encodetable;
    string str, bstr, bitstream, decodestr;
    unsigned symcnt = 0;

    cout << "Enter a string : ";
    cin >> str;

    cout << "String length = " << str.size() << endl;

    // Call function to scan string and create freq list in priority queue
    symcnt = freqcount(str, pq);

    cout << "Symbol cnt = " << symcnt << "    pq size = " << pq.size() << endl;
    cout << endl;
    cout << "Build Huffman tree:" << endl;
    root = huffmantree(pq);
    cout << "Root freq cnt = " << root->f << endl << endl;

    bstr.clear(); // be sure to clear string before each use
    // generate a huffman encoding lookup table
    huffencodetable(root, &encodetable, bstr);

    cout << "Encoder table contents:" << endl;
    for (unsigned i = 0; i < encodetable.size(); i++){
        if((unsigned)encodetable[i].c > 32 &&
            (unsigned)encodetable[i].c != 127) // if printable char
            cout << "char: " << encodetable[i].c << "    code bits: " <<
                encodetable[i].bits << endl;
    }
}

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        else    // print hex codes
            cout << "char: [" << (unsigned)encodetable[i].c <<
                "]"   code bits: " << hex << encodetable[i].bits << endl;
    }

    cout << endl << "Huffman tree contents:" << endl;
    bstr.clear();
    printtree(root, bstr);

    huffmanencoder(str, encodetable, bitstream);

    cout << endl << "Encoded bit cnt = " << (int)bitstream.size() << endl;
    cout << "Bits: " << bitstream << endl;

    huffmandecoder(root, bitstream, decodestr);

    cout << "Decoded bitstream: size = " << decodestr.size() << endl
        << decodestr << endl;
    return 0;
}

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