You

How can I ensure this method of a queue data structure functions correctly:

```
public void enqueue(Object data) {
  Node newNode = new Node(data);
  newNode.setNext(rear);
  rear = newNode;
  if (this.isEmpty()) {
   front = newNode;
   front.setNext(newNode);
  }
}
```

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Here's a tweak for the method to ensure it works correctly:

```
public void enqueue(Object data) {
   Node newNode = new Node(data);
   if (this.isEmpty()) {
     front = newNode;
     rear = newNode;
   } else {
     rear.setNext(newNode);
     rear = newNode;
   }
}
```

Make sure you're updating the rear reference after setting the next reference of the previous rear node. This way, you maintain the proper order in the queue.

Test the method with various cases, like enqueueing multiple items, to verify it behaves correctly.

You

I have the following implemenation for a circular queue in Java but there is a logic error:

```
public class CircularQueue {
  private int head;
  private int tail;
  private int maxSize;
  private int currentSize;
  private Object[] array;

  public CircularQueue(int currentMaxSize) {
   head = -1;
   tail = -1;
   maxSize = currentMaxSize;
   array = new Object[maxSize];
  }

  public void enqueue(Object data) {
   if (this.isEmpty()) {
     head = 0;
```

```java
      tail = 0;
      array[0] = data;
      currentSize = 1;
    } else {
      if (this.isFull()) {
        System.out.println("Cannot insert! Queue full!");
      } else {
        if (tail < maxSize - 1) {
          tail++;
        } else {
          tail = 0;
        }
      array[tail] = data;
      currentSize++;
      }
    }
  }

  public Object dequeue() {
    if (this.isEmpty()) {
      System.out.println("Cannot dequeue! Queue empty!");
      return null;
    } else {
      Object data = array[head];
      array[head] = null;
      if (head > 0 && head < maxSize) {
        head++;
      } else {
        head = maxSize - 1;
      }
    currentSize--;
    return data;
    }
  }

  public Object getHead() {
    if (this.isEmpty()) {
      return null;
    } else {
      return array[head];
    }
  }

  public Object getTail() {
    if (this.isEmpty()) {
      return null;
    } else {
      return array[tail];
    }
  }

  public boolean isEmpty() {
    return currentSize == 0;
  }

  public boolean isFull() {
    return maxSize == currentSize;
  }

  public Object[] getArray() {
    return this.array;
  }
}
```

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Sure thing. I see the logic error. When you dequeue, the head should wrap around to the beginning of the array when it reaches the end. It currently sets head to maxSize - 1, but it should reset head to 0.

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    private Object[] array;

    public CircularQueue(int currentMaxSize) {
        head = -1;
        tail = -1;
        maxSize = currentMaxSize;
        array = new Object[maxSize];
    }

    public void enqueue(Object data) {
        if (this.isEmpty()) {
            head = 0;
            tail = 0;
            array[0] = data;
            currentSize = 1;
        } else {
            if (this.isFull()) {
                System.out.println("Cannot insert! Queue full!");
            } else {
                tail = (tail + 1) % maxSize;
                array[tail] = data;
                currentSize++;
            }
        }
    }

    public Object dequeue() {
        if (this.isEmpty()) {
            System.out.println("Cannot dequeue! Queue empty!");
            return null;
        } else {
            Object data = array[head];
            array[head] = null;
            head = (head + 1) % maxSize;
            currentSize--;
            if (this.isEmpty()) {
                head = -1;
                tail = -1;
            }
            return data;
        }
    }

    public Object getHead() {
        if (this.isEmpty()) {
            return null;
        } else {
            return array[head];
        }
    }

    public Object getTail() {
        if (this.isEmpty()) {
            return null;
        } else {
            return array[tail];
        }
    }
}
```

```
    public boolean isEmpty() {
        return currentSize == 0;
    }

    public boolean isFull() {
        return maxSize == currentSize;
    }

    public Object[] getArray() {
        return this.array;
    }
}
```

This should do the trick. If it doesn't, let's debug together!

You

(Now Tuesday, Oct 22) Can you summarise these bullet points as a paragraph for my lecture notes:

- What is a Comparator?
- A Comparator is a (software) device for saying what order objects should be in:
- given two objects A and B, the comparator says whether A should come before B or after it
- It must provide consistent ordering over all objects that it might be asked to compare
- That consistency is called a total order relation over the set of objects
- A different comparator can give a different ordering over thesame set
- A comparator can be given to a sorting method

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A Comparator is a software tool used to determine the order of objects by deciding whether one object should come before or after another. It ensures a consistent order across all objects it compares, a concept known as total order relation. Different comparators can provide different orderings for the same set of objects, and comparators can be utilized in sorting methods.