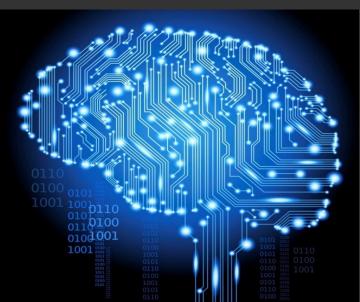


Information Technology

Linked Stacks & Queues

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Objectives for this lesson

- To understand the use of linked data structures in implementing
 - Stacks
 - Queues
- To be able to:
 - Implement, use and modify linked stacks and linked queues
 - Decide when it is appropriate to use them (rather than arrays)





Linked Stacks

```
from abc import ABC, abstractmethod
from typing import TypeVar, Generic
T = TypeVar('T')
class Stack(ABC, Generic[T]):
   def init (self) -> None:
        self.length = 0
    @abstractmethod
    def push(self, item: T) -> None:
       pass
    @abstractmethod
    def pop(self) -> None:
       pass
    @abstractmethod
    def peek(self) -> T:
       pass
    def len (self) -> int:
        return self.length
   def clear(self):
        self.length = 0
```

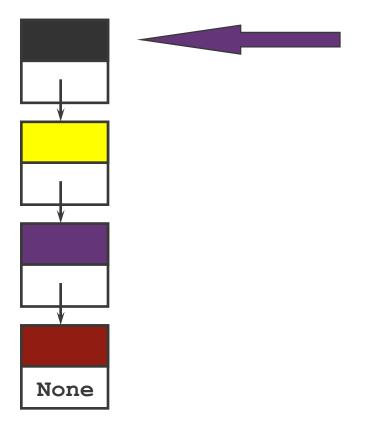
Remember: Abstract base Stack class

```
def is_empty(self) -> bool:
    return len(self) == 0

@abstractmethod
def is_full(self) -> bool:
    pass

@abstractmethod
def __toString__(self) -> str:
    pass
```

Linked Stack implementation



Top of the Stack

For an array implementation we needed one thing in addition to the length:

the_array

What do we need for a linked implementation?

Nodes!



Class for a Linked Stack

```
from typing import TypeVar
from abstract stack import Stack
from node import Node
                           No need for size when initialising the object
T = TypeVar('T')
class LinkStack(Stack[T]):
    def init (self):
        Stack. init (self)
        self.top = None
    def is full(self):
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                                            Big O?
        return False
    def clear(self):
        Stack.clear()
        self.top = None
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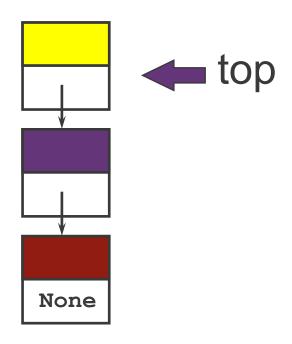
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Push method for Linked Stacks

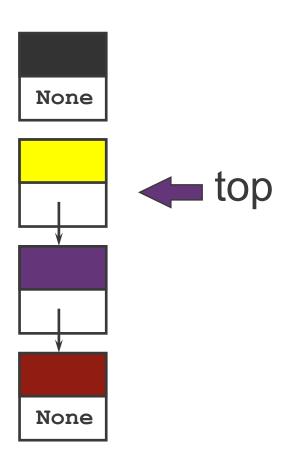
- In the array implementation:
 - If the array is full: raise exception (or resize, if we wanted to do that)
 - Else
 - Add the item in the position marked by top (was the same as the length of the list)
 - Increase top
- In a linked data structure:
 - Create a new node that contains the item
 - We link it to the current top
 - Make the new node the new top
- No need for is_full check
- If no more memory can be allocated:
 - The system will raise an exception





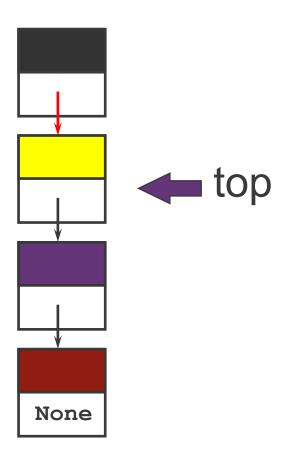


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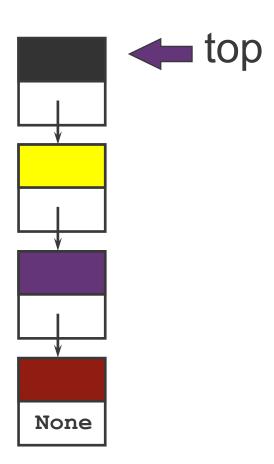


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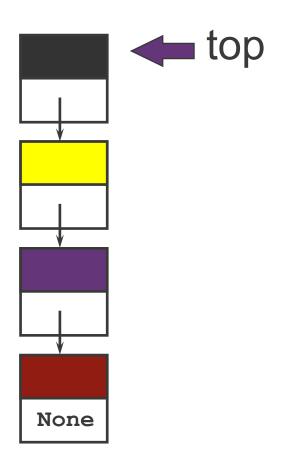
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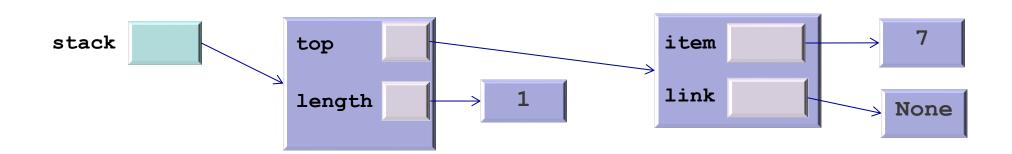
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    new_node = Node(item)
    new_node.link = self.top
    self.top = new_node
    self.length += 1
```



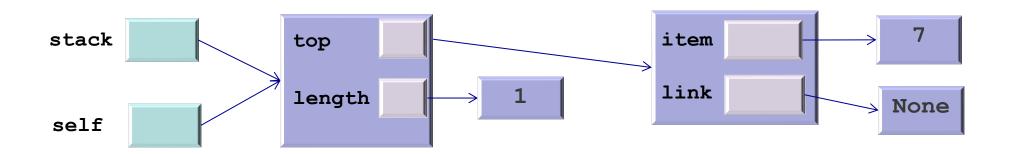


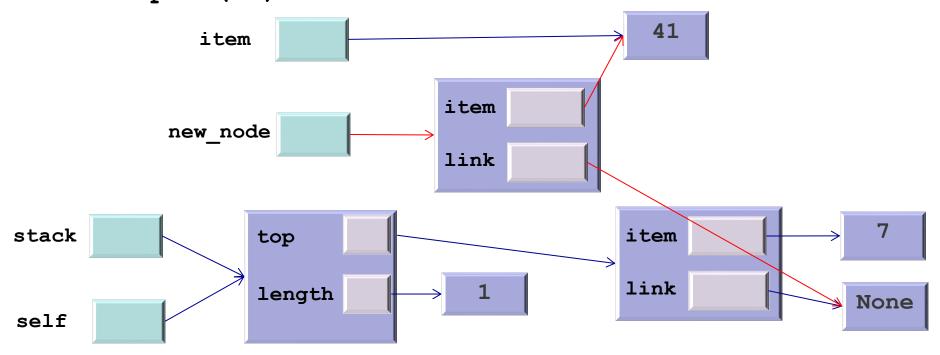
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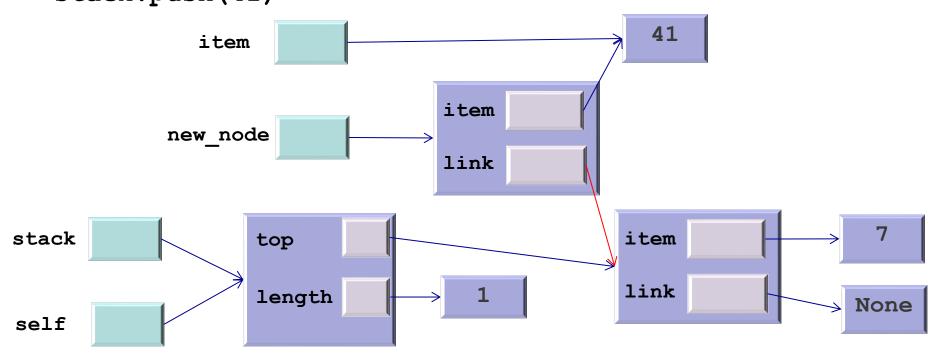
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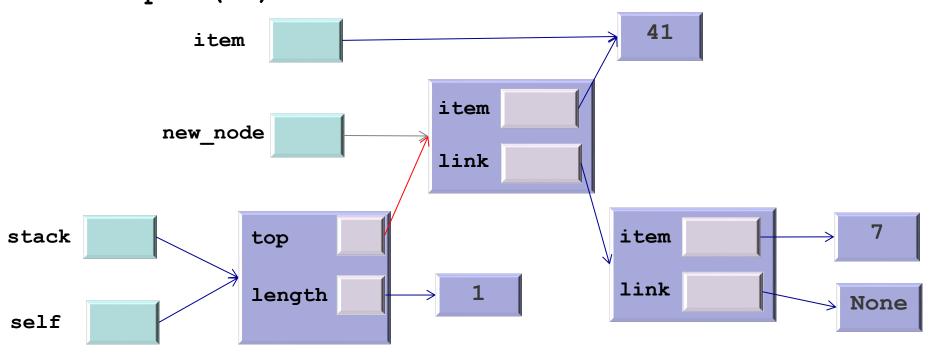


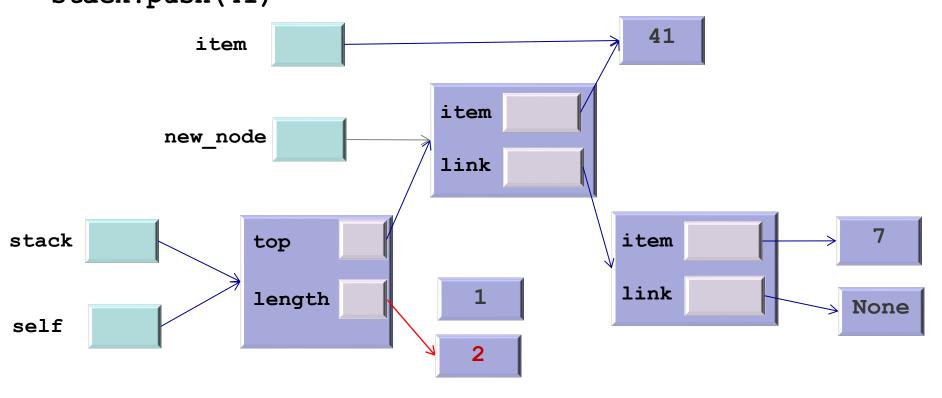














Pop method for Linked Stacks

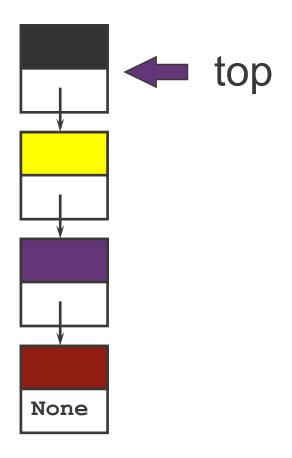
Array implementation:

- If it is empty: raise exception
- Else:
 - Remember the top item
 - Decrease top
 - Return the item

Linked nodes:

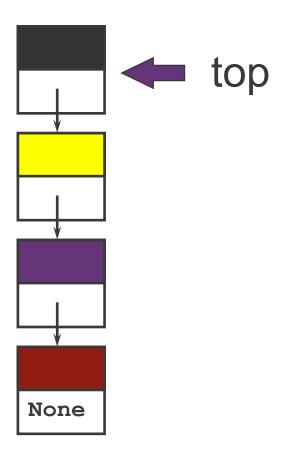
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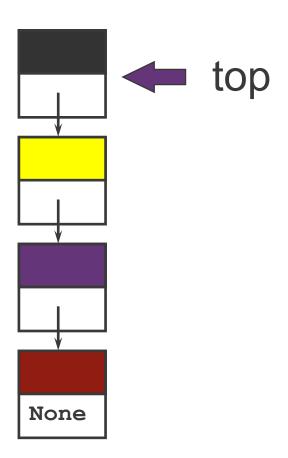


Check if the stack is empty



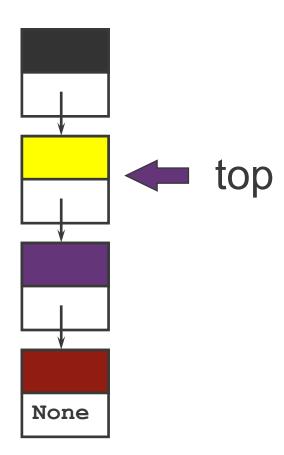


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- Remember the item in the top node





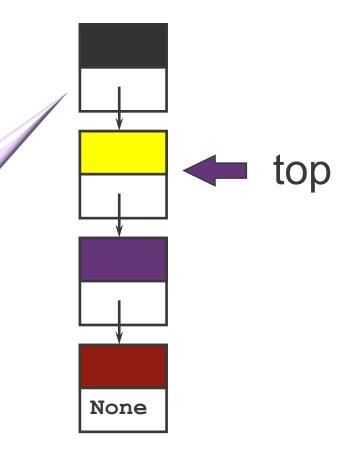
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- Return the item

As usual, no need to do anything about this. Python will automatically free the memory





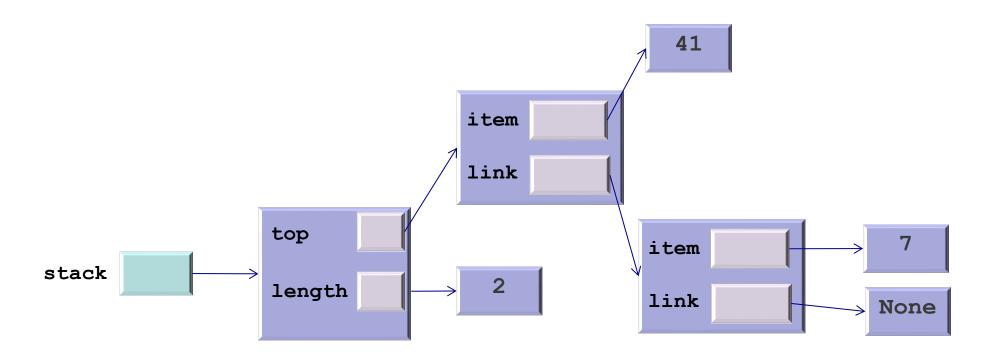
Pop: algorithm and method

```
def pop(self) -> T:
    if not self.is_empty():
        item = self.top.item
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Complexity? O(1)

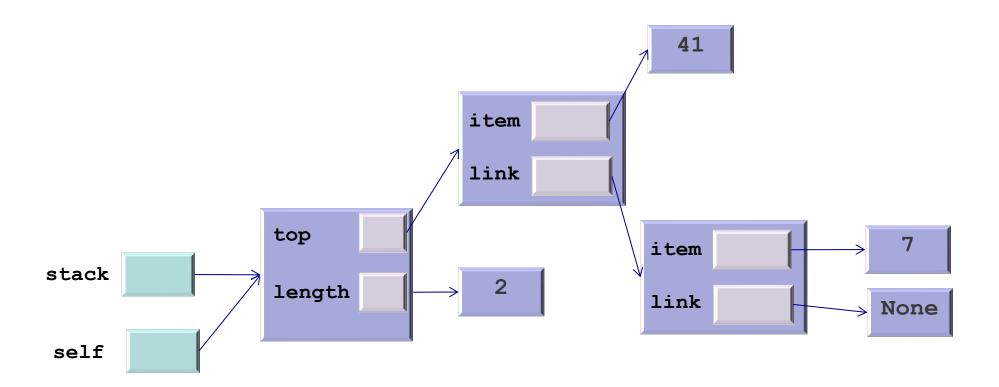
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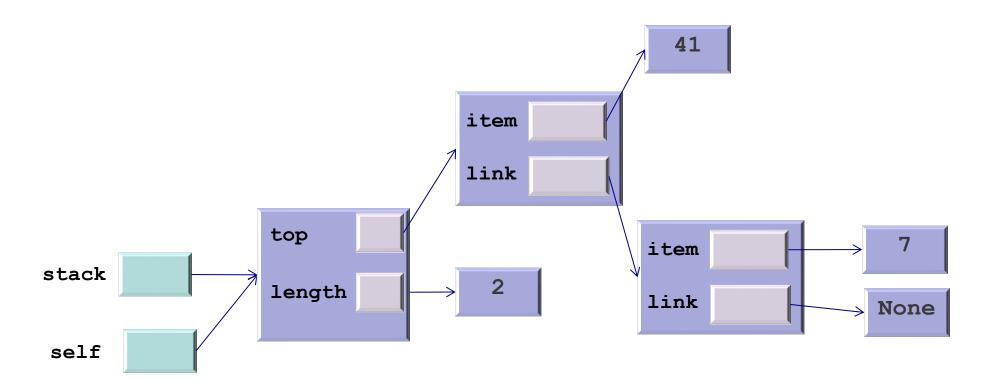
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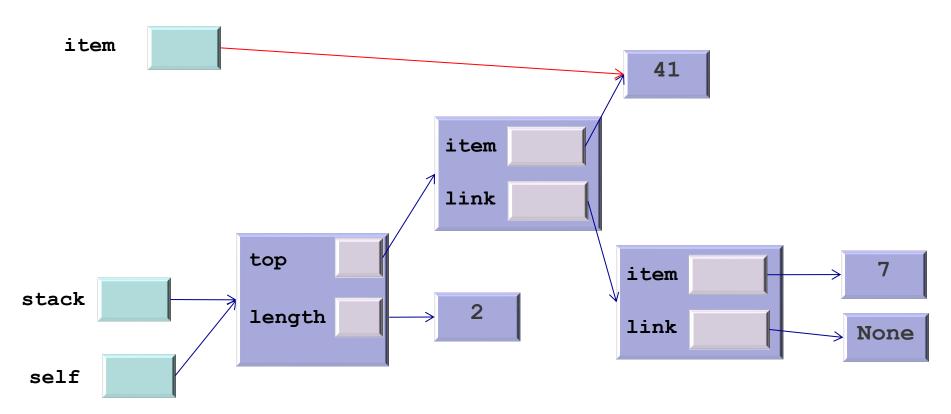
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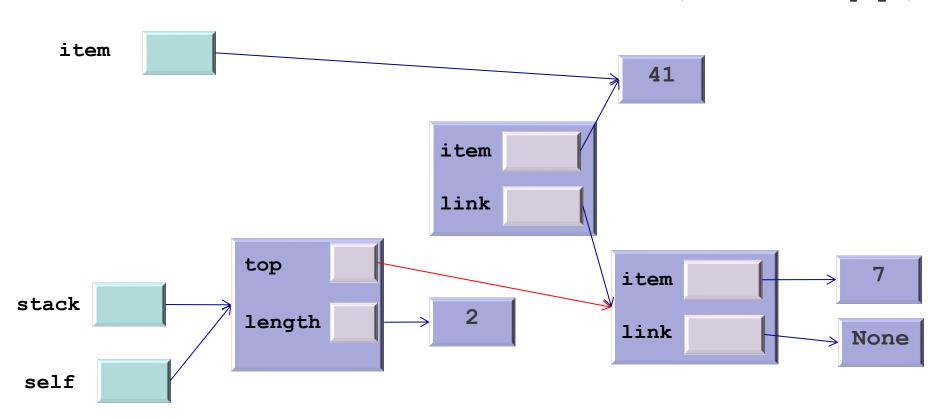
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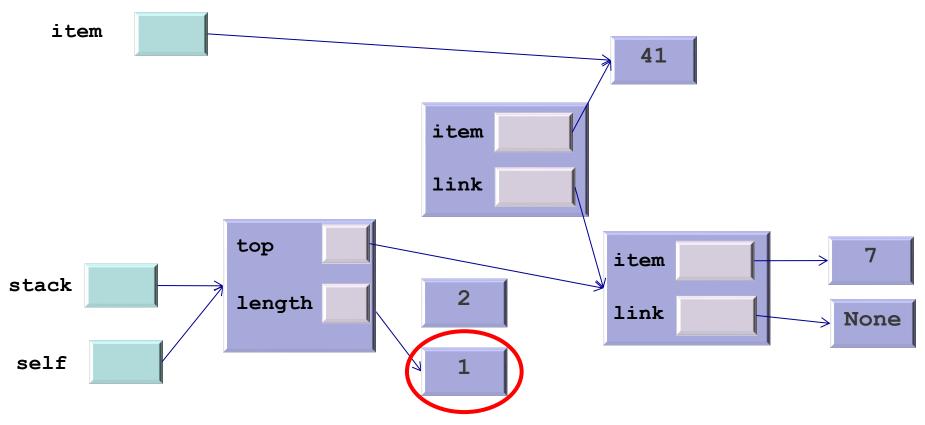
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        return item
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Example: modify for using linked stacks

```
def reverse(string: str) -> str:
   my stack = ArrayStack(len(string))
    for char in string:
        my stack.push(char)
    output = ""
    while not my_stack.is_empty():
        char = my_stack.pop()
        output += char
    return output
```

What needs to change?

Only the class name for instantiating the object

That is the point of ADTs!



Advantages/Disadvantages for Stacks

• Main advantages:

- Good to resize:
 - Push: never full so no need to copy, just add element at top
 - Pop: uses less memory when elements are popped
- Needs less space than the array, if the array is relatively empty (less than half)

Main disadvantage:

- Needs more space (for the links) than the array, if the array is relatively full

Other disadvantages:

- A bit slower
 - Still constant time but a bigger constant (create nodes, etc)

Note: Lack of random access is not a problem for a stack: its operations do not need this!





Linked Queues

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from typing import TypeVar, Generic
T = TypeVar('T')
```

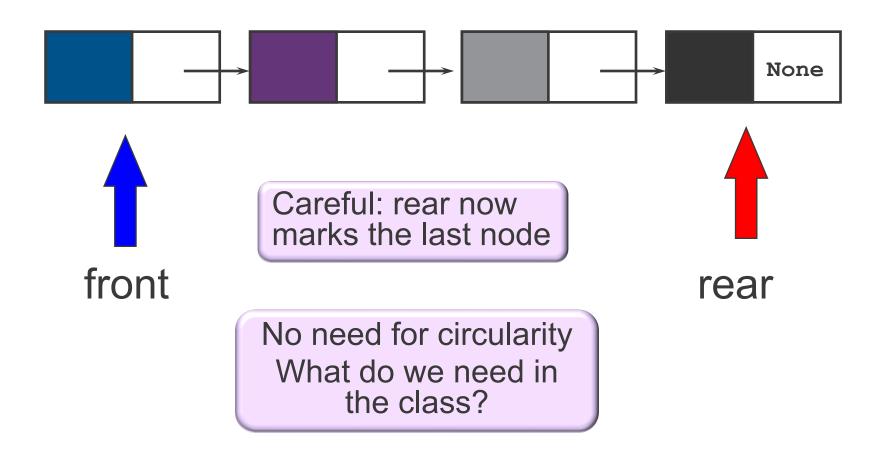
Remember: Abstract base Queue class

```
class Queue(ABC, Generic[T]):
    def init (self) -> None:
        self.length = 0
    @abstractmethod
    def append(self, item: T) -> None:
      pass
    @abstractmethod
    def serve(self) -> None:
       pass
   def len (self) -> int:
       return self.length
   def clear(self):
       self.length = 0
```

```
def is_empty(self) -> bool:
    return len(self) == 0

@abstractmethod
def is_full(self) -> bool:
    pass
```

Linked Queue





Class for Linked Queue

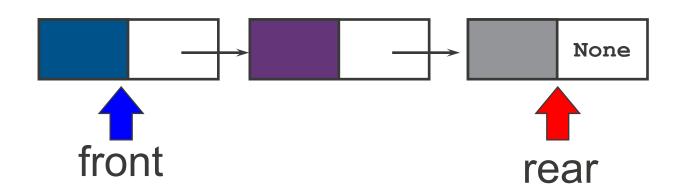
```
from typing import TypeVar
from abstract_queue import Queue
from node import Node
T = TypeVar('T')
class LinkQueue(Queue[T]):
    def init (self):
                                         The code must ensure that when
        Queue. init (self)
                                        front is None, rear is also None
        self.front = None
        self.rear = None
    def is empty(self) -> bool:
                                        def clear(self) -> None:
        return self.front is None
                                            Queue.clear()
                                            self.front = None
    def is full(self) -> bool:
                                            self.rear = None
        return False
```



Linked Queues Append

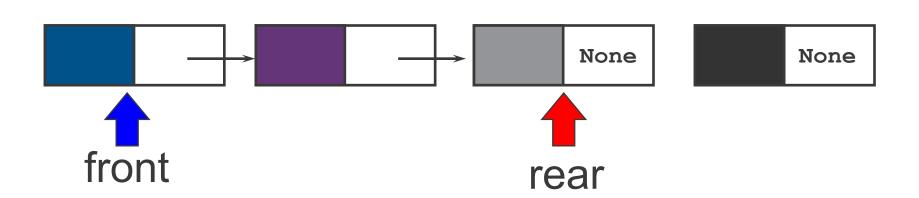
- Linear array implementation:
 - If it is full: raise exception
 - Else:
 - Increase rear
 - Add item at position marked by rear
- In a linked list:
 - Create a new node that contains item and points to None
 - Link the current rear to it
 - Make the new node the new rear
- Again, no need for is_full check





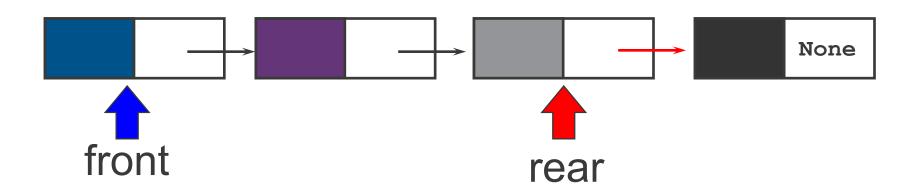


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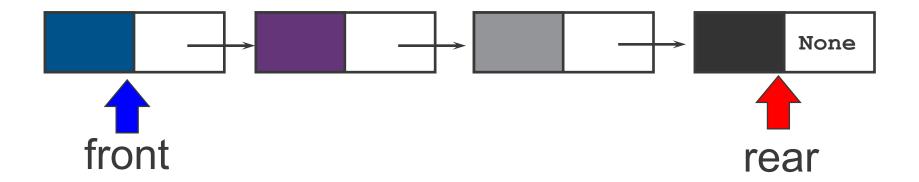
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- Create a new node for item
- Make a link from the current rear to the new node
- The new node becomes the new rear

Does this general algorithm always work?





- No, if the queue is empty, we must modify front too
- How?
 - Create a new node for item

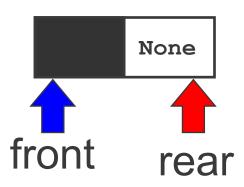




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The new node become the new front and rear





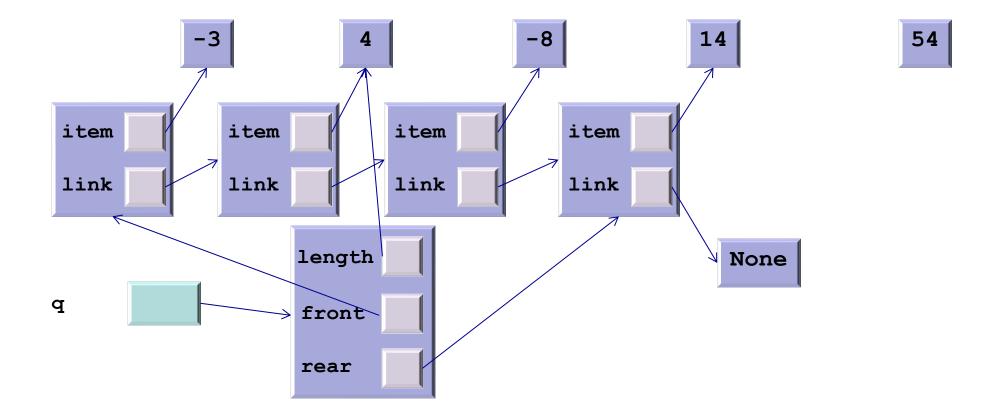
Append method

...

```
def append(self, item: T) -> None:
    new_node = Node(item) # create new node
    if self.is_empty():
        self.front = new_node # move head
    else:
        self.rear.link = new_node #link it in
    self.rear = new_node # move rear to new node
    self.length += 1
```

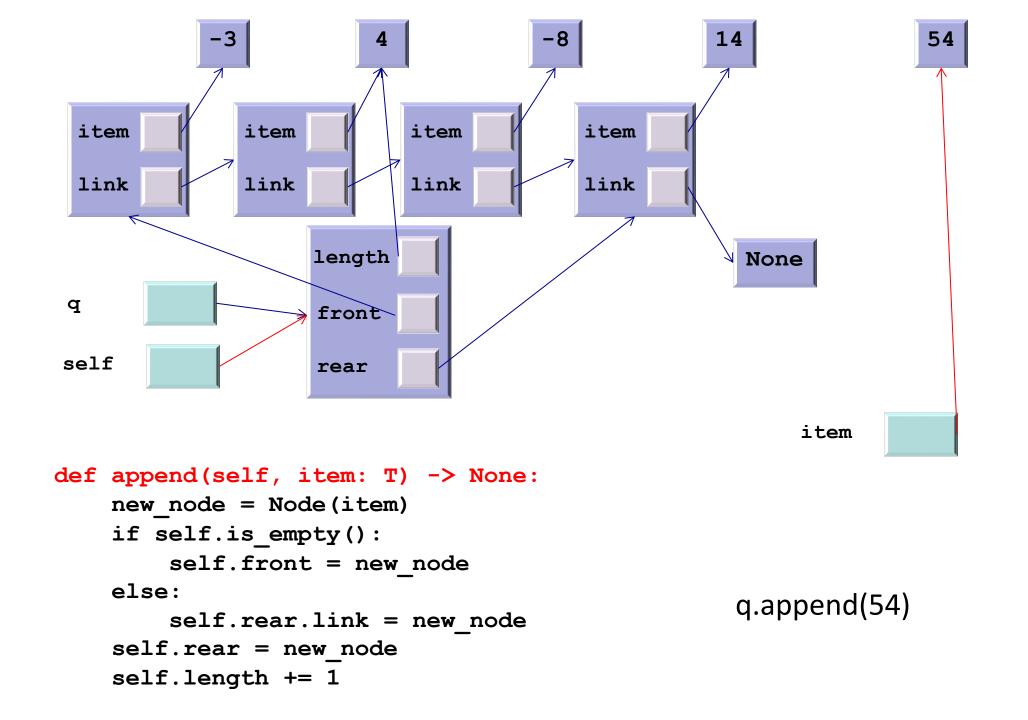
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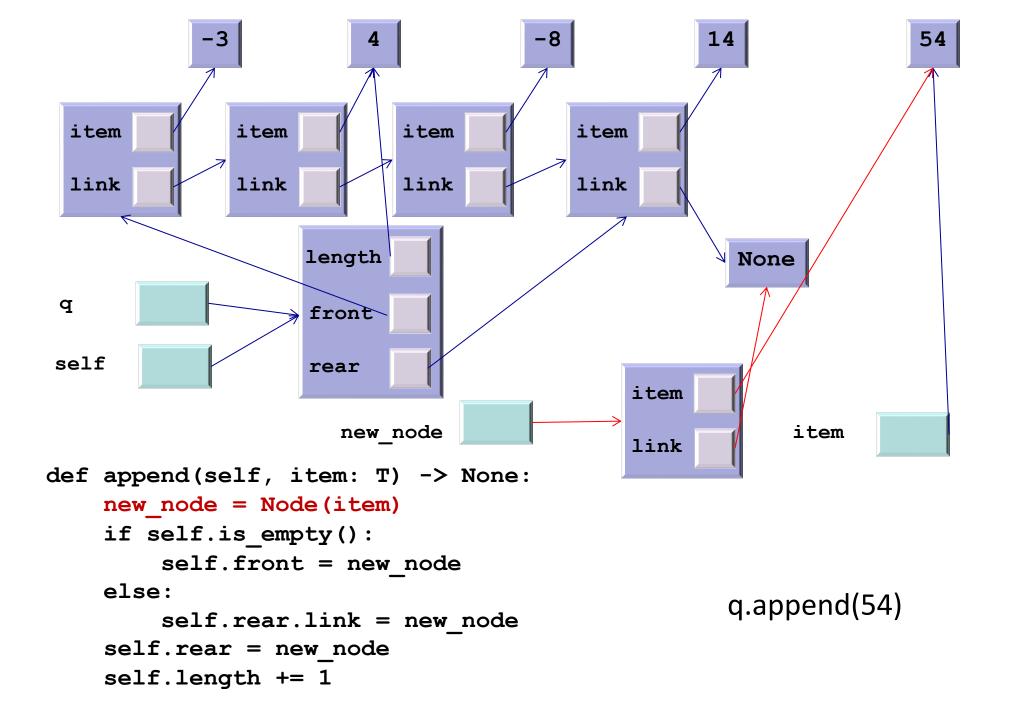


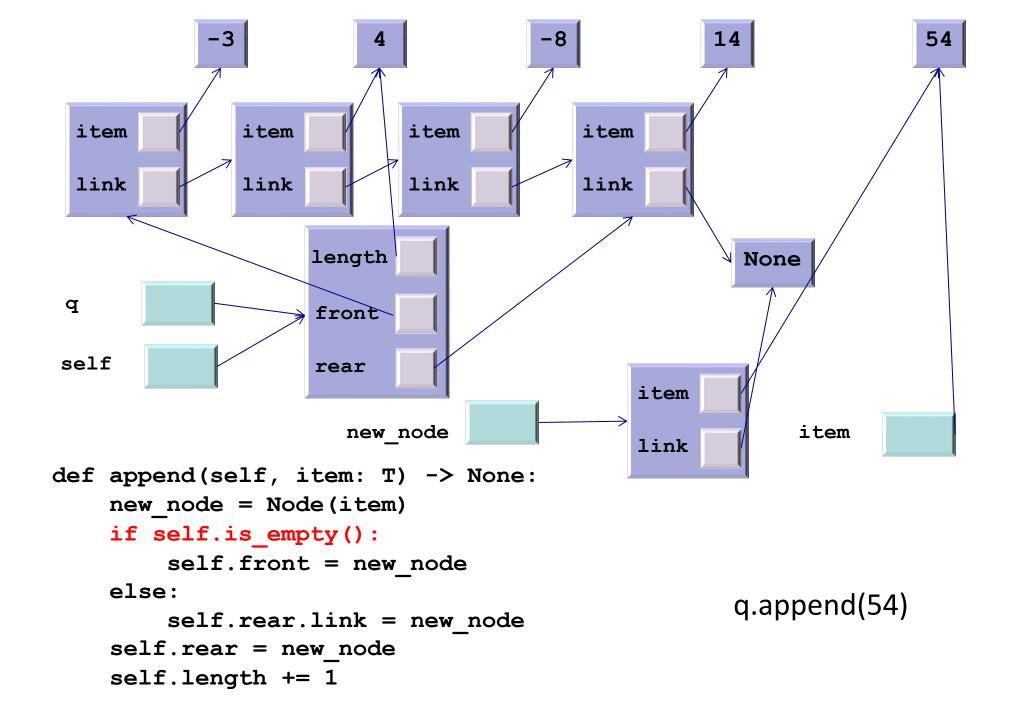


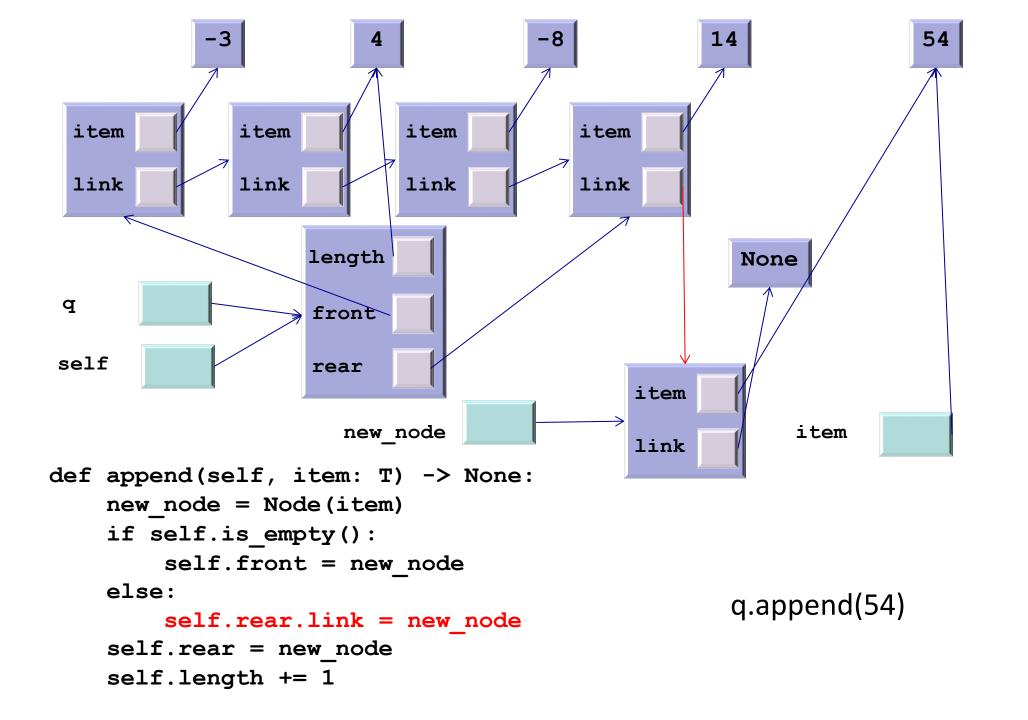
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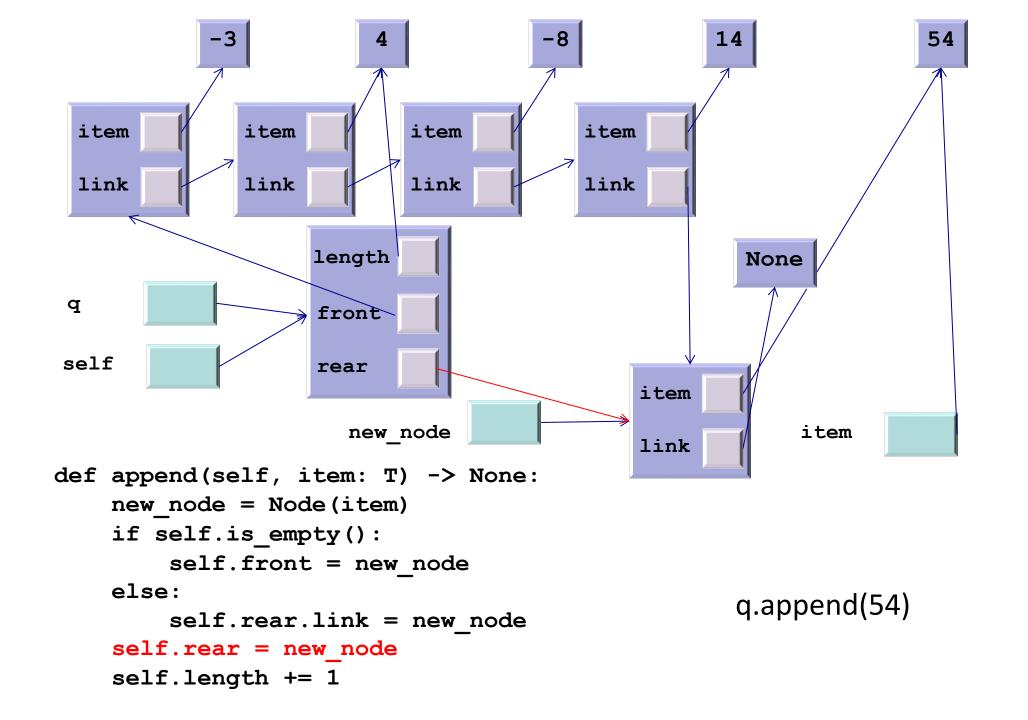
self.length += 1

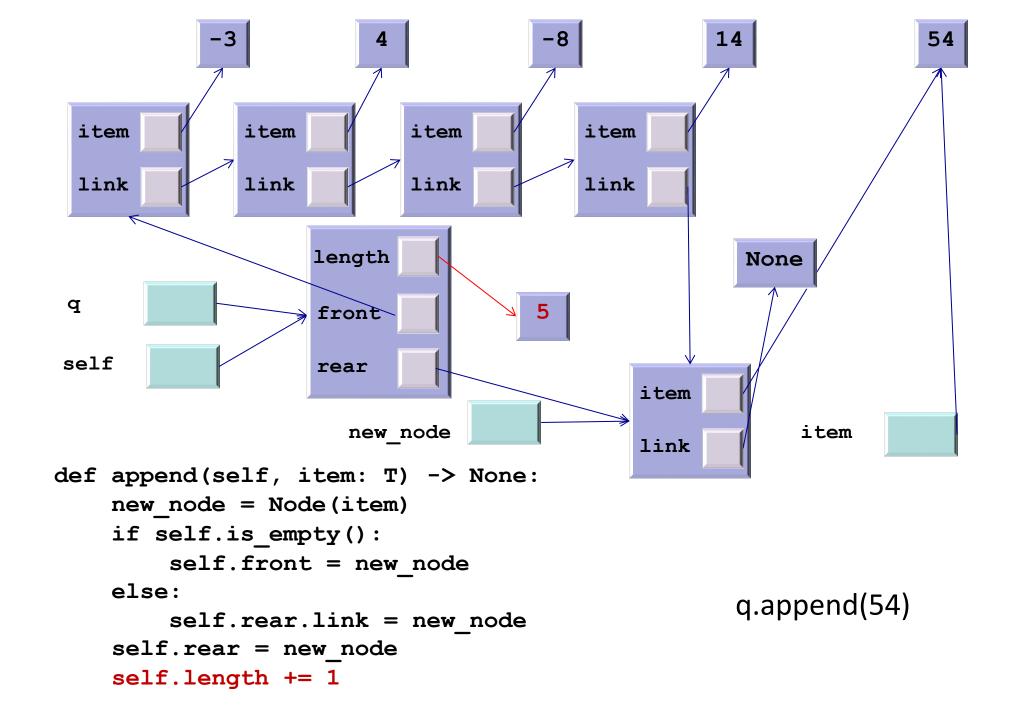


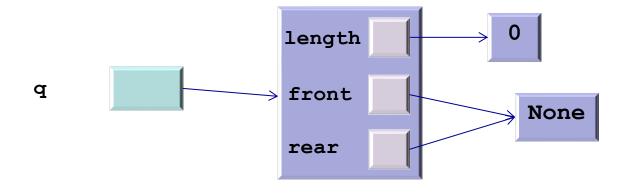






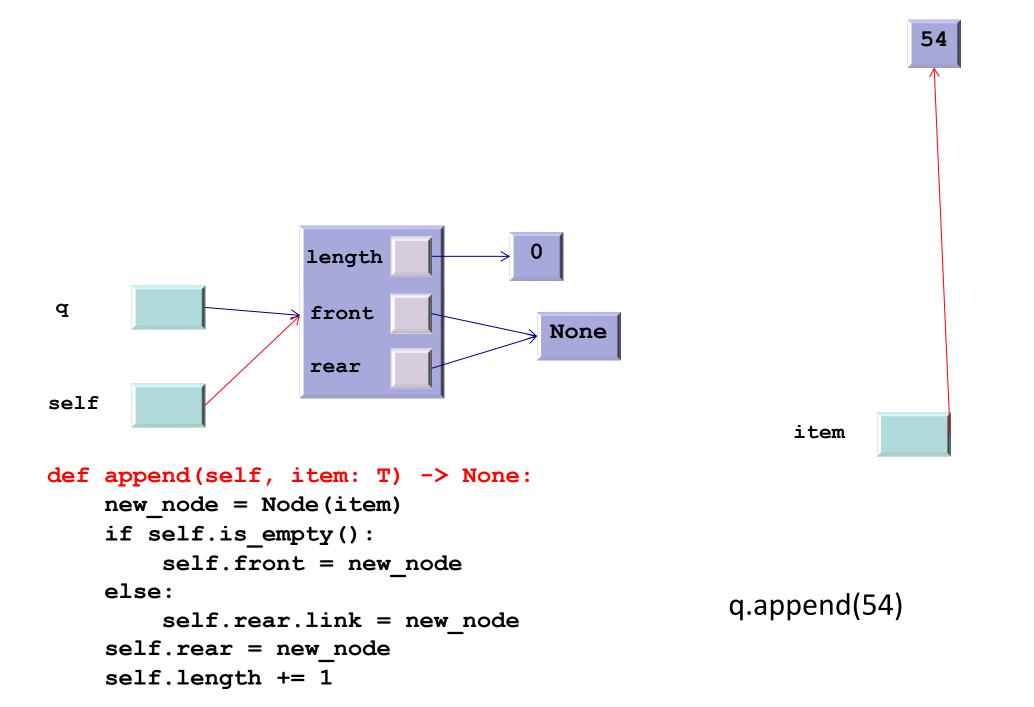


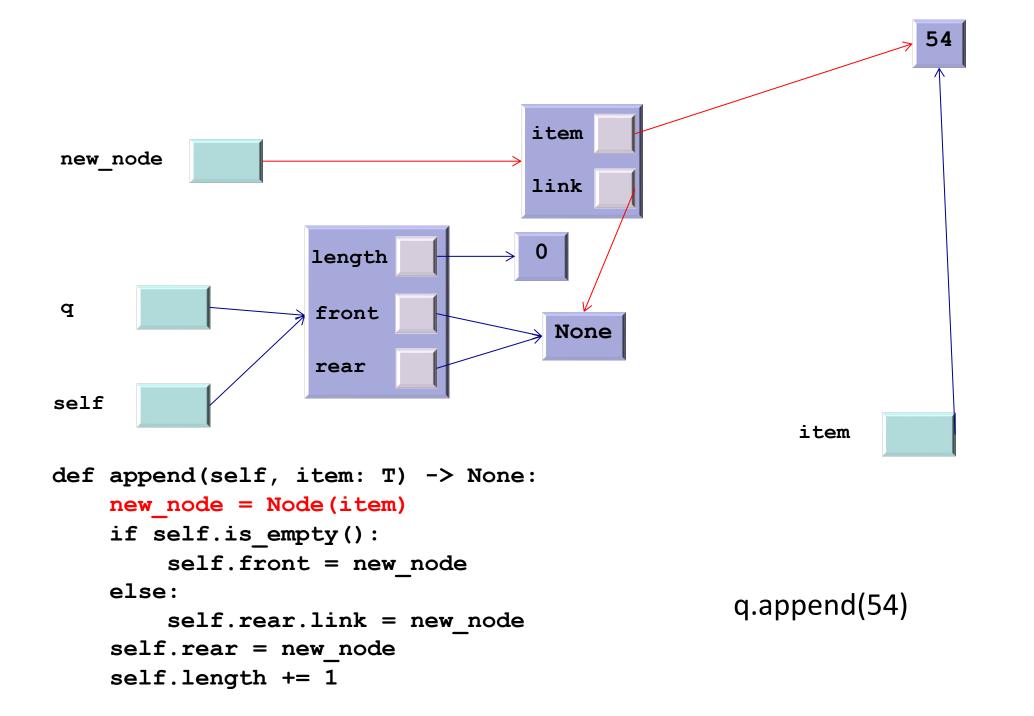


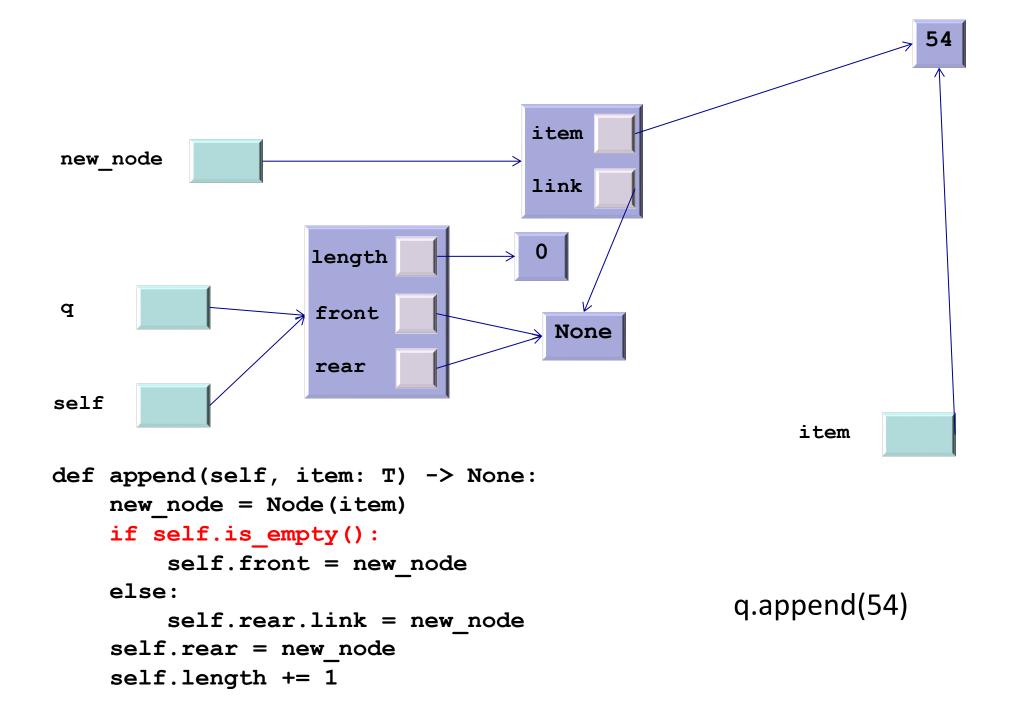


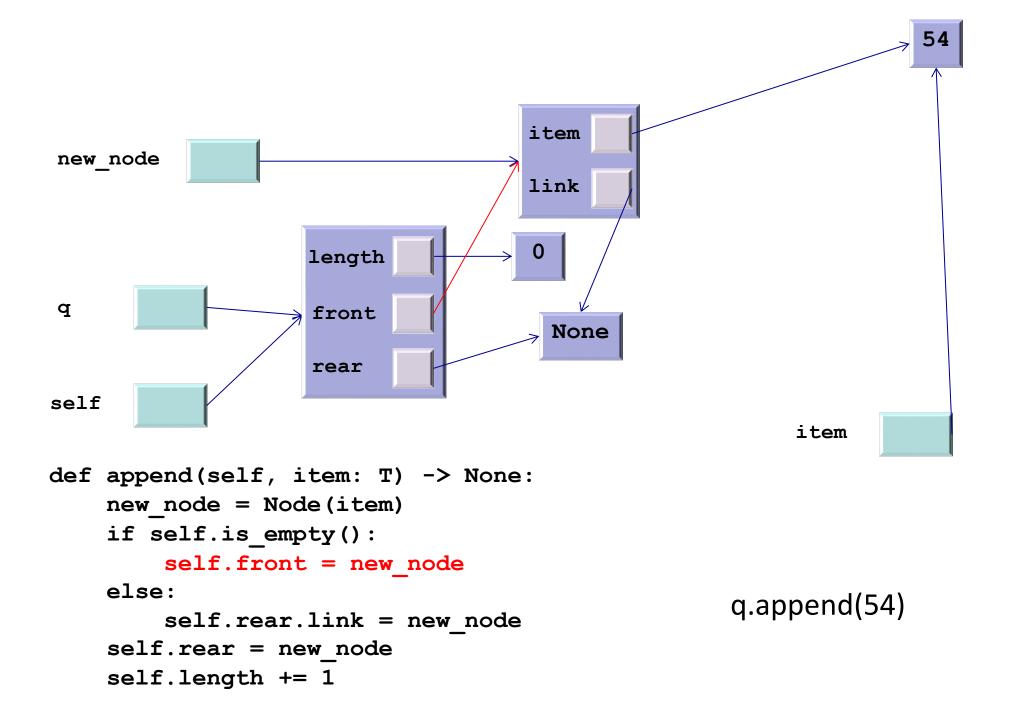
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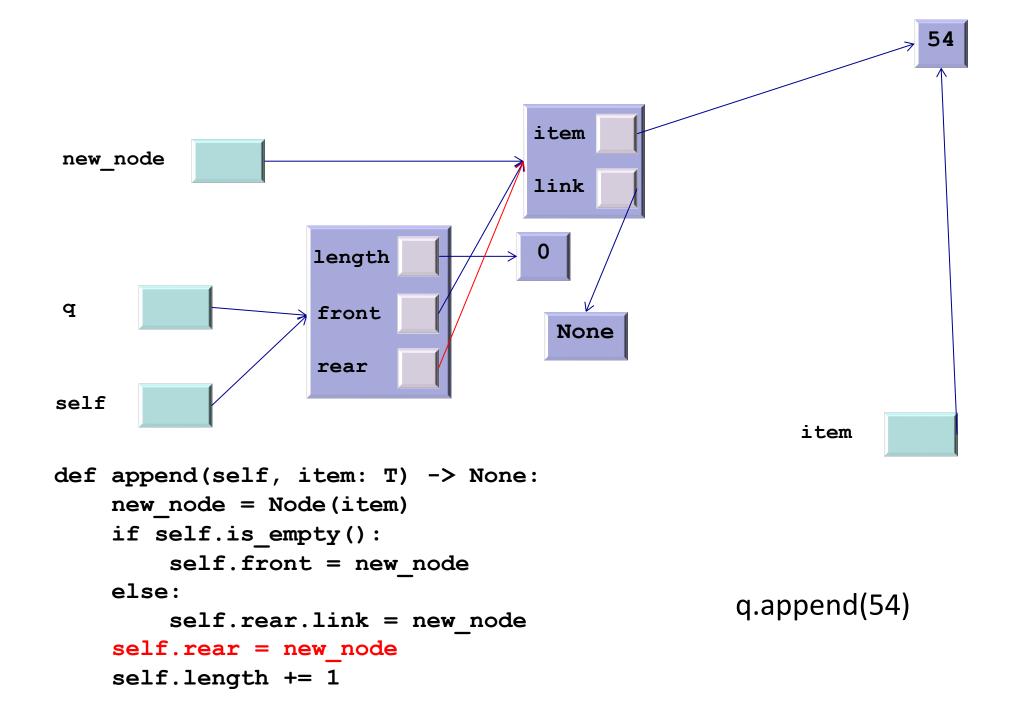
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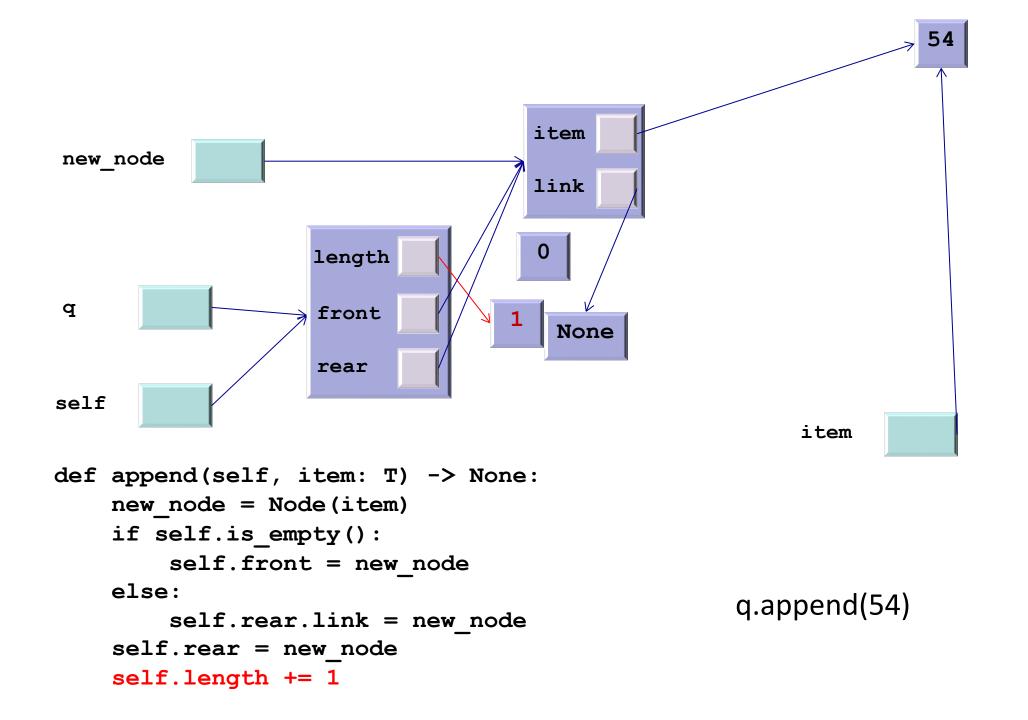














Linked Queues Serve

Linear array implementation:

- If it is empty: raise exception
- Else:
 - Remember item to return
 - Increase front
 - Return item

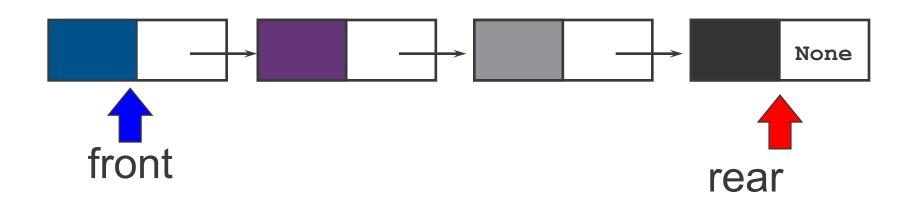
In a linked list

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- We simply move front along rather than increase it



Remember the item in the front node



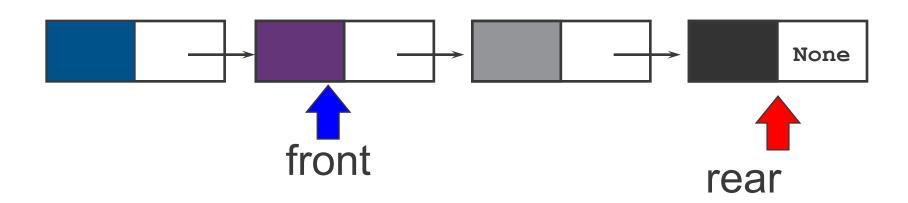




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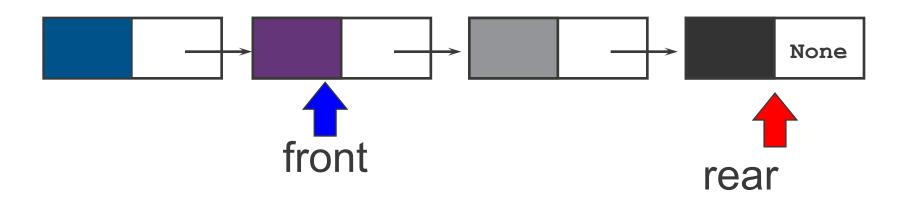
• Make the next node the new front





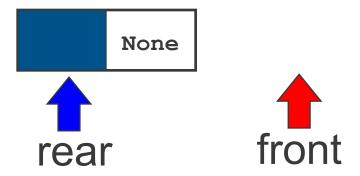
- Remember the item in the front node
- Make the next node the new front
- Return the item

Does this general algorithm always work?





- If the Queue becomes empty, we end up in a possibly dangerous configuration
- Better to set rear to None



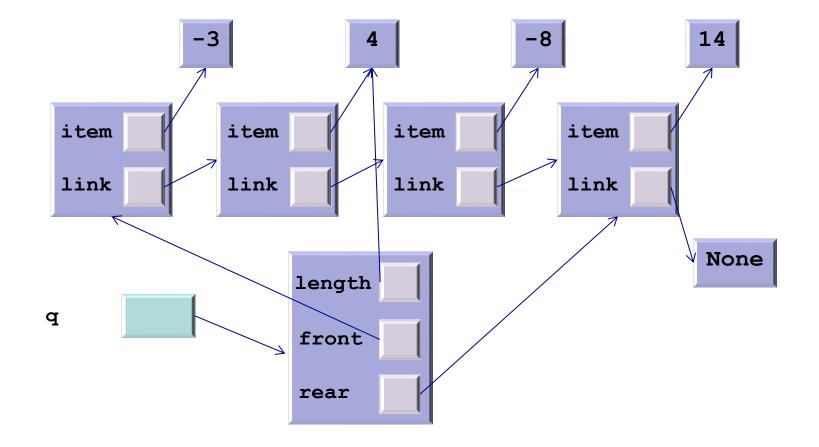


Serve method

```
def serve(self) -> T:
    if not self.is_empty():
        item = self.front.item # store the item to serve
        self.front = self.front.link # move front
        self.length -= 1
        if self.is_empty(): # if now empty
            self.rear = None # move rear
        return item
    else:
        raise ValueError("Queue is empty")
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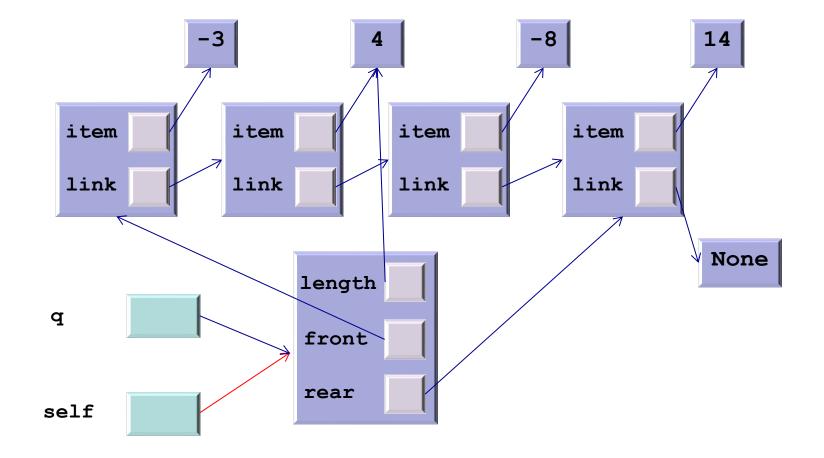
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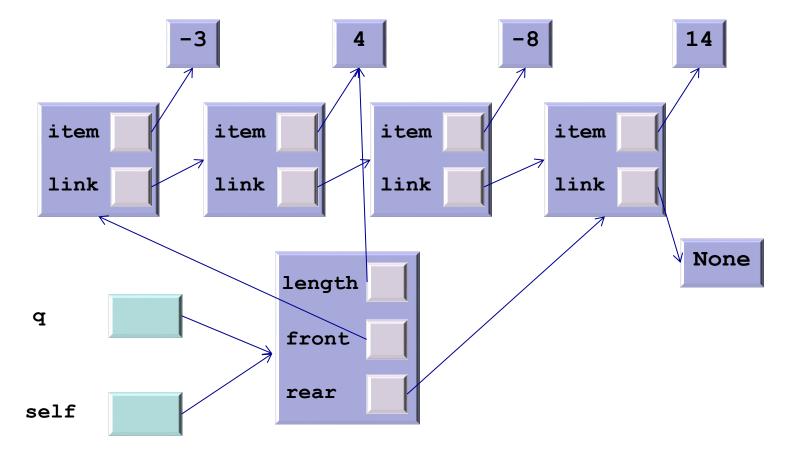
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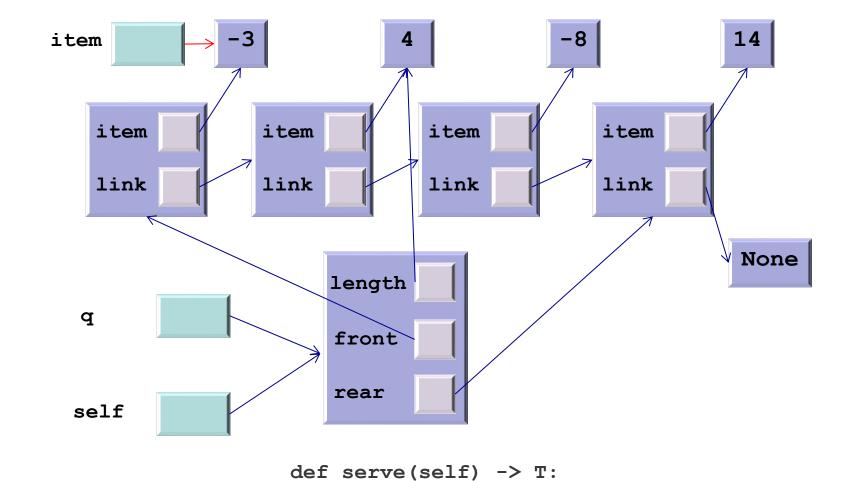


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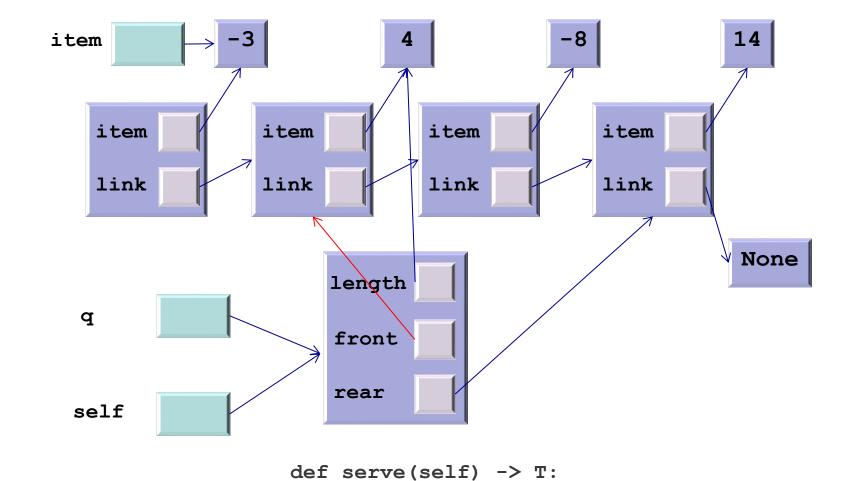
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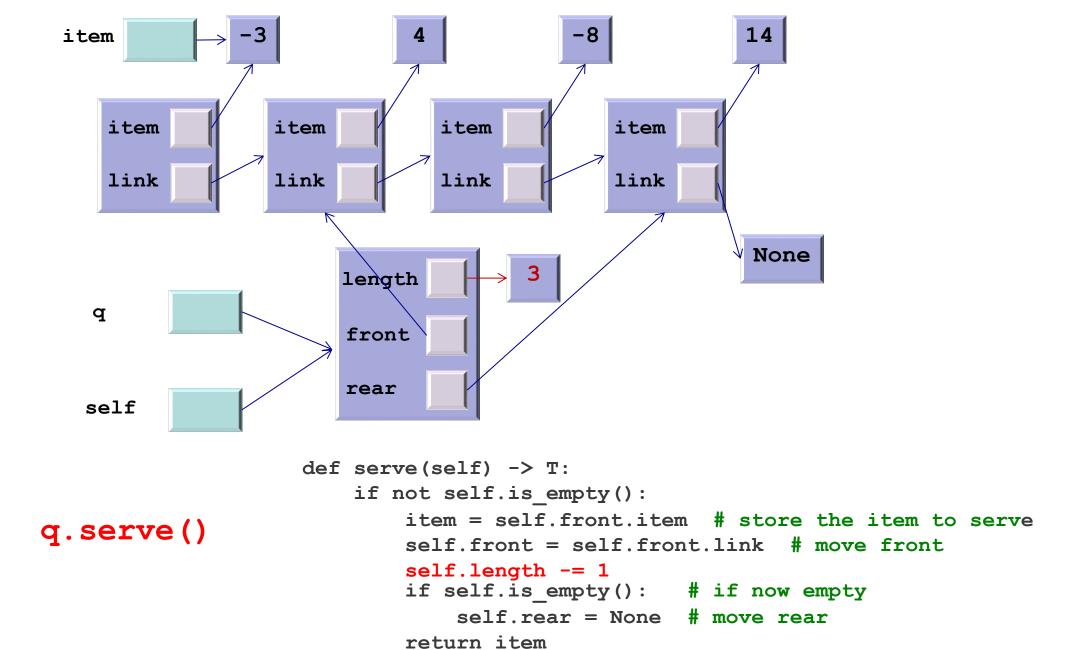


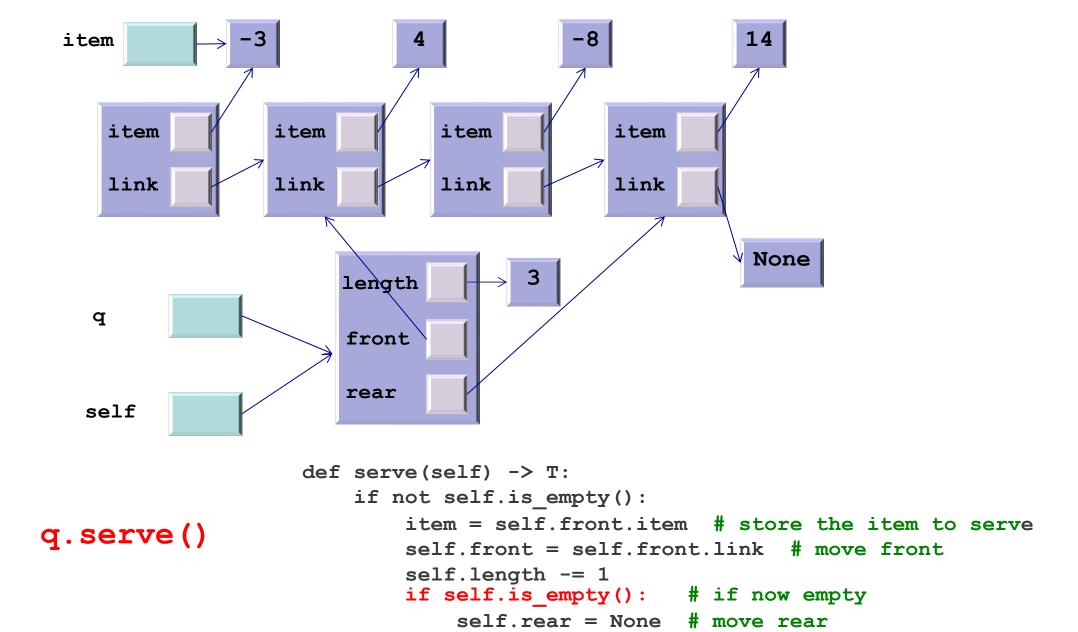
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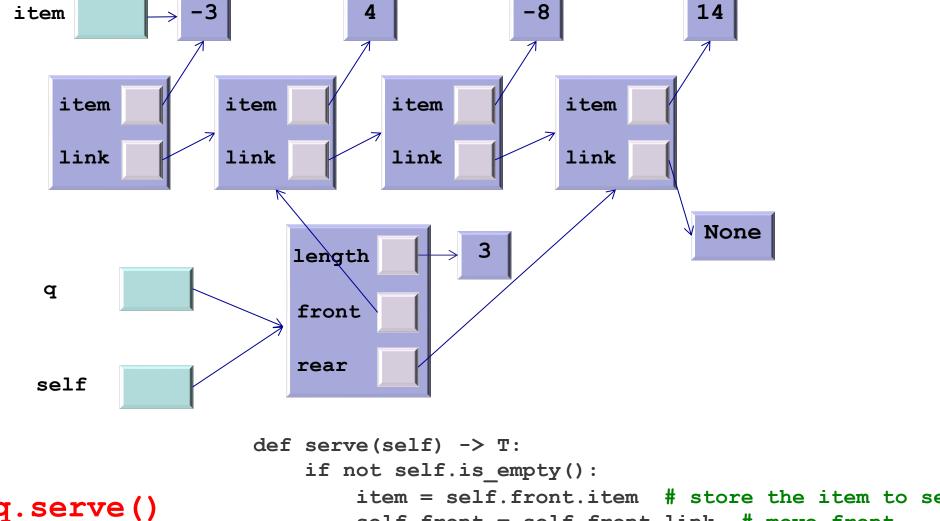
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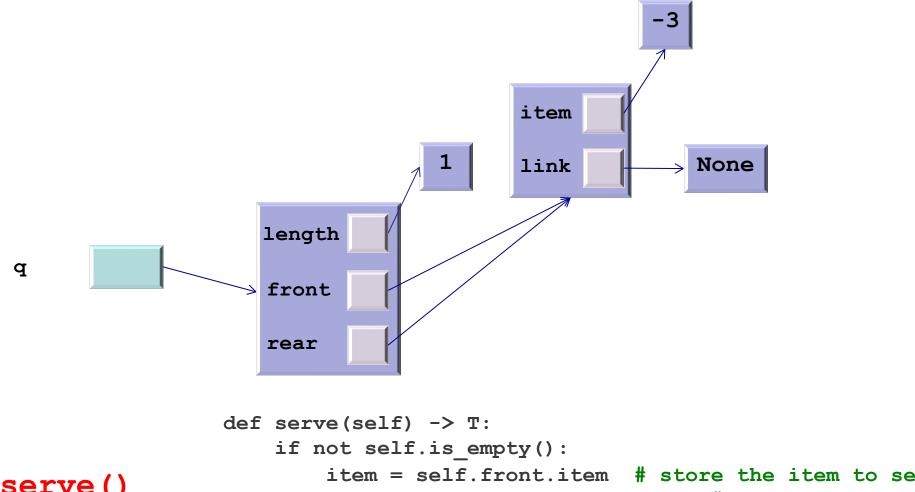
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raise ValueError("Queue is empty")



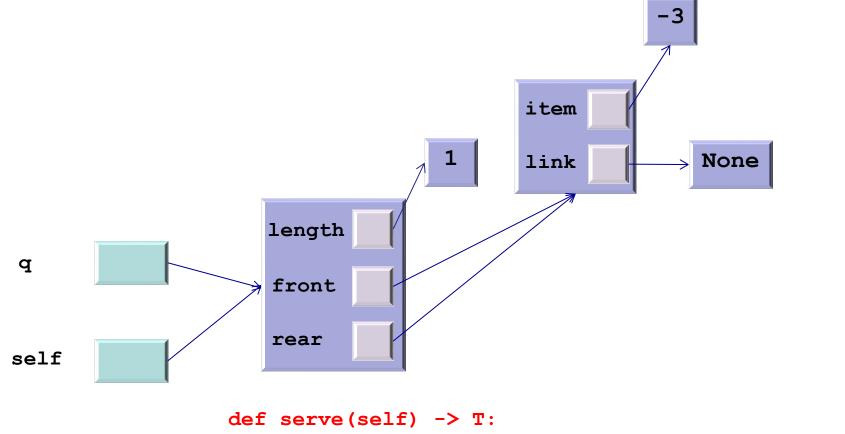
q.serve()

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item = self.front.item # store the item to serve
    self.front = self.front.link # move front
    self.length -= 1
    if self.is empty(): # if now empty
        self.rear = None # move rear
    return item
else:
    raise ValueError("Queue is empty")
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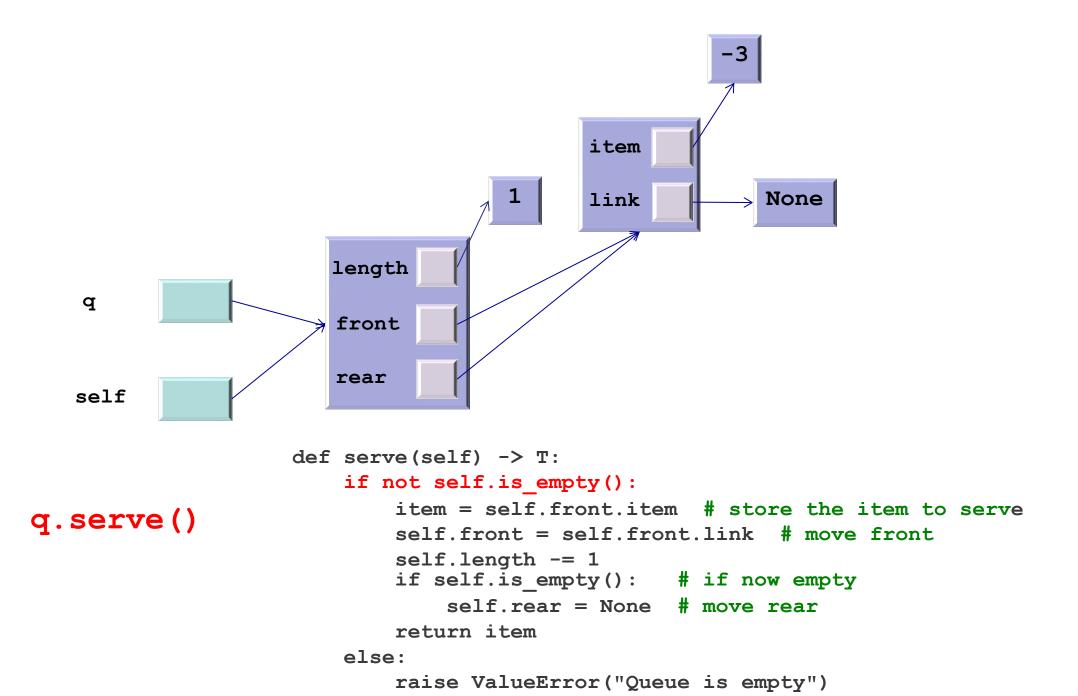
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if not self.is_empty():
    item = self.front.item # store the item to serve
    self.front = self.front.link # move front
    self.length -= 1
    if self.is_empty(): # if now empty
        self.rear = None # move rear
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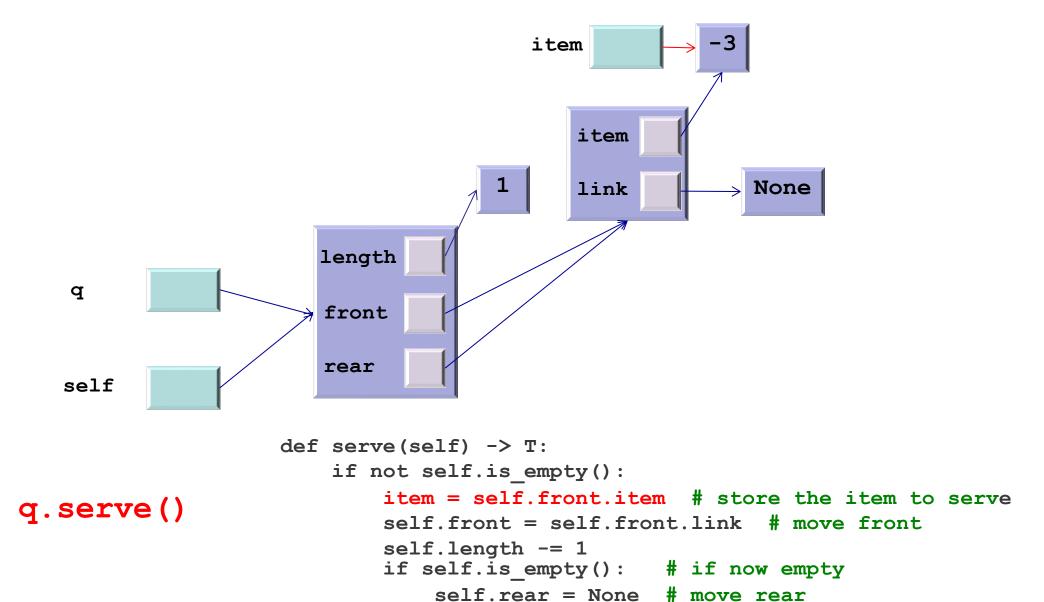
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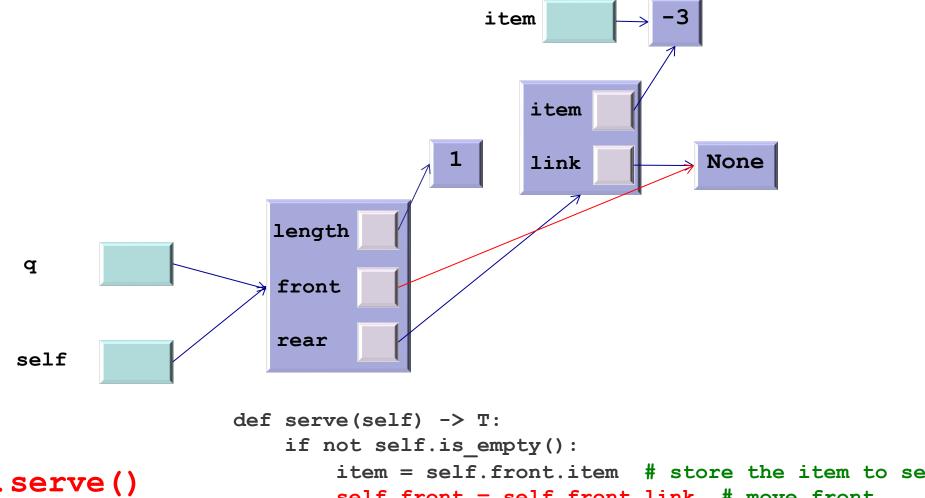
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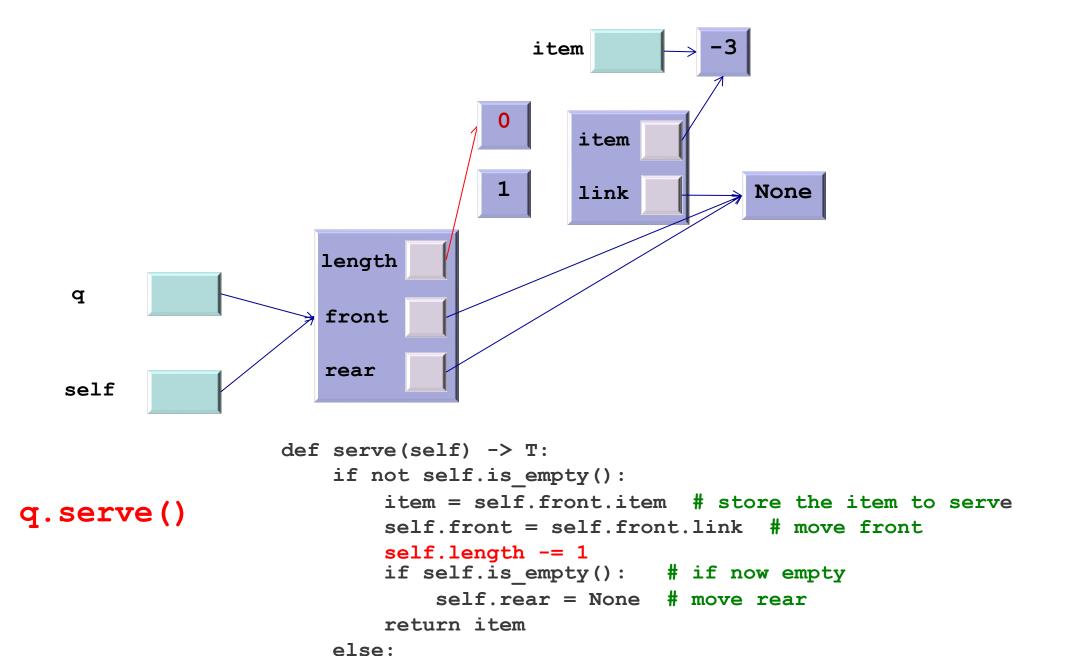


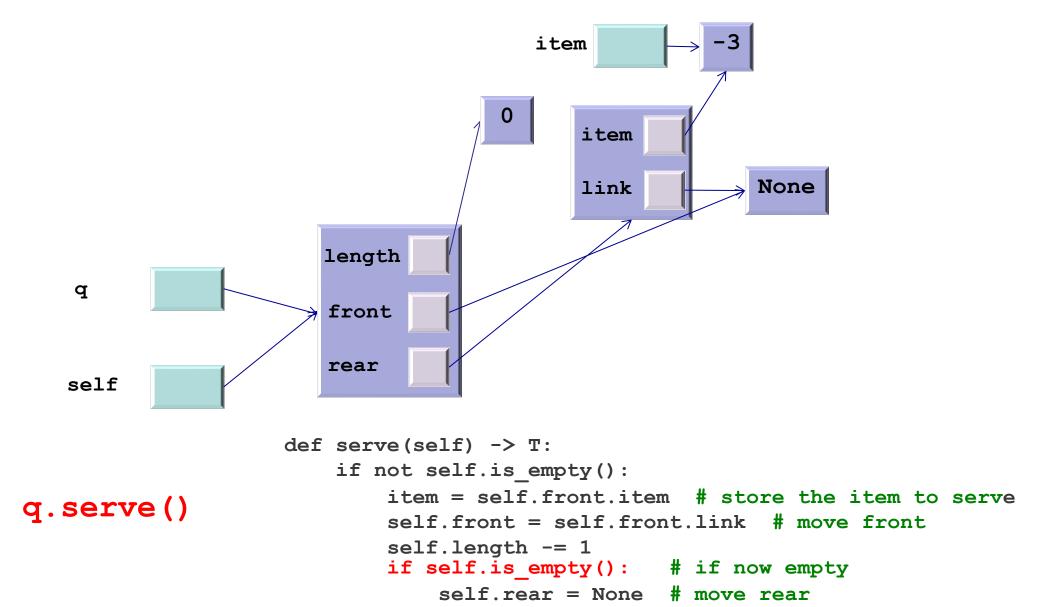
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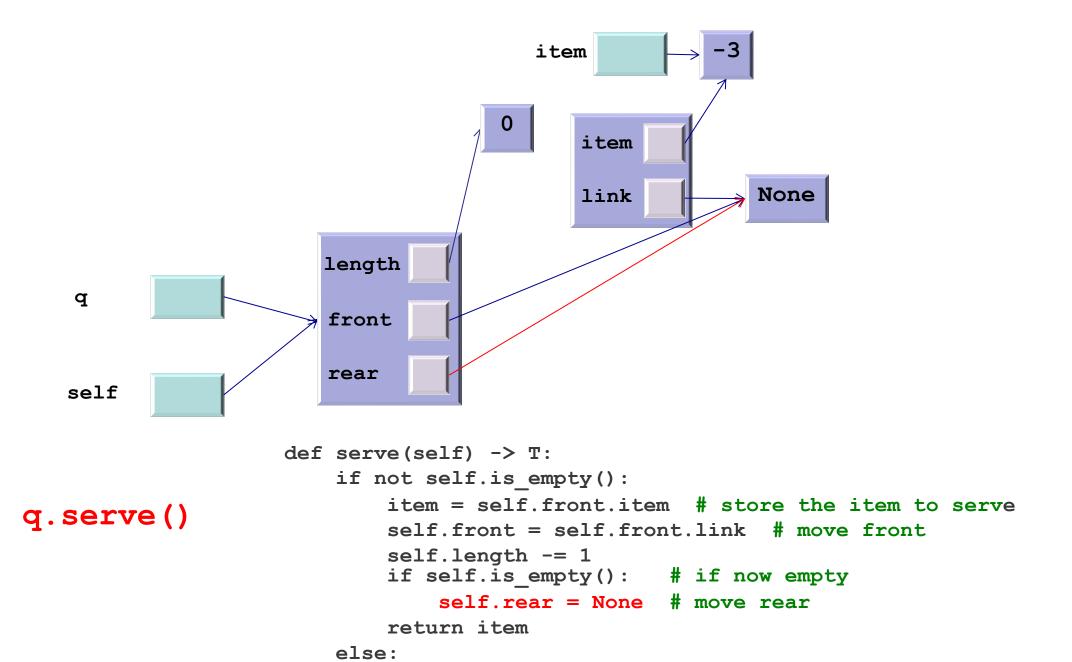
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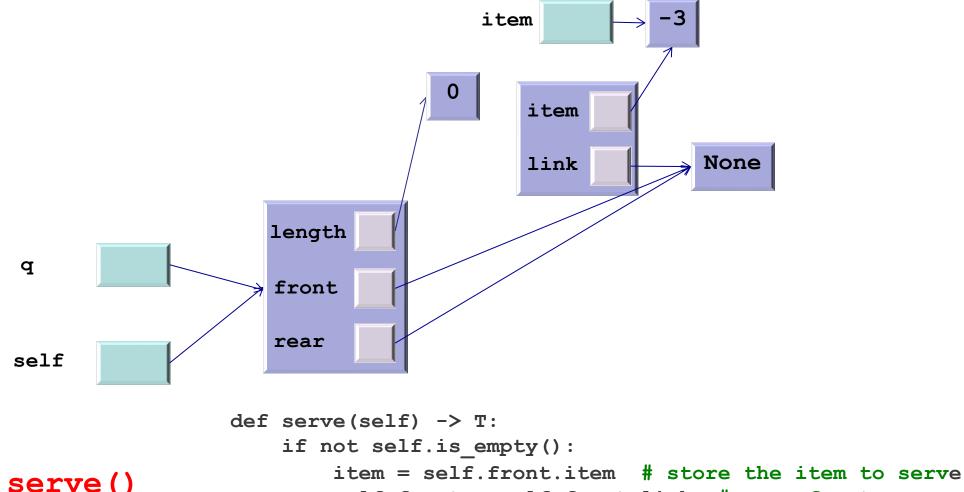
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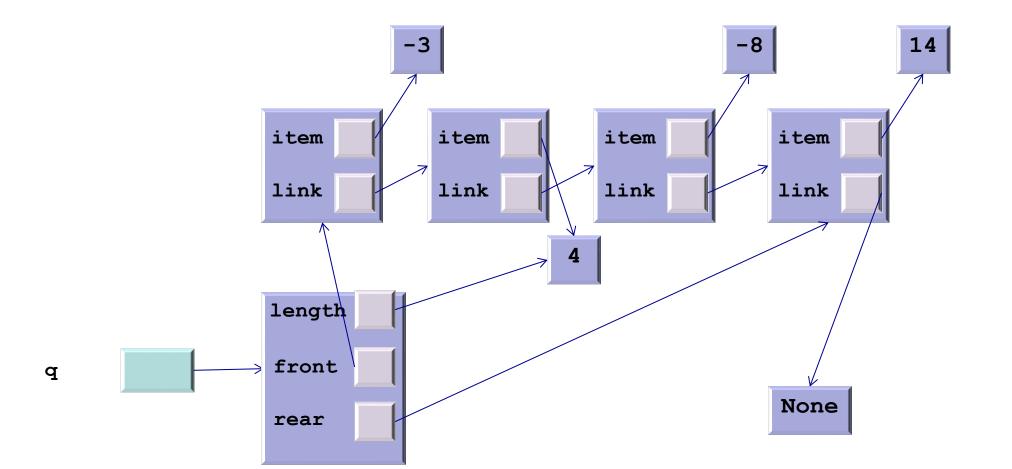


Using LinkQueue

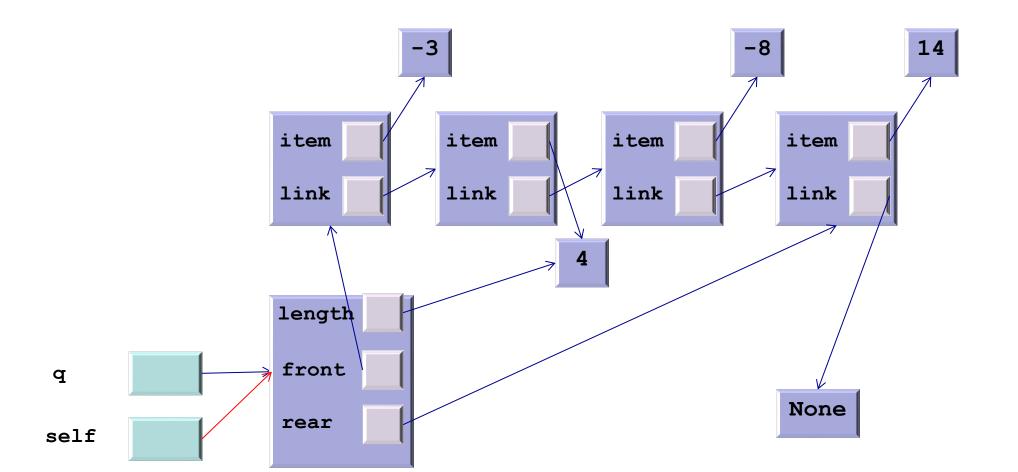
Exercise: add to LinkQueue a method that halves the queue by deleting the nodes at index 1, 3, 5, etc

```
def halve(self) -> None:
    current = self.front
# while at least two elements not traversed in the queue
    while current is not None and current.link is not None:
        if current.link is self.rear: # if even node is last
            self.rear = current # move rear up
        current.link = current.link.link # bypass odd node
        current = current.link # keep on traversing - next two
        length -= 1
```

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def halve(self) -> None:
    current = self.front
    while current is not None and current.link is not None:
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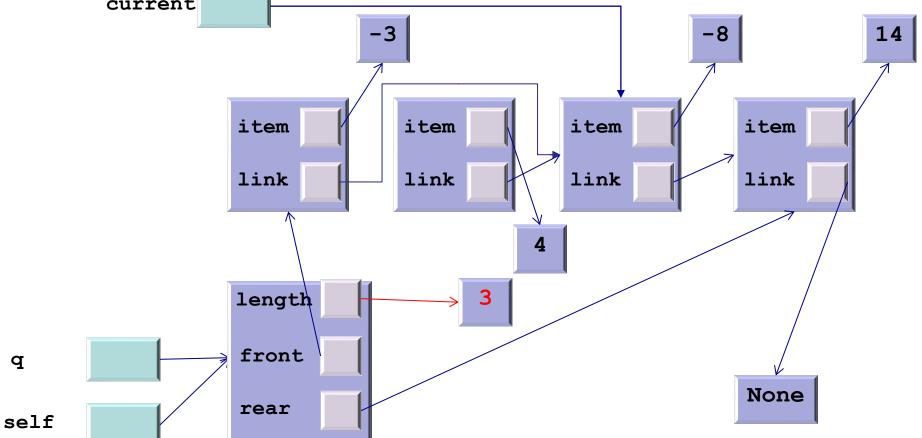
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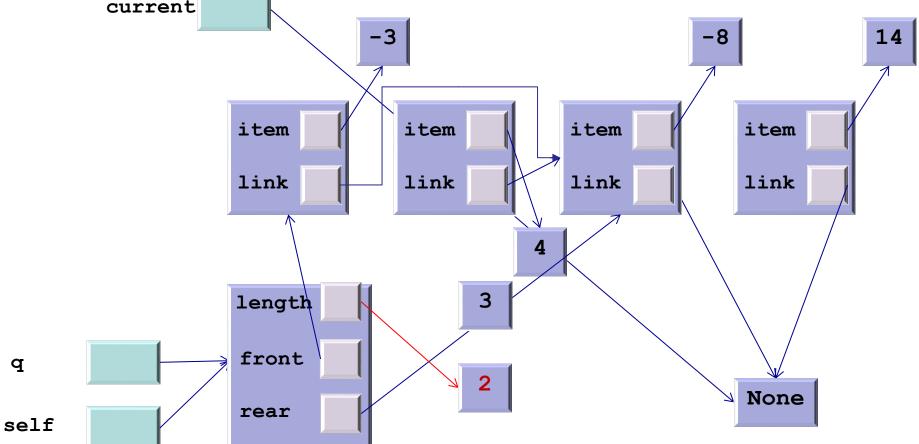
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Remember: Abstract Data Types

- Any data type provides:
 - Storage for a collection of data items
 - A set of operations to interact with the data
- An abstract one does not provide any info on how:
 - The storage is organised
 - The operations are implemented
- Users can only interact with the data through the provided operations

Separates the WHAT from the HOW and ignores the HOW



Abstract Data Types (cont)

- Example: a Stack ADT has operations:
 - push, pop, is_empty, reset, etc
 - Implementation? Could be array, could be linked, or something else, a user does not know
- As a user I just need to know its operations
- Do not confuse Data Type with Data Structure
 - Data Structure: particular way in which the data is organised (structured) in memory
 - The way a given Data Type is implemented



Abstract Data Types: pros and cons

- Main advantage: maintenance
 - Changing the implementation of the ADT does not mean changing the user's code
- Main disadvantage: efficiency
 - Having access to the implementation (ADT as an inner class) might allow good programmers to improve time/space performance



Abstract Data Types: advice

- Always design your data types abstractly
 - Use the class methods if you can (even as god!)
- Late modifications to its implementation will not affect the rest of your code
- Readability is also improved: use meaningful names for operations
- Correctness easier to verify: after proper testing to all methods



Summary

- We now understand how to use linked data structures in implementing
 - Stacks
 - Queues
- We are able to:
 - Implement, use and modify linked stacks and linked queues
 - Decide when it is appropriate to use them (rather than arrays)

