

# Generics, Collections, & Iterators

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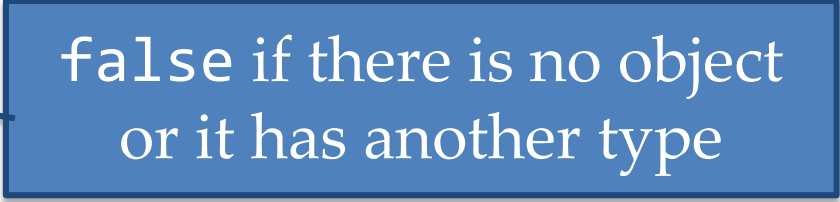
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    }  
    Arrays.sort(keys);  
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# counting words

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    Scanner scan = new Scanner(line).useDelimiter("\\W+");  
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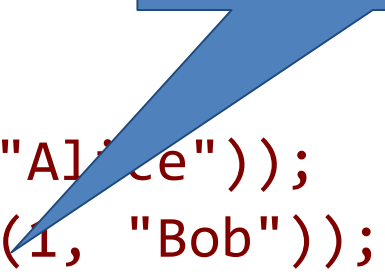
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# JOKE OF THE WEEK

a computer science student...

...was writing a note to his crush before lecture.  
The student next to him grabbed the note.

**student 1:** You can't see that, it's private!

**student 2:** But we're in the same class!



providing similar actions for various container types

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e.g. **Arrays.sort( words );**

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**ArrayList** and **LinkedList** have a variable length

- it is always possible to add an element, at any place
- we can remove an element without the need to shift elements
- in contrast to **Arrays** these are real classes containing the element
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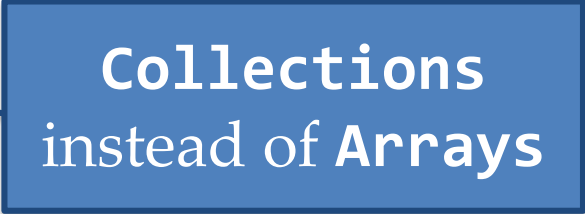


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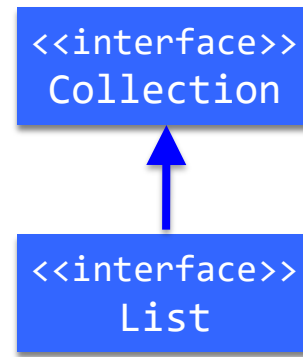
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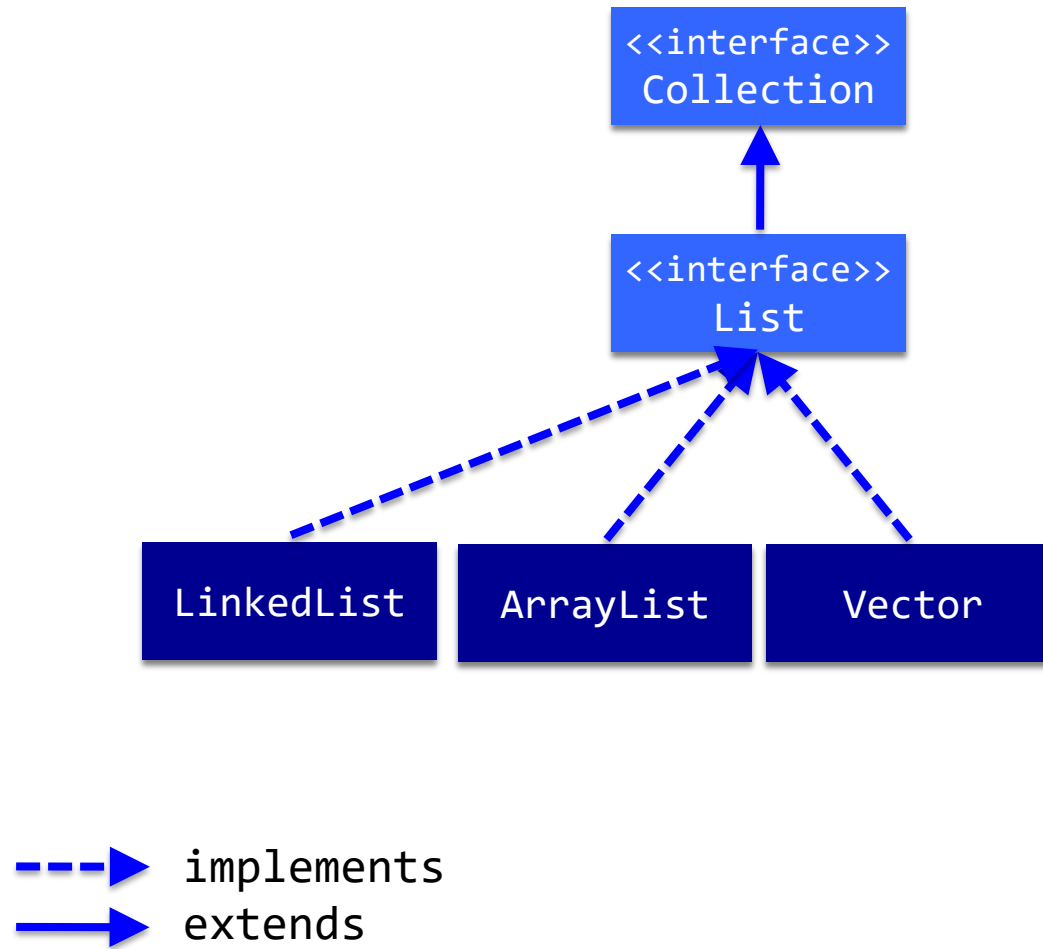
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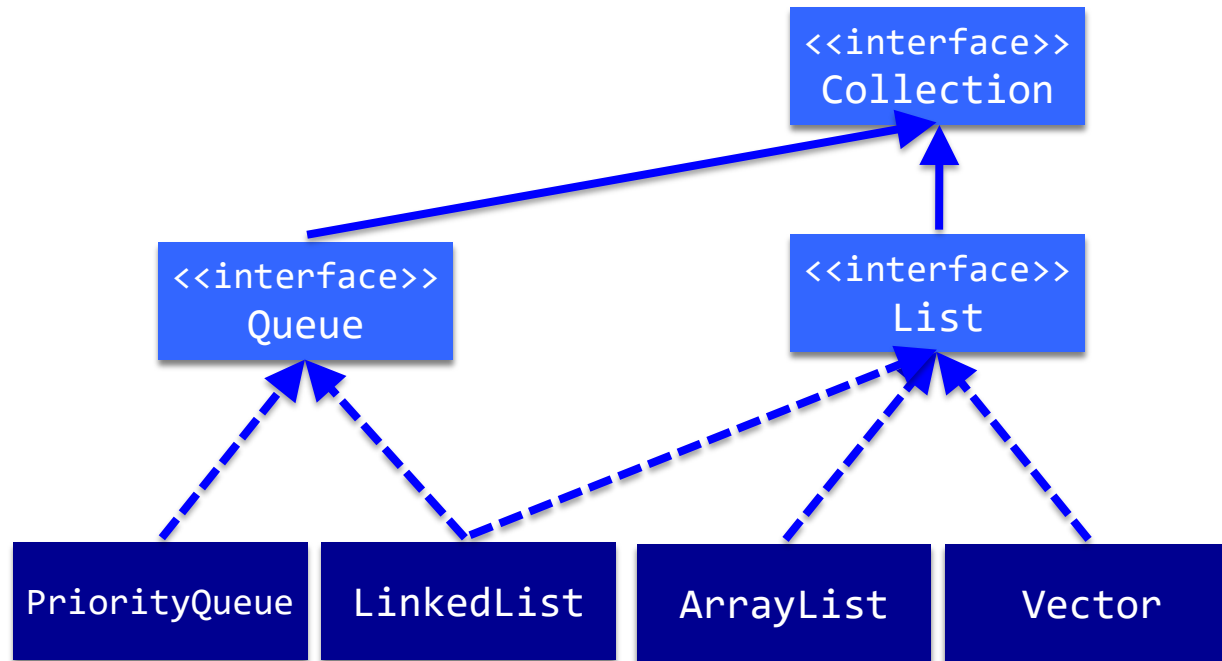
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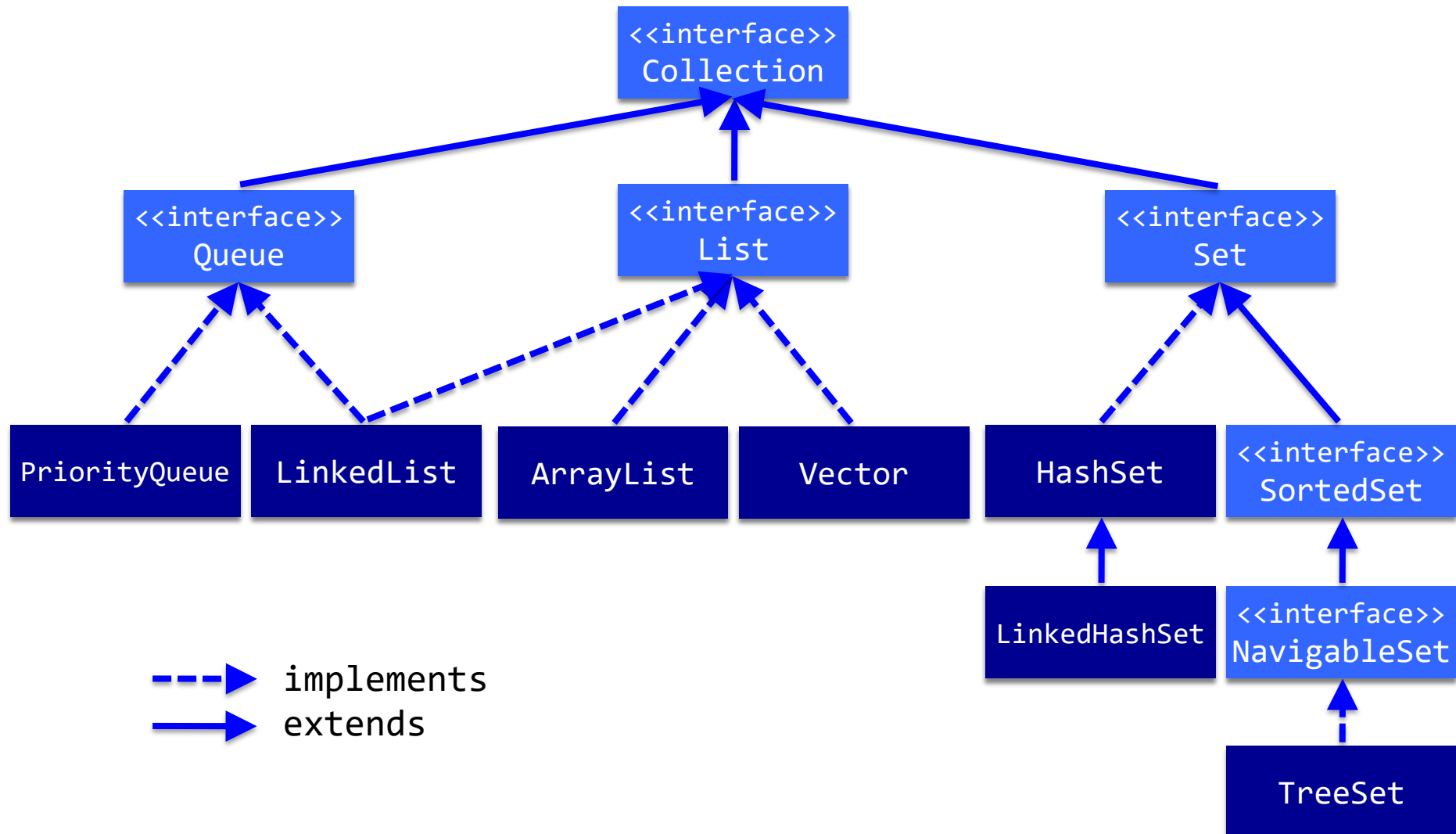


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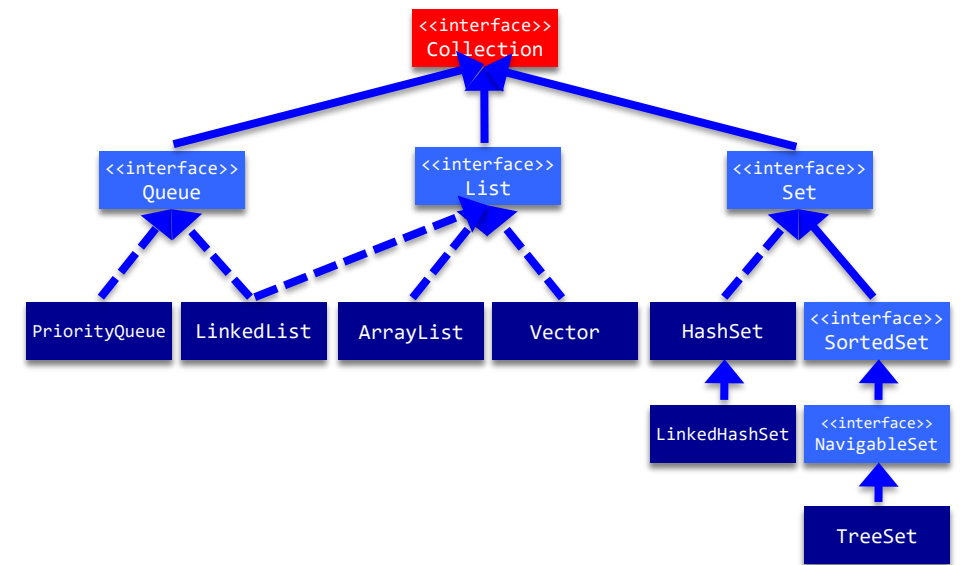
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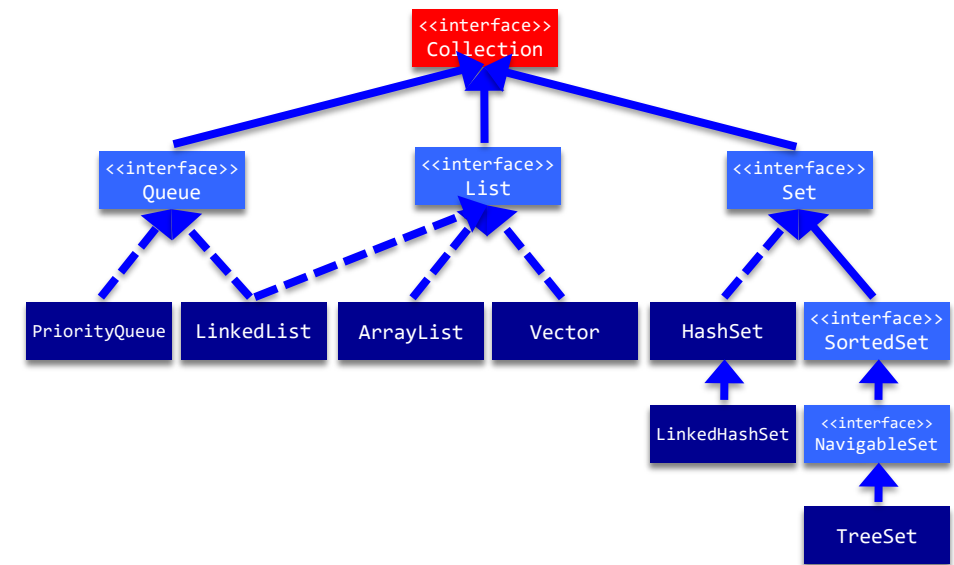
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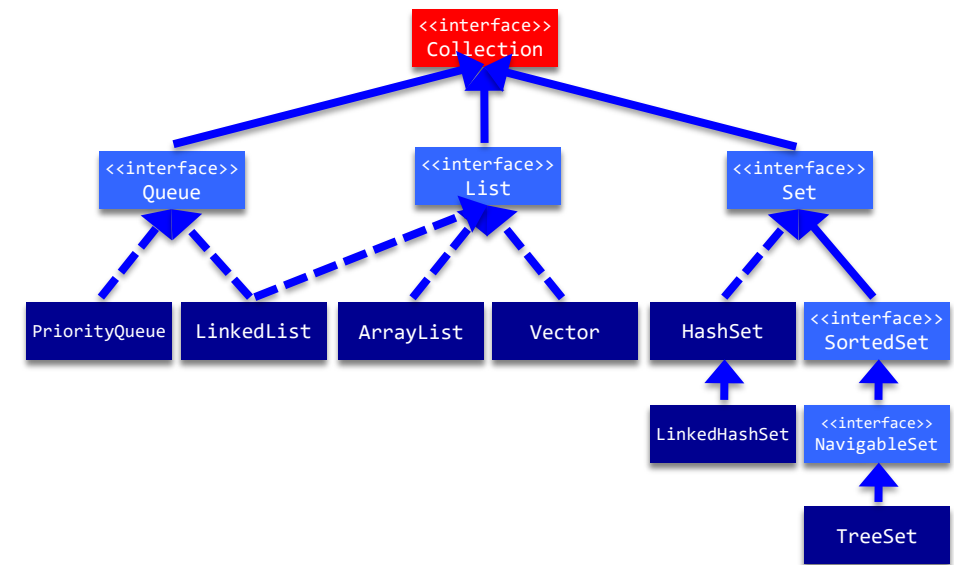


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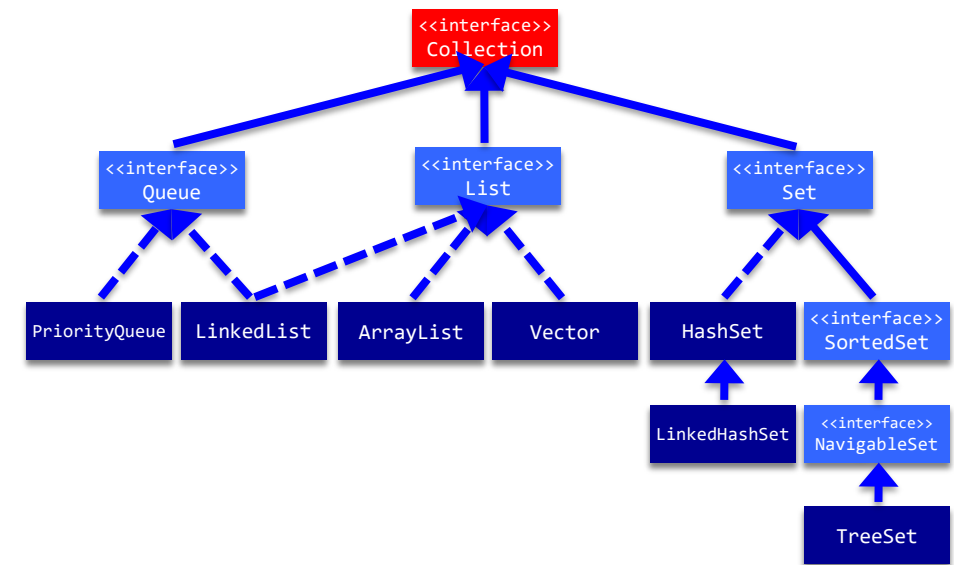


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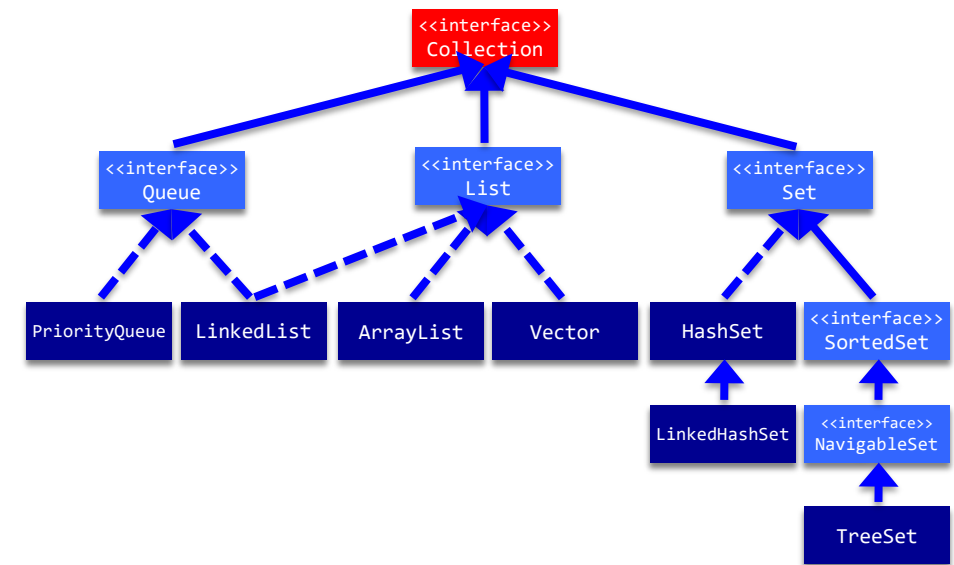
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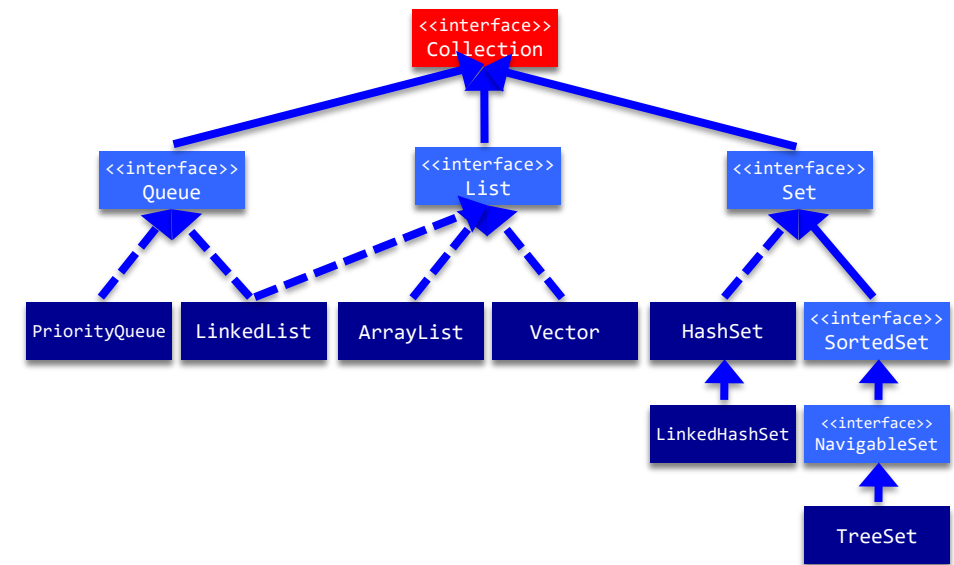
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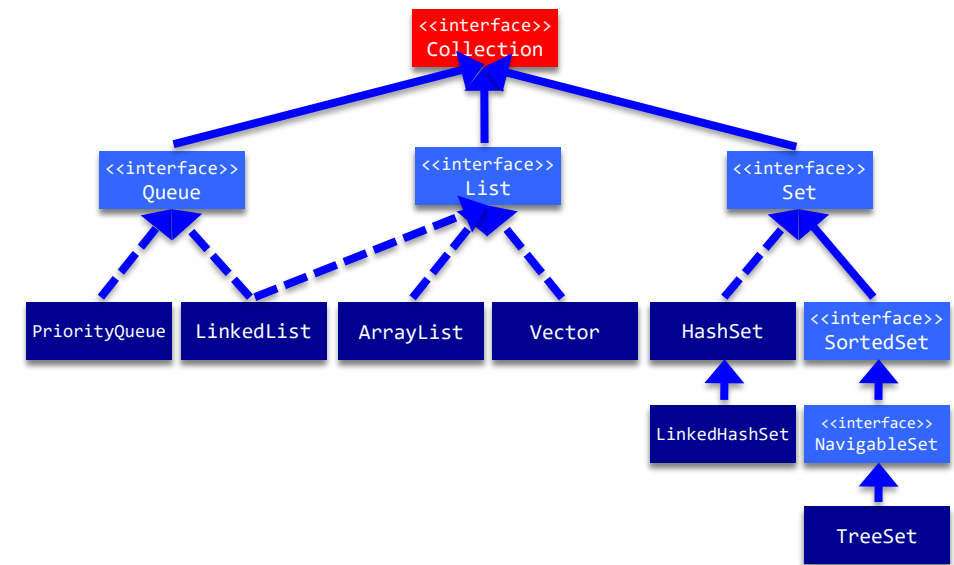
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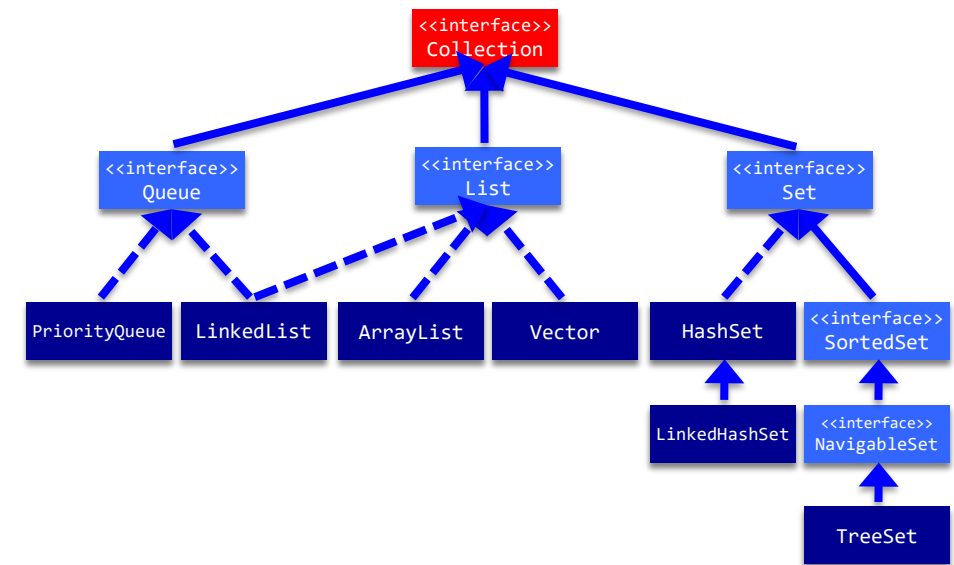
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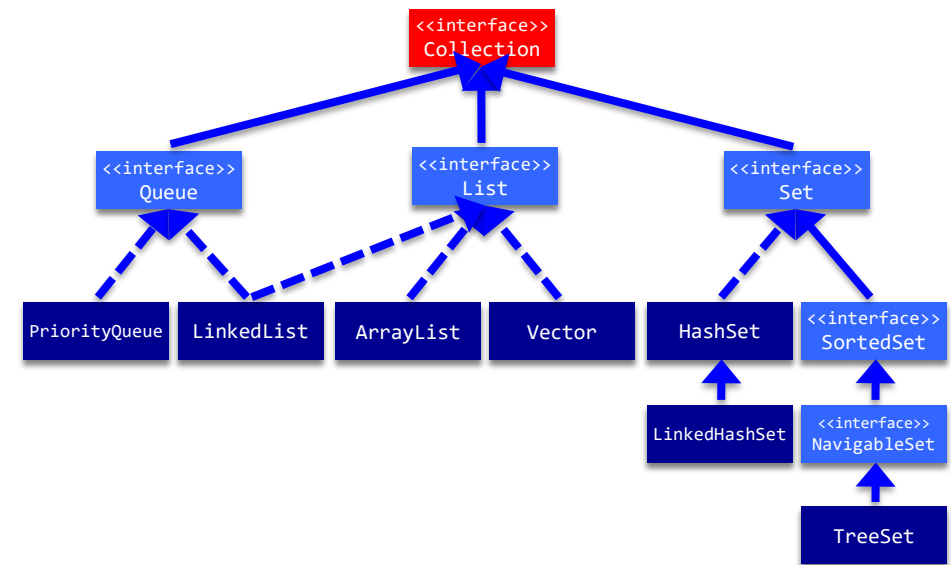
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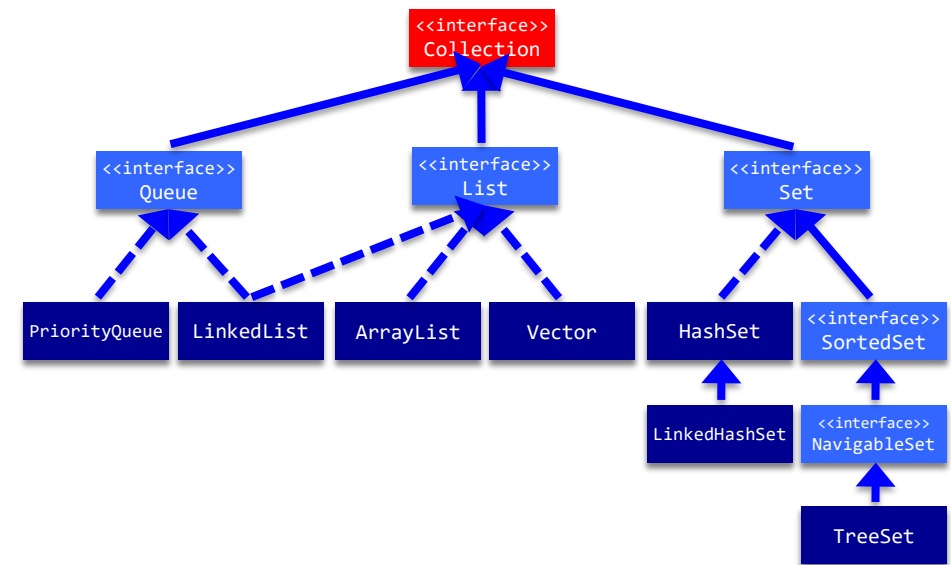
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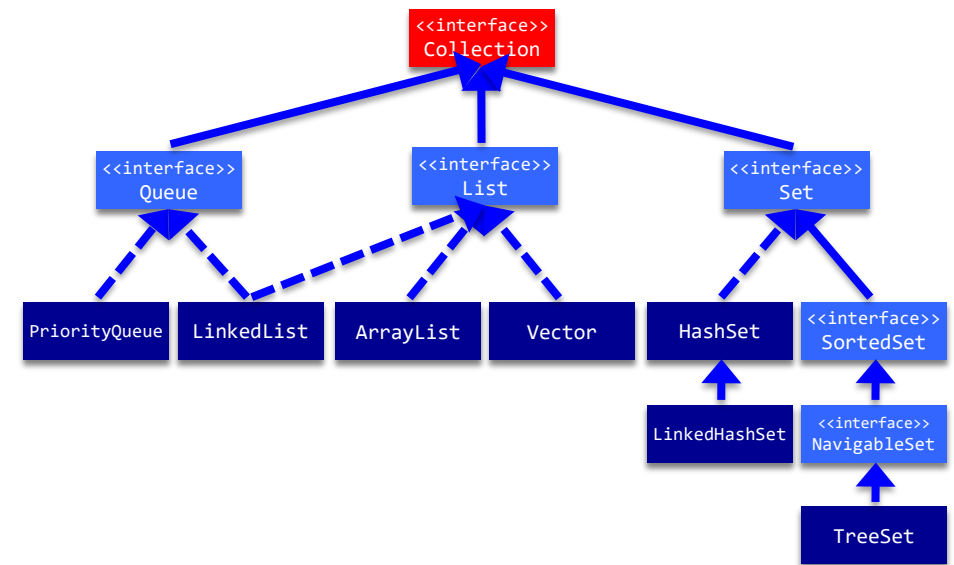
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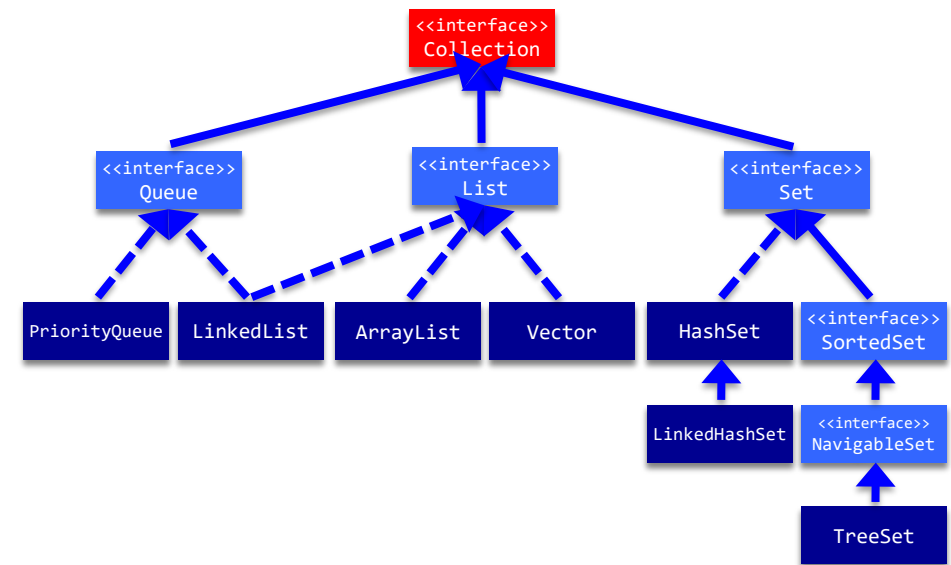
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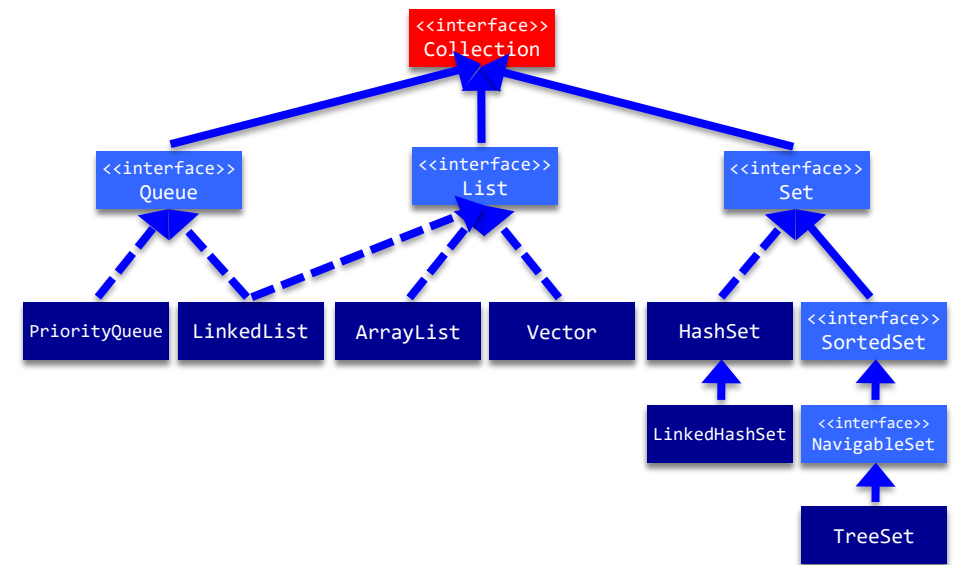
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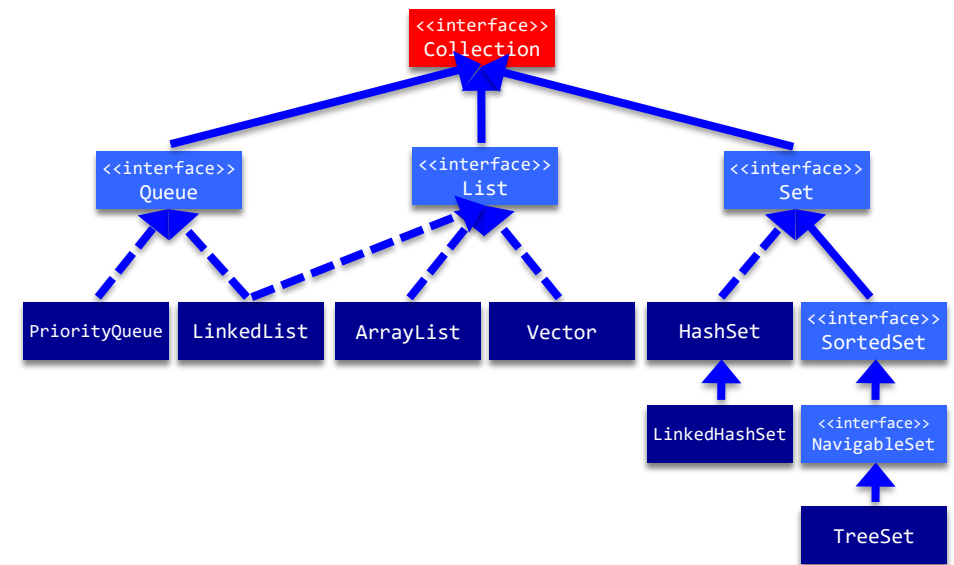
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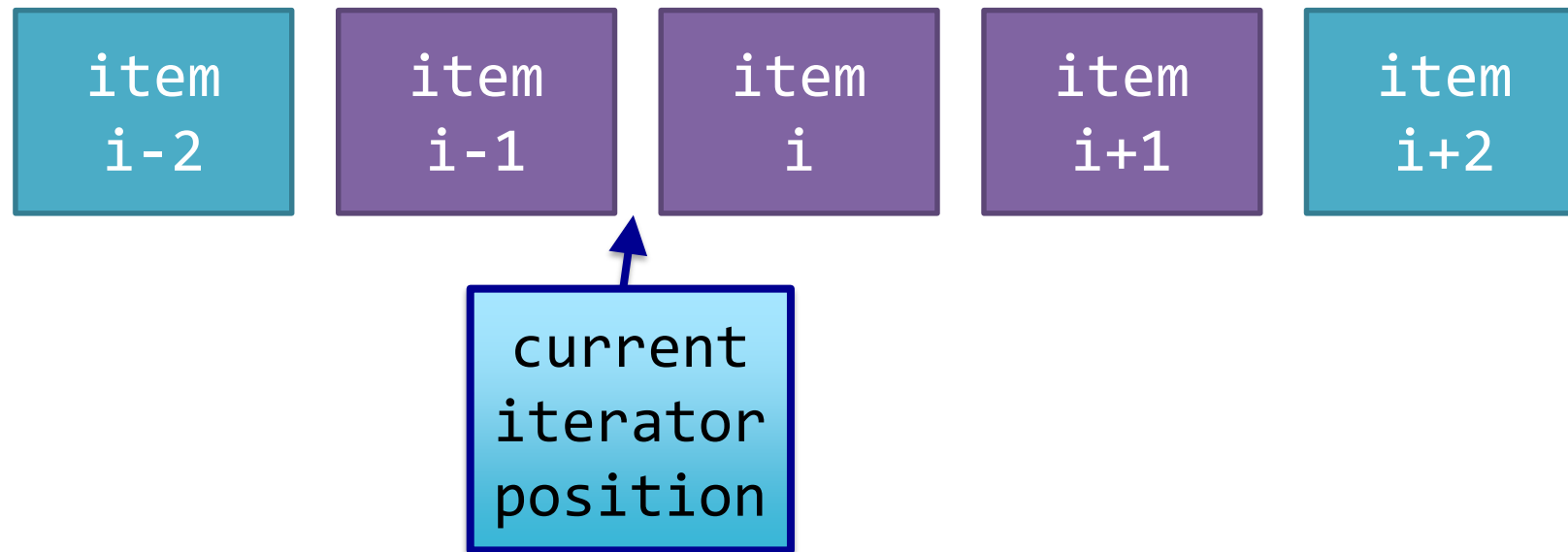
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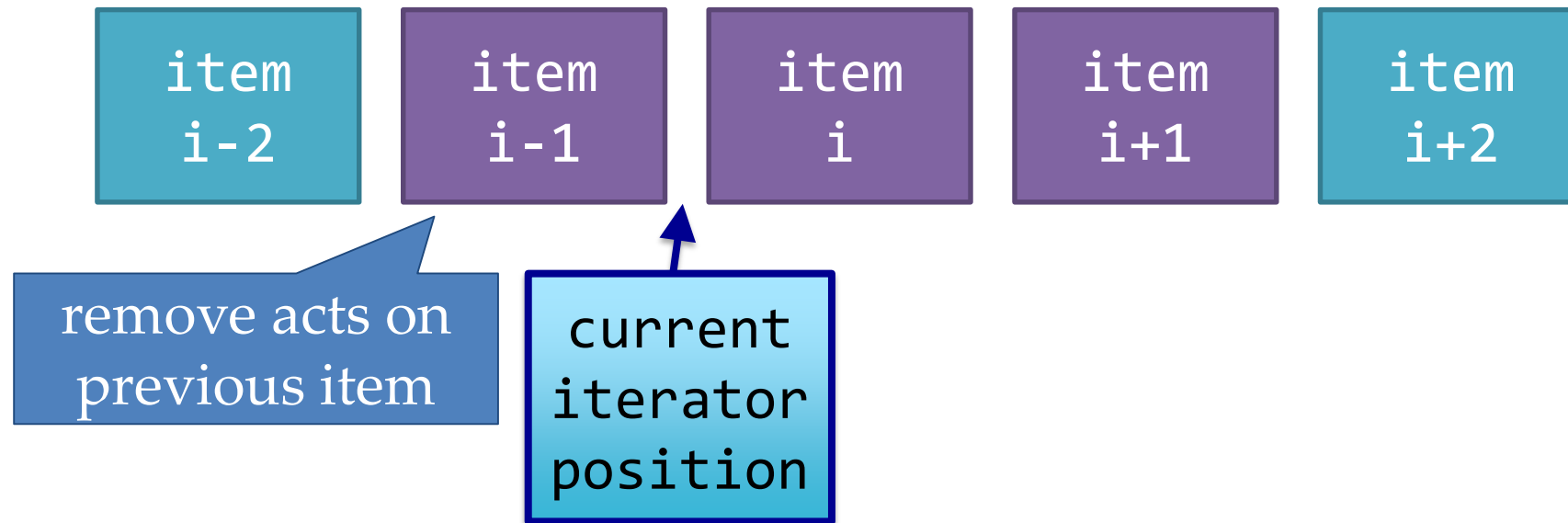
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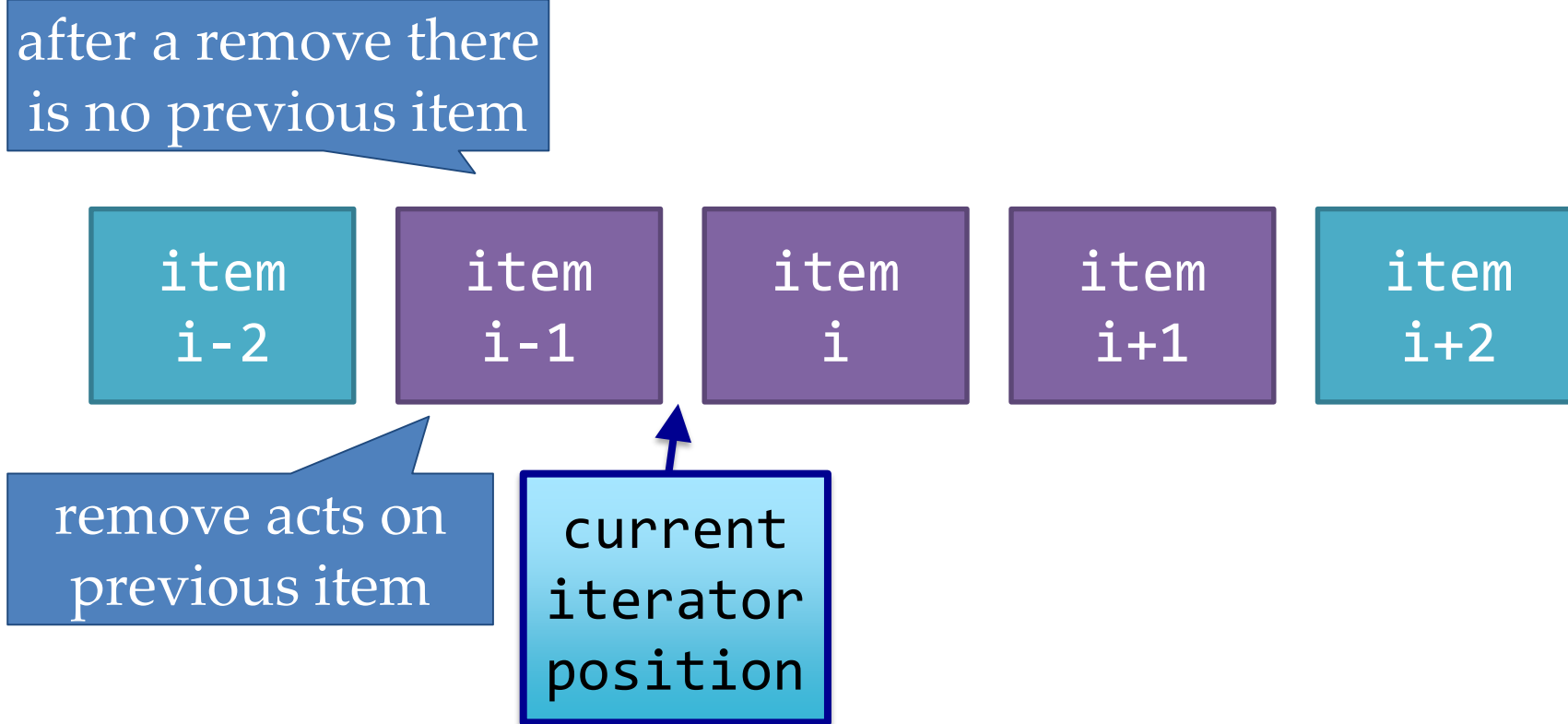
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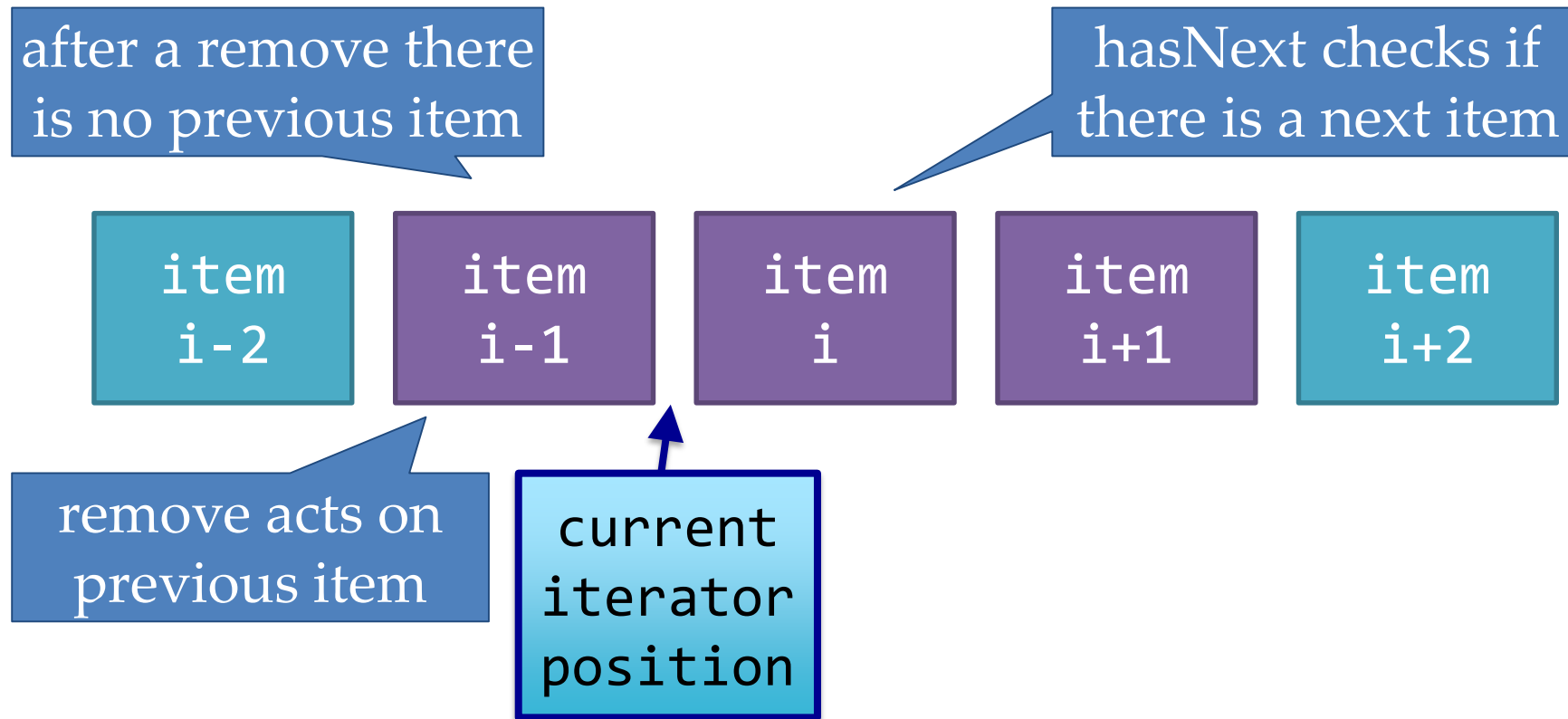
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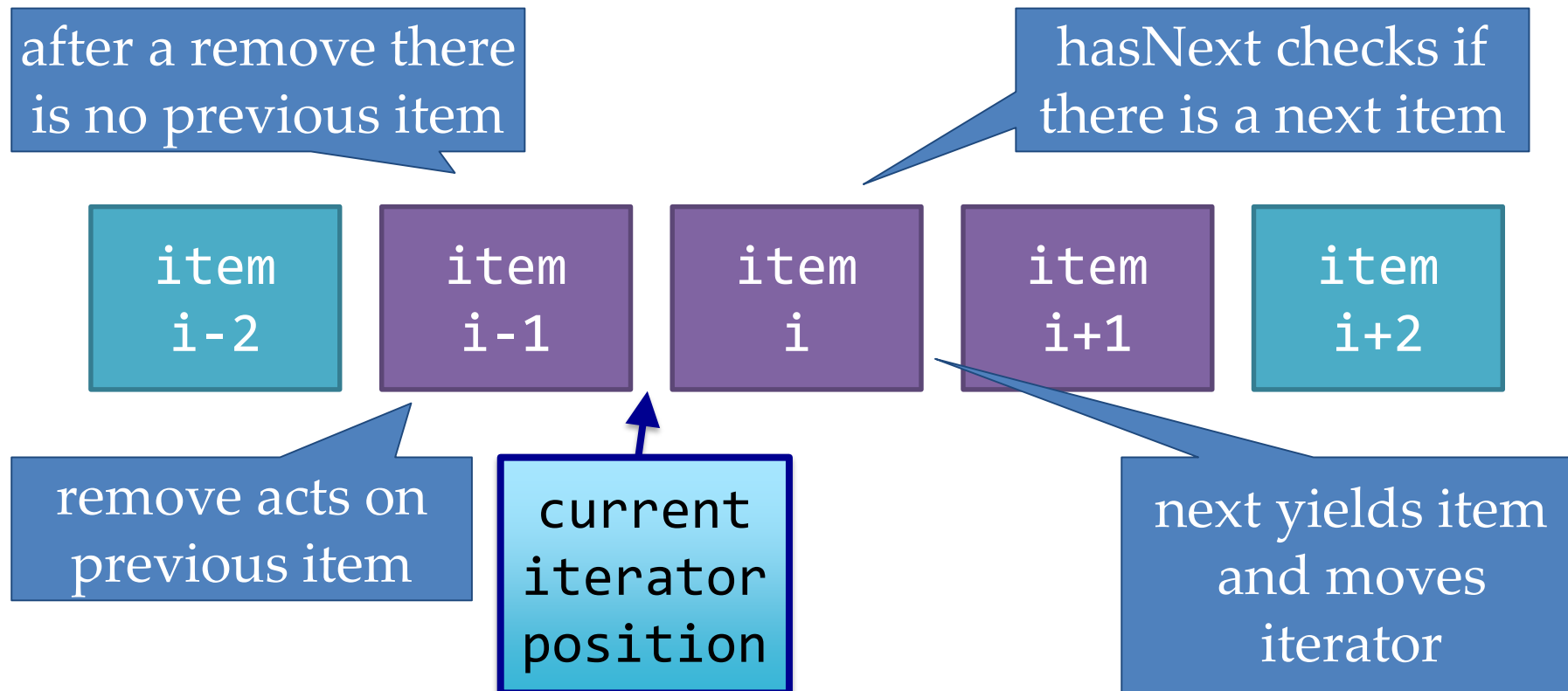
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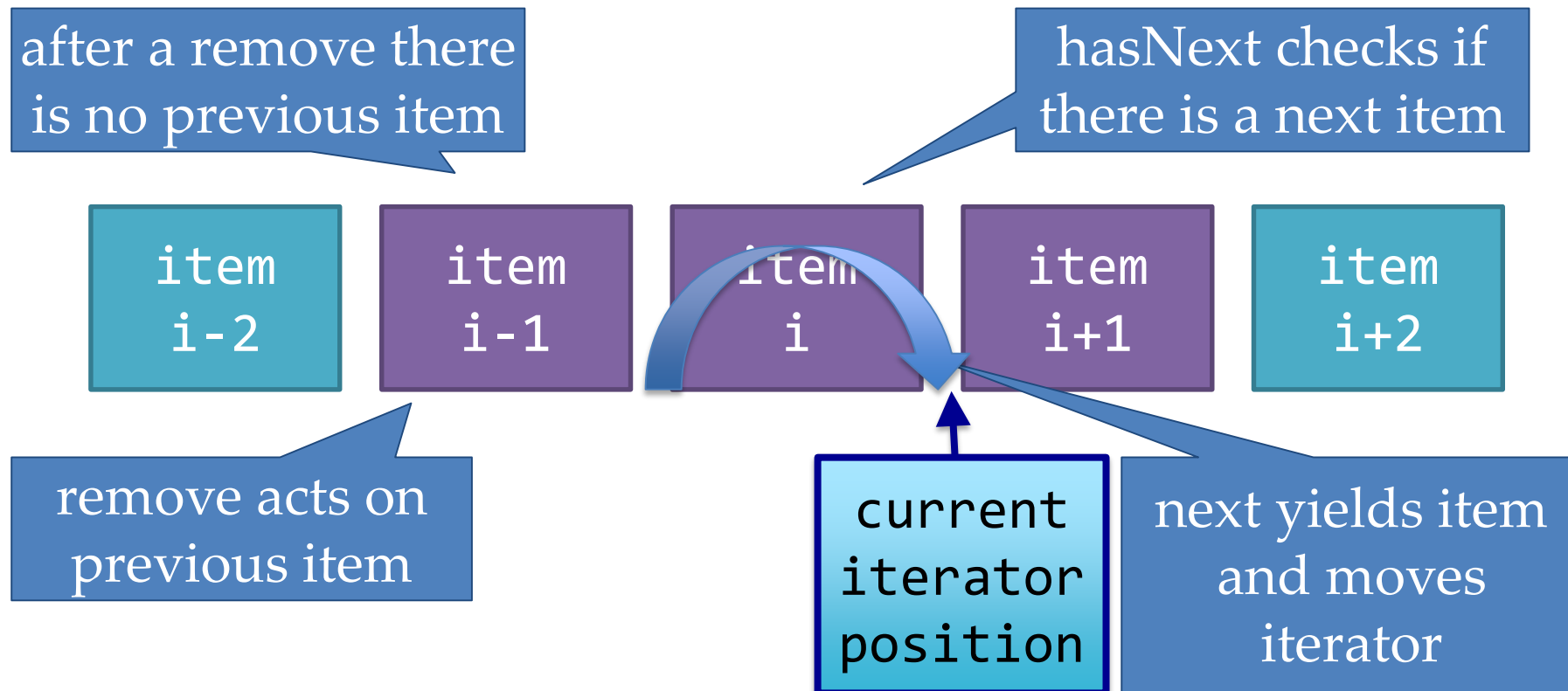
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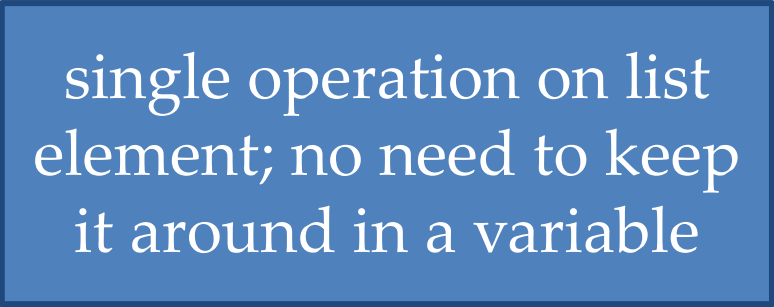
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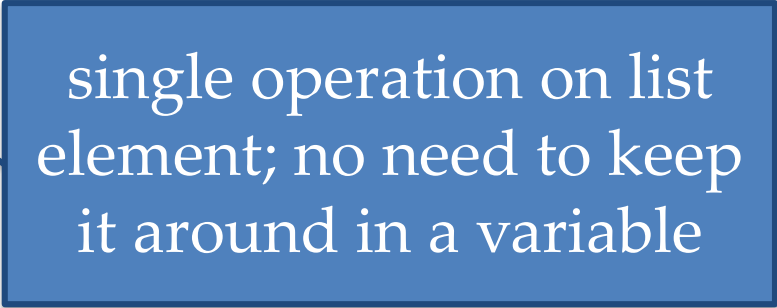
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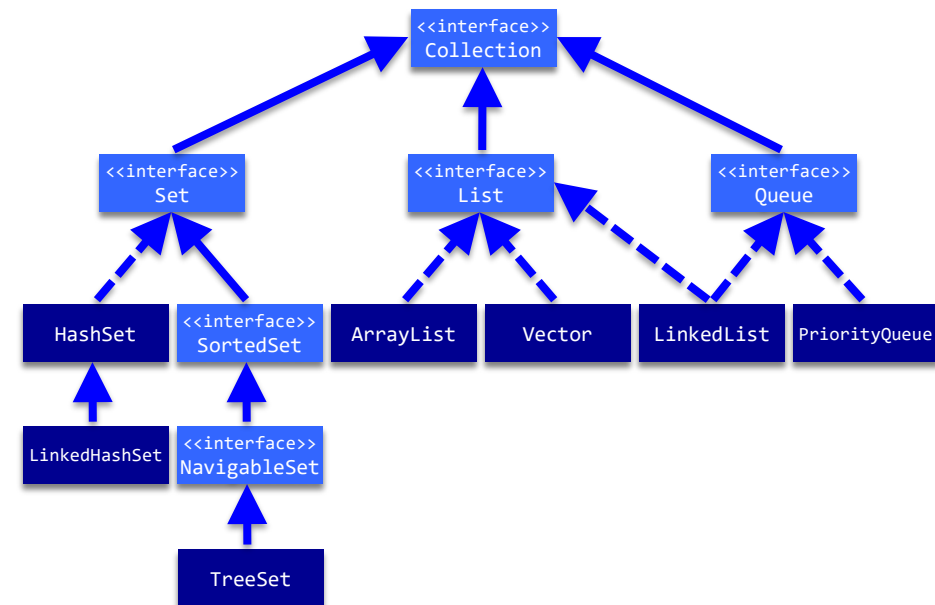
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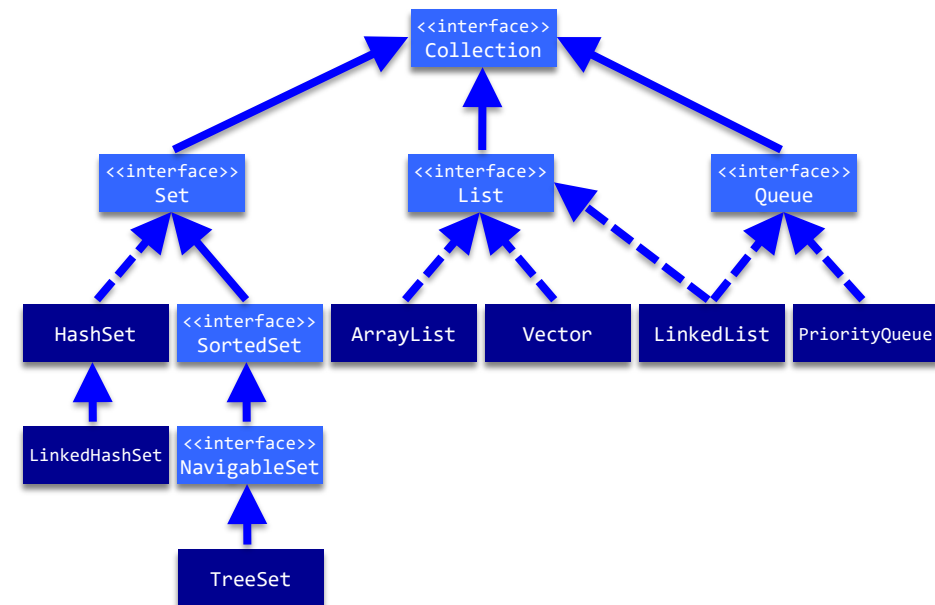
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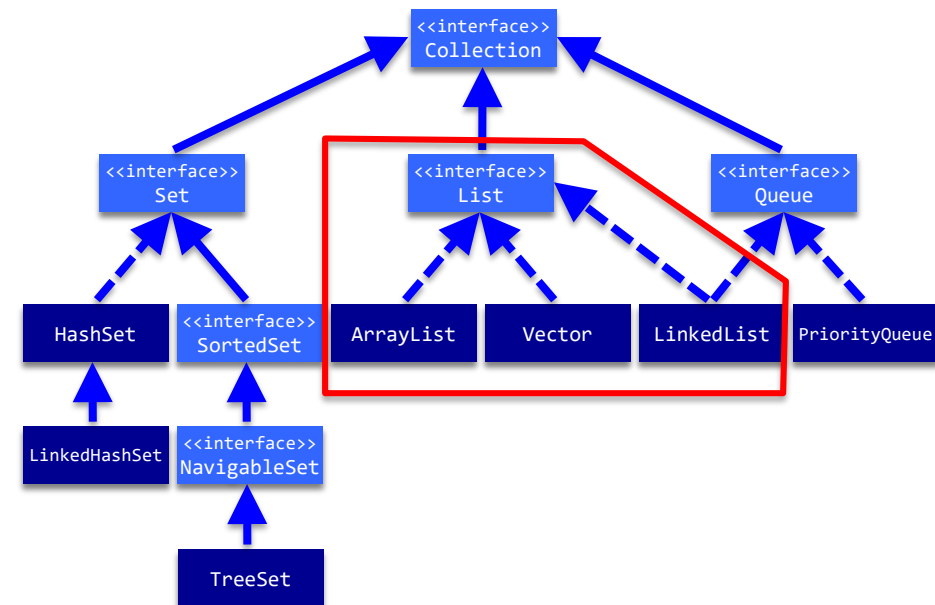
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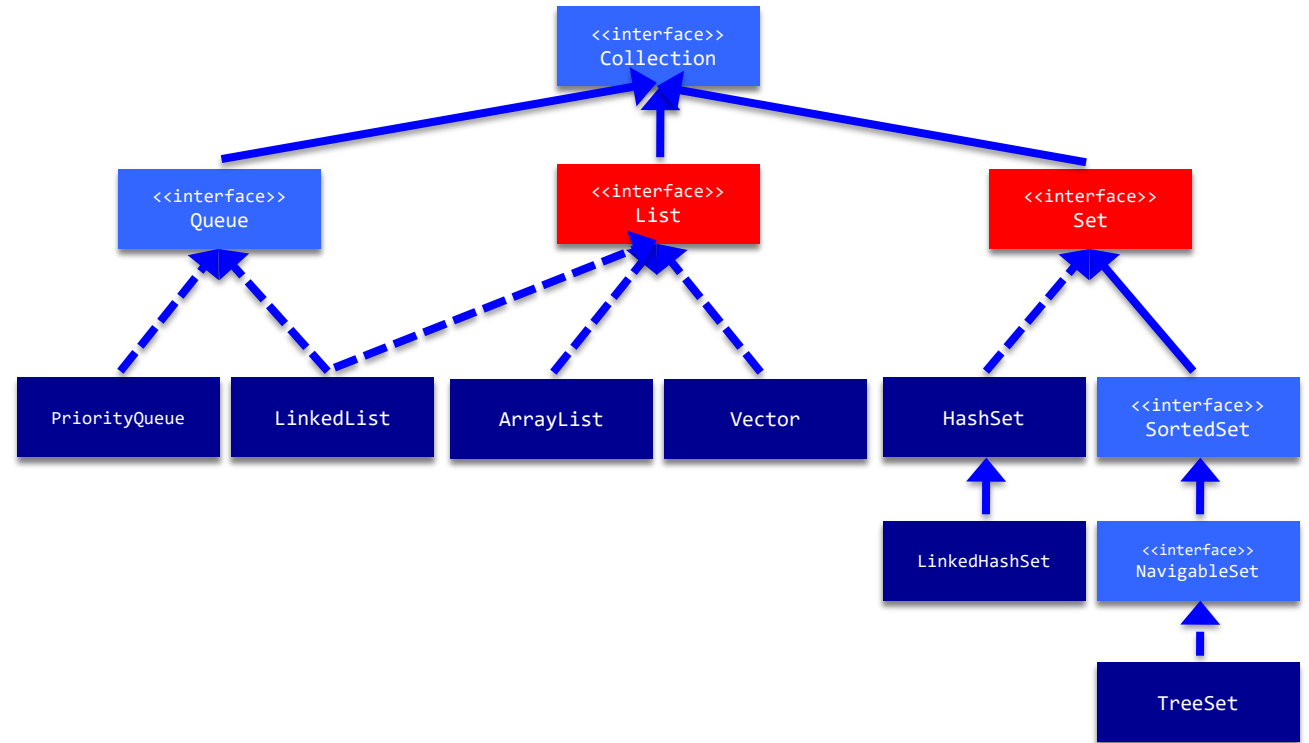
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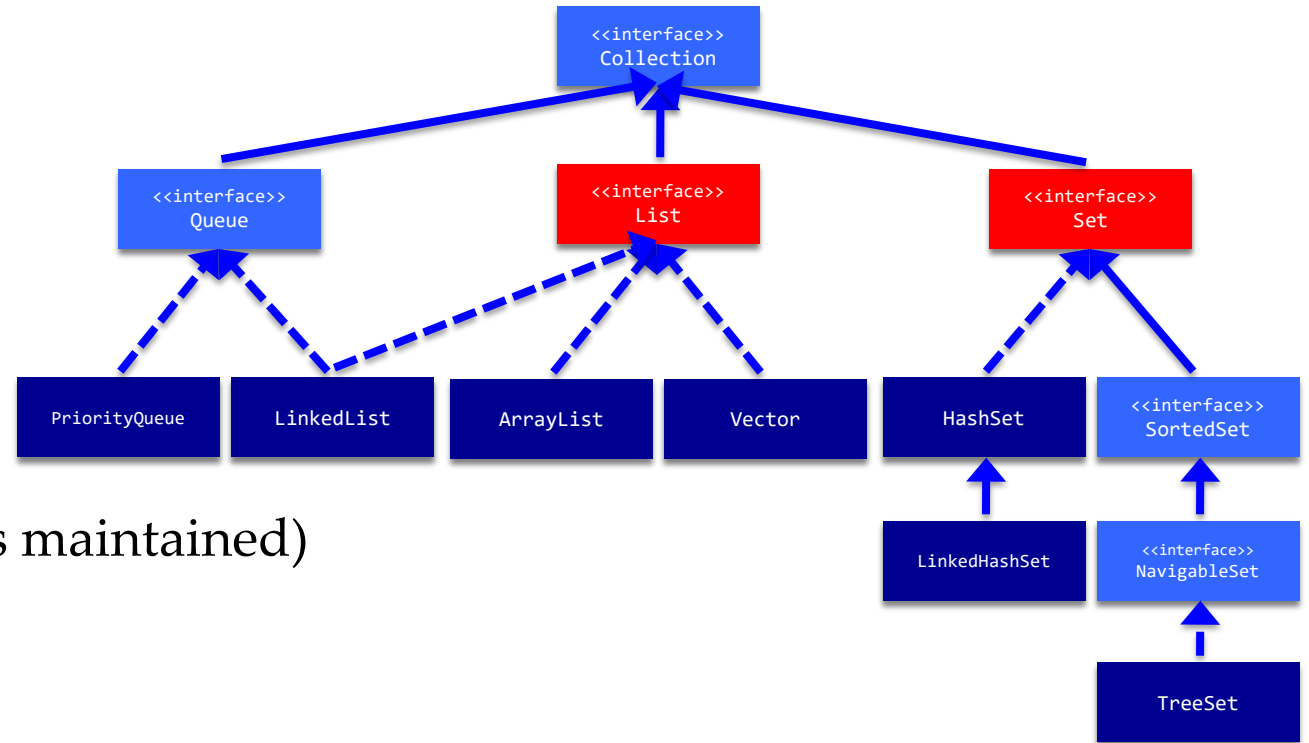
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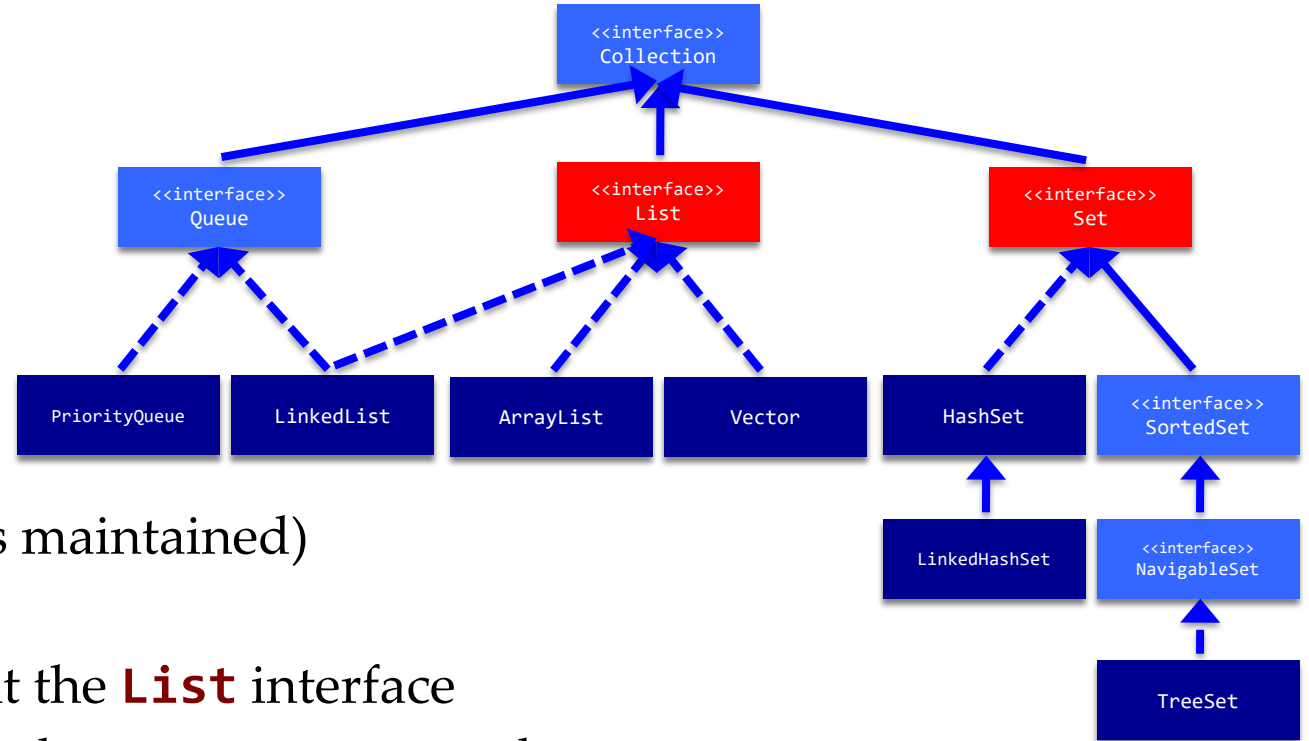
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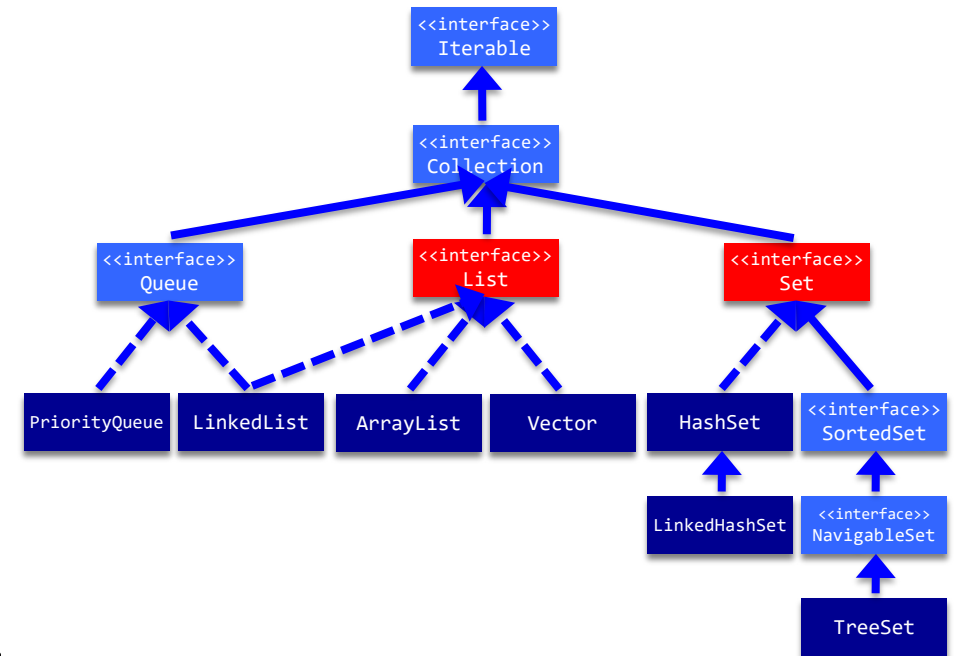
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**NEXT WEEK**

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