CENG 443 Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming Languages and Systems

Streams - 3

Infinite (Unbounded On-the-Fly) Streams

Stream.generate(valueGenerator)

- Stream.generate lets you specify a Supplier. This Supplier is invoked each time the system needs a Stream element.
 - Powerful when Supplier maintains state, but then parallel version will give wrong answer

Stream.iterate(initialValue, valueTransformer)

• Stream.iterate lets you specify a seed and a UnaryOperator f. The seed becomes the first element of the Stream, f(seed) becomes the second element, f(second) becomes third element, etc.

Usage

- The values are not calculated until they are needed
- To avoid unterminated processing, you must eventually use a size-limiting operation like limit or findFirst (but not skip alone)
 - The point is not really that this is an "infinite" Stream, but that it is an unbounded "on the fly" Stream one with no fixed size, where the values are calculated as you need them.

generate

- You supply a function (Supplier) to Stream.generate. Whenever the system needs stream elements, it invokes the function to get them.
- You must limit the Stream size.
 - Usually with limit or findFirst (or findAny for parallel streams). skip alone is not enough, since the size is still unbounded
- By using a real class instead of a lambda, the function can maintain state so that new values are based on any or all of the previous values
- Quick Example

```
List<Employee> emps =
   Stream.generate(() -> randomEmployee())
    .limit(someRuntimeValue)
    .collect(Collectors.toList());
```

Stateless generate Example: Random Numbers

Code

```
Supplier<Double> random = Math::random;
System.out.println("2 Random numbers:");
Stream.generate(random).limit(2).forEach(System.out::println);
System.out.println("4 Random numbers:");
Stream.generate(random).limit(4).forEach(System.out::println);
```

Results

```
2 Random numbers: 0.00608980775038892
0.2696067924164013
4 Random numbers:
0.7761651889987567
0.818313574113532
0.07824375091607816
0.7154788145391667
```

Stateful generate Example: Supplier Code

```
public class FibonacciMaker implements Supplier<Long> {
  private long previous = 0;
  private long current = 1;
  @Override
  public Long get() {
    long next = current + previous;
    previous = current;
    current = next;
    return(previous);
public static Stream<Long> makeFibStream() {
  return(Stream.generate(new FibonacciMaker()));
public static Stream<Long> makeFibStream(int numFibs) {
  return (makeFibStream().limit(numFibs));
public static List<Long> makeFibList(int numFibs) {
  return(makeFibStream(numFibs).collect(Collectors.toList()));
public static Long[] makeFibArray(int numFibs) {
  return (makeFibStream (numFibs) . toArray (Long[]::new));
```

Lambdas cannot define instance variables, so we use a regular class instead of a lambda to define the Supplier.

Example

• Main code

```
System.out.println("5 Fibonacci numbers:");
FibStream.makeFibStream(5).forEach(System.out::println);
System.out.println("25 Fibonacci numbers:");
FibStream.makeFibStream(25).forEach(System.out::println);
```

• Sample Output

```
5 Fibonacci numbers:

1

2

3

5

25 Fibonacci numbers:

1

1

...

75025
```

iterate

- You specify a seed value and a UnaryOperator f. The seed becomes the first element of the Stream, f(seed) becomes the second element, f(second) [i.e., f(f(seed))] becomes third element, etc.
- You must limit the Stream size.
 - Usually with limit. skip alone is not enough, since the size is still unbounded
- Will not yield the same result in parallel
- Quick Example:

```
List<Integer> powersOfTwo =
  Stream.iterate(1, n -> n * 2)
    .limit(...)
    .collect(Collectors.toList());
```

Simple Example: Twitter Messages

- Generate a series of Twittermessages
- Approach
 - Start with a very short String as the first message
 - Append exclamation points on the end
 - Continue to 140-character limit

```
• Core Code Stream.iterate("Base Msg", msg -> msg + "Suffix")
.limit(someCutoff)
```

Example

```
System.out.println("14 Twitter messages:");
Stream.iterate("Big News!!", msg -> msg + "!!!!!!!!")
    .limit(14)
    .forEach(System.out::println);
```

Output:

Consecutive Large Prime Numbers

- Generate a series of very large consecutive prime numbers (e.g., 100 or 150 digits or more)
- Large primes are used extensively incryptography
- Approach
 - Start with a prime BigInteger as the seed
 - Supply a UnaryOperator that finds the first prime number higher than the given one

Core code

Helper Method: nextPrime

- Generate a random odd BigInteger of the requested size, check if prime, keep adding 2 until you find a match.
- Why this is feasible
 - The BigInteger class has a builtin probabilistic algorithm (Miller-Rabin test) for determining if a number is prime without attempting to factor it. It is ultra-fast even for 100-digit or 200-digit numbers.
 - Technically, there is a $\sim 1/2^{100}$ chance that this falsely identifies a prime, but since 2^{100} is about the number of particles in the universe, that's not a very big risk

```
public static BigInteger nextPrime(BigInteger start) {
  if (isEven(start)) start = start.add(ONE);
  else start = start.add(TWO);
  if (start.isProbablePrime(ERR_VAL)) return(start);
  else return(nextPrime(start));
}
public static BigInteger findPrime(int numDigits) {
  if (numDigits < 1) numDigits = 1;
  return(nextPrime(randomNum(numDigits)));
}</pre>
```

Making Stream of Primes

```
public static Stream<BigInteger> makePrimeStream(int numDigits) {
  return(Stream.iterate(Primes.findPrime(numDigits), Primes::nextPrime));
public static Stream<BigInteger> makePrimeStream(int numDigits, int numPrimes) {
  return (makePrimeStream (numDigits) .limit(numPrimes));
public static List<BigInteger> makePrimeList(int numDigits, int numPrimes) {
  return (makePrimeStream (numDigits, numPrimes).collect(Collectors.toList()));
public static BigInteger[] makePrimeArray(int numDigits, int numPrimes) {
  return (makePrimeStream(numDigits, numPrimes).toArray(BigInteger[]::new));
}
              System.out.println("10 100-digit primes:");

    Try it

              PrimeStream.makePrimeStream(100, 10).forEach(System.out::println);
10 100-digit primes:
3484894489805924599033259501599559961057903572743870105972345438458556253531271262848463552867976353
3484894489805924599033259501599559961057903572743870105972345438458556253531271262848463552867976647
3484894489805924599033259501599559961057903572743870105972345438458556253531271262848463552867976663
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3484894489805924599033259501599559961057903572743870105972345438458556253531271262848463552867978103
```

collect

- Using methods in the Collectors class, you can output a Stream as many types
- Quick Examples

partitoningBy: Building Maps

- You provide a Predicate. It builds a Map where true maps to a List of entries that passed the Predicate, and false maps to a List that failed the Predicate.
- Quick Example:

```
Map<Boolean,List<Employee>> oldTimersMap =
  employeeStream().collect(partitioningBy(e -> e.getEmployeeId() < 10));</pre>
```

 Now, oldTimersMap.get(true) returns a List<Employee> of employees whose ID's are less than 10, and oldTimersMap.get(false) returns a List<Employee> of everyone else.

partitioningBy: Example

Code

```
Map<Boolean,List<Employee>> richTable =
  googlers.stream().collect(partitioningBy(e -> e.getSalary() > 1_000_000));
System.out.printf("Googlers with salaries over $1M: %s.%n", richTable.get(true));
System.out.printf("Destitute Googlers: %s.%n", richTable.get(false));
```

Results

```
Googlers with salaries over $1M: [Larry Page [Employee#1 $9,999,999],
Sergey Brin [Employee#2 $8,888,888], Eric Schmidt [Employee#3 $7,777,777], Nikesh
Arora [Employee#4 $6,666,666], David Drummond [Employee#5 $5,555,555],
Patrick Pichette [Employee#6 $4,444,444], Susan Wojcicki [Employee#7 $3,333,333]].

Destitute Googlers: [Peter Norvig [Employee#8 $900,000],
Jeffrey Dean [Employee#9 $800,000], Sanjay Ghemawat [Employee#10 $700,000], Gilad
Bracha [Employee#11 $600,000]].
```

groupingBy: Another Way of BuildingMaps

- You provide a Function. It builds a Map where each output value of the Function maps to a List of entries that gave that value.
 - E.g., if you supply Employee::getFirstName, it builds a Map where supplying a first name yields a List of employees that have that first name.
- Quick Example

```
Map<Department,List<Employee>> deptTable =
  employeeStream()
    .collect(Collectors.groupingBy(Employee::getDepartment));
```

• Now, deptTable.get(someDepartment) returns a List<Employee> of everyone in that department.

Example: groupBy Offices

Output:

```
Emps in Mountain View:
   [Larry Page [Mountain View], Sergey Brin [Mountain View]].
Emps in NY: [Lindsay Hall [New York], Hesky Fisher [New York]].
Emps in Zurich: [Reto Strobl [Zurich], Fork Guy [Zurich]].
```

Summary

- Reduction operations on Stream<T>
- Number Specialized Streams
- Parallel streams
 - anyStream.parallel().normalStreamOps(...)
 - For reduce, be sure there is no global data and that operator is associative
 - Test to verify answers are the same both ways, or (with doubles) at least close enough
 - Compare timing
- "Infinite" (really unbounded) streams
 - Stream.generate(someStatelessSupplier).limit(...)
 - Stream.generate(someStatefullSupplier).limit(...)
 - Stream.iterate(seedValue, operatorOnSeed).limit(...)
- Fancy uses of collect
 - You can build many collection types fromstreams