Collections, Part Two

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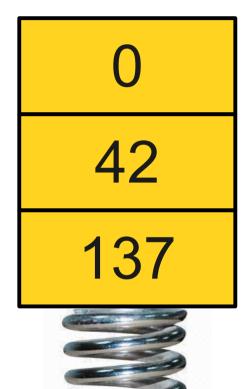
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Wait a Minute...

- But couldn't we just use a Vector for this?
- To push, just append:

$$v += elem$$

To pop, remove the last element:

```
v.removeAt(v.length() - 1);
```

Stacks Matter

 There are several major advantages to using a stack.

Conceptual simplicity:

- Describing a problem as a stack rather than a vector more precisely describes the problem.
- Recognizing this use pattern sheds light on the structure of multiple related problems.

Implementation efficiency:

• Stacks can be implemented slightly more efficiently than vectors; more on that later.

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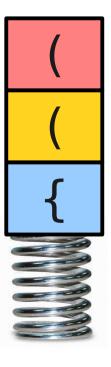
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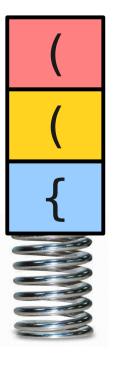
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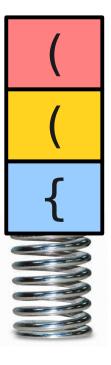
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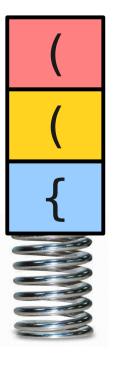
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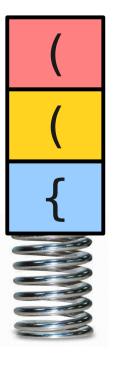
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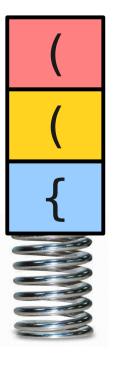
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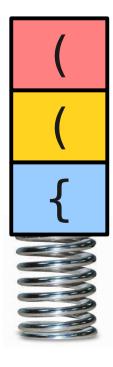
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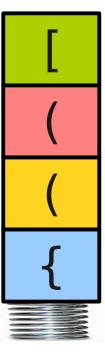
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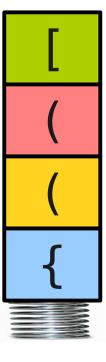
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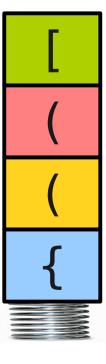
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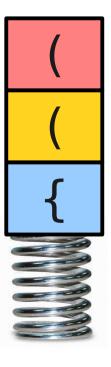
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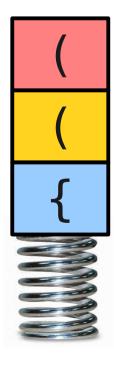
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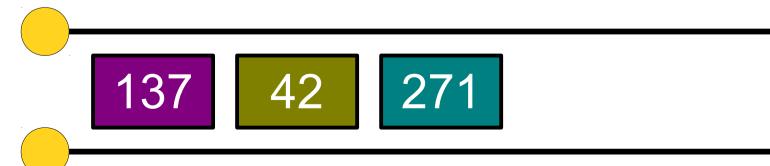
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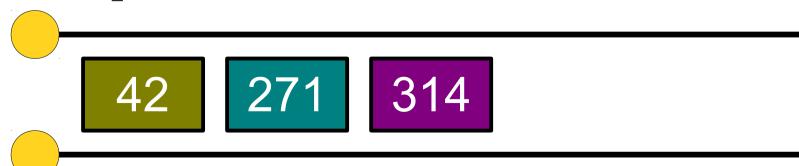
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Listing All Strings

- Suppose we want to generate all strings of letters A, B, and C of length at most three.
- How might we do this?

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"A"

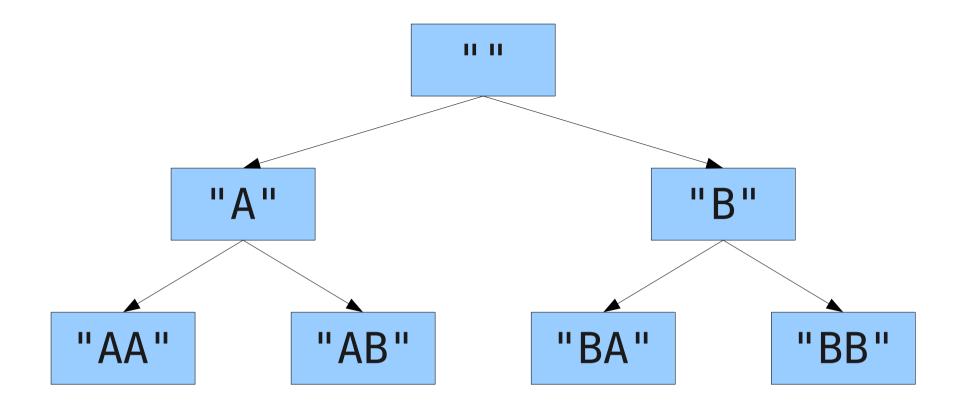
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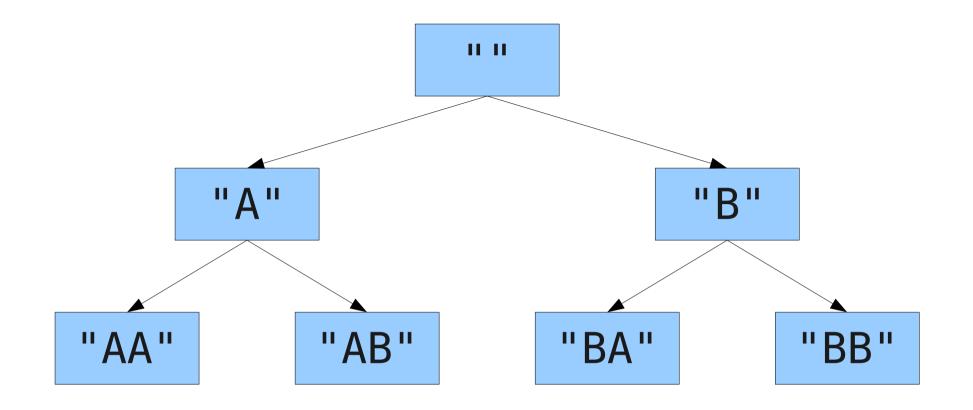
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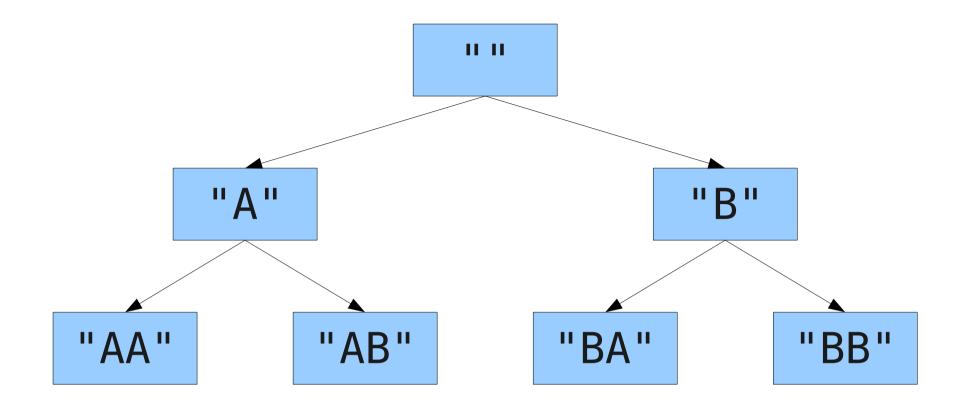
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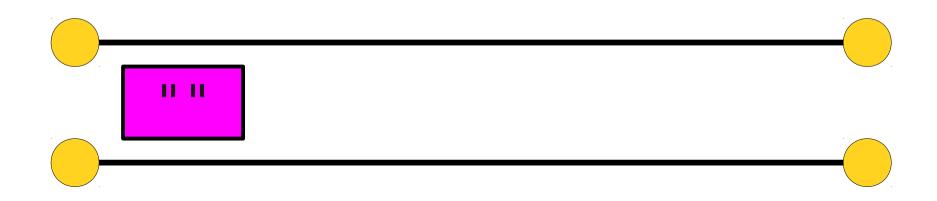
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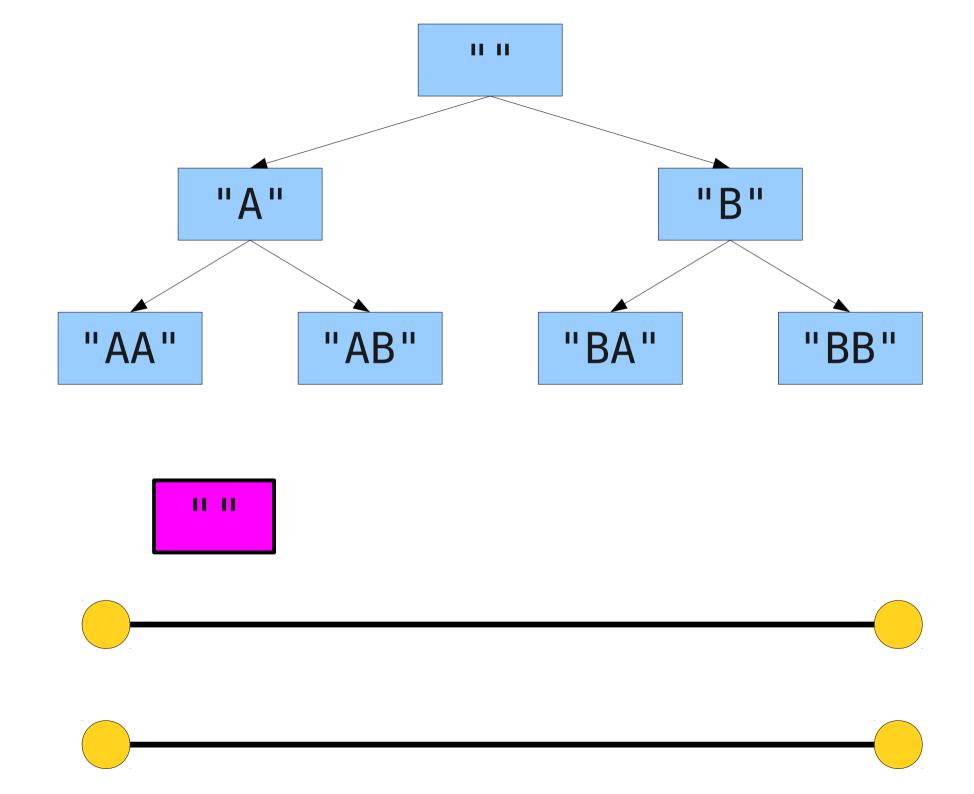
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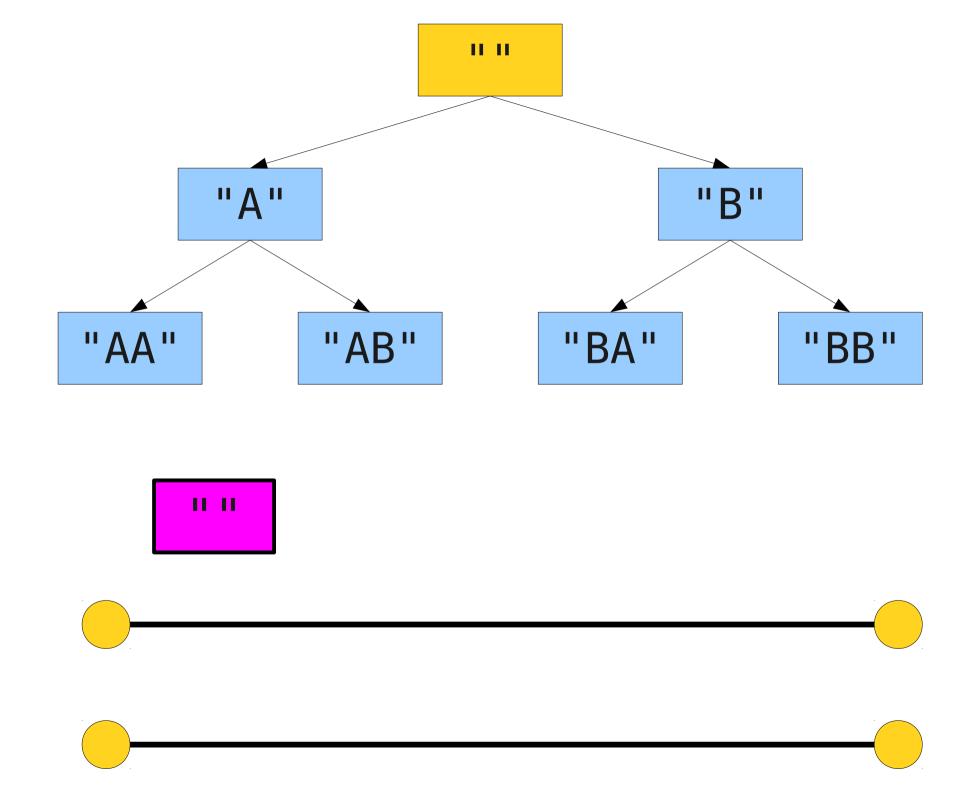


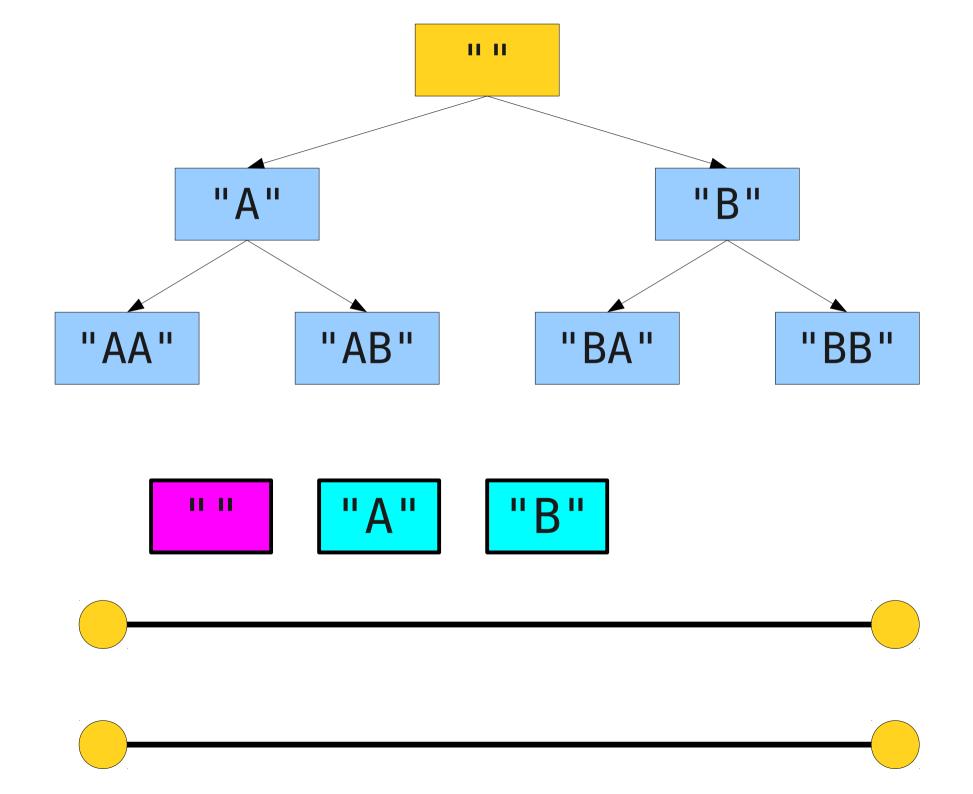


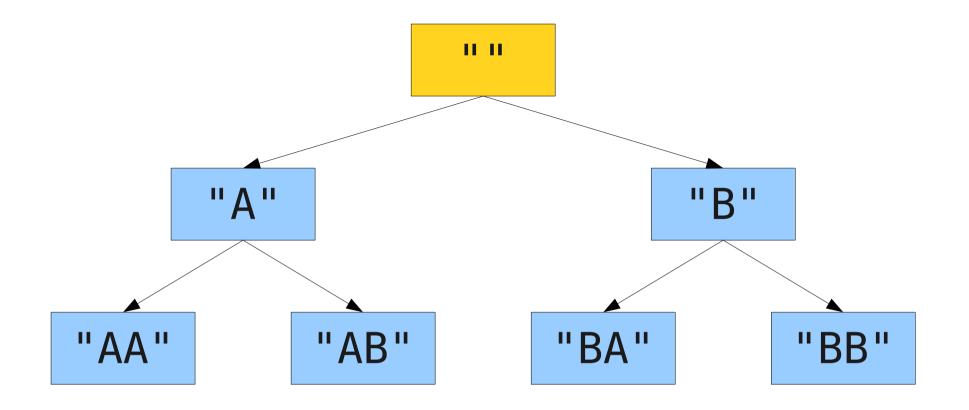


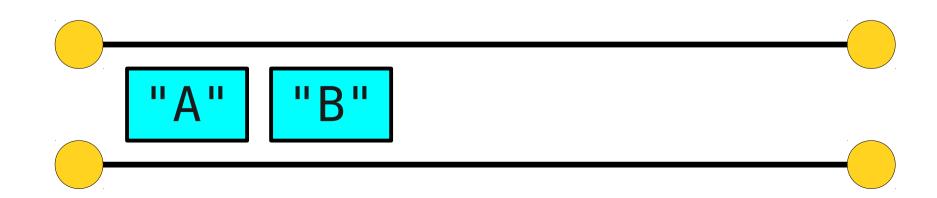


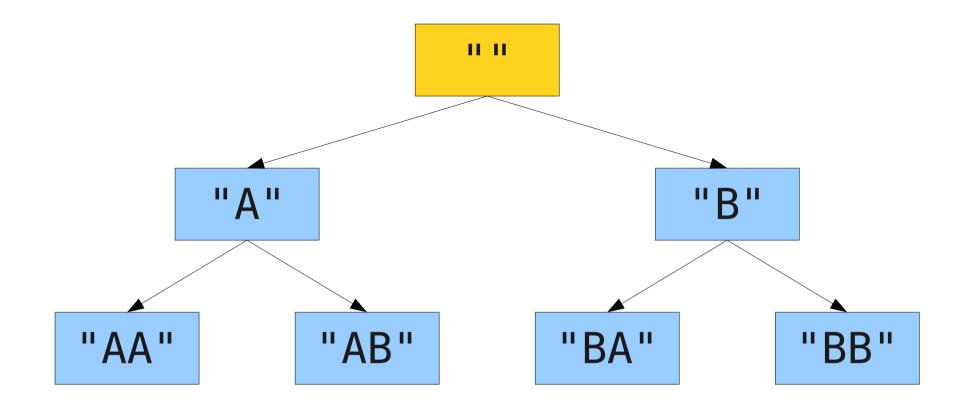


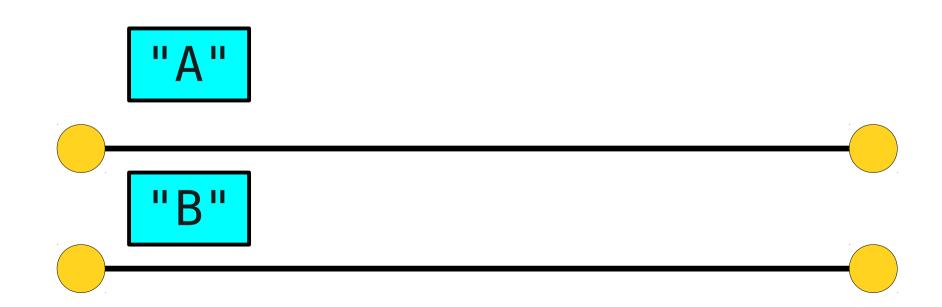


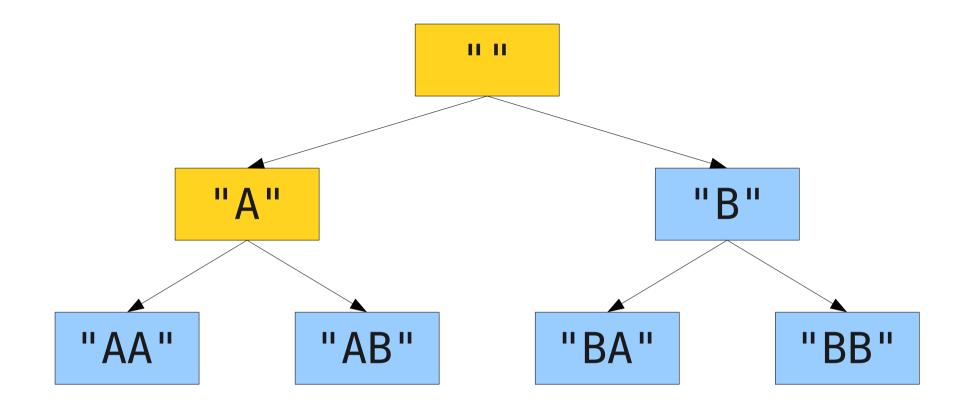


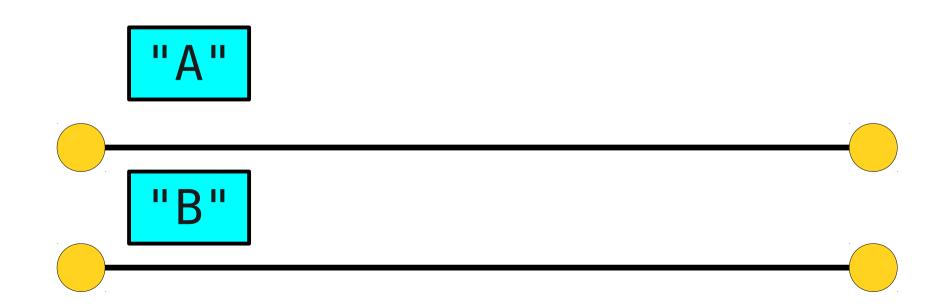


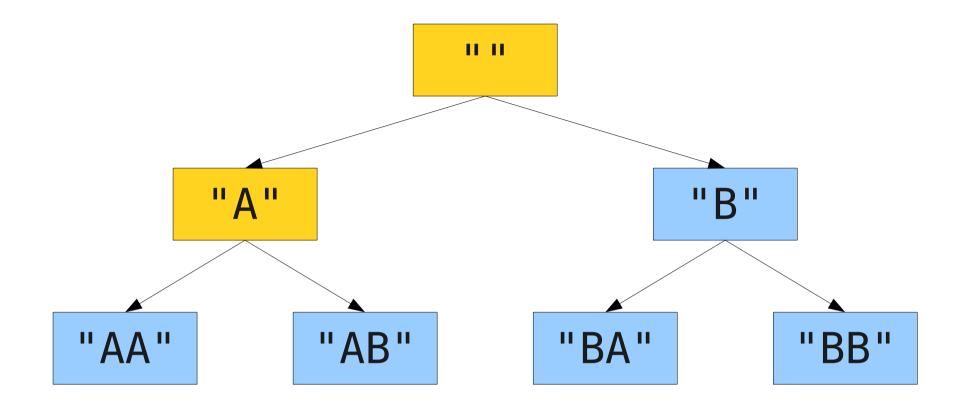


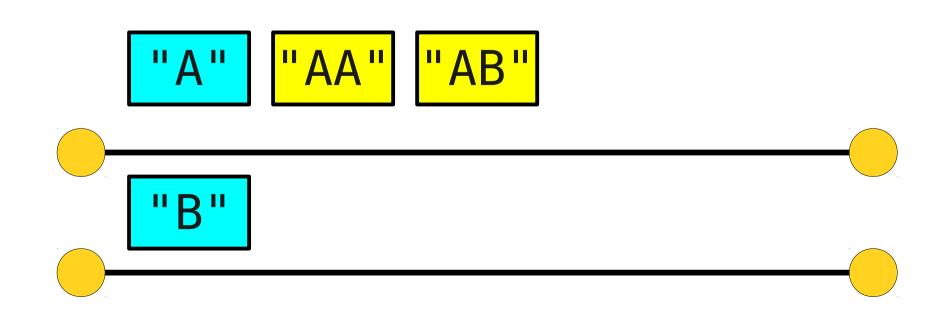


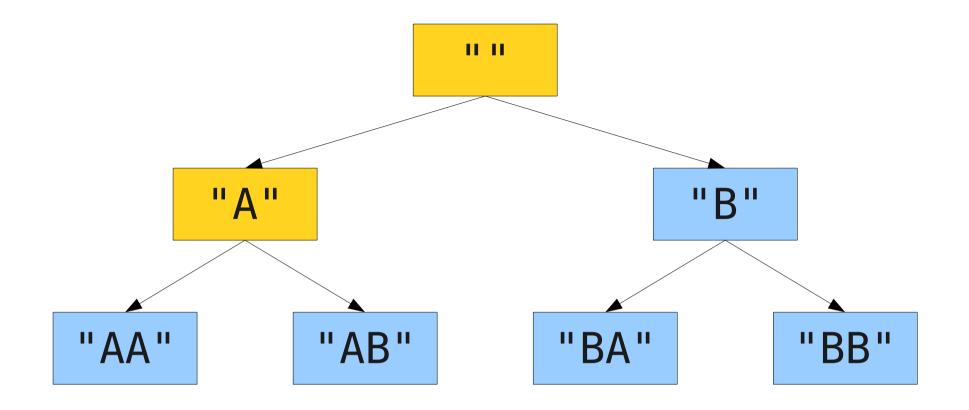


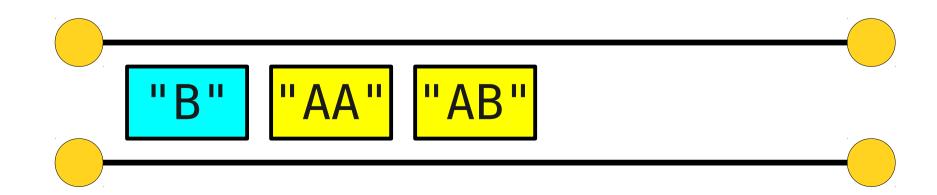


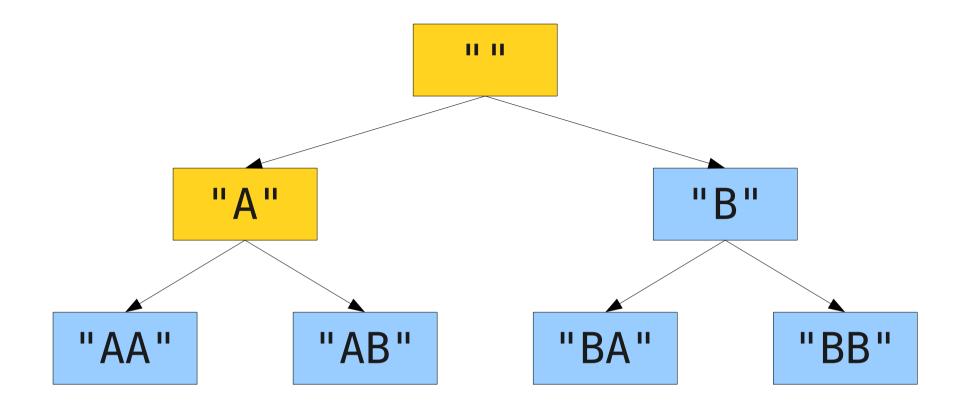


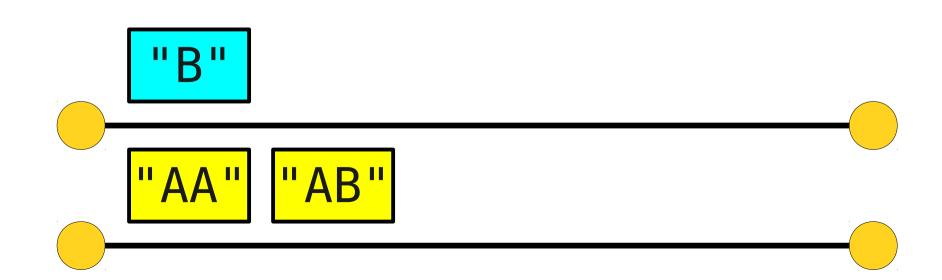


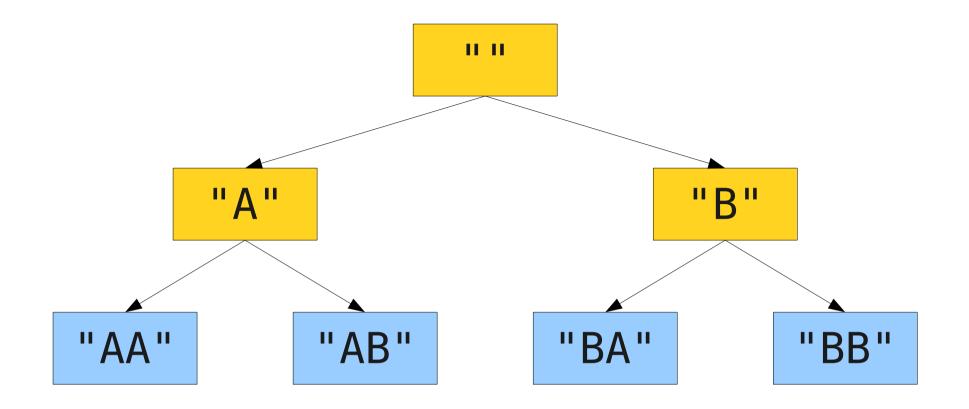


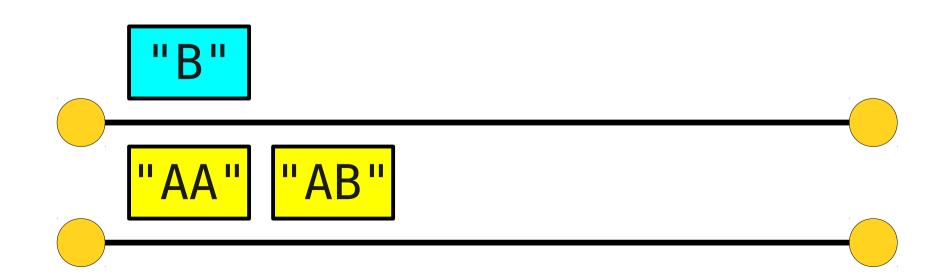


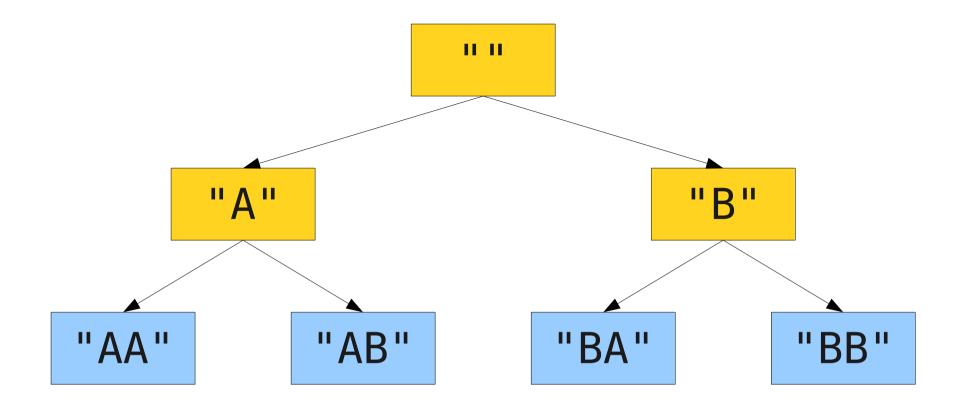


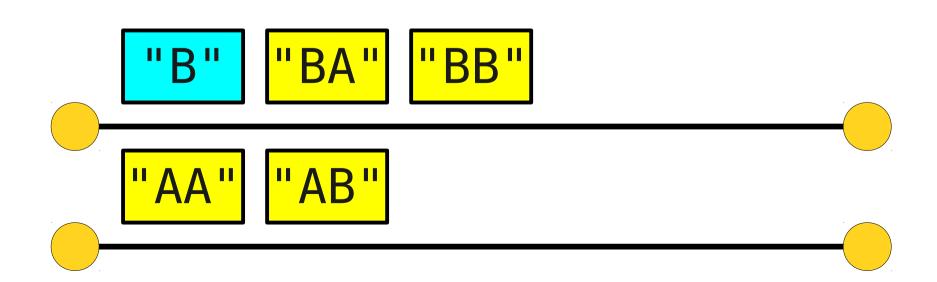


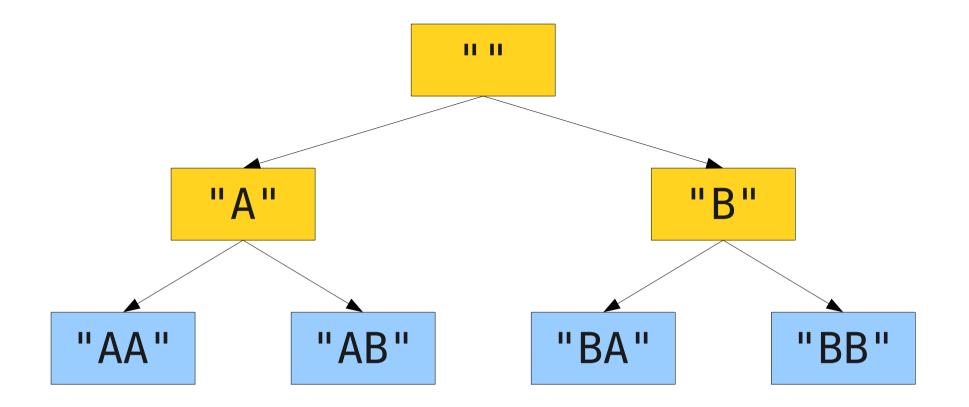


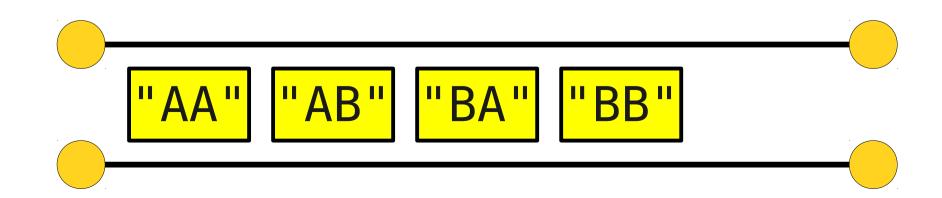


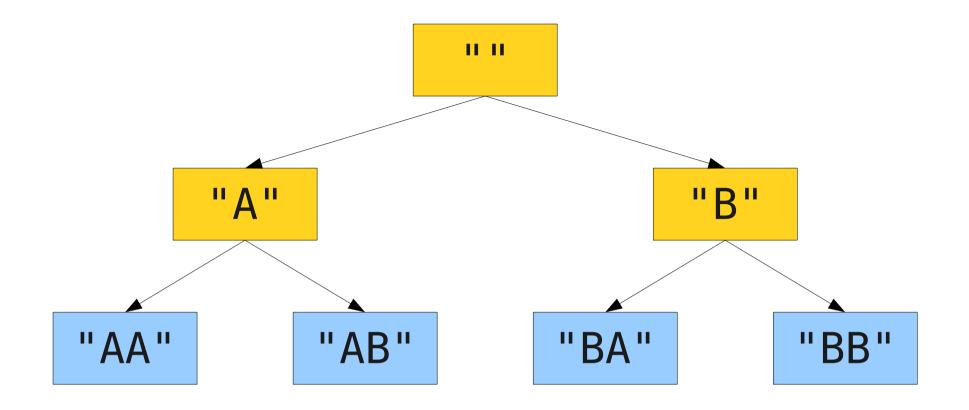


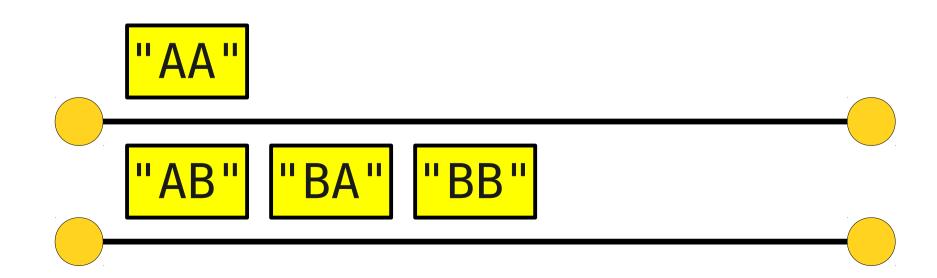


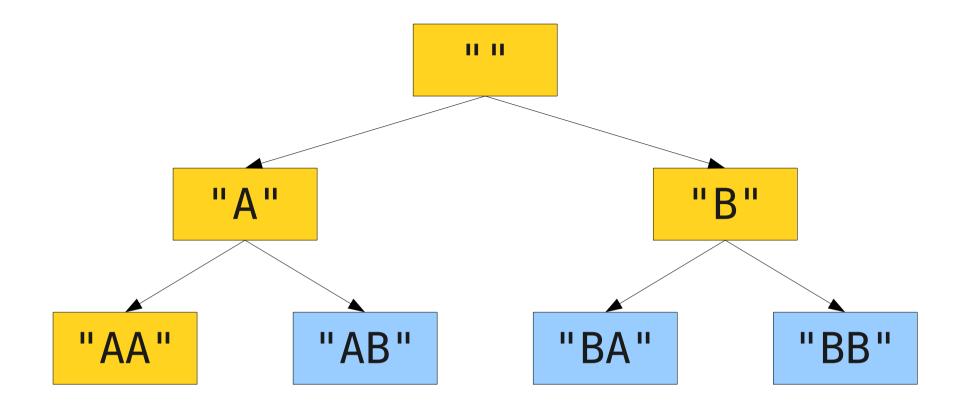


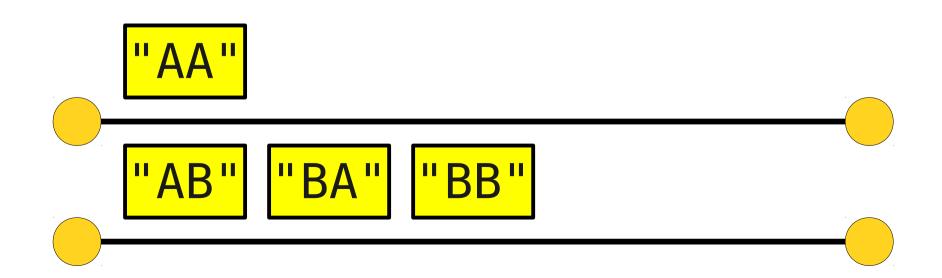


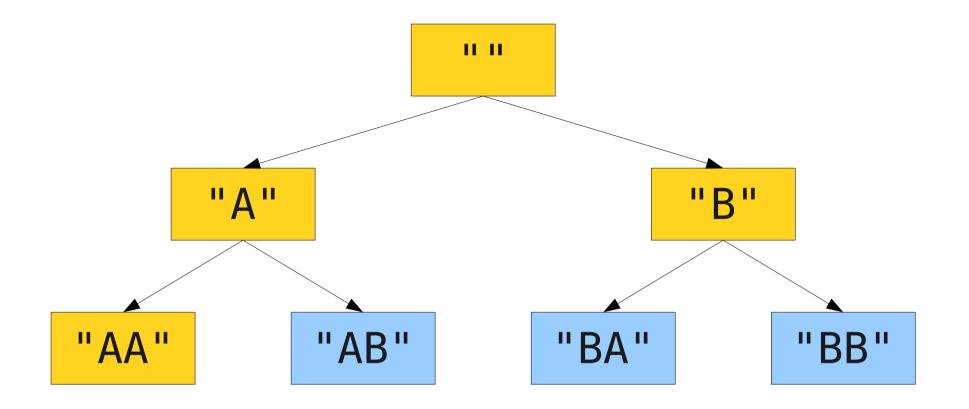


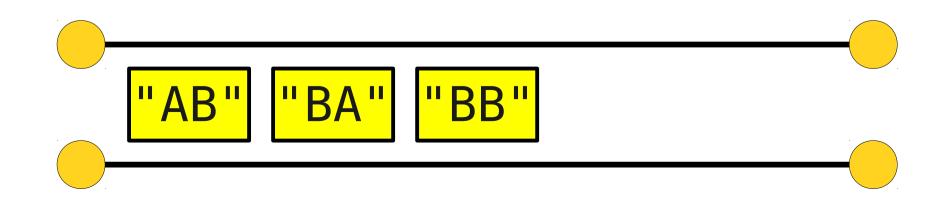


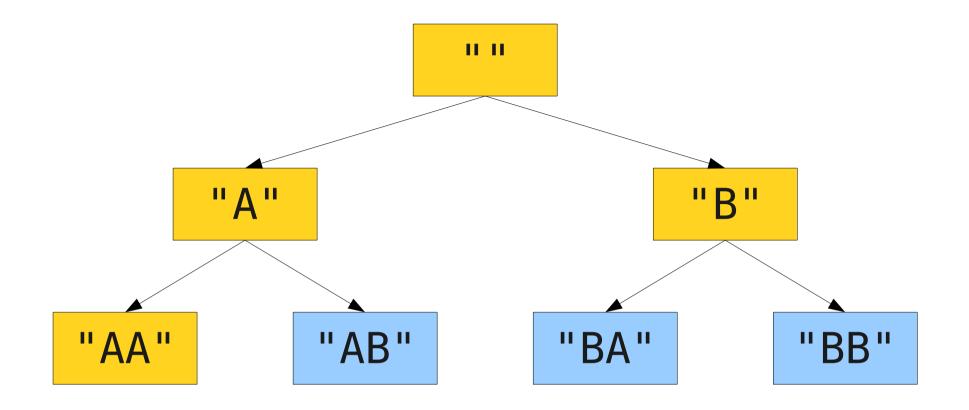


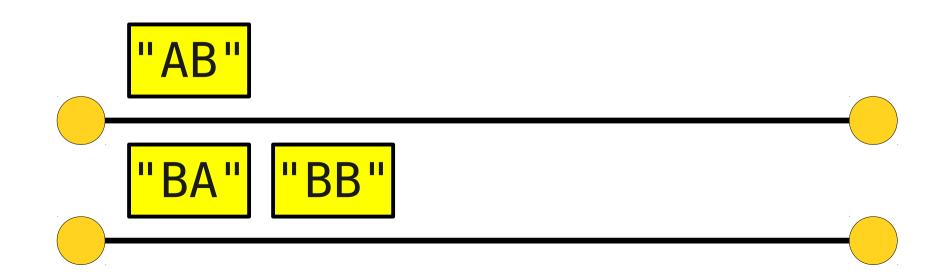


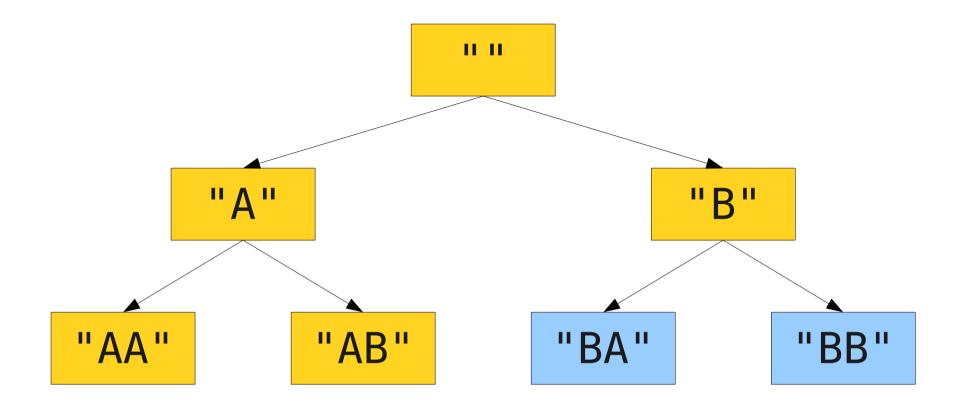


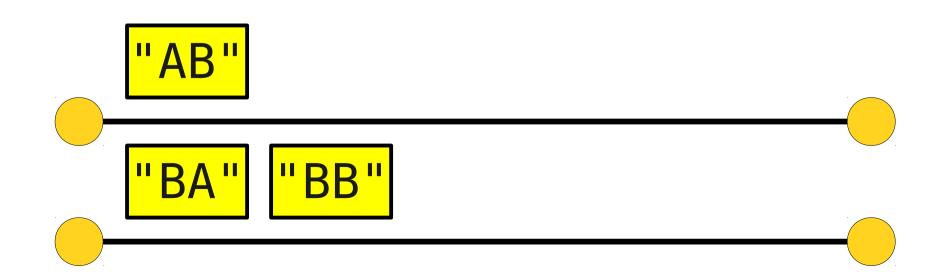


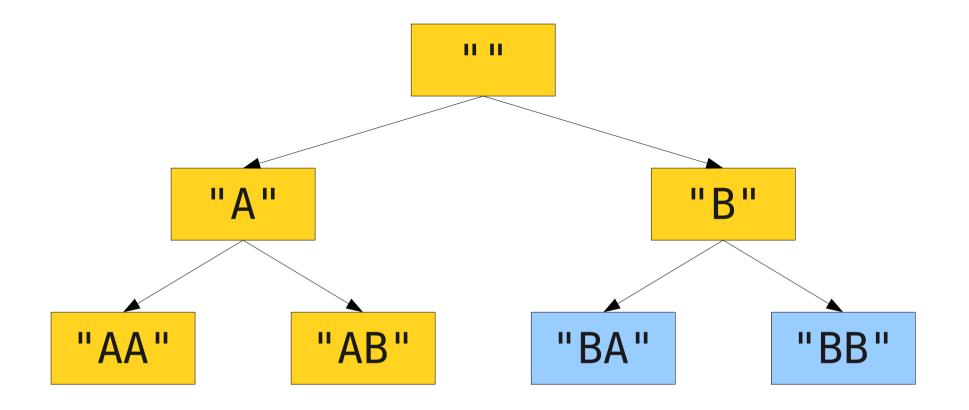


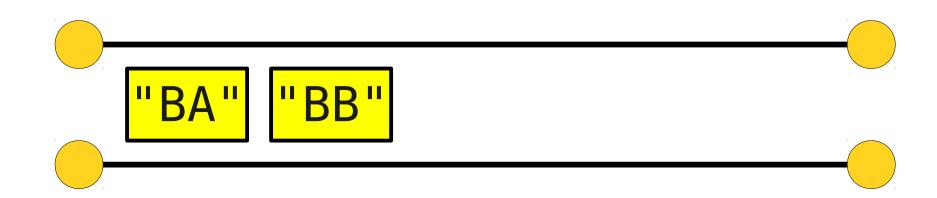


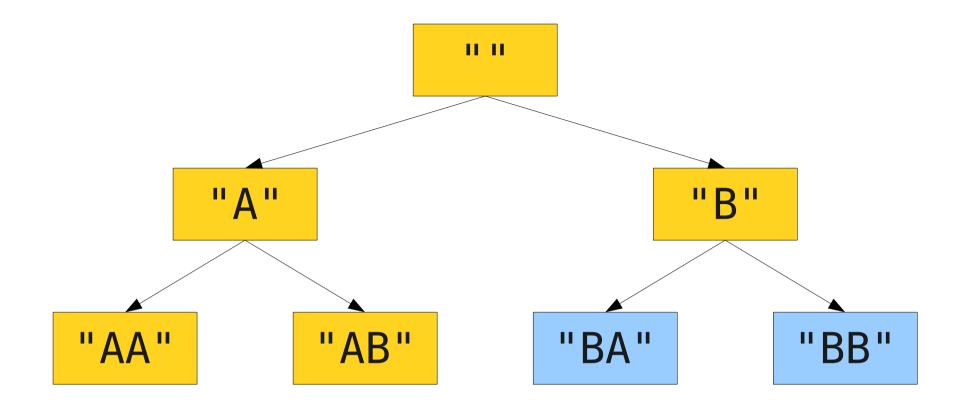


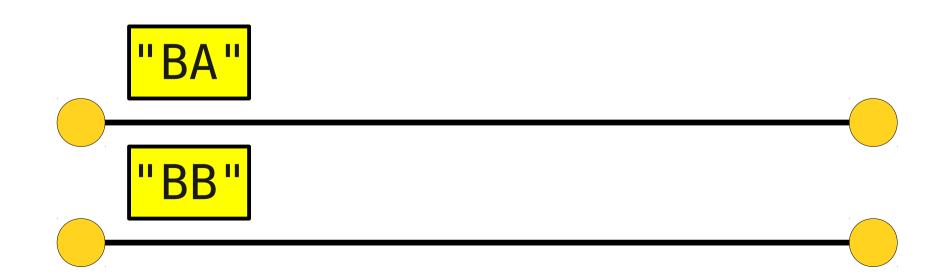


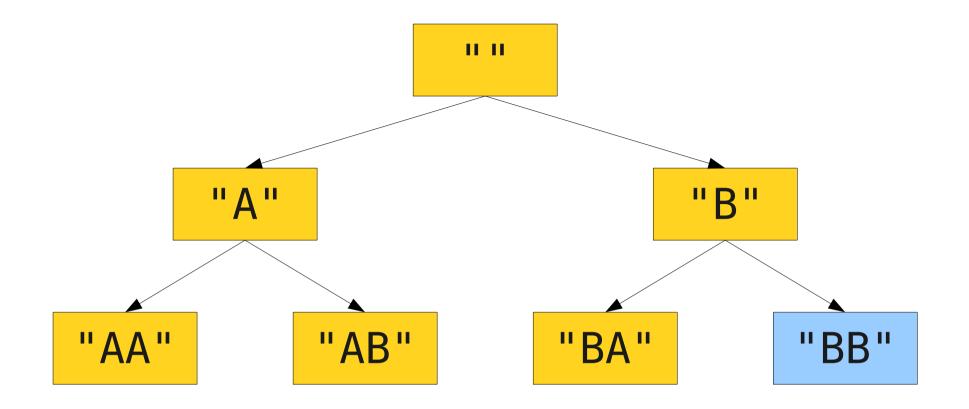


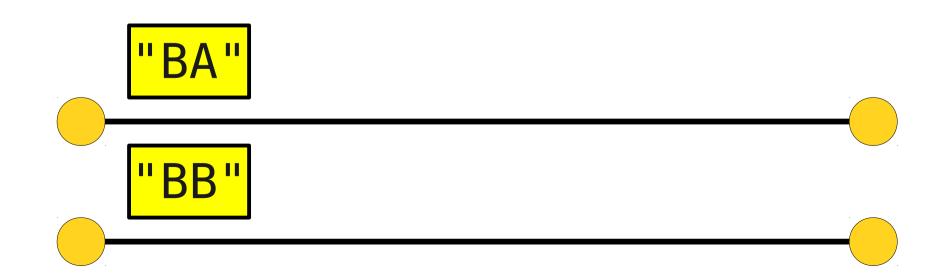


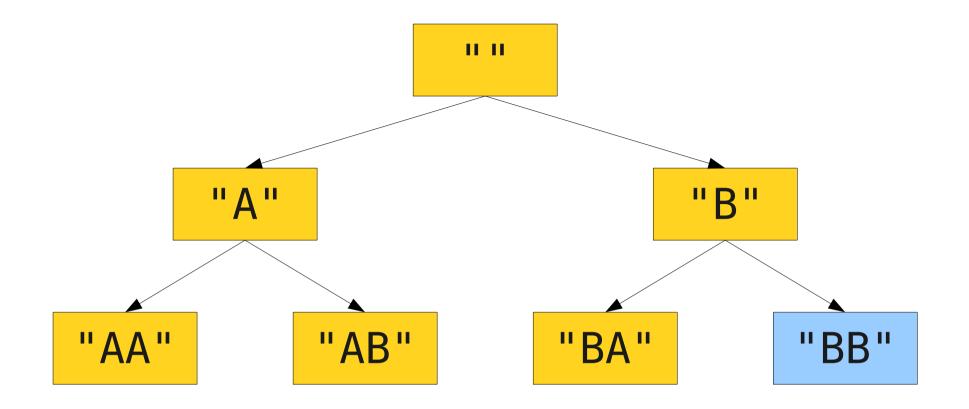


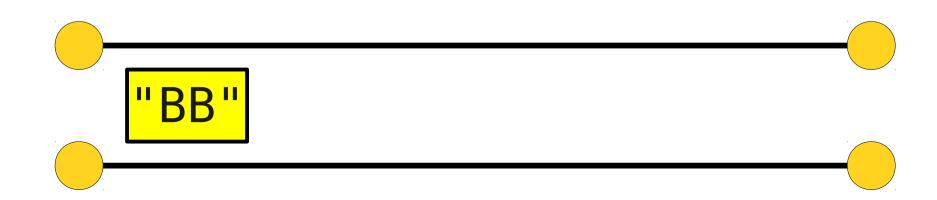


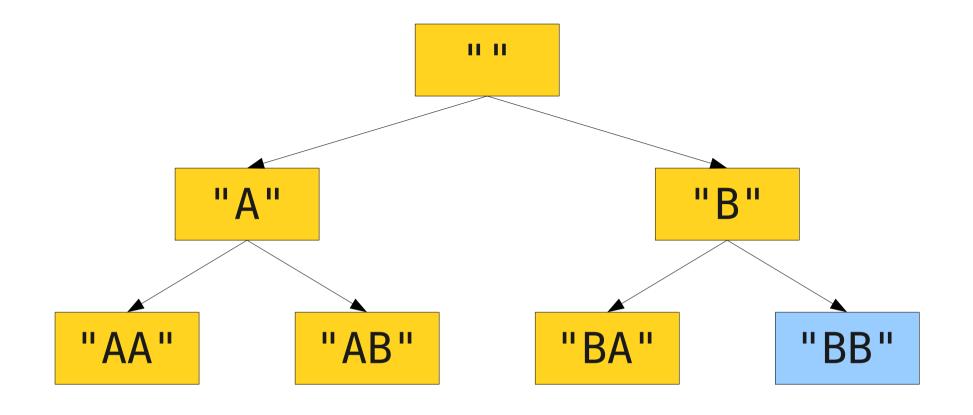


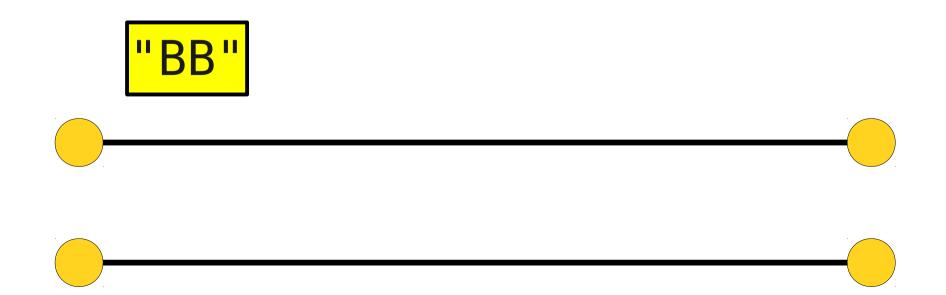


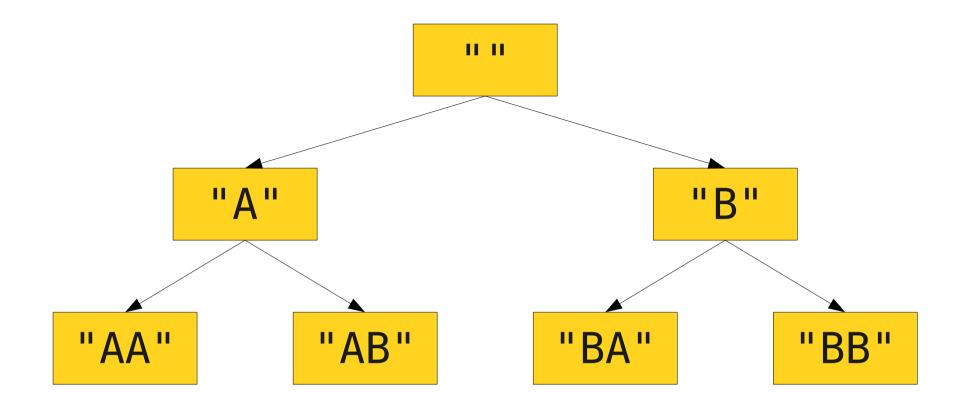


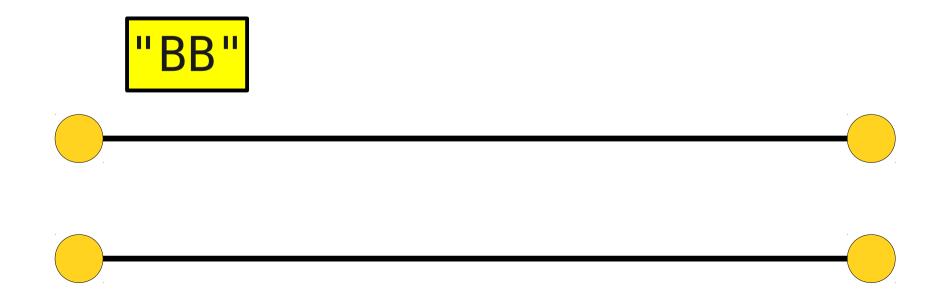


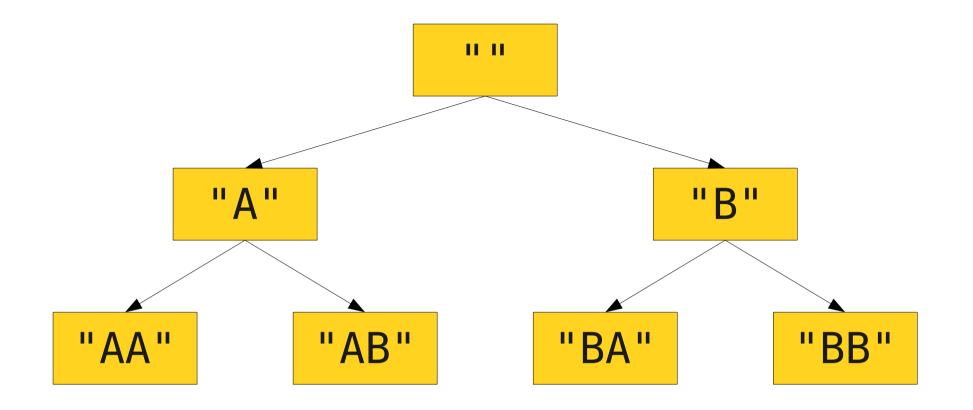












How to Remember All This?

An Amazingly Useful Link

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Using the Map

• To use the map, you must specify both the key type and the value type:

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Map<KeyType, ValueType> map;
```

You can add or change a key/value pair by writing

$$map[key] = value;$$

You can read the value associated with a key by writing

map[key]

If no value exists, a new key/value pair is automatically added for you. The value is initialized to a sensible default.

 You can check whether a key exists in the map by calling map.containsKey(key)

What states have the most cities/towns in them?

What states have the fewest?

foreach

 You can loop the elements of any collection class using the **foreach** macro:

```
foreach (type var in collection) {
    /* ... do something with var ... */
}
```

- foreach is not a part of standard C++; it's a macro that we've built to keep things simple.
- Oh, and the implementation of **foreach** will make you go blind. You've been warned.

Ordering in foreach

- When using foreach to iterate over a collection:
 - In a Vector, string, or array, the elements are retrieved in order.
 - In a **Map**, the *keys* are returned in sorted order.
 - In a **Set** or **Lexicon** (more on them later), the values are returned in sorted order.
 - In a **Grid**, the elements of the first row are returned in order, then the second row, etc. (this is called *row-major order*).