CS 10: Problem solving via Object Oriented Programming

Streams

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2. Java streams

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Fast forward/reverse	Hard	Easy

Stream operations can be chained together to form a pipeline

Unix pipeline example

cat USConstitution.txt | tr 'A-Z' 'a-z' | tr -cs 'a-z' '\n' | sort | uniq | comm -23 – dictionary.txt

Pipeline

- 1. cat outputs contents of file
- 2. Pipe ('|') passes output to next command
- 3. tr translates to lower case
- 4. tr -cs translates non-characters to new lines
- 5. sort puts words in alphabetical order
- 6. uniq removes duplicates
- 7. comm compares pipeline with another file, outputs only lines not in dictionary.txt (probably means word is misspelled)

Key points:

- One stage produces output the next stage consumes
- Operations form a "pipeline"

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2. Java streams

Streams are a <u>sequence of elements</u> from a <u>source</u> that supports <u>aggregate operations</u>

Sequence of elements

- A stream provides an interface to a sequenced set of values of a specific element type
- Streams don't actually store elements; they are computed on demand; they don't change Source Object

Source

 Streams consume from a data-providing source such as collections, arrays, or I/O resources such as a web service streaming stock quotes

Aggregate operations

 Streams support SQL-like operations and common operations from functional programing languages, such as filter, map, reduce, find, match, sorted, and others

Two characteristics of Streams make them different from iterating over collections

Streams vs. iterating collections

1. Pipelining

- Many stream operations return a stream themselves
- Allows operations to be chained to form a larger pipeline
- Enables optimizations:
 - Short-circuiting stop evaluation once you know the result
 - Laziness wait to evaluate expressions until needed (sometimes can skip evaluation of items not needed)
 - We will see examples shortly

2. Internal iteration

In contrast to collections, which you explicitly iterate yourself,
 stream operations do the iteration behind the scenes for you

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- collect(toList())
- count
- sum

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Intermediate	 Output is a stream object Can be chained together into a pipeline "Lazy", do not perform any processing until necessary 	filtersortedmaplimitdistinct

.forEach

Iterate over each element of the Stream

```
//output hi and there (one per line)

Stream.of("hi", "there") //stream of two strings

.forEach(System.out::println); //call println for each string
```



Double colon (::) means call method on right, using Class on left

Each item in Stream passes down pipeline of operations one at a time

First "hi" passed to second line, then "there" is passed to second line

Here both strings in stream are printed

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IntStream.range(1,10) //integers in range 1...9

.map(n -> n*n) //map n to n<sup>2</sup>
.forEach(System.out::println); //call println for each integer
```

IntStream produces a Stream of Integers

Range is inclusive of start, exclusive of end

First 1 passed down to second line

1 squared in map command on second line and then passed to third line

1 printed as parameter to System.out::println on third line

Next 2 passed down, squared and printed

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.filter

Eliminate elements based on a criteria

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//output even numbers 1 to 9 tripled (6,12,18,24) one per line
IntStream.range(1, 10) //integers in range 1...9
.filter(i -> i%2 == 0)
.map(i -> i*3)
.forEach(System.out::println);
Odd r
```

- Only even numbers pass filter on second line
- Odd numbers do not make it to map on third line, Java doesn't waste time tripling odd numbers ("lazy")

.limit

Reduce the size of the Stream

```
//output first three items
IntStream.range(1, 10) //exclusive of 10, so 1..9 here
.limit(3) //stop after three items
.forEach(System.out::println);
```

Limit on second line stops pipeline once limit reached Items 4...9 never evaluated because pipeline stop early (short circuits)

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.sorted
Sort the Stream

List can be a stream source
```

//words sorted alphabetically

```
List<String> words = Arrays.asList("the", "quick", "brown", "fox");
words.stream() //Stream of words
.sorted() //sort words
.forEach(System.out::println); //brown, fox, quick, the
```

Can provide own Comparator

If Object has compareTo(), can use that (can also reverse with Comparator.reverseOrder()) Must wait for all input before proceeding

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Lazy computation and short circuiting save time by not evaluating all data

Short circuiting

filtering 2

[4, 16]

```
5 public class StreamTest {
                                  numbers in the Stream
 6
       public static void main(String[] args) {
           List<Integer> numbers = Arrays.asList(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8);
           List<Integer> twoEvenSquares = numbers.stream()
10
                  .filter(n -> {
                           System.out.println("filtering " + n);
11
12
                           return n % 2 == 0; //returns true if n is even
13
14
                  .map(n \rightarrow {
                           System.out.println("mapping " + n);
15
16
                           return n * n; //square n
17
18
                  .limit(2) /only return the first two squared evens
                  .collect(Collectors.toList()): //save in List
19
20
           System.out.println(twoEvenSquares);
21
22
23 }
```

Square the even

First 1 starts down pipeline
Its not even, so filtered out
Then 2 starts down pipeline
It passes all the way through
Map computes only on those
items that reach its level
"Lazy" evaluation – only
compute value when needed,
don't compute if not needed

Stop once two items have been through the pipeline – "Short circuit"

- Problems @ Javadoc № Declaration 📴 Console 🕱 🎋 Debug 🍕 Expressions 🔮 Error Log 📮 Console 🐎 Call Hierarchy <terminated> StreamTest [Java Application] /Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/jdk1.8.0_112.jdk/Contents/Home/bin/java (Feb 24, 2018, 5:25:0) **filtering 1**
 - 3 filtered out, 4 goes through
- filtering 3
 filtering 4
 mapping 4

 Numbers > 4 not evaluated because pipeline stops when
 limit reached
 - "Short circuit" saves execution time by stopping early
 - NOTE: can't short circuit sorting, need all elements in place in order to sort

Example: Get IDs of credit card Grocery transactions sorted by amount spent

- Given list of transactions on a credit card
- Extract purchases of Groceries
- Sort Grocery purchases by amount spent
- Return ID of Grocery transactions

Create a Transaction Object will hold details about credit card purchases

Transaction.java

```
6 public class Transaction implements Comparable<Transaction>{
      protected Integer id;
      protected String type;
      protected Double amount;
10
11⊜
      public Transaction(Integer id, String type, double amount) {
12
          this.id = id;
          this.type = type;
13
                                                        Start with a Class that tracks a single
14
          this.amount = amount;
15
      }
                                                        purchase made on a Credit Card:
16
17⊜
      public int getId() {
                                                            Has transaction ID
18
          return id;
19
      }
                                                          Type (e.g., groceries, fuel, beer)
20
21⊜
      public String getType() {
                                                            Amount (monetary amount spent
22
          return type;
23
      }
                                                            on this transaction)
24
25⊜
      public Double getAmount() {
                                                            Getters for instance variables
26
          return amount;
27
28
                                                        Also has compareTo() for sorting and
29⊜
      public int compareTo(Transaction t1) {
30
          return (int)Math.signum(amount-t1.getAmount());
                                                        toString() for printing
31
      }
32
      public String toString() {
33⊜
          return getId() + "," + getType() + "," + getAmount();
34
35
36 }
```

The traditional approach involves several iterations over transaction data

Transactions on Credit Card

ID	Туре	Amount
123	Fuel	33.33
124	Groceries	120.12
125	Beer	175.75
126	Groceries	152.52
127	Groceries	12.12
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Assume several Transaction objects have been loaded into List called *transactions*

Traditional steps:

- Extract Grocery purchases from other purchases in transactions List
- 2. Sort Grocery purchases by amount spent
- 3. Get IDs of top purchases

The traditional approach involves several iterations over transaction data

```
TransactionList.java
public static ArrayList<Integer> getTransactionIDTraditional(ArrayList<Transaction> transactions, String type) {
   //extract transactions of type matching parameter type
   ArrayList<Transaction> list = new ArrayList<~>(); //IISt of transactions matching type parameter
                                                             Extract Grocery
   for (Transaction t : transactions) {
       if (t.getType().equals(type)) {
                                                                                                  Explicitly iterate over
                                                             items from all
           list.add(t);
                                                                                                  collection two times
                                                             transactions
                                                                                                  (plus a sort)
                                                       Sort by descending value
   //sort by amount descending
   list.sort((t1,t2) -> t2.getAmount().compareTo(t1.getAmount()));
                                                                                                  Create two different
                                                                                                  Lists during process
   //get transaction IDs
   ArrayList<Integer> ids = new ArrayList<~>();
   for (Transaction t: list) {
                                                        Extract transaction IDs
       ids.add(t.getId());
   return ids;
public static void main(String[] args) {
   //create transaction list and add some transactions of vaying types and amnounts
                                                                              Add a number of
   ArrayList<Transaction> transactions = new ArrayList<<>>();
   transactions.add(new Transaction(id: 123, type: "Fuel", amount: 33.33));
                                                                              Transactions to
   transactions.add(new Transaction(id: 124, type: "Groceries", amount: 120.12));
   transactions.add(new Transaction(id: 125, type: "Beer", amount: 175.75));
                                                                              transactions ArrayList
   transactions.add(new Transaction(id: 126, type: "Groceries", amount: 152.52));
   transactions.add(new Transaction(id: 127, type: "Groceries", amount: 12.12));
                                                                                                                         25
   //extract transactions of Groceries, sort by amount spent, and get transaction IDs
```

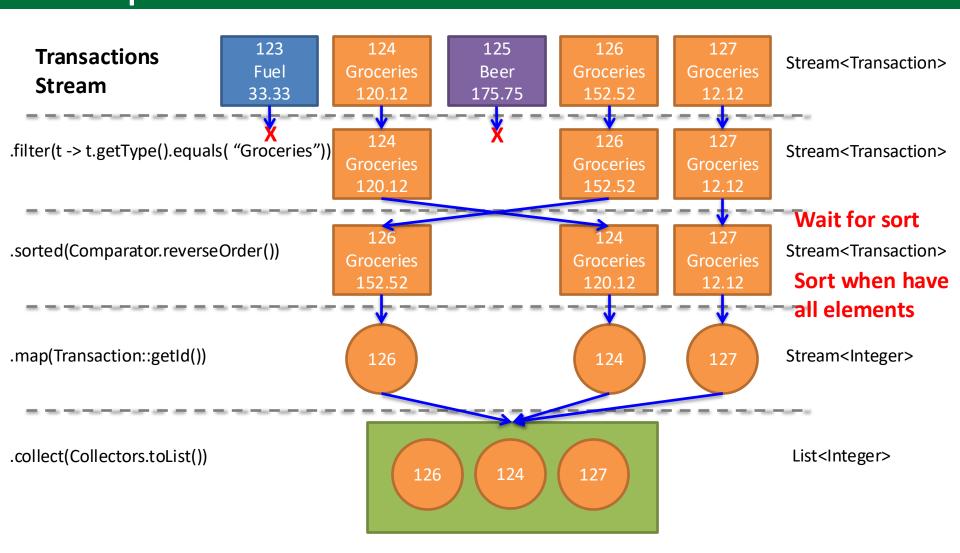
System.out.println("Traditional method: " + getTransactionIDTraditional(transactions, type: "Groceries"));

Java's Streams do the iteration for us

TransactionList.java

```
public static List<Integer> getTransactionIDStream(ArrayList<Transaction> transactions, String type) {
   List<Integer> list = transactions.stream() //user transactions ArrayList as source
       .filter(t -> t.getType().equals(type)) //filter on type
       .sorted(Comparator.reverseOrder()) //sort using compareTo, but reversed
       .map(Transaction::getId) //extract IDs
       .collect(Collectors.toList()); //save in List Use transactions ArrayList as stream Source
   return list;
                                                        Filter on type (groceries)
                                                        Sort by amount in reverse order
                                                        Extract IDs with map
                                                        Return List
                                                    Stream handles implicit iteration for us
                                        Pipeline
                                       Comparator
                     Predicate
                                                            Function
transactions
                       filter
                                          sorted
                                                                                 collect
                                                              map
```

Graphical depiction of grocery transaction example



More examples in code for today

StringStreams.java

- 1. Initiate a stream with a fixed list of strings, terminate it by printing each out. Note the Java 8 syntax for passing a defined method, here the println method of System.out, which takes a string and returns nothing, as appropriate for termination here.
- 2. Now we have an intermediate operation, consuming a string and produces a number (its length), passing the String member function length to do that.
- 3. A different intermediate, here a static method in this class, which consumes a string and produces a transformed string.
- 4. The intermediate passes forward only some of the things it gets, discarding those that don't meet the predicate. It uses an anonymous function as we discussed in comparators and events.
- 5. Other predefined intermediates process the stream to sort it, eliminate duplicates, etc. Some of these can take arguments (e.g., how to sort).
- 6. A reimplementation of the frequency counting stuff from info retrieval, now letting streams do all the work. "Collector" terminal operations collect whatever is emerging from the stream, into a list, set, map, etc. Here we collect into a map, from word to count. The first argument is a method to specify for each object a value on which to group (things with the same value are grouped). Here we group by the word itself, so all copies of the word get bundled up. The second argument then says how to produce a value from the group; here, by counting.
- 7. Similar, but now grouping by the first letter in the word.
- 8. Assuming we already have a list of words, now we want to count the letter frequencies. (For illustration, this doesn't count whitespace frequencies, as the words are pre-extracted.) Split each word into characters. But now we've got a stream of arrays of characters, and we want just a single stream of characters. So we make a stream of streams (characters within words), and "flatten" it into a single stream (characters) by essentially appending the streams together.
- 9. Same thing could come directly from a file, producing a stream of lines that we flatten into a stream of words. Note another intermediate operation keeps only the first 25 it gets.
- 10. A new final operation counts how many things ultimately emerged from the stream.
- 11. A comparator for sorting.
- 12. Partway through, we convert from a generic Stream to a specalized DoubleStream that deals with double values (not boxed Double objects) and lets us do math. Interestingly, the average operation recognizes that it could be faced with an empty stream to average. Rather than throwing an exception, it uses the Optional class to return something that may be a double or may be null. We could test, but here, just force it to be a double (an exception will be thrown if it isn't).

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NumberStreams.java

- 1. Rather than enumerating explicit objects to initiate a stream, we can implicitly enumerate numbers with a range. (Might be familiar from other languages...). Note that this is the specialized IntStream, working on raw int values.
- 2. And we can do appropriate intermediate processing of the numbers.
- 3. Illustrates the very important general stream processing pattern reduce (the other keyword in the map-reduce architecture; we've already done plenty of mapping). The idea is to "wrap up" all the elements in a stream, pair-by-pair. Reduce takes an initial value and a function to combine two values to get a result. So sum essentially starts at 0, adds that to the first number, adds that result to the second number, etc. Importantly, though, if the operation is associative (doesn't matter where things are parenthesized), it need not be done sequentially from beginning to end, but intermediate results can be computed and combined. That's key in parallel settings.
- 4. See how general reduce is? Could also combine strings with appending, etc.
- 5. As mentioned, streams only evaluate something when there's a need to. It's like the demand comes from the end of the stream, and that demand propagates one step up asking to produce something to be consumed, and so forth. Since there's a limit of 3 things being produced, the demand for the rest of the range never comes, and the range isn't fully produced.
- 6. An infinite stream, with the iterate method starting with some number and repeatedly applying the transform to get from current to next. So produce 0, from 0 iterate to 1 and produce it, from 1 to 2, from 2 to 3, etc. Since limited to 10, the whole iteration isn't realized (fortunately!).
- 7. Exponentially increasing steps.
- 8. Filling the stream by generating random numbers "independently" each time.
- 9. Requesting parallel processing of a stream is as simple as inserting the method. Whether or not that's a good idea, and how it will play out, depends very much on the processing. Here we do have a bunch of independent maps and filters, and as discussed above, reducing with an associative operation (sum) can be done in parallel. Sorting would be a bottleneck, for example. Note from print statements that the stuff is going on in non-sequential order.
- 10. Parallel beats seguential on my machine in this non-scientific test.