Programming and Algorithms

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Week 10 – Lecture 1 & 2: Stack and Queue

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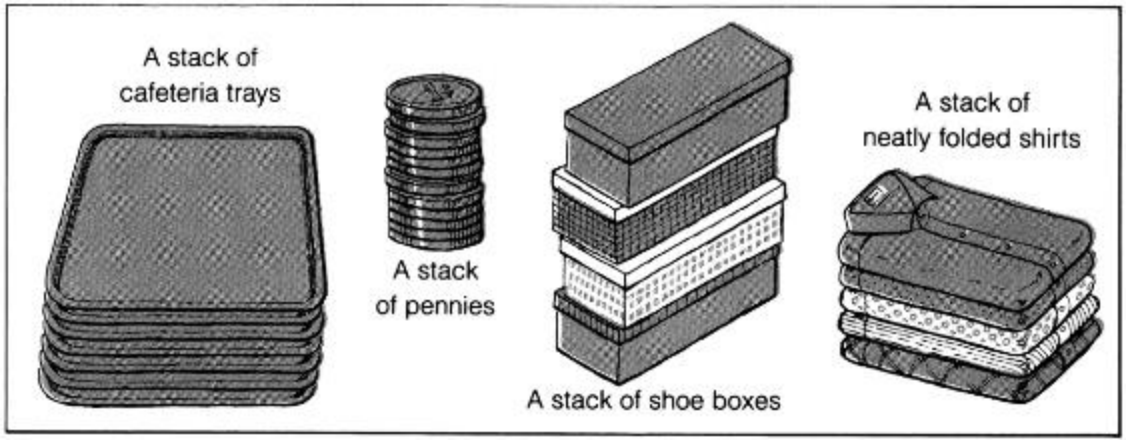
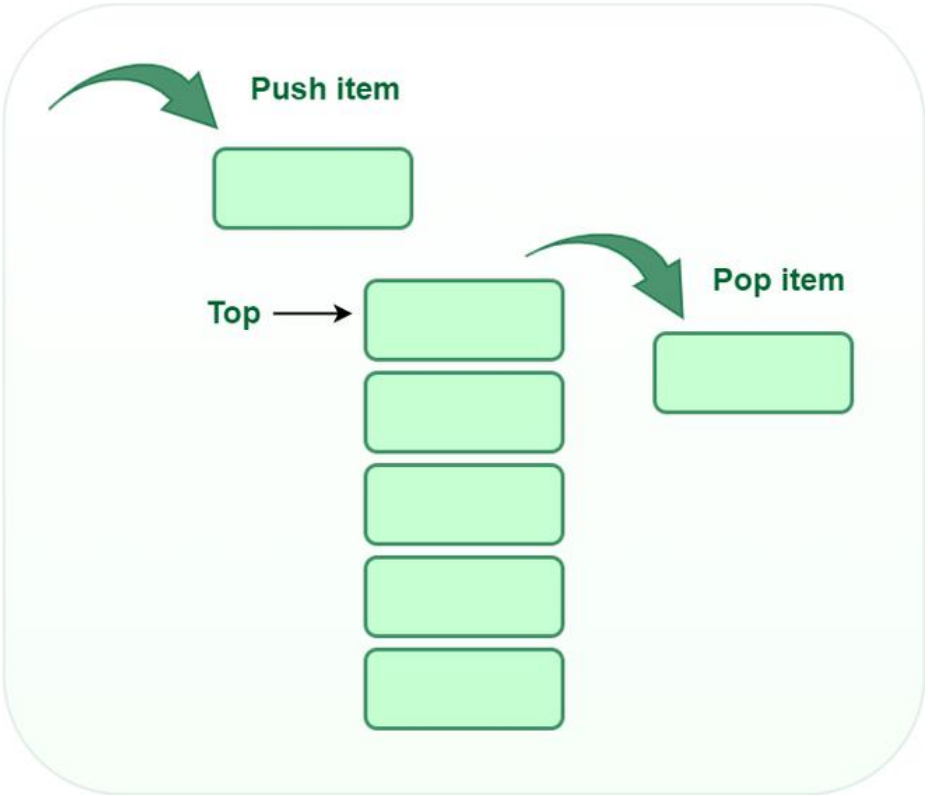
Stack

Stack: Introduction

- It is an ordered group of homogeneous items of elements.
- Elements are added to and removed from the top of the stack (the most recently added items are at the top of the stack).
- The last element to be added is the first to be removed (LIFO: Last in, First Out).



Stack: Introduction cont…



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Stack: basic operations

- Basic Stack Operations:
  - Initialize the Stack
  - Is the stack empty/underflow?
  - Is the stack full/overflow?
  - Push an item onto the top of the stack (insert an item)
  - Pop an item off the top of the stack (delete an item)

Stack: creation

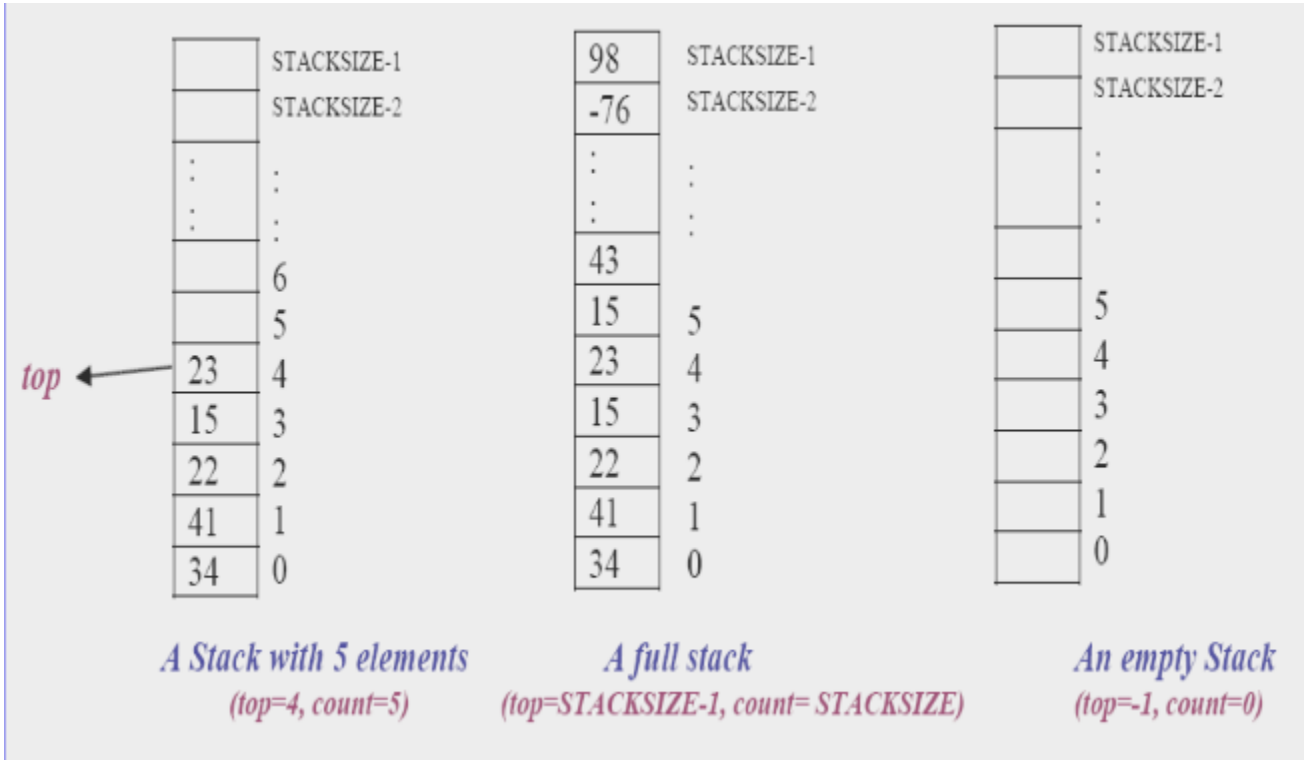
- The stacks can be created by the use of **Arrays** or **Linked lists.**
  - One way to create stack is to have a data structure where a variable called top keeps the location of the elements in the stack (array)
  - An array is used to store the elements in the stack

Stack: creation using Array

```
struct Stack
{
   unsigned capacity; // keeps the number of elements in the stack.
   int top;  //indicates the location of the top of the stack
   int *array;  //pointer to the array to store the stack elements
};

struct Stack* createStack(unsigned capacity)
{
   struct Stack* stack = (struct Stack*)malloc(sizeof(struct Stack));
   stack->capacity = capacity;
   stack->top = -1;
   stack->array = (int*)malloc(stack->capacity * sizeof(int));
   return stack;
}
```

Stack: creation using Array cont…



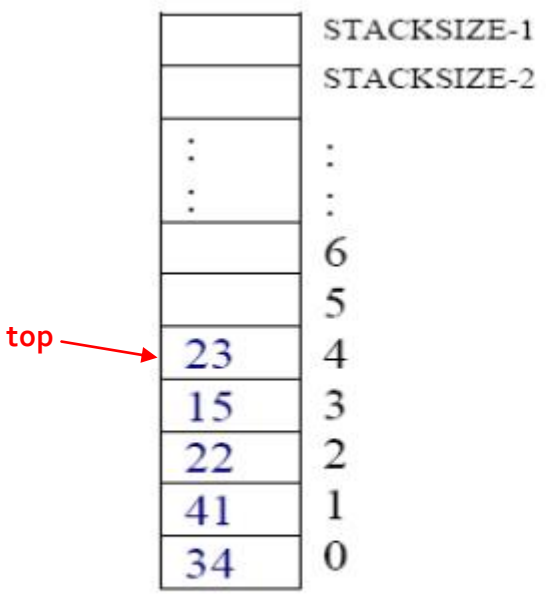
Stack: isFull or isEmpty

```
// Stack is full when top is equal to the last index
int isFull(struct Stack* stack)
{
    return stack->top == stack->capacity - 1;
}

// Stack is empty when top is equal to -1
int isEmpty(struct Stack* stack)
{
    return stack->top == -1;
}
```

Stack: Push operation

Push an item onto the top of the stack (insert an item)



Before PUSH
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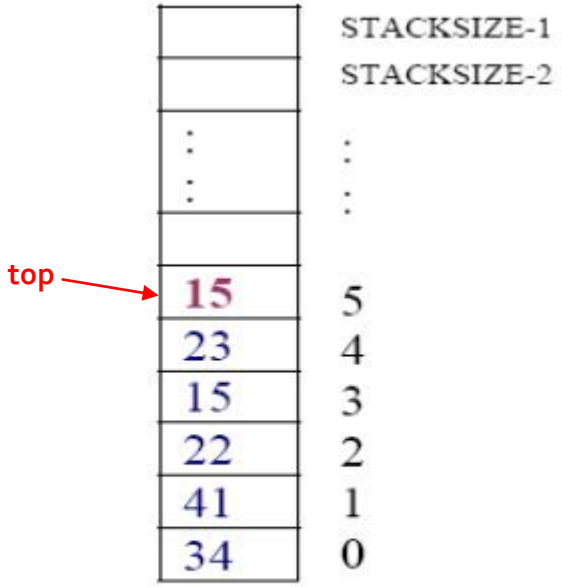


After PUSH
(top=5, count= 6)

Stack: Push operation

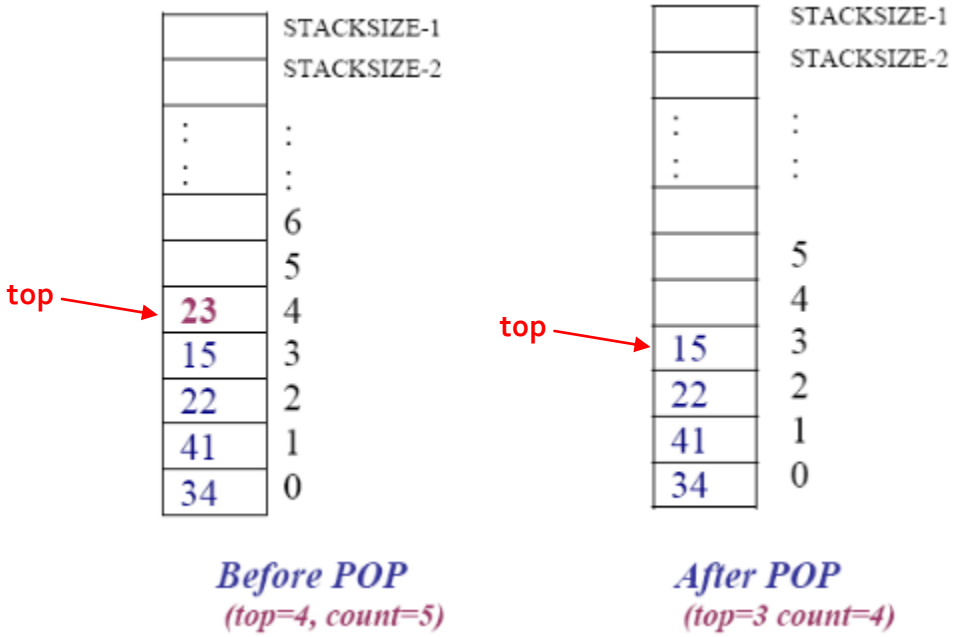
- *Function*: Adds new item to the top of the stack
- *Precondition*: stack has been initialized and is not full.
- *Post condition:* new item is at the top of the stack

Stack: push operation cont…

```
// Function to add an item to stack.  It increases top by 1
void push(struct Stack* stack, int item)
{
    if (isFull(stack))
        return;
    stack->array[++stack->top] = item;
    printf("%d pushed to stack\n", item);
}
```

Stack: pop operation

- Pop an item off the top of the stack (delete an item)



Stack: pop operation cont..

- *Function:* Removes top item from stack and returns with top item.
- *Preconditions:* Stack has been initialized and is not empty.
- *Post conditions:* Top element has been removed from stack and the function returns with the top element.

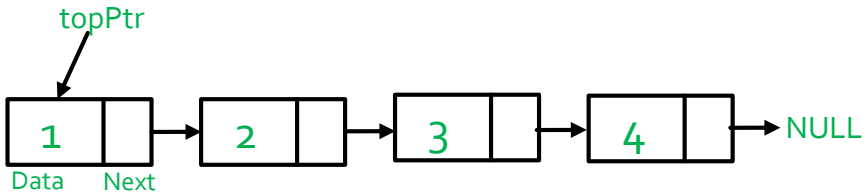
Stack: pop operation cont..

```
// Function to remove an item from stack.  It decreases top by 1
int pop(struct Stack* stack)
{
    if (isEmpty(stack))
        return -1;
    return stack->array[stack->top--];
}
```

Stack: creation using Linked list

```
struct StackNode {
   int data;
   struct StackNode* next;
};

struct StackNode* newNode(int data)
{
   struct StackNode* stackNode = (struct StackNode*)malloc(sizeof(struct StackNode));
   stackNode->data = data;
   stackNode->next = NULL;
   return stackNode;
}
```

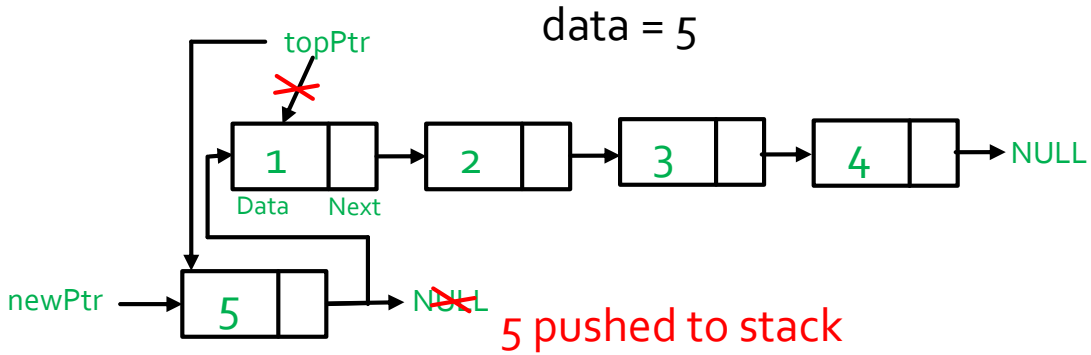


Stack: isEmpty

```
int isEmpty(struct StackNode* topPtr)
{
    return ! topPtr;
}
```

Stack: push operation

```
void push(struct  StackNode** topPtr, int data)
{
   struct  StackNode* newPtr = newNode(data);
   newPtr ->next = * topPtr;
   * topPtr = newPtr;
   printf("%d pushed to stack\n", data);
}
```



Stack: pop operation

```
int pop(struct StackNode** topPtr)
{
   if (isEmpty(* topPtr))
      return -1;
   struct  StackNode* tmpPtr = * topPtr;
   * topPtr = (* topPtr)->next;
   int popped = tmpPtr ->data;
   free(tmpPtr);
   return popped;
}
```

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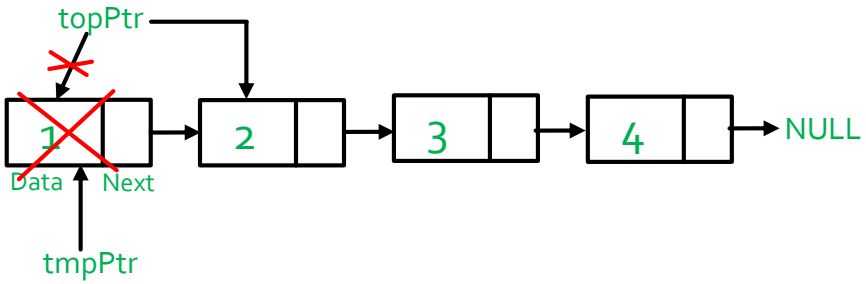


Stack: applications

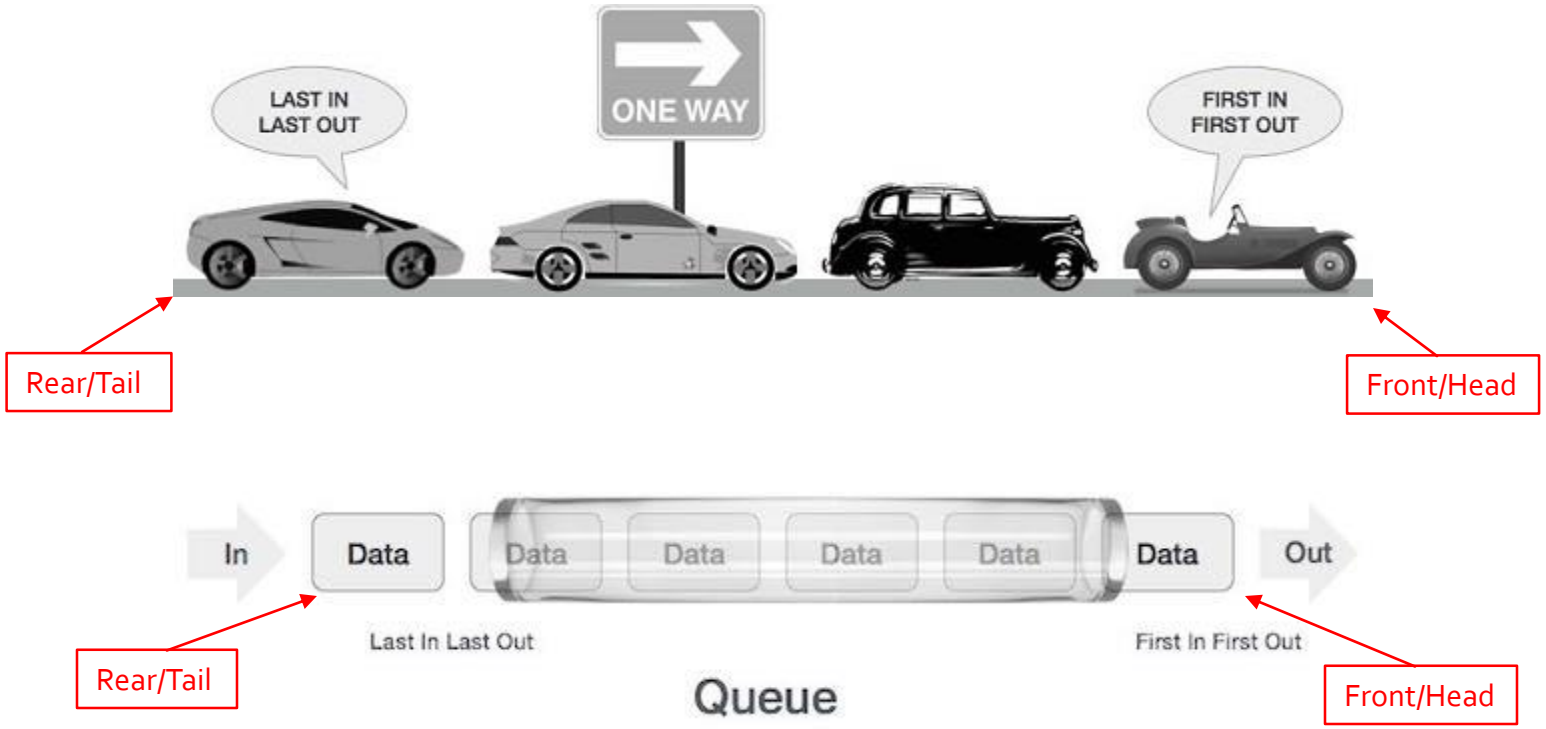
- Expression evaluation
- Expression conversion: prefix to infix, postfix to infix, infix to prefix, and infix to postfix
- Argument passing in C
- Parsing

Queue

Queue: introduction

- Unlike stacks, a queue is open at both its ends.
- One end (rear/tail end) is always used to insert data (enqueue) and the other (front/head end) is used to remove data (dequeue).
- Queue follows First-In-First-Out methodology, i.e., the data item stored first will be accessed first.

Queue: introduction cont...



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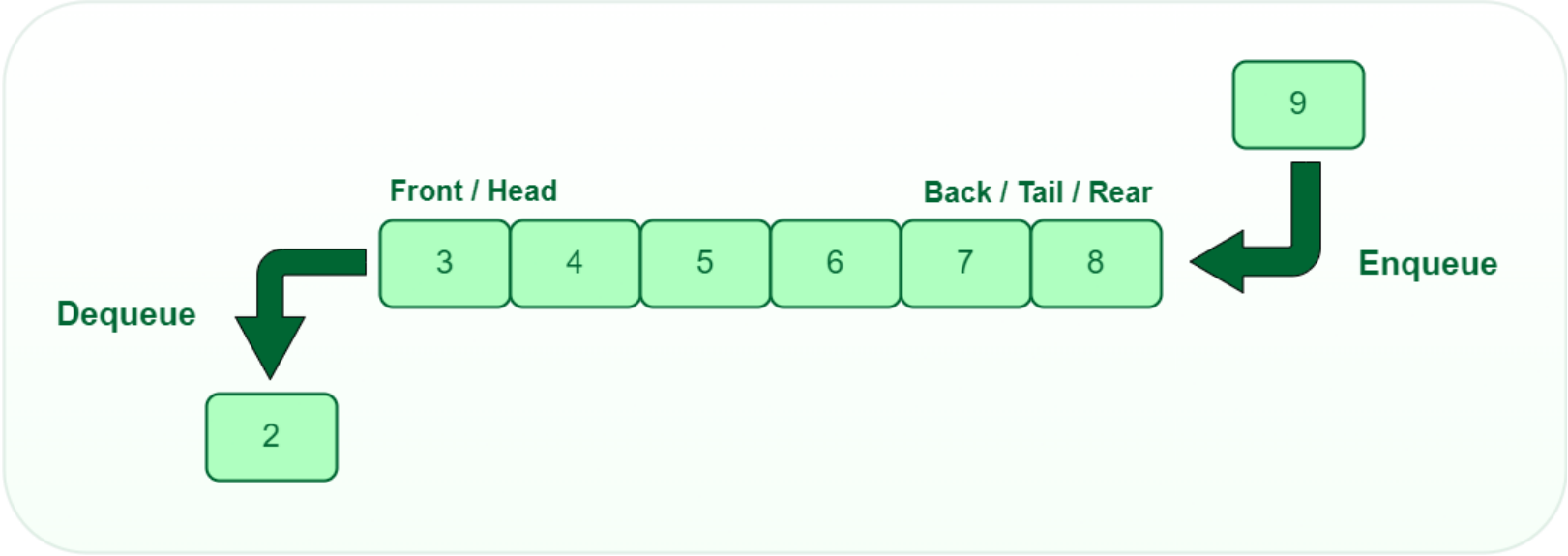

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Queue: basic operations

- **enqueue()** – add (store) an item to the queue.
- **dequeue()** – remove (access) an item from the queue.
- **isFull()** – Checks if the queue is full/overflow.
- **isEmpty()** – Checks if the queue is empty/underflow.

Queue: creation with array

```
// A structure to represent a queue
struct Queue
{
    int front, rear, size;
    unsigned capacity;
    int* array;
};

// function to create a queue of given capacity.
// It initializes size of queue as 0
struct Queue* createQueue(unsigned capacity)
{
    struct Queue* queue = (struct Queue*) malloc(sizeof(struct Queue));
    queue->capacity = capacity;
    queue->front = queue->size = 0;
    queue->rear = capacity - 1;  // This is important, see the enqueue
    queue->array = (int*) malloc(queue->capacity * sizeof(int));
    return queue;
}
```

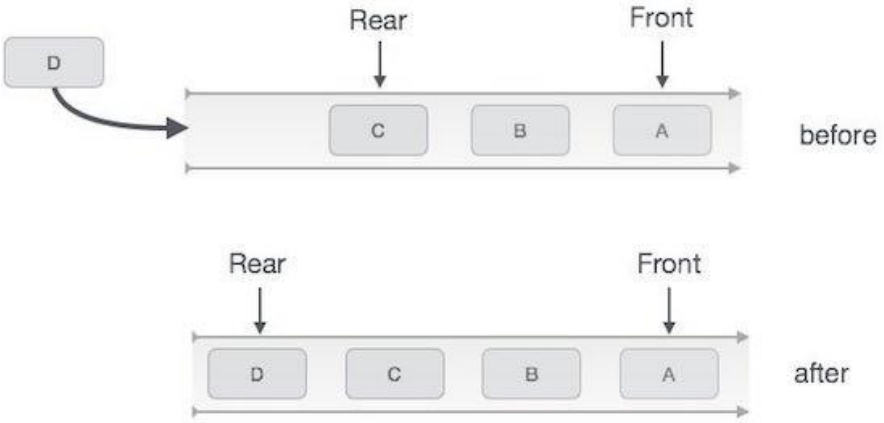
Queue: isFull() and isEmpty()

```
// Queue is full when size becomes equal to the capacity
int isFull(struct Queue* queue)
{  return (queue->size == queue->capacity);
}

// Queue is empty when size is 0
int isEmpty(struct Queue* queue)
{  return (queue->size == 0);
}
```

Queue: enqueue operation

- **Step 1** – Check if the queue is full.
- **Step 2** – If the queue is full, produce overflow error and exit.
- **Step 3** – If the queue is not full, increment **rear** pointer to point the next empty space.
- **Step 4** – Add data element to the queue location, where the rear is pointing.
- **Step 5** – return success.



Queue Enqueue

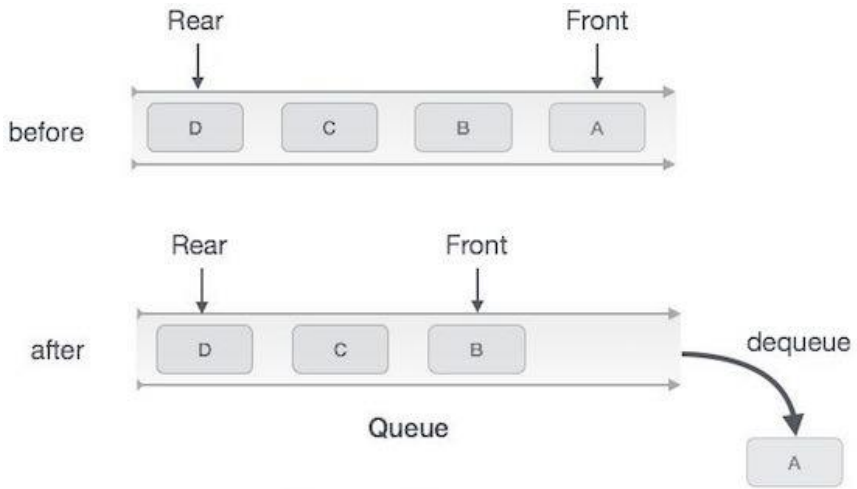
Queue: enqueue operation cont…

```
// Function to add an item to the queue.
// It changes rear and size

void enqueue(struct Queue* queue, int item)
{
    if (isFull(queue))
        return;
    queue->rear = (queue->rear + 1)%queue->capacity;
    queue->array[queue->rear] = item;
    queue->size = queue->size + 1;
    printf("%d enqueued to queue\n", item);
}
```

Queue: dequeue operation

- **Step 1** – Check if the queue is empty.
- **Step 2** – If the queue is empty, produce underflow error and exit.
- **Step 3** – If the queue is not empty, access the data where **front** is pointing.
- **Step 4** – Increment **front** pointer to point to the next available data element.
- **Step 5** – Return success.



Queue Dequeue

Queue: dequeue operation cont…

```
// Function to remove an item from queue.
// It changes front and size
int dequeue(struct Queue* queue)
{
    if (isEmpty(queue))
        return INT_MIN;
    int item = queue->array[queue->front];
    queue->front = (queue->front + 1)%queue->capacity;
    queue->size = queue->size - 1;
    return item;
}
```

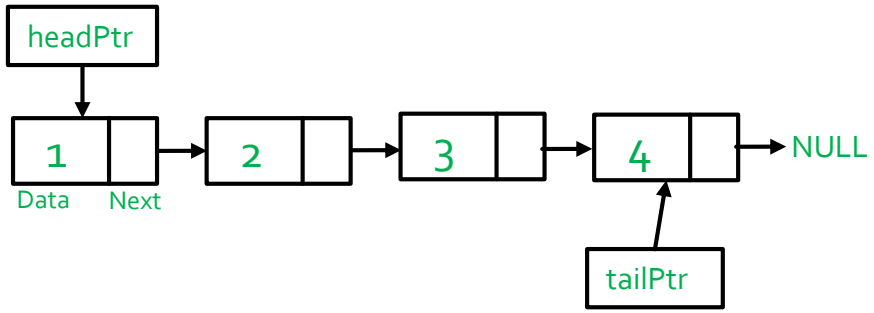
Queue: creation with linked list

```
// A linked list (LL) node to store a queue entry
struct QNode {
   int data;
   struct QNode* next;
};

// The queue, front stores the front node of LL and rear stores the
// last node of LL
struct Queue {
   struct QNode *headPtr, * tailPtr;
};

// A utility function to create a new linked list node.
struct QNode* newNode(int k)
{
   struct QNode* tempPtr = (struct QNode*)malloc(sizeof(struct QNode));
   tempPtr->data = k;
   tempPtr->next = NULL;
   return tempPtr;
}

// A utility function to create an empty queue
struct Queue* createQueue()
{
   struct Queue* newPtr = (struct Queue*)malloc(sizeof(struct Queue));
   newPtr -> headPtr = newPtr ->tailPtr = NULL;
   return newPtr;
}
```

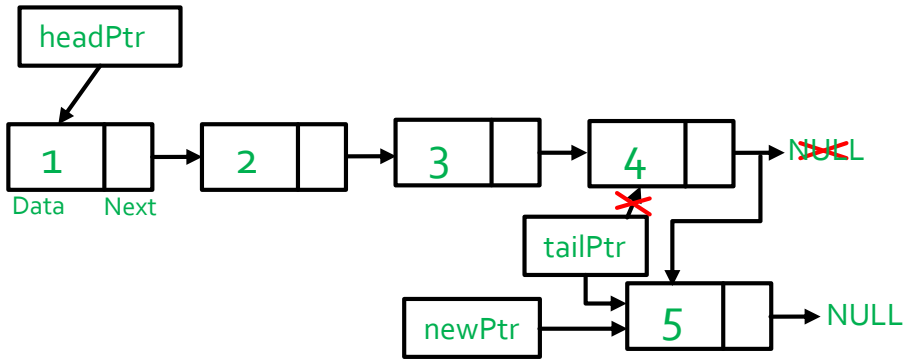


Queue: enqueuer operation

```
// The function to add a data to q
void enqueue(struct Queue* q, int data)
{
   // Create a new LL node
   struct QNode* newPtr = newNode(data);

    // If queue is empty, then new node is front and rear both
   if (q->headPtr == NULL) {
      q-> headPtr = q->tailPtr = newPtr;
      return;
   }

   // Add the new node at the end of queue and change rear
   q-> tailPtr ->next = newPtr;
   q-> tailPtr = newPtr;
}
```



Queue: dequeue operation

```
// Function to remove a key from given queue q
struct QNode* dequeue(struct Queue* q)
{
   // If queue is empty, return NULL.
   if (q->headPtr == NULL)
      return NULL;

   // Store previous front and move front one node ahead
   struct QNode* tmpPtr = q->headPtr;

   q-> headPtr = q-> headPtr ->next;

    // If front becomes NULL, then change rear also as NULL
   if (q-> headPtr == NULL)
      q->tailPtr = NULL;
   return tmpPtr;
}
```

```
//Now, free the memory inside the calling function

struct QNode* dequeuenode;
dequeuenode = dequeue(q);
free(dequeuenode);
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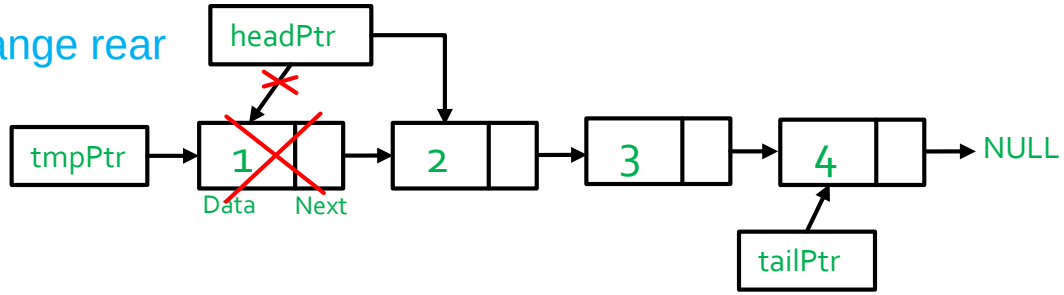

Queue: applications

- Queue is useful in CPU scheduling, Disk Scheduling. When multiple processes require CPU at the same time, various CPU scheduling algorithms are used which are implemented using Queue data structure.
- When data is transferred asynchronously between two processes. Queue is used for synchronization. Examples : IO Buffers, pipes, file IO, etc.
- Print Spooling. In print spooling, documents are loaded into a buffer and then the printer pulls them off the buffer at its own rate. Spooling also lets you place a number of print jobs on a queue instead of waiting for each one to finish before specifying the next one.
- Breadth First search in a Graph .It is an algorithm for traversing or searching graph data structures. It starts at some arbitrary node of a graph and explores the neighbor nodes first, before moving to the next level neighbors.
- Handling of interrupts in real-time systems. The interrupts are handled in the same order as they arrive, First come first served.
- In real life, Call Center phone systems use Queues, to hold people calling them in an order, until a service representative is free.

Thank you!