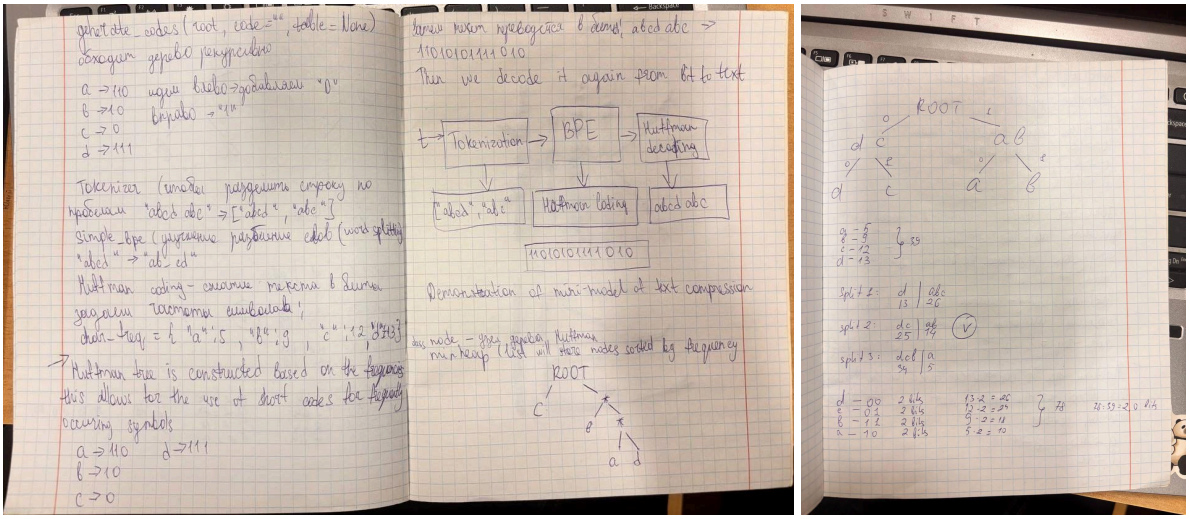
Project overview:

In this mini project, we combined three main ideas:

1. Huffman Coding -a classic lossless compression algorithm that builds a tree based on character frequencies.
2. Tokenizer -simply splits text into pieces.
3. Mini-BPE - a very simple version of Byte-Pair Encoding (used here just for demonstration).

The goal of the project is to show how text moves from characters → tokens → Huffman codes → compressed bits and back.



2. Node- Huffman Tree Node

```
class Node:
    def __init__(self):
        self.info = '\0'
        self.freq = 0
        self.code = ''
        self.Llink = None
        self.Rlink = None
```

char- the character stored in the node ('a').

freq-how many times the character appears. The more frequent, the shorter its code.

left and right — pointers to children. In Huffman tree, left = 0, right = 1.

3. MinHeap- Priority Queue

```
class MinHeap:
    def __init__(self):
        self.T = []
        self.n = 0
```

Why a heap?

Huffman tree needs to repeatedly take the two least frequent nodes and combine them.
A min-heap lets us find the smallest frequency efficiently.

- insert() — adds a node and moves it up if necessary.
- remove_min() — removes the smallest node.
- _up() and _down() — maintain heap property.
- _swap() — swaps two nodes.

4. Building the Huffman Tree

```
def build_huffman_tree(char_freq):
```

Process

1. Turn each character into a node.
2. Put all nodes into a heap.
3. While more than one node exists:

- Remove two nodes with smallest frequencies.
- Combine them into a new node "*" (internal node).
- Insert it back into the heap.

4. The last remaining node is the root.

5. Generating Huffman Codes (Recursive)

```
def generate_codes(root, code="", table=None):
```

How it works:

- If the node is a leaf → save its path (0s and 1s) as its code.
- If the node is internal → go left/right recursively.

Example result
{'a':'110', 'b':'10', 'c':'0', 'd':'111'}

Why it works?

More frequent symbols end up closer to the root → shorter codes.

6. Tokenizer

```
def tokenize(text):
    return text.split()
```

How it works?

Simply splits text by spaces:
"abcd abc" → ["abcd", "abc"].

7. Simple BPE (Very Simplified)

```
def simple_bpe(tokens):
    bpe_tokens = []
    for t in tokens:
        # merge simple pairs (demo only)
        if len(t) > 2:
            merged = t[0:2] + "_" + t[2:]
```

Real BPE

- Finds most frequent symbol pairs and merges them.

Here

We just add _ between 2nd and 3rd character as a demonstration.

8. Encoding Text

```
def encode_text(text, codes):
```

What it does? Each character is replaced by its Huffman code.

Example:
Text: "abcd"
Codes: a=110, b=10, c=0, d=111

→ "110100111"

9. Decoding

```
def decode_text(bits, root):
```

How it works:

1. Read bits one by one.

2. Traverse the tree:

a. 0 → left

b. 1 → right

3. When you reach a leaf → found a character → return to root.

10. Example Input
char_freq = {"a":5, "b":9, "c":12, "d":13}

- Rare characters → longer code
- Frequent characters → shorter code

This project implements a mini pipeline:
text → tokens → BPE → Huffman → bit string → text.

We manually built the Huffman tree, generated codes for each character, and demonstrated text compression and decompression.
We also added a simple version of BPE to illustrate how token merging works, showing the idea behind modern text compression and tokenization in NLP models.