# **Project Title: Generic Deque Implementation**

# **Overview**

In this project, you will design and implement a generic double-ended queue (deque) data structure. A deque supports the addition and removal of elements at both the front and back ends

# **Objectives**

- Learn Generics: Develop a type-safe implementation that can work with any data type.
- Explore Data Structure Implementation: Gain experience with both array-based and linked list-based approaches.
- Handle Edge Cases: Practice robust exception handling by dealing with invalid operations.
- Analyze Performance: Ensure that every operation runs in constant worst-case time.
- **Testing:** Write comprehensive unit tests to validate your implementation.

# **API Specification**

Design your deque with the following operations (the method names and signatures can be adjusted to match the conventions of your chosen programming language):

### • Constructor:

Deque()Constructs an empty deque.

### State Check:

is\_empty()Returns whether the deque is empty.

#### • Size:

size()Returns the number of items in the deque.

### • Insertion:

- add\_first(item)
  Adds an item to the front of the deque.
- add\_last(item)
  Adds an item to the back of the deque.

#### Removal:

- remove\_first()
  Removes and returns the item from the front.
- remove\_last()
  Removes and returns the item from the back.

### Iteration:

iterator()
 Returns an iterator that yields items in order from front to back.

### toString:

toString()
 Returns a string that iterate all the elements separated by comma space.

# • Testing:

 A main testing function or a set of unit tests to demonstrate the correctness and performance of your deque implementation.

# **Corner Cases and Exception Handling**

Ensure your implementation addresses the following cases by raising or throwing appropriate exceptions (adjust the exception types as needed for your language):

### • Null or Invalid Input:

 If add\_first() or add\_last() is called with a null (or invalid) argument, raise an IllegalArgumentException (or equivalent).

### • Empty Deque Removal:

If remove\_first() or remove\_last() is invoked when the deque is empty, raise a
 NoSuchElementException (or equivalent).

#### • Iterator Errors:

• The iterator's next() (or equivalent) method should raise a NoSuchElementException if

there are no more items to return.

 If an unsupported operation (like remove()) is attempted on the iterator, raise an UnsupportedOperationException (or equivalent).

# **Performance Requirements**

# • Constant-Time Operations:

Every operation, including construction and iterator methods, must operate in constant worst-case time.

### • Efficient Iteration:

The iterator must provide each operation in constant worst-case time.

# **Evaluation Criteria**

#### • Correctness:

The implementation must adhere to the API and correctly handle all specified edge cases.

# • Efficiency:

All operations must run in constant worst-case time.

### • Code Quality:

The code should be clean, well-documented, and maintainable.