

Functional programming with Scala

Collections

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- ▶ Some remarks about previous design may be addressed.

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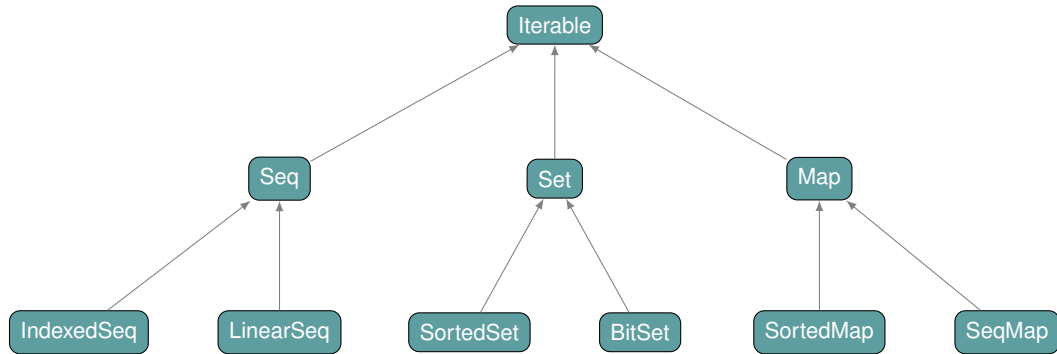
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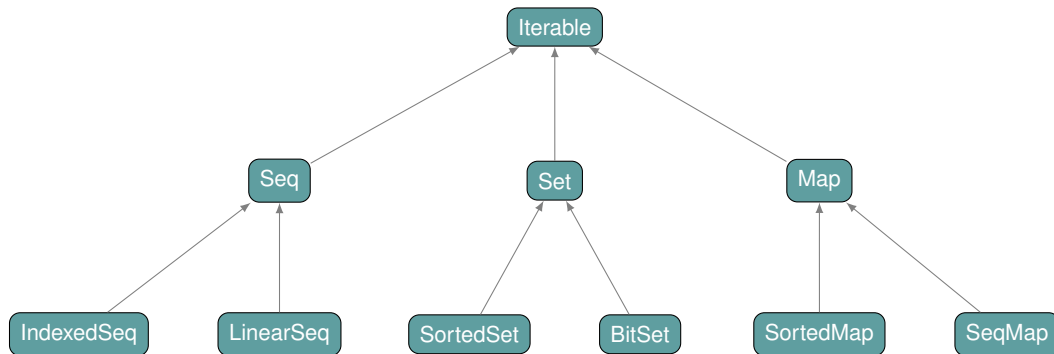
Rich set of...

- ▶ collection types (classes and traits)
- ▶ common methods for most collections
- ▶ methods for specific collections

Top of hierarchy



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Prior versions : **Traversable** at top of hierarchy

- ▶ introduced `foreach[U](f : A => U) : Unit`
(now available in **Iterable** via **IterableOnceOps**)
- ▶ *removed in 2.13 due to underuse*

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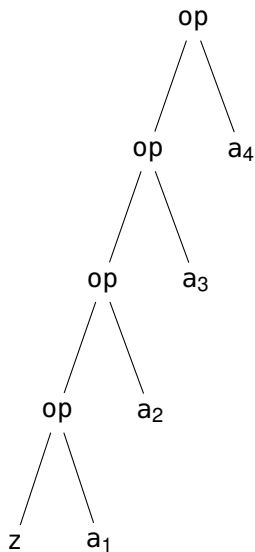
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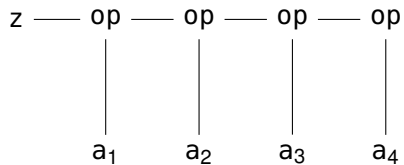
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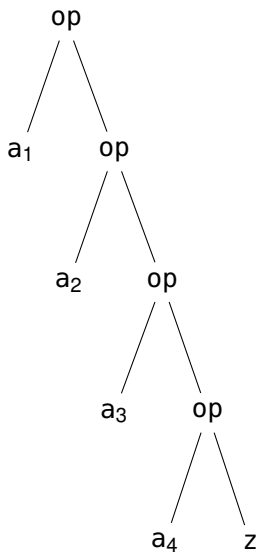
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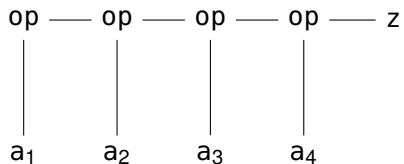
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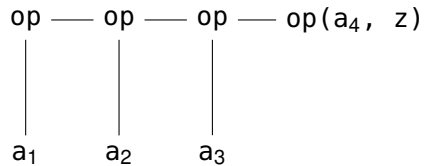
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- ▶ Version 2.13 requires specific import :
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Sequential vs parallel collections

```
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object Parallel extends App
{
  def elapsedNano[T](chunk : => T, times : Int = 1) : Long =
  {
    val start = System.nanoTime() // from Java
    for (i <- 0 until times) { val res = chunk }
    System.nanoTime() - start
  }

  val c = 0 to 1000000
  println(s"${elapsedNano(c count { _ %3 == 0 }, 1000)/1000000.0} ms")
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Immutability vs mutable state

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object MutableIsEvil extends App
{
  val c = 1 to 10000000
  def isPrime(n : Int) = (2 to math.sqrt(n).toInt) forall { n % _ != 0 }

  // Immutable case
  for (i <- 1 to 3) println(s"count isPrime = ${c.par count isPrime}")

  // Mutable case with a counter
  def countPrimes(c : ParSeq[Int]) = {
    var count = 0
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    count
  }
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