
Input: Set of pairs $S = (c_1, f_1), (c_2, f_2), \dots, (c_n, f_n)$, where c_i is a character, and f_i is the frequency of the character and $\sum_{i=1}^n f_i = 1$

Output: Tree T corresponding to an optimal prefix tree for the specified character pairs.

procedure HUFFMAN_CODE(S)

$Q \leftarrow$ initialize empty priority queue with frequency as key and tree node as value

for $s \in S$ **do**

$node \leftarrow$ create tree node with no children

$node.frequency \leftarrow s.frequency$

$node.character \leftarrow s.character$

 Add $node$ to Q

while $|Q| \geq 2$ **do**

$p_1 \leftarrow Q.remove_min()$

$p_2 \leftarrow Q.remove_min()$

$node \leftarrow$ create tree node with p_1 as left child and p_2 as right child

$node.frequency \leftarrow p_1.frequency + p_2.frequency$

 Add $node$ to Q

if $|Q| = 1$ **then** \triangleright When merging the last 2 nodes, we will get one final root node

return $Q.remove_min()$

else

return UNDEFINED
