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Stacks & Queues

ICS202-Summary

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(Stacks & Queues)

✓ Stacks

A linear data structure that can be accessed only at one of its ends for storing and retrieving data.

It is called a **LIFO** data structure; Last In/First Out

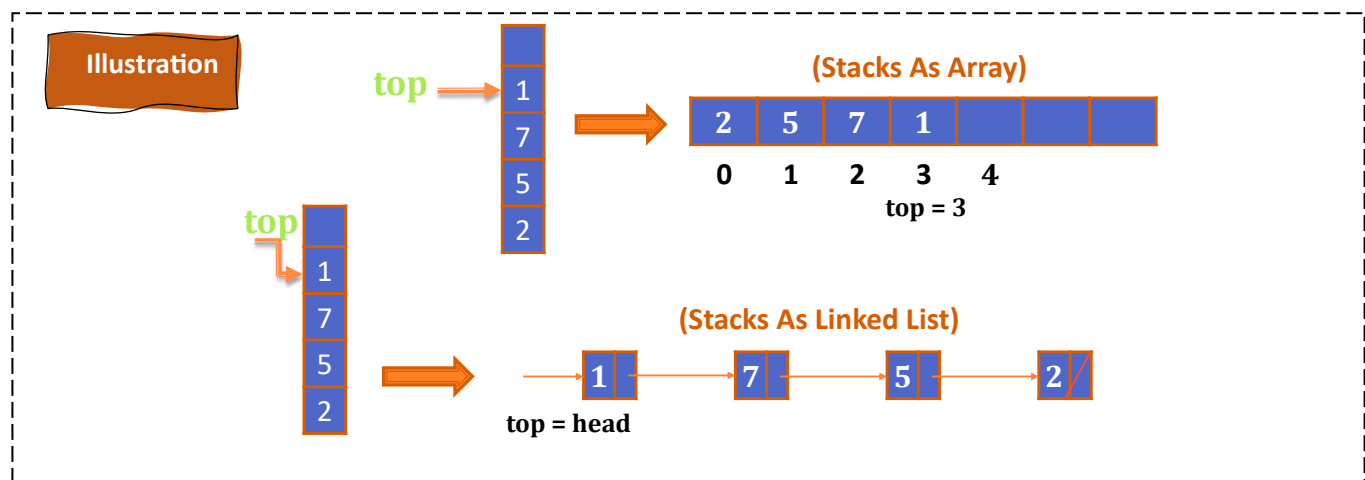
Stacks' Main Operations:

- **clear()**
- **isEmpty()**
- **push(el)** – put the element el on the top of the stack.
- **pop()** – delete and return the topmost element in the stack.
- **topEl()** - return the topmost element in the stack without removing it.

Note: top == -1 if the stack is empty.

Stack Implementations:

- Stacks as Array
- Stacks as Linked List



Stacks as Array:

- To reach the top = array[count – 1]
- To reach the bottom = array[0]
- The fields of the stack as an array:
 - T[] array = null
 - int capacity;
 - int top = -1;
 - int size = 0;

Stacks as Linked List:

- The fields of the stack as a Linked List:
 - Node top = null;

Applications of Stacks:

- Delimiter Matching
- Adding Large Integers
- Evaluating postfix Expressions

✓ Queues

A linear data structure in which we add elements to one end and remove them from the other end.

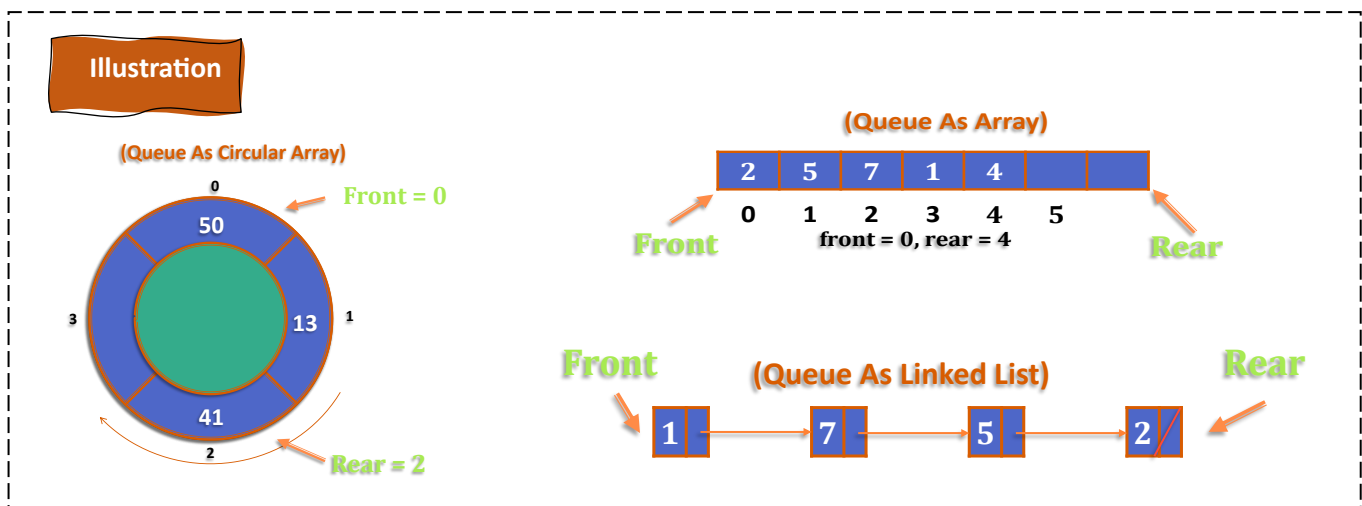
It is called **FIFO**; First In/First Out

Queue Main Operations:

- **enqueue(el)** – insert an element at the rear of the queue. $\rightarrow O(1)$
- **dequeue()** – return and delete an element from the front of the queue. $\rightarrow O(n)/O(1)$
- **peek()** – return the element from the top without removing it. $\rightarrow O(n)/O(1)$

Queue Implementations:

- Queue as Array
- Queue as Circular Array
- Queue as Linked List



Queue as Array:

- Enqueue $\rightarrow O(1)$
- Dequeue $\rightarrow O(n)$ – due to shifting.
- Search $\rightarrow O(n)$
- Peek $\rightarrow O(1)$

Queue as Circular Array:

- Enqueue $\rightarrow O(1)$
- Dequeue $\rightarrow O(1)$
- Peek $\rightarrow O(1)$
- Note: By using modulo (%) arithmetic for computing array indexes, all operations are $O(1)$

Queue as Linked List:

- Enqueue $\rightarrow \text{addToTail}() \rightarrow O(1)$
- Dequeue $\rightarrow \text{removeFromHead}() \rightarrow O(1)$
- Peek $\rightarrow O(1)$

Priority Queue:

- ✓ A priority queue is a queue in which the dequeue operation removes an item from the front of the queue. The item removed will always have the highest priority.
- ✓ The items in a priority queue may or may not be sorted according to how they are inserted in the queue.
- ✓ Enqueue Complexity = $O(n)$

Operation	Push/Enqueue	Pop/Dequeue	TopEl/Peek
Stacks	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Stacks as Array	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Stacks as LinkedList	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Queue	$O(1)$	$O(1)/O(n)$	$O(1)$
Queue as Array	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
Queue as Circular Array	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Queue as Linked List	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Priority Queue	$O(n)$	$O(n)$ with: Arrays $O(1)$ with: Other Data structures	$O(1)$

SLL/DLL	A dynamic data structure consisting of a sequence of nodes, forming a linear ordering.
CLL	A sequence of nodes in which every node has a link to its next node in the sequence and the last node has a link to the first node.
Stacks (LIFO)	A linear data structure that can be accessed only at one of its ends for storing and retrieving data.
Queues (FIFO)	A linear data structure in which we add elements to one end and remove them from the other end.