

# Mandatory Exercise: Grammar Compression and Random Access

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**1 Character Counting** Let  $G$  be an SLP of size  $n$  generating a string  $S$  of length  $N$  over an alphabet  $\Sigma$ . We want a data structure for  $G$  that supports the following operation. Given an index  $i$  in  $S$  and  $\alpha \in \Sigma$ , define

- $\text{CharCount}(i, \alpha)$ , Return the number of occurrences of  $\alpha$  in the prefix  $S[0, i]$  of  $S$ .

Give a data structure that uses  $O(n|\Sigma|)$  space and supports fast queries.