



Streams in Java 8: Part 2

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Topics in This Section

More stream methods

- reduce, sum
- limit, skip
- sorted, min, max, distinct
- noneMatch, allMatch, anyMatch, count

Parallel streams

- Why stream approach is often better than traditional loops
- Knowing when parallel reduce is safe

Infinite streams

 Really unbounded streams with values that are calculated on the fly

Grouping stream elements

Fancy uses of collect

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reduce: Combining Stream Elements



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reduce

Big idea

- You start with a seed (identity) value, combine this value with the first entry of the Stream, combine the result with the second entry of the Stream, and so forth
 - Version 1 takes starter value and BinaryOperator. Returns result directly. Version 2 takes BinaryOperator, with no starter. It starts by combining first 2 values with each other. Returns an Optional.
 - reduce is particularly useful when combined with map or filter
 - Works in parallel if operator is associative and has no side effects

Quick examples

- Maximum of numbers
 - nums.stream().reduce(Double.MIN_VALUE, Double::max)
 - There is also builtin "max" method of DoubleStream: DoubleStream.of(...).max().orElse(Double.MIN_VALUE);
- Product of numbers
 - nums.stream().reduce(1, (n1, n2) -> n1 * n2)

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Concatenating Strings

Code

This is the starter (identity) value. It is combined with the first entry in the Stream.

Results

Concatenation of [a, b, c, d] is abcd.

This is the BinaryOperator. It is the same as (s1, s2) > s1 + s2. It concatenates the seed value with the first Stream entry, concatenates that resultant String with the second Stream entry, and so forth.

Concatenating Strings: Variations

Data

- List<String> letters = Arrays.asList("a", "b", "c", "d");

Various reductions

- letters.stream().reduce("", String::concat);
 - → "abcd"
 - Remember that String::concat here is the same as if you had written the lambda (s1,s2) -> s1+s2
- letters.stream().reduce("", (s1,s2) -> s2+s1);
 - → "dcba"
 - This just reverses the order of the s1 and s2 in the concatenation

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Finding "Biggest" Employee

Code

Results

Richest Googler is Larry Page [Employee#1 \$9,999,999].

reduce uses the BinaryOperator to combine the starter value with the first Stream entry, then combines that result with the second Stream entry, and so forth.

Finding Biggest Number

Using reduce directly

Summing Numbers: Three Alternatives

Version 1: same reduce approach as before

```
List<Integer> nums2 = Arrays.asList(1, 2, 3, 4);
int sum1 = nums2.stream().reduce(0, Integer::sum);
```

- Version 2: using reduce with no starter
 - Starts by combining first two Stream entries. Since there might not be 1 or more entries, returns an Optional.

```
int sum2 =
  nums2.stream().reduce(Integer::sum).orElse(0);
```

- Version 3: using sum method of IntStream
 - Supplying int[] instead of Integer[] to Arrays.stream results in IntStream. IntStream has builtin sum method.

Combining map and reduce: Version 1 (direct reduce)

Code

Results

Combined salaries of Googlers with IDs [1, 2, 3, 4] is \$33,333,330.

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Combining map and reduce: Version 1 (direct reduce)

Code

Results

Combined salaries of Googlers with IDs [1, 2, 3, 4] is \$33,333,330.

Combining map and reduce: Version 2 (mapToInt and sum)

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Results

Combined salaries of Googlers with IDs [1, 2, 3, 4] is \$33,333,330.

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Operations that Limit the Stream Size: limit, skip



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Limiting Stream Size

Big ideas

- limit(n) returns a Stream of the first n elements.
- skip(n) returns a Stream starting with element n (i.e., it throws away the first n elements)
 - Note: this was called substream in most Java-8 beta releases, and was renamed to skip quite late. But, skip is better name.
- Both are short-circuit operations. E.g., if you have a 1000-element stream and then do the following, it applies fn1 exactly 10 times, evaluates pred exactly 10 times, and applies fn2 at most 10 times strm.map(fn1).filter(pred).map(fn2).limit(10)

Quick examples

- First 10 elements
 - someLongStream.limit(10)
- Last 15 elements
 - twentyElementStream.skip(5)

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limit and skip: Example

Code

```
List<Employee> googlers = EmployeeSamples.getGooglers();
List<String> emps =
  googlers.stream()
          .map(Person::getFirstName)
          .limit(8)
          .skip(2)
          .collect(Collectors.toList());
System.out.printf("Names of 6 Googlers: %s.%n", emps);
```

Point

 getFirstName is called only 6 times, even if Stream has 10,000 elements

Results

```
Names of 6 Googlers:
[Eric, Nikesh, David, Patrick, Susan, Peter].
```



Operations that use Comparisons: sorted, min, max, distinct



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Comparisons

Big ideas

- Sorting Streams is more flexible than sorting arrays because you can do filter and mapping operations first
- min and max are more efficient than sorting in forward or reverse order, then taking first
- distinct uses equals as its comparison

Quick examples

```
- Sorting by salary
   empStream.map(...).filter(...).limit(...)
        .sorted((e1, e2) -> e1.getSalary() - e2.getSalary())
- Richest Employee
   empStream.max((e1, e2) -> e1.getSalary() -
```

e2.getSalary())

.qet();

Words with duplicates removed
 stringStream.distinct()

Sorting

Big ideas

- The advantage of someStream.sorted(...) over Arrays.sort(...) is that with Streams you can first do operations like map, filter, limit, skip, and distinct
- Doing limit or skip after sorting does *not* short-circuit in the same manner as in the previous section
 - Because the system does not know which are the first or last elements until after sorting
- If the Stream elements implement Comparable, you may omit the lambda and just use someStream.sorted(). Rare.

Supporting code from Person class

```
public int firstNameComparer(Person other) {
   System.out.println("Comparing first names");
   return(firstName.compareTo(other.getFirstName()));
}
```

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Sorting by Last Name: Example

Code

```
List<Integer> ids = Arrays.asList(9, 11, 10, 8);
List<Employee> emps1 =
  ids.stream().map(EmployeeSamples::findGoogler)
               .sorted((e1, e2) ->
                            e1.getLastName()
                              .compareTo(e2.getLastName()))
               .collect(Collectors.toList());
System.out.printf
    ("Googlers with ids %s sorted by last name: %s.%n",
     ids, emps1);

    Results

Googlers with ids [9, 11, 10, 8] sorted by last name:
  [Gilad Bracha [Employee#11 $600,000],
  Jeffrey Dean [Employee#9 $800,000],
   Sanjay Ghemawat [Employee#10 $700,000],
  Peter Norvig [Employee#8 $900,000]].
```

Sorting by First Name then Limiting: Example

Code

Point

 The use of limit(2) does *not* reduce the number of times firstNameComparer is called (vs. no limit at all)

Results

```
Employees sorted by first name:
  [Amy Accountant [Employee#25 $85,000],
  Archie Architect [Employee#16 $144,444]].
```

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min and max

Big ideas

- min and max use the same type of lambdas as sorted, letting you flexibly find the first or last elements based on various different criteria
 - min and max could be easily reproduced by using reduce, but this is such a common case that the short-hand reduction methods (min and max) are built in
- min and max both return an Optional
- Unlike with sorted, you must provide a lambda, regardless of whether or not the Stream elements implement Comparable

Performance implications

- Using min and max is faster than sorting in forward or reverse order, then using findFirst
 - min and max are O(n), sorted is O(n log n)

min: Example

Code

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max: Example

Code

distinct: Example

Code

Results

```
Unique Googlers from [9, 10, 9, 10, 9, 10]:
   [Jeffrey Dean [Employee#9 $800,000],
   Sanjay Ghemawat [Employee#10 $700,000]].
```

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Operations that Check Matches: allMatch, anyMatch, noneMatch, count

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Checking Matches

Big ideas

- allMatch, anyMatch, and noneMatch take a Predicate and return a boolean. They stop processing once an answer can be determined.
 - E.g., if the first element fails the Predicate, allMatch would immediately return false and skip checking other elements
- count simply returns the number of elements
 - count is a terminal operation, so you cannot first count the elements, then do a further operation on the same Stream based on the count

Quick examples

- Is there at least one rich dude?
 - employeeStream.anyMatch(e -> e.getSalary() > 500000)
- How many employees match the criteria?
 - employeeStream.filter(somePredicate).count()

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Matches: Examples

Code

```
List<Employee> googlers = EmployeeSamples.getGooglers();
boolean isNobodyPoor =
   googlers.stream().noneMatch(e -> e.getSalary() < 200000);
Predicate<Employee> megaRich = e -> e.getSalary() > 7000000;
boolean isSomeoneMegaRich = googlers.stream().anyMatch(megaRich);
boolean isEveryoneMegaRich = googlers.stream().allMatch(megaRich);
long numberMegaRich = googlers.stream().filter(megaRich).count();
System.out.printf("Nobody poor? %s.%n", isNobodyPoor);
System.out.printf("Someone mega rich? %s.%n", isSomeoneMegaRich);
System.out.printf("Everyone mega rich? %s.%n", isEveryoneMegaRich);
System.out.printf("Number mega rich: %s.%n", numberMegaRich);
```

Results

```
Nobody poor? true.
Someone mega rich? true.
Everyone mega rich? false.
Number mega rich: 3.
```



Parallel Streams



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Parallel Streams

Big idea

- By designating that a Stream be parallel, the operations are automatically done in parallel.
- No explicit multi-threading code is required.
 - This is easiest to see with methods like for Each (assuming the operation is thread-safe!): the performance should scale linearly with the number of cores. But, even operations like map, filter, reduce, and find Any can get big performance gains. Operations in those cases must be stateless and non-interfering (and reduce op must be associative).

Quick examples

- Do side effects serially
 - someStream.forEach(someThreadSafeOp)
- Do side effects concurrently
 - someStream.parallel().forEach(someThreadSafeOp)

Helper Methods for Timing

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Helper Method: Operation that Takes One Second

```
// Simulate a time-consuming operation
private static void doSlowOp() {
  try {
    TimeUnit.SECONDS.sleep(1);
  } catch (InterruptedException ie) {
    // Nothing to do here.
  }
}
```

Parallel Example: Code

```
List<Employee> googlers = EmployeeSamples.getGooglers();
System.out.print("Serial version [11 entries]:");
timingTest(googlers.stream());
int numProcessorsOrCores =
  Runtime.getRuntime().availableProcessors();
System.out.printf("Parallel version on %s-core machine:",
                        numProcessorsOrCores);
timingTest(googlers.stream().parallel());
System.out.print("Serial version [4 entries]:");
timingTest(googlers.stream().limit(4));
System.out.printf("Parallel version on %s-core machine:",
                        numProcessorsOrCores);
timingTest(googlers.stream().parallel().limit(4));
             In these examples, you could replace googlers.stream().parallel() with googlers.parallelStream().
             But, it is important to know about .parallel(), since parallel() can be done in the middle of a series of
             operations, e.g.: someList.stream().filter(...).map(...).parallel().moreOps(...), and parallel() can be
             applied to streams created other ways, e.g.: Stream.of(someArray).parallel().ops().
```

Parallel Example: Results

```
Serial version [11 entries]: 11.000 seconds.

Parallel version on 4-core machine: 3.000 seconds.

Serial version [4 entries]: 4.000 seconds.

Parallel version on 4-core machine: 1.000 seconds.
```

Advantage of Using Streams vs. Traditional Loops: Parallel Code

Computing sum with normal loop

```
int[] nums = ...;
int sum = 0;
for(int num: nums) {
    sum += num;
}
```

- Cannot be easily parallelized
- Computing sum with reduction operation

```
int[] nums = ...;
int sum = IntStream.of(nums).sum();
```

- *Can* be easily parallelized

```
int sum2 = IntStream.of(nums).parallel().sum();
```

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Parallel Reduce: When is it Safe?

- Combining operation is associative
 - I.e., $(a ext{ op } b) ext{ op } c == a ext{ op } (b ext{ op } c)$
 - Determining this is trickier than it looks; see the exercises where we ask if multiplication satisfies this requirement
- No side effects on global data are performed
 - Binary operator itself is stateless
 - Guaranteed if an explicit lambda is used, but not guaranteed if you directly build an instance of a class that implements BinaryOperator, or if you use a method reference that refers to a statefull class.
 - The operator does not modify global data



Infinite (Unbounded On-the-Fly) Streams



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Infinite Streams: Big Ideas

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 won't work in parallel

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 sizelimiting 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

Big ideas

- 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. skip alone is not enough, since the size is still unbounded
- 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(...)
    .collect(Collectors.toList());
```

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Stateless generate Example: Random Numbers

Code

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);
   }
}
```

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

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Helper Code: Simple Methods to Get Any Amount of Fibonaccis

Stateful generate Example

Main code

iterate

Big ideas

- 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

Quick example

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

Simple Example: Twitter Messages

Idea

- Generate a series of Twitter messages

Approach

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

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Twitter Messages

Code

More Complex Example: Large Prime Numbers

Idea

- Generate a series of very large consecutive prime numbers (e.g., 100 or 150 digits or more)
- Large primes are used extensively in cryptography

Approach

- Start with a prime BigInteger as the seed
- Supply a UnaryOperator that finds the first prime number higher than the given one

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Helper Methods: Idea

Idea

- 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 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
 - Algorithm is not fooled by Carmichael numbers

Helper Methods: Code

```
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

Primes

Code

Results

3484894489805924599033259501599559961057903572743870105972345438458556253531271262848463552867976353
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collect: Fancier Stream Output



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collect

Big idea

 Combined with methods in the Collectors class, you can build many data types out of Streams

Quick examples

- List (shown in previous section)
 - anyStream.collect(toList())

For brevity, the examples here assume you have done "import static java.util.stream.Collectors.*", so that toList() really means Collectors.toList()

- String
 - stringStream.collect(joining(delimiter)).toString()
- Set
 - anyStream.collect(toSet())
- Other collection
 - anyStream.collect(toCollection(CollectionType::new))
- Map
 - strm.collect(partioningBy(...)), strm.collect(groupingBy(...))

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Building Lists

Code

Results

```
Googlers with ids [2, 4, 6, 8]:

[Sergey Brin [Employee#2 $8,888,888],

Nikesh Arora [Employee#4 $6,666,666],

Patrick Pichette [Employee#6 $4,444,444],

Peter Norvig [Employee#8 $900,000]].
```

Remember that you can do a static import on java.util.stream.Collectors.* so that you can use toList() instead of Collectors.toList().

Also recall that List has a builtin toString method that prints the entries comma-separated inside square brackets. Here and elsewhere, line breaks and whitespace added to printouts for readability.

Aside: The StringJoiner Class

Big idea

- Java 8 added new StringJoiner class that builds delimiterseparated Strings, with optional prefix and suffix
- Java 8 also added static "join" method to the String class; it uses StringJoiner

Quick examples (result: "Java, Lisp, Ruby")

- Explicit StringJoiner with no prefix or suffix StringJoiner joiner1 = new StringJoiner(", "); String result1 = joiner1.add("Java").add("Lisp").add("Ruby").toString();
- Usually easier: String.join convenience method
 String result2 = String.join(", ", "Java", "Lisp", "Ruby");

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Building Strings

Code

Results

```
Last names of Googlers with ids [2, 4, 6, 8]: Brin, Arora, Pichette, Norvig.
```

Building Sets

Code

Building Other Collections

Big idea

 You provide a Supplier<Collection> to collect. Java takes the resultant Collection and then calls "add" on each element of the Stream.

Quick examples

The examples here assume you have done "import static java.util.stream.Collectors.*", so that toCollection(...) really means Collectors.toCollection(...)

- ArrayList
 - someStream.collect(toCollection(ArrayList::new))
- TreeSet
 - someStream.collect(toCollection(TreeSet::new))
- Stack
 - someStream.collect(toCollection(Stack::new))
- Vector
 - someStream.collect(toCollection(Vector::new))

Building Other Collections: TreeSet

Code

partioningBy: Building Maps

Big idea

 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

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].
```

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]].

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groupingBy: Another Way of Building Maps

Big idea

- 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.

groupingBy: Supporting Code

Idea

 Make a class called Emp that is a simplified Employee that has a first name, last name, and office/location name, all as Strings.

Sample Emps

```
private static Emp[] sampleEmps = {
  new Emp("Larry", "Page", "Mountain View"),
  new Emp("Sergey", "Brin", "Mountain View"),
  new Emp("Lindsay", "Hall", "New York"),
  new Emp("Hesky", "Fisher", "New York"),
  new Emp("Reto", "Strobl", "Zurich"),
  new Emp("Fork", "Guy", "Zurich"),
};

public static List<Emp> getSampleEmps() {
  return(Arrays.asList(sampleEmps));
}
```

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groupingBy: Example

Code



Wrap-Up



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Summary: More Stream Methods

- reduce
 - someStream.reduce(seedValue, binaryOperator)
 - Also someStream.reduce(binaryOperator), returning an Optional
- Limiting Stream size
 - limit, skip
 - Can trigger short-circuiting
- Using comparisons
 - sorted, min, max, distinct
- Finding matches
 - allMatch, anyMatch, noneMatch, count
- Fancy output for "collect"
 - toList, joining, toSet, toCollection, partioningBy, groupingBy

Summary: Fancy Stream Types

Parallel Streams

- anyStream.parallel().normalStreamOps(...)
 - Useful also for findAny, map, filter, reduce, etc.
 - You are responsible for being sure the operations are threadsafe (especially with for Each operations that modify shared data) and that the operation for reduce is associative

Infinite (unbounded on-the-fly) Streams

- Stream.generate(someStatelessSupplier).limit(...)
- Stream.generate(someStatefullSupplier).limit(...)
- Stream.iterate(seedValue, operatorOnSeed).limit(...)
 - The benefit is that there is no predetermined number of entries: values are calculated as you need them

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