

# Chapter 3

## Lists, Stacks and Queues

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# List

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# What is List

- A list is a **finite, ordered sequence** of data items called elements.
  - › Notation:  $\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \rangle$
  - › Each element has a **position** in the list.
  - › Each element may be of arbitrary type, but all are of the same type
  - › The length of a list is the number of elements currently stored
    - An **empty list** contains no elements
  - › The beginning and the end of the list are, respectively, called the **head** and the **tail**
  - › Common List operations are:
    - insert, append, delete/remove, find, isEmpty, prev, next, currPos, moveToPos, moveToStart, length, etc

# List Implementation

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- Two standard list implementations
  - › Array-based lists
  - › Pointer-based lists (Linked lists)

# List: Array Implementation

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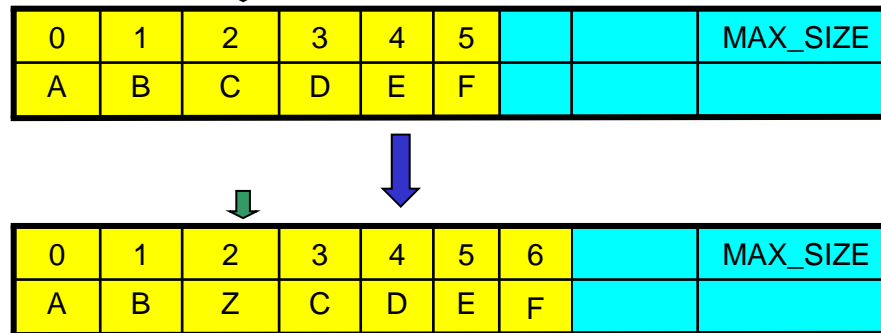
- Basic Idea:
  - › Pre-allocate a big array of size MAX\_SIZE
  - › Keep track of current size using a variable **count**
  - › **Shift elements** when you have to **insert or remove**

0	1	2	3	...	count-1		MAX_SIZE
A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>	...	A <sub>N</sub>		

# List: Array Implementation

insert Z in kth position

- Insert



Running time for N elements?

On average, must move half the elements to make room – assuming insertions at positions are equally likely

Worst case is insert at position 0. Must move all N items one position before the insert

This is  $O(N)$  running time.

$\Theta(1)$  for best case

# List: Array Implementation

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- **remove** the element at position curr

- › Shift left  $n-i-1$  elements toward the head

Time cost –  $\Theta(1)$  for best case;  $\Theta(n)$  for worst- and average cases

- **Other operations**

bool moveToPos(int pos)

void moveToStart()

void moveToEnd()

void prev()

void next()

int Length() const

int currPos() const

Time cost –  $\Theta(1)$  for best,  
worst- and average cases

- **Search for a value K in the list**

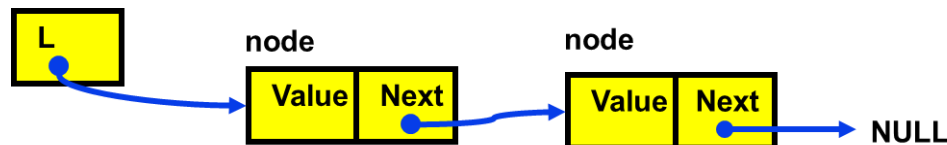
Time cost –  $\Theta(n)$  for worst- and average cases



# List: Pointer Implementation

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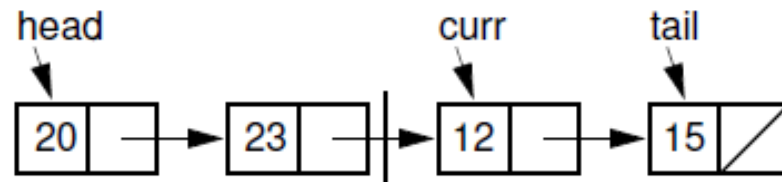
- Linked list
  - › Use dynamic memory allocation which allocates memory for new list elements as needed
  - › Elements are called nodes, which are linked using pointers.
    - Keep track of list by linking the nodes together
  - › Change links when you want to insert or delete



# List: Pointer Implementation

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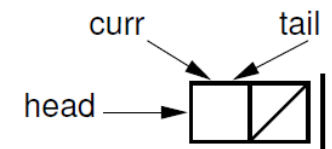
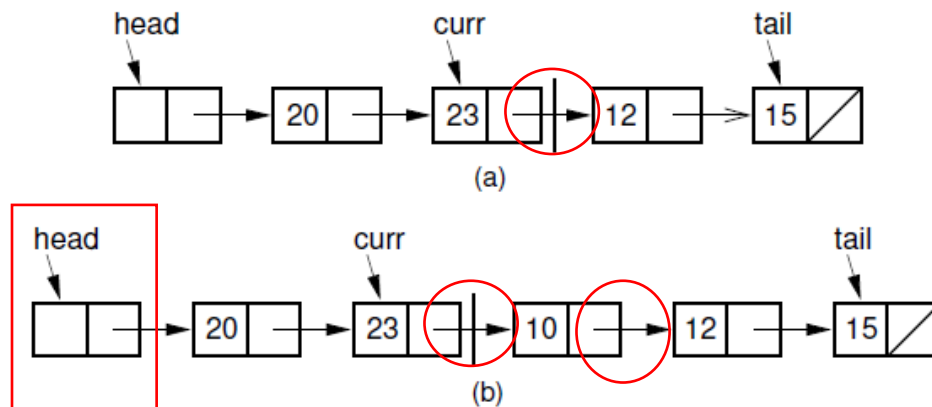
- A linked list with 4 elements
  - › Head pointer – for scanning the whole list
  - › Tail pointer – to speed up “append” operation
  - › Curr pointer – pointing to the current element
  - › Value **cnt** – store the length of the list



# List: Pointer Implementation

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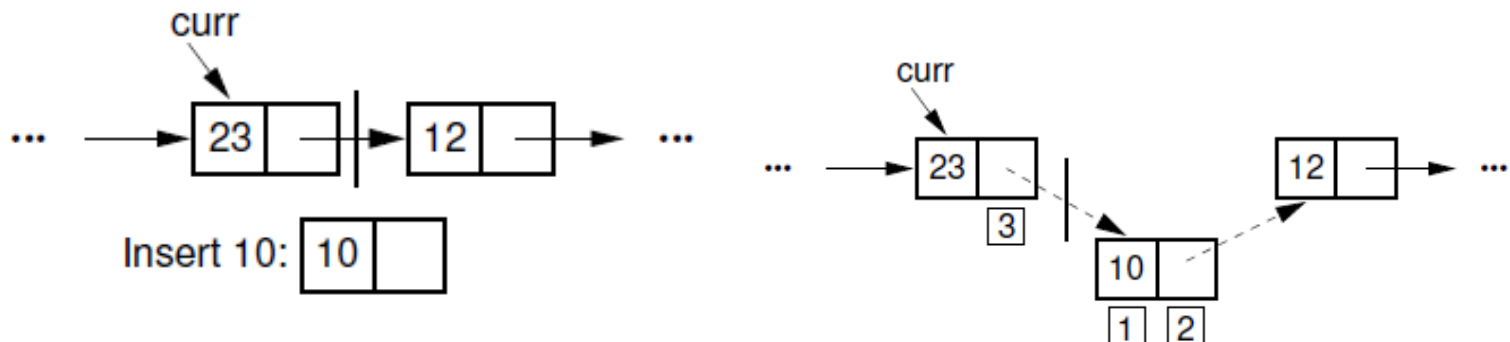
- Insertion
  - › With *curr* points to the node preceding the current position



# List: Pointer Implementation

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- Linked List – Insertion
  - › Three-step insertion process
    - Create a new list node, store the new element
    - Set the next field of the new node
    - set the next field of the node pointed by curr



# List: Pointer Implementation

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//Insert a node to current position

public:

```
void insert(const E& it) {  
    curr->next = new Link<E>(it, curr->next);  
    if (tail == curr) tail = curr->next; //new tail  
    cnt++;  
}
```

//Append a node at the tail of the list

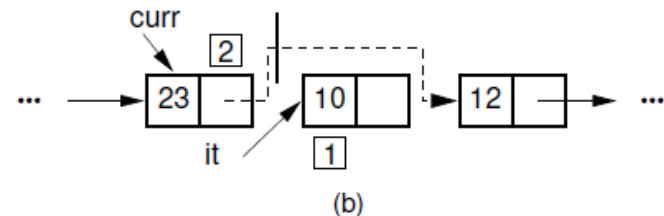
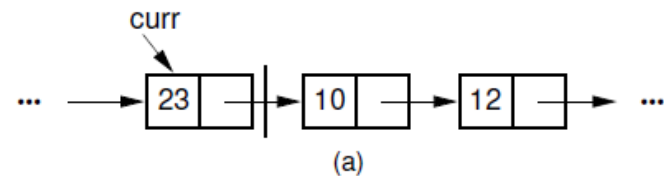
```
void append(const E& it) {  
    tail = tail->next = new Link<E>(it, NULL);  
    cnt++;  
}
```

Time cost –  $\Theta(1)$

# List: Pointer Implementation

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- Linked List – Removal
  - › Removing a node only requires to redirect some pointers around the node to be deleted.
  - › Remember to reclaim the space occupied by the deleted node



Time cost –  $\Theta(1)$

# List: Pointer Implementation

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- Linked List – Position Ops

//Next – move curr one pos toward the tail

```
void next() { }
```

//Prev – move curr one pos toward the head

```
void prev() { }
```

Time cost:  $\Theta(1)$  for next;

$\Theta(n)$  for prev in the average and worst cases.

# Comparison of List Implementations

Array-Based List		Linked List	
Predetermine the size before allocation.		Space is allocated on demand; No limit to the element number.	✓
No waste space for an individual element.	✓	Require to add an extra pointer to every list node.	
Random access and Prev takes $\Theta(1)$ time	✓	Random access and Prev takes $\Theta(n)$ time	
Insertion and deletion takes $\Theta(n)$ time.		Insertion and deletion takes $\Theta(1)$ time.	✓



# Comparison of List Implementations

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- **linked lists** are more space efficient when implementing lists whose number of elements varies widely or is unknown.
- **Array-based lists** are generally more space efficient when the user knows in advance approximately how large the list will become.

# Comparison of List Implementations

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- Comparison formula
  - › The number of element currently in the list –  $n$ ;
  - › The size of a pointer –  $P$
  - › The size of a data element –  $E$
  - › The maximum number of elements in the array –  $D$
- The array-based list requires space  $DE$
- The linked list requires space  $n(P+E)$

When  $n > DE/(P+E)$ , the array-based list is more space efficient!

# Exercise

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- Determine the break-even point for a linked list being more efficient than an array-based list
  - › The data field is 2 bytes, a pointer is 4 bytes, the array has 30 elements
    - $n < DE/(P+E) = 2*30/(2+4) = 10$
  - › The data field is 8 bytes, a pointer is 4 bytes, the array has 30 elements
    - $n < DE/(P+E) = 8*30/(8+4) = 20$
  - › The data field is 32 bytes, a pointer is 4 bytes, the array has 40 elements
    - $n < DE/(P+E) = 32*40/(32+4) = 35.555$

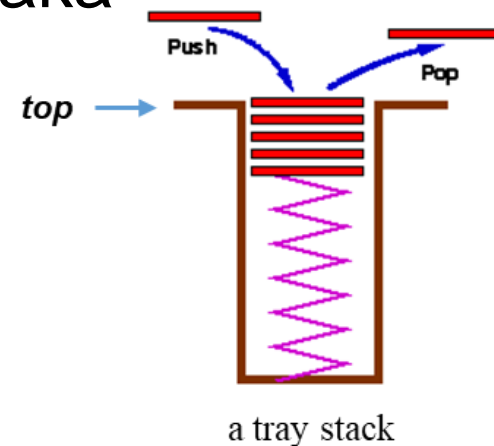
# Stack

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# What is Stack

- A list for which Insert and Delete are allowed only at one end of the list (the top)
  - › the implementation defines which end is the "top"
  - › LIFO – Last in, First out
- **Push**: Insert element at top
- **Pop**: Remove and return top element (aka TopAndPop)
- **IsEmpty**: test for emptyness



# Two Basic Implementations of Stacks

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- Array-based
  - › The  $k$  items in the stack are the first  $k$  items in the array.
- Linked List

# Array-Based Stacks (II)

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- Make the tail of the array be the top of the stack
  - › Pushing an element onto the stack by appending it to the tail of the list
  - › The cost for each **push** and **pop** operation is simply  $\Theta(1)$ .
- Setting of **top**
  - › The array index of the first free position in the stack
    - An empty stack has top set to 0.
  - › Push: first **insert** the element, then **increment** top
  - › Pop: first **decrement** top, then **removes** the top element;
    - Pay attention to the order of two operations

# Array-Based Stacks (III)

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```
void clear() { top=0; }    //Reinitialize
```

```
void push(const E& it) { // put "it" on stack  
    Assert(top != maxSize, "Stack is full");  
    listArray[top++] = it; }
```

```
E pop() { //pop top element  
    Assert(top != 0, "Stack is empty");  
    return listArray[--top]; }
```

```
const E& topValue() const { //return top element  
    Assert(top != 0, "Stack is empty");  
    return listArray[top-1]; }
```



# Comparison of Array-Based and Linked Stacks

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	Array-Based Stack	Linked Stack
Implementation	Take the end of array as the top of stack	Take the head of linked list as the top of stack
Time cost	Constant time for push, pop, topValue; Constant time for clear	Constant time for push, pop and topValue; Linear time for clear
Space cost	Waste some space when the stack is not full - Overflow possible	Require the overhead of a link field for every element

Q: How to implement two stacks using a single array?

# Queue

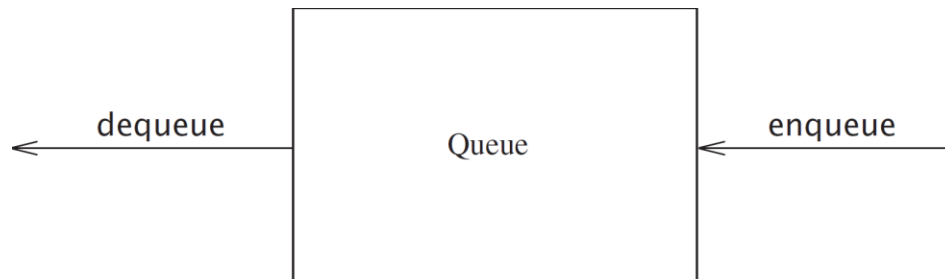
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# What is Queue

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- In a queue, elements may only be inserted from one end (**back**) of the list and removed from the other end (**front**) of the list
  - › First-In, First-Out
  - › **Enqueue**: insert an element at the back
  - › **Dequeue**: remove an element from the front



# Two Implementations of Queue

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- The array-based queue
- The linked queue

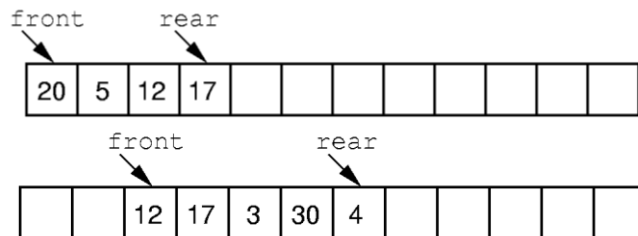
# Array-Based Queues

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- An efficient and tricky implementation
  - › The queue is still required to be stored in contiguous array positions
  - › The queue position can **drift within the array**

# Array-Based Queues

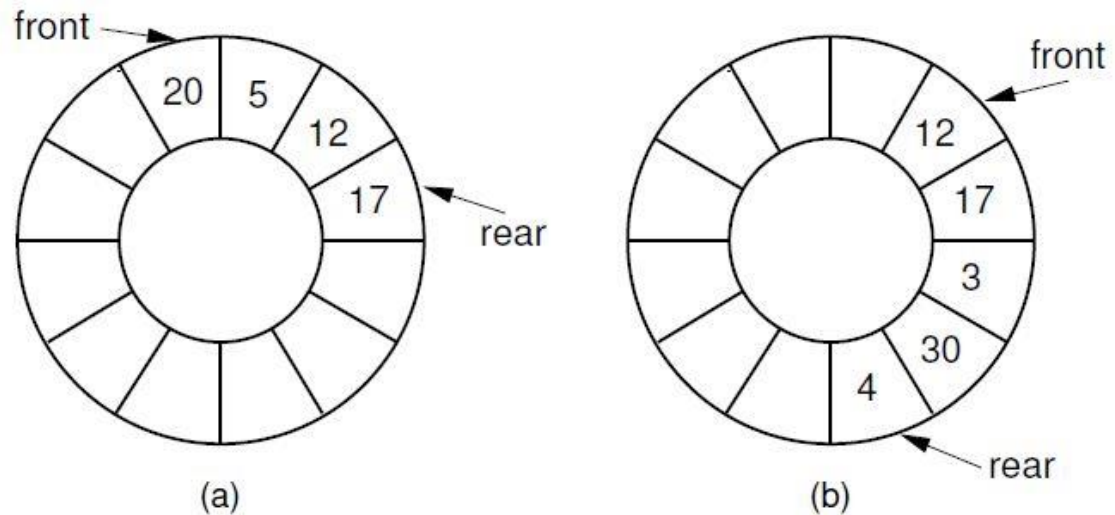
- Drifting queue
  - › The **front** of the queue is initially at **position 0** of the array
  - › The elements are added to successively higher-numbered positions
  - › When elements are removed, the front index increases
  - › **Both** enqueueer and dequeuer cost  $\Theta(1)$  time



Problem?

# Array-Based Queues

- Circular queue

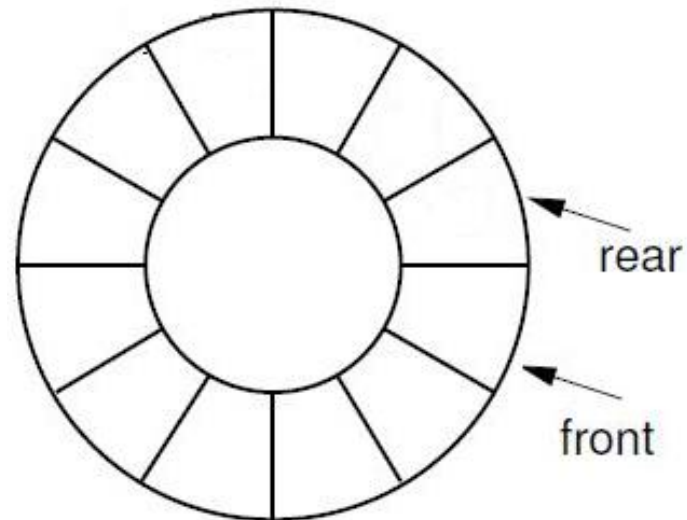
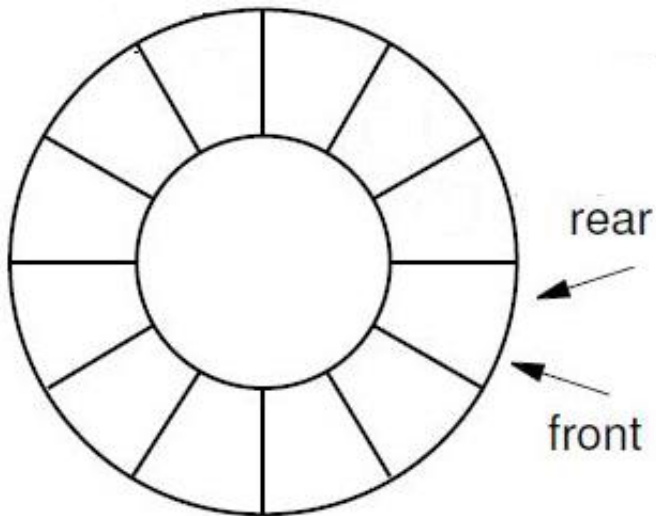


- Easily implemented using the **modulus operator**
  - › Position  $\text{maxSize}-1$  immediately precede position 0

# Array-Based Queues

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- Circular queue
  - › How to recognize whether the queue is empty or full?





# Array-Based Queues

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- When **front = rear**, there has one element in the queue
- When **front** is one larger than **rear**, the queue is empty or full?
  - › Solution 1: explicitly keep a count of the number of elements in the queue
  - › Solution 2: make the array be of size  $n+1$  and only allow  $n$  elements to be stored.
    - **front = rear+1**, the queue is empty
    - **front = rear+2**, the queue is full.

# Linked Queues

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- A straightforward adaptation of the linked list
- Structures
  - › Use a header node
  - › The **front** pointer points always points to the header node
  - › The **rear** pointer points to the last link node in the queue
- Operations
  - › **Enqueue**: places the new element in a link node at the end of the linked list, advances **rear** to point to the newly-inserted node
  - › **Dequeue**: removes and returns the first element of the list

# Comparison of Array-Based and Linked Queues

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- Time cost
  - › All member functions for both implementations require constant time  $\Theta(1)$
- Space cost
  - › For array-based queues, there are some space waste if the queue is not full.
  - › For linked queues, there are overhead of link field in each element.