CSE 143
Lecture 16

Iterators; Grammars

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Examining sets and maps

- elements of Java `Set`s and `Map`s can't be accessed by index
  - must use a "foreach" loop:

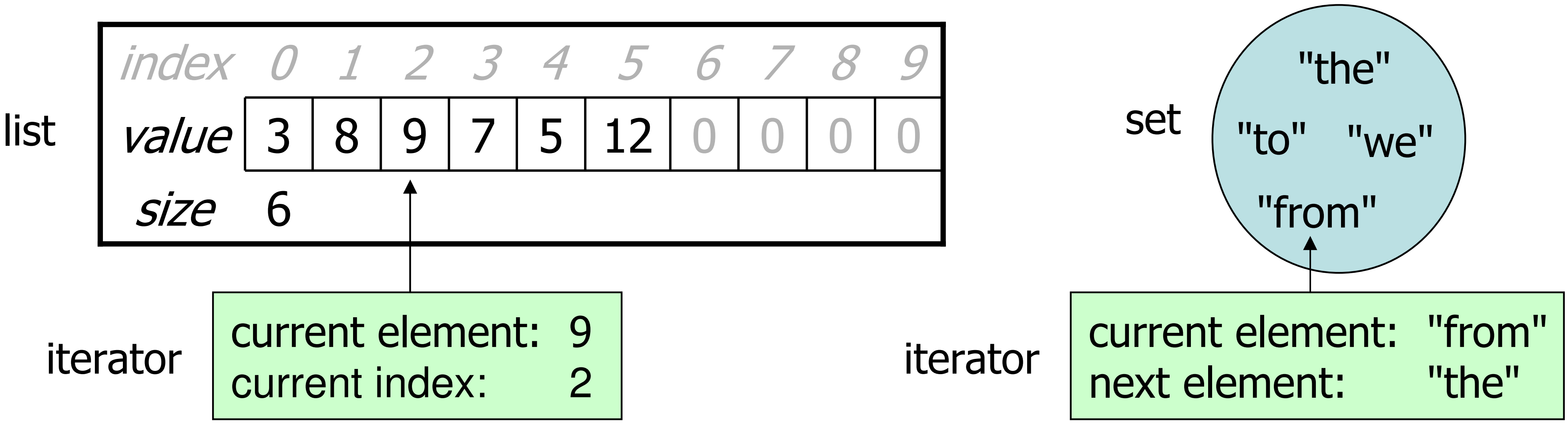
```
Set<Integer> scores = new HashSet<Integer>();
for (int score : scores) {
    System.out.println("The score is " + score);
}
```

  - Problem: foreach is read-only; cannot modify set while looping

```
for (int score : scores) {
    if (score < 60) {
    // throws a ConcurrentModificationException
        scores.remove(score);
    }
}
```

Iterators (11.1)

- **iterator**: An object that allows a client to traverse the elements of any collection.
  - Remembers a position, and lets you:
    - get the element at that position
    - advance to the next position
    - remove the element at that position



list

index	*0*	*1*	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*
value	3	8	9	7	5	12	0	0	0	0
size	6									

iterator

current element: 9
current index: 2

set

"the" "to" "we" "from"

iterator

current element: "from"
next element: "the"

Iterator methods

hasNext()	returns true if there are more elements to examine
next()	returns the next element from the collection (throws a NoSuchElementException if there are none left to examine)
remove()	removes the last value returned by next() (throws an IllegalStateException if you haven't called next() yet)

- Iterator interface in java.util
  - every collection has an iterator() method that returns an iterator over its elements

```
Set<String> set = new HashSet<String>();
...
Iterator<String> itr = set.iterator();
...
```

Iterator example

```
Set<Integer> scores = new TreeSet<Integer>();
scores.add(94);
scores.add(38);   // Jenny
scores.add(87);
scores.add(43);   // Marty
scores.add(72);
…

Iterator<Integer> itr = scores.iterator();
while (itr.hasNext()) {
    int score = itr.next();

    System.out.println("The score is " + score);

    // eliminate any failing grades
    if (score < 60) {
        itr.remove();
    }
}
System.out.println(scores);  // [72, 87, 94]
```

Iterator example 2

```
Map<String, Integer> scores = new TreeMap<String, Integer>();
scores.put("Jenny", 38);
scores.put("Stef", 94);
scores.put("Greg", 87);
scores.put("Marty", 43);
scores.put("Angela", 72);
...

Iterator<String> itr = scores.keySet().iterator();
while (itr.hasNext()) {
    String name = itr.next();
    int score = scores.get(name);
    System.out.println(name + " got " + score);

    // eliminate any failing students
    if (score < 60) {
        itr.remove();      // removes name and score
    }
}
System.out.println(scores);  // {Greg=87, Stef=94, Angela=72}
```

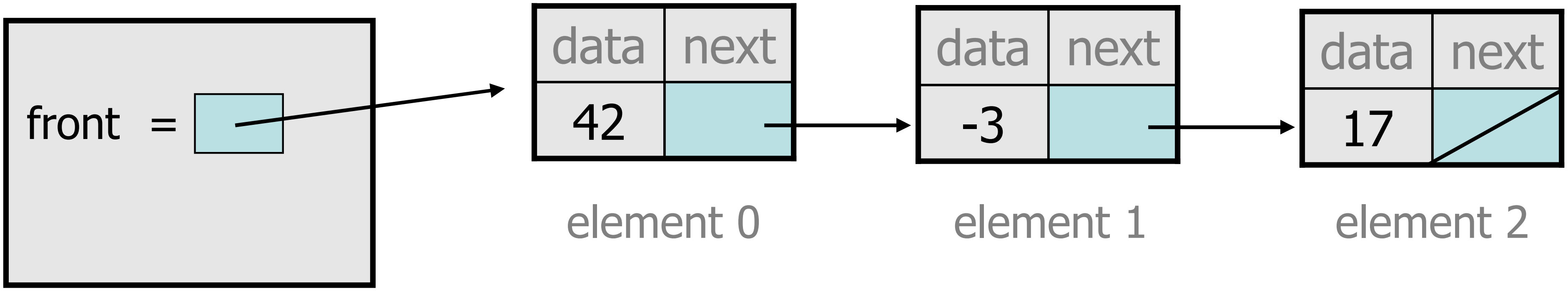
A surprising example

- What's bad about this code?

```
List<Integer> list = new LinkedList<Integer>();
```

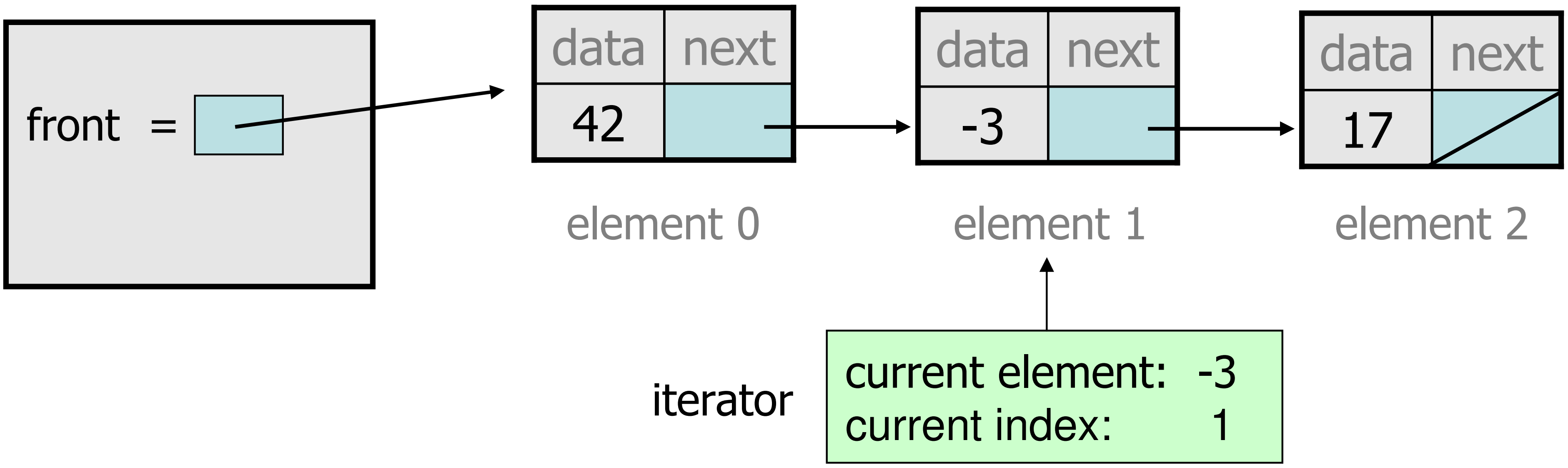
... (add lots of elements) ...

```
for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
    System.out.println(list.get(i));
}
```



Iterators and linked lists

- Iterators are particularly useful with linked lists.
  - The previous code is O(N^2) because each call on `get` must start from the beginning of the list and walk to index `i`.
  - Using an iterator, the same code is O(N). The iterator remembers its position and doesn't start over each time.



Exercise

- Modify the Book Search program from last lecture to eliminate any words that are plural or all-uppercase from the collection.

- Modify the TA quarters experience program so that it eliminates any TAs with 3 quarters or fewer of experience.

ListIterator

`add(`**value**`)`	inserts an element just after the iterator's position
`hasPrevious()`	`true` if there are more elements *before* the iterator
`nextIndex()`	the index of the element that would be returned the next time `next` is called on the iterator
`previousIndex()`	the index of the element that would be returned the next time `previous` is called on the iterator
`previous()`	returns the element before the iterator (throws a `NoSuchElementException` if there are none)
`set(`**value**`)`	replaces the element last returned by `next` or `previous` with the given value

```
ListIterator<String> li = myList.listIterator();
```

- lists have a more powerful `ListIterator` with more methods
  - can iterate forwards or backwards
  - can add/set element values (efficient for linked lists)

Languages and Grammars

Languages and grammars

- (formal) **language**: A set of words or symbols.

- **grammar**: A description of a language that describes which sequences of symbols are allowed in that language.
  - describes language *syntax* (rules) but not *semantics* (meaning)
  - can be used to generate strings from a language, or to determine whether a given string belongs to a given language

Backus-Naur (BNF)

- **Backus-Naur Form (BNF)**: A syntax for describing language grammars in terms of transformation *rules*, of the form:

  <**symbol**> ::= <**expression**> | <**expression**> ... | <**expression**>

  - **terminal**: A fundamental symbol of the language.
  - **non-terminal**: A high-level symbol describing language syntax, which can be transformed into other non-terminal or terminal symbol(s) based on the rules of the grammar.

  - developed by two Turing-award-winning computer scientists in 1960 to describe their new ALGOL programming language

An example BNF grammar

```
<s>::=<n> <v>
<n>::=Marty | Victoria | Stuart | Jessica
<v>::=cried | slept | belched
```

- Some sentences that could be generated from this grammar:

```
Marty slept
Jessica belched
Stuart cried
```

BNF grammar version 2

```
<s>::=<np> <v>
<np>::=<pn> | <dp> <n>
<pn>::=Marty | Victoria | Stuart | Jessica
<dp>::=a | the
<n>::=ball | hamster | carrot | computer
<v>::=cried | slept | belched
```

- Some sentences that could be generated from this grammar:

```
the carrot cried
Jessica belched
a computer slept
```

BNF grammar version 3

```
<s>::=<np> <v>
<np>::=<pn> | <dp> <adj> <n>
<pn>::=Marty | Victoria | Stuart | Jessica
<dp>::=a | the
<adj>::=silly | invisible | loud | romantic
<n>::=ball | hamster | carrot | computer
<v>::=cried | slept | belched
```

- Some sentences that could be generated from this grammar:

```
the invisible carrot cried
Jessica belched
a computer slept
a romantic ball belched
```

Grammars and recursion

```
<s>::=<np> <v>
<np>::=<pn> | <dp> <adjp> <n>
<pn>::=Marty | Victoria | Stuart | Jessica
<dp>::=a | the
<adjp>::=<adj> <adjp> | <adj>
<adj>::=silly | invisible | loud | romantic
<n>::=ball | hamster | carrot | computer
<v>::=cried | slept | belched
```

- Grammar rules can be defined *recursively*, so that the expansion of a symbol can contain that same symbol.
  - There must also be expressions that expand the symbol into something non-recursive, so that the recursion eventually ends.

Grammar, final version

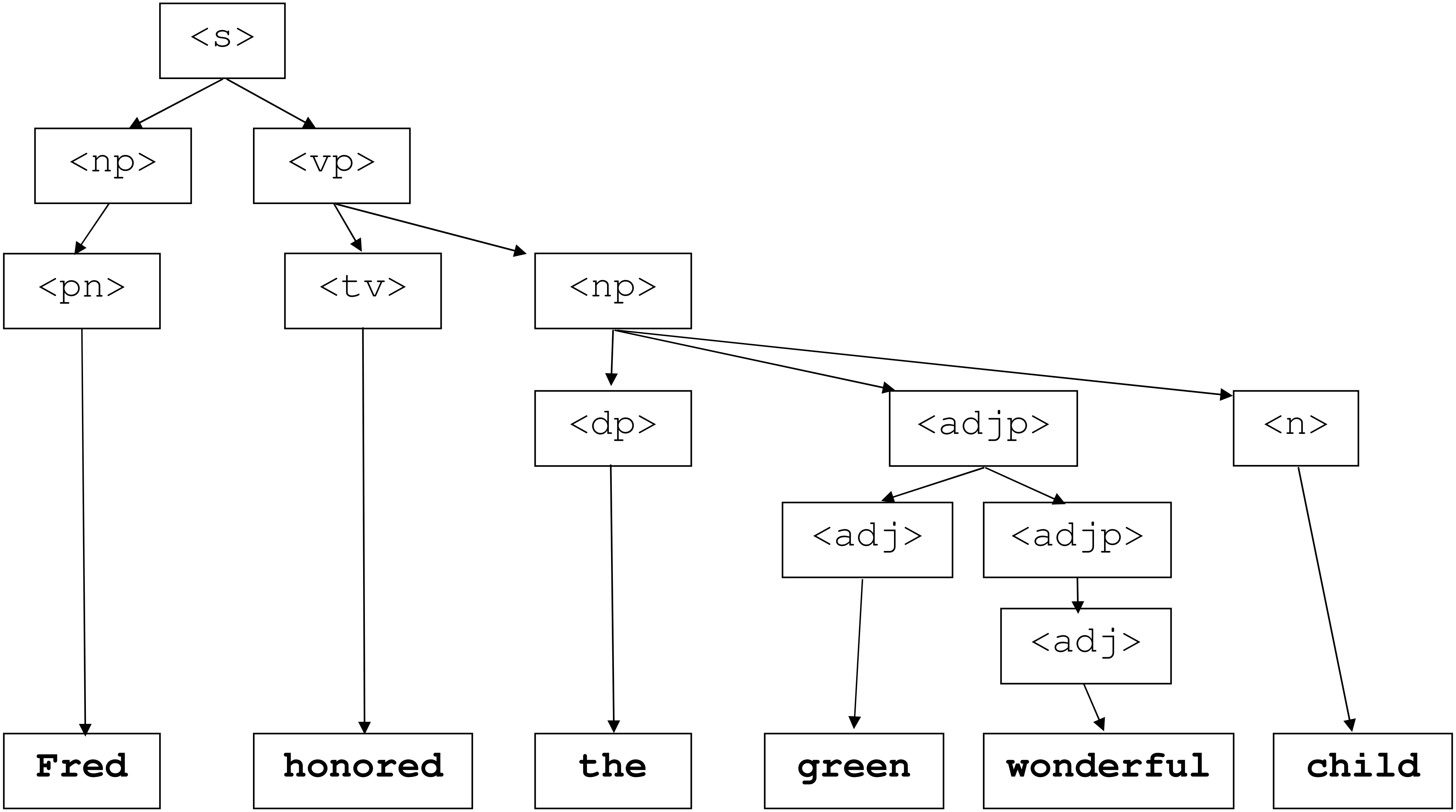
```
<s>::=<np> <vp>
<np>::=<dp> <adjp> <n>|<pn>
<dp>::=the|a
<adjp>::=<adj>|<adj> <adjp>
<adj>::=big|fat|green|wonderful|faulty|subliminal
<n>::=dog|cat|man|university|father|mother|child
<pn>::=John|Jane|Sally|Spot|Fred|Elmo
<vp>::=<tv> <np>|<iv>
<tv>::=hit|honored|kissed|helped
<iv>::=died|collapsed|laughed|wept
```

- Could this grammar generate the following sentences?

```
Fred honored the green wonderful child
big Jane wept the fat man fat
```

- Generate a random sentence using this grammar.

Sentence generation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