

Abstract Data Types (ADTs)

Abstract data types* describe the behaviour (semantics) of a data type without specifying its implementation. An ADT is thus **abstract**, not concrete.

- A container is a very general ADT, a holder of objects.
- A list is an example of a more specific container ADT.

* Not to be confused with: Algebraic Data Type.

The List ADT

The **list** ADT is a container known mathematically as a finite sequence of elements. A list has these fundamental properties:

- duplicates are allowed
- order is preserved

A list may* support operations such as these:

- create: construct an empty list
- add: add an element to the list
- *is empty*: test whether the list is empty

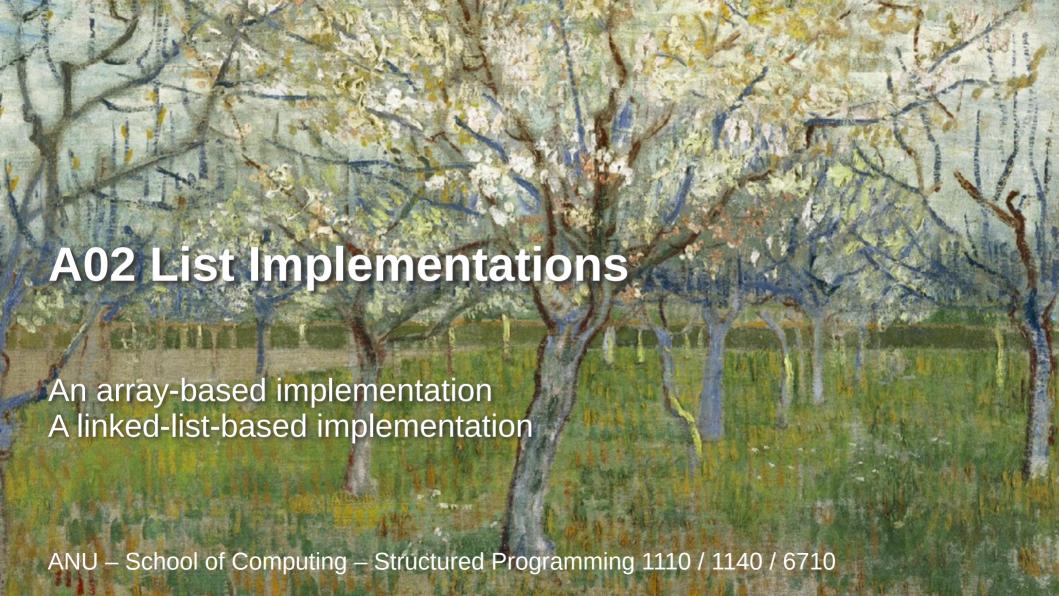
* The operations a given ADT must support will vary depending on the author / library

Our List Interface

We will explore lists using a simple interface:

```
public interface List<T> {
    void add(T value);
    T get(int index);
    int size();
    T remove(int index);
    void reverse();
```

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void add(T value);
T get(int index);
int size();
T remove(int index);
void reverse();
String toString();
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```

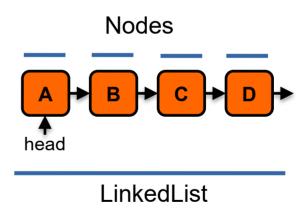


List Implementation Options

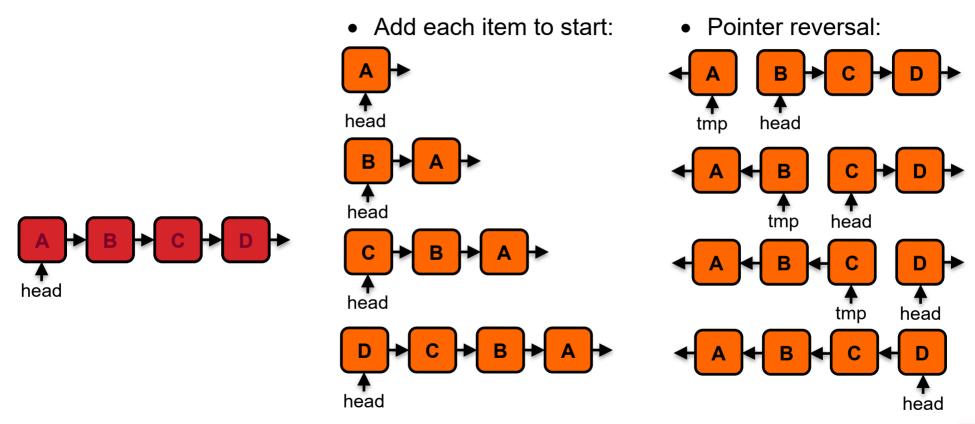
- Arrays
 - Fast lookup of any element
 - A little messy to grow and contract
- Linked list
 - Logical fit to a list, easy to grow, contract
 - Need to traverse list to access elements

Linked Lists: Singly Linked List

```
public class LinkedList<T> {
    private class Node<T> {
        T value;
        Node<T> next;
    }
    Node<T> head;
}
```



Linked List Reversal: Two Approaches



Complexity

```
void add(T value);
T get(int index);
int size();
T remove(int index);
void reverse();
```

ArrayList

- add Time O(1) amortized, O(n) worst
- get Time O(1)
- size Time O(1)
- remove Time O(n)
- reverse Time O(n)

Space O(n)

LinkedList

- add Time O(1)
 - if explicitly tracking last node
- get **Time O(n)**
- size Time O(1)
 - if explicitly tracked
- remove Time O(n)
- reverse Time O(n)

Space O(n)





The Set ADT

The **set** ADT corresponds to a mathematical set. A set has these fundamental properties:

- duplicates are not allowed
- order is not preserved

A **set** may support operations such as these:

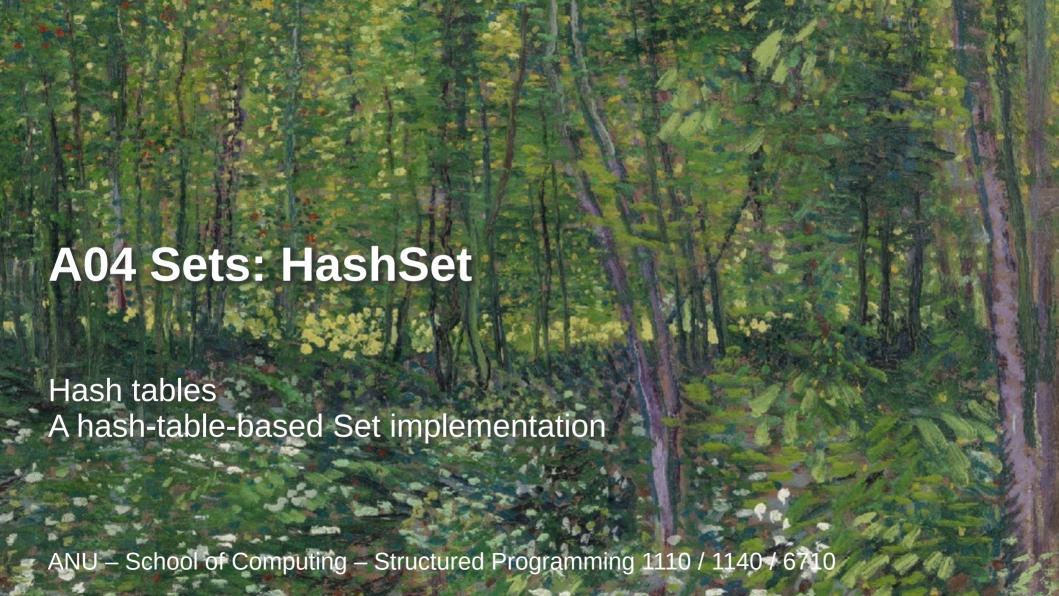
- create: construct an empty set
- add: add an element to the set
- contains: does the set contain a given element
- remove: remove an element from the set



Our Set Interface

We will explore sets using a simple interface:

```
public interface Set<T> {
    boolean add(T value);
    boolean contains(T value);
    int size();
    boolean remove(T value);
}
```



Hash Tables

Stores **keys**, using a hash function to map a key into a table entry. Optionally, **values** can be associated with keys and stored alongside them in the table.

Main challenges are: a) dealing with **hash collisions** and dealing with **load** (how big to make the table).

Two broad approaches:

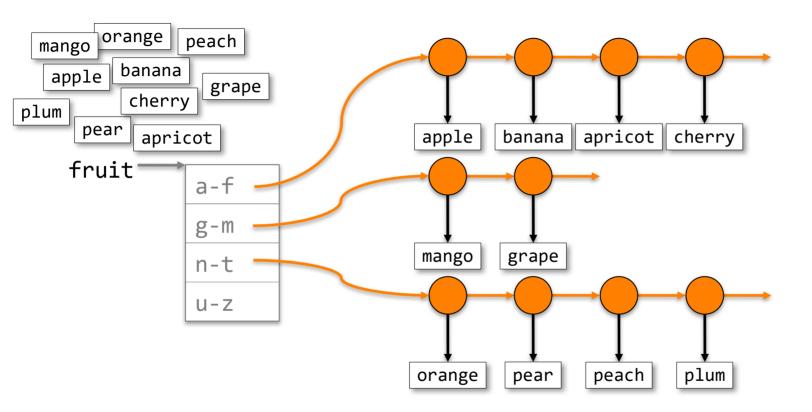
- Separate chaining
 - Hash table entries are lists: (key, value) pairs are in lists.
- Open addressing
 - Hash table entries are (key, value) pairs.
 - Collisions resolved by probing e.g. find next entry slot

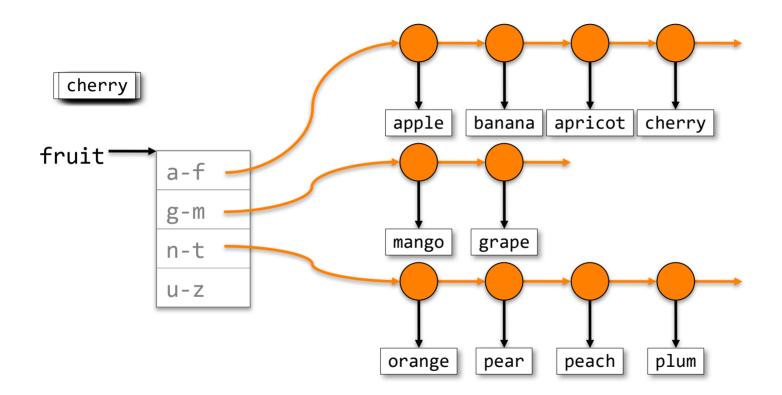
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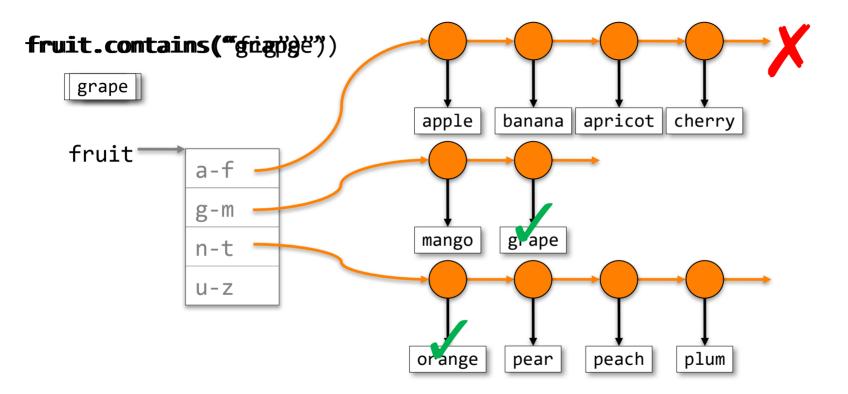
HashSet Implementation of a Set

- Special case of hash table where we only have **key** (it is not associated with any *value*).
- We'll demonstrate separate chaining where our lists only needs to store a single item rather than a pair.

A04 Sets: HashSet







Load Factor

The **load factor** is the ratio of number of elements to the number of "buckets" (size of table).

By resizing (doubling) table capacity when lists grow "too long", add and contains can run in amortised constant time (assuming a good hash function).

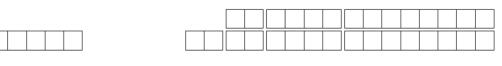


Figure B.1: The cost of a hashtable add.

(Illustration from "Think Python: How to think like a computer scientists" (2nd ed) by Allen B. Downey.)



Complexity

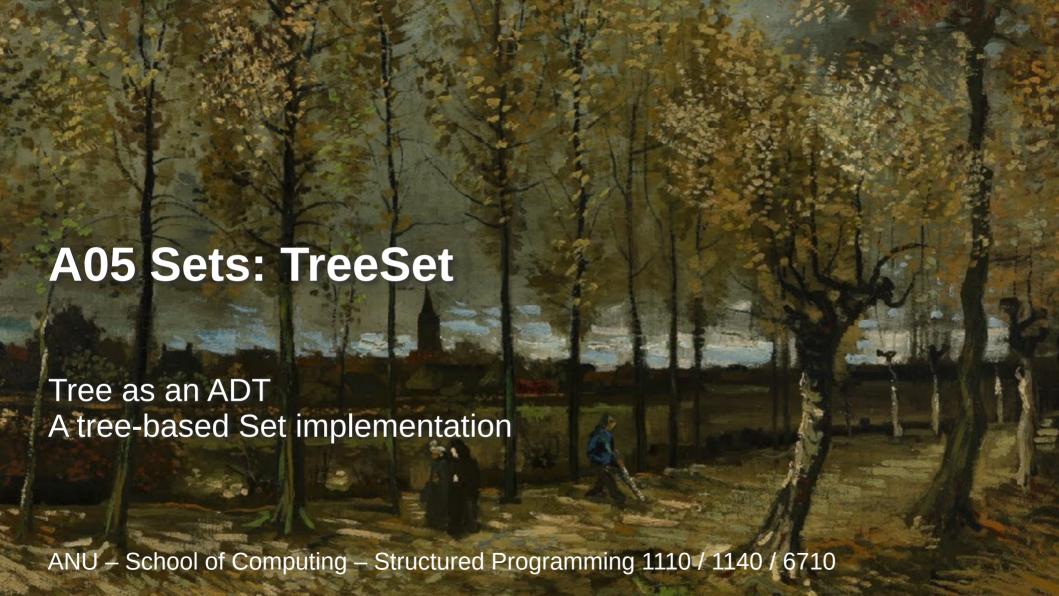
```
boolean add(T value);
boolean contains(T value);
int size();
boolean remove(T value);
```

- add, contains, remove Time O(1) amortized, O(n) worst
 - *good* hash function
 - table resized to keep table load factor in a range
- size **Time O(1)**
 - explicitly tracked

Space O(n)



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Tree as an ADT

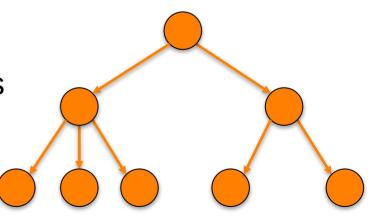
The **tree** ADT corresponds to an ordered tree in mathematics.

A tree is defined recursively in terms of nodes:

A tree is a node

A node contains a value and a list of trees

No node is duplicated

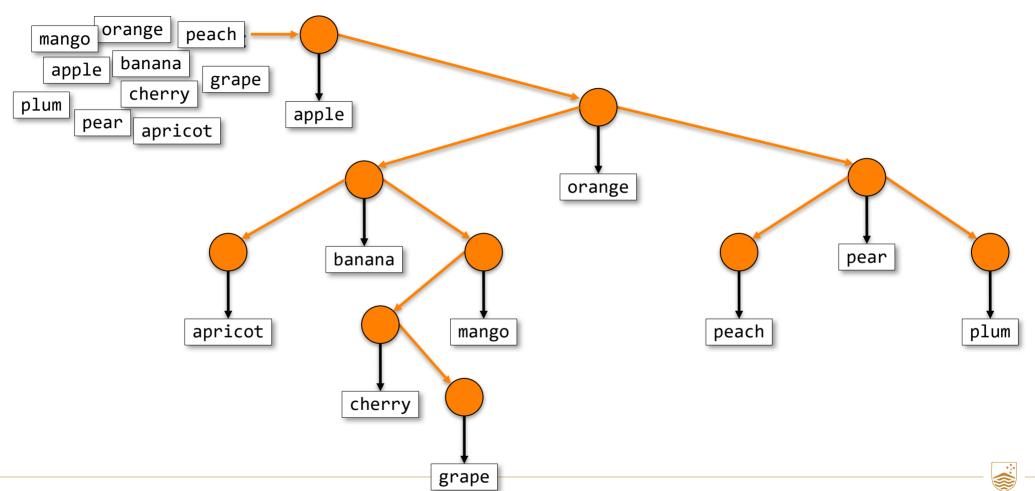


Binary Search Tree to Implement Set

A **binary** search tree is a tree with the following additional properties:

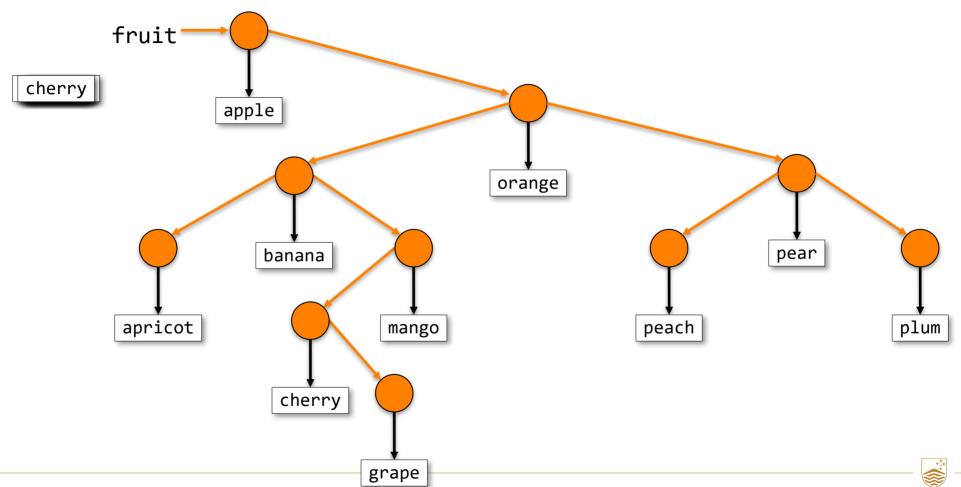
- Each node has at most two sub-trees
- Nodes may contain (key, value) pairs, or just keys
- Keys are ordered within the tree:
 - The left sub-tree only contains keys less than the node's key
 - The right sub-tree only contains keys greater than the node's key

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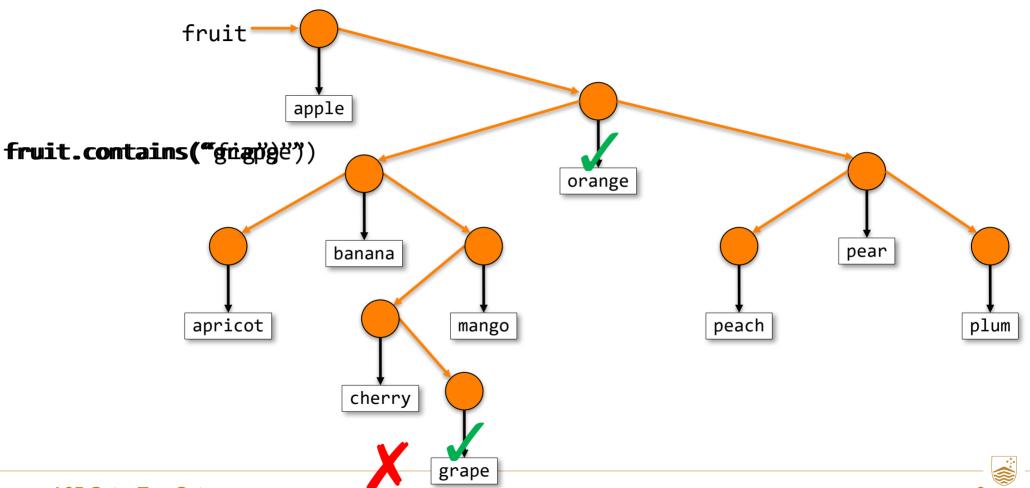


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Ordering in Java (Recall J14)

Objects of any class that implements the Comparable interface can be ordered:

a.compareTo(b)

- < 0 iff a is ordered before b
- > 0 iff a is ordered after b
- == 0 if a.equals(b) (but also if a and b are not ordered)

Our Set interface does not bound our contained type parameter to be Comparable, what to do?

- Bound T in the TreeSet class declaration:
 - class TreeSet<T extends Comparable<T>> implements Set<T>
- Throw runtime exception on use of non-comparable types (the approach in java.utils.TreeSet).
- Force users to provide Comparator (e.g., as lambda expression).



Complexity

```
boolean add(T value);
boolean contains(T value);
int size();
boolean remove(T value);
```

- add, contains, remove Time O(log(n)) amortized, O(n) worst
 - self-balancing trees (e.g., B-Trees) have O(log(n)) worst case
- size Time O(1)
 - explicitly tracked

Space O(n)



A04 Sets: HashSet



ADT Recap

First-principles implementation of three Java container types:

- List
 - ArrayList, LinkedList implementations (A1, A2)
- Set
 - HashSet, TreeSet implementations (A3, A4, A5)
- Map
 - HashMap, TreeMap implementations (A6)

Introduced hash tables, trees (A4, A5)

The Map ADT (also known as Associative Array)

A map consists of (key, value) pairs

- Each key may occur only once in the map
- Values are retrieved from the map via the key
- Values may be modified
- Key, value pairs may be removed

Our Map Interface

We will explore maps using a simple interface:

```
public interface Map<K,V> {
  V put(K key, V value);
  V get(K key);
 V remove (K key);
  int size();
```

