Unleashing the Power of Pipelines



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"10,5,0,8,10,1,4,0,10,1"
    .Split(',')
    .Select(int.Parse)
    .OrderBy(n => n)
    .Skip(3)
    .Sum()
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Chaining LINQ Extension Methods

Create a "pipeline"



Overview



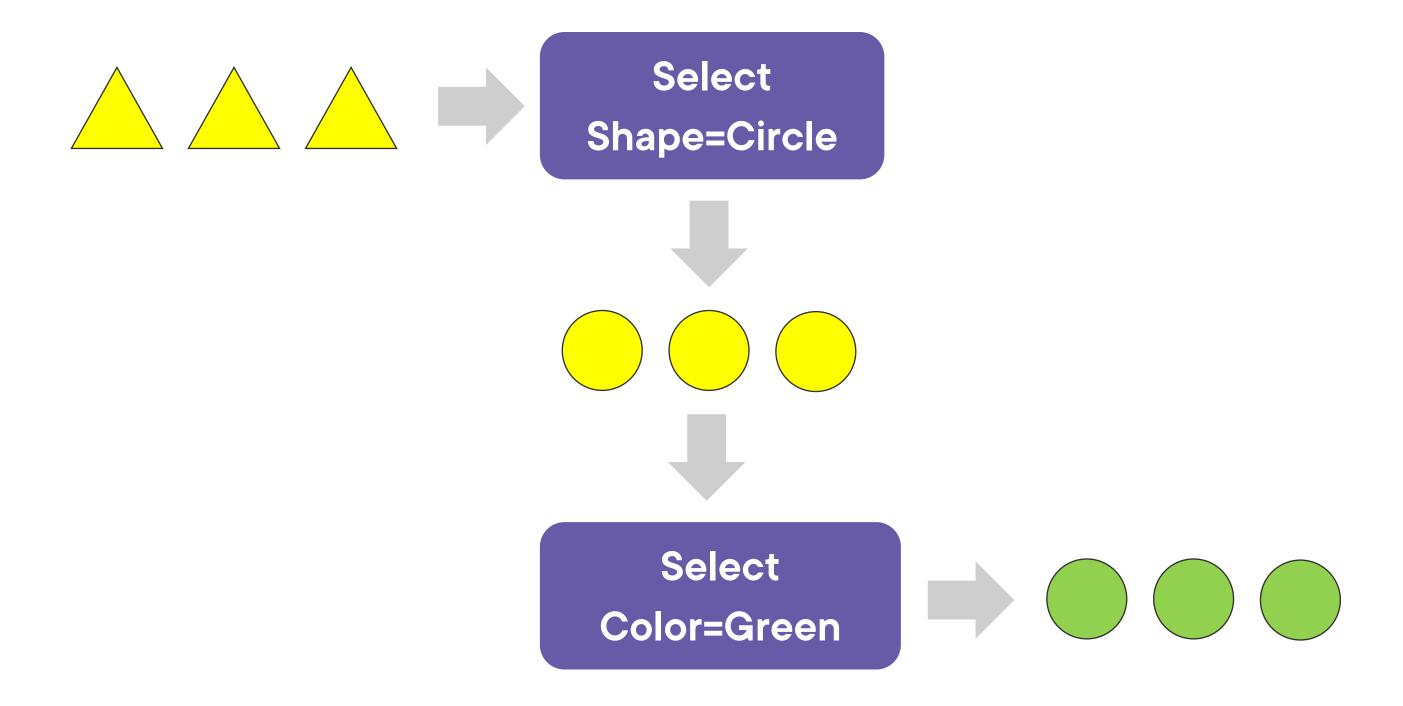
What are pipelines?
Solve some LINQ challenges
Real-world use of pipelines

Pipeline building blocks

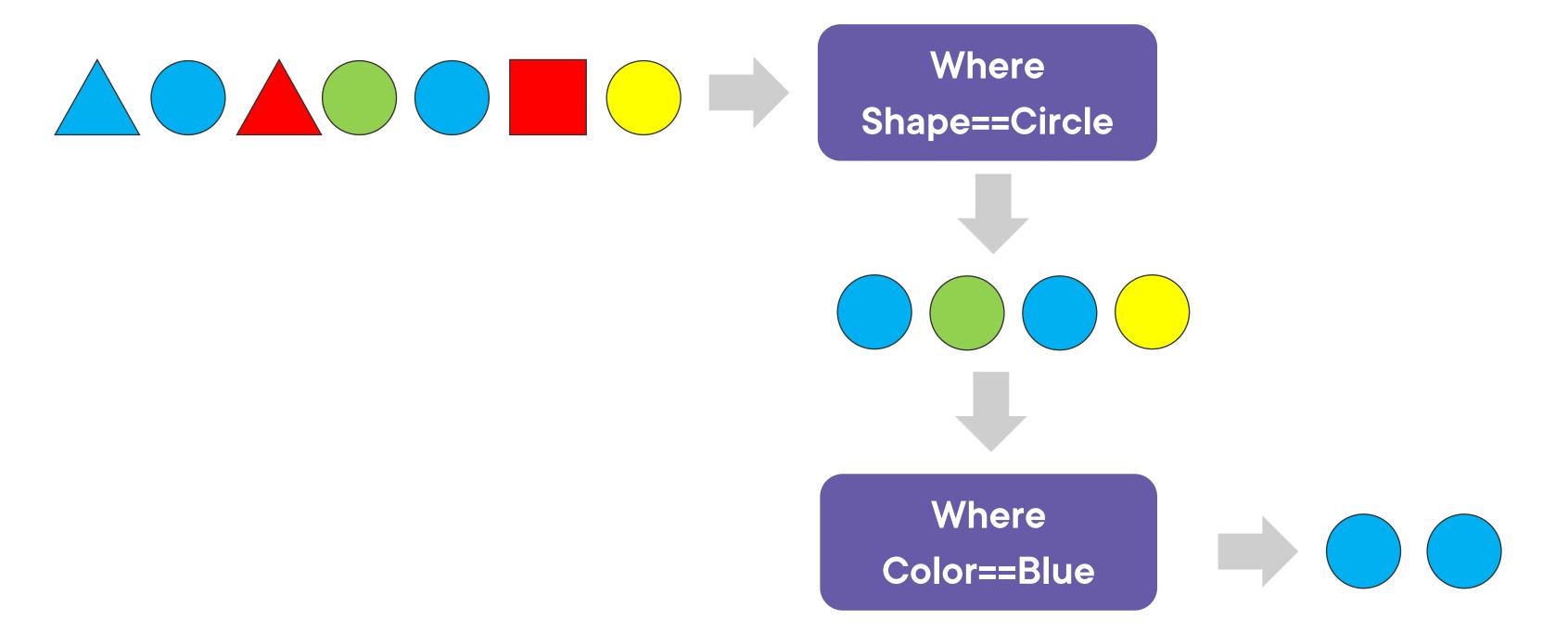
Pipelines



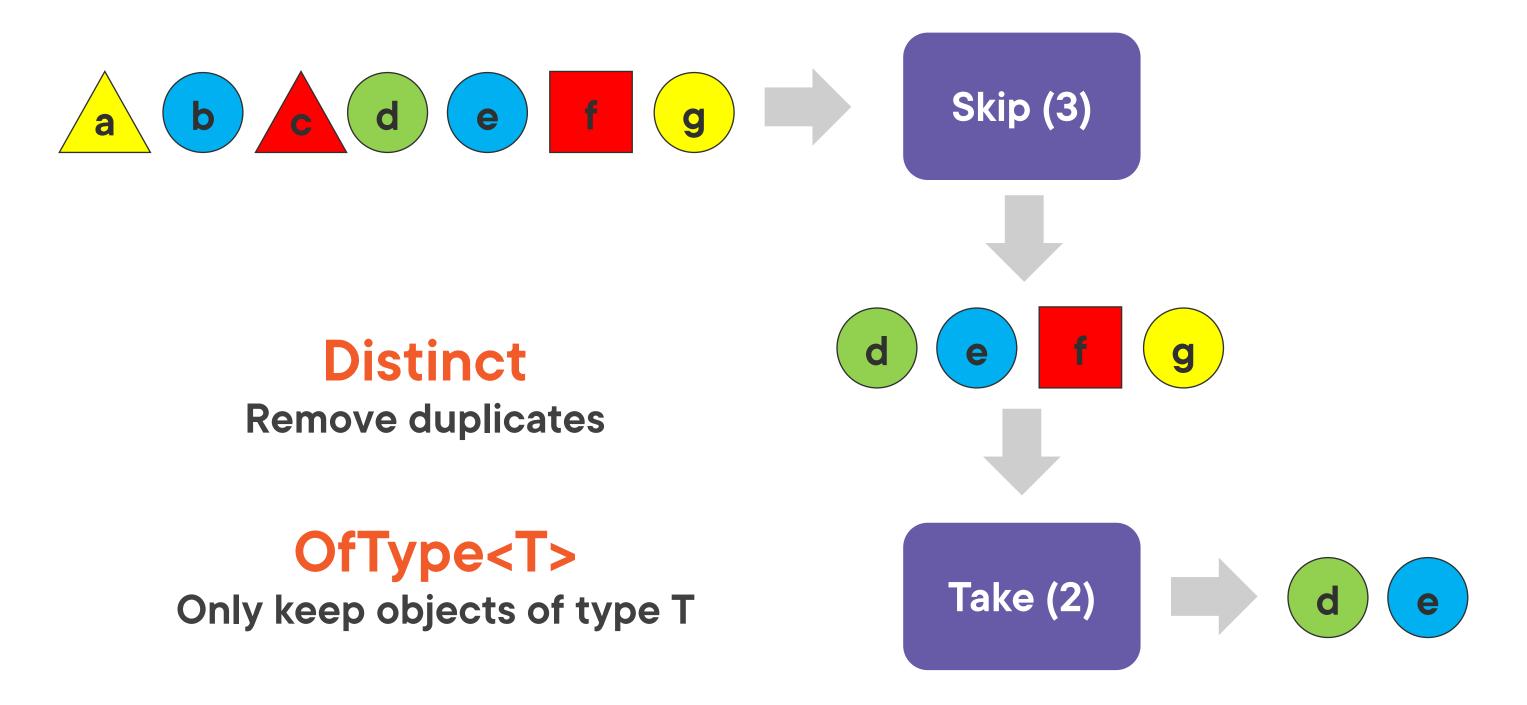
Transforming Elements



Filtering Elements



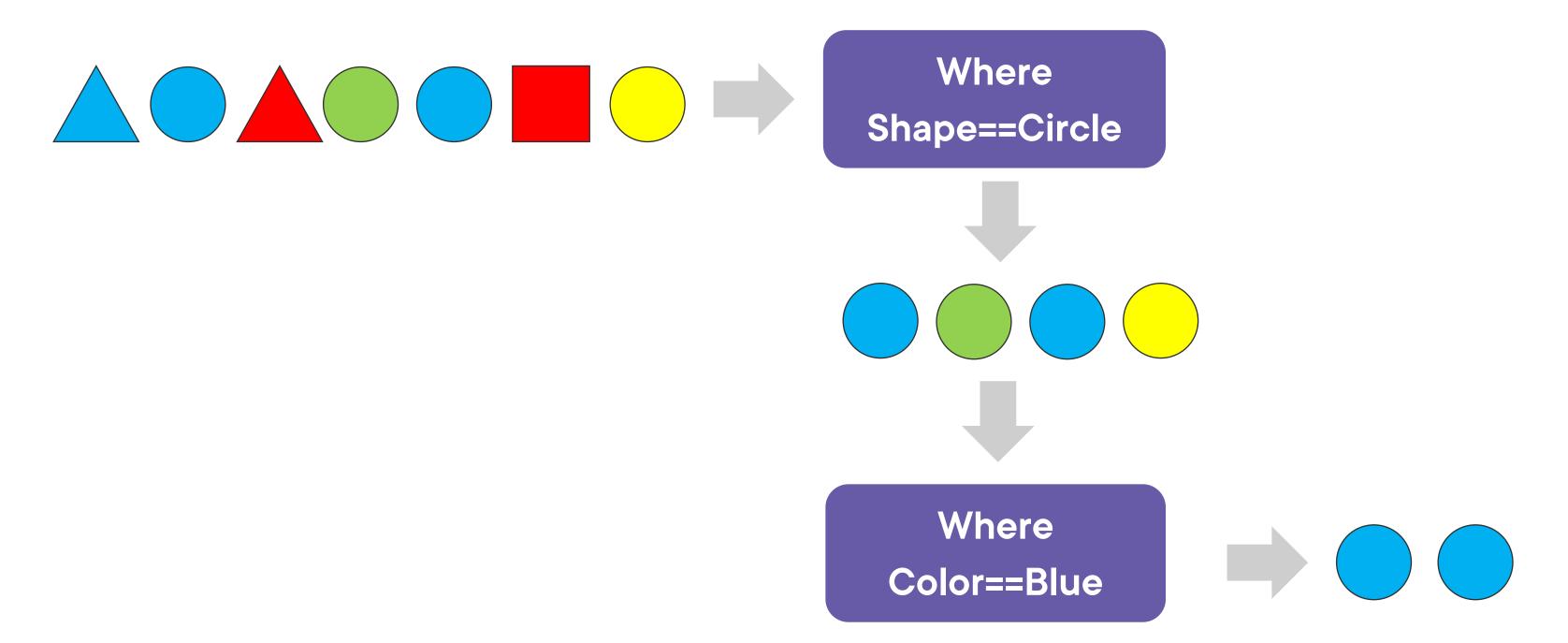
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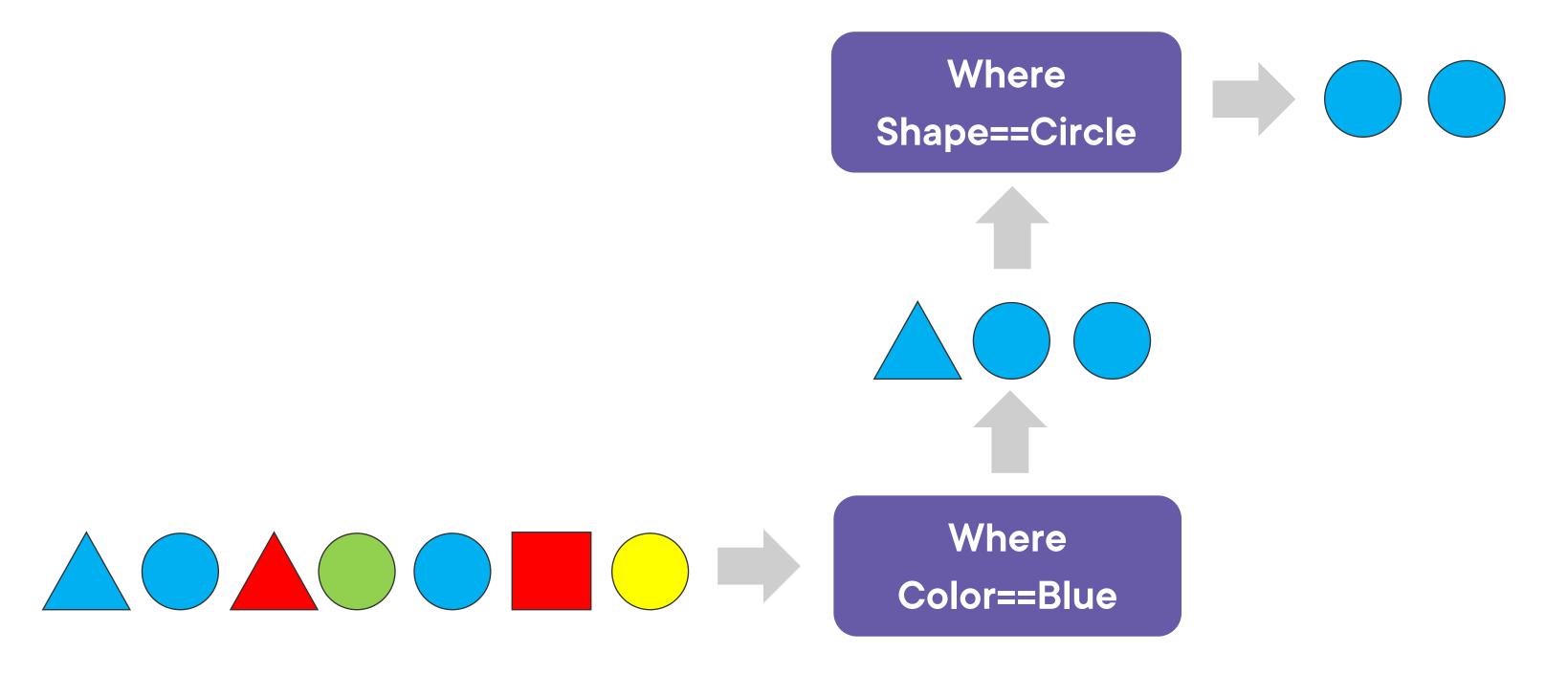
Order is important!



Reordering Where Nodes

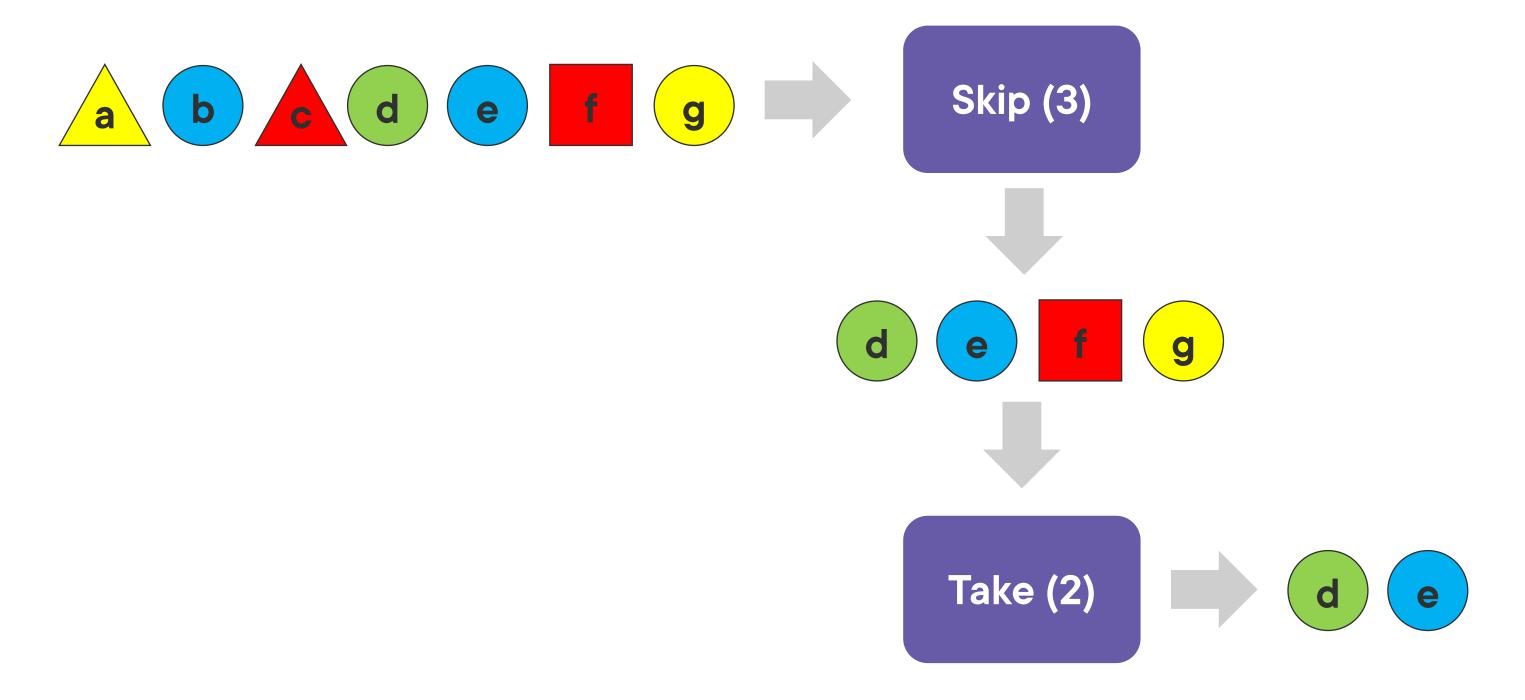


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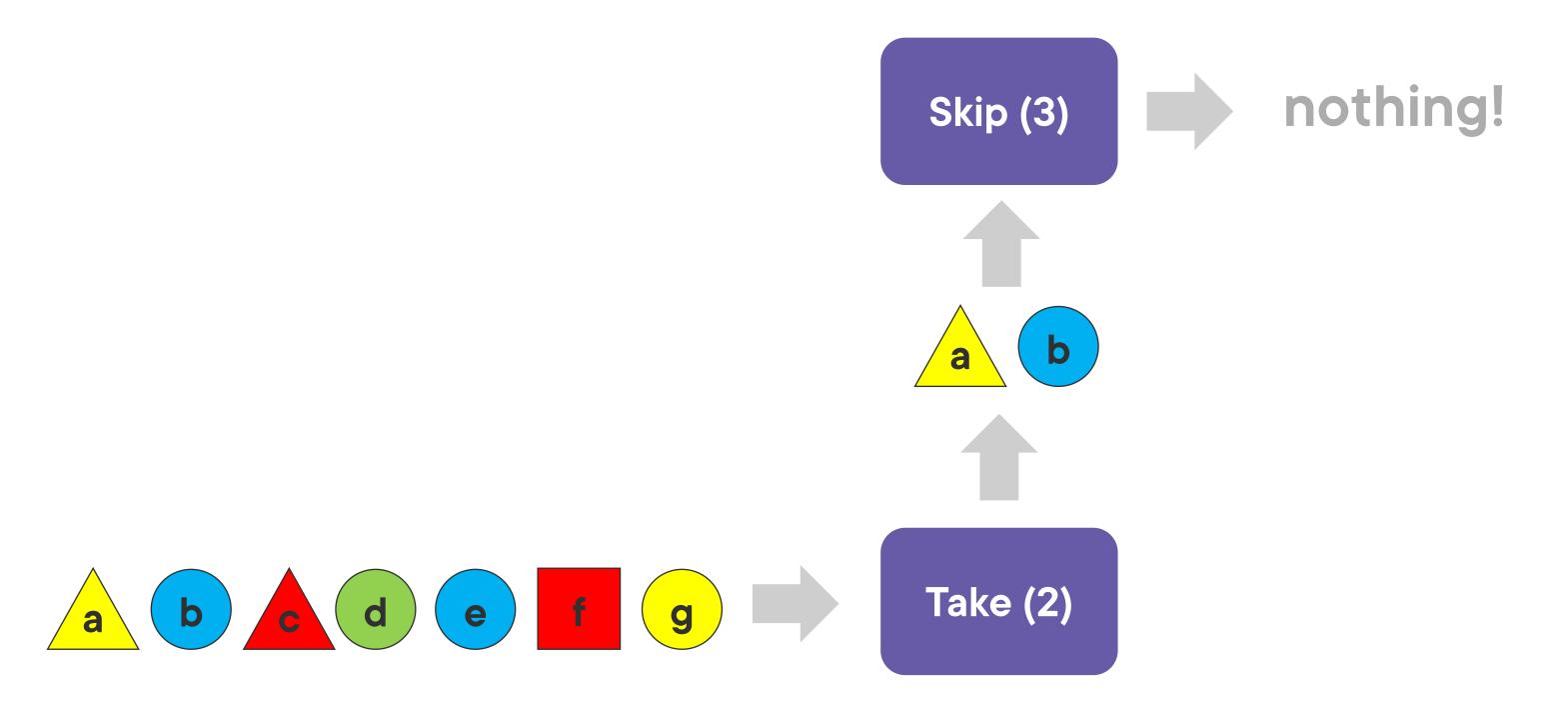




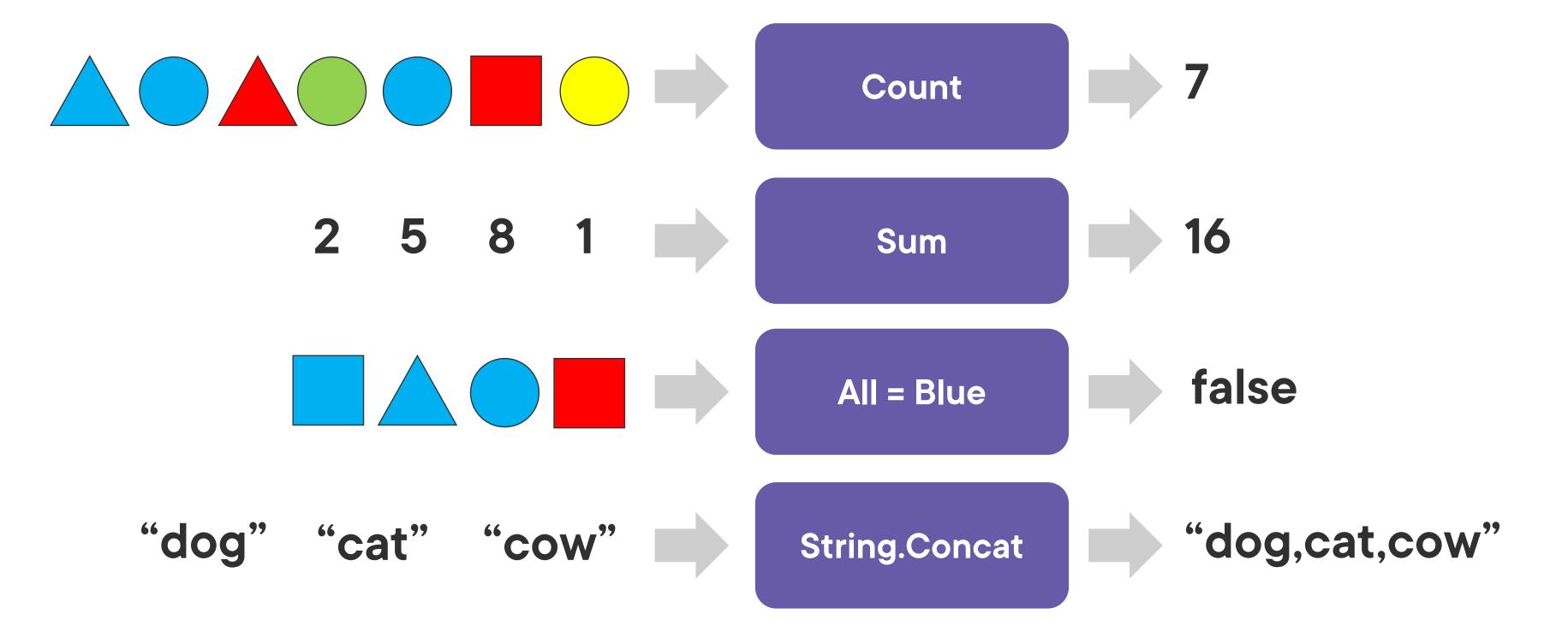
Reordering Skip and Take



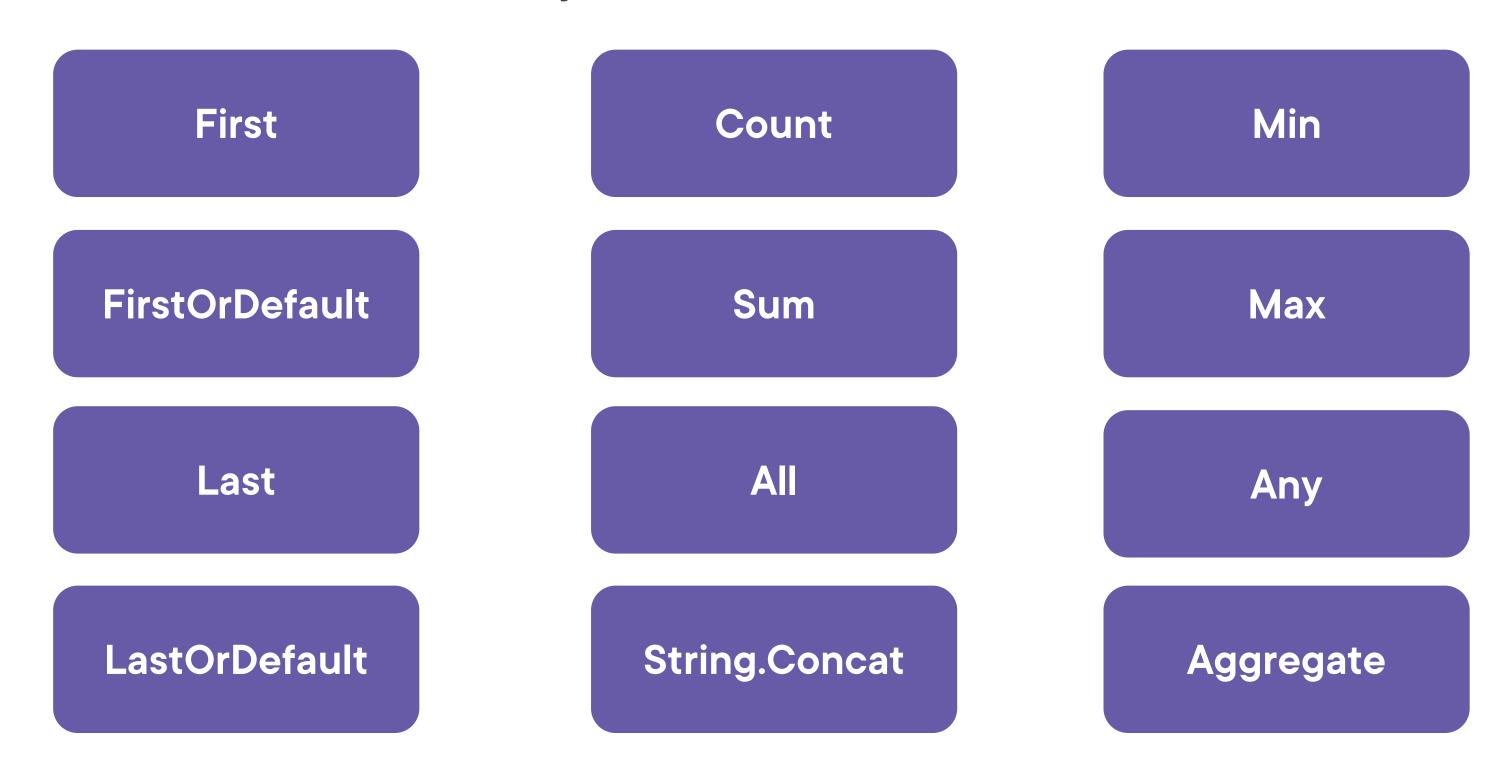
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Reducing Sequences



Many-to-One Methods



IEnumerable<T> in, single value out

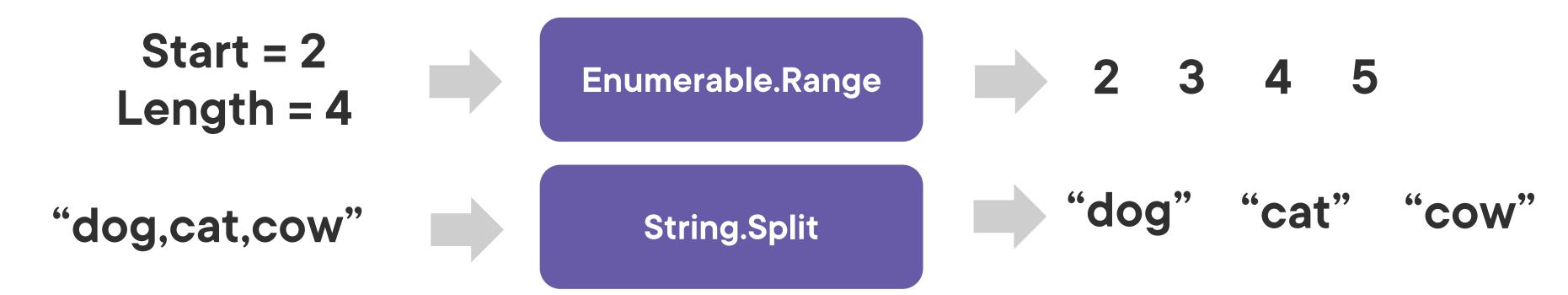


Aggregate

General purpose LINQ extension method to apply a function to each element in an IEnumerable<T> to calculate a single value



Generating Sequences



Enumerable.Repeat

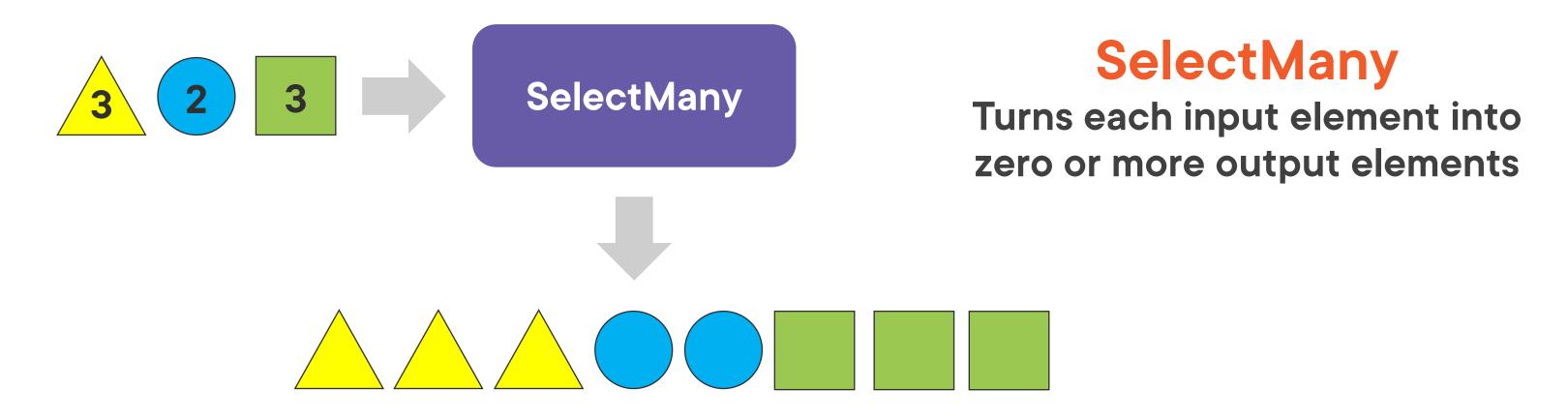
Repeats an item a specified number of times

Regex.Matches

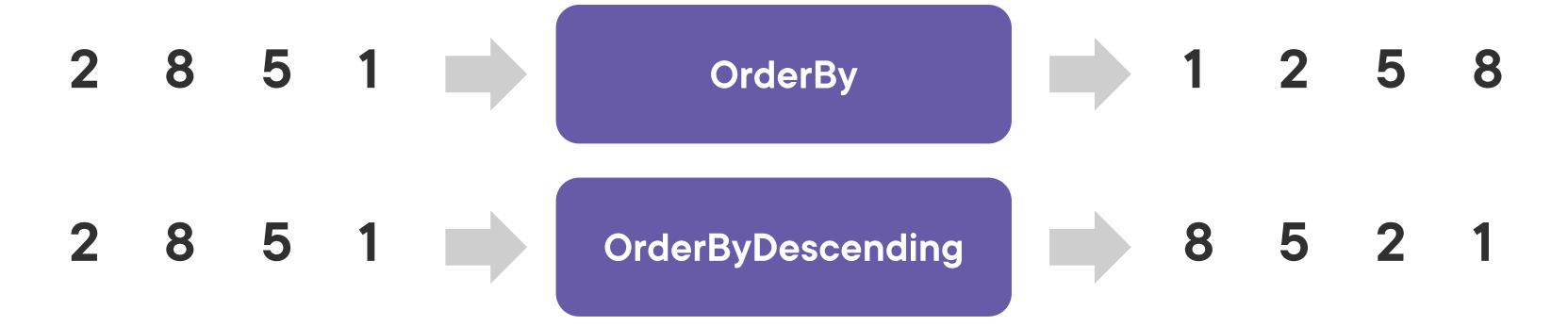
Returns all the matches on a Regular Expression



Expanding Sequences



Reordering Sequences



ThenBy

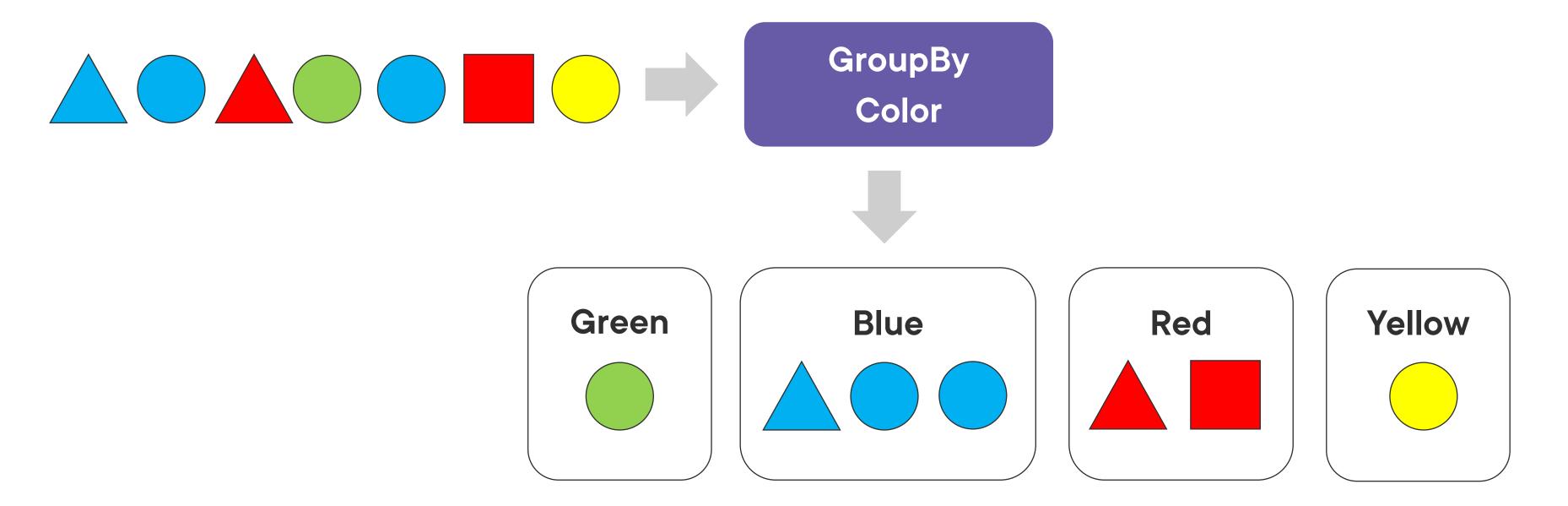
Follow OrderBy with a secondary sort order

Reverse

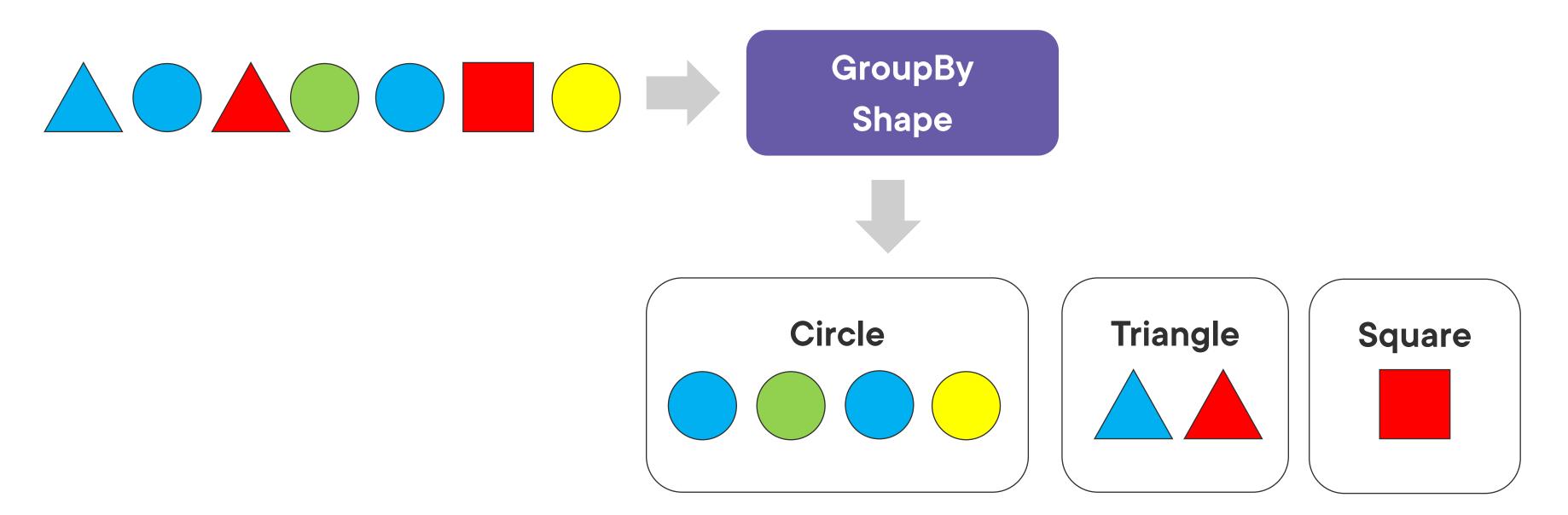
Reverses the order of elements



Grouping Sequences



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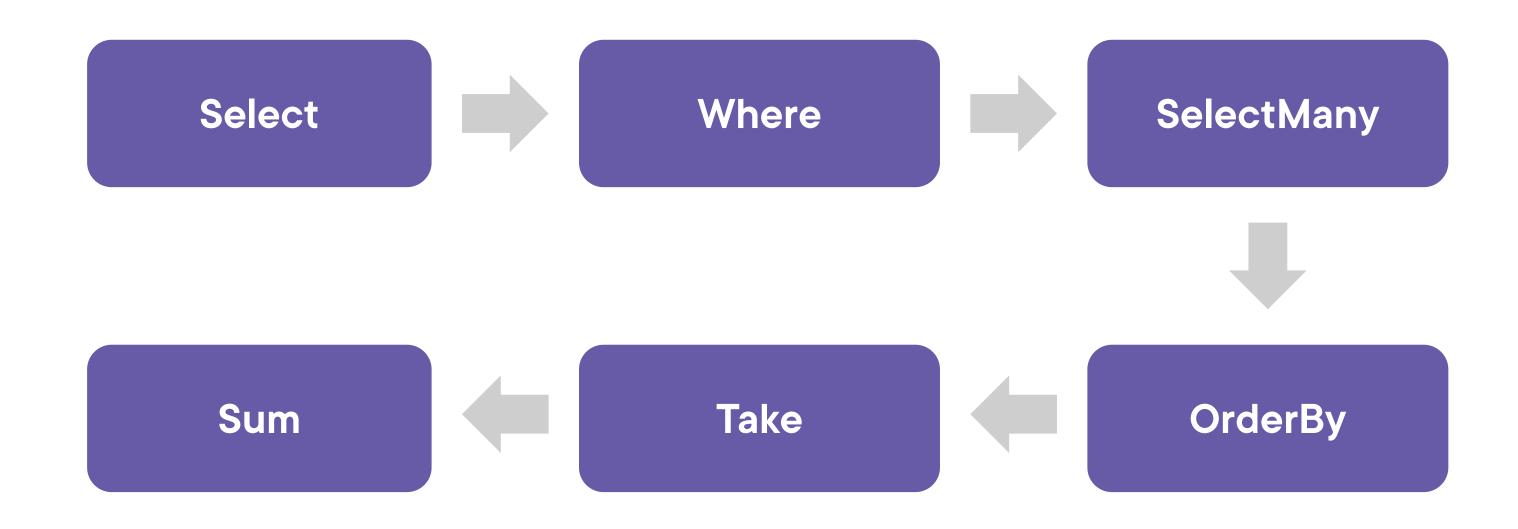
Reordering methods may require caching the whole sequence in memory



With LINQ to Entities, reordering and grouping is performed by the database



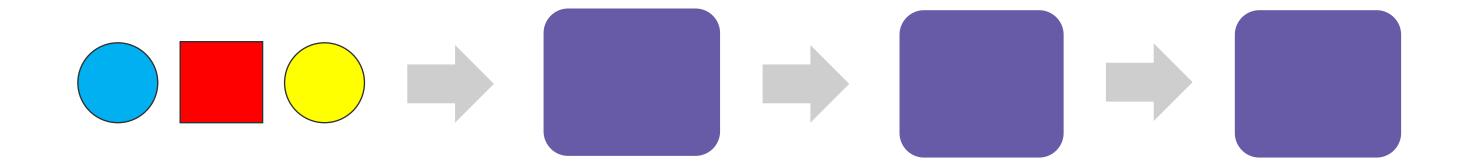
The Power of Pipelines



Solve complex problems with many simple steps



Pulling Data Through the Pipeline



Nothing comes through the pipeline until we ask for it



"deferred execution"



Challenge





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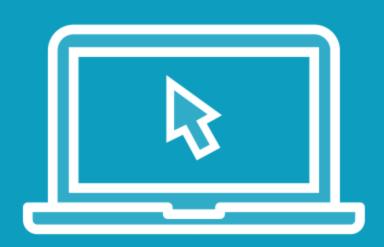


LINQ Challenge





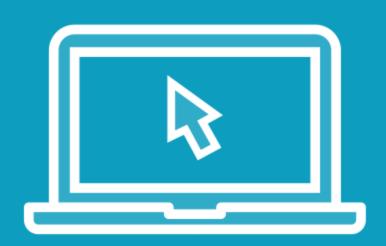
Demo



Real World LINQ



Demo



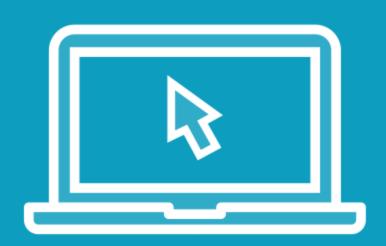
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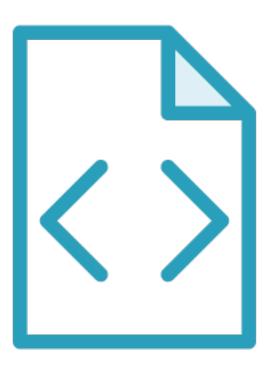
Parsing Log Files



Demo



Real World LINQ



Validating Enums



Summary



Pipeline building blocks:

- From one to many
- Transform elements
- Filter elements
- From many to one
- Combine sequences

LINQ challenges

Real world LINQ



Up Next: Clean and Readable Code

