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import java.util.*;

abstract class HuffmanTree implements Comparable<HuffmanTree> {
    public final int frequency; // the frequency of this tree
    public HuffmanTree(int freq) { frequency = freq; }

    // compares on the frequency
    public int compareTo(HuffmanTree tree) {
        return frequency - tree.frequency;
    }
}

class HuffmanLeaf extends HuffmanTree {
    public final char value; // the character this leaf represents

    public HuffmanLeaf(int freq, char val) {
        super(freq);
        value = val;
    }
}

class HuffmanNode extends HuffmanTree {
    public final HuffmanTree left, right; // subtrees

    public HuffmanNode(HuffmanTree l, HuffmanTree r) {
        super(l.frequency + r.frequency);
        left = l;
        right = r;
    }
}

public class HuffmanCode {
    // input is an array of frequencies, indexed by character code
    public static HuffmanTree buildTree(int[] charFreqs) {
        PriorityQueue<HuffmanTree> trees = new PriorityQueue<HuffmanTree>();
        // initially, we have a forest of leaves
        // one for each non-empty character
        for (int i = 0; i < charFreqs.length; i++)
            if (charFreqs[i] > 0)
                trees.offer(new HuffmanLeaf(charFreqs[i], (char)i));

        assert trees.size() > 0;
        // loop until there is only one tree left
        while (trees.size() > 1) {
            // two trees with least frequency
            HuffmanTree a = trees.poll();
            HuffmanTree b = trees.poll();

            // put into new node and re-insert into queue
            trees.offer(new HuffmanNode(a, b));
        }
        return trees.poll();
    }

    public static void printCodes(HuffmanTree tree, StringBuffer prefix) {
        assert tree != null;
        if (tree instanceof HuffmanLeaf) {
            HuffmanLeaf leaf = (HuffmanLeaf)tree;

            // print out character, frequency, and code for this leaf (which is just the prefix)
            System.out.println(leaf.value + "\t" + leaf.frequency + "\t" + prefix);
        } else if (tree instanceof HuffmanNode) {
            HuffmanNode node = (HuffmanNode)tree;

            // traverse left
            prefix.append('0');
            printCodes(node.left, prefix);
            prefix.deleteCharAt(prefix.length()-1);
        }
    }
}
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        // traverse right
        prefix.append('1');
        printCodes(node.right, prefix);
        prefix.deleteCharAt(prefix.length()-1);
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    String test = "this is an example for huffman encoding";

    // we will assume that all our characters will have
    // code less than 256, for simplicity
    int[] charFreqs = new int[256];
    // read each character and record the frequencies
    for (char c : test.toCharArray())
        charFreqs[c]++;

    // build tree
    HuffmanTree tree = buildTree(charFreqs);

    // print out results
    System.out.println("SYMBOL\tWEIGHT\tHUFFMAN CODE");
    printCodes(tree, new StringBuffer());
}
}

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Example output:

SYMBOL	WEIGHT	HUFFMAN CODE
d	1	00000
t	1	00001
h	2	0001
s	2	0010
c	1	00110
x	1	00111
m	2	0100
o	2	0101
n	4	011
u	1	10000
l	1	10001
a	3	1001
r	1	10100
g	1	101010
p	1	101011
e	3	1011
i	3	1100
f	3	1101
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## JavaScript

**Translation of:** Ruby

**Works with:** SpiderMonkey  
for the `print()` function.

First, use the Binary Heap implementation from here: <http://eloquentjavascript.net/appendix2.html>