Getting the Next and the Previous NSIndexPath Instances

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Very often, when you work with `UITableViewController`s driven by `NSFetchedResultsController`s, that you want to get the "previous" or the "next" elements in the results controller. Visually, this operation corresponds, from the point of view of the user, to select the cell that sits immediately above or below from the currently selected one.

Of course, you can't just `++` on the current `NSIndexPath`, because these objects have both a `section` and a `row` component, and the math required to jump from one to the other can be quite cumbersome; instead, it would be useful to have a reusable set of methods, and avoid the clutter in our controllers.

I have created a very simple category on the `NSFetchedResultsController` class that retrieves the "next" and the "last" `NSIndexPath` given any other `NSIndexPath`; this can be dropped and reused in your projects and is very simple to use.

Interface

```objc
#import "CoreData/CoreData.h"

@interface NSFetchedResultsController (AKOLibrary)

- (NSIndexPath *)ako_incrementIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)oldIndexPath;

- (NSIndexPath *)ako_decrementIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)oldIndexPath;

@end
```

Implementation

```objc
#import "NSFetchedResultsController+AKOLibrary.h"

@implementation NSFetchedResultsController (AKOLibrary)

- (NSIndexPath *)ako_incrementIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)oldIndexPath
{
    NSIndexPath *nextIndexPath = nil;
```

```objc
    id <NSFetchedResultsSectionInfo> sectionInfo = [[self sections] objectAtIndex:oldIndex
    NSInteger rowCount = [sectionInfo numberOfObjects];

    NSInteger nextRow = oldIndexPath.row + 1;
    NSInteger currentSection = oldIndexPath.section;
    if (nextRow = 0)
    {
        previousIndexPath = [NSIndexPath indexPathForRow:nextRow inSection:currentSection]
    }
    else
    {
        NSInteger nextSection = currentSection - 1;
        if (nextSection &gt;= 0)
        {
            previousIndexPath = [NSIndexPath indexPathForRow:0 inSection:nextSection];
        }
    }

    return previousIndexPath;
}

@end
```

How to use

To use this class, just do the following:

```objc
NSIndexPath *indexPath = [NSIndexPath indexPathForRow:19 inSection:4];

NSIndexPath *next = [controller ako_incrementIndexPath:indexPath];
NSIndexPath *previous = [controller ako_decrementIndexPath:indexPath];
```

If the NSIndexPath (19,4) was the last of whole table, next would be nil. The same, if NSIndexPath was the first (0, 0), then previous would be nil. In all other situations, the next and previous index paths will correspond to the cells immediately above or below from the current table.

Hope this helps!