Unordered Data Structures: Sets and Maps

What’s an example of “unordered data” that you’ve encountered in your life? (put your answers the chat)
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Today’s question

When is it appropriate to use different types of unordered data structures?
Today’s topics

1. Review
2. Sets
3. Maps
4. (if time) Nested ADTs
Review
(grids and queues and stacks, oh my!)
What is a grid?

- A 2D array, defined with a particular width and height
- Useful for spreadsheets, game boards, etc.

- Three ways to declare a grid
  - `Grid<type> gridName;`
  - `Grid<type> gridName(numRows, numCols);`
  - `Grid<type> gridName = {{r0c0, r0c1, r0c2}, {r1c0, r1c1, r1c2},...};`

- We could use a combination of Vectors to simulate a 2D matrix, but a Grid is easier!
**Definition**

**struct**
A way to bundle different types of information in C++ – like creating a custom data structure.
The **GridLocation** struct

- A pre-defined struct in the Stanford C++ libraries that makes it more convenient to store Grid locations

- To declare a struct, you can either assign each of its members separately or assign it when it’s created:

  ```cpp
  GridLocation origin = {0, 0};
  GridLocation origin;
  origin.row = 0;
  origin.col = 0;
  ```

```cpp
struct GridLocation {
    int row;
    int col;
}
```
What is a queue?

- Like a real queue/line!
- **First person In** is the **First person Out (FIFO)**
  - When you remove (dequeue) people from the queue, you remove them from the front of the line.
- Last person in is the last person served
  - When you insert (enqueue) people into a queue, you insert them at the back (the end of the line).
What is a stack?

- Modeled like an actual stack (of pancakes)
- Only the top element in a stack is accessible.
  - The Last item In is the First one Out. (LIFO)
- The push, pop, and top operations are the only operations allowed by the stack ADT.
Ordered ADTs with accessible indices

Types:
- Vectors (1D)
- Grids (2D)

Traits:
- Easily able to search through all elements
- Can use the indices as a way of structuring the data

Ordered ADTs where you can’t access elements by index

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- Stacks (LIFO)

Traits:
- Constrains the way you can insert and access data
- More efficient for solving specific LIFO/FIFO problems
Activity:
towersOfHanoi()
Towers of Hanoi

- Setup:
  - Three “towers”
  - N disks of decreasing sizes (below: N = 3)
- Goal: Move the disk stack from the first peg to the last peg
Towers of Hanoi

- Rules:
  - Can only move one disk at a time
  - You cannot place a larger disk on top of a smaller disk
Discuss:

● How would you use data structures to represent this game?
● How would you solve the puzzle?

[breakout rooms]
Towers of Hanoi

Stack <int> source = {3, 2, 1};
Stack <int> auxiliary;
Stack <int> destination;  // this should become {3, 2, 1}
Pseudocode

(1) Move disk 1 to destination
(2) Move disk 2 to auxiliary
(3) Move disk 1 to auxiliary
(4) Move disk 3 to destination
(5) Move disk 1 to source
(6) Move disk 2 to destination
(7) Move disk 1 to destination
Let’s look at the code solution for three disks!
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Challenge for home: How would you generalize your solution to $N$ disks instead of just 3?
Why do we use unordered ADTs?
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When we say “unordered” vs. “ordered,” we’re referring specifically to *numerical* orderings.
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Sometimes numerical indices/ordering is not the most efficient way to store information!
Sets
What is a set?

- A set is a collection of elements with no duplicates.
- Sets are faster than ordered data structures like vectors – since there are no duplicates, it’s faster for them to find things.
  - (Later in the quarter we’ll learn about the details of the underlying implementation that makes this abstraction efficient.)
  - We’ll formally define “faster” next week.
- Sets don’t have indices!
Set methods

- Sets have (at least) the following operations (and they are fast):
  - **add(value)**: adds a value to a set, and ignores if the set already contains the value
  - **contains(value)**: returns **true** if the set contains the value, **false** otherwise.
  - **remove(value)**: removes the value from the set. Does nothing if the value is not in the set.
  - **size()**: returns the number of elements in the set
  - **isEmpty()**: returns **true** if the set is empty, **false** otherwise

- For the exhaustive list, check out the [Stanford libraries documentation](https://example.com).
Set example

```cpp
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// can also use: Set<string> friends = {"nick", "kylie", "trip"};

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false
kylie
nick
trip
Set operands

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- \( s_1 - s_2 \)
  - returns the \textit{difference} of \( s_1 \) and \( s_2 \) (the elements in \( s_1 \) but not in \( s_2 \))
Common Set patterns and pitfalls

- Use for each loops to iterate over sets
  
  ```java
  for (type currElem : set) {
      // process elements one at a time
  }
  ```

- You cannot use anything that attempts to index into the set (e.g. `for (int i = 0;..) or set[i]`)
Unique words program

[live coding]
Announcements
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- Assignment 1 is due tonight at 11:59pm PDT.

- Assignment 2 will be out by the end-of-the-day today and will be due next Friday at 11:59pm PDT.
  - YEAH hours: Tuesday 11:30am-12:30pm PDT

- No lecture on Monday! Nick will be releasing a shorter supplemental video over the weekend to help you get started with nested ADTs for A2 instead.

- Waitlist update: We are currently at 152 enrolled students and 20 people on the waitlist. Study list (add/drop) deadline is next Friday, July 9.
Maps
What is a map?

- A map is a collection of key/value pairs, and the key is used to quickly find the value.

- Other terms you may hear for a map are dictionary (Python) or associative array.

- A map is an alternative to an ordered data structure, where the “indices” no longer need to be integers.
Map methods

- The following functions are part of the Map class:
  - `m.clear()`: removes all key/value pairs from the map
  - `m.containsKey(key)`: returns `true` if the map contains a value for the given key
  - `m[key]` / `m.get(key)`: returns the value associated with key in this map. If `key` is not found, returns the default value for ValueType.
  - `m.isEmpty()`: returns `true` if the map contains no key/value pairs (size 0)
  - `m.keys()`: returns a Vector copy of all keys in the map
  - `m[key] = value` / `m.put(key, value)`: adds a mapping from the given key to the given value; if the key already exists, replaces its value with the given one
  - `m.remove(key)`: removes any existing mapping for the given key (ignored if the key doesn't exist in the map)
  - `m.size()`: returns the number of key/value pairs in the map
  - `m.values()`: returns a Vector copy of all the values in the map

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Map example

// maps from string keys to string values
Map<string, string> phoneBook;

// key value
phoneBook["Jenny"] = "867-5309"; // or
phoneBook.put("Jenny", "867-5309");

string jennyNumber = phoneBook["Jenny"]; // or
string jennyNumber = phoneBook.get("Jenny");
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Inserting new values
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Okay to edit map within this loop because `.values()/.keys()` makes a Vector copy of the values/keys.
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- Auto-insert: a map feature that can also cause bugs

```c++
Map<string, int> freqMap;
while (true) {
    string text = getline("Enter some text: ");
    cout << "Times seen: " << freqMap[text] << endl;
    freqMap[text]++;
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This auto-inserts the key `text` into the map if it doesn’t already exist!
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```cpp
Map<string, int> freqMap;
...
// use containsKey function, no auto-insert
if (freqMap.containsKey(key)) { // correct way to do it
    cout << key << " is in the map" << endl;
}
```
Unique words program (extended)

[live coding]
ADT summary...
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Useful when numerical ordering of data isn’t optimal
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**ADTs Takeaway:** Matching structure with purpose results in better efficiency!
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- Nick’s recorded video will go into an in-depth example of using nested data structures.
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Quick lookup by animal name
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Store multiple, ordered feeding times per animal
Nested Data Structures Example

Wonderful diagram and animal naming borrowed from Sonja Johnson-Yu
Nested Data Structures Example

Map Example:

```
map

keys
- "hansa"
- "kandula"
- "lumpy"
- "surus"

values
- {"12:00", "3:00", "9:00"}
- {"8:00", "1:00"}
- {"11:00"}
- {"5:00", "3:00", "9:00", "2:00"}
```

How do we use modify the internal values of this map?
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```java
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- However, when you use the = operator to assign the result of the [] operator to a variable, you get a copy of the internal data structure.

  ```java
  // makes and modifies a copy, not the actual map value:
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- If you choose to store the internal data structure in an intermediate variable, you must do an explicit reassignment to get your changes to persist.

```
// would store the modified `times` copy in the map
feedingTimes["lumpy"] = times;
```
Nested ADTs Summary

● Powerful
  ○ Can express highly structured and complex data
  ○ Used in many real-world systems

● Tricky
  ○ With increased complexity comes increased cognitive load in differentiating the information stored at each level of the nesting.
  ○ Specifically in C++, working with nested data structures can be tricky due to the use of references and copies. Follow the correct paradigms to stay on track!
One final note... **const** reference

- Passing a large object (e.g. a million-element Vector) by value makes a copy, which is inefficient in time and space.
- Passing parameters by reference avoids making a copy, but creates risk that a function may modify a piece of data that you don’t want it to edit.

- **Solution:** **const** reference!
  - The “by reference” part avoids a copy.
  - The “const” (constant) part means that the function can’t change that argument.

```cpp
void proofreadLongEssay(const string& essay) {
    /* can read, but not change, the essay. */
}
```

Example from slides made by Keith Schwarz
What’s next?
Big O and Algorithmic Analysis

Time

Data Input

O(1)

O(n)

O(\log n)

O(n^2)

O(n^3)

O(n^4)