Program assignment 2

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1.

The idea is to use "variable-length encoding". We can exploit the fact that some characters occur more frequently than others in a text to design an algorithm that can represent the same piece of text using a lesser number of bits. In variable-length encoding, we assign a variable number of bits to characters depending upon their frequency in the given text. So, some characters might end up taking a single bit, and some might end up taking two bits, some might be encoded using three bits, and so on. The problem with variable-length encoding lies in its decoding.

2.

characters:aaaaaaabbccdddeeeeeeeeeeffgghhhhhhiiiiiijkllllmmmnnnnnnnoooooo ooppqrrrrrssssssstttttttuuuuvwxyyz

Encoding

code list{

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a: 1010 b: 110010 c: 110110 d: 10000 e: 010 f: 111001 g: 110011 h: 0011 i: 1001 j: 1110110 k: 1110111 l: 11010 m: 10001 n: 1011 o: 000
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p: 110111 q: 001001 r: 0110 s: 0111 t: 1111 u: 11000 v: 001000 w: 00101 x: 1110001 y: 111010 z: 1110000 }

WPL=436 decoding result:aaaaaaabbccdddeeeeeeeeeffgghhhhhhiiiiijklllImmmnnnnnnoooooooopp qrrrrrsssssstttttttuuuuvwwxyy
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3.

Test1:

Test2:

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Enter characters:howwarrreyooou
^Z
encoding result:110110111111111111100000000010011110100110
code list{
a: 1100
e: 010
h: 1101
o: 10
r: 00
u: 0110
w: 111
y: 0111
}
WPL=42
decoding result:howwwarrreyooo
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Enter characters:howwwarrreyooou
encoding result:110110111111111111000000001001111010100110
code list{
a: 1100 e: 010 h: 1101 o: 10 r: 00 u: 011 w: 111 y: 0111
}
WPL=42
decoding result:howwwarrreyooo

4.

The technique works by creating a binary tree of nodes. A node can be either a leaf node or an internal node. Initially, all nodes are leaf nodes, which contain the character itself, the weight (frequency of appearance) of the character. Internal nodes contain character weight and links to two child nodes. As a common convention, bit 0 represents following the left child, and a bit 1 represents following the right child. A finished tree has n leaf nodes and n-1 internal nodes. It is recommended that Huffman Tree should discard unused characters in the text to produce the most optimal code lengths.

We will use a <u>priority queue</u> for building Huffman Tree, where the node with the lowest frequency has the highest priority. Following are the complete steps:

- 1. Create a leaf node for each character and add them to the priority queue.
- 2. While there is more than one node in the queue:
- (1) Remove the two nodes of the highest priority (the lowest frequency) from the queue.
- (2) Create a new internal node with these two nodes as children and a frequency equal to the sum of both nodes' frequencies.
 - (3) Add the new node to the priority queue.
- 3. The remaining node is the root node and the tree is complete.