

Question 5: What do I say when I am decoded? (3 marks)

You are tasked with designing a variable-length decoding algorithm for a given set of bit strings.

A variable-length code is an encoding mechanism where each symbol can be represented by a number of bits that varies from symbol to symbol.

For example, 'a' could be represented by '01', 'b' by '01', 'c' by '10', etc. This kind of encoding is useful in situations where some symbols appear more frequently than others, and hence, it makes sense to assign fewer bits to more frequent symbols.

Your task is to write a function

`decode(encoded: str, codebook: Dict[str, str]) -> str`

which takes an encoded string and a codebook, and returns the original string. The function should return an error if the encoded string is not a valid encoding according to the codebook.

Let's consider this codebook:

```
{ 'a': '00',
  'b': '01',
  'c': '10',
  'd': '1100',
  'e': '1101',
  'f': '1110',
  'g': '111100',
  'h': '111101',
  'i': '111110',
  'j': '1111110000',
  'k': '1111110001',
  'l': '1111110010',
  'm': '1111110011',
  'n': '1111110100',
  'o': '1111110101',
  'p': '1111110110',
  'q': '1111110111',
  'r': '1111111000',
  's': '1111111001',
  't': '1111111010',
  'u': '1111111011',
  'v': '1111111100',
  'w': '1111111101',
```

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'x': '1111111110',  
'y': '1111111111',  
'z': '11111111110000',  
' ': '11111111110001'}
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Example

decode('0110', codebook) should return 'bc'.

What is the decoded phrase for this string?

“11111011111111110001111111001011111101011111111001101111111111000100111111010
0111100110111111110010111101001011111100011111111110001101111110101110011011111
11111100011011110100111111001011111100101101111110100111100110111111111100010
1110110001111111011111111001110111111111100011111101111110101111111110001111
11011111110011111111110001111011111110111111101001111111110001001111110100110
01111111111000111011111111101011111011111101011111011111101001111001111111110
00100111111010011001111111110001111110111111111000111001111101111111001111110
010111110111111100011101111111111000111111110101111011101111111111000111111110
111111101011111111000110011111111110001111111111000111111111100011111111010111
101001111111010111111111000100111111011011111101101101001111111000111111100111
111111110001111110111111010011111111100011111110101111011101111111111100011111
110110111101111111110000011111110011101”

P.S. Use your best judgement to get the proper final answer - the answer should make sense and be readable! It's not a 3-mark question for no reason :D