

[TAP:PMUHE] Stack vs Queue

- A Singly Linked List can be used to implement which of the following *efficiently*
 - A. List
 - B. Stack $O(1)$
 - C. Queue
 - D. B and C
 - E. Whatever

Administrative Details

- Midterm and lab scores (4 and 5) will be released on Wednesday
- Lab 6 is online
 - No partners this week
 - Review before lab; come to lab with design doc
 - Check out the javadoc pages for the 3 provided classes

Today's Outline

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- Iterators
 - Iterator interface
 - AbstractIterator abstract class (structure5)
 - Aside: For-each and Iterable interface

Traversing a Structure

- numOccurs() counts the number of times a particular (non-null) Object appears in a List.

```
public int numOccurs (List<E> data, E o) {  
    int count = 0;  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < data.size(); i++) {  
        if (o.equals(data.get(i)))  
            count++;  
    }  
  
    return count;  
}
```

Problems with our implementation

- generality
 - `get(i)` not defined on some structures
- efficiency
 - `get(i)` is “slow” on some structures

Stack, Queue

Linked list $O(n)$ \rightarrow `numOccurs()` $O(n^2)$

Goals

- We want a mechanism to traverse data in structures, such that:
 - use same *interface* for **generality**
 - data structure-specific *implementation* for **efficiency**

Iterator

- **Iterator** is a general purpose mechanism for efficiently traversing data (structures)
- An Iterator:
 - Provides generic methods to dispense values
 - Traversal of elements : *Iteration*
 - Production of values : Generation
 - Uses different implementations for each structure

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Iterator interface

```
public interface Iterator<E> {  
    boolean hasNext(); // are there remaining elements?  
    E next(); // returns the next element  
    default void remove();  
    default void forEachRemaining(Consumer<? super E> action)  
}
```

- the interface provides a default implementation
- implementing classes need not implement it.

Recall: Fibonacci Numbers

- Definition

- $F_1 = 1$
- $F_2 = 1$
- $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$

1 1 2 3 5 8 ...

A FibonacciNumbers Iterator

- An iterator for the first n Fibonacci numbers.

```
public class FibonacciNumbers implements Iterator<Integer> {  
    private int next= 1, current = 1;  
    private int length= 10; // Default  
  
    public FibonacciNumbers() {}  
    public FibonacciNumbers(int n) { length= n; }  
    public boolean hasNext() { return length > 0; }  
    public Integer next() {  
        length--;  
        int temp = current;  
        current = next;  
        next = temp + next;  
        return temp;  
    }  
}
```

Why Is This Cool? (it is)

- We could calculate the i^{th} Fibonacci number each time, but that would be slow
 - Observation: to find the n^{th} Fib number, we calculate the previous $n-1$ Fib numbers...
 - But by storing some state, we can easily generate the next Fib number in $O(1)$ time
- Knowledge about the structure of the problem helps us traverse the Fib space *efficiently* one element at a time
 - Let's do the same for data structures

Iterators for general structures

- Define an iterator class for the structures, e.g.

```
public class VectorIterator<E>
    implements Iterator<E>;
public class SinglyLinkedListIterator<E>
    implements Iterator<E>;
```

- Provide a method *in* the structure that returns an iterator

```
public Iterator<E> iterator() { ... }
```

Iterator Use : numOccurs

```
public int numOccurs (List<E> data, E o) {  
    int count = 0;  
    Iterator<E> iter = data.iterator();  
    for (int i = 0; i < data.size(); i++) {         while (iter.hasNext())  
        if (o.equals(data.get(i)))  
            count++;         iter.next()  
    }  
  
    return count;  
}
```

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AbstractIterator

- structure5 **defines** AbstractIterator
- AbstractIterator
 - **partially implements** Iterator **interface**
 - **adds** two methods
 - get () – peek at (but don't take) next element, and
 - reset () – reinitialize iterator for reuse

Implementation : VectorIterator

```
public class VectorIterator<E> extends AbstractIterator<E>{
    protected Vector<E> v;
    protected int cur;
    public VectorIterator (Vector<E> v){
        this.v = v;
        reset();
    }
    public void reset() { cur=0; }
    public boolean hasNext() { return cur < v.size(); }
    public E next() { return v.get(cur++); }
    public E get() { return v.get(cur); }
}
```

In Vector.java:

```
public Iterator<E> iterator() {
    return new VectorIterator<E>(this);
}
```

Implementation : SLLIterator

```
public class SinglyLinkedListIterator<E> extends AbstractIterator<E> {  
  
    protected Node<E> head, current;  
  
    public SinglyLinkedListIterator(Node<E> head) {  
        this.head = head;  
        reset();  
    }  
  
    public void reset() { current = head; }  
  
    public E next() {  
        E value = current.value();  
        current = current.next();  
        return value; in Node<E>  
    }  
  
    public boolean hasNext() { return current != null; }  
  
    public E get() { return current.value(); }  
}
```

In SinglyLinkedList.java:

```
public Iterator<E> iterator() {  
    return new SinglyLinkedListIterator<E>(head);  
}
```

Iterator Use : numOccurs

- AbstractIterator allows the use of get() and reset()
(but requires a cast to AbstractIterator)

```
public int numOccurs (List<E> data, E o, E o2) {  
    int count = 0;  
    int count2 = 0;  
    AbstractIterator<E> i =  
        (AbstractIterator<E>) data.iterator();  
    while(i.hasNext()) {  
        if(o.equals(i.get()))  
            count++;  
        if(o2.equals(i.get()))  
            count2++;  
        i.next();  
    }  
    return count;  
}
```

More Iterator Examples

- We can also make “specialized iterators”
 - ReverseIterator.java
 - SkipIterator.java

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The Iterable Interface

- For-each construct uses iterators.

```
for( E elt : data ) { ... }
```

is essentially the same as

```
for(Iterator<E> iter = data.iterator();  
    iter.hasNext(); ) {  
    E elt = iter.next();  
    ...  
}
```

- Thus, we can use the “for-each” if data implements the *Iterable* interface

```
public interface Iterable<T>  
    public Iterator<T> iterator();
```

General Rules for Iterators

- 1. Always call `hasNext()` before calling `next()`**
2. In general, don't add to structure while iterating
3. Use `remove()` with caution