

Total Array Ordering

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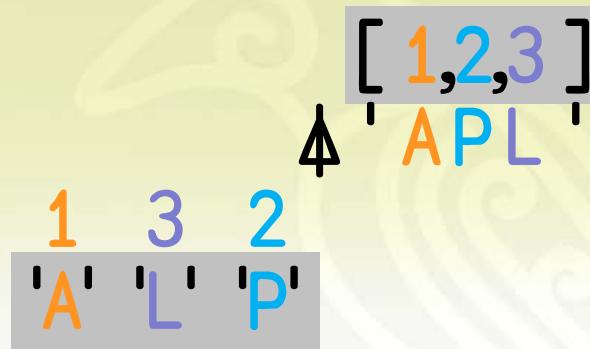
Grading

1 3 2 ↗ 'APL'

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↑ ' APL '

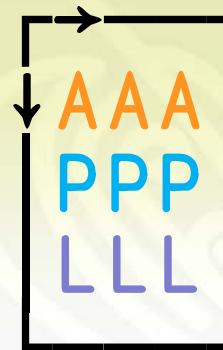
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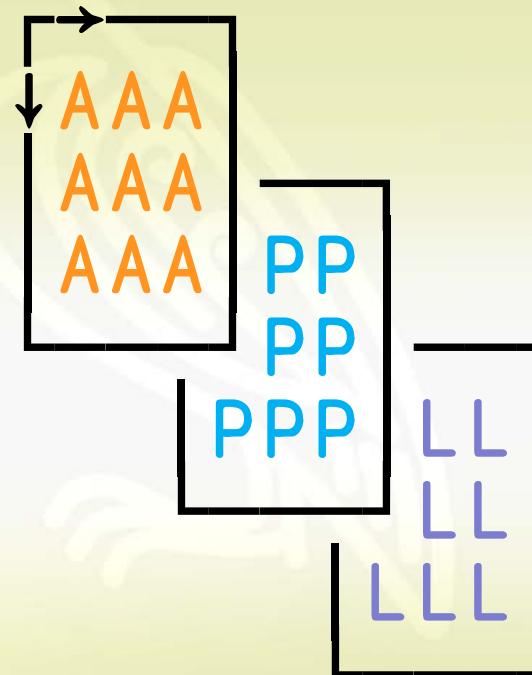
Major Cells: Vector



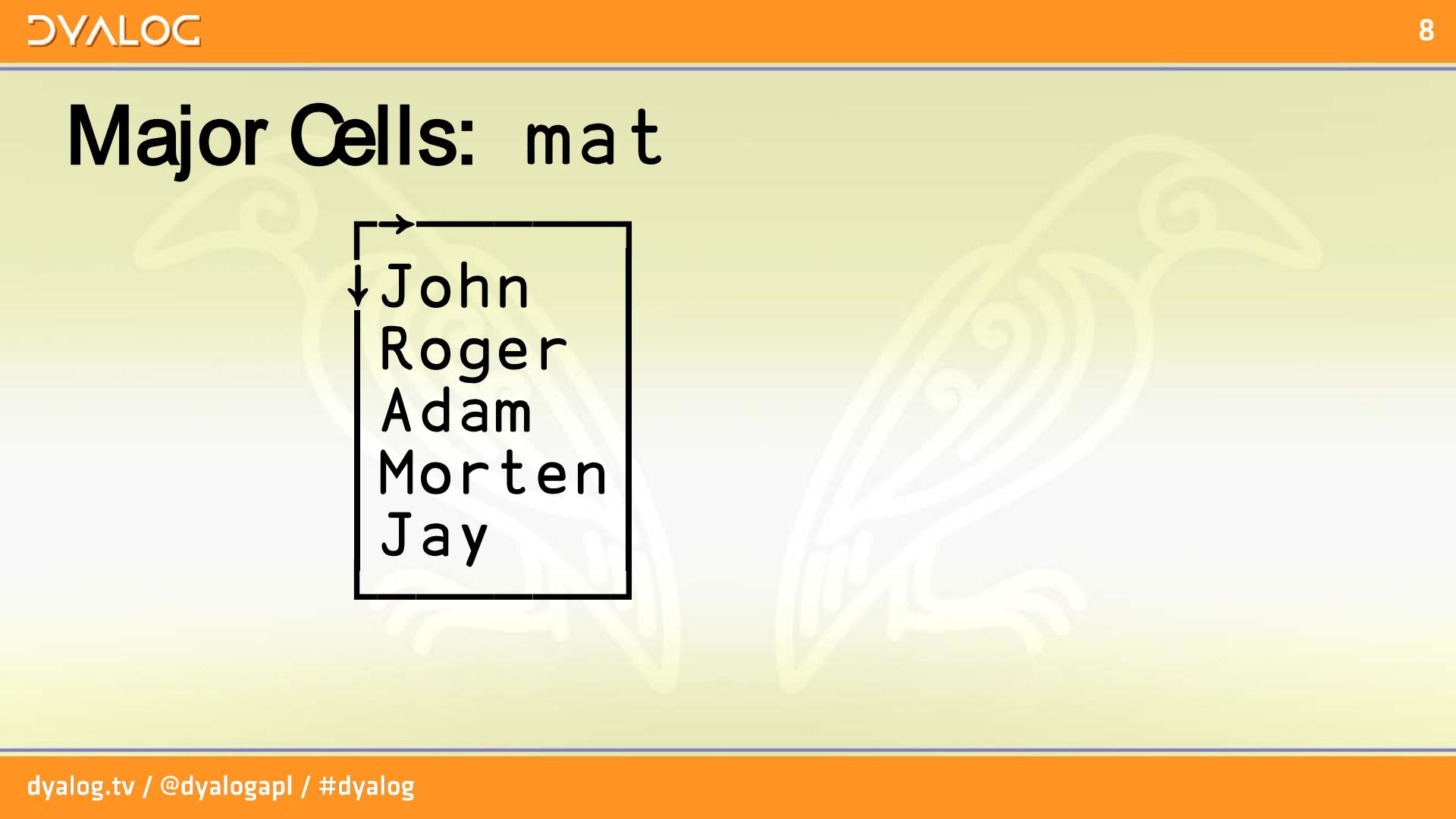
Major Cells: Matrix



Major Cells: Cube

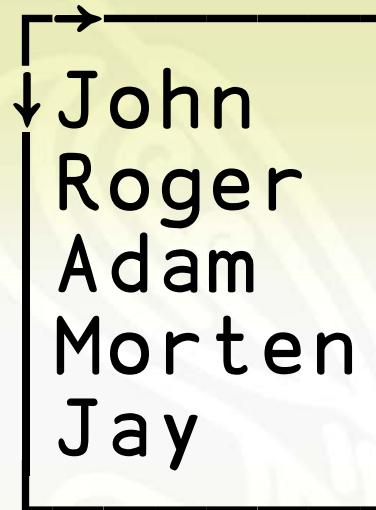


Major Cells: mat



John
Roger
Adam
Morten
Jay

Major Cells: mat



John
Roger
Adam
Morten
Jay

镝 mat
3 5 1 4 2

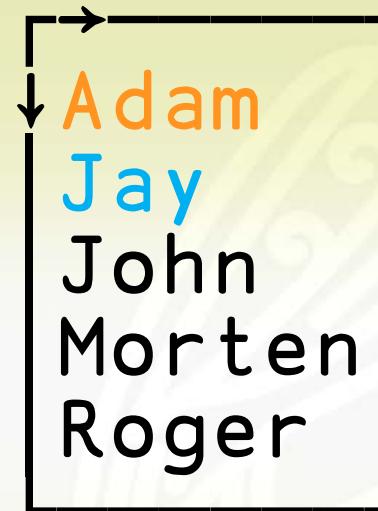
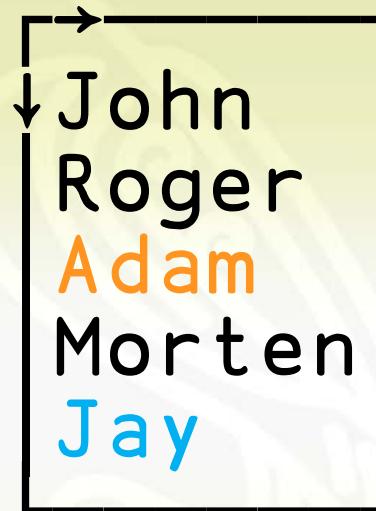
Major Cells: mat

John	Roger	Adam	Morten	Jay

镝 mat
3 5 1 4 2

Major Cells: mat

mat[$\$$ mat ;]



Sorting

mat[⍋mat ;]

{((<⍋ω) □ ω)} mat

Sorting

mat[⍋mat ;]

{(($\subset\!\!\!/\omega$) ⊔ ω)}

mat

Sorting

mat[⍋mat ;]

{(⊂ψω) ⊔ ω} mat

Sorting

mat[��mat;]

Sort ← {($\subset\Delta\omega$) ⊞ ω }

Sorting

mat[⍋mat ;]

Sort ← {((<⍋ω) ⊞ ω)}

Sort 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

Sorting

```
n ← 'Roger' 'Adam' 'Jay'
```

Sort n □ 16.0

DOMAIN ERROR

Sorting

```
n ← 'Roger' 'Adam' 'Jay'
```

Sort n □ 16.0

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Sort n □ 17.0

Sorting

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n ← 'Roger' 'Adam' 'Jay'
```

Sort n □ 16.0

DOMAIN ERROR

Sort n □ 17.0

Adam	Jay	Roger
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¤ That's all, folks!

Total Array Ordering

History

'Morten'
'Roger'

History

'Morten'
'Roger'|'

History

```
A ← 'Morten'  
B ← 'Roger█'
```

History

```
A ← 'Morten'  
B ← 'Roger'
```

```
↳ A , [ 0.5 ] B
```

1 2

History

```
A ← 'Morten'  
B ← 'Roger'
```

```
↳ A , [0.5] B
```

1 2

```
'Morten' ⌢ 'Roger'
```

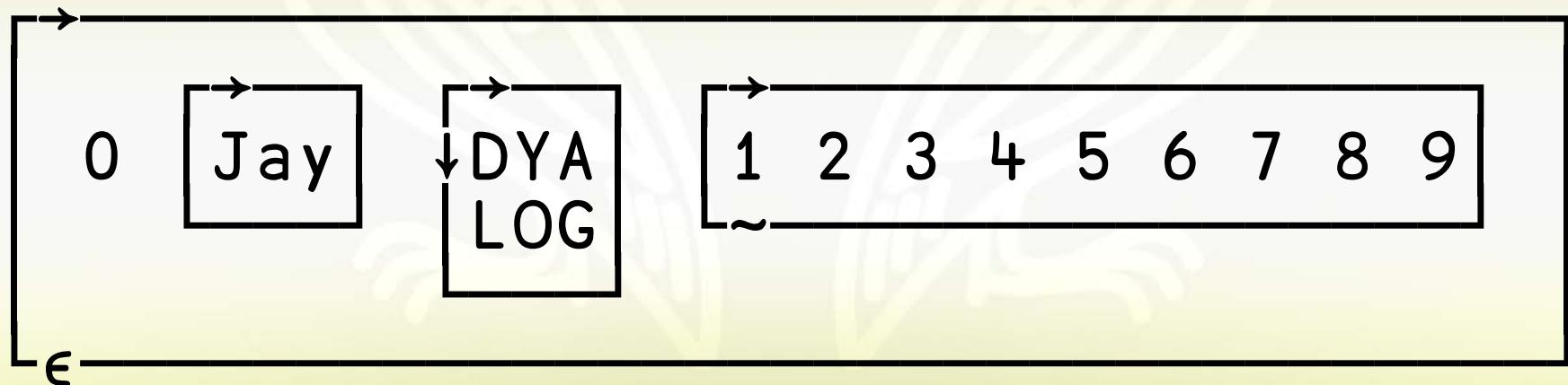
Total Array Ordering

some ↘ other ?
array array

Total Array Ordering

How would you order:

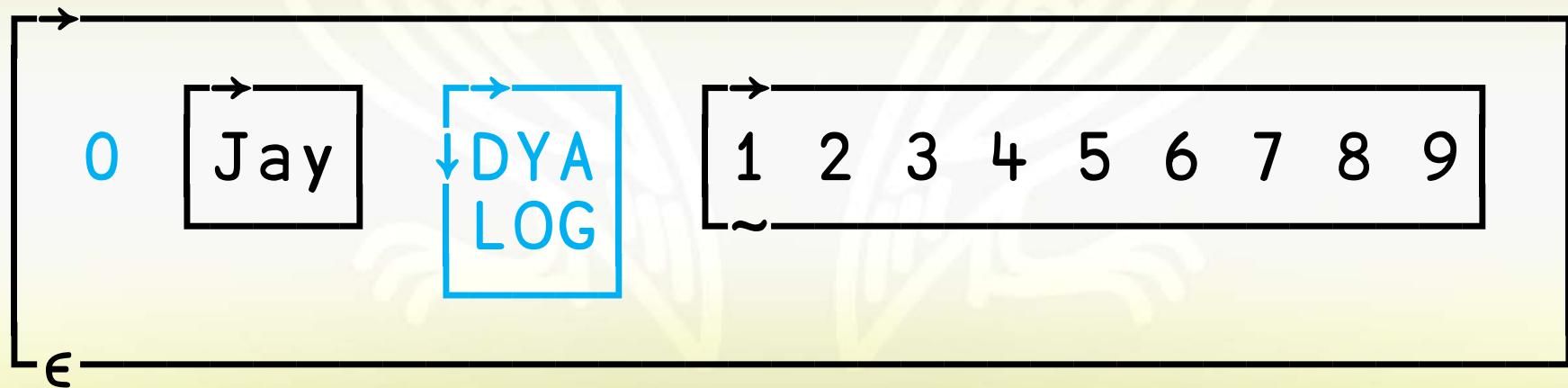
```
□ ← 0 'Jay' (2 3⍴'DYALOG') (i9)
```



Total Array Ordering

How would you order:

```
□ ← 0 'Jay' (2 3⍪'DYALOG') (i9)
```



TAO

Total order

Page issues



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 ↘ other ?
array array

TAO

some ↘ other ?
array array

TAO

some
array
no refs



other ?
array
no refs

TAO Rules

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Compatibility: simple arrays

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

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

TAO Rules

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

$\theta \not\equiv \text{''}'$

TAO Rules: simple scalars

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character vs character:



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character vs character: ✓

real number vs real number: □

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character vs character: ✓

real number vs real number: □

complex: $1 \prec 1J1 \prec 2J\text{---}1 \prec 2$

TAO Rules: simple scalars

character vs character: ✓

real number vs real number: □

complex: $1 \prec 1J1 \prec 2J\text{-}1 \prec 2$

number vs character: $100 \prec 'A'$

TAO Rules: simple scalars

character vs character: ✓

real number vs real number: □

complex: $1 \leftarrow 1J1 \leftarrow 2J\leftarrow 1 \leftarrow 2$

number vs character: $100 \leftarrow 'A'$

null: □NULL $\leftarrow \text{--} 100$

TAO Rules: simple scalars

□NULL ⍨ -1 ⍨ 0J-2 ⍨ 0 ⍨ 0J2 ⍨ 1 ⍨ 'A'

TAO Rules: same shape

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→
Jay

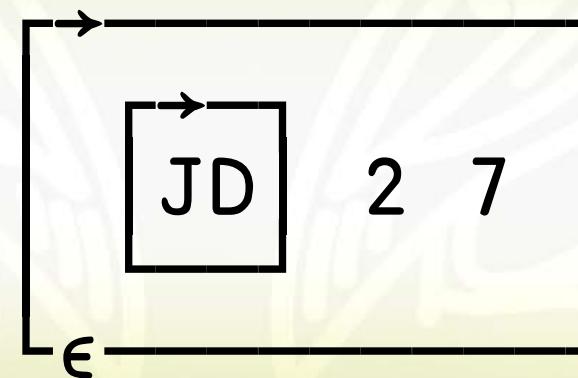
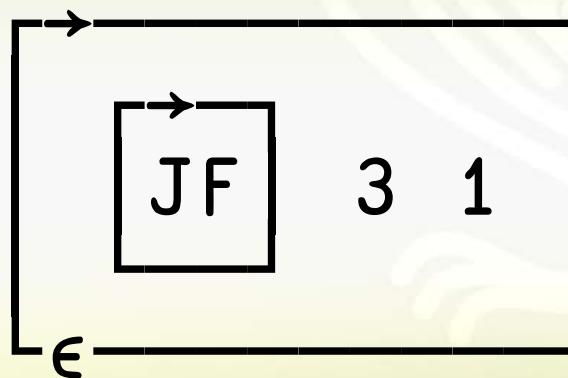
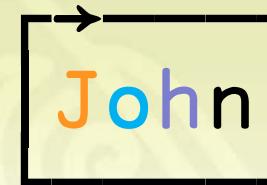
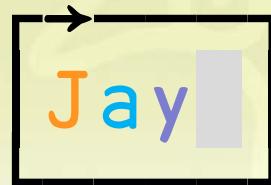
→
John

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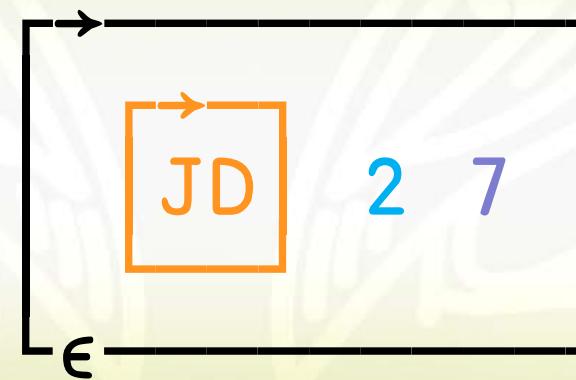
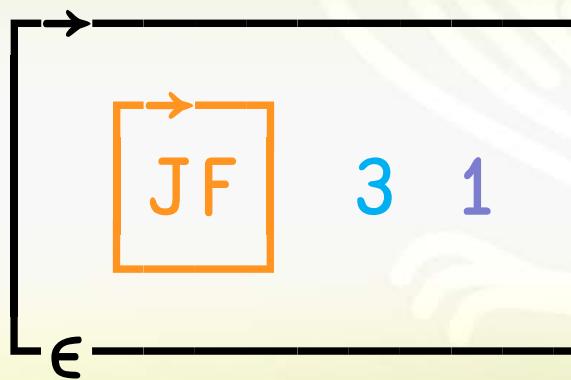
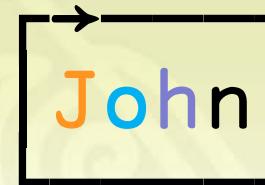
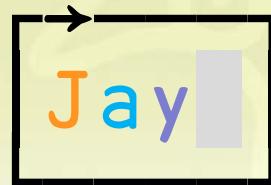
→
Jay

→
John

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'
N_{U_L} N_{U_L} N_{U_L} N_{U_L} N_{U_L} N_{U_L} '

2 1

TAO Rules: different shape



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

TAO Rules: different shape

1 2 3

1 2 3 4

TAO Rules: different shape

-1 -2 -3

-1 -2 -3 -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

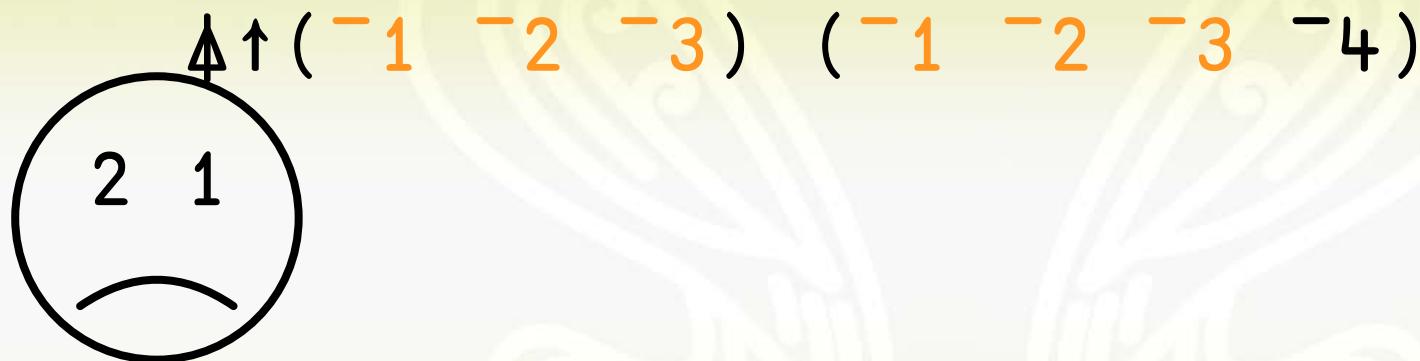
```
↳ ↑ ( -1 -2 -3 ) ( -1 -2 -3 -4 )
```

TAO Rules: different shape

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

2 1

TAO Rules: different shape



TAO Rules: different shape



TAO Rules: different shape

```
8| ⍨ ┌ ┌NULL ┍ - 1 ⍨ 0J-2 ⍨ 0 ⍨ 0J2 ⍨ 1 ⍨ 'A'
```

TAO Rules: different shape

CAR 

CARPENTER

TAO Rules: different shape

CAR~~oo-----~~

CARPENTER

TAO Rules: different shape

1	2
1	2
1	2

1	2	3
1	2	3

TAO Rules: different shape

1	2	18
1	2	18
1	2	18

1	2	3
1	2	3
8	8	8

TAO Rules: different shape

1 2 8
1 2 8 | 8 |
1 2 8 |

1 2 3
1 2 3
8 | 8 | 8 |

TAO Rules: different shape

1	2	8
1	2	8 8
1	2	8



1	2	3
1	2	3
8	8	8

TAO Rules: different rank

APL

Adam
Jay
Roger

TAO Rules: different rank

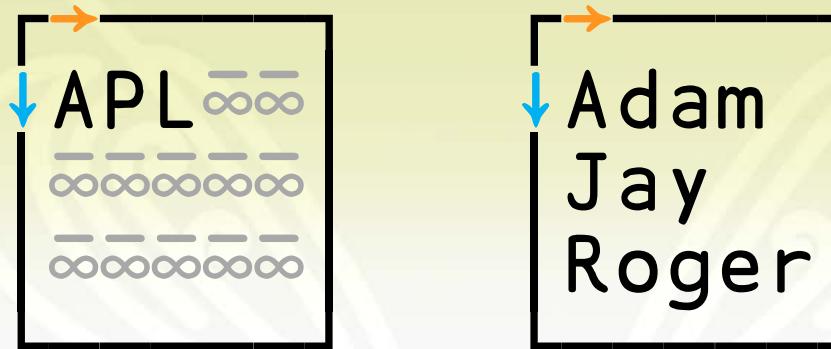
APL

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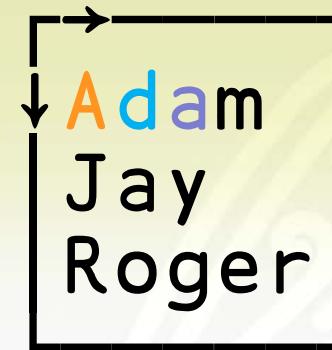
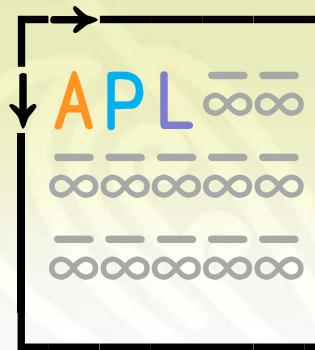
Adam
Jay
Roger

A diagram consisting of a black rectangular box containing the text "Adam", "Jay", and "Roger", each on a new line. Two arrows point towards the top-left corner of the box: one orange arrow pointing diagonally up and to the left, and one blue arrow pointing vertically downwards.

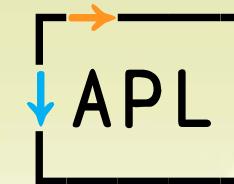
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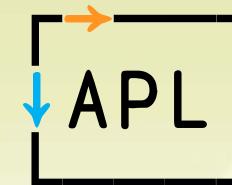
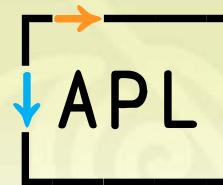
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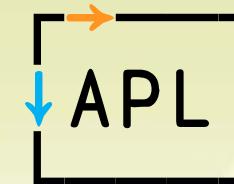
TAO Rules: different rank



TAO Rules: different rank



1



2

TAO Rules: different rank

scalar
'A'

A

vector
'APL'

APL

vector
 3β 'APL'

APL

1-row matrix
1 3β 'APL'

APL

TAO Rules: recap

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

same shape item-by-item in ravel order

unequal shape pad with $\bar{\infty}$

unequal rank prefix shape with 1s

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0ρθ

0 0 3ρ' '

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0ρθ

0 0 3ρ' '

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0ρθ

2 0 3ρθ

0 0 3ρ' '

2 0 3ρ' '

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0 ⍵θ

0 0 3 ⍵ ''

θ prototypical items

or

2 0 0 original shapes 0 0 3
?

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0 ⍵θ

0 0 3 ⍵ ''

θ prototypical items ''

2 0 0 original shapes 0 0 3

TAO Rules: empty arrays

2 0 0 ⍵θ

0 0 3 ⍵θ

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 $\bar{\infty}$

unequal rank prefix shape with 1s

both empty type then shape

TAO Scope

 $\Phi \omega$ $\Psi \omega$ $\alpha \underline{l} \omega$

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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TAO: a true team effort

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=: -!:.
```

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DYALOC

`precedes ← 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: '6' le 6
differing rank: 3 le ,3
differing shape: 5 4 le 5 4 3
differing depth: (∞)le ∞
complex numbers: 7j8 le 8j7

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Demo

Features coming in version 17.0...

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 ← {(ω₁α)(↑;α;↓)ω}
new Into pb
```

Spreadsheet Data Types

```
ss ← ([]NEWc'Clipboard').Array
Sort ss
ss[↓ss[;1 3];]
```

Natural Sorting

```
)clear
]load /tao/names
Digits ← {ω∊□D}
Digits 'my10b'
CutOffs ← {1,2≠/Digits ω}
CutOffs 'my10b'
Parts ← {(CutOffs ω)≤ω}
Parts 'my10b'
ExecNums ← {^/Digits ω:↓ω ◇ ω}
ExecNums``Parts 'my10b'
Order ← {↓ExecNums```Parts``ω}
Order names
NatSort ← {(<Order ω)[]ω}
NatSort names
]defs -topdown
```

Features coming in version 17.0

Grade and Sort any^{no refs} Array

$$\{(\triangleleft\omega)\bowtie\omega\}$$

for all ranks – *fast!*

$$\triangleleft\omega$$
$$\bowtie\omega$$
$$\alpha \underline{l} \omega$$

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