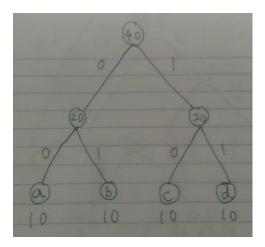
check1.txt:
line 98 10
line 99 10
line 100 10
line 101 10
Encoded string: 0001101100011011000110110001101100011011000110110 0011011
check2.txt:
line 98 4
line 99 8
line 100 16
line 101 32
Encoded string: 0000000100100101010101010101111111111

Tree building strategy:

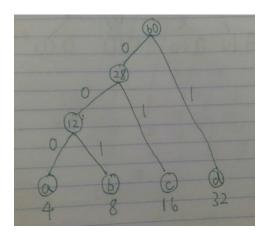
Sort the leaves from smallest to largest frequencies. Connect two smallest nodes into one parent node with their sum of frequencies and no symbol on it. Continue this step until there is only one available node. Label left child as 0 and right child as 1. Encode the specific symbol with the tracing paths from the parent to the node.

check1.txt



Encoded string:

check2.txt



Encoded string:

Efficient header design:

We decide to use a header that skips all the characters with 0 frequencies. We will make a pair of elements consisting of first with its indexes relative to its ascii values and second with its frequencies. The file will just go through the "unique" symbols and skip all the 0 ones. This will let us compress a rather smaller one and the header is more efficient.