# Assignment 8 – Huffman Coding

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# Purpose

The purpose of this program is to implement a data compressor and a data decompressor. The data will be compressed using Huffman Coding.

# How to Use the Program

To use this program you will need to have several files in the same directory. The files are huff.c, dehuff.c, bitreader.h, bitreader.c, bitwriter.h, bitwriter.c, node.h, node.c, pq.h, pq.c, brtest.c, bwtest.c, nodetest.c, pqtest.c, and Makefile. With these files in the same directory, use command make clean to remove any preexisting object files. Then, use command make format to format all the header and source files. Then use command make to compile the program. You will also need an input file that you want to be compressed in the directory or in a sub-folder. The possible command line arguments for both huff and dehuff are as follows:

- -i : Sets the input file. It requires a file name as an argument. It is required to run the program.
- -o : Sets the output file. It requires a file name as an argument. It is required to run the program.
- -h: Prints a help message to stdout.

To run the program use the command ./huff -i infile -o huffout. This will Huffman encode the file infile and return the encoded file as huffout. Then use the command ./dehuff -i huffout -o dehuffout. This will decode the file huffout and give the decoded file dehuffout. The files infile and dehuffout will have the same contents.

The program uses several optional compiler flags:

- -Wall: This flag enables all warning messages.
- -Werror: This flag turns all warnings into errors.
- -Wextra: This flag enables extra warning flags that are not enabled by -Wall.
- -Wconversion: This flag warns for any implicit conversion that may change a value.
- -Wdouble-promotion: This flag warns when a float is implicitly promoted to a double.
- -Wstrict-prototypes: This flag warns if a function is declared or defined without specifying the argument types.
- -pedantic: This flag issues all the warnings demanded by strict ISO C and ISO C++.

# Program Design

## huff.c

The program begins by checking the command line arguments. The command line arguments and their meanings can be seen in the How To Use the Program section of this report. It then checks if either of the -i or -o command line arguments were not used. If either one is not used, the respective error message is printed and the usage message is printed. Then the program terminates. Otherwise, the program creates an array of 256 unsigned 32 bit integers to be used as the histogram. It then uses a function to fill this histogram and return the size of the file. It then uses another function to create a Huffman tree and return the number of leaves. It then creates an array 256 Code objects to be used as the code table. It then fills the code table using a function. A BitWriter object is the created. Then the program uses a function to compress the given input file and write it to the output file. The function makes use of the BitWriter object, the file size, the number of leaves, the Huffman tree, and the code table. The program then closes both the input file and the output file. It the frees the memory used for the BitWriter object and the Huffman tree. It ends by returning 0.

### dehuff.c

This program operates in a similar manner to huff.c at first. It begins by checking the command line arguments. The command line arguments and their meanings can be seen in the How To Use the Program section of this report. It then checks if either of the -i or -o command line arguments were not used. If either one is not used, the respective error message is printed and the usage message is printed. Then the program terminates. Otherwise, the program creates an array of 256 unsigned 32 bit integers to be used as the histogram. It then creates a BitReader object. It then uses a function to decode the input file and write the output file. This function uses the BitReader object. The program then closes both the input file and the output file and frees the memory used for the BitReader object. It the returns 0.

#### Data Structures

All data structures were given in the assignment instructions[1].

#### **BitWriter**

This program defines a type BitWriter that is a struct also named BitWriter with three variables: a file pointer and two unsigned 8 bit integers.

- underlying\_stream: This is a file pointer that points to the file in which the bits will be written.
- byte: This unsigned 8 bit integer is a buffer that holds the byte that is to be written.
- bit\_position: This unsigned 8 bit integer represents the bit position where the bit will be written.

```
typedef struct BitWriter BitWriter;

struct BitWriter {
   FILE *underlying_stream;
   uint8_t byte;
   uint8_t bit_position;
};
```

#### BitReader

This program defines a type BitReader that is a struct also named BitReader with three variables: a file pointer and two unsigned 8 bit integers.

• underlying\_stream: This is a file pointer that points to the file in which the bits will be written.

- byte: This unsigned 8 bit integer is a buffer that holds the byte that is to be written.
- bit\_position: This unsigned 8 bit integer represents the bit position where the bit will be written.

```
typdef struct BitReader BitReader;

struct BitReader {
   FILE *underlying_stream;
   uint8_t byte;
   uint8_t bit_position;
};
```

#### Node

This program defines a type Node that is a struct, also named Node, with 6 variables: two unsigned 8 bit integers, an unsigned 16 bit integer, an unsigned 64 bit integer, and two pointers to Nodes.

- symbol: This 8 bit integer represents the character that the Node contains.
- weight: This 32 bit integer represents the weight of the node.
- code:
- code\_length:
- left: This is a pointer to a Node object.
- right: This is a pointer to a Node object.

```
typedef struct Node Node;

struct Node {
    uint8_t symbol;
    uint32_t weight;
    uint64_t code;
    uint8_t code_length;
    Node *left;
    Node *right;
}
```

#### ListElement

The program defines a type ListElement that is a struct, also named ListElement, with 2 variables: a pointer to a Node object and a pointer to a ListElement object.

- tree: This is a Node
- next: This is the next ListElement in the list

```
typedef struct ListElement ListElement;
struct ListElement {
   Node *tree;
   ListElement *next;
};
```

## **PriorityQueue**

The program defines a type PriorityQueue that is a struct, also named PriorityQueue, with 1 variable: a pointer to a ListElement object, list.

```
typedef struct PriorityQueue PriorityQueue;

struct PriorityQueue {
    ListElement *list;
};
```

#### Code

The program defines a type Code that is a struct with 2 variables: an unsigned 64 bit integer code and an unsigned 8 bit integer code\_length.

```
typedef struct Code {
    uint64_t code;
    uint8_t code_length;
} Code;
```

## Algorithms

## **Huffman Coding**

The assignment instructions provide psuedocode for the Huffman Coding algorithm[1]. This psuedocode implies the use of a priority queue.

```
Huffman Coding
while Priority Queue has more than one entry
Dequeue into left
Dequeue into right
Create a new node with a weight = left->weight + right->weight
node->left = left
node->right = right
Enqueue the new node
```

## **Function Descriptions**

## bitwriter

• BitWriter \*bit\_write\_open(const char \*filename): This function takes in a constant character string. It returns a pointer to a BitWriter. Its purpose is to open binary filename for write. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
BitWriter *bit_write_open(const char *filename)

BitWriter bw = (BitWriter*) malloc(sizeof(BitWriter))

bw underlying_stream = fopen(filename, wb)

bw byte = 0

bw bit_position = 0

if bw == NULL or bw underlying_stream = NULL

return NULL

return bw
```

• void bit\_write\_close(BitWriter \*\*pbuf): This function takes in a pointer to a pointer to a BitWriter. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to flush any data in the byte buffer, close underlying\_stream, free the BitWriter object, and set the \*pbuf pointer to NULL. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void bit_write_close(BitWriter **pbuf)
  if *pbuf != NULL then
    if *pbuf bit_position > 0 then
        if fputc(*pbuf byte, *pbuf underlying_stream) = EOF then
            print error message
            exit(1)
  if fclose(*pbuf underlying_stream) = EOF then
            print error message
            exit(1)
        free(pbuf)
        *pbuf = NULL
```

• void bit\_write\_bit(BitWriter \*buf, uint8\_t bit): This function takes in a pointer to a BitWriter (\*buf) and an 8 bit integer bit. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to write a single bit, bit, using values in the BitWriter pointed to by buf. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void bit_write_bit(BitWriter *buf, uint8_t bit)
  if bit_position > 7 then
    if fputc(buf byte, buf underlying_stream) = EOF then
        print error message
        exit(1)
    buf bit_position = 0
    buf byte = 0
  buf byte = buf byte OR (bit << buf bit_position)
  buf bit_position += 1</pre>
```

• void bit\_write\_uint8(BitWriter \*buf, uint8\_t x): This function takes in a pointer to a BitWriter (\*buf) and an 8 bit integer x. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to write the 8 bits of x. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void bit_write_uint8(BitWriter *buf, uint8_t x)
for i, 0 to i < 8
   bit_write_bit(buf, x >> i AND 1)
```

• void bit\_write\_uint16(BitWriter \*buf, uint16\_t x): This function takes in a pointer to a BitWriter (\*buf) and an 16 bit integer x. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to write the 16 bits of x. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void bit_write_uint16(BitWriter *buf, uint16_t x)
   for i, 0 to i < 16
     bit_write_bit(buf, x >> i AND 1)
```

• void bit\_write\_uint32(BitWriter \*buf, uint32\_t x): This function takes in a pointer to a BitWriter (\*buf) and an 32 bit integer x. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to write the 32 bits of x. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void bit_write_uint32(BitWriter *buf, uint32_t x)
for i, 0 to i < 32
   bit_write_bit(buf, x >> i AND 1)
```

#### bitreader

• BitReader \*bit\_read\_open(const char \*filename): This function takes in a constant character string filename. It returns a pointer to a BitReader object. Its purpose is to open the binary filename for reading. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
BitReader *bit_read_open(const char *filename)
   BitReader br = (BitReader*) malloc(sizeof(BitReader))
   if br == NULL then
        return NULL
   br underlying_stream = fopen(filename, rb)
   if br underlying_stream == NULL then
        return NULL
   br byte = 0
   br bit_position = 8
   return br
```

• BitReader \*bit\_read\_close(const char \*filename): This function takes in a pointer to a pointer to a BitReader. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to close underlying\_stream, free the BitReader object, and set the \*pbuf pointer to NULL. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void bit_read_close(BitReader **pbuf)
  if *pbuf != NULL then
   if fclose(*pbuf underlying_stream) = EOF then
      print error message
      exit(1)
   free(pbuf)
   *pbuf = NULL
```

• uint8\_t bit\_read\_bit(BitReader \*buf): This function takes in a pointer to a BitReader (\*buf). It returns an 8 bit unsigned integer. Its purpose is to read a single bit using values in the BitReader pointed to by buf. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
uint8_t bit_read_bit(BitReader *buf)
  if bit_position > 7 then
    b = fgetc(*buf byte, *buf underlying_stream)
    if b = EOF then
        print error message
        exit(1)
    buf bit_position = 0
    bit = 1 AND (byte >> buf bit_position)
    buf bit_position += 1
```

• uint8\_t bit\_read\_uint8(BitReader \*buf : This function takes in a pointer to a BitReader (\*buf). It returns an unsigned 8 bit integer. Its purpose is to read 8 bits from buf. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
uint8_t bit_read_uint8(BitReader *buf)
  uint8_t byte = 0x00
  for i, 0 to i < 8
     byte = byte OR (bit_read_bit(buf) << i)
  return byte</pre>
```

• void bit\_read\_uint16(BitReader \*buf): This function takes in a pointer to a BitReader (\*buf). It returns an unsigned 16 bit integer. Its purpose is to read 16 bits from buf. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
uint8_t bit_read_uint16(BitReader *buf)
  uint8_t byte = 0x00
  for i, 0 to i < 16
    byte = byte OR (bit_read_bit(buf) << i)
    return byte</pre>
```

• void bit\_read\_uint32(BitReader \*buf, uint32\_t x): This function takes in a pointer to a BitReader (\*buf). It returns an unsigned 32 bit integer. Its purpose is to read 32 bits from buf. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
uint8_t bit_read_uint32(BitReader *buf)
  uint32_t byte = 0x00
  for i, 0 to i < 32
     byte = byte OR (bit_read_bit(buf) << i)
    return byte</pre>
```

#### node

• Node \*node\_create(uint8\_t symbol, uint32\_t weight): This function takes in an unsigned 8 bit integer and an unsigned 32 bit integer. It returns a pointer to a Node object or NULL if an error occurs. Its purpose is to create and return a Node object. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
Node *node_create(uint8_t symbol, uint32_t weight)
  Node node = (Node*) malloc(sizeof(Node))
  if node == NULL then
    reeturn NULL
  node symbol = symbol
  node weight = weight
  return node
```

• void node\_free(Node \*\*pnode): This function takes in a pointer to a pointer to a Node object: pnode. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to free pnode and set it to NULL. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void node_free(Node **pnode)
  if *pnode != NULL then
    free(pnode)
    *pdone = NULL
```

• void node\_print\_tree(Node \*tree, char ch, int indentation): This function takes in a pointer to a Node object tree, a character ch, and an integer indentation. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to print the tree for diagnostic and debugging purposes. This function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void node_print_tree(Node *tree, char ch, int indentation)
  if tree == NULL then
    return
  node_print_node(tree right, '/', indentation + 3)
  print (weight = (tree weight))

if tree left == NULL && tree right == NULL then
    if ' ' <= tree symbol <= '~' then
        print (symbol = (tree symbol))
  else
        print (symbol = (tree symbol as hex))</pre>
```

```
print newline
node_print_node(tree left, '\\', indentation + 3)
```

pq

• PriorityQueue \*pq\_create(void): This function does not accept any parameters. It returns a pointer to a PriorityQueue object. Its purpose is to allocate a PriorityQueue object. If an error occurs, it returns NULL.

```
PriorityQueue *pq_create(void)
PriorityQueue pq = (PriorityQueue*) malloc(sizeof(PriorityQueue))
if pq == NULL then
return NULL
pq list = NULL
return pq
```

• void pq\_free(PriorityQueue \*\*q): This function takes in a pointer to a pointer to a PriorityQueue object. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to free the PriorityQueue object and set the pointer to NULL.

```
void pq_free(PriorityQueue **q)
  if *q != NULL then
    free(*q)
    *q = NULL
```

• bool pq\_is\_empty(PriorityQueue \*q): This function takes in a pointer to a PriorityQueue object: q. It returns either true or false. Its purpose is to check whether q is empty (true) or not (false).

```
bool pq_is_empty(PriorityQueue *q)
  if q list = NULL then
    return true
  else
    return false
```

• bool pq\_size\_is\_1(PriorityQueue \*q): This function takes a pointer to a PriorityQueue object. It returns true or false. Its purpose is to check whether \*q contains a single element or not. If it does it returns true. Otherwise, it returns false.

```
bool pq_size_is_1(PriorityQueue *q)
  if q list next = NULL then
    return true
  else
    return false
```

• bool pq\_less\_than(ListElement \*e1, ListElement \*e2): This function takes in two pointers to ListElement objects: e1 and e2. It returns true or false. Its purpose is to compare the tree->weight values of the two ListElement objects. It returns true if the weight of the first element is less than the weight of the second element. If the weights of the elements are equal, it compares the tree-symbol values and returns true if the symbol of the first element is less than the second. Otherwise, it returns false.

```
bool pq_less_than(ListElement *e1, ListElement *e2)
  if e1 tree weight < e2 tree weight then
    return true
  else if tree weight == e2 tree weight then</pre>
```

```
if e1 tree symbol < e2 tree symbol
return true
return false
```

• void enqueue(PriorityQueue \*q, Node \*tree): This function takes in a pointer to a PriorityQueue object and a pointer to a Node object. These are q and tree, respectfully. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to insert a tree into the priority queue. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void enqueue(PriorityQueue *q, Node *tree)
   ListElement new_element = (ListElement*) malloc(sizeof(ListElement))
   new_element tree = tree
   if pq_is_empty(q) then
       q list = new_element
   else if pq_less_than(new_element, q list) then
      new_element next = q list
       q list = new_element
   else
       ListElement current = q list
       while true
          if current next == NULL then
              current next = new element
          else if pq_less_than(new_element, current next) then
              new_element next = current next
              current next = new element
          current = current next
```

• Node \*dequeue(PriorityQueue \*q): This function takes a pointer to a PriorityQueue object q. It returns a Node object. Its purpose is to remove the queue element with the lowest weight and return it.

```
Node *dequeue(PriorityQueue *q)
  if pq_is_empty(q) then
    print error message
    exit(1)
  Node node = q list
  q list = q list next
  return node
```

• void pq\_print(PriorityQueue \*q): This function takes in a pointer to a PriorityQueue object: q. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to print the trees of the queue q. This function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

## **Huffman Coding**

• uint32\_t fill\_histogram(FILE \*fin, uint32\_t \*histogram): This function takes in a file pointer fin and an array of unsigned 32 bit integers histogram. It returns an unsigned 32 bit integers. Its purpose is to update the histogram array with the number of each of the unique byte values of the input file. It also returns the total size of the input file.

```
uint32_t fill_histogram(FILE *fin, uint32_t *histogram)
    uint32_t filesize
    for i, 0 to i < 256
        histogram[i] = 0;
    ++histogram[0x00];
    ++histogram[0xff];
    while (byte = fgetc(fin)) != EOF
        ++histogram[byte]
        ++filesize
    return filesize</pre>
```

• Node \*create\_tree(uint32\_t \*histogram, uint16\_t \*num\_leaves): This function takes in an array of unsigned 32 bit integers histogram and a pointer to an unsigned 16 bit integer num\_leaves. It returns a Node object. Its purpose is to create and return a pointer to a new Huffman Tree. It also returns the number of leaf nodes in the tree by placing the value in num\_leaves.

```
Node *create_tree(uint32_t *histogram, uint16_t *num_leaves)
    q = pq_create()
    for i, 0 to i < 256
        if histogram[i] != 0 then
            nd = node_create(i, histogram[i])
            enqueue(q, nd)
            (*num_leaves)++

    while !(pq_size_is_1(q))
        left = dequeue(q)
        right = dequeue(q)
        node = create_node(0, left weight + right weight)
        node left = left
        node right = right
        enqueue(q, node)

    return dequeue(q)</pre>
```

• void fill\_code\_table(Code \*code\_table, Node \*node, uint64\_t code, uint8\_t code\_length)
This function takes in 4 parameters: a pointer to a Code object code\_table, a pointer to a Node object
node, an unsigned 64 bit integer code, and an unsigned 8 bit integer code\_length. It does not return
anything. Its purpose is to traverse a tree and fill in the Code Table for each leaf node's symbol.
Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void fill_code_table(Code *code_table, Node *node, uint64_t code, uint8_t code_length)
  if node symbol = 0 then
    fill_code_table(code_table, node->left, code, code_length + 1)
    code |= (uint64_t) 1 << code_length
    fill_code_table(code_table, node->right, code, code_length + 1)
  else
    code_table[node->symbol].code = code
    code_table[node->symbol].code_length = code_length
```

• void huff\_write\_tree(BitWriter \*outbuff, Node \*node): This function takes in a pointer to a BitWriter object and a pointer to a Node object. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to write a Huffman Tree. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void huff_write_tree(BitWriter *outbuff, Node *node)
  if node left == NULL then
    bit_write_bit(outbuf, 1)
    bit_write_uint8(outbuf, node symbol)
  else
    huff_write_tree(outbuf, node->left)
    huff_write_tree(outbuf, node->right)
    bit_write_bit(outbuf, 0)
```

• void huff\_compress\_file(outbuf, fin, filesize, num\_leaves, code\_tree, code\_table): This function takes in 6 parameters:

```
BitWriter *outbuf: a pointer to a BitWriter object
FILE *fin: a file pointer
uint32_t filesize: an unsigned 32 bit integer
uint16_t num_leaves: an unsigned 16 bit integer
Node *code_tree: a pointer to a Node object
Code *code_table: a pointer to a Code object
```

It does not return anything. Its purpose is to write a Huffman Coded file. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void huff_compress_file(outbuf, fin, filesize, num_leaves, code_tree, code_table)
  bit_write_uint8(outbuf, 'C')
  bit_write_uint32(outbuf, filesize)
  bit_write_uint16(outbuf, num_leaves)
  while true
    b = fgetc(fin)
    if b == EOF then
        break
    code = code_table[b].code
    code_length = code_table[b].code_length
        for i, 0 to i < code_length
            bit_write_bit(outbuf, (code AND 1))
            code >>= 1
    huff_write_tree(outbuf, code_tree)
```

### **Huffman Decoding**

• void dehuff\_decompress\_file(FILE \*fout, BitReader \*inbuf): This function takes in a file pointer fout and a pointer to a BitReader object inbuf. It does not return anything. Its purpose is to read the code tree and then use it to decompress the compressed file. Psuedocode for this function was given in the assignment instructions[1].

```
void dehuff_decompress_file(FILE *fout, BitReader *inbuf)
  Node *stack[64]
  top_of_stack = 0
  type1 = bit_read_uint8(inbuf)
  type2 = bit_read_uint3(inbuf)
  filesize = bit_read_uint32(inbuf)
  num_leaves = bit_read_uint16(inbuf)
  num_nodes = 2 * num_leaves - 1
  Node *node
  for i, 0 to i < num_nodes</pre>
```

```
bit = bit_read_bit(inbuf)
   if bit == 1 then
       symbol = bit_read_uint8(inbuf)
       node = node_create(symbol, 0)
   else
       node = node_create(0,0)
       node right = stack[top_of_stack]
       top_of_stack--
       node left = stack[top_of_stack]
       top_of_stack--
   stack[top_of_stack]
   top_of_stack++
Node *code_tree = stack[top_of_stack]
top_of_stack--
for i, 0 to i < filesize
   bit = bit_read_bit(inbuf)
   if bit == 0 then
       node = node left
    else
       node = node right
   if node left == NULL and node right == NULL then
   fprintf(fout, node symbol)
```

## Psuedocode

## huff.c

```
main
   fin = NULL
   fout = NULL
   int opt
   opterr = 0
   while (opt = getopt) != -1
       switch opt
          case 'h':
              print usageg message
              return 0
              break
          case 'i':
              fin = fopen(optarg, r)
              if fin = NULL then
                  print error
                  return 1
              break
          case 'o':
              fout = fopen(optarg, w)
              if fout = NULL then
                  print error
                  return 1
              break
           default:
              print error and usage message
              return 1
   if fin == NULL
       print error and usage message
```

```
return 1
if fout == NULL
   print error and usage message
   return 1
uint32_t histogram[256] = {0}
filesize = fill_histogram(fin, histogram)
num_leaves = 0
tree = create_tree(histogram, num_leaves)
Code code_table[256]
fill_code_table(code_table, tree, 0, 0)
BitWriter outbuf
huff_compress_file(outbuf, fin, filesize, num_leaves, tree, code_table)
fclose(fin)
fclose(fout)
node_free(tree)
bit_write_close(outbuf)
return 0
```

### dehuff.c

```
main
   fin = NULL
   fout = NULL
   int opt
   opterr = 0
   while (opt = getopt) != -1
       switch opt
          case 'h':
             print usageg message
              return 0
              break
           case 'i':
              fin = fopen(optarg, r)
              if fin = NULL then
                 print error
                 return 1
              break
          case 'o':
              fout = fopen(optarg, w)
              if fout = NULL then
                 print error
                  return 1
              break
          default:
              print error and usage message
   if fin == NULL
       print error and usage message
       return 1
   if fout == NULL
```

```
print error and usage message
    return 1

BitReader inbuf
dehuff_decompress_file(fout, inbuf)

fclose(fin)
flcose(fout)
bit_read_close(inbuf)
return 0
```

## **Error Handling**

- Invalid command line arguments: If an invalid command line argument is given, the usage message will be printed and the program will be terminated.
- Missing arguments : If the program does not receive the -i and -o arguments, it will print an error message and the usage message and then terminate.
- Invalid input file: If the program cannot open the input file, it will print an error message and the usage message and terminate the program.
- Errors while reading program : If the program reads an EOF before expected, it will print and error message and terminate the program.
- Invalid out file: If the output file cannot be opened, an error message will be printed and the program will terminate.

# Testing

These programs will be tested using the provided test files: brtest.c, bwtest.c, nodetest.c, and pqtest.c[1]. It will also be tested using valgrind to ensure that there are no memory leaks. The program will also be compiled with scan-build. The diff command will also be used to compare these programs' output to the output of the reference binary.

## Results

# References

[1] Dr. Keery Veenestra and TAs. Assignment 8: Huffman coding. https://git.ucsc.edu/cse13s/fall-2023-section-01/resources, Fall 2023.