1. **Data structure explaining the valid operation that can be carried out on the structure.**
   1. Queue data structure

A **queue** is a linear list of elements in which deletion of an element can take place only at one end called the **front** and insertion can take place on the other end which is termed as the **rear**. The term front and rear are frequently used while describing queues in a linked list. In this chapter, you will deal with the queue as arrays.

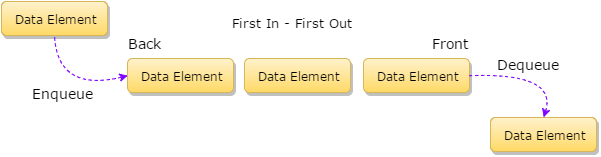
<https://www.w3schools.in/data-structures-tutorial/queue/>



**Queue** is also known as an **abstract data structure**, somewhat similar to Stacks. Unlike stacks, a queue is open at both its ends. One end is always used to insert data (**enqueue**) and the other is used to remove data (**dequeue**). Queue follows **First-In-First-Out** methodology, i.e., the data item stored first will be accessed first.

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A real-life scenario in the form of example for queue will be the queue of people waiting to accomplish a particular task where the first person in the queue is the first person to be served first.



Other examples can also be noted within a computer system where the queue of tasks arranged in the list to perform for the line printer, for accessing the disk storage, or even in the time-sharing system for the use of CPU. So basically queue is used within a single program where there are multiple programs kept in the queue or one task may create other tasks which must have to be executed in turn by keeping them in the queue.

**Basic Operations:**

Queue operations may involve initializing or defining the queue, utilizing it, and then completely erasing it from the memory:

* **Enqueue()** : add (store) an item to the queue.
* **Dequeue()** : remove (access) an item from the queue.

Few more functions are required to make the above-mentioned queue operation efficient:

* **peek()** : Gets the element at the front from the queue without removing it.
* **isfull()** : Checks the queue is full or not.
* **isempty()** : Checks the queue is empty or not.
* **Size():** Show how many elements in queue.

Example for **queue** in **VDM**:

**Name:** Queue

**Symbol:** queue

**Values:** integer array

**Operators:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Operator** | **Name** | **Type** |
| Enqueue() | Add Element | Interger array |
| Dequeue() | Remove Element | interger |
| Peek() | Return value of front Element | interger |
| IsFull() | Check Queue is full or not | bool |
| IsEmpty() | Check Queue is empty or not | bool |

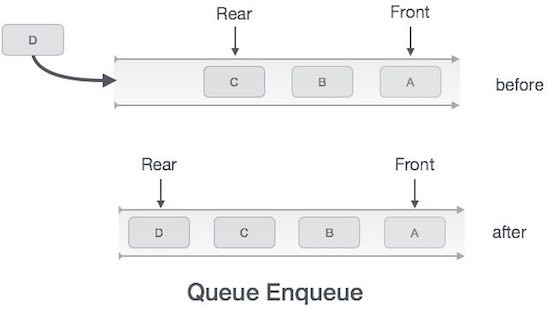
**Queue operation:**

* **Enqueue():**

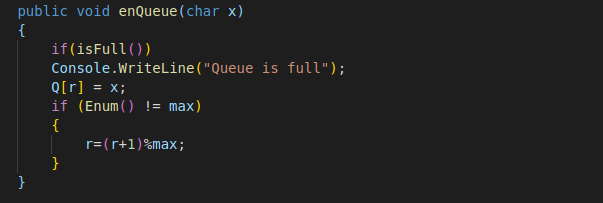
Queues maintain two data pointers, **front** and **rear**. Therefore, its operations are comparatively difficult to implement than that of stacks.

The following steps should be taken to enqueue (insert) data into a queue:

* **Step 1** : Check if the queue is full.
* **Step 2** : If the queue is full, produce overflow error and exit.
* **Step 3** : If the queue is not full, increment rear pointer to point the next empty space.
* **Step 4** : Add data element to the queue location, where the rear is pointing.
* **Step 5** : return success.

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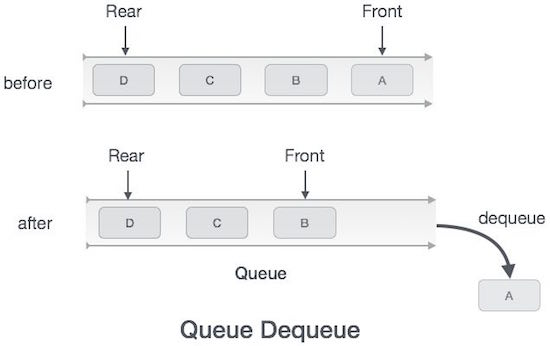
Implementation of **enqueue()** in **C#** programming language:



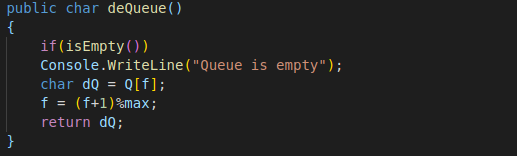
* **Dequeue():**

Accessing data from the queue is a process of two tasks − access the data where **front** is pointing and remove the data after access. The following steps are taken to perform **dequeue()** operation:

* **Step 1** : Check if the queue is empty.
* **Step 2** : If the queue is empty, produce underflow error and exit.
* **Step 3** : If the queue is not empty, access the data where front is pointing.
* **Step 4** : Increment front pointer to point to the next available data element.
* **Step 5** : Return success.

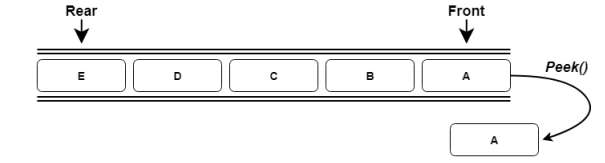


Implementation of **dequeue()** in **C#** programming language:

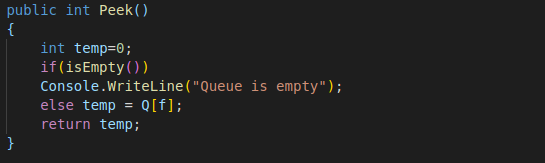


* **Peek():**

This function helps to see the data at the **front** of the queue without delete data.



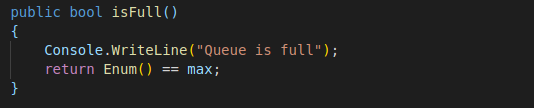
Implementation of **Peek()** in **C#** programming language:



* **IsFull():**

As we are using single dimension array to implement queue, we just check for the **rear** pointer to reach at MAXSIZE to determine that the queue is full. In case we maintain the queue in a circular linked-list, the algorithm will differ.

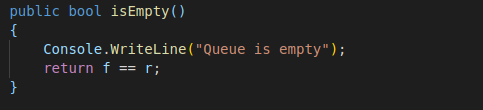
Implementation of **isfull()** function in **C#** programming language:



* **IsEmpty():**

The operation that check for the front pointer if it is less than 0 or larger than **rear** pointer, it tells that the queue is not yet initialized or empty.

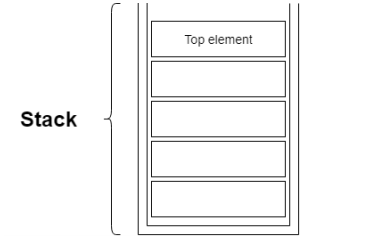
Implementation of **isEmpty()** function in **C#** programming language:



* 1. Stack data structure

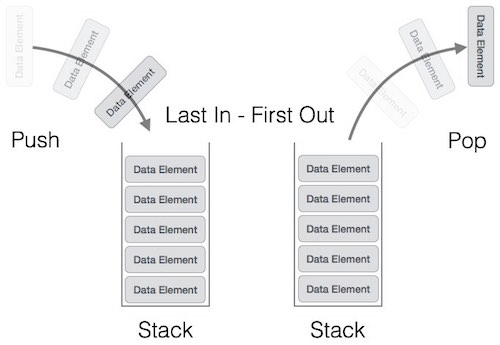
**A stack** is an **Abstract Data Type** (ADT), commonly used in most programming languages. It is named stack as it behaves like a real-world stack, for example – a deck of cards or a pile of plates.

<https://www.tutorialspoint.com/data_structures_algorithms/stack_algorithm.htm>



**Stack** is a linear data structure which follows a particular order in which the operations are performed. The order may be **LIFO**(Last In First Out) or **FILO**(First In Last Out).

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/stack-data-structure/>



**Basic Operations:**

Stack operations may involve initializing the stack, using it and then DE-initializing it. Apart from these basic stuffs, a stack is used for the following two primary operations:

* **push()** : Pushing (storing) an element on the stack.
* **pop()** : Removing (accessing) an element from the stack.

To use a stack efficiently, we need to check the status of stack as well. For the same purpose, the following functionality is added to stacks:

* **peek() :** get the top data element of the stack, without removing it.
* **isFull() :** check if stack is full.
* **isEmpty() :** check if stack is empty.

Example for **stack** in **VDM**:

**Name:** Stack

**Symbol:** stack

**Values:** integer array

**Operators:**

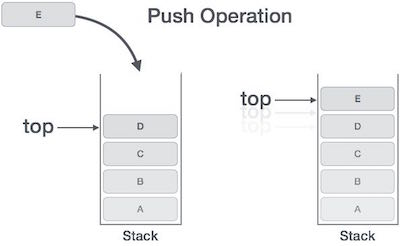
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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Operator** | **Name** | **Type** |
| push() | Add Element | Integer array |
| pop() | Get and remove Element | integer |
| Peek() | Return value of top Element | integer |
| IsFull() | Check Stack is full or not | bool |
| IsEmpty() | Check Stack is empty or not | bool |

**Queue operation:**

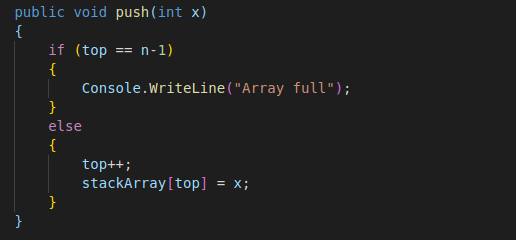
* **Push():**

The process of putting a new data element onto stack is known as a Push Operation. Push operation involves a series of steps:

* **Step 1** : Checks if the stack is full.
* **Step 2** : If the stack is full, produces an error and exit.
* **Step 3** : If the stack is not full, increments top to point next empty space.
* **Step 4** : Adds data element to the stack location, where top is pointing.
* **Step 5** : Returns success.



Implementation of this algorithm in **C#**:

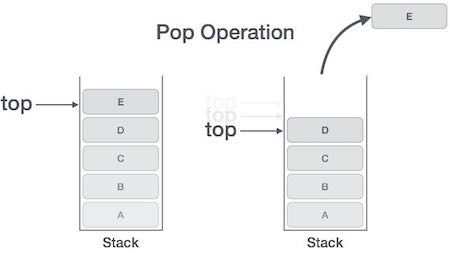


* **Pop():**

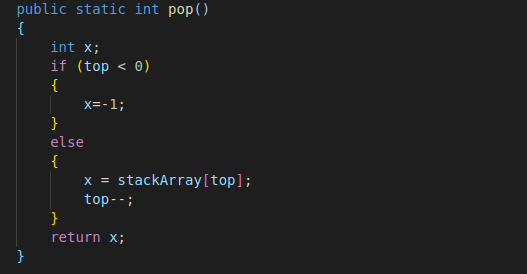
Accessing the content while removing it from the stack, is known as a Pop Operation. In an array implementation of **pop()** operation, the data element is not actually removed, instead top is decremented to a lower position in the stack to point to the next value. But in linked-list implementation, **pop()** actually removes data element and deal-locates memory space.

A Pop operation may involve the following steps:

* **Step 1** : Checks if the stack is empty.
* **Step 2** : If the stack is empty, produces an error and exit.
* **Step 3** : If the stack is not empty, accesses the data element at which top is pointing.
* **Step 4** : Decreases the value of top by 1.
* **Step 5** : Returns success.



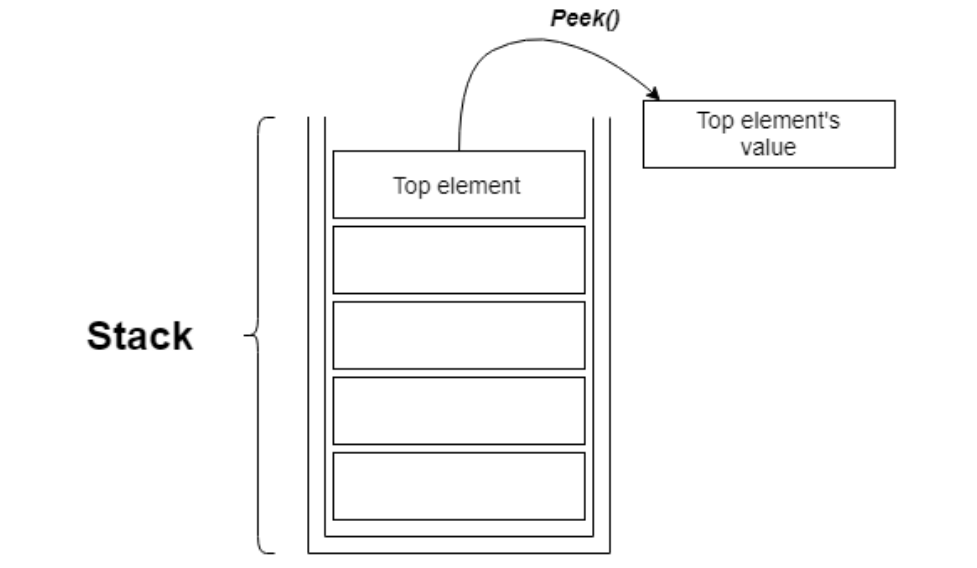
Implementation of this algorithm in C#:



* **Peek():**

The Peek() operation returns the top element (top-most) value from the stack but

not removing it.

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**Implementation of this algorithm in C#:**

* **isFull():**

**IsFull()** operation is the operation that check whether a stack is full or not, then returns a Boolean value.

Implementation of this algorithm in **C#**

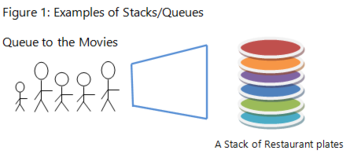
* **IsEmpty():**

**Empty()** operation is the operation that check whether a stack is empty or not. This operation is slightly different from IsFull() operation, where the condition for it to return “True” value is only when the top value at “-1”, since the index in array starts from 0.

Implementation of this algorithm in **C#**

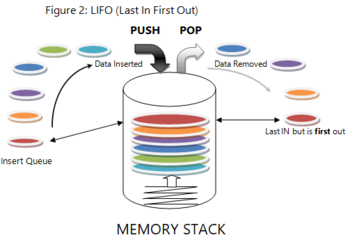
1. **Operations of memory stack and how it is used to implement function calls in a computer.**
   1. Operation of memory stack

Memory stacks are linear data structures (locations) used to store data in a computer's memory. They may also be referred to as queues. Data within a stack must always of the same type. An example of a stack is illustrated.



Items in a stack are inserted or removed in a linear order and not in any random sequence. As in any queue or collection that is assembled, the data items in a stack are stored and accessed in a specific way. In this case, a technique called LIFO (Last In First Out) is used. This involves a series of insertion and removal operations which we will discuss in the following section.

When a stack is accessed (has items inserted or removed), it is done in an orderly manner using LIFO. LIFO is an acronym which stands for Last In First Out. The computer uses this approach to service data requests received by the computer's memory. LIFO dictates that data inserted or stored last in any given stack, must be the first removed. If that was applied to our queue for the movies in Figure 1 above, there would be chaos! Operations on a stack are discussed in the following sections using Figure 2 below:



#### **The Push Operation:**

The push operation involves inserting data items into a stack. Let us examine our restaurant plate dispenser in Figure 2. The push operation adds plates (data items) to the plate dispenser (stack). The first plate is pushed to the bottom of the stack with all subsequent plates following in order after it. The first data item inserted is the most inaccessible and positioned at the bottom of the stack.

* **The Pop Operation:**

The pop operation involves removing data items from a loaded stack. In our plate dispenser illustration, the last plate (data item) added is positioned at the top of the stack. This data item is popped out of the stack as the first item to be removed. Think of the spring loading system at the base of the plate dispenser. It pushes the stack of plates upwards each time a plate is removed. In memory, items continue to be popped out in that order.

* **The Peek Operation:**

In this operation, no data item is added to or removed from the stack. The peek operation simply requests the address location of the data item at the top of the stack (the last item to be pushed).

* **The Search Operation:**

In this operation, no data item is added to or removed from the stack either. The search operation requests the address location of any data item in the stack. It determines the item location in reference to the item at the top of the stack.

* **Duplicate operation:**

The duplicate operation pops the top item out of the stack and then pushed again (twice), so that an additional copy of the former top item is now on top, with the original below it.

* **Swap or exchange operation:**

The swap operation pops 2 topmost items out of the stack and then pushed back buy with exchanged place

* **Rotate operation:**

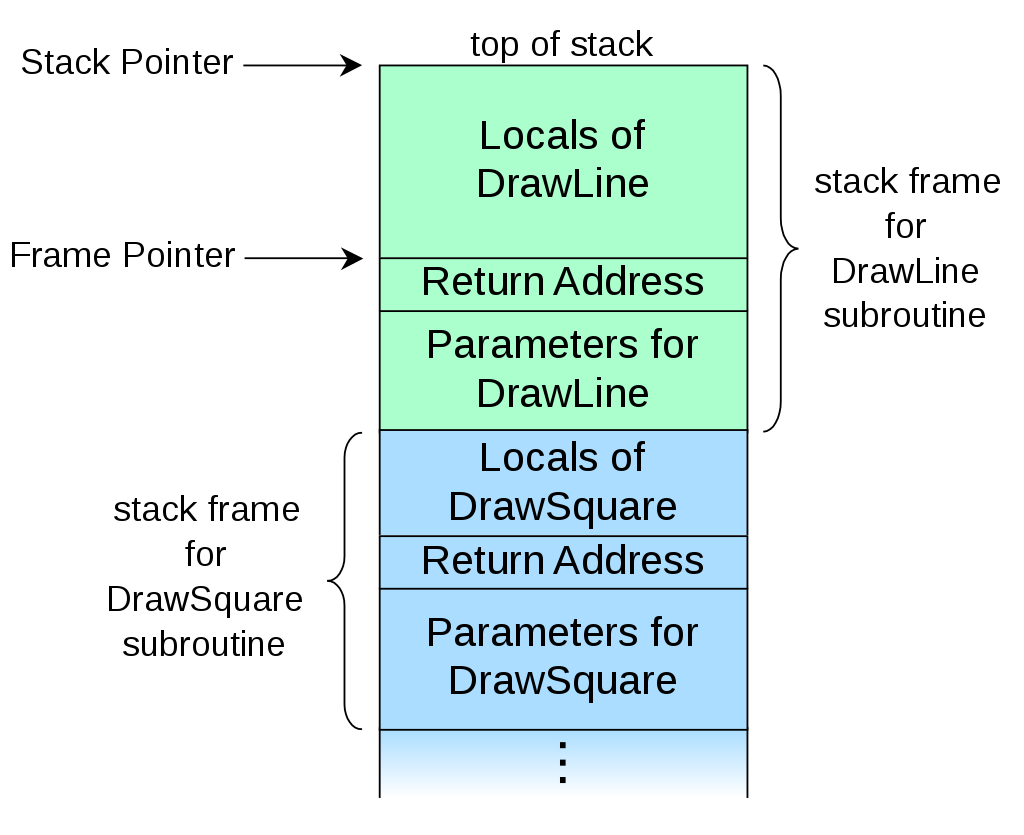
In rotate operation, the n topmost items are moved on the stack in a rotating fashion. For example, if n=3, items 1, 2, and 3 on the stack are moved to positions 2, 3, and 1 on the stack, respectively. Many variants of this operation are possible, with the most common being called left rotate and right rotate.

* 1. How stack used to implement function calls in a computer

Our computer systems function using many programs and applications. Each of these applications must use memory to execute its operations. Many memory operations can be abstract to the user, but stacking is one operation that is easily relocatable.

A call stack is composed of stack frames (also called activation records or activation frames). These are machine dependent and ABI-dependent data structures containing subroutine state information. Each stack frame corresponds to a call to a subroutine which has not yet terminated with a return.

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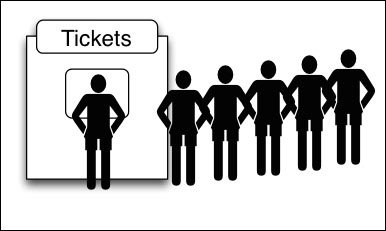


The stack frame at the top of the stack is for the currently executing routine. The stack frame usually includes at least the following items (in push order):

* The arguments (parameter values) passed to the routine (if any).
* The return address back to the routine's caller.
* Space for the local variables of the routine (if any).

1. **Data structure for a First In First out(FIFO) queue.**

Queue is an abstract data structure, somewhat similar to Stacks. Unlike stacks, a queue is open at both its ends. One end is always used to insert data (enqueue) and the other is used to remove data (dequeue). Queue follows First-In-First-Out methodology, i.e., the data item stored first will be accessed first.



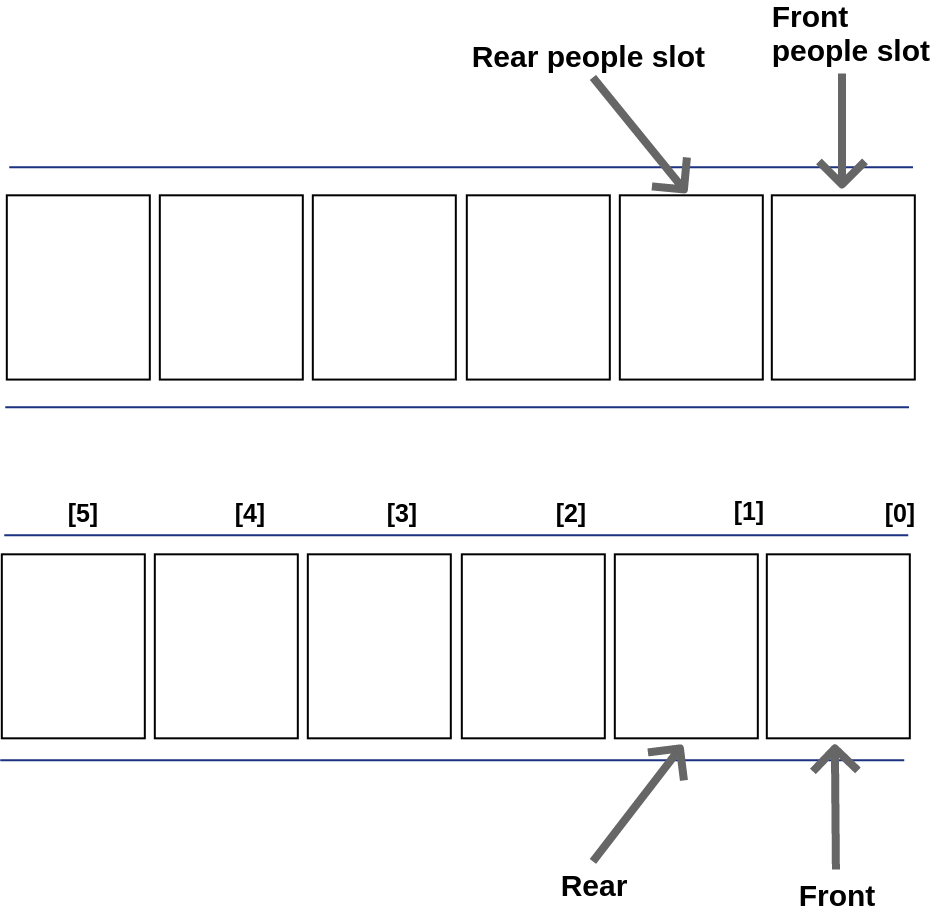
A queue of people at ticket-window: The person who comes first gets the ticket first. The person who is coming last is getting the tickets in last. Therefore, it follows first-in-first-out (FIFO) strategy of queue.

As in stacks, a queue can also be implemented using arrays, linked-lists, pointers and structures.

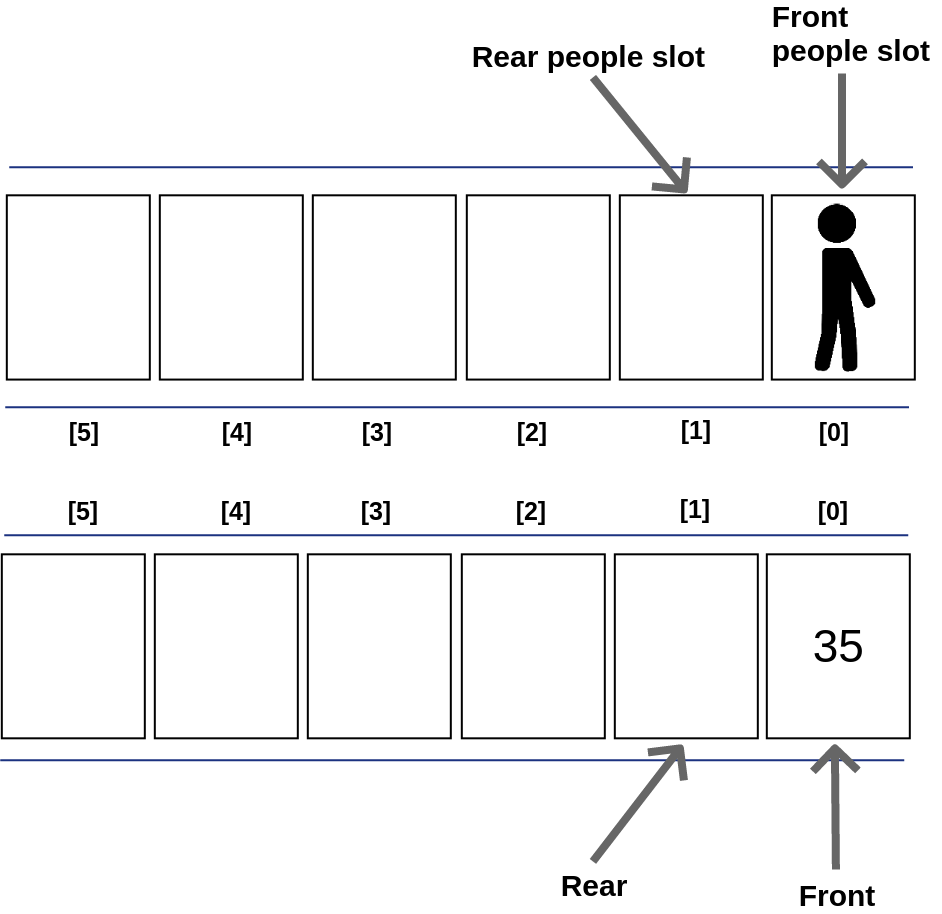
Queues are implemented using arrays in a similar way to stacks, however, needs two integer

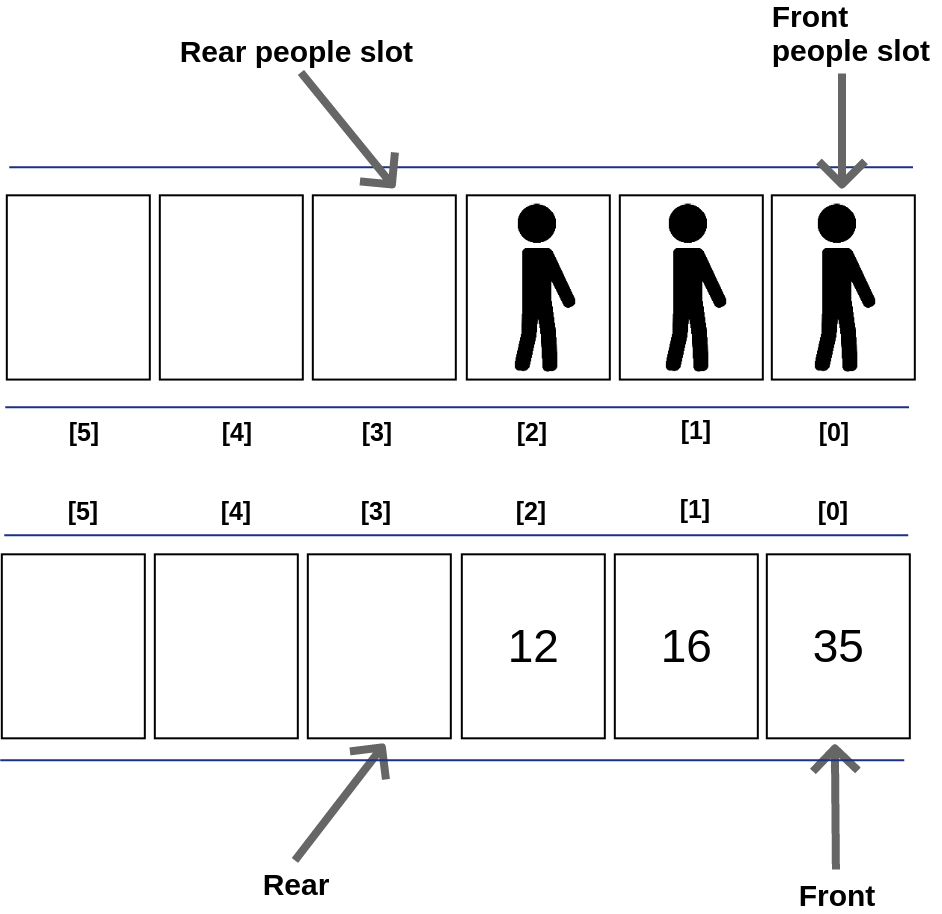
indexes, one giving the position of the front element of the queue in the array, the other giving the

position of the back element.

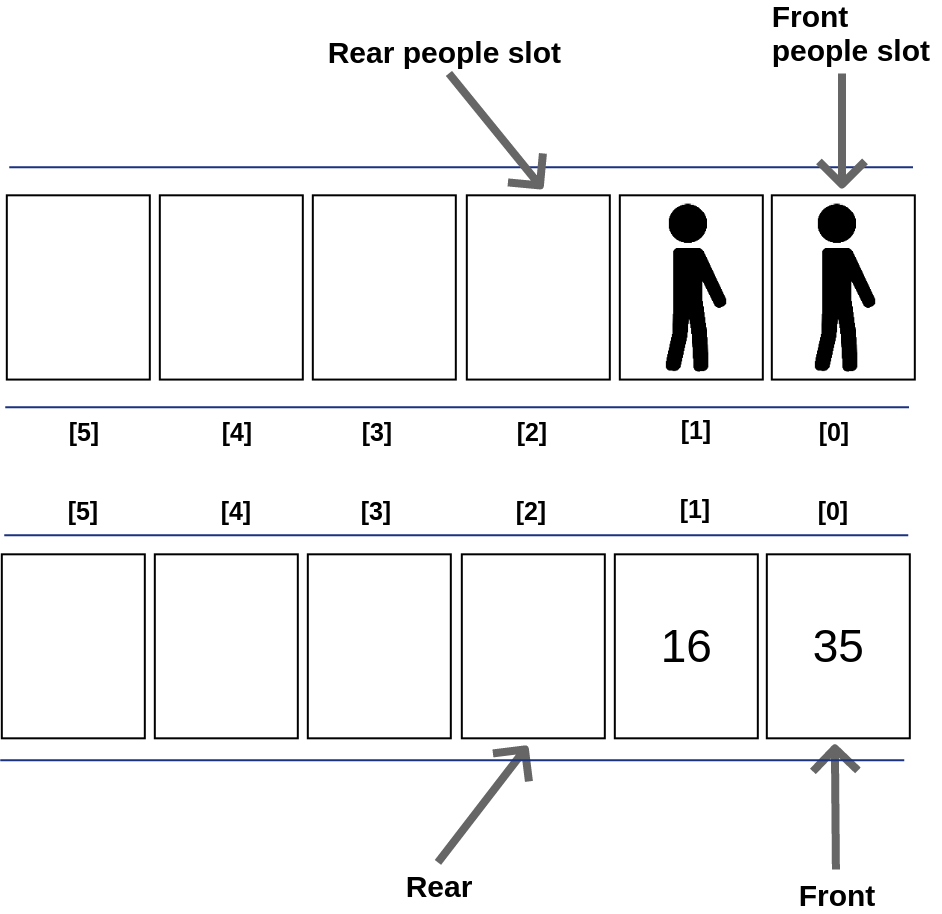


As more elements (cars) add into the queue, the rear (rear car position) keeps on moving ahead, always pointing to the position where the next element (car) will be inserted, while the front (front car position) remains at the first index of the queue.





When an element got removed from the queue, there are two possible approaches:



In the 1 st approach (Figure 17), the element at front position got removed, and then one by one

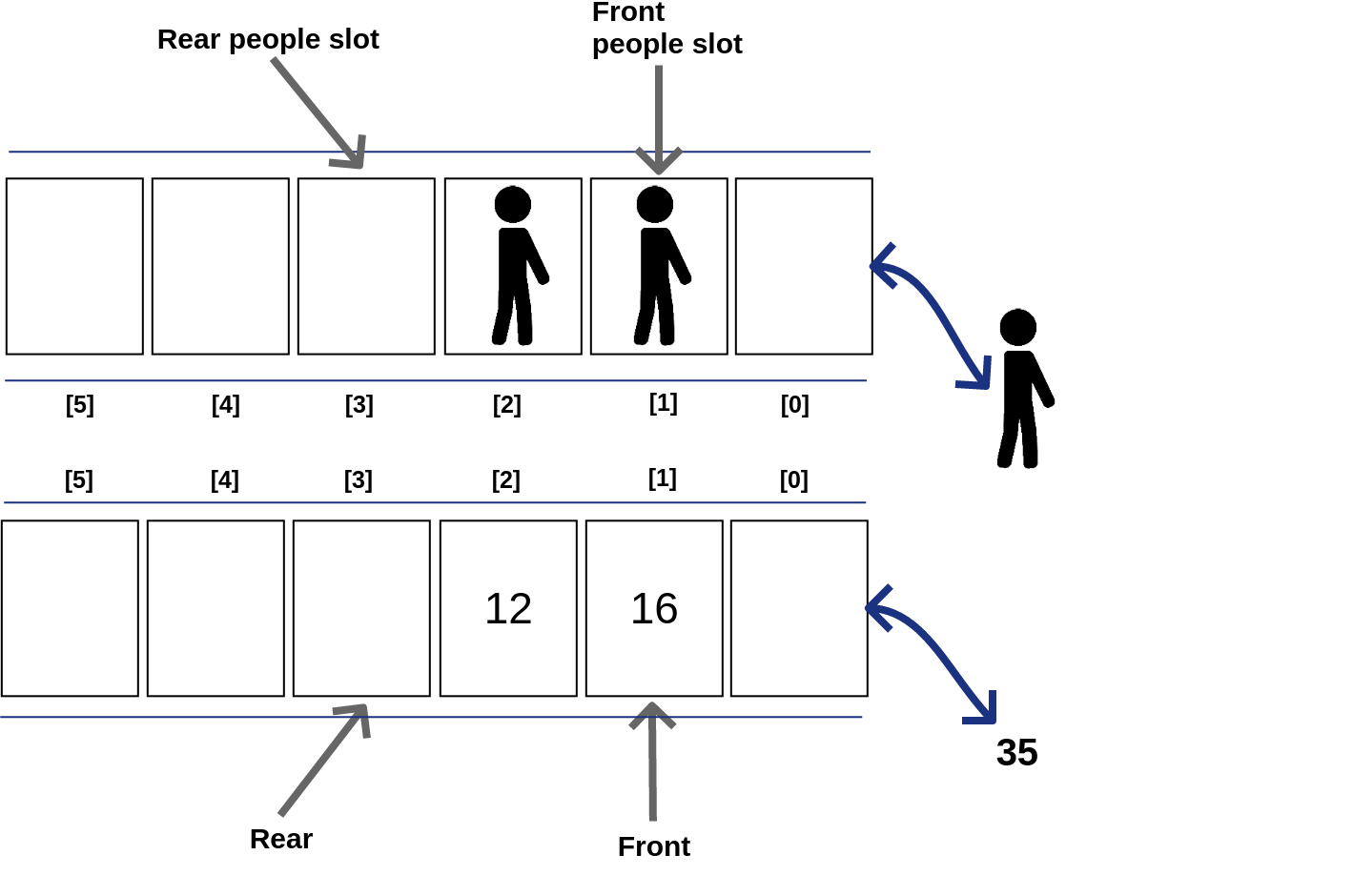
shift all the other elements in forward position. Or to be compared to car queue, the first car in

the queue go away, then every following up car moved forward to fill up the space the last car

left.

In this approach, there is an overhead of shifting the elements one position forward every time

the first element got removed.



In the 2 nd approach, the element at front position got removed, and then the front move to the

next position. Or to be compared to car queue, even if the first car in the queue left away, the

following up next car will become the first-in-queue car, but not moving forward to fill up the

space the last car left.

In this approach, there is no such overhead, but whenever moving the front one position ahead,

after removal of first element, the size on queue is reduced by one space each time.

1. **The Abstract data type for a software stack.**
   1. **Array stack**
   2. **Linked list stack**
2. **Compare the performance of two sorting algorithms.**

Sorting is a very classic problem of reordering items (that can be compared, e.g. integers, floating-point numbers, strings, etc) of an array (or a list) in a certain order (increasing, non-decreasing, decreasing, non-increasing, lexicographical, etc).

<https://visualgo.net/en/sorting?slide=1>

There are many different sorting algorithms, each has its own advantages and limitations.

Sorting is commonly used as the introductory problem in various Computer Science classes to showcase a range of algorithmic ideas.

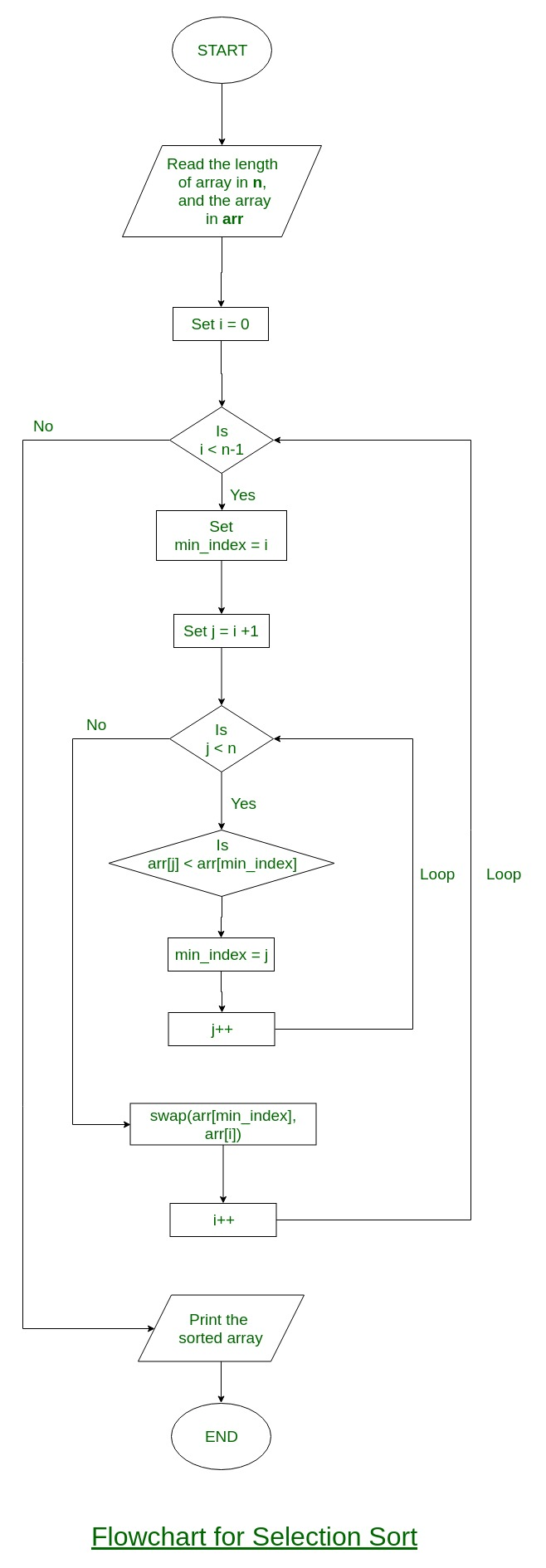
When an (integer) array A is sorted, many problems involving A become easy (or easier):

* Searching for a specific value v in array A,
* Finding the min/max or the k-th smallest/largest value in (static) array A,
* Testing for uniqueness and deleting duplicates in array A,
* Counting how many time a specific value v appear in array A,
* Set intersection/union between array A and another sorted array B,
* Finding a target pair x ∈ A and y ∈ A such that x+y equals to a target z.
  1. Selection sort

**The Selection Sort** algorithm is a simple algorithm. This sorting algorithm is an in-place comparison algorithm, in which the list is divided into two parts, the sorted list on the left and the unsorted list in the right. Initially, the sorted part is empty and the unsorted part is the whole list.

The smallest element is selected from the unsorted array and is swapped with the left most and that element becomes the element of the sorted array. This process continues until all of the elements in the unsorted array are moved to the sorted array.

This algorithm is not suitable for large data sets when the worst case complexity and the average case is O (n2) where n is the number of elements.

**https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/selection-sort/**

**How Selection sort algorithm works:**

The algorithm proceeds by finding the smallest (or largest, depends on sorting order) element in the unsorted sub-list, swapping it with the leftmost unsorted element. The process of searching the minimum element and placing it in the proper position is continued until all of the elements are placed at right position.

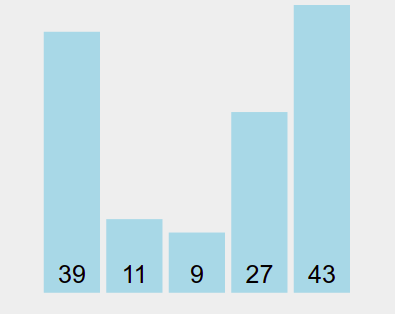
* **Step 1** : Set MIN to location 0
* **Step 2** : Search the minimum element in the list
* **Step 3** : Swap with value at location MIN
* **Step 4** : Increment MIN to point to next element
* **Step 5** : Repeat until list is sorted

The following example will visualize the selection sort algorithm:

Given an array of N items and L = 0, Selection Sort will:

* Find the position X of the smallest item in the range of [L...N−1],
* Swap X-th item with the L-th item,
* Increase the lower-bound L by 1 and repeat Step 1 until L = N-2.

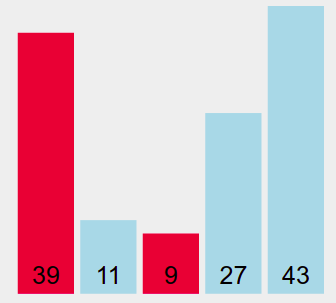
Without further ado, let's try Selection Sort on the same small example array [39, 11, 9, 27, 43].

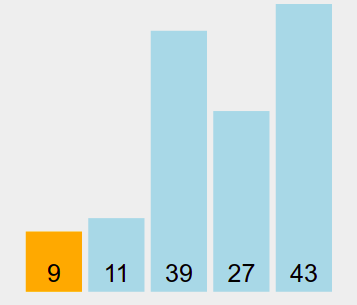


Without loss of generality, we can also implement Selection Sort in reverse: Find the position of the largest item Y and swap it with the last item.

**Iteration 1**: Set 39 as the current minimum, then iterate through the remaining unsorted elements to find the true minimum.



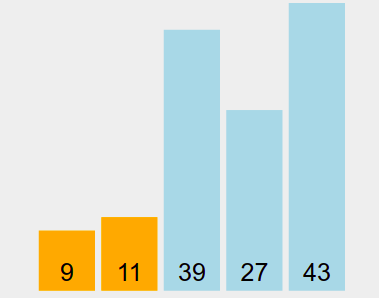
* Check if 11 is smaller than the current minimum (39).
* Set 11 as the new minimum.
* Check if 9 is smaller than the current minimum (11).
* Set 9 as the new minimum.
* Check if 27 is smaller than the current minimum (9).
* Check if 43 is smaller than the current minimum (9).
* Swap the minimum (9) with the first unsorted element (39).
* 9 is now considered sorted.



**Iteration 2:** Set 11 as the current minimum, then iterate through the remaining unsorted elements to find the true minimum.



* Check if 39 is smaller than the current minimum (11).
* Check if 27 is smaller than the current minimum (11).
* Check if 43 is smaller than the current minimum (11).
* As the minimum is the first unsorted element, no swap is necessary.
* 11 is now considered sorted.

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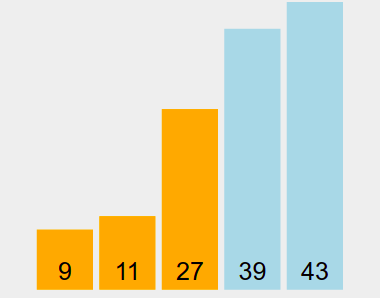
**Iteration 3:** Set 39 as the current minimum, then iterate through the remaining unsorted elements to find the true minimum.



* Check if 27 is smaller than the current minimum (39).
* Set 27 as the new minimum.



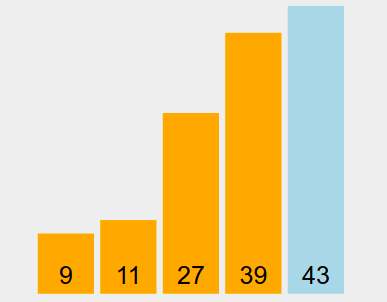
* Check if 43 is smaller than the current minimum (27).
* Swap the minimum (27) with the first unsorted element (39).
* 27 is now considered sorted.



**Iteration 4:** Set 39 as the current minimum, then iterate through the remaining unsorted elements to find the true minimum.



* Check if 43 is smaller than the current minimum (39).
* As the minimum is the first unsorted element, no swap is necessary.
* 39 is now considered sorted.



**List is sorted!** (After all iterations, the last element will naturally be sorted.)

Implementation Code In C#:

* 1. Bubble sort

Bubble sort is a simple sorting algorithm. This sorting algorithm is comparison-based algorithm in which each pair of adjacent elements is compared and the elements are swapped if they are not in order. This algorithm is not suitable for large data sets as its average and worst case complexity are of Ο(n2) where n is the number of items.

Given an array of N elements, Bubble Sort will:

* Compare a pair of adjacent items (a, b),
* Swap that pair if the items are out of order (in this case, when a > b),
* Repeat Step 1 and 2 until we reach the end of array
* (the last pair is the (N-2)-th and (N-1)-th items as we use 0-based indexing),
* By now, the largest item will be at the last position.
* We then reduce N by 1 and repeat Step 1 until we have N = 1.

Without further ado, let's try Bubble Sort on the small example array [39, 11, 9, 27, 43].



You should see a 'bubble-like' animation if you imagine the larger items 'bubble up' (actually 'float to the right side of the array').

**Set the swapped flag to false. Then iterate from index 1 to 4 inclusive.**

* Checking if 39 > 11 and swap them if that is true. The current value of swapped = false.



* Swapping the positions of 39 and 11. Set swapped = true.



* Checking if 39 > 9 and swap them if that is true. The current value of swapped = true.



* Swapping the positions of 39 and 9. Set swapped = true.



* Checking if 39 > 27 and swap them if that is true. The current value of swapped = true.



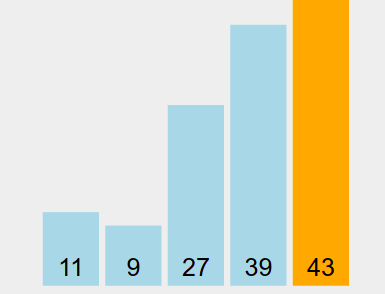
* Swapping the positions of 39 and 27. Set swapped = true.



* Checking if 39 > 43 and swap them if that is true. The current value of swapped = true.



* Mark this element as sorted now. As at least one swap is done in this pass, we continue.



**Set the swapped flag to false. Then iterate from index 1 to 3 inclusive.**

* Checking if 11 > 9 and swap them if that is true. The current value of swapped = false.



* Swapping the positions of 11 and 9. Set swapped = true.



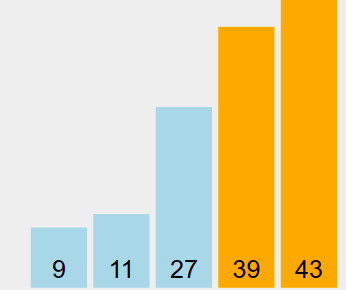
* Checking if 11 > 27 and swap them if that is true. The current value of swapped = true.



* Checking if 27 > 39 and swap them if that is true. The current value of swapped = true.



* Mark this element as sorted now. As at least one swap is done in this pass, we continue.



**Set the swapped flag to false. Then iterate from index 1 to 2 inclusive.**

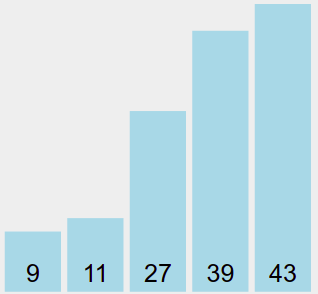
Checking if 9 > 11 and swap them if that is true. The current value of swapped = false.



Checking if 11 > 27 and swap them if that is true. The current value of swapped = false.



* No swap is done in this pass. We can terminate Bubble Sort now.



**List is sorted!**

Implementation Code In C#:

* 1. Compare performance

1. **The Advantages of encapsulation and information hiding when using an ADT.**
2. **The Operation, using illustrations of two network shortest path algorithm and example of each.**
   1. Dijsktra algorithm

Dijkstra's algorithm (or Dijkstra's Shortest Path First algorithm, SPF algorithm)[1] is an algorithm for finding the shortest paths between nodes in a graph, which may represent, for example, road networks. It was conceived by computer scientist Edsger W. Dijkstra in 1956 and published three years later.

The algorithm exists in many variants. Dijkstra's original algorithm found the shortest path between two given nodes, but a more common variant fixes a single node as the "source" node and finds shortest paths from the source to all other nodes in the graph, producing a shortest-path tree.

For a given source node in the graph, the algorithm finds the shortest path between that node and every other. It can also be used for finding the shortest paths from a single node to a single destination node by stopping the algorithm once the shortest path to the destination node has been determined.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dijkstra%27s\_algorithm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dijkstra's_algorithm)

Dijkstra algorithm operates in steps, where at each step, the algorithm improves the distance

values by determining the shortest distance from node s to another node. The state of each

node consists of two features that got characterized by the algorithm:

* **Distance value:** distance value of a node is a scalar representing an estimate of the distance from node **s**.
* **Status label:** is an attribute specifying whether the distance value of a node is equal to the shortest distance to node s or not. The status label of a node is permanent if its distance value is equal to the shortest distance from node s, otherwise, it is temporary.

The O((V+E) log V) Dijkstra's algorithm is the most frequently used SSSP algorithm for typical input: Directed weighted graph that has no negative weight edge at all, formally: ∀ edge(u, v) ∈ E, w(u, v) ≥ 0. Such weighted graph is very common in real life as travelling from one place to another always use positive time unit(s).

Dijkstra's algorithm can also be implemented differently. The O((V+E) log V) Modified Dijkstra's algorithm can be used for directed weighted graphs that may have negative weight edges but no negative weight cycle.

Such input graph appears in some practical cases, (example: travelling using an electric car that has battery and our objective is to find a path from source vertex s to another vertex that minimizes overall battery usage. As usual, during acceleration (or driving on flat/uphill road), the electric car uses (positive) energy from the battery). However, during braking (or driving on downhill road), the electric car recharges (or use negative) energy to the battery. There is no negative weight cycle due to kinetic energy loss.

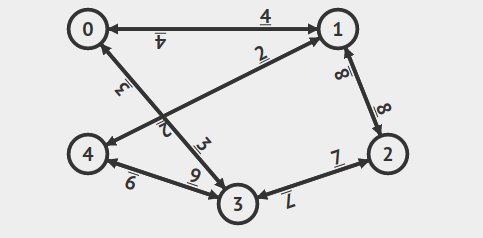
**Dijatra operation:**

Dijkstra algorithm will assign some initial distance values to each node and will try to improve them step by step as follows:

* Mark all nodes unvisited. Create a set of all the unvisited nodes called the unvisited set.
* Assign to every node a tentative distance value: set it to zero for our initial node and to infinity for all other nodes. Set the initial node as current.
* For the current node, consider all of its unvisited neighbors and calculate their tentative distances through the current node. Compare the newly calculated tentative distance to the current assigned value and assign the smaller one.
* When we are done considering all of the unvisited neighbors of the current node, mark the current node as visited and remove it from the unvisited set. A visited node will never be checked again.
* If the destination node has been marked visited (when planning a route between two specific nodes) or if the smallest tentative distance among the nodes in the unvisited set is infinity (when planning a complete traversal; occurs when there is no connection between the initial node and remaining un-visited nodes), then stop. The algorithm has finished.
* Otherwise, select the un-visited node that is marked with the smallest tentative distance, set it as the new current node, and go back to step 3.

**Dijatra example:**

Let understand with the following example:



* 1. Bellman Ford algorithm

1. **The view that imperative ADTs are basis for object orientation.**