Queue Data Structure & Applications

Data Structure

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Queue Data Structure

- Collection of similar type of elements. Element can be always added at rear position and element can be deleted always from front position.
- Follows FIFO. Element which joins queue first gets chance to leave queue first.
- Queue can be implemented
 - Using Static Implementation of Memory
 - Queue size can not be increased or decreased at runtime.
 - Can be used when queue size is predefined
 - Using Dynamic Implementation of Memory
 - Queue size can be increased or decreased at runtime.
 - Optimized usage of memory



Queue Data Structure

- Operations can be performed on queue
 - Enqueue/Add/Join/Insert adds a element on queue
 - isfull checks full state of queue

- Dequeue/Delete/Leave/remove deletes element from queue
 - isempty checks empty state of queue

top == -1? TRUE: FALSE

$$f > R$$

- Peek retrieves element from queue
 - isempty checks empty state of stack

- Poll retrieves element and delete from queue. This operation is available with priority queue.
 - isempty checks empty state of stack

$$top == -1 ? TRUE : FALSE$$



Variations of Queue

- Variations of queue are available in four types. Each variation manage front and rear as per its own type.
 - Linear Queue
 - Circular Queue
 - Priority Queue
 - DeQueue
 - Input Restricted Queue: is a dequeue which allows insertion at only one end i.e. rear end, but allows deletion at both ends, rear and front end of the lists.
 - Output Restricted Queue: is a queue, which allows deletion at only one end i.e. front end, but allows insertion at both ends rear and front end of the list.



Applications of Queue

Linear Queue

- Managing requests on a single shared resource such as CPU scheduling and disk scheduling.
- Handling hardware or real-time systems interrupts.
- Handling website traffic.
- Routers and switches in networking.
- Maintaining the playlist in media players.

Circular Queue

- Memory Management
- Process Scheduling
- Traffic Systems



Applications of Queue

Priority Queue

- It is used in prim's algorithm.
- It is used in the Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm.
- It is used in data compression techniques like Huffman code.
- It is used in heap sort.
- It is also used in operating system like priority scheduling, load balancing and interrupt handling.

DEQueue Queue

• The A-steal algorithm implements task scheduling for multiple processors (multiprocessor scheduling).

The processor gets the first element from the double ended queue. - When one of the processors completes execution of its own thread, it can steal a thread from other processors.





Thank you!

