Lecture 5: Sets/Maps

- A problem
  - I want to count the # of unique words in a large corpus
    - Ex. Shakespeare’s collected works
  - Let user search the words to see if a particular word appears in the corpus
  - Stack/queue doesn’t seem particularly suited to this problem - let’s use a list
    ```java
    List<String> words = new ArrayList<String>();
    while (input.hasNext()) {
        String word = input.next();
        if (!words.contains(word)) {
            words.add(word);
        }
    }
    ```
  - This implementation takes about 45 seconds to process Shakespeare
    - What is so slow?
    - The contains() operation has to look through the entire list

- Using an ArrayList isn’t good - too slow!
  - We want a structure that has a faster contains() operation
  - Also, do we care about the ordering of the words?
    - So we probably don’t need indices like in a list

- A new ADT: “set”
  - An UNORDERED collection of UNIQUE values
    - No indices
    - You can’t control the ordering
  - Behaviors
    - add(value)
    - remove(value)
    - contains(value)
  - Implementation types
    - TreeSet
    - HashSet
    - (how they are implemented later in the quarter)

- Let’s modify our code to work with a TreeSet
  ```java
  Set<String> words = new TreeSet<String>();
  while (input.hasNext()) {
    String word = input.next();
    if (!words.contains(word)) {
      words.add(word);
    }
  }
  ```
  - In fact, you don’t even need the inner if-statement because sets don’t allow duplicates!
    - If you try to add something twice, nothing happens the second time

- Now let’s try a HashSet
  - HashSet is faster
• Improvements? IGNORE CASE, PUNCTUATION
I also want to examine the words to see what words are in Shakespeare - print them out!

- How would you do this with a list?
  
  ```java
  for (int i = 0; i < words.size(); i++) {
    System.out.println(words.get(i));
  }
  ```

- But a set doesn’t have indices - you can’t do a get
- How else can you examine the things in a collection
  - Iterator!
  - Sets also have an iterator
    ```java
    Iterator<String> i = words.iterator();
    while (i.hasNext()) {
      System.out.println(i.next());
    }
    ```

- What do you notice about the words when we use a TreeSet?
  - They are in alphabetical order!
  - But when we change to a HashSet, they are in random order

- Tradeoff between TreeSet and HashSet
  - TreeSet - sorted order, but slower
  - HashSet - unknown order, but faster
  - Which you use depends on what you want to do

- Iterators can be kind of ugly
  - This extra object hanging around - Iterator<E>
  - Java has a shorthand for using an iterator so you never actually see the iterator
  - FOR-EACH LOOP
    ```java
    for (String word : words) {
      System.out.println(word);
    }
    ```

  - “for each String word that is in words...”
    - The choice of “word” is arbitrary - can be any variable name (e.g. "s")
    - Every time through the loop, Java sets the “word” variable to the next thing in the list
    - (basically calls iterator.next behind the hood)
    - Much simpler to use

  - FOR-EACH also works on ArrayLists and arrays
    - But should only use if you don’t care about the index
    - (translate FOREACHEXAMPLE to for-each loops)

  - If you CAN use a for-each, you SHOULD use a for-each

- Restrictions of for-each
  - You cannot change the collection with a for-each
  - Re-assigning the variable doesn’t change the list
    - (show example by changing each string in Shakespeare that starts with s to “HAX0R”)
  - If you want to remove, use an iterator
    - (show an example by deleting strings that start with s)
A related problem: Count the number of occurrences of each word

- How could we do this with the structures that we’ve learned so far?
  - Parallel arrays or ArrayLists - index matches in both the word and counts lists
    - (not very object-oriented - word and count logically belong together)
  - Create a list of small objects (each object containing the word and the count)
    - But we saw lists are slow
  - Can’t use a set because we can’t guarantee the ordering would match for counts and words
- Java provides us with an alternative: the MAP

Another ADT: Map<E>

- A Map stores a collection of key-value pairs
  - We want word/count pairs - what is the count for each word?
    - keys=words, values=counts
- Real life examples
  - We use SSN to identify information with a person
  - The registrar uses your UW student # to get information about you
- Only one value per key
  - For example, if the registrar looks up your student # and finds 3 different students, something would be wrong
  - The key UNIQUELY identifies the value
  - The keys form a SET
  - If you try to add the same key to the map twice, you will overwrite the old value
- Look at the interface
  - Note - instead of ONE type, you have to give it TWO types
  - New operations - you can look at the KEYS, and you can look at the VALUES
  - Note that Collection<E> encompasses all the structures we’ve been looking at - List, Set, Stack, Queue
  - IMPLEMENTATION types:
    - TreeMap
    - HashMap
    - Same differences as before - TreeMap keys in sorted order

Using a map to count occurrences

- What are the key and value types that we want to use?
  - Keys = words --> String
  - Values = counts --> Integer
- We’ll start with a TreeMap
- What do we want to do the first time we see a word?

```java
Map<String, Integer> counts = new TreeMap<String, Integer>();
while (input.hasNext()) {
    String word = input.next().toLowerCase();
    counts.put(word, 1);
}
```
- This is the right start, but not quite - it will keep track of the unique words, but all will have a
count of 1.
What do we want the count to be if a word HAS been seen before?

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\text{counts.get(word)} + 1
\]

How do we know which version to use?

- An if-else, using the `containsKey` method to see if we've seen the word before

```java
Map<String, Integer> counts = new TreeMap<String, Integer>();
while (input.hasNext()) {
    String word = input.next().toLowerCase();
    if (!counts.containsKey(word)) {
        counts.put(word, 1);
    } else {
        counts.put(word, counts.get(word) + 1);
    }
}
```

Each time we call `put` subsequent to the 1st time, the count in the map goes up

- Wipe out the old association in the map with the new “put”
- This is a very common way of doing things

Now we want to print the results

- But only words that appear more than 1000 times
- How do you iterate over a map? There are 2 parts to each key/value pair
- We usually use a for-each loop over the keySet of the map
- Then call `get` to get the value associated with the key

```java
for (String word : counts.keySet()) {
    int count = counts.get(word);
    if (count > 1000) {
        System.out.println(count + "\t" + word);
    }
}
```

Another example: find the words that appear in both Shakespeare AND Moby Dick

```java
Set<String> common = new TreeSet<String>();
for (String word1 : words1) {
    if (words2.contains(word1)) {
        common.add(word1);
    }
}
```

Another example: reverse the map - find all words that have the same # of occurrences

- What is the type of the new map? `Map<Integer, Set<String>>`

```java
Map<Integer, Set<String>> reversed =
    new TreeMap<Integer, Set<String>>();
for (String word : counts.keySet()) {
    int count = counts.get(word);
    if (!reversed.containsKey(count)) {
        reversed.put(count, new TreeSet<String>(null));
    }
    reversed.get(count).add(word);
}
```