Collection

Programs represent and manipulate abstractions (chunks of information)
- Examples: roster of students, deck of cards

One of the most universal abstractions is a collection
- Represents an aggregation of multiple objects
- Different kinds of collections
  - Examples: list, set, ordered set, map, array, tree
  - Supporting different operations on data
Data Structures

- Data structure
  - A way of representing & storing information

- Choice of data structure affects
  - Amount of storage required
  - Which operations can be efficiently performed

- Collections may be implemented using many different data structures
Data Structures Taxonomy

Classification scheme for data structures
- Based on relationships between element

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Linear Data Structures

One-to-one relationship between elements

- Each element has unique predecessor
- Each element has unique successor
Example Linear Data Structures

- **List**
  - Collection of elements in order

- **Queue**
  - Elements removed in order of insertion
  - First-in, First-out (FIFO)

- **Stack**
  - Elements removed in opposite order of insertion
  - First-in, Last-out (FILO)
Hierarchical Data Structures

One-to-many relationship between elements

- Each element has unique predecessor
- Each element has multiple successors
Example Hierarchical Data Structures

- **Tree**
  - Single root
- **Forest**
  - Multiple roots
- **Binary tree**
  - Tree with 0–2 children per node
Graph Data Structures

Many-to-many relationship between elements

- Each element has multiple predecessors
- Each element has multiple successors
Example Graph Data Structures

- Undirected graph
  - Undirected edges
- Directed graph
  - Directed edges
- Directed acyclic graph (DAG)
  - Directed edges, no cycles

Undirected

Directed

DAG
Set Data Structures

- No relationship between elements
  - Elements have no predecessor / successor
  - Only one copy of element allowed in set
Example Set Data Structures

- **Set**
  - Basic set

- **Map**
  - Map value to element in set

- **Hash Table**
  - Maps value to element in set using hash function

Set  Map  Hash Table
Java Collection Framework (JCF)

Java provides several interfaces and classes for manipulating & organizing data
- Example: List, Set, Map interfaces

Java Collection Framework consists of
- Interfaces
  - Abstract data types
- Implementations
  - Reusable data structures
- Algorithms
  - Reusable functionality
Collection Hierarchy

- Interfaces – represented by red font
- Classes – represented by black font
Collection Interface

Core operations
- Add element
- Remove element
- Determine size (# of elements)
- Iterate through all elements

Additional desirable operations on collections
- Find first element
- Find k\textsuperscript{th} element
- Find largest element
- Sort elements
Collection vs. Collections

Collection
- Interface
- Root interface of collection hierarchy
- Methods: add(), contains(), remove(), size()

Collections
- Class
- Contains static methods that operate on collections
- Methods: shuffle(), copy(), list()