

# CSC 212: Data Structures and Abstractions

## 08: Queues

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## Solution to lab problem

```
int eval(const std::string& exp) {
    std::stack<int> operands;
    std::stack<char> operators;

    for (size_t i = 0 ; i < exp.length() ; ++i) {
        if (exp[i] == ' ' || exp[i] == '(') {
            continue;
        } else if (isdigit(exp[i])) {
            operands.push(exp[i] - '0');
        } else if (exp[i] == '+' || exp[i] == '-' || exp[i] == '*' || exp[i] == '/') {
            operators.push(exp[i]);
        } else if (exp[i] == ')') {
            int right = operands.top();
            operands.pop();
            int left = operands.top();
            operands.pop();
            char op = operators.top();
            operators.pop();
            switch (op) {
                case '+': operands.push(left + right); break;
                case '-': operands.push(left - right); break;
                case '*': operands.push(left * right); break;
                case '/': operands.push(left / right); break;
            }
        }
    }
    return operands.top();
}
```

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## Stacks

- Consider a stack implemented by a dynamic array (insertion and deletion at the end)
  - what is the computational cost?

|      |                  |
|------|------------------|
| Push | $O(1)$ amortized |
| Pop  | $O(1)$           |

- Consider a stack implemented by a dynamic array (insertion and deletion at the beginning)
  - what is the computational cost?

both operations require  
shifting elements

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| Push | $O(n)$ |
| Pop  | $O(n)$ |

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## std::stack

Defined in header <stack>

```
template<
    class T,
    class Container = std::deque<T>
> class stack;
```

The `std::stack` class is a **container adaptor** that gives the programmer the functionality of a **stack** - specifically, a LIFO (last-in, first-out) data structure.

The class template acts as a wrapper to the underlying container - only a specific set of functions is provided. The stack pushes and pops the element from the back of the underlying container, known as the top of the stack.

### Member functions

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| (constructor)         | constructs the stack<br>(public member function)                          |
| (destructor)          | destructs the stack<br>(public member function)                           |
| operator=             | assigns values to the container adaptor<br>(public member function)       |
| <b>Element access</b> |   |
| top                   | accesses the top element<br>(public member function)                      |
| <b>Capacity</b>       |   |
| empty                 | checks whether the container adaptor is empty<br>(public member function) |
| size                  | returns the number of elements<br>(public member function)                |
| <b>Modifiers</b>      |   |
| push                  | inserts element at the top<br>(public member function)                    |
| push_range (C++23)    | inserts a range of elements at the top<br>(public member function)        |
| emplace (C++11)       | constructs element in-place at the top<br>(public member function)        |
| pop                   | removes the top element<br>(public member function)                       |
| swap (C++11)          | swaps the contents<br>(public member function)                            |

```
#include <cassert>
#include <stack>

int main()
{
    std::stack<int> stack;
    assert(stack.size() == 0);

    const int count = 8;
    for (int i = 0 ; i != count ; ++i) {
        stack.push(i);
    }
    assert(stack.size() == count);
}
```

<https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/container/stack>

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# Queues

## Queues

### • First-in-first-out

- ✓ a **queue** is a linear data structure that follows the (FIFO) principle
- ✓ the first element added to the queue is the first one to be removed
- analogous to a real-world queue, such as a line of people waiting for service

### • Main operations

- ✓ **Enqueue**: add an element to the end of the queue
- ✓ **Dequeue**: remove an element from the front of the queue

### • Applications

- ✓ scheduling tasks in operating systems, managing requests in web servers, implementing breadth-first search (BFS) in graph algorithms, etc.



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## Practice

- What is the output of this code?

```
Queue<int> s1, s2;

s1.enqueue(100);
s2.enqueue(s1.dequeue());
s1.enqueue(200);
s1.enqueue(300);
s2.enqueue(s1.dequeue());
s2.enqueue(s1.dequeue());

s1.enqueue(s2.dequeue());
s1.enqueue(s2.dequeue());

while (!s1.empty()) {
    std::cout << s1.dequeue() << std::endl;
}

while (!s2.empty()) {
    std::cout << s2.dequeue() << std::endl;
}
```

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## Practice

- Write a function that modifies a queue of elements by replacing every element with two copies of itself
  - ✓ for example: [a, b, c] becomes [a, a, b, b, c, c]

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## Implementation

- Using arrays

- ✓ ensure **enqueue** and **dequeue** work at different ends of the array
- ✓ array can be fixed-length or a dynamic array (additional cost)

- Considerations

- ✓ underflow: throw an error when calling dequeue on an empty queue
- ✓ overflow: throw an error when calling enqueue on a full queue

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## Implementation

- Array-based (standard)

- ✓ enqueue at the end —  $O(1)$  cost (amortized cost if using a dynamic array)
- ✓ dequeue from the beginning —  $O(n)$  cost
  - requires shifting elements

- Array-based (alternative)

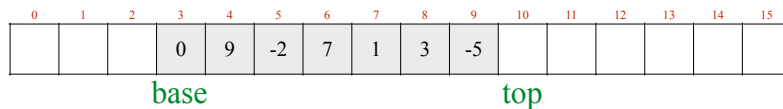
- ✓ enqueue at the beginning —  $O(n)$  cost
  - requires shifting elements
- ✓ dequeue from the end —  $O(1)$  cost

- Circular array

- ✓ enqueue at the end —  $O(1)$  cost (amortized cost if using a dynamic array)
- ✓ dequeue from the beginning —  $O(1)$  cost
- ✓ more efficient approach, as it eliminates the need for shifting elements
- ✓ requires handling wrap-around at array boundaries

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## Circular array



<https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/QueueArray.html>

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```
// implements a (circular) queue using a fixed-size array
class Queue {
private:
    // array to store queue elements
    int *array;
    // maximum number of elements queue can hold
    int length;
    // index of the first element in the queue
    int base;
    // index of the last element in the queue
    int top;

public:
    Queue(int);
    ~Queue();

    // adds an element to the end of the queue
    void enqueue(int);
    // removes the first element from the queue
    int dequeue();
};
```

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## Practice

- Design an algorithm to:
  - ✓ load a number of audio files (songs)
  - ✓ play them in a continuous loop

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## Practice

- Write an algorithm to reverse the order of elements of a queue (hint: can use a separate stack)
- Write an algorithm that accepts a queue of elements and appends the queue's contents to itself in reverse order (hint: can use a separate stack)
  - ✓ for example: [a, b, c] becomes [a, b, c, c, b, a]

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### std::queue

Defined in header `<queue>`

```
template<
    class T,
    class Container = std::deque<T>
> class queue;
```

The `std::queue` class template is a [container adaptor](#) that gives the functionality of a [queue](#) - specifically, a FIFO (first-in, first-out) data structure.

The class template acts as a wrapper to the underlying container - only a specific set of functions is provided. The queue pushes the elements on the back of the underlying container and pops them from the front.

#### Member functions

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| (constructor)         | constructs the queue<br>(public member function)                          |
| (destructor)          | destructs the queue<br>(public member function)                           |
| operator=             | assigns values to the container adaptor<br>(public member function)       |
| <b>Element access</b> |   |
| front                 | access the first element<br>(public member function)                      |
| back                  | access the last element<br>(public member function)                       |
| <b>Capacity</b>       |   |
| empty                 | checks whether the container adaptor is empty<br>(public member function) |
| size                  | returns the number of elements<br>(public member function)                |
| <b>Modifiers</b>      |   |
| push                  | inserts element at the end<br>(public member function)                    |
| push_range (C++23)    | inserts a range of elements at the end<br>(public member function)        |
| emplace (C++11)       | constructs element in-place at the end<br>(public member function)        |
| pop                   | removes the first element<br>(public member function)                     |
| swap (C++11)          | swaps the contents<br>(public member function)                            |

```
#include <cassert>
#include <queue>

int main()
{
    std::queue<int> queue;
    assert(queue.size() == 0);

    const int count = 8;
    for (int i = 0 ; i != count ; ++i) {
        queue.push(i);
    }
    assert(queue.size() == count);
}
```

<https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/container/queue>

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## Dequeues

# Dequeues

## Double-ended queue

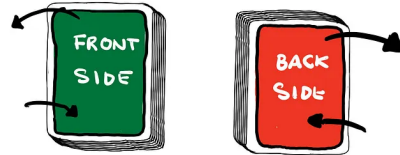
- ✓ a **deque** (pronounced “deck”) is a linear data structure that allows insertion and removal of elements from both ends
- ✓ combines the capabilities of stacks and queues

## Main operations

- ✓ **InsertFront, InsertEnd**: add an element to the front or to the end of the queue respectively
- ✓ **DeleteFront, DeleteEnd**: remove an element from the front or from the end of the queue respectively

## Applications

- ✓ task scheduling, undo/redo functionality, web browser history (forward/backward), sliding window problems, palindrome checking, etc.



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# Implementation

## Using arrays

- ✓ array can be fixed-length or a dynamic array (additional cost)

## Considerations

- ✓ underflow: throw an error when calling “remove” on an empty queue
- ✓ overflow: throw an error when calling “insert” on a full queue

## Circular array

- ✓ use a circular array to allow efficient operations at both ends
- ✓  $O(1)$  cost for all operations
  - “InsertEnd” has an amortized constant time if using a dynamic array

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## std::deque

Defined in header <deque>

```
template<
    class T,
    class Allocator = std::allocator<T>
> class deque; (1)

namespace pmr {
    template< class T >
        using deque = std::deque<T, std::pmr::polymorphic_allocator<T>>; (2) (since C++17)
}
```

std::deque (double-ended queue) is an indexed sequence container that allows fast insertion and deletion at both its beginning and its end. In addition, insertion and deletion at either end of a deque never invalidates pointers or references to the rest of the elements.

As opposed to `std::vector`, the elements of a deque are not stored contiguously: typical implementations use a sequence of individually allocated fixed-size arrays, with additional bookkeeping, which means indexed access to deque must perform two pointer dereferences, compared to vector's indexed access which performs only one.

The storage of a deque is automatically expanded and contracted as needed. Expansion of a deque is cheaper than the expansion of a `std::vector` because it does not involve copying of the existing elements to a new memory location. On the other hand, deques typically have large minimal memory cost; a deque holding just one element has to allocate its full internal array (e.g. 8 times the object size on 64-bit libstdc++; 16 times the object size or 4096 bytes, whichever is larger, on 64-bit libc++).

The complexity (efficiency) of common operations on deques is as follows:

- Random access - constant  $O(1)$ .
- Insertion or removal of elements at the end or beginning - constant  $O(1)$ .
- Insertion or removal of elements - linear  $O(n)$ .

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## Member functions

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| (constructor)         | constructs the deque<br>(public member function)                          |
| (destructor)          | destructs the deque<br>(public member function)                           |
| operator=             | assigns values to the container<br>(public member function)               |
| assign                | assigns values to the container<br>(public member function)               |
| assign_range(C++23)   | assigns a range of values to the container<br>(public member function)    |
| get_allocator         | returns the associated allocator<br>(public member function)              |
| <b>Element access</b> |   |
| at                    | access specified element with bounds checking<br>(public member function) |
| operator[]            | access specified element<br>(public member function)                      |
| front                 | access the first element<br>(public member function)                      |
| back                  | access the last element<br>(public member function)                       |
| <b>Iterators</b>      |   |
| begin                 | returns an iterator to the beginning<br>(public member function)          |
| cbegin(C++11)         | returns an iterator to the beginning<br>(public member function)          |
| end                   | returns an iterator to the end<br>(public member function)                |
| cend(C++11)           | returns an iterator to the end<br>(public member function)                |
| rbegin                | returns a reverse iterator to the beginning<br>(public member function)   |
| crbegin(C++11)        | returns a reverse iterator to the beginning<br>(public member function)   |
| rend                  | returns a reverse iterator to the end<br>(public member function)         |
| crend(C++11)          | returns a reverse iterator to the end<br>(public member function)         |

## Capacity

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| empty                | checks whether the container is empty<br>(public member function)           |
| size                 | returns the number of elements<br>(public member function)                  |
| max_size             | returns the maximum possible number of elements<br>(public member function) |
| shrink_to_fit(DR*)   | reduces memory usage by freeing unused memory<br>(public member function)   |
| <b>Modifiers</b>     |   |
| clear                | clears the contents<br>(public member function)                             |
| insert               | inserts elements<br>(public member function)                                |
| insert_range(C++23)  | inserts a range of elements<br>(public member function)                     |
| emplace(C++11)       | constructs element in-place<br>(public member function)                     |
| erase                | erases elements<br>(public member function)                                 |
| push_back            | adds an element to the end<br>(public member function)                      |
| emplace_back(C++11)  | constructs an element in-place at the end<br>(public member function)       |
| append_range(C++23)  | adds a range of elements to the end<br>(public member function)             |
| pop_back             | removes the last element<br>(public member function)                        |
| push_front           | inserts an element to the beginning<br>(public member function)             |
| emplace_front(C++11) | constructs an element in-place at the beginning<br>(public member function) |
| prepend_range(C++23) | adds a range of elements to the beginning<br>(public member function)       |
| pop_front            | removes the first element<br>(public member function)                       |
| resize               | changes the number of elements stored<br>(public member function)           |
| swap                 | swaps the contents<br>(public member function)                              |

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```
#include <deque>
#include <iostream>

int main()
{
    // create a deque containing integers
    std::deque<int> d = {7, 5, 16, 8};

    // add an integer to the beginning and end of the deque
    d.push_front(13);
    d.push_back(25);

    // iterate and print values of deque
    for (int n : d) {
        std::cout << n << ' ';
    }
    std::cout << '\n';
}
```