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Fun with Total Array Ordering (TAO)



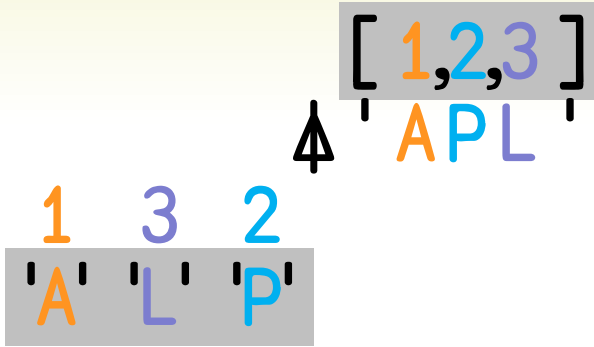
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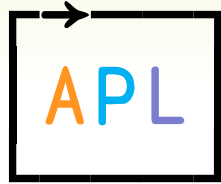
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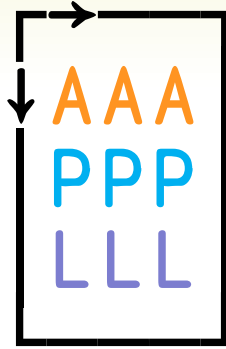
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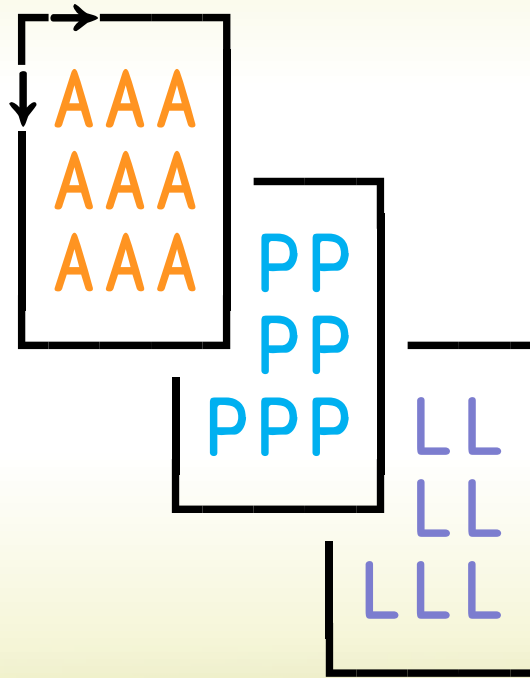
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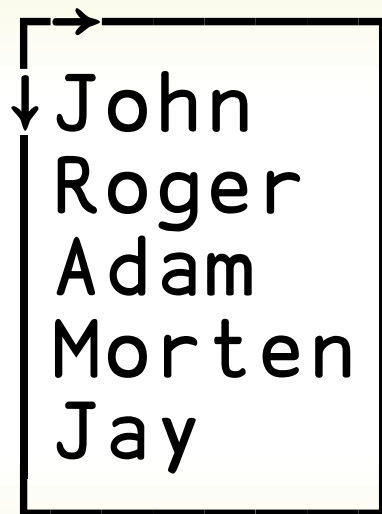
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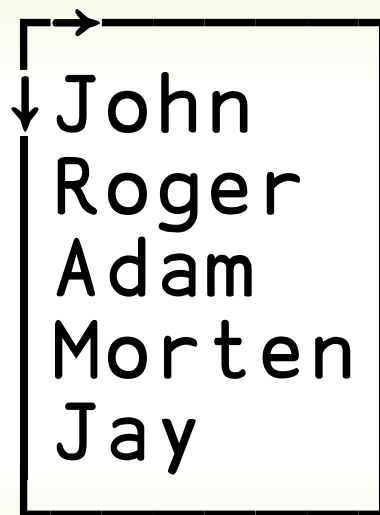
Major Cells: Cube



Major Cells: mat



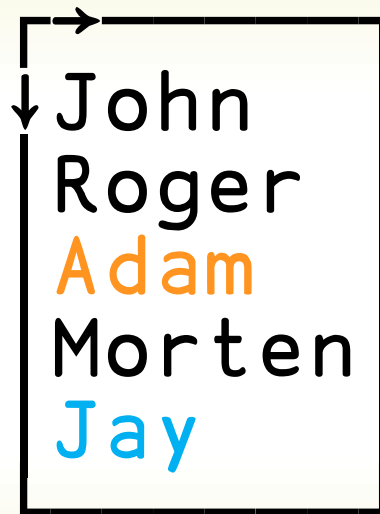
Major Cells: mat



mat

3 5 1 4 2

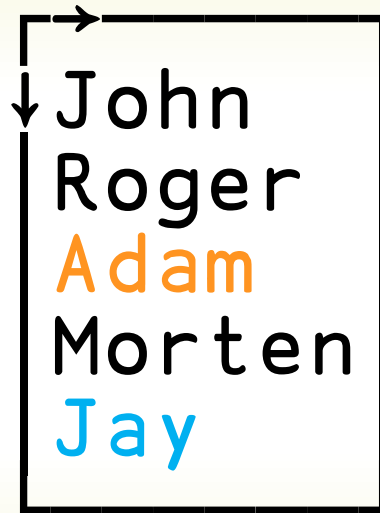
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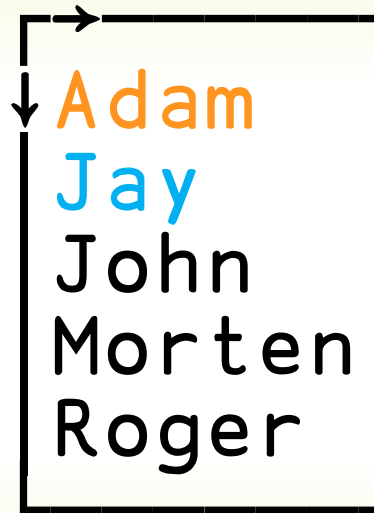
mat

3 5 1 4 2

Major Cells: mat



mat[⍋mat;]



Sorting

```
mat[⍋mat;]
{ (⊂⍋ω) ⍵ } mat
```

Sorting

```
{(⊃⊥ω)⊥ω}
```

```
mat[⊥mat;]  
mat
```

Sorting

$$\{(\prec \omega) \mid \omega\}$$

```
mat[⊖mat;]
mat
```

Sorting

Sort $\leftarrow \{ (c \Delta \omega) \square \omega \}$

mat[Δ mat;]

Sorting

```
Sort ← {(c⊔ω)⊔ω}  
Sort mat
```

```
mat[⊔mat;]
```


Sorting

mat[⊖mat;]

Sort ← {(⊖ω)[]ω}
Sort mat

Adam

Jay

John

Morten

Roger

Sorting

n ← 'Roger' 'Adam' 'Jay'

Sorting

```
n ← 'Roger' 'Adam' 'Jay'
```

```
Sort n      ⎱ 16.0
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Sorting

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n ← 'Roger' 'Adam' 'Jay'
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Sort n      16.0
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DOMAIN ERROR
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Sorting

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Sorting

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n ← 'Roger' 'Adam' 'Jay'
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Sort n      ⍷ 16.0
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DOMAIN ERROR

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Sort n      ⍷ 17.0
```

Adam	Jay	Roger
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A bit of history

'Morten'
'Roger'

A bit of history

'Morten'
'Roger' 

A bit of history

A ← 'Morten'

B ← 'Roger' 

A bit of history

A ← 'Morten'

B ← 'Roger' 

 A , [0.5] B

1 2

A bit of history

A ← 'Morten'

B ← 'Roger' 

 A , [0.5] B

1 2

'Morten' < 'Roger' 

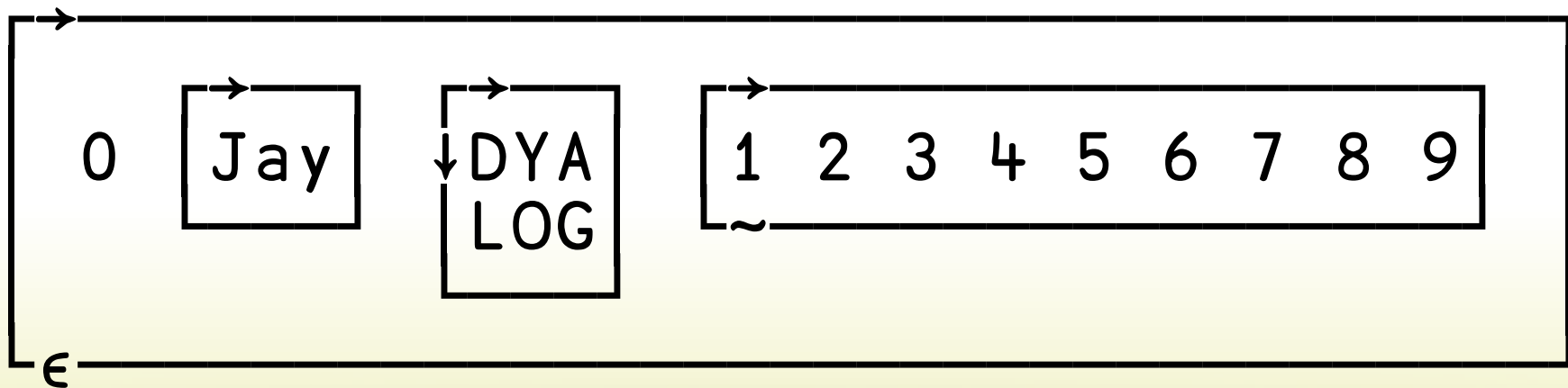
Total Array Ordering

some
array  other
array ?

Total Array Ordering

How would you order:

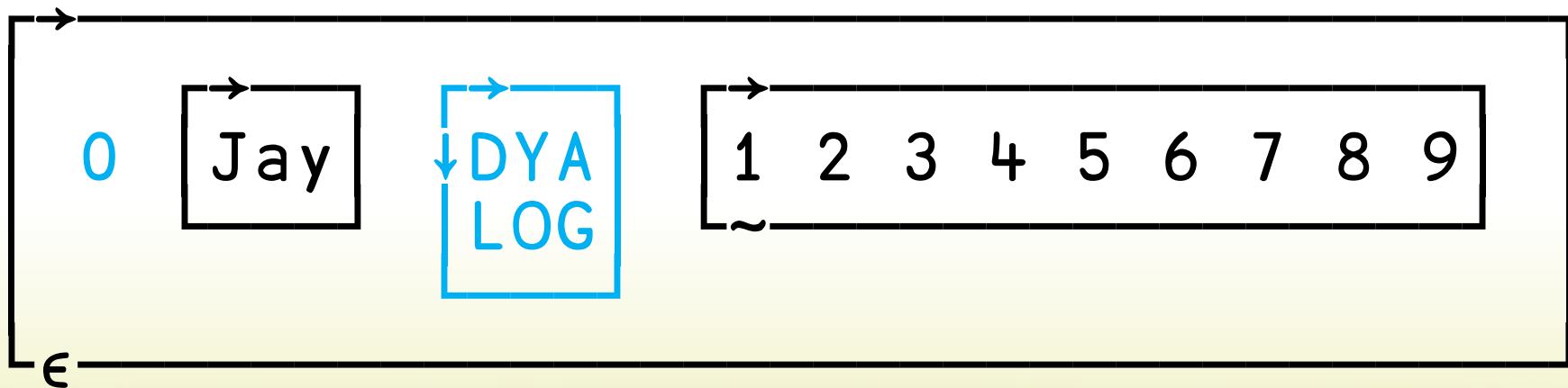
$\square \leftarrow 0 \text{ 'Jay' } (2 \ 3 \rho \text{ 'DIALOG' }) \ (1 \ 9)$



Total Array Ordering

How would you order:

⌈ ← 0 'Jay' (2 3⍴'DIALOG') (19)



Total Array Ordering

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Total order

Page issues

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In [mathematics](#), a **linear order**, **total order**, **simple order**, or **(non-strict) ordering** is a [binary relation](#) on some [set](#) X , which is [antisymmetric](#), [transitive](#), and [total](#) (this relation is denoted here by [infix](#) $\leq$). A set paired with a total order is called a **totally ordered set**, a **linearly ordered set**, a **simply ordered set**, or a **chain**.

More symbolically, a set X is totally ordered under $\leq$ if the following statements hold for all a, b and c in X :

If $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$ then $a = b$ ([antisymmetry](#));

If $a \leq b$ and $b \leq c$ then $a \leq c$ ([transitivity](#));

$a \leq b$ or $b \leq a$ ([totality](#)).

TAO

some
array  other
array ?

TAO

some array  other array ?

TAO

some
array
no refs



other
array
no refs

?

TAO Rules

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Compatibility: simple arrays

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Consistency: $(\alpha \preceq \omega) \wedge (\omega \preceq \alpha) \iff \alpha = \omega$

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 $\alpha \equiv \omega$

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Consistency: $(\alpha \preceq \omega) \wedge (\omega \preceq \alpha) \iff \alpha = \omega$
 $\alpha \equiv \omega$

$\theta \neq \cdot$

TAO Rules: simple scalars

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character vs character:



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character vs character:



real number vs real number:



TAO Rules: simple scalars

character vs character:



real number vs real number:



complex:

$$1 \prec 1J1 \prec 2J^{-1} \prec 2$$

TAO Rules: simple scalars

character vs character:



real number vs real number:



complex:

$1 \prec 1J1 \prec 2J^{-1} \prec 2$

number vs character:

$100 \prec 'A'$

TAO Rules: simple scalars

character vs character:



real number vs real number:



complex:

$1 \prec 1j \prec 2j^{-1} \prec 2$

number vs character:

$100 \prec 'A'$

null:

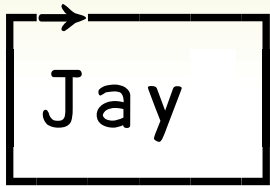
$\square \text{NULL} \prec -100$

TAO Rules: simple scalars

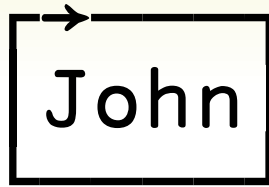
`⊞NULL` $\prec$ -1 $\prec$ $0J^{-2}$ $\prec$ 0 $\prec$ $0J^2$ $\prec$ 1 $\prec$ `'A'`

TAO Rules: same shape

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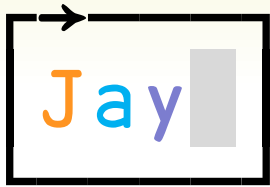


Jay

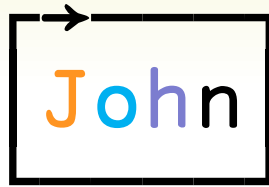


John

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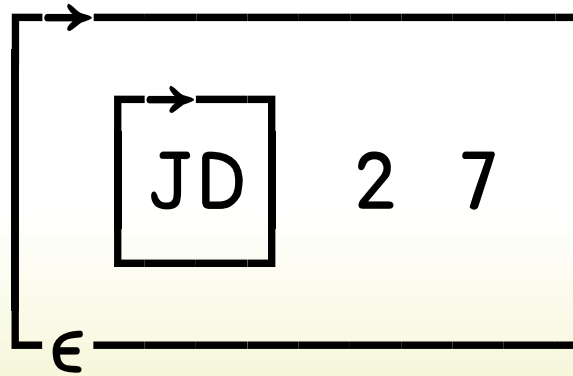
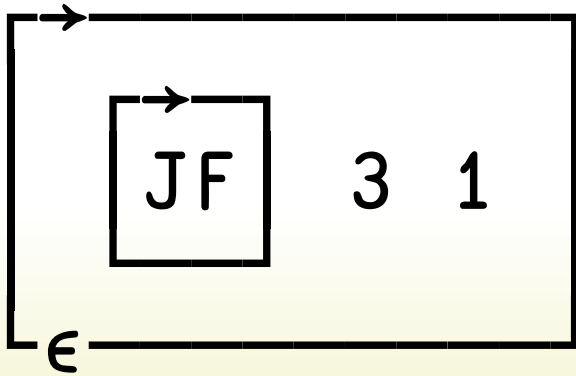
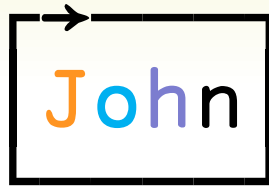
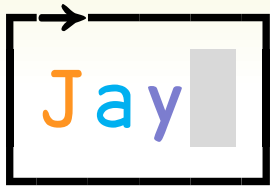


A diagram of an array represented by a black rectangular border. Inside the border, the word "Jay" is written in a sans-serif font, with the 'J' in orange, 'a' in blue, and 'y' in purple. To the right of the text is a gray rectangular placeholder. An arrow points from the top-left corner of the array to the top-right corner.

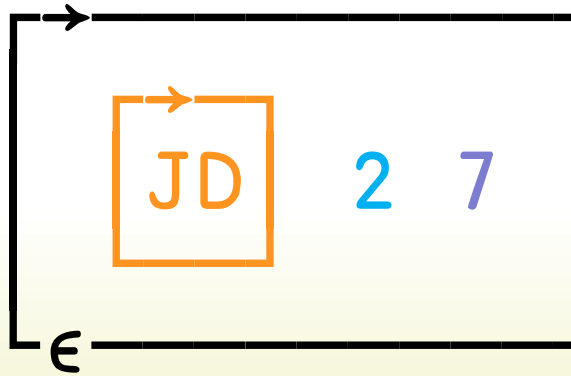
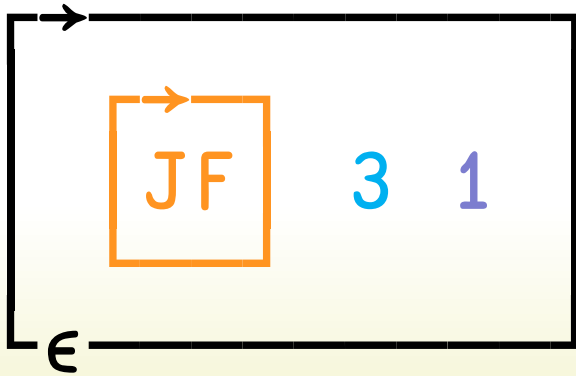
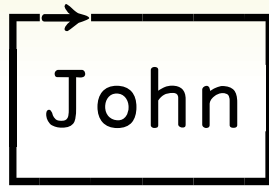
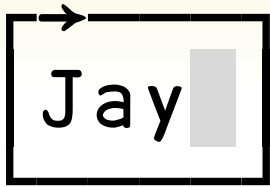


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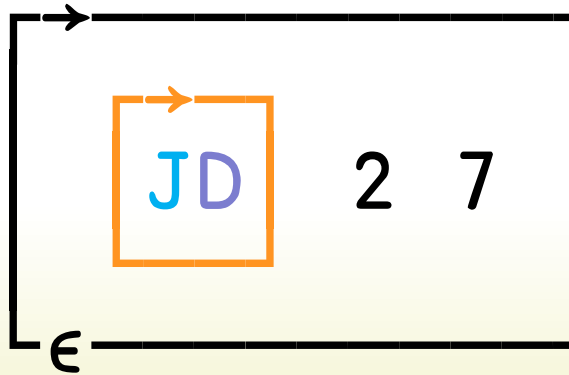
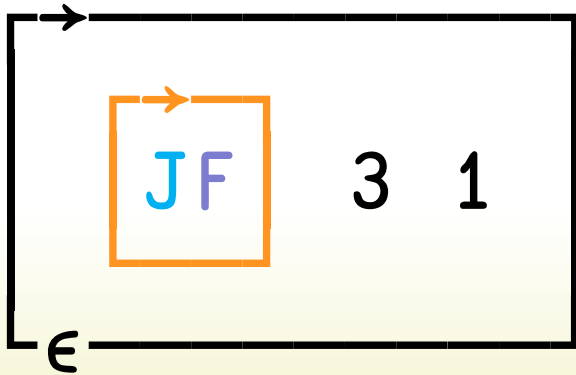
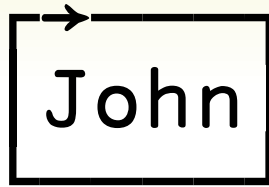
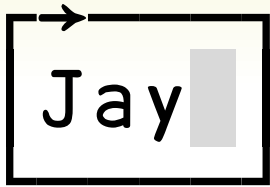
TAO Rules: same shape



TAO Rules: same shape



TAO Rules: same shape



TAO Rules: different shape

CAN

CAR

CARPENTER

CARPET

CAT

TAO

Lexicographical order

✎A



For similarly named ordering systems outside mathematics, see [alphabetical order](#), [natural sort order](#), [lexicographic preferences](#), and [collation](#).

In [mathematics](#), the **lexicographic** or **lexicographical order** (also known as **lexical order**, **dictionary order**, **alphabetical order** or **lexicographic(al) product**) is a generalization of the way words are [alphabetically ordered](#) based on the alphabetical order of their component letters. This generalization consists primarily in defining a [total order](#) over the [sequences](#) (often called [strings](#) in [computer science](#)) of elements of a finite [totally ordered set](#), often called [alphabet](#).

TAO Rules: different shape

CAR

CARPENTER

TAO Rules: different shape

CAR

CARPENTER

TAO Rules: different shape

CAR 

CARPENTER

TAO Rules: different shape

CAN

CAR

CARPENTER

CARPET

CAT

TAO Rules: different shape

CAN

CAR

CARPENTER

CARPET

CAT

TAO Rules: different shape

↑ 'CAR' 'CARPENTER'

TAO Rules: different shape

↑ 'CAR' 'CARPENTER'

CAR

CARPENTER

TAO Rules: different shape

↑ 'CAR' 'CAR'^{N_{U_L}N_{U_L}N_{U_L}N_{U_L}N_{U_L}N_{U_L}}

CAR 

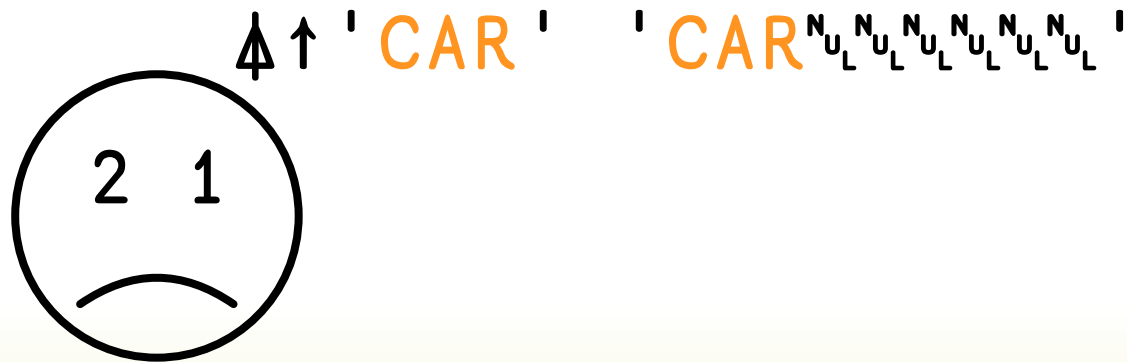
CAR^{N_{U_L}N_{U_L}N_{U_L}N_{U_L}N_{U_L}N_{U_L}}

TAO Rules: different shape

↑ 'CAR' 'CAR'_{NUL}_{NUL}_{NUL}_{NUL}_{NUL}_{NUL}

2 1

TAO Rules: different shape



TAO Rules: different shape

1 2 3

1 2 3 4

TAO Rules: different shape

$^{-1} \quad ^{-2} \quad ^{-3}$

$^{-1} \quad ^{-2} \quad ^{-3} \quad ^{-4}$

TAO Rules: different shape

-1 -2 -3

-1 -2 -3 -4

TAO Rules: different shape

$\uparrow (-1 \ -2 \ -3) \ (-1 \ -2 \ -3 \ -4)$

TAO Rules: different shape

$\uparrow (-1 \ -2 \ -3) \ (-1 \ -2 \ -3 \ -4)$

$-1 \ -2 \ -3 \ 0$

$-1 \ -2 \ -3 \ -4$

TAO Rules: different shape

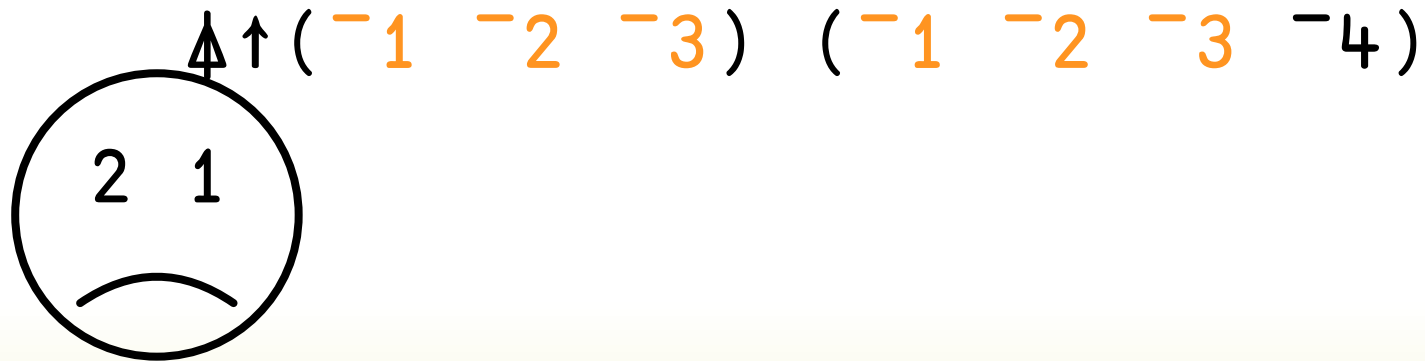
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TAO Rules: different shape

$\uparrow (-1 \ -2 \ -3) \ (-1 \ -2 \ -3 \ -4)$

2 1

TAO Rules: different shape



TAO Rules: different shape



TAO Rules: different shape

$\infty \prec \square \text{NULL} \prec -1 \prec 0J^{-2} \prec 0 \prec 0J^2 \prec 1 \prec 'A'$

TAO Rules: different shape

CAR $\infty\infty\infty\infty\infty\infty$

CARPENTER

TAO Rules: different shape

CAR 

CARPENTER

TAO Rules: different shape

1	2
1	2
1	2

1	2	3
1	2	3

TAO Rules: different shape

1	2	∞
1	2	∞
1	2	∞

1	2	3
1	2	3
∞	∞	∞

TAO Rules: different shape

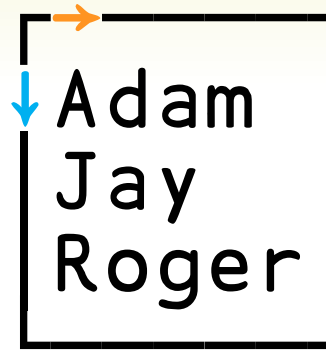
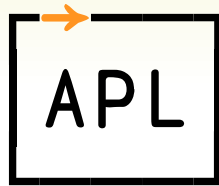
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1	2	∞
1	2	∞

1	2	3
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
∞	∞	∞

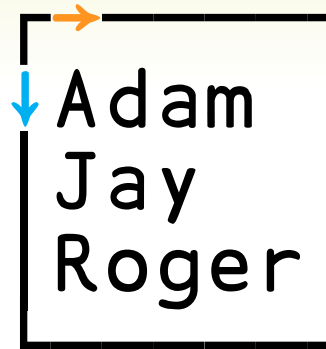
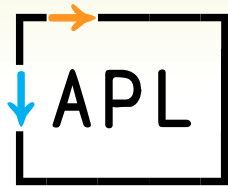
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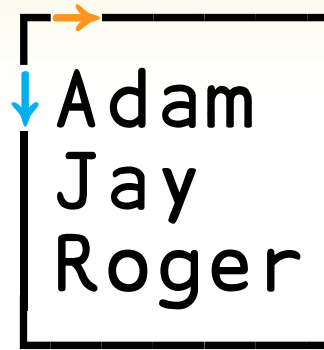
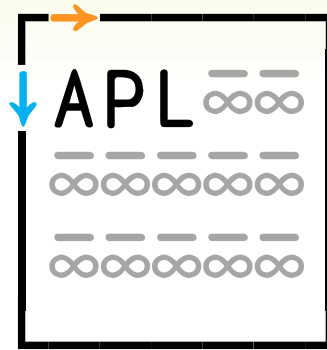
TAO Rules: different rank



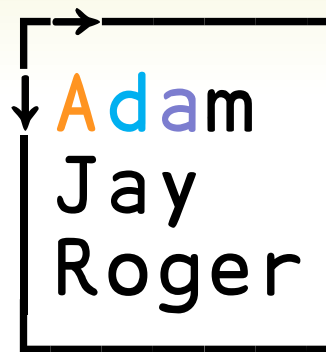
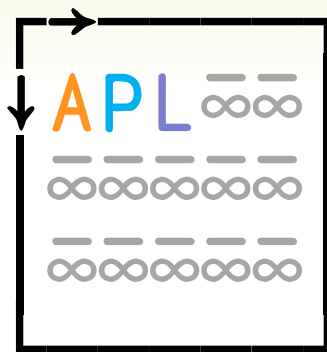
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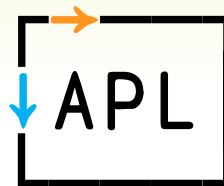
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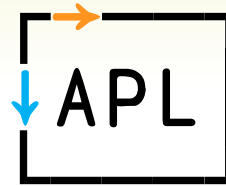
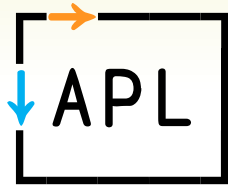
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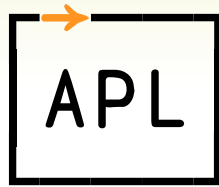
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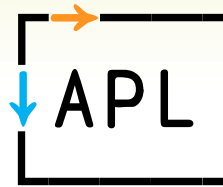
TAO Rules: different rank



TAO Rules: different rank



1



2

TAO Rules: different rank

scalar

'A'

A

vector

, 'A'

A

vector

3 ρ 'APL'

APL

1-row matrix

1 3 ρ 'APL'

APL

TAO Rules: recap

simple scalars $\square$ NULL $\prec$ nums $\prec$ chars

same shape item-by-item in ravel order

unequal shape pad with ∞

unequal rank prefix shape with 1s

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0 $\rho\theta$

0 0 3 ρ ' '

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0 ρ θ

0 0 3 ρ ' '

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0 $\rho\theta$

2 0 3 $\rho\theta$

0 0 3 ρ ' '

2 0 3 ρ ' '

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0 ρ θ

0 0 3 ρ ' '

θ prototypical items ' '

or

2 0 0 original shapes 0 0 3
?

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0 ρ θ

0 0 3 ρ ' '

θ prototypical items ' '

2 0 0 original shapes 0 0 3

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0 $\rho\theta$

0 0 3 $\rho\theta$

θ prototypical items θ

2 0 0 original shapes 0 0 3

TAO Rules

simple scalars $\square \text{NULL} \prec \text{nums} \prec \text{chars}$

same shape item-by-item in ravel order

unequal shape pad with ∞

unequal rank prefix shape with 1s

both empty type then shape

TAO Scope

 $\nabla \omega$ $\nabla \omega$ $\alpha \underline{\iota} \omega$

Demo

Features coming in version 17.0...

Demo

Turing Awards

```
]load /tao/turing
Sort ← {(⊢ω)⊔ω}
Sort turing
vol ← ⌈/5 5p⊔A
Cat ← {vol⊔ω}
Chop ← {(Cat ω){⊢ω}⊔ω}
Chop turing
Sort Chop turing
```

ISO 8601

yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.mmm

Stock Tickers

```
]load /tao/stocks
Sort stocks
Under←{α⊢⊔ (ωω⊢-1) α αα ωω ω}
Sort Under(1⊢⊔) stocks
2⊔Under⊔ stocks
⊢ 2⊔Under⊔ stocks
Puncts ← {~ω∈⊔D}
Nums ← ⊢' '@Puncts
Nums'' 2⊔Under⊔ stocks
⊢ Nums'' 2⊔Under⊔ stocks
Nums''@2 Under⊔ stocks
⊢ Nums''@2 Under⊔ stocks
⊢ stocks
```

Demo

Phonebook Record Insertion

```
]load /tao/pb
Sort ← {(⊖⊡ω)⊡ω}
Sort pb
pb ← Sort pb
new ← 'Kromberg' 'Morten' 584
pb ⊡ new
(2↑pb)⊡new⊡(2↓pb)
2(↑⊡new⊡↓)pb
Into ← {(ω⊡α)(↑⊡α⊡↓)ω}
new Into pb
new2←'Becker' 'Brian' 563
⊢Into/new new2 pb
```

Spreadsheet Data Types

```
ss ← (⊡NEW←'Clipboard').Array
Sort ss
ss[⊡ss[;1 3];]
```

Natural Sorting

```
)clear
]load /tao/names2
num←'((-?\d+\.?\d*|^-?\d*\.\d+)(E^-?\d+)?)(J(?1))?'
ExecNums ← {ω.PatternNum:ω.Match ⊡ ω.Match}
Order ← {⊡(enum'. '⊡S ExecNums⊡1)''ω}
Order names
SuperNatSort ← {(⊖Order ω)⊡ω}
SuperNatSort names
]defs -topdown
```

TAO: a true team effort

Arthur Whitney initial suggestion

Roger Hui TAO of J

John Scholes model: dfns.dyalog.com/n_le.htm

Roger Hui Dyalog implementation

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Essays/The TAO of J

[< Essays](#)

The TAO (total array ordering) of J is, from the [/: page](#) of the dictionary:

The types: numeric or empty, symbol, literal (1 byte or 2 byte characters), and boxed, are so ordered; within them, a lower rank precedes a higher, and arrays to be compared are padded with fills if necessary to have the same shape. Complex arguments are ordered by real part, then by imaginary. Boxed arrays are ordered according to the opened elements.

A set of relations that are consistent with the comparison used in the standard sort can be defined simply:

```
ge=: 0 1 -: \:@,&<
gt=: 1 0 -: /:@,&<
le=: 0 1 -: /:@,&<
lt=: 1 0 -: \:@,&<
eq=: -: !.0
```


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Dyalog

precedes $\leftarrow$ this `##.le` that A Total array ordering (TAO) comparison.

Inspired by Roger Hui, `[le]` "less than or equal" defines a Total Order on APL arrays. For any arrays A, B and C:

$(A \text{ le } B) \wedge (B \text{ le } A) : A \text{ eq } B$	A antisymmetry
$(A \text{ le } B) \wedge (B \text{ le } C) : A \text{ le } C$	A transitivity
$(A \text{ le } B) \vee (B \text{ le } A)$	A totality.

See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Total_order

See: http://www.jsoftware.com/jwiki/Essays/The_TAO_of_J

Given any two arrays, `[le]` tells us which "precedes or is equal to" the other. In particular it may be used to compare arrays of:

differing type:	<code>'6' le 6</code>
differing rank:	<code>3 le ,3</code>
differing shape:	<code>5 4 le 5 4 3</code>
differing depth:	<code>(c12)le c12</code>
complex numbers:	<code>7j8 le 8j7</code>

TAO: a true team effort

Arthur Whitney initial suggestion

Roger Hui TAO of J

John Scholes model: dfns.dyalog.com/n_le.htm

Roger Hui Dyalog implementation

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Features coming in version 17.0

Grade and Sort any^{no refs} Array

$\{ (\subset \Delta \omega) \sqcup \omega \}$ for all ranks – *fast!*

$\Delta \omega$

$\nabla \omega$

$\alpha \underline{1} \omega$