Set ADT

Set

- A collection of elements with no strict ordering
 - Example:
- Are duplicates allowed in a set?

Specification

 Elements: Set elements can be of any type, but we will assume SetElement

Structure: Any mechanism for tracking the items

Operations on Sets

Think back to Discrete Mathematics

What operations can be performed on sets?

function create (s: Set, isCreated: boolean)
results: if s cannot be created, isCreated is
false; otherwise, isCreated is true, the set is
created and is empty

function terminate (s: Set)
 results: Set s no longer exists

function isEmpty (s: Set)
results: returns true if the Set is empty;
otherwise, false is returned

function contains (s: Set, e: SetElement, b: boolean)
 results: set b to true if e is in the Set; otherwise set b to false

function insert (s: Set, e: SetElement)
 requires: contains (s, e) is false
 results: element e is added to the set

function remove (s: Set, e: SetElement)
 requires:
 results:

 function union (s1: Set, s2: Set; result: Set) results:

 function: intersection (s1: Set, s2: Set; result: Set)
 results:

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 Can we use a Linked List to build this data structure?

What other operations would be useful?

 Can we print every element of the set to the screen?

Bag

• A bag is similar to a Set but duplicates are allowed in the Bag.

Also called a multiset.