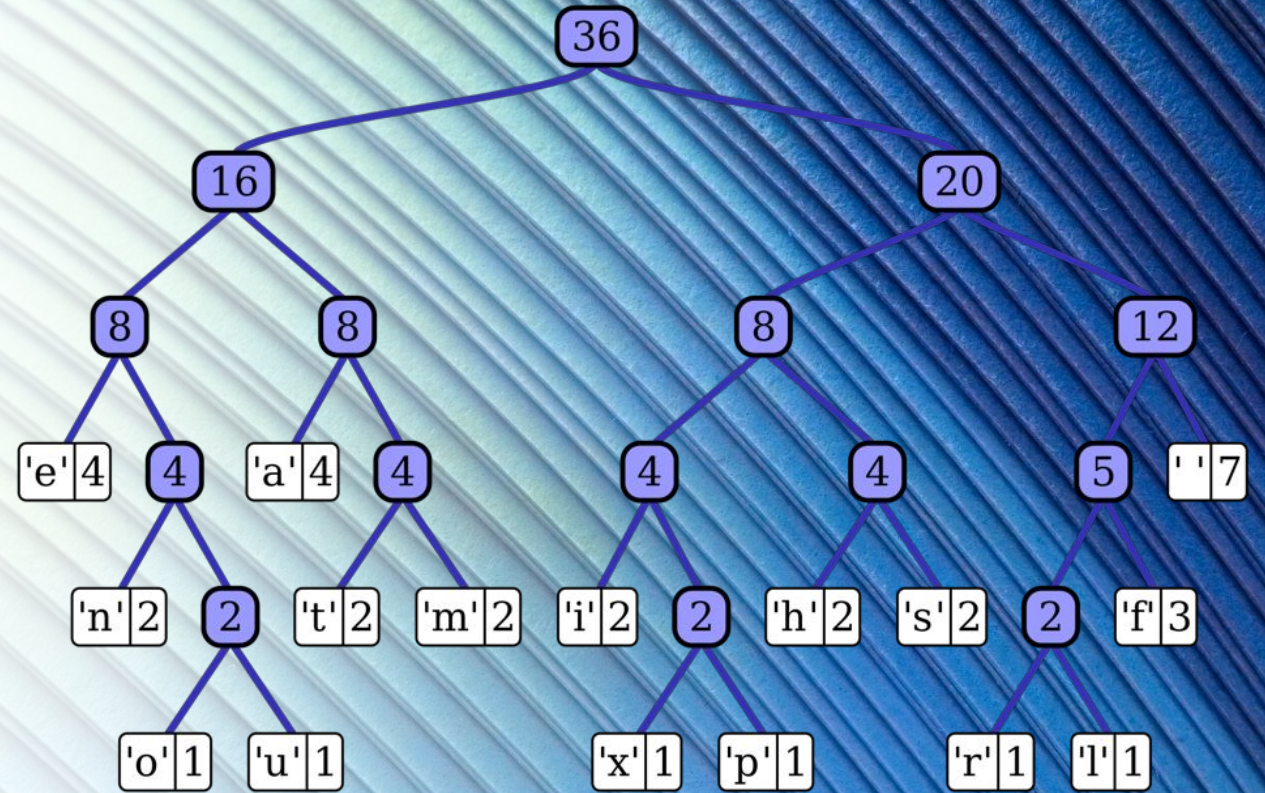


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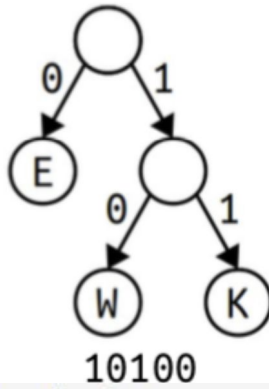
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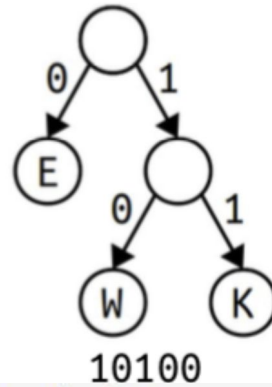
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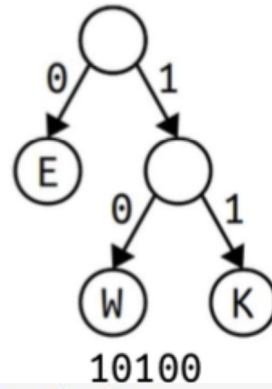


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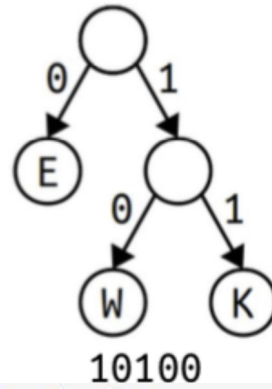


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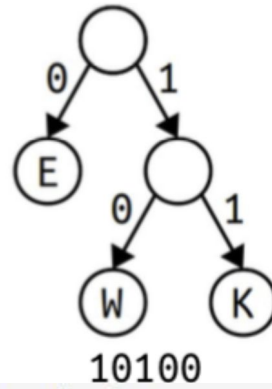


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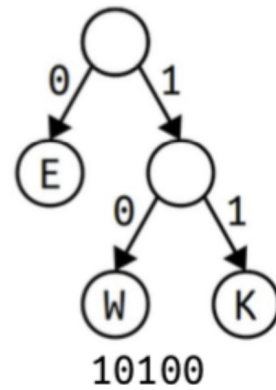
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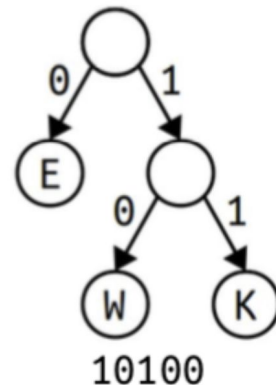
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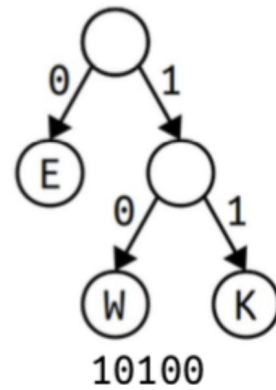
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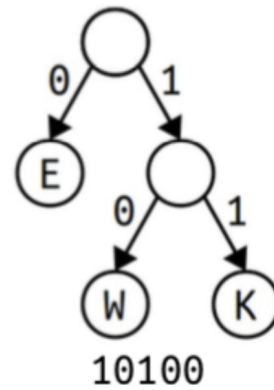
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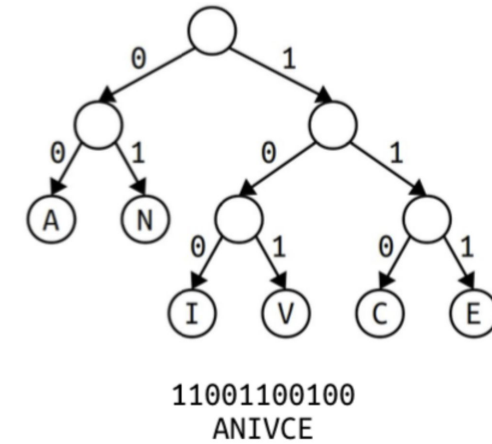
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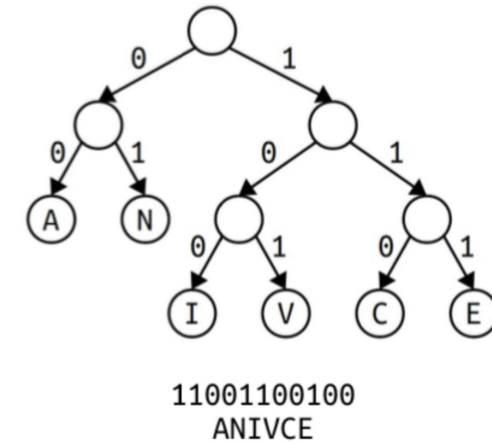
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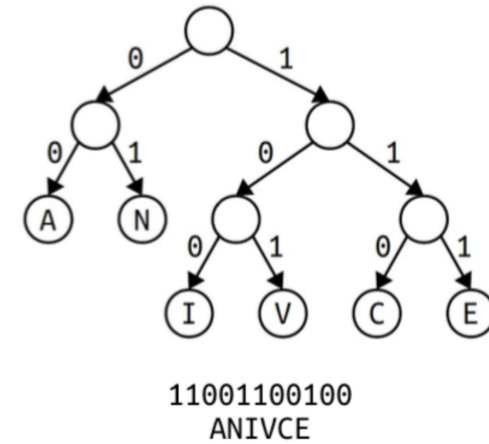
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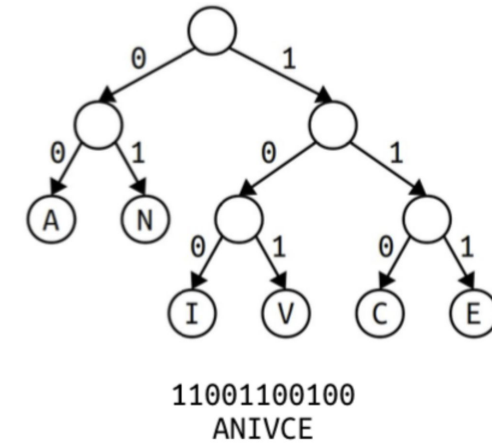
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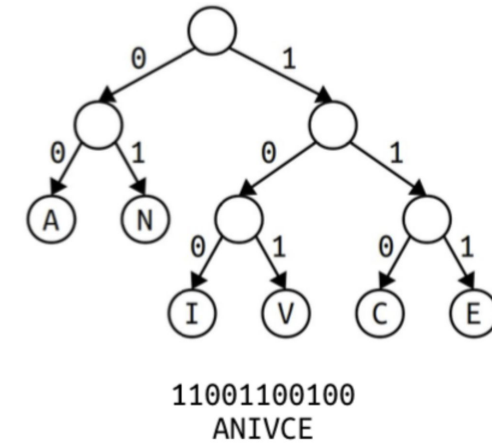
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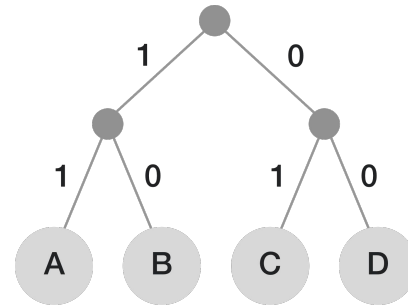
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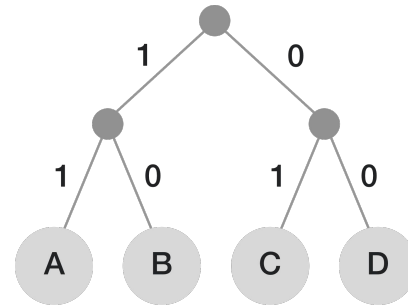
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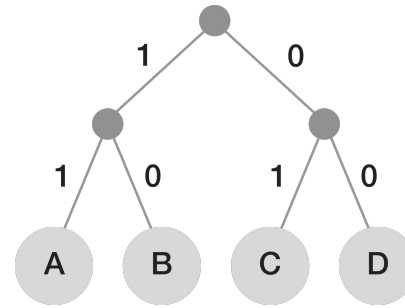
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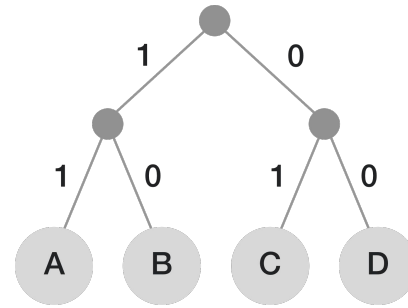
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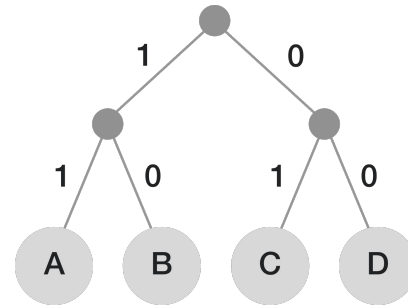
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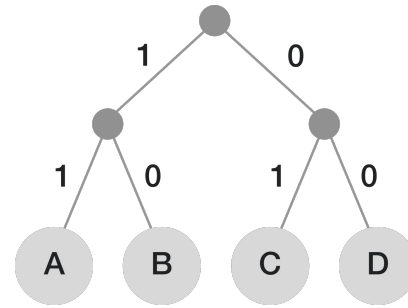
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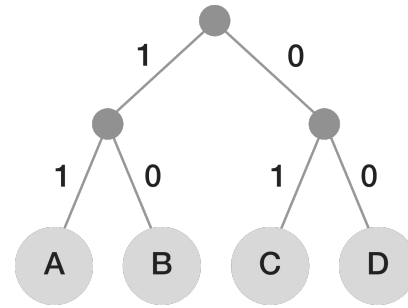
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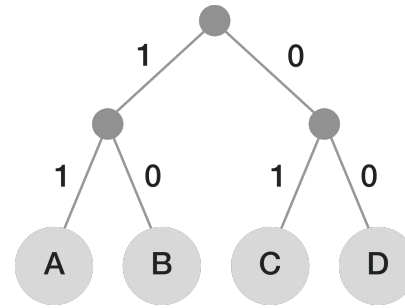
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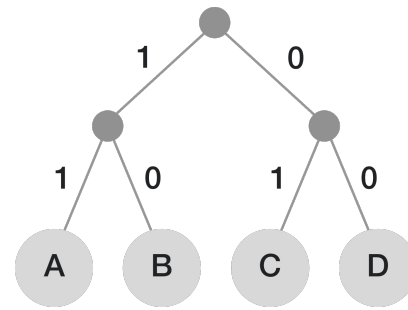
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Winrar is a popular file compression/decompression service for windows users (hence .rar files). It's famous for ~~nobody paying for it~~ being an excellent data compression service.



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Congratulations!



- You did it! You're now ready to tackle the final CS106B assignment!
- Think about where you were at the start of the quarter – are you surprised at how much you've learned?