

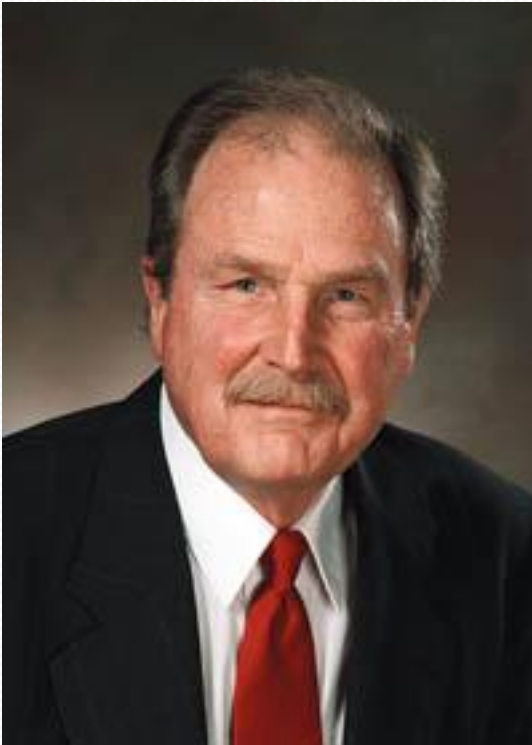
# Huffman coding algorithm

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# Plan of the seminar

- David Huffman
- Applications of Huffman algorithm
- Huffman algorithm
  - Concepts
  - Compression (encoding)
  - Unpacking (decoding)

# David Huffman



- Born on 9 august 1925 – died on 7 october 1999 at Santa Cruz, California.
- Came from Ohio and was educated at a local university. After World War II, he returned to Ohio State University to earn a Master's degree in electrical engineering (1949). In 1953 he earned his Doctor of Science in electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He later worked as a lecturer at MIT, and from 1967 at the University of California in Santa Cruz.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David\\_A.\\_Huffman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_A._Huffman)

# David Huffman

- Huffman did not patent his achievements, focusing on educational work. He used to say: 'my products are students'.

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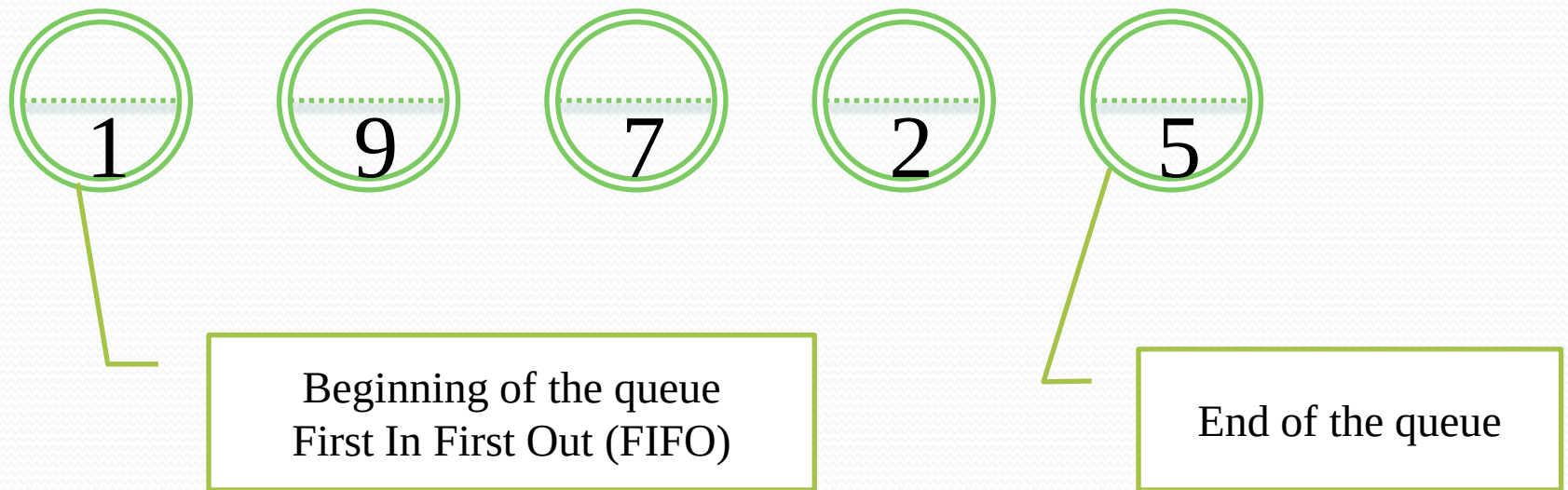
# Application of Huffman coding

- „Huffman is probably best known for the development of the Huffman Coding Procedure, the result of a term paper he wrote while a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). "Huffman Codes" are used in nearly every application that involves the compression and transmission of digital data, such as fax machines, modems, computer networks, and high-definition television.”
- Compression of audio files MP3

<http://www1.ucsc.edu/currents/99-00/10-11/huffman.html>

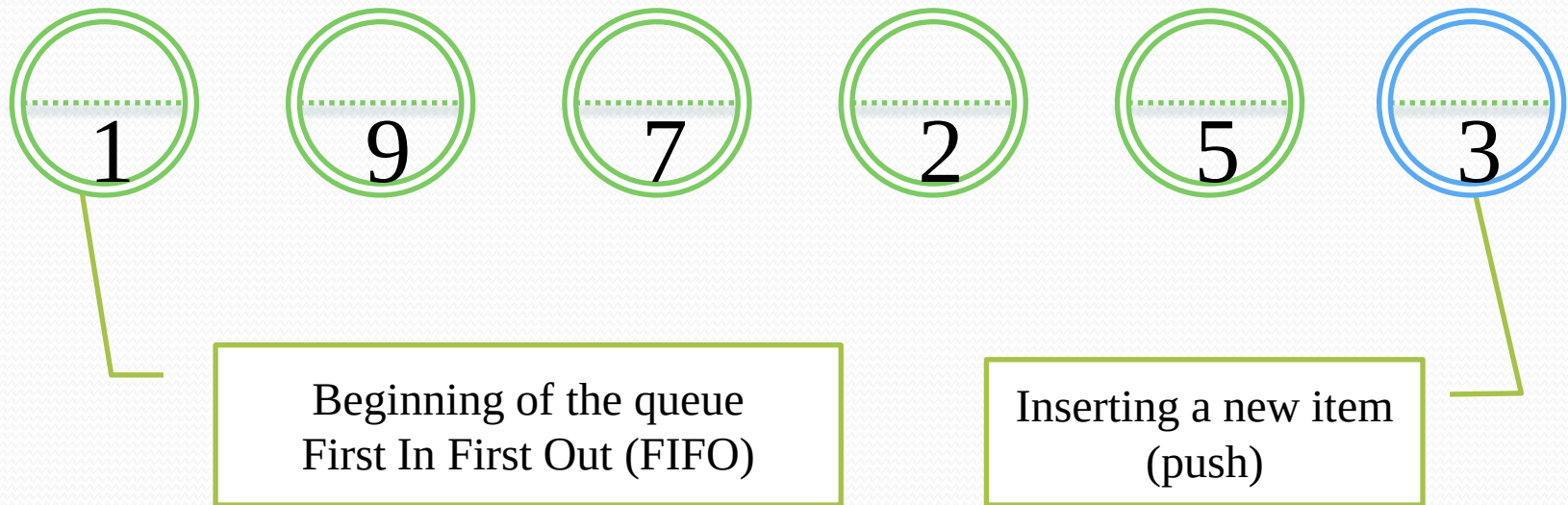
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Data structure: queue



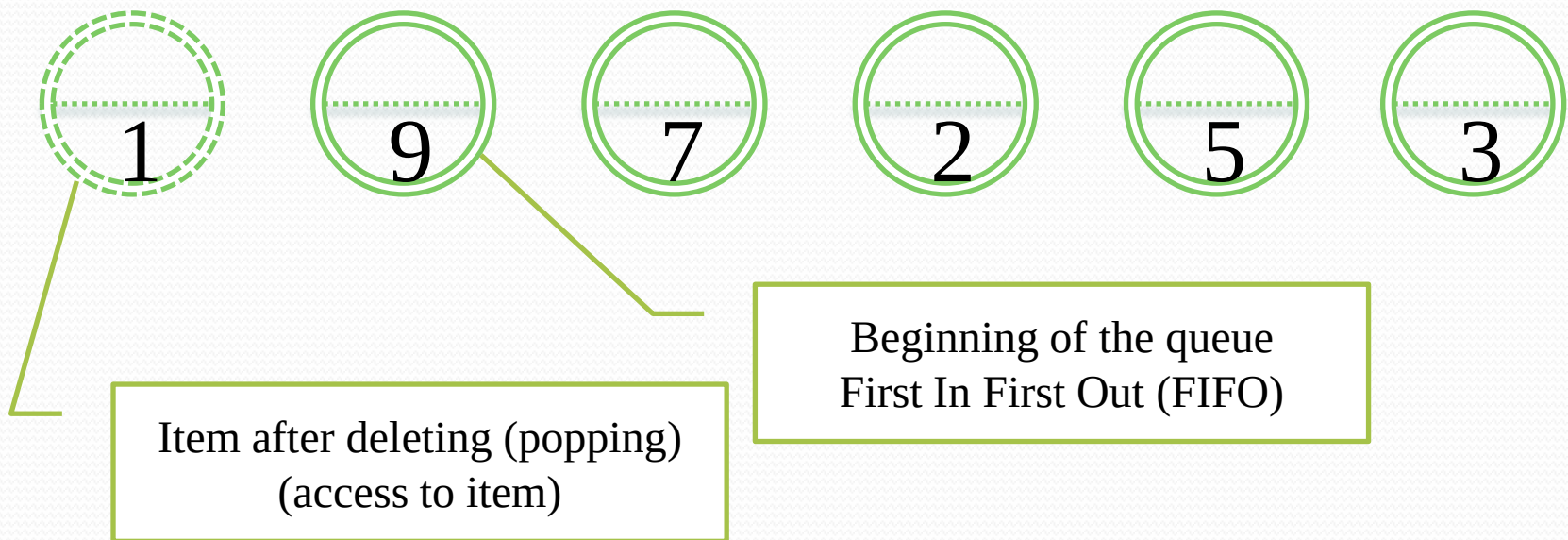
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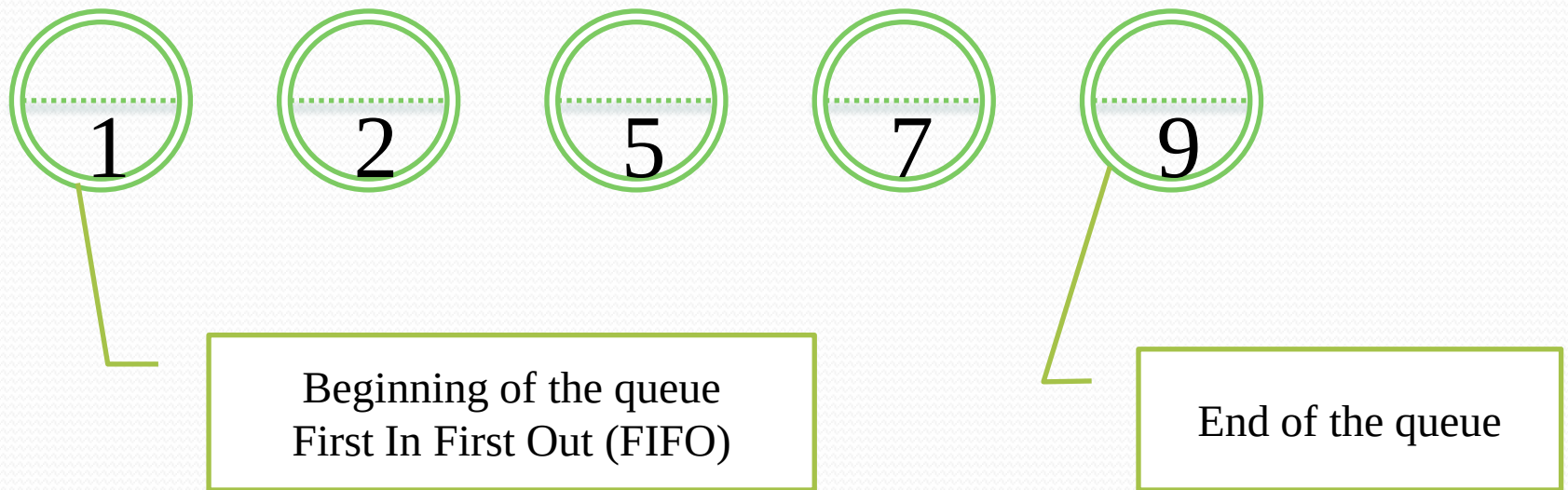
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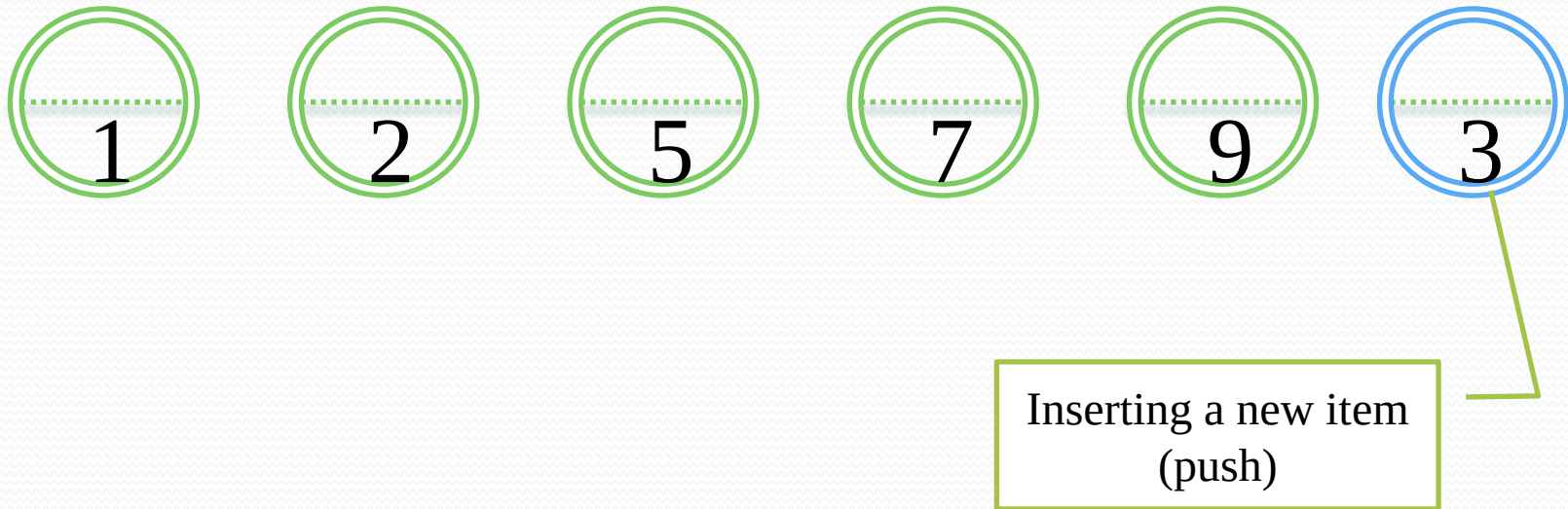
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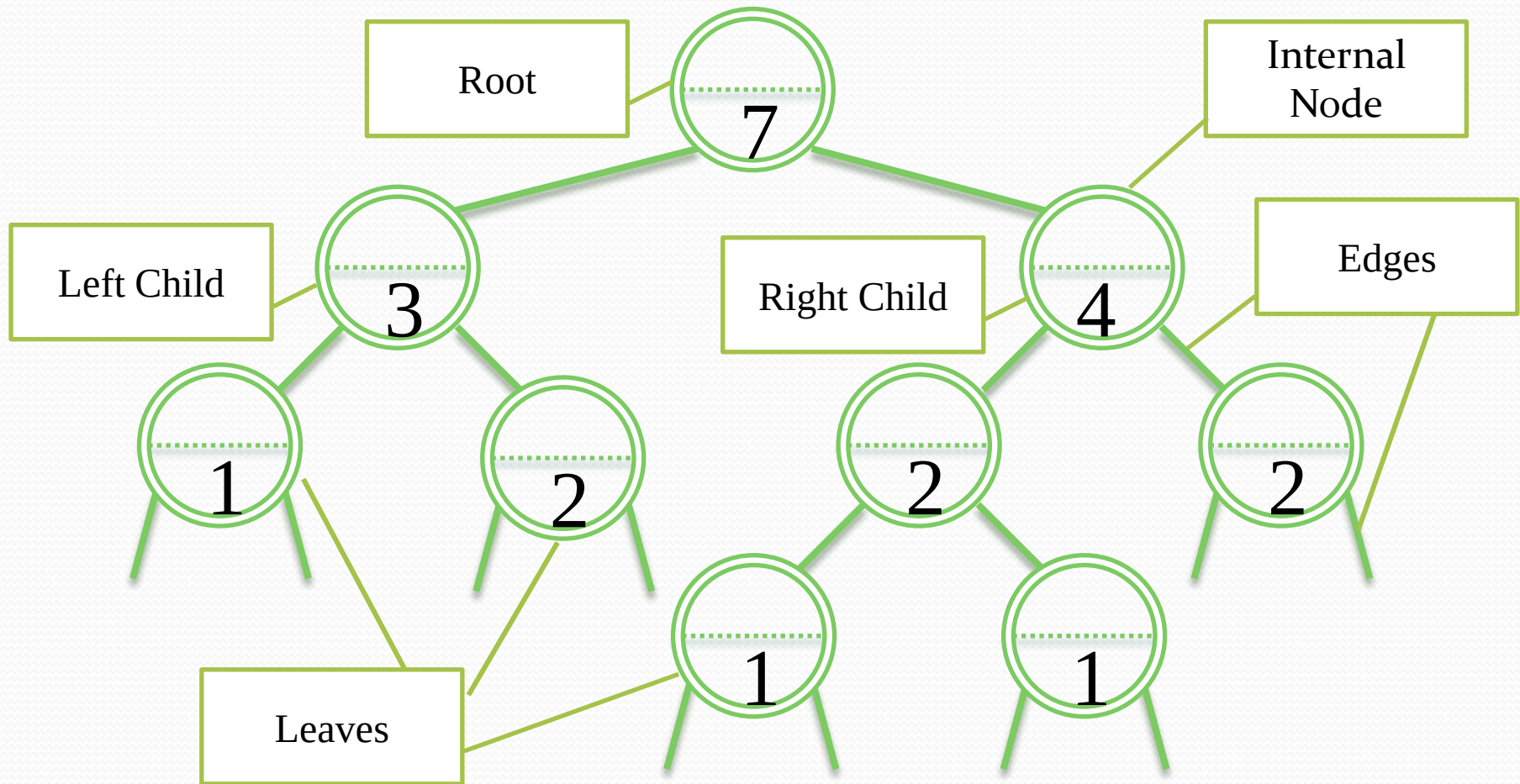
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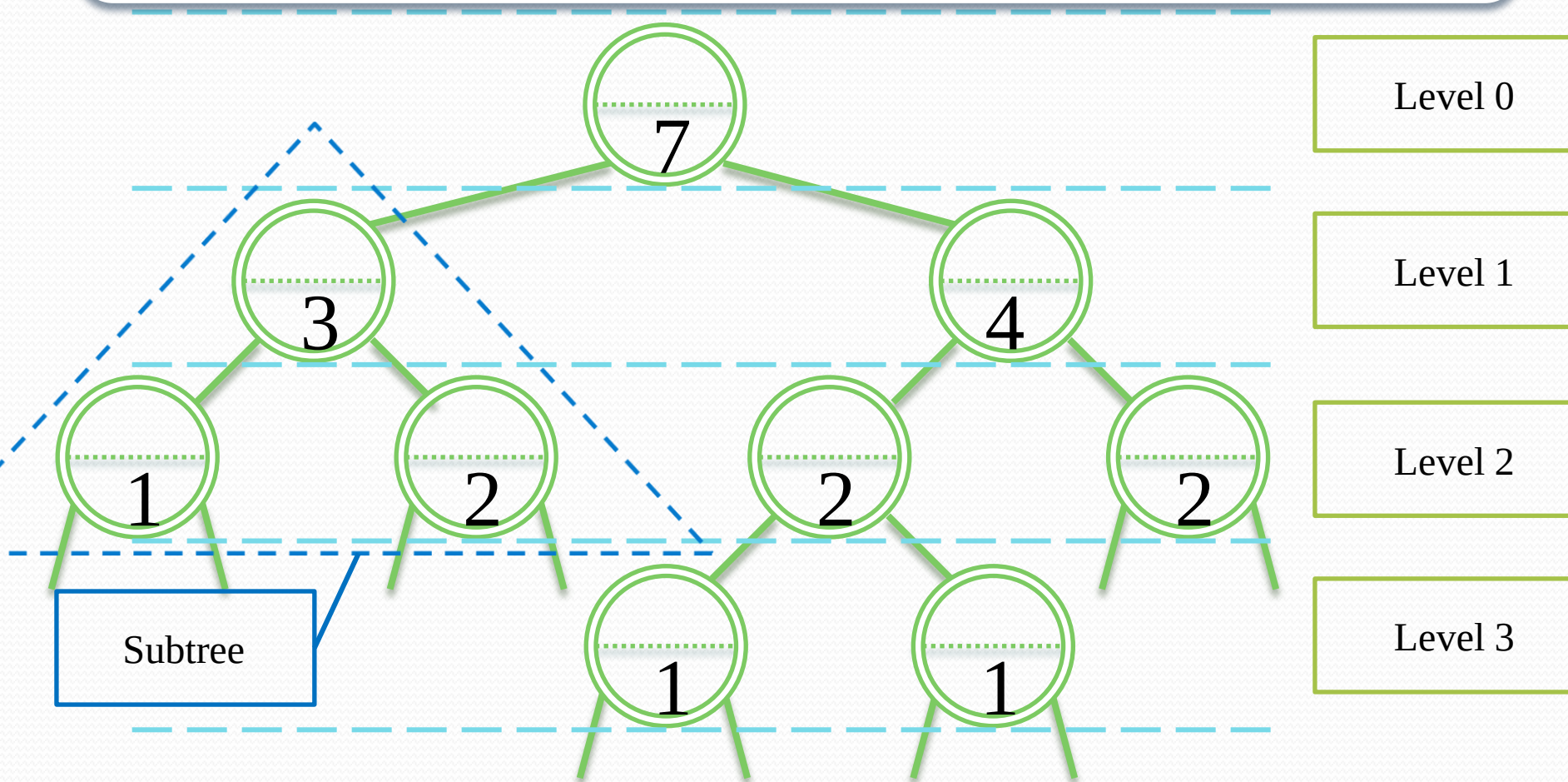
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Data structure: tree



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## Data structure: tree



# Huffman algorithm: encoding

„ABRACADABRA!”

## CODEWORDS

| SIGN         | Code page<br>ANSI <span>ASCII</span> | PREFIX-FREE<br>CODE | PREFIX CODE     |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| !            | 00100001                             | 1100                | 100             |
| A            | 01000001                             | 0                   | 0               |
| B            | 01000010                             | 101                 | 1               |
| C            | 01000011                             | 1101                | 00              |
| D            | 01000100                             | 100                 | 10              |
| R            | 01010010                             | 111                 | 11              |
| <b>B [b]</b> | <b>12 [96]</b>                       | <b>4 [28+4]</b>     | <b>3 [18+6]</b> |

## Huffman algorithm: encoding

### (1/7) Read data from an input

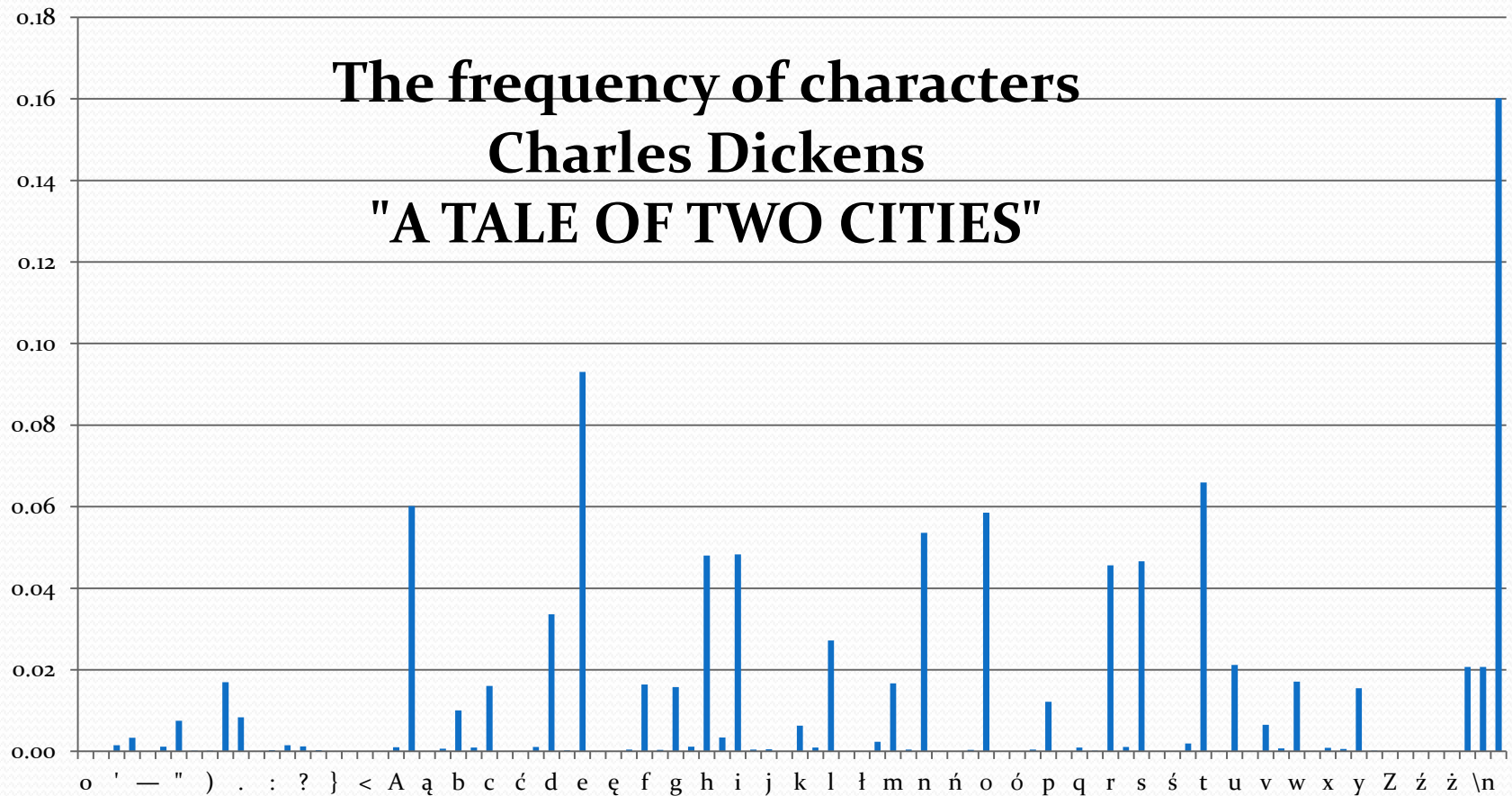
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# Huffman algorithm: encoding (2/7) frequency of signs (array)

## A TALE OF TWO CITIES

|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| SPACE | 0,1602  |
| e     | 0,09305 |
| t     | 0,06591 |
| a     | 0,06017 |
| o     | 0,05856 |
| n     | 0,05356 |
| i     | 0,04828 |
| h     | 0,048   |
| s     | 0,04659 |
| r     | 0,04562 |
| ...   |         |
| V     | 0,00013 |
| X     | 0,00010 |
| K     | 0,00008 |
| U     | 0,00004 |
| Q     | 0,00004 |

## OPOWIEŚĆ O DWÓCH MIASTACH

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| SPACJA | 0.1384   |
| a      | 0.06983  |
| i      | 0.06841  |
| e      | 0.06158  |
| o      | 0.05964  |
| z      | 0.04577  |
| n      | 0.04504  |
| r      | 0.03451  |
| w      | 0.03275  |
| y      | 0.03247  |
| ...    |          |
| q      | 2.5e-006 |
| }      | 2.5e-006 |
| /      | 2.5e-006 |
| Ń      | 2.5e-006 |
| <      | 2.5e-006 |

# Huffman algorithm: encoding

## (3/7) Huffman coding tree

„ABRACADABRA!“



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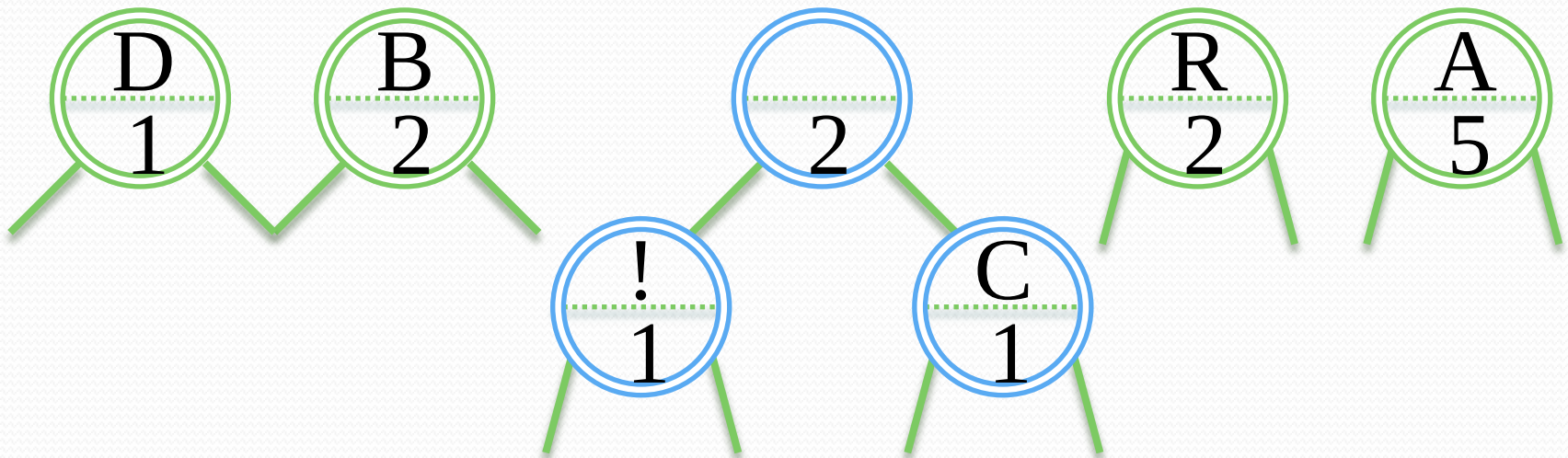
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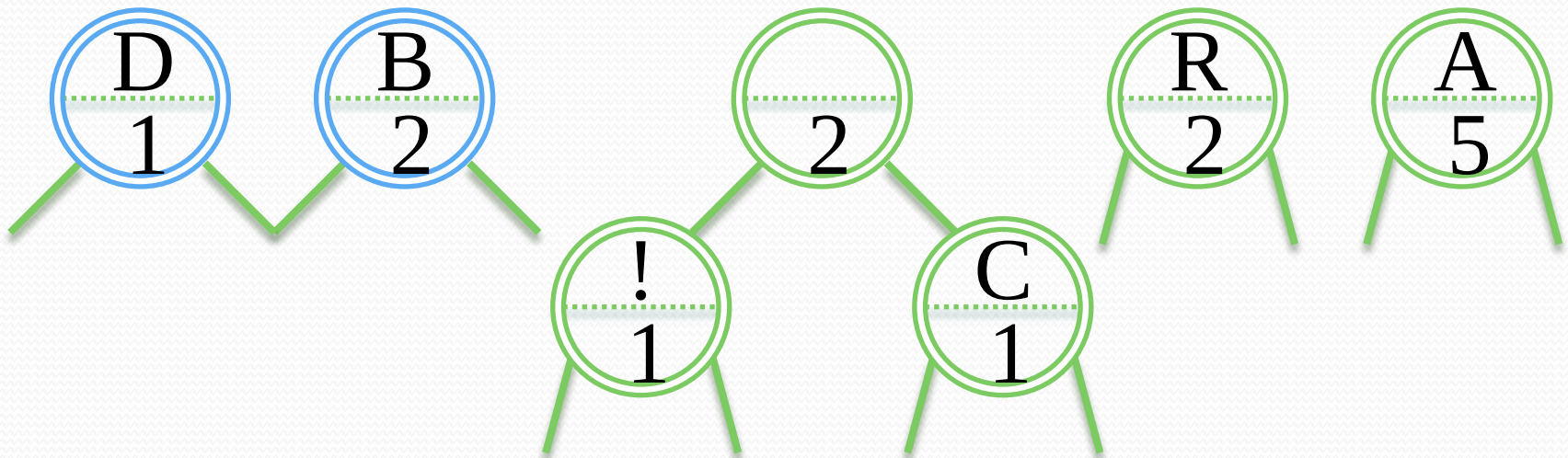
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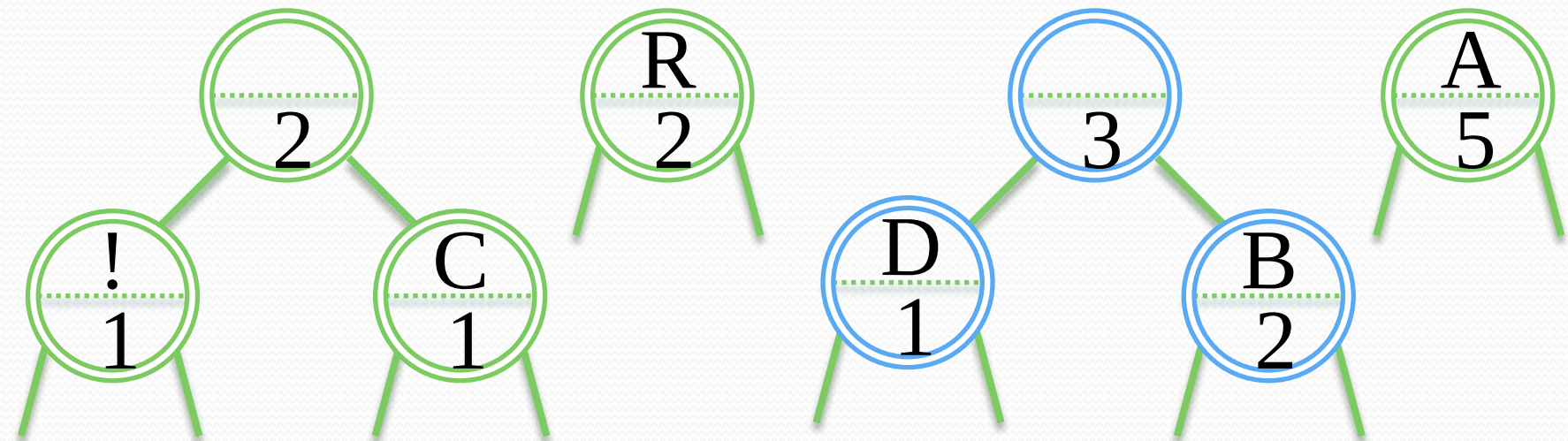
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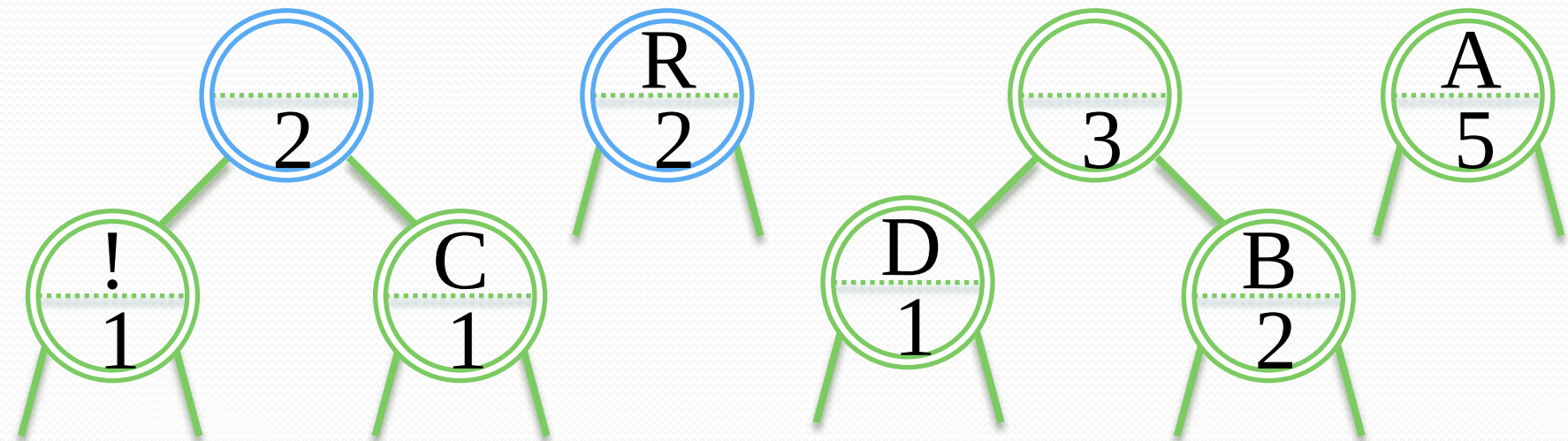
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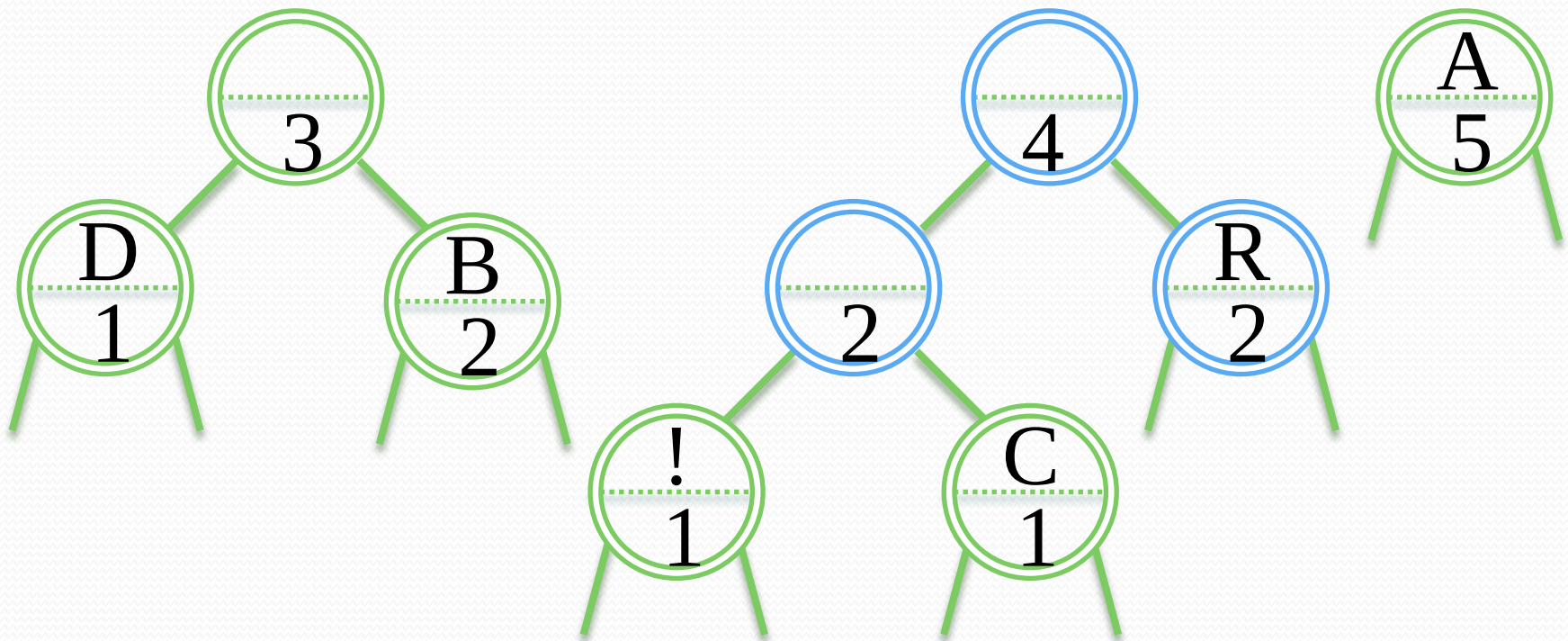
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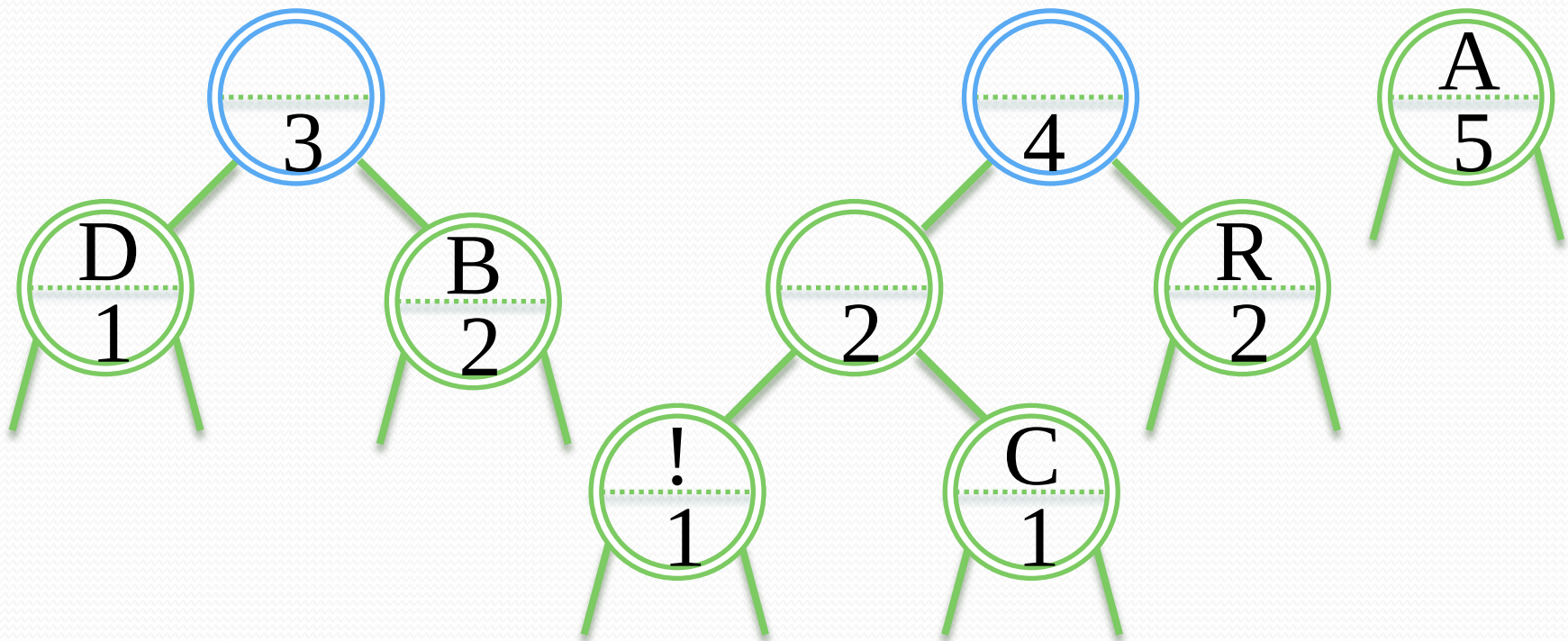
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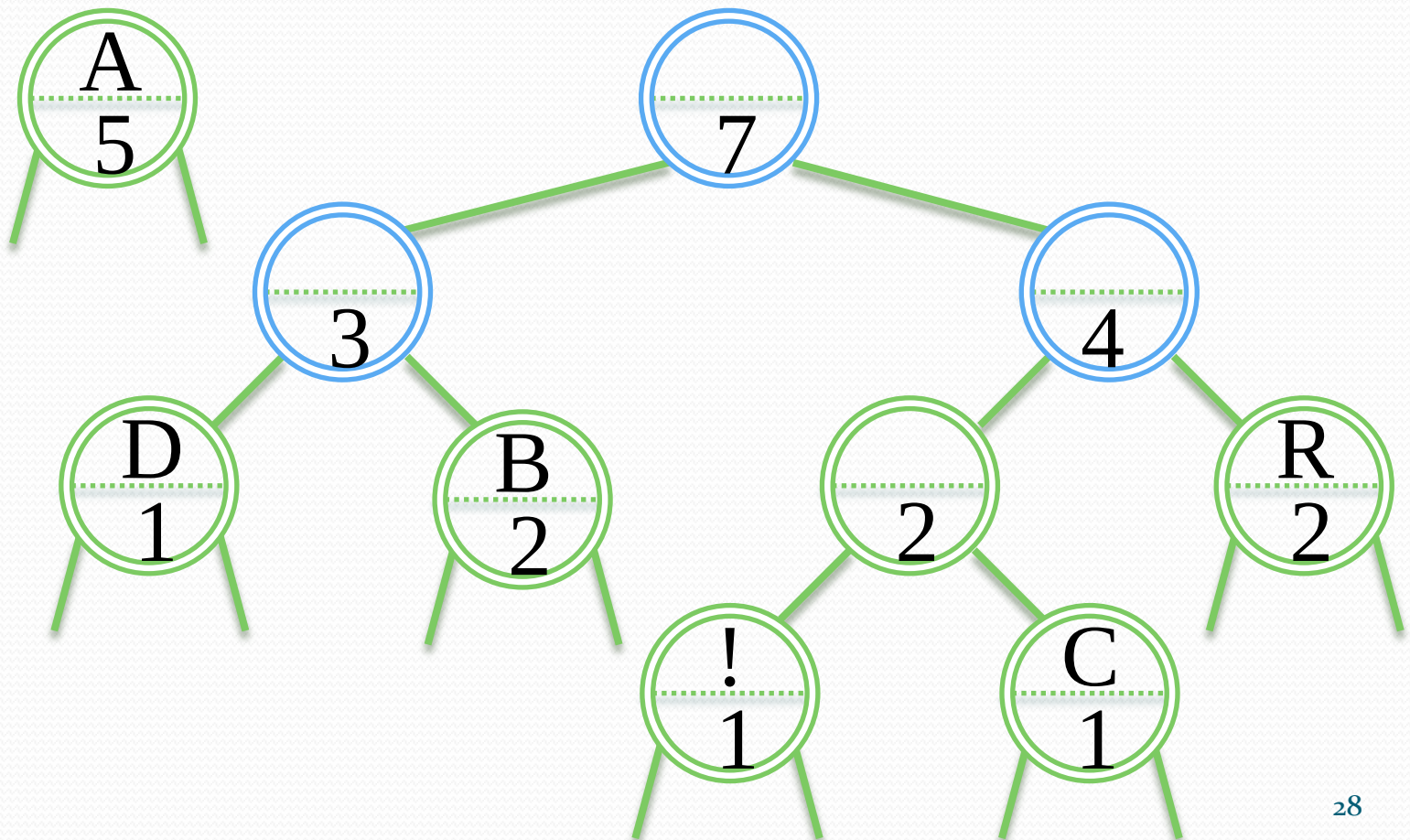
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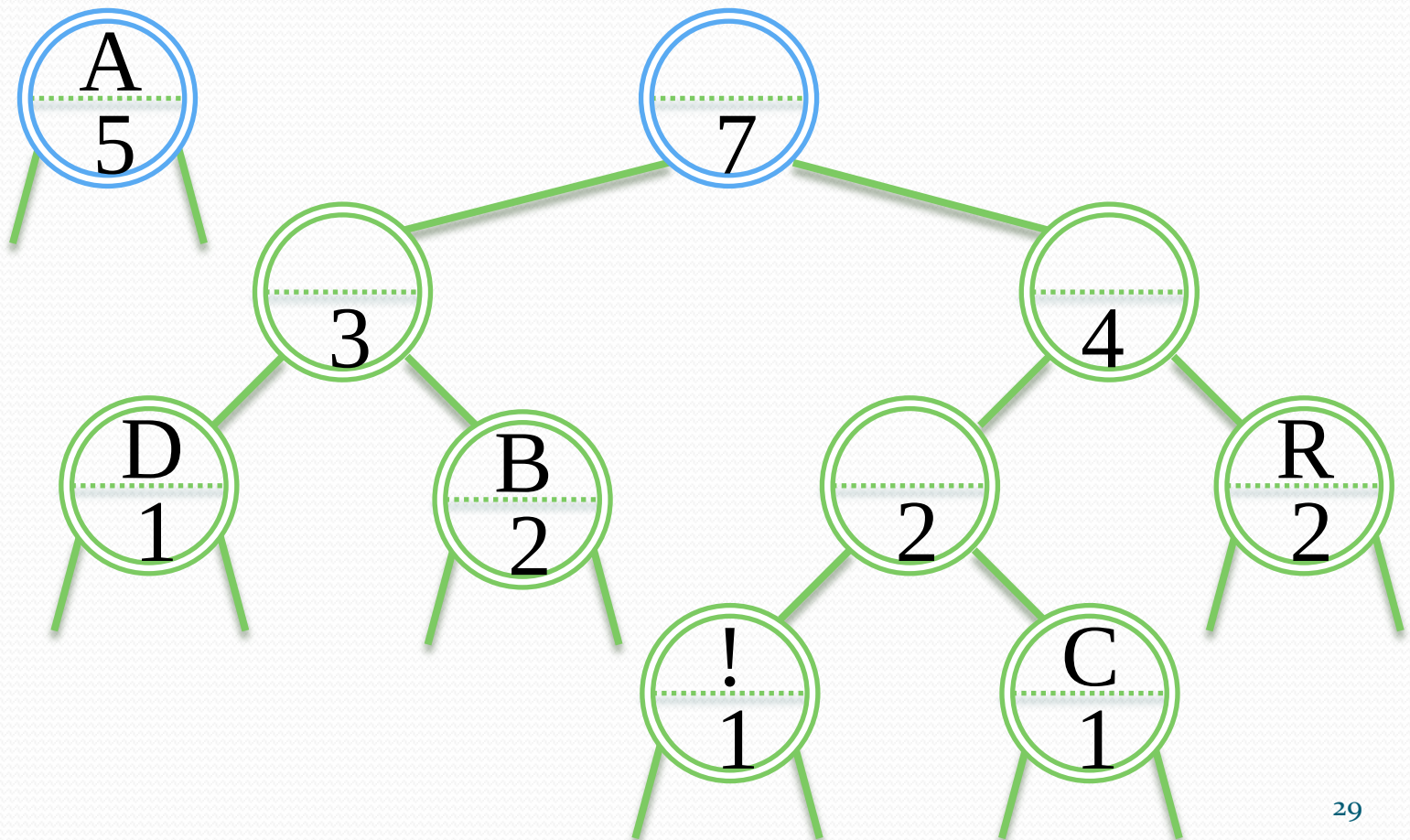
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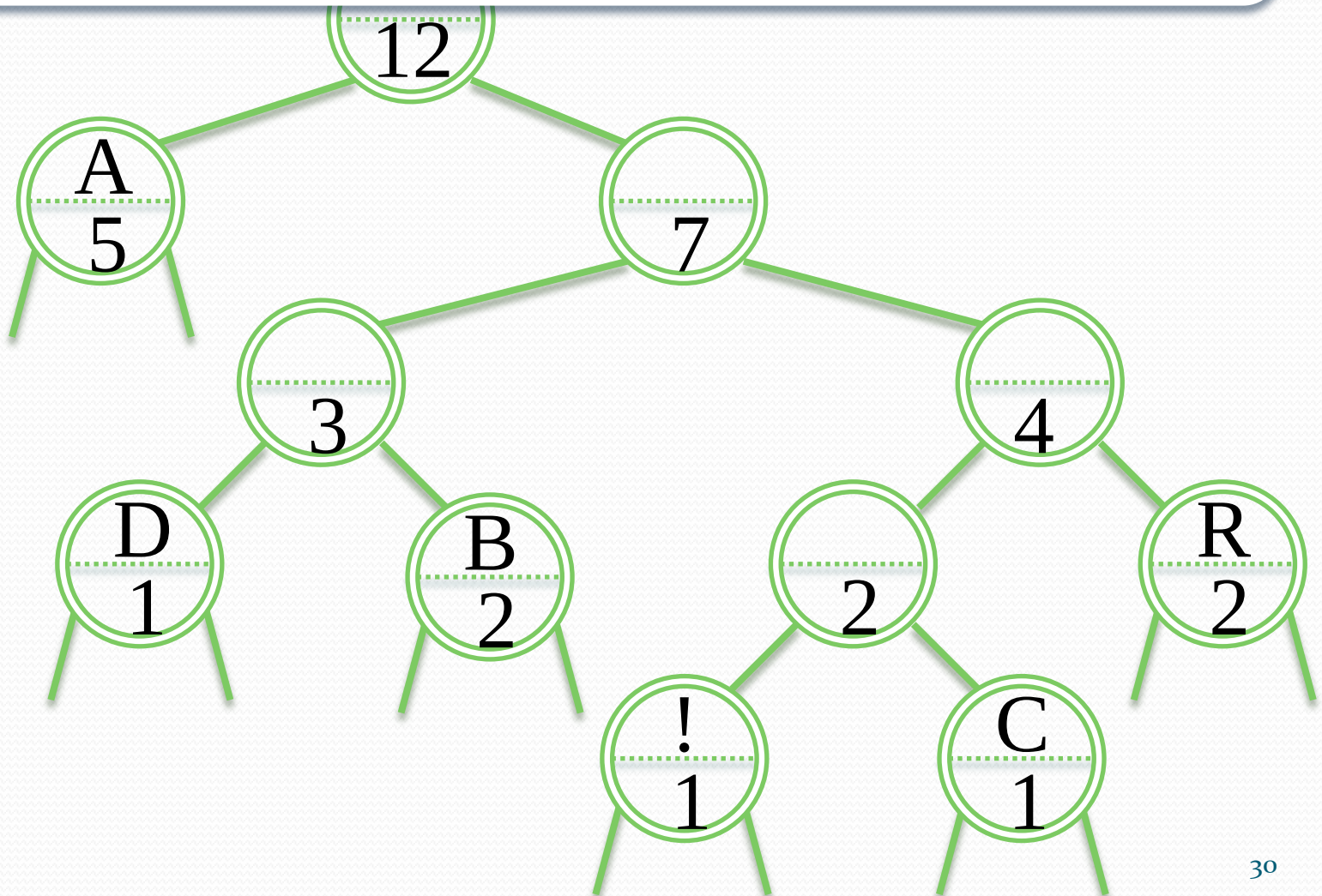
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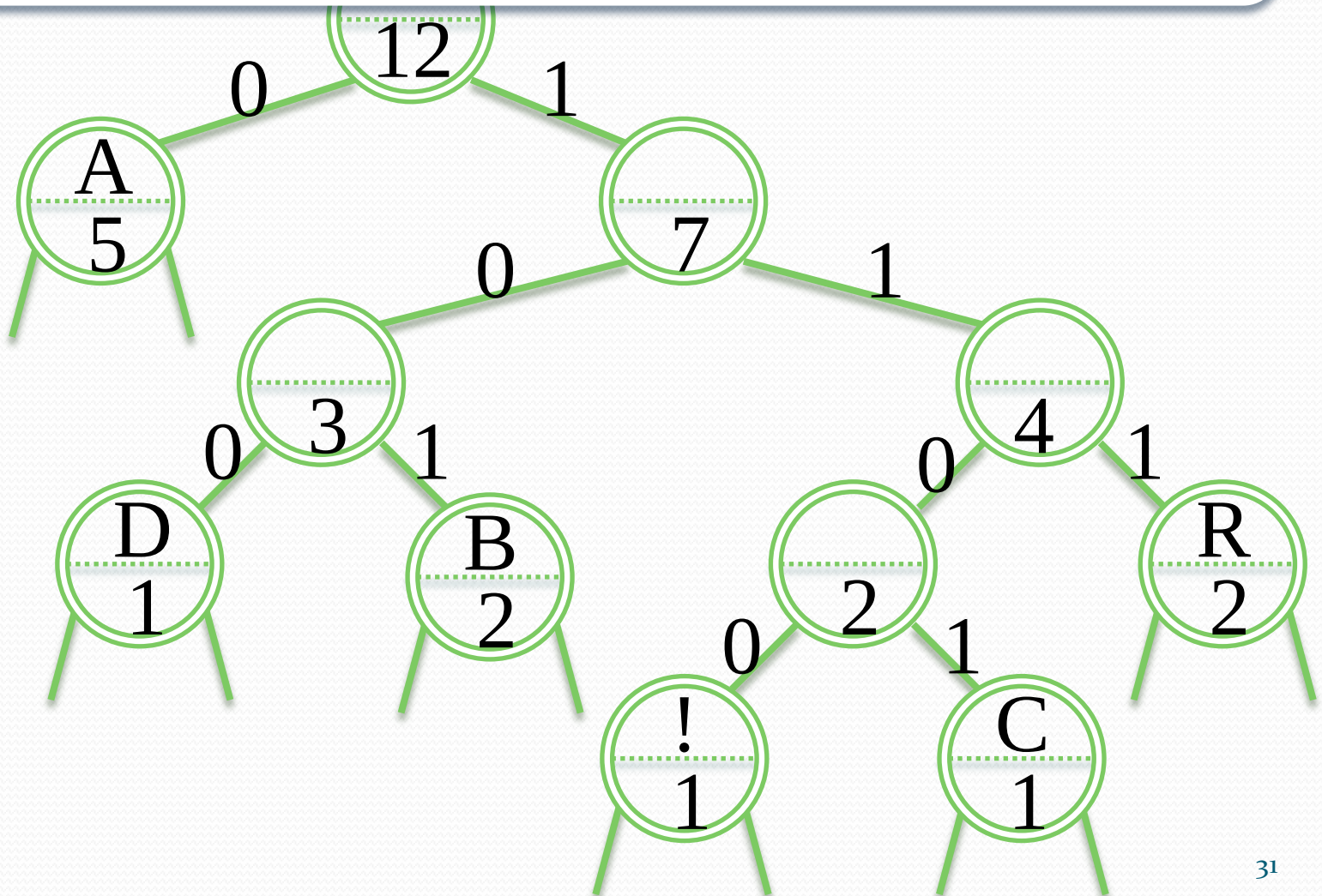


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## (3/7) Huffman coding tree



# Huffman algorithm: encoding (4/7) codeword array



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# Huffman algorithm: encoding

## (5/7) record of Huffman's tree (preorder)

```
void writeTree(Node* x)
{
```

```
    if(x->isLeaf())
    {
```

```
        ///Zapisz:
```

```
        '1'
```

```
        'znak'
```

```
        return;
```

```
    }
```

```
    ///Zapisz:
```

```
    '0'
```

```
        // Wezel wewnetrzny
```

```
    writeTree(x->pLeftChild);
```

```
    writeTree(x->pRightChild);
```

```
}
```

```
    ///Write:
```

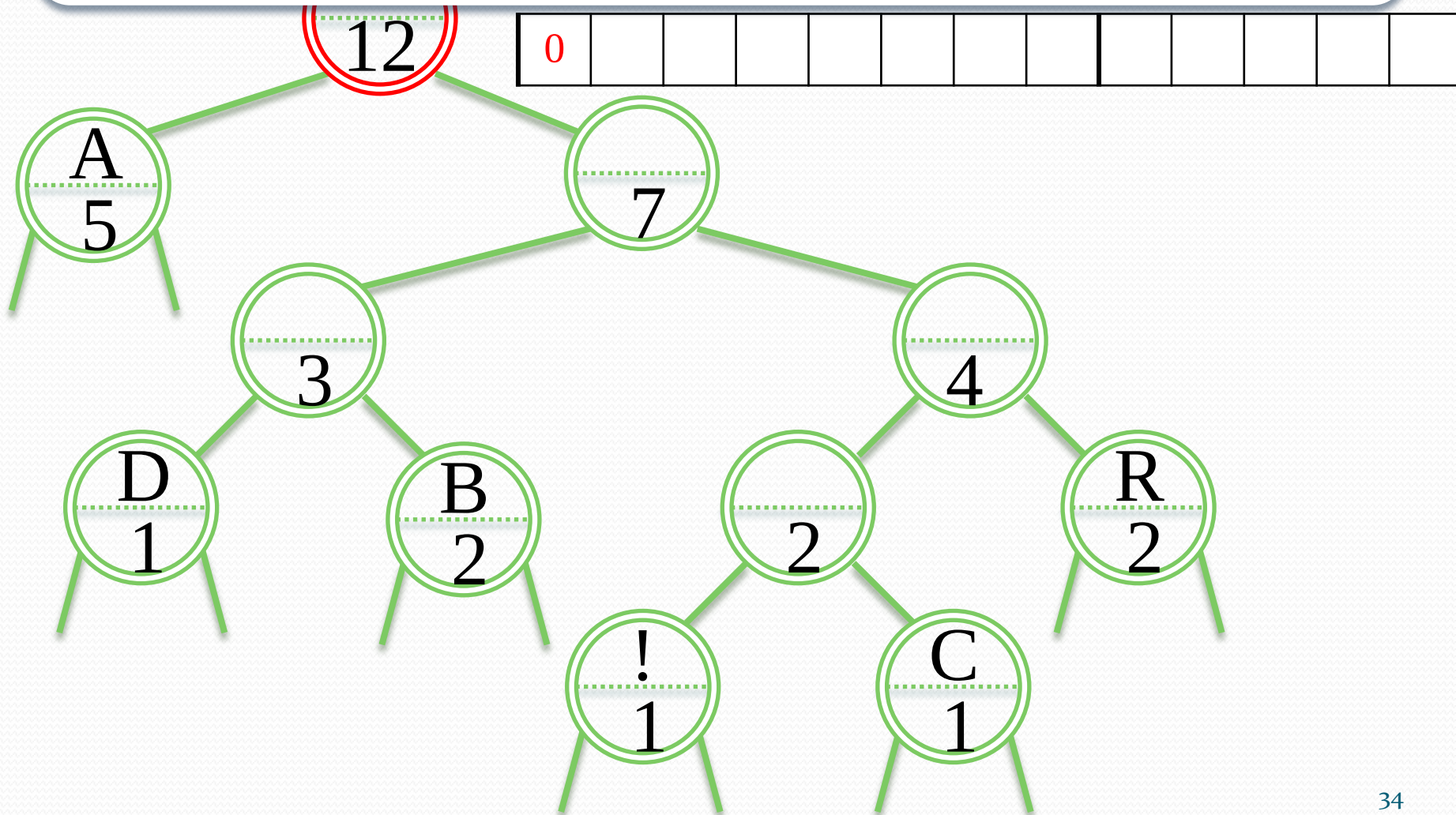
```
    '1'    // (1 bit it means that it is a leaf)
```

```
    'sign' // sign stored in the leaf (8 bits  
            // from code page like „windows-1252”)
```

```
    // internal node
```

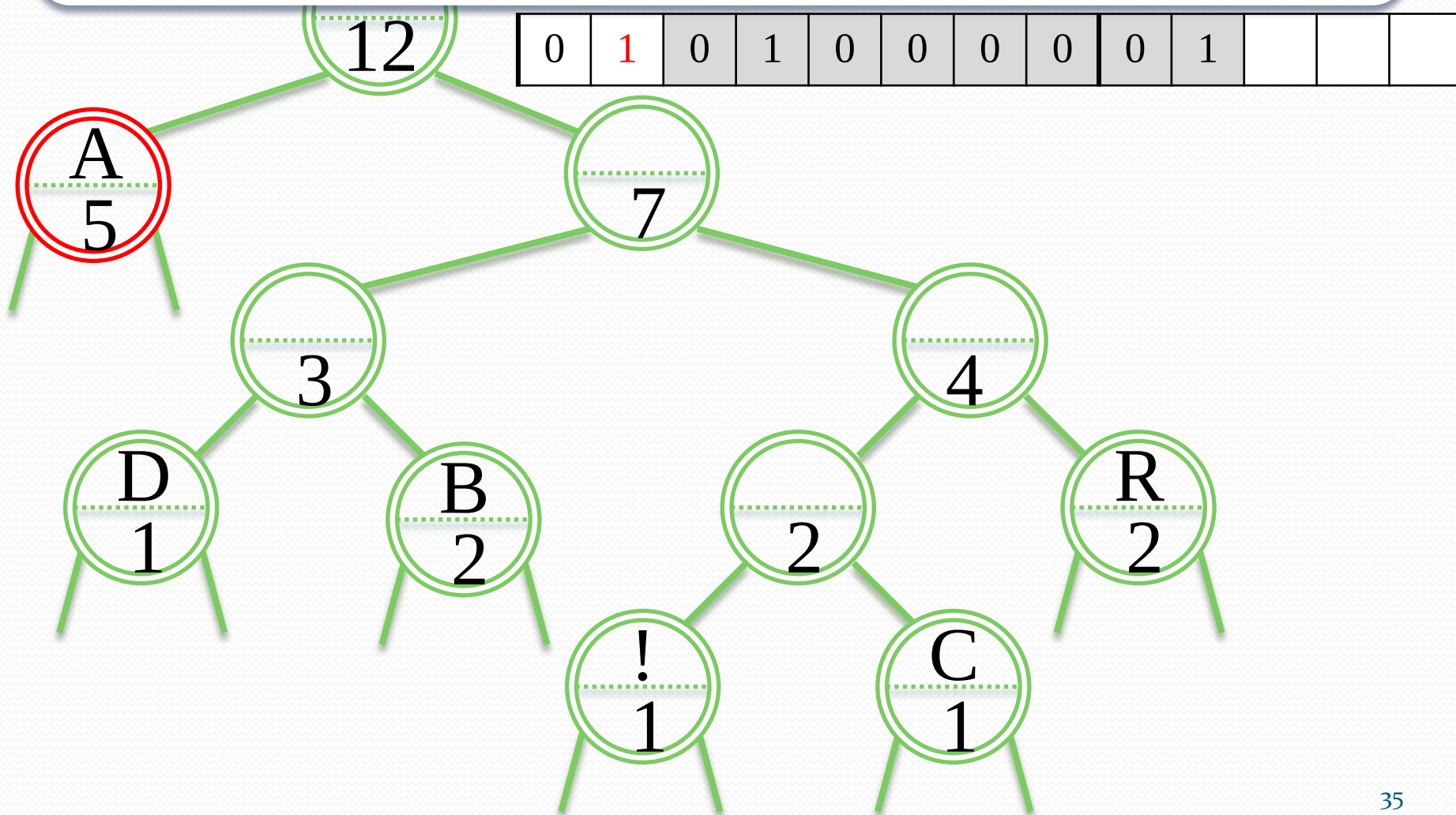
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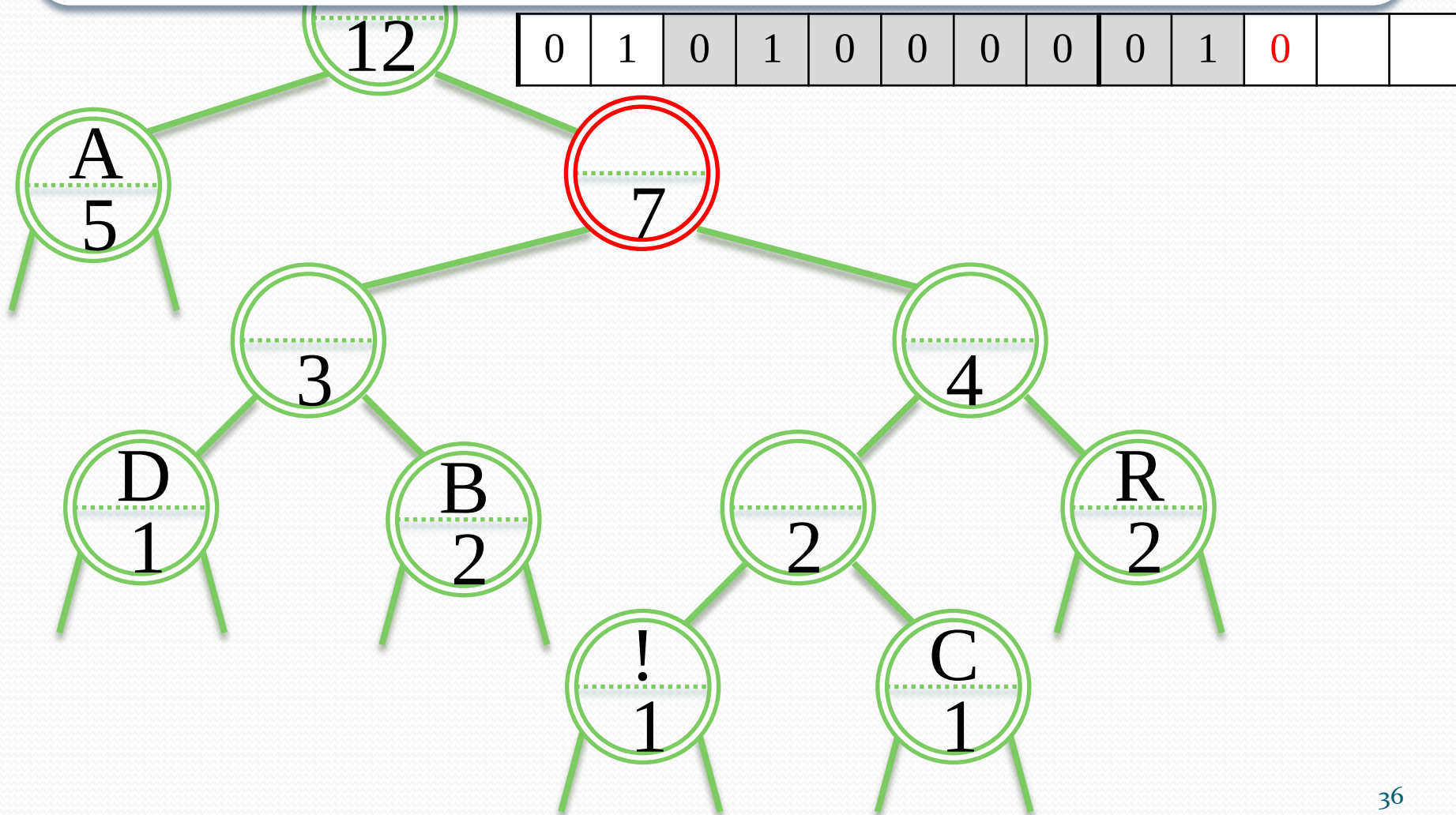
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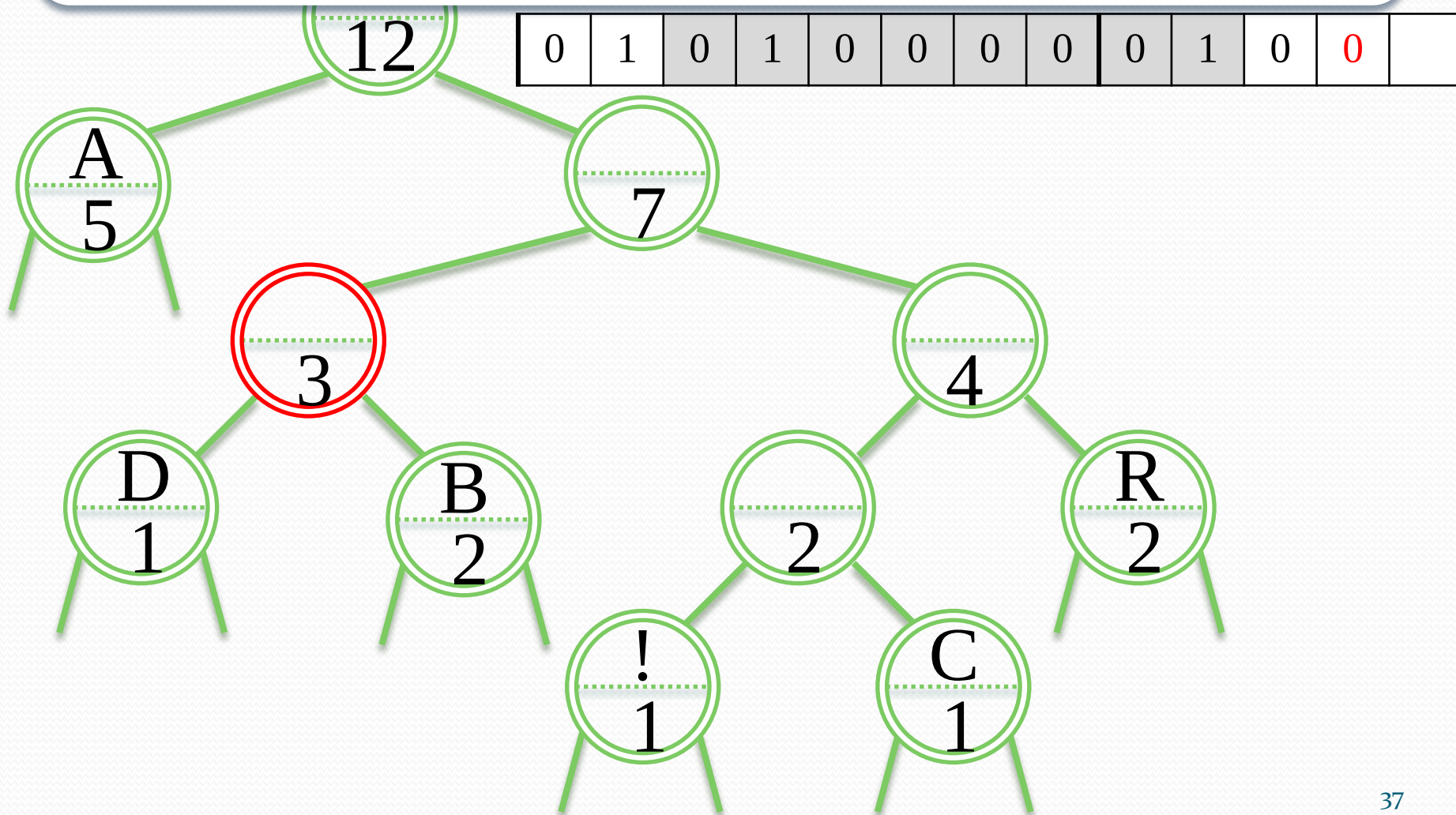
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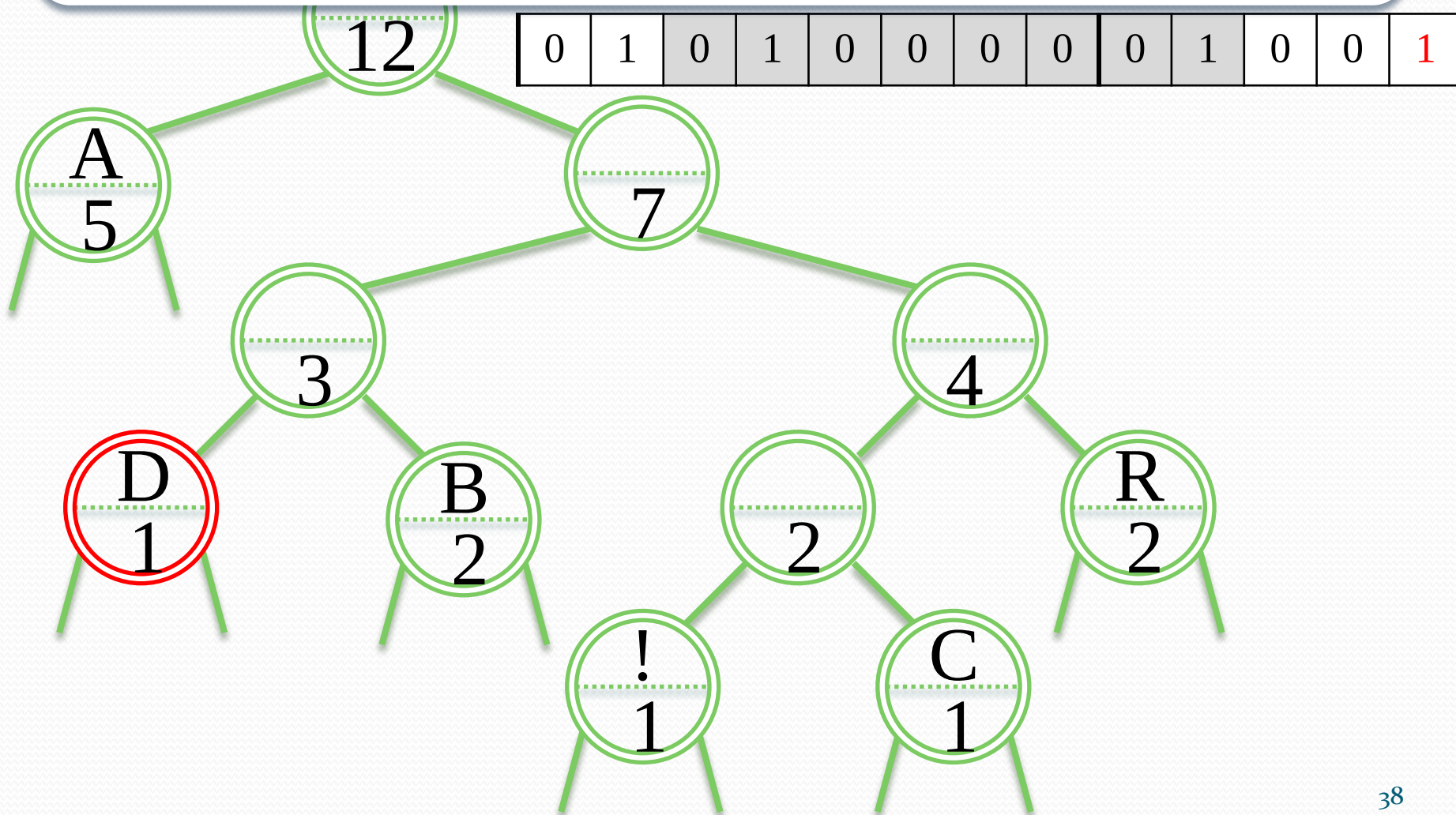
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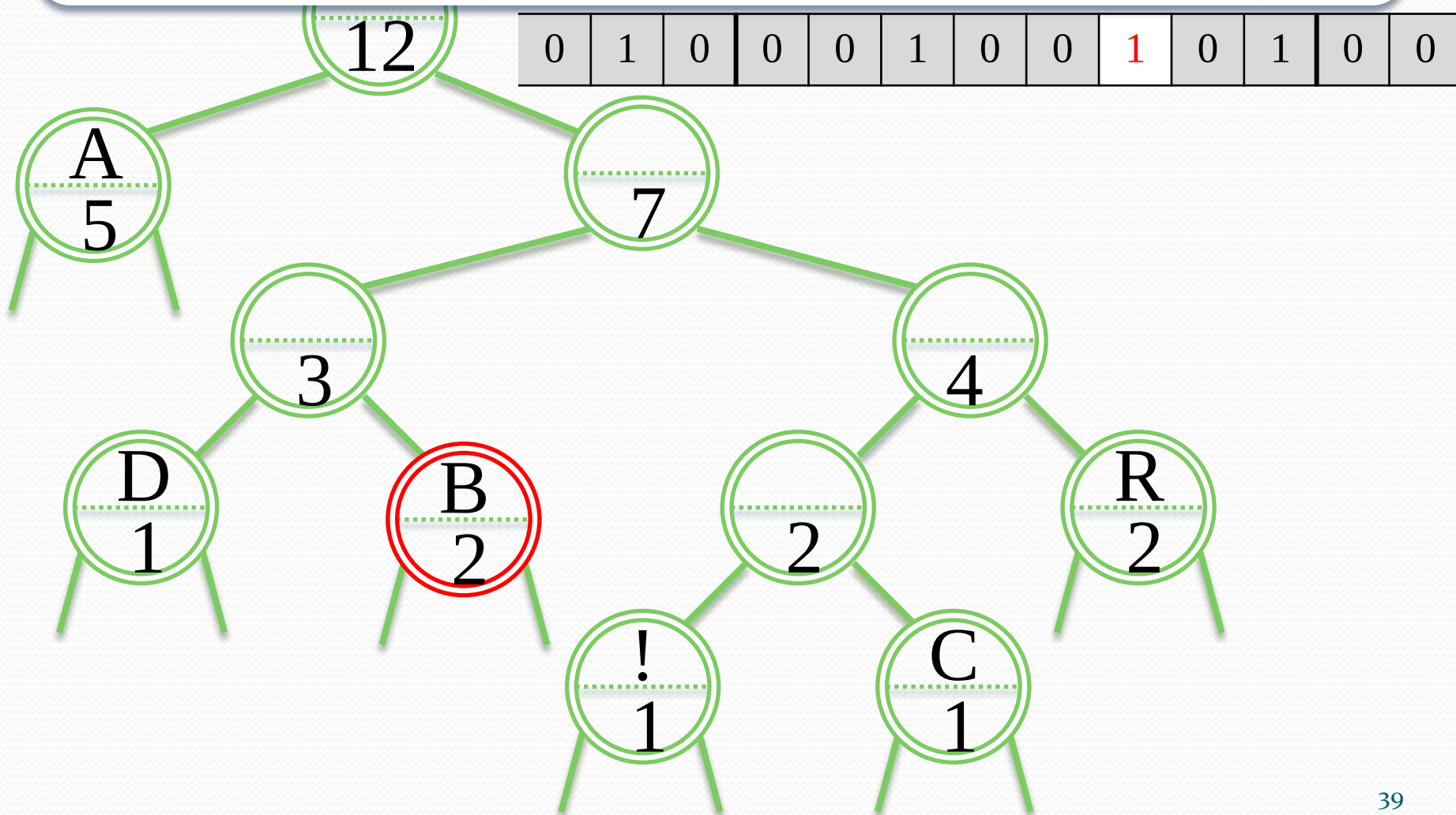
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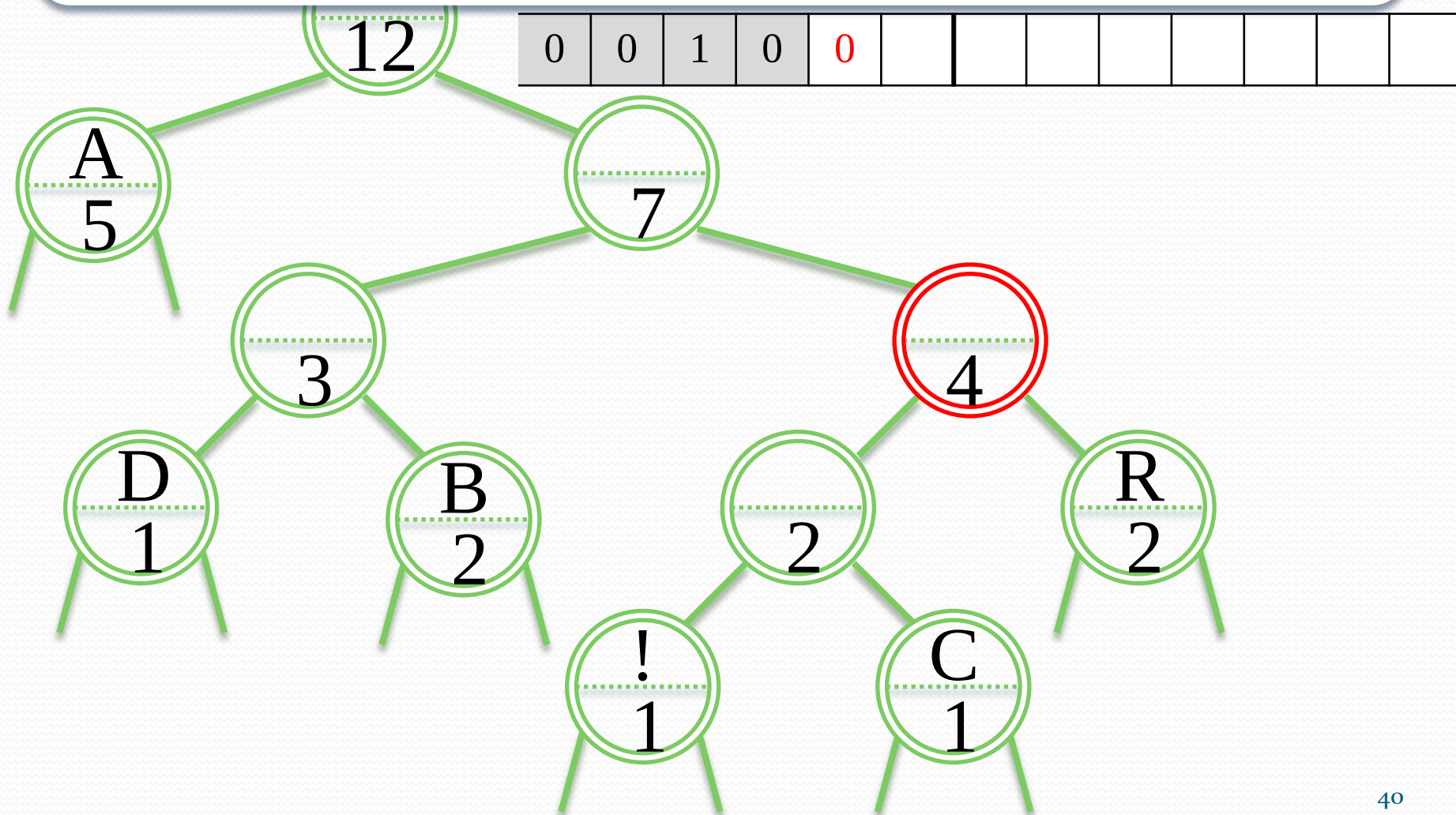
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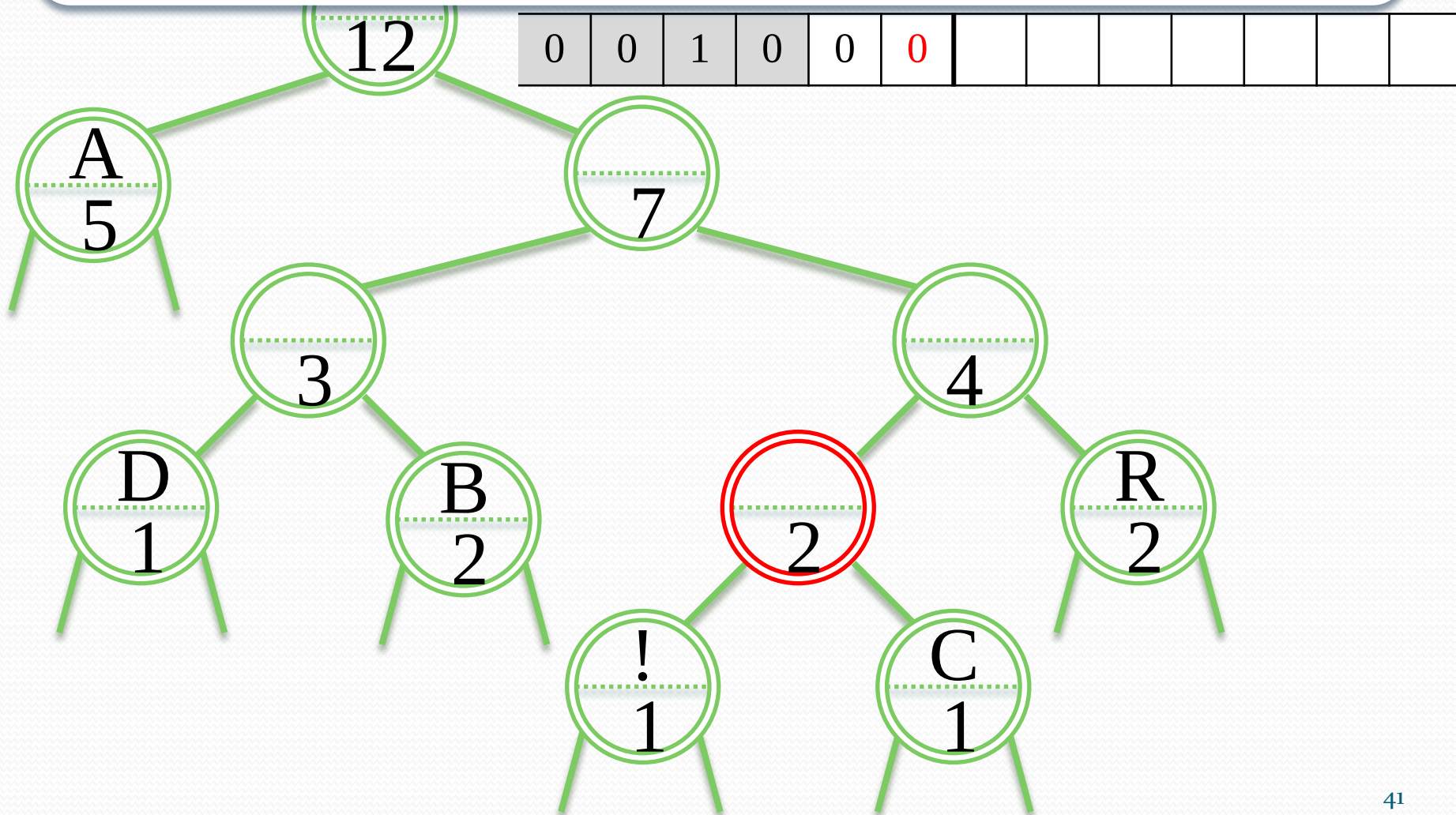
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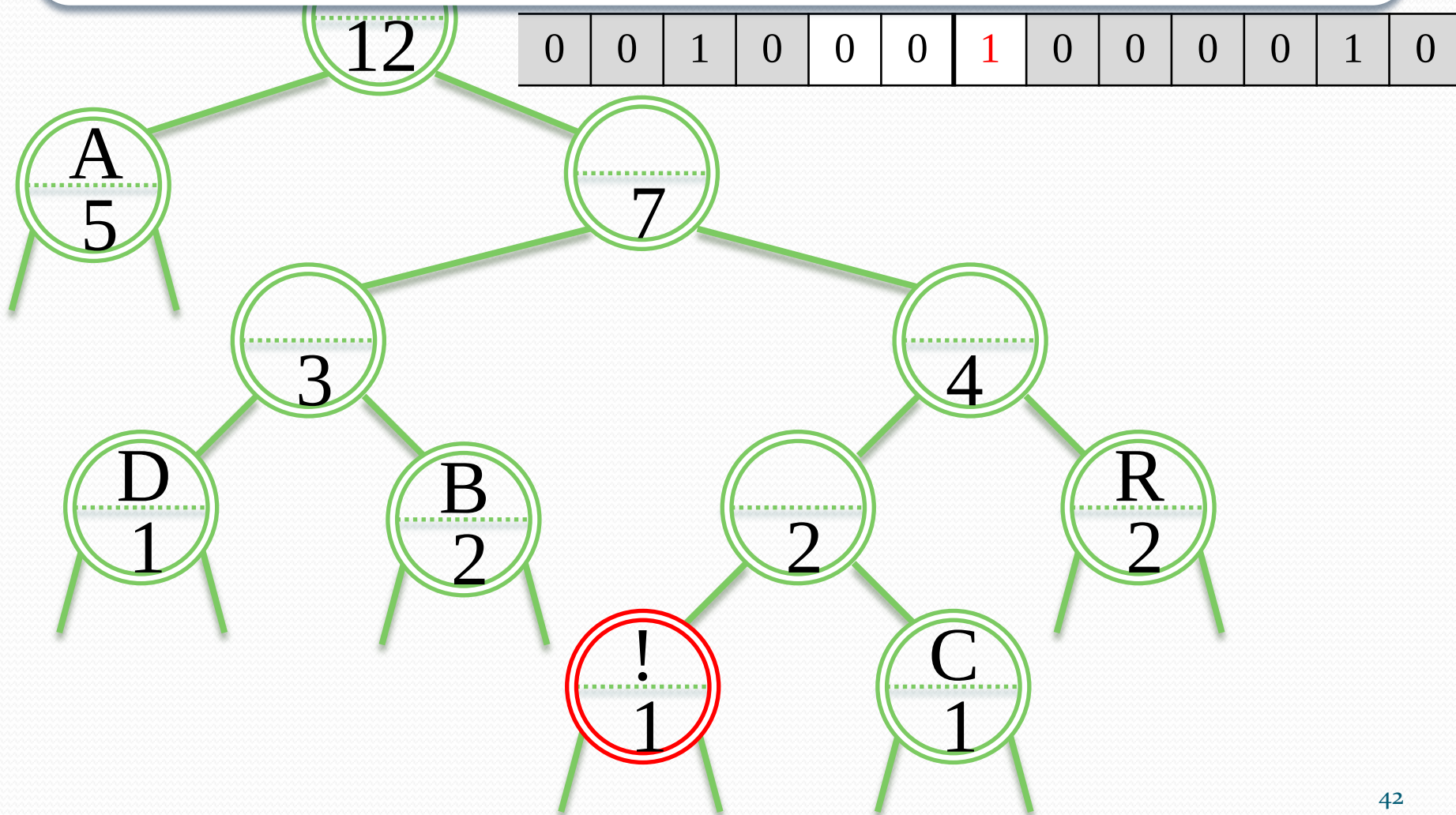
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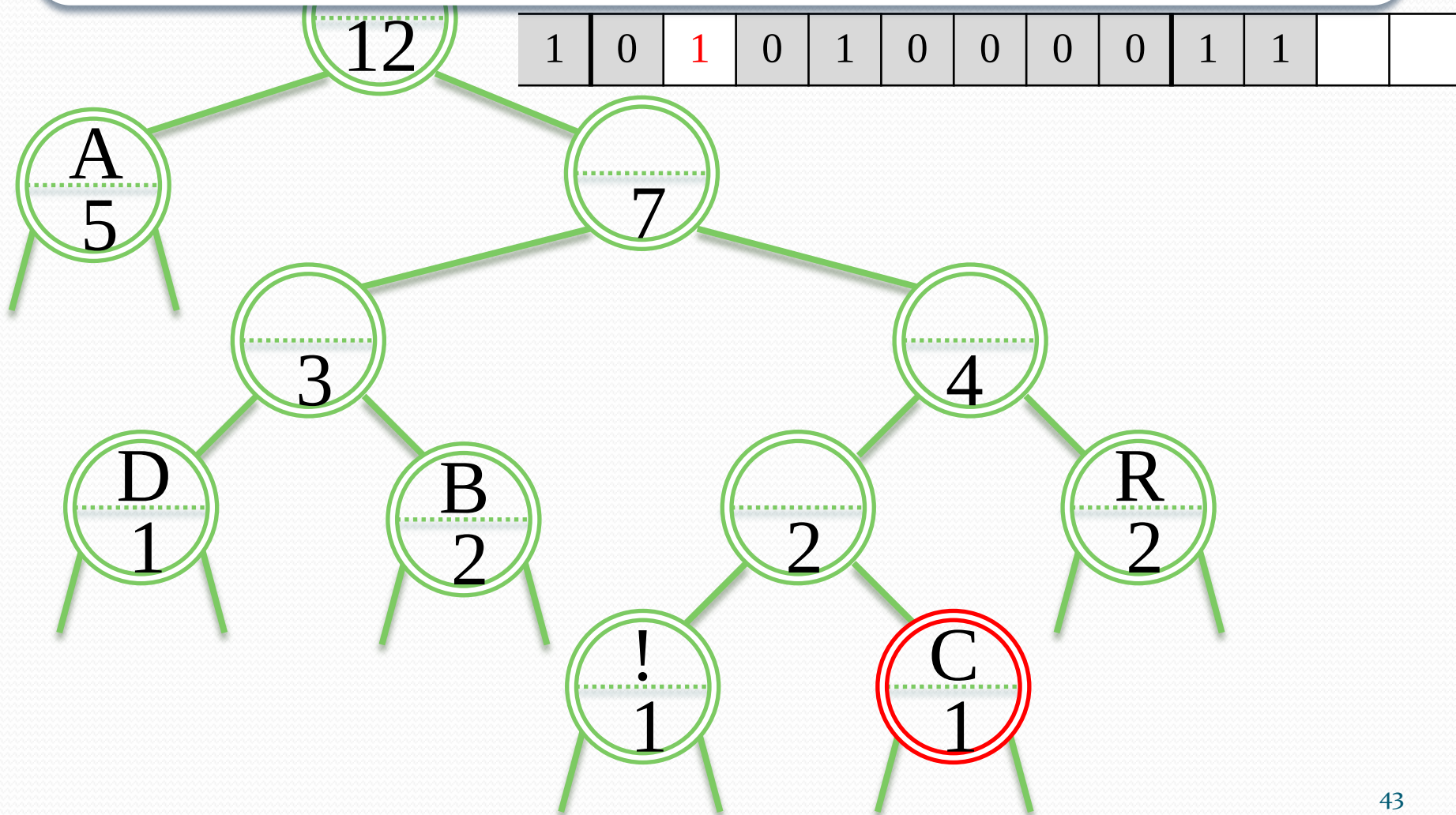
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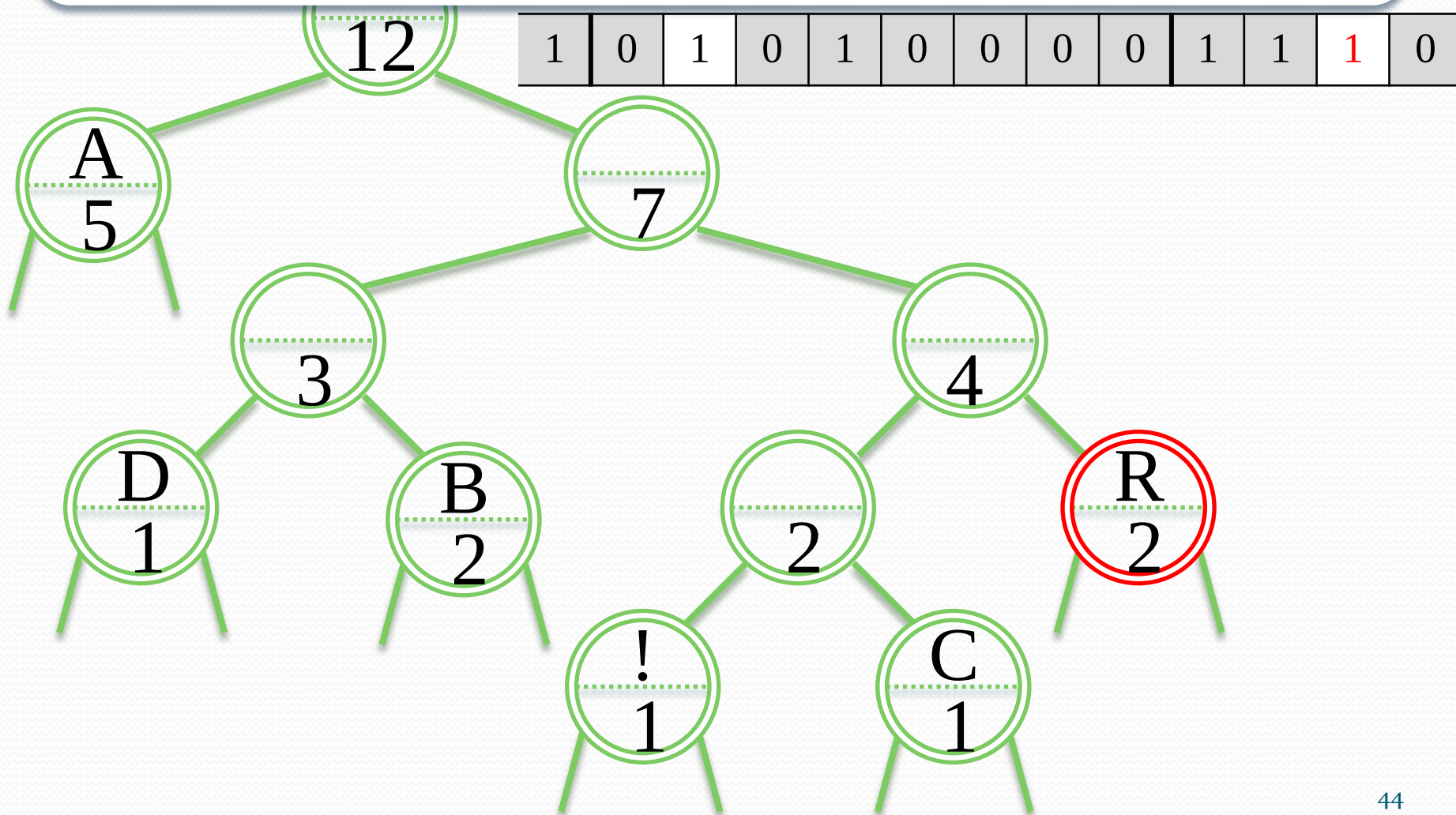
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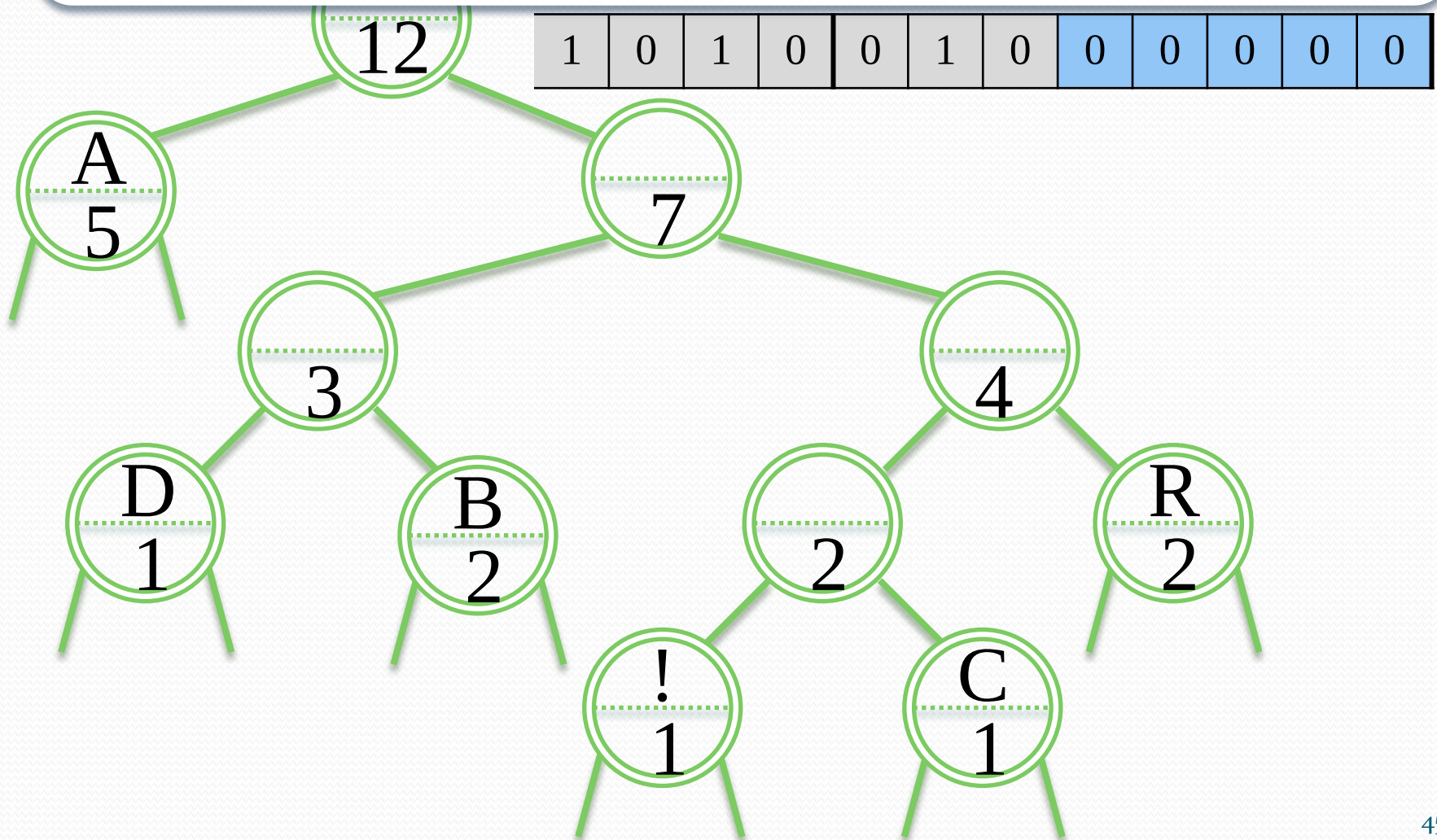
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## Huffman algorithm: encoding

(6/7) recording of the number of characters appearing in the text

1 byte =  $2^8$  signs = 256 B

2 bytes =  $2^{16}$  signs = 64 KB

3 bytes =  $2^{24}$  signs = 16 MB

4 bytes =  $2^{32}$  signs = 4 GB

5 bytes =  $2^{40}$  signs = 1 TB

# Huffman algorithm: encoding (7/7) recording (compression) of input data

| SIGN | CODEWORDS         |                     | frequency of<br>the sign [f <sub>i</sub> ] | depth of the<br>character in<br>the tree [i] |
|------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|      | Code page<br>ANSI | PREFIX-FREE<br>CODE |                                            |                                              |
| !    | 00100001          | 1100                | 1                                          | 4                                            |
| A    | 01000001          | 0                   | 5                                          | 1                                            |
| B    | 01000010          | 101                 | 2                                          | 3                                            |
| C    | 01000011          | 1101                | 1                                          | 4                                            |
| D    | 01000100          | 100                 | 1                                          | 3                                            |
| R    | 01010010          | 111                 | 2                                          | 3                                            |

$$\text{Compression cost} = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i * i$$

# Huffman algorithm: encoding (7/7) recording (compression) of input data

| File (or sentence)             | Compression cost*<br>[byte] | Huffman tree cost*<br>[byte] |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| „ABRACADABRA!”                 | 4 (28+4 bits)               | 8 (59+5 bits)                |
| „A TALE OF TWO CITIES”         | 440702                      | 93                           |
| „OPOWIEŚĆ O DWÓCH<br>MIASTACH” | 254980                      | 112                          |

\* After aligning to full bytes.

Cost of storing the number of characters  
from the input file: 4 bytes.



# Huffman algorithm: encoding (7/7) recording (compression) of input data

| File (or sentence)          | File size              |                       | compression ratio [%] |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                             | Before encoding [byte] | After encoding [byte] |                       |
| „ABRACADABRA!”              | 12                     | 16                    | 133.33                |
| „A TALE OF TWO CITIES”      | 773125                 | 440799                | 57.02                 |
| „OPOWIEŚĆ O DWÓCH MIASTACH” | 421008                 | 255096                | 60.59                 |

The less compression ratio we get the less memory space (compressed file) it get.  
But:

The definition is a matter of convention - we could just as well talk about the degree of space saved, then the higher the coefficient, the better the compression algorithm:  $\text{new\_definition [\%]} = 100\% - \text{old\_definition\_of\_compression\_ratio}$ .

# Huffman algorithm: decoding

1. Read input data.
  - a) Read Huffman tree .
  - b) Read a number of characters to decode.
2. Use the Huffman tree to decode remained (compressed) data from a file.

# Huffman algorithm: decoding

## (1a/2) reading the Huffman tree (preorder)

```
Node* readTree()
{
    if ( bit in stream == '1' )
    {
        // Znak // Sign to store in the leaf: // Sign to store in the leaf:
        ch_temp = '8 of consecutive bits'; bitow';

        return new Node(ch_temp, 0, NULL, NULL);
    }

    return new Node(0, 0, readTree(), readTree());
}
```

# Huffman algorithm: decoding

(1b/2) reading the number of characters to be decoded

Read 4 bytes.

# Huffman algorithm: decoding

## (2/2) decoding the bit stream

