

SetTheory

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Overview

- Custom Data Structures
- Basic Set theory

Custom Data Structures

Custom Data Structures

- As we have seen, Java has a set of default data types and data structures
- e.g. Strings, Arrays etc.
- However, we may wish to implement our own data types/data structures.
- Throughout this course we will learn basic data structures (e.g. linked lists, sets, etc.)
- This will prepare you for writing custom data structures in the future.

Custom Data Structures

- Sets
- Linked lists
- Stacks
- Queues
- Hash tables
- Graphs

Basic Set Theory

Basic Set Theory: What is a set?

• A collection of unique elements of the same type (i.e. with no duplicates).

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

• We can say that 1 is an element of set A.

$$1 \in A$$

• And that 5 is not an element of set A.

• There is a special set with no elements, this is called the empty set.

$$\{ \} = \emptyset$$

Basic Set Theory: Equality

• Two sets, A and B, are only equal if all the elements in A are also in B.

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$
 $B = \{4, 5, 6\}$ $C = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

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$$A = C$$

$$A \neq B$$

Basic Set Theory: Subset

• A set A is a subset of B if every element of A is an element of B.

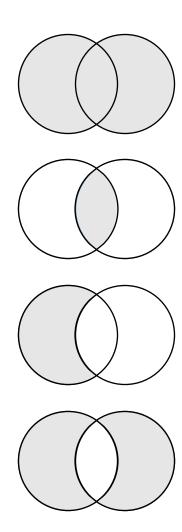
$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$
 $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
 $A \subset B$

- Thus, A=B if and only if $A \subset B$ and $B \subset A$.
- The empty set is a subset of all sets.

$$\emptyset \subset A$$

Given two sets A and B, we can perform the following operations:

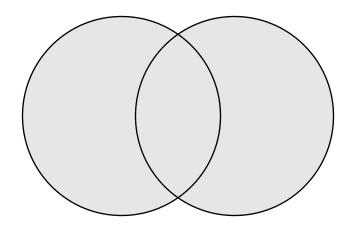
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- A ∩ B : intersection
- A \ B : difference
- \bullet A Δ B : symmetric difference



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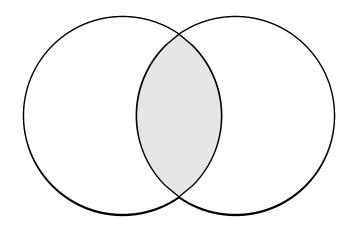
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• A ∩ B : intersection

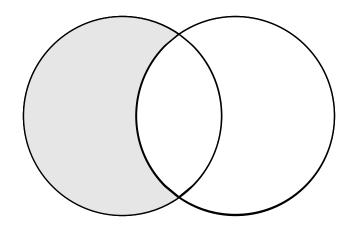
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• A \ B : difference

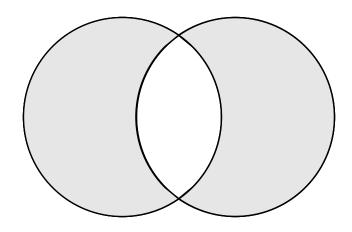
The *difference* of A and B, includes all elements of A that are not elements of B



Given two sets A and B, we can perform the following operations:

• A Δ B : symmetric difference

The *symmetric difference* of A and B, includes all elements of A that are not elements of B and all elements of B that are not in A.



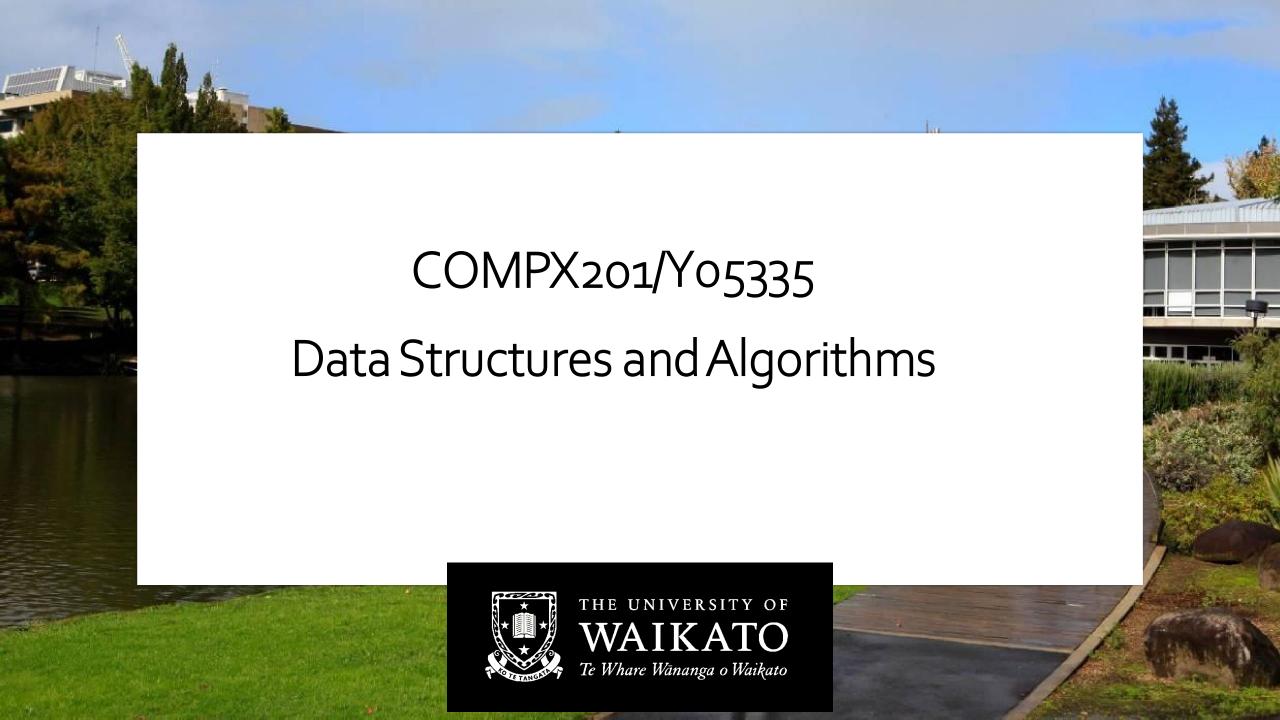
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Notations:

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Sets in Java Part 1

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We are going to create a custom data structure called "IntSet"

- Create data structure
- Print
- isEmpty
- hasElement
- Add
- Remove

- isSubset
- isEqual
- Union
- Intersection
- Difference
- Symmetric difference

Creation and printing

Creating our custom datatype

- Use an array for our Set
- Give the set an initial size
- Keep track of the next index for adding elements

Print

- Create a 'print' method for testing our operations
- "Arrays.toString(array)"
- import java.util.Arrays;

Assumption: Valid numbers are positive integers greater than zero

Okay, let's try it ...

Checking if Set is empty

- Method: isEmpty()
- Loop through all elements
- If you find a non-empty element (i.e. x > 0), then Set is not empty

Checking if element exists in the Set

- Method: hasElement()
- Loop through all elements
- If you find the element in the Set, then element exists

Adding an element:

First time:

- Add number to first element in set
- Increment 'index'

Next time:

- Add number to 'index' element in set
- Increment 'index'

What if the set is full?

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Removing an element:

Pre-check

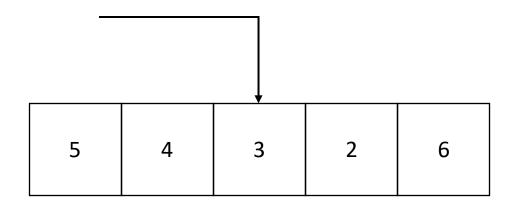
- Check if number is valid (BUT > o)
- Check if number is in Set (i.e. hasElement)

Remove element:

- Loop through list until you find element
- Replace it with zero

BUT, we need to clean up the empty element in the Set ...

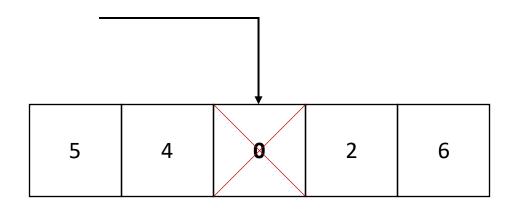
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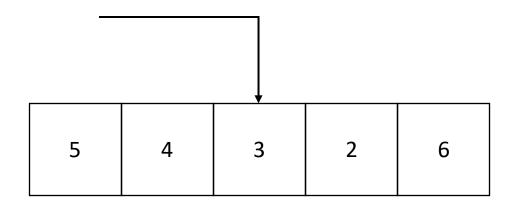
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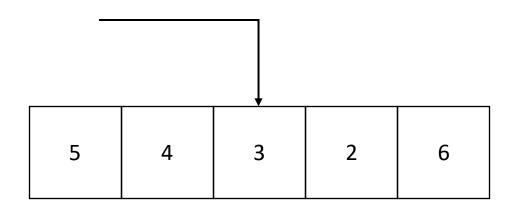
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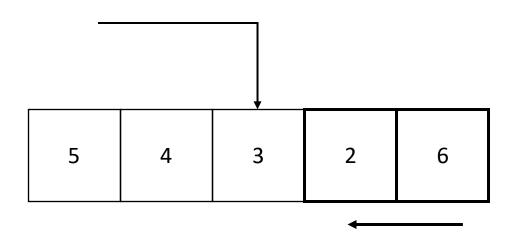
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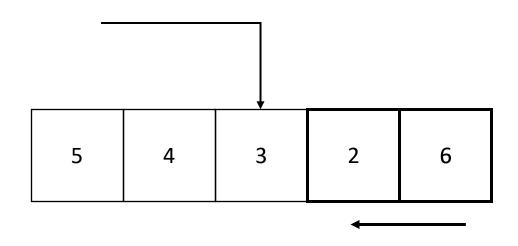
Removing an element:



numSet.remove(3)

- (1) Loop through list until you find element
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- (3) Copy the elements across from the right (i.e. index+1 onwards)

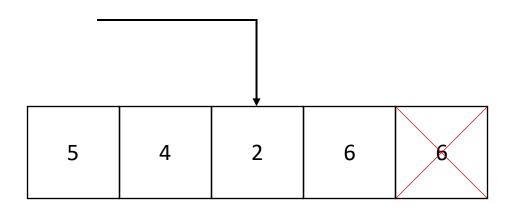
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- (3) Copy the elements from the right (i.e., index+1 onwards)
- (4) Remove the last item

Removing an element:

Pre-check

- Check if number is valid (its > o)
- Check if number is in Set (i.e. hasElement)

Remove element:

- Loop through list until you find element
- Keep track of it's index
- Copy the elements across from the right
- Remove last item in Set

Implementing a Set in Java – IntSet.java

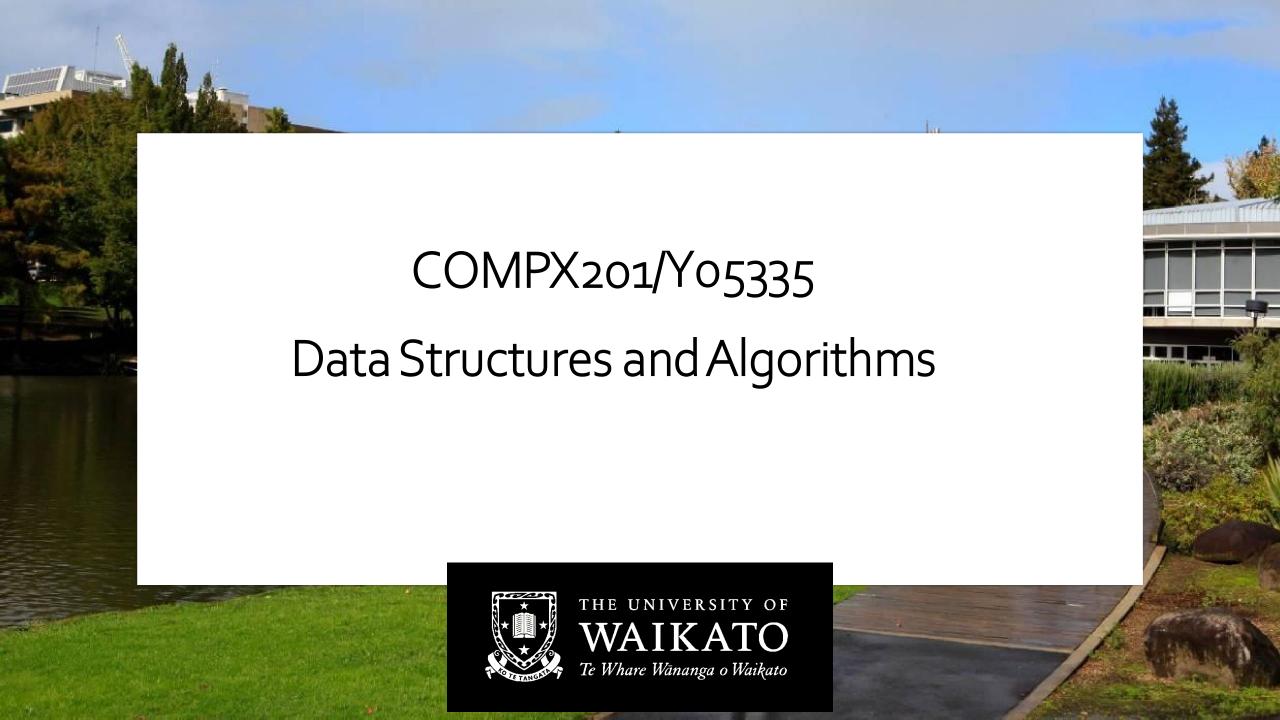
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import java.util.Arrays;
public class IntSet{
    int size;
    int intArray[];
    public IntSet(int a){
        size = a;
        intArray = new int[size];
    public void displayArray(){
        System.out.println("intSetA: " + Arrays.toString(intArray));
    public boolean isEmpty(){
        for(int i = 0; i < intArray.length; i++){</pre>
            if(intArray[i] > 0){
                return false;
        return true;
```

Implementing a Set in Java — IntSet.java

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public boolean hasItem(int t){
    for(int i = 0; i < intArray.length; i++){</pre>
        if(intArray[i] == t){
            return true;
    return false;
public void addItem(int a){
    if(isEmpty()){
        intArray[0] = a;
        return;
    if(hasItem(a)){
        return;
    for(int i = 0; i < intArray.length; i++){</pre>
        if(intArray[i] == 0){
            intArray[i] = a;
            return;
public void removeItem(int n){
    if(isEmpty()){
        return;
    if(!hasItem(n)){
        return;
    for(int i = 0; i < intArray.length; i++){</pre>
        if(intArray[i] == n){
            for(int j = i; j + 1 < intArray.length; j++){</pre>
                intArray[j] = intArray[j+1];
            intArray[intArray.length - 1] = 0;
            return;
```

Implementing a Set in Java — Main.java

```
public class Main{
    public static void main(String [] args){
       IntSet intSetA = new IntSet(5);
       System.out.println("Printing an empty set...");
       intSetA.displayArray();
        System.out.println("Is the set empty?: " + intSetA.isEmpty());
        System.out.println("Does the set contain the integer 3?: " + intSetA.hasItem(3));
       intSetA.addItem(1);
       intSetA.addItem(2);
       intSetA.addItem(3);
       intSetA.addItem(4);
       intSetA.addItem(5);
       System.out.println();
       System.out.println("Printing a non-empty set...");
       intSetA.displayArray();
        System.out.println("Is the set empty?: " + intSetA.isEmpty());
        System.out.println("Does the set contain the integer 3?: " + intSetA.hasItem(3));
       intSetA.removeItem(2);
        System.out.print("Inspecting the set after removing 2: ");
       intSetA.displayArray();
```



Sets in Java Part 2

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Last time: Sets in Java Part 1

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Is Set A a subset of Set B? A ⊂ B

Give it a try!

Yes!

- If A is an empty Set
- Or if every element of A is an element of B

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A = \{\} B = anything
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$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Is Set A equal to Set B?

A=B

Give it a try!

Yes!

- If both sets are empty
- Or if A and B are identical
- Or if A is a subset of B, and B is a subset of A

$$A = \{\}$$
 $B = \{\}$
 $A = \{1,2,3\}$ $B = \{1,2,3\}$

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 $B = \{2, 1, 3\}$

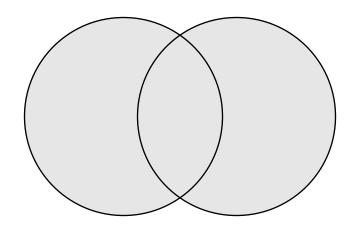
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$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$



Union

A U B

- If both sets are empty:

 Return an empty Set
- Or if A is empty: Return B
- Or if B is empty: Return A
- Otherwise, return the union of both

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$
 $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

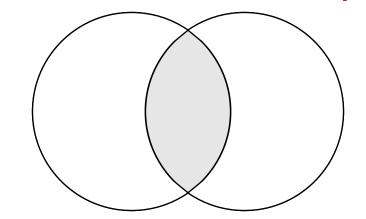
Intersection

 $A \cap B$

The *intersection* of A and B, includes all the elements common to A and B.

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$

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Difference

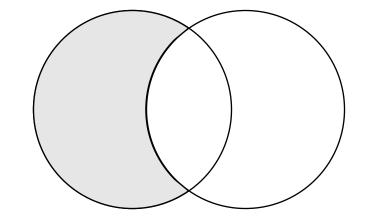
$$A \setminus B$$

The difference of A and B, includes all elements of A that are not elements of B

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$

$$B = \{2, 3, 4\}$$

$$A \setminus B = \{1\}$$



Symmetric difference

A U B

The *symmetric difference* of A and B includes all elements of A that are not elements of B, and all elements of B that are not in A.

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$
 $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 4\}$$

