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java.util.stream

## Interface Stream<T>

### Type Parameters:

T - the type of the stream elements

### All Superinterfaces:

[AutoCloseable](#), [BaseStream<T,Stream<T>>](#)

```
public interface Stream<T>
extends BaseStream<T,Stream<T>>
```

A sequence of elements supporting sequential and parallel aggregate operations. The following example illustrates an aggregate operation using [Stream](#) and [IntStream](#):

```
int sum = widgets.stream()
    .filter(w -> w.getColor() == RED)
    .mapToInt(w -> w.getWeight())
    .sum();
```

In this example, `widgets` is a `Collection<Widget>`. We create a stream of `Widget` objects via `Collection.stream()`, filter it to produce a stream containing only the red widgets, and then transform it into a stream of `int` values representing the weight of each red widget. Then this stream is summed to produce a total weight.

In addition to `Stream`, which is a stream of object references, there are primitive specializations for [IntStream](#), [LongStream](#), and [DoubleStream](#), all of which are referred to as "streams" and conform to the characteristics and restrictions described here.

To perform a computation, stream [operations](#) are composed into a *stream pipeline*. A stream pipeline consists of a source (which might be an array, a collection, a generator function, an I/O channel, etc), zero or more *intermediate operations* (which transform a stream into another stream, such as `filter(Predicate)`), and a *terminal operation* (which produces a result or side-effect, such as `count()` or `forEach(Consumer)`). Streams are lazy; computation on the source data is only performed when the terminal operation is initiated, and source elements are consumed only as needed.

Collections and streams, while bearing some superficial similarities, have different goals. Collections are primarily concerned with the efficient management of, and access to, their elements. By contrast, streams do not provide a means to directly access or manipulate their elements, and are instead concerned with declaratively describing their source and the computational operations which will be performed in aggregate on that source. However, if the provided stream operations do not offer the desired functionality, the `BaseStream.iterator()` and `BaseStream.spliterator()` operations can be used to perform a controlled traversal.

A stream pipeline, like the "widgets" example above, can be viewed as a *query* on the stream source. Unless the source was explicitly designed for concurrent modification (such as a [ConcurrentHashMap](#)), unpredictable or erroneous behavior may result from modifying the stream source while it is being queried.

Most stream operations accept parameters that describe user-specified behavior, such as the lambda expression `w -> w.getWeight()` passed to `mapToInt` in the example above. To preserve correct behavior, these *behavioral parameters*:

- must be [non-interfering](#) (they do not modify the stream source); and
- in most cases must be [stateless](#) (their result should not depend on any state that might change during

execution of the stream pipeline).

Such parameters are always instances of a [functional interface](#) such as [Function](#), and are often lambda expressions or method references. Unless otherwise specified these parameters must be *non-null*.

A stream should be operated on (invoking an intermediate or terminal stream operation) only once. This rules out, for example, "forked" streams, where the same source feeds two or more pipelines, or multiple traversals of the same stream. A stream implementation may throw [IllegalStateException](#) if it detects that the stream is being reused. However, since some stream operations may return their receiver rather than a new stream object, it may not be possible to detect reuse in all cases.

Streams have a [BaseStream.close\(\)](#) method and implement [AutoCloseable](#), but nearly all stream instances do not actually need to be closed after use. Generally, only streams whose source is an IO channel (such as those returned by [Files.lines\(Path, Charset\)](#)) will require closing. Most streams are backed by collections, arrays, or generating functions, which require no special resource management. (If a stream does require closing, it can be declared as a resource in a try-with-resources statement.)

Stream pipelines may execute either sequentially or in [parallel](#). This execution mode is a property of the stream. Streams are created with an initial choice of sequential or parallel execution. (For example, [Collection.stream\(\)](#) creates a sequential stream, and [Collection.parallelStream\(\)](#) creates a parallel one.) This choice of execution mode may be modified by the [BaseStream.sequential\(\)](#) or [BaseStream.parallel\(\)](#) methods, and may be queried with the [BaseStream.isParallel\(\)](#) method.

**Since:**

1.8

**See Also:**

[IntStream](#), [LongStream](#), [DoubleStream](#), [java.util.stream](#)

## Nested Class Summary

### Nested Classes

Modifier and Type	Interface and Description
static interface	<a href="#">Stream.Builder&lt;T&gt;</a> A mutable builder for a Stream.

## Method Summary

All Methods	Static Methods	Instance Methods	Abstract Methods	Default Methods
Modifier and Type		Method and Description		
boolean		<a href="#">allMatch(Predicate&lt;? super T&gt; predicate)</a> Returns whether all elements of this stream match the provided predicate.		
boolean		<a href="#">anyMatch(Predicate&lt;? super T&gt; predicate)</a> Returns whether any elements of this stream match the provided predicate.		
static <T>	<a href="#">Stream.Builder&lt;T&gt;</a>	<a href="#">builder()</a> Returns a builder for a Stream.		
<R,A>	R	<a href="#">collect(Collector&lt;? super T,A,R&gt; collector)</a> Performs a <b>mutable reduction</b> operation on the elements of this stream using a Collector.		
<R>	R	<a href="#">collect(Supplier&lt;R&gt; supplier, BiConsumer&lt;R,? super T&gt; accumulator, BiConsumer&lt;R,R&gt; combiner)</a> Performs a <b>mutable reduction</b> operation on the elements of this		

stream.

static <T> **Stream**<T>

**concat**(**Stream**<? extends T> a, **Stream**<? extends T> b)

Creates a lazily concatenated stream whose elements are all the elements of the first stream followed by all the elements of the second stream.

long

**count**()

Returns the count of elements in this stream.

**Stream**<T>

**distinct**()

Returns a stream consisting of the distinct elements (according to **Object.equals(Object)**) of this stream.

static <T> **Stream**<T>

**empty**()

Returns an empty sequential Stream.

**Stream**<T>

**filter**(**Predicate**<? super T> predicate)

Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream that match the given predicate.

**Optional**<T>

**findAny**()

Returns an **Optional** describing some element of the stream, or an empty **Optional** if the stream is empty.

**Optional**<T>

**findFirst**()

Returns an **Optional** describing the first element of this stream, or an empty **Optional** if the stream is empty.

<R> **Stream**<R>

**flatMap**(**Function**<? super T,? extends **Stream**<? extends R>> mapper)

Returns a stream consisting of the results of replacing each element of this stream with the contents of a mapped stream produced by applying the provided mapping function to each element.

**DoubleStream**

**flatMapToDouble**(**Function**<? super T,? extends **DoubleStream**> mapper)

Returns an **DoubleStream** consisting of the results of replacing each element of this stream with the contents of a mapped stream produced by applying the provided mapping function to each element.

**IntStream**

**flatMapToInt**(**Function**<? super T,? extends **IntStream**> mapper)

Returns an **IntStream** consisting of the results of replacing each element of this stream with the contents of a mapped stream produced by applying the provided mapping function to each element.

**LongStream**

**flatMapToLong**(**Function**<? super T,? extends **LongStream**> mapper)

Returns an **LongStream** consisting of the results of replacing each element of this stream with the contents of a mapped stream produced by applying the provided mapping function to each element.

void

**forEach**(**Consumer**<? super T> action)

Performs an action for each element of this stream.

void

**forEachOrdered**(**Consumer**<? super T> action)

Performs an action for each element of this stream, in the encounter order of the stream if the stream has a defined encounter order.

static <T> **Stream**<T>

**generate**(**Supplier**<T> s)

Returns an infinite sequential unordered stream where each element

is generated by the provided Supplier.

`static <T> Stream<T>`

**iterate**(T seed, **UnaryOperator**<T> f)

Returns an infinite sequential ordered Stream produced by iterative application of a function f to an initial element seed, producing a Stream consisting of seed, f(seed), f(f(seed)), etc.

**Stream**<T>

**limit**(long maxSize)

Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream, truncated to be no longer than maxSize in length.

<R> **Stream**<R>

**map**(**Function**<? super T,? extends R> mapper)

Returns a stream consisting of the results of applying the given function to the elements of this stream.

**DoubleStream**

**mapToDouble**(**ToDoubleFunction**<? super T> mapper)

Returns a DoubleStream consisting of the results of applying the given function to the elements of this stream.

**IntStream**

**mapToInt**(**ToIntFunction**<? super T> mapper)

Returns an IntStream consisting of the results of applying the given function to the elements of this stream.

**LongStream**

**mapToLong**(**ToLongFunction**<? super T> mapper)

Returns a LongStream consisting of the results of applying the given function to the elements of this stream.

**Optional**<T>

**max**(**Comparator**<? super T> comparator)

Returns the maximum element of this stream according to the provided Comparator.

**Optional**<T>

**min**(**Comparator**<? super T> comparator)

Returns the minimum element of this stream according to the provided Comparator.

boolean

**noneMatch**(**Predicate**<? super T> predicate)

Returns whether no elements of this stream match the provided predicate.

`static <T> Stream<T>`

**of**(T... values)

Returns a sequential ordered stream whose elements are the specified values.

`static <T> Stream<T>`

**of**(T t)

Returns a sequential Stream containing a single element.

**Stream**<T>

**peek**(**Consumer**<? super T> action)

Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream, additionally performing the provided action on each element as elements are consumed from the resulting stream.

**Optional**<T>

**reduce**(**BinaryOperator**<T> accumulator)

Performs a **reduction** on the elements of this stream, using an **associative** accumulation function, and returns an Optional describing the reduced value, if any.

T

**reduce**(T identity, **BinaryOperator**<T> accumulator)

Performs a **reduction** on the elements of this stream, using the provided identity value and an **associative** accumulation function, and returns the reduced value.

<U> U

**reduce**(U identity, **BiFunction**<U,? super T,U> accumulator, **BinaryOperator**<U> combiner)

Performs a **reduction** on the elements of this stream, using the

provided identity, accumulation and combining functions.

**Stream<T>**

**skip**(long n)

Returns a stream consisting of the remaining elements of this stream after discarding the first n elements of the stream.

**Stream<T>**

**sorted**()

Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream, sorted according to natural order.

**Stream<T>**

**sorted**(**Comparator**<? super **T**> comparator)

Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream, sorted according to the provided **Comparator**.

**Object[]**

**toArray**()

Returns an array containing the elements of this stream.

**<A> A[]**

**toArray**(**IntFunction**<**A**[]> generator)

Returns an array containing the elements of this stream, using the provided generator function to allocate the returned array, as well as any additional arrays that might be required for a partitioned execution or for resizing.

## Methods inherited from interface **java.util.stream.BaseStream**

`close`, `isParallel`, `iterator`, `onClose`, `parallel`, `sequential`, `spliterator`, `unordered`

## Method Detail

### filter

**Stream<T>** filter(**Predicate**<? super **T**> predicate)

Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream that match the given predicate.

This is an [intermediate operation](#).

#### Parameters:

predicate - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) predicate to apply to each element to determine if it should be included

#### Returns:

the new stream

### map

**<R> Stream<R>** map(**Function**<? super **T**,? extends **R**> mapper)

Returns a stream consisting of the results of applying the given function to the elements of this stream.

This is an [intermediate operation](#).

#### Type Parameters:

**R** - The element type of the new stream

#### Parameters:

mapper - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function to apply to each element

#### Returns:

the new stream

## mapToInt

```
IntStream mapToInt(ToIntFunction<? super T> mapper)
```

Returns an IntStream consisting of the results of applying the given function to the elements of this stream.

This is an [intermediate operation](#).

### Parameters:

mapper - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function to apply to each element

### Returns:

the new stream

## mapToLong

```
LongStream mapToLong(ToLongFunction<? super T> mapper)
```

Returns a LongStream consisting of the results of applying the given function to the elements of this stream.

This is an [intermediate operation](#).

### Parameters:

mapper - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function to apply to each element

### Returns:

the new stream

## mapToDouble

```
DoubleStream mapToDouble(ToDoubleFunction<? super T> mapper)
```

Returns a DoubleStream consisting of the results of applying the given function to the elements of this stream.

This is an [intermediate operation](#).

### Parameters:

mapper - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function to apply to each element

### Returns:

the new stream

## flatMap

```
<R> Stream<R> flatMap(Function<? super T,? extends Stream<? extends R>> mapper)
```

Returns a stream consisting of the results of replacing each element of this stream with the contents of a mapped stream produced by applying the provided mapping function to each element. Each mapped stream is [closed](#) after its contents have been placed into this stream. (If a mapped stream is null an empty stream is used, instead.)

This is an [intermediate operation](#).

### API Note:

The flatMap() operation has the effect of applying a one-to-many transformation to the elements of the stream, and then flattening the resulting elements into a new stream.

## Examples.

If `orders` is a stream of purchase orders, and each purchase order contains a collection of line items, then the following produces a stream containing all the line items in all the orders:

```
orders.flatMap(order -> order.getLineItems().stream())...
```

If `path` is the path to a file, then the following produces a stream of the words contained in that file:

```
Stream<String> lines = Files.lines(path, StandardCharsets.UTF_8);
Stream<String> words = lines.flatMap(line -> Stream.of(line.split(" +")));
```

The mapper function passed to `flatMap` splits a line, using a simple regular expression, into an array of words, and then creates a stream of words from that array.

### Type Parameters:

R - The element type of the new stream

### Parameters:

mapper - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function to apply to each element which produces a stream of new values

### Returns:

the new stream

## flatMapToInt

```
IntStream flatMapToInt(Function<? super T,? extends IntStream> mapper)
```

Returns an `IntStream` consisting of the results of replacing each element of this stream with the contents of a mapped stream produced by applying the provided mapping function to each element. Each mapped stream is [closed](#) after its contents have been placed into this stream. (If a mapped stream is null an empty stream is used, instead.)

This is an [intermediate operation](#).

### Parameters:

mapper - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function to apply to each element which produces a stream of new values

### Returns:

the new stream

### See Also:

[flatMap\(Function\)](#)

## flatMapToLong

```
LongStream flatMapToLong(Function<? super T,? extends LongStream> mapper)
```

Returns an `LongStream` consisting of the results of replacing each element of this stream with the contents of a mapped stream produced by applying the provided mapping function to each element. Each mapped stream is [closed](#) after its contents have been placed into this stream. (If a mapped stream is null an empty stream is used, instead.)

This is an [intermediate operation](#).

### Parameters:

mapper - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function to apply to each element which produces a stream of new values

**Returns:**

the new stream

**See Also:**

[flatMap\(Function\)](#)

## flatMapToDouble

```
DoubleStream flatMapToDouble(Function<? super T,? extends DoubleStream> mapper)
```

Returns an `DoubleStream` consisting of the results of replacing each element of this stream with the contents of a mapped stream produced by applying the provided mapping function to each element. Each mapped stream is [closed](#) after its contents have placed been into this stream. (If a mapped stream is null an empty stream is used, instead.)

This is an [intermediate operation](#).

**Parameters:**

mapper - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function to apply to each element which produces a stream of new values

**Returns:**

the new stream

**See Also:**

[flatMap\(Function\)](#)

## distinct

```
Stream<T> distinct()
```

Returns a stream consisting of the distinct elements (according to `Object.equals(Object)`) of this stream.

For ordered streams, the selection of distinct elements is stable (for duplicated elements, the element appearing first in the encounter order is preserved.) For unordered streams, no stability guarantees are made.

This is a [stateful intermediate operation](#).

**API Note:**

Preserving stability for `distinct()` in parallel pipelines is relatively expensive (requires that the operation act as a full barrier, with substantial buffering overhead), and stability is often not needed. Using an unordered stream source (such as [generate\(Supplier\)](#)) or removing the ordering constraint with [BaseStream.unordered\(\)](#) may result in significantly more efficient execution for `distinct()` in parallel pipelines, if the semantics of your situation permit. If consistency with encounter order is required, and you are experiencing poor performance or memory utilization with `distinct()` in parallel pipelines, switching to sequential execution with [BaseStream.sequential\(\)](#) may improve performance.

**Returns:**

the new stream

## sorted

```
Stream<T> sorted()
```



Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream, sorted according to natural order. If the elements of this stream are not `Comparable`, a `java.lang.ClassCastException` may be thrown when the terminal operation is executed.

For ordered streams, the sort is stable. For unordered streams, no stability guarantees are made.

This is a [stateful intermediate operation](#).

**Returns:**

the new stream

## sorted

```
Stream<T> sorted(Comparator<? super T> comparator)
```

Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream, sorted according to the provided `Comparator`.

For ordered streams, the sort is stable. For unordered streams, no stability guarantees are made.

This is a [stateful intermediate operation](#).

**Parameters:**

`comparator` - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) `Comparator` to be used to compare stream elements

**Returns:**

the new stream

## peek

```
Stream<T> peek(Consumer<? super T> action)
```

Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream, additionally performing the provided action on each element as elements are consumed from the resulting stream.

This is an [intermediate operation](#).

For parallel stream pipelines, the action may be called at whatever time and in whatever thread the element is made available by the upstream operation. If the action modifies shared state, it is responsible for providing the required synchronization.

**API Note:**

This method exists mainly to support debugging, where you want to see the elements as they flow past a certain point in a pipeline:

```
Stream.of("one", "two", "three", "four")
    .filter(e -> e.length() > 3)
    .peek(e -> System.out.println("Filtered value: " + e))
    .map(String::toUpperCase)
    .peek(e -> System.out.println("Mapped value: " + e))
    .collect(Collectors.toList());
```

**Parameters:**

`action` - a [non-interfering](#) action to perform on the elements as they are consumed from the stream

**Returns:**

the new stream

## limit

```
Stream<T> limit(long maxSize)
```

Returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream, truncated to be no longer than `maxSize` in length.

This is a [short-circuiting stateful intermediate operation](#).

### API Note:

While `limit()` is generally a cheap operation on sequential stream pipelines, it can be quite expensive on ordered parallel pipelines, especially for large values of `maxSize`, since `limit(n)` is constrained to return not just any *n* elements, but the *first n* elements in the encounter order. Using an unordered stream source (such as `generate(Supplier)`) or removing the ordering constraint with `BaseStream.unordered()` may result in significant speedups of `limit()` in parallel pipelines, if the semantics of your situation permit. If consistency with encounter order is required, and you are experiencing poor performance or memory utilization with `limit()` in parallel pipelines, switching to sequential execution with `BaseStream.sequential()` may improve performance.

### Parameters:

`maxSize` - the number of elements the stream should be limited to

### Returns:

the new stream

### Throws:

`IllegalArgumentException` - if `maxSize` is negative

## skip

```
Stream<T> skip(long n)
```

Returns a stream consisting of the remaining elements of this stream after discarding the first *n* elements of the stream. If this stream contains fewer than *n* elements then an empty stream will be returned.

This is a [stateful intermediate operation](#).

### API Note:

While `skip()` is generally a cheap operation on sequential stream pipelines, it can be quite expensive on ordered parallel pipelines, especially for large values of *n*, since `skip(n)` is constrained to skip not just any *n* elements, but the *first n* elements in the encounter order. Using an unordered stream source (such as `generate(Supplier)`) or removing the ordering constraint with `BaseStream.unordered()` may result in significant speedups of `skip()` in parallel pipelines, if the semantics of your situation permit. If consistency with encounter order is required, and you are experiencing poor performance or memory utilization with `skip()` in parallel pipelines, switching to sequential execution with `BaseStream.sequential()` may improve performance.

### Parameters:

*n* - the number of leading elements to skip

### Returns:

the new stream

### Throws:

`IllegalArgumentException` - if *n* is negative

## forEach

```
void forEach(Consumer<? super T> action)
```

Performs an action for each element of this stream.

This is a [terminal operation](#).

The behavior of this operation is explicitly nondeterministic. For parallel stream pipelines, this operation does *not* guarantee to respect the encounter order of the stream, as doing so would sacrifice the benefit of parallelism. For any given element, the action may be performed at whatever time and in whatever thread the library chooses. If the action accesses shared state, it is responsible for providing the required synchronization.

**Parameters:**

action - a [non-interfering](#) action to perform on the elements

### forEachOrdered

```
void forEachOrdered(Consumer<? super T> action)
```

Performs an action for each element of this stream, in the encounter order of the stream if the stream has a defined encounter order.

This is a [terminal operation](#).

This operation processes the elements one at a time, in encounter order if one exists. Performing the action for one element *happens-before* performing the action for subsequent elements, but for any given element, the action may be performed in whatever thread the library chooses.

**Parameters:**

action - a [non-interfering](#) action to perform on the elements

**See Also:**

[forEach\(Consumer\)](#)

### toArray

```
Object[] toArray()
```

Returns an array containing the elements of this stream.

This is a [terminal operation](#).

**Returns:**

an array containing the elements of this stream

### toArray

```
<A> A[] toArray(IntFunction<A[]> generator)
```

Returns an array containing the elements of this stream, using the provided generator function to allocate the returned array, as well as any additional arrays that might be required for a partitioned execution or for resizing.

This is a [terminal operation](#).

**API Note:**

The generator function takes an integer, which is the size of the desired array, and produces an array of the desired size. This can be concisely expressed with an array constructor reference:

```
Person[] men = people.stream()
    .filter(p -> p.getGender() == MALE)
```

```
.toArray(Person[]::new);
```

**Type Parameters:**

A - the element type of the resulting array

**Parameters:**

generator - a function which produces a new array of the desired type and the provided length

**Returns:**

an array containing the elements in this stream

**Throws:**

[ArrayStoreException](#) - if the runtime type of the array returned from the array generator is not a supertype of the runtime type of every element in this stream

## reduce

```
T reduce(T identity,  
         BinaryOperator<T> accumulator)
```

Performs a [reduction](#) on the elements of this stream, using the provided identity value and an [associative](#) accumulation function, and returns the reduced value. This is equivalent to:

```
T result = identity;  
for (T element : this stream)  
    result = accumulator.apply(result, element)  
return result;
```

but is not constrained to execute sequentially.

The identity value must be an identity for the accumulator function. This means that for all `t`, `accumulator.apply(identity, t)` is equal to `t`. The accumulator function must be an [associative](#) function.

This is a [terminal operation](#).

**API Note:**

Sum, min, max, average, and string concatenation are all special cases of reduction. Summing a stream of numbers can be expressed as:

```
Integer sum = integers.reduce(0, (a, b) -> a+b);
```

or:

```
Integer sum = integers.reduce(0, Integer::sum);
```

While this may seem a more roundabout way to perform an aggregation compared to simply mutating a running total in a loop, reduction operations parallelize more gracefully, without needing additional synchronization and with greatly reduced risk of data races.

**Parameters:**

identity - the identity value for the accumulating function

accumulator - an [associative](#), [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function for combining two values

**Returns:**

the result of the reduction

## reduce

`Optional<T> reduce(BinaryOperator<T> accumulator)`

Performs a [reduction](#) on the elements of this stream, using an [associative](#) accumulation function, and returns an `Optional` describing the reduced value, if any. This is equivalent to:

```
boolean foundAny = false;
T result = null;
for (T element : this stream) {
    if (!foundAny) {
        foundAny = true;
        result = element;
    }
    else
        result = accumulator.apply(result, element);
}
return foundAny ? Optional.of(result) : Optional.empty();
```

but is not constrained to execute sequentially.

The accumulator function must be an [associative](#) function.

This is a [terminal operation](#).

### Parameters:

`accumulator` - an [associative](#), [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function for combining two values

### Returns:

an `Optional` describing the result of the reduction

### Throws:

`NullPointerException` - if the result of the reduction is null

### See Also:

`reduce(Object, BinaryOperator)`, `min(Comparator)`, `max(Comparator)`

## reduce

```
<U> U reduce(U identity,
             BiFunction<U,? super T,U> accumulator,
             BinaryOperator<U> combiner)
```

Performs a [reduction](#) on the elements of this stream, using the provided identity, accumulation and combining functions. This is equivalent to:

```
U result = identity;
for (T element : this stream)
    result = accumulator.apply(result, element)
return result;
```

but is not constrained to execute sequentially.

The identity value must be an identity for the combiner function. This means that for all `u`, `combiner(identity, u)` is equal to `u`. Additionally, the combiner function must be compatible with the accumulator function; for all `u` and `t`, the following must hold:

```
combiner.apply(u, accumulator.apply(identity, t)) == accumulator.apply(u, t)
```

This is a [terminal operation](#).

**API Note:**

Many reductions using this form can be represented more simply by an explicit combination of map and reduce operations. The accumulator function acts as a fused mapper and accumulator, which can sometimes be more efficient than separate mapping and reduction, such as when knowing the previously reduced value allows you to avoid some computation.

**Type Parameters:**

U - The type of the result

**Parameters:**

identity - the identity value for the combiner function

accumulator - an [associative](#), [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function for incorporating an additional element into a result

combiner - an [associative](#), [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function for combining two values, which must be compatible with the accumulator function

**Returns:**

the result of the reduction

**See Also:**

[reduce\(BinaryOperator\)](#), [reduce\(Object, BinaryOperator\)](#)

## collect

```
<R> R collect(Supplier<R> supplier,  
             BiConsumer<R,? super T> accumulator,  
             BiConsumer<R,R> combiner)
```

Performs a [mutable reduction](#) operation on the elements of this stream. A mutable reduction is one in which the reduced value is a mutable result container, such as an `ArrayList`, and elements are incorporated by updating the state of the result rather than by replacing the result. This produces a result equivalent to:

```
R result = supplier.get();  
for (T element : this stream)  
    accumulator.accept(result, element);  
return result;
```

Like [reduce\(Object, BinaryOperator\)](#), collect operations can be parallelized without requiring additional synchronization.

This is a [terminal operation](#).

**API Note:**

There are many existing classes in the JDK whose signatures are well-suited for use with method references as arguments to `collect()`. For example, the following will accumulate strings into an `ArrayList`:

```
List<String> asList = stringStream.collect(ArrayList::new, ArrayList::add,  
                                         ArrayList::addAll);
```

The following will take a stream of strings and concatenates them into a single string:

```
String concat = stringStream.collect(StringBuilder::new, StringBuilder::append,
                                     StringBuilder::append)
                             .toString();
```

**Type Parameters:**

R - type of the result

**Parameters:**

supplier - a function that creates a new result container. For a parallel execution, this function may be called multiple times and must return a fresh value each time.

accumulator - an [associative](#), [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function for incorporating an additional element into a result

combiner - an [associative](#), [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) function for combining two values, which must be compatible with the accumulator function

**Returns:**

the result of the reduction

**collect**

```
<R,A> R collect(Collector<? super T,A,R> collector)
```

Performs a [mutable reduction](#) operation on the elements of this stream using a [Collector](#). A [Collector](#) encapsulates the functions used as arguments to [collect\(Supplier, BiConsumer, BiConsumer\)](#), allowing for reuse of collection strategies and composition of collect operations such as multiple-level grouping or partitioning.

If the stream is parallel, and the [Collector](#) is [concurrent](#), and either the stream is unordered or the collector is [unordered](#), then a concurrent reduction will be performed (see [Collector](#) for details on concurrent reduction.)

This is a [terminal operation](#).

When executed in parallel, multiple intermediate results may be instantiated, populated, and merged so as to maintain isolation of mutable data structures. Therefore, even when executed in parallel with non-thread-safe data structures (such as [ArrayList](#)), no additional synchronization is needed for a parallel reduction.

**API Note:**

The following will accumulate strings into an [ArrayList](#):

```
List<String> asList = stringStream.collect(Collectors.toList());
```

The following will classify [Person](#) objects by city:

```
Map<String, List<Person>> peopleByCity
    = personStream.collect(Collectors.groupingBy(Person::getCity));
```

The following will classify [Person](#) objects by state and city, cascading two [Collectors](#) together:

```
Map<String, Map<String, List<Person>>> peopleByStateAndCity
    = personStream.collect(Collectors.groupingBy(Person::getState,
                                                  Collectors.groupingBy(Person::getCity)));
```

**Type Parameters:**

R - the type of the result

A - the intermediate accumulation type of the Collector

**Parameters:**

collector - the Collector describing the reduction

**Returns:**

the result of the reduction

**See Also:**

`collect(Supplier, BiConsumer, BiConsumer)`, `Collectors`

## min

`Optional<T> min(Comparator<? super T> comparator)`

Returns the minimum element of this stream according to the provided Comparator. This is a special case of a [reduction](#).

This is a [terminal operation](#).

**Parameters:**

comparator - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) Comparator to compare elements of this stream

**Returns:**

an Optional describing the minimum element of this stream, or an empty Optional if the stream is empty

**Throws:**

`NullPointerException` - if the minimum element is null

## max

`Optional<T> max(Comparator<? super T> comparator)`

Returns the maximum element of this stream according to the provided Comparator. This is a special case of a [reduction](#).

This is a [terminal operation](#).

**Parameters:**

comparator - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) Comparator to compare elements of this stream

**Returns:**

an Optional describing the maximum element of this stream, or an empty Optional if the stream is empty

**Throws:**

`NullPointerException` - if the maximum element is null

## count

`long count()`

Returns the count of elements in this stream. This is a special case of a [reduction](#) and is equivalent to:

```
return mapToLong(e -> 1L).sum();
```

This is a [terminal operation](#).



**Returns:**

the count of elements in this stream

**anyMatch**

```
boolean anyMatch(Predicate<? super T> predicate)
```

Returns whether any elements of this stream match the provided predicate. May not evaluate the predicate on all elements if not necessary for determining the result. If the stream is empty then false is returned and the predicate is not evaluated.

This is a [short-circuiting terminal operation](#).

**API Note:**

This method evaluates the *existential quantification* of the predicate over the elements of the stream (for some  $x$   $P(x)$ ).

**Parameters:**

predicate - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) predicate to apply to elements of this stream

**Returns:**

true if any elements of the stream match the provided predicate, otherwise false

**allMatch**

```
boolean allMatch(Predicate<? super T> predicate)
```

Returns whether all elements of this stream match the provided predicate. May not evaluate the predicate on all elements if not necessary for determining the result. If the stream is empty then true is returned and the predicate is not evaluated.

This is a [short-circuiting terminal operation](#).

**API Note:**

This method evaluates the *universal quantification* of the predicate over the elements of the stream (for all  $x$   $P(x)$ ). If the stream is empty, the quantification is said to be *vacuously satisfied* and is always true (regardless of  $P(x)$ ).

**Parameters:**

predicate - a [non-interfering](#), [stateless](#) predicate to apply to elements of this stream

**Returns:**

true if either all elements of the stream match the provided predicate or the stream is empty, otherwise false

**noneMatch**

```
boolean noneMatch(Predicate<? super T> predicate)
```

Returns whether no elements of this stream match the provided predicate. May not evaluate the predicate on all elements if not necessary for determining the result. If the stream is empty then true is returned and the predicate is not evaluated.

This is a [short-circuiting terminal operation](#).

**API Note:**

This method evaluates the *universal quantification* of the negated predicate over the elements of the stream (for all  $x$   $\sim P(x)$ ). If the stream is empty, the quantification is said to be vacuously satisfied and is always true, regardless of  $P(x)$ .

**Parameters:**

predicate - a [non-interfering, stateless](#) predicate to apply to elements of this stream

**Returns:**

true if either no elements of the stream match the provided predicate or the stream is empty, otherwise false

## findFirst

`Optional<T> findFirst()`

Returns an [Optional](#) describing the first element of this stream, or an empty [Optional](#) if the stream is empty. If the stream has no encounter order, then any element may be returned.

This is a [short-circuiting terminal operation](#).

**Returns:**

an [Optional](#) describing the first element of this stream, or an empty [Optional](#) if the stream is empty

**Throws:**

[NullPointerException](#) - if the element selected is null

## findAny

`Optional<T> findAny()`

Returns an [Optional](#) describing some element of the stream, or an empty [Optional](#) if the stream is empty.

This is a [short-circuiting terminal operation](#).

The behavior of this operation is explicitly nondeterministic; it is free to select any element in the stream. This is to allow for maximal performance in parallel operations; the cost is that multiple invocations on the same source may not return the same result. (If a stable result is desired, use [findFirst\(\)](#) instead.)

**Returns:**

an [Optional](#) describing some element of this stream, or an empty [Optional](#) if the stream is empty

**Throws:**

[NullPointerException](#) - if the element selected is null

**See Also:**

[findFirst\(\)](#)

## builder

`static <T> Stream.Builder<T> builder()`

Returns a builder for a [Stream](#).

**Type Parameters:**

T - type of elements

**Returns:**

a stream builder

## empty

```
static <T> Stream<T> empty()
```

Returns an empty sequential Stream.

**Type Parameters:**

T - the type of stream elements

**Returns:**

an empty sequential stream

## of

```
static <T> Stream<T> of(T t)
```

Returns a sequential Stream containing a single element.

**Type Parameters:**

T - the type of stream elements

**Parameters:**

t - the single element

**Returns:**

a singleton sequential stream

## of

```
@SafeVarargs
```

```
static <T> Stream<T> of(T... values)
```

Returns a sequential ordered stream whose elements are the specified values.

**Type Parameters:**

T - the type of stream elements

**Parameters:**

values - the elements of the new stream

**Returns:**

the new stream

## iterate

```
static <T> Stream<T> iterate(T seed,  
                             UnaryOperator<T> f)
```

Returns an infinite sequential ordered Stream produced by iterative application of a function f to an initial element seed, producing a Stream consisting of seed, f(seed), f(f(seed)), etc.

The first element (position 0) in the Stream will be the provided seed. For  $n > 0$ , the element at position n, will be the result of applying the function f to the element at position  $n - 1$ .

**Type Parameters:**

T - the type of stream elements

**Parameters:**

seed - the initial element

f - a function to be applied to the previous element to produce a new element

**Returns:**

a new sequential Stream

## generate

```
static <T> Stream<T> generate(Supplier<T> s)
```

Returns an infinite sequential unordered stream where each element is generated by the provided Supplier. This is suitable for generating constant streams, streams of random elements, etc.

### Type Parameters:

T - the type of stream elements

### Parameters:

s - the Supplier of generated elements

### Returns:

a new infinite sequential unordered Stream

## concat

```
static <T> Stream<T> concat(Stream<? extends T> a,  
                           Stream<? extends T> b)
```

Creates a lazily concatenated stream whose elements are all the elements of the first stream followed by all the elements of the second stream. The resulting stream is ordered if both of the input streams are ordered, and parallel if either of the input streams is parallel. When the resulting stream is closed, the close handlers for both input streams are invoked.

### Implementation Note:

Use caution when constructing streams from repeated concatenation. Accessing an element of a deeply concatenated stream can result in deep call chains, or even `StackOverflowException`.

### Type Parameters:

T - The type of stream elements

### Parameters:

a - the first stream

b - the second stream

### Returns:

the concatenation of the two input streams