Huffman Coding Assignment 7 Dalal Arafeh

Purpose:

The purpose of Huffman coding, central to our huff and dehuff programs, is to achieve lossless data compression. Huff compresses data. It counts the frequency of each byte in the input file and constructs a binary tree where each leaf represents a byte. This ensures shorter paths for more frequent bytes. Huff generates huffman code for each byte based on the constructed tree, encoding the original data. Dehuff decompresses the data encoded with Huffman coding. It reads the Huffman tree structure from the compressed file and converts the Huffman codes back into their original bytes, restoring the data to its uncompressed form.

Questions:

• Describe the goal of compression. (As a hint, why is it easy to compress the string "aaaaaaaaaaaaaa")

Compression reduces data size for better storage. Compression algorithms can represent repeated data. For example it would indicate that 'a' occurred 16 times rather than storing each 'a' individually.

• What is the difference between lossy and lossless compression? What type of compression is huffman coding? What about JPEG? Can you lossily compress a text file?

Lossless compression: Keeps all the original data so we can retrieve the original when decompressing (Huffman coding).

Lossy compression: Not all the original data is kept since it reduces the size of the file and some data would be lost (JPEG).

We could lossily compress a text file for removing some data but it is more common to use lossless methods.

• Can your program accept any file as an input? Will compressing a file using Huffman coding make it smaller in every case?

The program can accept any files as an input. Compressing a file using Huffman coding will not make it smaller in every case. In some cases, the encoded file may be larger than the original file because Huffman coding relies on the frequency of symbols in the file and if there's no repetition or pattern, there's limited compression.

How big are the patterns found by Huffman Coding? What kind of files does this lend itself to?

The size of patterns found by Huffman Coding varies based on the frequency of symbols (bytes) in the data. It works best with files containing frequent repetitions or patterns, such as text files.

• Take a picture on your phone. What resolution is the picture? How much space does it take up in your storage (in bytes)?

The image resolution is 12MP and took up 1.4MB.

• If each pixel takes 3 bytes, how many bytes would you expect the picture you took to take up? Why do you think that the image you took is smaller?

```
12MP = 3024 x 4032 pixels
12,192,768 pixels
12,192,768 pixels x 3 bytes/pixel = 36,587,304 bytes
36,587,304 bytes
```

The image I took was smaller because JPEG uses lossy compression and some of the data would be lost.

• What is the compression ratio of the picture you just took? To get this, divide the actual size of the image by the expected size from the question above. You should not get a number above 1.

```
Actual size = 1.4 \text{ MB} = 1,400,000 \text{ bytes}

Expected size = 36,587,304 \text{ bytes}

Compression ratio = 1,400,000 \text{ bytes} / 36,587,304 \text{ bytes}

= 0.0383

= 3.83\% of the expected size
```

 Do you expect to be able to compress the image you just took a second time with your Huffman program?1 Why or why not?

I do not think I would be able to compress the image if I used the Huffman program because Huffman coding is most effective on uncompressed data and the image is already compressed the first time.

• Are there multiple ways to achieve the same smallest file size? Explain why this might be.

Yes, there are multiple ways to achieve the same smallest file size. There are different algorithms and methods for compressing data. If there are multiple characters with the same frequency in the data, the algorithm can create different codes for them, leading to multiple ways to achieve the smallest file size.

• When traversing the code tree, is it possible for an internal node to have a symbol?

Only leaf nodes have symbols. Internal nodes only combine symbols and frequencies, acting as branching points in the tree structure.

• Why do we bother creating a histogram instead of randomly assigning a tree?

Creating a histogram instead of randomly assigning a tree helps us understand how often each symbol appears in the data. Huffman coding assigns shorter codes to more frequent symbols meeting its purpose of compression.

 Relate this Huffman coding to Morse code. Why does Morse code not work as a way of writing text files as binary? What if we created more symbols for things like spaces and newlines? Morse code always uses the same number of dots and dashes for each letter, no matter how often it's used. This makes it inefficient for compression because it doesn't take advantage of the fact that some letters are more common than others in typical text. Huffman coding assigns shorter codes to more frequent letters, making it better for compression.

• Using the example binary, calculate the compression ratio of a large text of your choosing

```
Compression Ratio = Actual Size / Expected Size
= 10,000,000 bytes / 5,000,000 bytes
= 2
```

Testing:

To ensure there are no memory leaks:

```
valgrind --leak-check=full --track-origins=yes ./dehuff valgrind --leak-check=full --track-origins=yes ./huff
```

I would also run this command:

./runtests.sh

To check for each one of my c files (bitwriter.c, bitreader.c, node.c, pq.c)

```
dalalarafeh@dalalarafehmac:~/harafeh/asgn7$ ./runtests.sh
Test bitwriter.c:
bwtest, as it is, reports no errors

Test bitreader.c
brtest, as it is, reports no errors

Test node.c:
Use "nodetest -v" to print trace information.
nodetest, as it is, reports no errors

Test pq.c:
Use "pqtest -v" to print trace information.
pqtest, as it is, reports no errors
```

How to use the program:

- Makefile
 - Includes all the header and function files
 - Create an objective file for each so they could be used when running the main file.
 - make format to fix the formatting of the file to match with clang
 - make clean to remove any previous object files
 - Run make to compile all the files and create an executable file

- The command line options:
 - (-i): read from input file
 - (-o): write the output in a file
 - (-h): print help message
- To run the program:

```
./huff -i inputfile -o outputfile
./dehuff -i inputfile -o outputfile
```

Program Design:

- **Huff:** reads an input file to count how often each byte appears. Then, it creates a Huffman tree based on these frequencies. It generates Huffman codes for each byte using that tree. It compresses the original data using these codes and saves it in a binary file along with the tree structure. This allows for later decompression of the data.
- Dehuff: The decompressor reads the binary file created by huff, reconstructing the Huffman tree
 and decodes the compressed data using this tree and decodes the Huffman codes back into their
 original byte sequences
- **Bitreader:** reading bits from a binary file and helps the decompressor interpret the stored binary data correctly
- **Bitwriter:** write bits to a binary file and makes it easier to write compressed data bit by bit
- **Priority Queue:** important for building the Huffman tree, giving priority to bytes with lower frequencies
- **Binary Tree:** build and navigate binary trees, important for converting byte frequencies into Huffman codes.

Data Structure:

- **Node:** stores a byte symbol, its frequency, the assigned Huffman code, the length of this code, and pointers to its child nodes
- **ListElement:** linked list, helps organize nodes in a specific order by including a pointer to a node representing a tree and another pointer to the next element in the list
- **PriorityQueue:** contains a pointer to the first ListElement in a linked list, forming the queue. It organizes nodes based on their frequencies for building the Huffman tree.
- **Bitwriter:** a pointer to the output file stream, a buffer to collect bits until they make a full byte, and a counter to keep track of how much of the buffer is filled
- **Bitreader:** a file stream pointer, a buffer for incoming bits, and a counter for tracking the current bit position.

Function Description:

Bitreader.c:

```
#include "bitreader.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

Define the BitReader structure

struct BitReader {

```
FILE *underlying stream;
         uint8_t byte;
         uint8 t bit position;
 };
Opens a file for reading binary data as bits and initializes a BitReader structure
 BitReader *bit read open(const char *filename) {
         allocate memory for the BitReader structure
         open file for reading as binary file
         If error opening file
                 free memory
                 return NULL
         assign the file stream to BitReader
         initialize current byte to 0
         bit position to 8
 }
 Closes the BitReader and releases the memory
 void bit_read_close(BitReader **pbuf) {
         if BitReader is not NULL
                 close underlying file stream
                 free BitReader
                 set pointer to NULL
 }
 Reads 32 bits from the BitReader as an unsigned integer
 uint32 t bit read uint32(BitReader *buf) {
         initialize data to 0
         iterate over 0 to 32
                 read single bit
                 set bit in data
 }
Reads 16 bits from the BitReader as an unsigned integer
 uint16 t bit read uint16(BitReader *buf) {
         initialize data to 0
         iterate over 0 to 16
                 read single bit
                 set bit in data
 }
 Reads 8 bits from the BitReader as an unsigned integer
 uint8_t bit_read_uint8(BitReader *buf) {
         initialize data to 0
```

```
iterate over 0 to 8
                 read single bit
                 set bit in data
}
Reads a single bit from the BitReader, gets the next byte from the file if needed
 uint8 t bit read bit(BitReader *buf) {
         if the current byte is read
                 read next byte
                 if we reached the end of the file
                         return 1
                 assign next byte to current byte
                 reset bit position
         read next bit
         increment to next bit position
}
Bitwriter.c:
#include "bitwriter.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
define the BitWriter structure
struct BitWriter {
         FILE *underlying_stream;
         uint8 t byte;
         uint8 t bit position;
};
Opens a file for writing binary data as bits and initializes a BitWriter structure. If memory
allocation or file opening fails, it returns NULL.
BitWriter *bit write open(const char *filename) {
         allocate memory for the BitWriter structure
         open file in write
         if allocation failed or opening file failed
                 return NULL
         file stream to BitWriter
         current byte to 0
         bit position to 0
}
Closes the BitWriter and releases the memory. If there are remaining bits in the current byte, they
```

are written to the file before closing

void bit write close(BitWriter **pbuf) {

```
if BitWriter is not NULL
                  If there are any remaining bits
                          Write bits to file
         Close underlying file stream
         Free allocated memory
         Set pointer to NULL
 }
 Writes a single bit to the file using the BitWriter,
 void bit write bit(BitWriter *buf, uint8 t bi) {
         If current byte full
                  Write byte to file
                  Error
                  Reset byte to 0
                  Reset bit position to 0
         buf->byte = buf->byte OR ((bi AND 1) left-shifted by buf->bit position)
         Move to next position
 }
Writes a 16-bit unsigned integer to the file using the BitWriter, writing each bit from the least to
 the most significant
 void bit_write_uint16(BitWriter *buf, uint16_t x) {
         Iterate over 0 to 16
                  Set buf's bit based on the least significant bit of x.
                  Shift bits to the right
 }
Writes a 32-bit unsigned integer to the file using the BitWriter, writing each bit from the least to
 the most significant
 void bit_write_uint32(BitWriter *buf, uint32_t x) {
         Iterate 32 times
                  Set buf's bit based on the least significant bit of x.
                  Shift bits to the right
 }
Writes a 32-bit unsigned integer to the file using the BitWriter, writing each bit from the least to
 the most significant
 void bit write uint8(BitWriter *buf, uint8 t byte) {
         Iterate 8 times
                  Set buf's bit based on the least significant bit of byte.
                  Shift bits to the right
 }
 Node.c
```

```
#include "node.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

• Creates a new Node with the specified symbol and weight, initializes code and code length to 0 and child pointers to NULL. If memory allocation fails, it returns NULL.

```
Node *node_create(uint8_t symbol, uint32_t weight) {
    Allocate memory for new node
    Assign symbol to new_node's symbol attribute
    Assign weight to new_node's weight attribute
    Set new_node's code attribute to 0
    Set new_node's code length attribute to 0
    Set new_node's left attribute to NULL
    Set new_node's right attribute to NULL

If memory allocation failed
    Return NULL

Return new_node
}
```

Recursively frees memory allocated for a Node and its children. If Node is not NULL, free
memory for the left and right children recursively before freeing memory for the Node itself and
setting the pointer to NULL.

• Recursively prints a Node and its children. Prints the weight of the node, if it's a leaf node, prints its symbol. If the symbol is printable ASCII, it prints the character. Otherwise, it prints the symbol in hexadecimal format.

```
void node_print_node(Node *tree, char ch, int indentation) {
    If tree is NULL
        Return
    print information of the right child node of the tree
    Print the weight of the tree node with specified indentation

if tree has no left and right children
    if the symbol of tree node is within printable ASCII range
        Print the symbol of the tree node
        Else
```

Print the symbol of the tree node in hexadecimal format Print information of the left child node of tree

Prints the entire tree starting from the root node with indentation void node_print_tree(Node *tree) { Print information of the tree node with specified indentation and character } Pq.c #include "pq.h" #include "node.h" #include <stdio.h> Define ListElement structure typedef struct ListElement ListElement; struct ListElement { Node *tree; ListElement *next; **}**; Define the structure for the priority queue struct PriorityQueue { ListElement *list; **}**; Creates a new priority queue. It initializes the list pointer to NULL and returns the created priority queue. If memory allocation fails, it returns NULL. PriorityQueue *pq_create(void) { Allocate memory If memory allocation failed Return NULL Set q's list attribute to NULL Return q } Free memory allocated for the priority queue and its elements. It iterates through all elements in the list, freeing memory for the associated node. void pq free(PriorityQueue **q) { If priority queue is NULL Return NULL Pointer e pointing to the list of *q

Free memory occupied by the tree attribute of e

while e is not NULL

```
Move to next e
Free memory
Set pointer to NULL
```

}

• Checks if the priority queue is empty by checking if the queue itself or its list is NULL. If either is NULL, it returns true. Otherwise, it returns false.

Else

• Checks if the size of the priority queue is 1 by verifying if there is exactly one element in the list. If the list is not NULL and its next pointer is NULL, it returns true. Otherwise, it returns false.

```
bool pq_size_is_1(PriorityQueue *q) {
     Return true if q's list is not NULL and has only one element.
```

}

 Compares two list elements based on their tree's weights and symbols. It returns true or false based on conditions.

```
bool pq_less_than(ListElement *e1, ListElement *e2) {

If the weight of e1's tree is less than the weight of e2's tree

Return true

Else if the weight of e1's tree equals the weight of e2's tree

Return true if the symbol of e1's tree is less than the symbol of e2's tree

Else

Return false
}
```

• Adds a node to the priority queue by creating a new list element and setting its tree pointer to the given tree. It inserts the new element at the front of the queue If the queue is empty or the new element should be at the front. Otherwise, it finds and inserts the new element in the correct position.

```
A pointer prev pointing to the list of q, front of queue while the next element of prev is not NULL and the next element has higher priority than new element prev = prev->next;

New element ->next = prev->next;
```

Removes and returns the front element from the priority queue. If the queue is empty, return an
error message and NULL. Otherwise, get the front element and update the front of the queue after
getting the tree from it.

```
Node *dequeue(PriorityQueue *q) {

If queue is empty

Print Error: Empty Queue

Return NULL

A pointer front pointing to the list of q

A pointer tree pointing to the tree attribute of the front element

Update the front of the queue

Free memory for front

Return tree

}
```

prev->next = new element;

}

Prints the elements of the priority queue. It starts from the front of the queue, iterates through all
elements, and prints each tree associated with the element. It prints separators between elements

```
void pq_print(PriorityQueue *q) {
        (q!= NULL) using assertion
        A pointer e pointing to the list of q
        Initialize position to 1
        while e is not NULL
                If the current position is equal to 1, first element
                        Print indentation
                Else
                        Print indentation
                node print tree(e->tree);
                e = e - next;
        Print indentation
}
Huff.c:
#include"bitreader.h"
#include "bitwriter.h"
#include "node.h"
#include "pq.h"
#include <getopt.h>
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
Define a structure for storing Huffman codes
typedef struct Code {
       uint64 t code;
        uint8 t code length;
} Code;
```

Calculates byte frequencies from a file. It initializes the histogram, counts the occurrences of each byte while traversing the file, and returns the file size.

```
uint32 t fill histogram(FILE *fin, uint32 t *histogram) {
        Loop through 256 elements, incrementing i each iteration
                Set each element of the histogram array to 0
        Increment the element at index 0x00 in the histogram array
       Increment the element at index 0xFF in the histogram array
       uint32 t filesize = 0;
        int byte;
       Loop until end of file while reading each byte
                Increment element in the histogram array corresponding to the current byte
                Increment file size by 1
        Set the file position indicator to the beginning of the file.
        Return filesize
}
```

Builds a Huffman tree from a histogram by creating nodes for each byte. It combines the nodes in the queue until only one is left and returns the tree.

Node *create_tree(uint32_t *histogram, uint16_t *num_leaves) {

```
If histogram is NULL
        Return NULL
Create a priority queue pq
Iterate from 0 to 255
        If frequency of i in histogram > 0
                Create a new node with symbol i and its frequency from the histogram
                Add n node to the priority queue pq
until the size of the priority queue is not 1
        Remove the top element from the priority queue and assign it to left
        Remove the top element from the priority queue and assign it to right
        Create a new node with a combined weight of left and right nodes
        Assign the left node to the left child of n
        Assign the right node to the right child of n
        Add the newly created node n to the priority queue pq
        Increment number of leaves
Remove the top element from the priority queue and assign it to tree
```

```
Free priority queue
Increment number of leaves
Return tree
```

}

• Fills a code table with Huffman codes by traversing a Huffman tree recursively. For each leaf node, it assigns the corresponding Huffman code and its length in the code table.

 Writes a Huffman tree to an output buffer. The tree is traversed recursively, writing the left subtree first and then the right subtree.

• Compresses a file using Huffman coding. It writes the Huffman tree to the output buffer and reads the input file byte by byte, gets the corresponding Huffman code from the code table and writes it bit by bit to the output buffer.

```
void huff_compress_file(BitWriter *outbuf, FILE *fin, uint32_t filesize, uint16_t
num_leaves, Node *code_tree, Code *code_table) {
    bit_write_uint8(outbuf, 'H');
    bit_write_uint8(outbuf, 'C');
    Write a 32-bit unsigned integer (filesize) to the output buffer
    Write a 16-bit unsigned integer (num_leaves) to the output buffer
    Write the Huffman tree to the output buffer for the code_tree
    fseek(fin, 0, SEEK_SET);
    int file;
    Read each byte from the file until the end of the file is reached
```

Get the code corresponding to the byte from the code table
Get the code length corresponding to the byte from the code table
Iterate through each bit of the code
Write the bit to the output buffer
Shift the code to the right

Prints help message options

}

 Reads input and output file paths from the command line arguments and opens the input file for reading and the output file for writing bits. It builds a Huffman tree from the input file and generates a code table. It compresses the input file using Huffman coding and writes the compressed data to the output file. It closes both the input and output files.

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
        int option;
        FILE *inputf = NULL;
        BitWriter *outputvar;
        If more argc less than three
                huff: -i option is required
                Print options
                Return 1
        Else if argc less than or equal to 4
                huff: -o option is required
                Print options
                Return 1
        Until all command line options are processed
                switch (option)
                Case h
                        Print options
                        Return 0
                Case i
                        Open input file
                        If opening file failed
                                huff: error opening input file
                        Print options
                        break
                Case o
```

```
Open output file for writing bits
                                If opening file failed
                                        huff: error opening output file
                                Close output file
                                Return 1
                                break
                        Default
                                Return 1
                                Break
               uint32 t histogram[256]
                Calculate the size of the file and fill the histogram array
               uint16 t num leaves = 0
                Create a Huffman tree based on the histogram and update the number of leaves
                Allocate memory for the code table, space for 256 Code structures
               Fill the code table with codes generated from the Huffman tree
               Compress the input file using Huffman coding and write the compressed data to the
               output file
               Free memory for table
               Free memory for huffman tree
               Close input file
                Set input file pointer to NULL
               Close output file
               Return 0
}
        Dehuff.c:
        #include "bitreader.h"
        #include "node.h"
        #include "pq.h"
        #include <getopt.h>
        #include <stdio.h>
        #include <stdlib.h>
        #define STACK SIZE 64
      Pushes a node onto a stack.
        void stack_push(Node **stack, int *front, Node *node) {
               If stack is not full
                        Add the node to the stack, incrementing the top of the stack pointer
               Else
                        Error: stack push failed
        }
      Pops a node from a stack
        Node *stack_pop(Node **stack, int *front) {
```

```
If stack is not empty
Return the top element from the stack, then decrement the top of the stack pointer.
Else
Error: stack pop failed
Return NULL
}
```

Decompresses a file that was compressed using Huffman coding. It reads the necessary
information from the compressed file's header and constructs the Huffman tree based on the
encoded tree structure. It decodes the compressed data using the Huffman tree to write the
original bytes to the output file.

```
void dehuff decompress file(FILE *fout, BitReader *inbuf) {
        uint8 t type1 = bit read uint8(inbuf);
       uint8 t type2 = bit read uint8(inbuf);
        uint32 t filesize = bit read uint32(inbuf);
        uint16 t num leaves = bit read uint16(inbuf);
        assert(type1 == 'H');
       assert(type2 == 'C');
        Calculate the total number of nodes in the Huffman tree
       Node *stack[STACK SIZE];
        int front = -1;
       Loop through all nodes in the Huffman tree
                Read a single bit from the input buffer and assign it to bit
                Node *node;
                if (bit == 1)
                        Read symbol
                        Create a new node with the specified symbol and a weight of 0
                Else
                        Create a new node with both symbol and weight set to 0
                        Assign the top element popped from the stack to the right child of the
node
                        Assign the top element popped from the stack to the left child of the node
                Push the node onto the stack, updating the top of the stack pointer.
       If stack is empty
                Error: Empty
                Return
        Pop the top element from the stack and assign it to code tree
       Loop through each byte in the file
                Node *node = code tree;
                While (1)
                        Read a single bit from the input buffer and assign it to bit
                        If (bit == 0)
                                Move to the left child of the current node
                        Else
```

```
Move to the right child of the current node

If the current node is a leaf node

Break;

Write the symbol of the leaf node to the output file

Free memory
```

• Prints help message options

}

Reads command-line options to determine the input and output files for decompression. It opens
the input file for reading bits and uses Huffman coding for decompression. It closes input and
output files.

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
        int option;
        FILE *outf = NULL;
        BitWriter *inputvar;
        If more argc less than three
                dehuff: -i option is required
                Print options
                Return 1
        Else if argc less than or equal to 4
                dehuff: -o option is required
                Print options
                Return 1
        Until all command line options are processed
                switch (option)
                Case h
                        Print options
                        Return 0
                Case i
                        Store input
                        break
                Case o
                        Open output file for writing
                        If opening file failed
                                dehuff: error opening output file
                                Print options
                                Return 1
```

break

Default

Break

Open the file specified by inputvar for reading binary data, and initialize a bit reader Decompress the data from the input buffer and write the decompressed data to the output file

Close input file

Close output file

Return 0

}