

Project #5: Set Class

In this project you will implement a `Set` class which represents a general collection of values. For this assignment, a set is generally defined as a list of values that is **sorted** and **does not contain any duplicate values**. More specifically, a set shall contain no pair of elements `e1` and `e2` such that `e1.equals(e2)` and no null elements.

Requirements

To ensure consistency among all implementations there are some requirements that all implementations must maintain.

- Your implementation should reflect the definition of a set at all times.
- For simplicity, your set will be used to store `Integer` objects.
- An `ArrayList<Integer>` object must be used to represent the set.
- All methods that have an object parameter must be able to handle an input of `null`.
- Methods such as `Collections.sort` that automatically sort a list may not be used.
- The `Set` class shall reside in the default package.

Recommendations

There are deviations in program implementation that are acceptable and will not impact the overall functionality of the set class.

- A minimum size (initial capacity) may be specified for the `ArrayList` object.
- When elements are added, the `ensureCapacity()` method may be called to ensure that adding a new element can proceed.
- The `trimToSize()` method can be used to maintain a constant capacity equal to the number of elements in the set.

Set Class Methods

There are many methods that one would expect to be supported in a set class. This section will describe the interface of the set class. Unless specified, you will have to implement all of the described methods.

Constructors

- `Set()`
 - Description: constructs a set by allocating an `ArrayList<Integer>`.
- `Set(int size)`
 - Parameters: `size` - the desired size of the set.
 - Description: constructs a set with an initial capacity of `size`.
- `Set(int low, int high)`
 - Parameters:
 - `low` – an integer specifying the start value of a range of values.

- `high` – an integer specifying the end value of a range of values.
- Description: constructs a set of `Integer` objects containing all the inclusive values from the range `low...high`. The default size of the set must accommodate this mode of construction.

Addition

- `boolean add(Integer o)`
 - Parameters: `o` – element to be added to `this` set.
 - Description: if `o` is not in `this` set, `o` is added to `this` set.
 - Returns:
 - `TRUE` if the element is successfully added to `this` set.
 - `FALSE` if the element is not added to `this` set.
- `int add(Integer[] s)`
 - Parameters: `s` – array of elements to be added to `this` set.
 - Description: adds all elements of `s` to `this` set.
 - Returns: the number of elements successfully added to `this` set.

Removal

- `Integer remove(Integer o)`
 - Parameters: `o` – element to be deleted from `this` set.
 - Description: if `o` is in `this` set, the element is deleted.
 - Returns: the object that will be removed from `this` set. If the element is not contained in `this` set, `null` is returned.
- `int remove(Set s)`
 - Parameters: `s` – set of elements to be deleted from `this` set.
 - Description: deletes all elements of `s` from `this` set.
 - Returns: the number of elements successfully deleted from `this` set.

Miscellaneous

- `boolean contains(Integer o)`
 - Parameters: `o` – the element to be searched for in `this` set.
 - Description: determines whether the given element is in `this` set.
 - Returns: `TRUE` or `FALSE` whether `o` is in `this` set.
- `void clear()`
 - Description: Removes all the elements from `this` set.
- `boolean isEmpty()`
 - Description: determines whether `this` set contains any elements.

- Returns: TRUE or FALSE whether `this` set contains zero elements.
- `int size()`
 - Description: determines the number of elements in `this` set.
 - Returns: the number of elements in `this` set.
- `Integer get(int index)`
 - Parameters: `index` – the integer index of the desired element in `this` set.
 - Description: returns the `Object` at the specified `index` if the `index` is valid.
 - Returns: the `Object` at the specified `index`; `null` if the specified `index` is out of range: `(index < 0 || index >= size())`.

Union

- `Set union(Set s)`
 - Parameters: `s` – a set of `Integers`.
 - Description: constructs and returns a new `Set` object that contains the objects in either `this` set ***or*** the input set `s`.
 - Returns: a newly constructed `Set` object containing the union of the sets.

Intersection

- `Set intersection(Set s)`
 - Parameters: `s` – a set of `Integers`.
 - Description: constructs and returns a new `Set` object that contains the objects in both `this` set ***and*** the input set `s`.
 - Returns: a newly constructed `Set` object containing the intersection of the sets.

Other Methods

- `boolean subset(Set s)`
 - Parameters: `s` – a set of `Integers`.
 - Description: determines if `this` set is a superset of `s`.
 - Returns: TRUE or FALSE if all the elements of `s` are contained in `this` set.
 - Notes: This method can be implemented easily using other methods described in this assignment. `null` should be considered a subset of any other set.
- `boolean superset(Set s)`
 - Parameters: `s` – a set of `Integers`.
 - Description: determines if `this` set is a subset of `s`.
 - Returns: TRUE or FALSE if all the elements of `this` set are contained in `s`.
 - Notes: This method can be implemented easily using other methods described in this assignment. `null` can only be considered a superset of the `null` set. However, this cannot conceivably happen when using an instance of the `Set` class.

Supplied Methods

Besides the interface specification described above, there are other methods that have been provided; feel free to use them as required in your implementation and testing. ***Do not modify these methods.***

- `String toString()`
 - Description: provides a means of viewing the values contained within the `Set` object.
 - Returns: a `String` representation of `this` set.
 - Notes: It is important that this method remain unmodified since it will be used for evaluation purposes. It has been provided for debugging purposes.
- `boolean equals(Object o)`
 - Parameters: `s` – a set of values to compare against `this` set.
 - Description: determines whether the content of `o` equals `this` set.
 - Returns: `TRUE` or `FALSE` whether `o` is an instance of class `Set` and contains all elements of `this` set.
 - Notes: It is important that this method remain unmodified since it will be used for evaluation purposes. It has been provided for debugging purposes.

Testing

- `public static void main(String args[])`
 - Parameters: `args` – unused in this implementation.
 - Description: this is a method that will be part of a test class `SetTester`.
 - Notes: A complete testing class (`SetTester`) used for grading has been provided to expedite development. This method can be modified as desired; you will not have to submit this file.

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