

Sets, Multisets, Multimaps

- set: unordered collection of elements, no duplicates, typically supports efficient membership test
- multiset: set-like container that allows duplicates
- multimap: same key can be mapped to multiple values

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class Multimap:

 _MapType = dict

→ def __init__(self):

 self._map = self._MapType()

 self._n = 0

→ def __iter__(self):

 for k, secondary in self._map.items():

 for v in secondary:

 yield (k, v)

→ def add(self, k, v):

 container = self._map.setdefault(k, [])

 container.append(v)

 self._n += 1

→ def pop(self, k):

 secondary = self._map[k]

 v = secondary.pop()

 if len(secondary) == 0:

 del self._map[k]

 self._n -= 1

 return (k, v)

def find(self, k):

 secondary = self._map[k]

 return (k, secondary[0])

def find_all(self, k):

 secondary = self._map[k]

~~return (k, secondary[0])~~

 for v in secondary:

 yield (k, v)

→ designed so any map implementation can be used

→ uses standard dict as map with list of values as composite value in dictionary