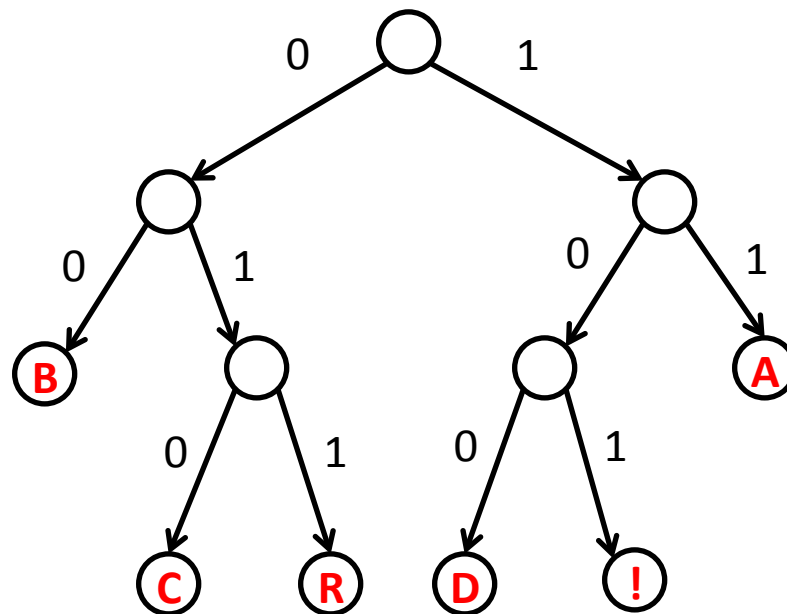
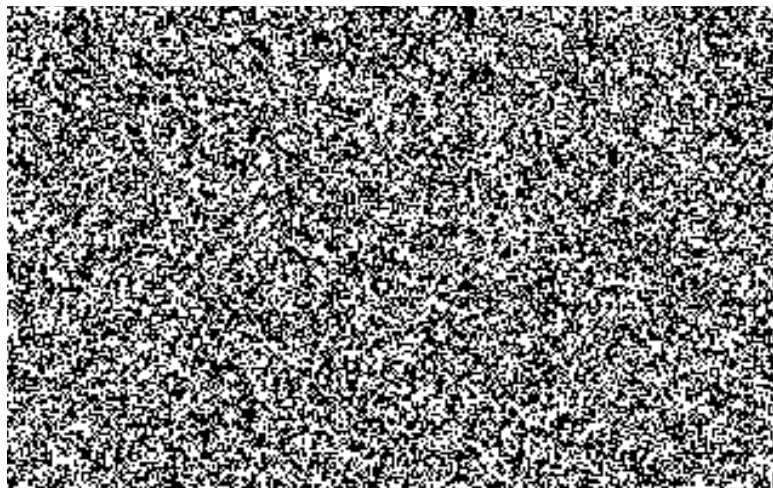
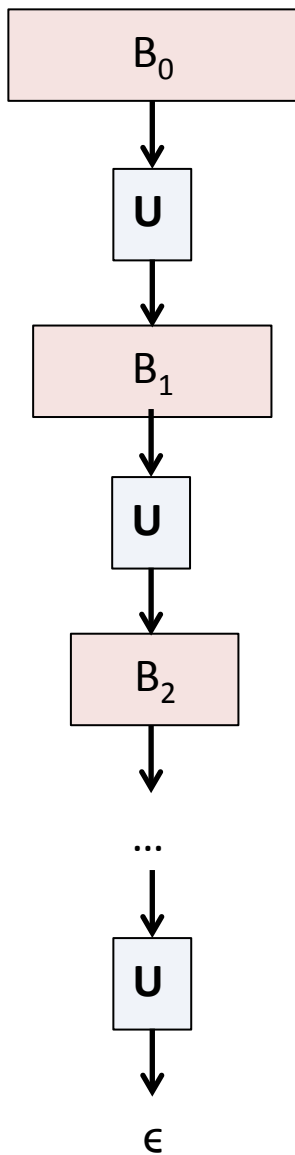


Lossless compression



Overview

- **Lossless compression**
 - Motivation
 - Rules and limits of the game
 - Things to exploit
- **Run-length encoding (RLE)**
 - Exploit runs of the same character
- **Huffman coding**
 - Variable-length codeword for each pattern (character)
 - Transmit codewords plus compressed data



Section 5.5

Motivation

- Lossless compression
 - Reduce size of a file
 - Save space while storing it
 - Data always expands to fill available drive space
 - Save space while transmitting it
 - Bandwidth growing rapidly, but so are files!
 - HD video:
 - $(1920 * 1080) \text{ pixels/frame} * 30 \text{ frames/sec} * 24 \text{ bits/pixel} = 1.5\text{Gbps!}$
 - Lossless = get back exactly what you put in (e.g. zip)
- Lossy compression (stay tuned)
 - Information is lost (e.g. JPEG)



What is big data?

Every day, we create 2.5 quintillion bytes of data — so much that 90% of the data in the world today has been created in the last two years alone. This data comes from everywhere: sensors used to gather climate information, posts to social media sites, digital pictures and videos, purchase transaction records, and cell phone GPS signals to name a few. This data is **big data**.



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Name	Value
Million	10^6
Billion	10^9
Trillion	10^{12}
Quadrillion	10^{15}
Quintillion	10^{18}

Big data spans three dimensions: Volume, Velocity and Variety.

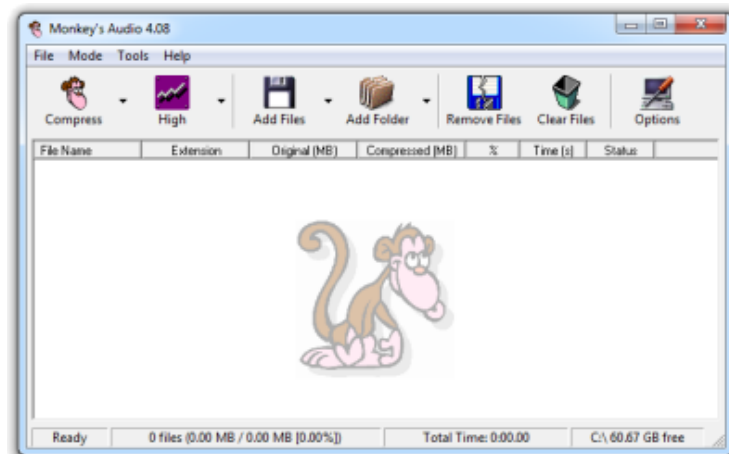
Volume: Enterprises are awash with ever-growing data of all types, easily amassing terabytes—even petabytes—of information.

- Turn 12 terabytes of Tweets created daily into improved product sentiment analysis
- Convert 350 billion meter readings per annum to better predict power consumption

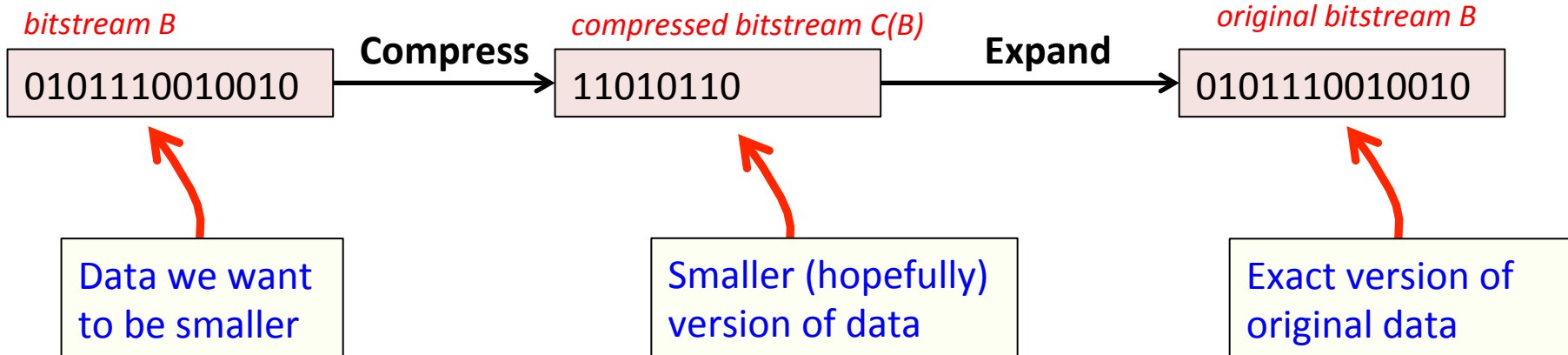
<http://www-01.ibm.com/software/data/bigdata/>

Lossless compression: applications

- **Generic file compression**
 - zip, gzip, bzip2, 7z, compress
 - NTFS, HFS+, ZFS
- **Image files**
 - GIF, PNG, TIFF
- **Audio files**
 - Free Lossless Audio Codec (FLAC)
 - Apple Lossless Audio Codec (ALAC)
- **Data transmission**
 - HTTP, PPP, SSH, fax machines, v.92 modems



Compression and expansion



Compression ratio:

bits in C(B) / bits in B

Example:

17 ASCII characters, 7 bits each = 119 bits

Output 12 codewords, 8 bits/codeword = 96 bits

Compression ratio = 81%

[54] METHOD FOR DATA COMPRESSION

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"A second aspect of the present invention which further enhances its ability to achieve high compression percentages, is its ability to be **applied to data recursively**. Specifically, the methods of the present invention are able to make multiple passes over a file, **each time further compressing the file**. Thus, a series of recursions are **repeated until the desired compression level is achieved**."

H03M 7/30; H03M 7/34

"the direct bit encode method of the present invention is effective for **reducing an input string by one bit regardless of the bit pattern** of the input string."

341/87, 31, 348/413, 409, 390, 384, 382/244,
364/715.02; 380/42, 49

Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Dykema Gossett

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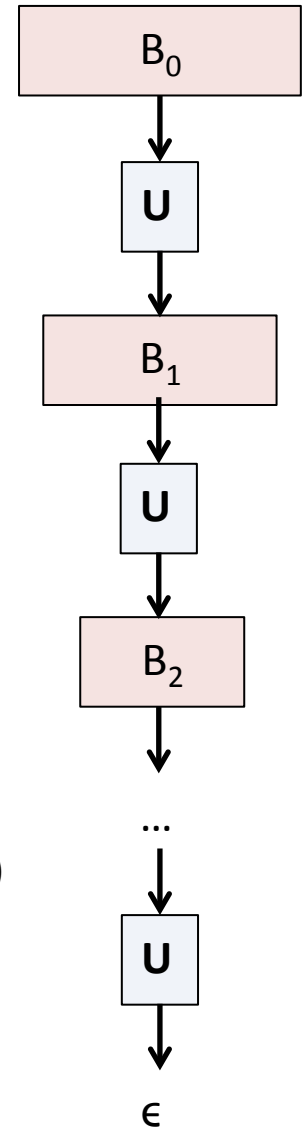
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[57] ABSTRACT

Methods for compressing data including methods for compressing highly randomized data are disclosed. Nibble encode, distribution encode, and direct bit encode methods are disclosed for compressing data which is not highly randomized. A randomized data compression routine is also disclosed and is very effective for compressing data which is highly randomized. All of the compression methods disclosed operate on a bit level and accordingly are insensitive to the nature or origination of the data sought to be compressed. Accordingly, the methods of the present invention are universally applicable to any form of data regardless of its source of origination.

Universal data compression?

- Reality: no algorithm can compress every bitstream
- Proof 1 (by contradiction)
 - Suppose you have a universal compressor U
 - Given bitstream B_0 , use U to compress to smaller B_1
 - Compress B_1 to get smaller B_2
 - Continue until bitstring is of size 0
 - Thus all bit strings can be compressed to 0 bits!
- Proof 2 (counting)
 - Suppose you can compress all 1000-bitstrings
 - 2^{1000} possible bit strings with 1000 bits
 - How many possible shorter encodings, ≤ 999 bits?
 - (# of 1 bit numbers) + (# of 2 bit numbers) + ... + (# of 999 bit numbers)
 - $1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^{999} = 2^{1000} - 1$
 - Thus fewer than the 2^{1000} we need for unique mapping



1024 x 768 = 786,432 bits

Saved as a PNG compressed image then compressed PNG using:

- Some standard compression utilities
- My top-secret method!

```
04/21/2012 07:49 PM 150,606 randombits.bz2
04/21/2012 07:47 PM 149,924 randombits.zip
04/21/2012 07:48 PM 149,693 randombits.gz
04/21/2012 07:45 PM 149,635 randombits.png
04/21/2012 07:45 PM 232 randombits.kdv
```

232 * 8 / 786,432
0.24% of original!

```
public class RandomBits
{
    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        int x = 1111;
        for (int i = 0; i < 786432; i++)
        {
            x = x * 314159 + 218291;
            BinaryStdOut.write(x > 0);
        }
        BinaryStdOut.close();
    }
}
```

Another set of $1024 \times 768 = 786,432$ bits

What is the optimal compressor for this image?

Undecidable!

In fact this image is completely random.

```
java PictureDump 1024 768 < 2012-04-22.bin
```

```
04/21/2012 07:59 PM 1,048,576 2012-04-22.bin
04/22/2012 10:19 AM 1,053,488 2012-04-22.bz2
04/22/2012 10:19 AM 1,048,769 2012-04-22.gz
04/22/2012 10:19 AM 1,049,000 2012-04-22.zip
```

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What's this fuss about *true* randomness?

Perhaps you have wondered how predictable machines like computers can generate randomness. In reality, most random numbers used in computer programs are *pseudo-random*, which means they are generated in a predictable fashion using a mathematical formula. This is fine for many purposes, but it may not be random in the way you expect if you're used to dice rolls and lottery drawings.

RANDOM.ORG offers *true* random numbers to anyone on the Internet. The randomness comes from atmospheric noise, which for many purposes is better than the pseudo-random number algorithms typically used in computer programs. People use RANDOM.ORG for holding drawings, lotteries and sweepstakes, to drive games and gambling sites, for scientific applications and for art and music. The service has existed since 1998 and was built and is being operated by [Mads Haahr](#) of the [School of Computer Science and Statistics](#) at Trinity College, Dublin in Ireland.

As of today, RANDOM.ORG has generated [1,108 billion random bits](#) for the Internet community.

True Random Number Generator

Min:

Max:

Generate

Result:

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Redundancy in English

- How much redundancy is in English?

Yet according to a study at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be at the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

- A lot!
 - Shannon estimates: 0.6 - 1.3 bits per letter

Prediction and Entropy of Printed English

By C. E. SHANNON

(Manuscript Received Sept. 15, 1950)

A new method of estimating the entropy and redundancy of a language is described. This method exploits the knowledge of the language statistics possessed by those who speak the language, and depends on experimental results in prediction of the next letter when the preceding text is known. Results of experiments in prediction are given, and some properties of an ideal predictor are developed.

Approaches to compression

- Exploit one or more of:
 - 1) Small alphabets
 - 2) Long sequences of identical bits
 - 3) Frequently used characters
 - 4) Long reused bit sequences (next time)
- We'll look at an example of each
 - Including a Java implementation
 - Using support classes for:
 - Binary file input/output
 - Data structures

```
0000000 0000 0001 0001 1010 0010 0001 0004 0128
0000010 0000 0016 0000 0028 0000 0010 0000 0020
0000020 0000 0001 0004 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
0000030 0000 0000 0000 0010 0000 0000 0000 0204
0000040 0004 8384 0084 c7c8 00c8 4748 0048 e8e9
0000050 00e9 6a69 0069 a8a9 00a9 2828 0028 fdfc
0000060 00fc 1819 0019 9898 0098 d9d8 00d8 5857
0000070 0057 7b7a 007a bab9 00b9 3a3c 003c 8888
0000080 8888 8888 8888 8888 288e be88 8888 8888
0000090 3b83 5788 8888 8888 7667 778e 8828 8888
00000a0 d61f 7abd 8818 8888 467c 585f 8814 8188
00000b0 8b06 e8f7 88aa 8388 8b3b 88f3 88bd e988
00000c0 8a18 880c e841 c988 b328 6871 688e 958b
00000d0 a948 5862 5884 7e81 3788 1ab4 5a84 3eec
00000e0 3d86 dc88 5cbb 8888 8888 8888 8888 8888
00000f0 8888 8888 8888 8888 8888 8888 8888 0000
0000100 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
*
0000130 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
000013e
```

Reading and writing binary data

```
public class BinaryStdIn
```

```
-----  
boolean readBoolean() // Read 1 bit of data, return as a boolean value  
  char readChar() // Read 8 bits of data, return as a char value  
  char readChar(int r) // Read r bits of data, return as a char value  
                        // Read r bits for byte, short, int, long, double  
boolean isEmpty() // Is the bitstream empty?  
void close() // Close the bitstream
```

```
public class BinaryStdOut
```

```
-----  
void write(boolean b) // Write the specified bit  
void writeChar(char c) // Write the specified 8-bit char  
void write(char c, int r) // Write r least significant bits of char c  
                          // Write r LSB of byte, short, int, long, double  
void close() // Close the bitstream
```

Visualizing a bitstream

- How to view a bitstream?

```
% more abra.txt  
ABRACADABRA!
```

Bitstream as characters

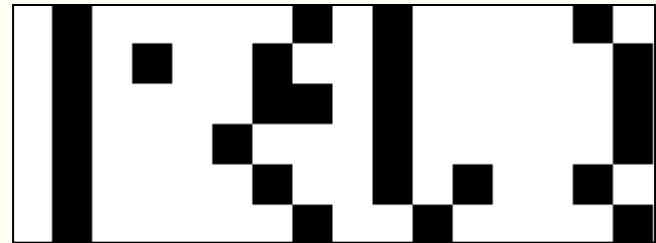
```
% java BinaryDump 16 < abra.txt  
0100000101000010  
0101001001000001  
0100001101000001  
0100010001000001  
0100001001010010  
0100000100100001  
0000110100001010  
112 bits
```

Bitstream represented by 0 and 1's

```
% java HexDump 4 < abra.txt  
41 42 52 41  
43 41 44 41  
42 52 41 21  
0d 0a  
112 bits
```

Bitstream represented by 2-digit hex numbers

```
% java PictureDump 16 6 < abra.txt
```



Bitstream as pixels in a picture

Method 1: small alphabets

```
public class OutputDate
{
    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        int month = 12;
        int day = 31;
        int year = 1999;
        int mode = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        if (mode == 0)
            System.out.print(month+"/"+day+"/"+year);
        else if (mode == 1)
        {
            BinaryStdOut.write(month);
            BinaryStdOut.write(day);
            BinaryStdOut.write(year);
            BinaryStdOut.close();
        }
        else
        {
            BinaryStdOut.write(month, 4);
            BinaryStdOut.write(day, 5);
            BinaryStdOut.write(year, 12);
            BinaryStdOut.close();
        }
    }
}
```

```
% java OutputDate 0
| java BinaryDump 8
```

```
1 00110001
2 00110010
/ 00101111
3 00110011
1 00110001
/ 00101111
1 00110001
9 00111001
9 00111001
9 00111001
80 bits
```

Mode 0: ASCII text
Mode 1: output 32-bit ints
Mode 2: output variable bit fields

Method 1: small alphabets

```
public class OutputDate
{
    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        int month = 12;
        int day = 31;
        int year = 1999;
        int mode = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        if (mode == 0)
            System.out.print(month+"/"+day+"/"+year);
        else if (mode == 1)
        {
            BinaryStdOut.write(month);
            BinaryStdOut.write(day);
            BinaryStdOut.write(year);
            BinaryStdOut.close();
        }
        else
        {
            BinaryStdOut.write(month, 4);
            BinaryStdOut.write(day, 5);
            BinaryStdOut.write(year, 12);
            BinaryStdOut.close();
        }
    }
}
```

% java OutputDate 1 | java BinaryDump 32

```
00000000000000000000000000000000000000001100 12
00000000000000000000000000000000000000001111 31
000000000000000000000000000000000000000011111001111 1999
96 bits
```

Mode 0: ASCII text
Mode 1: output 32-bit ints
Mode 2: output variable bit fields

Method 1: small alphabets

```
public class OutputDate
{
    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        int month = 12;
        int day = 31;
        int year = 1999;
        int mode = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        if (mode == 0)
            System.out.print(month+"/"+day+"/"+year);
        else if (mode == 1)
        {
            BinaryStdOut.write(month);
            BinaryStdOut.write(day);
            BinaryStdOut.write(year);
            BinaryStdOut.close();
        }
        else
        {
            BinaryStdOut.write(month, 4);
            BinaryStdOut.write(day, 5);
            BinaryStdOut.write(year, 12);
            BinaryStdOut.close();
        }
    }
}
```

Compressing by using a small alphabet:
e.g. use 2-bit code for nucleotides {A, C, T, G}

```
% java OutputDate 2 | java BinaryDump 32
12 31 1999
110011111011111001111000
24 bits
```

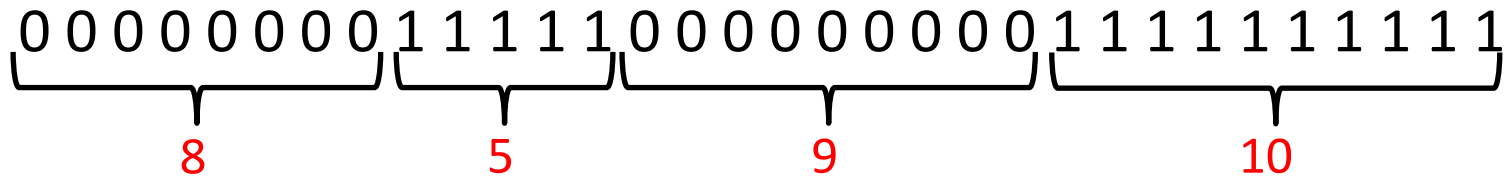
Padding since we must end on a byte boundary.

Mode 0: ASCII text
Mode 1: output 32-bit ints
Mode 2: output variable bit fields

Method 2: long sequences

- Run Length Encoding (RLE)

- Exploits simple form of redundancy
- Long runs of the same bit value



- Store the count using 8-bits (0-255)
- Alternates between 0 and 1
- If >255, put in run of length 0 of other bit then continue

```

public class RunLength
{
    private static final int R    = 256;           // Maximum run-length count
    private static final int lgR = 8;           // Number of bits per count

    public static void compress()
    {
        char run = 0;
        boolean old = false;                     // Start out with 0-bit
        while (!BinaryStdIn.isEmpty())
        {
            boolean b = BinaryStdIn.readBoolean();
            if (b != old)                         // Did the bit value change?
            {
                BinaryStdOut.write(run, lgR);    // Write out the count for completed run
                run = 1;
                old = !old;
            }
            else
            {
                if (run == R-1)                  // We have reached 255, time to output
                {
                    BinaryStdOut.write(run, lgR); // Write run of 255
                    run = 0;
                    BinaryStdOut.write(run, lgR); // Write a run of 0 of the other bit
                }
                run++;
            }
        }
        BinaryStdOut.write(run, lgR);
        BinaryStdOut.close();
    }
}

```

```

public static void expand()
{
    boolean b = false;
    while (!BinaryStdIn.isEmpty())
    {
        int run = BinaryStdIn.readInt(lgR); // Read 8-bit count from stdin
        for (int i = 0; i < run; i++)
            BinaryStdOut.write(b);          // Write 1-bit to stdout
        b = !b;
    }
    BinaryStdOut.close();                  // Pads 0s to get to byte boundary
}

public static void main(String[] args)
{
    if (args[0].equals("-")) compress();
    else if (args[0].equals("+")) expand();
    else throw new RuntimeException("Illegal command line argument");
}
}

```

```
% java BinaryDump 32 < q32x48.bin
00000000000000000000000000000000
00000000000000000000000000000000
000000000000001111111000000000
000000000000111111111111100000
00000000111100000000001111100000
000000111000000000001111100000
000000111000000000001111100000
000000111000000000001111100000
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000000111000000000001111100000
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000000000000000000001111100000
000000000000000000001111100000
000000000000000000001111100000
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000000000000000000001111100000
000000000000000000001111100000
000000000000000000001111100000
000000000000000000001111110000
000000000000000000001111111110
0000000000000000000011111111110
000000000000000000000000000000
000000000000000000000000000000
1536 bits
```

```
bit-0 run = 79 (01001111)
bit-1 run = 7 (00000111)
bit-0 run = 22 (00010110)
bit-1 run = 15 (00001111)
...
```

```
% java RunLength - < q32x48.bin | java BinaryDump 8
01001111
00000111
00010110
00001111
00001111
00000100
00000100
00001001
00001101
00000100
...
1144 bits
```

```
Compression ratio
1144 / 1536 = 74%
```

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ ABABABABABABABBABABBBABABABBA
BBABABABABBBB BABABABABABA
BABABABAABAB BABBBABABAB
ABABAAABABAB ABABABBBABA
BABABABABABA 26 < 2⁵ = 32 BABABABAAA
BABABABABABA 5 bits/character * 990 characters = 4950 bits BABABABABAB

Exploiting small alphabet

55 columns x 18 rows = 990 characters

26 possible letters, A-Z

26 < 2⁵ = 32

5 bits/character * 990 characters = 4950 bits

ABAAABABABABABABABABABABABABABABABABABBABABBBABABAB
ABABABABBBABABAAAAAABAAAAAABAABABABAAAAAABABBABABAB

BABAE BBAB
ABABA BABB
ABABA AABA
BABBA ABAB

Huffman coding

Key idea: Use shorter codewords for common characters

Different number of bits used to encode different characters

ABABABABABABBABABBBABABABABABABABBABBBABBAAAAAAABBAAAB
ABABABABABABABABABABABABABABABBABABABBABABBAABAABABA
ABABABABABAABABBABABABABABABAABABABABABABABABABBABA
ABABBBBABABABBABBABABBBABABAAAABBAABBABABBABABABABB
ABBABBBBABAABABBABABABABAABBBABABABABAABABABABABBABA
ABAABABABABABABAAABABABABABABBABABAAABABAAAABBABBA

Method 3: frequency of characters

- Variable-length prefix-free codes
 - Mapping from characters to bit strings (codewords)
 - Choose codewords so none is prefix of another



key	value
!	101
A	0
B	1111
C	110
D	100
R	1110

key	value
!	101
A	11
B	00
C	010
D	100
R	011

011111110011001000111111100101
A B RA CA DA B RA !

Scheme 1: **30 bits**

11000111101011100110001111101
A B R A C A D A B R A !

Scheme 2: **29 bits**

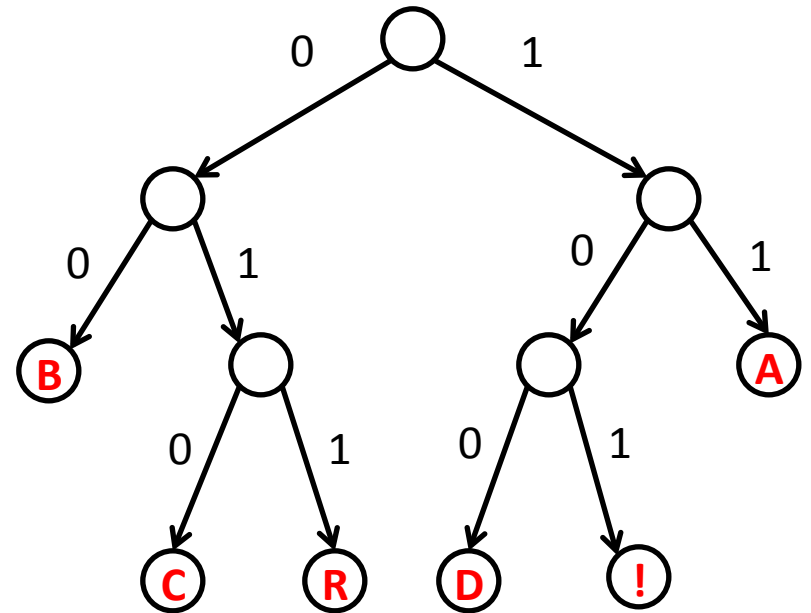
Trie representation

- Represent prefix-free code as a binary trie
 - Characters are the leaves
 - Codeword is path from root to leaf
 - 0 = left, 1 = right

key	value
!	101
A	11
B	00
C	010
D	100
R	011

11000111101011100110001111101
A B R A C A D A B R A !

29 bits



Using the trie

- Compression

- Start at leaf of target character
- Follow path to root, print bits in reversed order
- ...or create a symbol table

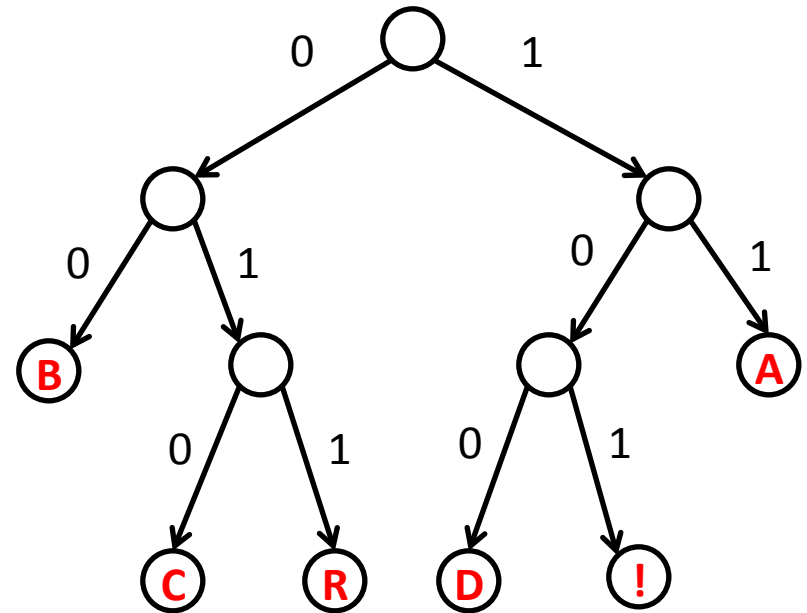
- Expansion

- Start at root
- Go left if bit = 0, go right if bit = 1
- If leaf node, output character and return to root

key	value
!	101
A	11
B	00
C	010
D	100
R	011

11000111101011100110001111101
A B R A C A D A B R A !

29 bits



```

private static class Node implements Comparable<Node>
{
    private final char ch;
    private final int freq;
    private final Node left, right;

    // Initialize a new Node
    Node(char ch, int freq, Node left, Node right)
    {
        this.ch = ch;
        this.freq = freq;
        this.left = left;
        this.right = right;
    }

    // Is this node a leaf?
    private boolean isLeaf()
    {
        return (left == null && right == null);
    }

    // Compare Nodes by frequency
    public int compareTo(Node that)
    {
        return this.freq - that.freq;
    }
}

```

Expansion

```
public static void expand()
{
    // Read in the encoding trie
    Node root = readTrie();

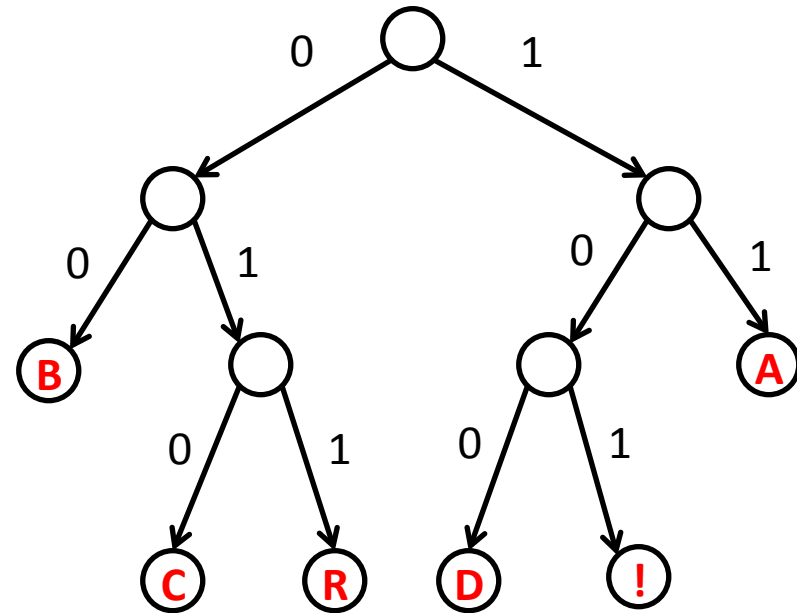
    // Number of bytes to write
    int length = BinaryStdIn.readInt();

    // Decode using the Huffman trie
    for (int i = 0; i < length; i++)
    {
        Node x = root;

        // Expand codeword for the ith character
        while (!x.isLeaf())
        {
            boolean bit = BinaryStdIn.readBoolean();
            if (bit)
                x = x.right;
            else
                x = x.left;
        }
        BinaryStdOut.write(x.ch);
    }
    BinaryStdOut.flush();
}
```

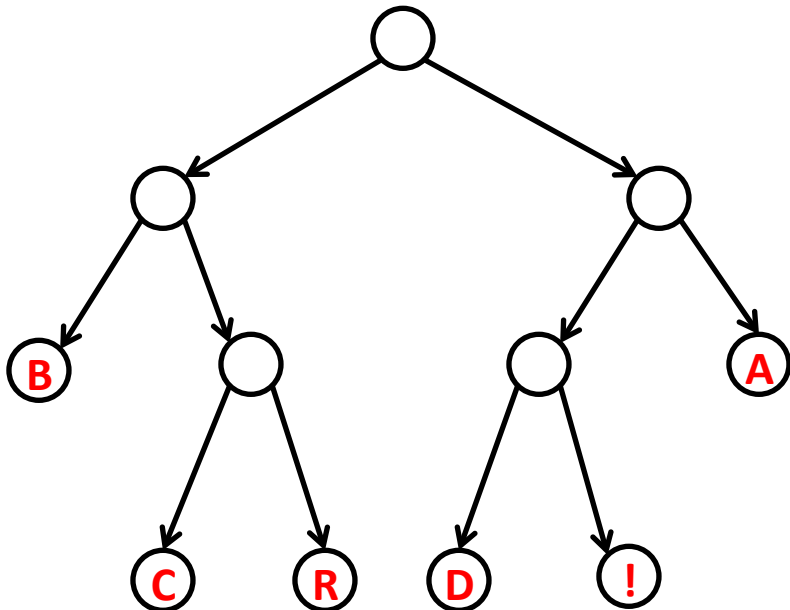
- Expansion

- Start at root
- Go left if bit=0, go right if bit=1
- If leaf node, output character and return to root



Transmitting the trie

- Trie needed in order to expand
 - Must be sent along with the data
 - Causes overhead, but small if message is long
 - Write preorder traversal of trie
 - Mark leaf and internal nodes with a bit

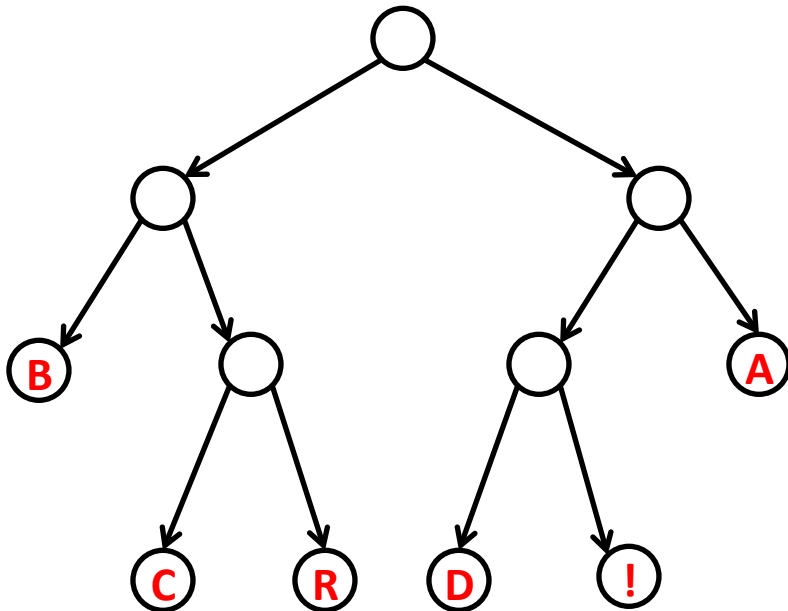


```
private static void writeTrie(Node x)
{
    if (x.isLeaf())
    {
        BinaryStdOut.write(true);
        BinaryStdOut.write(x.ch);
        return;
    }
    BinaryStdOut.write(false);
    writeTrie(x.left);
    writeTrie(x.right);
}
```

00101000010010100001110101001000101000100100001010101000001
B C R ! A

Reading the trie

- Reconstructing from preorder traversal
 - Use 0/1 bits to decide if internal or leaf node

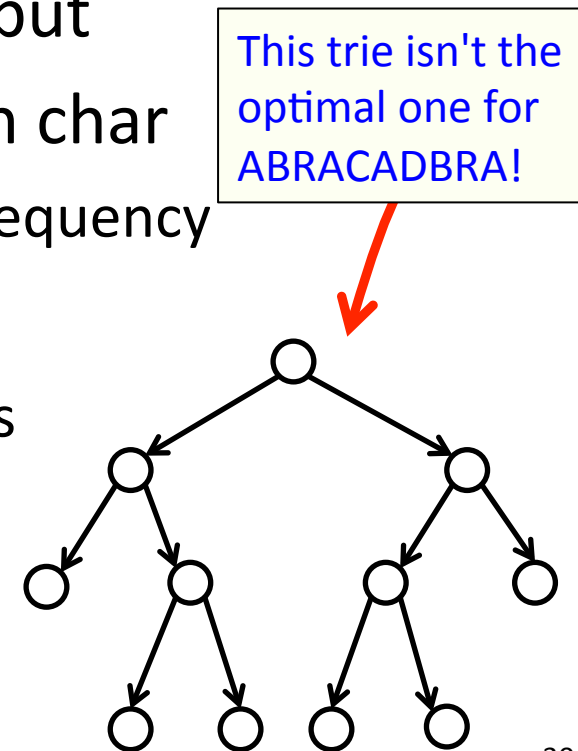


0010100001001010000111101010010000101000100100001010101000001
B C R D ! A

```
private static Node readTrie()
{
    boolean isLeaf = BinaryStdIn.readBoolean();
    if (isLeaf)
    {
        return new Node(BinaryStdIn.readChar(),
                        -1,
                        null,
                        null);
    }
    else
    {
        return new Node('\0',
                        -1,
                        readTrie(),
                        readTrie());
    }
}
```

Building the trie

- Can we always find optimal prefix-free code?
 - Yes!
 - Discovered by David Huffman while a PhD student
- Huffman algorithm:
 - Count frequency of each char in input
 - Create forest of leaf nodes for each char
 - Each leaf weighted according to its frequency
 - Repeat until single trie:
 - Select 2 tries with min sum of weights
 - Merge into trie with sum of weights
 - Provably optimal



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6) Join last two tries

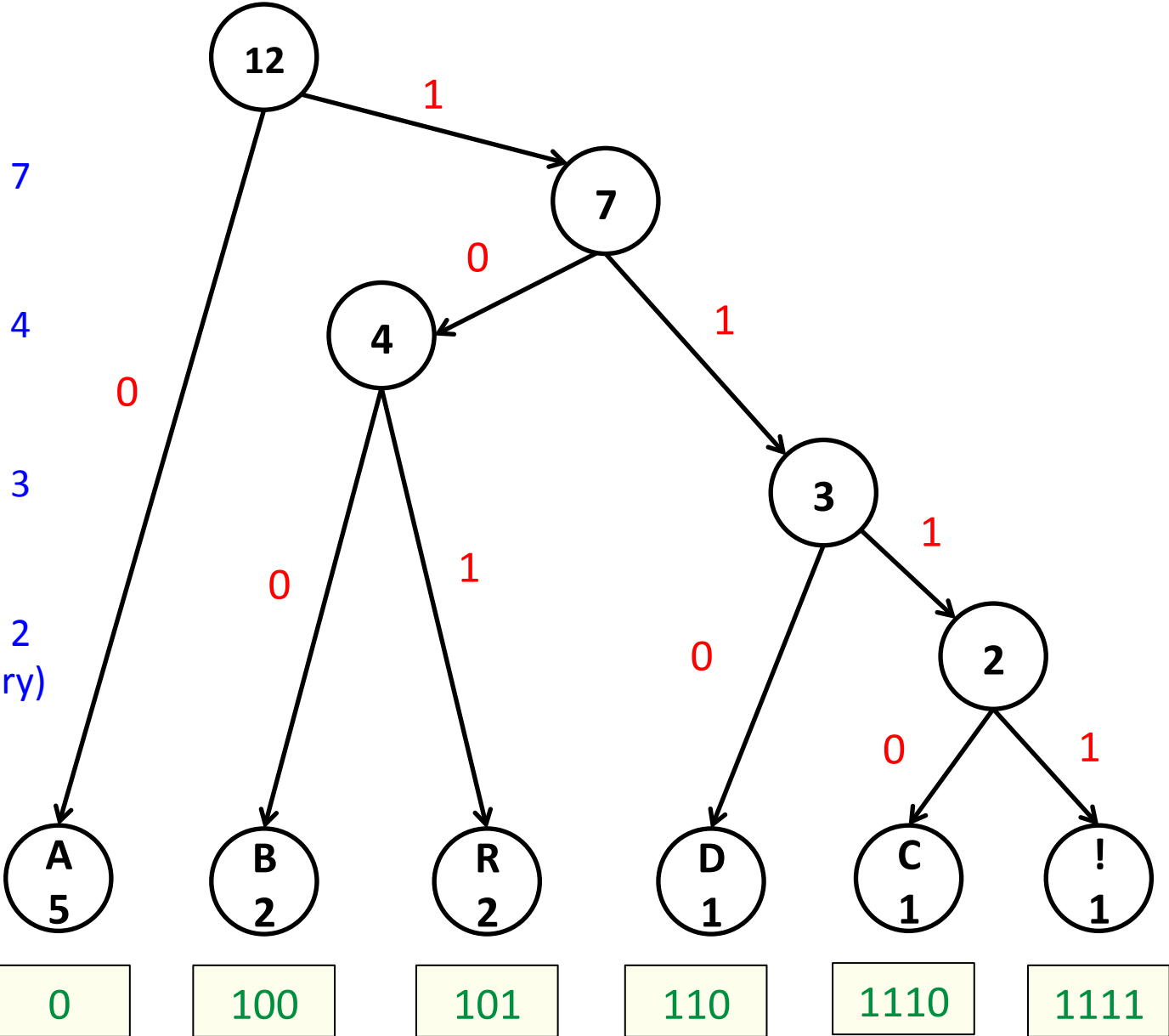
5) Join two with sum = 7

4) Join two with sum = 4

3) Join two with sum = 3

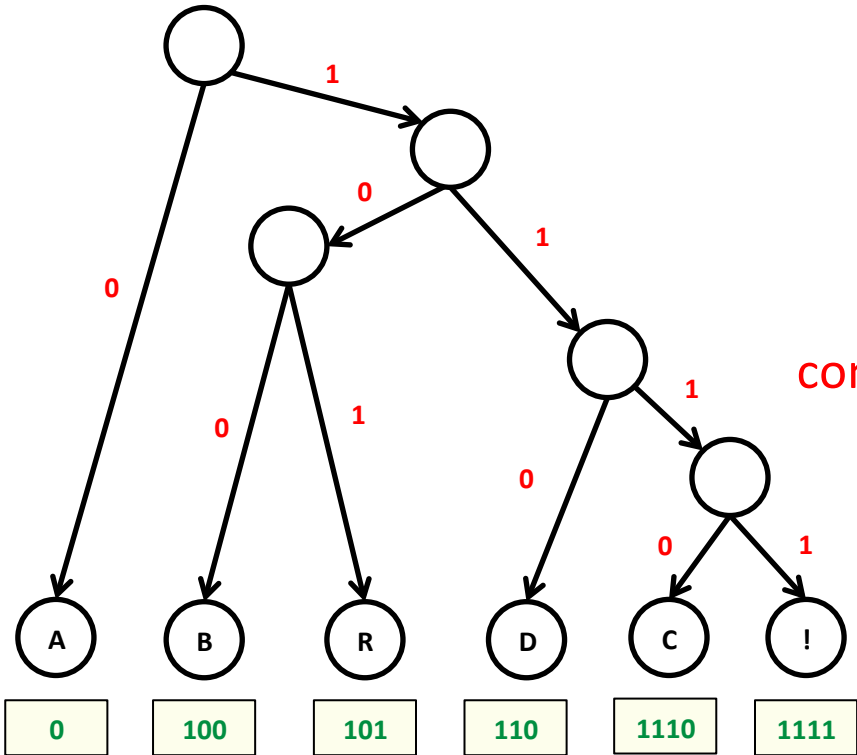
2) Join two with sum = 2
(exact choice is arbitrary)

1) Create leafs with
weight = frequency
in entire text



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```
% java Huffman - < abra.txt | java
BinaryDump 32
01010000010010100010001001000011
0100011010101001010100001000000
000000000000000000000000110001111
100101101000111110010100
120 bits
```



trie	}	01	01000001	65 = A
		001	01000100	68 = D
		01	00100001	33 = !
		1	01000011	67 = C
		01	01010010	82 = R
		1	01000010	66 = B
size of text	}		00000000	int = 12
			00000000	
			00000000	
			00001100	
compressed data	}	0		A
		111		B
		110		R
		0		A
		1011		C
		0		A
		100		D
		0		A
		111		B
		110		R
		0		A
		1010		!
		padding		

Summary

- **Lossless compression**
 - Universal compression impossible
 - Optimal data compression undecidable
- **Exploiting:**
 - Small alphabets
 - Use only as many bits as needed to represent data
 - Repeated symbols
 - Run length encoding (RLE)
 - Frequency of symbols
 - Prefix-free codes
 - Huffman coding