

# Queue ADT

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# Today's Plan



Recap

Queue ADT

Applications

# Announcements

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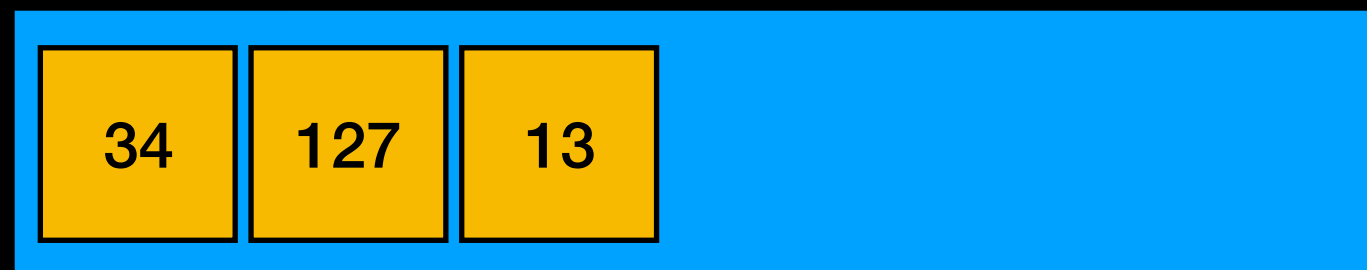




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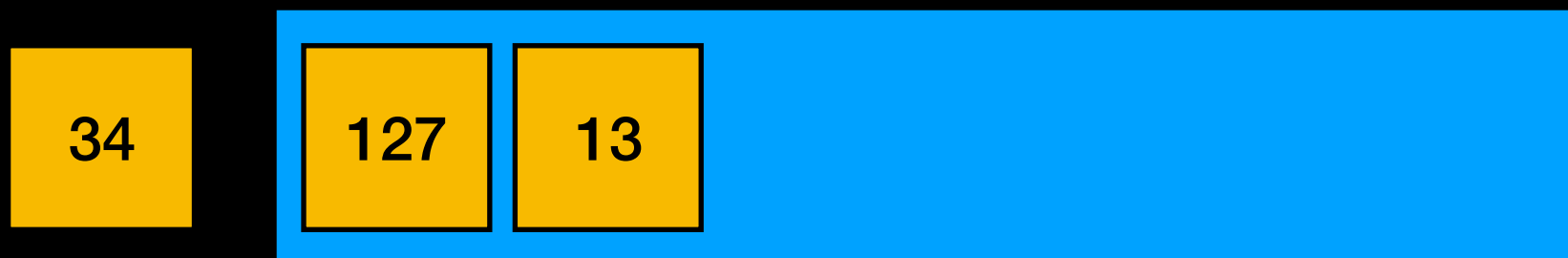
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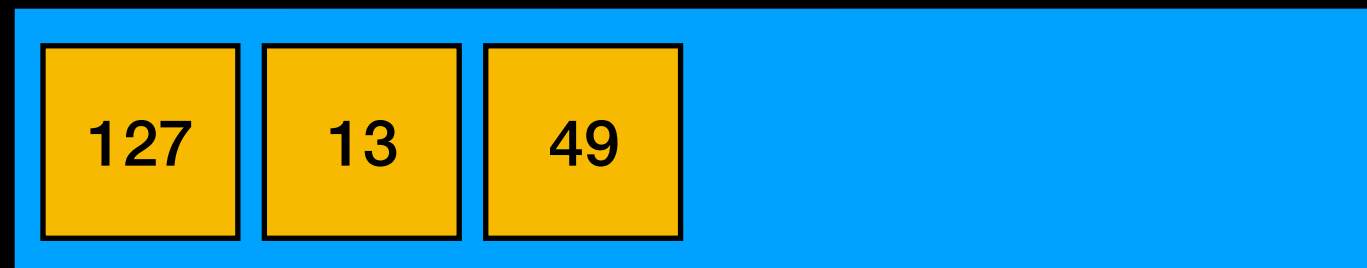
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**FIFO:** First In First Out

Only front of queue is accessible (**front**), no other objects in the queue are visible

# Queue Applications

Generating all substrings

Recognizing Palindromes

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- Print jobs
- OS scheduling processes with equal priority
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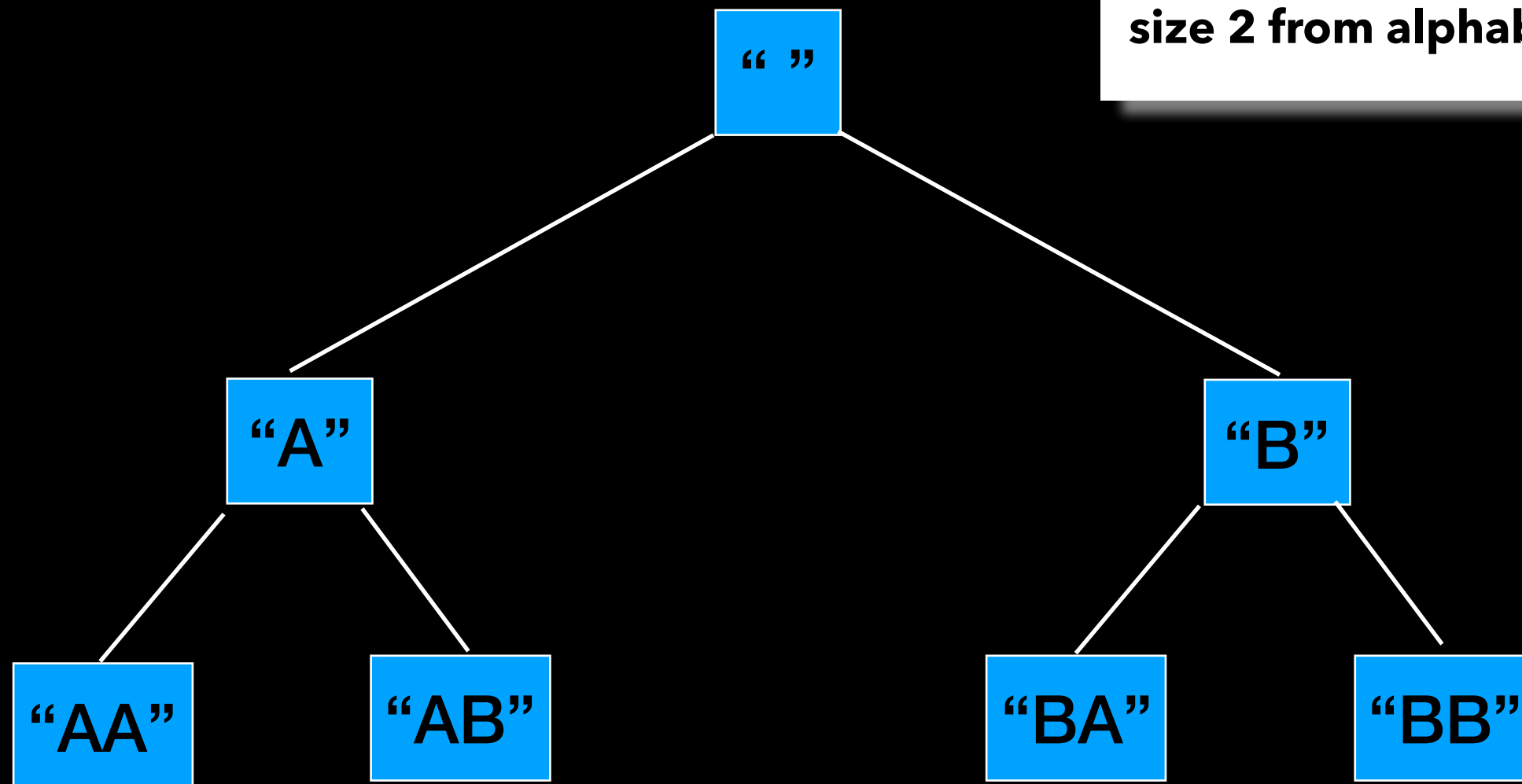
Generate all possible strings **up to** some fixed length **n**  
**with repetition (same character included multiple times)**

We saw how to do something similar recursively  
(generate permutations of **fixed size n no repetition**)

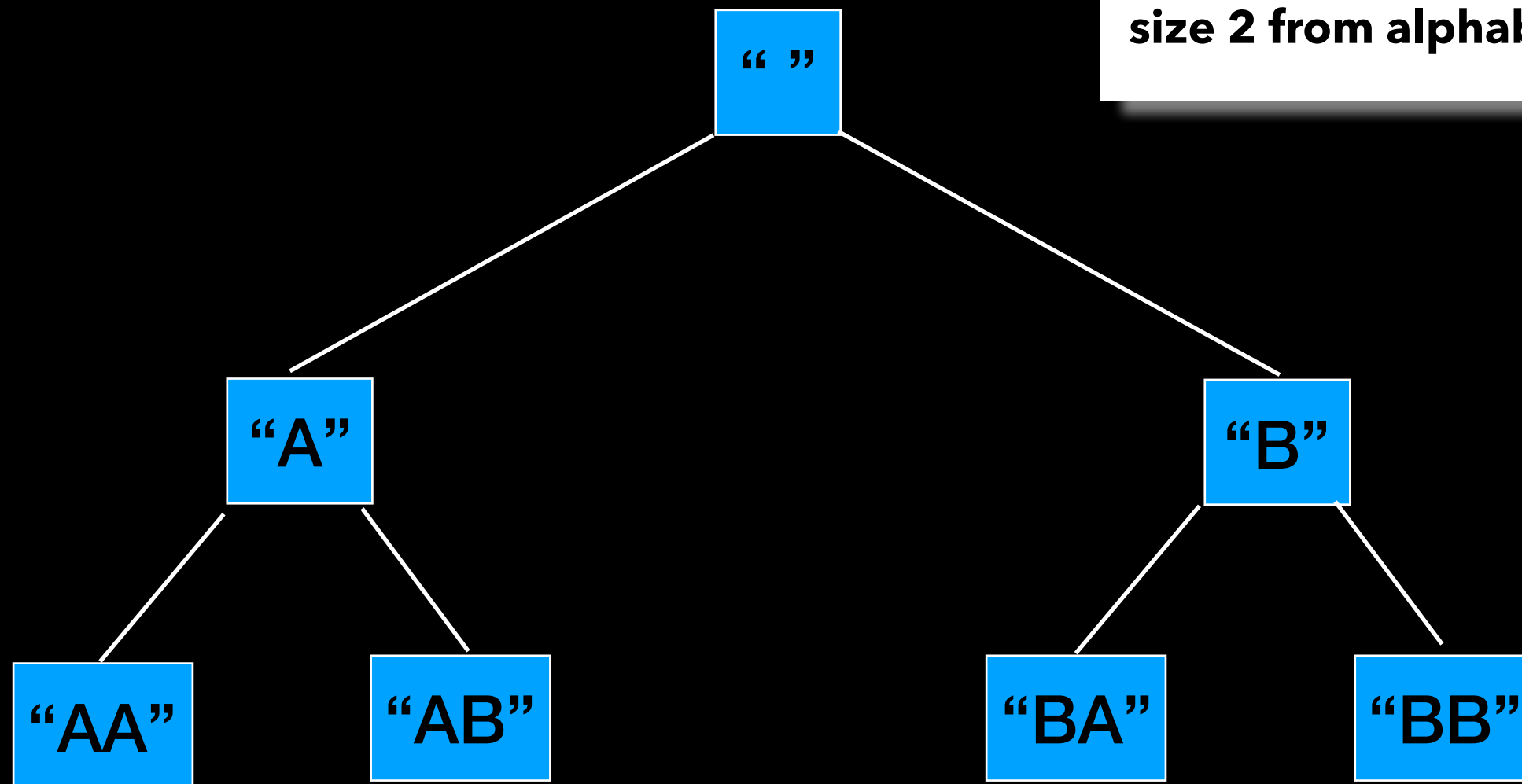
How might we do it with a queue?

Example simplified to  $n = 2$  and only letters A and B

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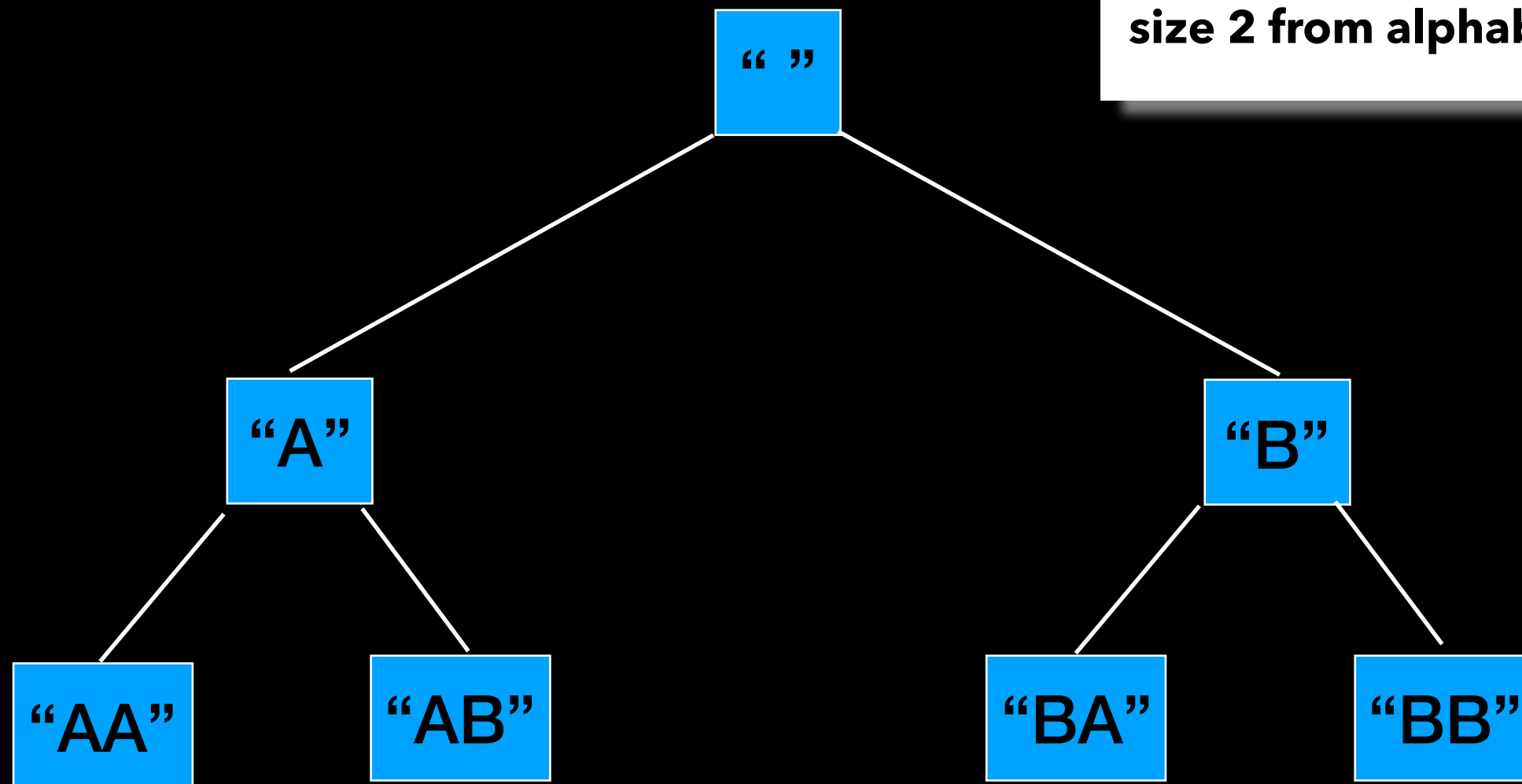


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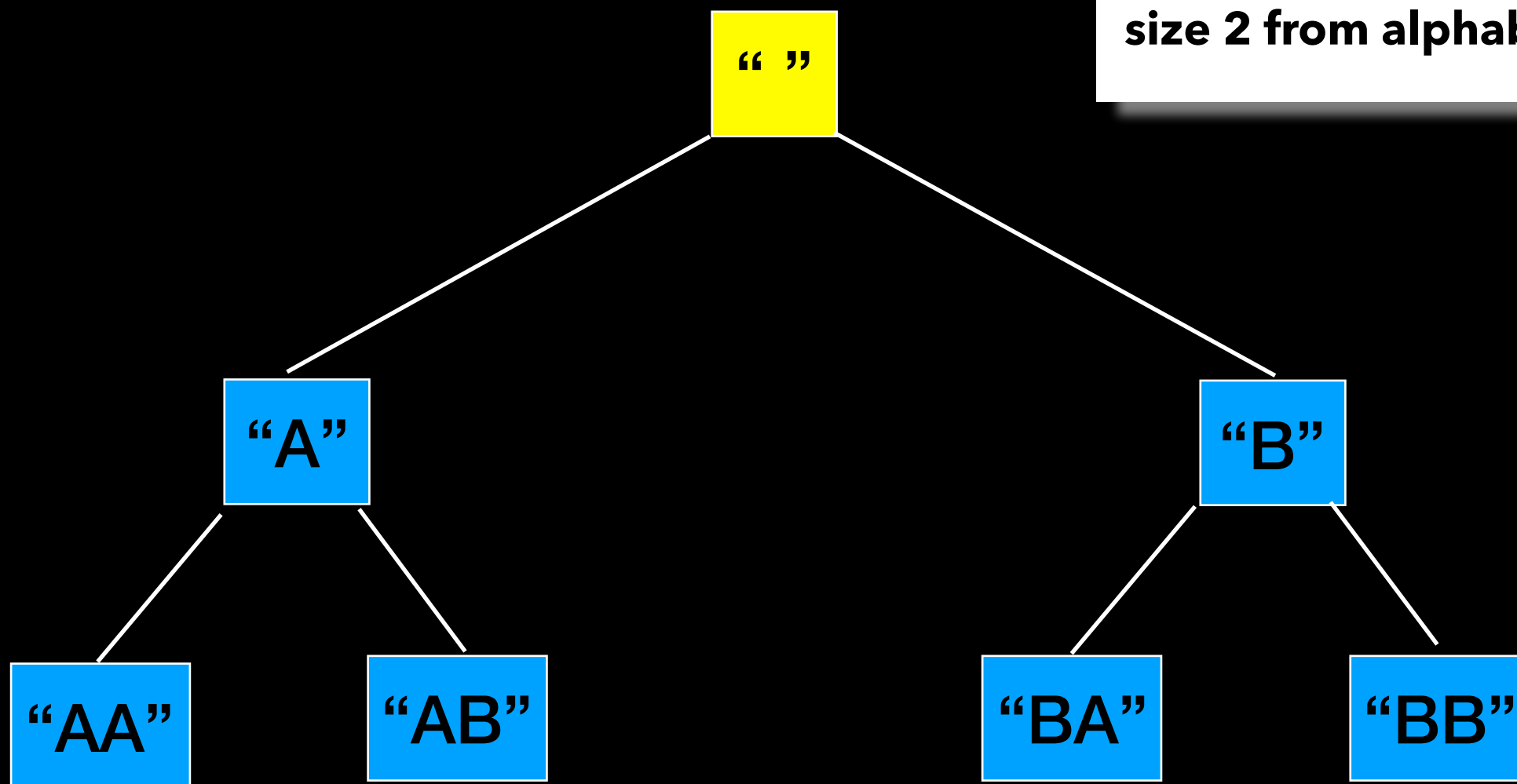


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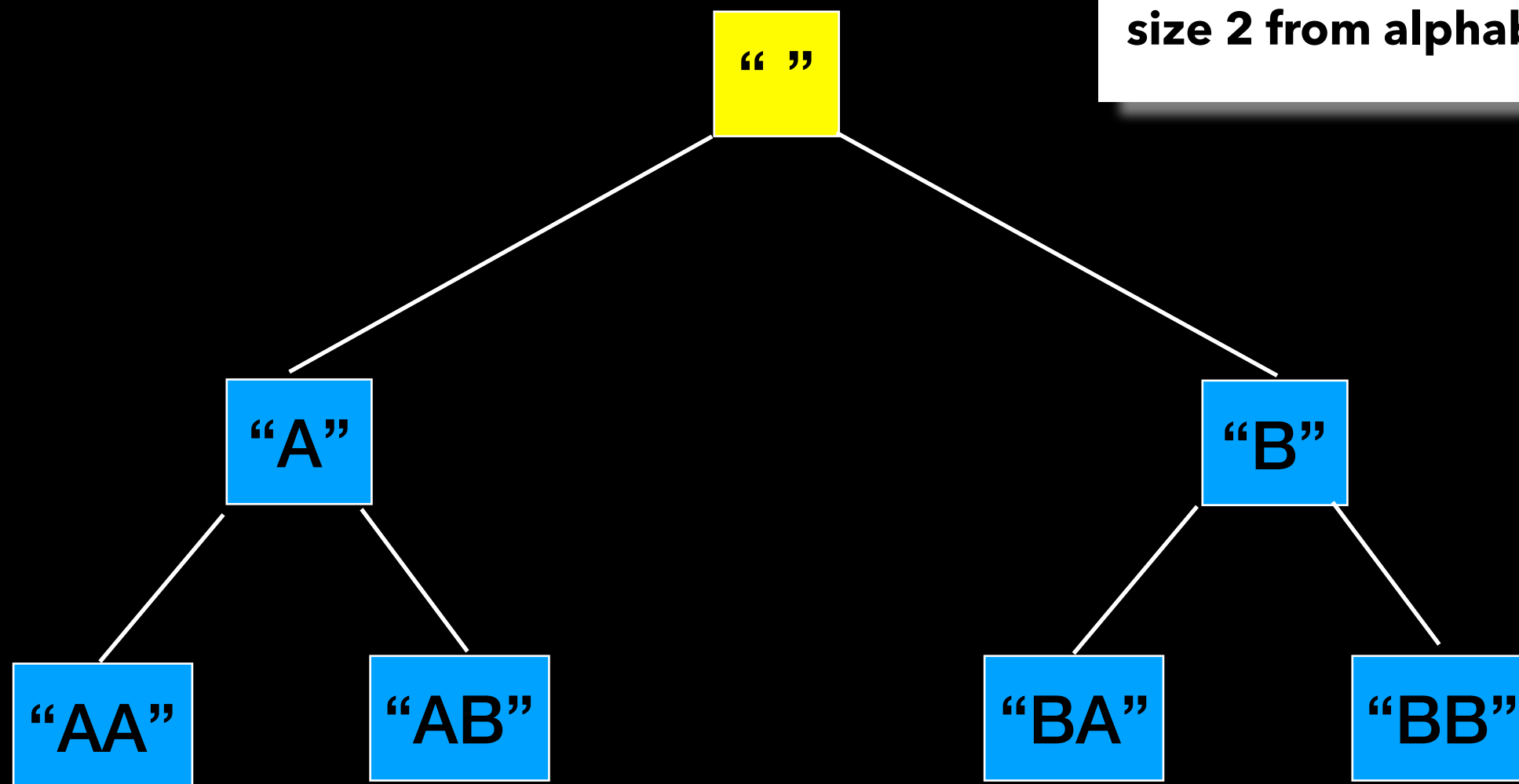
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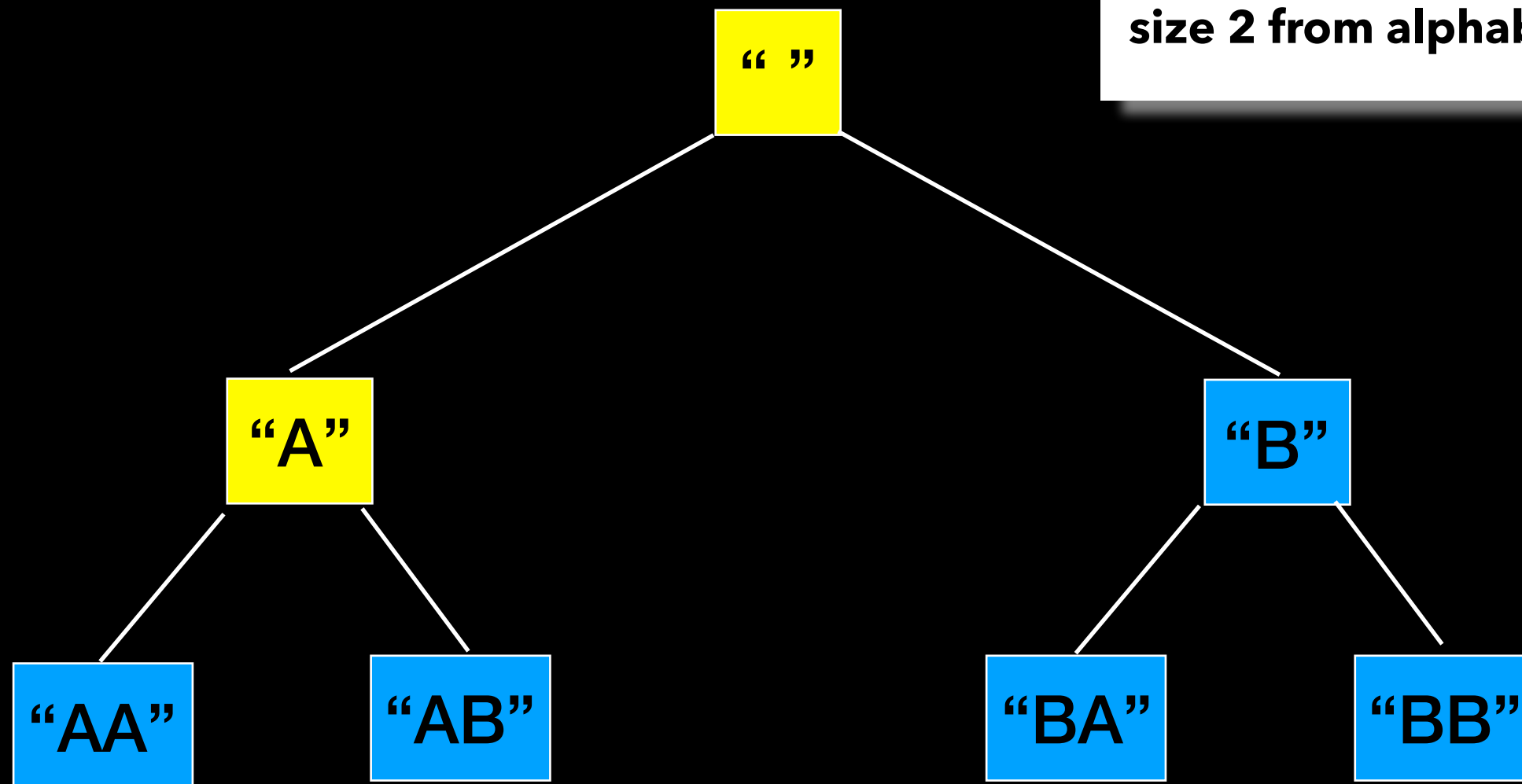
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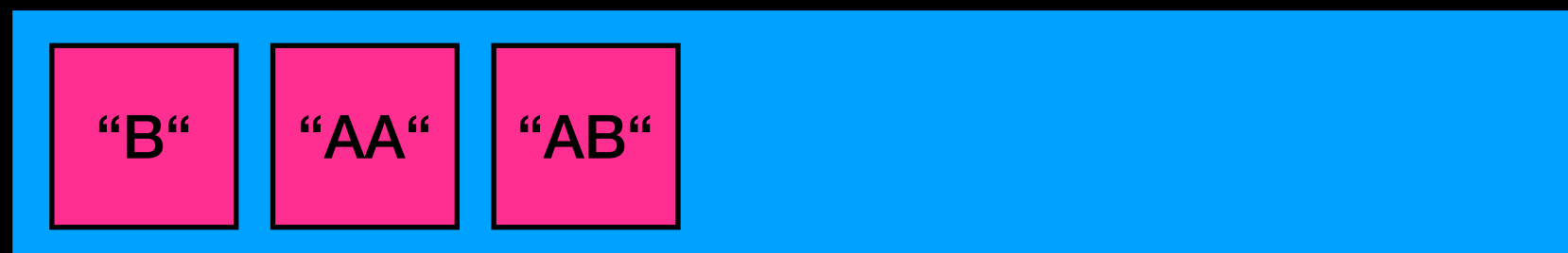
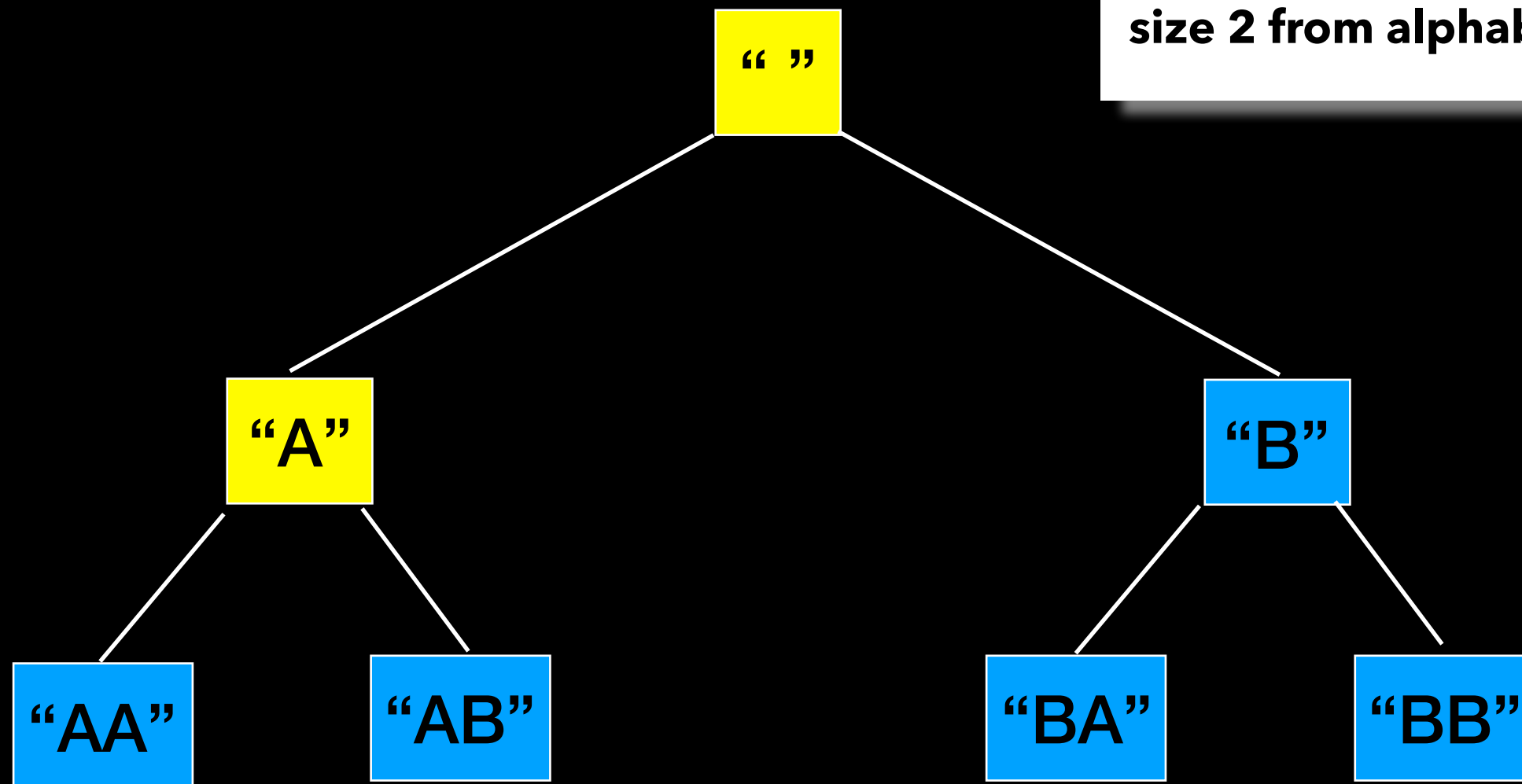


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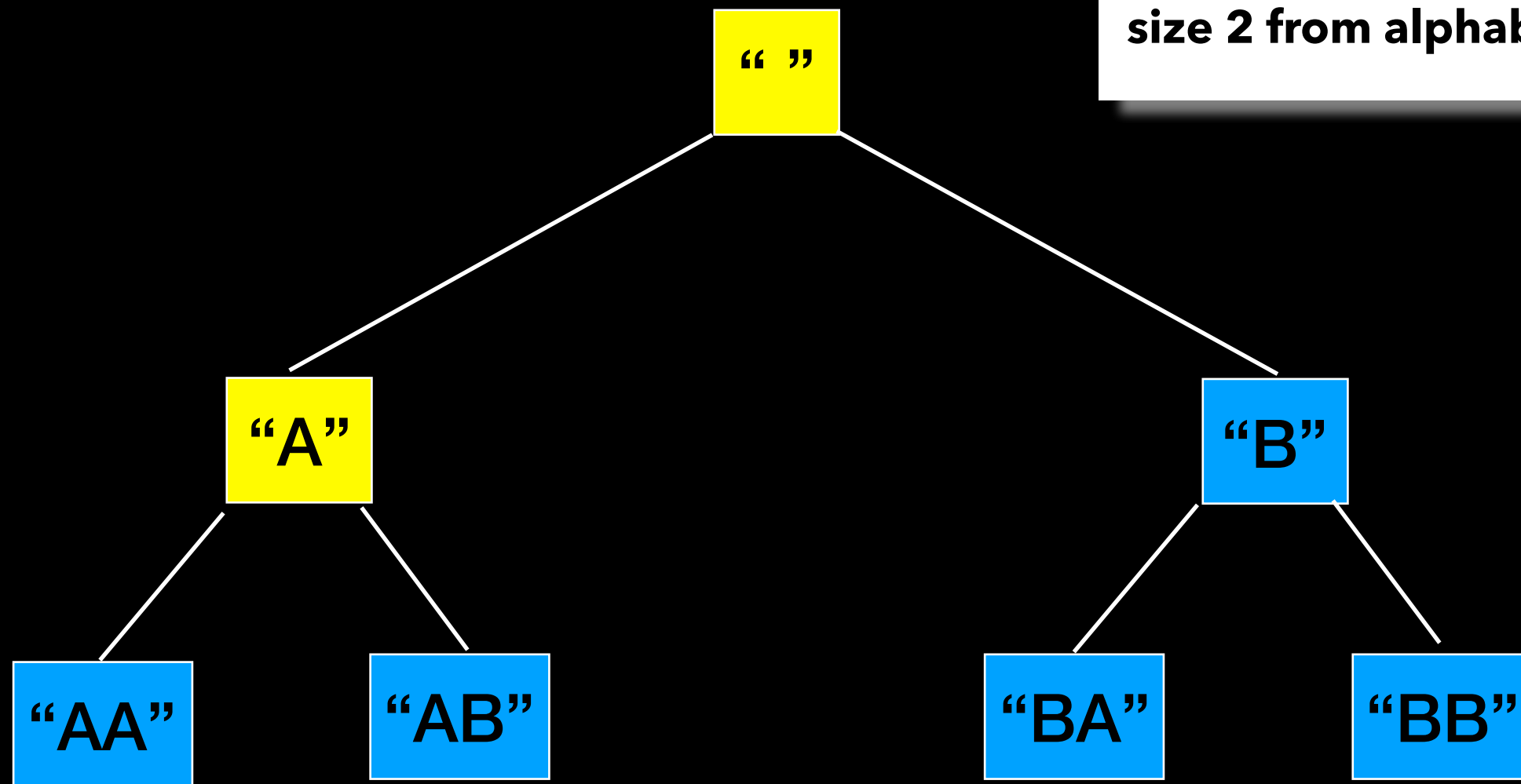
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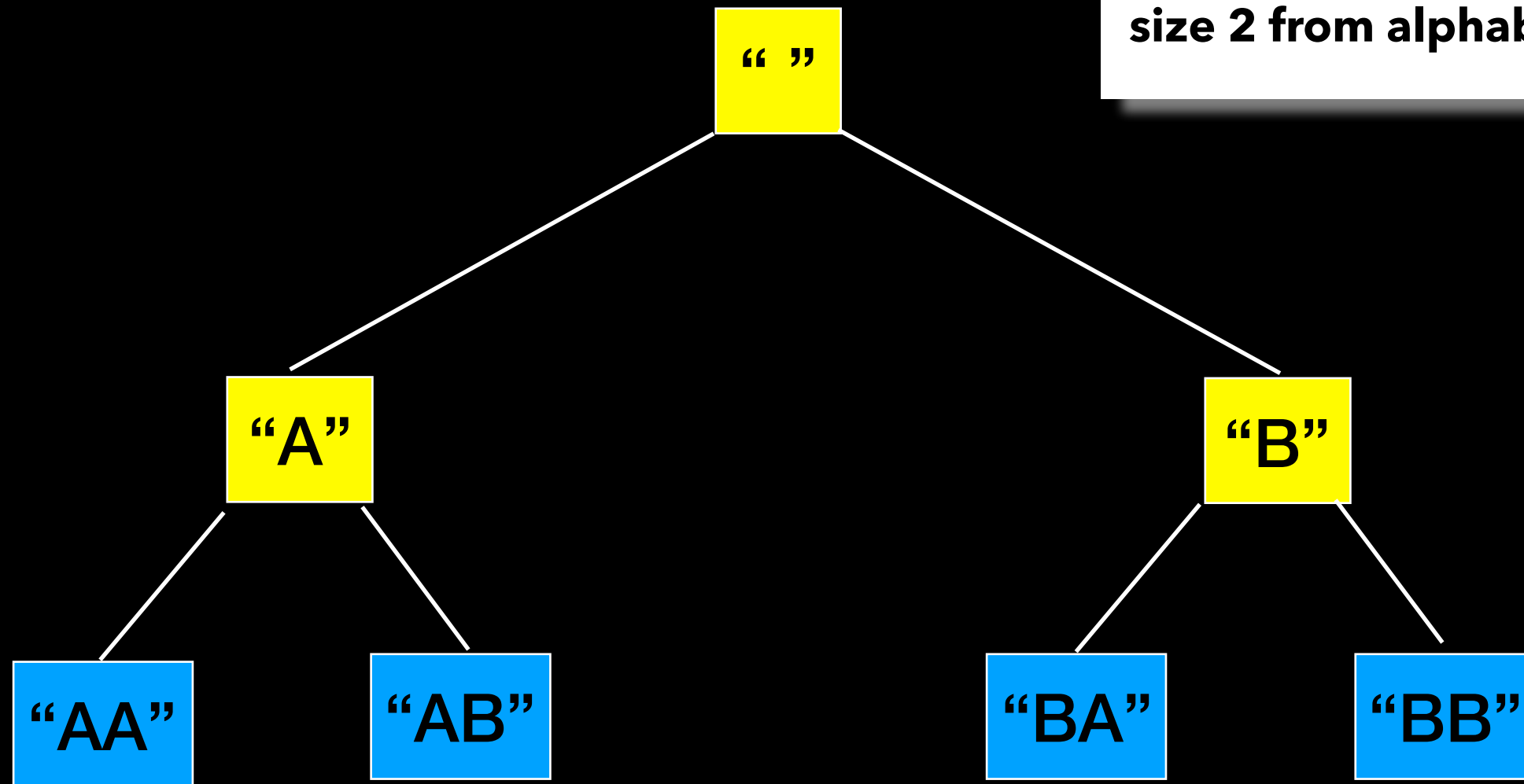
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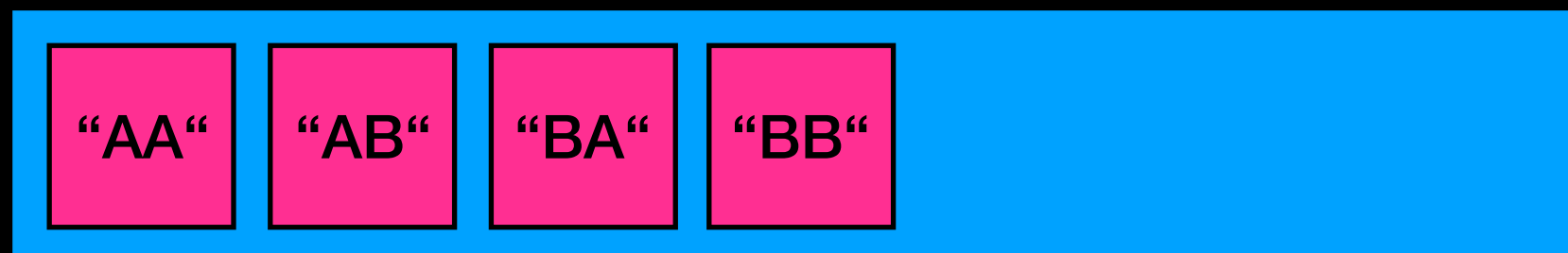
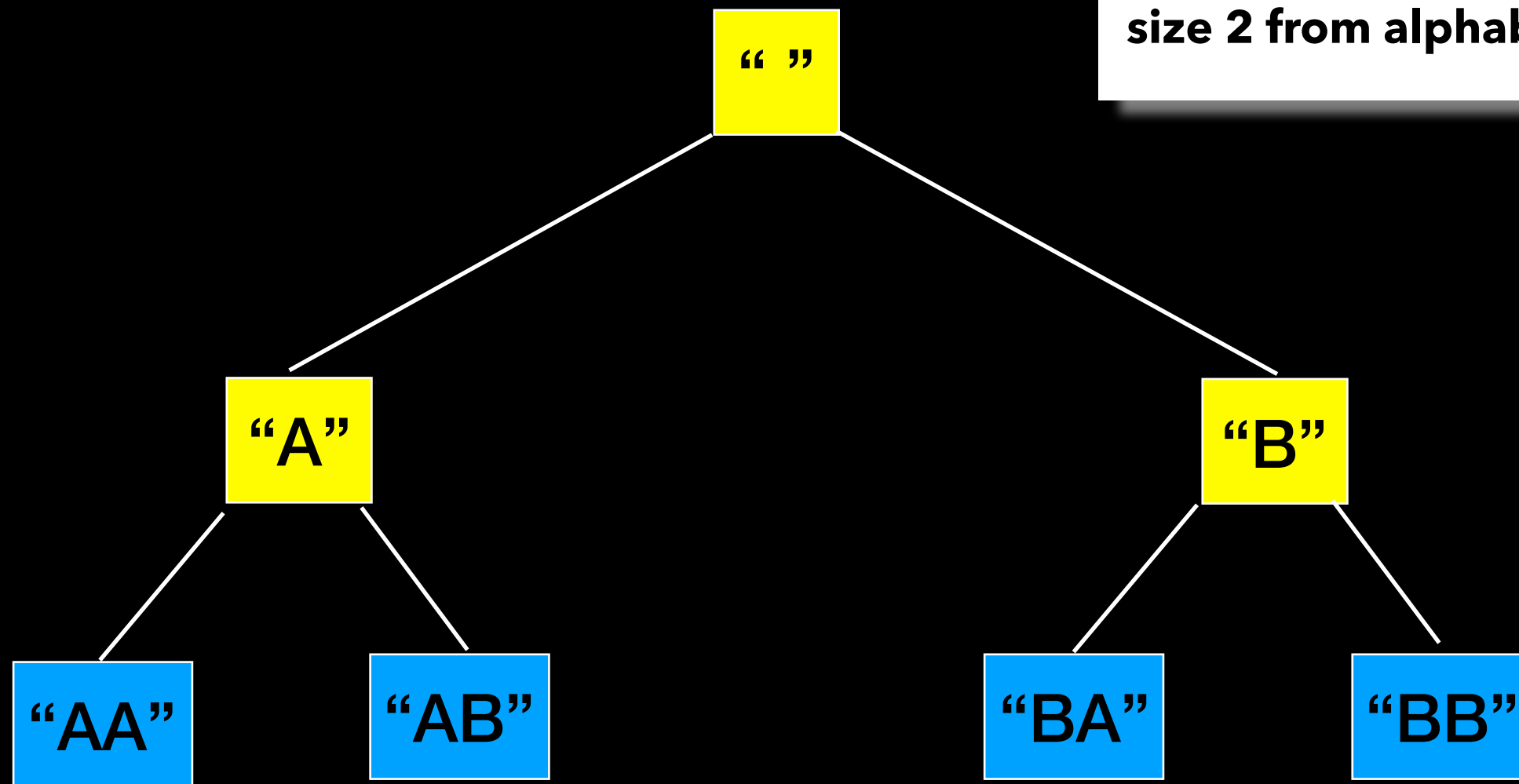


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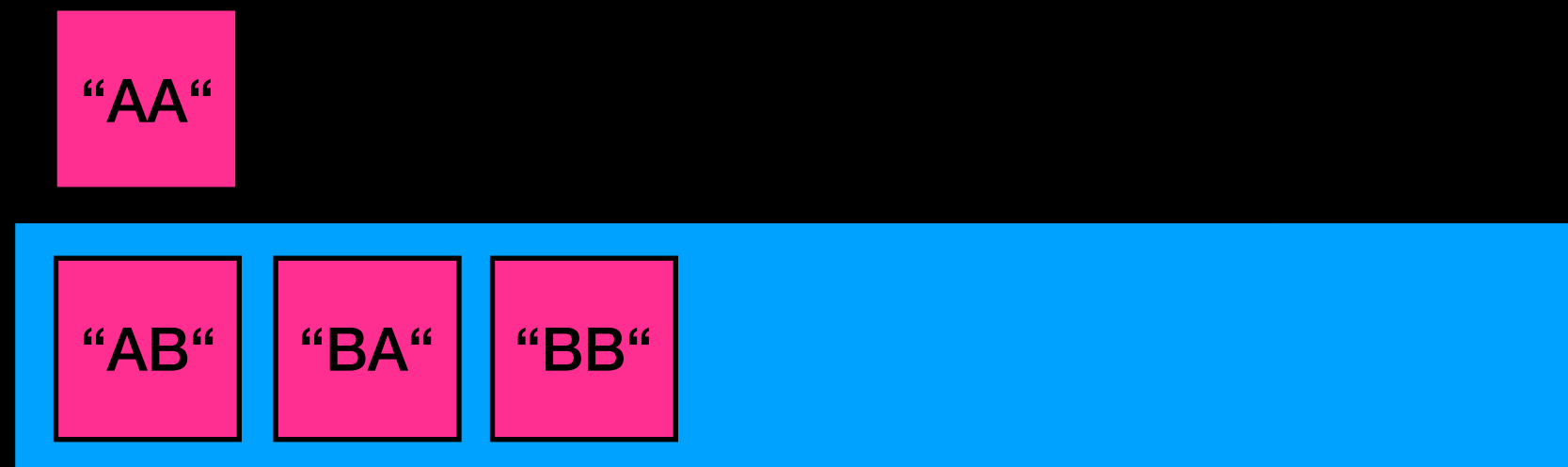
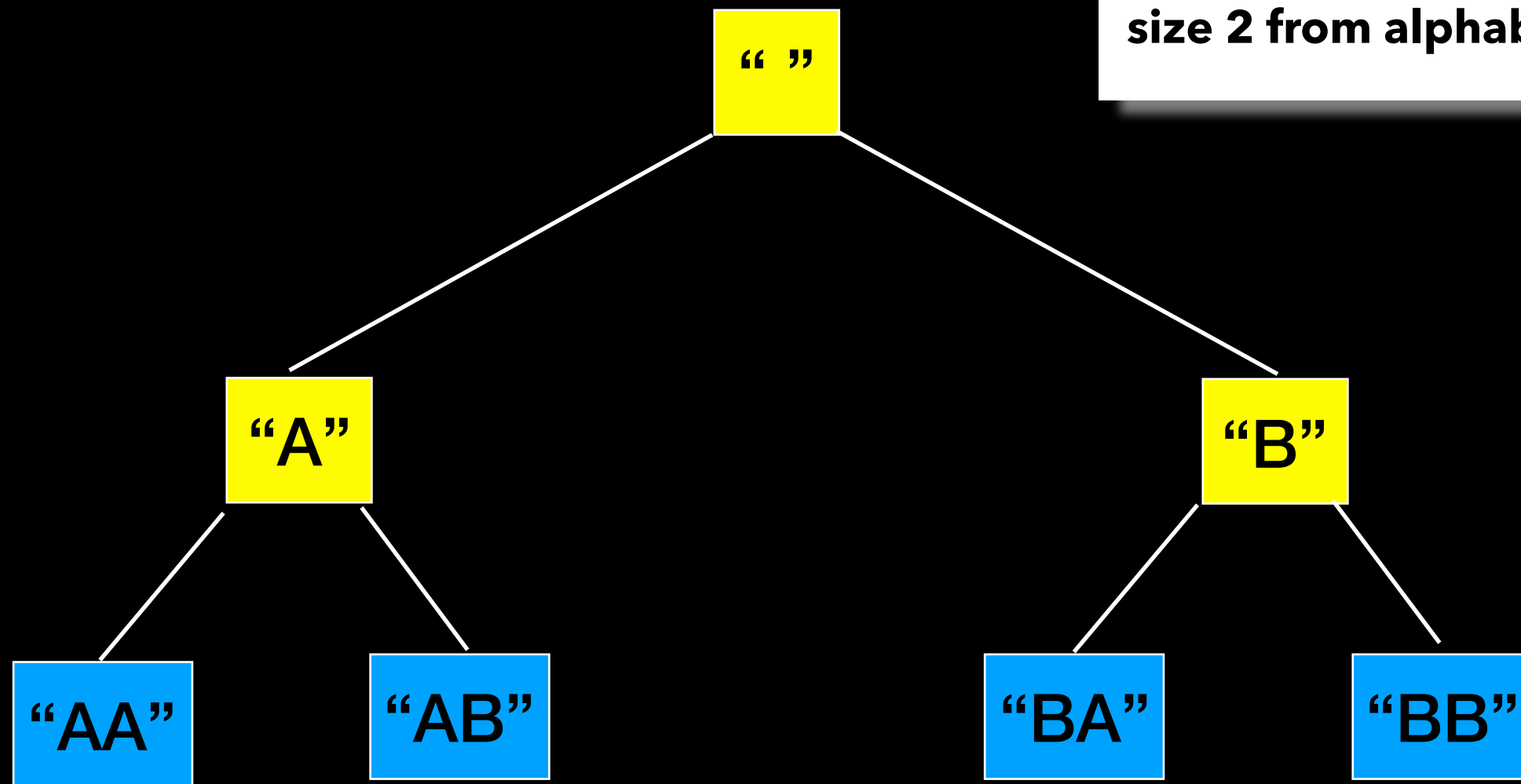
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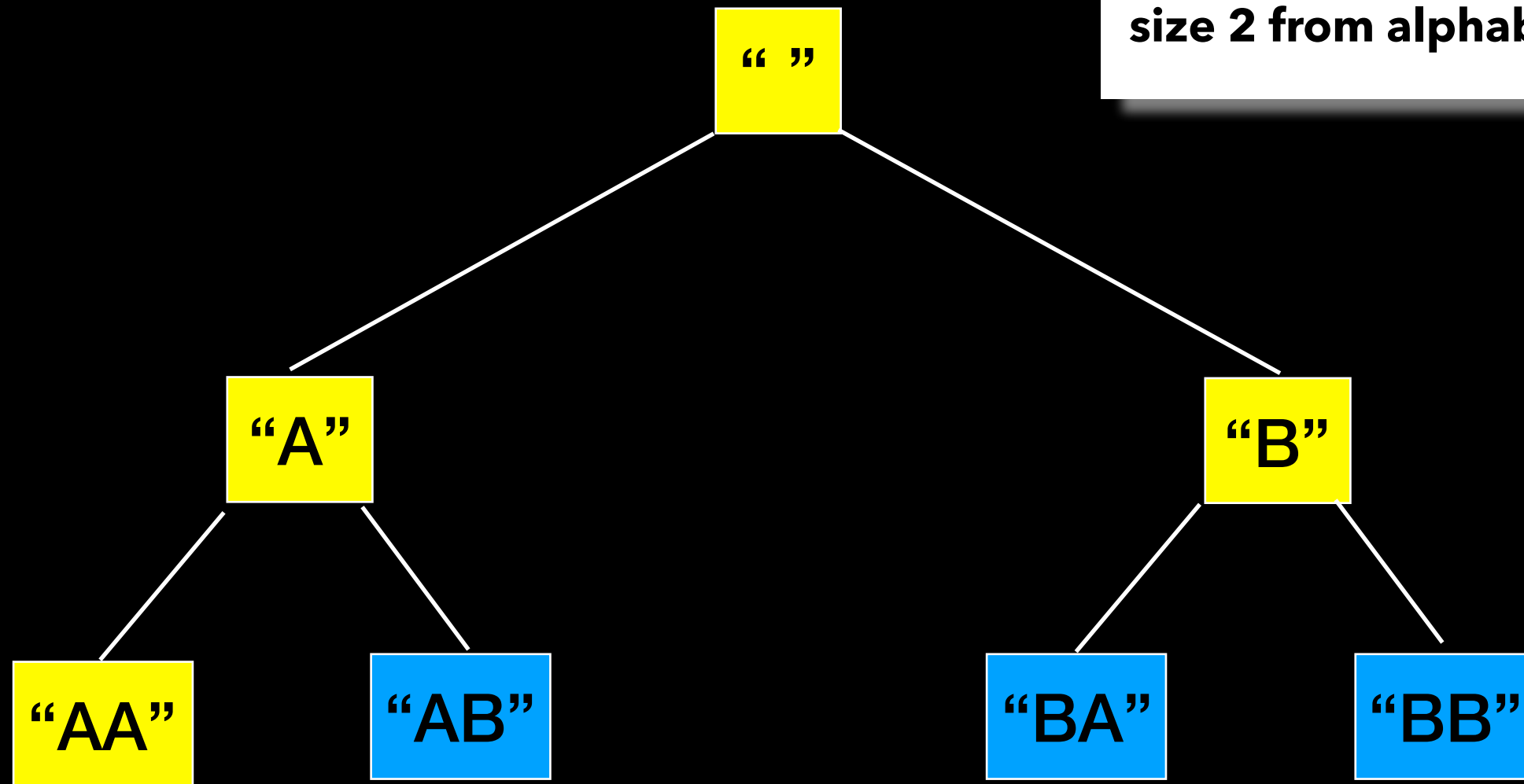
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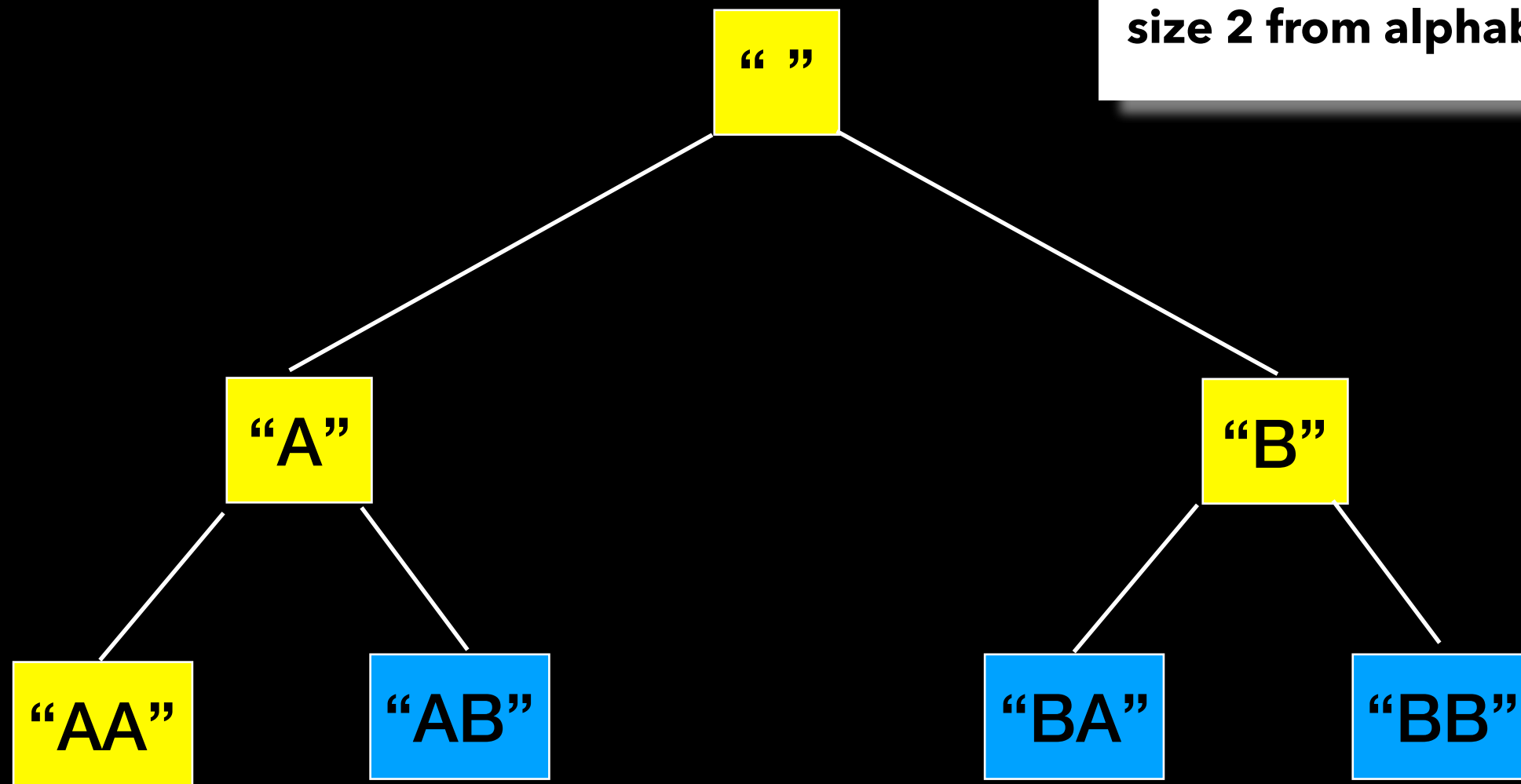
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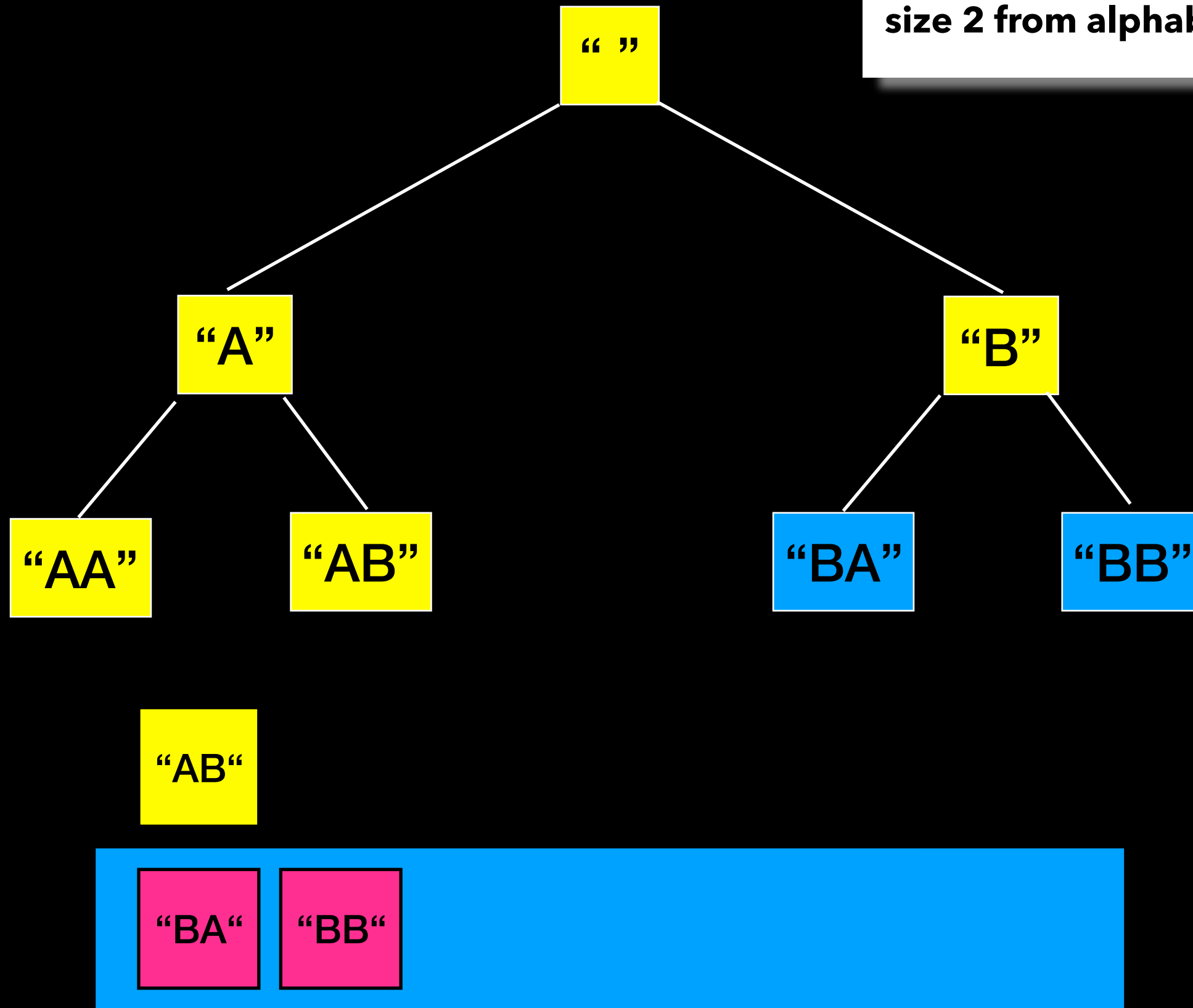
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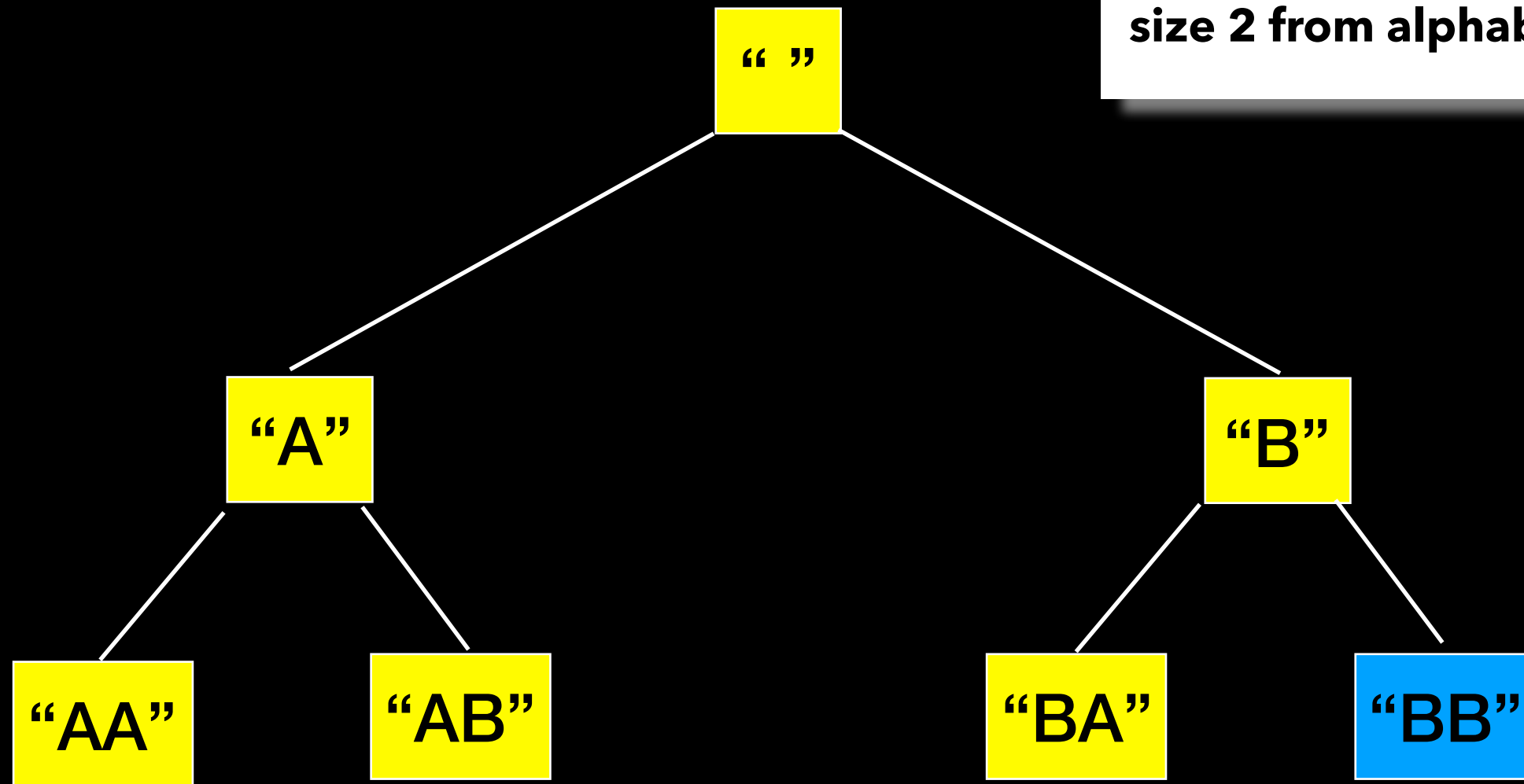
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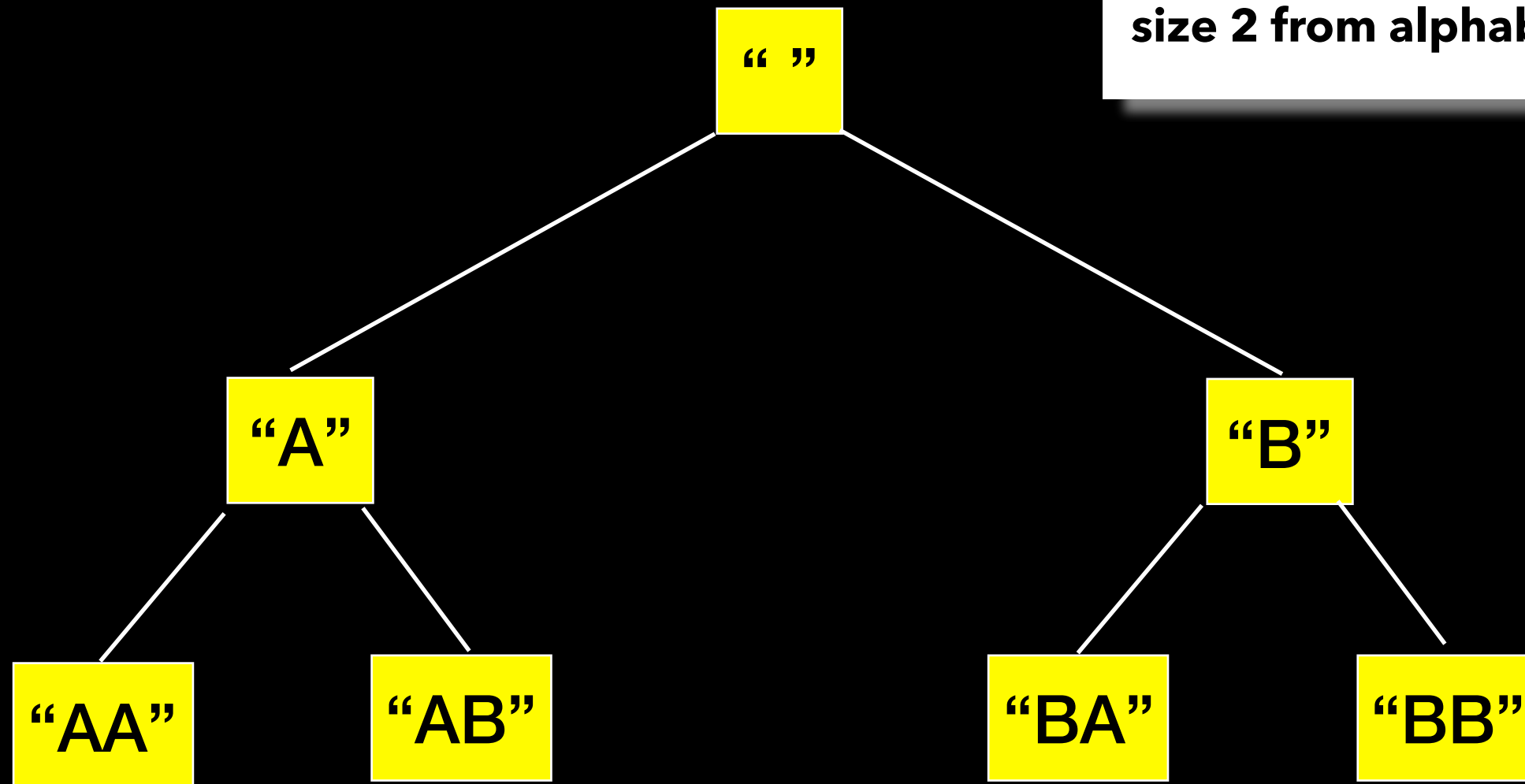
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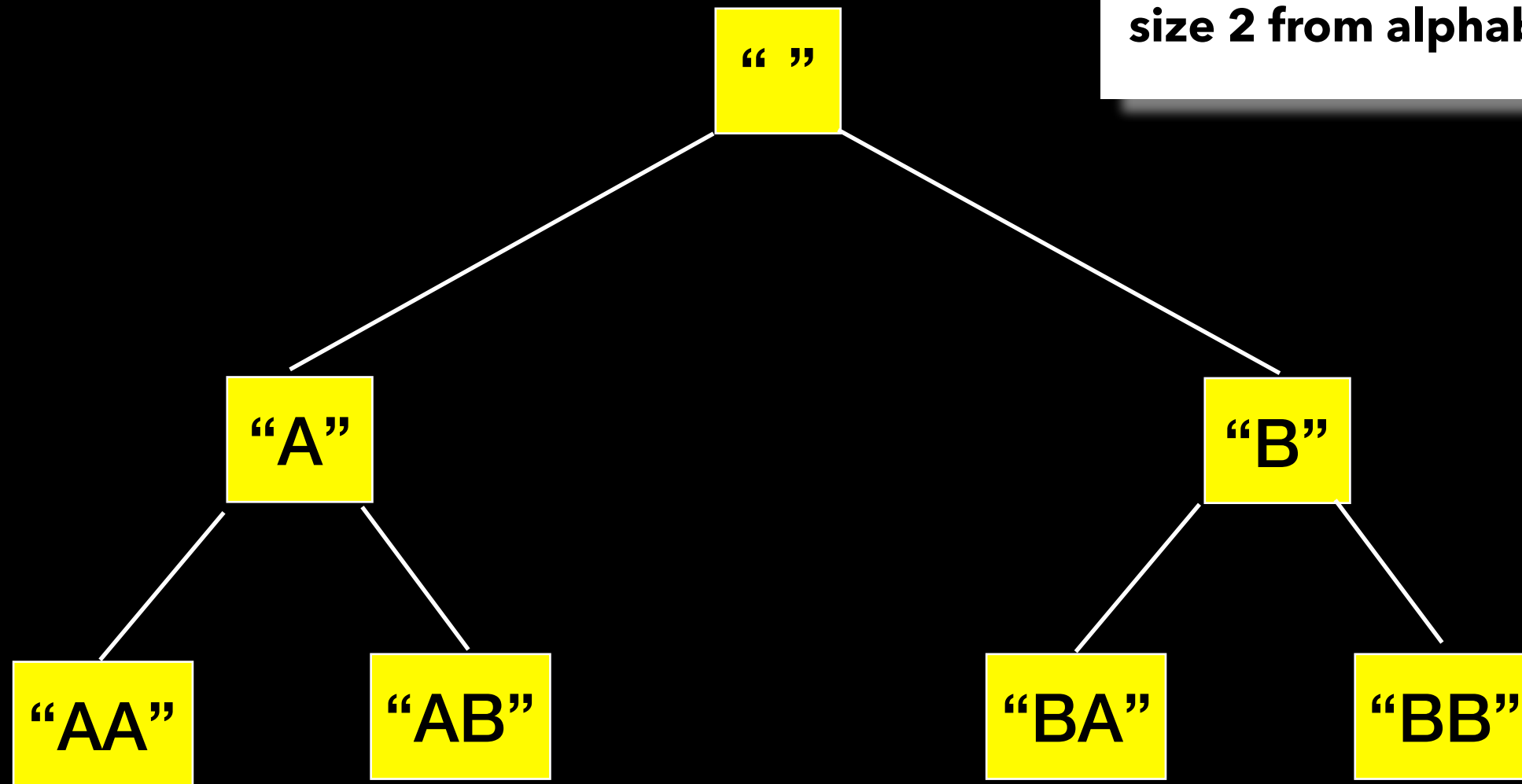
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# Breadth-First Search

## Applications

- Find shortest path in graph

- GPS navigation systems

- Crawlers in search engines

- ...

Generally good when looking for the "shortest" or "best" way to do something => lists things in increasing order of "size" stopping at the "shortest" solution

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# Analysis

Finding all substrings (with repetition) of size **up to n**

Assume **alphabet** (A, B, ... , Z) of size 26

The empty string = 1

All strings of size 1 =  $26^1$

All strings of size 2 =  $26^2$

...

All strings of size n =  $26^n$

With repetition: I have 26  
options for each of the  
n characters

# Lecture Activity

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Analyze the worst-case time complexity of this algorithm assuming alphabet of size 26 and up to strings of length n

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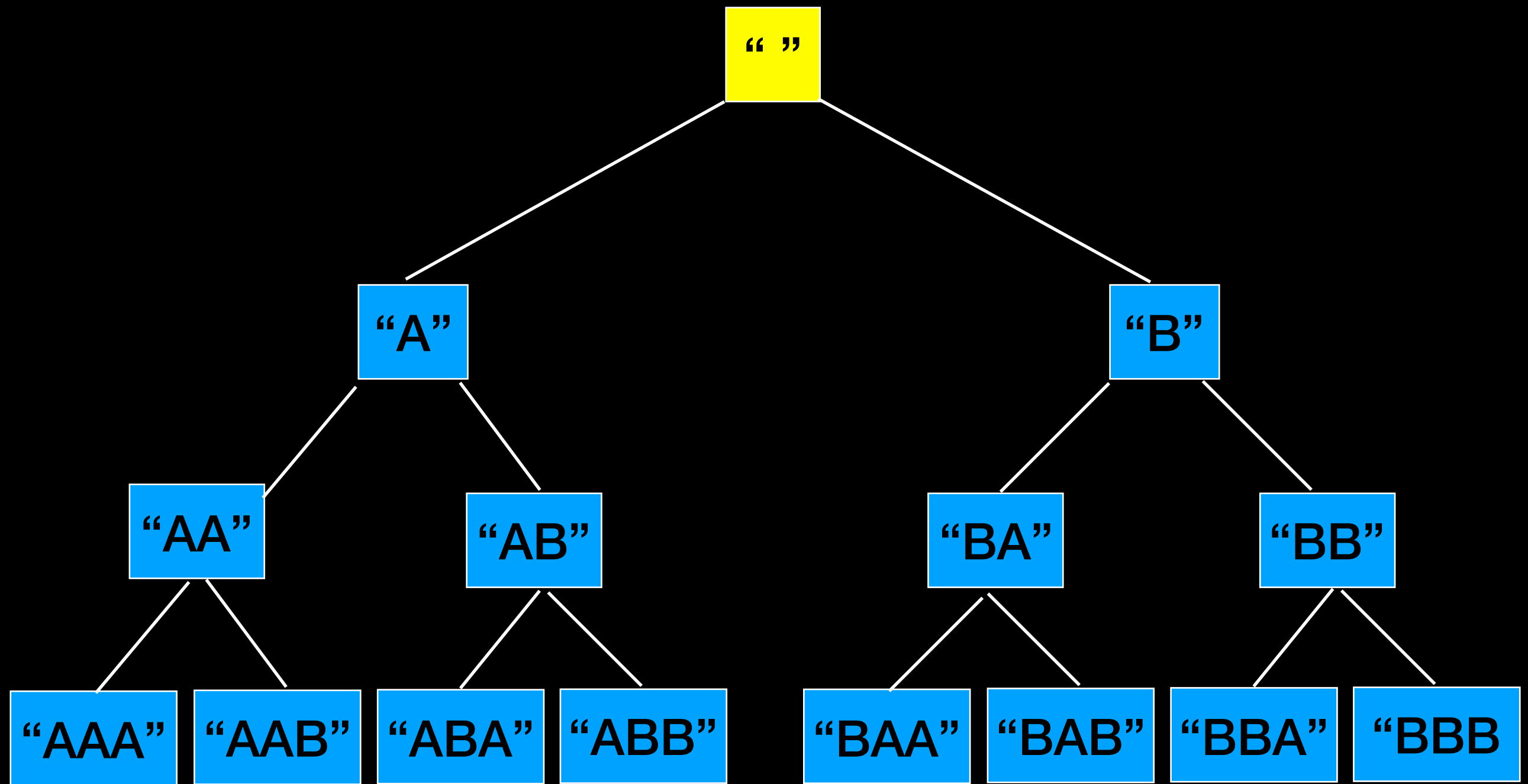
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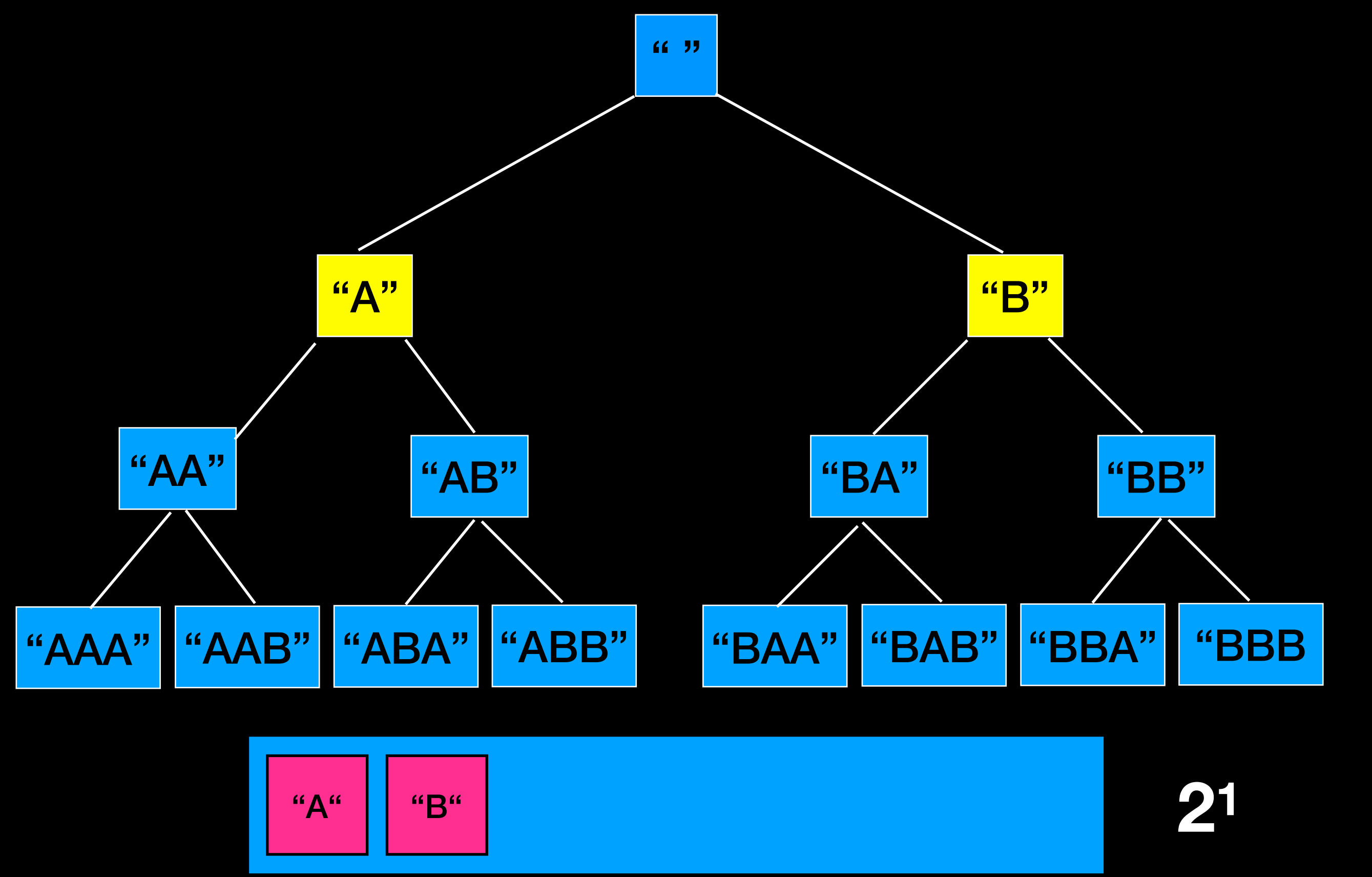
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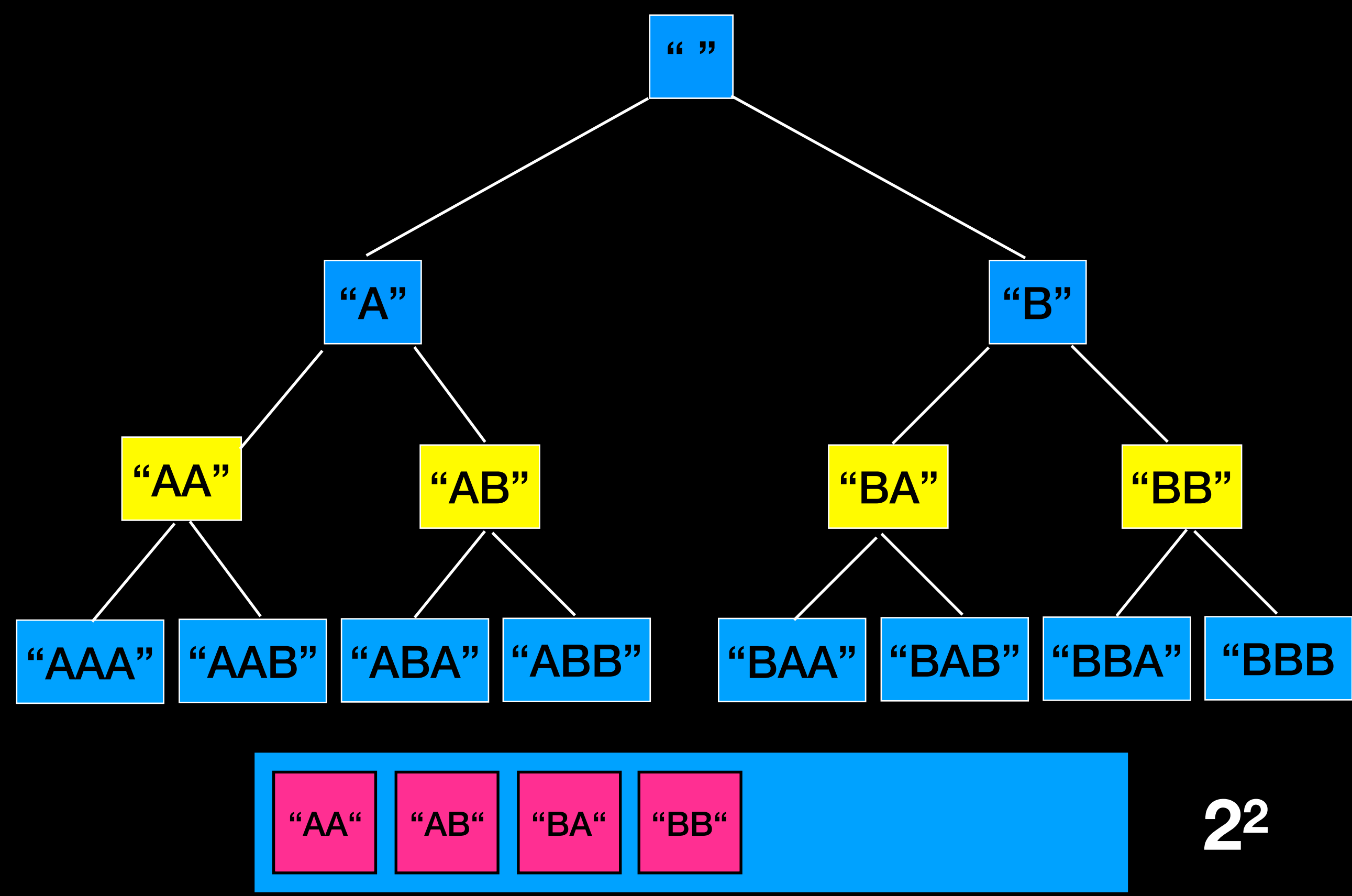
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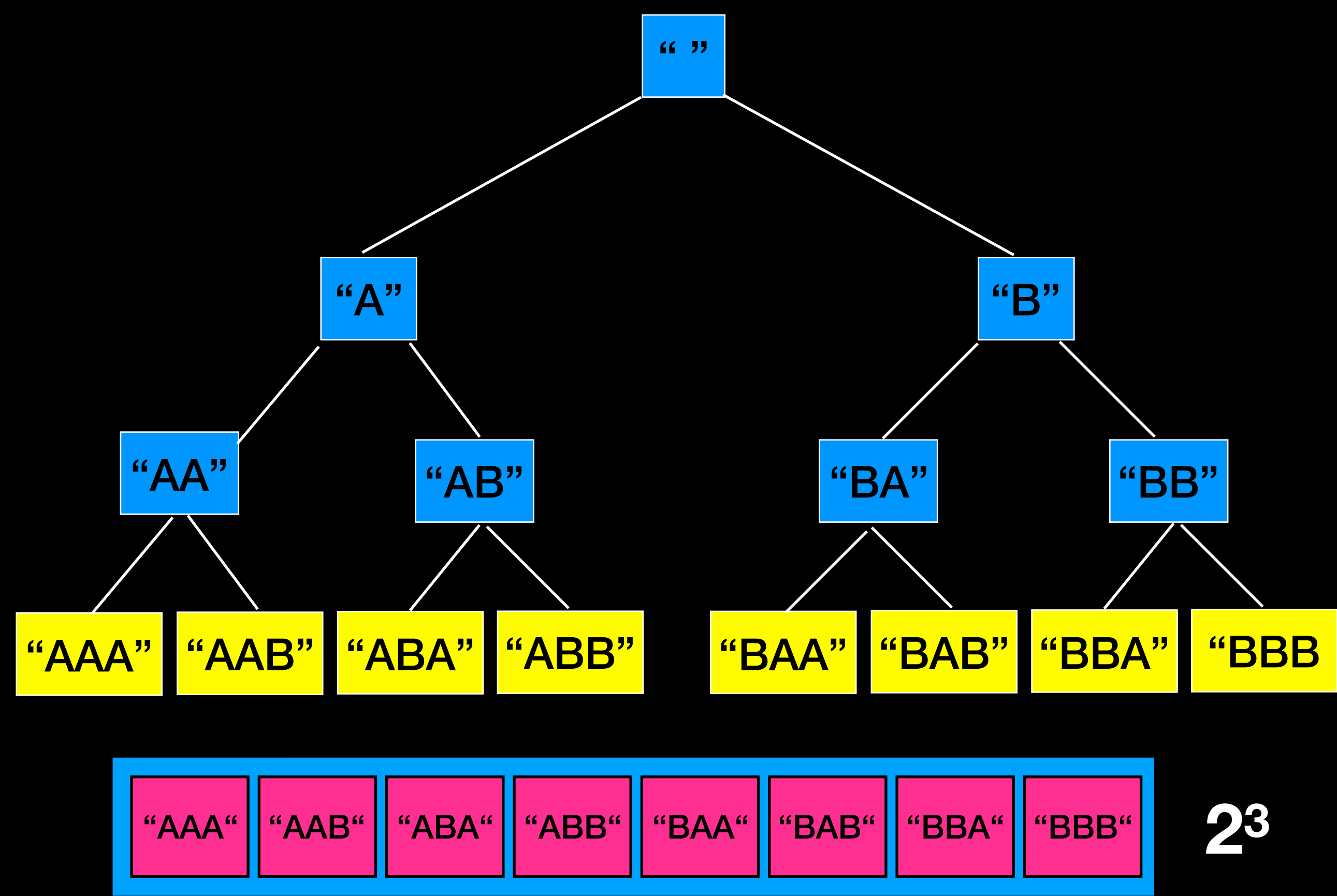


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# Memory Usage

With alphabet {'A', 'B', ..., 'Z'}, at some point we end up with  $26^n$  strings in memory

Size of string on my machine = 24 bytes

Running this algorithm for  $n = 7$  ( $\approx 193\text{GB}$ ) is the maximum that can be handled by a standard personal computer

For  $n = 8 \approx 5\text{TB}$

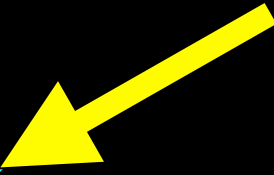


Massive  
space  
requirement

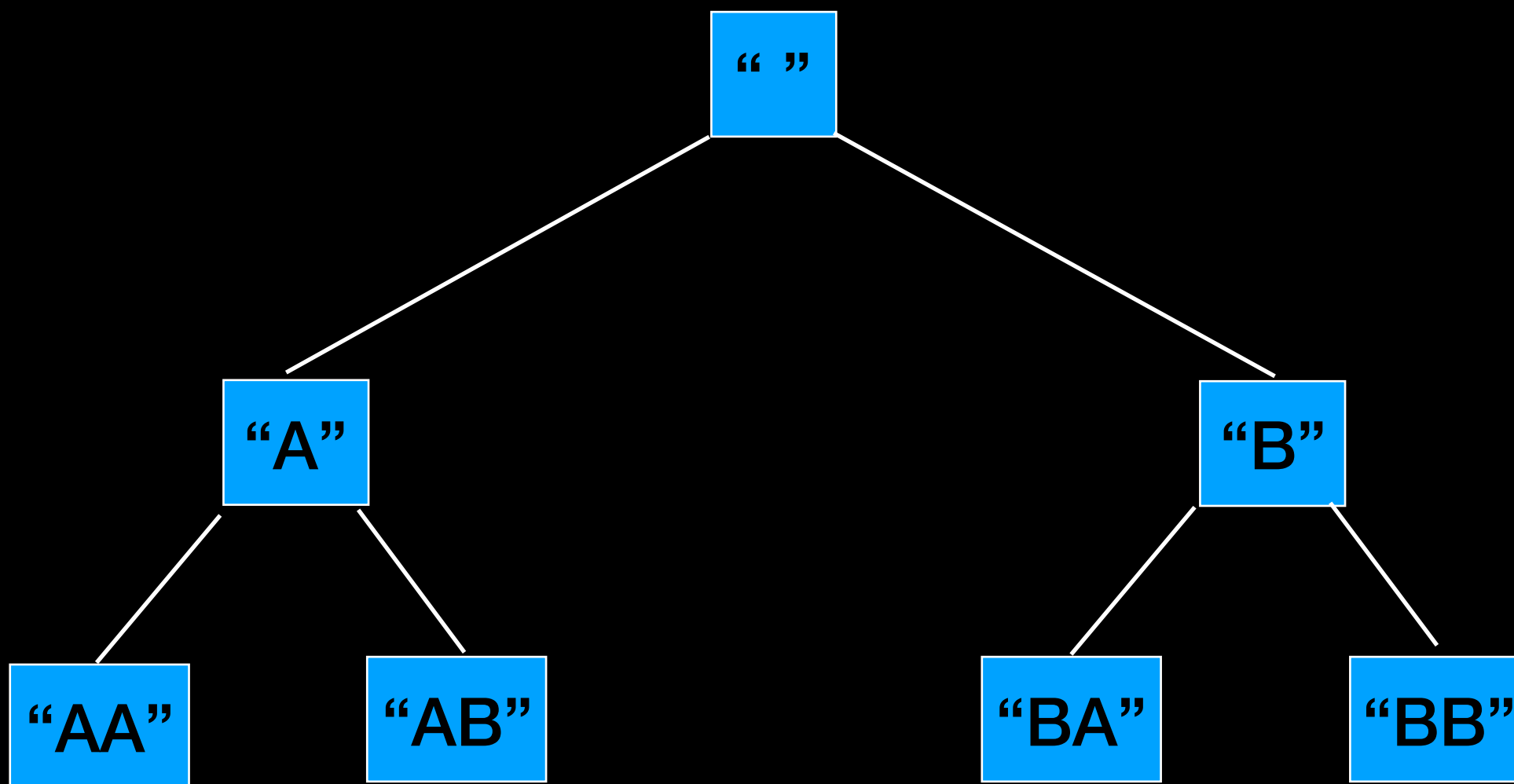


# What if we use a stack?

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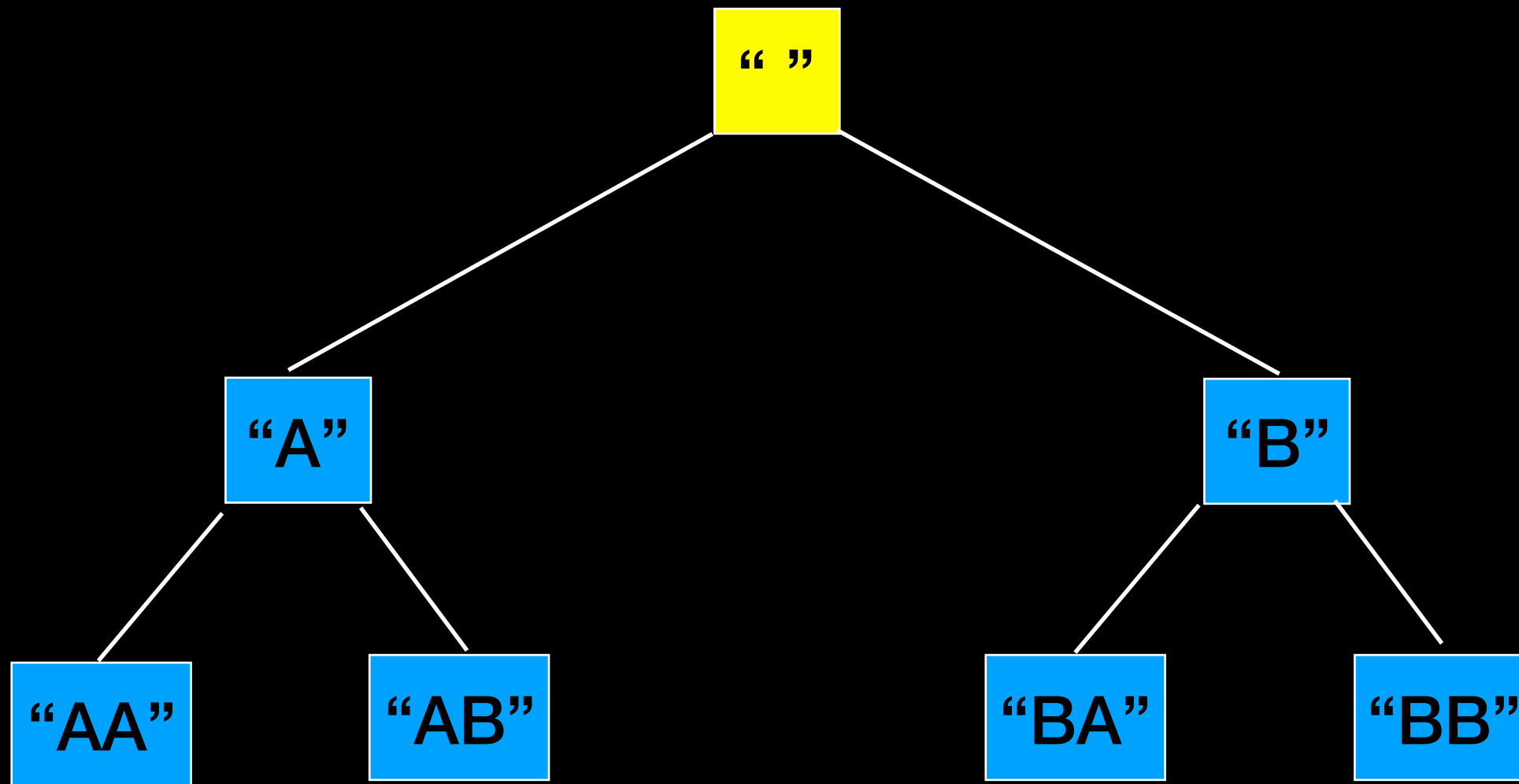


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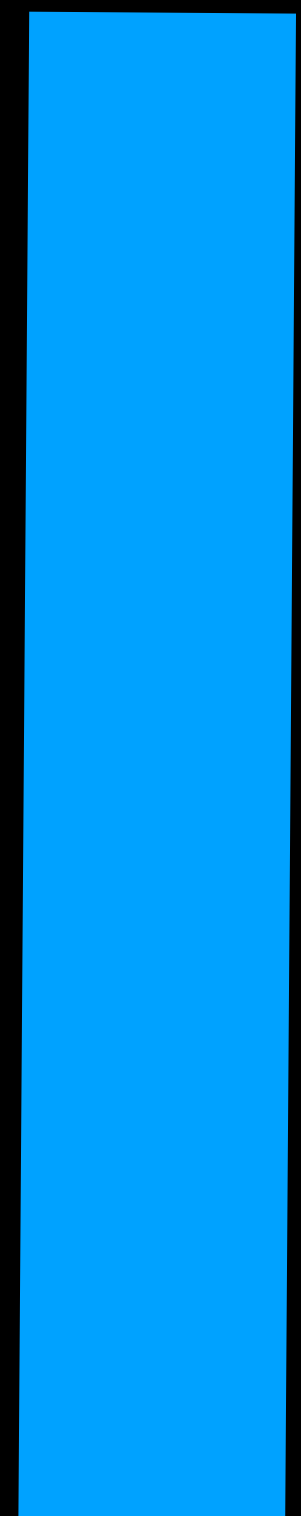
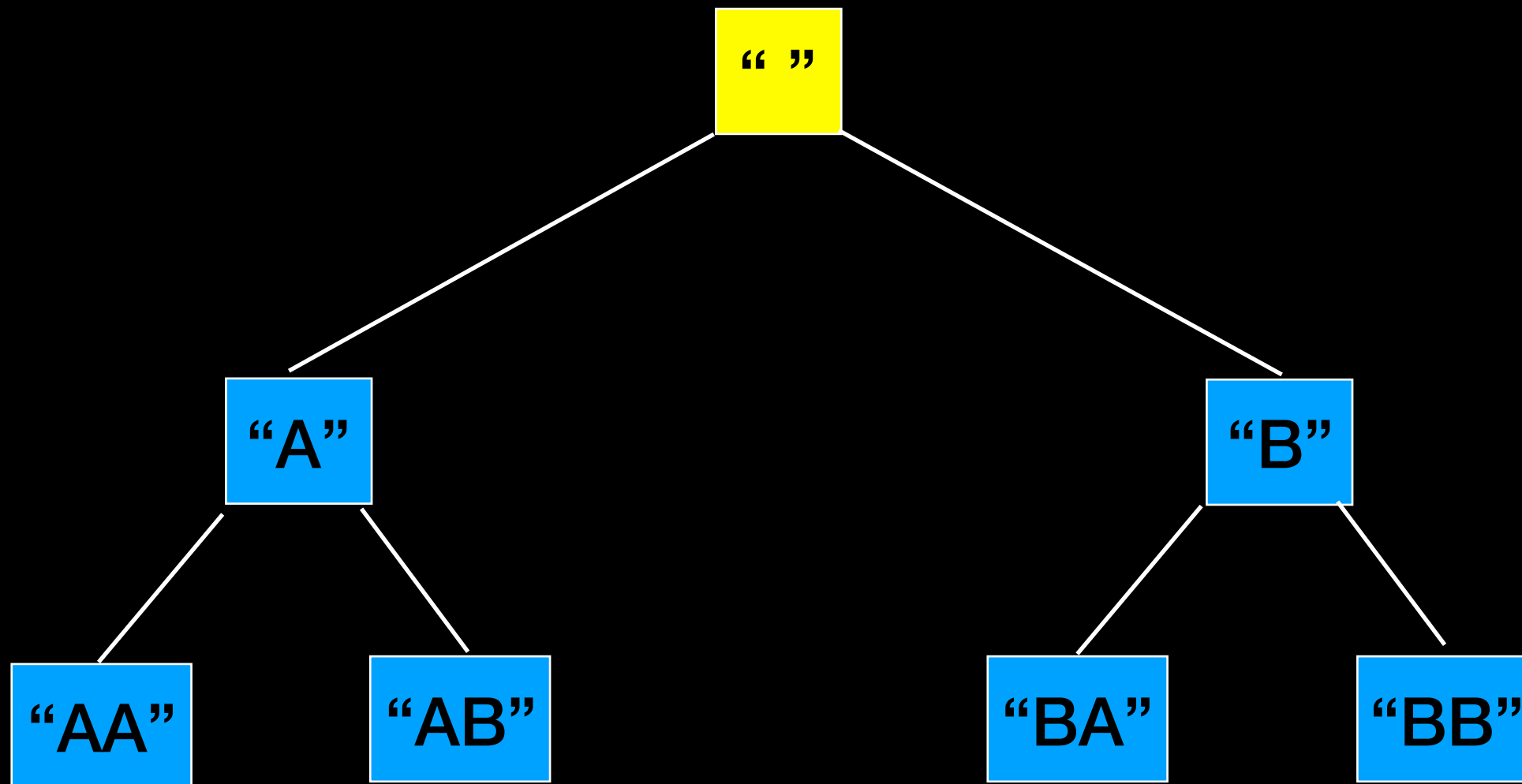


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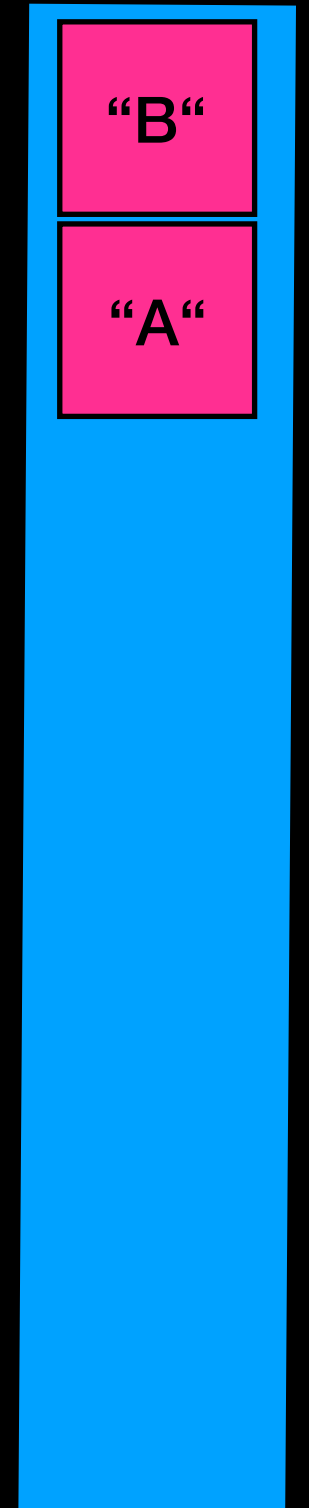
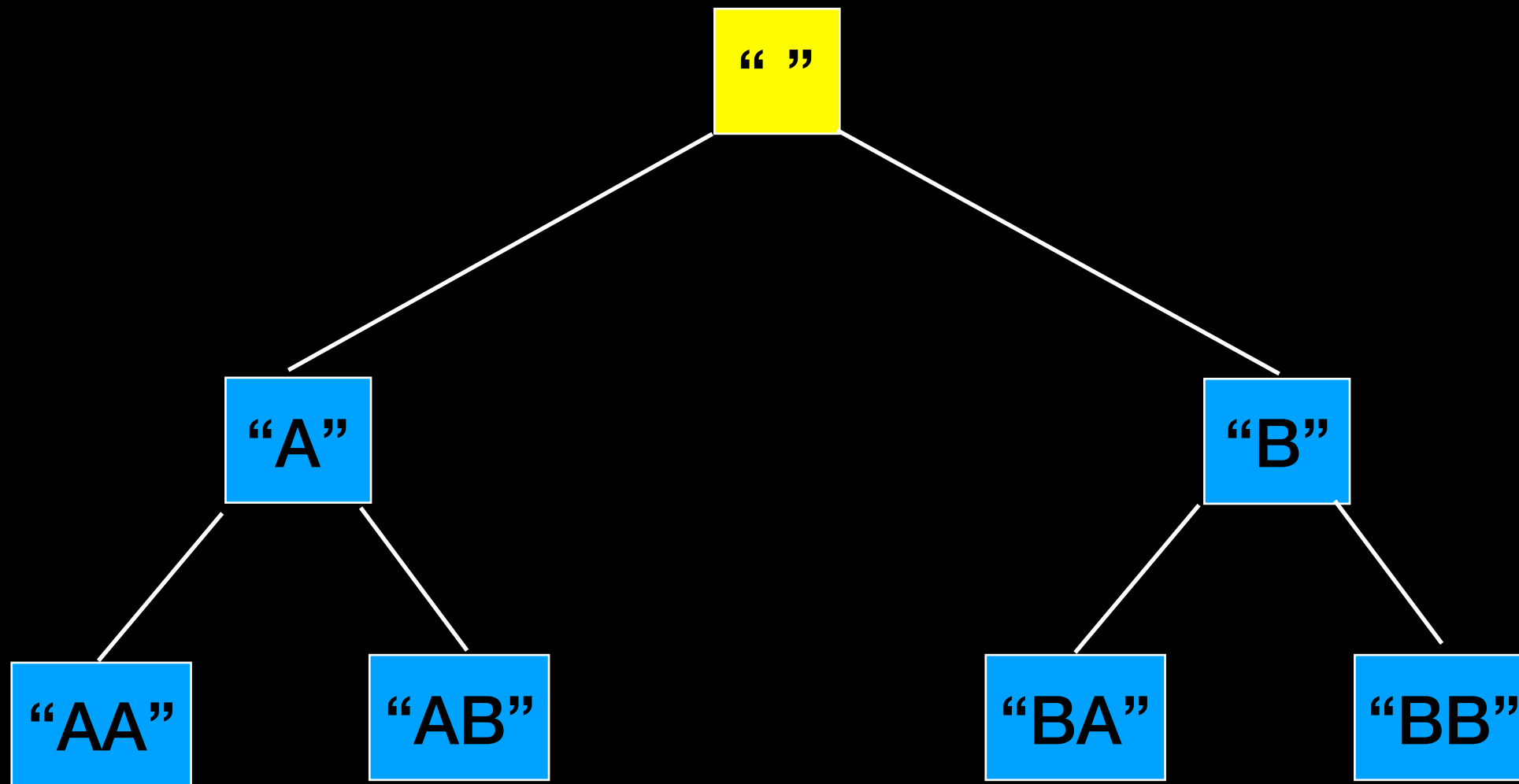
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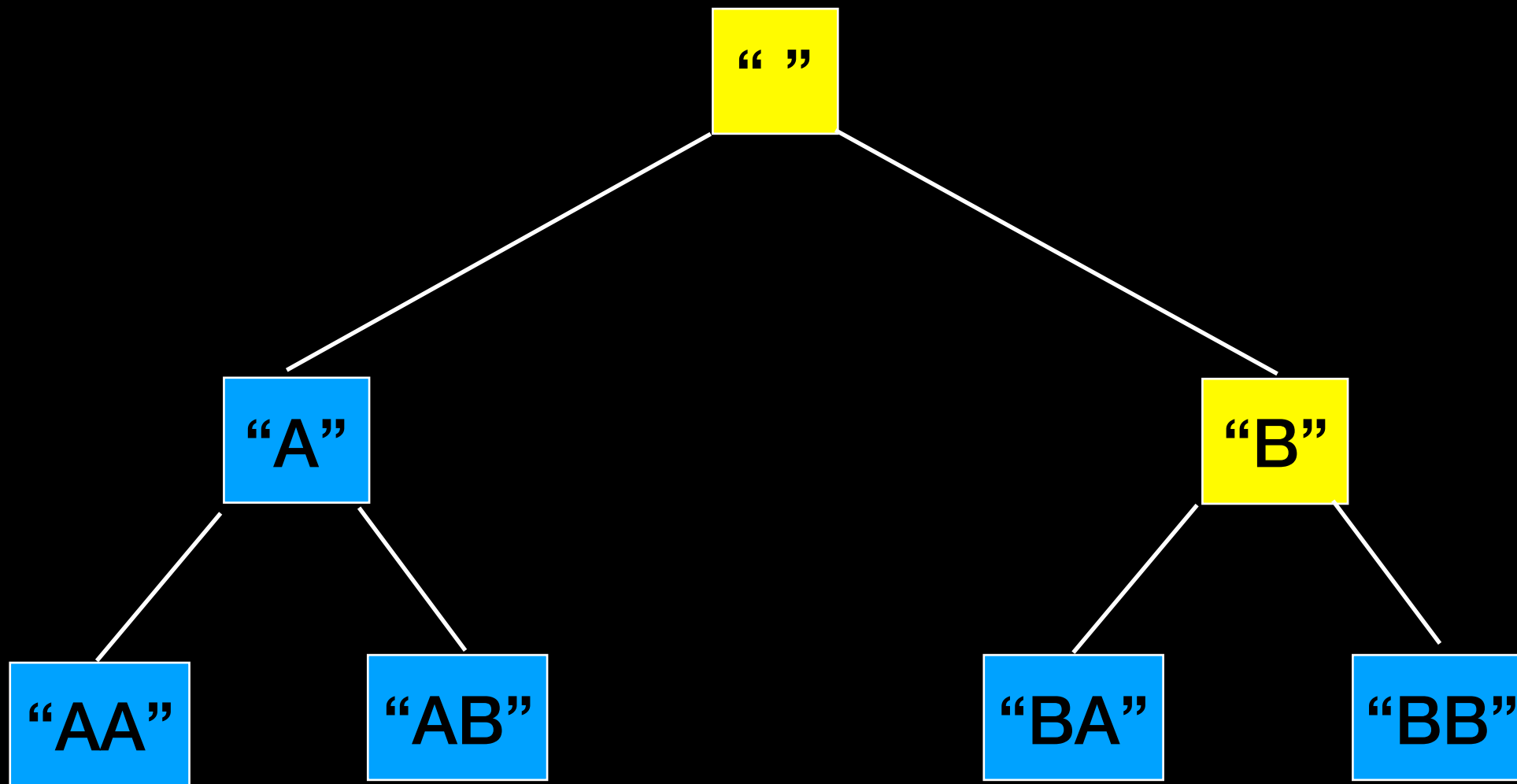
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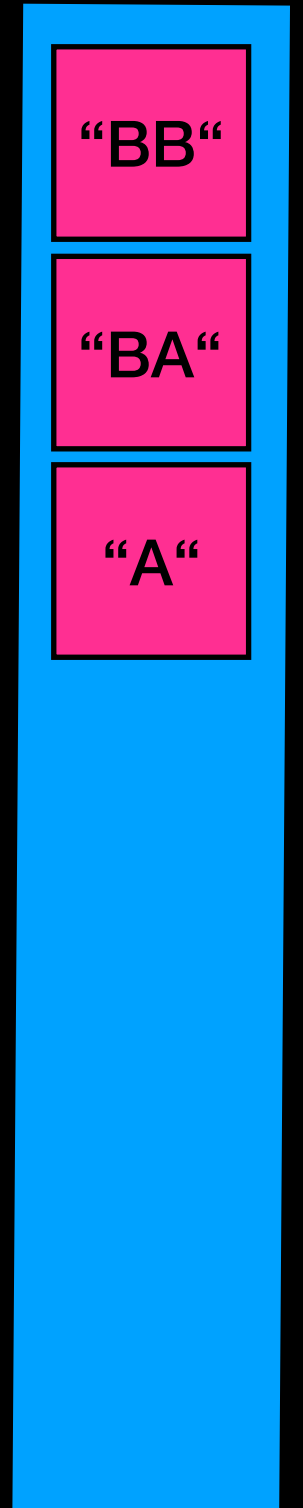
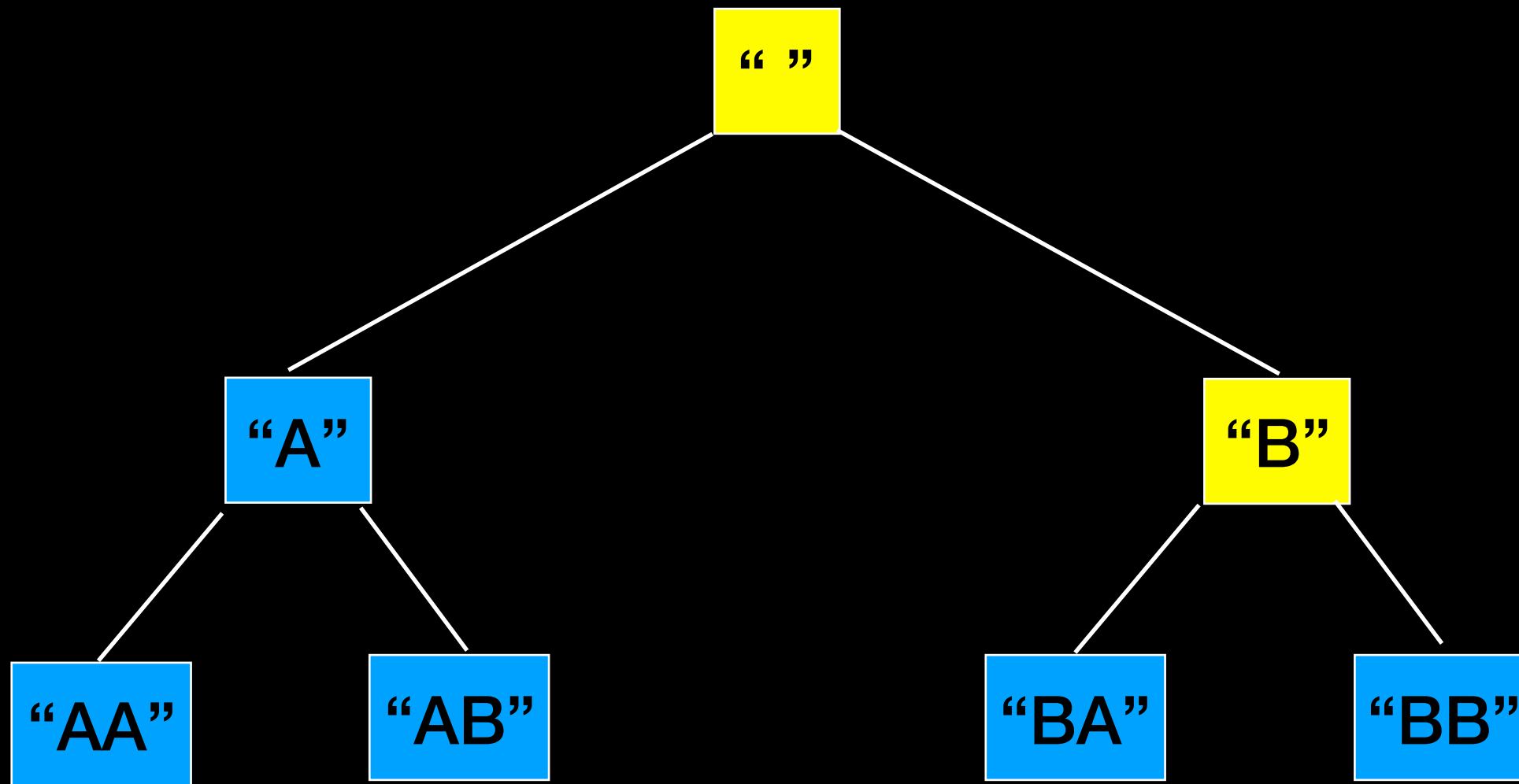
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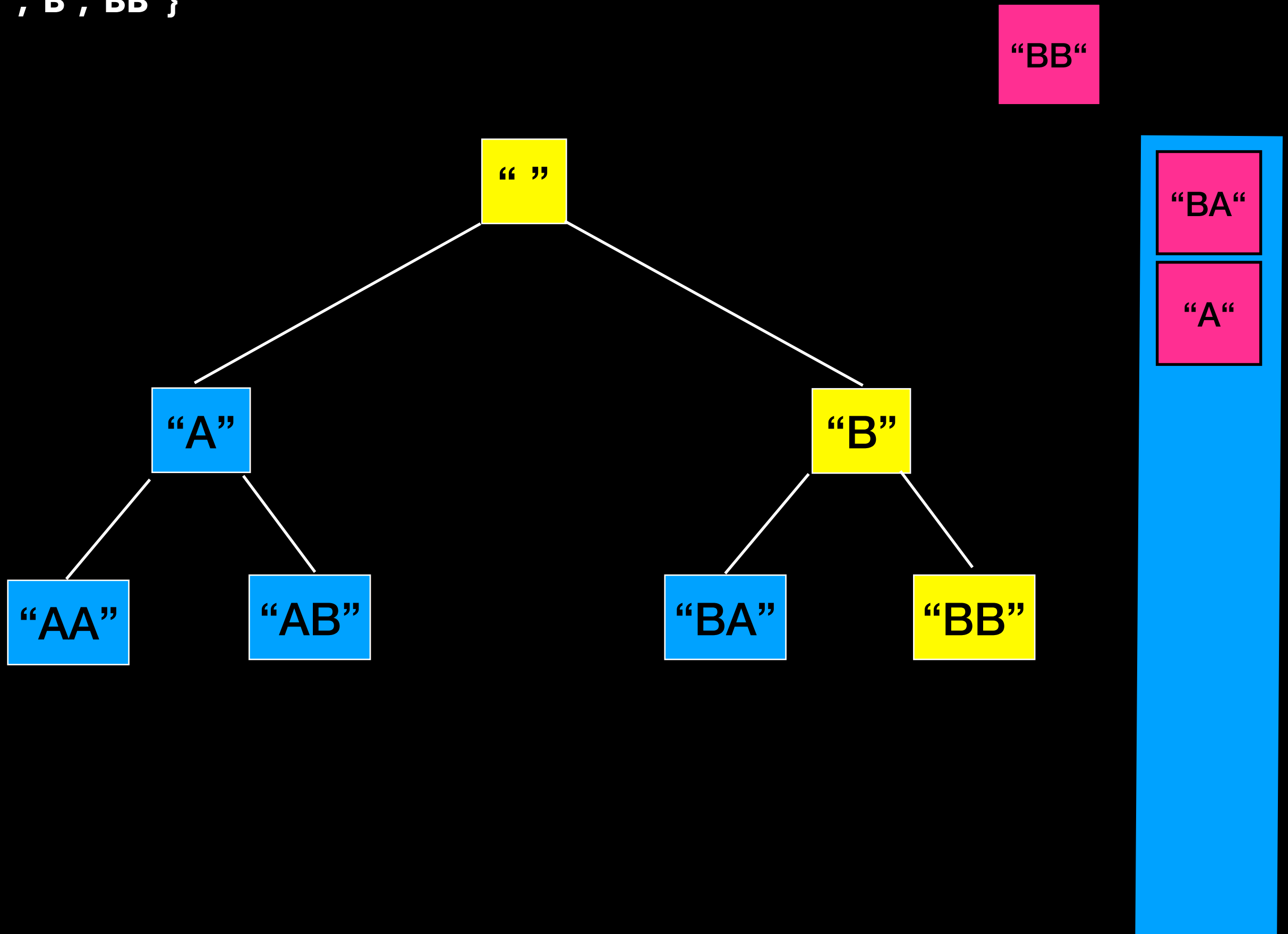
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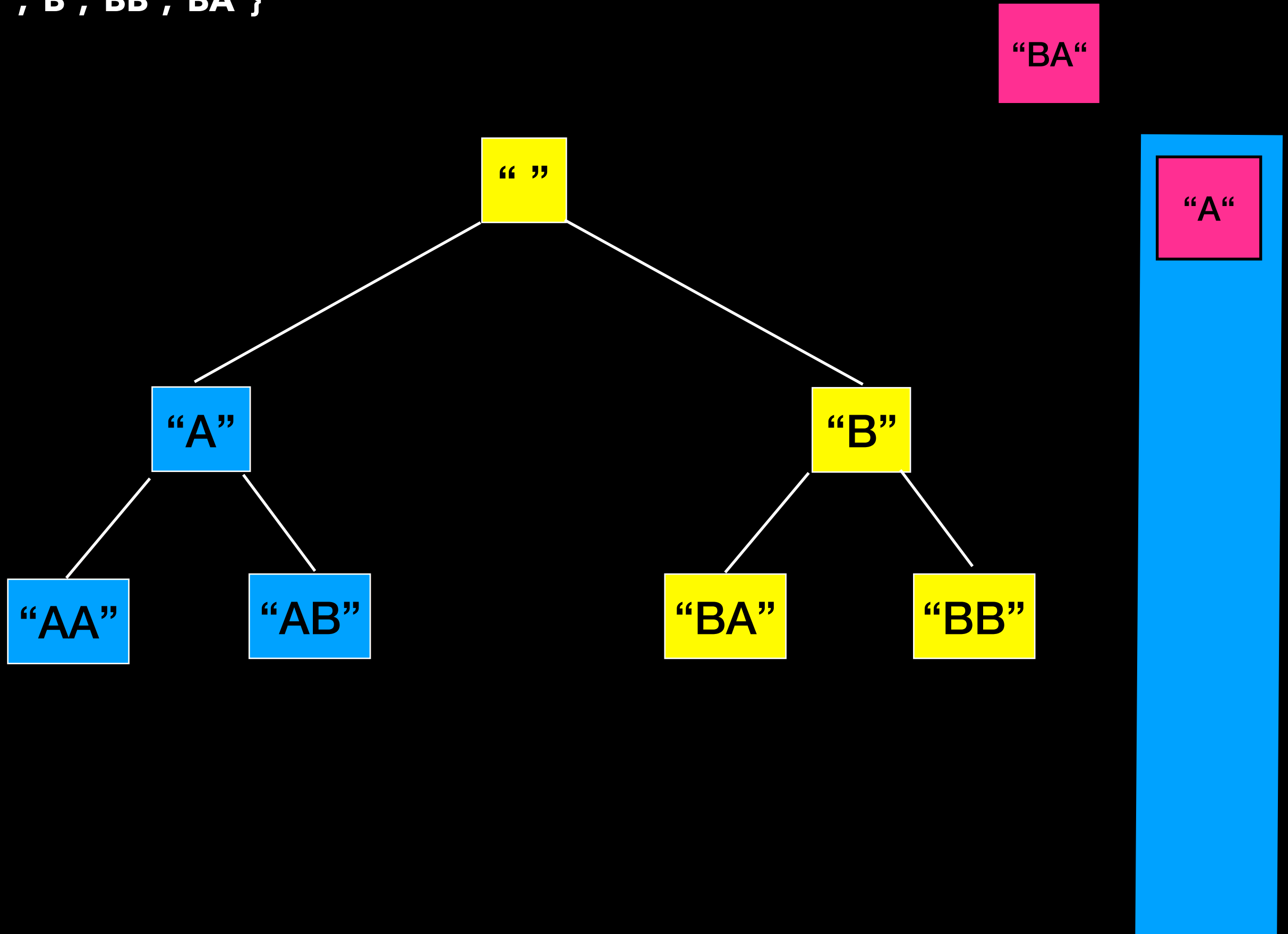




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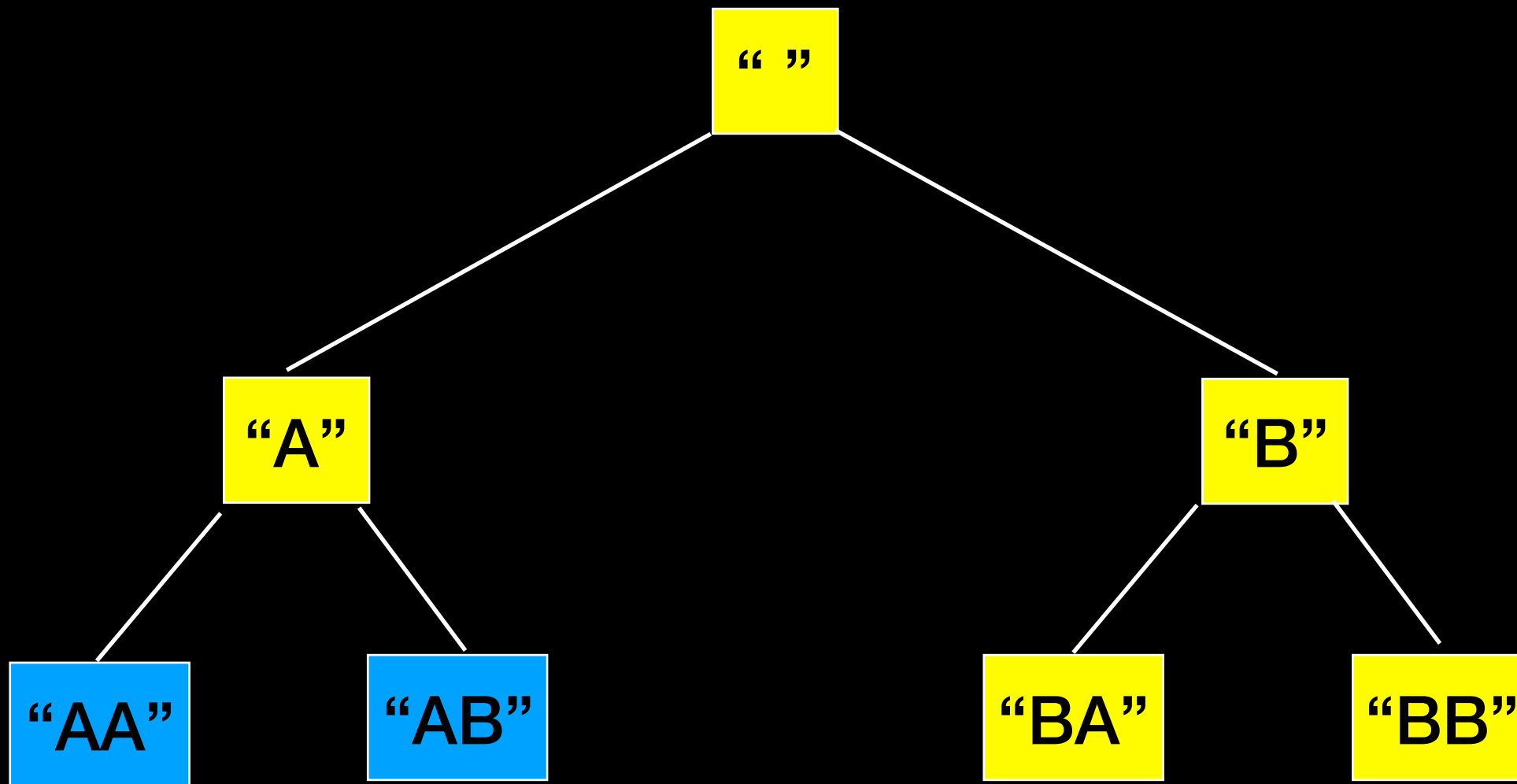


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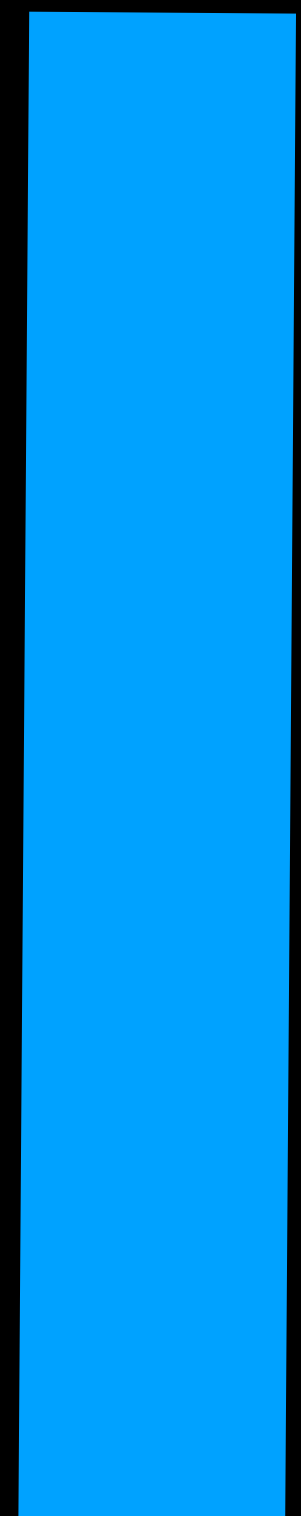
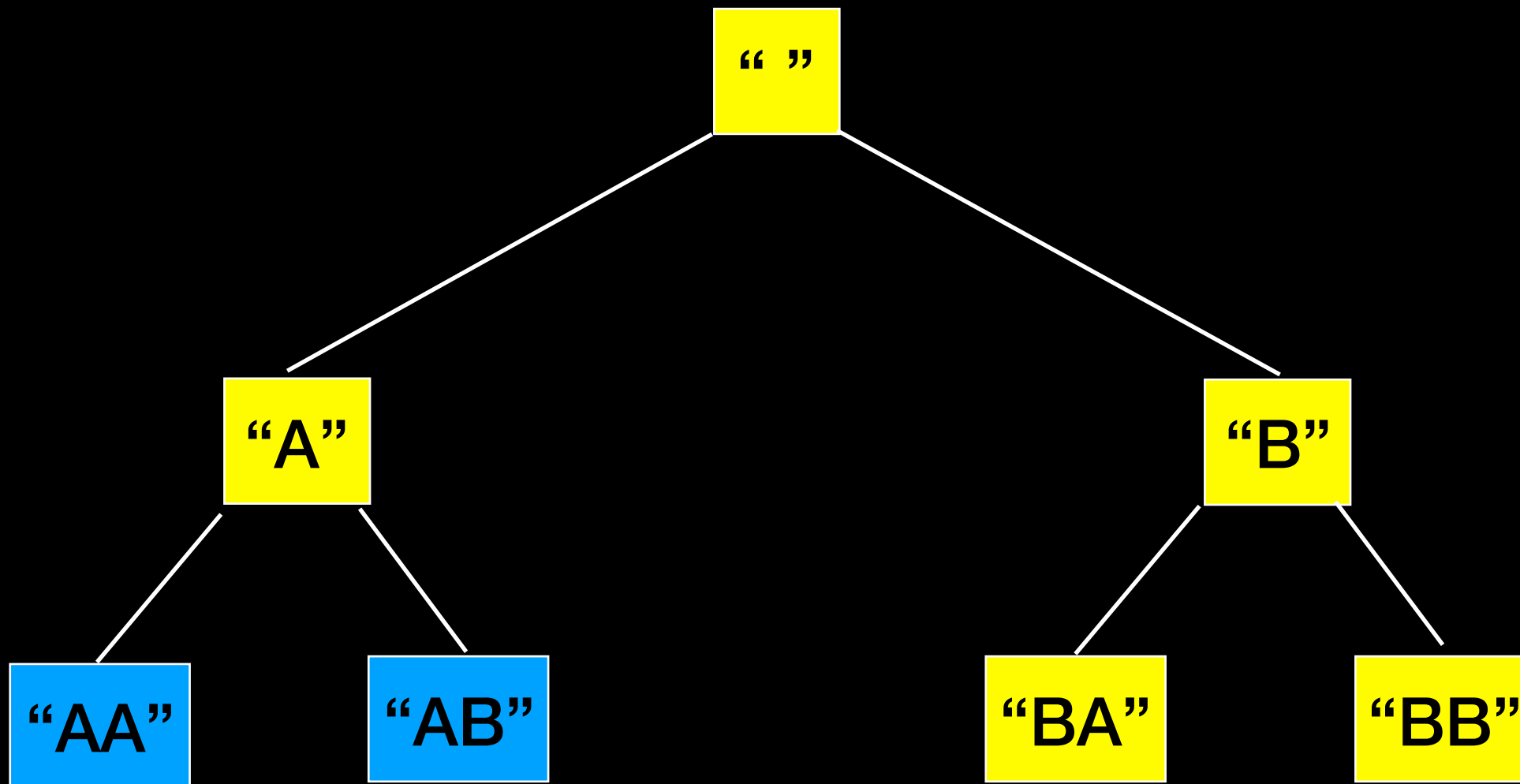


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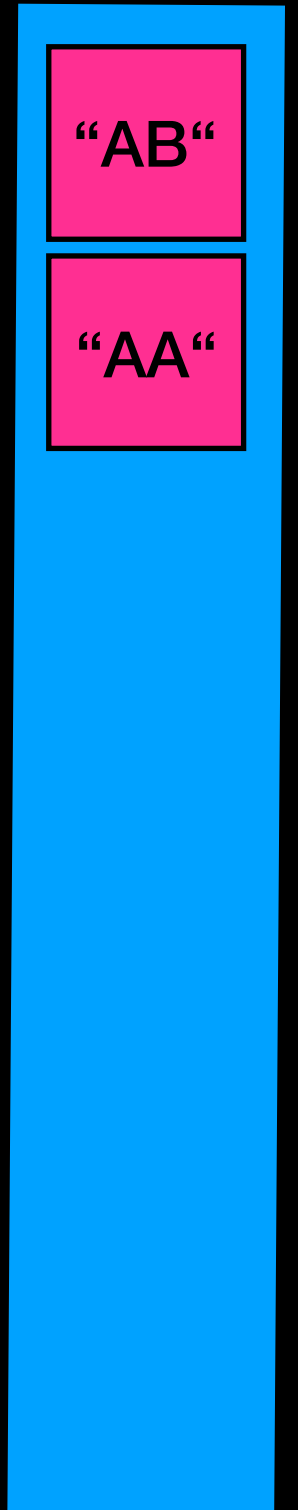
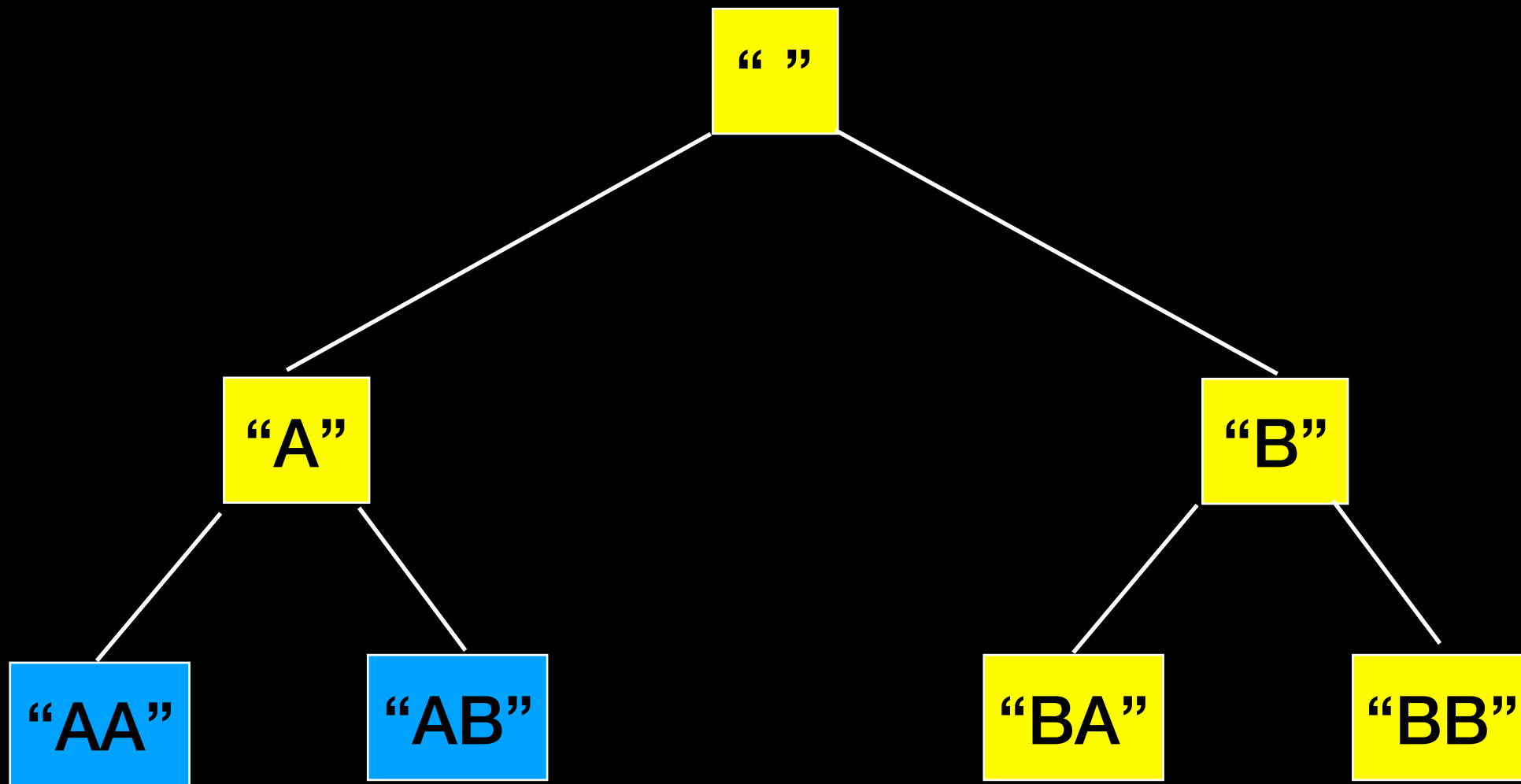
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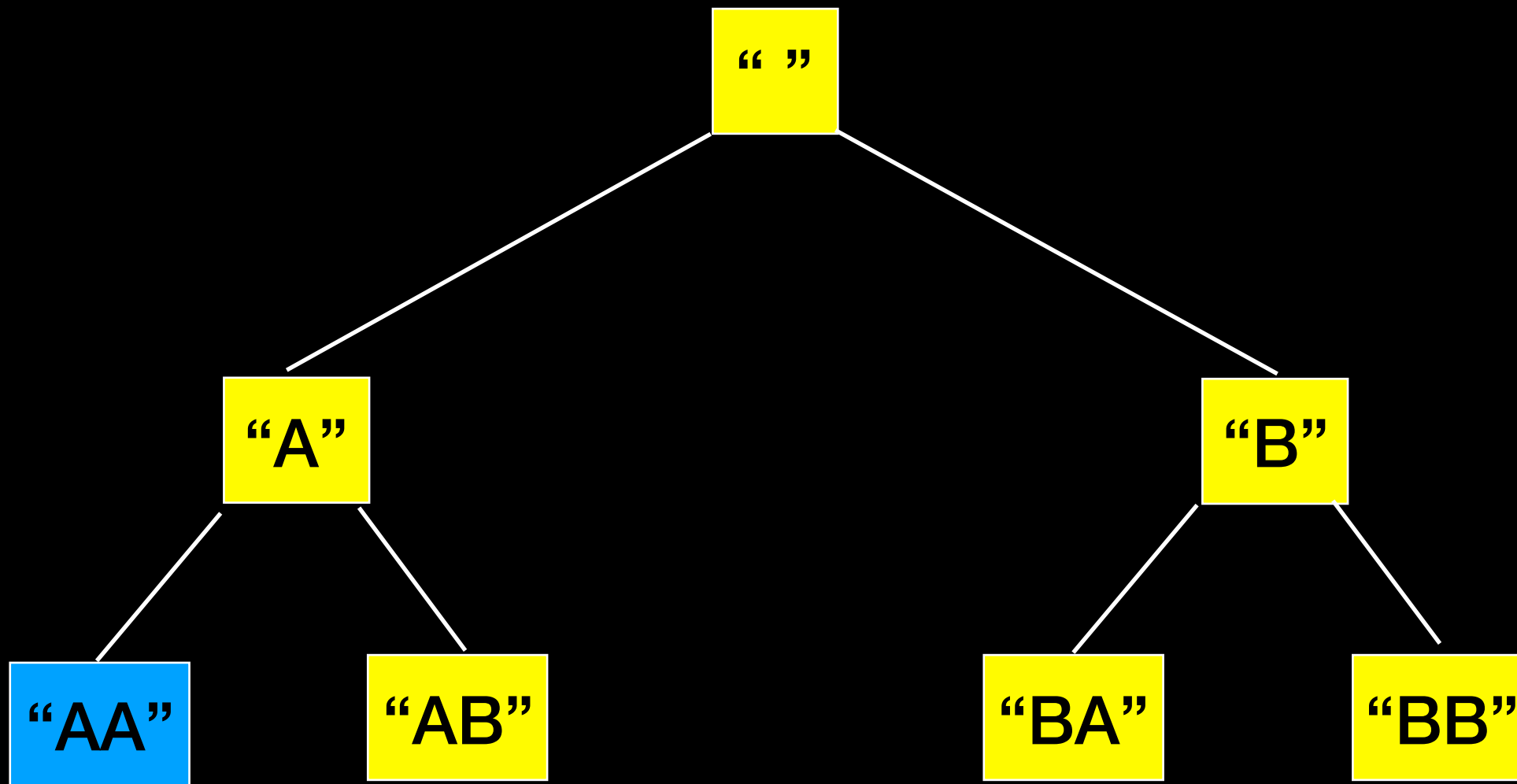


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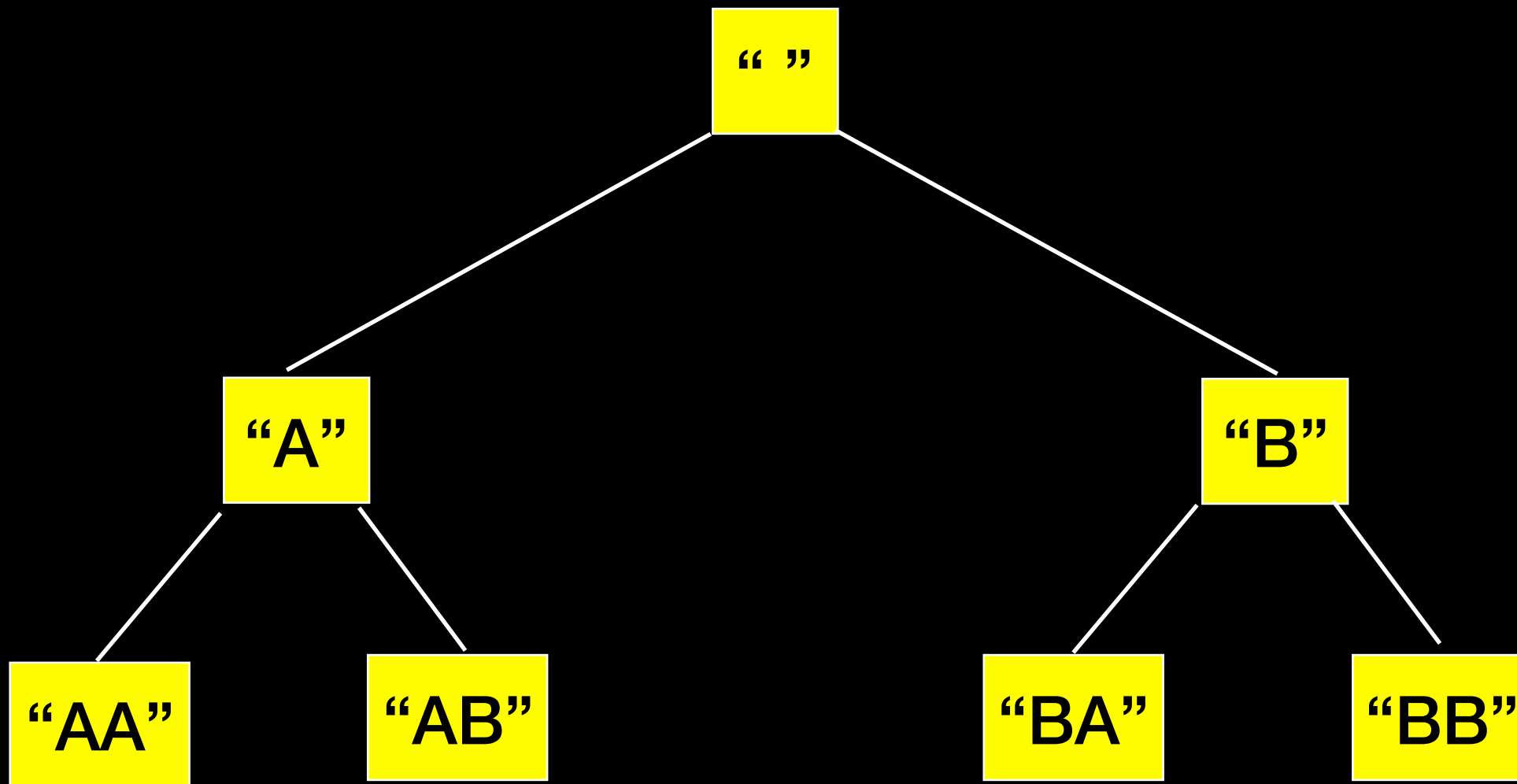
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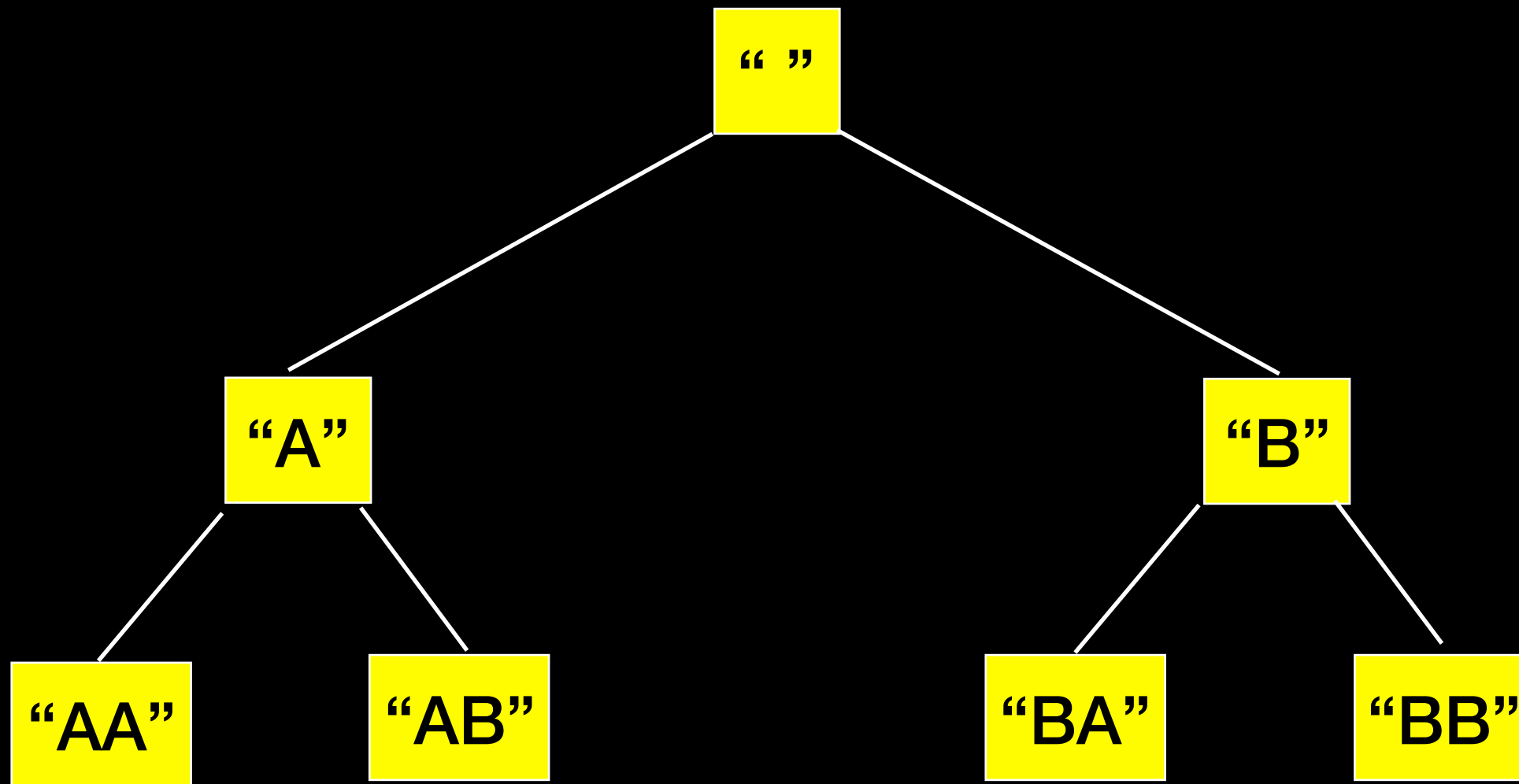


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**What's the difference?**



# Depth-First Search

## Applications

- Detecting cycles in graphs

- Path finding

- Finding strongly connected components in graph

- ...

Same worst-case runtime analysis

More space efficient than previous approach

Does not explore options in increasing order of size

# Comparison

Breadth-First Search  
(using a queue)

Time  $O(26^n)$

Space  $O(26^n)$

Good for exploring options in increasing order of size when expecting to find "shallow" or "short" solution

Memory inefficient when must keep each "level" in memory

Depth-First Search  
(using a stack)

Time  $O(26^n)$

Space  $O(n)$

Explores each option individually to max size - does NOT list options by increasing size

More memory efficient

# Recognizing Palindromes

**Palindrome:** a string that reads the same in reverse order

Anna

Civic

Kayak

Noon

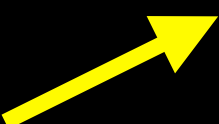
Radar

# Lecture Activity

Write C++ for

```
bool isPalindrome(string s)
```

```
bool isPalindrome(string const& word, int first, int last)
{
    //base case: a string with 0 or 1 character is a palindrome
    if(last - first <= 1)
        return true;
    // first and last are different, it is not a palindrome
    if(word[first] != word[last])
        return false;
    // first == last so check if smaller word is a palindrome
    return isPalindrome(word, first+1, last-1);
}
```



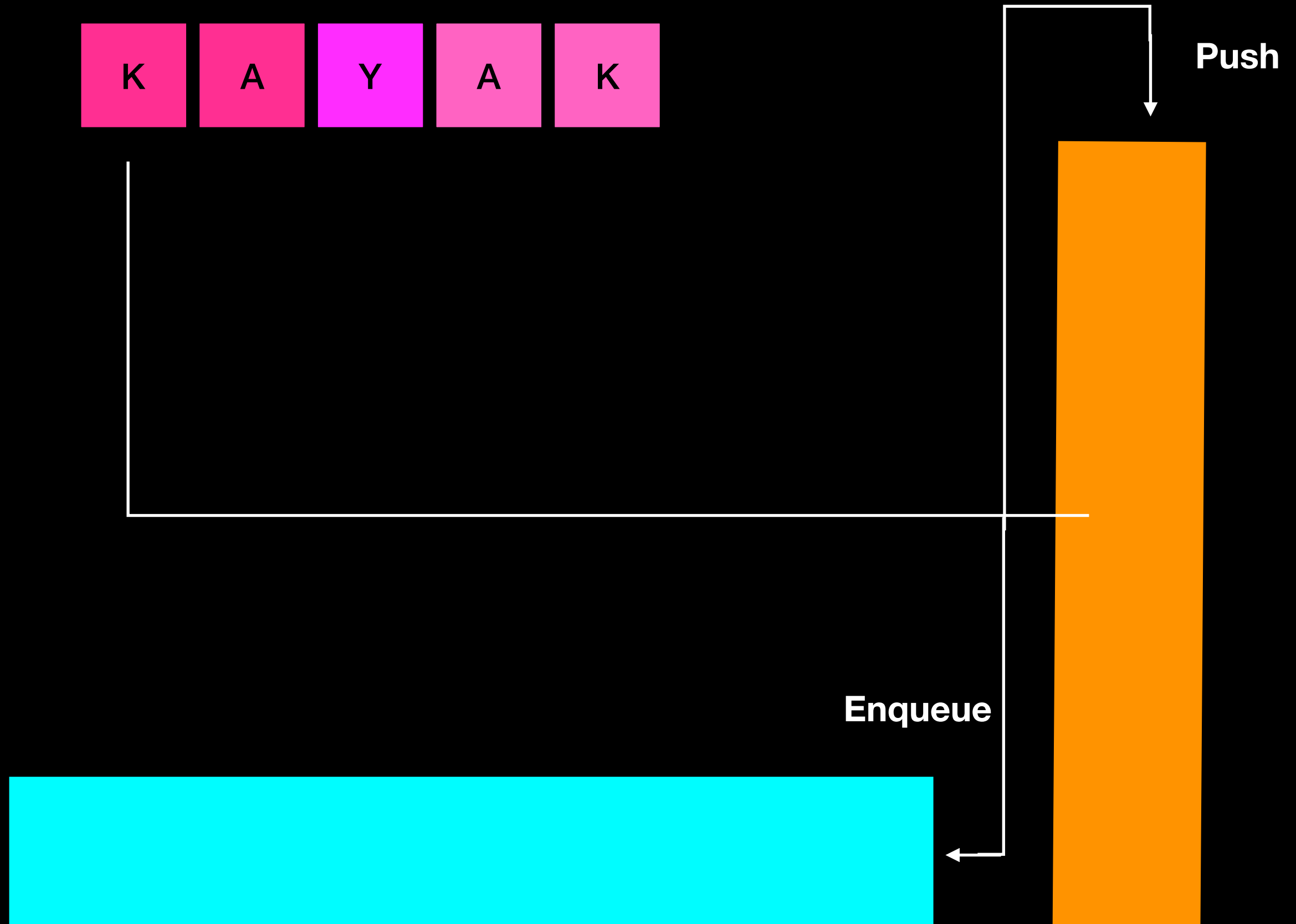
What if you have an incoming stream of characters,  
one at a time?

# Notice

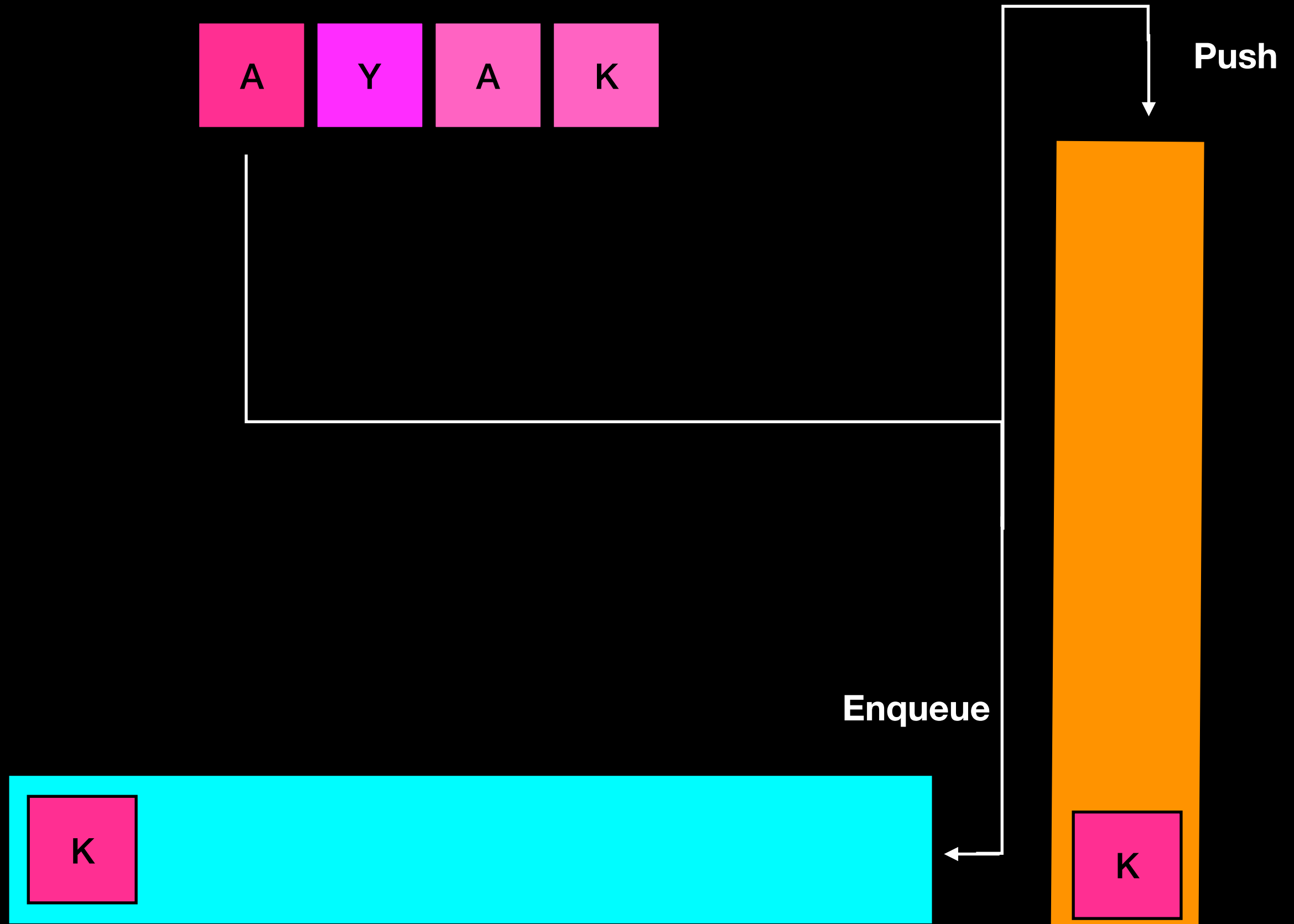
A **stack** can be used to **reverse** a string (**LIFO**)

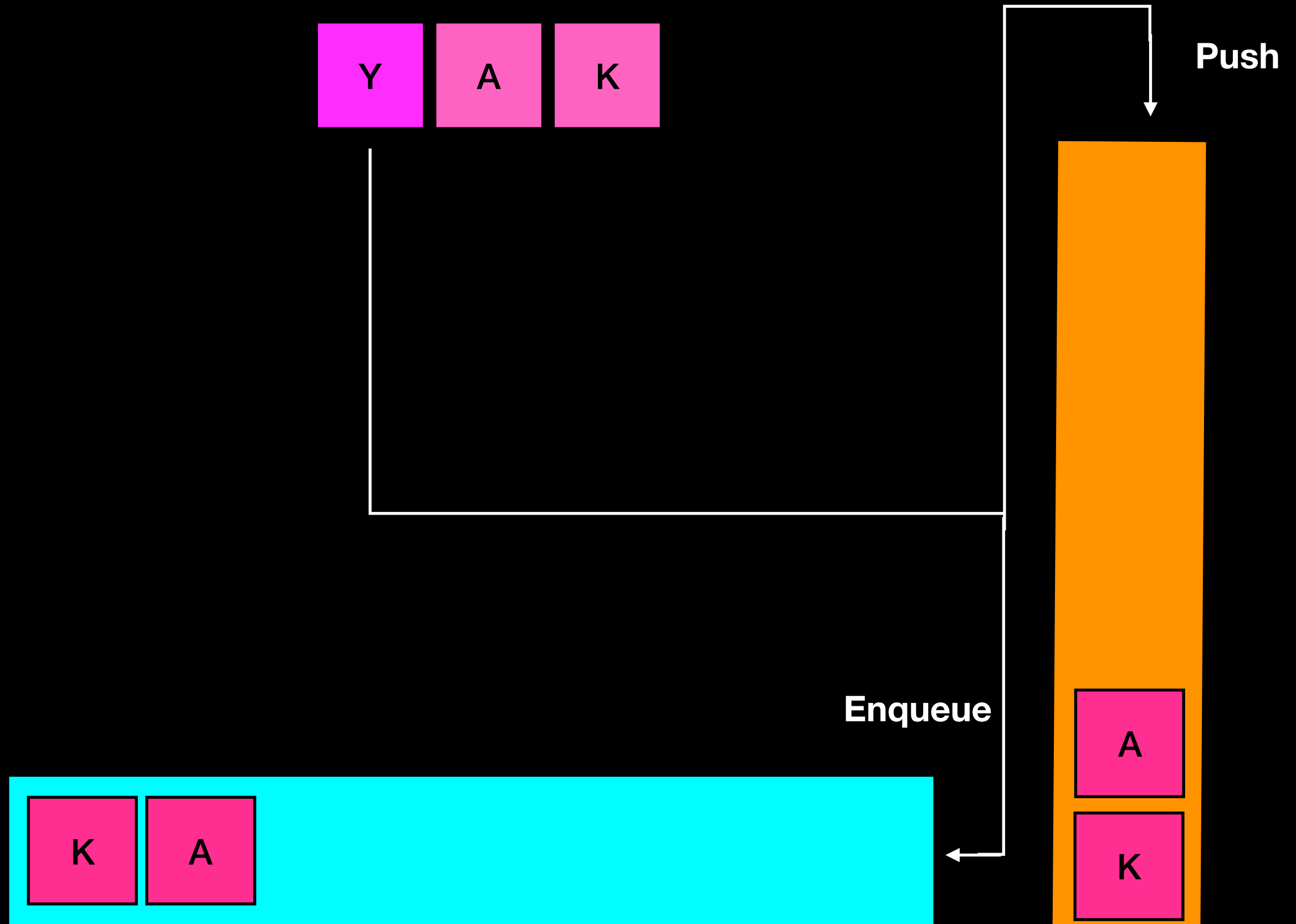
A **queue** can be used to **preserve** the original order of a string (**FIFO**)

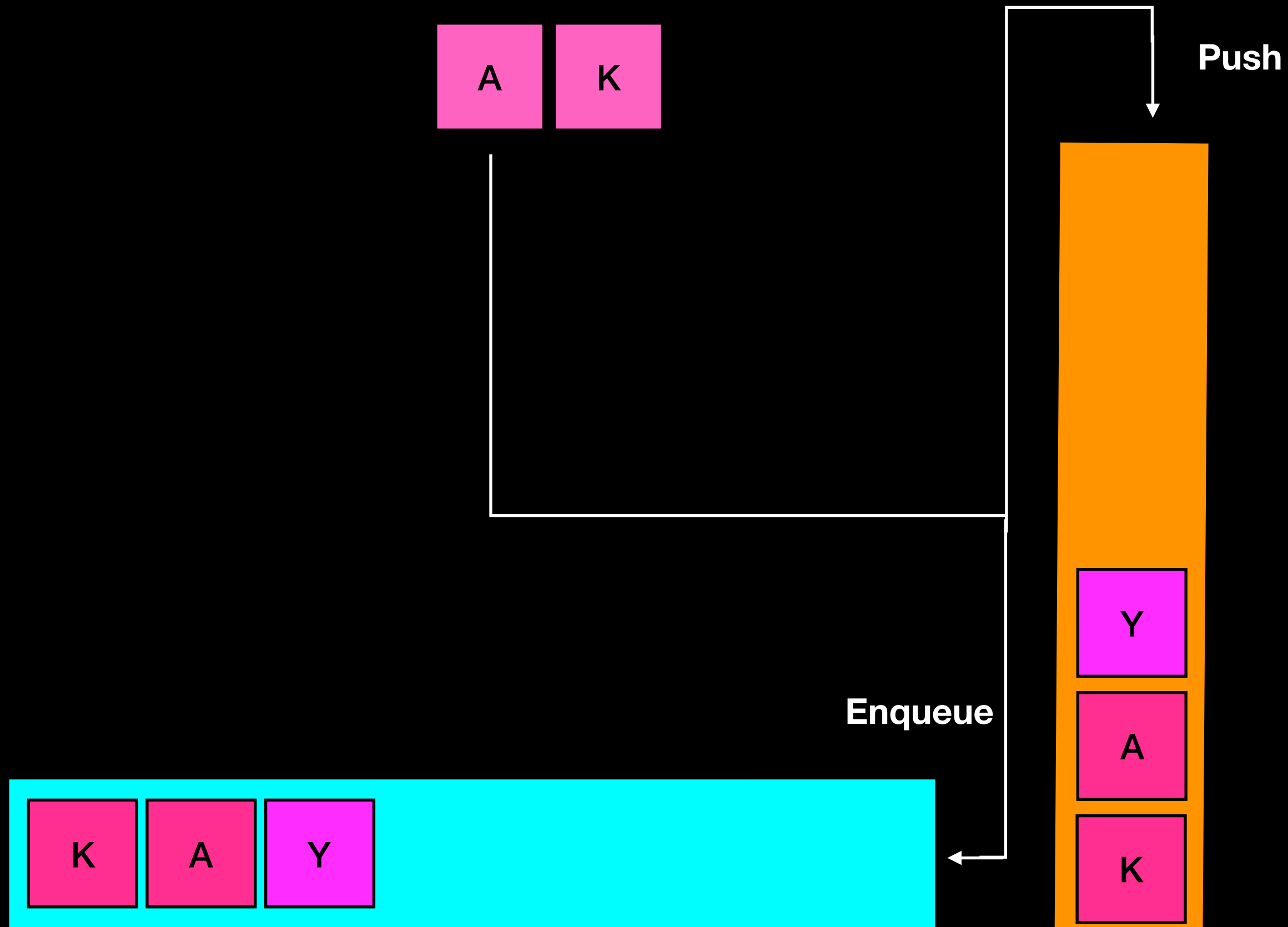
**Algorithm:** add incoming characters to both stack and queue and then compare to check if they are the same (palindrome!)

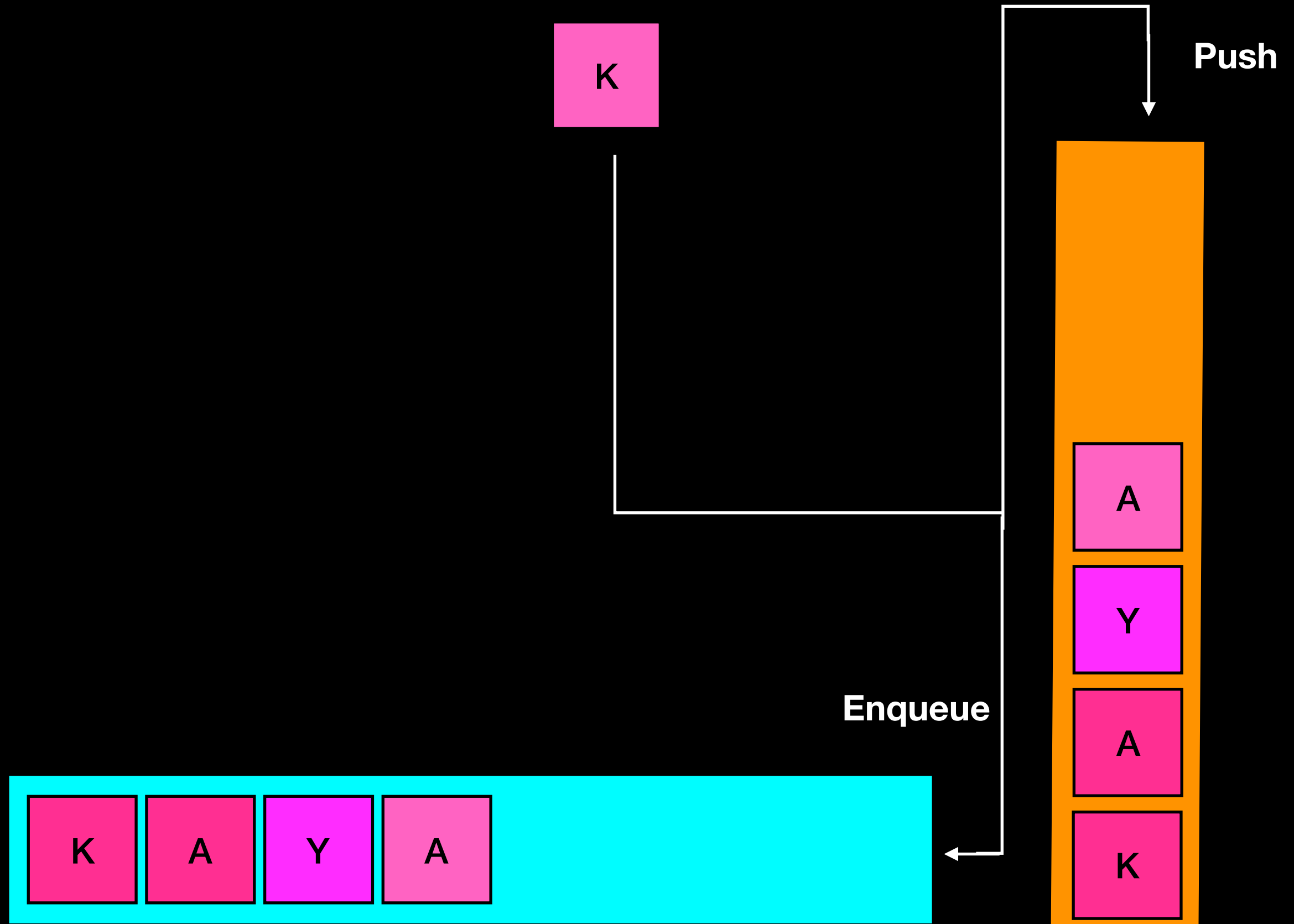


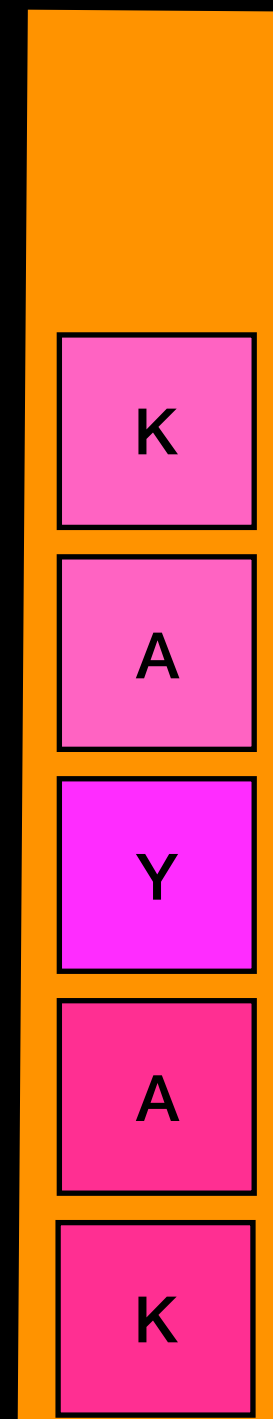
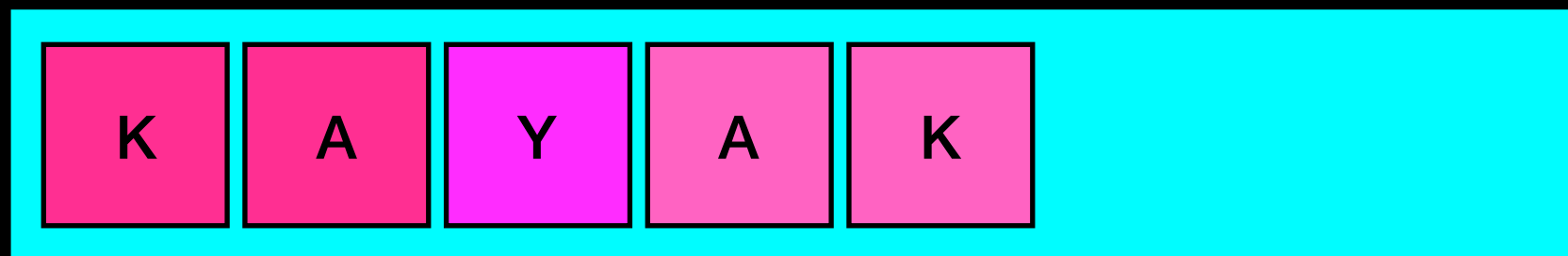












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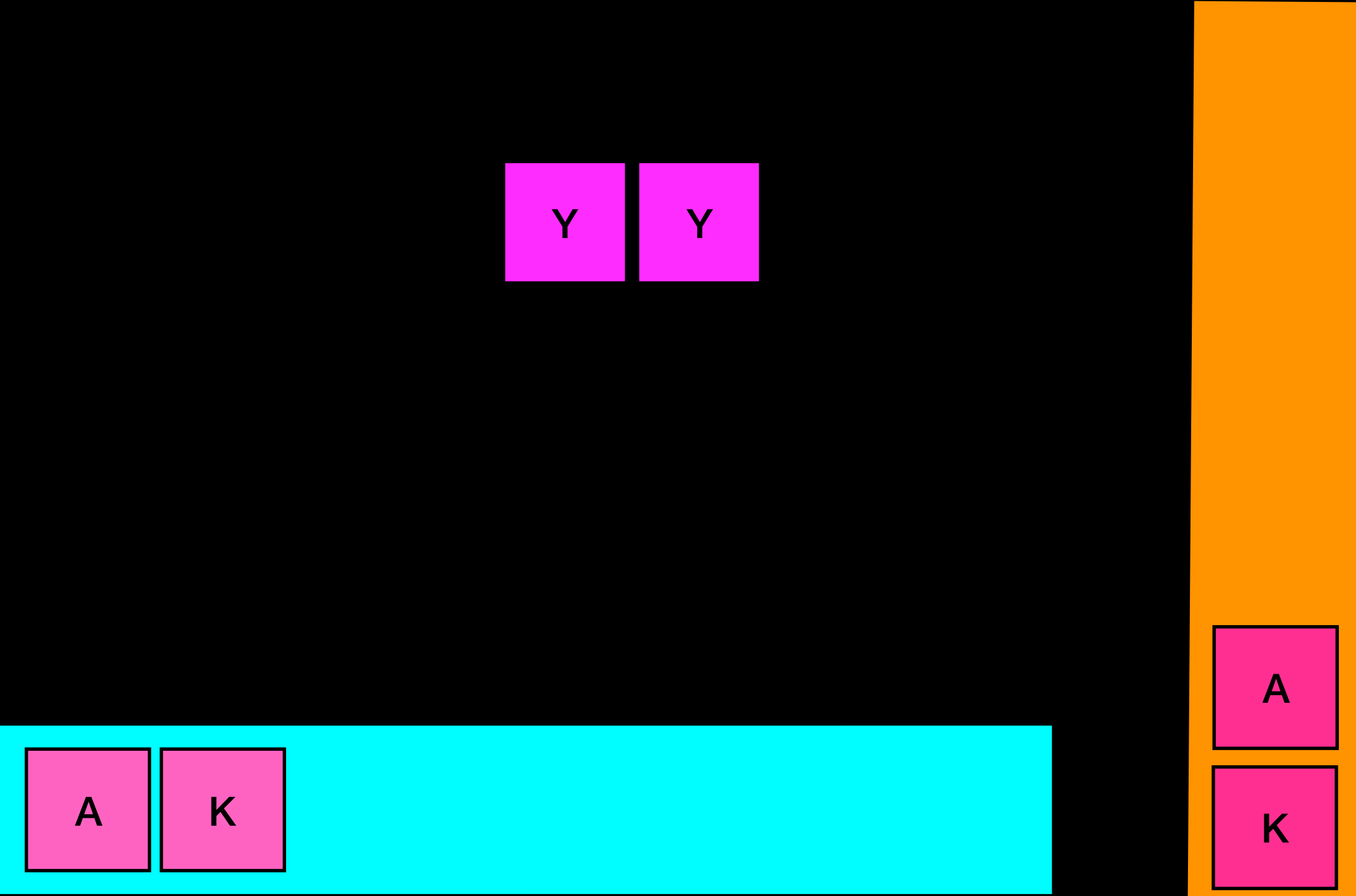
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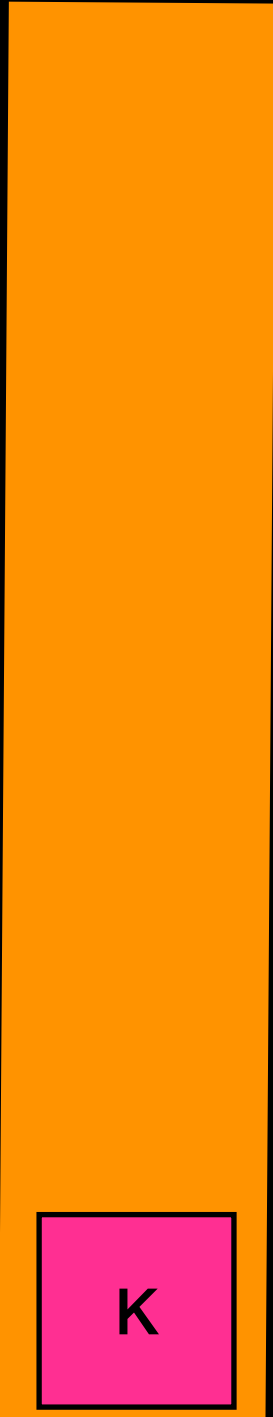
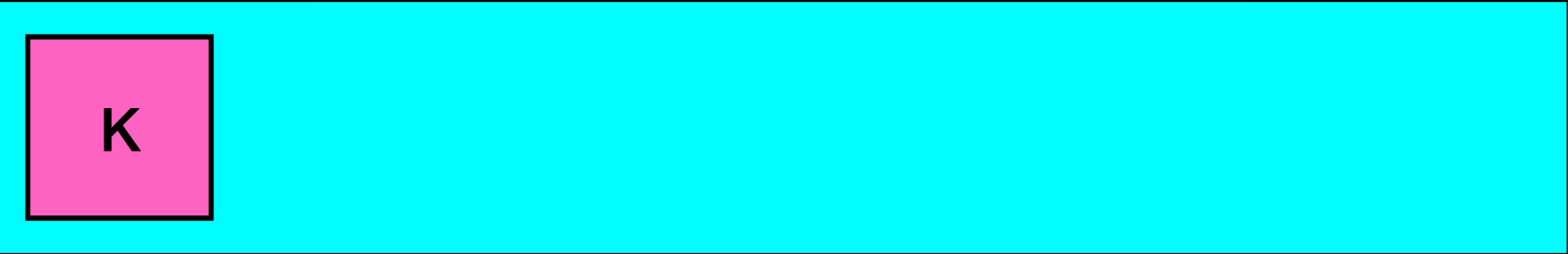
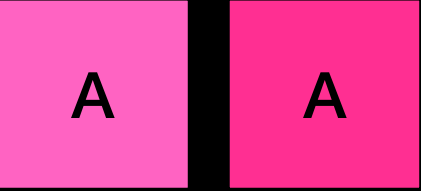
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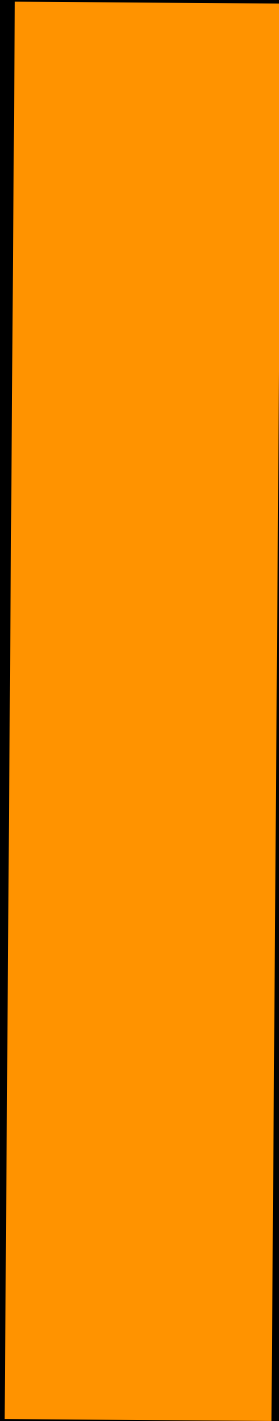
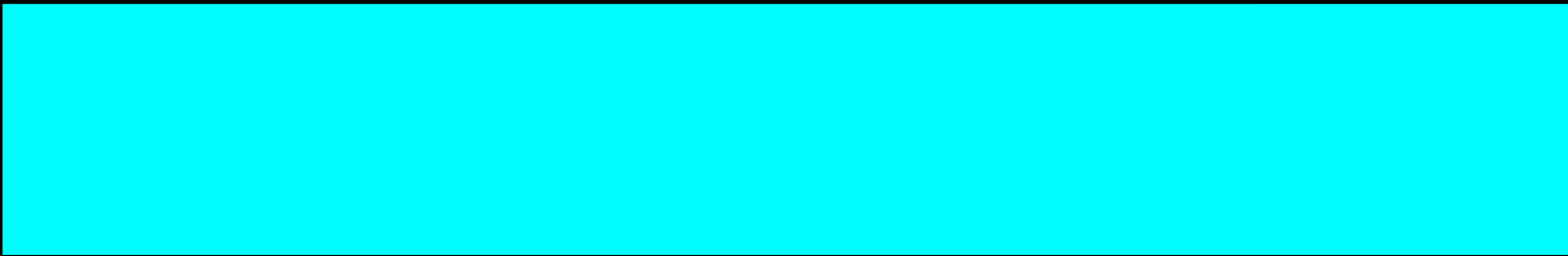
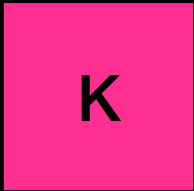
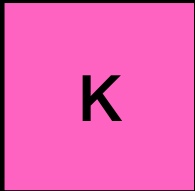
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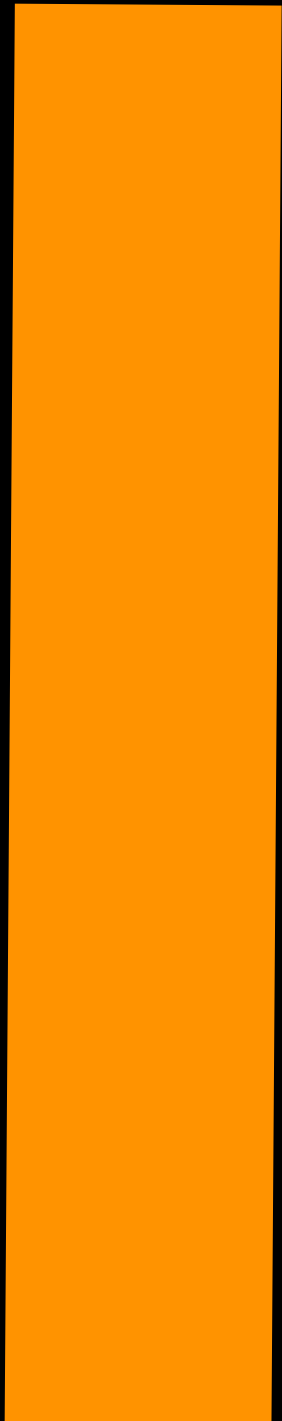
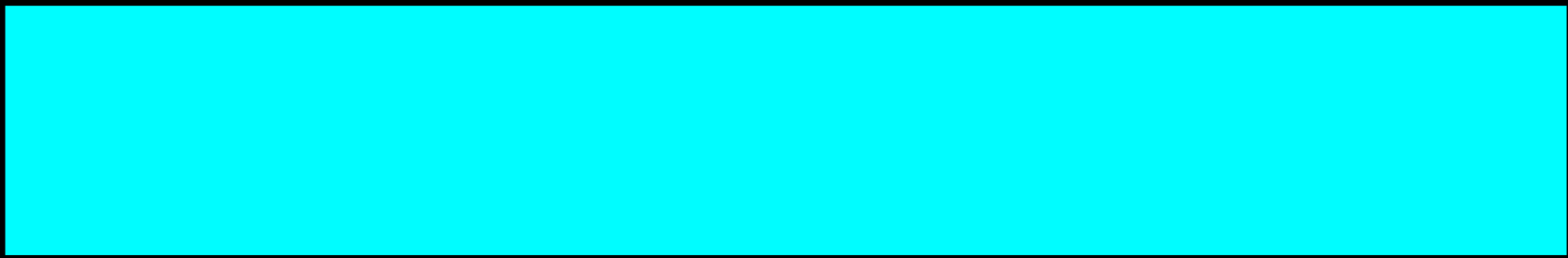
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Analyze the worst-case time complexity of this algorithm

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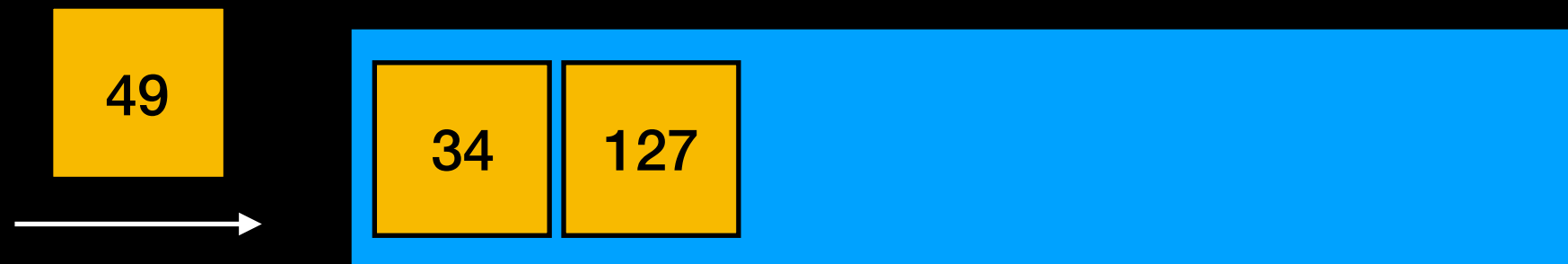
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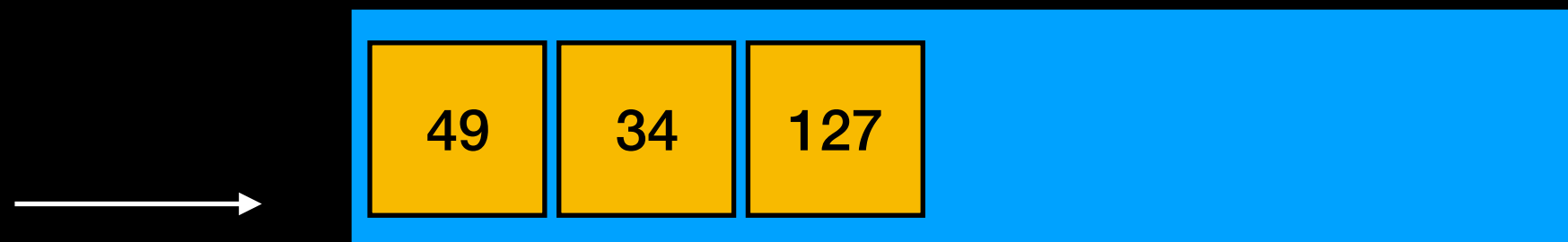
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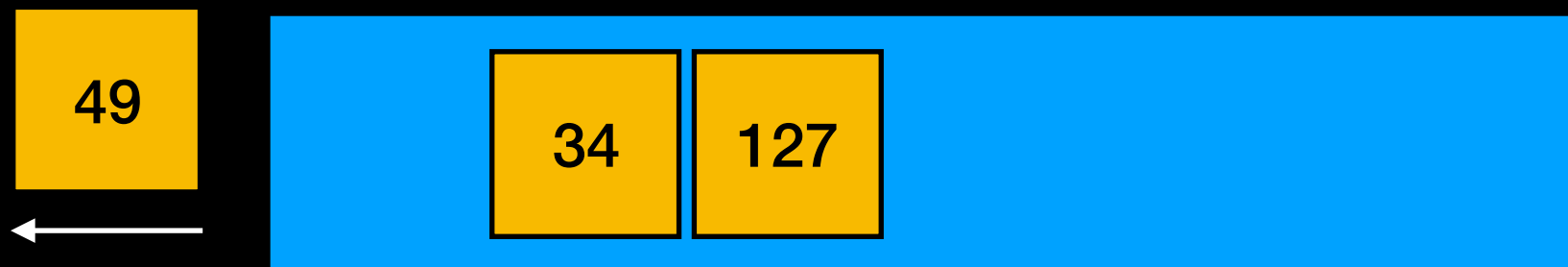
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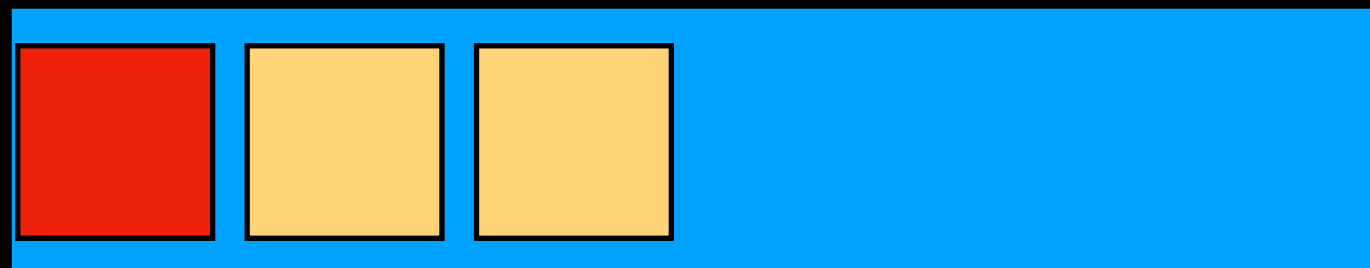
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**If value indicates priority, it amounts to a sorted list that accesses/removes the “highest” items first**



# Priority Queue

Orders elements by priority => removing an element will return the element with highest priority value

Elements with same priority kept in queue order (in some implementations)