

# Queues ADT

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# Today's Plan



# Announcements and Syllabus Check

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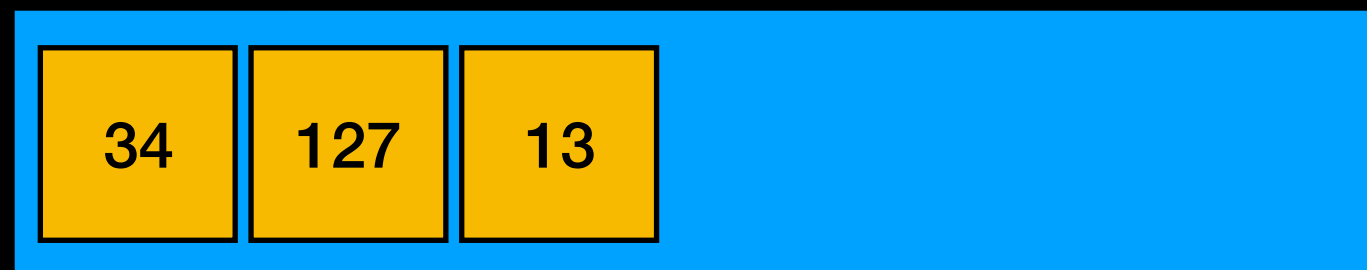




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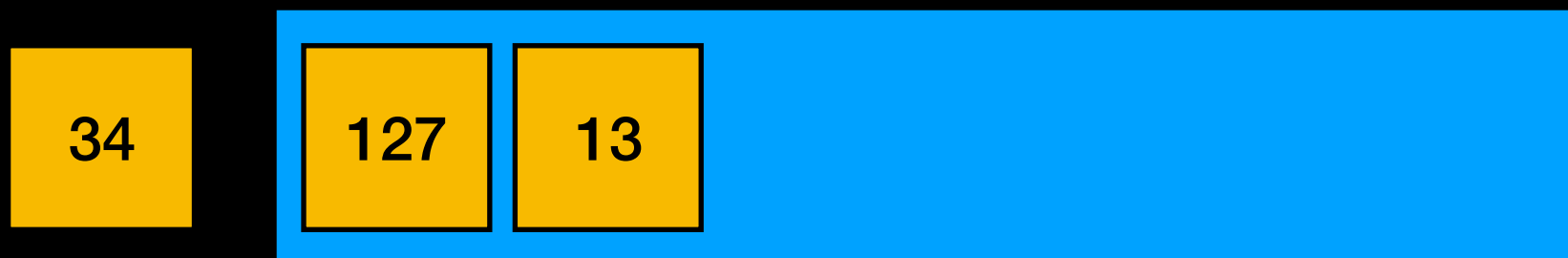
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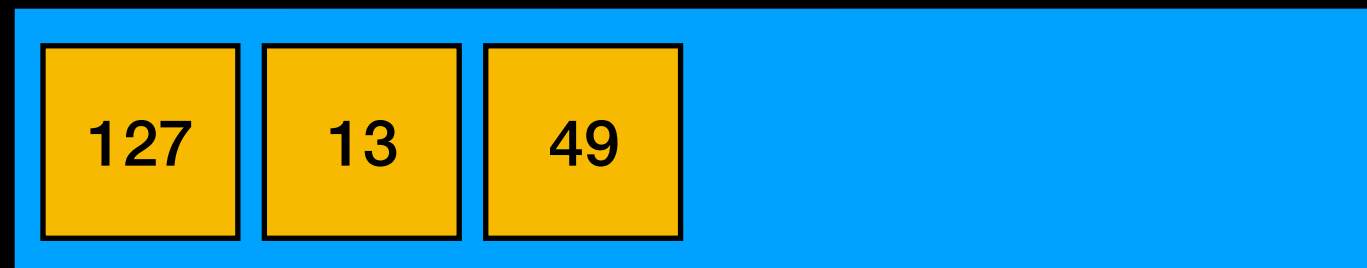
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**FIFO:** First In First Out

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

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Recognizing Palindromes

Print (or any other) queue

Genius Bar Simulation

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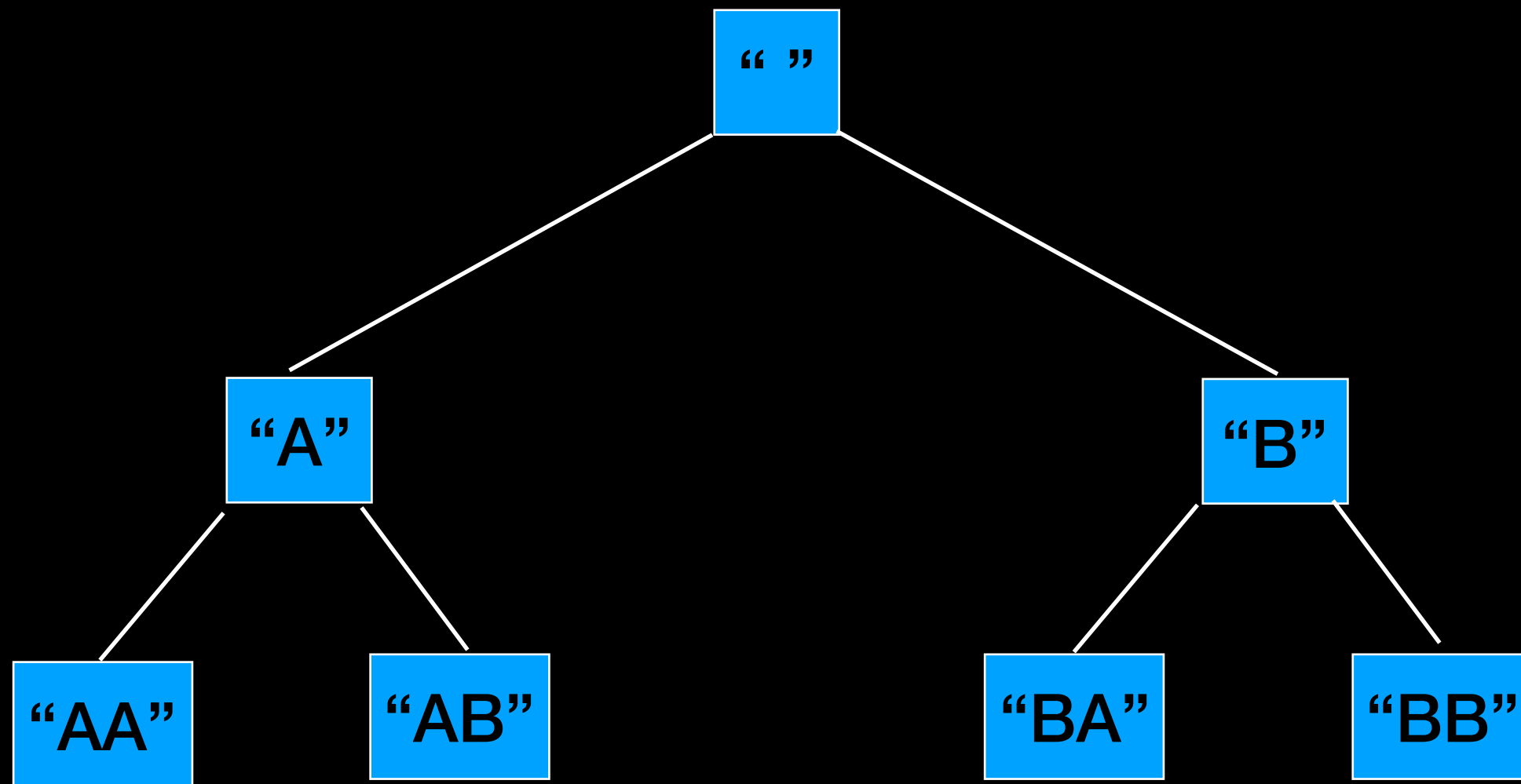
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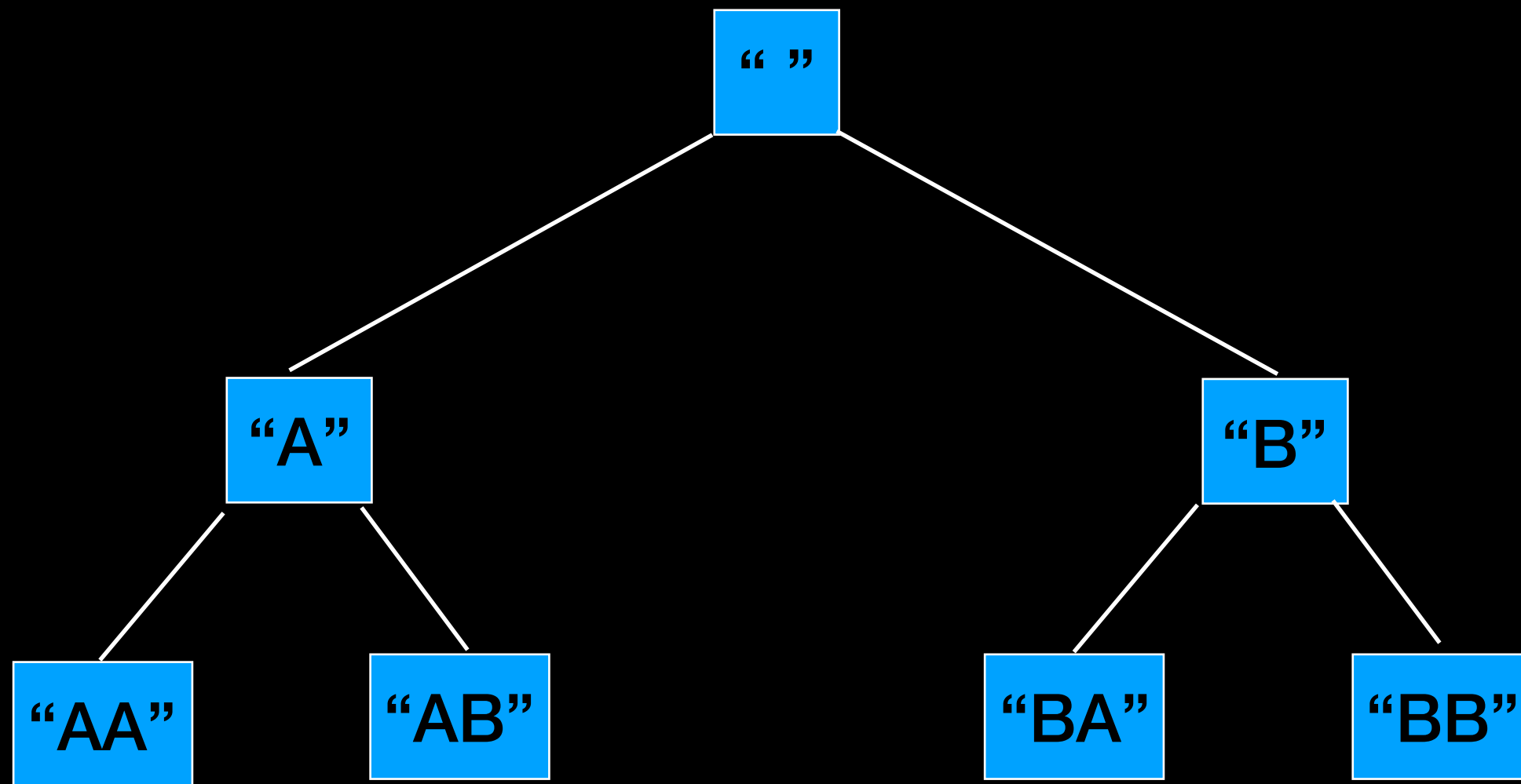
Generate all possible strings **up to** some fixed length **n**  
**with repetition**

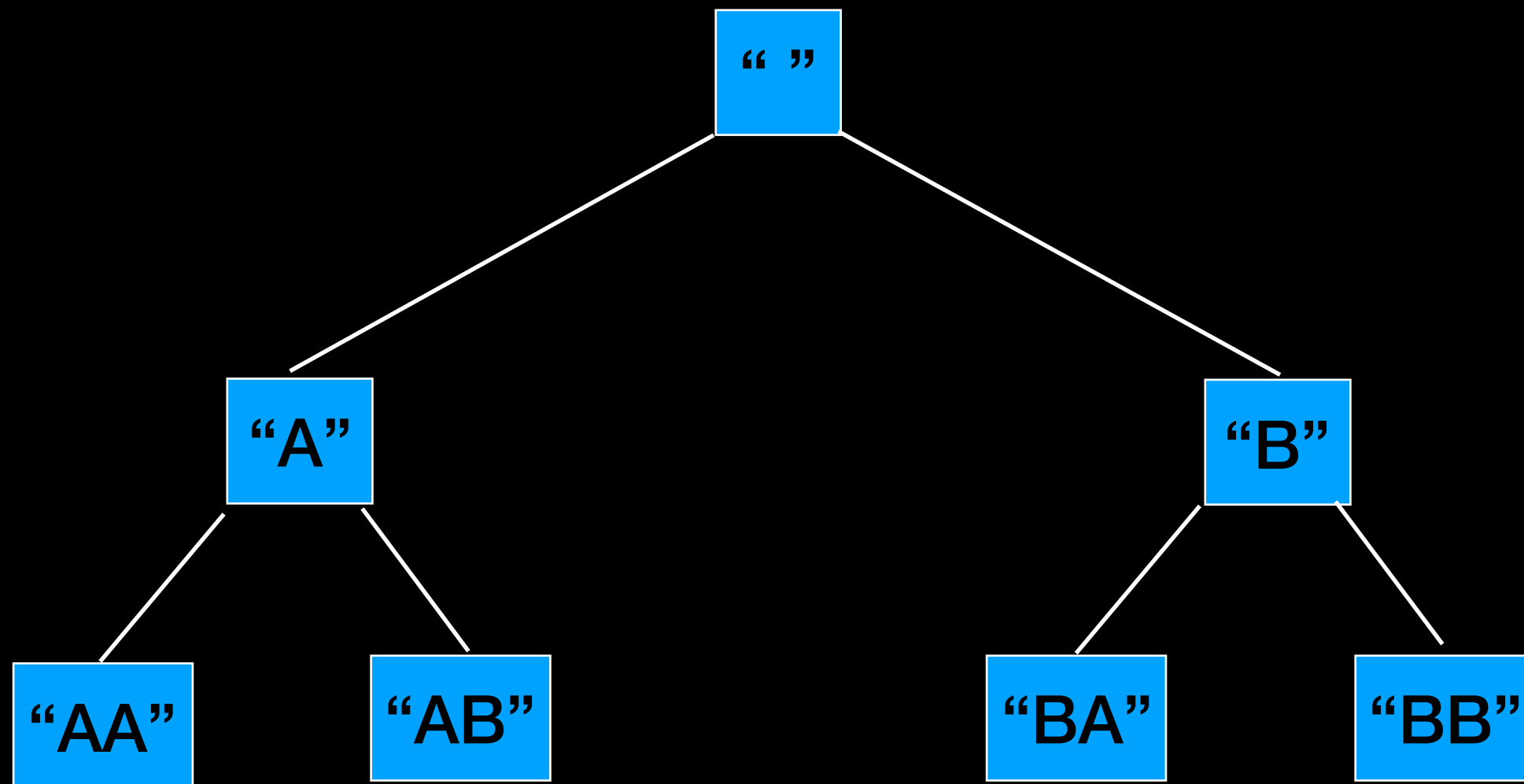
We saw how to do something similar recursively  
(generate permutations of **fixed size n no repetition**)

How might we do it with a queue?

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

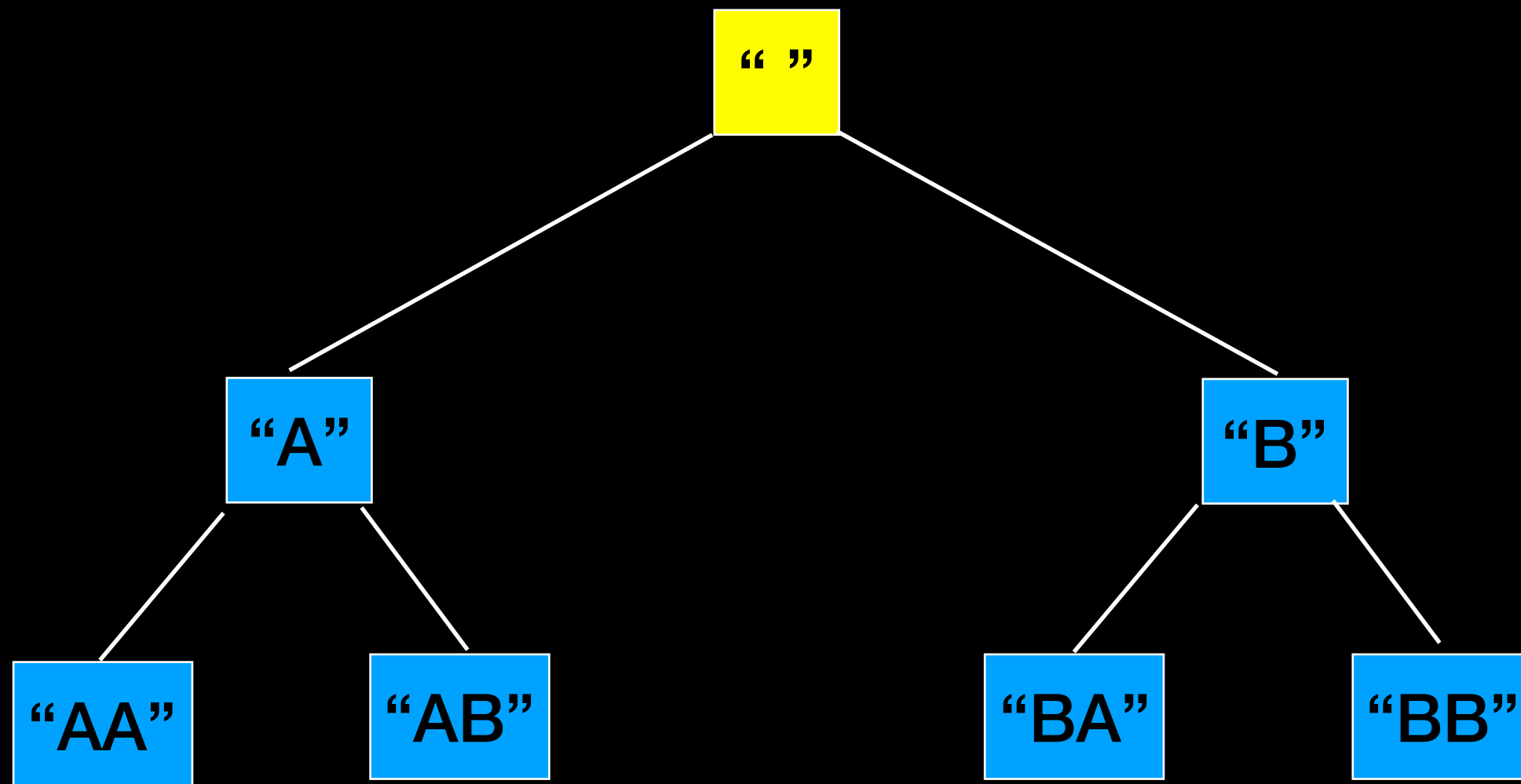


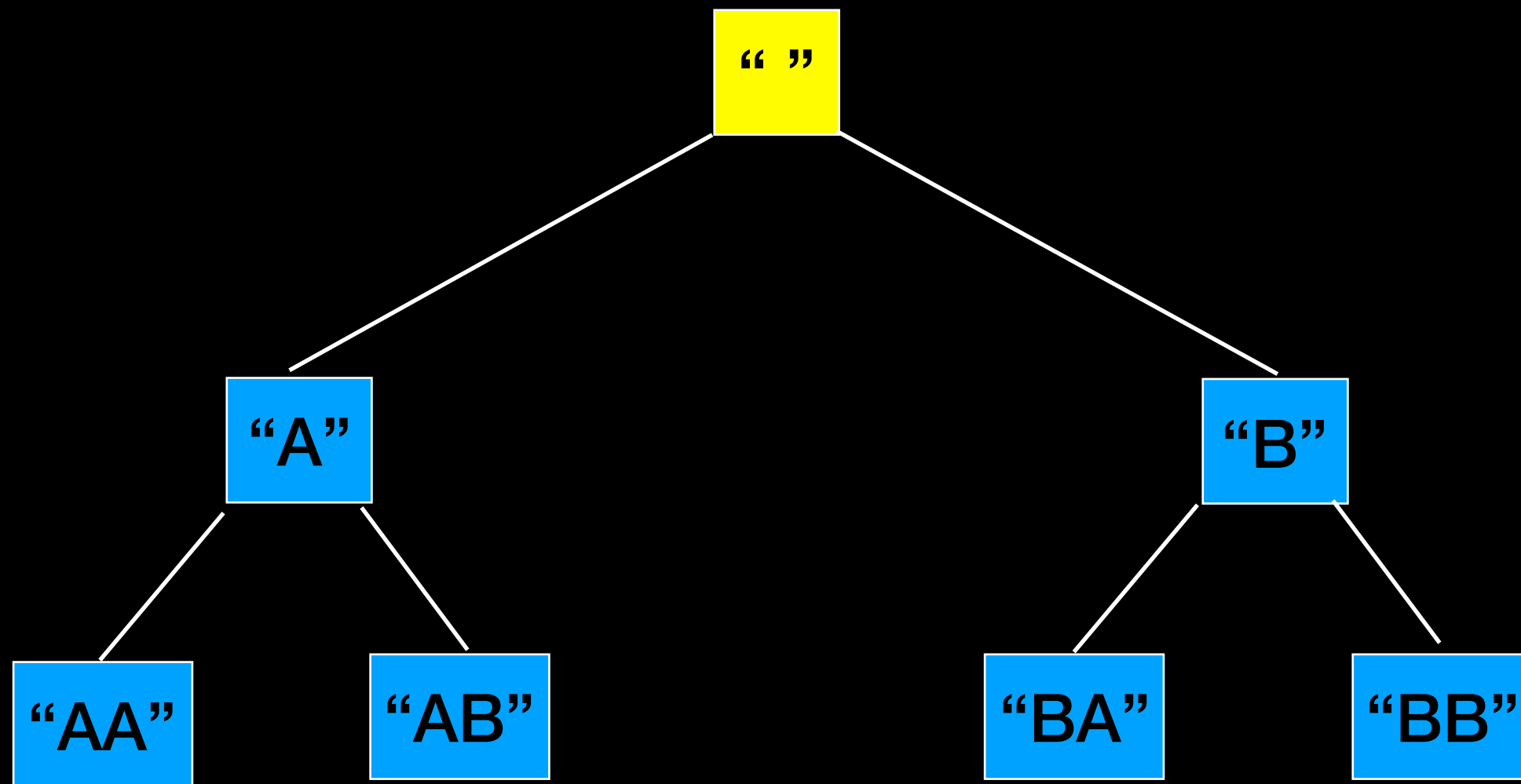


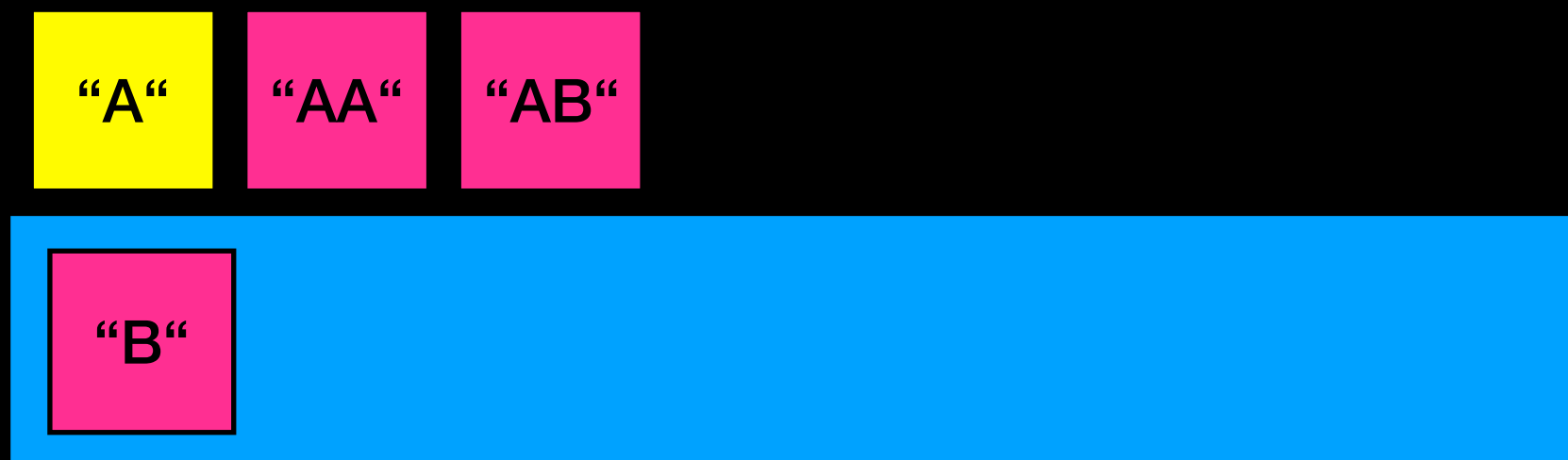
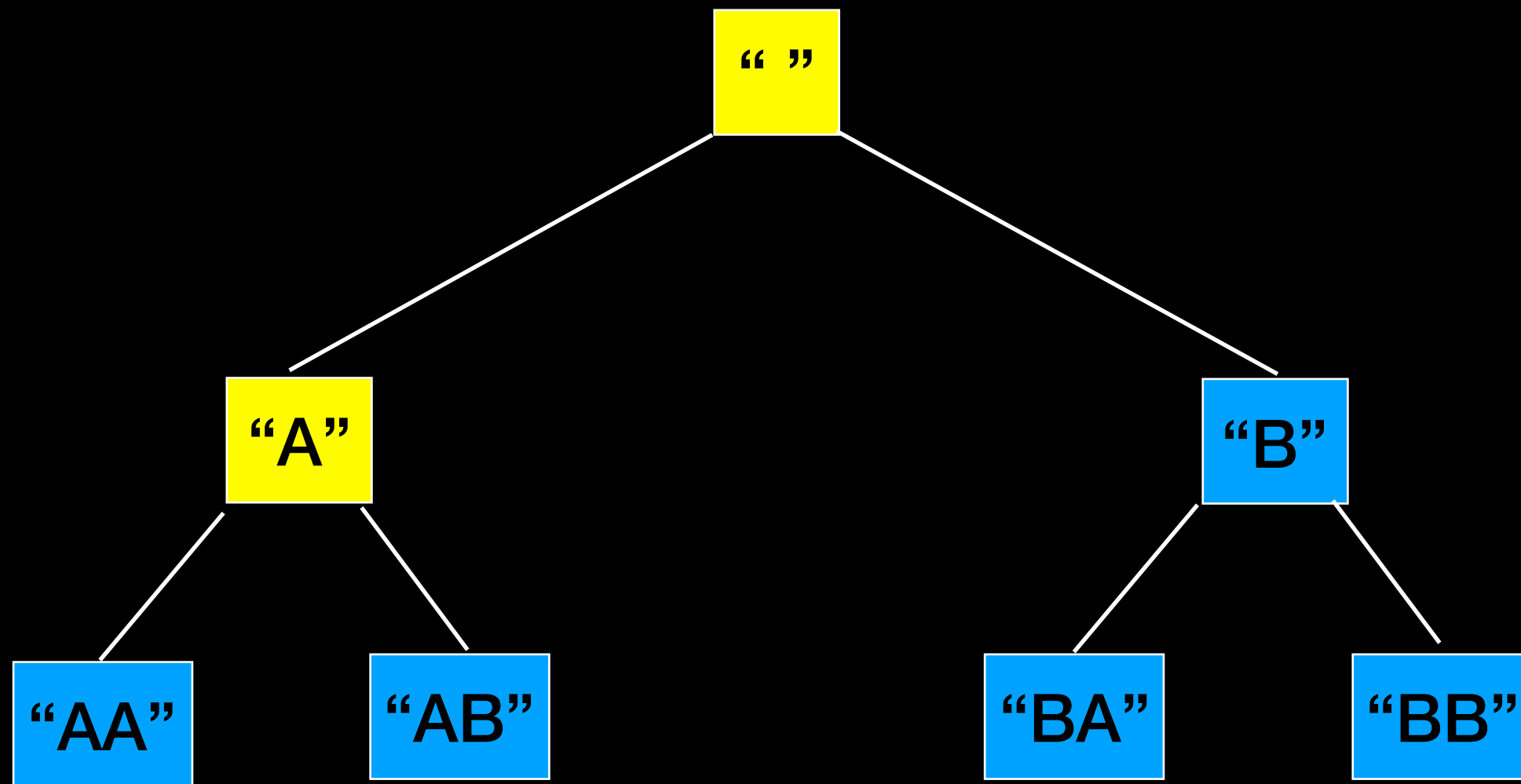


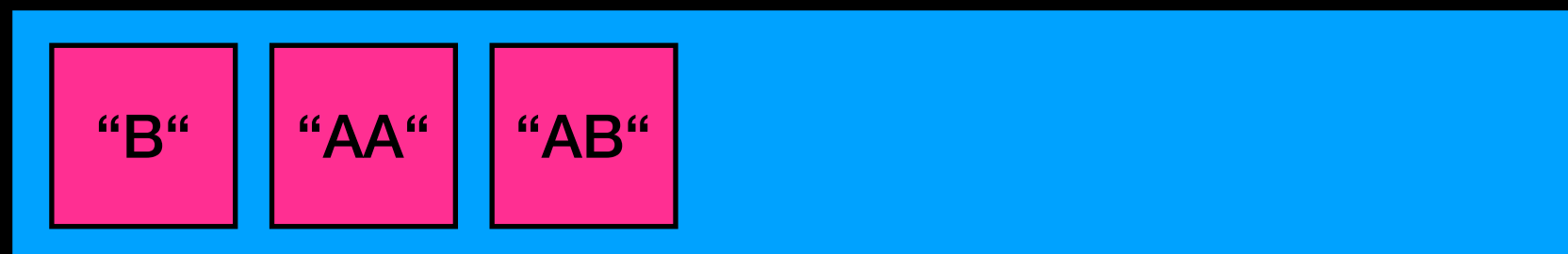
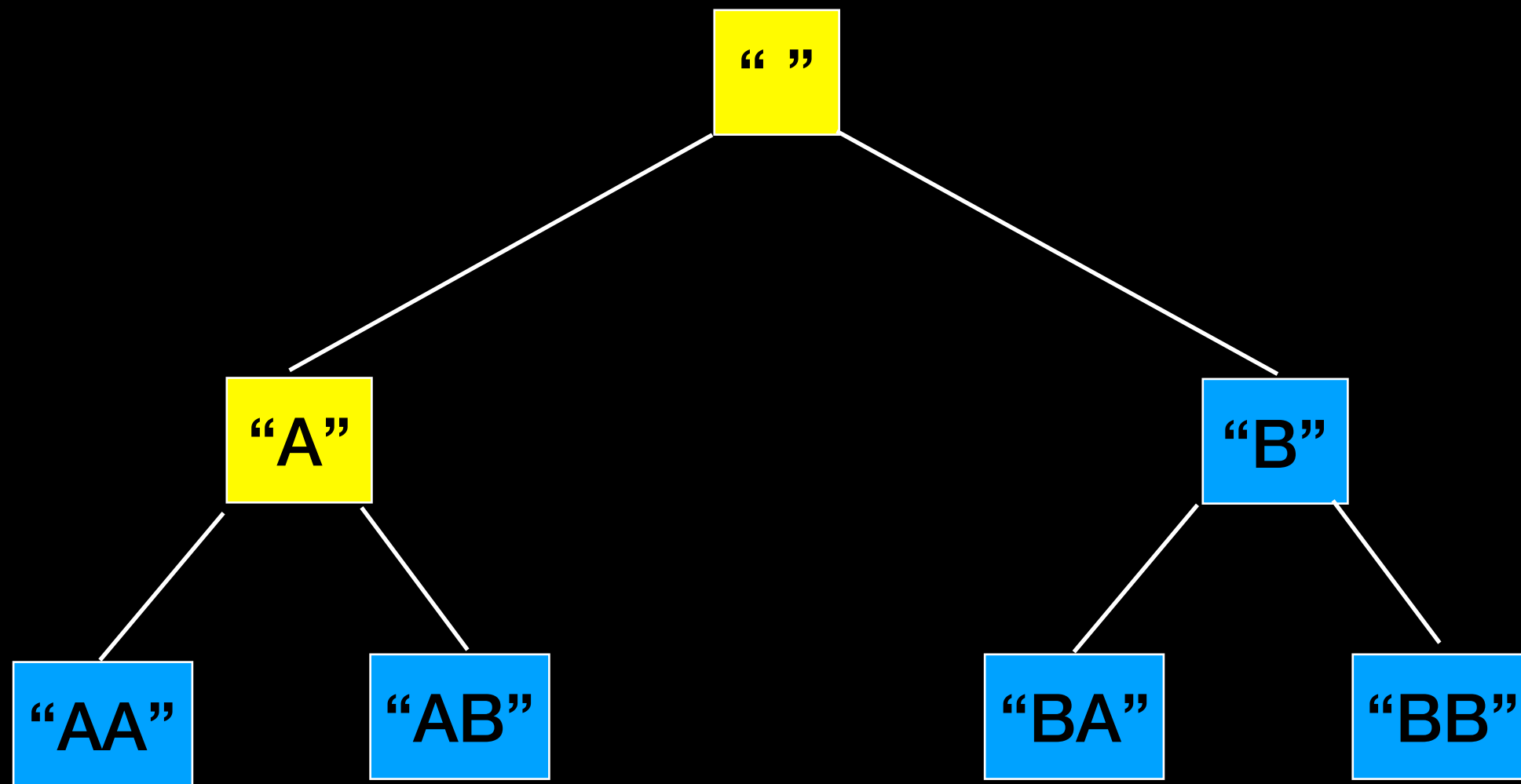
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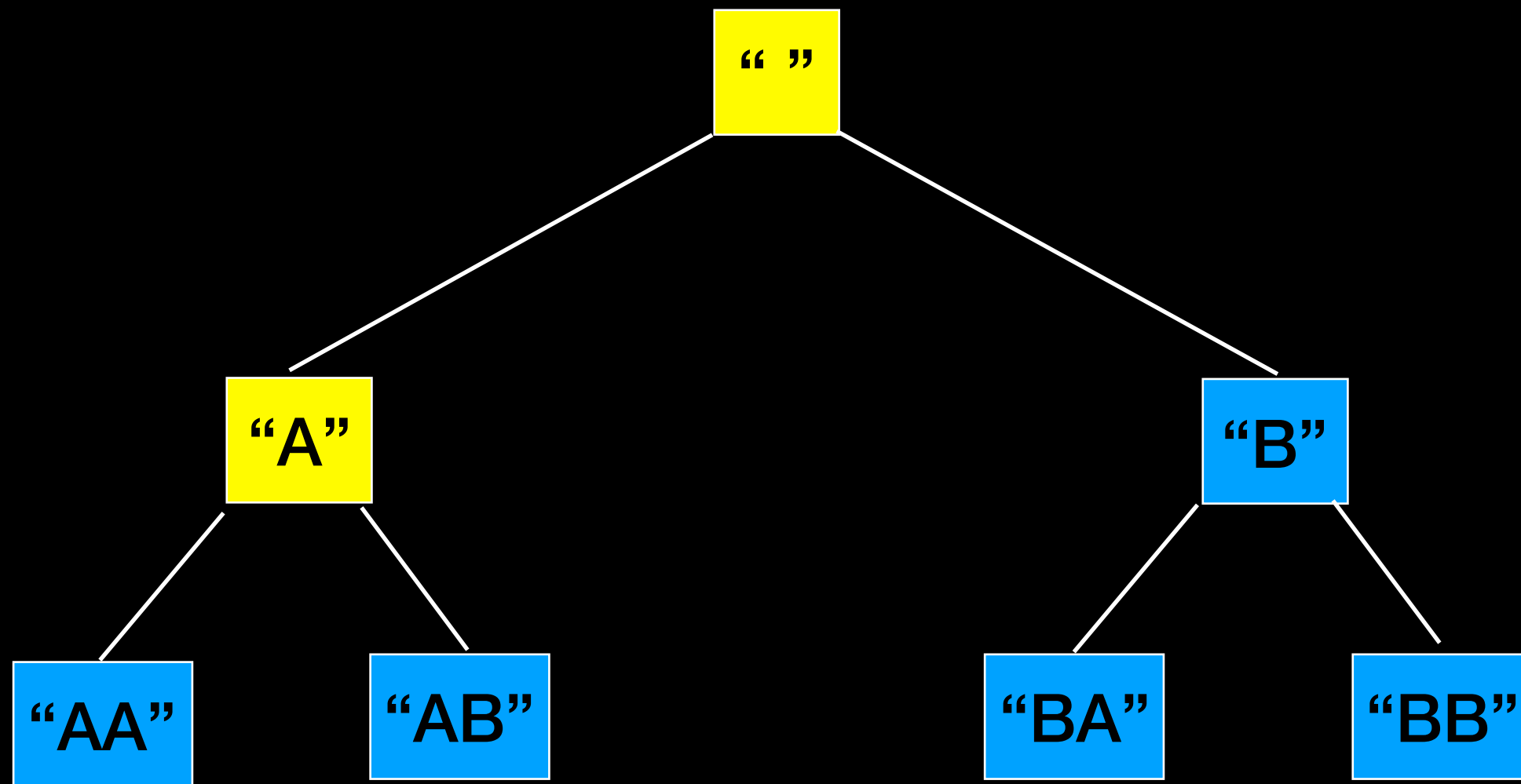


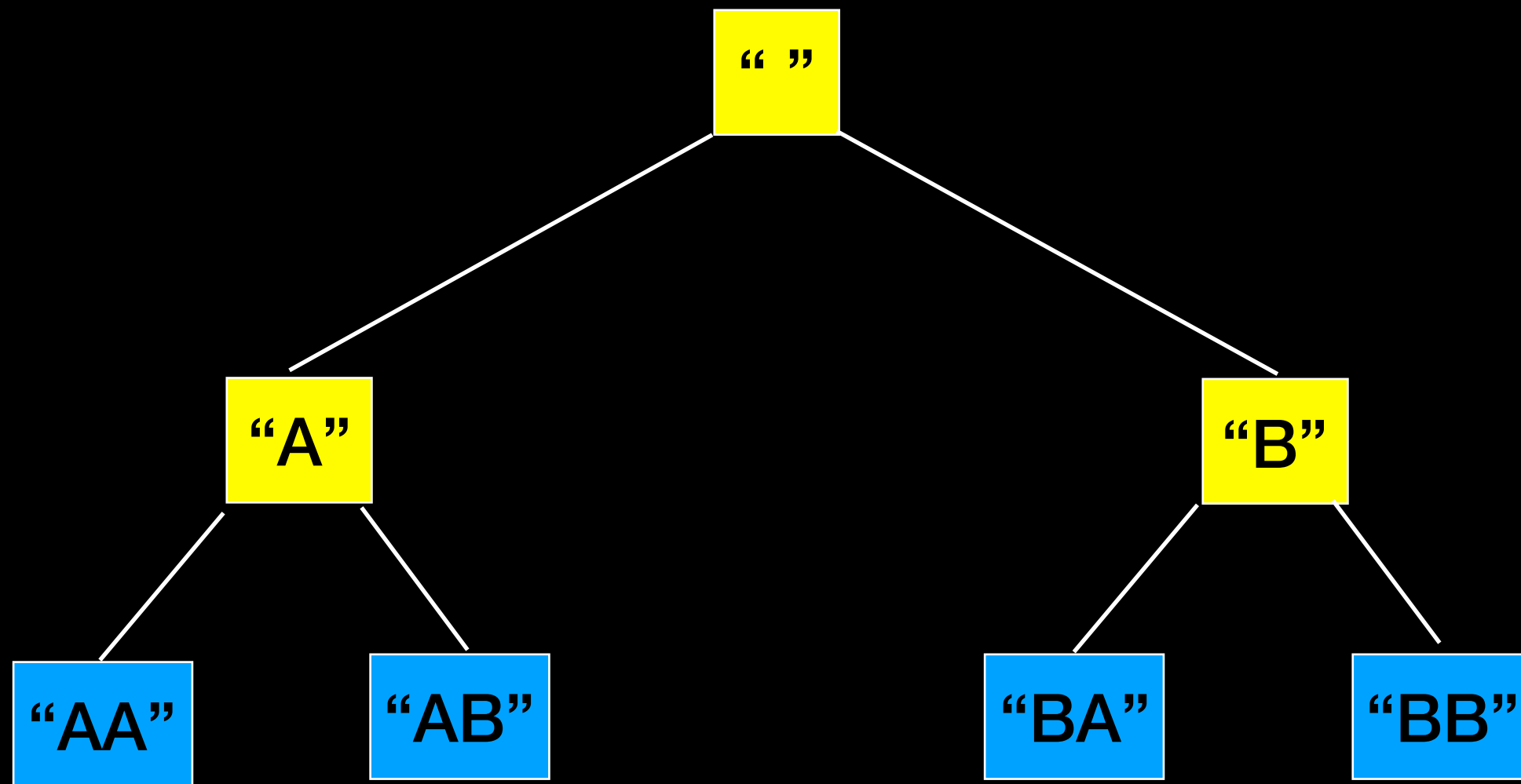


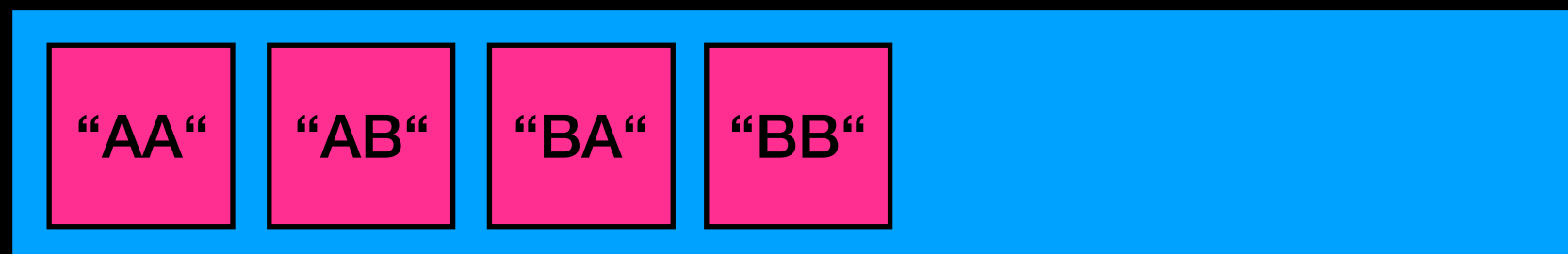
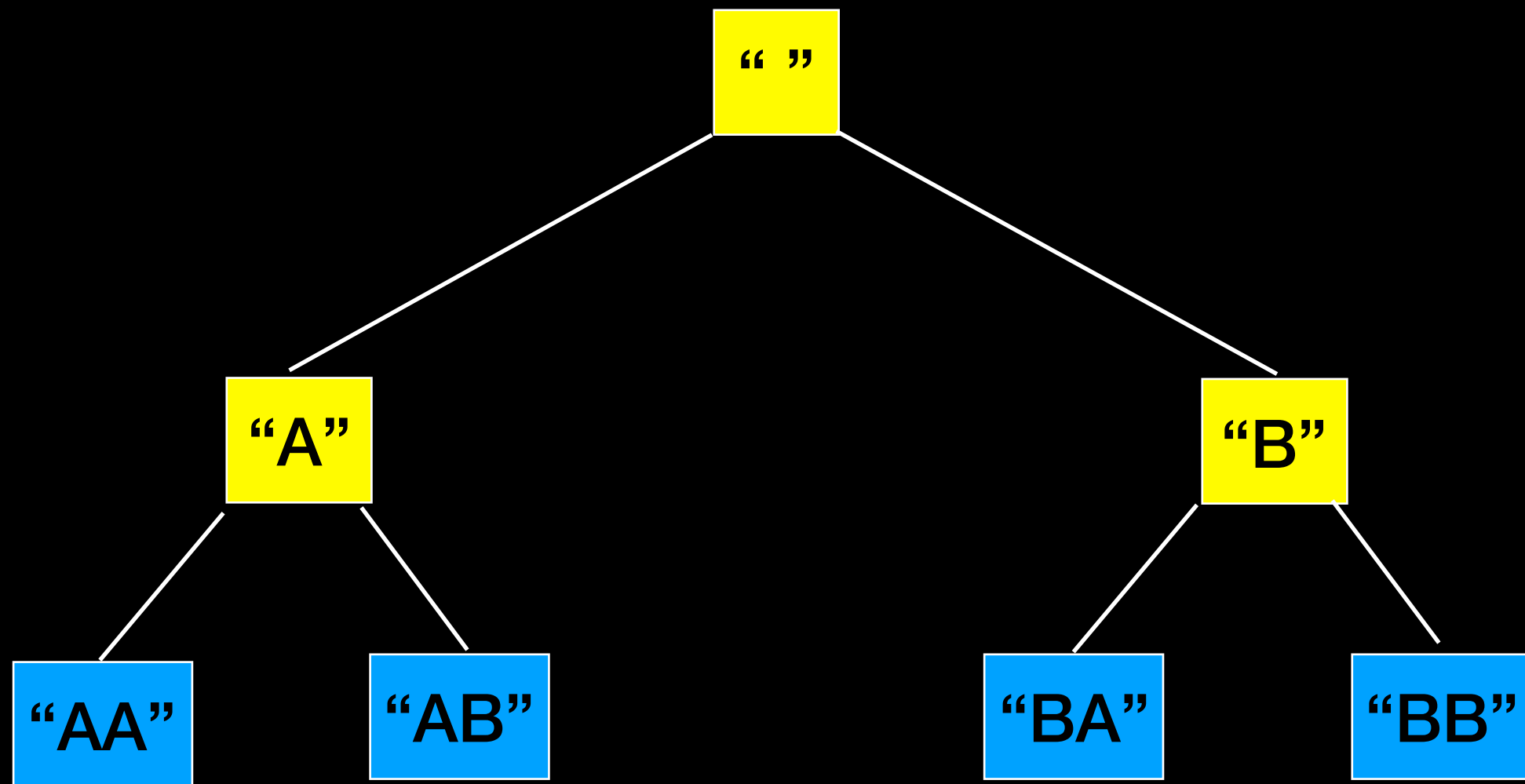


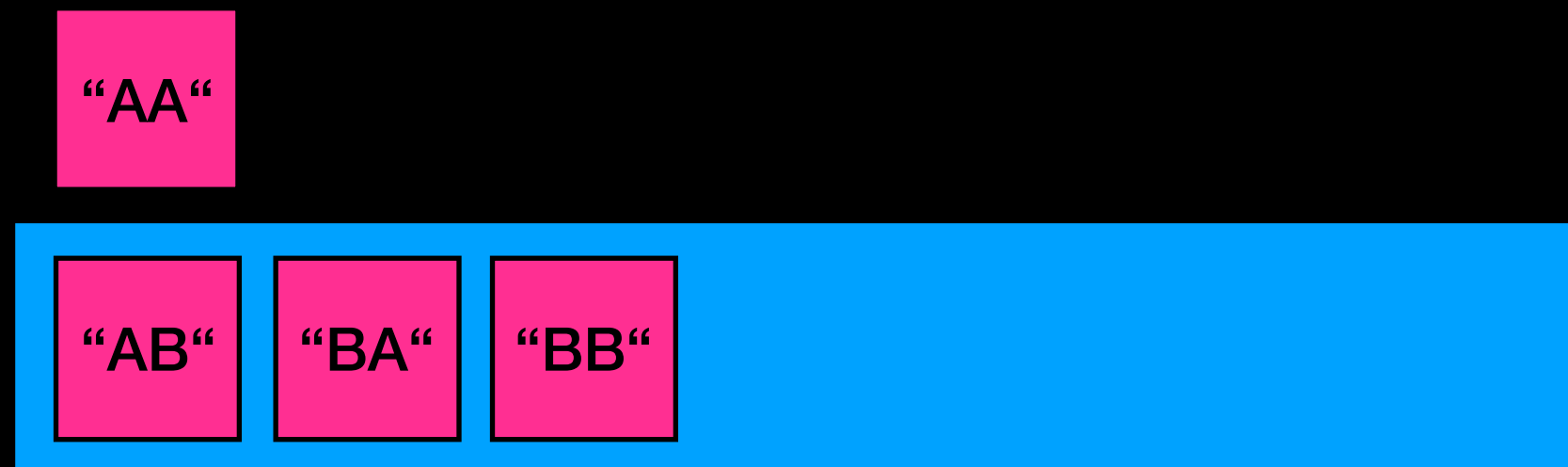
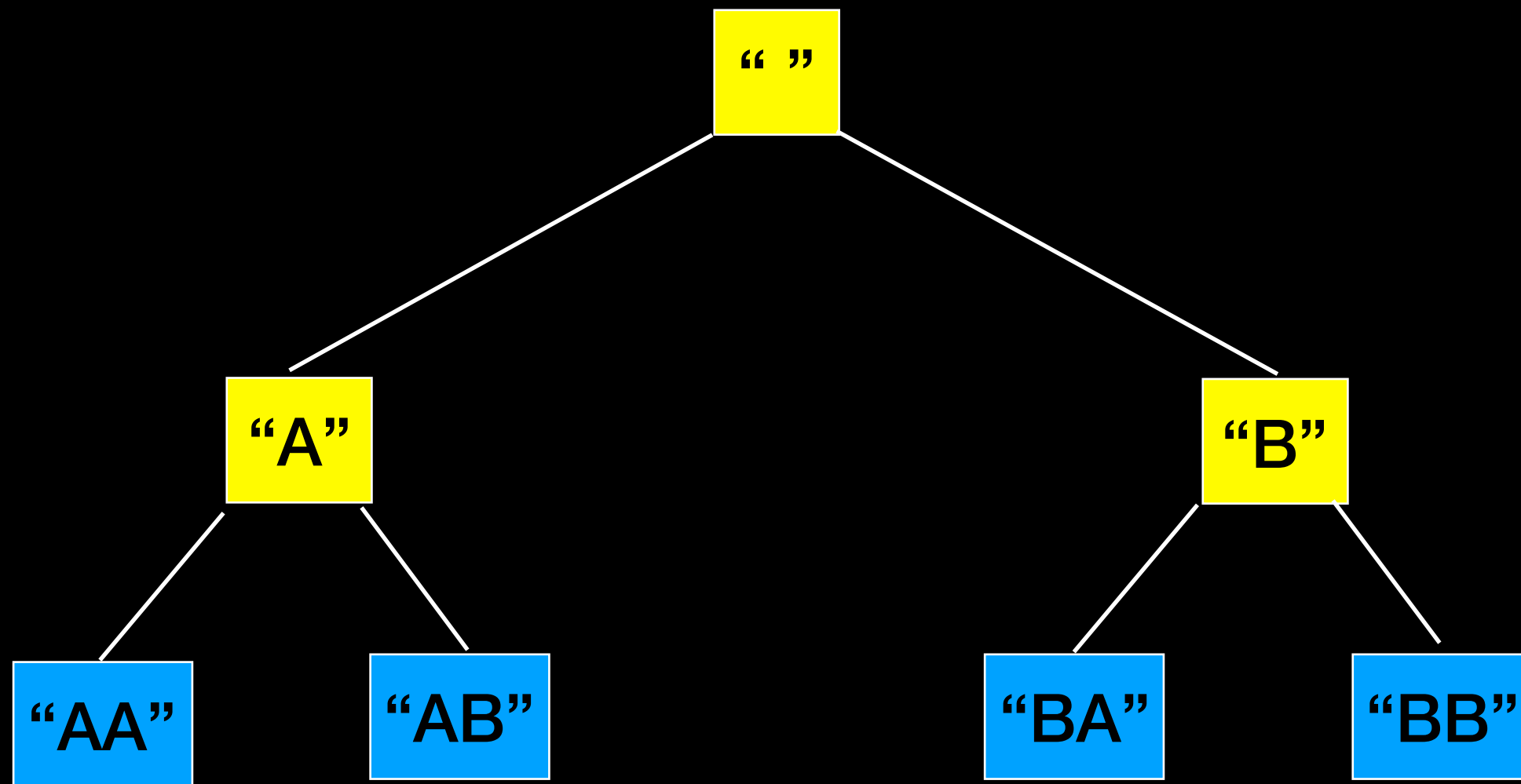


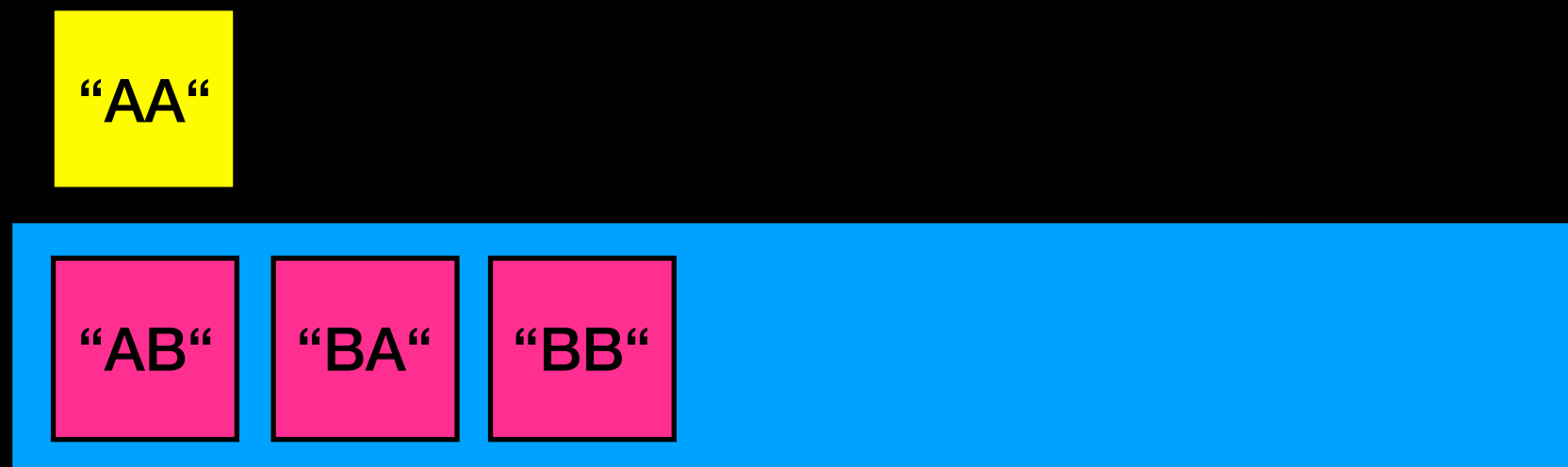
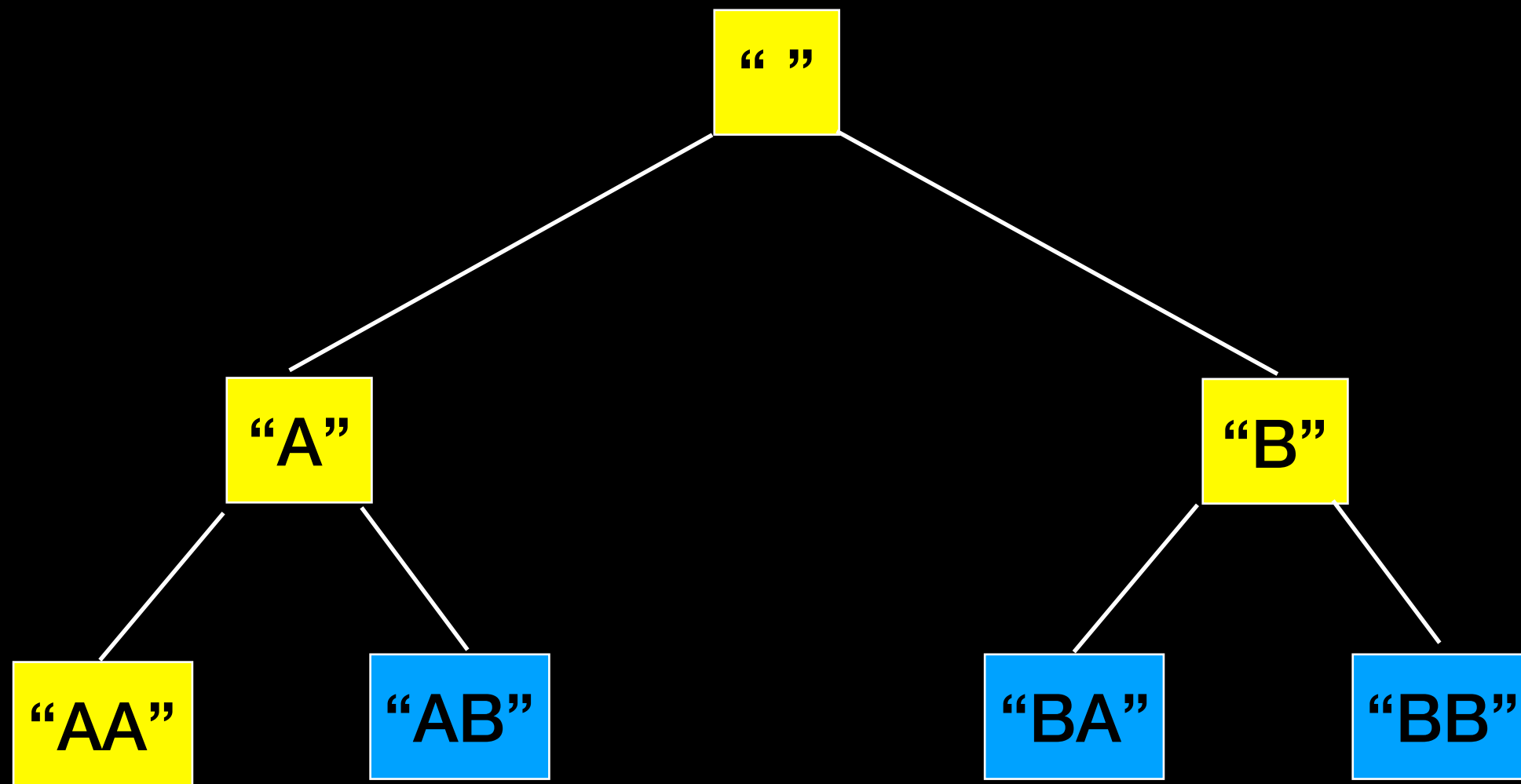


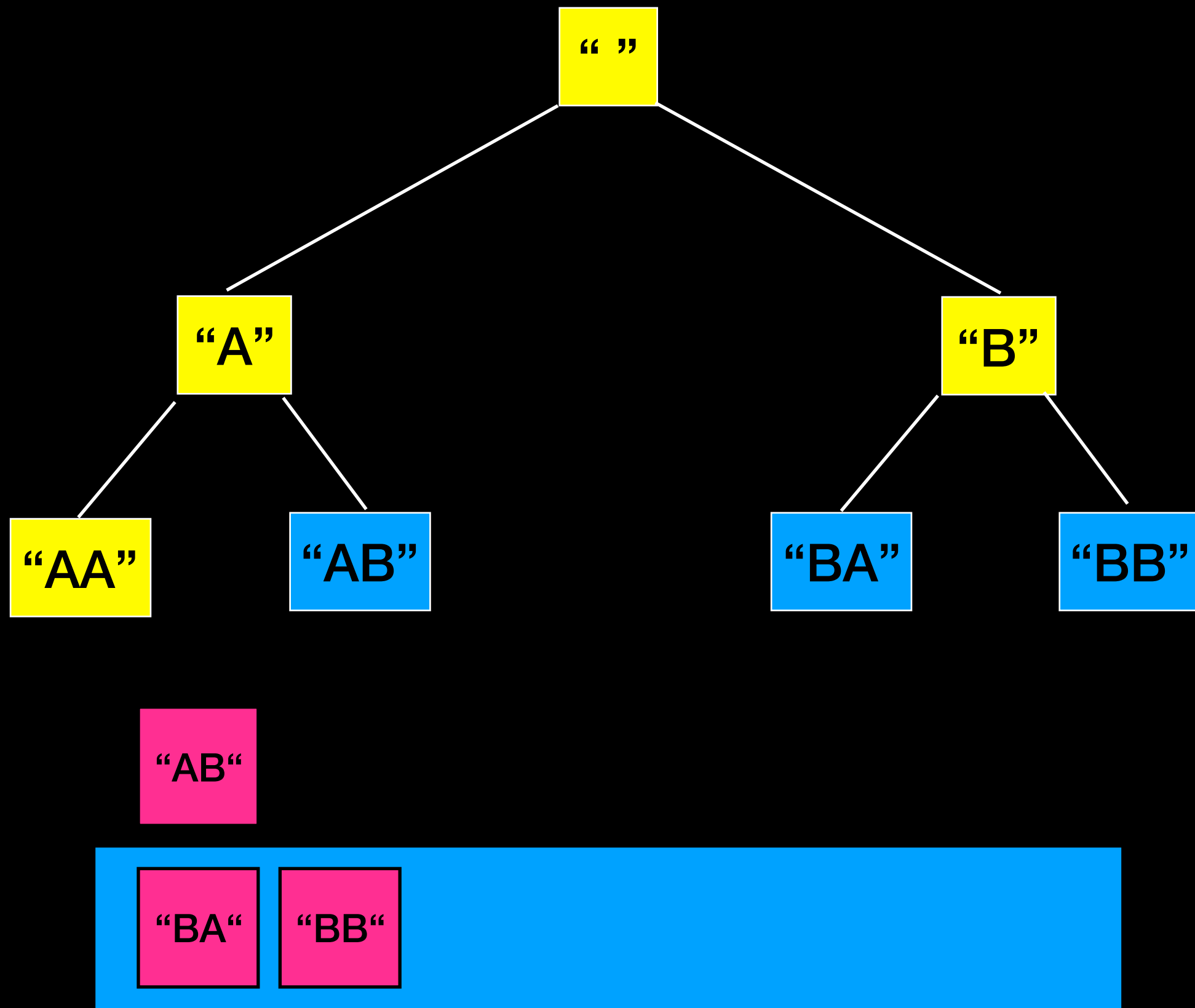


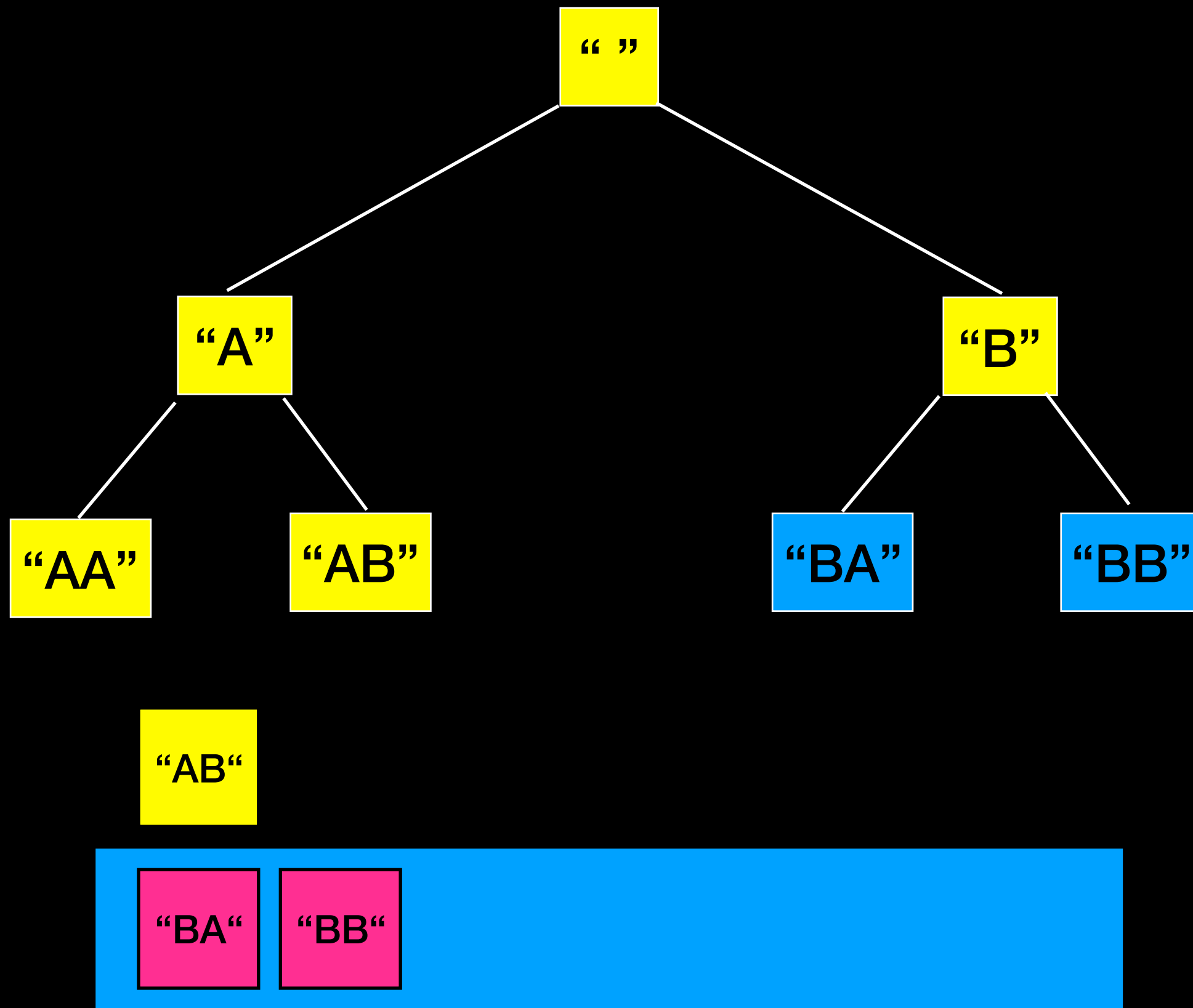


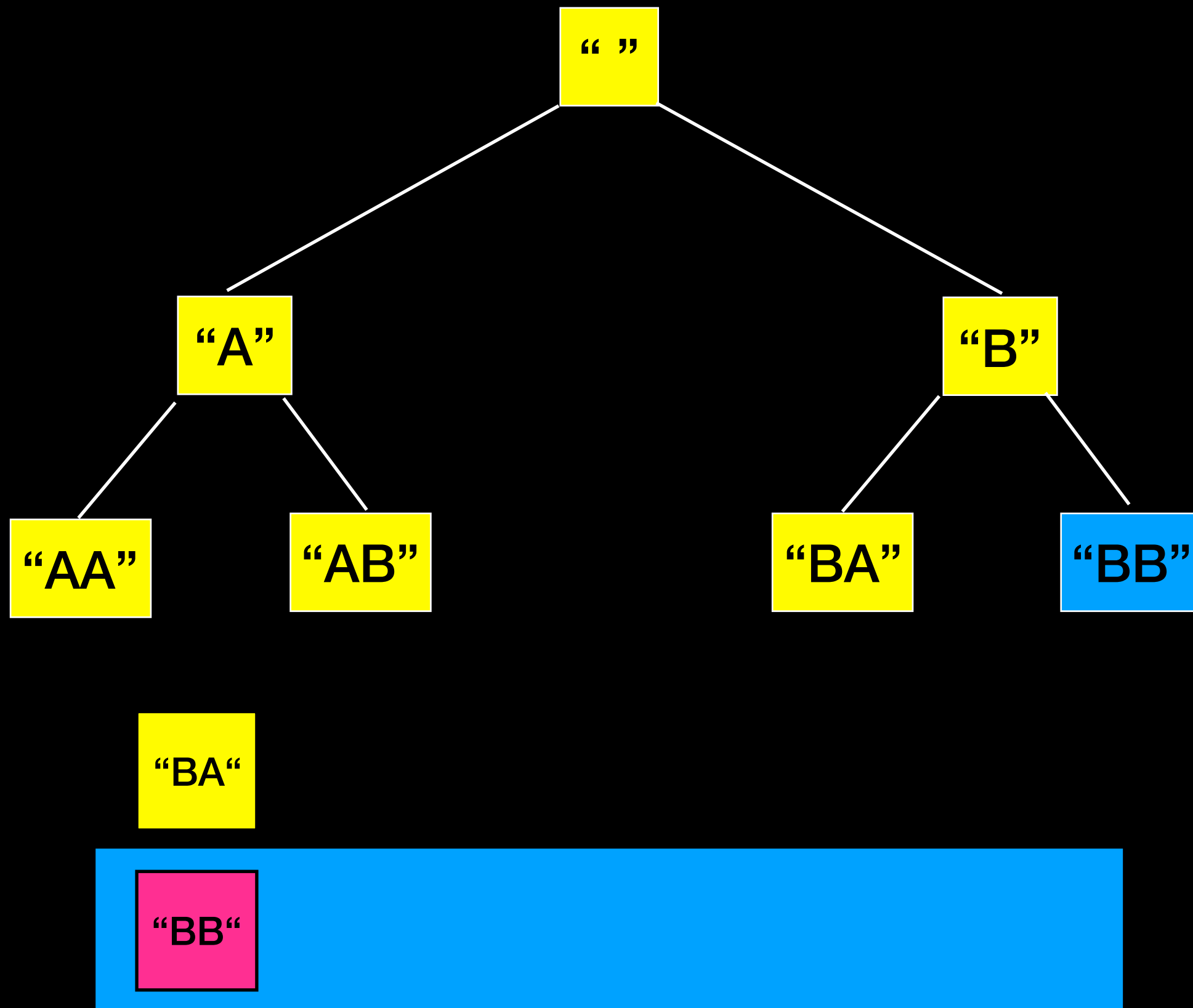




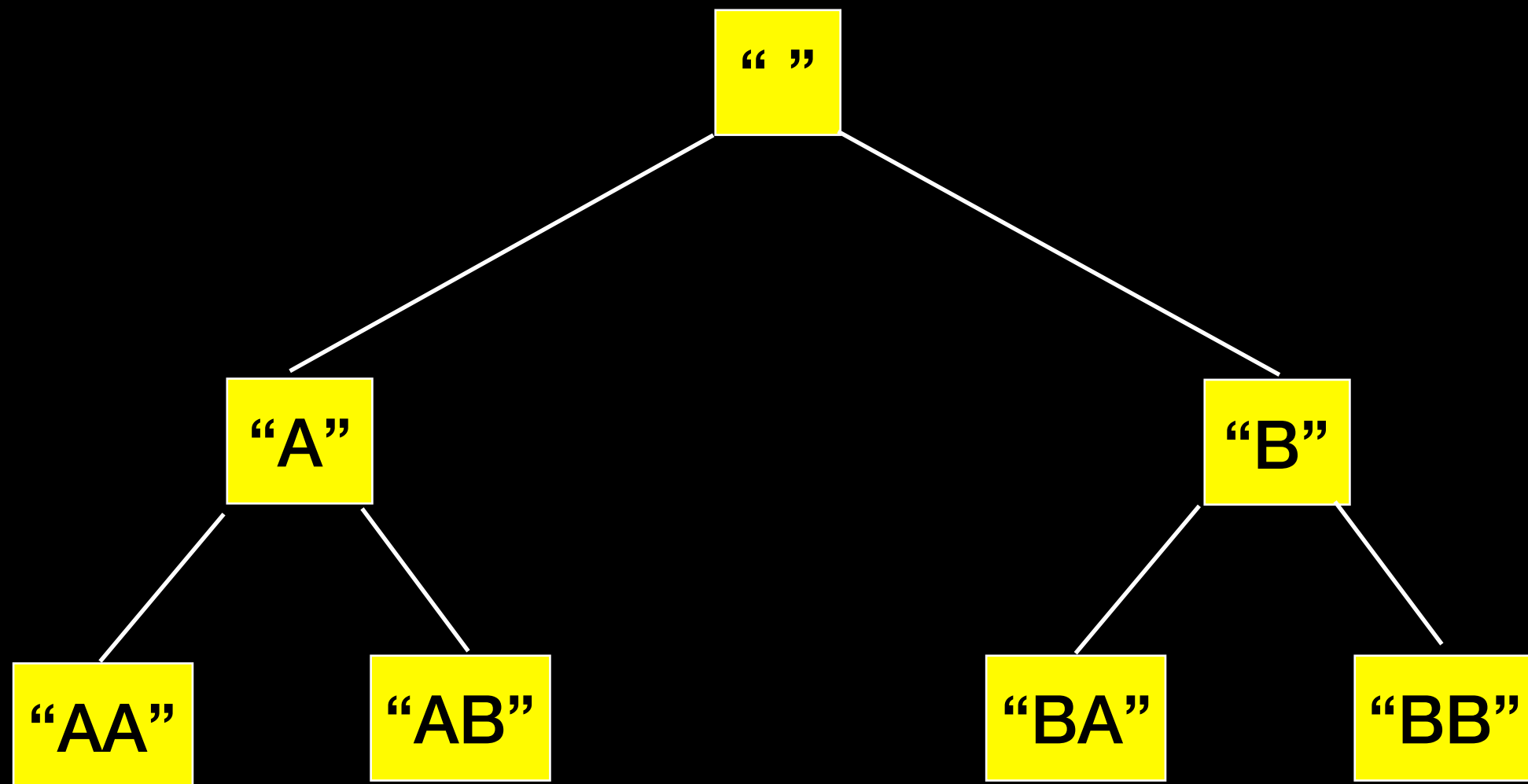






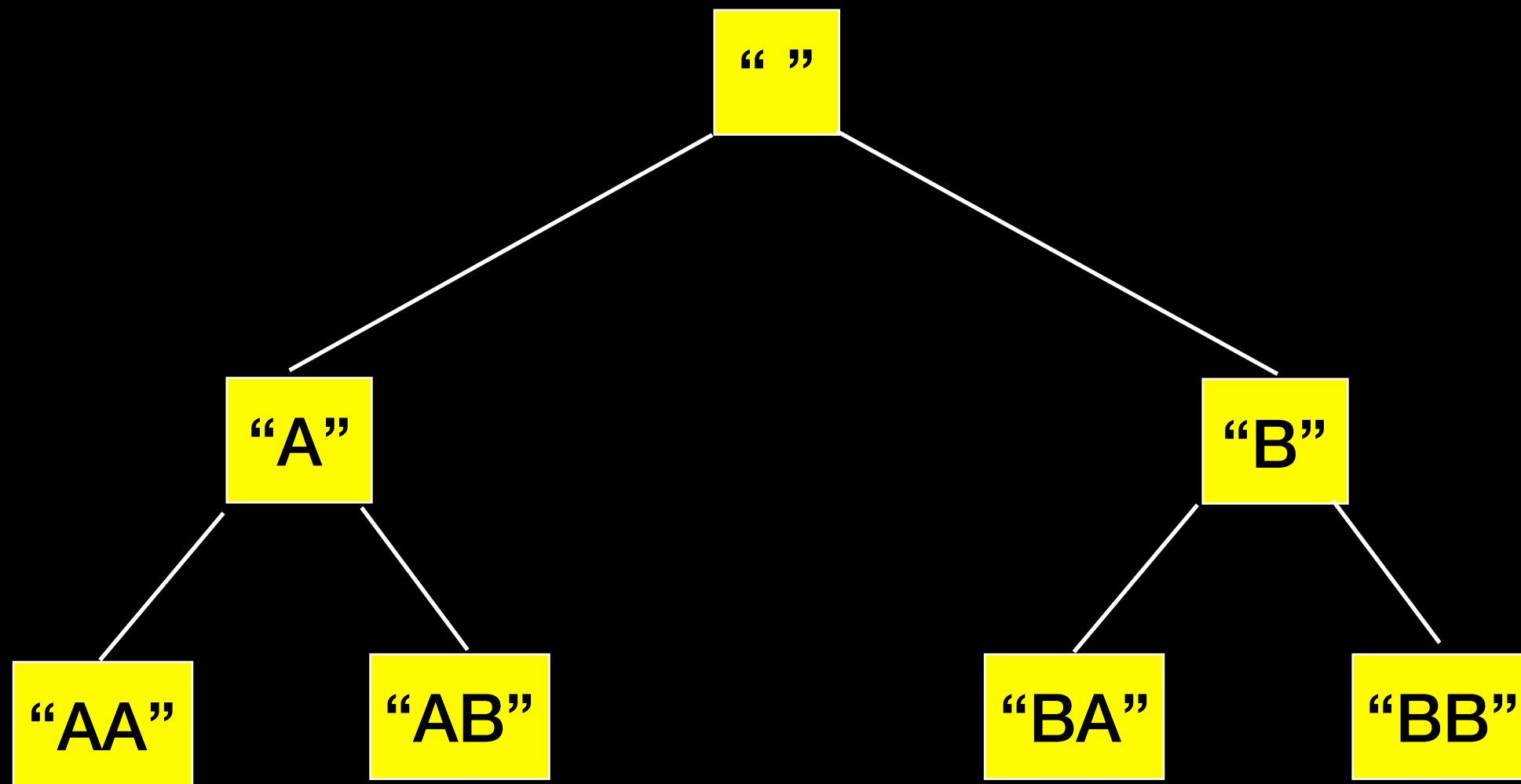






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# Breadth-First Search

## Applications

- Find shortest path in graph

- GPS navigation systems

- Crawlers in search engines

- ...

Generally looks 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 permutations of all strings of size **up to n**

Assume **alphabet 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

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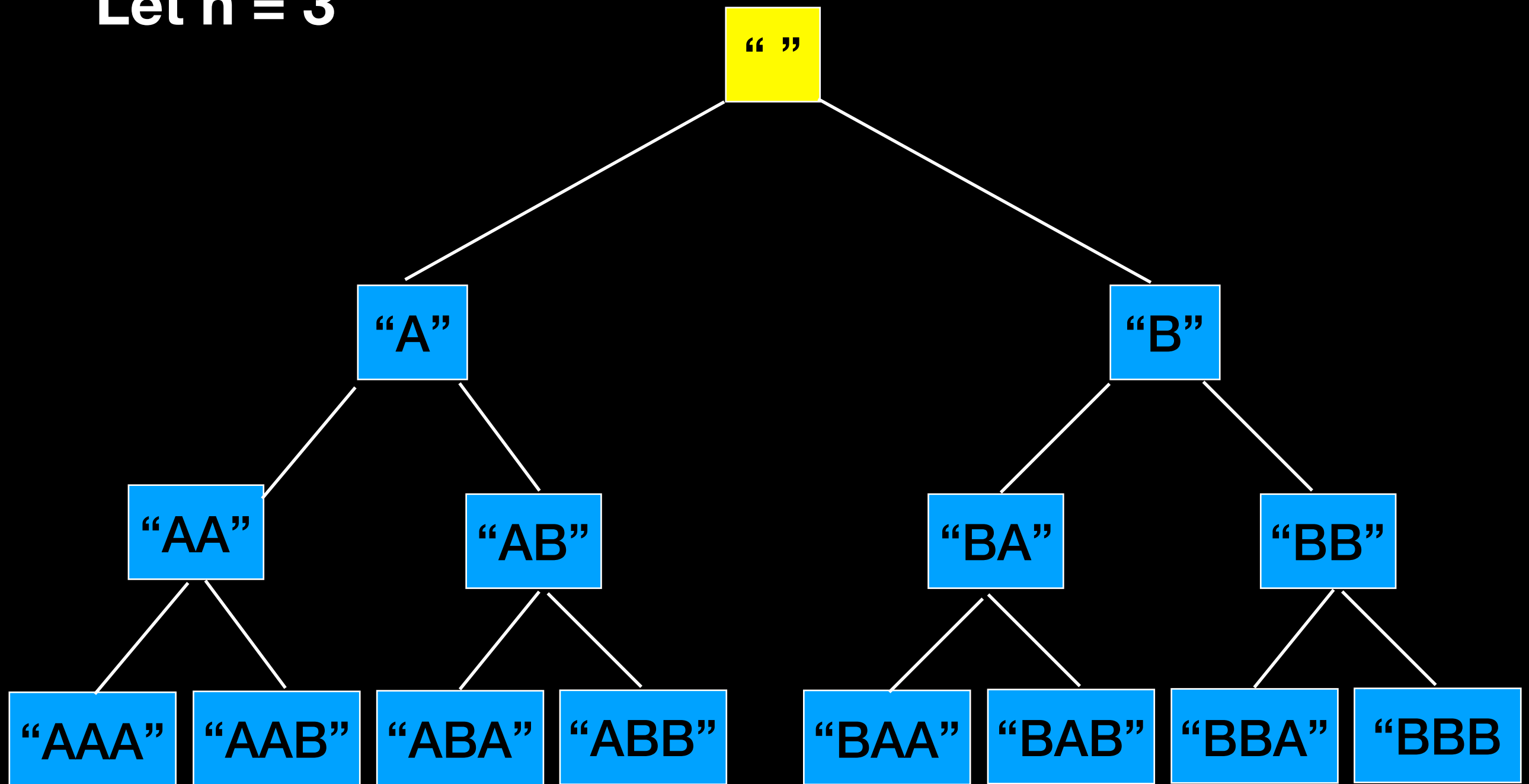
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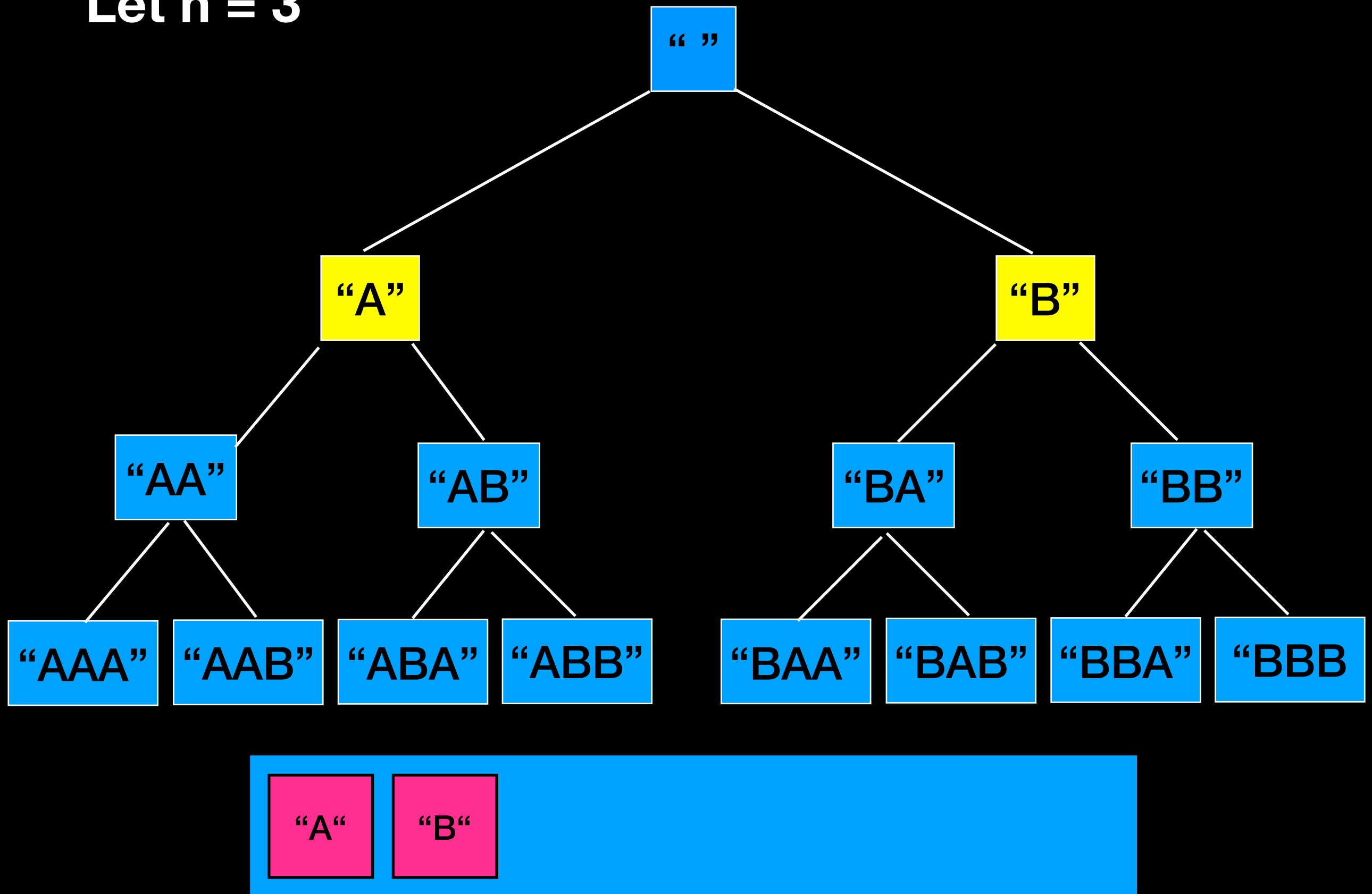
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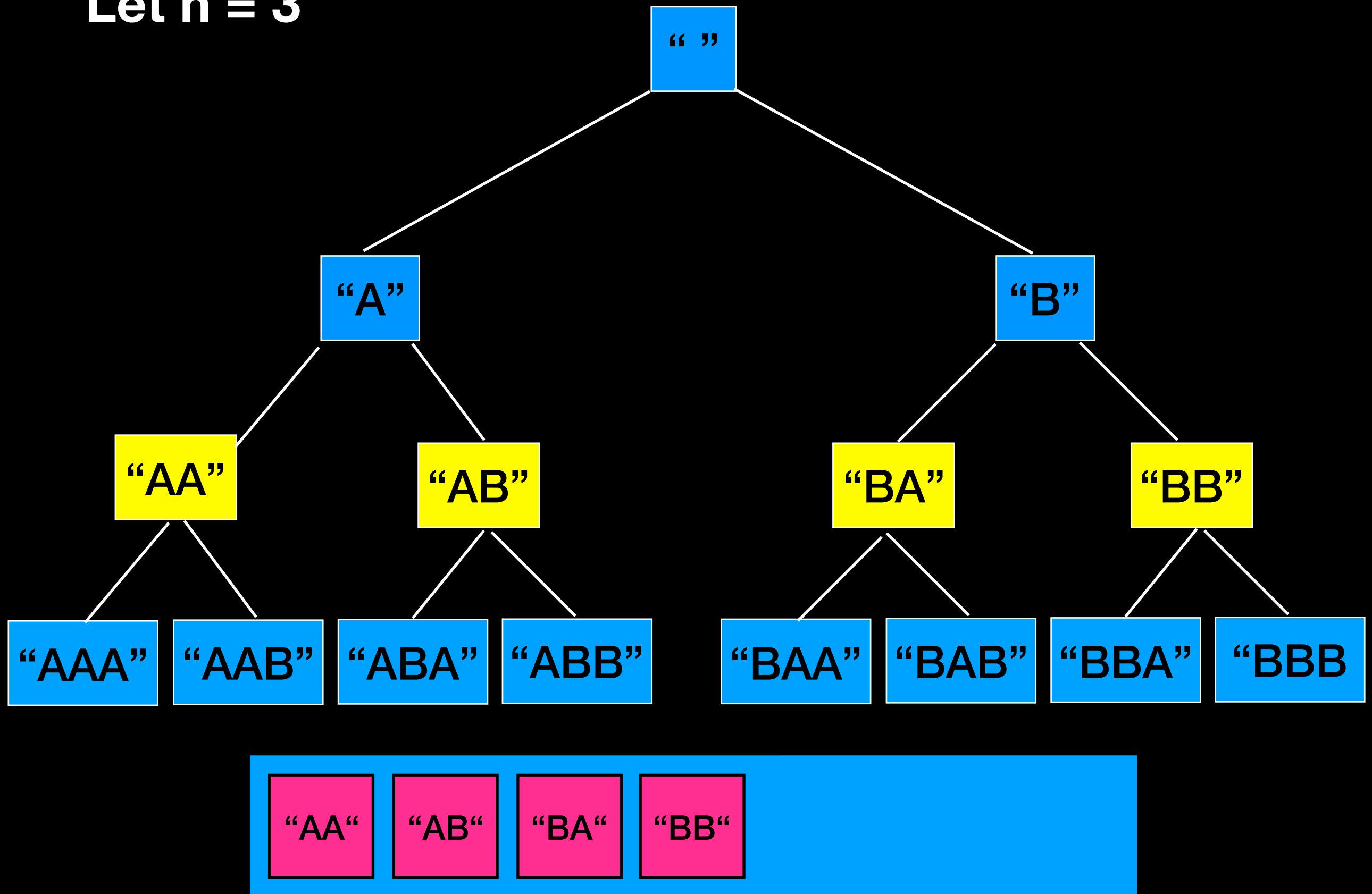
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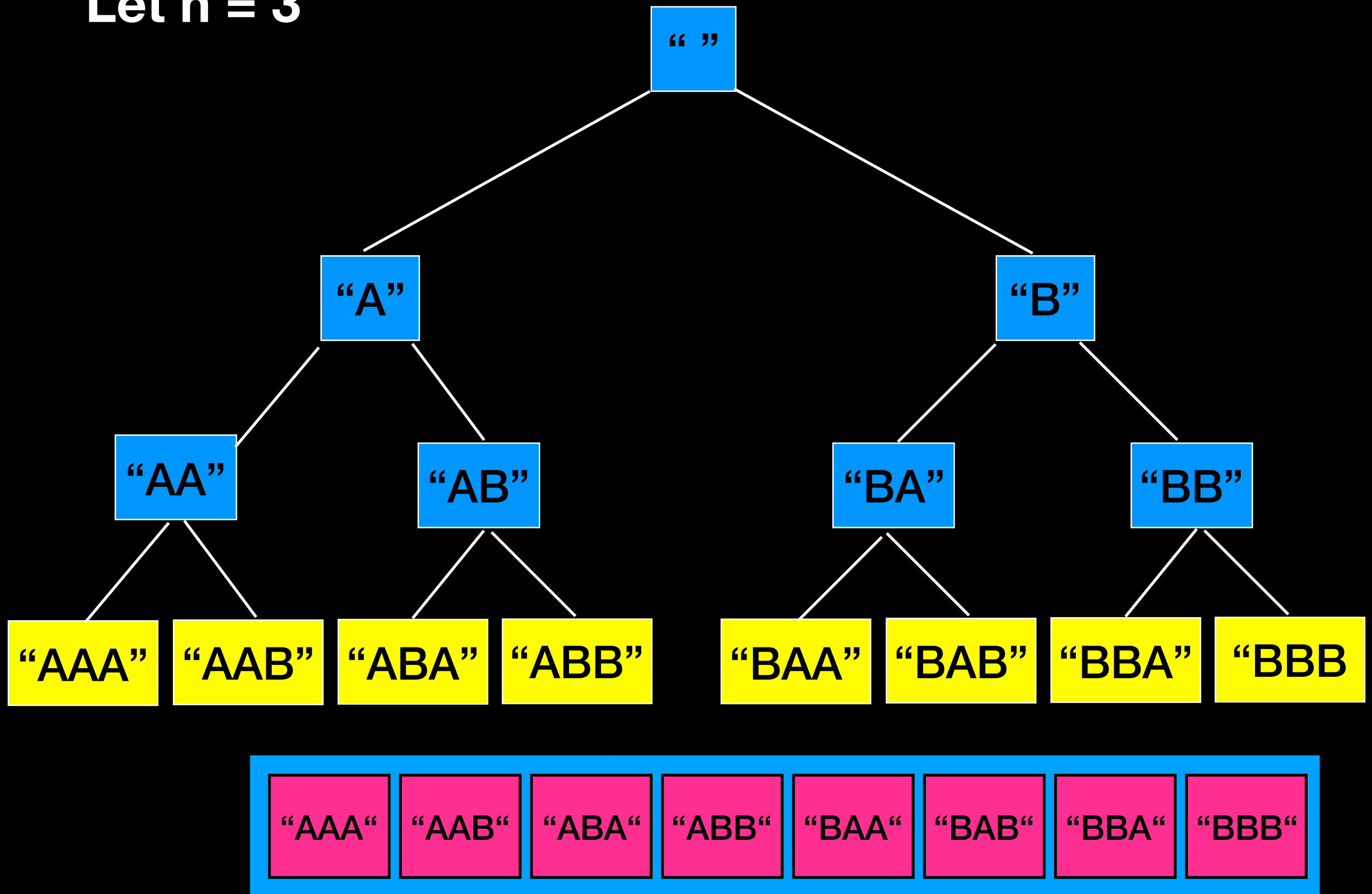
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# Memory Usage

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

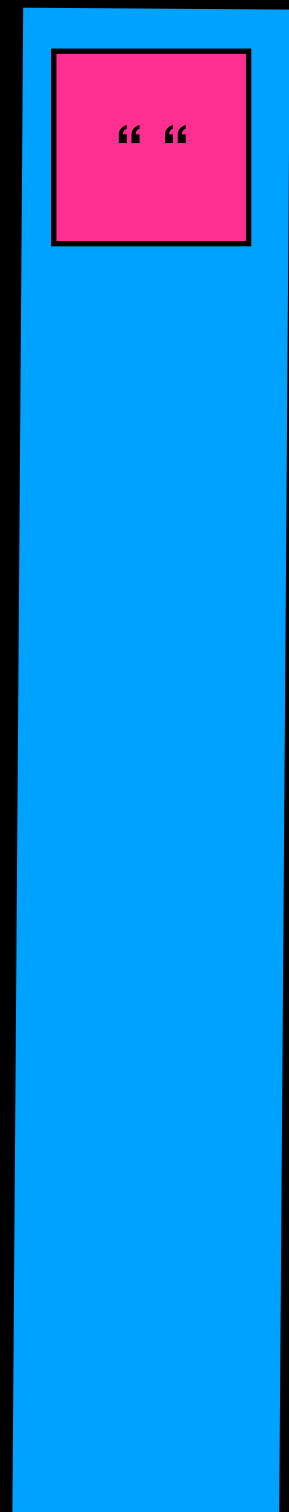
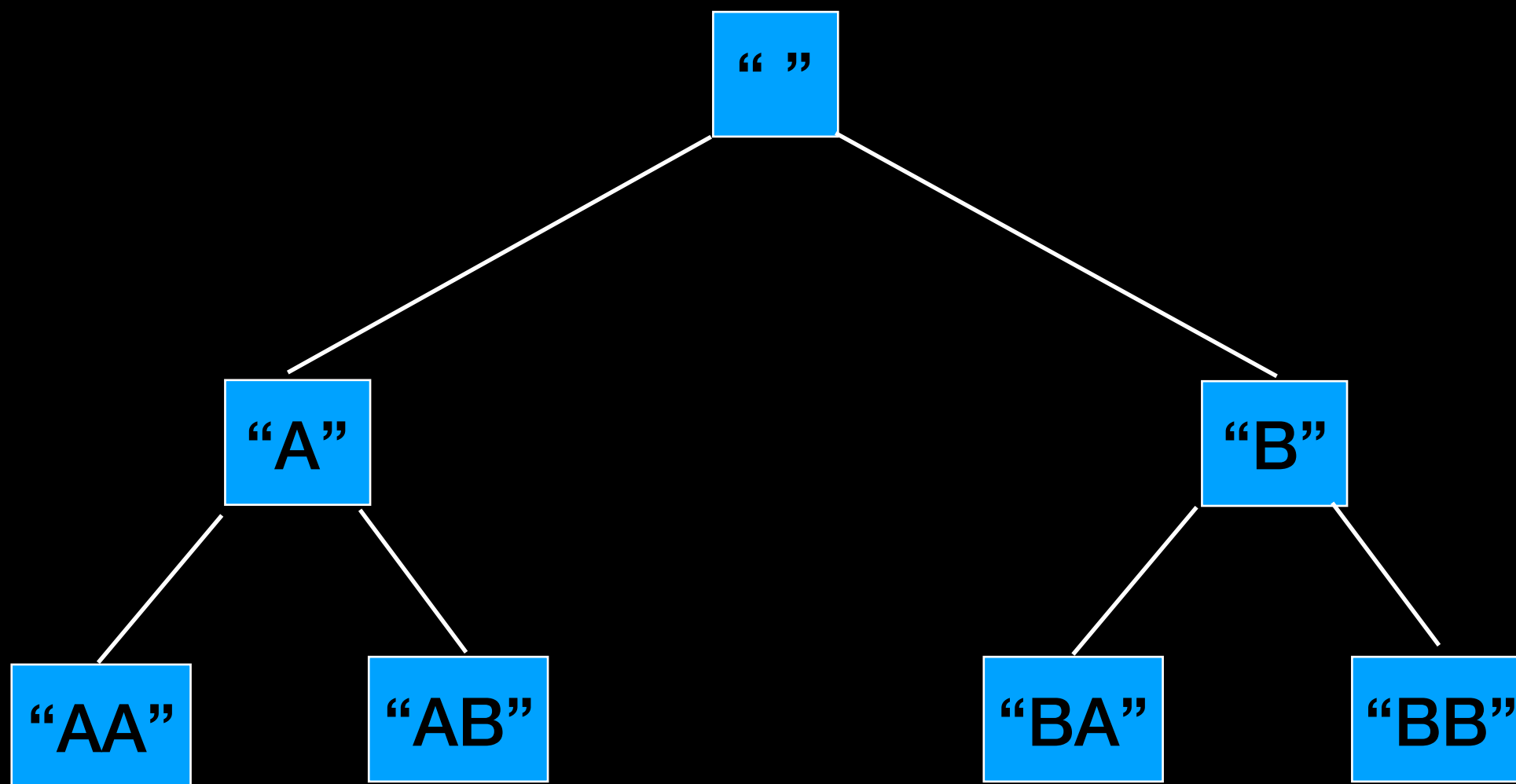
# What if we use a stack?

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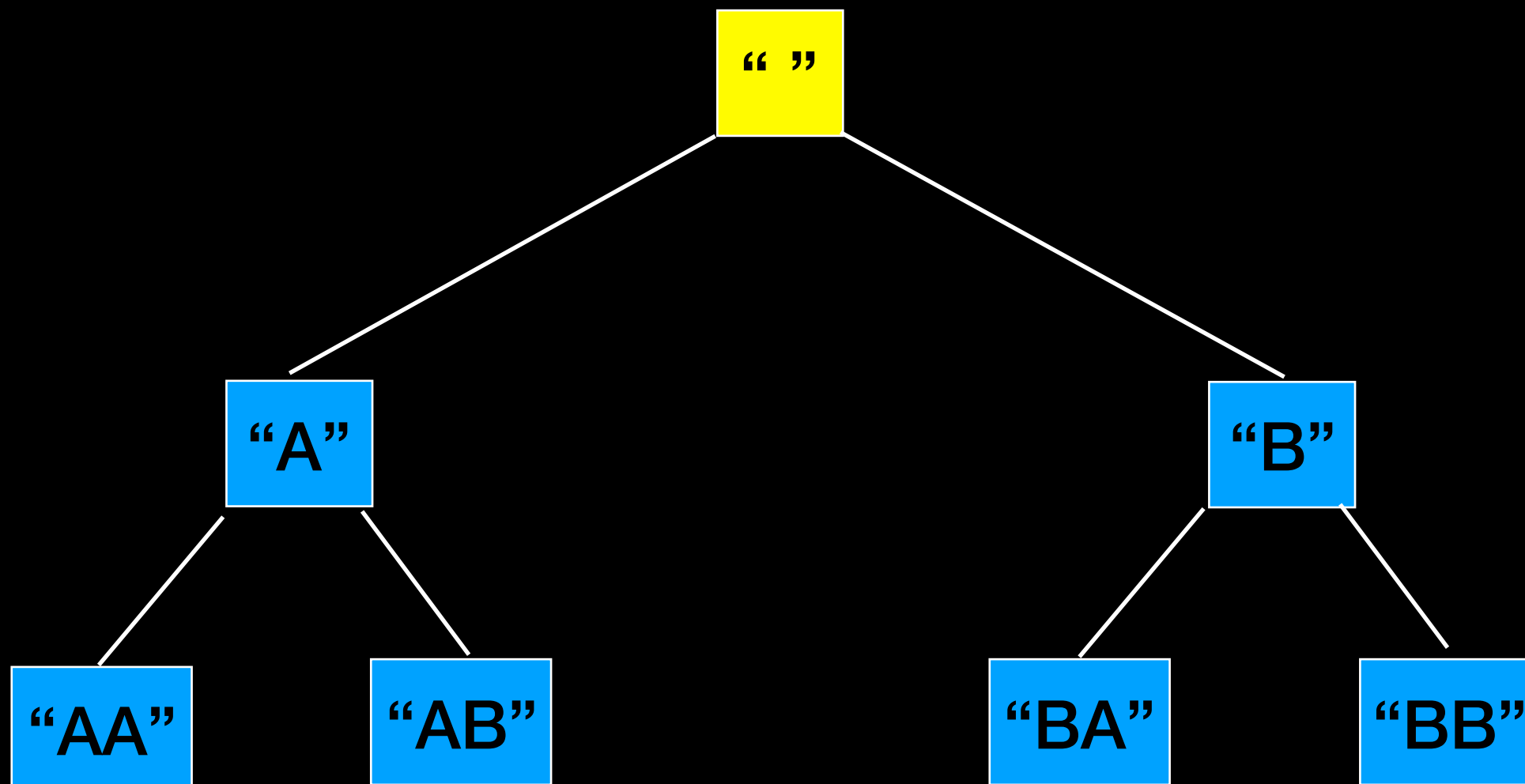
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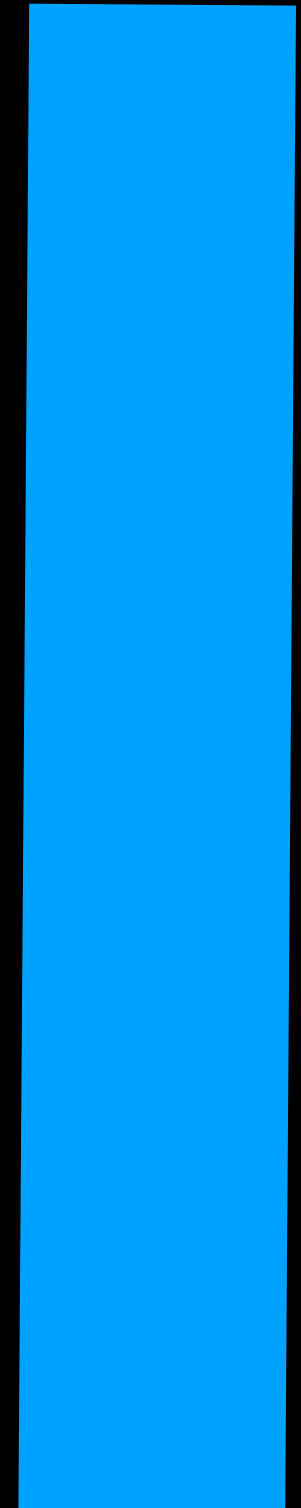
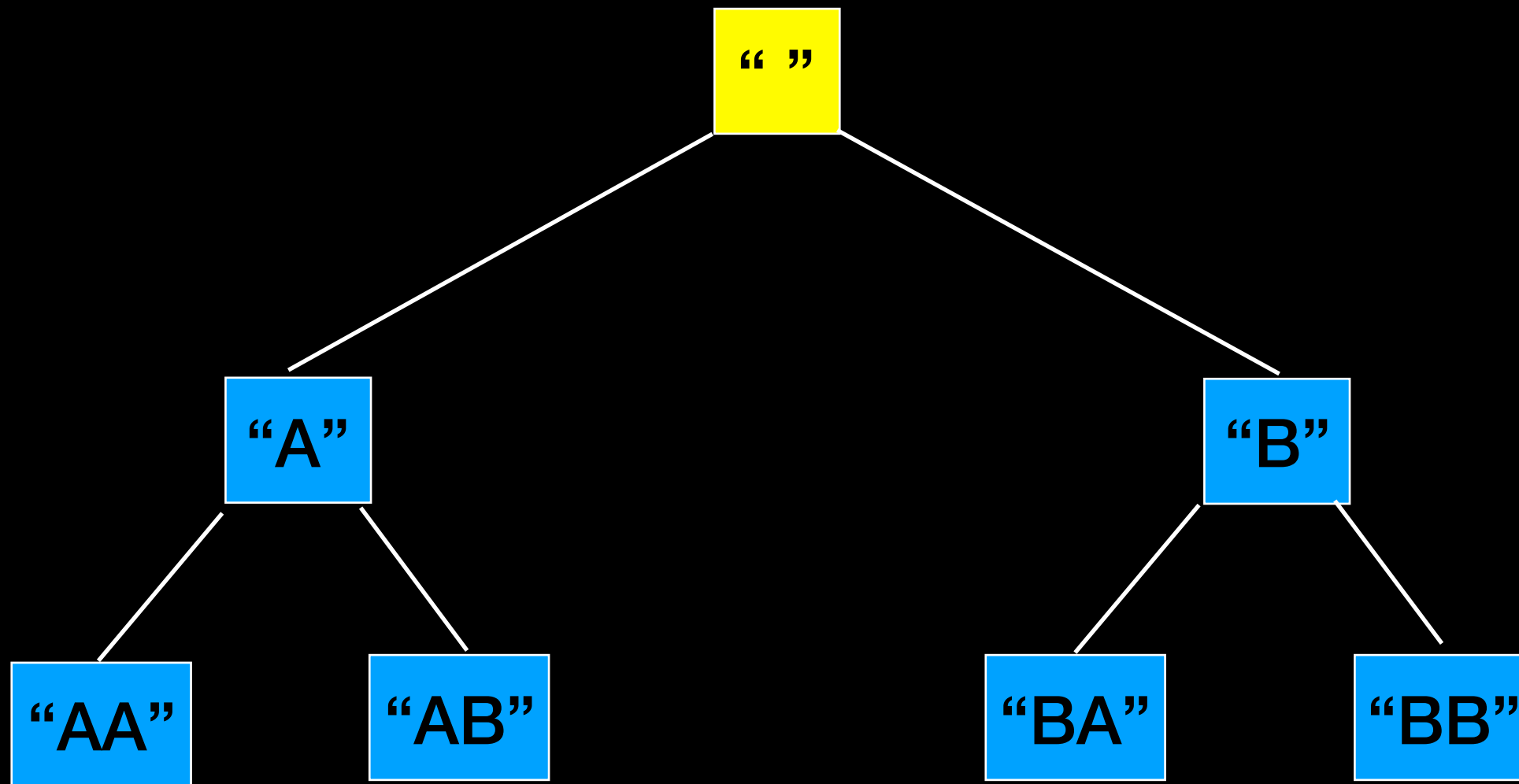


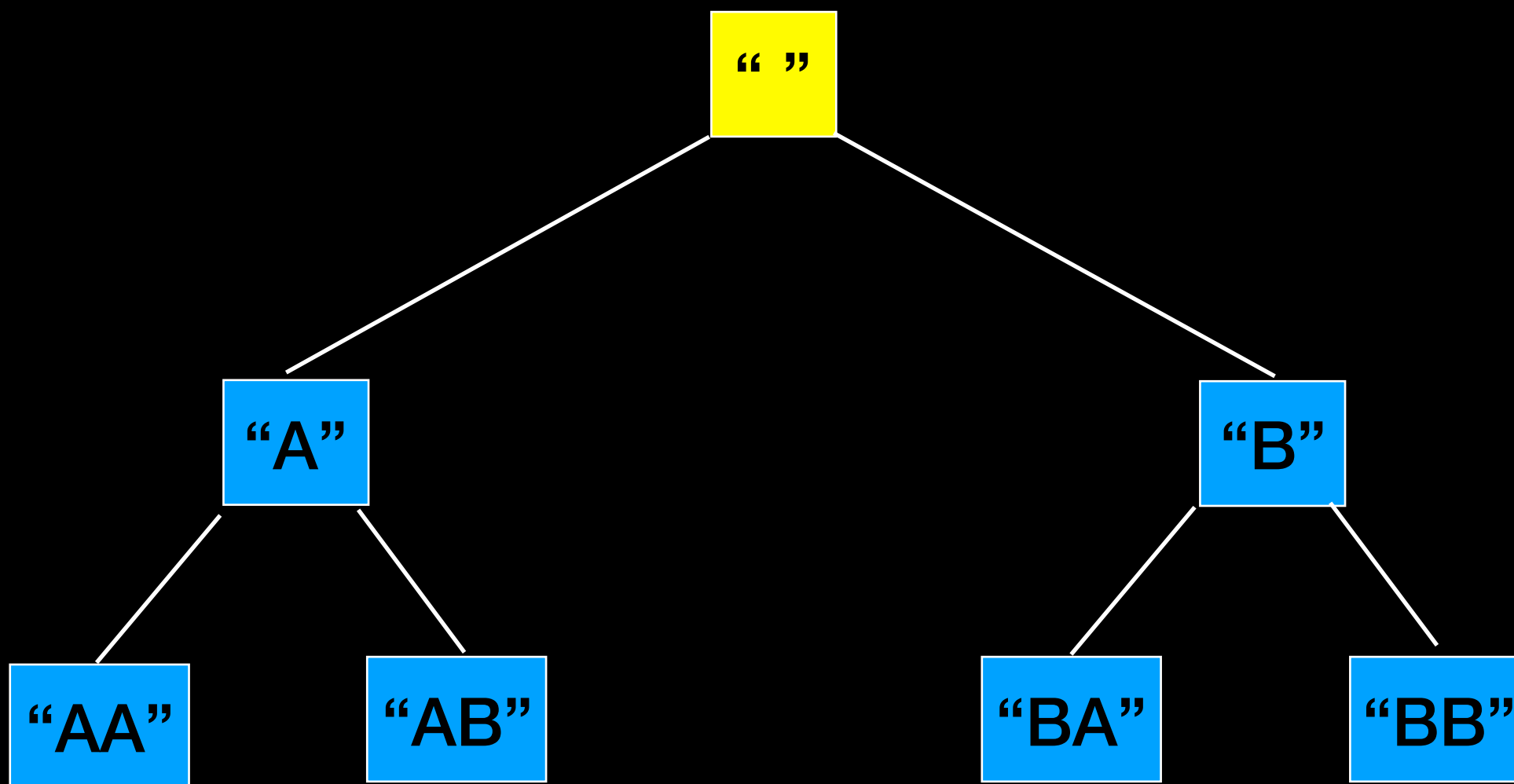


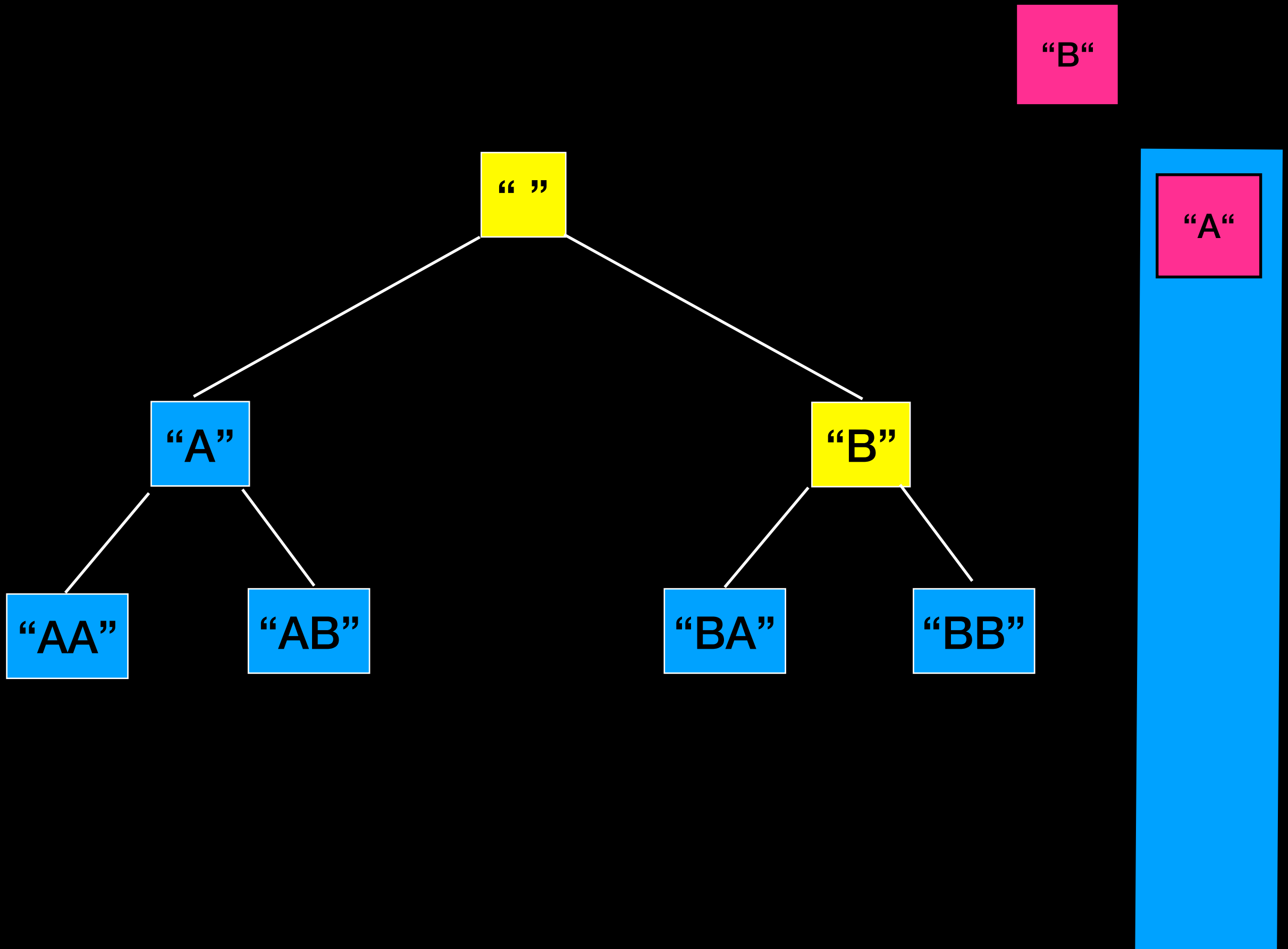
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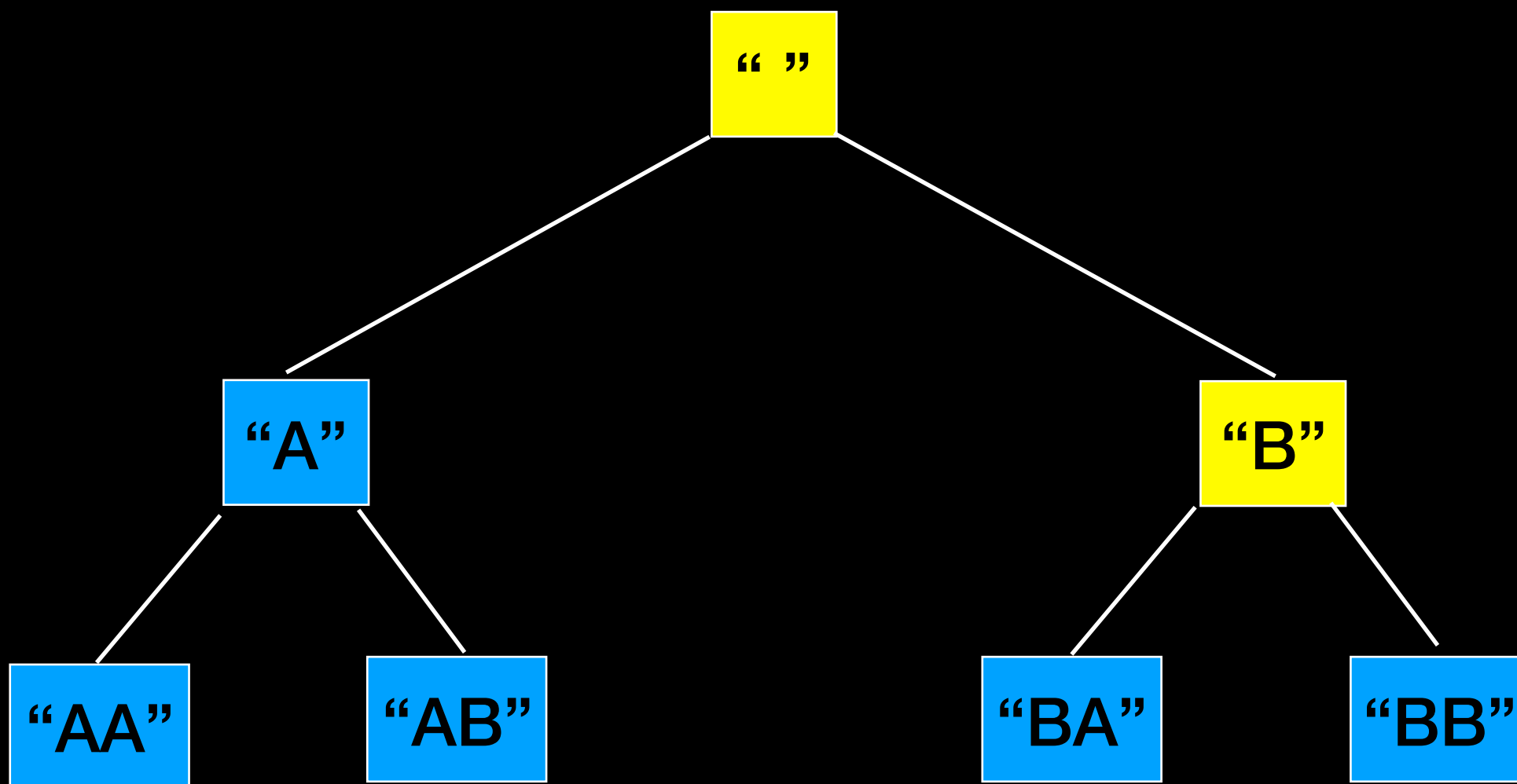
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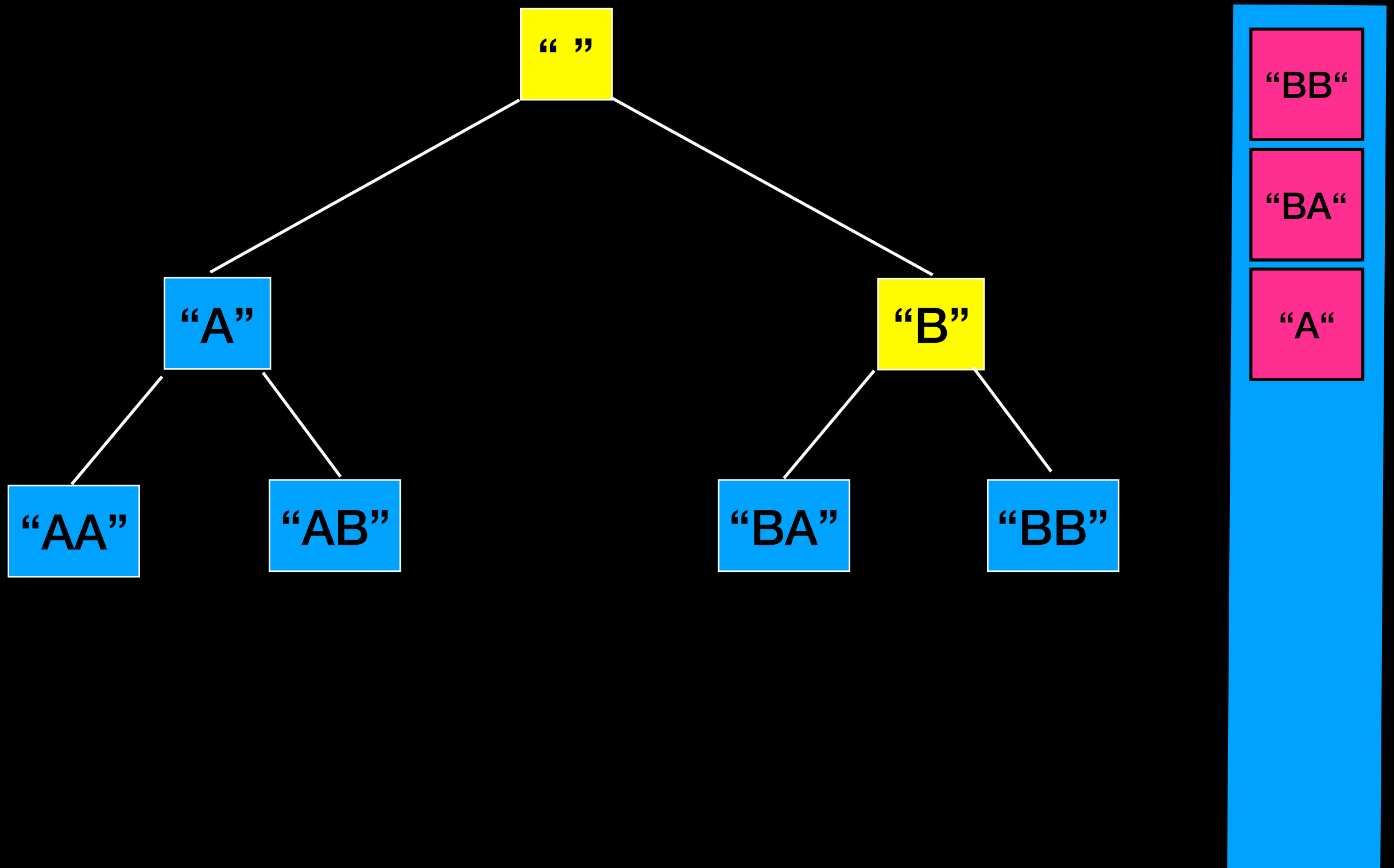


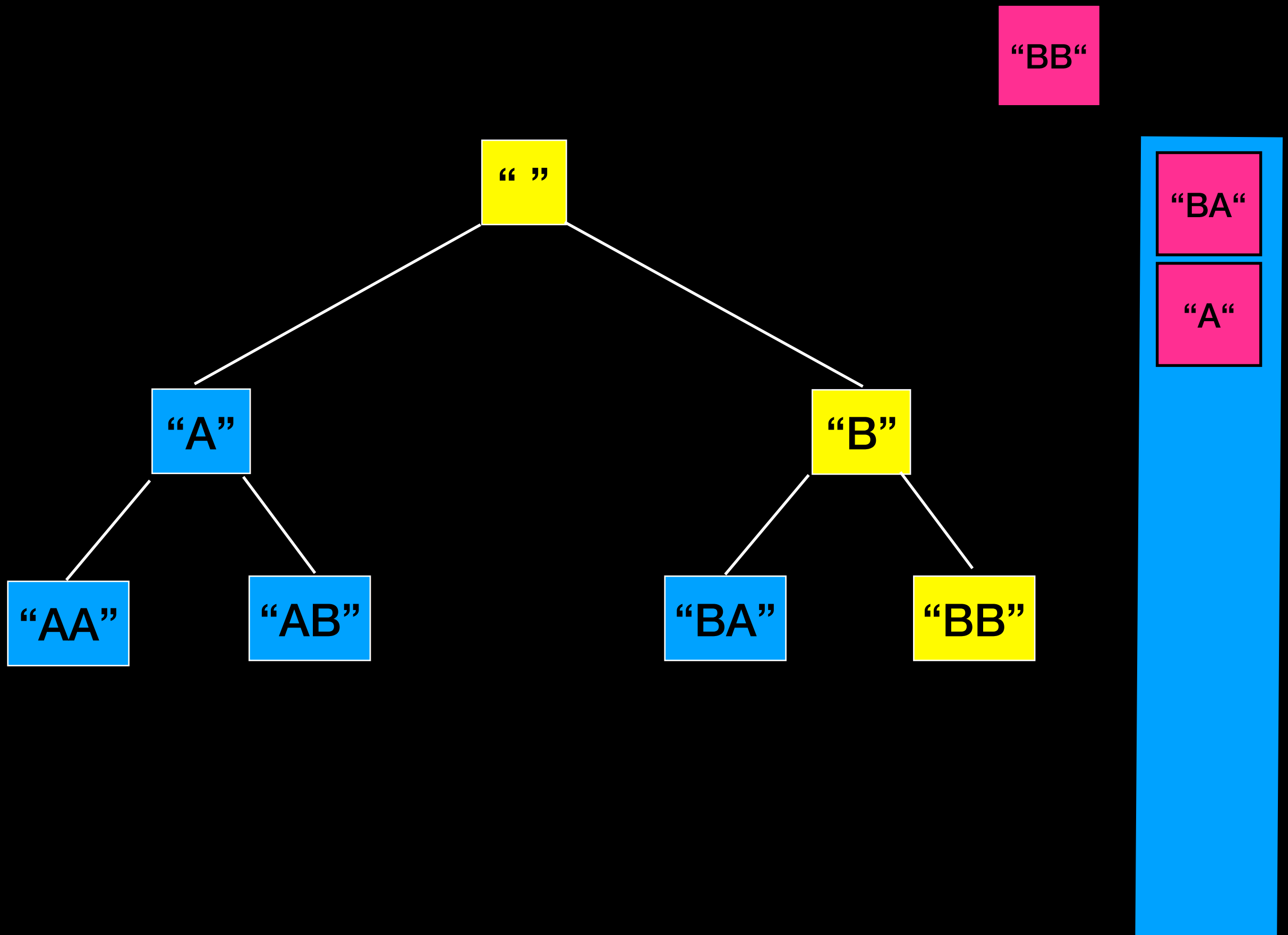




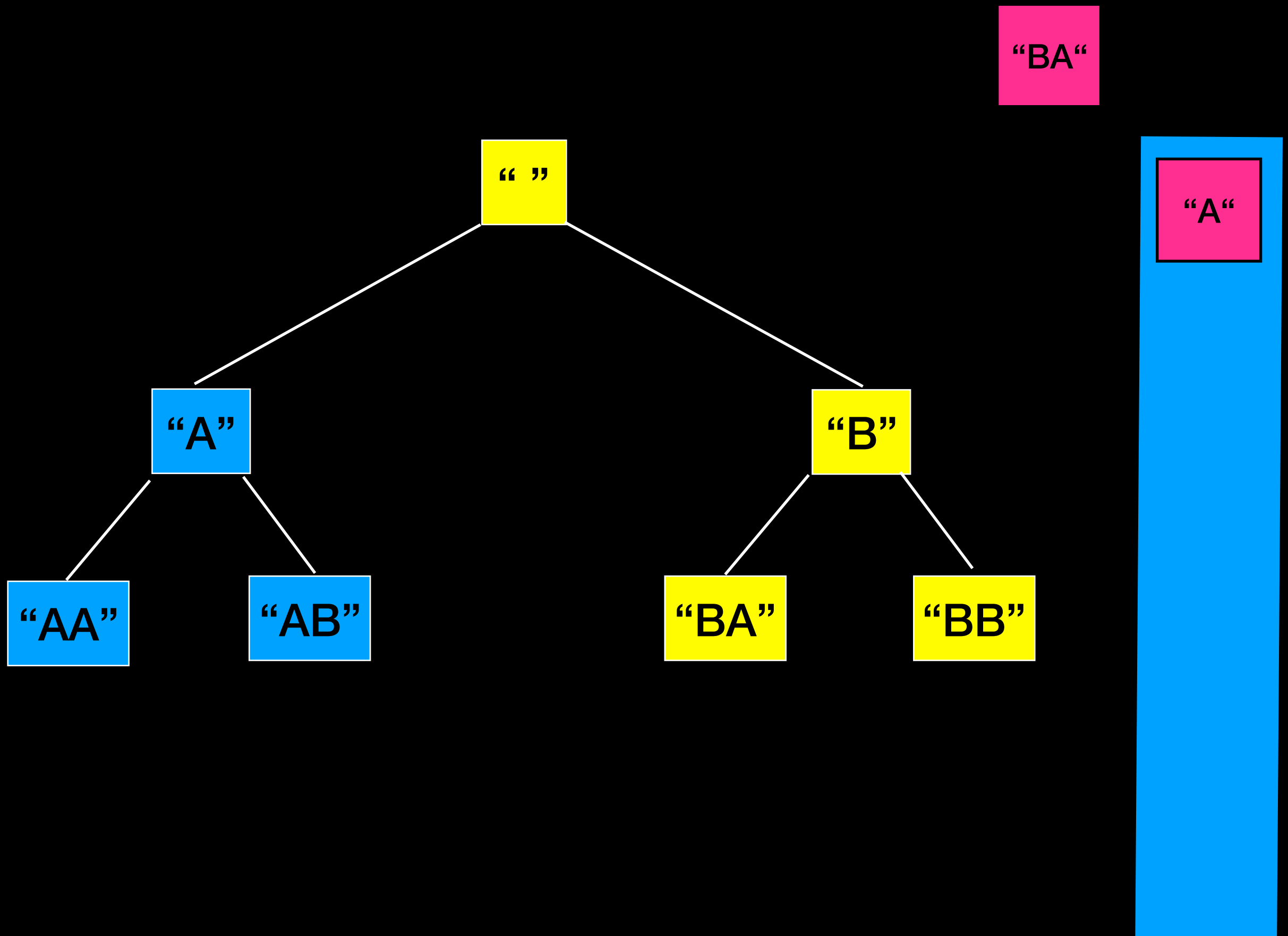
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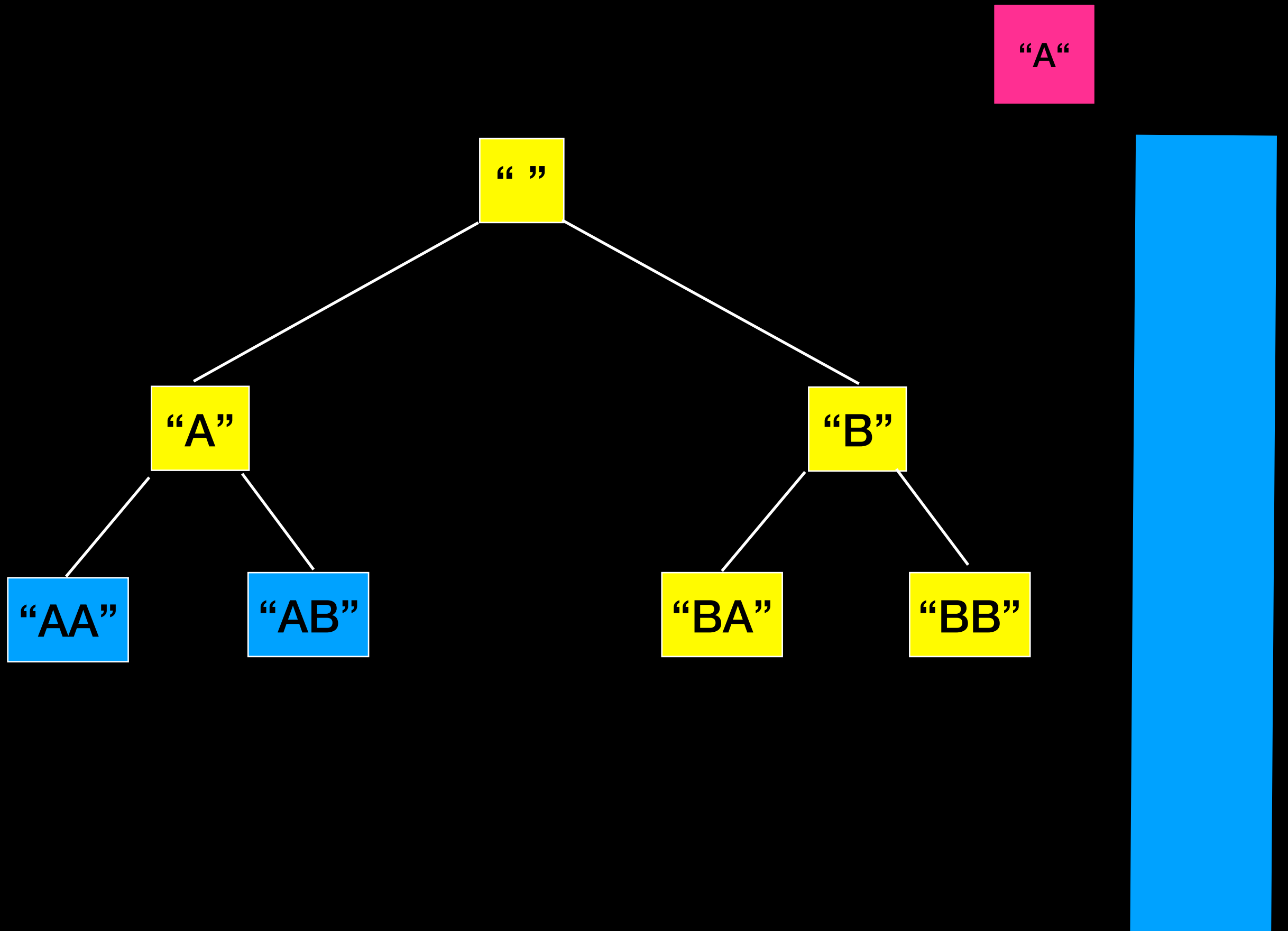




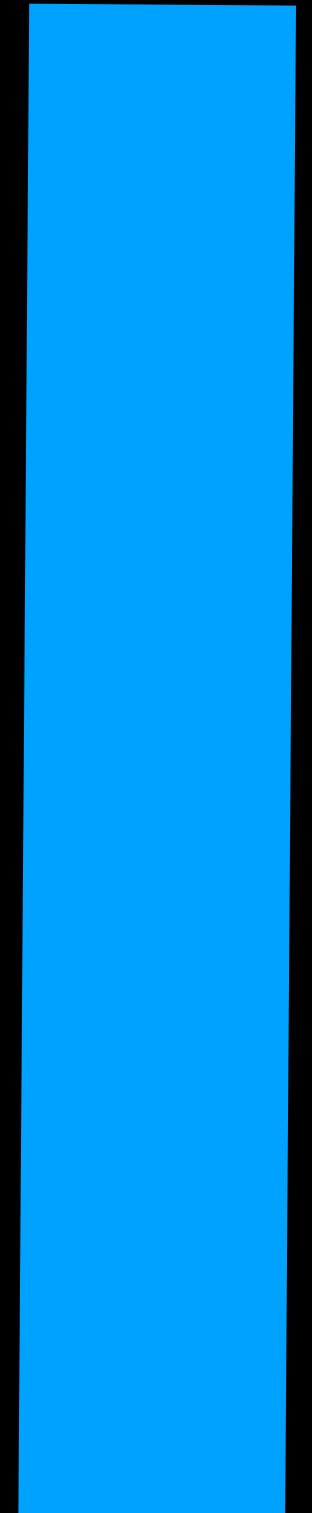
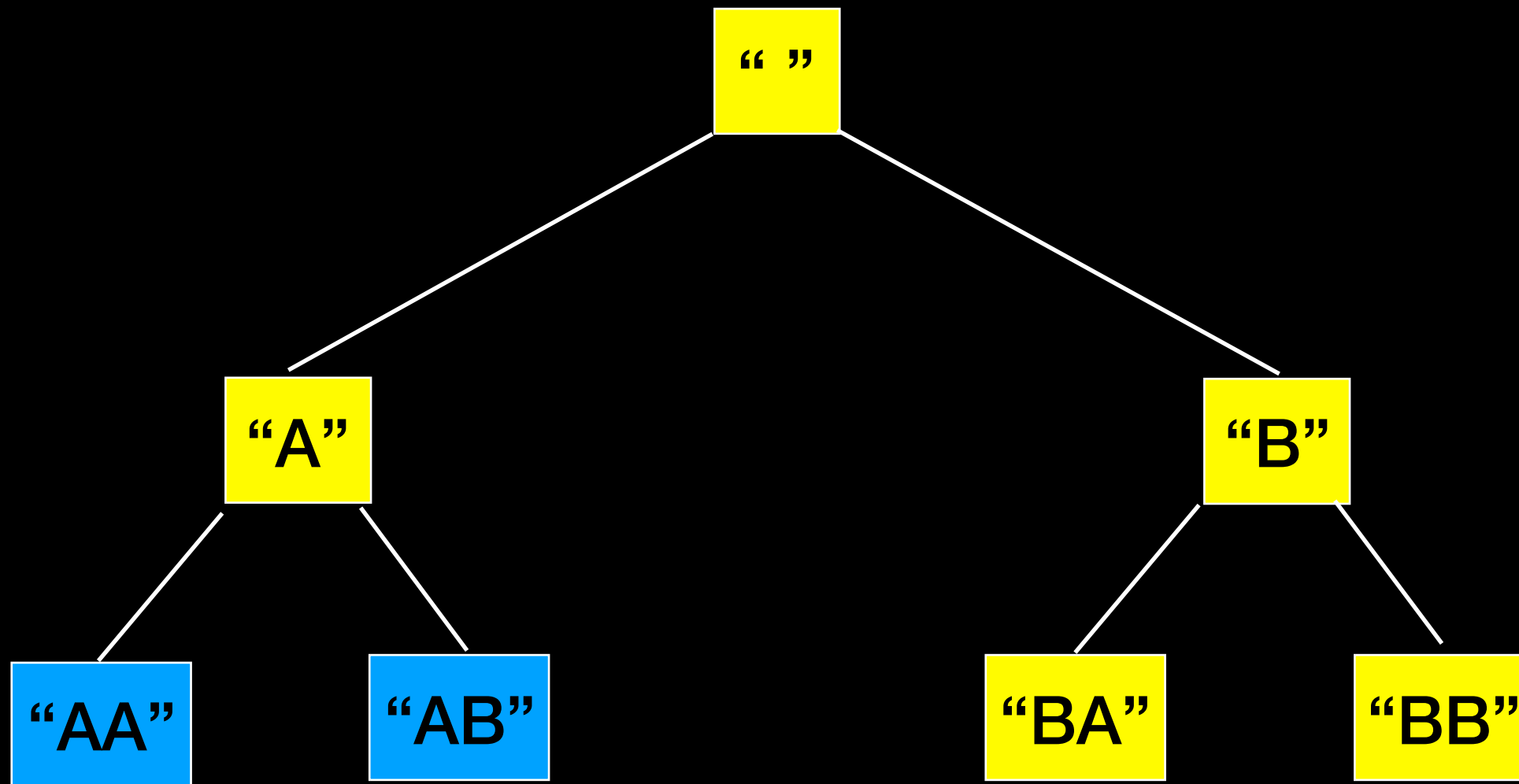


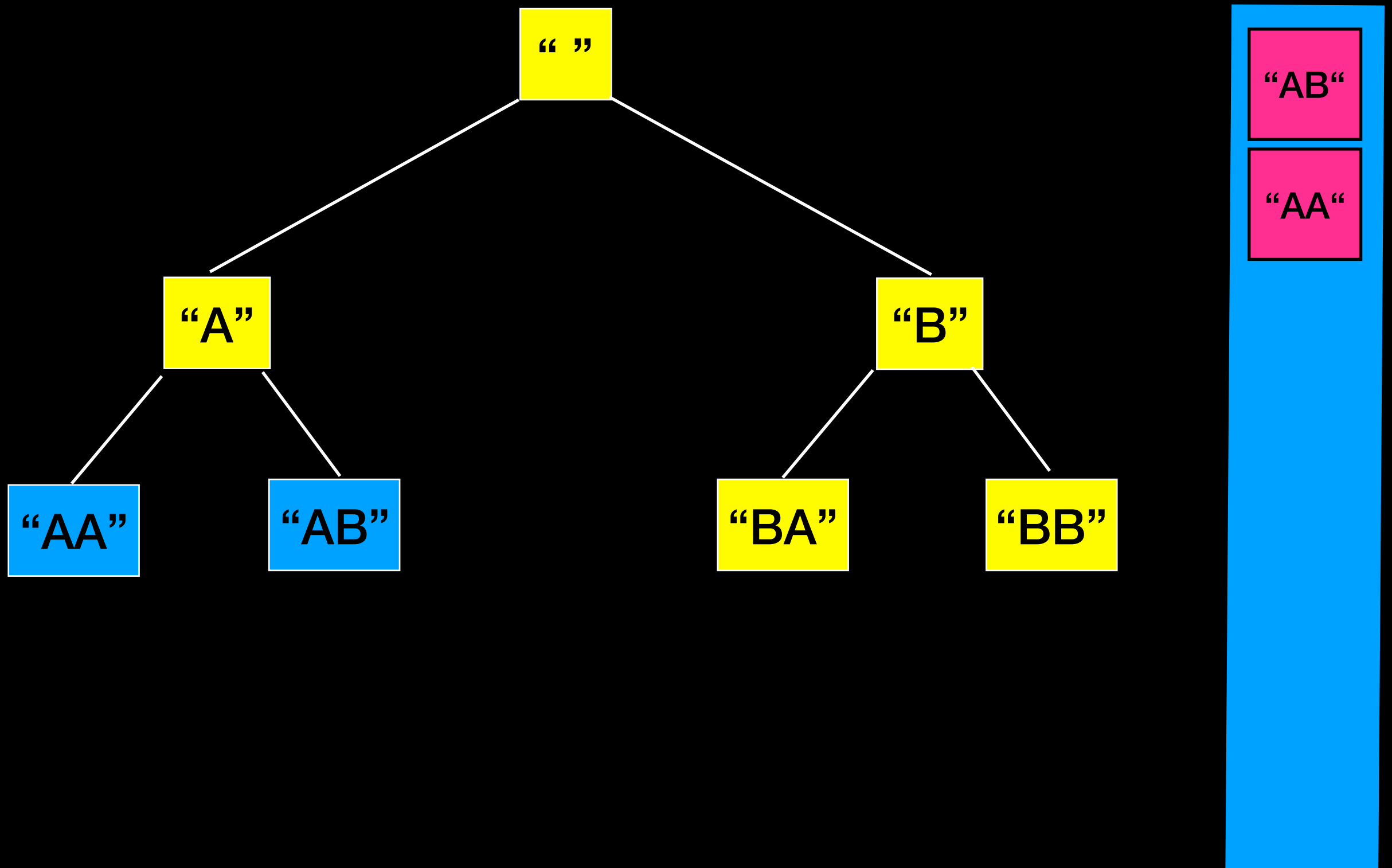


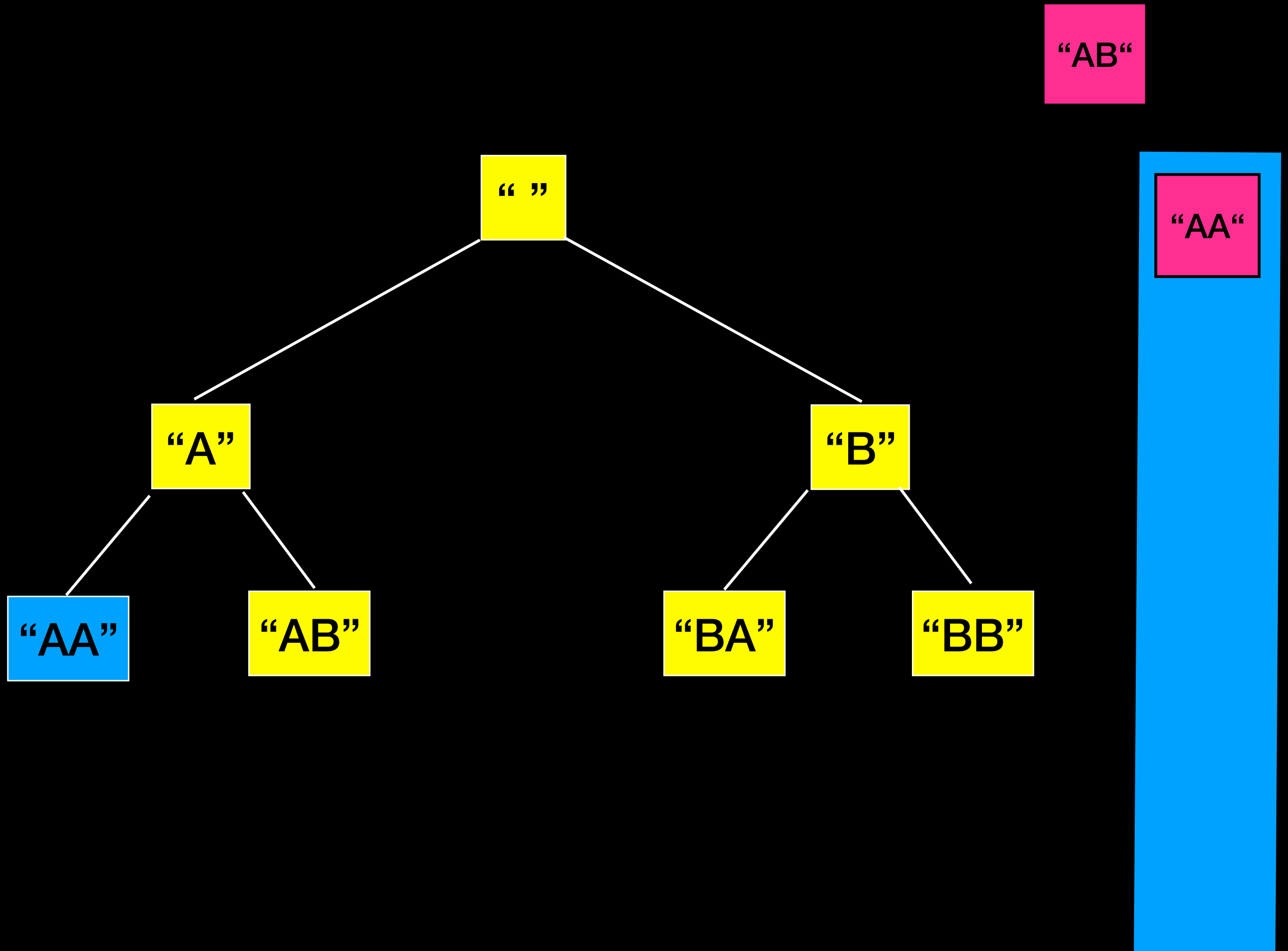




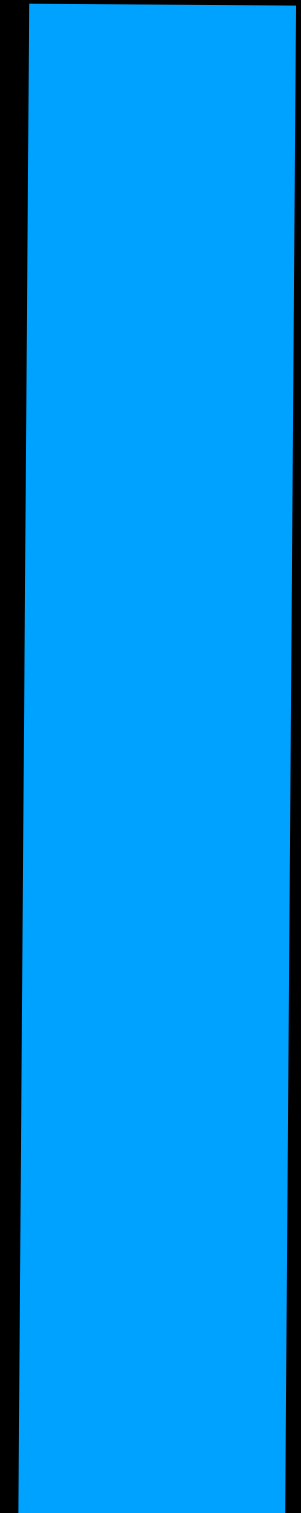
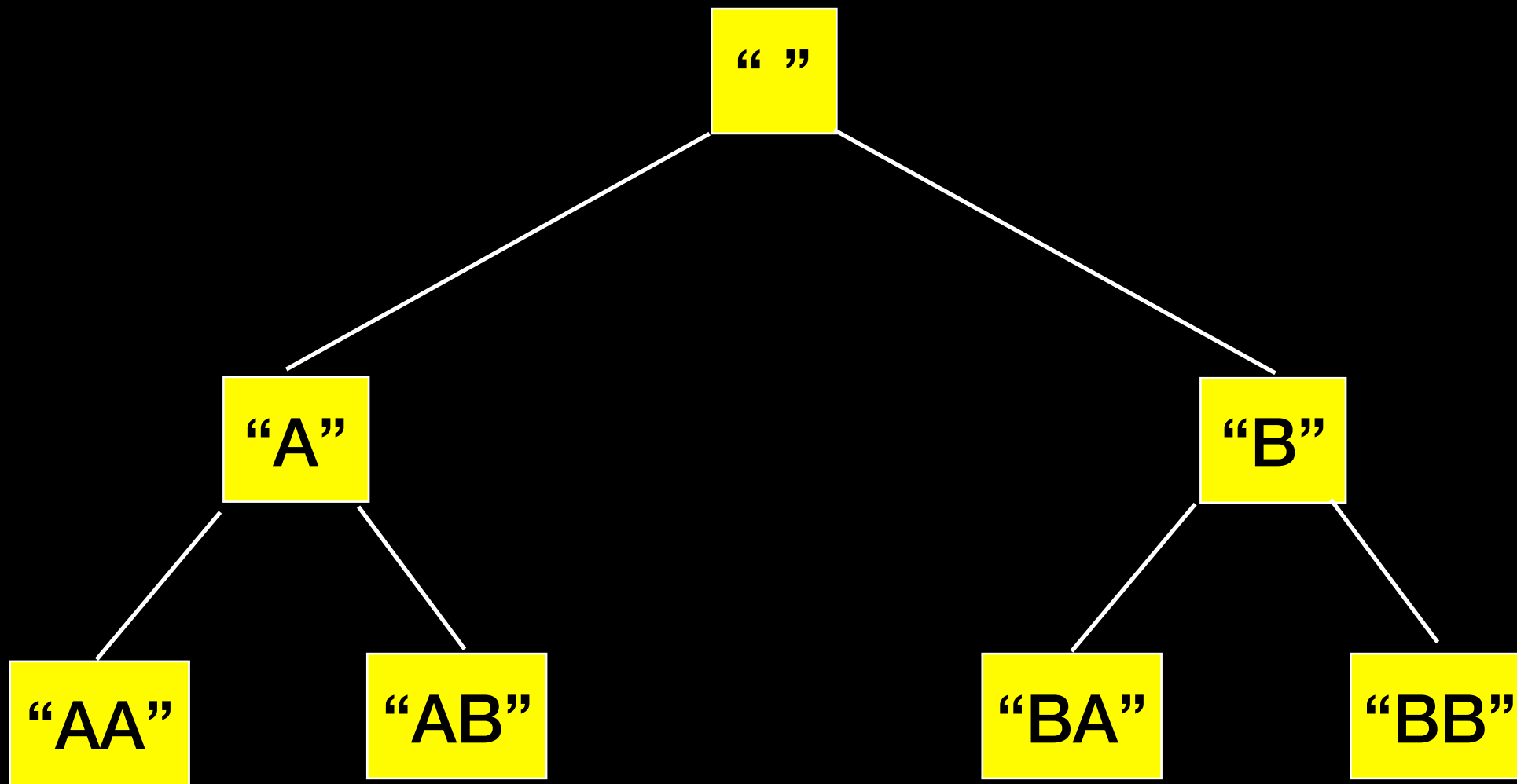
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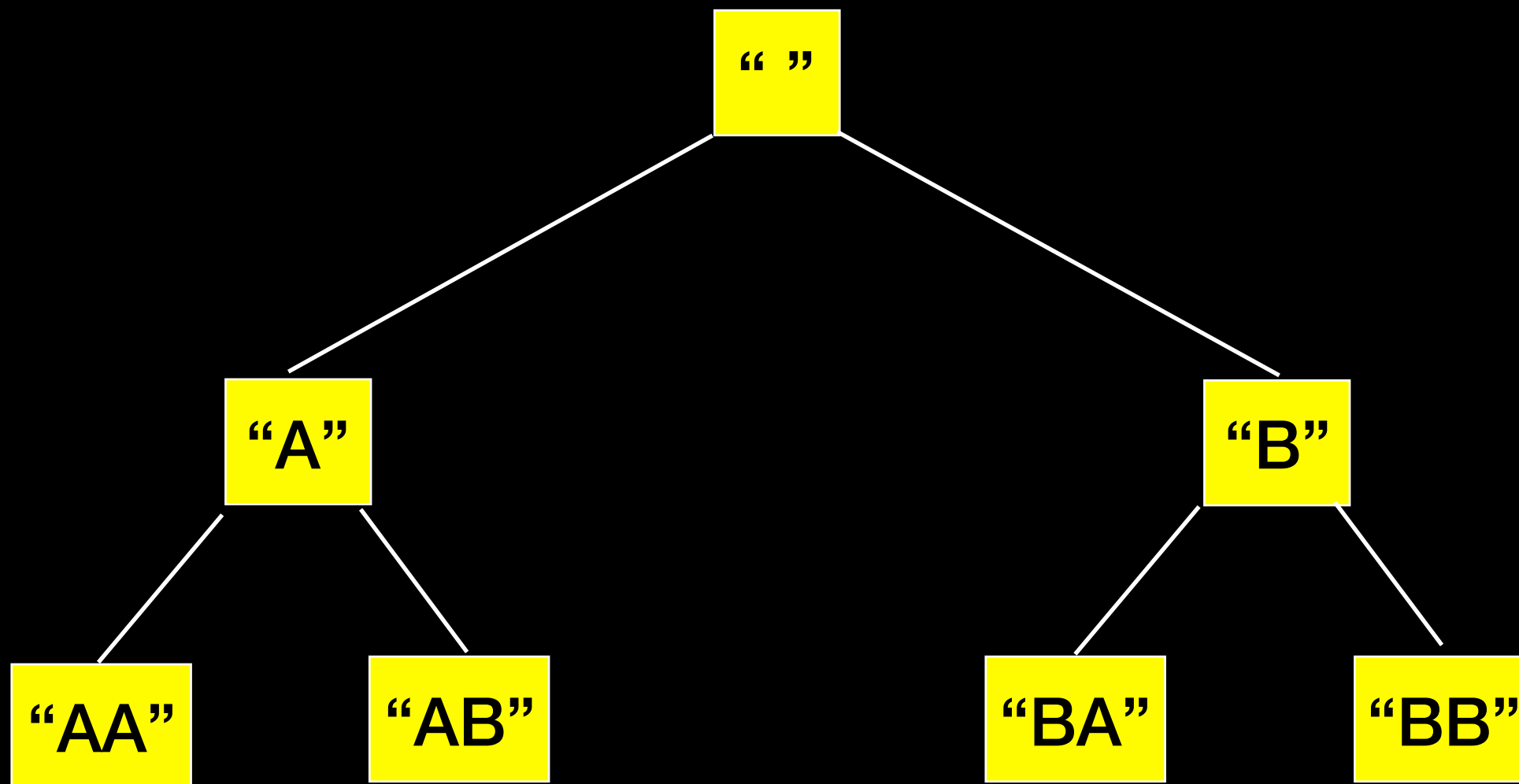






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**What's the difference?**

# Depth-First Search

## Applications

- Detecting cycles in graphs

- Topological Sorting

- Path finding

- Finding strongly connected components in graph

- ...

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" 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

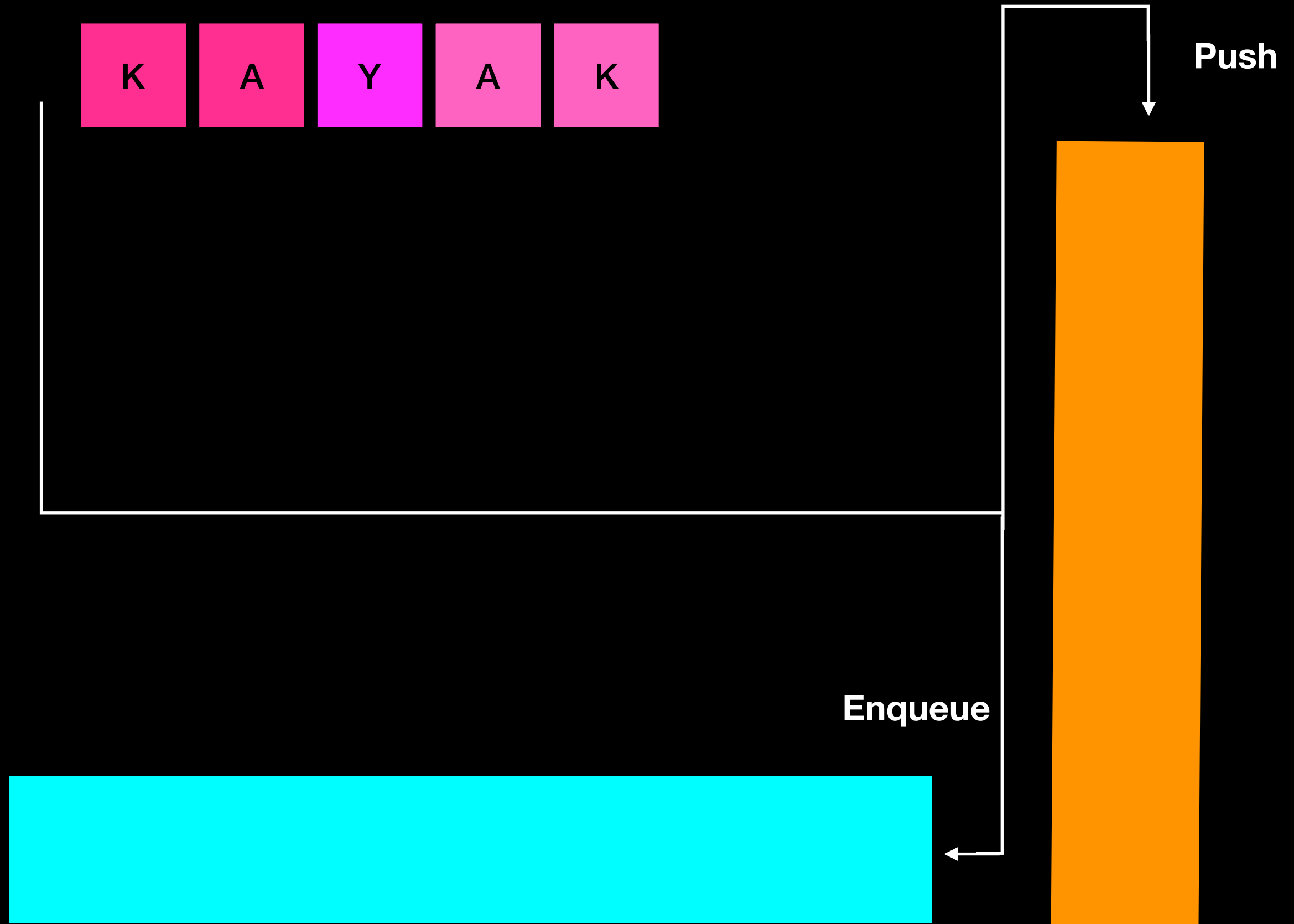
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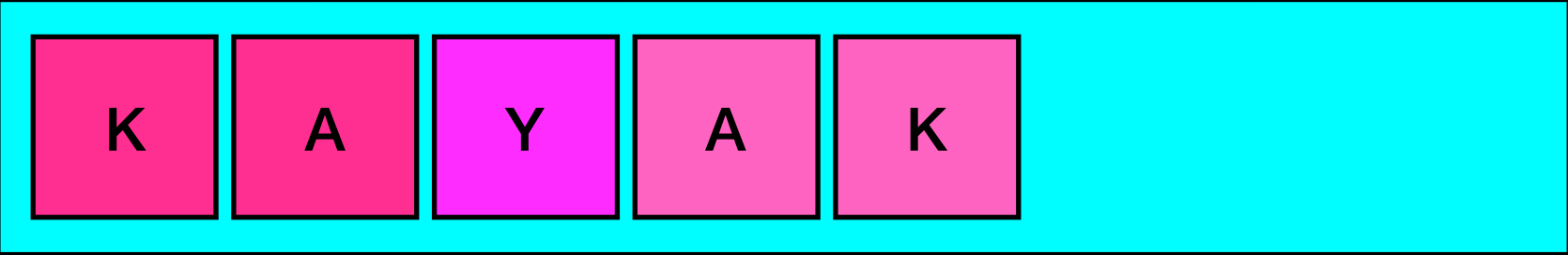
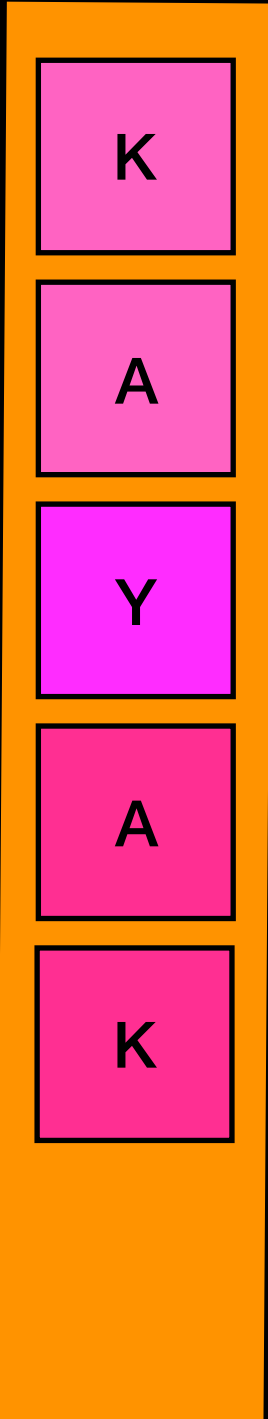
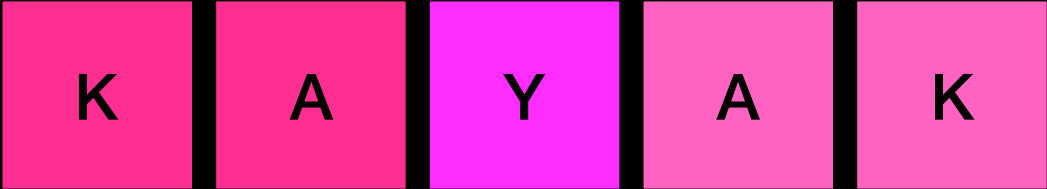
# Notice

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 string characters to both stack and queue and then compare to check if they are the same





K A Y A K

K K

A  
Y  
A  
K

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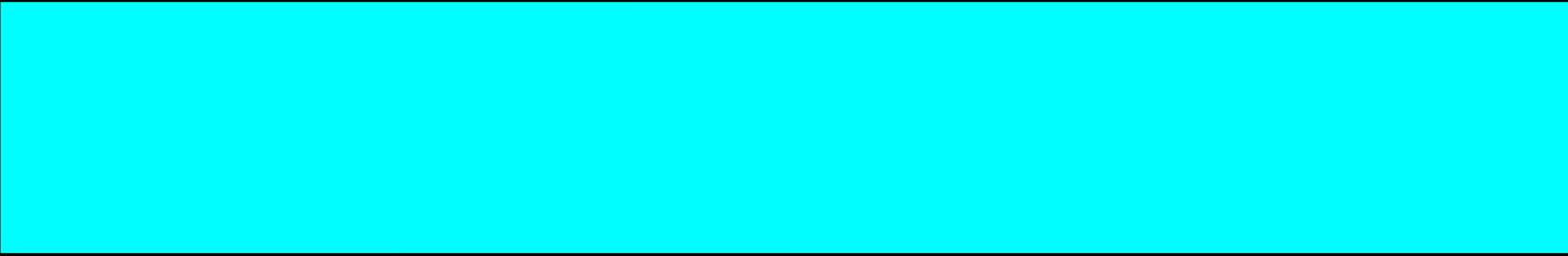
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    for(each character in word)
        add character to both stack and queue

    charactersAreEqual = true

    while(queue is not empty and charactersAreEqual){
        if(queue.front() == stack.top()){
            queue.dequeue()
            stack.pop()
        }
        else
            charactersAreEqual = false
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    return charactersAreEqual
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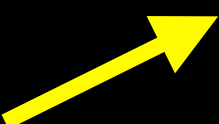
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$$T(n) = 2n + k \quad O(n)$$

# In-Class Task

Write `isPalindrome()` as a **RECURSIVE** function  
(without using stack and queue)

```
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);
}
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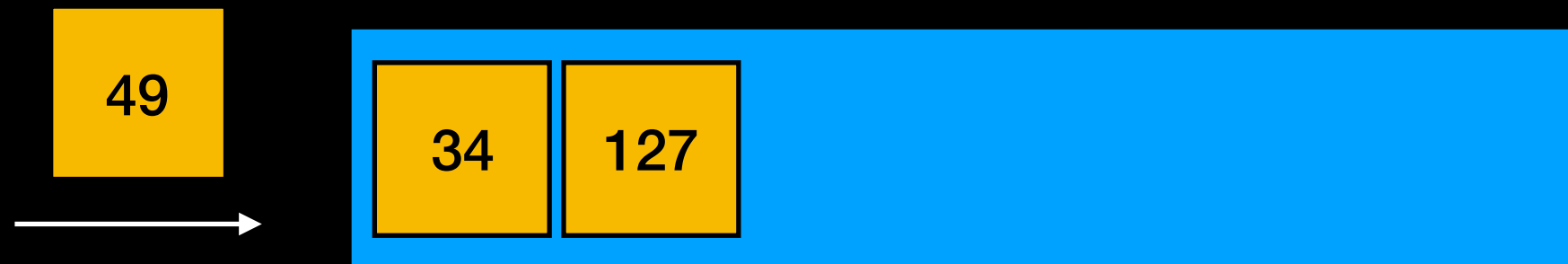
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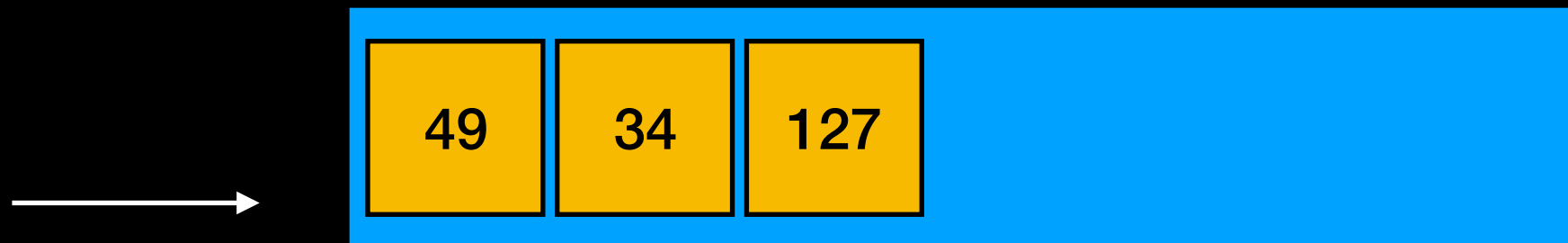
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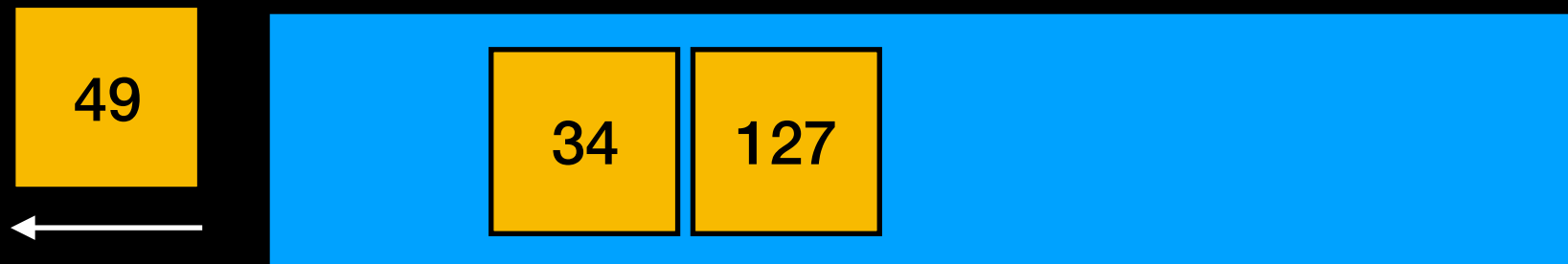
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# Priority Queue

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)

Commonly (but not always) implemented with a Heap (we may cover Heaps if we have time after Trees, if so we will look at its implementation)