# Compressing Multisets with Large Alphabets 

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In other words, can we compress $\mathcal{M}$ to $-\log P_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{M})$ bits?

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- It relies on BB-ANS: $H(\mathcal{M})=H\left(X^{n}\right)-H\left(X^{n} \mid \mathcal{M}\right)$
- Can compress single $\mathcal{M}$ to $-\log P_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{M})$ bits
- Symbols can be anything (e.g. images, text, multisets)


## Thank you!

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