Recap: Generics and Lists

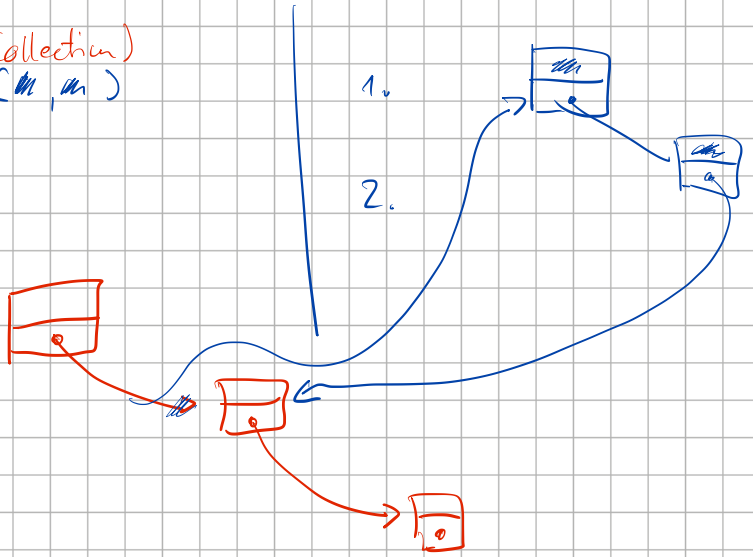
Generics

- Template classes usable for multiple classes
  - E.g., collections
- Syntactically denoted by < >

Lists

- Unidimensional, ordered collection
- Two implementations available
  - ArrayList: Uses an array internally
    - Array: Elements are stored in a continuous block of memory
  - LinkedList: Uses a linked list internally
    - List: Elements are distributed all over the place, but linked

addAll(index, Collection)
1 (m, m)



Exercise 5: MyLinkedList

- Using the iterator and `getElement()` solves most of the problems
- Handling the first element sometimes requires extra care (`add()`, `addAll()`, `remove()`)
- Most complex method `addAll(int index, Collection c)` can be solved in two steps:
  - Put the elements of `c` into a linked list
  - Insert it at the right position
- Testing all methods is tedious – automatic testing to the rescue
- ➔ Later in the semester

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Session 6: Collections, Part 2 (Queues and Sets)

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Interfaces

`java.util.Collection`

- `java.util.List` ← last week
- `java.util.Queue` ← today
- `java.util.Set` ← today

`java.util.Map` ← next week

Section 1

Queue and Stack


SCOTLAND'S WORK AND WORTH
LITTLE DORRIT
BYRON'S WORKS
Northanger Abbey
JANE AUSTEN
DON QUIXOTE
The Portrait of a Lady
Pilgrims Progress 1775
WALDEN

Queue and Stack

- Ordered collection, changeable by adding/removing only from one end
- Last In, First Out (LIFO, Stack)
  - Same end for adding and removing elements
- First In, First Out (FIFO, Queue)
  - Different end for adding and removing
- No random access (i.e., no access to elements in the middle)

Examples (from Real-Life)

Queue in Java

- Interface java.util.Queue<E>
  - Special case: capacity-restricted Queue (i.e., one with a limited size)
- Defines several methods:

	Throws exception	Returns special value
Insert	`add(e)`	`offer(e)`
Remove	`remove()`	`poll()`
Examine	`element()`	`peek()`

Table: Queue Methods

Queue in Java

Sub Interfaces

- java.util.Deque<E>
  - "Deque": double ended queue
  - Access on both ends (but not in the middle)
- java.util.BlockingQueue<E> / java.util.BlockingDeque<E>
  - Wait for the queue to become non-empty when retrieving
  - Wait for space to become available in the queue when adding

Implementations

- Based on an array: java.util.ArrayDeque<E>
- Based on linked list: java.util.LinkedList<E>

demo

Queues in Action

Section 2

Set

Sets

$\{1,2,3\} \cap \{3,4,5\} = \{3\}$

$\{1,2,3\} \cup \{3,4,5\} = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$

$|\{3,5\}| = 2$

$\{3,2,1\} = \{1,2,3\}$

Sets

- Mathematical concept
- No order: $S = \{1, 2, 3\} = \{3, 1, 2\} = \{2, 3, 1\}$
- Cannot contain the same element twice: $\{1, 2, 3\} = \{1, 1, 2, 3\}$
- Special symbol for empty set: $\emptyset = \{\}$
- Operations
  - Union / Vereinigungsmenge: $\{1, 2\} \cup \{2, 3\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$
  - Intersection / Schnittmenge: $\{1, 2\} \cap \{2, 3\} = \{2\}$

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Sets in Java

- java.util.Set<E>
- `add(e)` returns `false` if `e` is already in the set
- No random access to specific elements: Because there is no order, there cannot be an index value
- Access only via iterators

Implementation: java.util.HashSet

This class implements the Set interface, backed by a hash table (actually a HashMap instance). It makes no guarantees as to the iteration order of the set; in particular, it does not guarantee that the order will remain constant over time. This class permits the null element.

java.util.HashSet<E>

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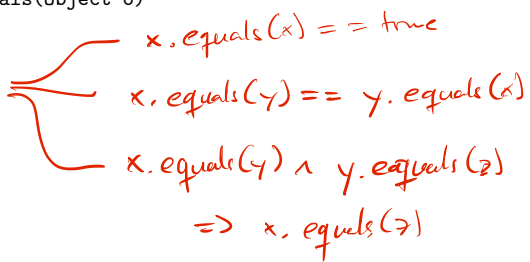

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int hashCode()
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- If `x.equals(y)` returns `true`, `x.hashCode() == y.hashCode()`
- Used extensively in collections

`equals()` vs. `==`

- `==` compares if the objects are the same
  - I.e.: If they refer to the same unit in memory
- `equals()` lets the objects decide their equality
  - By overwriting the method in a class
  - By default (java.lang.Object.equals()): `x.equals(y)` is `true` iff `x==y`

demo

Sets in Action, implementing equals() and hashCode()

Exercise

https://github.com/idh-cologne-java-2-summer-2024/exercise-06