

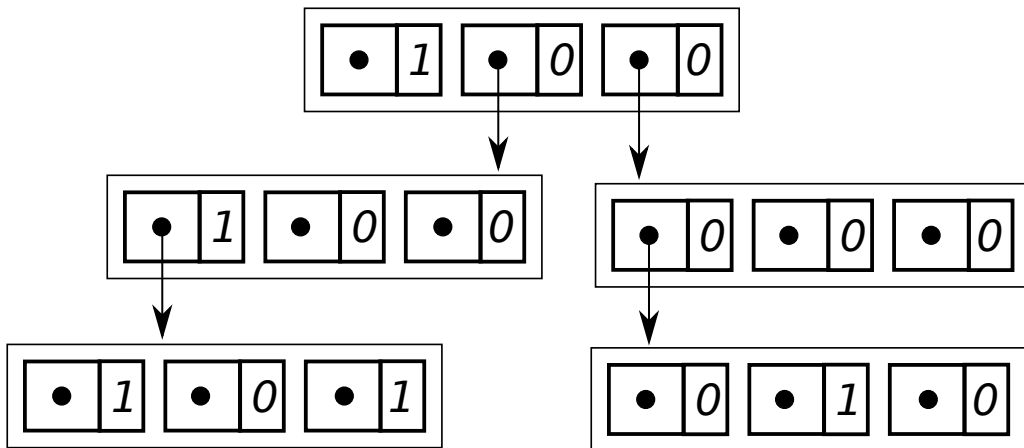
[python3] The *Trie* data structure is a kind of tree, and has similar intents as a binary search tree. It is used to store a set of keys, and then, one is able to efficiently query for whether a key is in the set or not.

A Trie works as follows. We assume that every key we want to store is a (non-empty) string in some alphabet, Σ . E.g., suppose $\Sigma = \{a, b, d\}$, and the set of strings we want to store in our data structure, i.e., Trie, is $\{a, ba, baa, bad, dab\}$. In the tree that is the Trie, each node corresponds to the alphabet, in this example, $\{a, b, d\}$. Each node can have as many children as the size of the alphabet; between 0 and 3 children, in our example. The path from the root to any other node encodes a string in the alphabet. We indicate whether a particular string is indeed in the set of keys we seek to store by associating a bit with each alphabet symbol at each node to indicate whether that alphabet symbol at that node terminates a string we seek to store.

In our example, each node is represented as a triple, because in our example, $|\Sigma| = 3$. Each entry in the triple corresponds to one of our alphabet symbols, e.g., “a.” Each entry comprises: (i) whether this alphabet symbol in this node terminates a string, and, (ii) an optional child

node, if there is another string we seek to store of which the string up to this node is a prefix.

For our example of storing $\{a, ba, baa, bad, dab\}$ such a Trie can be visualized as follows.



In the root node, the entry that corresponds to the symbol “*a*” has associated bit 1 because “*a*” is in the set of strings we seek to store. However, no other string we seek to store has “*a*” as a prefix. Therefore, there is no subtree that starts as a child of “*a*” in the root node. The prefix strings “*d*,” and “*da*” have subtrees associated with them because each is a prefix of some string that is in the set, which, in our example, is the string “*dab*.”

Our python3 encoding Instead of using pointers as the above figure suggests, we use nested lists. That is, if

our alphabet is $\langle a, b, d \rangle$, then, each node is of the form `[[\bullet , True or False], [\bullet , True or False], [\bullet , True or False]]`, where each \bullet is a list, which is possibly empty, i.e., `[]`. Thus, the set of strings from our example above would be encoded as the python3 list:

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[[[], True], [[[[[], True], [], False], [], True]], True], [[,
False], [], False]], False], [[[[[], False], [], True], [], False]],
False], [], False], [], False]], False]].
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(You can copy-n-paste that list into your python3 interpreter to examine and manipulate.)

For example, if T is the above list which encodes our Trie, $T[0]$ is `[[[], True]]`, thereby indicating that the string “ a ” is in our set, but “ a ” is not a prefix for any (other) string in the set. As another example, $T[2][0][0][1]$ is **False** because “ da ” is not in our set. $T[2][0][0][0]$, however, is not the empty list `[]`, which indicates that there is some string in our set with prefix “ da .”

Your task We adopt the English alphabet, i.e., $\Sigma = \{a, \dots, z\}$. We already provide you a subroutine **SearchInTrie**, which searches for a string in that alphabet in a given Trie. You need to devise and code two subroutines: **InsertIntoTrie** and **DeleteFromTrie**. The Trie

you build must be “structurally sound.” Your Trie is deemed to be structurally sound if and only if our **SearchInTrie** works correctly against your Trie, and your **InsertIntoTrie** and **DeleteFromTrie** work complementarily to one another. For example, if we insert three strings starting with the empty Trie $T = []$, and then delete those three strings, we should be left with $T = []$.