# 8. Data compression - nonparametric methods 

Coding Technology

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Then the numbers are increased as we read the text. For example, if the first letter of the text is D , we add 1 the corresponding leaf (and modify the internal nodes accordingly):


And so on for further characters.

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Example. For the tree

the sequence is $1,1,1,2,2,3,5$, which is non-decreasing, so this is a valid Huffman tree.

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(Step 1 has to be carried out identically during compression and decompression. Step 4 too.)

## Problem 1

Determine the missing values. Does the graph represent a valid Huffman tree?


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Starting from the bottom left, going left to right first, then up one level and repeat, the sequence $1,2,2,2,2,3,3,4,5,6,6,7,11$, $13,15,18,28,46$ is non-decreasing, so this is a valid Huffman-tree.

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## LZ77 algorithm

Main idea: looking ahead, we search for sections of text that were seen recently.

| search buffer | look-up buffer |
| :---: | :---: |
| text | text |
| length $h_{s}$ <br> search buffer | length $h_{l}$ <br> look-up buffer |
| text | text |


| $\swarrow$ |
| :---: |
| match text with the content |
| of the search buffer |

Output: $(p, l, n)$, where:

- $p$ : starting position of the matching section in the search buffer (backwards from the cursor position)
- I: length of the matching section
- $n$ : code of the next symbol

Total size of output: $\left\lceil\log _{2} h_{s}\right\rceil+\left\lceil\log _{2} h_{l}\right\rceil+\left\lceil\log _{2} \chi\right\rceil$ bits.

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SO

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\left\lceil\log _{2} h_{s}\right\rceil+\left\lceil\log _{2} h_{l}\right\rceil+\left\lceil\log _{2} \chi\right\rceil=5+4+5 \text { bits. }
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output: $(10,5, f(b))$

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Main idea: we are parsing the text into sections that are 1 character longer than a section seen before. The output (coding for the new section) is ( $i, c$ ), where

- $i$ is the address of the old section (1 character shorter than the current section),
- $c$ is the new character (novelty factor).

The address of the current section is incremented by 1 for each new section.

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6. "bbab" is a new section; the address of the old section "bba" is 5 , and the new character is " $b$ ", so the output is $(5, b)$.

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Parsing:

| section | 0 | 1 | 00 | 01 | 010 | 0101 | 000 | 11 | 01011 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| address | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| bin. addr. | 0001 | 0010 | 0011 | 0100 | 0101 | 0110 | 0111 | 1000 | 1001 |

The compressed sequence is
$(0000,0)(0000,1)(0001,0)(0001,1)(0100,0)(1001,1)(0011,0)$ (00010,1) (0110,1)

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Step 1. Decomposing to addresses and novelty factors:

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(000,1)(000,0)(001,0)(011,0)(100,1)(101,0)(110,1)
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Step 2. Reconstructing the original text:

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1010100100110010100101
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