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## interleave sequence

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Let  $S$  be a set, and let  $\{x_i\}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $\{y_i\}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  be two sequences in  $S$ . The *interleave sequence* is defined to be the sequence  $x_0, y_0, x_1, y_1, \dots$ . Formally, it is the sequence  $\{z_i\}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  given by

$$z_i := \begin{cases} x_k & \text{if } i = 2k \text{ is even,} \\ y_k & \text{if } i = 2k + 1 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$