

We here list some representative solutions for your reference. Please bare in mind that solutions to the pop-quiz are not limited to the following ones.

### 1) Introduce a counter (By 李岩松):

Initialize counter=0;

Producer:

```
While (true){
    /produce an item/
    While (((in+1) % buffer_size)==out) && (counter==buffer_size))
        /do nothing/;
    buffer[in]=item;
    in=(in+1)%buffer_size;
    counter++;
}
```

Consumer:

```
While (true){
    while ((in==out) && (counter==0))
        /do nothing/
    /remove/
    item=buffer[out];
    out=(out+1)%buffer_size;
    counter--;
    return item;
}
```

### 2) Introduce a flag (By 武晨阳):

Introduce a new variable `isFull` (Boolean)

Producer:

```
while (true)
{
    /* Produce an item */
```

```

while (in==out && isFull==true)
    ; /* do nothing -- no free buffers */
buffer[in] = item;
in = (in + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;
if(in==out) isFull = true;
}

```

Customer:

```

while (true) {
    while (in == out && isFull==false)
        ; // do nothing
    // remove an item from the buffer
    item = buffer[out];
    out = (out + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE;
    if(isFull) isFull=false;
    return item;
}

```

### 3) Do not introduce any new variable (By 张弛):

```

struct item {};
#define BUFFER_SIZE 10
#define BUFFER_SIZE_MASKED (BUFFER_SIZE * 233)
/* As long as the multiplier is larger than 2. Here I choose 233. */

struct item buffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
int in = 0, out = 0;

struct item consumer() {
    while (in == out);
    out = (out + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE_MASKED;
    return buffer[(out - 1) % BUFFER_SIZE];
}

void producer(struct item i) {
    // for example, in = 1, out = 1 + 10 = 11, then the queue is full
    while (in == (out + BUFFER_SIZE) % BUFFER_SIZE_MASKED);
    buffer[in % BUFFER_SIZE] = i;
    in = (in + 1) % BUFFER_SIZE_MASKED;
}

```