Queue

INTRODUCTION

- **T**his segment requires that you have a solid understanding of arrays and have studied Exceptions and interfaces.

- **T**his will develop your programming skills and have strong understanding of stacks and queues and strengthen your abilities in working with arrays, develop a moderate facility with linked lists, and learn to use recursion.

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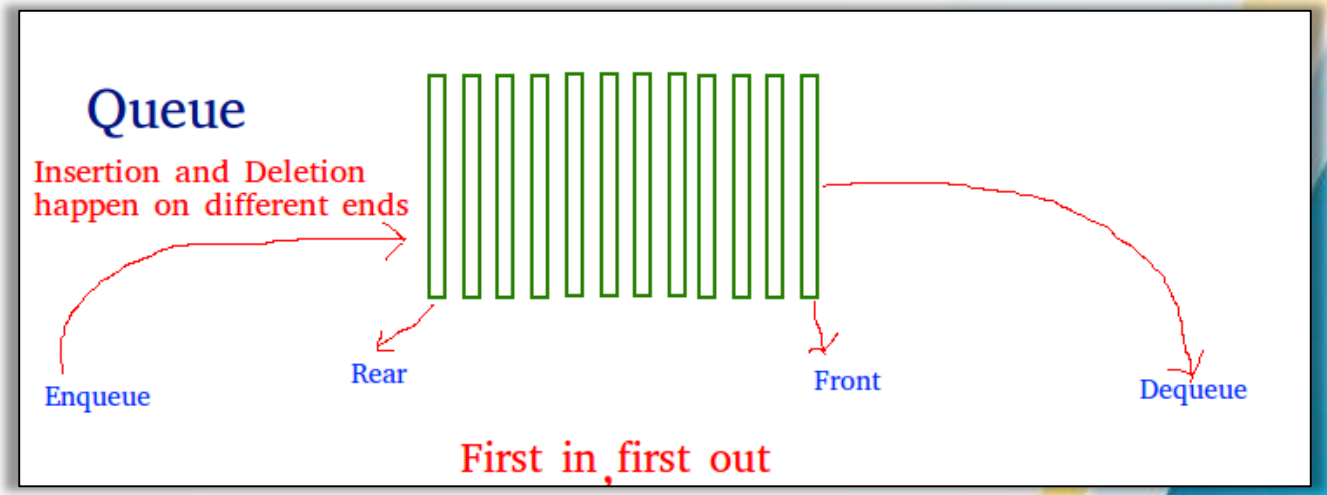
- **A**n abstract data type or a linear data structure, just like stack data structure, in which the first element is inserted from one end called the **REAR**(*also called **tail***), and the removal of existing element takes place from the other end called as **FRONT**(*also called **head***).
- **First-In-First-Out** methodology, i.e., the data item stored first will be accessed first.



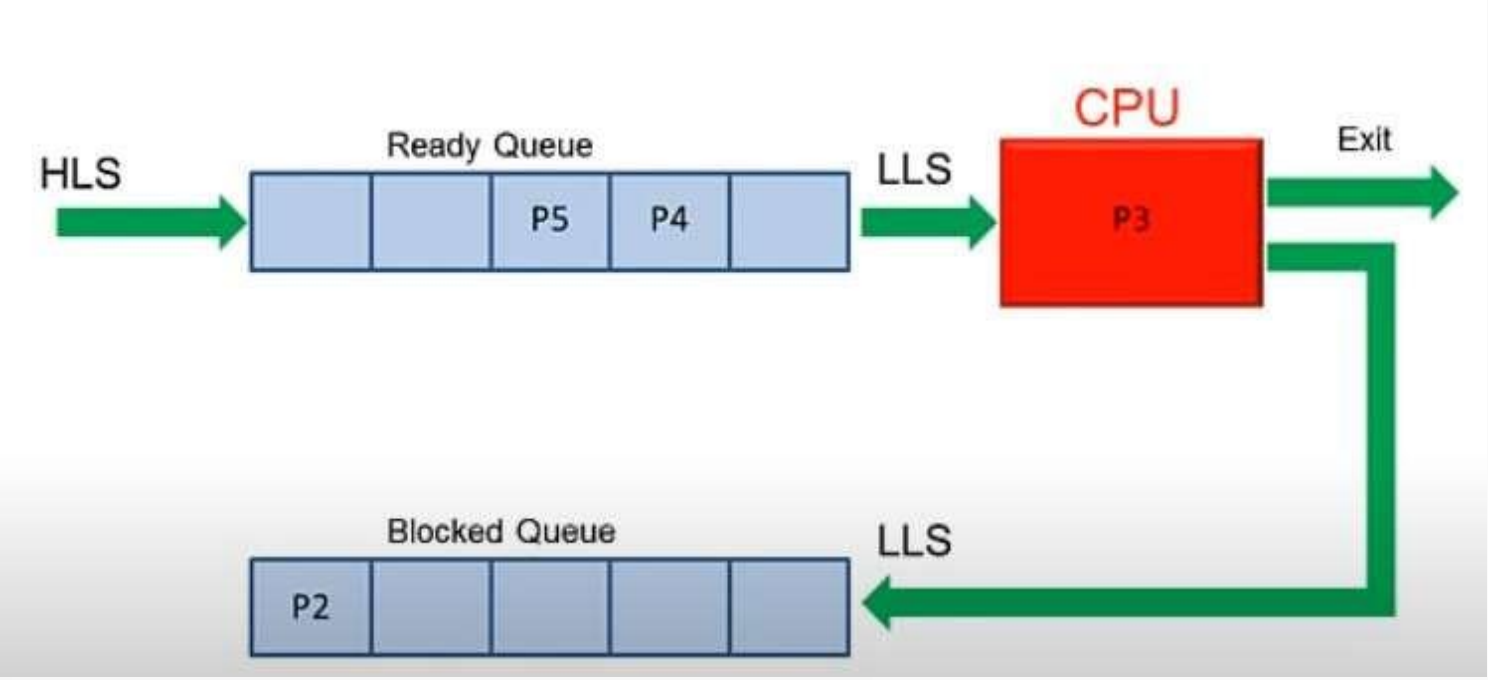
Real life examples of queue are:

- **A queue of people at ticket-window:** The person who comes first gets the ticket first. The person who is coming last is getting the tickets in last. ...

- **Vehicles on toll-tax bridge:** The vehicle that comes first to the toll tax booth leaves the booth first.

Applications of Queue (Computer)

1. Serving requests on a single shared resource, like a printer, CPU task scheduling etc.



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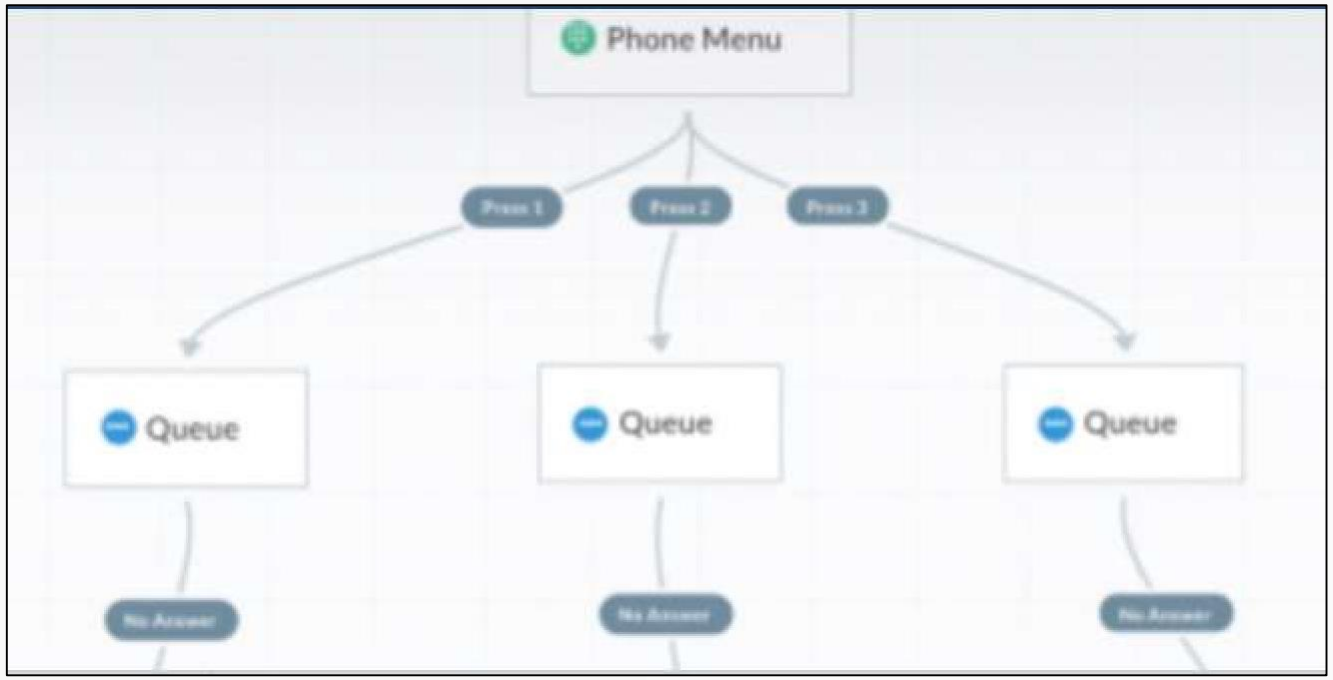
2. In real life scenario, Call Center phone systems uses Queues to hold people calling them in an order, until a service representative is free.



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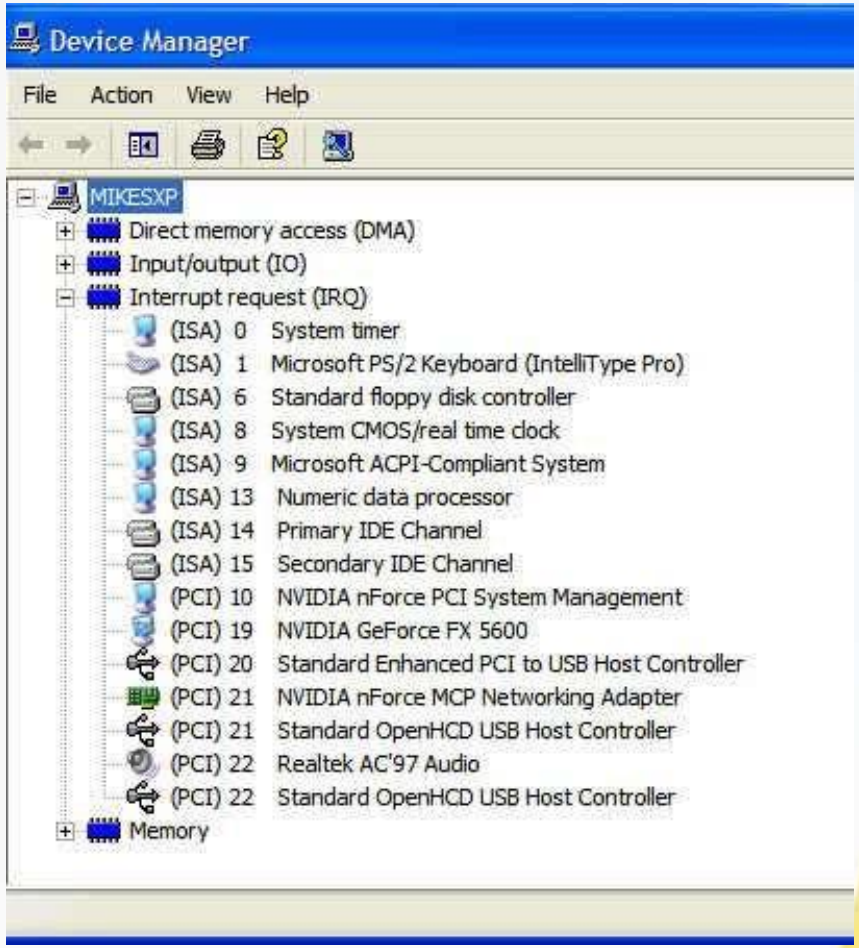
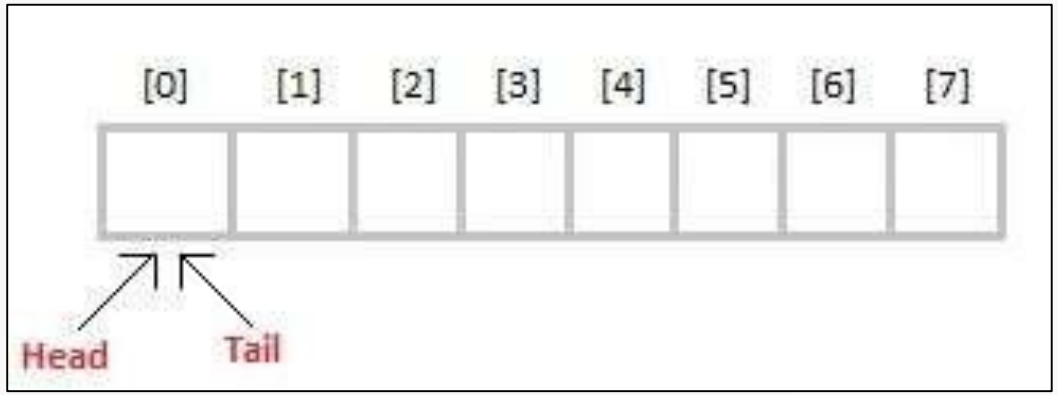
3. Handling of interrupts in real-time systems. The interrupts are handled in the same order as they arrive i.e **First come first served.**



Implementation of Queue Data Structure

- Queue can be implemented using an Array, Stack or Linked List.
- The easiest way of implementing a queue is by using an **Array.**
- Initially the **head**(FRONT) and the **tail**(REAR) of the queue points at the first index of the array (*starting the index of array from 0*).



- As we add elements to the queue, the **tail** keeps on moving ahead, always pointing to the position where the next element

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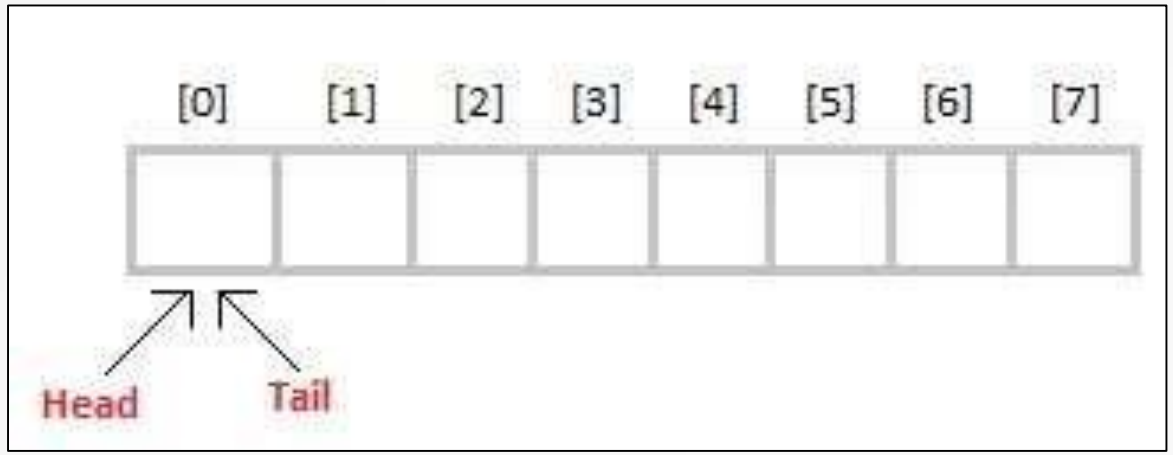

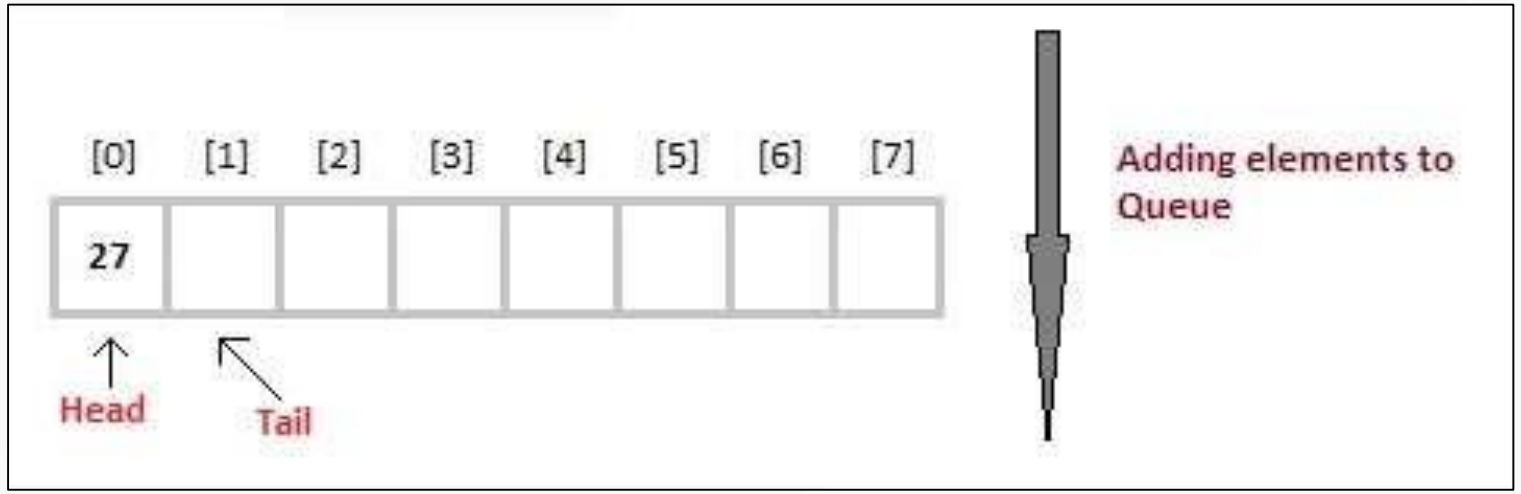

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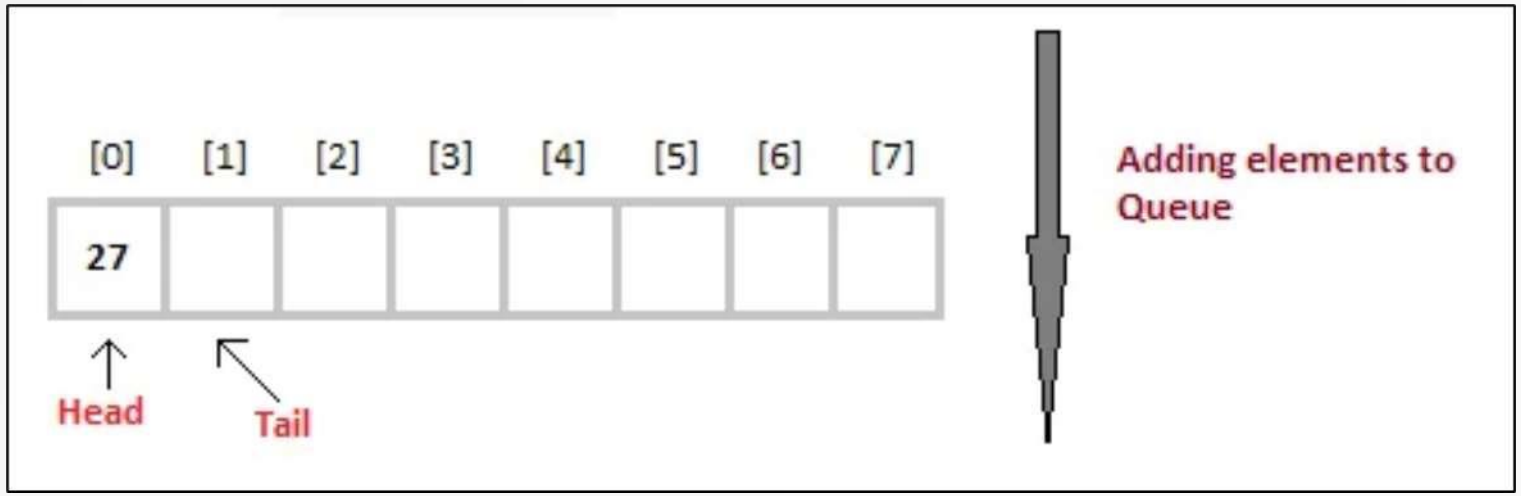

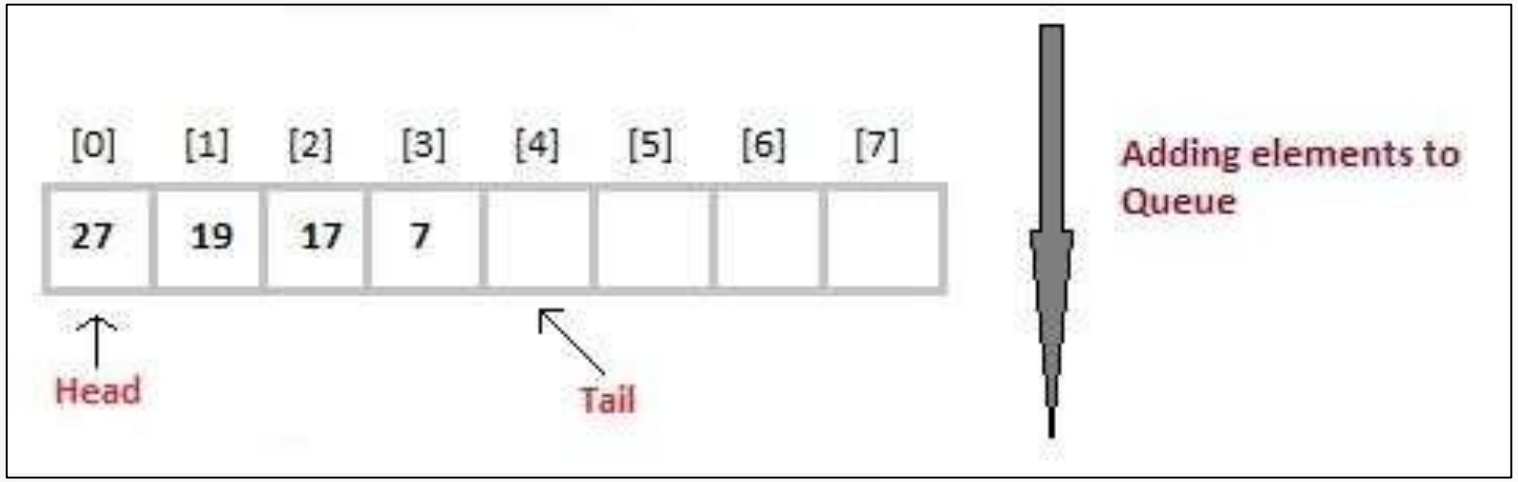

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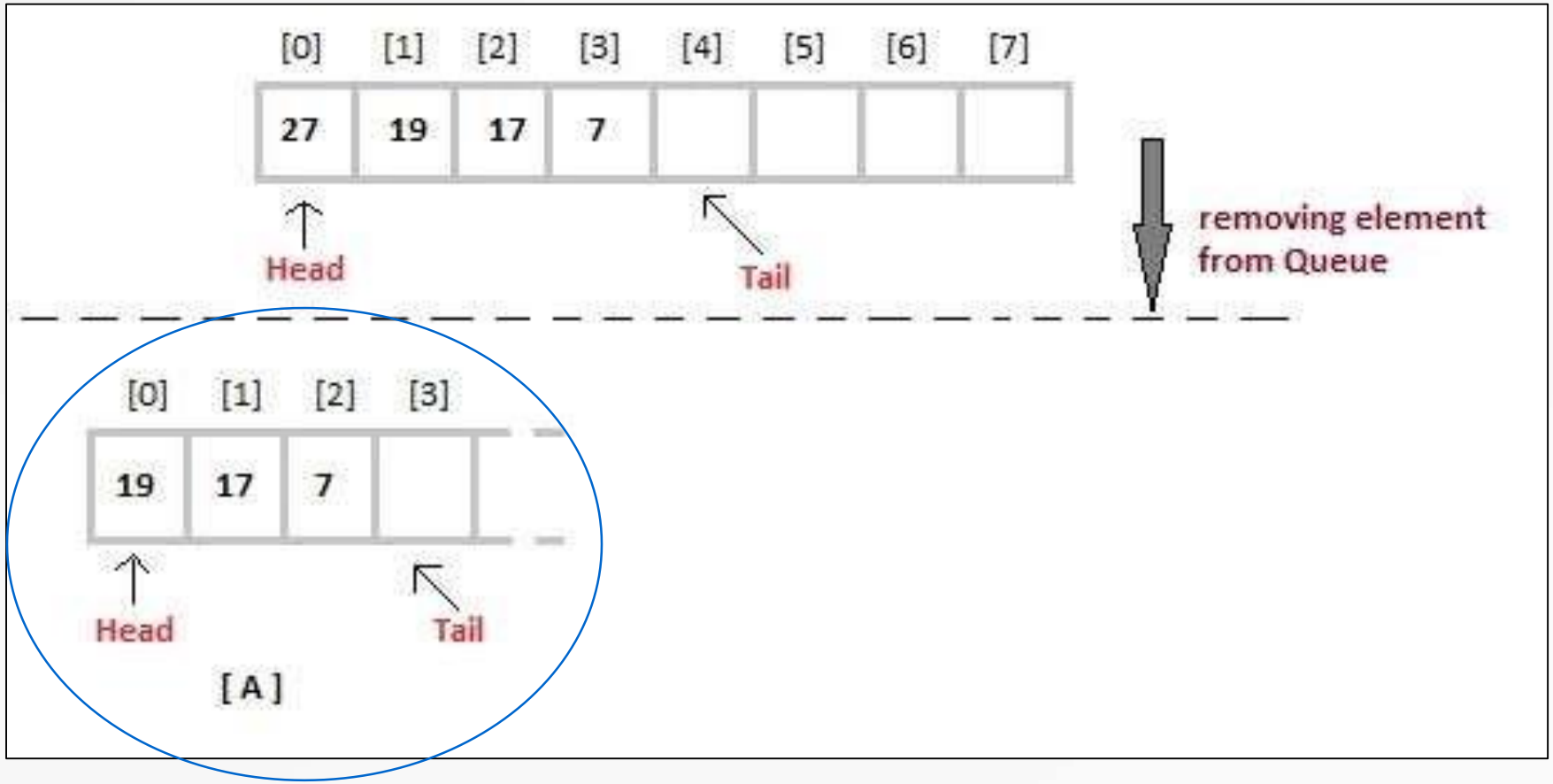

In [A] approach, we remove the element at head position, and then one by one shift all the other elements in forward position.

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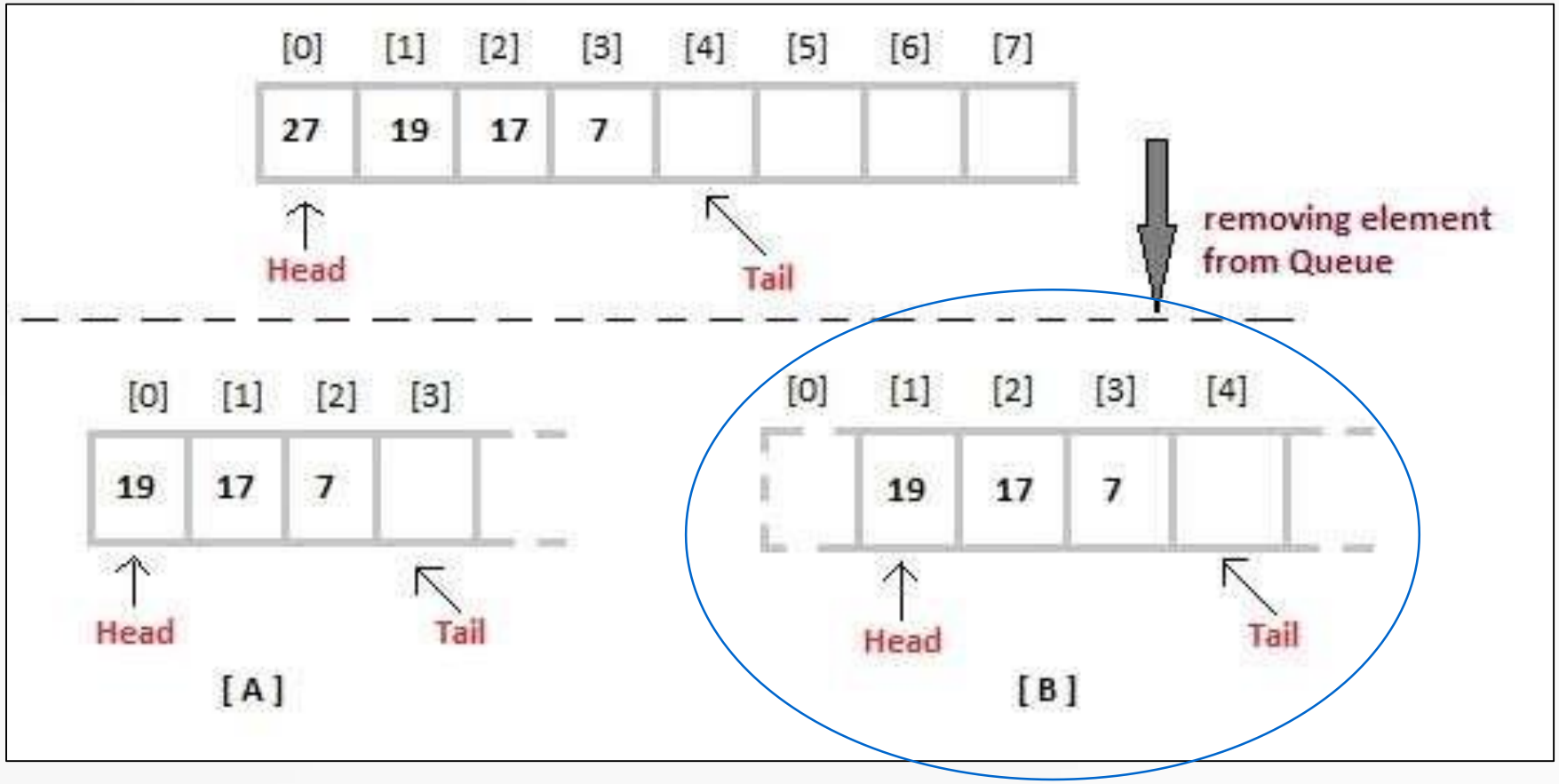

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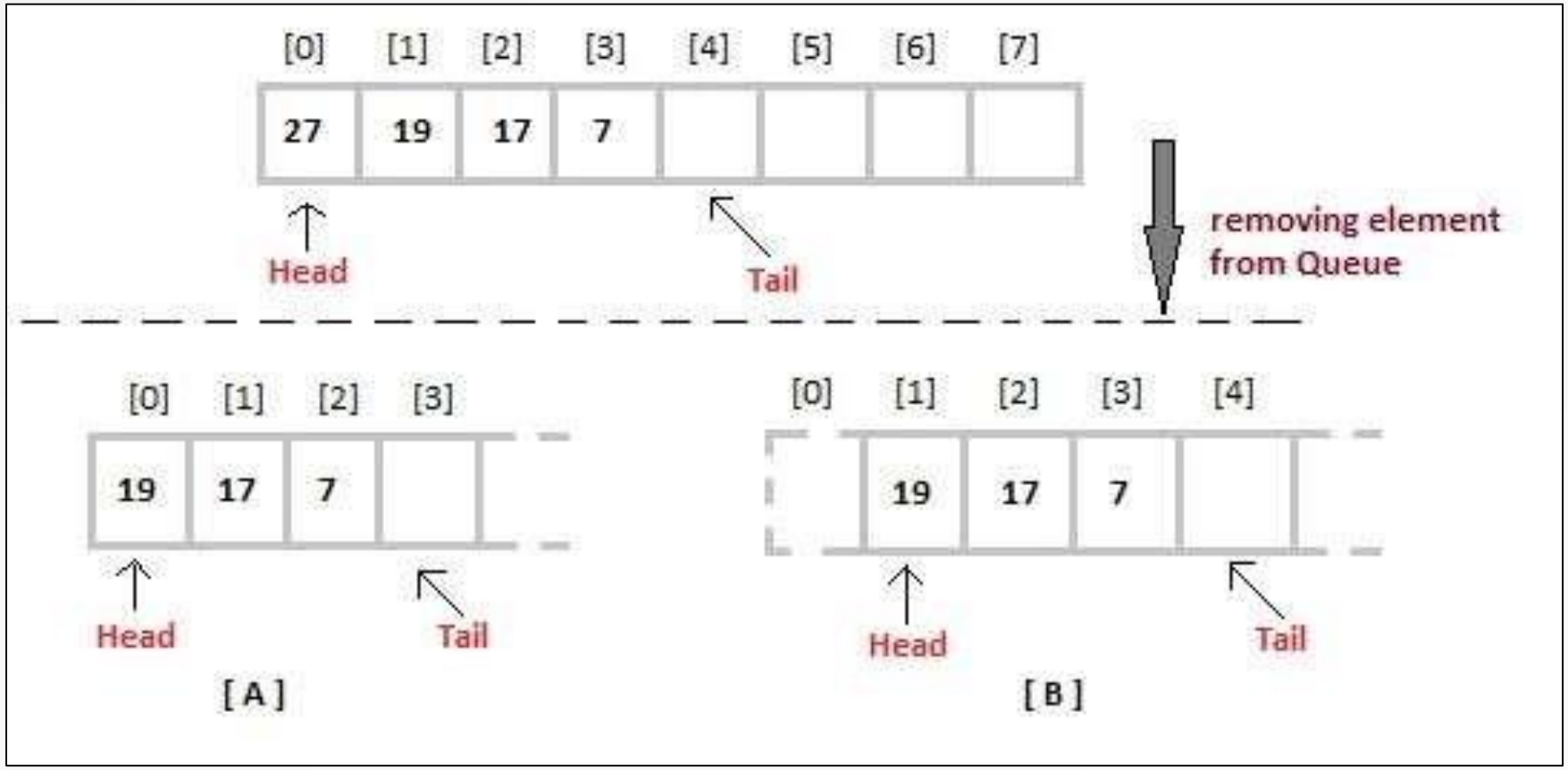

Basic Operation

- **enqueue()**
  - add (store) an item to the queue.
- **dequeue()**
  - remove (access) an item from the queue.
- **peek()**
  - Gets the element at the front of the queue without removing it.
- **isfull()**
  - Checks if the queue is full.
- **isempty()**
  - Checks if the queue is empty.

Sample Program

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#include <iostream>
#include<queue>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    queue<int> myQueue;
    int data;

    for(int  i =0; i<5; i++ ) {
        cout<<"Enqueuing "<<i<< " :";
        cin>>data;

        myQueue.push(data);
    }
    cout<< "Size of myQueue: "<< myQueue.size()<<endl;
    cout<< "The back of myQueue: "<< myQueue.back()<<endl;
    cout<< "The front of myQueue: "<< myQueue.front()<<endl;

    while(!myQueue.empty())
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        cout<<"Dequeuing "<<myQueue.front()<<endl;
        myQueue.pop();
    }

    return 0;
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