

# Recursive Backtracking 2

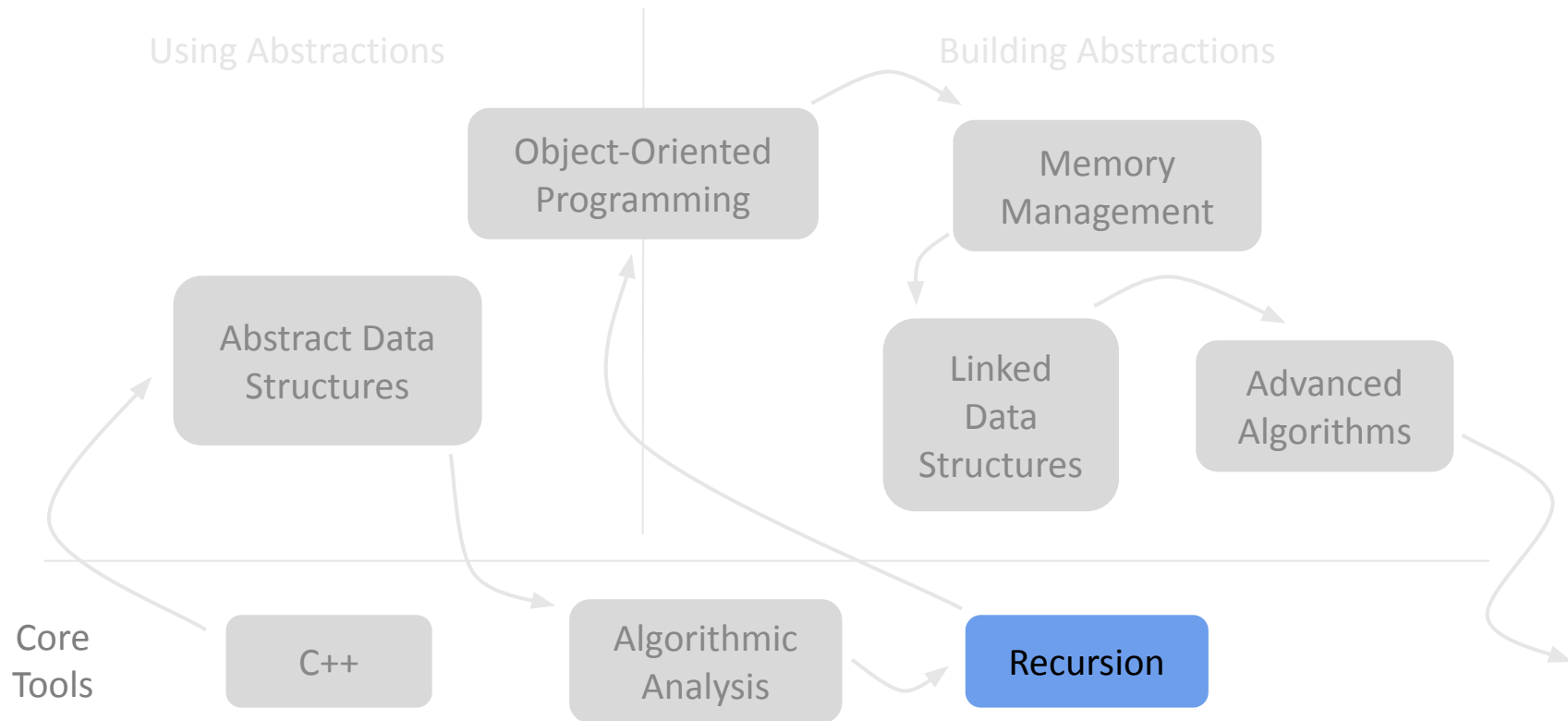
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# Announcements

- Assignment 3, Part 2 will be released today after class
  - YEAH Hours are today at 3pm on [Zoom](#)

# Roadmap



# Review

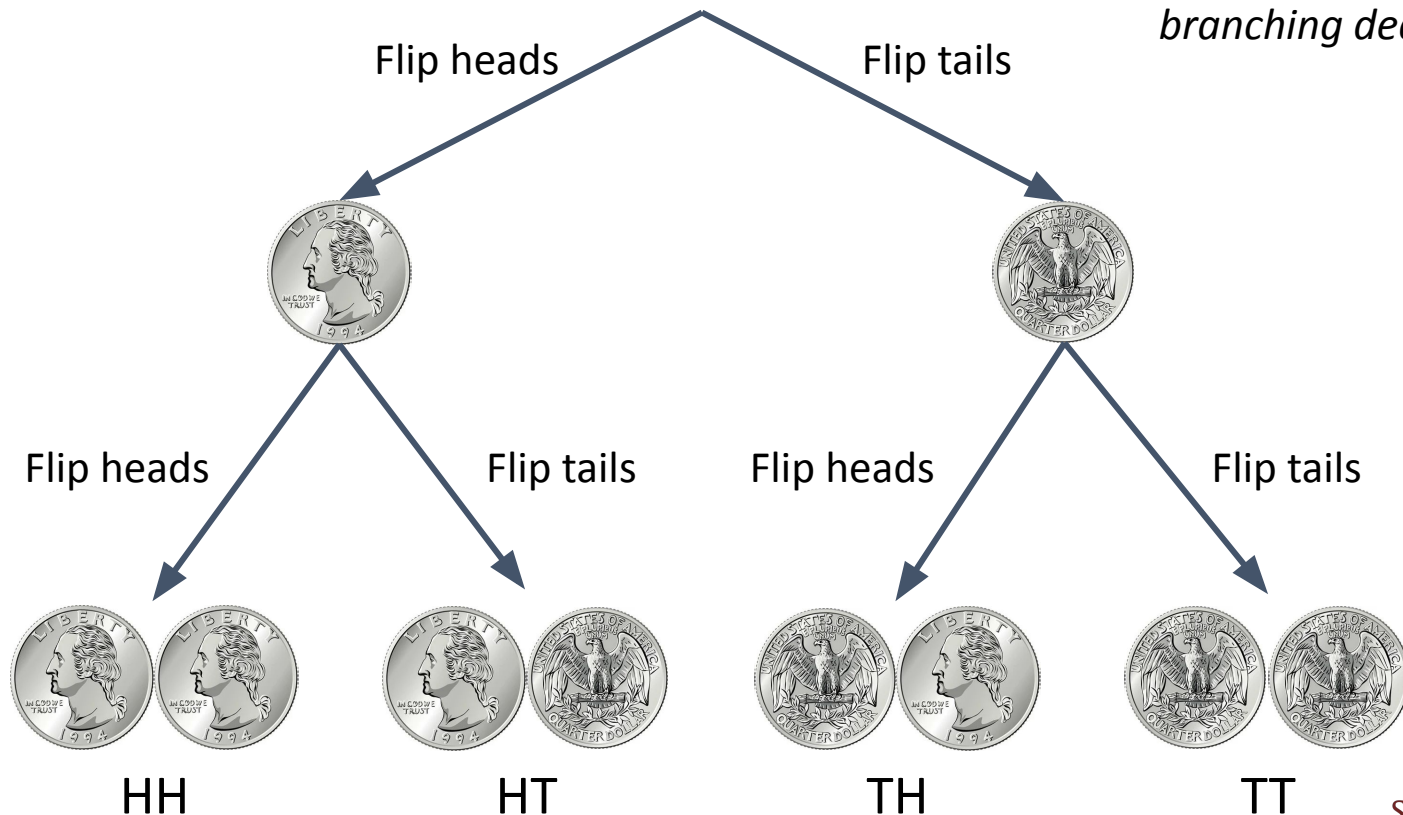


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- You're playing a (rather boring) game in which you flip some number of coins one by one and see whether you get heads or tails
- You'd like to know all of the possible sequences you might flip

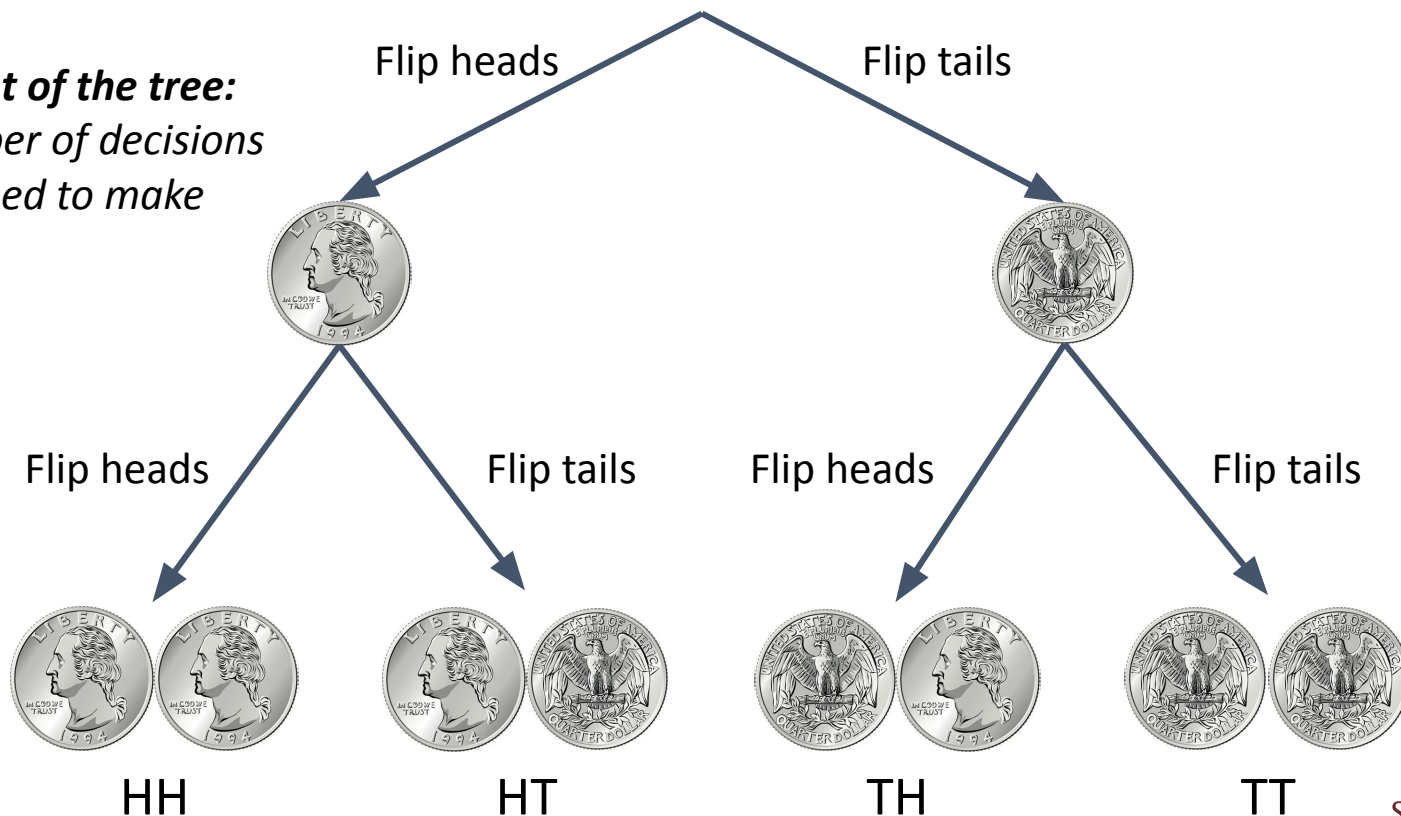
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*This is called a **decision tree**:  
at each point we have  
branching decisions.*



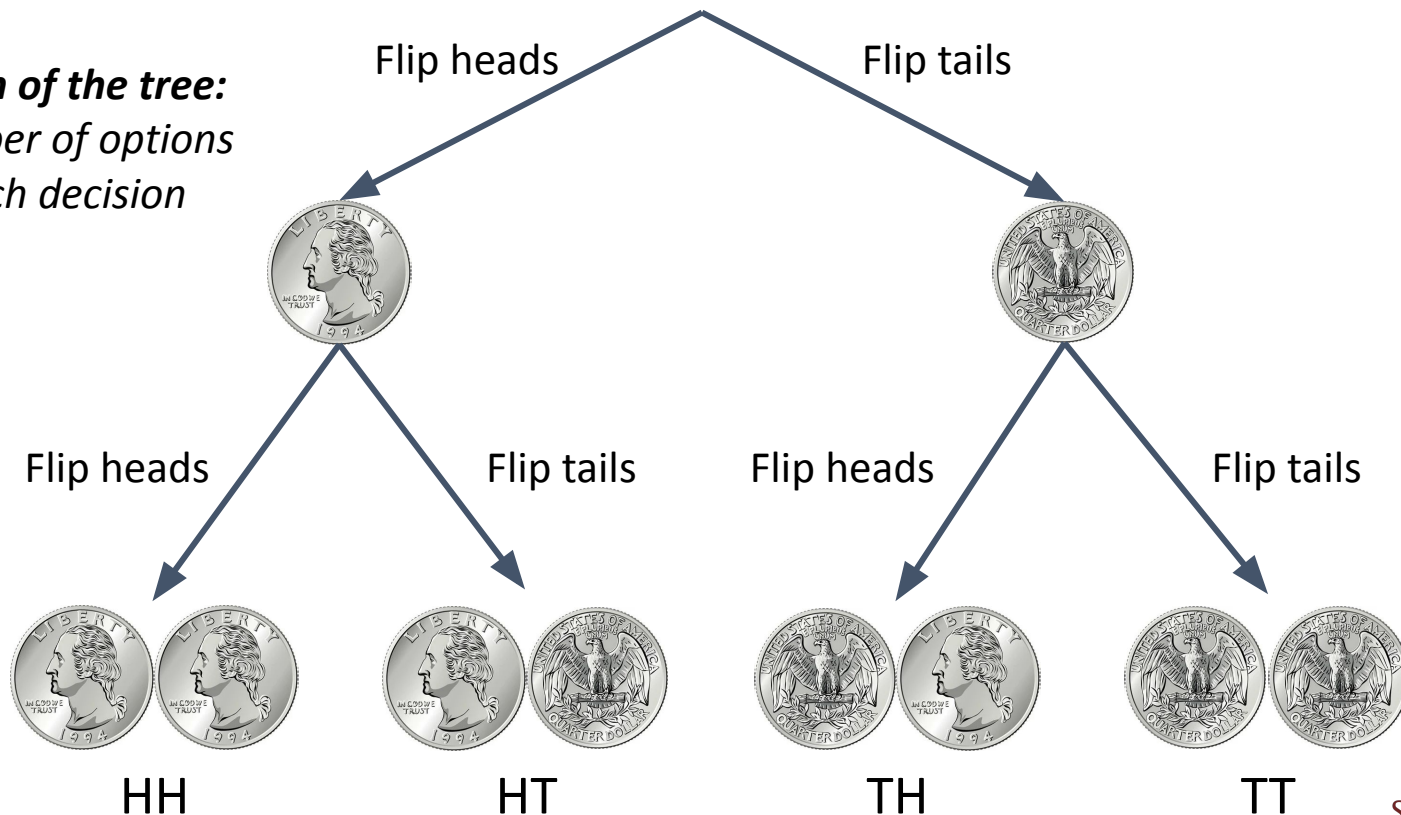
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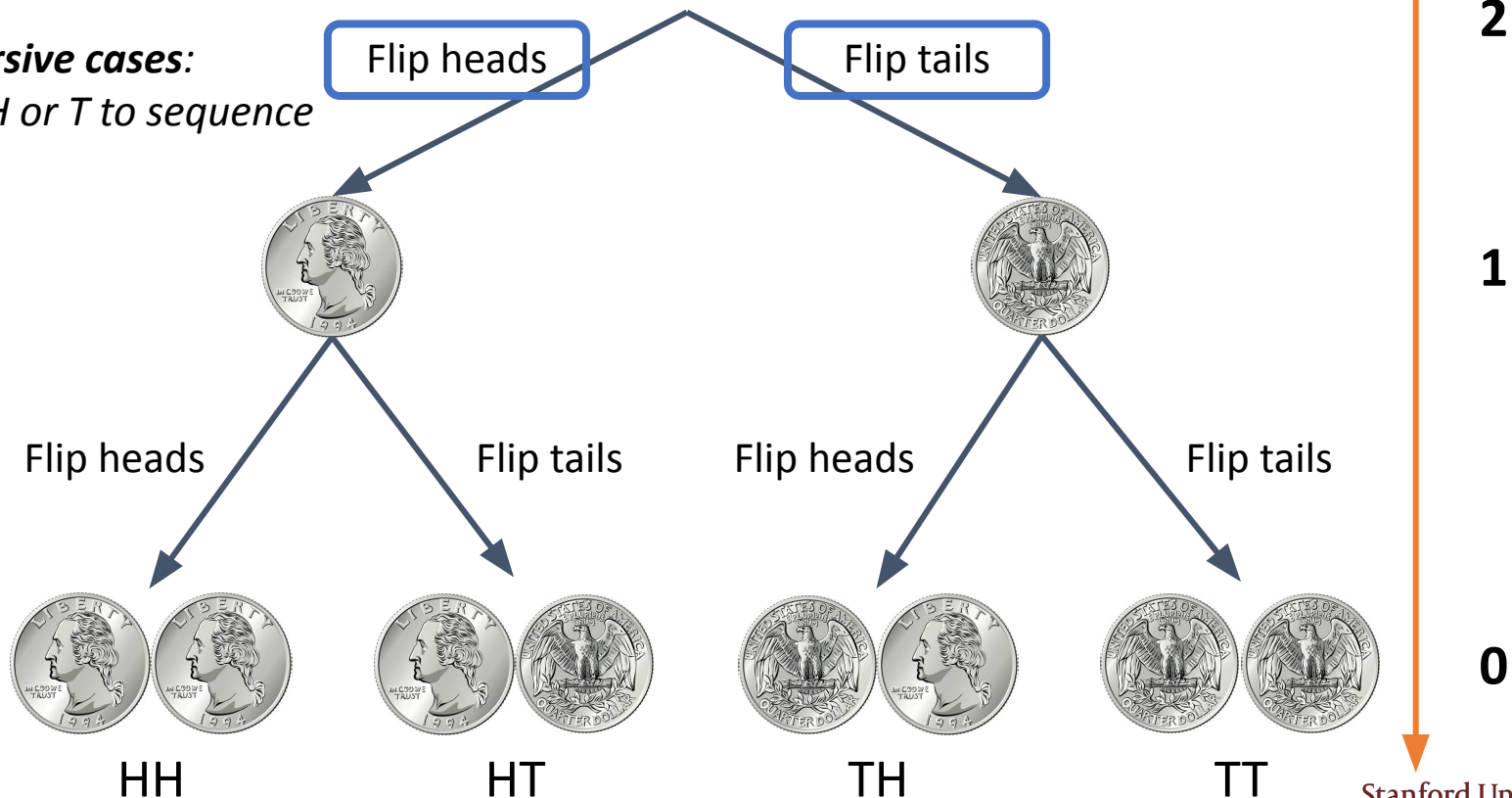
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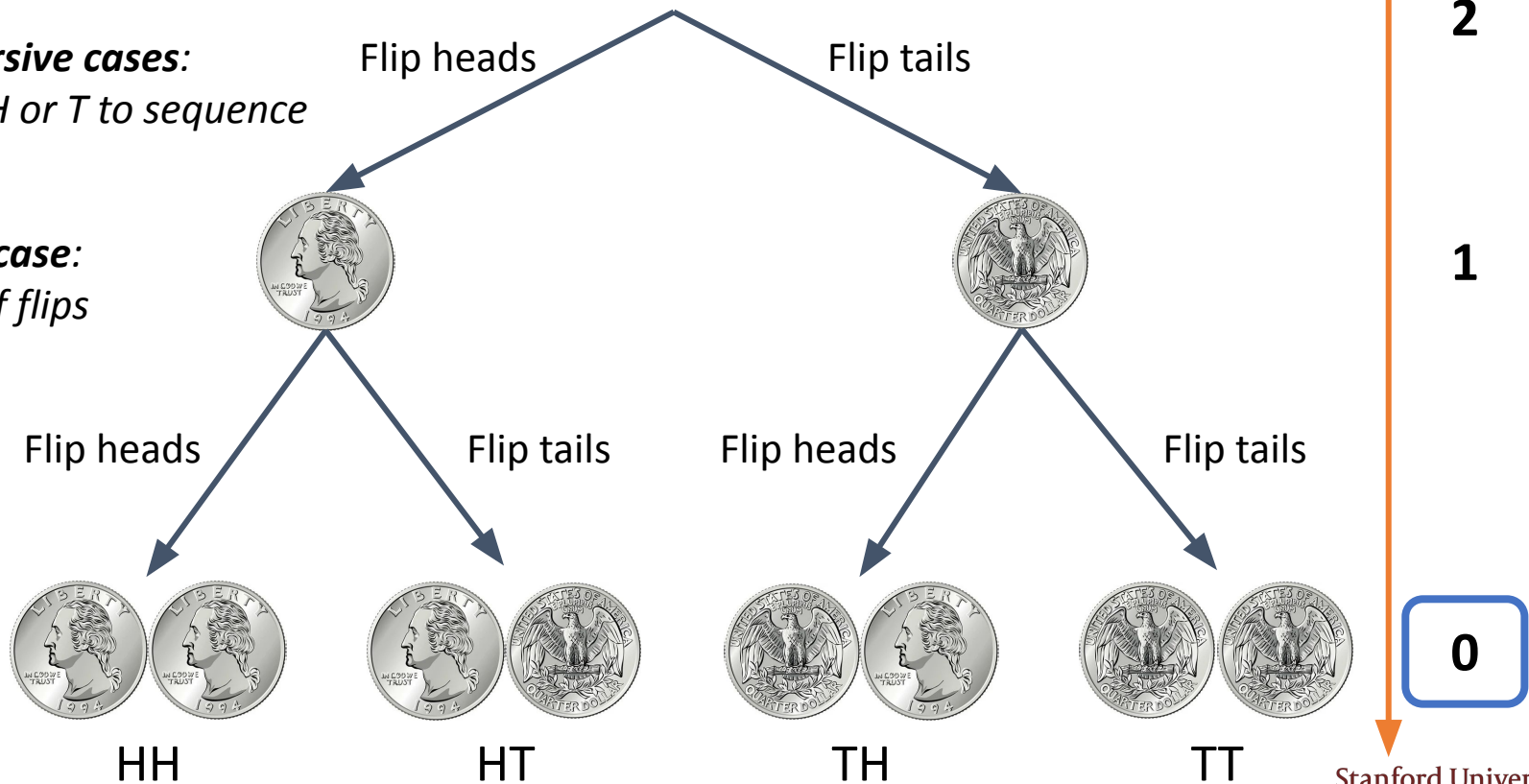
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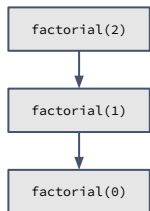
**Base case:**  
Out of flips



# Two Types of Recursion

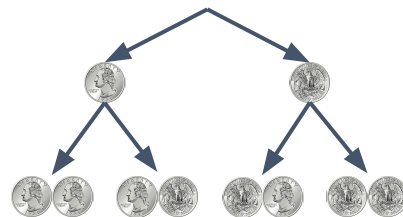
## Basic recursion

- One repeated task that builds up a solution as you come back up the call stack
- The final base case defines the initial seed of the solution and each call contributes a little bit to the solution
- Initial call to the recursive function produces the final solution



## Backtracking recursion

- Build up many possible solutions through multiple recursive calls at each step
- Seed the initial recursive call with an “empty” solution
- At each base case, you have a potential solution



# Solution Code for Coin Sequences

```
void generateSequenceHelper(int flipsRemaining, string sequence) {
    // Base case: flipsRemaining = 0, no more flips
    if (flipsRemaining == 0) {
        cout << sequence << endl;
    } else {
        // Recursive cases (when flipsRemaining > 0)
        generateSequenceHelper(flipsRemaining - 1, sequence + 'H'); // Add H to the sequence
        generateSequenceHelper(flipsRemaining - 1, sequence + 'T'); // OR add T to the sequence
    }
}

void generateSequences(int numCoins) {
    generateSequenceHelper(numCoins, "");
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void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {
    if (flipsRem == 0) {
        cout << seq << endl;
    } else {
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');
    }
}

```

*Console:*

```

HHH
HHT
HTH
HTT
THH

```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TH"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "THT"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

*Console:*

```
HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TH"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "THT"



```

void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {
    if (flipsRem == 0) {
        cout << seq << endl;
    } else {
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');
    }
}

```

*Console:*

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HHH
HHT
HTH
HTT
THH

```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TH"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "THT"

```

void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {
    if (flipsRem == 0) {
        cout << seq << endl;
    } else {
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');
    }
}

```

Console:

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HHH
HHT
HTH
HTT
THH
THT

```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TH"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "THT"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TH"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "THT"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TH"

```

void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {
    if (flipsRem == 0) {
        cout << seq << endl;
    } else {
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');
    }
}

```

*Console:*

```

HHH
HHT
HTH
HTT
THH
THT

```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TH"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

*Console:*

```
HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"



```

void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {
    if (flipsRem == 0) {
        cout << seq << endl;
    } else {
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');
    }
}

```

*Console:*

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HHH
HHT
HTH
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THH
THT

```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "HT"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

```

void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {
    if (flipsRem == 0) {
        cout << seq << endl;
    } else {
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');
    }
}

```

*Console:*

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HHH
HHT
HTH
HTT
THH
THT

```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
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main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
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*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
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THH  
THT
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main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
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        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
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*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
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THH  
THT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "TTH"

```

void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {
    if (flipsRem == 0) {
        cout << seq << endl;
    } else {
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');
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}

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*Console:*

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HHH
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THT

```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "TTH"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
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    }  
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HHH  
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main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "TTH"



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void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {
    if (flipsRem == 0) {
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HHH
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TTH

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main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "TTH"

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void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
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        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
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HHH  
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TTH
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "TTH"

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void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
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        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
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HHH  
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TTH
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main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

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    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
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HHH  
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TTH
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main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

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main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

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seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

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*Console:*

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HHH  
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TTH
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main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "TTT"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
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*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT  
TTH
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "TTT"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
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    }  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
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THT  
TTH
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "TTT"



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void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
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        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
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}
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*Console:*

HHH  
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TTT

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "TTT"

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void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
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        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
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*Console:*

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HHH  
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HTT  
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TTT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 0

seq: "TTT"

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void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
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        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
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*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
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TTH  
TTT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

```

void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {
    if (flipsRem == 0) {
        cout << seq << endl;
    } else {
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');
    }
}

```

*Console:*

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HHH
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HTH
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THH
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TTH
TTT

```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 1

seq: "TT"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

Console:

HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
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TTH  
TTT

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void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT  
TTH  
TTT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 2

seq: "T"

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'T');  
    }  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT  
TTH  
TTT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""

```
void genSeqsHelper (int flipsRem, string seq) {  
    if (flipsRem == 0) {  
        cout << seq << endl;  
    } else {  
        generateSeqsHelper(flipsRem-1, seq + 'H');  
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    }  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT  
TTH  
TTT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

genSeqsHelper()

flipsRem: 3

seq: ""



```
void generateSequences (int numCoins) {  
    genSeqsHepler(numCoins, "");  
}
```

*Console:*

```
HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT  
TTH  
TTT
```

main()

generateSequences()

numCoins: 3

```
int main () {  
    generateSequences(3);  
    return 0;  
}
```

*Console:*

```
HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT  
TTH  
TTT
```

main()

```
int main () {  
    generateSequences(3);  
    return 0;  
}
```

*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT  
TTH  
TTT
```

main()

```
int main () {  
    generateSequences(3);  
    return 0;  
}
```

*Console:*

```
HHH  
HHT  
HTH  
HTT  
THH  
THT  
TTH  
TTT
```

main()

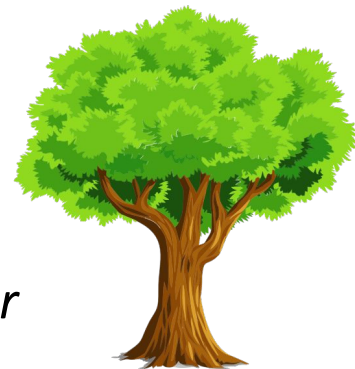
*Console:*

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HHH  
HHT  
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```

### 3 Problems to Solve with Backtracking

1. Generate all solutions to a problem or count number of solutions
2. Find one specific solution or prove that one exists
3. Find the best possible solution to a problem

*All of these involve exploring many possible solutions, rather than proceeding down a linear path towards one solution.*



# Word Jumble

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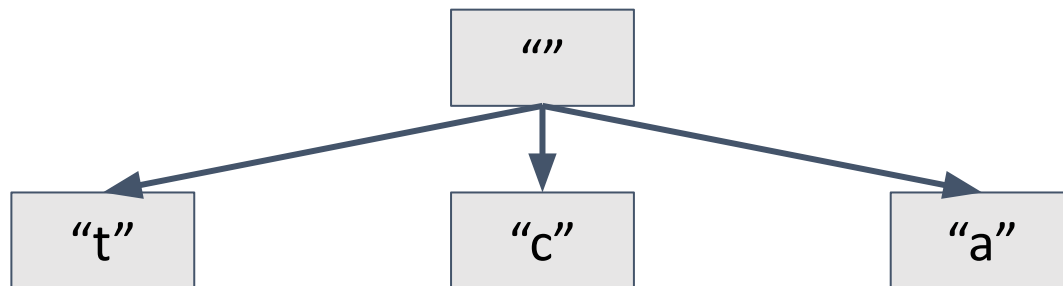


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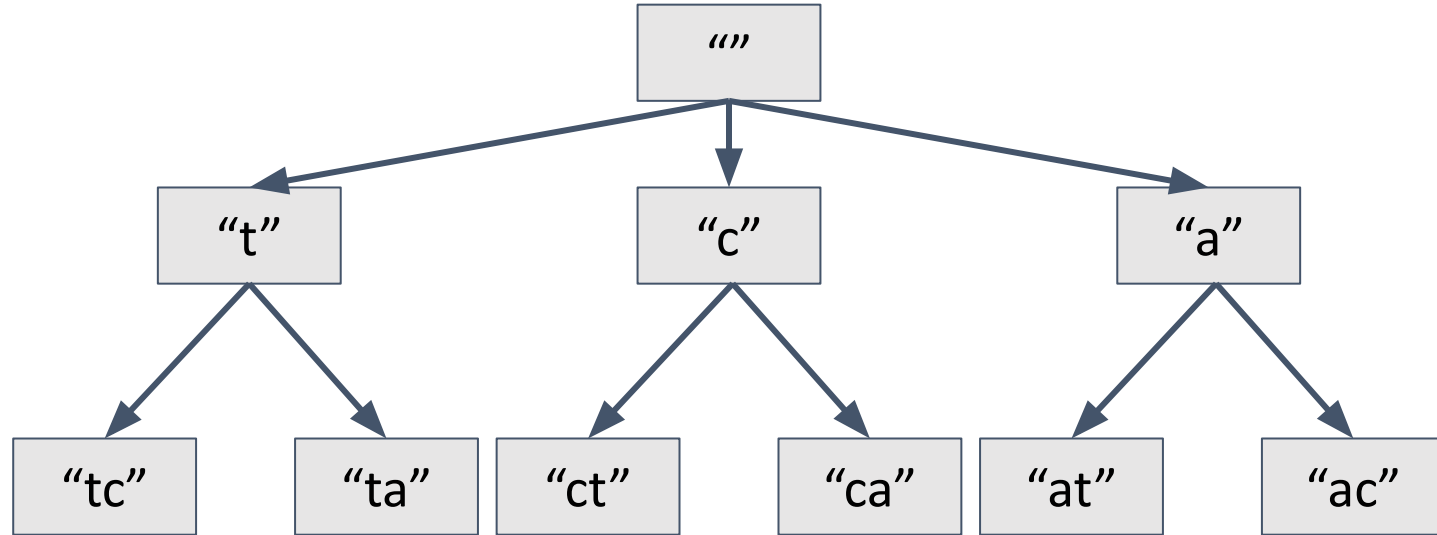
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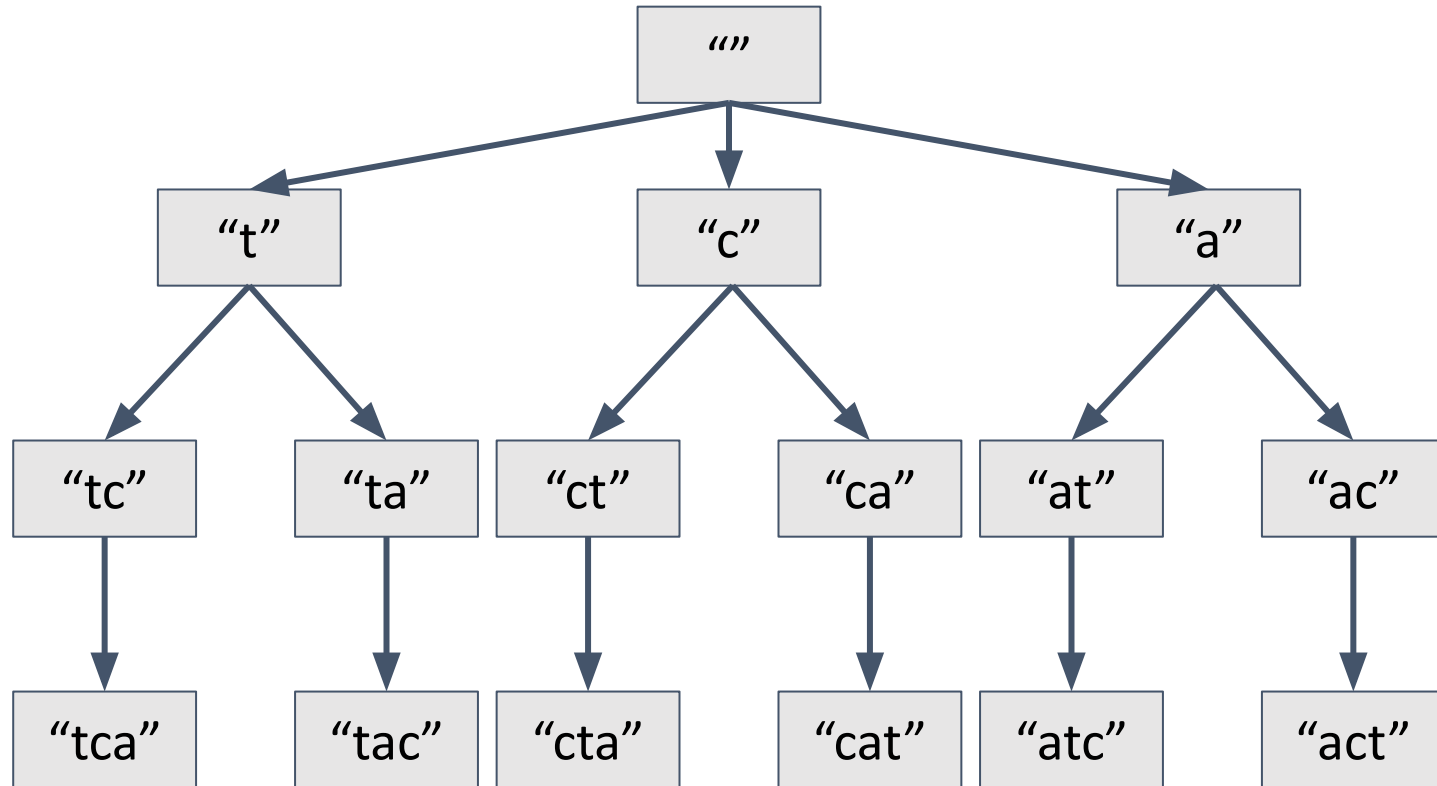
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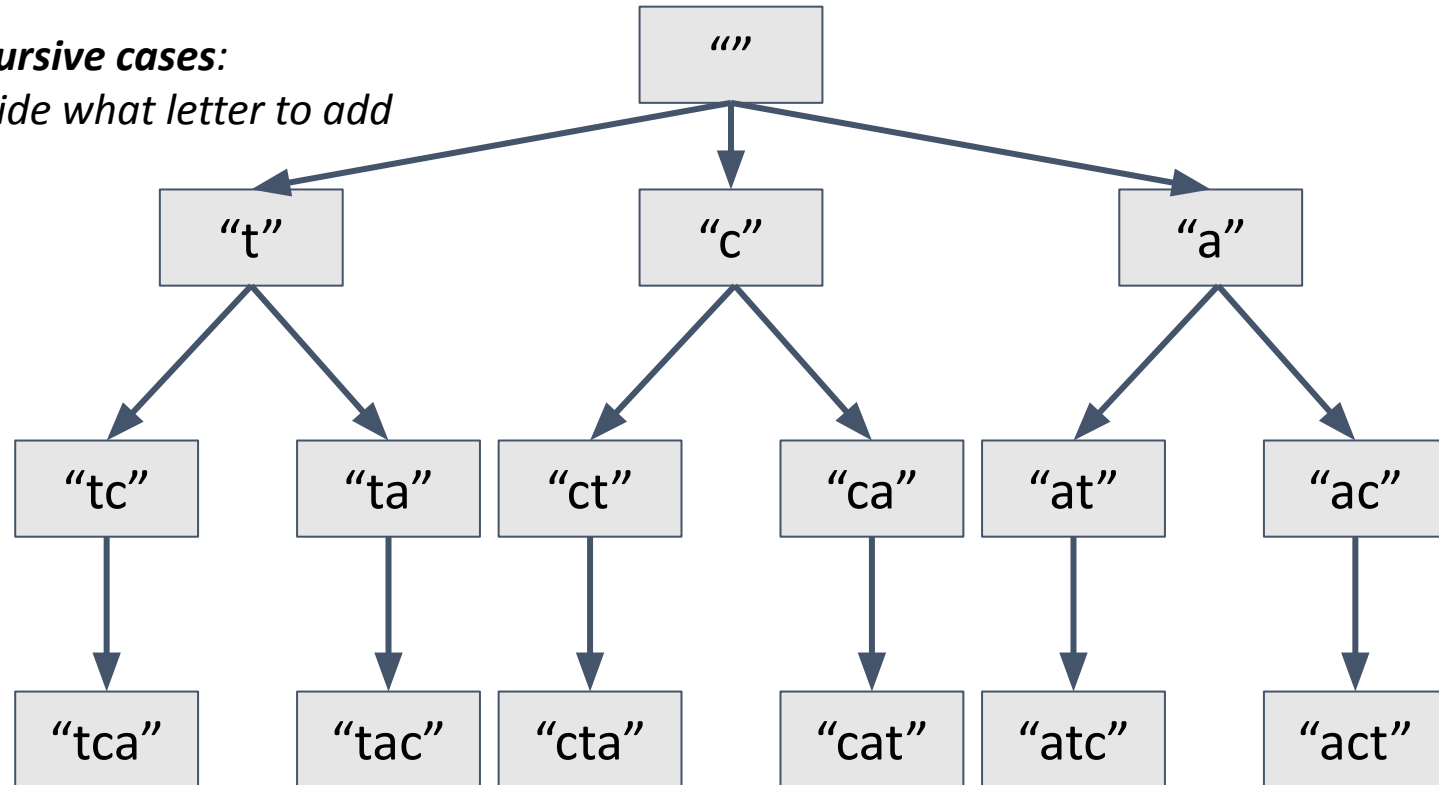
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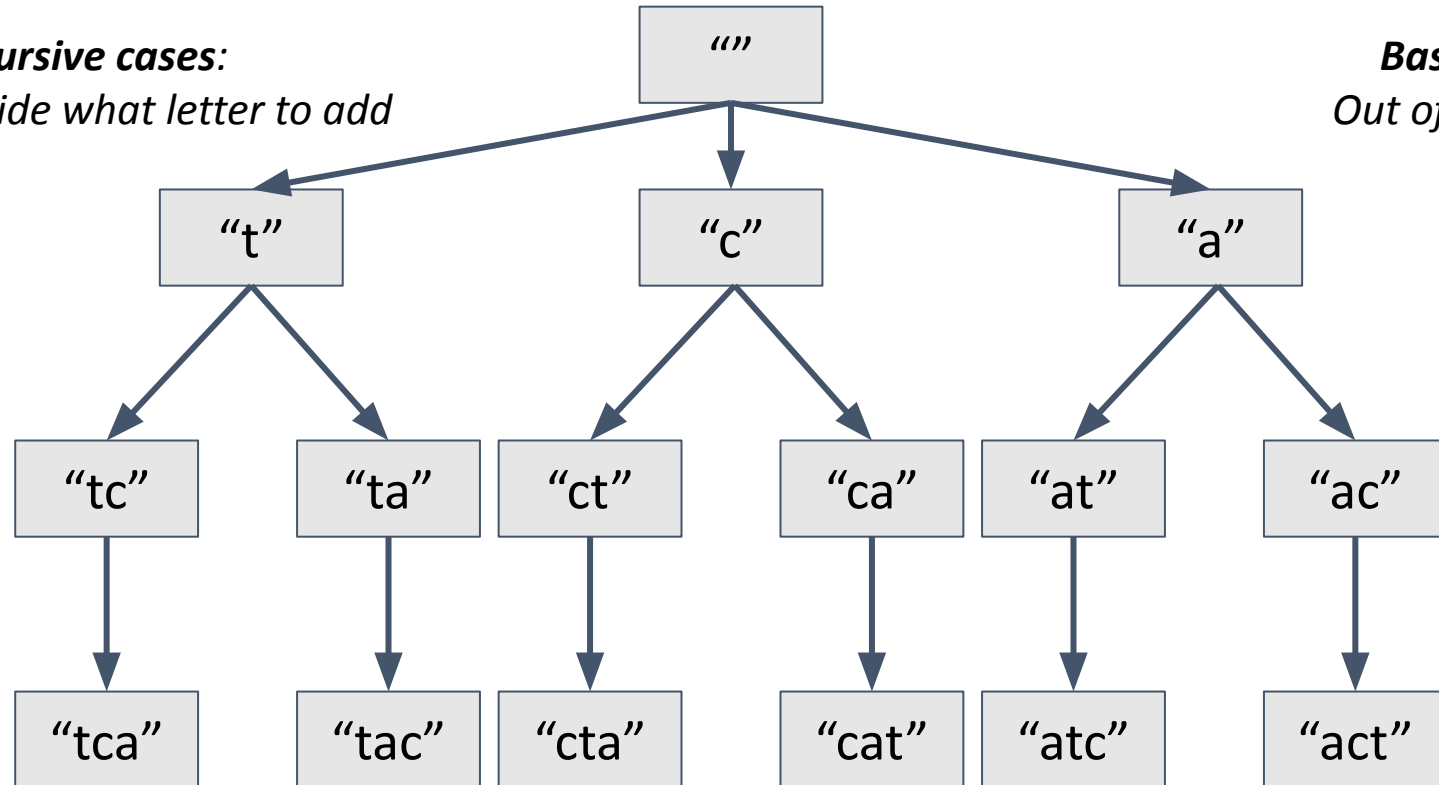
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**Base case:**

*Out of letters*



# Permutations Solution Code

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        cout << sequence << endl;  
    } else {  
        // Many recursive cases (when lettersRemaining > 0)  
        for (int i = 0; i < lettersRemaining.length(); i++) {  
            char letter = lettersRemaining[i]; // choose one of our remaining letters to build on sequence  
            generatePermutationsHelper(lettersRemaining.substr(0, i) + lettersRemaining.substr(i + 1),  
                                     sequence + letter);  
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    // unchoose this letter by not including it in our sequence next loop  
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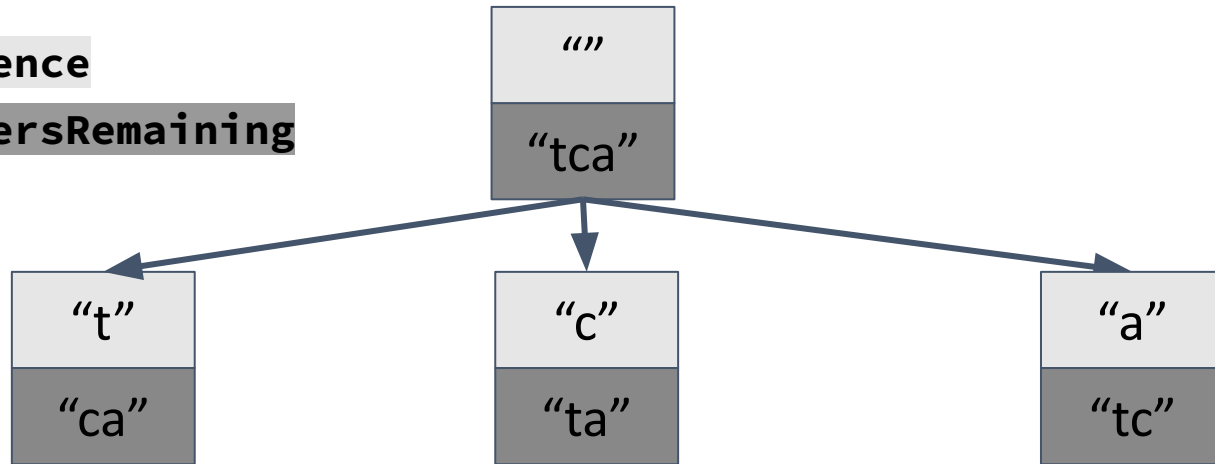
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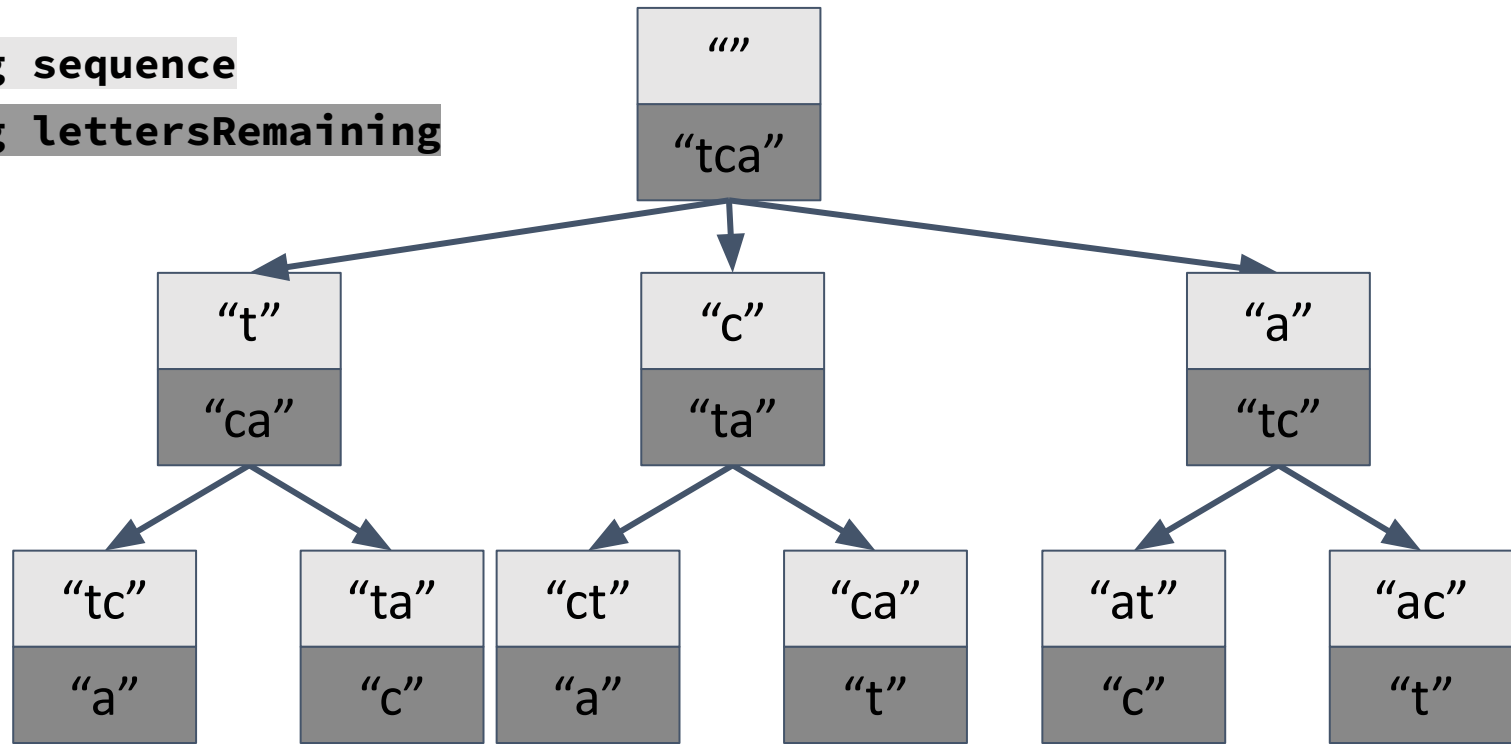
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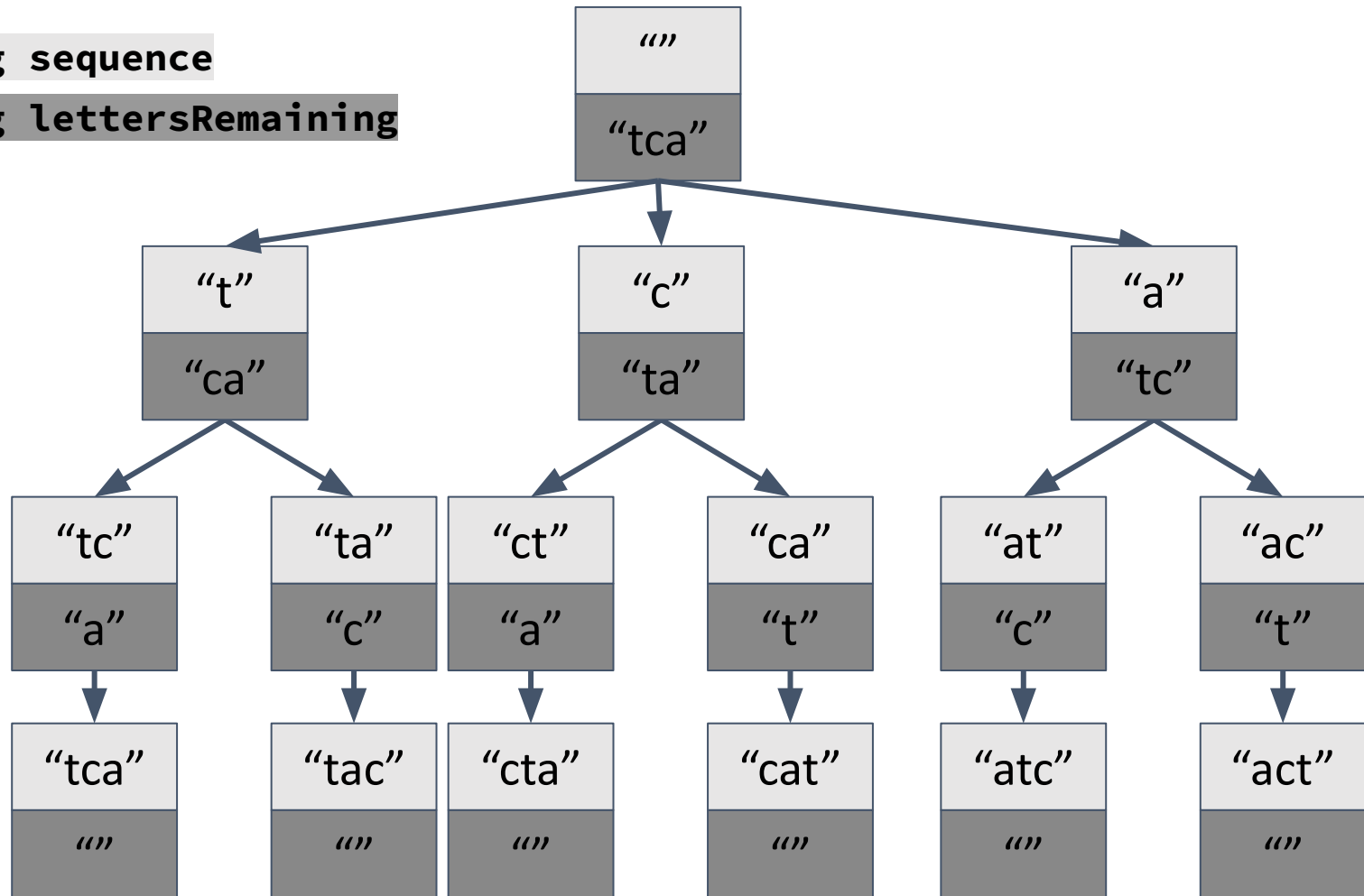
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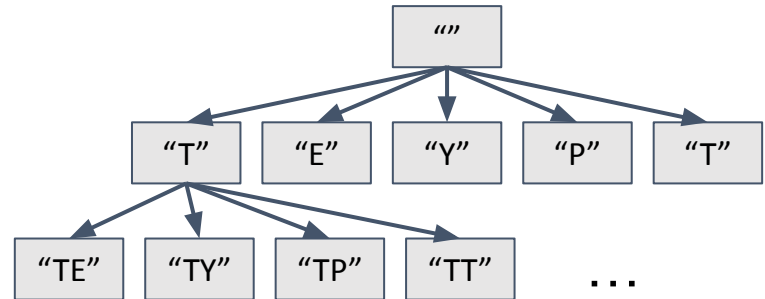
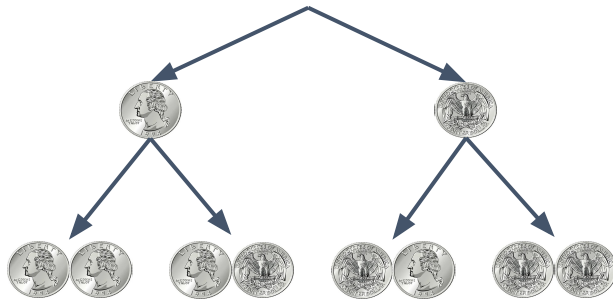
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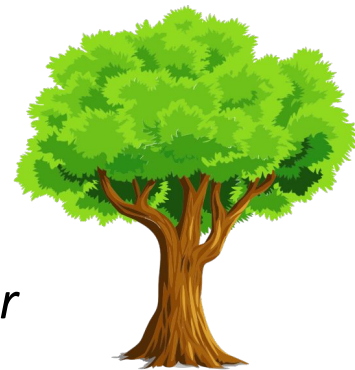
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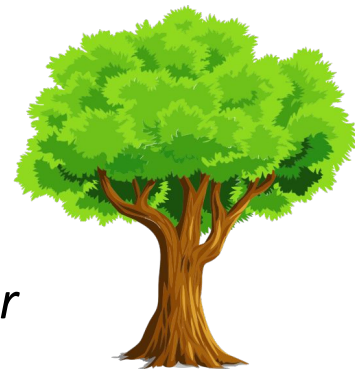
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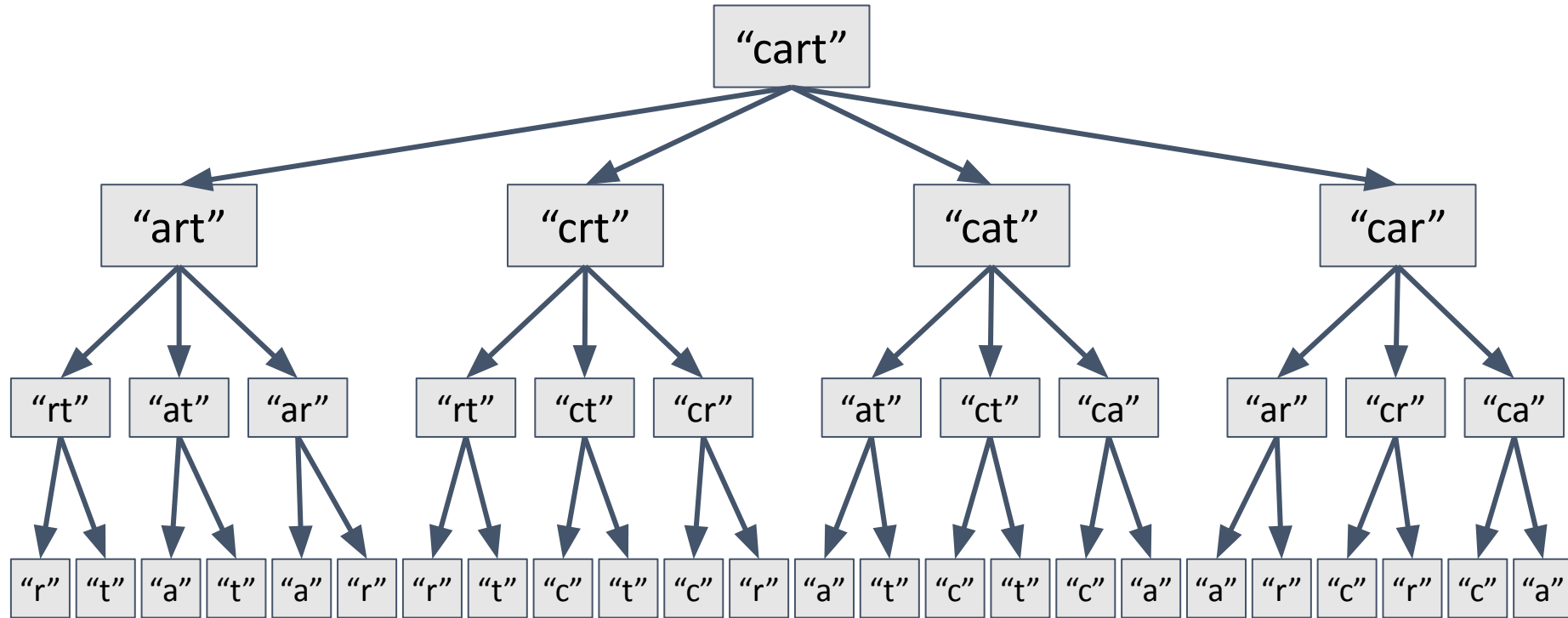




# Shrinkable Words

- A *shrinkable word* is a word that can be reduced down to one letter by removing one letter at a time, leaving a valid word at each step
- Idea: Let's use a decision tree to remove letters and determine if a word is shrinkable!

# Shrinkable Words Decision Tree



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Base cases:

- We reach an invalid word (failure)
- We get down to a single-letter word (success)

Recursive cases:

- The word is shrinkable if you can remove any letter and get a shrinkable word
- The word is not shrinkable if no matter what letter you remove, it's not shrinkable

# Lexicon

How do we check if a word is valid? We have an ADT for that:

```
#include "lexicon.h" (documentation here)
```

```
Lexicon lex("res/EnglishWords.txt"); // create from file  
lex.contains("koala"); // returns true  
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// returns true if there are any words starting with "fi" in the lexicon  
lex.containsPrefix("fi");
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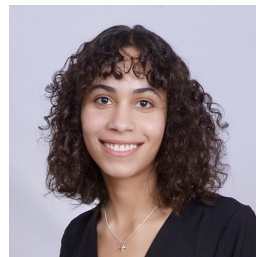
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bool isShrinkable(Lexicon& lex, string word) {  
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    if (!lex.contains(word)) {  
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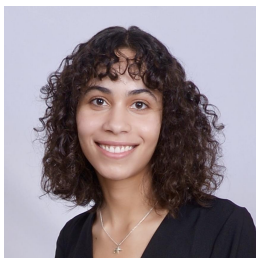
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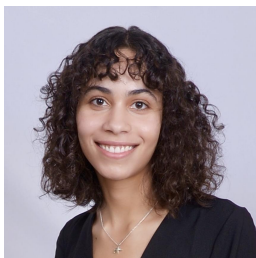
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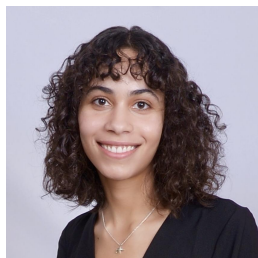
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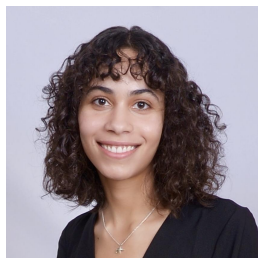
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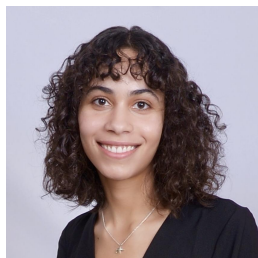
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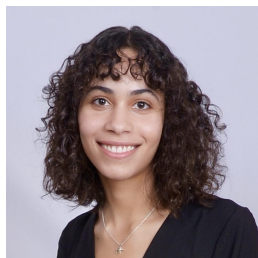
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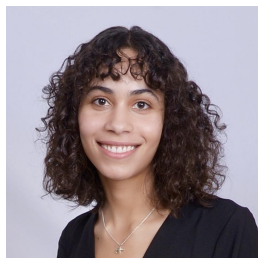
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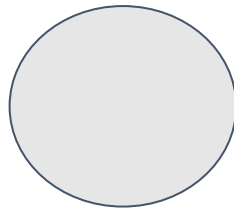
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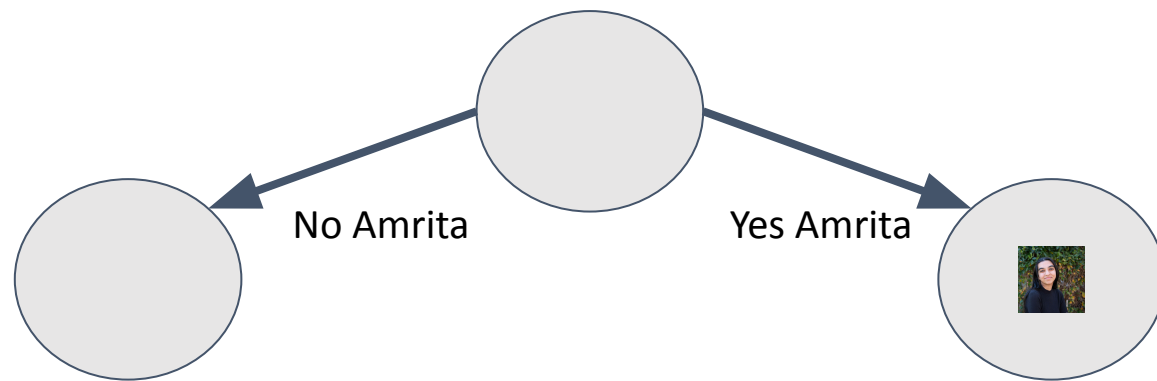
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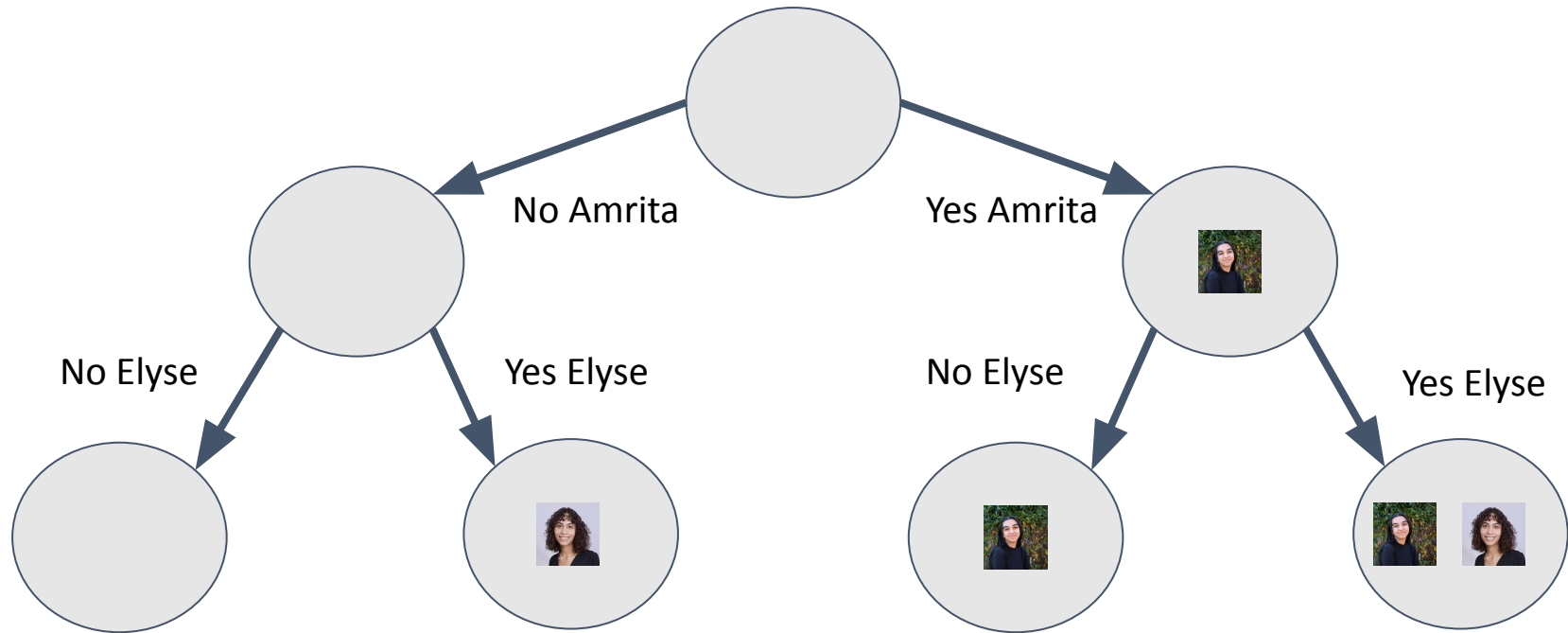


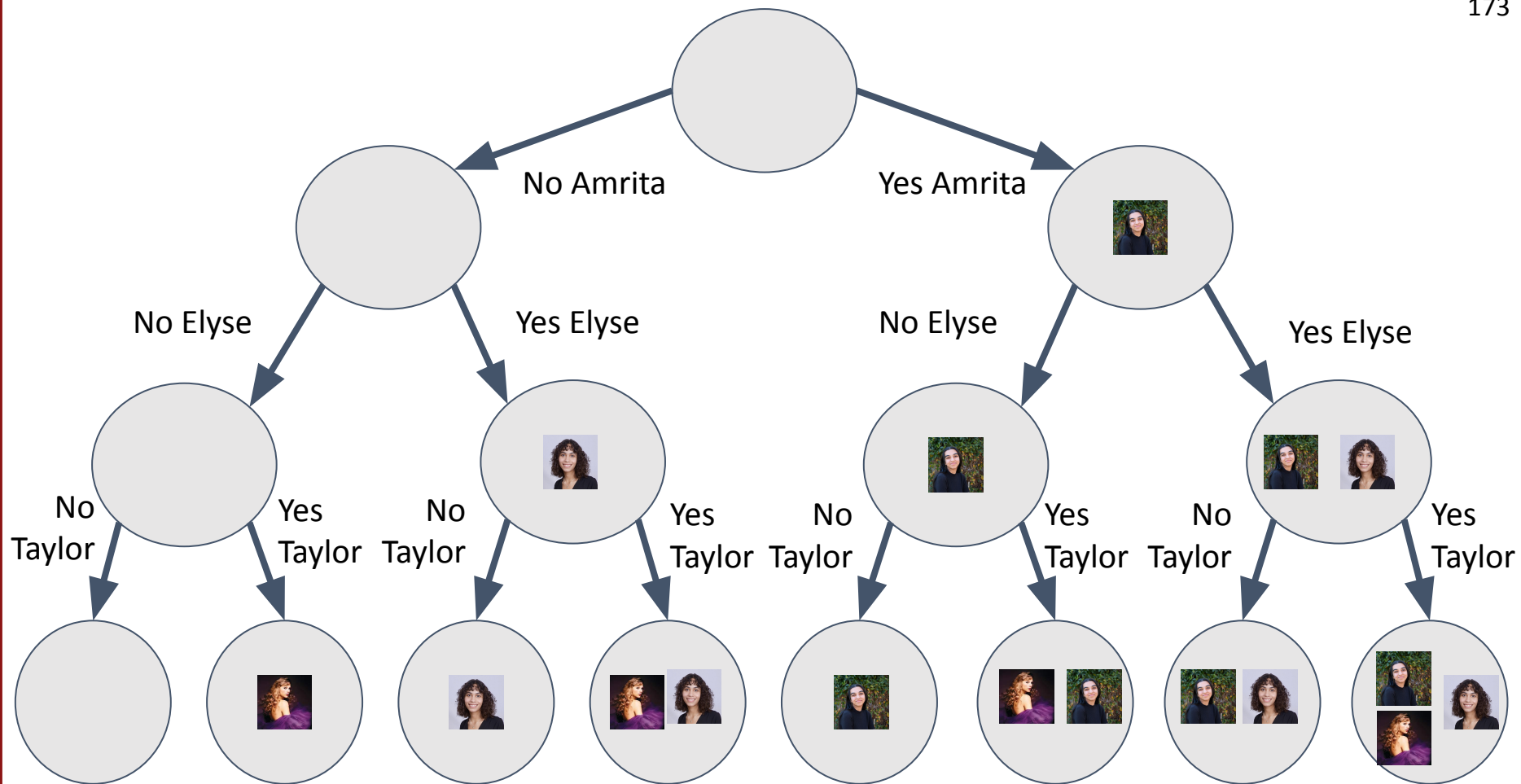
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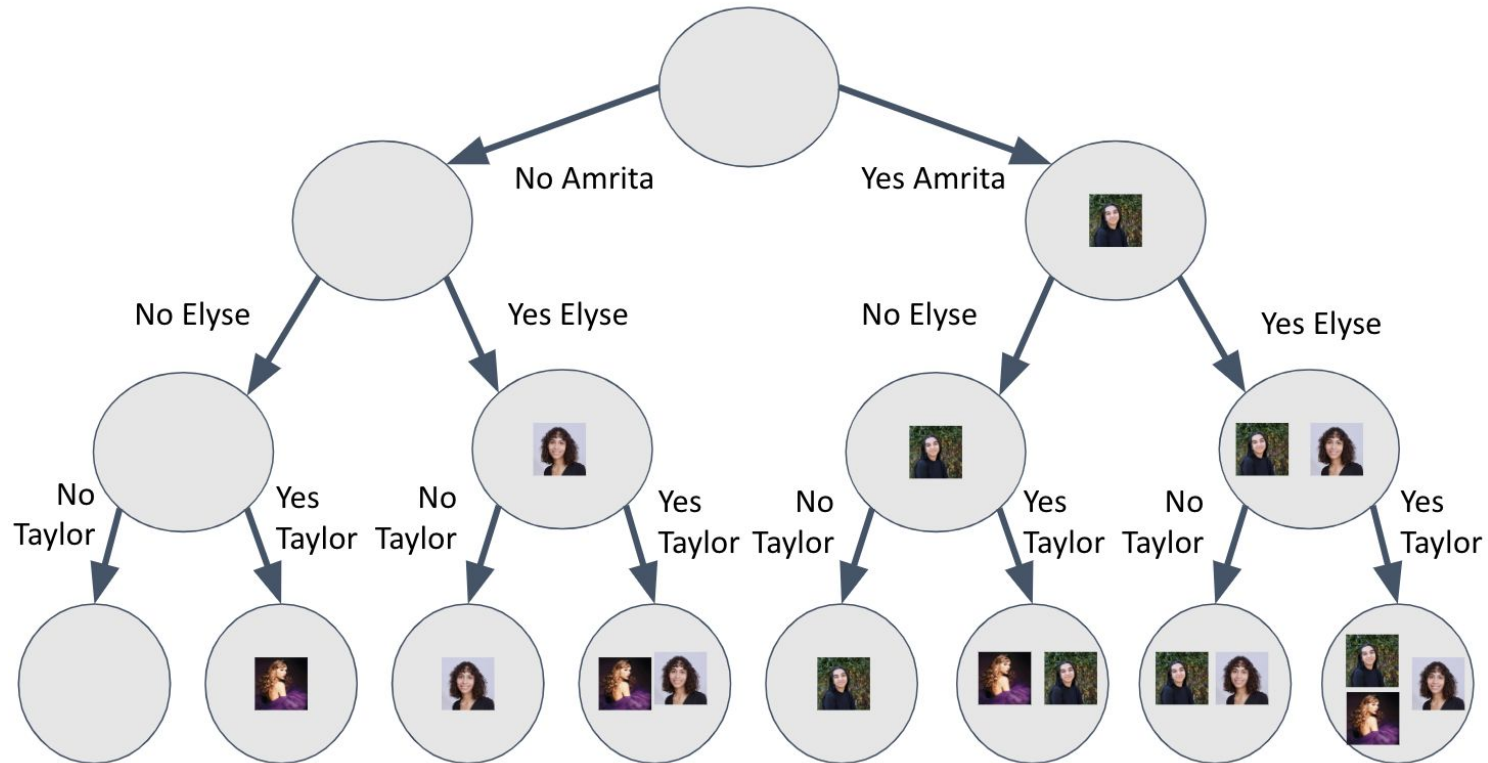




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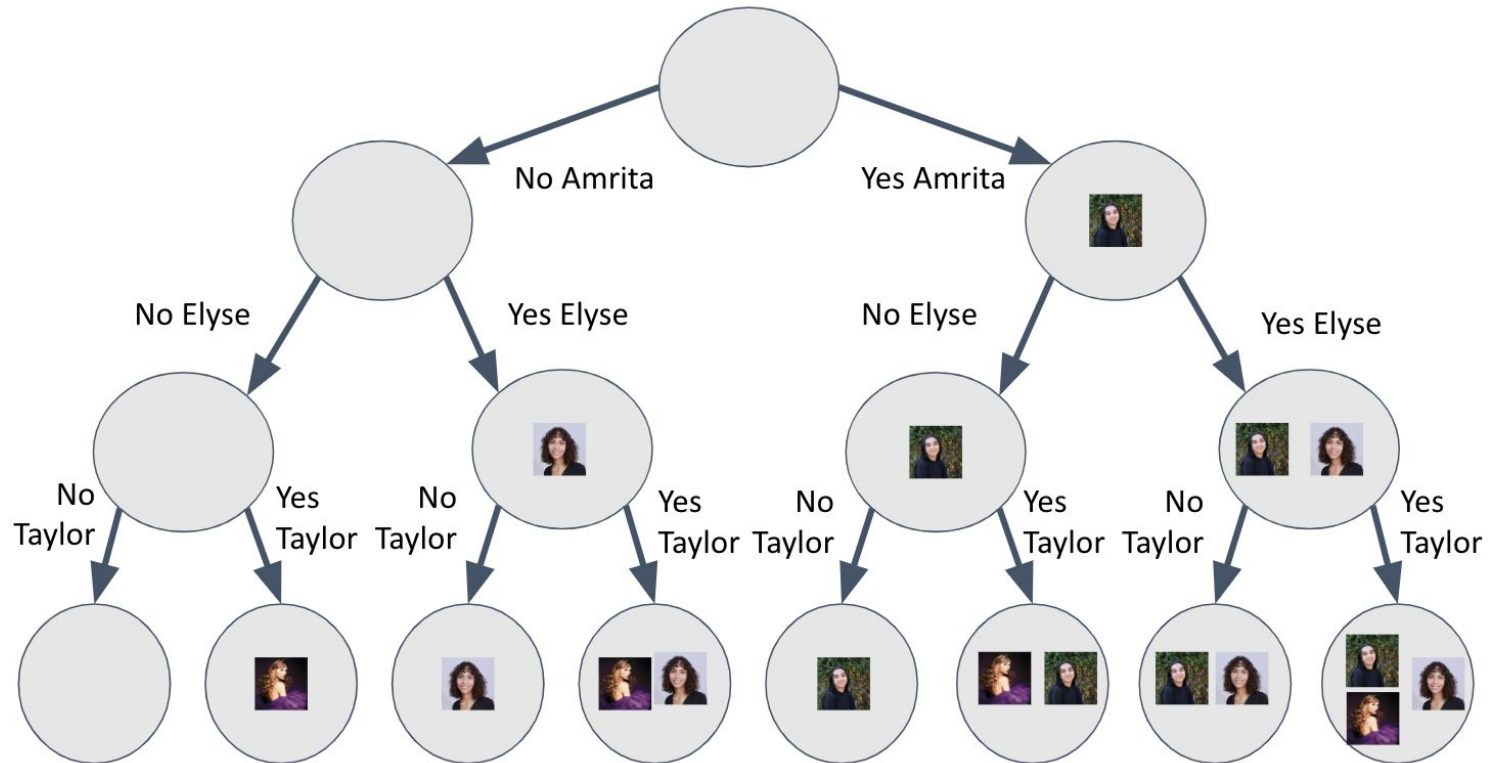
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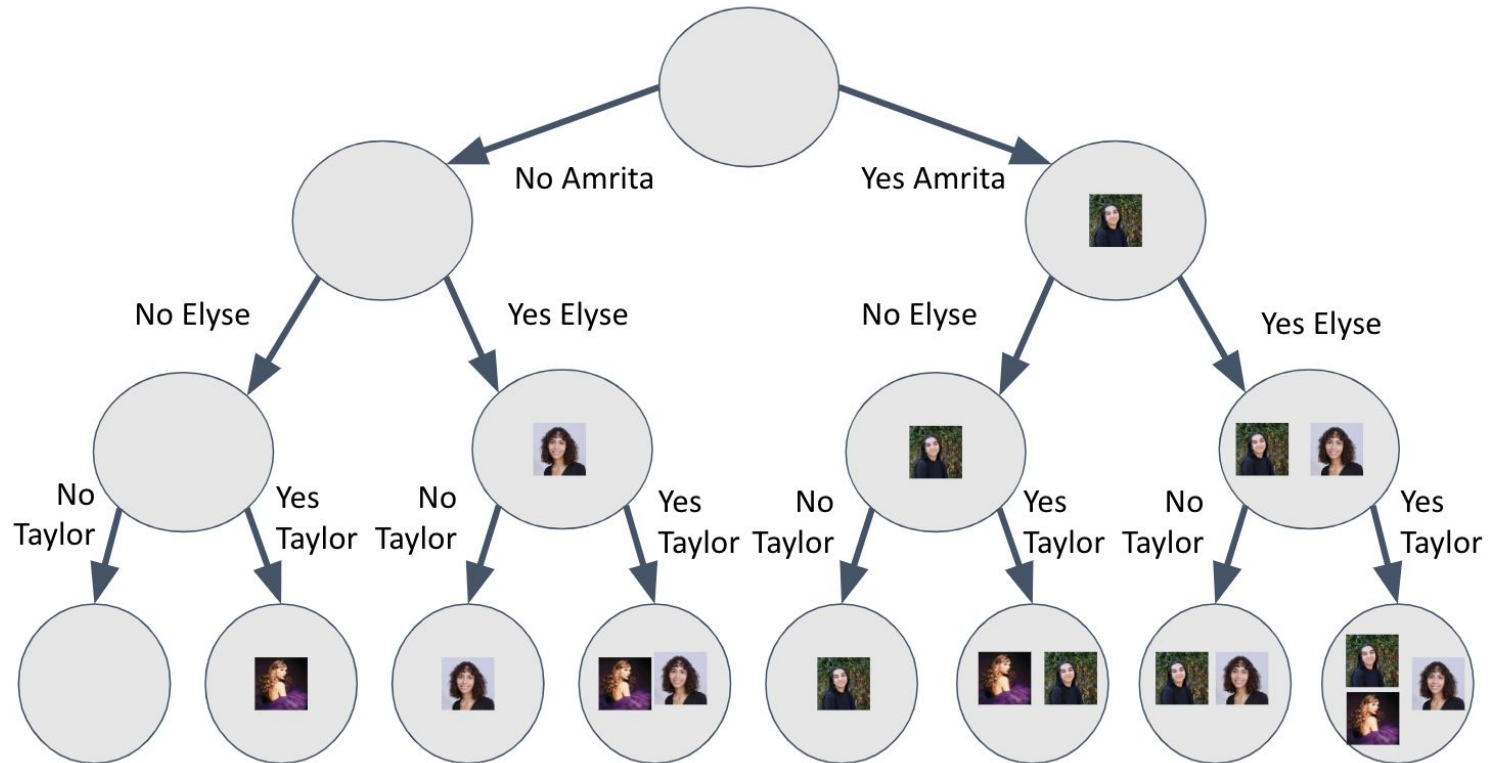




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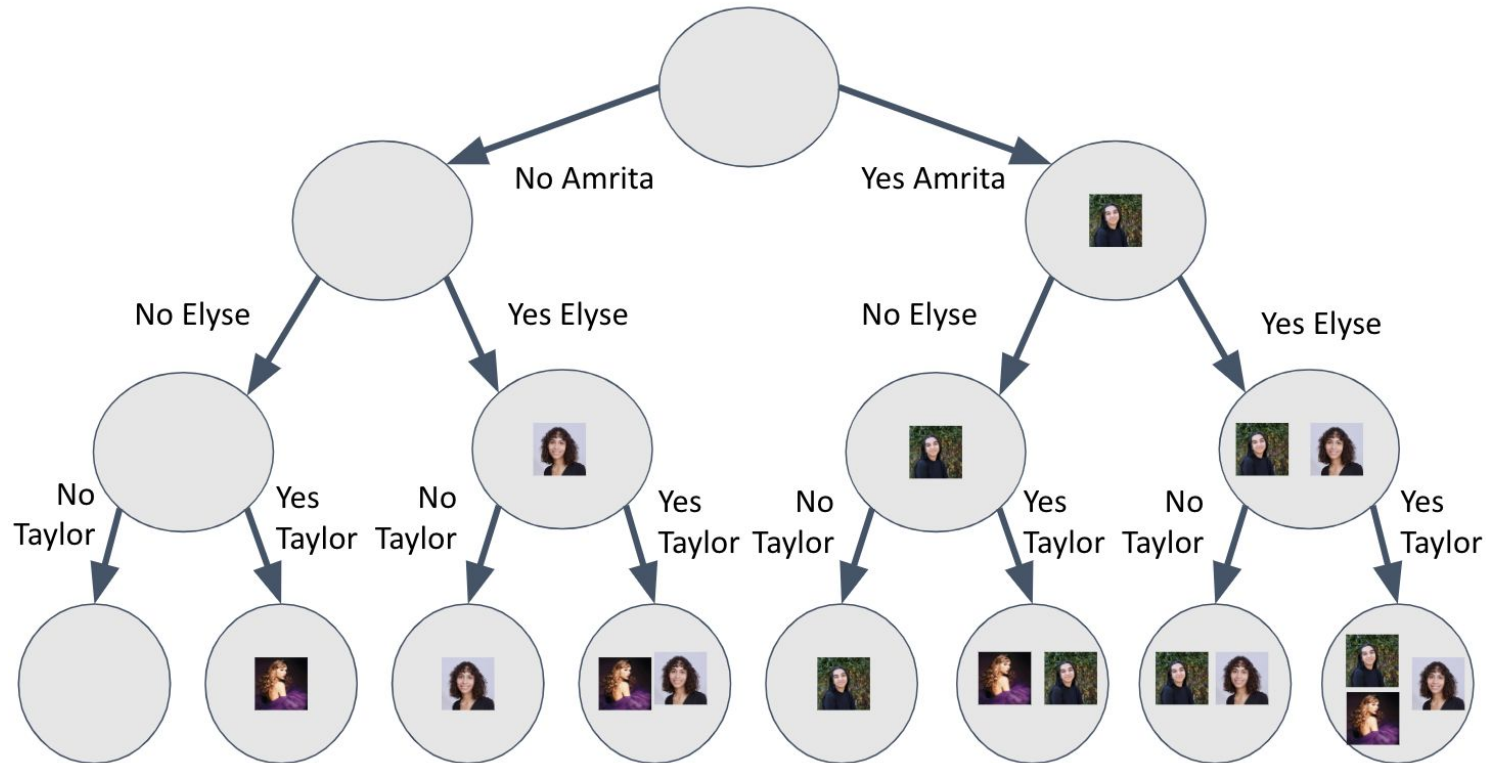


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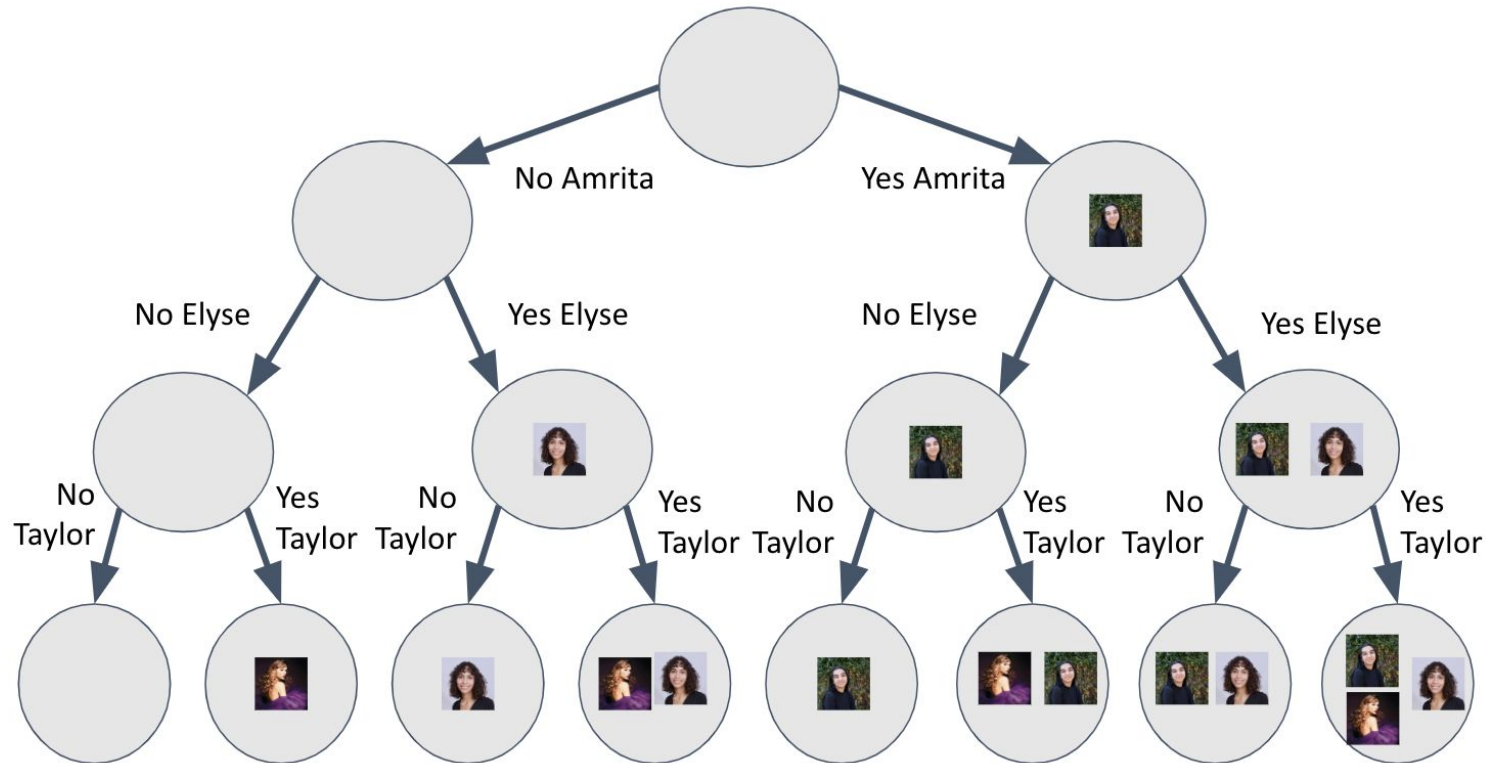
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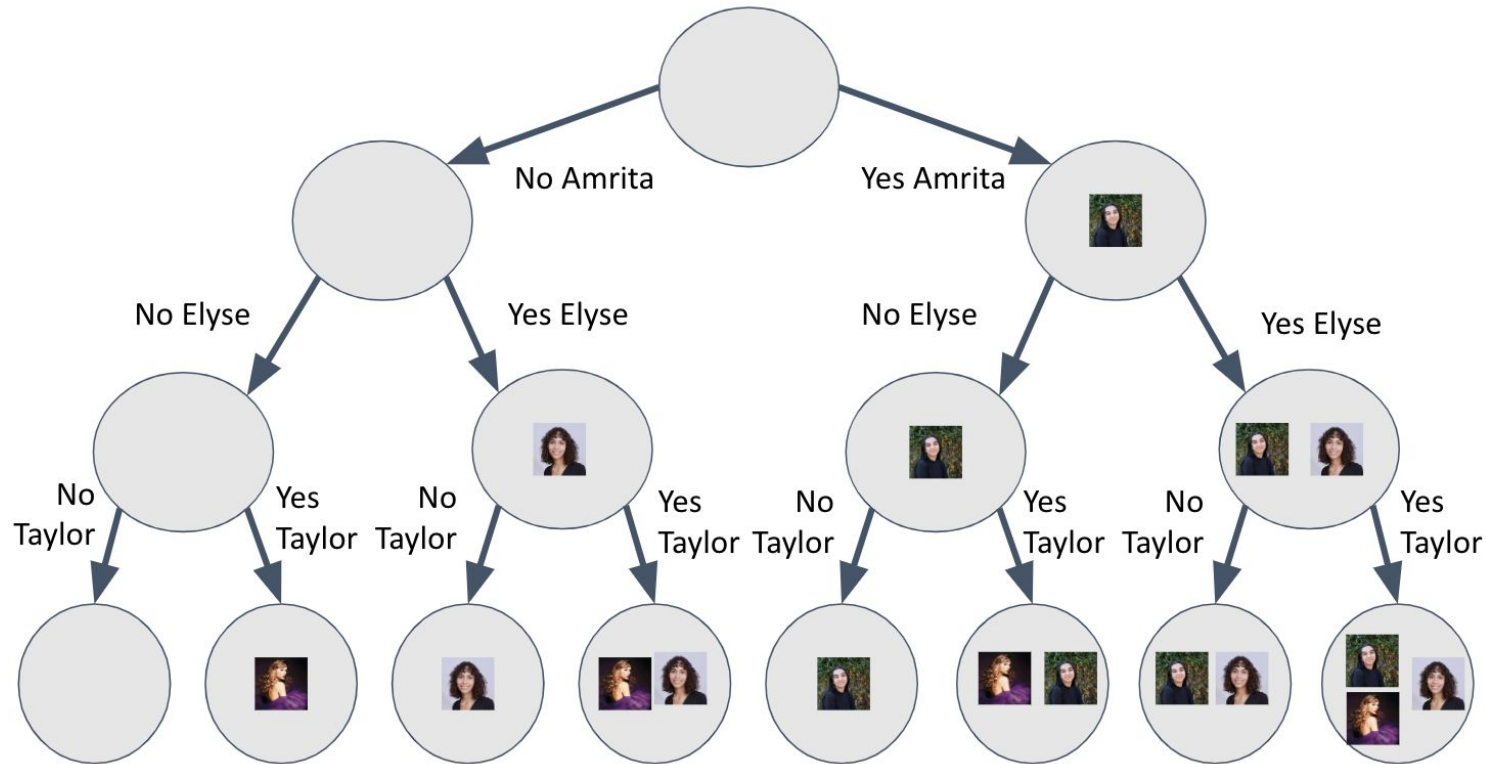
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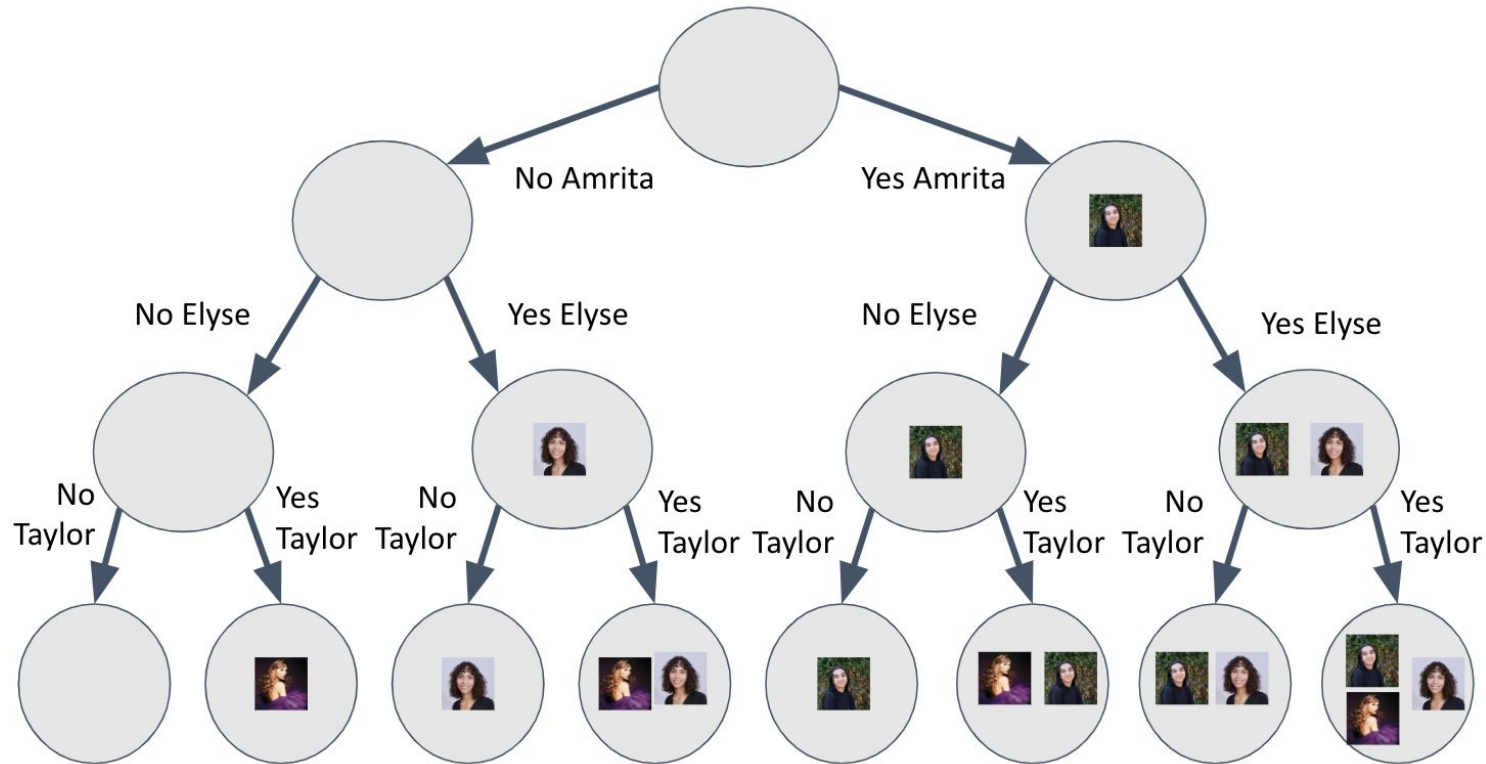
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- Each combination of k graders can be represented as a `Set<string>`.
- In previous string examples, we were just printing out all solutions. But what if we wanted to store all of them to be able to do something with them later?
- We want to return a container holding all possible combinations

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# Solving Recursive Backtracking

- Which of our three use cases does our problem fall into? (generate/count all solutions, find one solution/prove its existence, or pick one best solution)
- What's the provided function prototype and requirements? Do we need a helper function?
  - What are we returning as our solution?
  - Do we care about returning or keeping track of the path we took to get to our solution?  
If yes, what parameters are we already given and what others might be useful?
- **What are our base and recursive cases?**
  - **What does the decision tree look like? (decisions, options, what to keep track of)**
  - **In addition to what we're building up, are there any additional constraints on our solutions?**
  - **Does it make sense to use an implicit or explicit unchoose step for the recursion?**

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- Explicit!
  - We're passing in our set by reference, so we need to undo any choices we make

# Let's Code It Up!

# Next Class

- Recursive backtracking to solve mazes!
- Misc.
  - Const reference
  - Structs
- Classes and Object-Oriented Programming