CPSC 530 - Information Theory and Security Group 17 Project Quiz

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Quiz Questions and Answers

- Q1: What specific type of Binary Tree is used in the implementation of the BCCBT Data Compression Algorithm? Describe at least one discussed property of this type of Binary Tree.
- **A1:** The specific type of Binary Tree used is a **Complete Binary Tree**. The relevant properties of this type of Binary Tree that will be discussed during our presentation are as follows.
 - In a Complete Binary Tree all levels, EXCEPT potentially the last level, are completely full.
 - In a Complete Binary Tree nodes are filled in from left to right at each level.
 - In a Complete Binary Tree the number of nodes at level n is 2^n .
- **Q2:** Given the specific binary tree needed for the BCCBT algorithm, where the tree's nodes correspond to symbols in an arbitrary alphabet Σ . Denote a symbol ϕ , such that ϕ is in our arbitrary alphabet Σ . Note, ϕ is **NOT** the root of the tree. How is the bit code generated for the symbol ϕ ?
- **A2:** To find ϕ 's bit code, we start at the root of the complete binary tree and traverse the tree until we reach the node corresponding to ϕ . At each step, append the weight of the edge we are traversing to our code. We stop encoding once we reach ϕ in the tree.