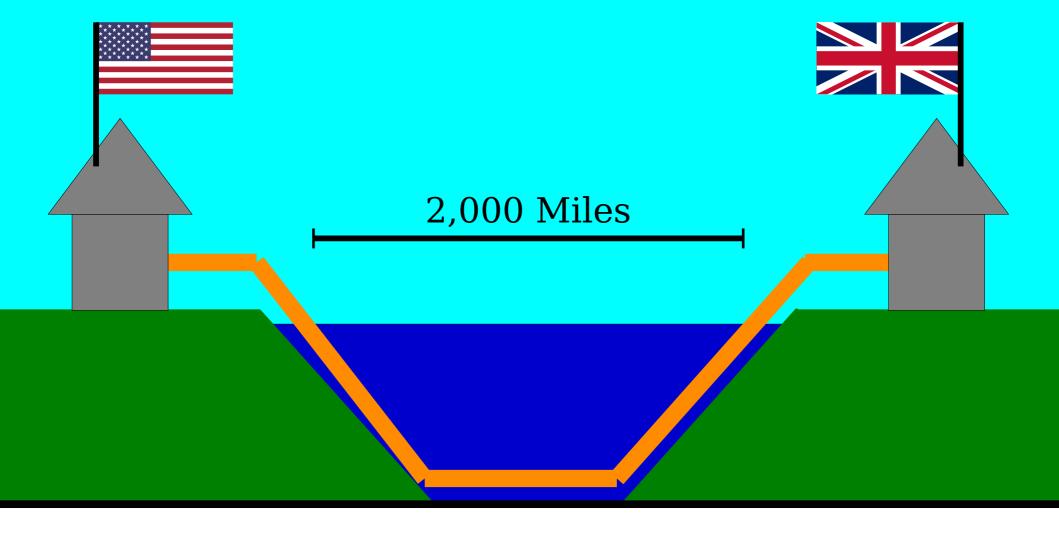
# Beyond Data Structures

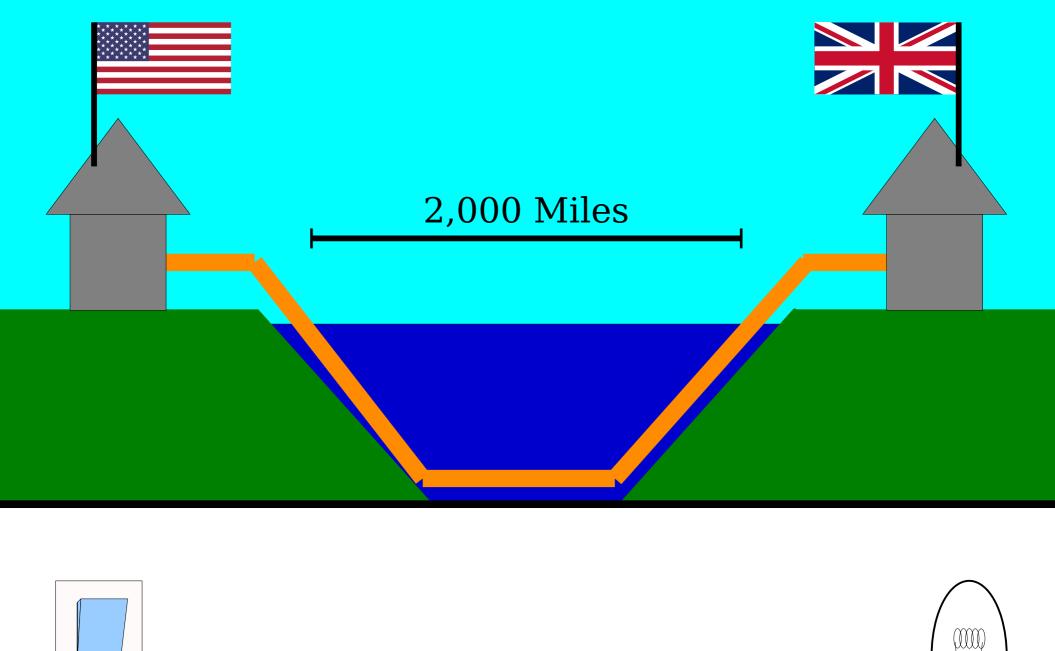
## Outline for Today

- Bits and Bytes
  - Representing things with 0s and 1s.
- Data Compression
  - Reducing transmission requirements.
- Prefix-Free Codes
  - A clever space-saving trick.
- Huffman Coding
  - Finding good prefix-free codes.

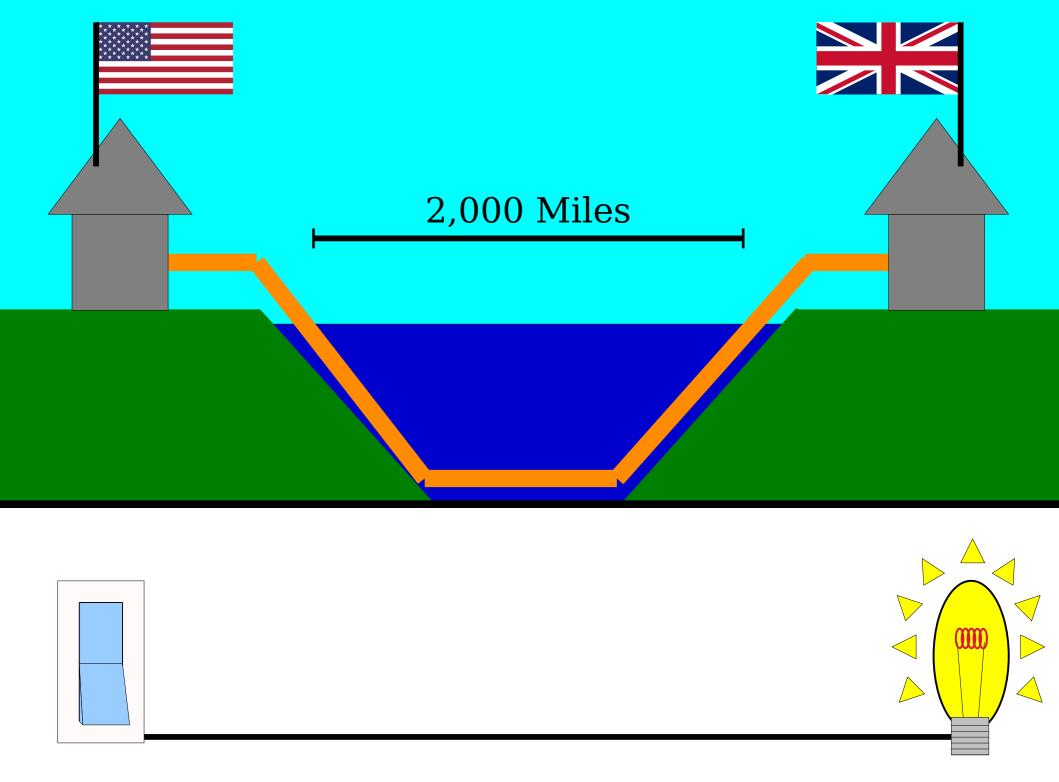
Bits and Bytes

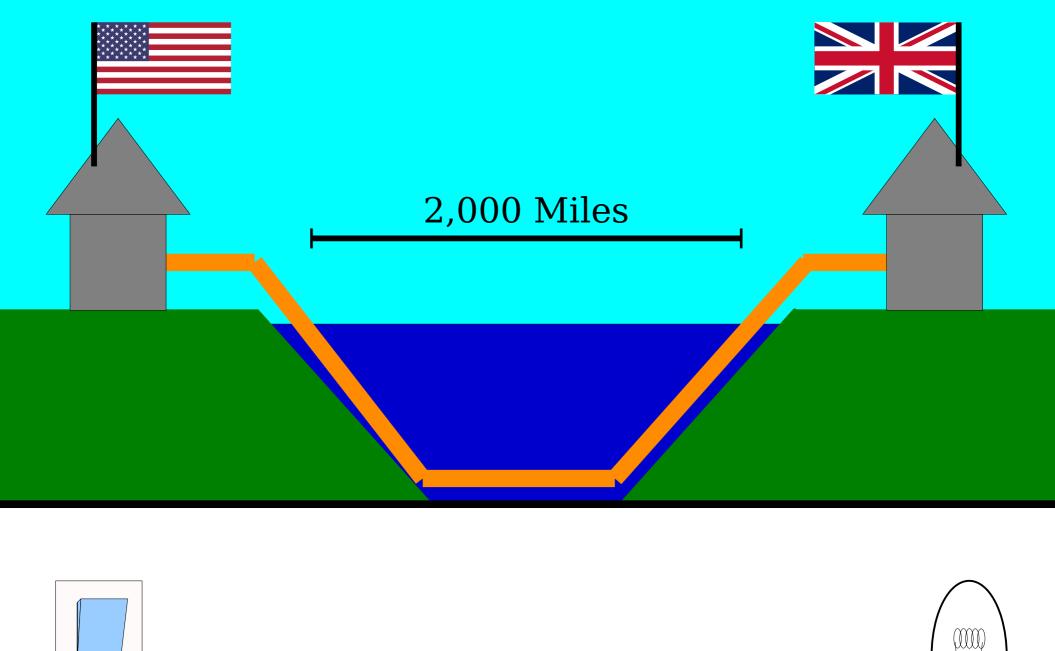
19<sup>th</sup> Century Data Transmission











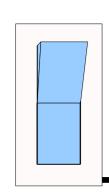


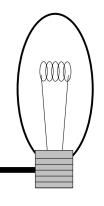
Α	• -
В	-••
C	- • - •
D	-••
Ε	•
F	• • - •
G	•

Н	• • • •
Ι	• •
J	•
K	- • -
L	•-••
М	
N	-•

0	
Р	••
Q	•-
R	• - •
S	• • •
Т	_
U	• • –

V	• • • –
W	•
X	-••-
Υ	
Z	••



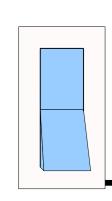


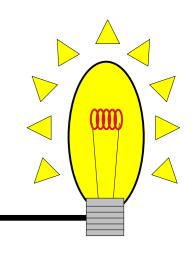
Α	• -
В	-••
C	- • - •
D	-••
Ε	•
F	• • - •
G	•

Н	• • • •
I	• •
J	•
K	- • -
L	•-••
M	
N	_•

0	
Р	••
Q	•-
R	● — ●
S	• • •
Т	_
U	• • –

V	• • • –
W	•
X	-••-
Υ	
Z	••



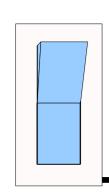


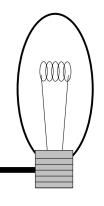
Α	• -
В	-••
C	- • - •
D	-••
Ε	•
F	• • - •
G	•

Н	• • • •
Ι	• •
J	•
K	- • -
L	•-••
М	
N	-•

0	
Р	••
Q	•-
R	• - •
S	• • •
Т	_
U	• • –

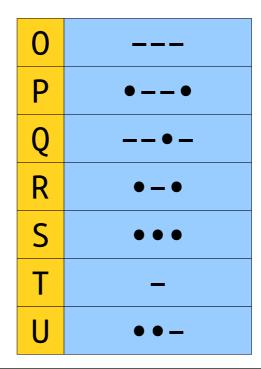
V	• • • –
W	•
X	-••-
Υ	
Z	••





Α	• -
В	-••
C	-•-•
D	-••
Ε	•
F	• • - •
G	•

Н	• • • •
Ι	• •
J	•
K	- • -
L	•-••
М	
N	-•



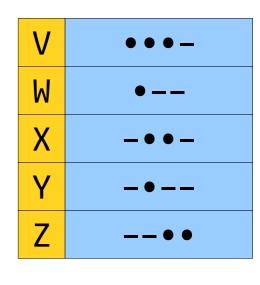
V	• • • –
W	•
X	-••-
Υ	
Z	••

\_ • • • • \_ • • • • - • -

Α	• –
В	-••
C	- • - •
D	-••
Ε	•
F	• • - •
G	•

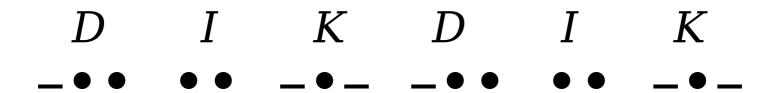
Н	• • • •
I	• •
J	•
K	- • -
L	•-••
М	
N	<b>-</b> ●

0	
P	••
Q	•-
R	● — ●
S	• • •
Т	-
U	• • -



What is the title of this slide?

Answer at <a href="https://pollev.com/cs106bwin23">https://pollev.com/cs106bwin23</a>



Α	• —
В	-••
С	-•-•
D	-••
Ε	•
F	• • - •
G	•

Н	• • • •
Ι	• •
J	•
K	-•-
L	• - • •
M	
N	<b>-</b> •

0	
Р	••
Q	•-
R	● — ●
S	• • •
Т	_
U	• • –

V	• • • –
W	•
Χ	-••-
Υ	
Z	••

# An Amazing Read on Telegraphy: "A Web Around the World"

20th Century Data Transmission

## It's All Bits and Bytes

- Digital data is stored as sequences of 0s and 1s.
  - They're usually encoded by magnetic orientation on small (10nm!) metal particles or by trapping electrons in nanoscale gates.
- A single 0 or 1 is called a **bit**.
- A group of eight bits is called a byte.

```
00000000, 00000001, 00000010, 00000011, 00000100, 0000011, 00000100, 00000101, ...
```

- There are  $2^8 = 256$  different bytes.
  - *Great practice:* Write a function to list all of them!

## Representing Text

- We think of strings as being made of characters representing letters, numbers, emojis, etc.
- Internally to the computer, everything is just a series of bits.
- To bridge the gap, we need to agree on some way of representing characters as sequences of bits.
- *Idea*: Assign each character a sequence of bits called a *code*.

#### **ASCII**

- Early (American) computers needed some standard way to send output to their (physical!) printers.
- Since there were fewer than 256 different characters to print (1960's America!), each character was assigned a one-byte value.
- This initial code was called *ASCII*. It still lives on in a modified form as *UTF-8*, which you saw on Assignment 2.
- For example, the letter A is represented by the byte 01000001 (65). You can still see this in C++:

```
cout << int('A') << endl; // Prints 65</pre>
```

#### 01001000010001010100000101000100

- Here's a small segment from the ASCII encodings for characters.
- What is the title of this slide?

Answer at <a href="https://pollev.com/cs106bwin23">https://pollev.com/cs106bwin23</a>

character	code
A	01000001
В	01000010
C	01000011
D	01000100
E	01000101
F	01000110
G	01000111
Н	01001000

#### 01001000010001010100000101000100

- Here's a small segment from the ASCII encodings for characters.
- What is the title of this slide?

character	code
Α	01000001
В	01000010
С	01000011
D	01000100
E	01000101
F	01000110
G	01000111
Н	01001000

- Here's a small segment from the ASCII encodings for characters.
- What is the title of this slide?

character	code
Α	01000001
В	01000010
С	01000011
D	01000100
E	01000101
F	01000110
G	01000111
Н	01001000

- Here's a small segment from the ASCII encodings for characters.
- What is the title of this slide?

character	code
A	01000001
В	01000010
C	01000011
D	01000100
Ε	01000101
F	01000110
G	01000111
Н	01001000

- Here's a small segment from the ASCII encodings for characters.
- What is the title of this slide?

character	code
Α	01000001
В	01000010
С	01000011
D	01000100
E	01000101
F	01000110
G	01000111
Н	01001000

- Here's a small segment from the ASCII encodings for characters.
- What is the title of this slide?

character	code
Α	01000001
В	01000010
C	01000011
D	01000100
E	01000101
F	01000110
G	01000111
Н	01001000

- Here's a small segment from the ASCII encodings for characters.
- What is the title of this slide?

character	code
Α	01000001
В	01000010
C	01000011
D	01000100
E	01000101
F	01000110
G	01000111
Н	01001000

H E A 01000100

- Here's a small segment from the ASCII encodings for characters.
- What is the title of this slide?

character	code
Α	01000001
В	01000010
С	01000011
D	01000100
E	01000101
F	01000110
G	01000111
Н	01001000

H E A D

- Here's a small segment from the ASCII encodings for characters.
- What is the title of this slide?

character	code
A	01000001
В	01000010
С	01000011
D	01000100
Е	01000101
F	01000110
G	01000111
Н	01001000

### An Observation

- In ASCII, every character has exactly the same number of bits in it.
- Any message with *n* characters will use up exactly 8*n* bits.
  - Space for CS106BLECTURE: 104 bits.
  - Space for **COPYRIGHTABLE**: 104 bits.
- **Question:** Can we reduce the number of bits needed to encode text?

# KIRK'S DIKDIK





## A Different Encoding

- ASCII uses one byte per character. There are 256 possible bytes.
- If we're specifically writing the string KIRK'S DIKDIK, which has only seven different characters, using full bytes is wasteful.
- Here's a three-bit encoding we can use to represent the letters in KIRK'S DIKDIK.
- This uses 37.5% as much space as what ASCII uses.

character	code
K	000
I	001
R	010
•	011
S	100
П	101
D	110

000	001	010	000	011	100	101	110	001	000	110	001	000
K	I	R	K	T	S	П	D	I	K	D	I	K

## Where We're Going

- Storing data using the ASCII encoding is portable across systems, but is not ideal in terms of space usage.
- Building custom codes for specific strings might let us save space.
- *Idea*: Use this approach to build a *compression algorithm* to reduce the amount of space needed to store text.

## The Key Idea

If we can find a way to

give all characters a bit pattern,

that both the sender and receiver know about, and

that can be decoded uniquely,

then we can represent the same piece of text in multiple different ways.

• *Goal:* Find a way to do this that uses *less space* than the standard ASCII representation.

## Exploiting Redundancy

- Not all letters have the same frequency in KIRK'S DIKDIK.
- Here's the frequencies of each letter.
- So far, we've given each letter codes of the same length.
- **Key Question:** Can we give shorter encodings to more common characters?

character	frequency
K	4
I	3
D	2
R	1
1	1
S	1
u	1

## A First Attempt

character	code
K	0
I	1
D	00
R	01
1	10
S	11
ш	100

01010101110000100010

0	1	01	0	10	11	100	00	1	0	00	1	0
K	I	R	K	T	S	П	D	I	K	D	I	K

## A First Attempt

character	code
K	0
I	1
D	00
R	01
1	10
S	11
П	100

01010101110000100010

# A First Attempt

character	code
K	0
I	1
D	00
R	01
1	10
S	11
ш	100

0	1	01	0	10	11	100	00	1	0	00	1	0
K	I	R	K	ı	S	ш	D	I	K	D	I	K

# A First Attempt

character	code
K	0
I	1
D	00
R	01
1	10
S	11
ш	100

01	01	01	01	1	10	0	00	10	0	0	10
R	R	R	R	I	ı	K	D	ı	K	K	T

# A First Attempt

character	code
K	0
I	1
D	00
R	01
1	10
S	11
ш	100



01	01	01	01	1	10	0	00	10	0	0	10
R	R	R	R	I	T	K	D	V	K	K	T

#### The Problem

- If we use a different number of bits for each letter, we can't necessarily uniquely determine the boundaries between letters.
- We need an encoding that makes it possible to determine where one character stops and the next starts.
- Is this possible? If so, how?

- A prefix-free code is an encoding system in which no code is a prefix of another code.
- Here's a sample prefix code for the letters in KIRK'S DIKDIK.

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
С	1100

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
П	1100

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
L	1100

10	01	001	10	000	1101	1100	111	01	10	111	01	10
K	I	R	K	T	S	ш	D	I	K	D	I	K

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
Ц	1100

10	01	001	10	000	1101	1100	111	01	10	111	01	10
K	I	R	K	T	S	Г	D	I	K	D	I	K

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
L	1100

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

**10**0100110000110111001110110110110

10

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

1001001100001101110011101101110110

10

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

 $10\underline{0}100110000110111001110110110110$ 

10

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
Ц	1100

10<u>01</u>00110000110111001110110110110

10

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
П	1100

10<u>01</u>00110000110111001110110110110

10	01
K	Ι

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

10	01
K	Ι

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

 $1001_{-0}^{0}0110000110111001110110110110$ 

10	01
K	I

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

 $1001_{\underline{00}}^{\underline{00}}110000110111001110110110$ 

10	01
K	Ι

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

1001<u>001</u>10000110111001110110110110

10	01
K	Ι

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

1001<u>001</u>10000110111001110110110110

10	01	001
K	I	R

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
П	1100

10	01	001
K	I	R

Using this prefix code, we can represent
KIRK'S DIKDIK as the sequence

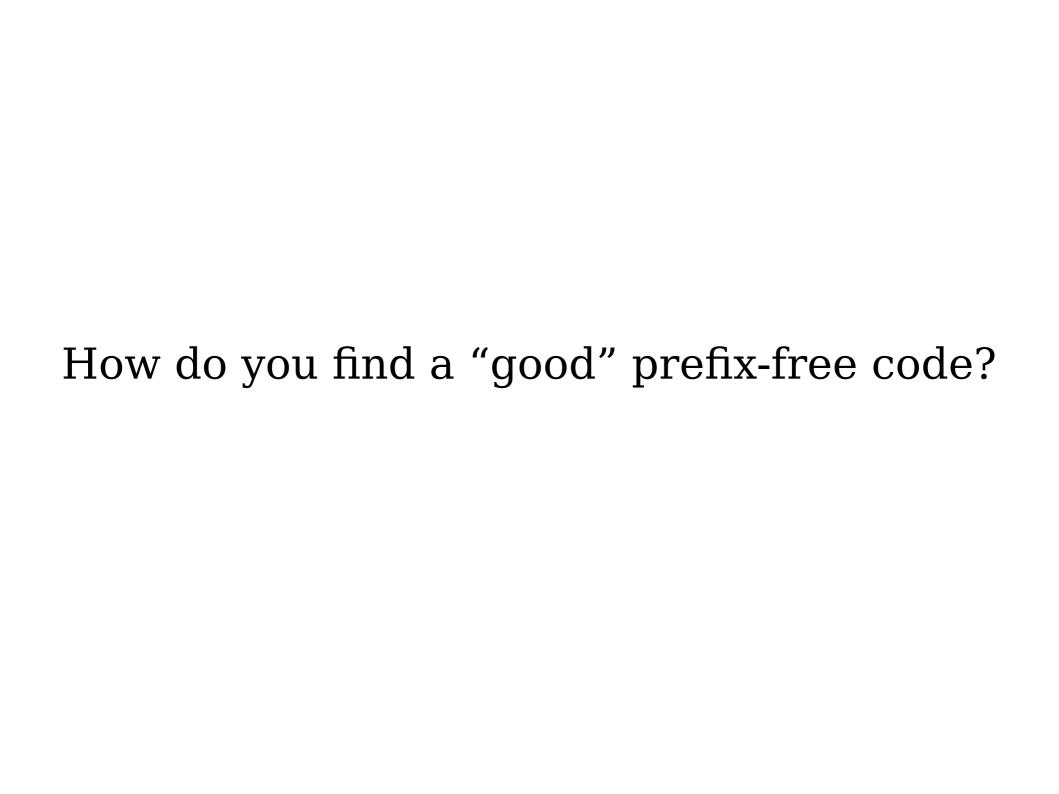
- This uses just 34 bits, compared to our initial 104. Wow!
- But where did this code come from? How could you come up with codes like this for other strings?

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
	1100

cnaracter	coae
K	1111110
I	111110
D	11110
R	1110
1	110
S	10
ш	0

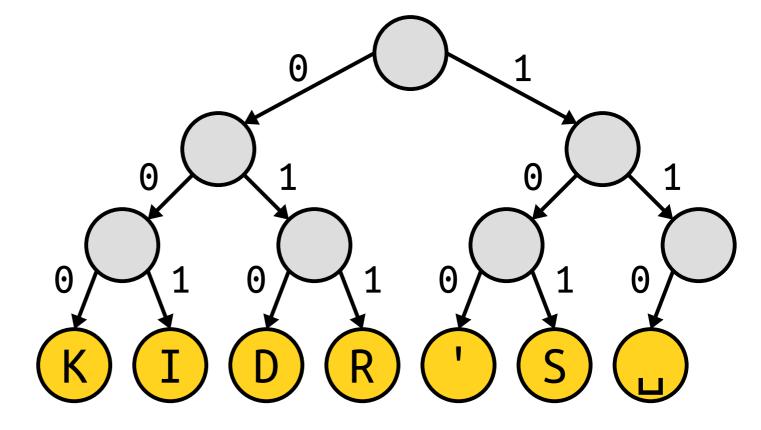
character

codo



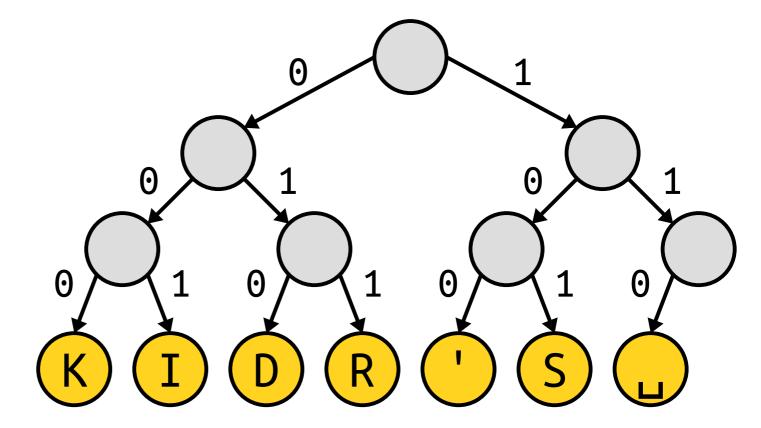
The Main Insight

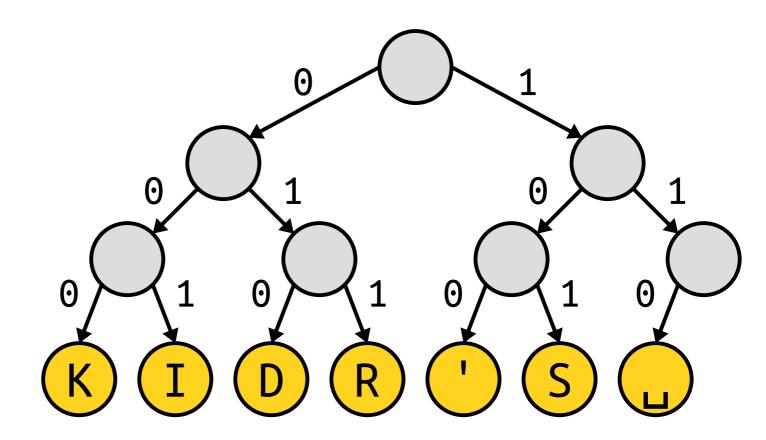
character	code
K	000
I	001
D	010
R	011
1	100
S	101
ш	110



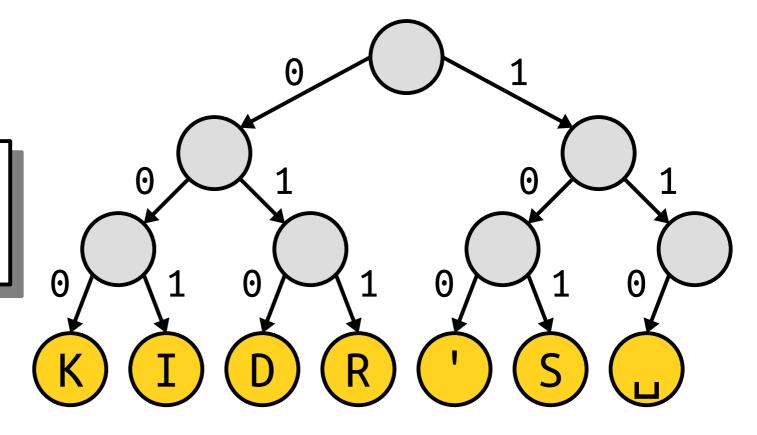
This special type of binary tree is called a *coding tree*.

character	code
K	000
I	001
D	010
R	011
1	100
S	101
ш	110



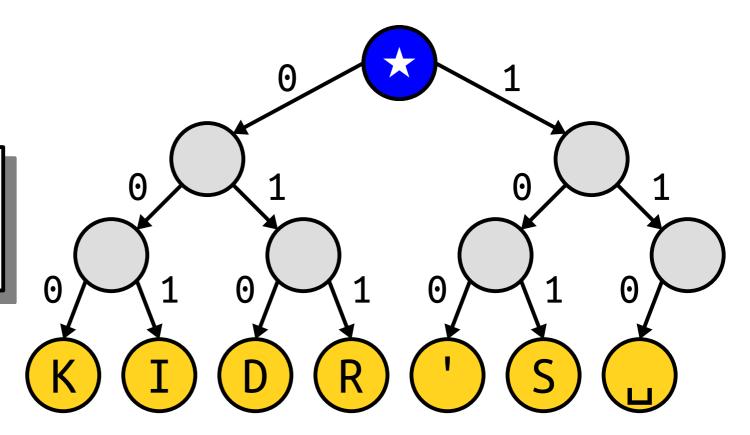


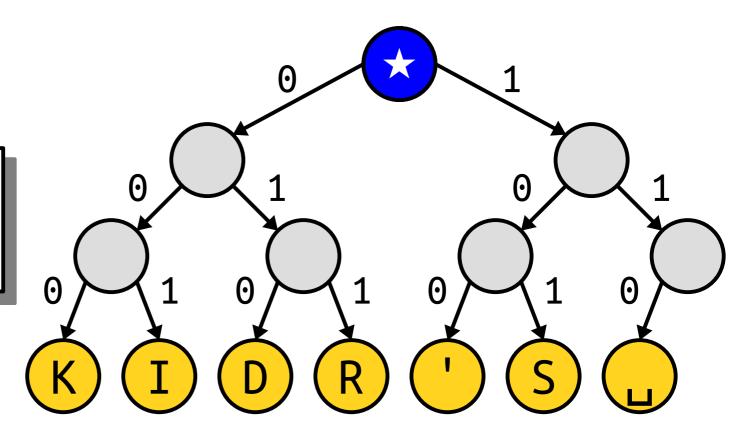
What is the title of this slide?

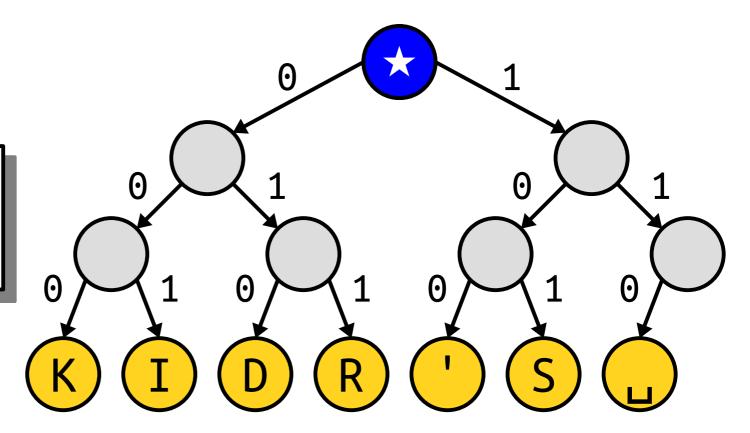


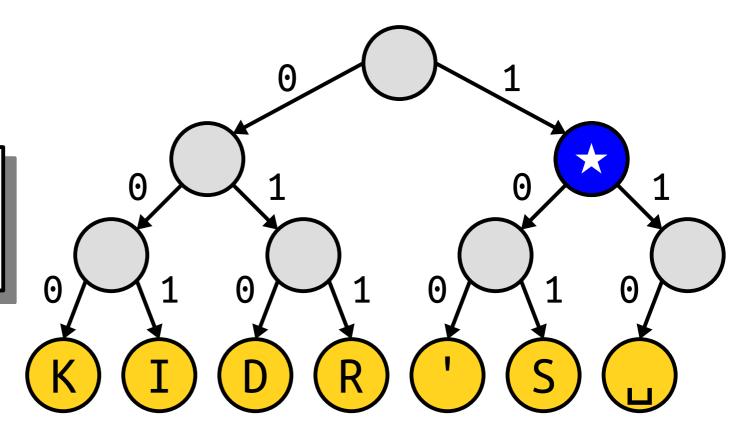
Answer at

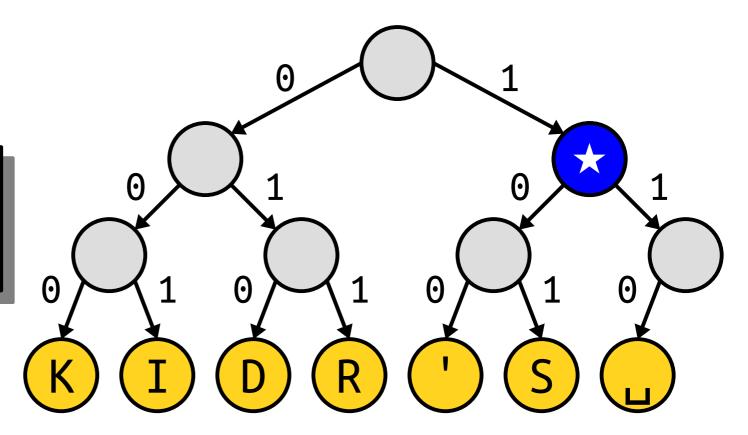
https://pollev.com/cs106bwin23

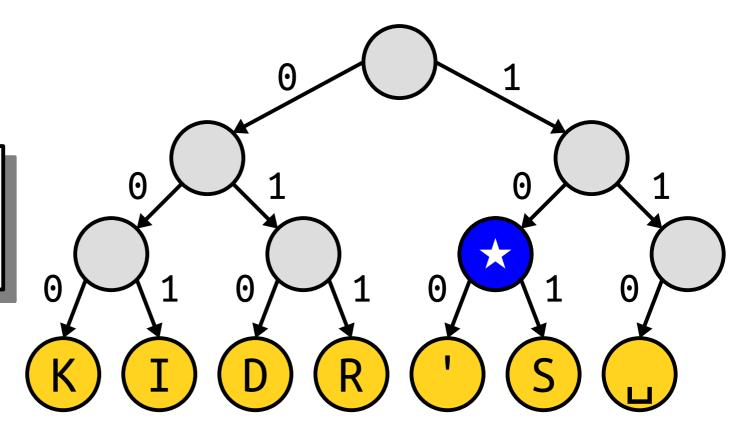


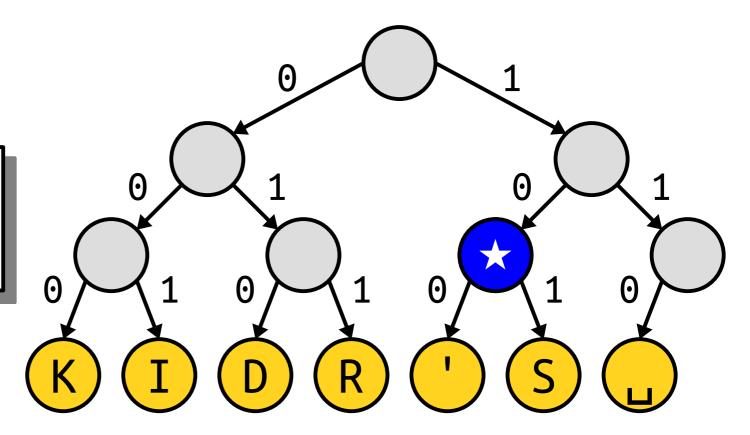


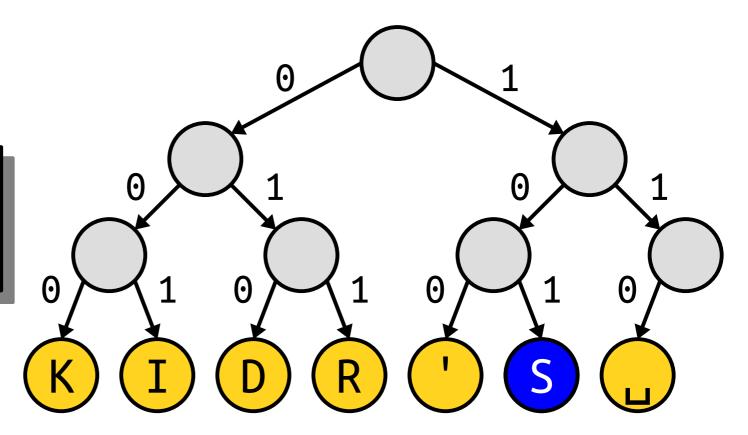


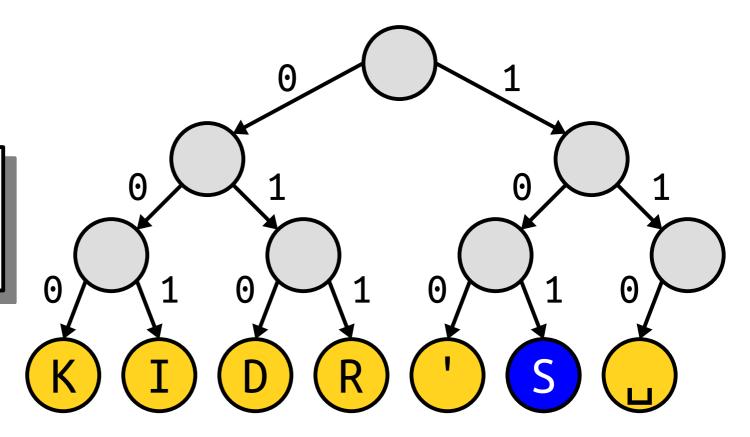


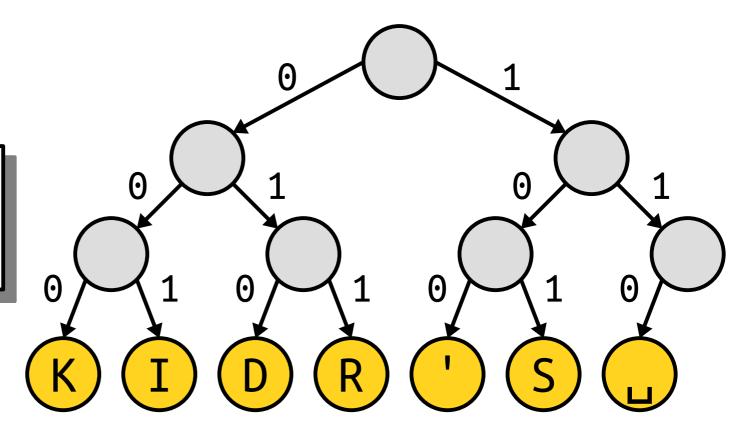


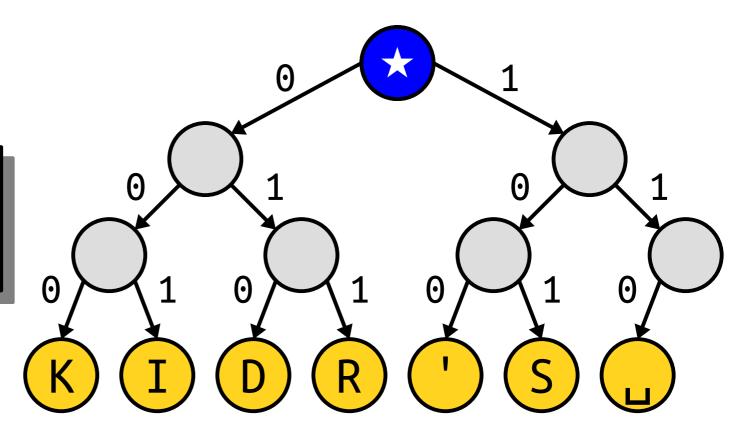


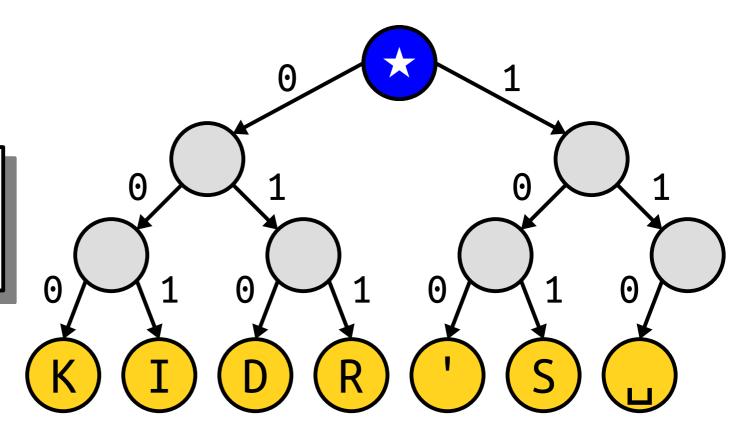


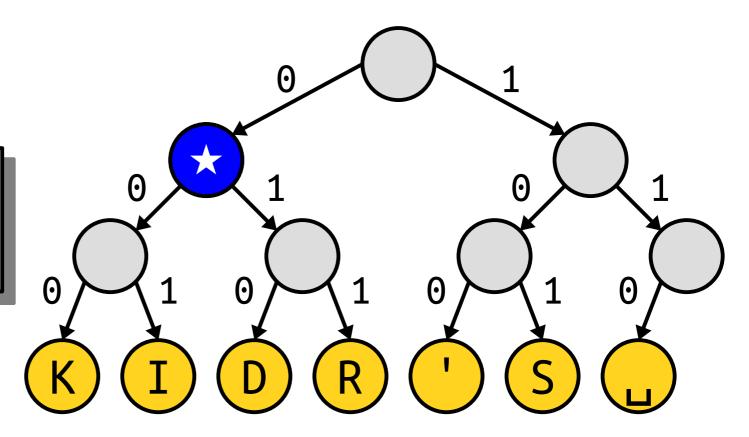


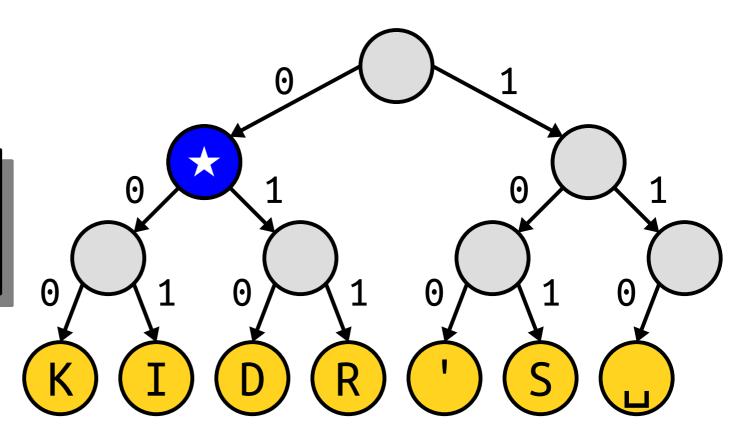


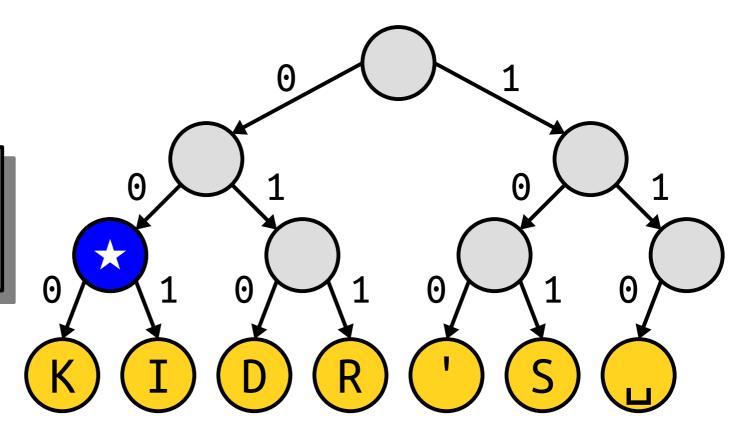


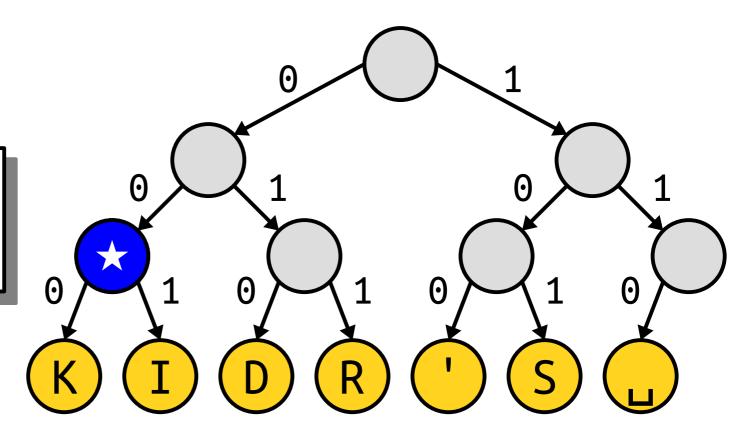


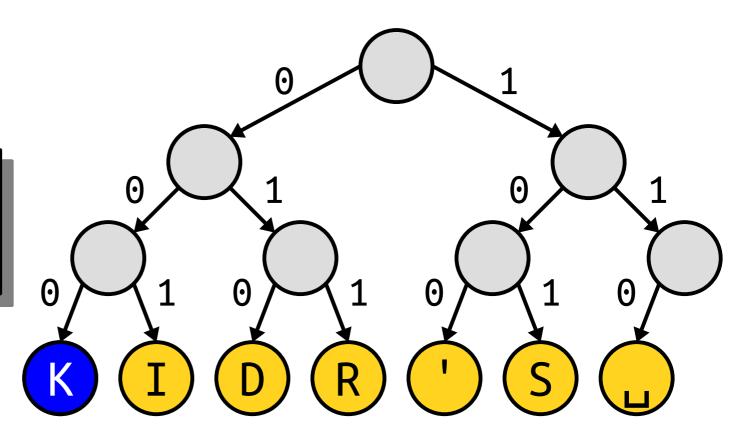


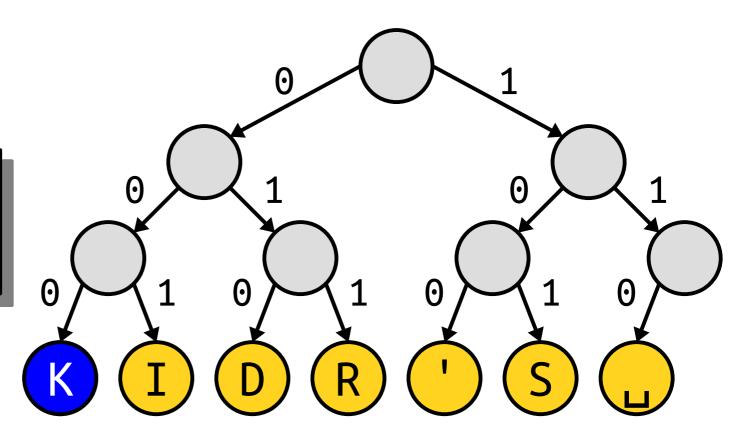


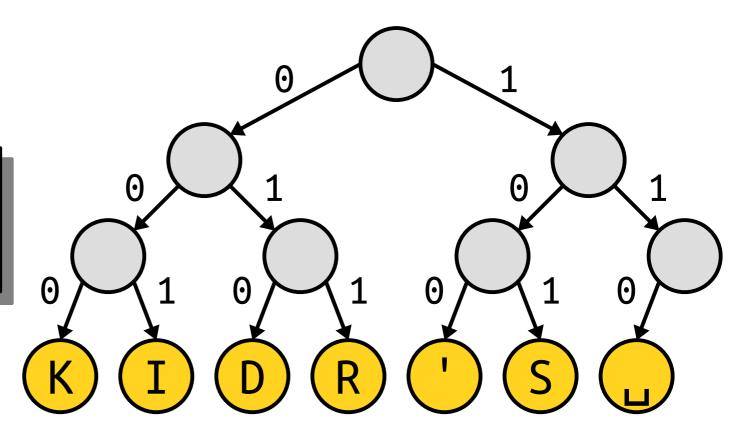


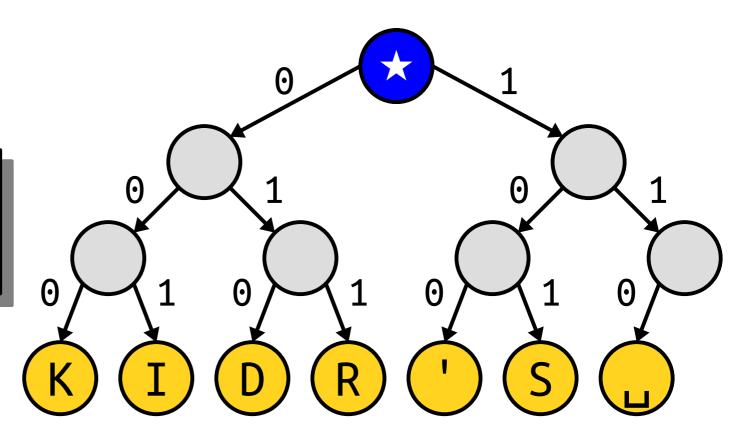


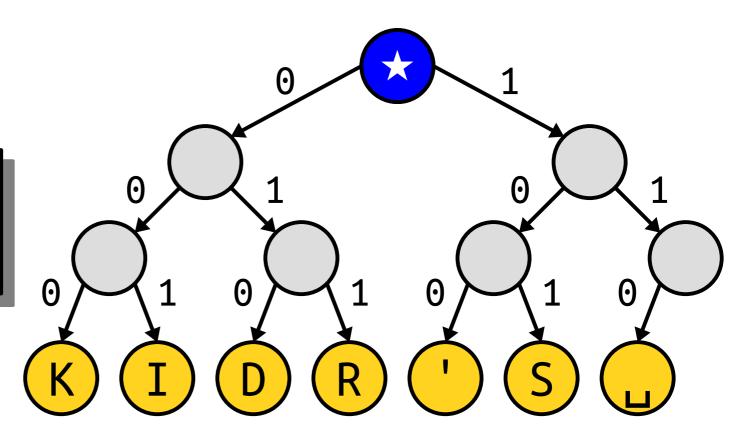


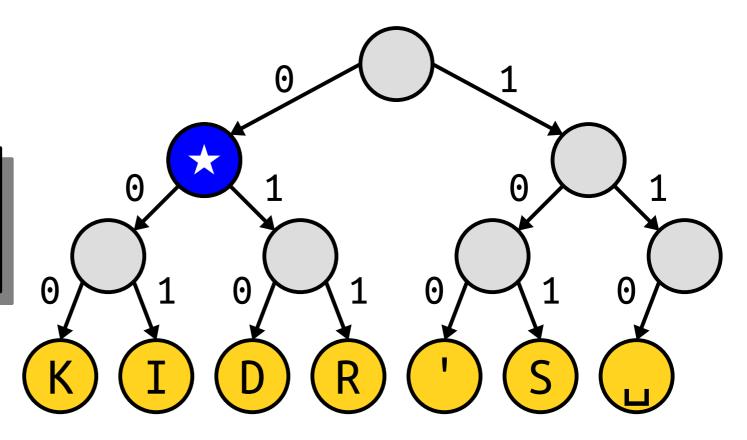


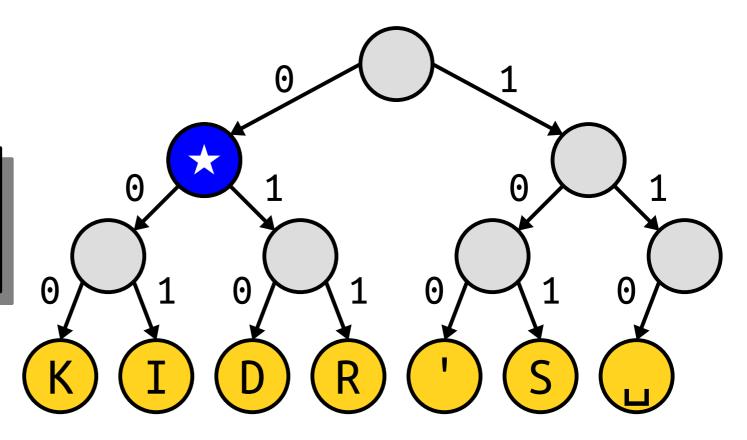


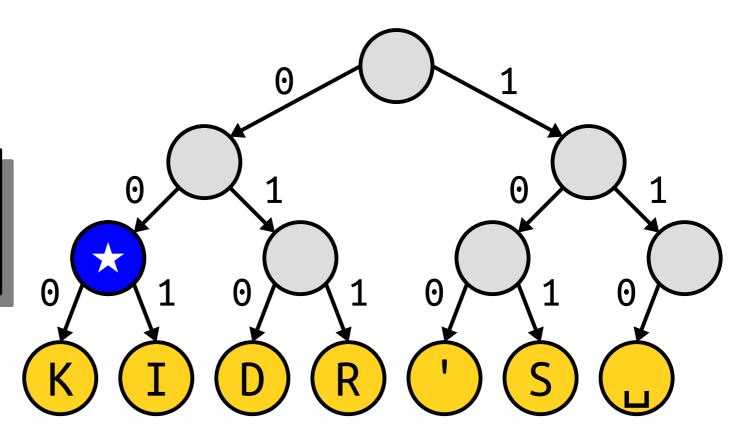


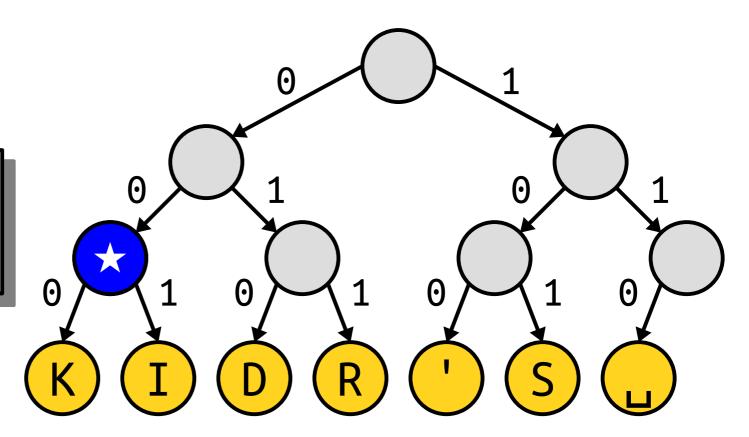


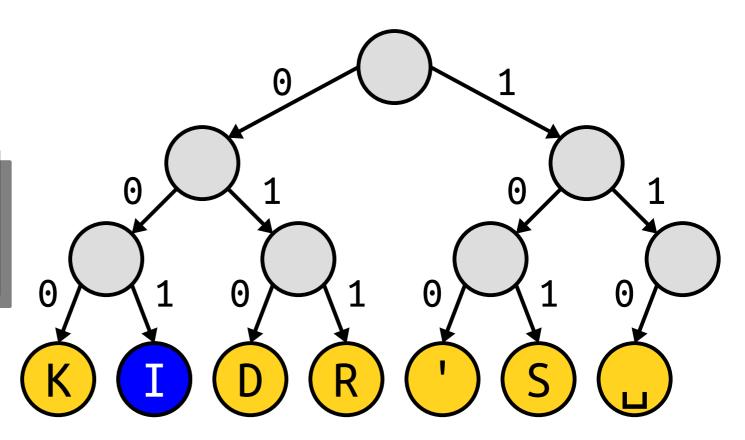




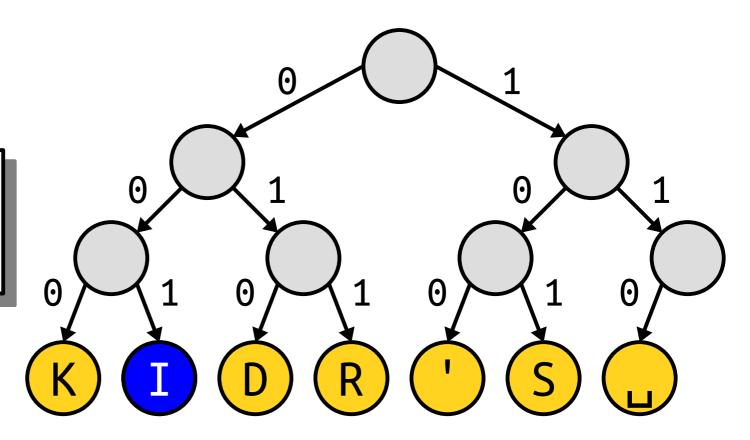




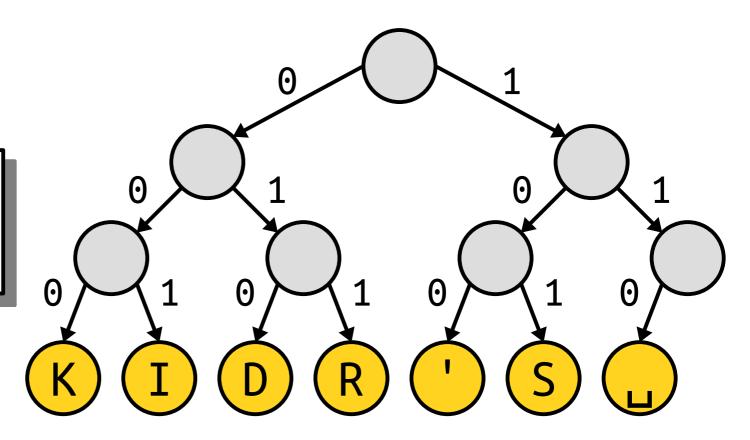




#### S K I

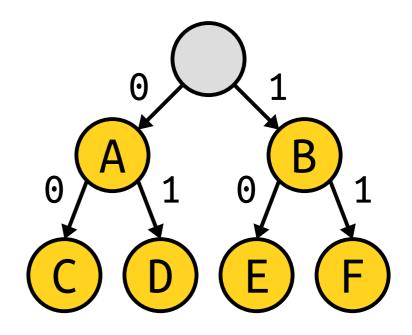


#### S K I



### Coding Trees

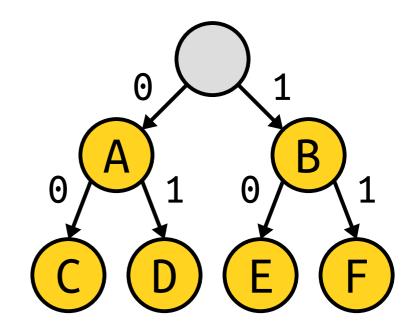
- Not all binary trees will work as coding trees.
- Why is the one to the right not a valid coding tree?



Answer at <a href="https://pollev.com/cs106bwin23">https://pollev.com/cs106bwin23</a>

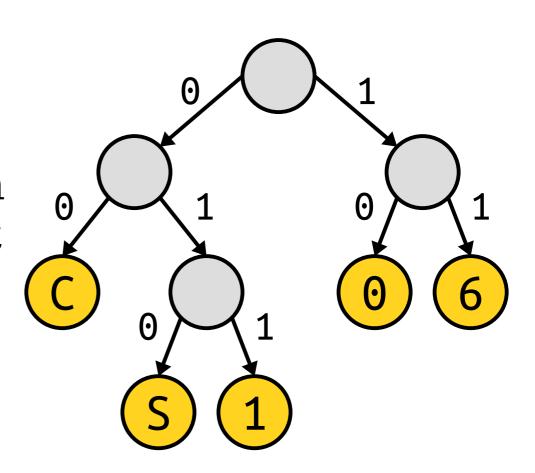
### Coding Trees

- Not all binary trees will work as coding trees.
- Why is the one to the right not a valid coding tree?
- Answer: It doesn't give a prefix-free code. The code for A is a prefix for the codes for C and D, and the code for B is a prefix of the codes for E and F.



#### Coding Trees

- A coding tree is valid if all the letters are stored at the *leaves*, with internal nodes just doing the routing.
- *Goal:* Find the best coding tree for a string.



# How do we find the best coding tree for a piece of text?

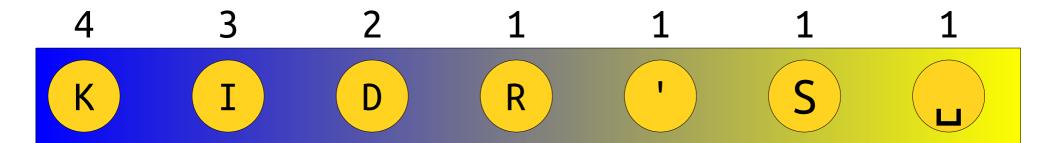
Time-Out for Announcements!

#### Assignment 8

- Assignment 7 was due today at 1:00PM.
  - This is your last chance to use late days this quarter – but don't use them unless you need to.
- Assignment 8 goes out today.
  - Implement the techniques from this lecture!
  - See how much space-saving is available!
  - *No late submissions* will be accepted without prior approval. Sorry that's university policy.

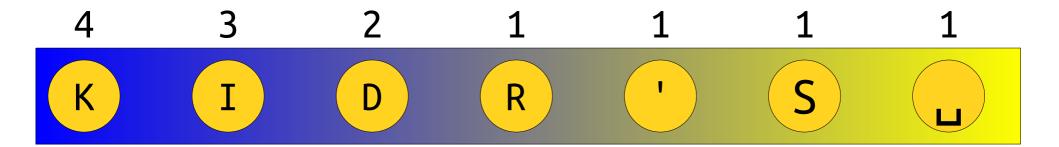
# How do we find the best coding tree for a piece of text?

Huffman Coding

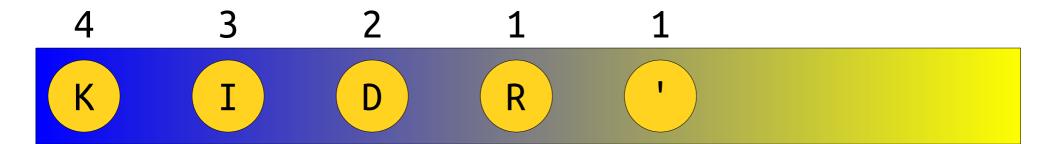


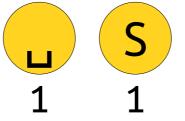
character	frequency
K	4
I	3
D	2
R	1
1	1
S	1
ш	1

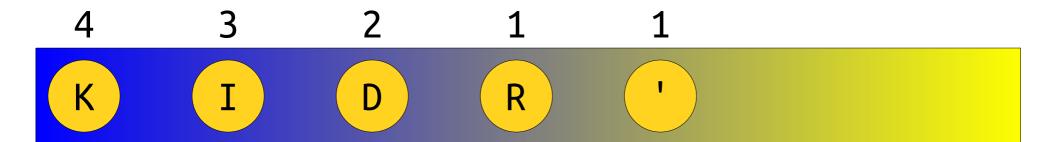
Right now, we have all the leaves of the tree. We now need to build the tree around them.

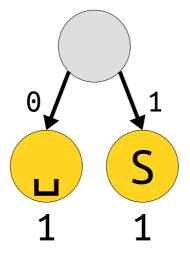




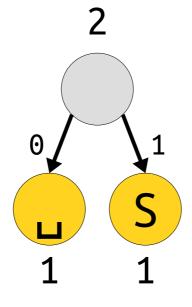




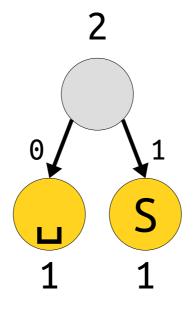


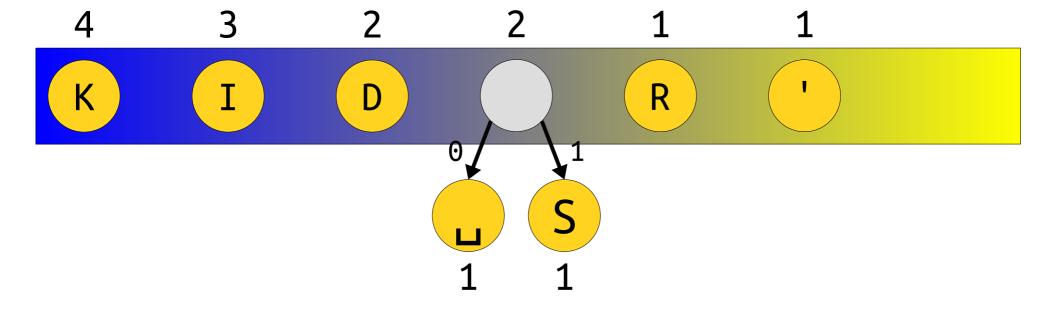


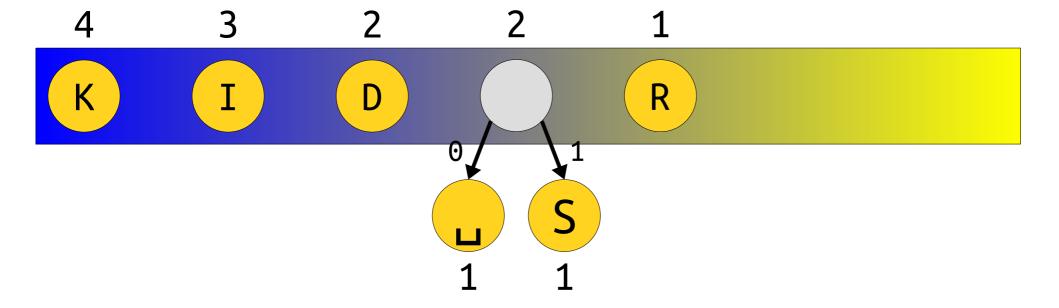


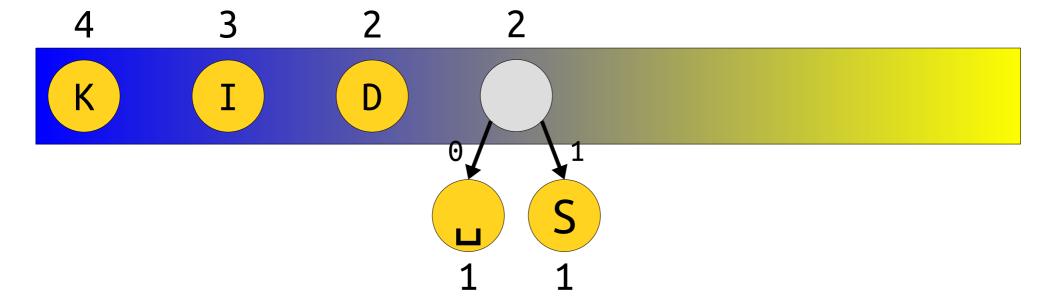


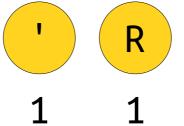


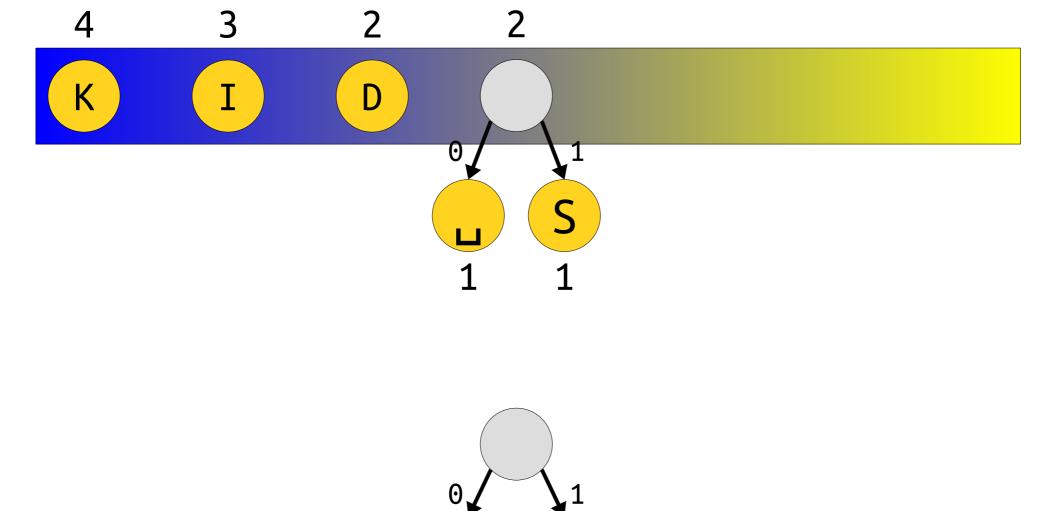




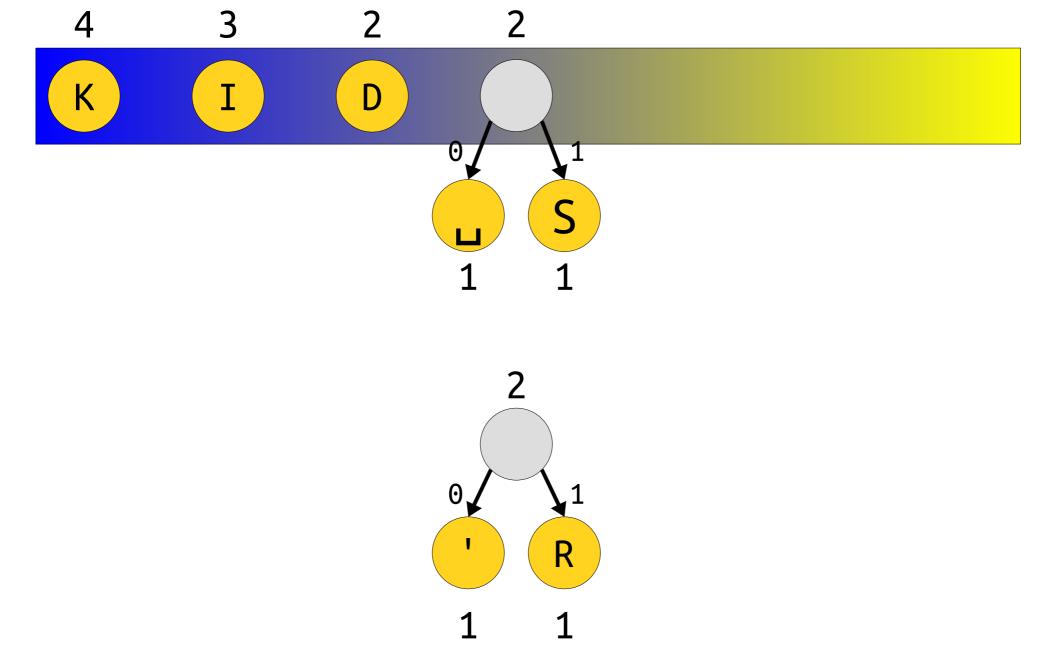


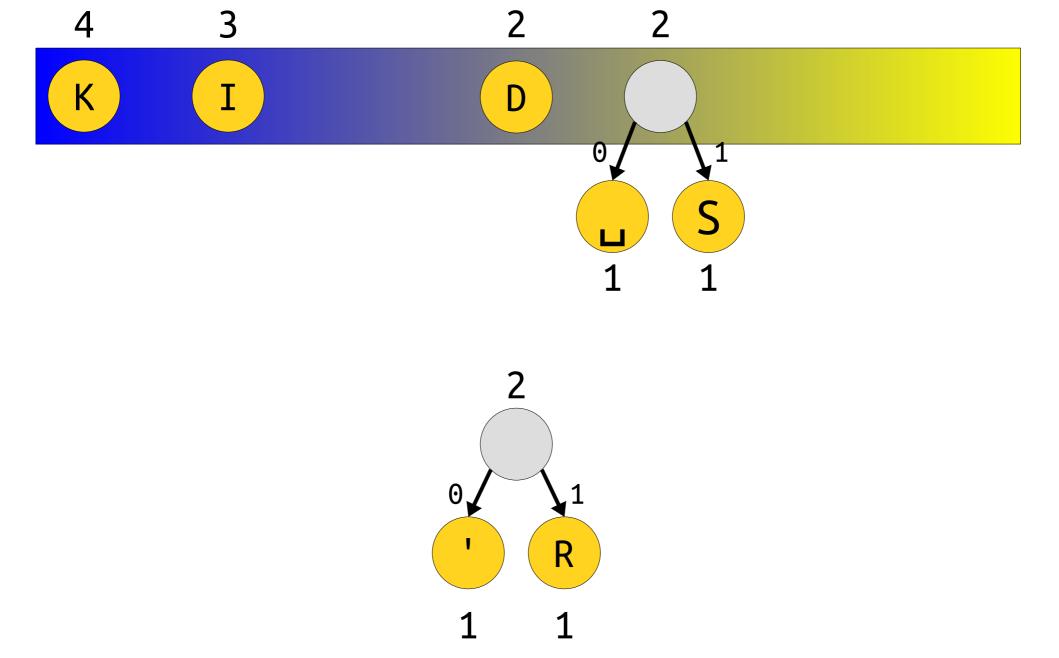


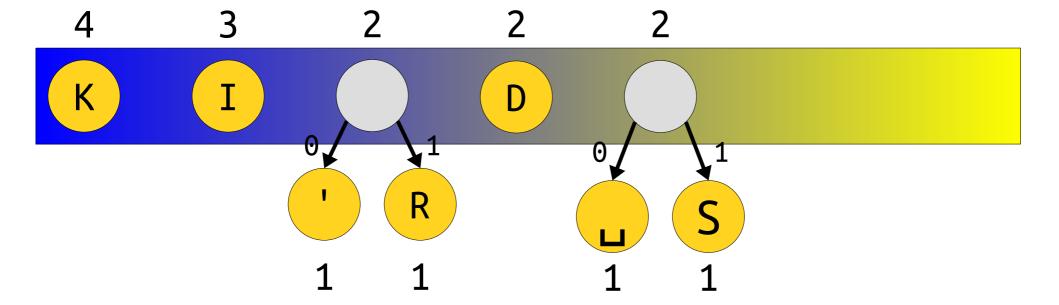


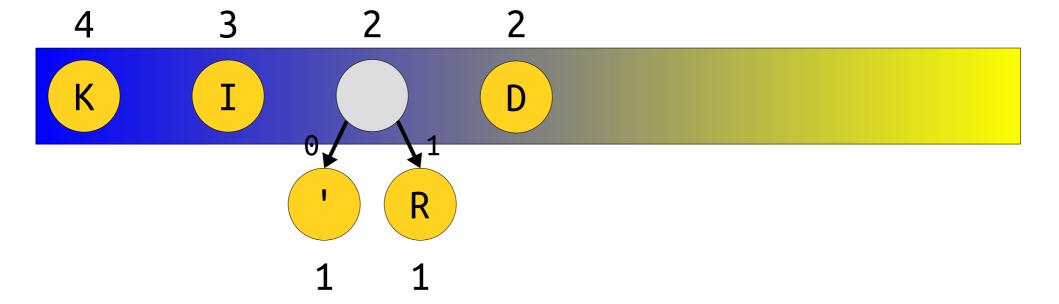


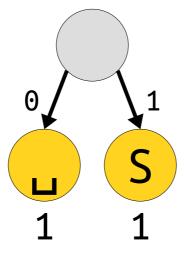
R

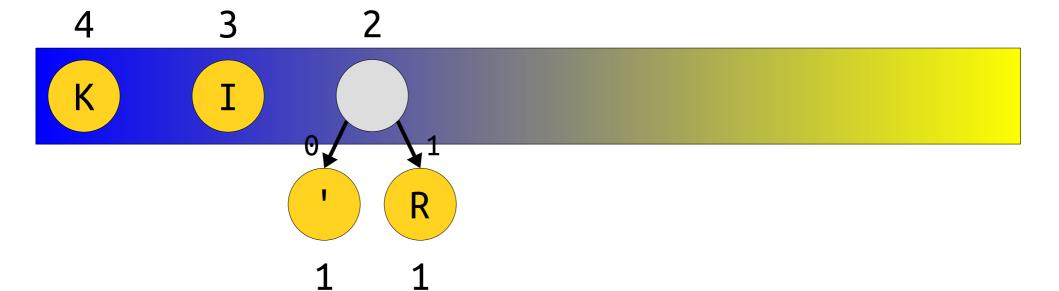


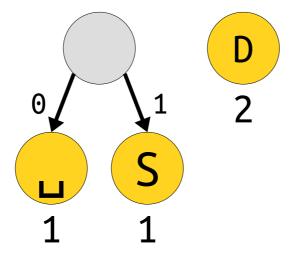


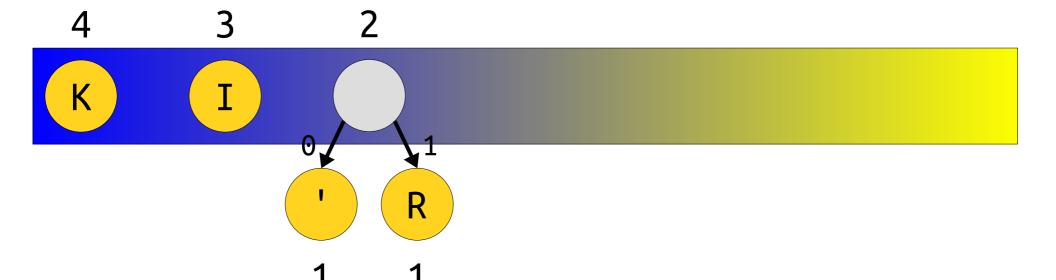


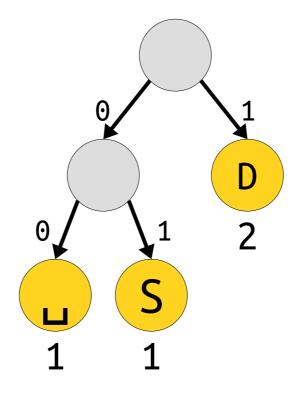


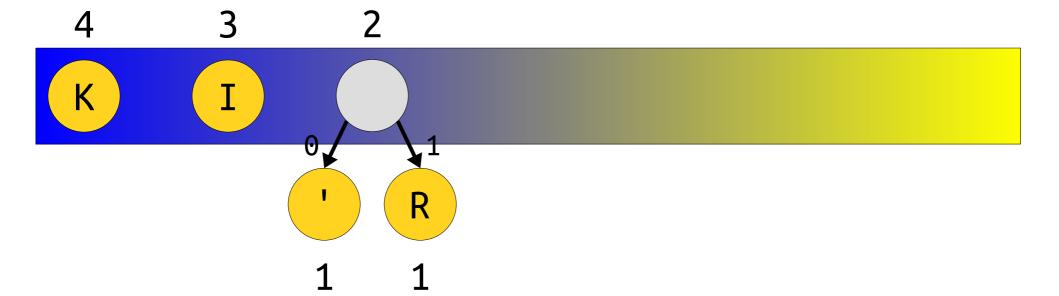


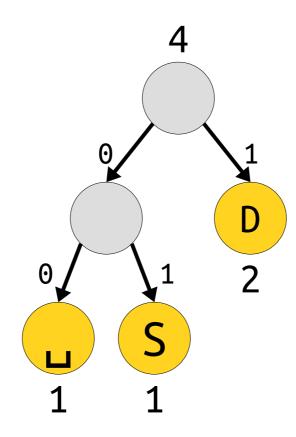


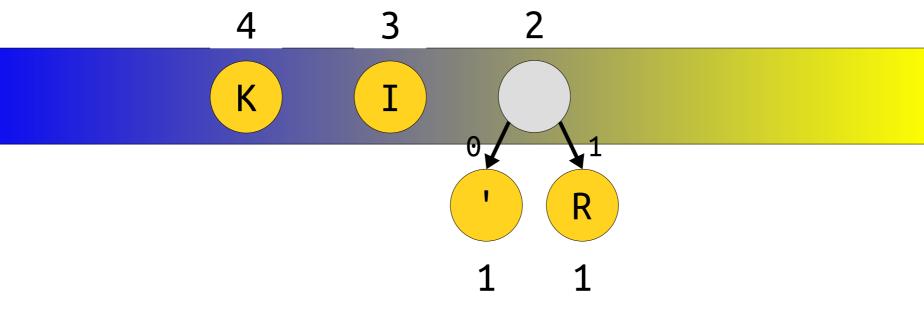


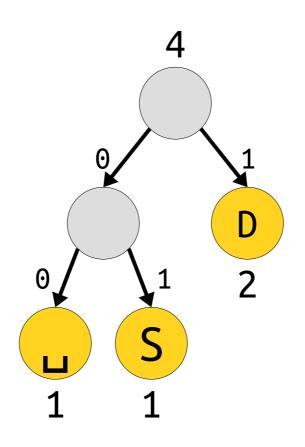


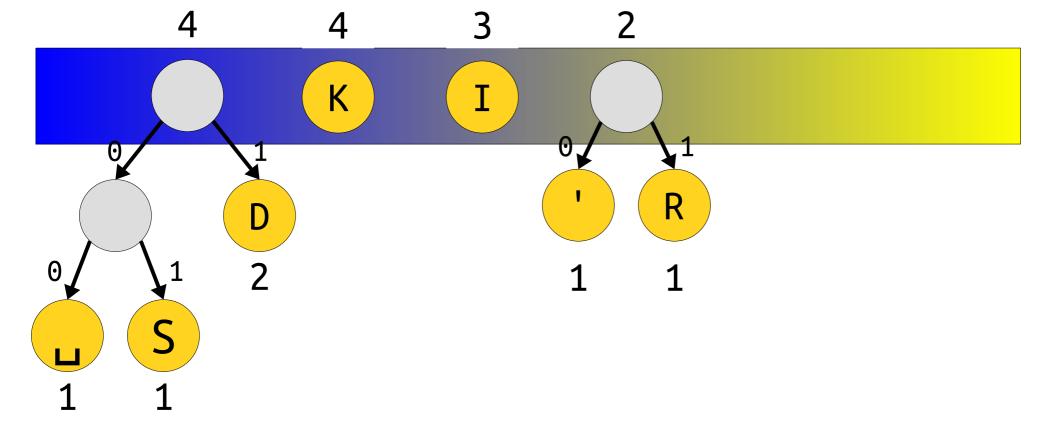


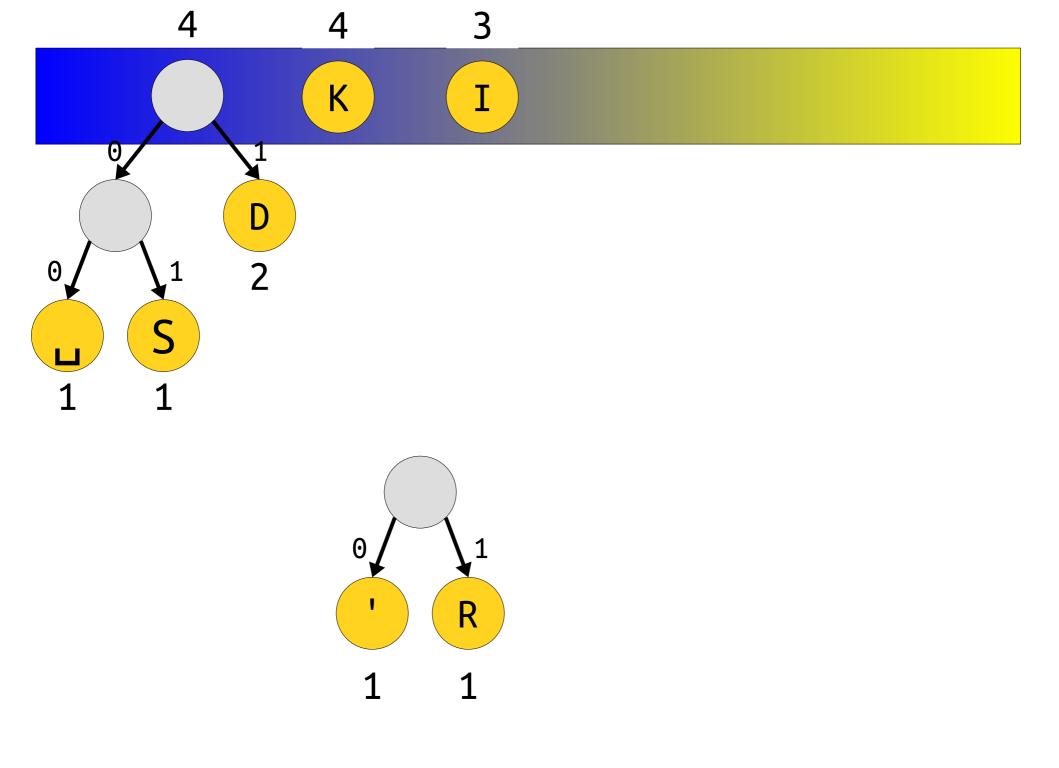


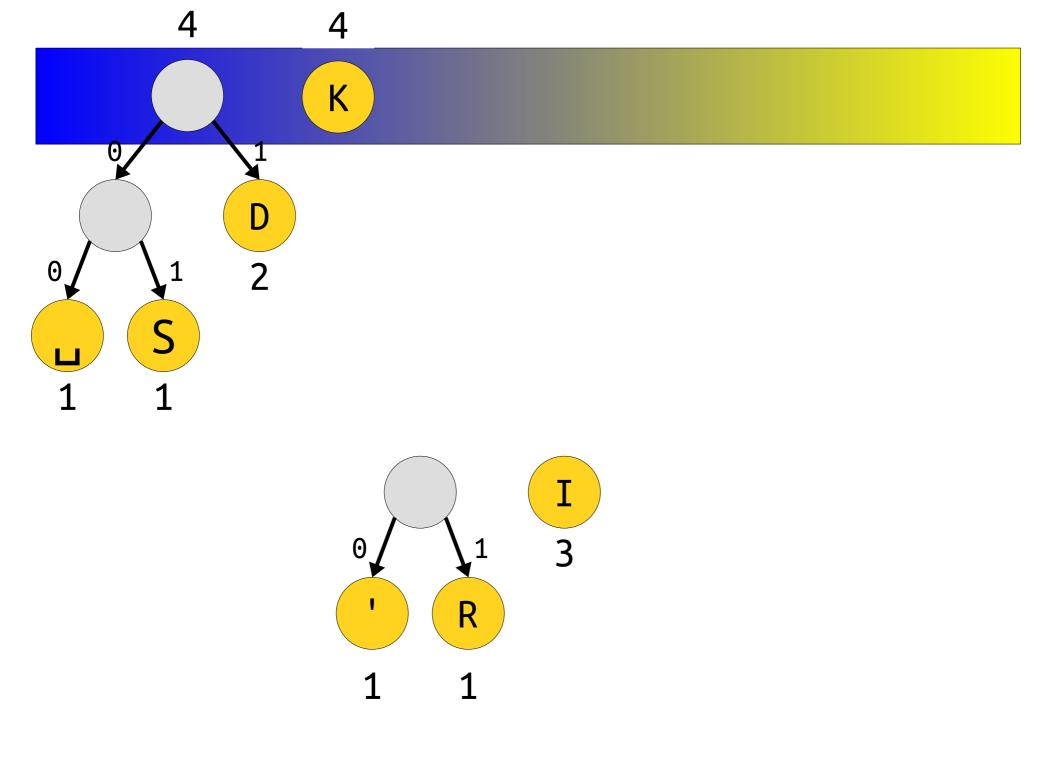


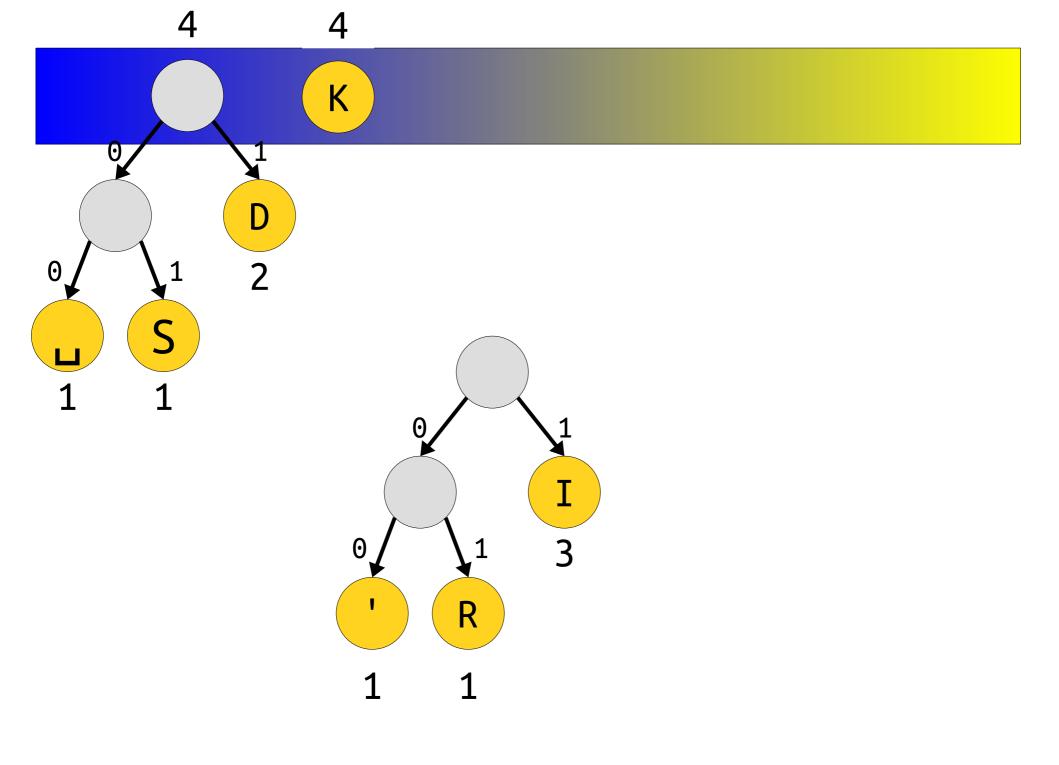


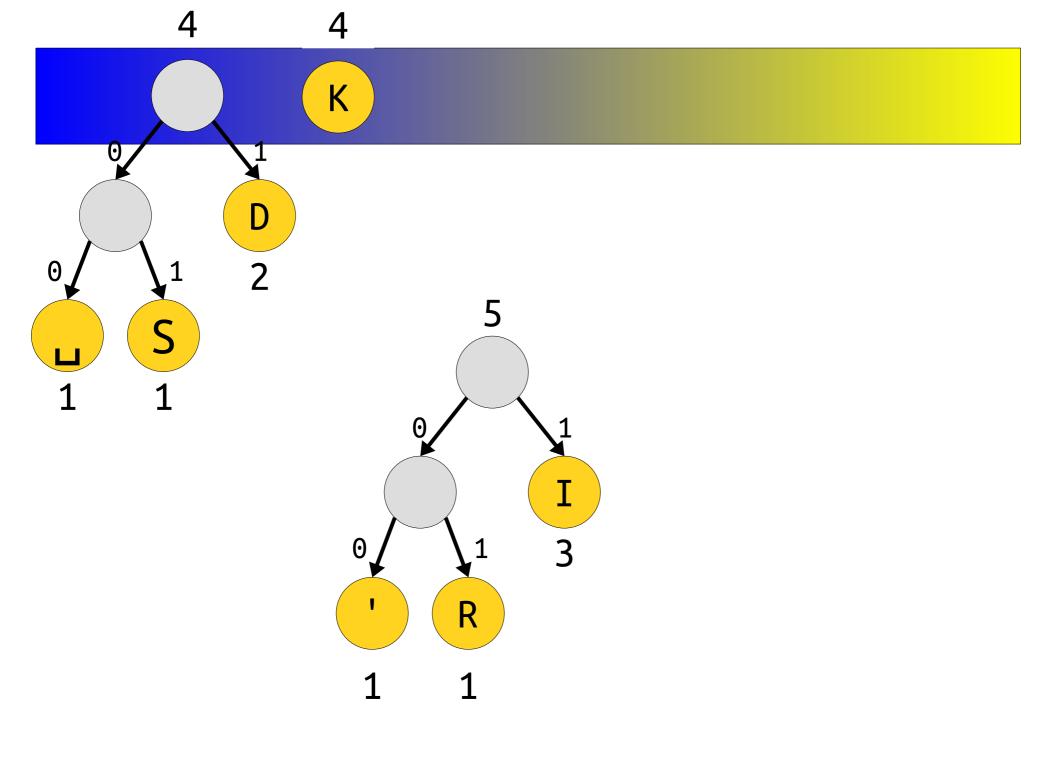


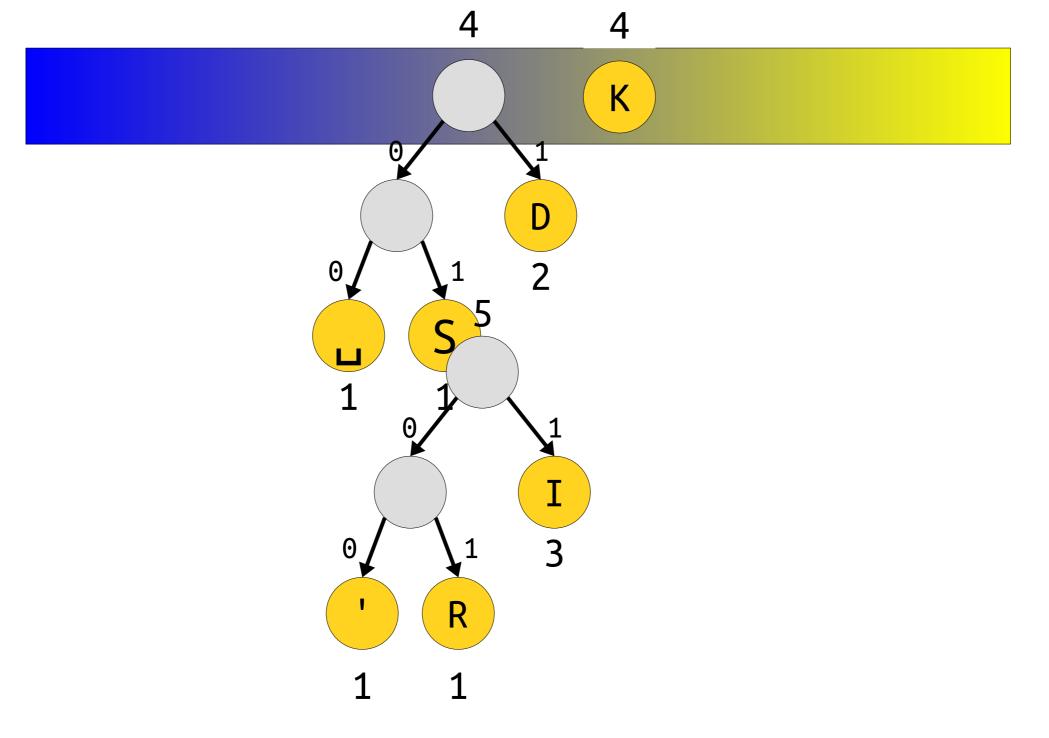


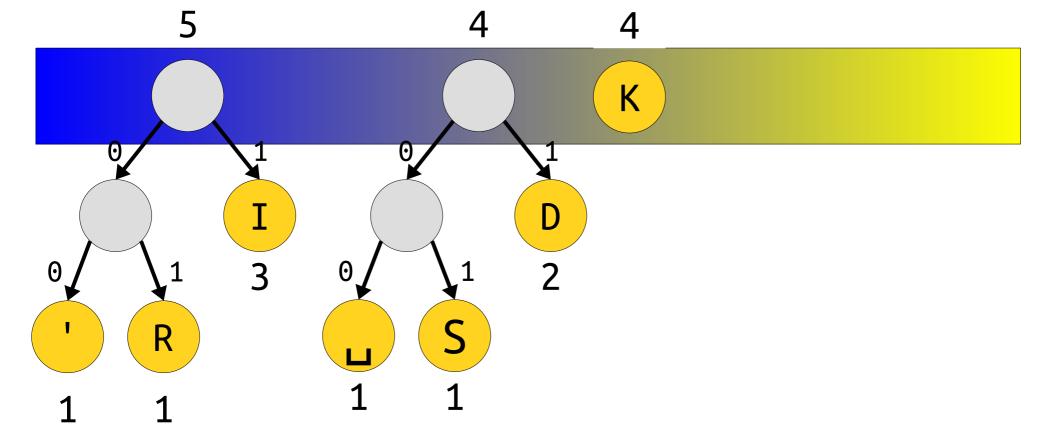


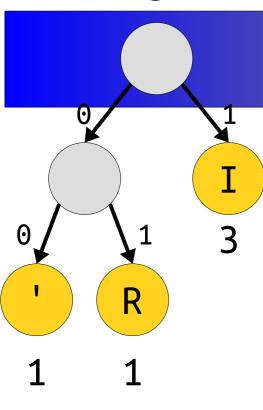


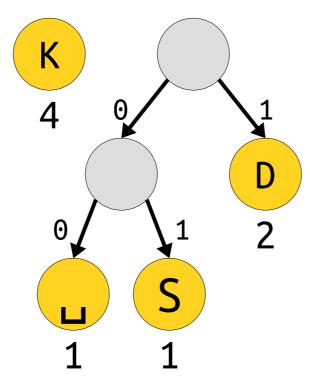


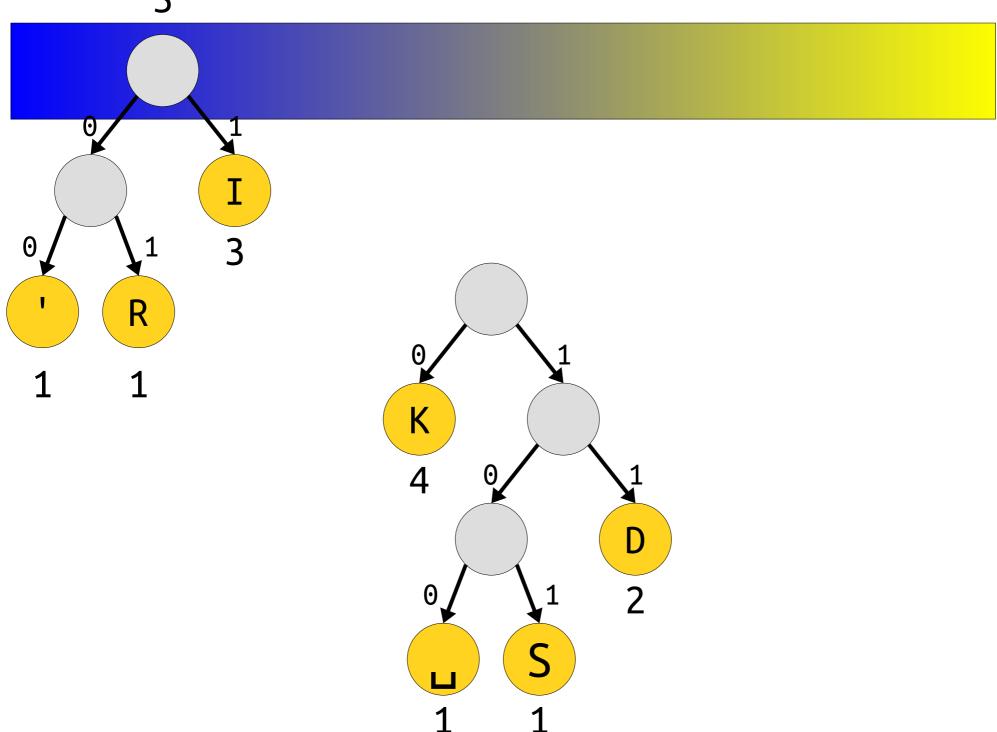


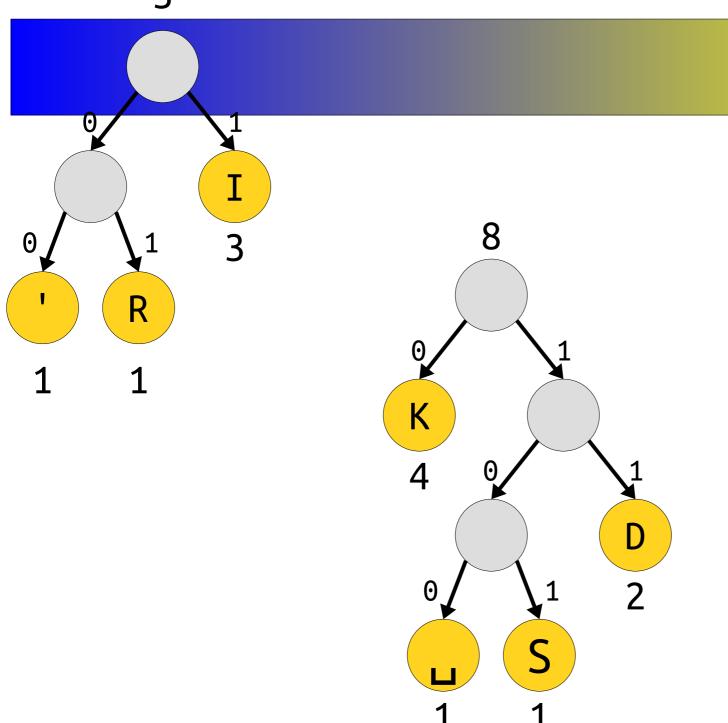


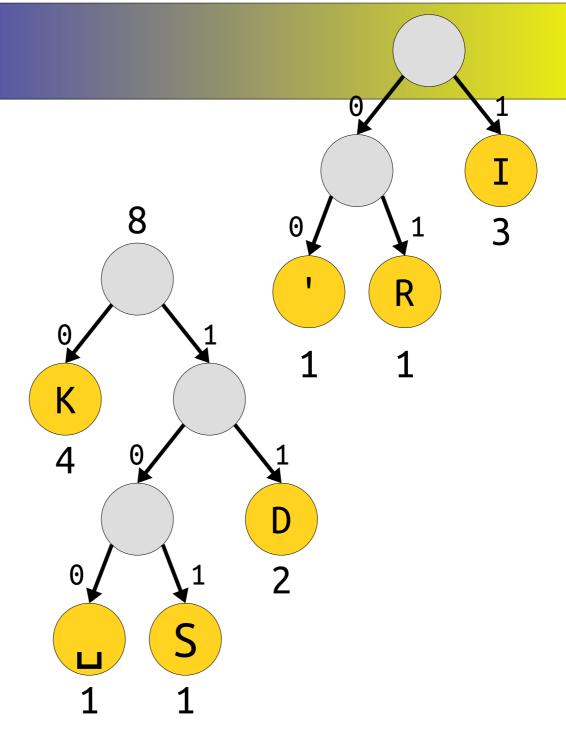


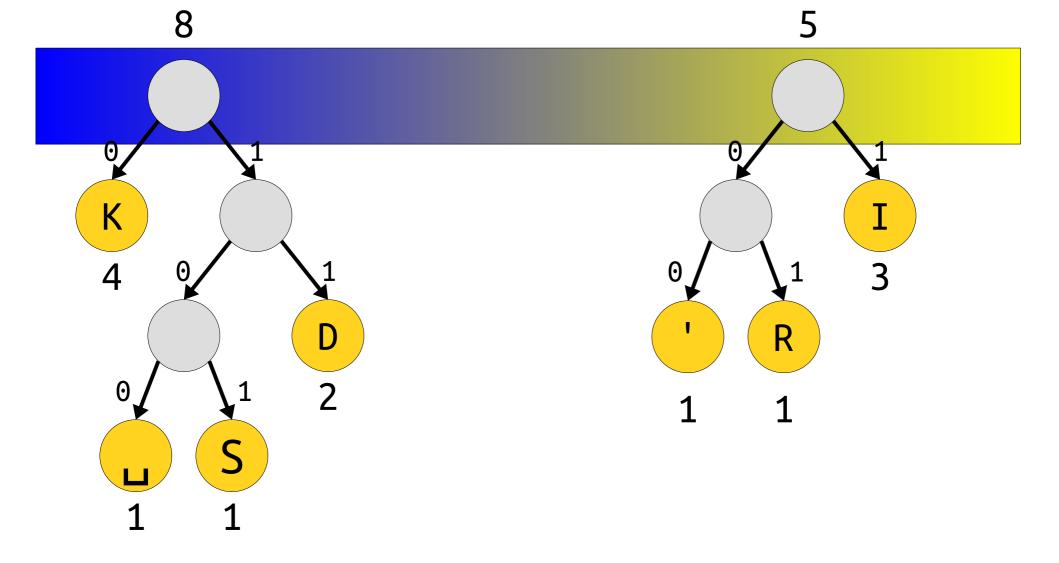


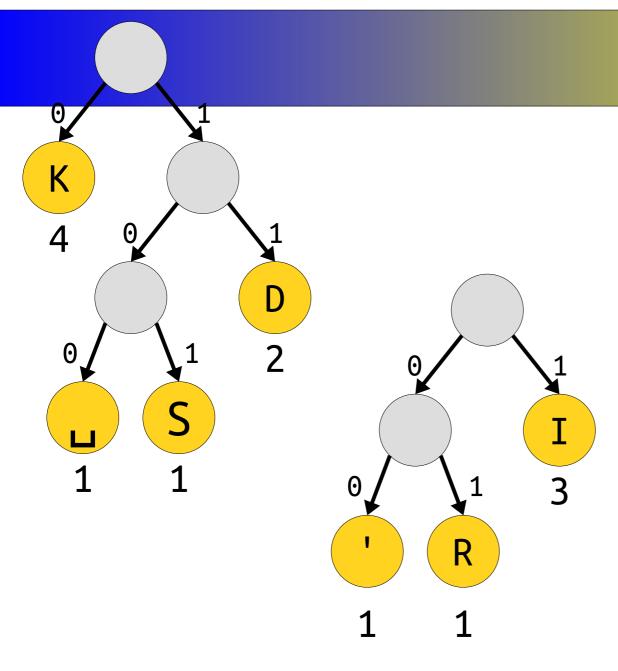


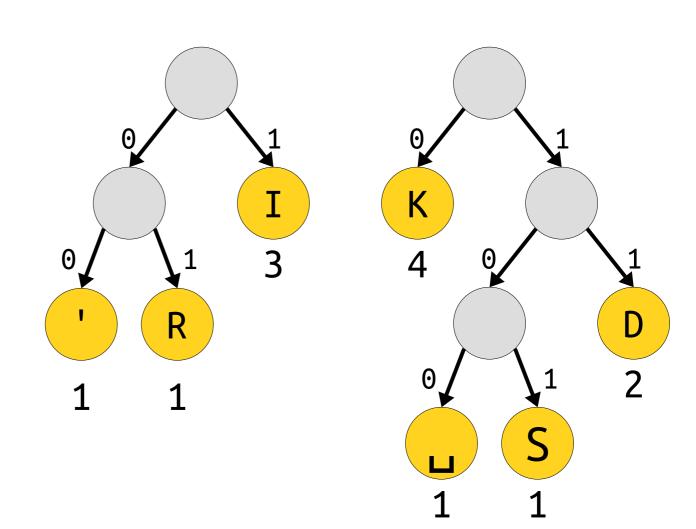


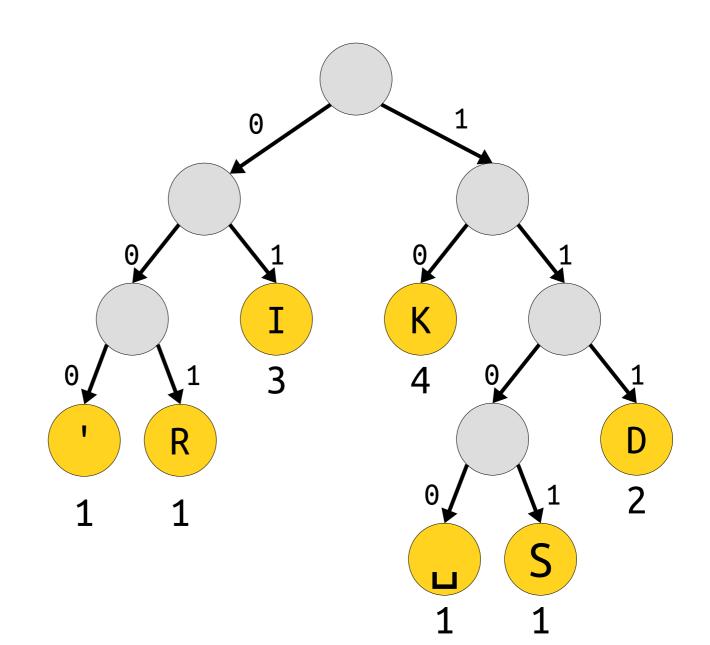


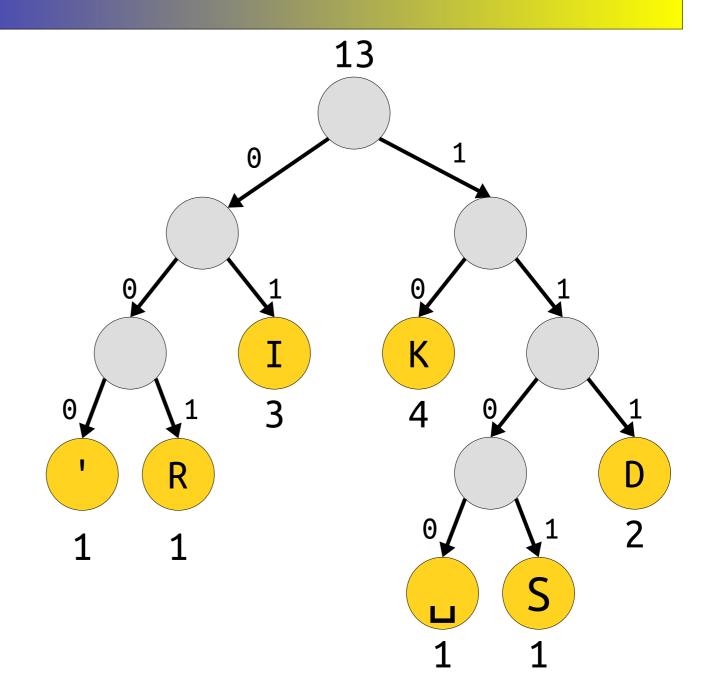


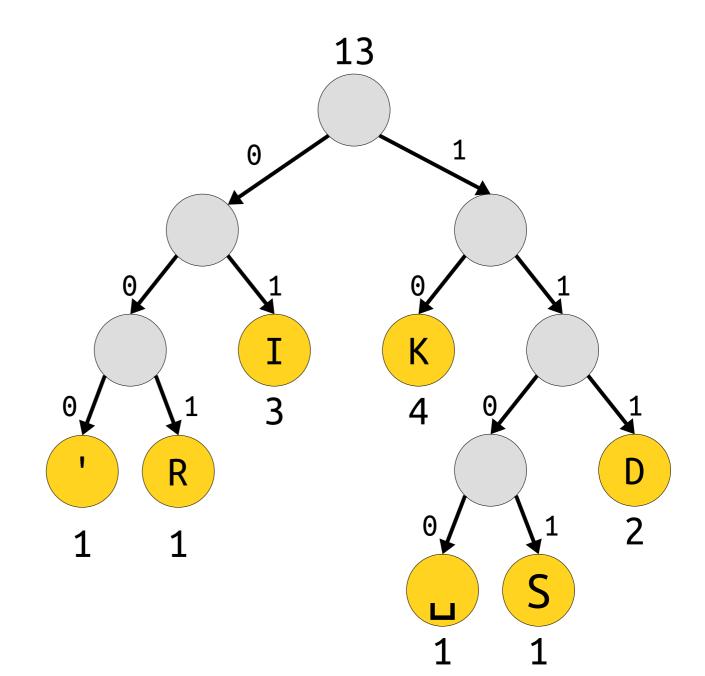


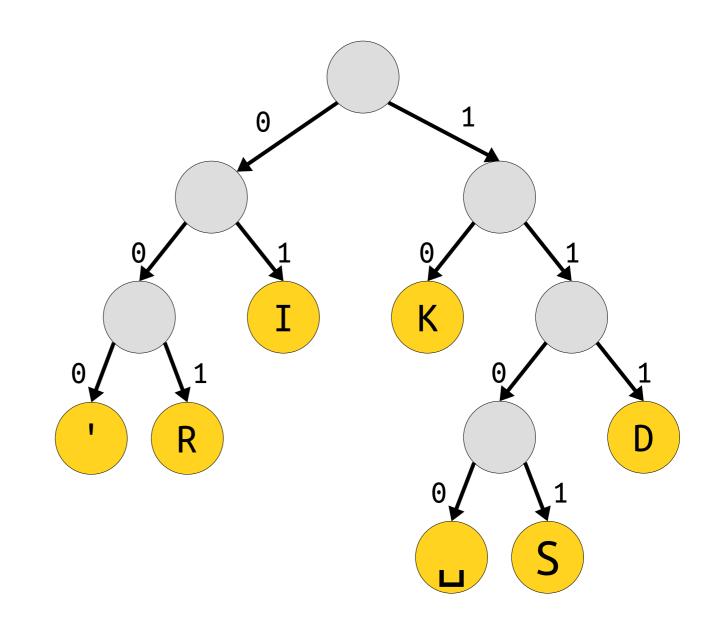




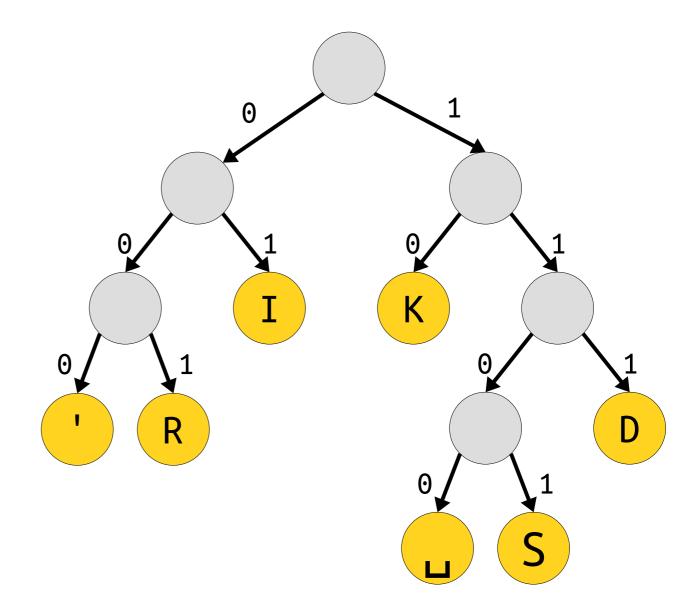








character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
П	1100







- Create a priority queue that holds partial trees.
- Create one leaf node per distinct character in the input string. The weight of that leaf is the frequency of the character. Add each to the priority queue.
- While there are two or more trees in the priority queue:
  - Dequeue the two lowest-priority trees.
  - Combine them together to form a new tree whose weight is the sum of the weights of the two trees.
  - Add that tree back to the priority queue.

An Important Detail

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
С	1100

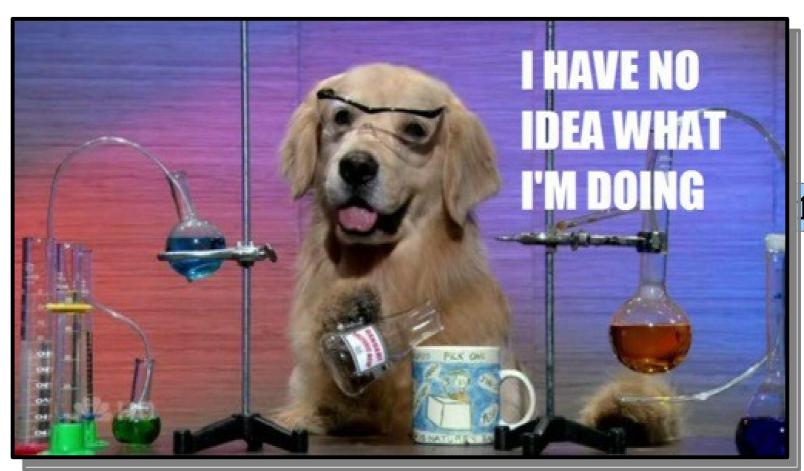
character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

10	01	001	10	000	1101	1100	111	01	10	111	01	10
K	I	R	K	T	S	Г	D	I	K	D	I	K

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100

10	01	001	10	000	1101	1100	111	01	10	111	01	10
K	I	R	K	T	S	Г	D	I	K	D	I	K

character	code
K	10
I	01
D	111
R	001
1	000
S	1101
ш	1100



# Transmitting the Tree

- In order to decompress the text, we have to remember what encoding we used!
- *Idea*: Prefix the compressed data with a header containing information to rebuild the tree.

**Encoding Tree** 

1101110010111011110001001101010111110...

- This might increase the total file size!
- *Theorem*: There is no compression algorithm that can always compress all inputs.
  - **Proof:** Take CS103!

# Summary of Huffman Coding

- Prefix-free codes can be modeled as binary trees with characters in the leaves.
- Huffman coding assembles an encoding tree by repeatedly combining the lowestfrequency trees together until only one tree remains.
- We need to send the encoding table with the compressed message for it to be decoded, which can increase file sizes.

# More to Explore

#### Kolmogorov Complexity

• What's the theoretical limit to compression techniques?

#### • Adaptive Coding Techniques

Can you change your encoding system as you go?

#### Shannon Entropy

A mathematical bound on Huffman coding.

#### • Binary Tries

Other applications of trees like these!

### Your Action Items

- Read the Guide to Huffman Coding
  - It's a useful companion to this lecture.
- Start Assignment 8.
  - It's a fun one! We think you'll really like it.
  - Aim to complete Milestone One by Monday.

### Next Time

#### Graphs

- Representing networks of all sorts.
- Graph Searches
  - A new perspective on some earlier ideas.

Appendix: *UTF-8* 

# Beyond ASCII

- ASCII was invented in 1960s America, when the main concern was storing English text.
- It's completely inadequate for storing the rich breadth of characters that actually get used across the whole world in the 2020s.
- What are we using now?

### Unicode

- *Unicode* is a system for representing glyphs and symbols from all languages and disciplines.
- One of the most common encodings is *UTF-8*, which uses sequences of bytes to represent any one individual character.
- The basic idea:
  - UTF-8 is a prefix code, so less common characters like and ७ use more bits than common characters like e and 你.
  - UTF-8 encodings are always a full multiple of 8 bits long, making it easier for computers to work one byte at a time.
  - UTF-8 is backwards-compatible with ASCII, so any text encoded with ASCII is also valid UTF-8.

**Option 1** 

**Oddddddd** 

**Option 2** 

110ddddd 10dddddd

**Option 3** 

1110dddd 10dddddd 10dddddd

**Option 4** 

11110ddd | 10dddddd | 10dddddd | 10dddddd

11110000 10011111 10010101 10001100

11110000	10011111	10010101	10001100
11110000	10011111	10010101	10001100

11110000	10 <b>011111</b>	10 <b>010101</b>	10001100
11110000	10011111	10010101	10001100

11110000 10011111 10010101 10001100 11110000 10011111 10010101 10001100

11110000 10011111 10010101 10001100 11110000 10011111 10010101 10001100