

pset 6: Huff'n Puff

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Toolbox



- Huffman trees
- distribution code
- pen and paper

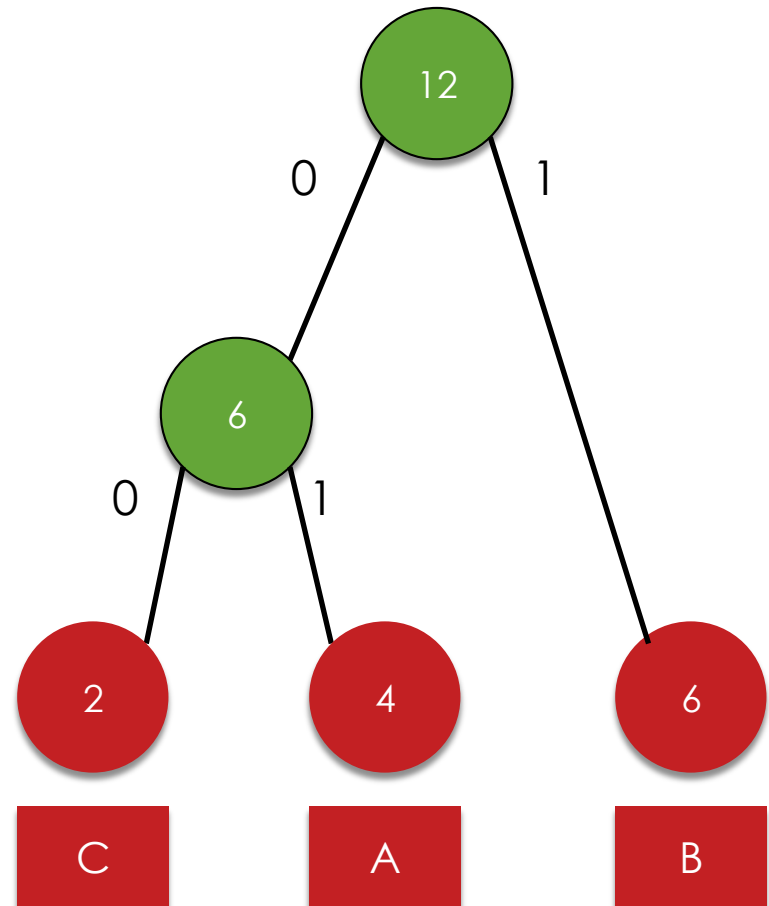
Huffman Trees

Huffman trees

- Most frequent values represented with fewest bits
- Iteratively:
 - ▣ join two lowest frequencies as siblings
 - ▣ parent's frequency is the sum of its childrens'
- Left branches represent 0s,
Right branches represent 1s
- chars are always the “leaves”
 - ▣ i.e. they're always at the end of a branch

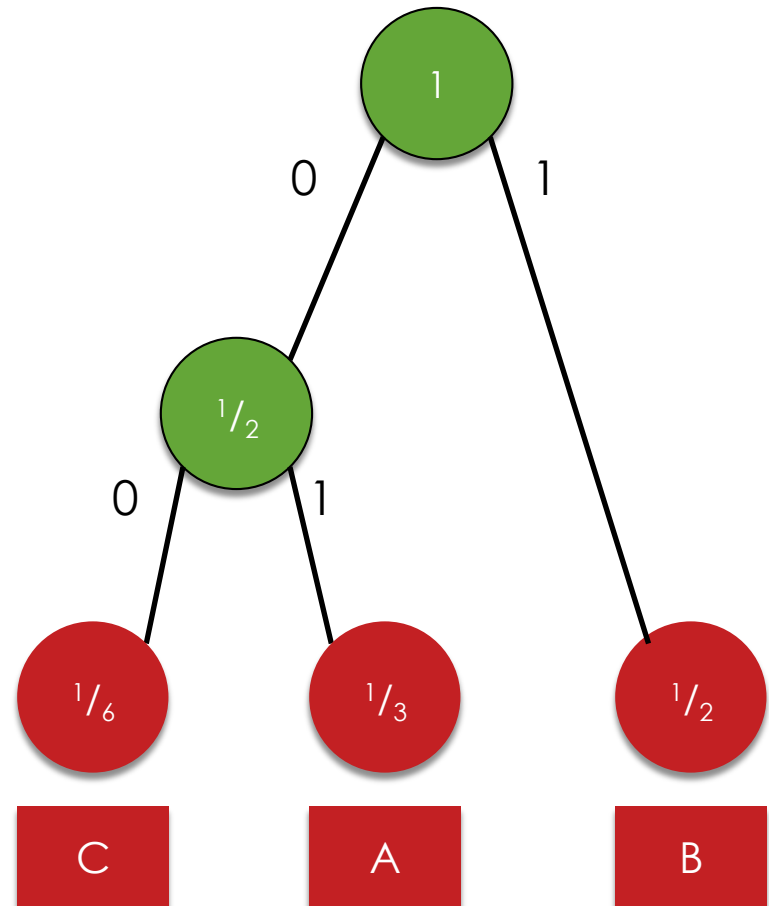
“AAAABBBBBBBCC”

char	frequency
A	4
B	6
C	2



“AAAABBBBBBBCC”

char	frequency
A	$4/12 = 1/3$
B	$6/12 = 1/2$
C	$2/12 = 1/6$



Huffman nodes

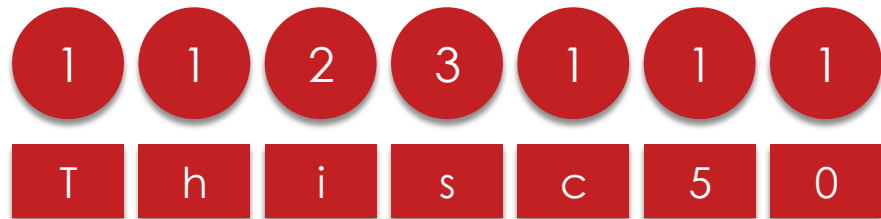
```
typedef struct node
{
    char symbol;
    float frequency;
    struct node* left;
    struct node* right;
}
node;
```


Huffman nodes

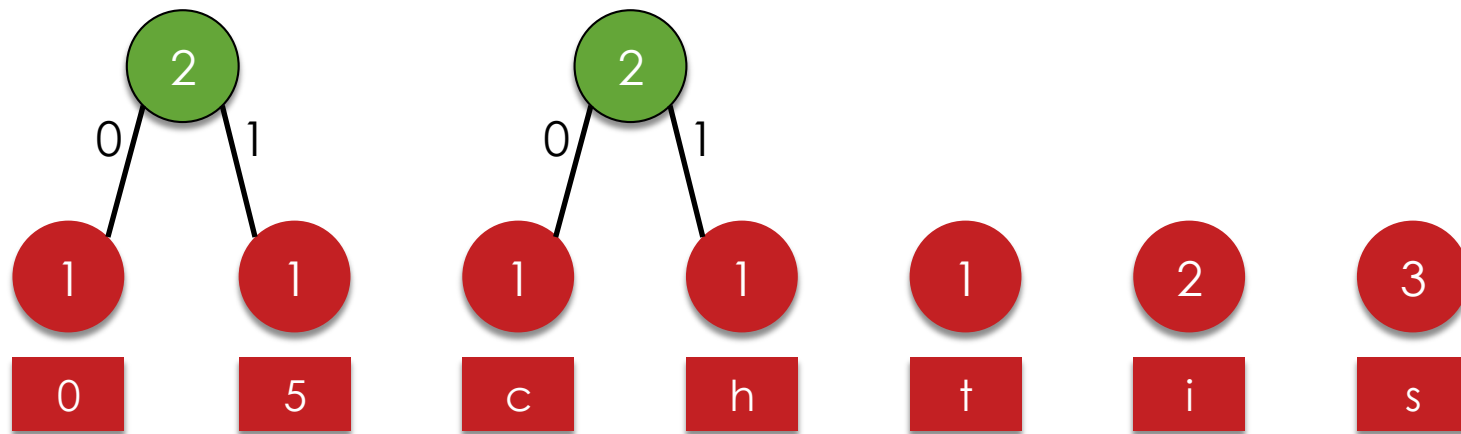
```
typedef struct node
{
    char symbol;
    int frequency;
    struct node* left;
    struct node* right;
}
node;
```

“This is cs50”

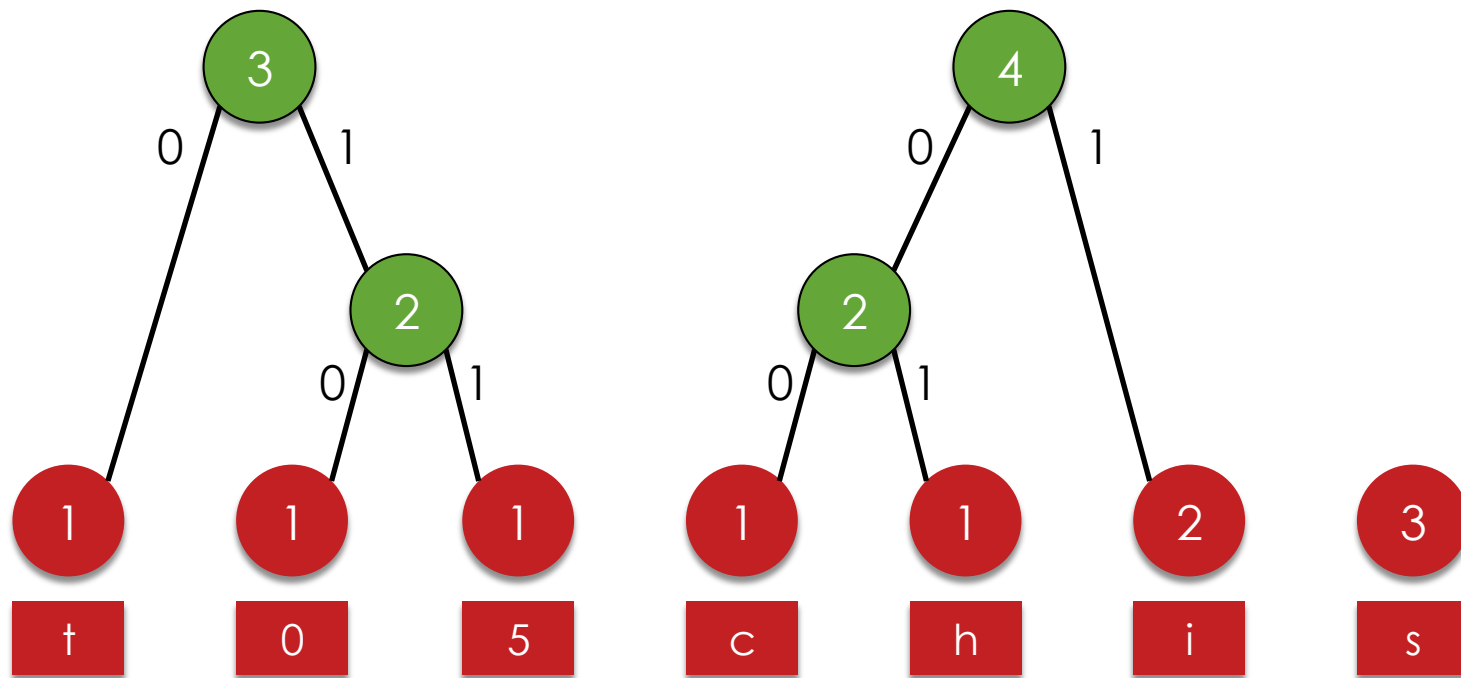
char	frequency
T	1
h	1
i	2
s	3
c	1
5	1
0	1



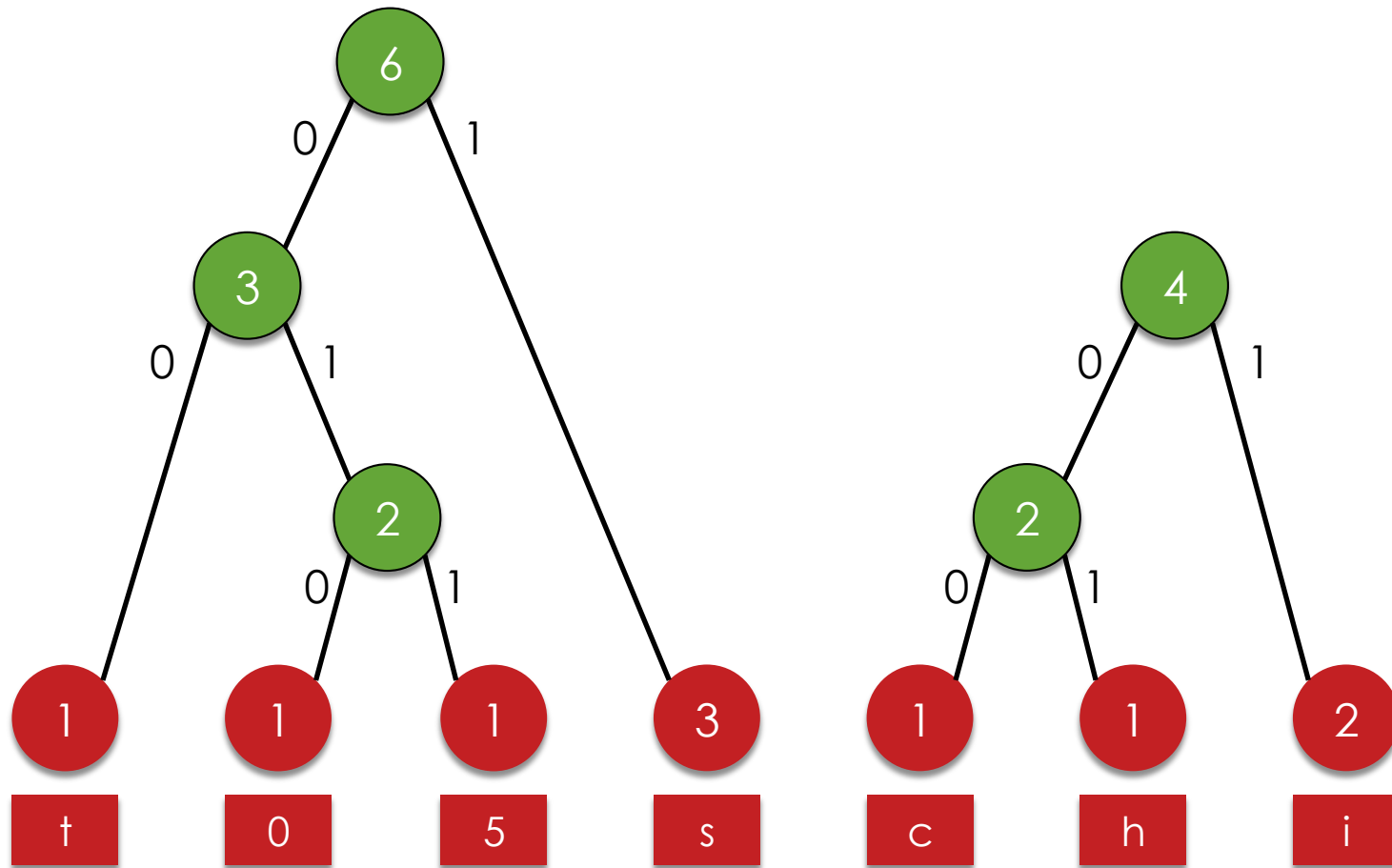
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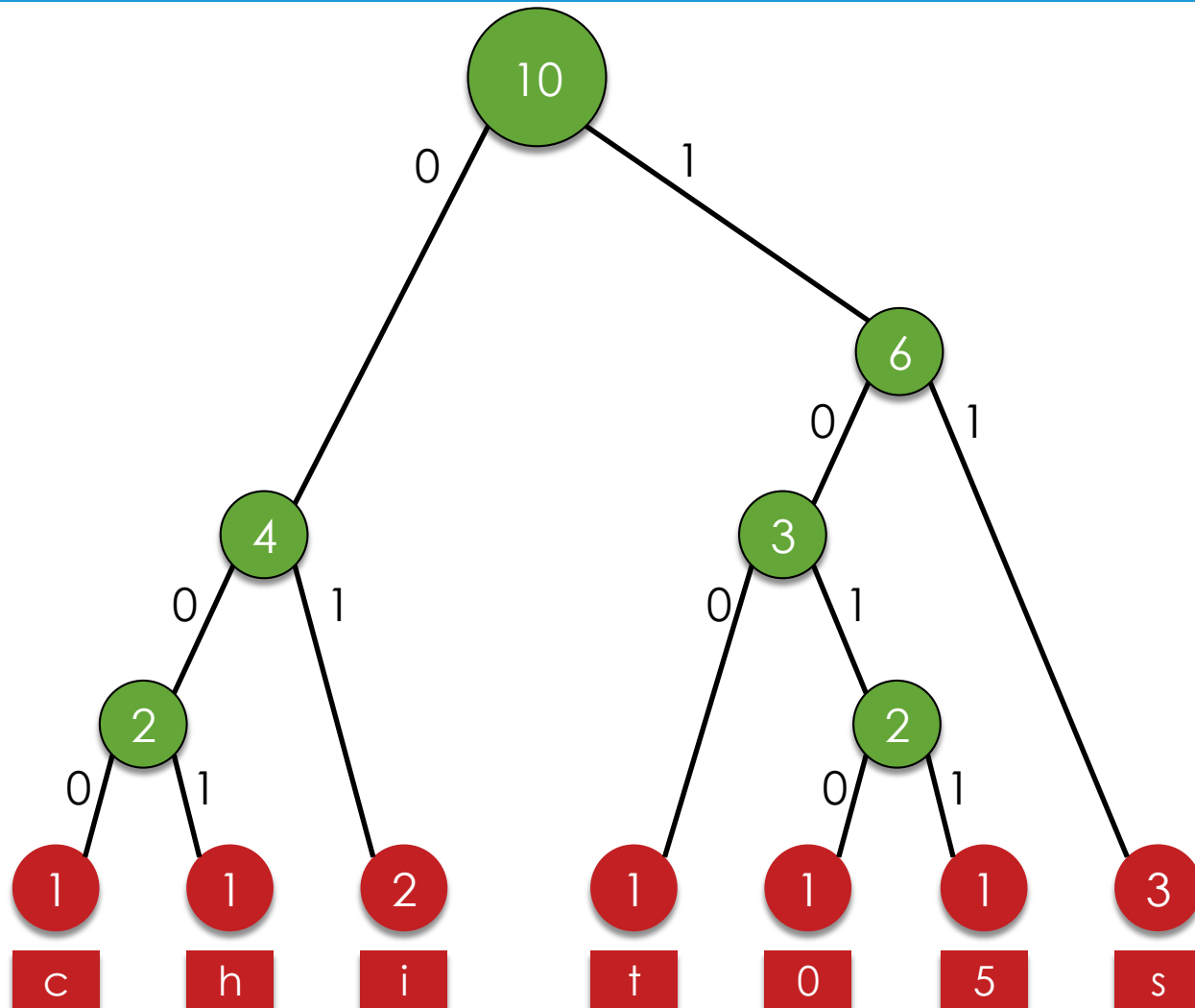
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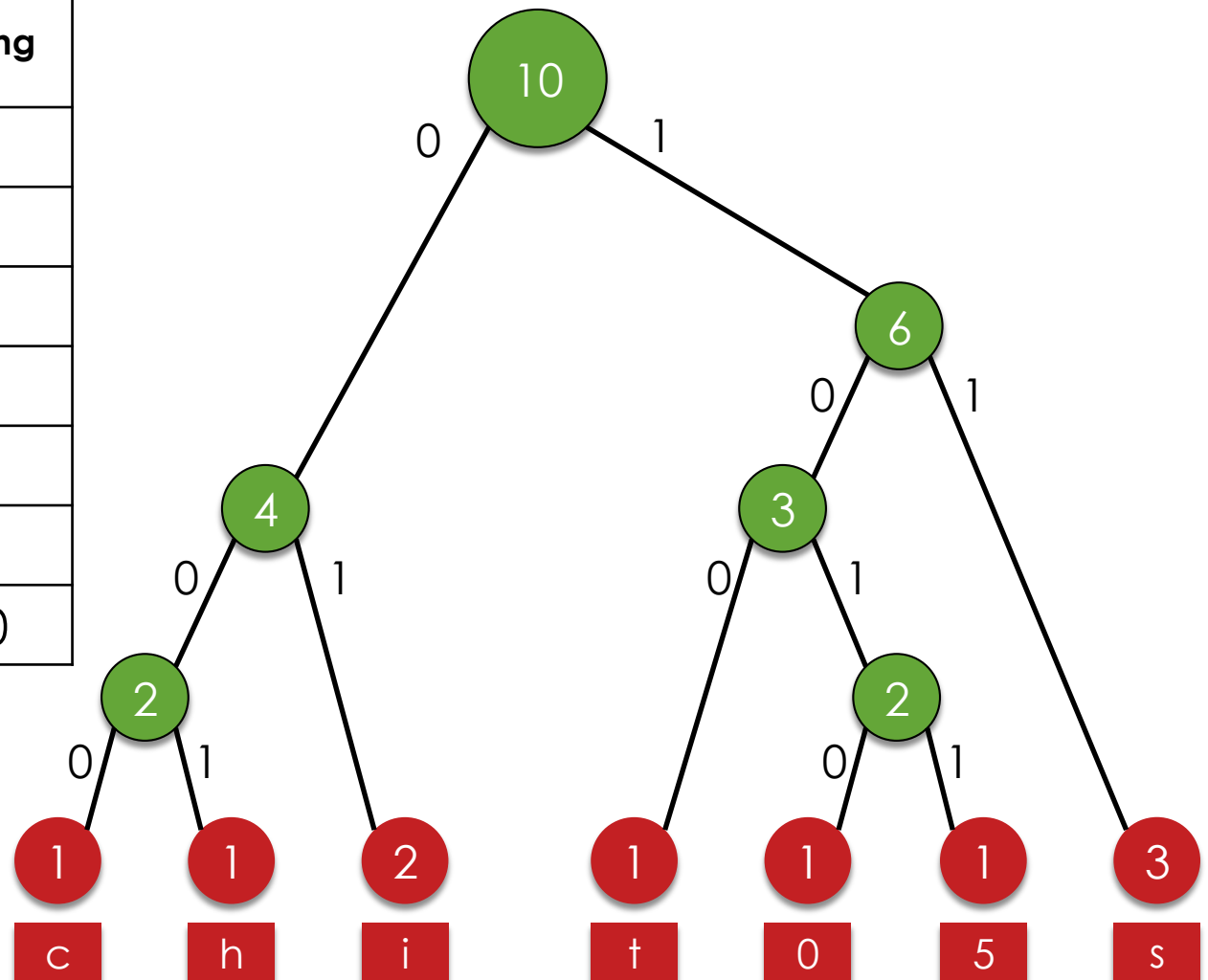


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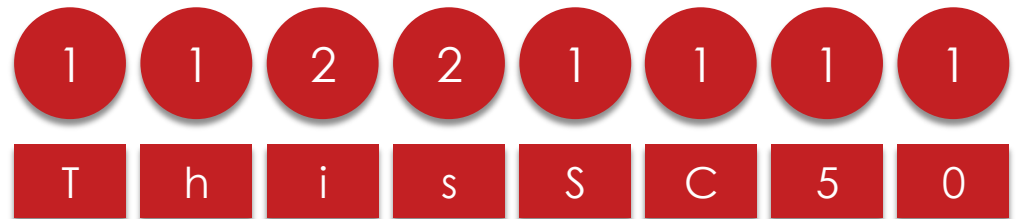
char	freq	encoding
t	1	100
h	1	001
i	2	01
s	3	11
c	1	000
5	1	1011
0	1	1010



“This is CS50”

char	frequency
T	1
h	1
i	2
s	2
S	1
C	1
5	1
0	1

CasE SeNsitiViTy!



Huff'n Puff

0. A Section of Questions

1. Huff'n Puff



<https://762f6585f5-custmedia.vresp.com/4ccee98eda/Wolf%20Puppy.jpg>

Huff'n Puff



Huff

text



0s and 1s, frequency counts

Puff

0s and 1s



text

Distribution Code

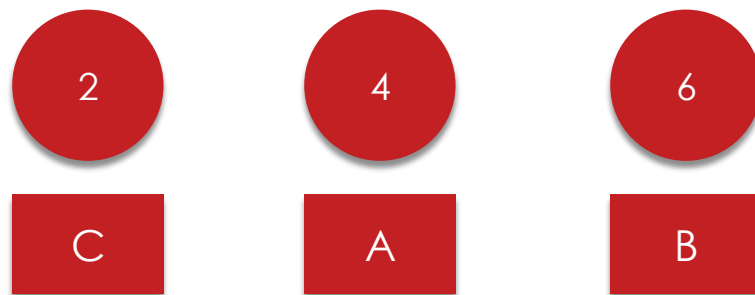
- `hufffile.h, hufffile.c`
- `tree.h, tree.c`
- `forest.h, forest.c`
- `dump.c`
- `Makefile`

Huffman nodes

```
typedef struct tree
{
    char symbol;
    int frequency;
    struct tree* left;
    struct tree* right;
}
Tree;
```

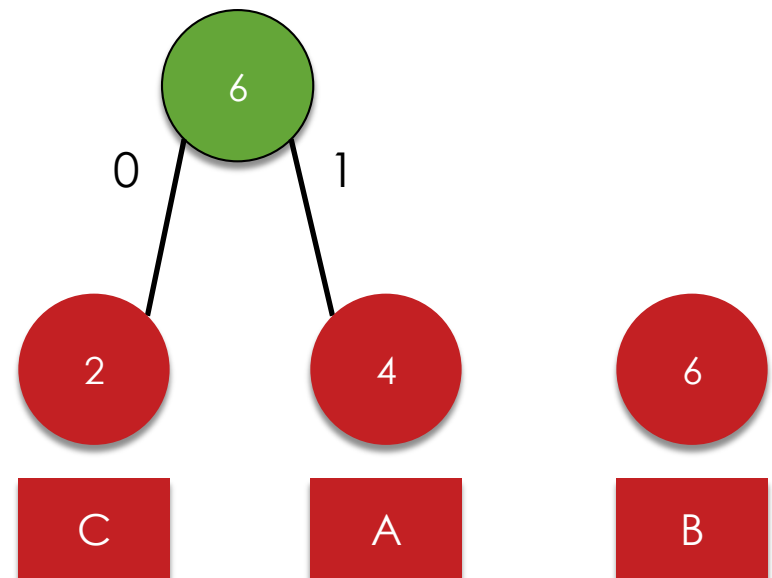
Forest

- A linked list of Trees
- Ultimately, we want our Forest to contain just 1 Tree



← Forest with 3 trees

Forest with 2 trees →



TODO

- Ensure proper usage
- Ensure input is huffed
- Build Huffman's tree
- Write message to file
- Free memory

Usage

- `./puff input output`
- `input`: name of file to puff
- `output`: name of file for puffed output

TODO

- ☑ Ensure proper usage
- ☐ Ensure input is huffed
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Ensure input is huffed

- Huffheader
 - ▣ hufffile.h
 - ▣ dump.c

TODO

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forest.h

- `bool plant(Forest* f, Tree* t)`
 - ▣ Plants a (non-0 frequency) tree in the forest
- `Tree* pick(Forest* f)`
 - ▣ removes a tree with lowest weight from forest

Build Huffman's tree

- Read in symbols/frequencies in order
- Ignore 0 frequencies
- Plant trees in forest
- Join trees as siblings
- End result: a single Tree in the Forest

TODO

- ☑ Ensure proper usage
- ☑ Ensure input is huffed
- ☑ Build Huffman's tree
 - ▣ Error handling
- ☐ Write message to file
- ☐ Free memory

Error handling

- Check for errors wherever there's chance of failure
- Using `bool` functions in your condition

```
if (foo(x))
```

- has to evaluate `foo` in order to evaluate condition!

TODO

- ☑ Ensure proper usage
- ☑ Ensure input is huffed
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 - ☑ Error handling
- ☐ Write message to file
- ☐ Free memory

Write message to file

- Use `dump.c` as basis (if you haven't been already!)

```
int bit;
while ((bit = bread(input)) != EOF)
{
    ...
}
```


Write message to file

- `bit == 0` → go left
- `bit == 1` → go right
- If you're at a leaf, print the symbol
 - ▣ How do you know you're at a leaf?

Free memory

- hfclose
- rmtree
- rmforest
- Careful! Not just at the very end of the main!
 - ▣ Can your code ever return prematurely?
 - ▣ (Yes.)

Tools: valgrind, diff, ls, gdb

- valgrind

- ▣ valgrind ./puff hth.bin puffed.txt
- ▣ valgrind -v --leak-check=full ./puff hth.bin puffed.txt

- diff

- ▣ ~cs50/pset6/huff hth.txt hth.bin
- ▣ ./puff hth.bin puffed.txt
- ▣ diff hth.txt puffed.txt

- ls -l

- gdb

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