

Java Collections Framework



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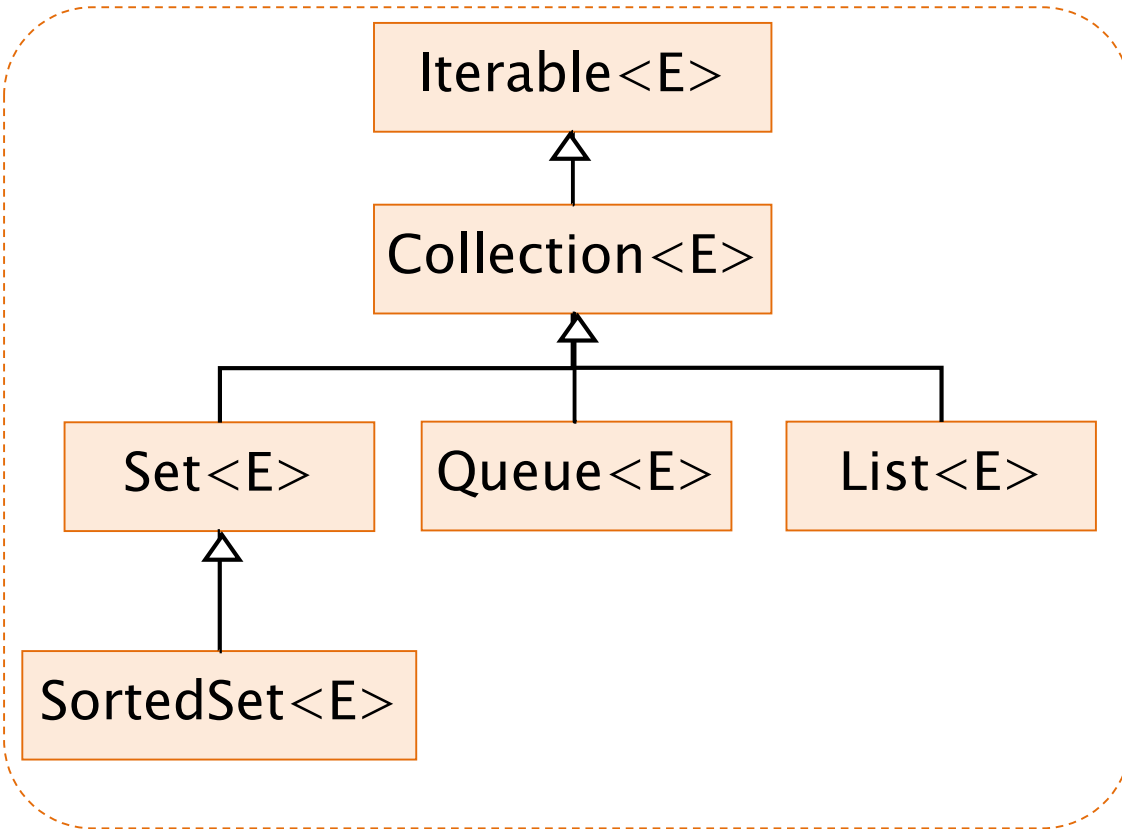
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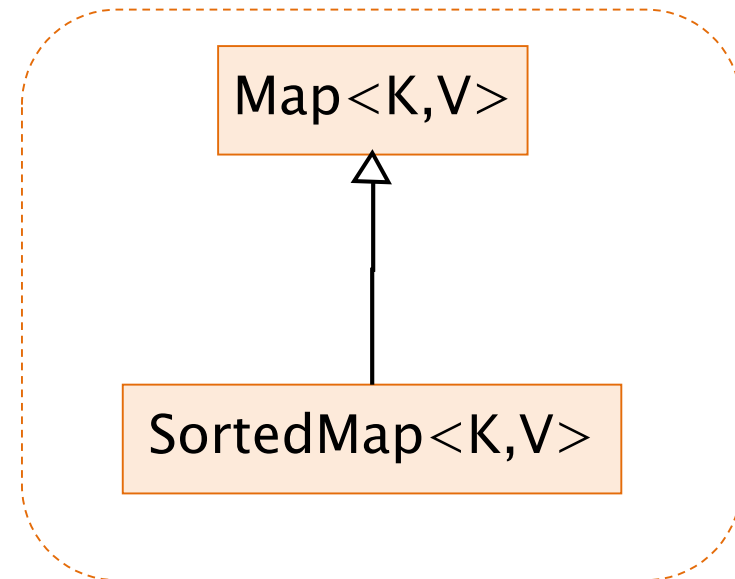
Framework

- Interfaces (ADT, Abstract Data Types)
- Implementations (of ADT)
- Algorithms (sort)
- Contained in the package `java.util`
- Originally using Object, since Java 5 redefined as generic

Interfaces

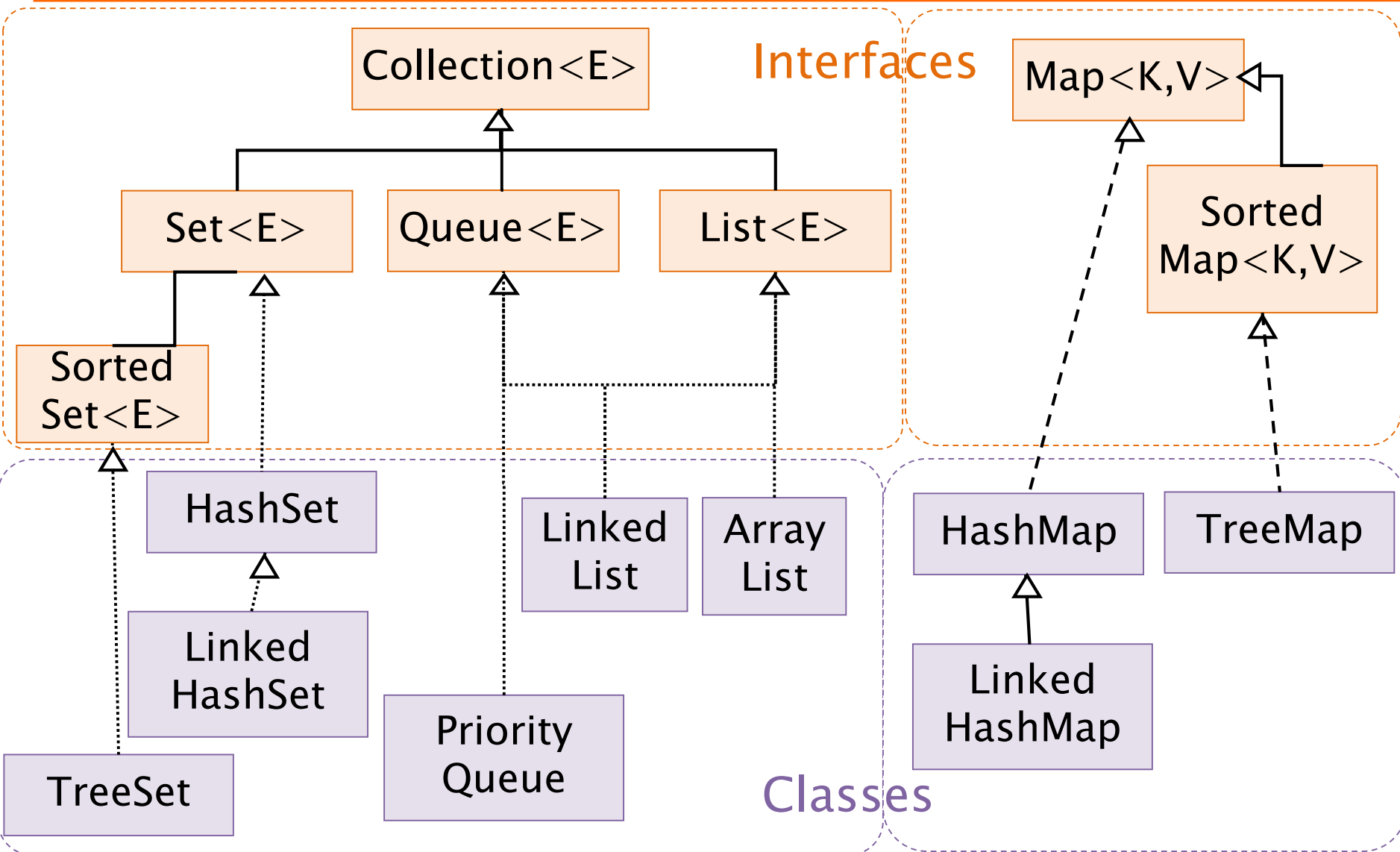


Group containers



Associative containers

Implementations



Internals

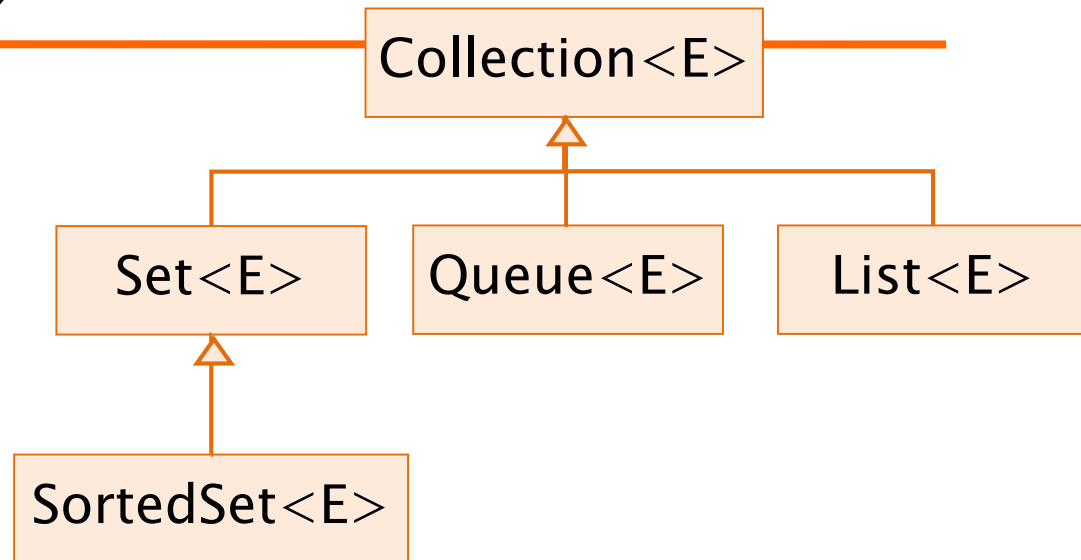
data structure

	Hash table	Resizable array	Balanced tree	Linked list	Hash table Linked list
Set	HashSet		TreeSet		LinkedHashSet
List		ArrayList		LinkedList	
Map	HashMap		TreeMap		LinkedHashMap

interface

classes

Group containers (Collections)



Collection

- **Group** of elements (**references** to objects)
- It is not specified whether they are
 - ♦ Ordered / not ordered
 - ♦ Duplicated / not duplicated
- Implements Iterable
- The following constructors are common to all classes implementing Collection
 - ♦ `C()`
 - ♦ `C(Collection c)`

Collection interface

```
int size()  
boolean isEmpty()  
boolean contains(E element)  
boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c)  
boolean add(E element)  
boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c)  
boolean remove(E element)  
boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c)  
void clear()  
Object[] toArray()  
Iterator<E> iterator()
```


Collection example

```
Collection<Person> persons =  
    new LinkedList<Person>();  
persons.add( new Person("Alice") );  
System.out.println( persons.size() );  
  
Collection<Person> copy =  
    new TreeSet<Person>();  
copy.addAll( persons ); //new TreeSet( persons )  
  
Person[] array = copy.toArray();  
System.out.println( array[0] );
```

List

- Can contain **duplicate** elements
- **Insertion order** is preserved
- User can define insertion point
- Elements can be accessed by **position**
- Augments Collection interface

List specific methods

`E get(int index)`

`E set(int index, E element)`

`void add(int index, E element)`

`E remove(int index)`

`boolean addAll(int index, Collection<E> c)`

`int indexOf(E o)`

`int lastIndexOf(E o)`

`List<E> subList(int from, int to)`

List implementations

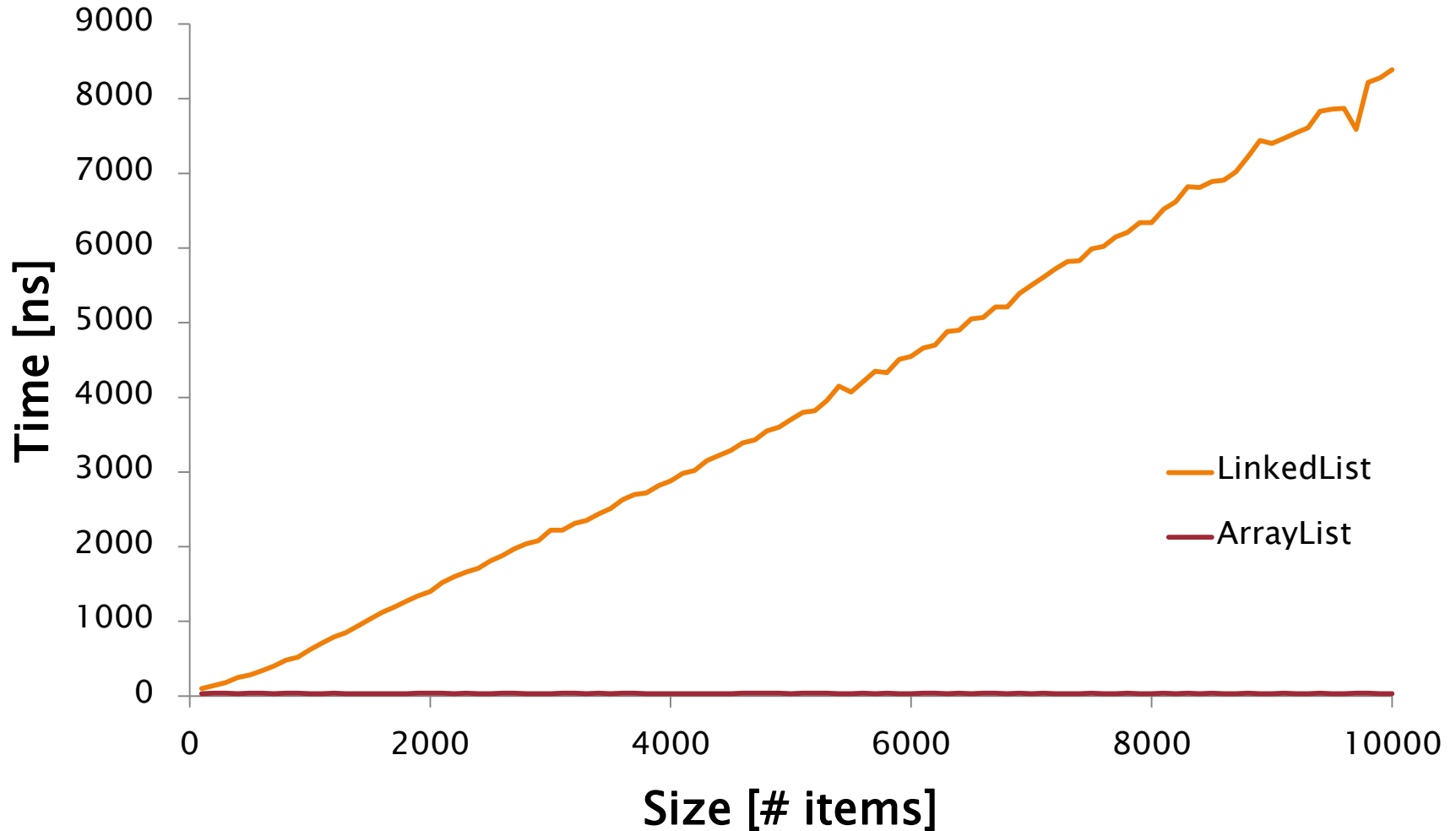
ArrayList

- `get(n)`
 - ♦ Constant time
- `add(0, ...)`
 - ♦ Linear time
- `add()`
 - ♦ Constant time

LinkedList

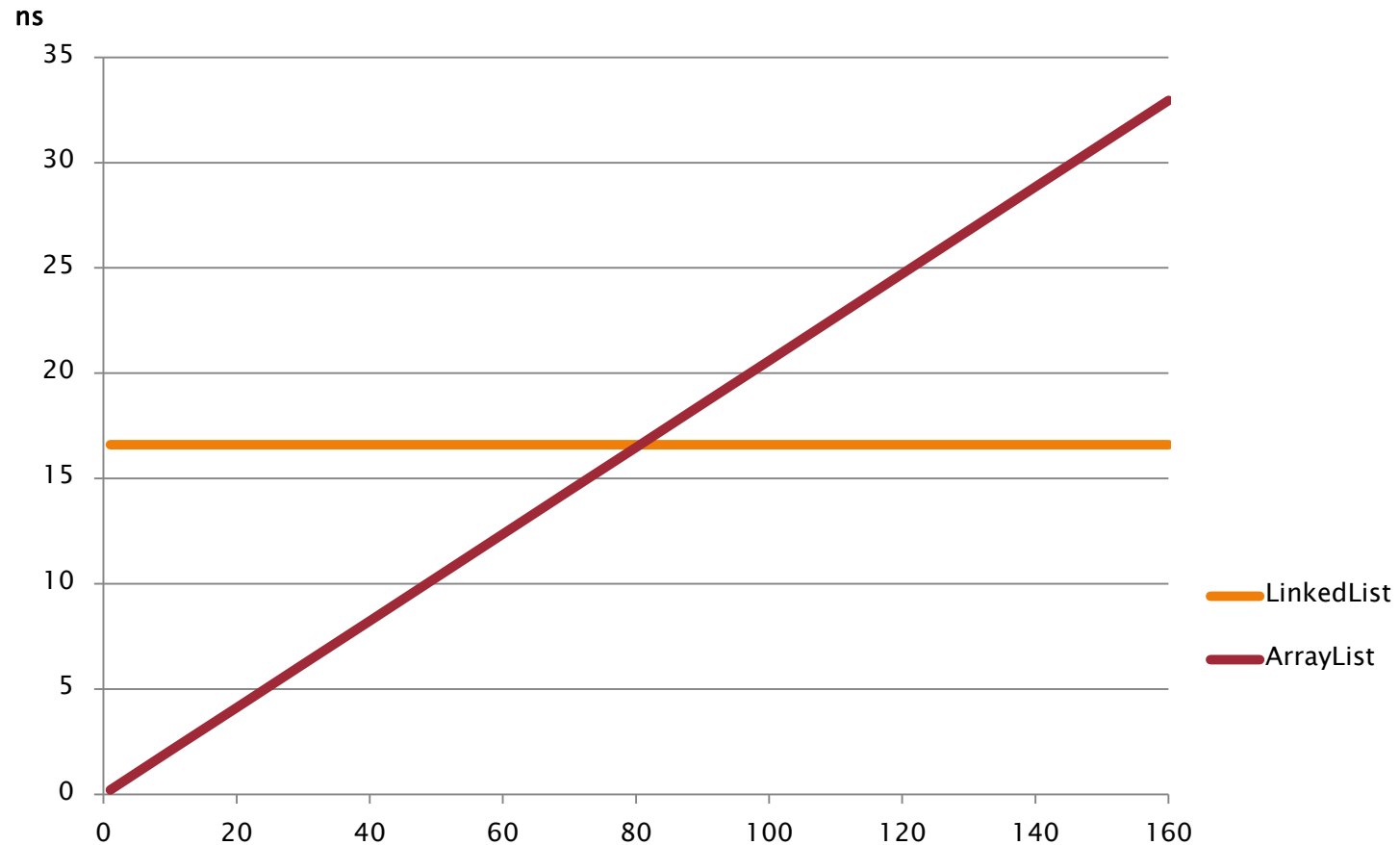
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 - ♦ Constant time
- `add()`
 - ♦ Constant time

List implementations – Get



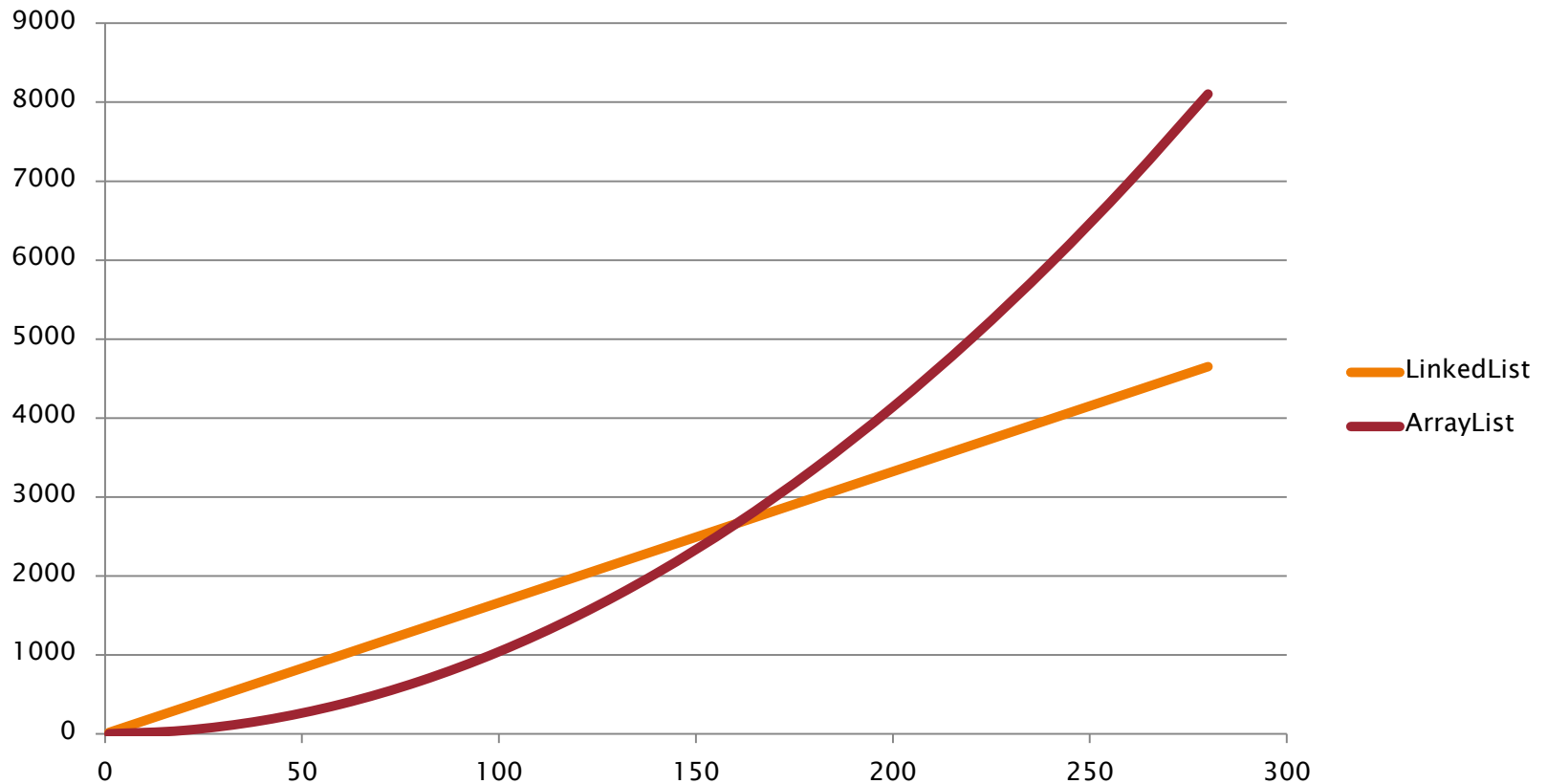
List Implementations – Add

add in first position in a list of given size



List Implementations – Add

add given # of elements in first position



List implementation – Models

LinkedList

Add in first pos.
in list of size n $t(n) = C_L$

Add n elements $t(n) = n \cdot C_L$

$$C_L = 16.0 \text{ ns}$$

$$C_A = 0.2 \text{ ns}$$

ArrayList

$$t(n) = n \cdot C_A$$

$$t(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n C_A \cdot i$$

$$= \frac{C_A}{2} n \cdot (n - 1)$$

List implementations

■ **ArrayList<E>**

- ◆ `ArrayList()`
- ◆ `ArrayList(int initialCapacity)`
- ◆ `ArrayList(Collection<E> c)`
- ◆ `void ensureCapacity(int minCapacity)`

■ **LinkedList<E>**

- ◆ `void addFirst(E o)`
- ◆ `void addLast(E o)`
- ◆ `E getFirst()`
- ◆ `E getLast()`
- ◆ `E removeFirst()`
- ◆ `E removeLast()`

Example I

```
LinkedList<Integer> l1 =  
    new LinkedList<>();
```

```
l1.add(new Integer(10));
```

```
l1.add(new Integer(11));
```

```
l1.addLast(new Integer(13));
```

```
l1.addFirst(new Integer(20));
```

```
//20, 10, 11, 13
```

Example II

```
Car[] garage = new Car[20];
```

```
garage[0] = new Car();  
garage[1] = new ElectricCar();  
garage[2] = new ElectricCar();  
garage[3] = new
```

```
for(int i=0; i  
    garage[i].t  
}
```

```
List<Car> garage = new ArrayList<Car>(20);
```

```
garage.set( 0, new Car() );  
garage.set( 1, new ElectricCar() );  
garage.set( 2, new ElectricCar() );  
garage.set( 3, new Car() );
```

```
for(int i; i<garage.size(); i++){  
    Car c = garage.get(i);  
    c.turnOn();  
}
```

Example III

```
List l = new ArrayList(2); // 2 refs to null

l.add(new Integer(11));    // 11 in position 0
l.add(0, new Integer(13)); // 11 in position 1
l.set(0, new Integer(20)); // 13 replaced by 20

l.add(9, new Integer(30)); // NO: out of bounds
l.add(new Integer(30));    // OK, size extended
```

Queue interface

- Collection whose elements have an order
 - ♦ not an ordered collection though
- Defines a **head** position where is the **first** element that can be accessed
 - ♦ `peek()`
 - Retrieves, but does not remove, the head of this queue
 - ♦ `poll()`
 - Retrieves and removes the head of this queue

Queue implementations

- **LinkedList**
 - ♦ head is the first element of the list
 - ♦ FIFO: First-In-First-Out
- **PriorityQueue**
 - ♦ head is the smallest element

Queue example

```
Queue<Integer> fifo =  
    new LinkedList<Integer>();  
  
Queue<Integer> pq =  
    new PriorityQueue<Integer>();  
  
fifo.add(3); pq.add(3);  
fifo.add(1); pq.add(1);  
fifo.add(2); pq.add(2);  
  
System.out.println(fifo.peek()); // 3  
System.out.println(pq.peek());  // 1
```

Set interface

- Contains no methods
 - ♦ Only those inherited from `Collection`
- `add()` has the restriction that **no duplicate elements** are allowed
 - ♦ `e1.equals(e2) == false` $\forall e1, e2 \in \Sigma$
- Iterator
 - ♦ The elements are traversed in **no particular order**

SortedSet interface

- No duplicate elements
- Iterator
 - ♦ The elements are traversed according to the **natural ordering** (ascending)
- Augments Set interface
 - ♦ `Object first()`
 - ♦ `Object last()`
 - ♦ `SortedSet headSet(Object toElement)`
 - ♦ `SortedSet tailSet(Object fromElement)`
 - ♦ `SortedSet subSet(Object from, Object to)`

Set implementations

- **HashSet** implements **Set**
 - ◆ Hash tables as internal data structure (faster)
- **LinkedHashSet** extends **HashSet**
 - ◆ Elements are traversed by iterator according to the **insertion order**
- **TreeSet** implements **SortedSet**
 - ◆ R-B trees as internal data structure (computationally expensive)

Note on sorted collections

- Depending on the constructor used they require different implementation of the custom ordering
- **TreeSet()**
 - ◆ Natural ordering (elements must be implementations of Comparable)
- **TreeSet(Comparator c)**
 - ◆ Ordering is according to the comparator rules, instead of natural ordering

Generic collections

- Since Java 5, all collection interfaces and classes have been redefined as Generics
- Use of generics leads to code that is
 - ♦ safer
 - ♦ more compact
 - ♦ easier to understand
 - ♦ equally performing

Object list – excerpt

```
public interface List{  
    void add(Object x);  
    Object get(int i);  
    Iterator<E> iterator();  
}  
  
public interface Iterator{  
    Object next();  
    boolean hasNext();  
}
```

Example

■ Using a list of Integers

◆ Without generics (`ArrayList list`)

```
list.add(0, new Integer(42));  
int n= ((Integer) (list.get(0))).intValue();
```

◆ With generics (`ArrayList<Integer> list`)

```
list.add(0, new Integer(42));  
int n= ((Integer) (list.get(0))).intValue();
```

◆ + autoboxing (`ArrayList<Integer> list`)

```
list.add(0, new Integer(42));  
int n = ((Integer) (list.get(0))).intValue();
```

ITERATORS

Iterable interface

- Container of elements that can be iterated upon

- Provides a single method:

`Iterator<E> iterator()`

- ♦ It returns the iterator on the elements of the collection

- Collection extends Iterable

Iterators and iteration

- A common operation with collections is to iterate over their elements
- Interface Iterator provides a transparent means to cycle through all elements of a Collection
- **Keeps track of last visited** element of the related collection
- Each time the current element is queried, it **moves on automatically**

Iterator

- Allows the iteration on the elements of a collection
- Two main methods:
 - ♦ **boolean hasNext()**
 - Checks if there is a next element to iterate on
 - ♦ **E next()**
 - Returns the next element and advances by one position
 - ♦ **void remove()**
 - Optional method, removes the current element

Iterator examples

Print all objects in a list

```
Iterable<Person> persons =  
    new LinkedList<Person>();  
...  
for(Iterator<Person> i = persons.iterator();  
    i.hasNext(); ) {  
    Person p = i.next();  
    ...  
    System.out.println(p);  
}
```

Iterator examples

The for-each syntax avoids
using iterator directly

```
Iterable<Person> persons =  
    new LinkedList<Person>();  
...  
for(Person p: persons) {  
    ...  
    System.out.println(p);  
}
```

Iterator examples (until Java 1.4)

Print all objects in a list

```
Collection persons = new LinkedList();  
...  
for(Iterator i= persons.iterator(); i.hasNext(); ) {  
    Person p = (Person)i.next();  
    ...  
}
```

Note well

- It is **unsafe** to iterate over a collection you are modifying (**add/remove**) at the same time
- **Unless** you are using the iterator's own methods
 - ◆ `Iterator.remove()`
 - ◆ `ListIterator.add()`

Delete

```
List<Integer> lst=new LinkedList<Integer>();  
lst.add(new Integer(10));  
lst.add(new Integer(11));  
lst.add(new Integer(13));  
lst.add(new Integer(20));  
  
int count = 0;  
for (Iterator<?> itr = lst.iterator();  
      itr.hasNext(); ) {  
    itr.next();  
    if (count==1)  
        lst.remove(count); // wrong  
    count++;  
}
```

ConcurrentModificationException

Delete (cont' d)

```
List<Integer> lst=new LinkedList<Integer>();  
lst.add(new Integer(10));  
lst.add(new Integer(11));  
lst.add(new Integer(13));  
lst.add(new Integer(20));  
  
int count = 0;  
for (Iterator<?> itr = lst.iterator();  
      itr.hasNext(); ) {  
    itr.next();  
    if (count==1)  
        itr.remove(); // ok  
    count++;  
}
```

Correct

Add

```
List lst = new LinkedList();  
lst.add(new Integer(10));  
lst.add(new Integer(11));  
lst.add(new Integer(13));  
lst.add(new Integer(20));  
  
int count = 0;  
for (Iterator itr = lst.iterator();  
      itr.hasNext(); ) {  
    itr.next();  
    if (count==2)  
        lst.add(count, new Integer(22)); //wrong  
    count++;  
}
```

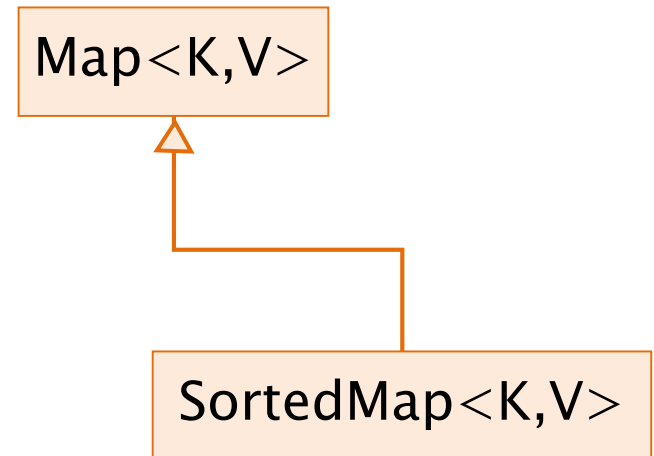
ConcurrentModificationException

Add (cont' d)

```
List<Integer> lst=new LinkedList<Integer>();  
lst.add(new Integer(10));  
lst.add(new Integer(11));  
lst.add(new Integer(13));  
lst.add(new Integer(20));  
  
int count = 0;  
for (ListIterator<Integer> itr =  
    lst.listIterator(); itr.hasNext();) {  
    itr.next();  
    if (count==2)  
        itr.add(new Integer(22)); // ok  
    count++;  
}
```

Correct

Associative containers (Maps)



Map interface

- A container that associates **keys to values** (e.g., SSN \Rightarrow Person)
- Keys and values must be **objects**
- **Keys** must be **unique**
 - ♦ Only one value per key
- Following constructors are common to all collection implementers
 - ♦ **M()**
 - ♦ **M(Map m)**

Map interface

- `V put(K key, V value)`
- `V get(K key)`
- `Object remove(K key)`
- `boolean containsKey(K key)`
- `boolean containsValue(V value)`
- `public Set<K> keySet()`
- `public Collection<V> values()`
- `int size()`
- `boolean isEmpty()`
- `void clear()`

Map example

```
Map<String, Person> people = new HashMap<>();  
people.put( "ALCSMT", //ssn  
            new Person("Alice", "Smith") );  
people.put( "RBTGRN", //ssn  
            new Person("Robert", "Green") );  
  
Person bob = people.get("RBTGRN");  
if( bob == null )  
    System.out.println( "Not found" );  
  
int populationSize = people.size();
```

SortedMap interface

- The elements are traversed according to the keys' **natural ordering** (ascending)
- Augments **Map** interface
 - ◆ `SortedMap subMap(K fromKey, K toKey)`
 - ◆ `SortedMap headMap(K toKey)`
 - ◆ `SortedMap tailMap(K fromKey)`
 - ◆ `K firstKey()`
 - ◆ `K lastKey()`

Map implementations

- Analogous to Set
- **HashMap** implements **Map**
 - ◆ No order
- **LinkedHashMap** extends **HashMap**
 - ◆ Insertion order
- **TreeMap** implements **SortedMap**
 - ◆ Ascending key order

HashMap

- Get/put takes **constant time** (in case of no collisions)
- Automatic re-allocation when load factor reached
- Constructor optional arguments
 - ◆ **load factor** (default = .75)
 - ◆ **initial capacity** (default = 16)

Using HashMap

```
Map<String, Student> students =  
    new HashMap<String, Student>();  
  
students.put("123",  
    new Student("123", "Joe Smith"));  
  
Student s = students.get("123");  
  
for (Student si: students.values()) {  
    ...  
}
```

TreeMap

- Get/put takes **log time**
- Based on a Red-Black tree
- Keys are maintained and will be traversed in order
- Constructor optional arguments
 - ◆ Comparator to replace the natural order of keys

ALGORITHMS

Algorithms

- Static methods of `java.util.Collections`
 - ♦ Work on List since it has the concept of position
- `sort()` – merge sort, $n \log(n)$
- `binarySearch()` – requires ordered sequence
- `shuffle()` – unsort
- `reverse()` – requires ordered sequence
- `rotate()` – of given a distance
- `min()`, `max()` – in a Collection

sort() method

- Operates on `List<T>`
 - ◆ Require access by index to perform sorting
- Two generic overloads:
 - ◆ on `Comparable` objects:
`<T extends Comparable<? super T>>`
`void sort(List<T> list)`
 - ◆ using a `Comparator` object:
`<T> void sort(List<T> list,`
`Comparator<? super T> cmp)`

Sort generic

~~T~~ extends Comparable<~~? super T~~>

MasterStudent

Student

MasterStudent

■ Why <? super T> instead of just <T> ?

◆ Suppose you define

– MasterStudent extends Student { }

◆ Intending to inherit the Student ordering

– It does not implement

Comparable<MasterStudent>

– But MasterStudent extends (indirectly)

Comparable<Student>

Custom ordering (alternative)

```
List students = new LinkedList();

students.add(new Student("Mary", "Smith", 34621));
students.add(new Student("Alice", "Knight", 13985));
students.add(new Student("Joe", "Smith", 95635));

Collections.sort(students); // sort by name

Collections.sort(students,
new StudentIDComparator()); // sort by ID
```


Search

- `<T> int binarySearch(List<? extends Comparable<? super T>> l, T key)`
 - ♦ Searches the specified object
 - ♦ List must be sorted into ascending order according to natural ordering
- `<T> int binarySearch(List<? extends T> l, T key, Comparator<? super T> c)`
 - ♦ Searches the specified object
 - ♦ List must be sorted into ascending order according to the specified comparator

Algorithms – Arrays

- Static methods of `java.util.Arrays` class
 - ♦ Work on object arrays
- `sort()`
- `binarySearch()`

Search – Arrays

- `int binarySearch(Object[] a, Object key)`
 - ♦ Searches the specified object
 - ♦ Array must be sorted into ascending order according to natural ordering
- `int binarySearch(Object[] a, Object key, Comparator c)`
 - ♦ Searches the specified object
 - ♦ Array must be sorted into ascending order according to the specified comparator

Wrap-up

- The collections framework includes interfaces and classes for containers
- There are two main families
 - ◆ Group containers
 - ◆ Associative containers
- All the components of the framework are defined as generic types