Assignment 7 Lempel-Ziv Compression

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Everyday, we create 2.5 quintillion bytes of data – so much that 90% of the data in the world today has been created in the last two years alone.

—IBM report on Big Data (2011)

1 Introduction

Compressing data means reducing the number of bits needed to represent it. Compressed data, due to its reduced size, is a lot faster to transfer and less expensive to store, freeing up storage and increasing network capacity. Algorithms that perform data compression are known as data compression algorithms. Data compression algorithms are divided into two categories: lossy and lossless. Lossy compression algorithms compress more than lossless compression algorithms, but at the cost of losing some information, which can't be recovered. Lossy compression algorithms are typically used for audio and video files, where a loss in quality is tolerable and often not noticeable. Lossless compression algorithms on the other hand don't compress as much, but do not lose any data, meaning compressed information can be exactly reconstructed back into its uncompressed form. Lossless compression algorithms are used for data that must maintain integrity, such as binaries, text documents, and source code.

2 Lempel-Ziv Compression

Abraham Lempel and Jacob Ziv published papers for two lossless compression algorithms, LZ77 and LZ78, published in 1977 and 1978, respectively. The core idea behind both of these compression algorithms is to represent repeated patterns in data with using pairs which are each comprised of a code and a symbol. A code is an unsigned 16-bit integer and a symbol is a 8-bit ASCII character.

Assume, for example, we have some string "abab". Assume we also have a dictionary where the key is a prefix, also known as a word, and the value is a code that we can utilize for fast look-ups. Since codes are 16-bit unsigned integers, we will give the dictionary a limit of $2^{16} - 1$ possible codes. Why don't we have 2^{16} codes? Because we will be reserving a code to be used as a stop code which indicates the end of our encoded data. We will define the maximal usable code as MAX_CODE, which has the value $2^{16} - 1$. The dictionary is initialized with the empty word, or a string of zero length, at the index EMPTY_CODE, which is a macro for 1. We will specify the first index in which a new word can be added to as the macro START_CODE, which has the value 2.

We now consider the first character: 'a'. Since this is the first character, we know that the string of all previously seen characters up to this point must be the empty word; we haven't considered any characters prior to this point. We then append the current character 'a' to the empty word, which yields the word "a". We check the dictionary in vain to see if we've encountered this word before. Since we haven't yet seen this word, we will add this first word

Compression Example

Initialized dictionary		Adding "a"			Adding "b"			Adding "ab"		
Word	Code	Word	Code		Word	Code		Word	Code	
""	EMPTY_CODE	un.	EMPTY_CODE		un	EMPTY_CODE		un	EMPTY_CODE	
	START_CODE	"a"	START_CODE		"a"	START_CODE		"a"	START_CODE	
	3		3		" <i>b</i> "	3		" <i>b</i> "	3	
	4		4	_		4		"ab"	4	
	MAX_CODE		MAX_CODE	-		MAX_CODE			MAX_CODE	

to the dictionary and assign it the first available code of 2, or START_CODE. We set our previously seen word to be the empty word and output the pair (EMPTY_CODE, 'a').

We continue on, now considering the second character: 'b'. We append this character to our previously seen word, which yields "b" as our current word. We again check the dictionary in vain to see if we've encountered this word before. Since we haven't, we add this word to the dictionary and assign it the next available code of 3. We set the previously seen word to the empty word and output the pair (EMPTY_CODE, 'b').

The next character we see is 'a'. We append this character to our previously seen word, which yields "a" as our current word. We check the dictionary to see if we've encountered this word before. Indeed we have. We set the previously seen word to "a" and proceed to the next character without any further output.

We read in the last character, 'b'. We append this character to our previously seen word, which yields "ab". Clearly, this word isn't in the dictionary, so pair comprised of the current symbol, 'b', and the code of the previously we add it and assign it the next available code of 4. What should we output? The seen word. Since our previously seen word at this stage was "a", this code will be 2. Thus, we output (2, 'b'). To finish off compression, we output the final pair (STOP_CODE, 0). As you can imagine, this pair signals the end of compressed data. The symbol in this final pair isn't used and the value is of no significance. The macro STOP_CODE has the value of 0.

Of course, a compression algorithm is useless without a corresponding decompression algorithm. Assume we're reading in the output from the preceding compression example. The output was comprised of the following pairs, in order: (EMPTY_CODE, 'a'), (EMPTY_CODE, 'b'), (2, 'b'), (STOP_CODE, 0). Similar to the compression algorithm, the decompression algorithm initializes a dictionary containing only the empty word. The catch is that the key and value for the decompressing dictionary is swapped; each key is instead a code and each value a word. As you might imagine, the decompression algorithm is the inverse of the compression algorithm, and thus from the output pairs, the decompression algorithm will recreate the same dictionary used during compression to output the decompressed data.

We consider the first pair: (EMPTY_CODE, 'a'). We append the symbol 'a' to the word denoted by EMPTY_CODE, which is the empty word. Thus, the current word is "a". We add this word to the dictionary and assign it the next available code of 2, then output the current word "a".

We consider the next pair: (EMPTY_CODE, 'b'). We append the symbol 'b' to the word denoted by EMPTY_CODE, which is the empty word. Thus, the current word is "b". We add this word to the dictionary and assign it the next available code of 3, then output the current word "b".

We now consider the next pair: (2, 'b'). We append the symbol 'b' to the word denoted by the code 2, which we previously added to our dictionary. The word denoted by this code is "a", whence we obtain our current word of "ab". We add this word to the dictionary and assign it the next available code of 4, then output the current word "ab". Finally, we read in the last pair: (STOP_CODE, 0). Since the code is STOP_CODE, we know that we have finished decompression.

If the basic idea behind the compression and decompression algorithms do not immediately make sense to you,

Decompression Example

Initialized dictionary		Adding "	a"	Adding '	'b"	Adding "a	Adding "ab"		
Code	Word	Code	Word	Code	Word	Code	Word		
EMPTY_CODE	""	EMPTY_CODE	""	EMPTY_CODE	""	EMPTY_CODE	""		
START_CODE		START_CODE	"a"	START_CODE	"a"	START_CODE	"a"		
3		3		3	"b"	3	"b"		
4		4		4		4	"ab"		
•••		•••		•••		•••			
MAX_CODE		MAX_CODE		MAX_CODE		MAX_CODE			

or if you desire a more visual representation of how the algorithms work, make sure to attend section and get help early! Things will not get easier as time goes on.

3 Your Task

Your task is to implement two programs called encode and decode which perform LZ78 compression and decompression, respectively. The requirements for your programs are as follows:

- 1. encode can compress any file, text or binary.
- 2. decode can decompress any file, text or binary, that was compressed with encode.
- 3. Both operate on both little and big endian systems. *Interoperability is required*.
- 4. Both use variable bit-length codes.
- 5. Both perform read and writes in efficient blocks of 4KB.

4 Specifics

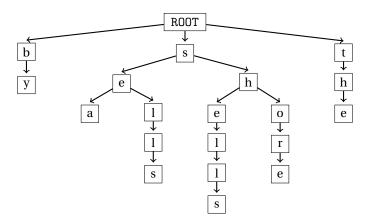
You will need to implement some new ADTs for this assignment: an ADT for tries and an ADT for words. In addition to these new ADTS, you will need to be concerned about variable-length codes, I/O, and endianness.

4.1 Tries

The most costly part of compression is checking for existing prefixes, or words. You could utilize a hash table, or just an array to store words, but that wouldn't be optimal, as many of the words you need to store are prefixes of other words. Instead you choose to utilize a *trie*.

A trie¹ is an efficient information re-*trie*-val data structure, commonly known as a prefix tree. Each node in a trie represents a symbol, or a character, and contains n child nodes, where n is the size of the alphabet you are using. In most cases, the alphabet used is the set of ASCII characters, so n = 256. You will use a trie during compression to store words.

 $^{^{1}}$ Edward Fredkin, "Trie memory." Communications of the ACM 3, no. 9 (1960): 490–499.



Above is an example of a trie containing the following words: "She", "seells", "sea", "shells", "by", "the", "sea", "shore". Searching for a word in the trie means stepping down for each symbol in the word, starting from the root. Stepping down the trie is simply checking if the current node we have traversed to has a child node representing the symbol we are looking for, and setting the current node to be the child node if it does exist. Thus, to find "sea", we would start from the trie's root and step down to 's', then 'e', then 'a'. If any symbol is missing, or the end of the trie is reached without fully matching a word, while stepping through the trie, then the word is not in the trie. You must follow the specification shown below when implementing your trie ADT.

```
#ifndef __TRIE_H__
2 #define __TRIE_H__
4 #include "util.h"
5 #include <inttypes.h>
 #define ALPHABET 256
 typedef struct TrieNode TrieNode;
11 //
12 // Struct definition of a TrieNode.
14 // children:
                Each TrieNode has ALPHABET number of children.
15 // code:
                Unique code for a TrieNode.
17 struct TrieNode {
    TrieNode *children[ALPHABET];
    uint16_t code;
20 };
22 //
_{23} // Constructor for a TrieNode.
25 // code:
              Code of the constructed TrieNode.
_{26} // returns: Pointer to a TrieNode that has been allocated memory.
28 TrieNode *trie_node_create(uint16_t code);
30 //
31 // Destructor for a TrieNode.
```

```
32 //
33 // n:
              TrieNode to free allocated memory for.
34 // returns: Void.
35 //
36 void trie_node_delete(TrieNode *n);
38 //
39 // Initializes a Trie: a root TrieNode with the code EMPTY_CODE.
41 // returns: Pointer to the root of a Trie.
43 TrieNode *trie_create(void);
45 //
_{46} // Resets a Trie to just the root TrieNode.
47 //
48 // root:
              Root of the Trie to reset.
49 // returns: Void.
50 //
51 void trie_reset(TrieNode *root);
53 //
_{54} // Deletes a sub-Trie starting from the sub-Trie's root.
56 // n:
              Root of the sub-Trie to delete.
57 // returns: Void.
58 //
59 void trie_delete(TrieNode *n);
61 //
62 // Returns a pointer to the child TrieNode reprsenting the symbol sym.
63 // If the symbol doesn't exist, NULL is returned.
64 //
65 // n:
              TrieNode to step from.
66 // sym:
               Symbol to check for.
67 // returns: Pointer to the TrieNode representing the symbol.
69 TrieNode *trie_step(TrieNode *n, uint8_t sym);
71 #endif
                                        trie.h
```

The TrieNode struct will have the three fields shown above. Each trie node has an array of 256 pointers to trie nodes as children, one for each ASCII character. It should be easy to see how this simplifies searching for the next character in a word in the trie. The code field stores the 16-bit code for the word that ends with the trie node containing the code. This means that the code for some word "abc" would be contained in the trie node for 'c'. Note that there isn't a field that indicates what character a trie node represents. This is because the trie node's index in its parent's array of child nodes indicates what character it represents. The trie_step() function will be repeatedly called to check if a word exists in the trie. A word only exists if the trie node returned by the last step corresponding to the last character in the word isn't NULL.

4.2 Word Tables

Although compression can be performed using a trie, decompression still needs to use a look-up table for quick code to word translation. This look-up table will be defined as a new struct called a WordTable. Since we can only have $2^{16}-1$ codes, one of which is reserved as a stop code, we can use a fixed word table size of UINT16_MAX, where UINT16_MAX is a macro defined in inttypes.h as the maximum value of a unsigned 16-bit integer. Hint: this has the exact same value as MAX_CODE, which we defined earlier. Why aren't we using hash tables to store words? Because there is a *finite* number of codes. Each index of this word table will be a new struct called a Word. You will store words in byte arrays, or arrays of uint8_t. This is because strings in C are null-terminated, and problems with compression occur if a binary file is being compressed and contains null characters that are placed into strings. Since we need to know how long a word is, a Word will also have a field for storing the length of the byte array, since we can't use string.h functions like strlen() on byte arrays. You *must* use the following specification for the new Word ADT.

```
#ifndef __WORD_H__
2 #define __WORD_H__
4 #include <inttypes.h>
6 //
7 // Struct definition of a Word.
9 // syms: A Word holds an array of symbols, stored as bytes in an array.
10 // len:
            Length of the array storing the symbols a Word represents.
12 typedef struct Word {
  uint8_t *syms;
   uint32_t len;
15 } Word;
17 //
18 // Define an array of Words as a WordTable.
20 typedef Word * WordTable;
22 //
23 // Constructor for a word.
24 //
25 // syms:
              Array of symbols a Word represents.
26 // len:
              Length of the array of symbols.
27 // returns: Pointer to a Word that has been allocated memory.
28 //
29 Word *word_create(uint8_t *syms, uint64_t len);
31 //
_{
m 32} // Constructs a new Word from the specified Word appended with a symbol.
33 // The Word specified to append to may be empty.
_{34} // If the above is the case, the new Word should contain only the symbol.
35 //
36 // W:
              Word to append to.
37 // sym:
              Symbol to append.
38 // returns: New Word which represents the result of appending.
```

```
39 //
40 Word *word_append_sym(Word *w, uint8_t sym);
42 //
43 // Destructor for a Word.
44 //
45 // W:
              Word to free memory for.
46 // returns: Void.
47 //
48 void word_delete(Word *w);
50 //
_{	extsf{51}} // Creates a new WordTable, which is an array of Words.
52 // A WordTable has a pre-defined size of MAX_CODE (UINT16_MAX - 1).
_{53} // This is because codes are 16-bit integers.
54 // A WordTable is initialized with a single Word at index EMPTY_CODE.
55 // This Word represents the empty word, a string of length of zero.
56 //
57 // returns: Initialized WordTable.
59 WordTable *wt_create(void);
61 //
62 // Resets a WordTable to having just the empty Word.
63 //
64 // wt:
               WordTable to reset.
65 // returns: Void.
67 void wt_reset(WordTable *wt);
68
70 // Deletes an entire WordTable.
_{71} // All Words in the WordTable must be deleted as well.
72 //
73 // wt:
               WordTable to free memory for.
74 // returns: Void.
void wt_delete(WordTable *wt);
78 #endif
```

4.3 Codes

It is a requirement that your programs, encode and decode, be able to read and write pairs containing variable bit-length codes. As an example, assume we are going to write the pair (13, 'a'). What is the minimum number of bits needed to represent 13? We can easily calculate the minimum number of bits needed to represent any integer $x \ge 1$ using the formula $\lfloor \log_2(x) \rfloor + 1$. The only edge case is with 0, whose bit-length is 1. Thus, we calculate that the minimum number of bits needed to represent 13, or the bit-length of 13, to be 4. That being said, in practice, the bit-length of the code in the pair you're going output wouldn't be the bit-length of the code itself, but rather the bit-length of the *next available code* assignable, as described in the earlier compression example. The reason for this is because decompression *must* know at all times the bit-length of the code it is going to read.

Because the dictionary constructed by decompression contains exactly the words and codes contained by the trie constructed by compression, it is evident that, by using the bit-length of the next available code, that compression and decompression will agree on the variable bit-lengths of codes. Note that only codes have variable bit-lengths: symbols in a pair are always 8 bits.

As an example, assume we are going to output the pair (13, 'a'), and the next available code assignable in our dictionary is 64. We will need to convert this pair to binary, starting with the code. As stated earlier, the bit-length of the code is the bit-length of the next available code. We calculate that the bit-length of 64 is 7. We start from the least significant bit of our code, 13, and construct the code portion of the pair's binary representation: 1011000. Notice the padded zeroes and that the binary is reversed. Zeroes are padded because the bit-length of 64 is 7, while the bit-length of 13 is 4, which is why there are three padded zeroes. In the same fashion, we start from the least significant bit of our symbol, 'a', and add the symbol portion of the pair's binary representation to the previous code portion, which yields 10110001000011, since the ASCII value of 'a' is 97.

Now assume that we are reading in the binary 10110001000011 and converting that back into a pair. We know that the next available code assignable by compression and decompression are the same at every step. Thus, we know that compression must have output the pair's code with the bit-length of 64, which is 7. We go through the first 7 bits of the binary: 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, and 0, summing up the bits as we go, simulating how positional numbering systems work. This means we perform $1 \cdot 2^0 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 0 \cdot 2^4 + 0 \cdot 2^5 + 0 \cdot 2^6 = 13$, exactly the code output by compression. We do the same for the remaining 8 bits to reconstruct the symbol.

4.4 I/O

It is also a requirement that your programs, encode and decode, perform efficient I/O. Reads and writes will be done 4KB, or a block, at a time, which implicitly requires that you buffer I/O. Buffering is the act of storing data into a buffer, which you can think of as an array of bytes. Below is an I/O module that you are required to implement for the assignment.

code.h

```
13 // magic:
                  Magic number indicating a file compressed by this program.
14 // protection: Protection/permissions of the original, uncompressed file.
16 typedef struct FileHeader {
uint32_t magic;
uint16_t protection;
19 } FileHeader;
21 //
22 // Reads in sizeof(FileHeader) bytes from the input file.
_{23} // These bytes are read into the supplied FileHeader, header.
24 // Endianness is swapped if byte order isn't little endian.
26 // infile: File descriptor of input file to read header from.
_{\it 27} // header: Pointer to memory where the bytes of the read header should go
28 // returns: Void.
void read_header(int infile, FileHeader *header);
32 //
33 // Writes sizeof(FileHeader) bytes to the output file.
_{34} // These bytes are from the supplied FileHeader, header.
35 // Endianness is swapped if byte order isn't little endian.
36 //
37 // outfile: File descriptor of output file to write header to.
38 // header: Pointer to the header to write out.
39 // returns: Void.
40 //
41 void write_header(int outfile, FileHeader *header);
43 //
_{44} // "Reads" a symbol from the input file.
_{45} // The "read" symbol is placed into the pointer to sym. (e.g. *sym = val)
_{46} // In reality, a block of symbols is read into a buffer.
_{
m 47} // An index keeps track of the currently read symbol in the buffer.
48 // Once all symbols are processed, another block is read.
_{\scriptscriptstyle 49} // If less than a block is read, the end of the buffer is updated.
_{50} // Returns true if there are symbols to be read, false otherwise.
51 //
52 // infile: File descriptor of input file to read symbols from.
            Pointer to memory which stores the read symbol.
_{54} // returns: True if there are symbols to be read, false otherwise.
55 //
56 bool read_sym(int infile, uint8_t *sym);
59 // Buffers a pair. A pair is comprised of a code and a symbol.
_{60} // The bits of the code are buffered first, starting from the LSB.
_{
m 61} // The bits of the symbol are buffered next, also starting from the LSB.
_{62} // The code buffered has a bit-length of bitlen.
```

```
_{63} // The buffer is written out whenever it is filled.
64 //
65 // outfile: File descriptor of the output file to write to.
66 // code
              Code of the pair to buffer.
67 // sym:
               Symbol of the pair to buffer.
68 // bitlen: Number of bits of the code to buffer.
69 // returns: Void.
70 //
71 void buffer_pair(int outfile, uint16_t code, uint8_t sym, uint8_t bitlen);
73 //
_{74} // Writes out any remaining pairs of symbols and codes to the output file.
_{76} // outfile: File descriptor of the output file to write to.
77 // returns: Void.
78 //
79 void flush_pairs(int outfile);
81 //
82 // "Reads" a pair (code and symbol) from the input file.
_{83} // The "read" code is placed in the pointer to code (e.g. *code = val)
_{84} // The "read" symbol is placed in the pointer to sym (e.g. *sym = val).
85 // In reality, a block of pairs is read into a buffer.
_{86} // An index keeps track of the current bit in the buffer.
_{87} // Once all bits have been processed, another block is read.
88 // The first bitlen bits are the code, starting from the LSB.
_{\mbox{\tiny 89}} // The last 8 bits of the pair are the symbol, starting from the LSB.
_{90} // Returns true if there are pairs left to read in the buffer, else false.
_{\rm 91} // There are pairs left to read if the read code is not STOP_CODE.
92 //
93 // infile:
               File descriptor of the input file to read from.
94 // code:
               Pointer to memory which stores the read code.
95 // sym:
               Pointer to memory which stores the read symbol.
_{96} // bitlen: Length in bits of the code to read.
97 // returns: True if there are pairs left to read, false otherwise.
99 bool read_pair(int infile, uint16_t *code, uint8_t *sym, uint8_t bitlen);
101 //
_{
m 102} // Buffers a Word, or more specifically, the symbols of a Word.
103 // Each symbol of the Word is placed into a buffer.
_{104} // The buffer is written out when it is filled.
_{
m 106} // outfile: File descriptor of the output file to write to.
107 // W:
               Word to buffer.
108 // returns: Void.
void buffer_word(int outfile, Word *w);
_{113} // Writes out any remaining symbols in the buffer.
```

```
114 //
115 // outfile: File descriptor of the output file to write to.
116 // returns: Void.
117 //
118 void flush_words(int outfile);
119
120 #endif
io.h
```

Notice that there is a struct definition in the module interface. That is the struct definition for the file header, which contains the magic number for your program and the protection bit mask for the original file. The file header is the first thing that appears in a compressed file. The magic number field, magic, serves as a unique identifier for files compressed by encode. decode should only be able to decompress files which have the correct magic number. This magic number is 0x8badbeef. The function read_header() reads in the header and verifies the magic number. The protection bit mask comes from the original file. The output file in which you write to must have the same protection bits as the original file. Before writing the file header to the compressed file using write_header(), you must swap the endianness of the fields if necessary since interoperability is required. If your program is run on a system using big endian, the fields must be swapped to little endian, since little endian is canonical. Here is another module specifically for handling endianness:

```
#ifndef __ENDIAN_H__
2 #define __ENDIAN_H__
4 #include <inttypes.h>
5 #include <stdbool.h>
7 //
8 // Checks if the order of bytes on the system is big endian.
10 static inline bool is_big(void) {
   union {
      uint8_t bytes[2];
     uint16_t word;
   } test;
   test.word = 0xFF00;
   return test.bytes[0];
17 }
19 //
_{
m 20} // Checks if the order of bytes on the system is little endian.
21 //
22 static inline bool is_little(void) {
   return !is_big();
24 }
26 //
27 // Swaps the endianness of a uint16_t.
28 //
29 // x: The uint16_t.
30 //
static inline uint16_t swap16(uint16_t x) {
    uint16_t result = 0;
```

```
result |= (x \& 0x00FF) << 8;
   result \mid = (x \& 0xFF00) >> 8;
   return result;
36 }
37
38 //
39 // Swaps the endianness of a uint32_t.
40 //
_{41} // x: The uint32_t.
42 //
43 static inline uint32_t swap32(uint32_t x) {
   uint32_t result = 0;
   result |= (x \& 0x000000FF) << 24;
   result |= (x & 0x0000FF00) << 8;
   result |= (x & 0x00FF0000) >> 8;
   result |= (x & 0xFF000000) >> 24;
   return result;
50 }
51
52 //
_{53} // Swaps the endianness of a uint64_t.
54 //
_{55} // x: The uint64_t.
56 //
57 static inline uint64_t swap64(uint64_t x) {
   uint64_t result = 0;
   result |= (x & 0x000000000000FF) << 56;
   result |= (x & 0x0000000000FF00) << 40;
   result |= (x & 0x000000000FF00000) << 24;
   result |= (x & 0x00000000FF000000) << 8;
   result |= (x & 0x000000FF00000000) >> 8;
   result |= (x & 0x0000FF000000000) >> 24;
   result |= (x & 0x00FF00000000000) >> 40;
   result |= (x & 0xFF000000000000) >> 56;
   return result;
67
68 }
70 #endif
```

endian.h

All reads and writes in this program must be done using the system calls read() and write(), which means that you must use the system calls open() and close() to get your file descriptors. As stated earlier, all reads and writes must be performed in efficient blocks of 4KB. You will want to use two static 4KB uint8_t arrays to serve as buffers: one to store binary pairs and the other to store characters. Each of these buffers should have an index, or a variable, to keep track of the current byte or bit that has been processed.

5 Program Options

Your encode program must support the following getopt() options:

• -v: Display compression statistics

- -i <input>: Specify input to compress (stdin by default)
- -o <output>: Specify output of compressed input (stdout by default)

Your decode program must support the following getopt () options:

- -v: Display decompression statistics
- -i <input>: Specify input to decompress (stdin by default)
- -o <output>: Specify output of decompressed input (stdout by default)

The verbose option enables a flag to print out informative statistics about the compression or decompression that is performed. These statistics include the compressed file size, the uncompressed file size, and the compression ratio. The formula for the compression ratio is $100 \times (1 - (\text{compressed size/uncompressed size}))$. The verbose output of both encode and decode must match the following:

```
1 Compressed file size: X bytes
2 Uncompressed file size: X bytes
3 Compression ratio: XX.XX%
```

6 Compression

The following steps for compression will refer to the input file descriptor to compress as infile and the compressed output file descriptor as outfile.

- 1. Open infile with open(). If an error occurs, print a helpful message and exit with a status code indicating that an error occurred. infile should be stdin if an input file wasn't specified.
- 2. The first thing in outfile must be the file header, as defined in the file io.h. The magic number in the header must be 0x8badbeef. The file size and the protection bit mask you will obtain using fstat(). See the man page on it for details.
- 3. Open outfile using open(). The permissions for outfile should match the protection bits as set in your file header. Any errors with opening outfile should be handled like with infile. outfile should be stdout if an output file wasn't specified.
- 4. Write the filled out file header to outfile using write_header(). This means writing out the struct itself to the file, as described in the comment block of the function.
- 5. Create a trie. The trie initially has no children and consists solely of the root. The code stored by this root trie node should be EMPTY_CODE to denote the empty word. You will need to make a copy of the root node and use the copy to step through the trie to check for existing prefixes. This root node copy will be referred to as curr_node. The reason a copy is needed is that you will eventually need to reset whatever trie node you've stepped to back to the top of the trie, so using a copy lets you use the root node as a base to return to.
- 6. You will need a monotonic counter to keep track of the next available code. This counter should start at START_CODE, as defined in the supplied code.h file. The counter should be a uint16_t since the codes used are unsigned 16-bit integers. This will be referred to as next_code.
- 7. You will also need two variables to keep track of the previous trie node and previously read symbol. We will refer to these as prev_node and prev_sym, respectively.
- 8. Use read_sym() in a loop to read in all the symbols from infile. Your loop should break when read_sym() returns false. For each symbol read in, call it curr_sym, perform the following:
 - (a) Set next_node to be trie_step(curr_node, curr_sym), stepping down from the current node to the currently read symbol.

- (b) If next_node is not NULL, that means we have seen the current prefix. Set prev_node to be curr_node and then curr_node to be next_node.
- (c) Else, since next_node is NULL, we know we have not encountered the current prefix. We buffer the pair (curr_node->code, curr_sym), where the bit-length of the buffered code is the bit-length of next_code. We now add the current prefix to the trie. Let curr_node->children[curr_sym] be a new trie node whose code is next_code. Reset curr_node to point at the root of the trie and increment the value of next_code.
- (d) Check if next_code is equal to MAX_CODE. If it is, use trie_reset() to reset the trie to just having the root node. This reset is necessary since we have a finite number of codes.
- (e) Update prev_sym to be curr_sym.
- 9. After processing all the characters in infile, check if curr_node points to the root trie node. If it does not, it means we were still matching a prefix. Buffer the pair (prev_node->code, prev_sym). The bit-length of the code buffered should be the bit-length of next_code. Make sure to increment next_code and that it stays within the limit of MAX_CODE. Hint: use the modulo operator.
- 10. Buffer the pair (STOP_CODE, 0) to signal the end of compressed output. Again, the bit-length of code buffered should be the bit-length of next_code.
- 11. Make sure to use flush_pairs() to flush any unwritten, buffered pairs.
- 12. Use close() to close infile and outfile.

7 Decompression

The following steps for decompression will refer to the input file to decompress as infile and the uncompressed output file as outfile.

- 1. Open infile with open(). If an error occurs, print a helpful message and exit with a status code indicating that an error occurred. infile should be stdin if an input file wasn't specified.
- 2. Read in the file header with read_header(), which also verifies the magic number. If the magic number is verified then decompression is good to go and you now have a header which contains the original protection bit mask.
- 3. Open outfile using open(). The permissions for outfile should match the protection bits as set in your file header that you just read. Any errors with opening outfile should be handled like with infile. outfile should be stdout if an output file wasn't specified.
- 4. Create a new word table with wt_create() and make sure each of its entries are set to NULL. Initialize the table to have just the empty word, a word of length 0, at the index EMPTY_CODE. We will refer to this table as table.
- 5. You will need two uint16_t to keep track of the current code and next code. These will be referred to as curr_code and next_code, respectively. next_code should be initialized as START_CODE and functions exactly the same as the monotonic counter used during compression, which was also called next_code.
- 6. Use read_pair() in a loop to read all the pairs from infile. We will refer to the code and symbol from each read pair as curr_code and curr_sym, respectively. The bit-length of the code to read is the bit-length of next_code. The loop breaks when the code read is STOP_CODE. For each read pair, perform the following:
 - (a) As seen in the decompression example, we will need to append the read symbol with the word denoted by the read code and add the result to table at the index next_code. The word denoted by the read code is stored in table [curr_code]. We will append table [curr_code] and curr_sym using word_append_sym().

- (b) Buffer the word that we just constructed and added to the table with buffer_word(). This word should have been stored in table [next_code].
- (c) Increment next_code and check if it equals MAX_CODE. If it has, reset the table using wt_reset() and set next_code to be START_CODE. This mimics the resetting of the trie during compression.
- 7. Flush any buffered words using flush_words().
- 8. Close infile and outfile with close().

8 LZ78 Algorithm Pseudocode

8.1 Compression

```
COMPRESS(infile, outfile)
 1 \quad root = TRIE\_CREATE()
 2 \quad curr\_node = root
 3 prev_node = NULL
 4 curr_sym = 0
 5 prev_sym = 0
 6 next\_code = START\_CODE
 7 while READ_SYM(infile, &curr_sym) is TRUE
 8
         next_node = TRIE_STEP(curr_node, curr_sym)
 9
        if next node is not NULL
10
             prev_node = curr_node
11
             curr\_node = next\_node
12
        else
13
             BUFFER_PAIR(outfile, curr_node.code, curr_sym, BIT-LENGTH(next_code))
             curr_node.children[curr_sym] = TRIE_NODE_CREATE(next_code)
14
15
             curr_node = root
16
             next\_code = next\_code + 1
17
        if next_code is MAX_CODE
18
            TRIE_RESET(root)
19
             curr\_node = root
20
             next\_code = START\_CODE
21
        prev\_sym = curr\_sym
22 if curr_node is not root
23
        BUFFER_PAIR(outfile, prev_node.code, prev_sym, BIT-LENGTH(next_code))
24
         next\_code = (next\_code + 1) \% MAX\_CODE
25 BUFFER_PAIR(outfile, STOP_CODE, 0, BIT-LENGTH(next_code))
26 FLUSH_PAIRS(outfile)
```

8.2 Decompression

```
DECOMPRESS(infile, outfile)
 1 table = WT_CREATE()
 2 \quad curr\_sym = 0
 3 \quad curr\_code = 0
 4 next\_code = START\_CODE
 5 while READ_PAIR(infile, &curr_code, &curr_sym, BIT-LENGTH(next_code)) is TRUE
         table[next_code] = WORD_APPEND_SYM(table[curr_code], curr_sym)
 7
         buffer_word(outfile, table[next_code])
 8
         next\_code = next\_code + 1
 9
        if next_code is MAX_CODE
10
             WT_RESET(table)
             next\_code = START\_CODE
11
12 FLUSH_WORDS(outfile)
```

9 Deliverables

You will need to turn in:

- 1. Makefile:
 - CFLAGS=-Wall -Wextra -Werror -Wpedantic -std=c99 must be included.
 - CC=clang must be specified.
 - make clean must remove all files that are compiler generated.
 - make infer must run infer on your program. Complaints generated by infer must be either fixed or explained in your README.
 - make encode should build your encode program.
 - make decode should build your decode program.
 - make should build both encode and decode, as should make all.
 - · Your programs should have no memory leaks.
- 2. Your programs *must* have the following source and header files:
 - encode.c: contains the main() function for the encode program.
 - decode.c: contains the main() function for the decode program.
 - trie.c and trie.h: the source and header file for the Trie ADT.
 - word.c and word.h: the source and header file for the Word ADT.
 - io.c and io.h: the source and header for the I/O module.
 - endian.h: the header file for the endianness module.
 - code.h: the header file containing macros for special codes.
- 3. You may have other source and header files, but *do not try to be overly clever*.
- 4. README.md: This must be in markdown. This should describe how to use your program and Makefile. This also contains any explanations for complaints generated by infer.
- 5. DESIGN.pdf: This must be a PDF. The design document should describe your design for your program with enough detail that a sufficiently knowledgeable programmer would be able to replicate your implementation. This does not mean copying your entire program in verbatim. You should instead describe how your program works with supporting pseudo-code.
- 6. Working encode and decode programs, along with test files, will be supplied in the directory ~euchou/LZ78 on unix.ucsc.edu.

10 Submission

To submit your assignment, refer back to assignment0 for the steps on how to submit your assignment through git. Remember: *add, commit,* and *push*!

Your assignment is turned in *only* after you have pushed. If you forget to push, you have not turned in your assignment and you will get a *zero*. "I forgot to push" is not a valid excuse. It is *highly* recommended to commit and push your changes *often*.