

Data Structures & Algorithms @ AC2025

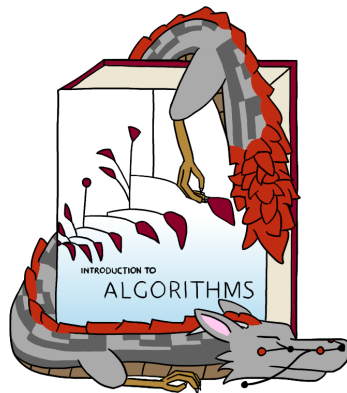
Deep C Adventures

Bunsen Bitti, Unsigned Long

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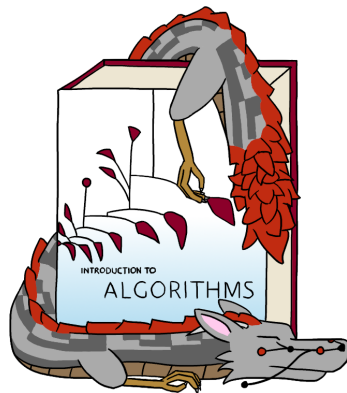
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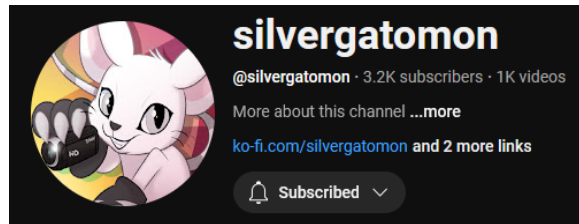
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- Don't worry if our jokes don't make sense!
 - We've been coding for most of our lives
 - If you're confused, that's on us
 - We're out of touch with reality



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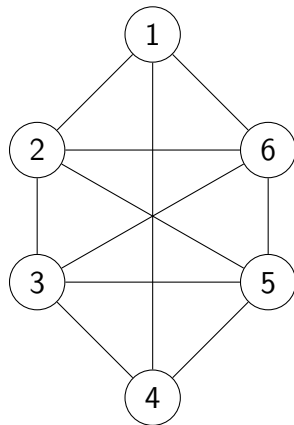
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- Pun was too good to do nothing with, so I made a fursona



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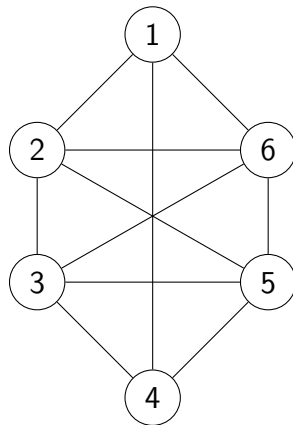
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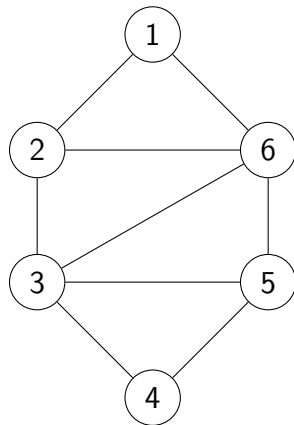
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- Planar graphs: graphs that can be drawn without crossing edges
 - At most $3n - 6 = \underline{O(n)}$ edges!^b
 - Fursuits are planar graphs
 - Seam count = $O(\text{Fabric patch count})$

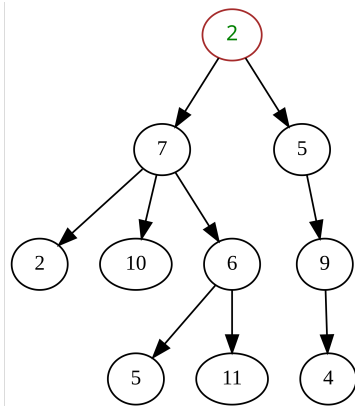
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^bAssuming faces have degree ≥ 3



Trees!

- Trees are the building block of most data structures.
- Every node has one parent, except for the root which has no parent.
- Nodes with no children are leaves, nodes with children are internal nodes.



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A-Z of Trees (non-exhaustive)

AVL Trees

B Trees

Cartesian Trees

Decision Tree

Exponential Trees

Fenwick Trees

Gomory-Hu Tree

H-Tree

Interval Tree

Judy Array

k-d Tree

Link-Cut Tree

Merkle Trees

N Tree

Order Statistics Tree

PQ Tree

Quadtree

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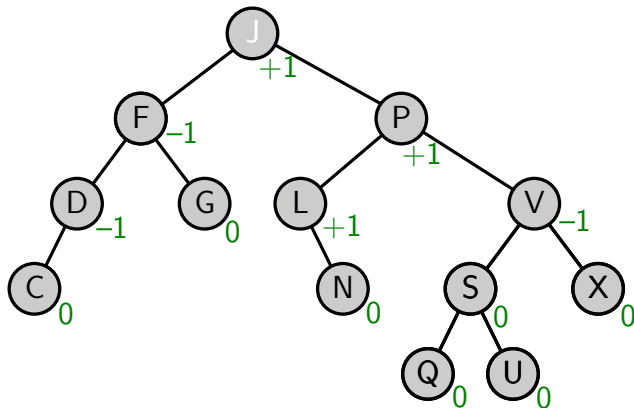
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AVL Trees¹

- First $O(\log n)$ self-balancing binary search tree!
- Ensures the height of its children do not differ by > 1

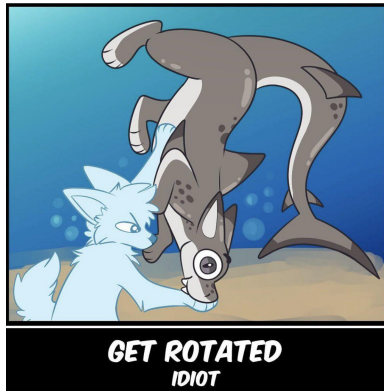
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¹Adelson-Velsky, Georgy; Landis, Evgenii (1962)

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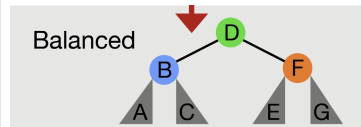
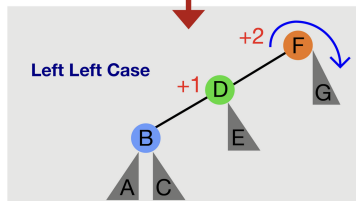
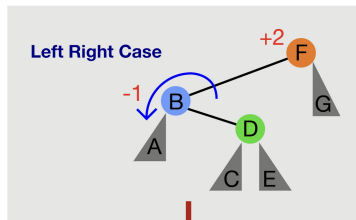
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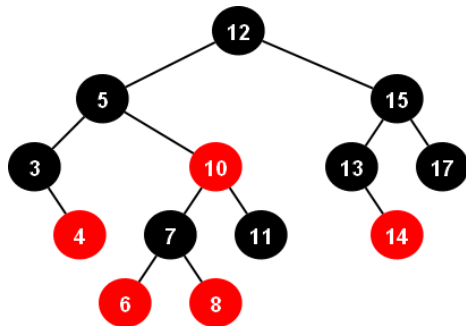
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<https://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~qingyi/>

Red Black Tree²

- Balanced BST, red-black coloring chosen because it looked best on the laser printer they used.
- All root-to-leaf paths have the same number of black nodes
- No red node has a red parent



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²Guibas, Leonidas J.; Sedgewick, Robert (1978).

Splay?

splay 1 of 3 verb

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splayed; splaying; splays

[Synonyms of splay](#) >

transitive verb

1 : to cause to spread outward

2 : to make oblique : **BEVEL**

intransitive verb

1 : to extend apart or outward especially in an awkward manner

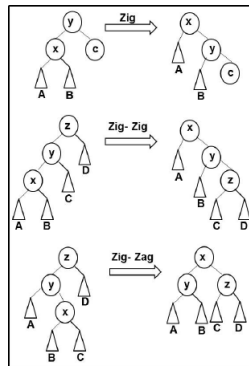
2 : **SLOPE**, **SLANT**



<https://en.wikifur.com/wiki/Furpile>

Splay Tree³

- After every operation, splay the searched node to the root of the tree using double-rotations.
- Suspected to be optimal for any sequence of BST operations up to a constant factor (Dynamic Optimality Conjecture)



Trabelsi, Zouheir & Zeidan, Safaa & Masud, Mehedy & Ghoudi, Kilani.

(2015). Statistical Dynamic Splay Tree Filters.

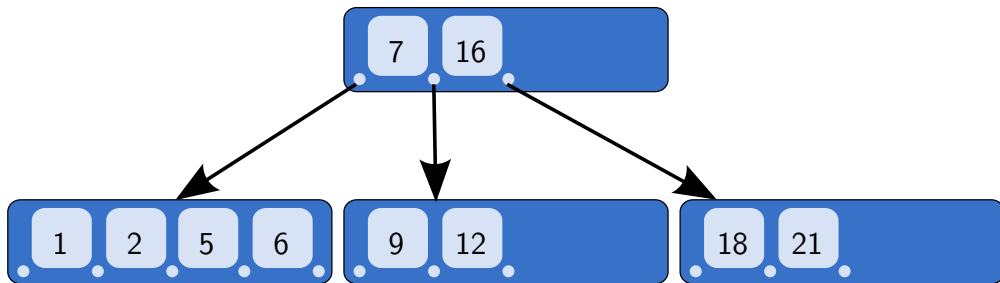
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B Tree⁴

- Generalising binary search trees to > 2 children
- Internal nodes hold both data and pointers to children nodes in sorted order
- Forms the basis of many filesystem structures
 - Apple HFS+, Microsoft NTFS, Linux ext4

⁴Bayer, R.; McCreight, E. (July 1970).

B Tree (Diagram)



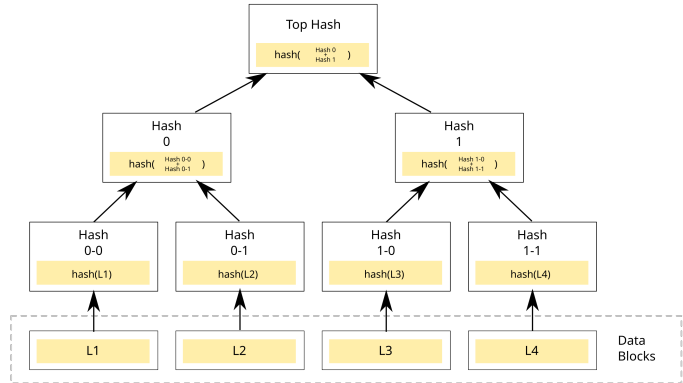
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What Rudy [Bayer] likes to say is, the more you think about what the B in B-Tree means, the better you understand B-Trees!

- Edward M. McCreight

Merkle Tree⁵

- Tree of hashes, widely used for data verification
 - Cryptographic schemes
 - P2P file sharing
 - Distributed filesystems
- Each internal node hashes the concatenated hashes of their children.
- Only recomputes $O(\log n)$ hashes when data changes!

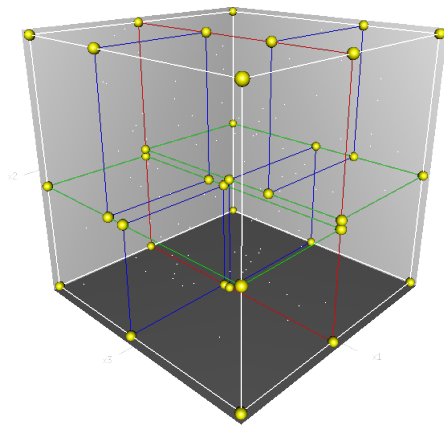


⁵Merkle, R. C. (1979)

k-d tree⁶

- Each node is a k -dimensional point, each internal node splits one of the dimensions at the point.
- $O(\log n)$ insert, delete and search for a point, fast^a range search and nearest neighbour search.

^asubject to curse of dimensionality



⁶Bentley, J. L. (1975).

Exponential Trees⁷

- Has niche uses in hash tables
- Time complexity is a *bit cursed*

Abstract

We present a significant improvement on linear space deterministic sorting and searching. On a unit-cost RAM with word size w , an ordered set of n w -bit keys (viewed as binary strings or integers) can be maintained in

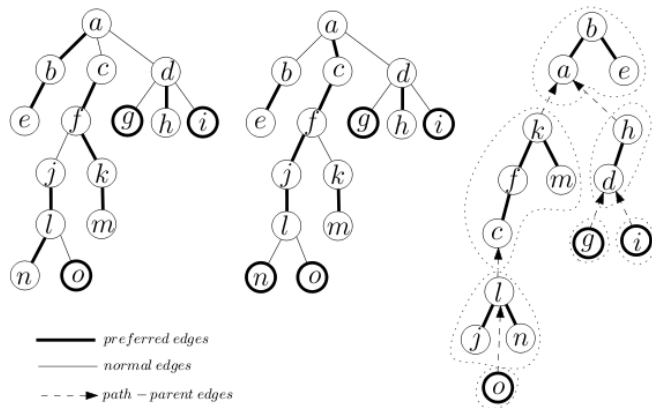
$$O \left(\min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{\log n} \\ \frac{\log n}{\log w} + \log \log n \\ \log w \log \log n \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

⁷Andersson, Arne (October 1996)



Link-Cut Tree⁸

- Maintains a set of rooted trees
- Amortized $O(\log n)$ link, cut and find-root at any node
- Improves Dinic's Algorithm (for max-flow) from $O(V^2E)$ to $O(VE \log V)$.

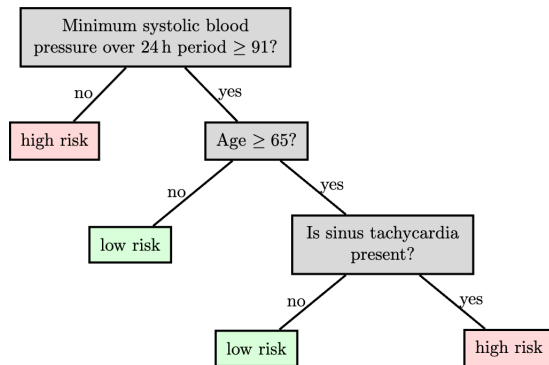


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Decision Trees

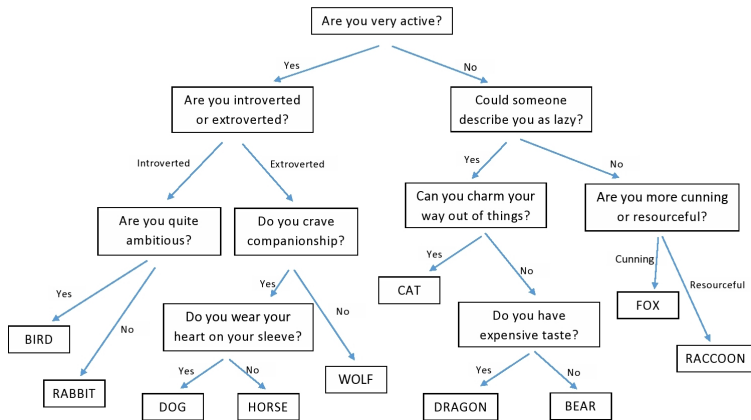
- Each node represents a query, each leaf represents a category/decision.
- Commonly used in decision analysis and machine learning
- Fuzzy Decision Trees are also a thing



MIT 6.390 Intro ML Course Notes and Breiman, Friedman, Olshen, Stone (1984)

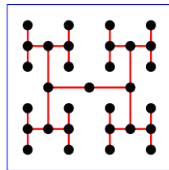
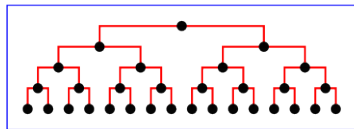
(Furry) Decision Trees (r/furry/comments/4gxm0l/)

What is your fursona?

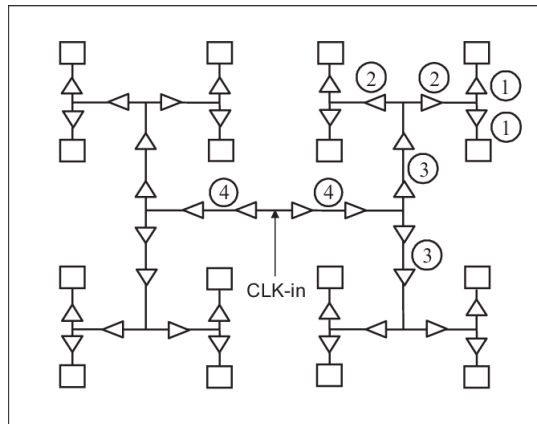


H Trees

- Binary tree fractal!
- Used in chip design in order to distribute wide reaching nets



<https://www.tamurajones.net/FractalGenealogy.xhtml>



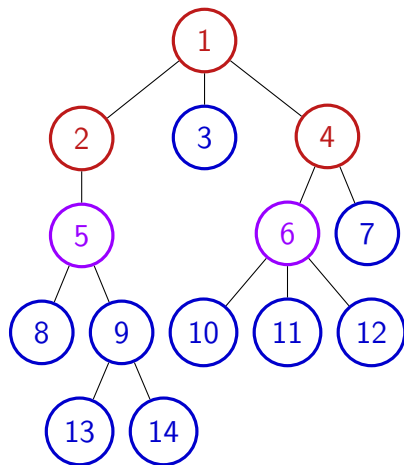
Tawfik, Sherif & Kursun, Volkan. (2008).

Missing N-tree

- Seriously I could not find any tree data structure that starts with N

Macro-Micro Tree Decomposition

- Node is micro if it has less than $O(\log(n))$ descendants (else macro)
- Node is macro leaf if it is macro and all its children are micro
- Subtree is microtree if its parent is a macro leaf
- There are at most $O(n/\log(n))$ macro leaves
 - Macro leaves have $O(\log(n))$ descendants, and do not share descendants
- There are $O(n^{1/c})$ distinct microtree shapes
 - Tree shape count is exponential in node count
 - Number of microtree nodes is logarithmic in n
 - log and exp cancel out to $O(n^{1/c})$



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 - We will use FFT to multiply polynomials in $O(n \log n)$ time



Fast Furrier Transform: Polynomials

Diagram illustrating the components of a polynomial term:

$$f(x) = 3 + 2x - 4x^2 + x^3$$

Annotations:

- coefficient** (red box) points to the coefficient of the term.
- term** (purple box) points to the entire term.
- degree** (blue box) points to the exponent of the variable.

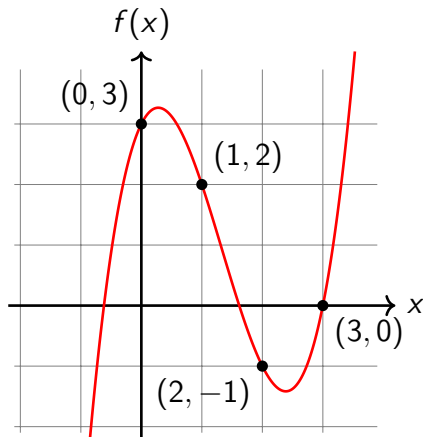
$$f(0) = 3$$

$$f(1) = 2$$

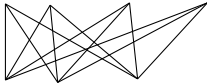
$$f(2) = -1$$

$$f(3) = 0$$

Evaluating a polynomial at a point
takes $O(n)$ time



Fast Furrier Transform: Multiplication

$$f(x) = 3 + 2x - 4x^2 + x^3$$


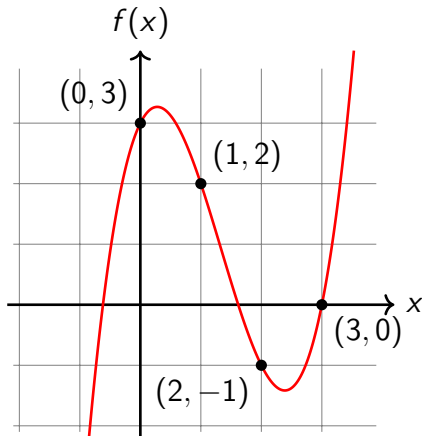
$$g(x) = 2 - x + x^2$$

$$h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x) = 6 + x - 7x^2 + 8x^3 - 5x^4 + x^5$$

Multiplying two polynomials of degree n by distributing takes $O(n^2)$ time

Fast Furrier Transform: Polynomial Interpolation/Evaluation

- For a set of n points, there is a unique polynomial with degree less than n that passes through all the points
- Evaluating the polynomial at n different x values to find these points typically takes $O(n^2)$ time
- If we choose the x values cleverly, we can do better



Fast Furrier Transform: Evaluation at ± 1

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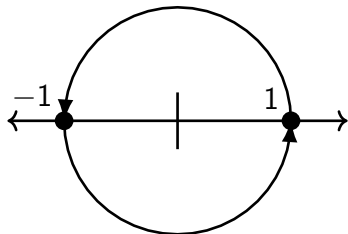
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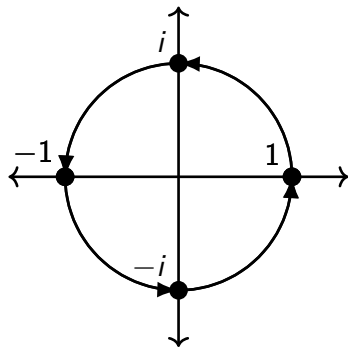
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- Complex numbers give us values r where $r^n = 1$
- These are called roots of unity
- FFT evaluates f at $1, r, r^2, \dots, r^{n-1}$



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Fast Furrier Transform: Divide and Conquer

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- We need to evaluate g_e and g_o at $y = x^2 =$

$$(1)^2, \quad (r)^2, \quad (r^2)^2, \dots, \quad (r^{n/2-1})^2, \quad (r^{n/2})^2, \quad (r^{n/2+1})^2, \dots, \quad (r^{n-1})^2$$

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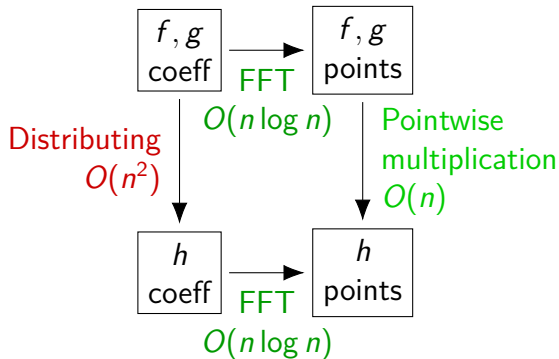
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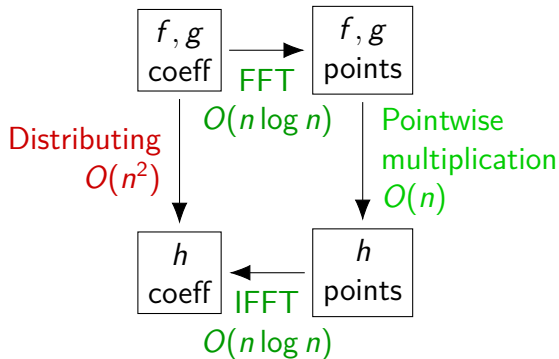
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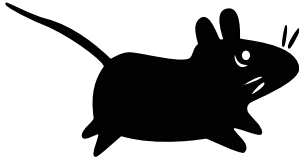
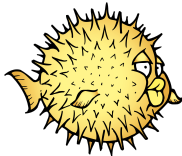
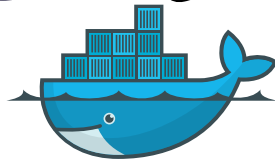
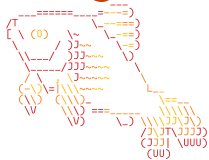
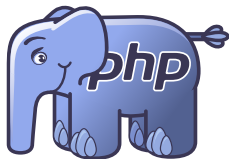


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 - No proof here: not a math panel
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 - The Anti-Furry Transform is just a Furry Transform in disguise :3



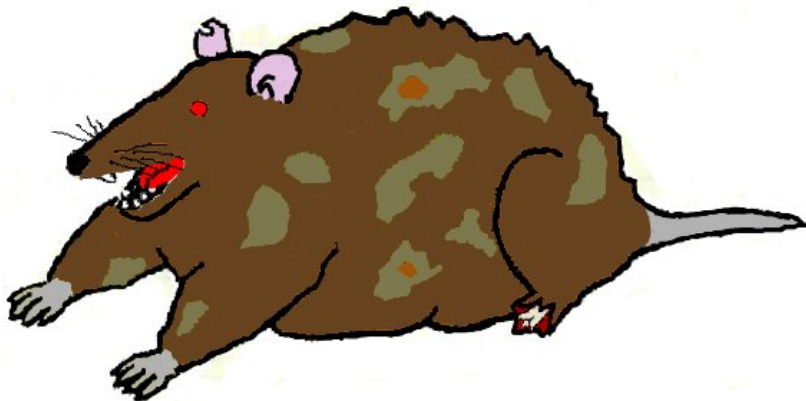
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[[[ To any NSA and FBI agents reading my email: please consider   ]]]  
[[[ whether defending the US Constitution against all enemies,      ]]]  
[[[ foreign or domestic, requires you to follow Snowden's example. ]]]
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How about pronouncing (and writing) "WSL" as "weasel"?

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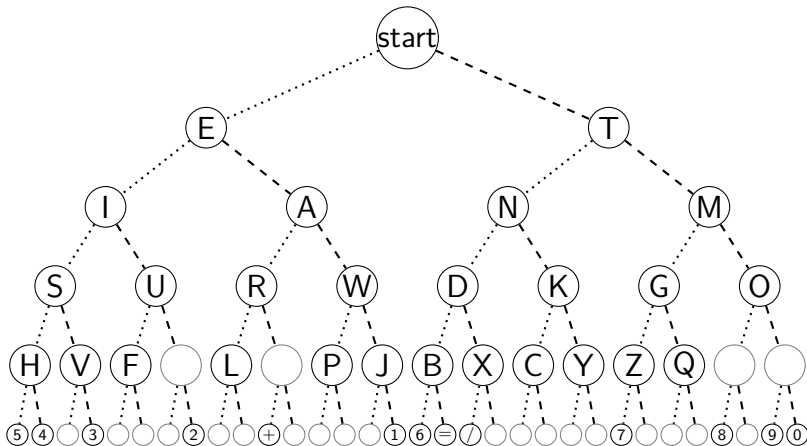
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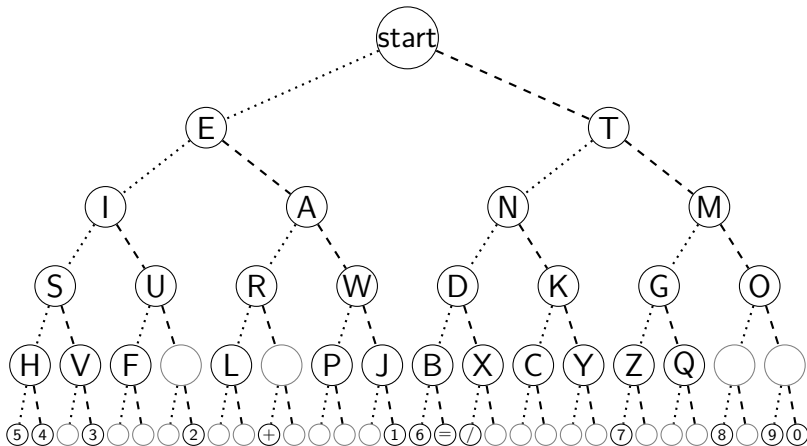
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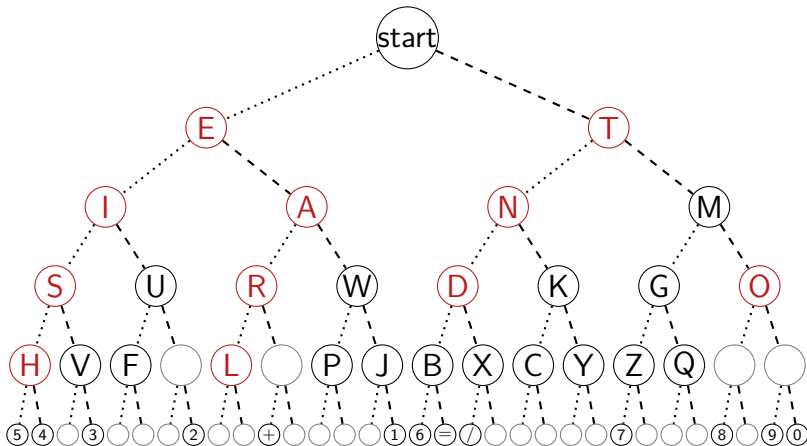


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Unified English Braille Chart

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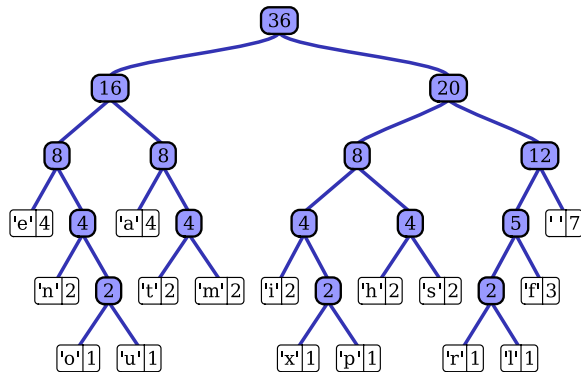
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Huffman Coding

- More frequent characters get shorter encodings
- Used in .zip files and other compression algorithms
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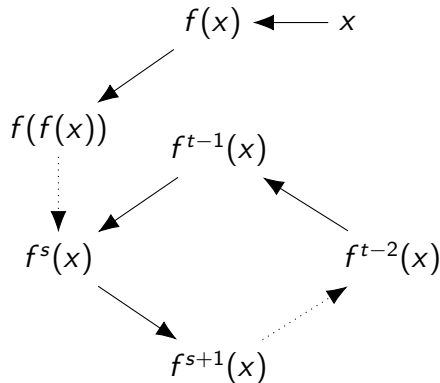


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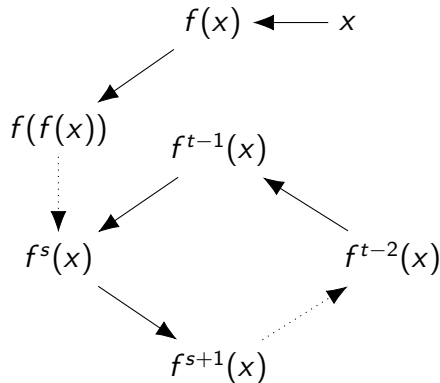
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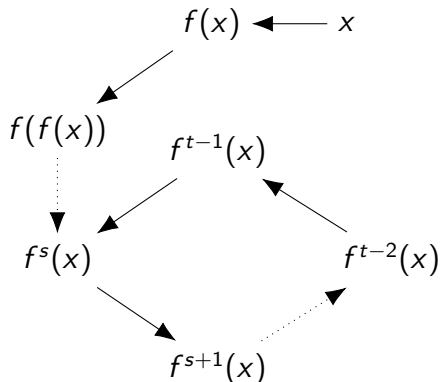
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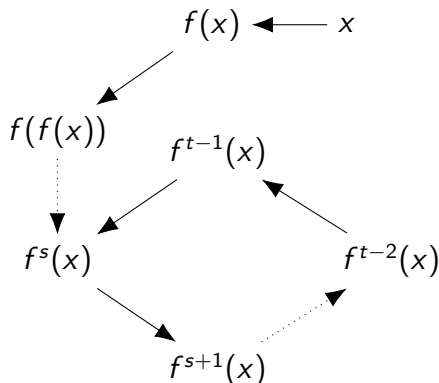
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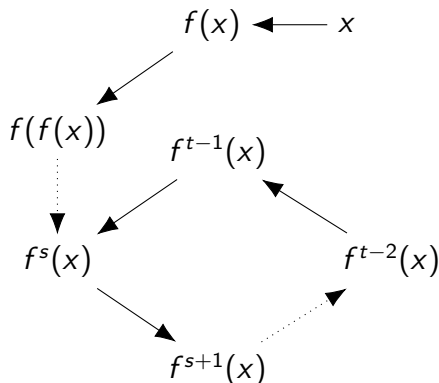
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