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# The Queue ADT

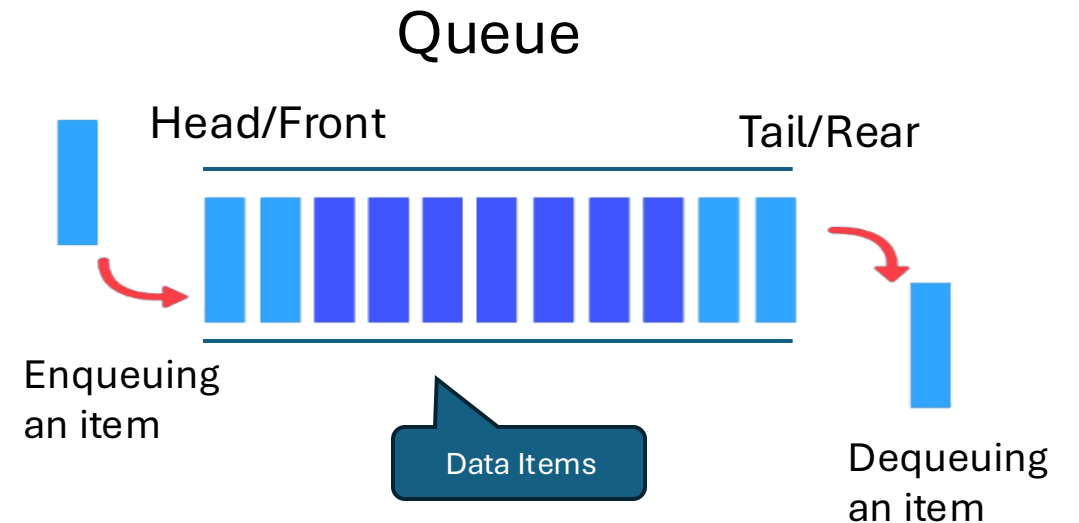
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# The Queue ADT

- The concepts of **queues** consist of the **abstract queue** and **queue data structures** (the implementations of the abstract queue).
- The abstract queue's characteristic is the **First-In-First-Out** (or simply FIFO), which deletes the first element currently in the data structure.
- Example – **CPU Task Scheduling**: In round-robin scheduling, processes waiting to be executed are placed in a queue, and the CPU handles them in the order they arrive.



# Real Life Queues



# Properties of the Queue ADT

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- The properties of a queue are as follows:
  - A queue is a **linear collection** of data elements with the following operations:
    - **Enqueue** adds an element to the back of the queue. The order of elements is based on the time they were added, with the earliest at the front and the latest at the back.
    - **Dequeue** removes the front element from the queue.
    - **First (Peek)** retrieves the front element without removing it.
    - **isEmpty** Determines whether the queue is empty
    - **Size** Determines the number of data items in the queue
    - **toString** Returns a string representation of the queue

# Java Interface for the Queue ADT

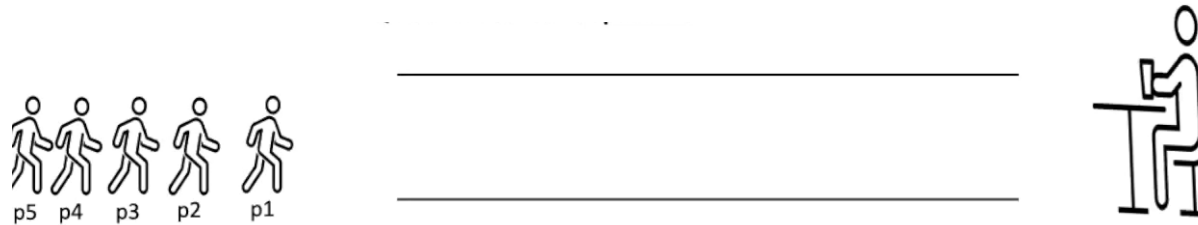
```
public interface QueueADT<T> {  
    // 1. Adds one data item to the rear of the queue  
    public void enqueue (T dataItem);  
    // 2. Removes and returns the data item at the front  
    // of the queue  
    public T dequeue( ) throws EmptyCollectionException;  
    // 3. Returns without removing the data item at the  
    // front of the queue  
    public T first( ) throws EmptyCollectionException;  
    // 4. Returns true if the queue contains no data items  
    public boolean isEmpty( );  
    // 5. Returns the number of data items in the queue  
    public int size( );  
    // 6. Returns a string representation of the queue  
    public String toString();  
}
```

# Underflow vs. Overflow

- A queue is said to be empty if it does not contain an element. Deletion cannot be done when a queue is empty; such a situation is called **underflow**.
- The length of a queue is the number of elements in the queue. When the length reaches the maximum length that a queue is allowed, insertion can not be done, and such a situation is called **overflow**.

# Queue ADT: Real-World Operations

Simulation of Real-World Scenario: Waiting List



- To implement a queue, we need:
  - A data structure to hold the data items
  - A way to indicate the *front* of the queue
  - A way to indicate the *rear* of the queue
- A queue can be implemented using an **array** or **linked list** representation, with two accessing variables/pointers, front and rear, representing the queue's front and rear (back) positions.

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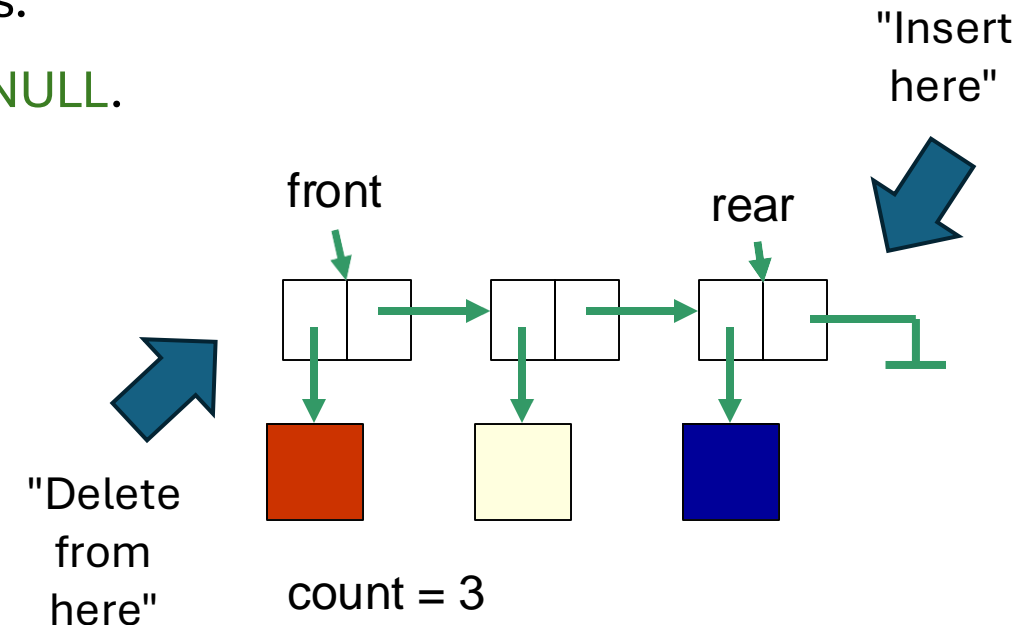


# Linked List Queue

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# Linked List Queue

- A **linked list queue** stores queue data values in a single linked list and uses **two front and rear pointers** to represent the front and rear positions.
- A linked list queue is empty if both front and rear are **NULL**.
- The queue operations are defined as follows.
  - The **enqueue** operation first creates a node containing the data value, **inserts the node after the rear** (back) node, and updates both front and rear.
  - The **dequeue** operation deletes the **front node** (i.e., the node pointed by the front pointer) and updates the front and rear.



# LinearNode Class

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```
public class LinearNode<T>
{
    private LinearNode<T> next;
    private T dataItem;
```

```
    public LinearNode() {
        next = null;
        dataItem = null;}
```

creates an  
empty node

```
    public LinearNode(T value) {
        next = null;
        dataItem = value;}
```

creates a node with  
a specific data item

```
    public LinearNode<T> getNext() {return next;}

    public void setNext(LinearNode<T> node) {
        next = node;}

    public T getDataItem() {return dataItem;}

    public void setDataItem(T value) {
        dataItem = value;}
}
```

Getter and Setter Methods

# Recall: Java Interface for the Queue ADT

```
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    public void enqueue (T dataItem);  
    // 2. Removes and returns the data item at the front  
    // of the queue  
    public T dequeue( ) throws EmptyCollectionException;  
    // 3. Returns without removing the data item at the  
    // front of the queue  
    public T first( ) throws EmptyCollectionException;  
    // 4. Returns true if the queue contains no data items  
    public boolean isEmpty( );  
    // 5. Returns the number of data items in the queue  
    public int size( );  
    // 6. Returns a string representation of the queue  
    public String toString();}
```

# Implementing QueueADT

```
public class LinkedQueue<T> implements  
QueueADT<T>
```

```
{
```

The integer **count** is the  
number of nodes in the  
queue

```
private int count;
```

```
private LinearNode<T> front, rear;
```

```
//Creates an empty queue
```

```
public LinkedQueue() {
```

```
    count = 0;
```

```
    front = rear = null;
```

```
}
```

References to  
the head and  
tail of the  
queue

```
// Enqueue operation – adds an item to the rear  
of the queue
```

```
public void enqueue(T dataItem) {//code??}
```

```
// Dequeue: removes an item from the front of  
the queue
```

```
public T dequeue() {//code??; return null;}
```

```
// Returns the current size of the queue
```

```
public int size() {return count;}
```

```
// Checks if the queue is empty
```

```
public boolean isEmpty() {return count == 0;} }
```

# Enqueue Operation

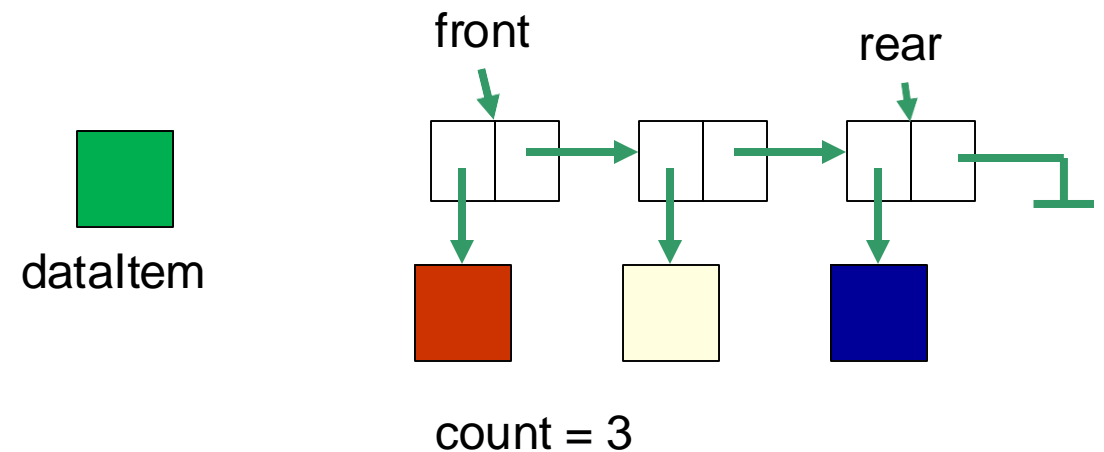
Two cases need to consider

```
public void enqueue(T dataItem) {  
    LinearNode<T> newNode = new  
    LinearNode<T>(dataItem);  
    // Case 1: Queue is empty  
    if (front == null) {front = newNode;  
    rear = newNode;}  
    // Case 2: Queue is not empty  
    else {rear.setNext(newNode);  
        rear = newNode;}  
    count++; // increment counter by 1  
}
```

1. The queue is empty



2. The queue is not empty

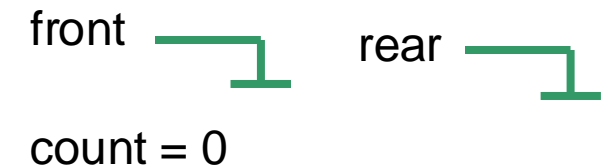


# Dequeue Operation

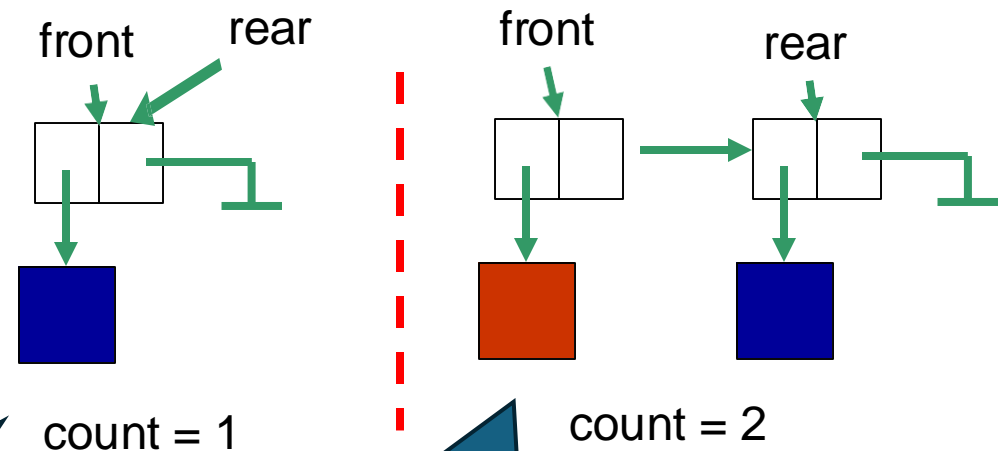
Cases to be consider

```
public T dequeue() {  
    // Case 1: Queue is empty  
    if (front == null) {return null;} // Or throw an  
    exception  
    T dataItem = front.getDataItem(); // Retrieve data from  
    the front node  
    front = front.getNext(); // Move front to the next node  
    // If the queue becomes empty, set the rear to null as  
    well  
    if (front == null) { rear = null;}  
    count--; // Decrement the count  
    return dataItem;} // Return the removed data
```

1. The queue is empty



2. The queue is not empty



One data item

More than one data item

# toString Method Override

```
@Override
public String toString() {
    if (front == null) {return "Queue is empty";}
    StringBuilder result = new StringBuilder();
    LinearNode<T> current = front;
    while (current != null) {
        result.append(current.getDataItem()).append(" -> ");
        current = current.getNext();}
    // Remove the last arrow and space for a cleaner
    output
    result.setLength(result.length() - 4);
    return result.toString();
}
```

Why?



# StringBuilder Class

`StringBuilder` is a Java class used to create and manipulate strings efficiently, especially when frequent modifications are required.

Unlike `String`, which is immutable (meaning a new object is created every time you modify it), `StringBuilder` is **mutable**, so it can modify the original object without creating new ones.

This makes `StringBuilder` particularly useful when you're appending or altering strings repeatedly, as it saves time and memory.

# Question!

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```
public class QueueTest{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Queue<Integer> queue = new LinkedList<Integer>();
        Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack<Integer>();
        for (int i = 1; i <= 9; i += 2)
            queue.add(i);
        while (!queue.isEmpty()) {stack.add(queue.poll());}
        while (!stack.isEmpty()) {queue.add(stack.pop());}
    }
}
```

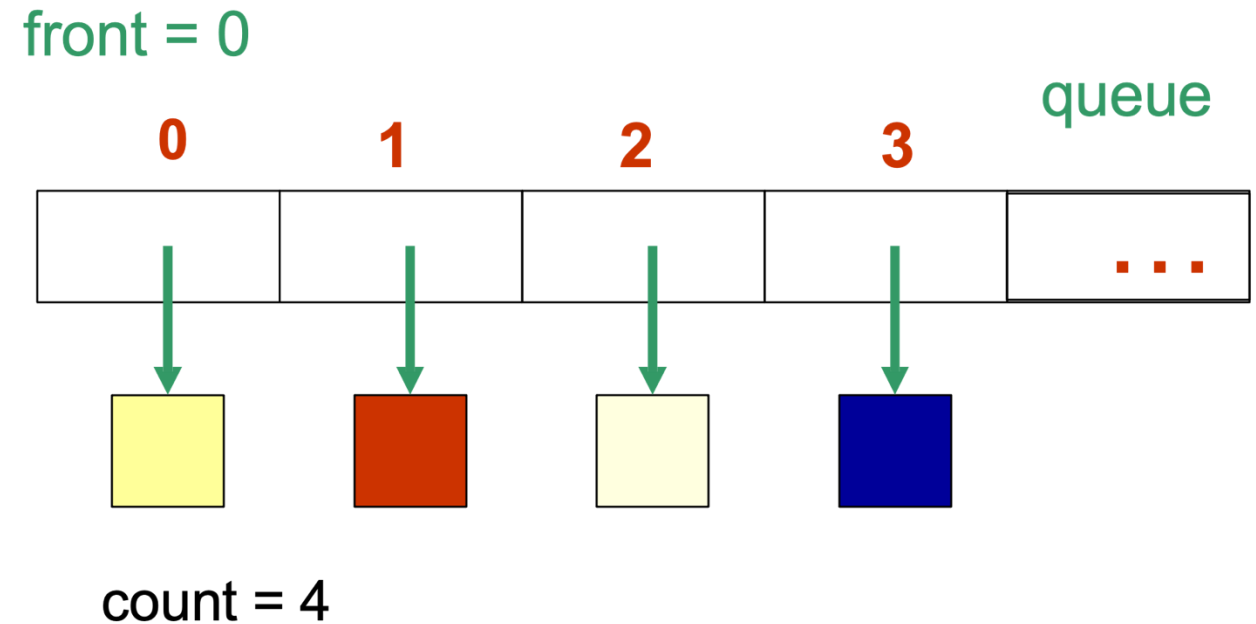
- Which values will be contained in the queue after the two while loops? (from first to last, without square braces). Example answer format (spacing between the numbers): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

# Array Implementation of a Queue

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- Use an array to store the data items of the queue
- $\text{front} = 0$  (index of the first data item)
- $\text{count} = \text{number of data items}$

Note:  $\text{rear} = \text{count} - 1$



# Step-by-Step Operations in an Array-Based Queue

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
a[i]	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Empty queue: front = rear = -1

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
a[i]	6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Insert 6: front = rear = 0

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
a[i]	6	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Insert 5: front=0, rear = 1

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
a[i]	6	5	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Insert 4: front=0, rear = 2

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
a[i]	X	5	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

delete: front=1, rear = 2

# Implementation of a Queue using an Array

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```
public class ArrayQueue<T> implements QueueADT<T> {
    private final int DEFAULT_CAPACITY = 100;
    private int count; // Current number of elements in the queue
    private T[] queue; // Array that holds the queue elements

    public ArrayQueue() { //Default constructor that initializes the queue with the default capacity.
        count = 0;
        queue = (T[])(new Object[DEFAULT_CAPACITY]);}

    // Constructor that initializes the queue with a specified initial capacity.
    public ArrayQueue (int initialCapacity) {count = 0;
        queue = (T[])(new Object[initialCapacity]);
    }
}
```

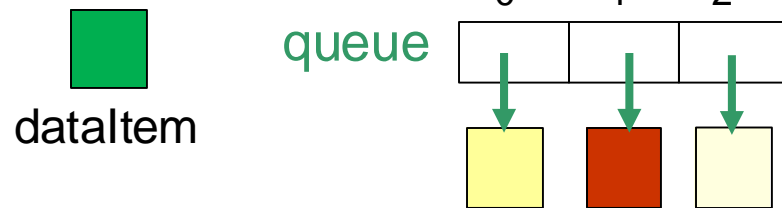
# Enqueue Operation

```
public void enqueue(T dataItem) {  
    if (count == queue.length) { // Check if the array is full  
        expandCapacity(); // Expand the array's capacity if needed  
    }  
    queue[count] = dataItem; // Add the new data item at the end  
    count++; // Increment the count  
}
```

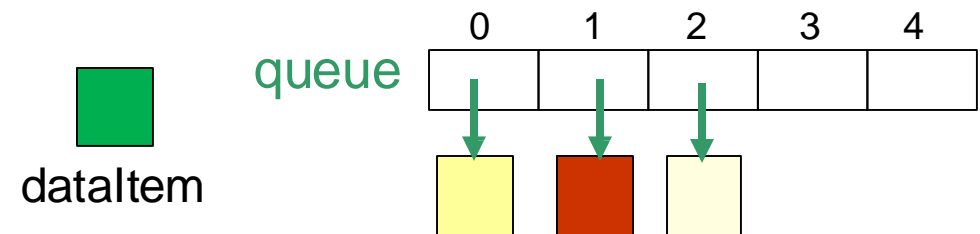
We Need to Consider Two Cases

1. The array is full

count = 3 = size of array



2. The queue is not empty



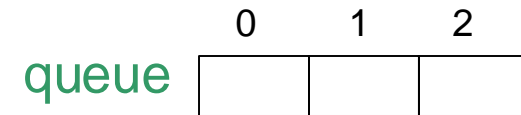
# Deque Operation

```
public T dequeue() throws EmptyCollectionException {  
    if (count == 0) { // Check if the queue is empty  
        throw new EmptyCollectionException("Empty queue"); }  
    T result = queue[0]; // Store the front element to return  
    later  
    count--; // Decrease count as one item is removed  
    // Shift elements to the left  
    for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) {queue[i] = queue[i + 1];}  
    queue[count] = null; // Optional: clear the last element  
    for garbage collection  
    return result; }
```

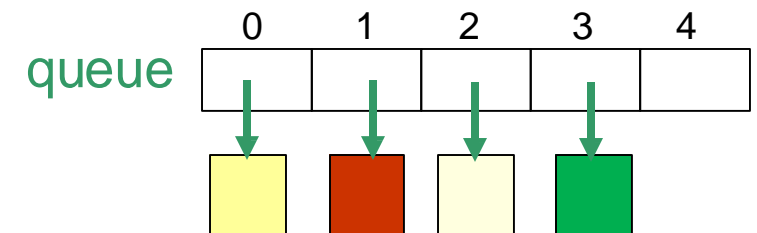
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1. The queue is empty

count = 0



2. The array is not full



count = 4

# Remaining Queue Operations

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```
// Returns the element at the front of the queue
without removing it
public T first() throws EmptyCollectionException {
    if (isEmpty()) {
        throw new EmptyCollectionException("Queue is
empty");}
    return queue[0];}
```

```
// Checks if the queue is empty
public boolean isEmpty() {return count == 0;}
```

```
// Returns the number of elements in the queue
public int size() {return count;}
```

```
// Returns a string representation of the queue
elements from front to rear
@Override
public String toString() {
    if (isEmpty()) {return "Queue is empty";}
    StringBuilder result = new StringBuilder();
    for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) {
        result.append(queue[i]);
        if (i < count - 1) {result.append(" -> ");}
    }
    return result.toString();}
```



# Priority Queue

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- A priority queue is a collection of elements in which each element is assigned a **priority**. The priority of the elements determines the order in which they will be processed.
- The rule for processing elements of a priority queue is the following:
  1. An element of a **higher priority** is processed before an element with a lower priority.
  2. Two elements of the same priority are processed on a first-come, first-served (FCFS) order.
- **A general queue can be viewed as a special priority queue using insertion time as a priority.**
- Priority queues can be implemented by either linked lists or arrays.
- **Use case:** Priority queues are used in operating systems to manage processes for running. The highest priority process will be processed first.

# Class Node for Priority Queue

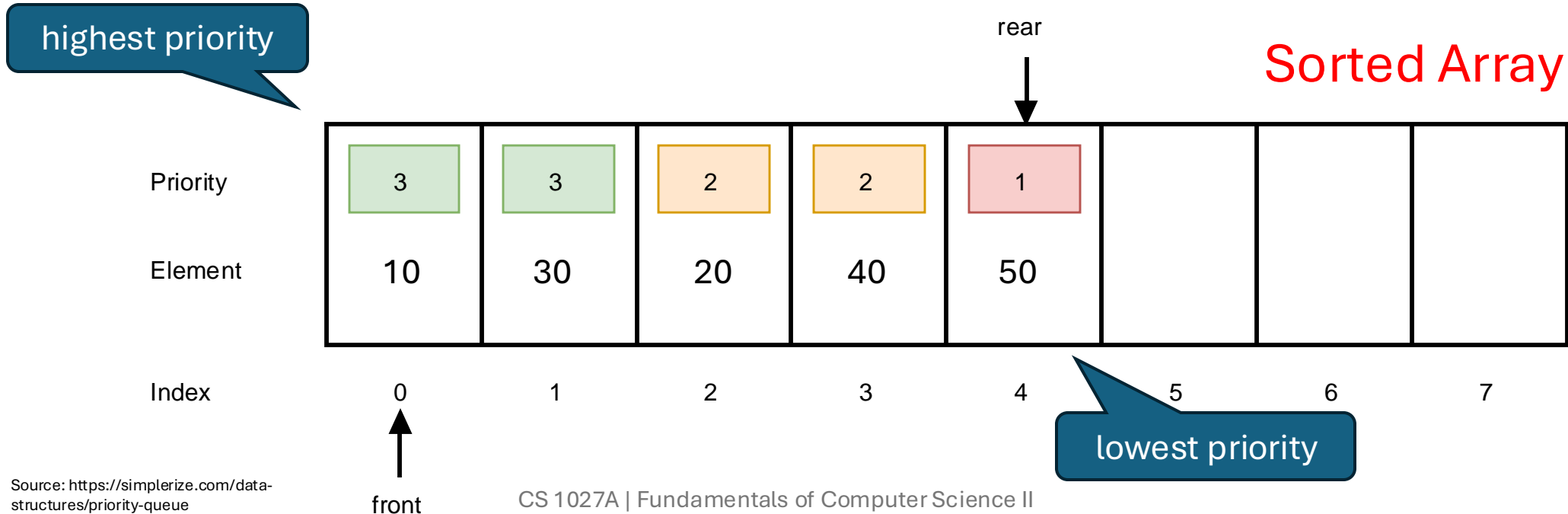
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- A linked list priority queue utilizes a **singly linked list** to store data values, with a pointer front that points to the first node.
- Each **node** in this list has three components:
- The list is sorted based on **priority**.
- When inserting a **new node**, it is placed after a specific node that meets the following conditions:
  - The priority of the **new node** is less than or equal to the priority of the current node.
  - The new node's priority is greater than the next node's priority unless the next node is NULL.

```
public class Node<T> {  
    private T data;  
    private int priority;  
    private Node<T> next;  
  
    // Constructor  
    public Node(T data, int priority)  
    {this.data = data;  
     this.priority = priority;  
     this.next = null;}  
}
```

# Array-Based Priority Queue Enqueue

- The elements are enqueued in the order 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50, each **sorted** by **priority** during the enqueue operation. This way, the highest priority element is readily accessible for quick dequeuing from the front.

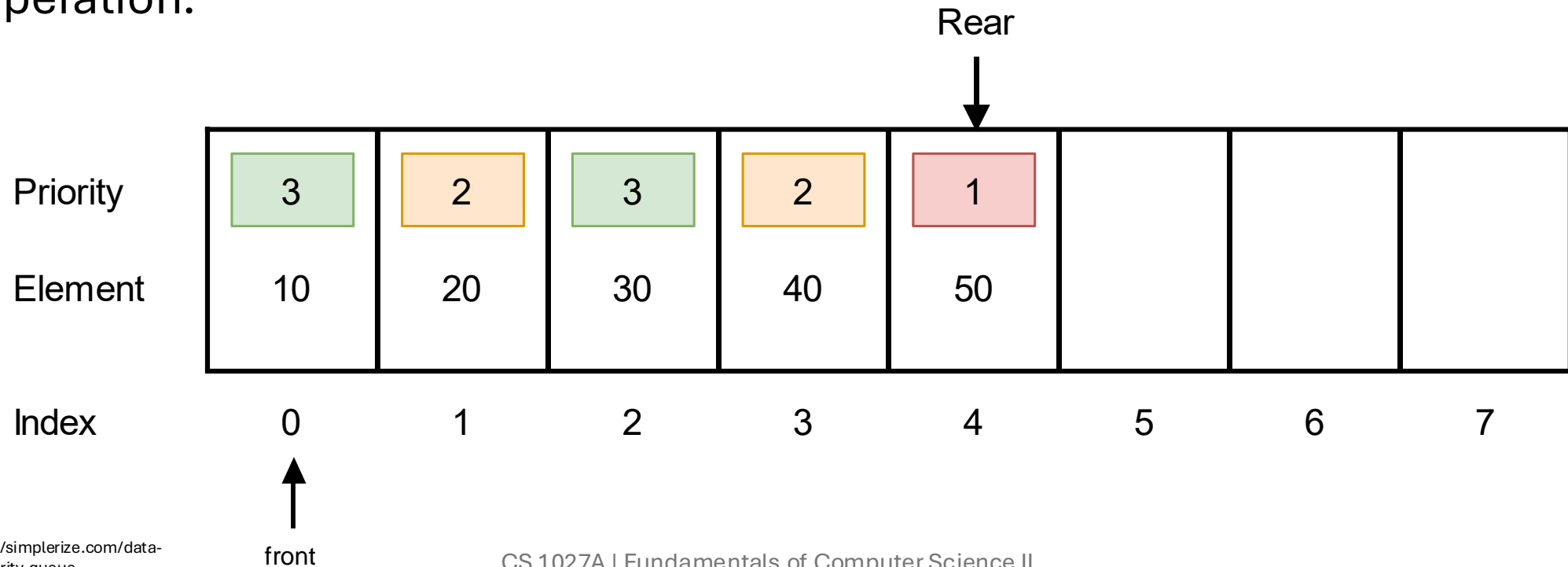


# Pseudocode for Enqueue in Array- Based Sorted Priority Queue

Function **Enqueue**(priorityQueue, element, priority):  
    *# Step 1: Create a new item with an element and priority*  
    newItem = (element, priority)  
    *# Step 2: Find the correct position to insert the new item*  
    position = 0  
    While position < length(priorityQueue) AND  
    priorityQueue[position].priority >= priority:  
        position = position + 1  
    *# Step 3: Shift elements to make space for the new item*  
    For i = length(priorityQueue) - 1 down to position:  
        priorityQueue[i + 1] = priorityQueue[i]  
    *# Step 4: Insert the new item at the correct position*  
    priorityQueue[position] = newItem  
    *# Step 5: Update the rear of the queue*  
    rear = rear + 1  
End Function

# Array-Based Priority Queue Dequeue

- The dequeue operation locates and serves the highest-priority element by searching through the entire queue, making it more costly than the enqueue operation.



# Pseudocode for Dequeue in Array- Based Unsorted Priority Queue

Function Dequeue(priorityQueue):

# Step 1: Check if the queue is empty

If length(priorityQueue) == 0:

    Print "Queue is empty"

    Return Null

# Step 2: Find the highest-priority element

highestPriorityIndex = 0

For i = 1 to length(priorityQueue) - 1:

    If priorityQueue[i].priority > priorityQueue[highestPriorityIndex].priority:

        highestPriorityIndex = i

# Step 3: Remove the highest-priority element

highestPriorityElement = priorityQueue[highestPriorityIndex]

# Step 4: Shift elements to fill the gap

For j = highestPriorityIndex to length(priorityQueue) - 2:

    priorityQueue[j] = priorityQueue[j + 1]

# Step 5: Remove the last element (duplicate after shifting)

Remove the last element from priorityQueue (or decrease its length by 1)

# Step 6: Return the dequeued element

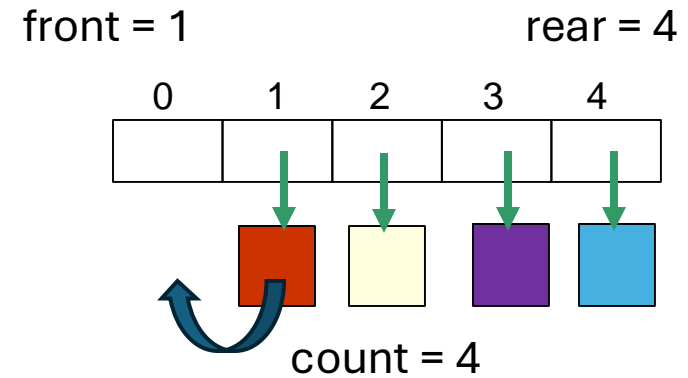
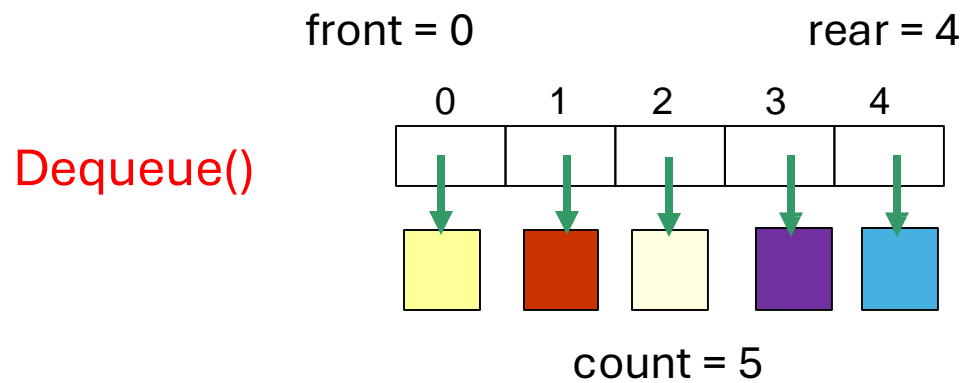
Return highestPriorityElement

End Function

# Circular Array



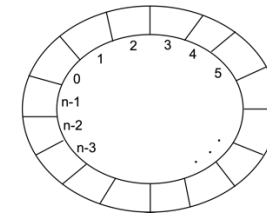
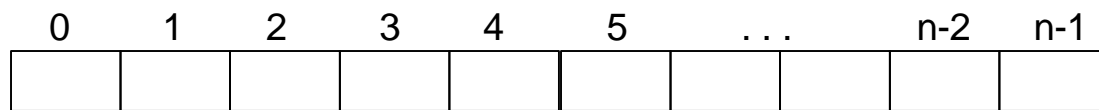
# Managing Queue Shifts





# Wrap-around Logic

- In a **regular** array-based queue, once the rear pointer reaches the end of the array, there is no more room to add elements, even if there is free space at the beginning due to dequeued elements.



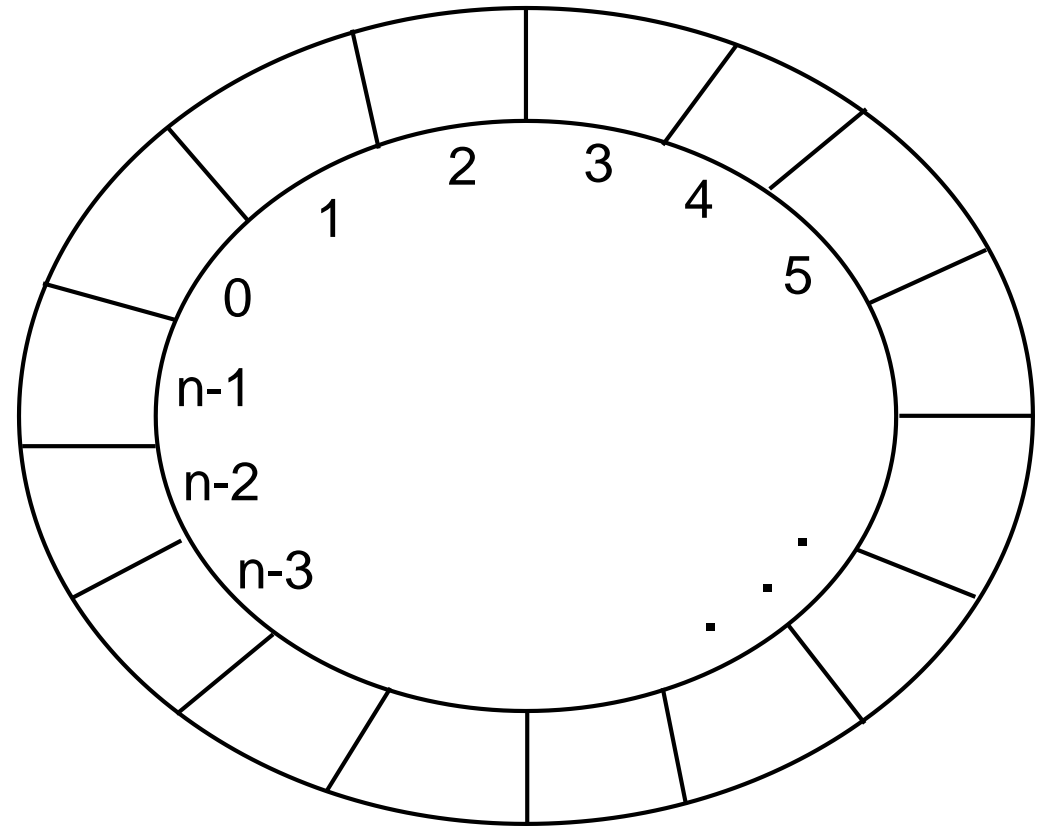
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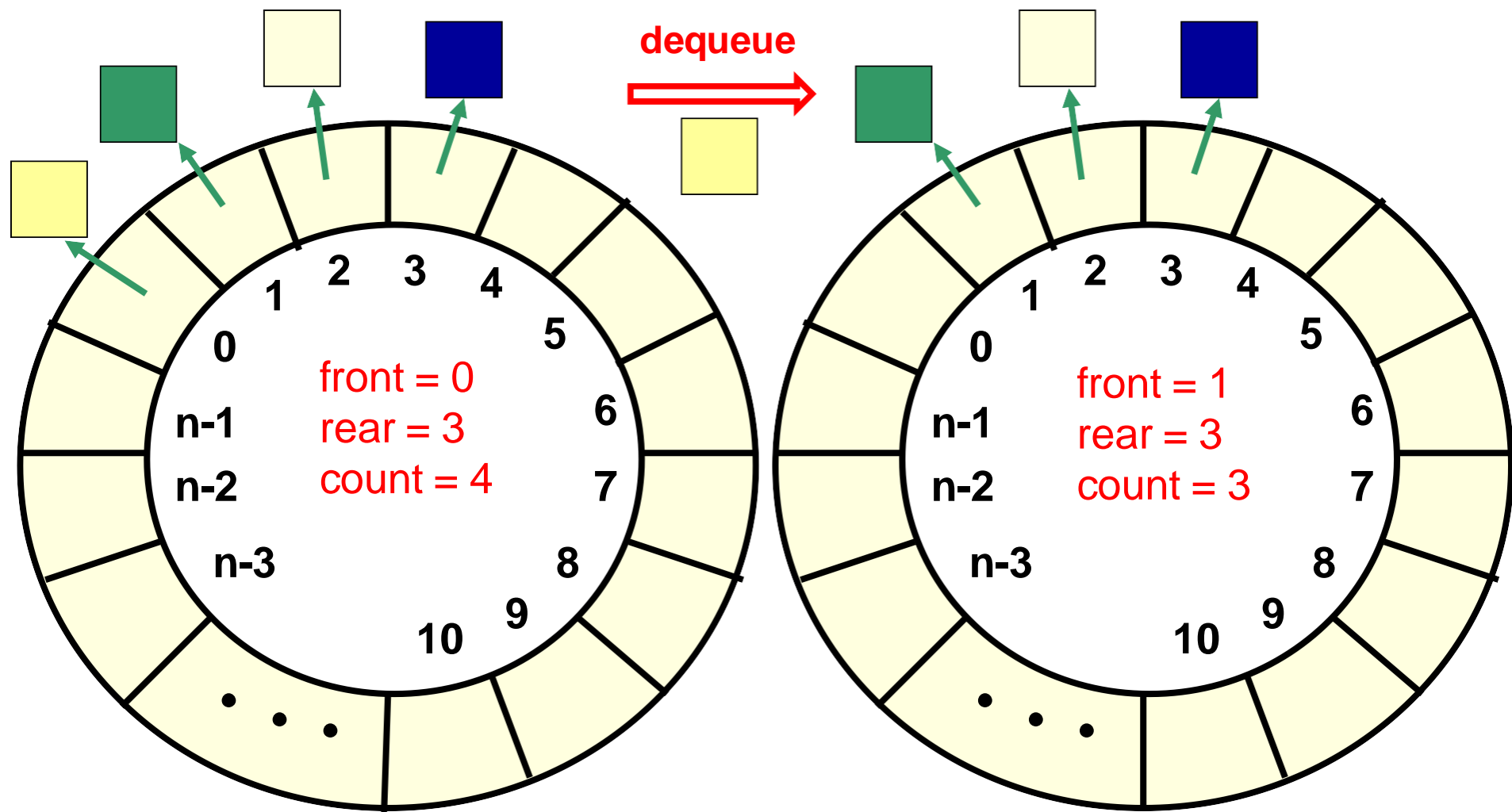
- A **circular** array, however, allows the rear to wrap around to the beginning of the array once it reaches the end, as long as there's available space, making better use of the allocated space.
- Both the front and rear are **updated in a circular fashion**. This means that when either pointer reaches the end of the array, it wraps back to the beginning using the modulo operation.
  - $\text{front} = (\text{front} + 1) \% \text{array.length};$
  - $\text{rear} = (\text{rear} + 1) \% \text{array.length};$

# Remaining Queue Operations

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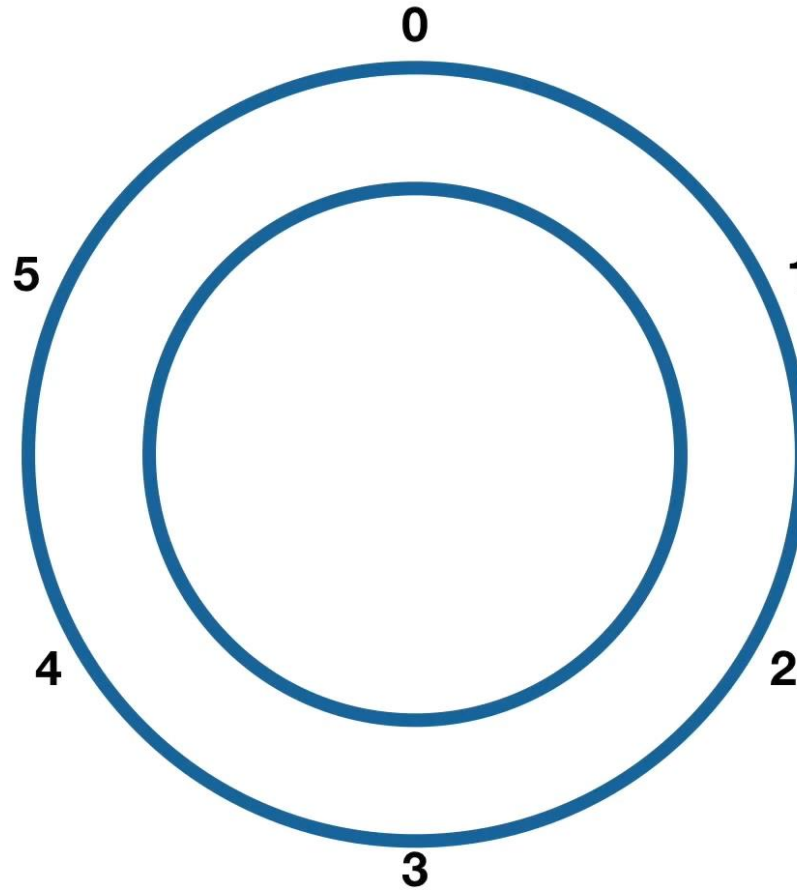
- The resulting array is called a (conceptually) **circular array**.
- A **circular array** is an array that conceptually loops around itself.
  - The last index ( $n-1$ ) is thought to precede index  $0$
  - The index after index  $n-1$  is index  $0$
- The advantage of a circular array is that we do not need to shift data items when performing a **dequeue** operation.





# Enqueue

-1  
Front Rear



Next Position

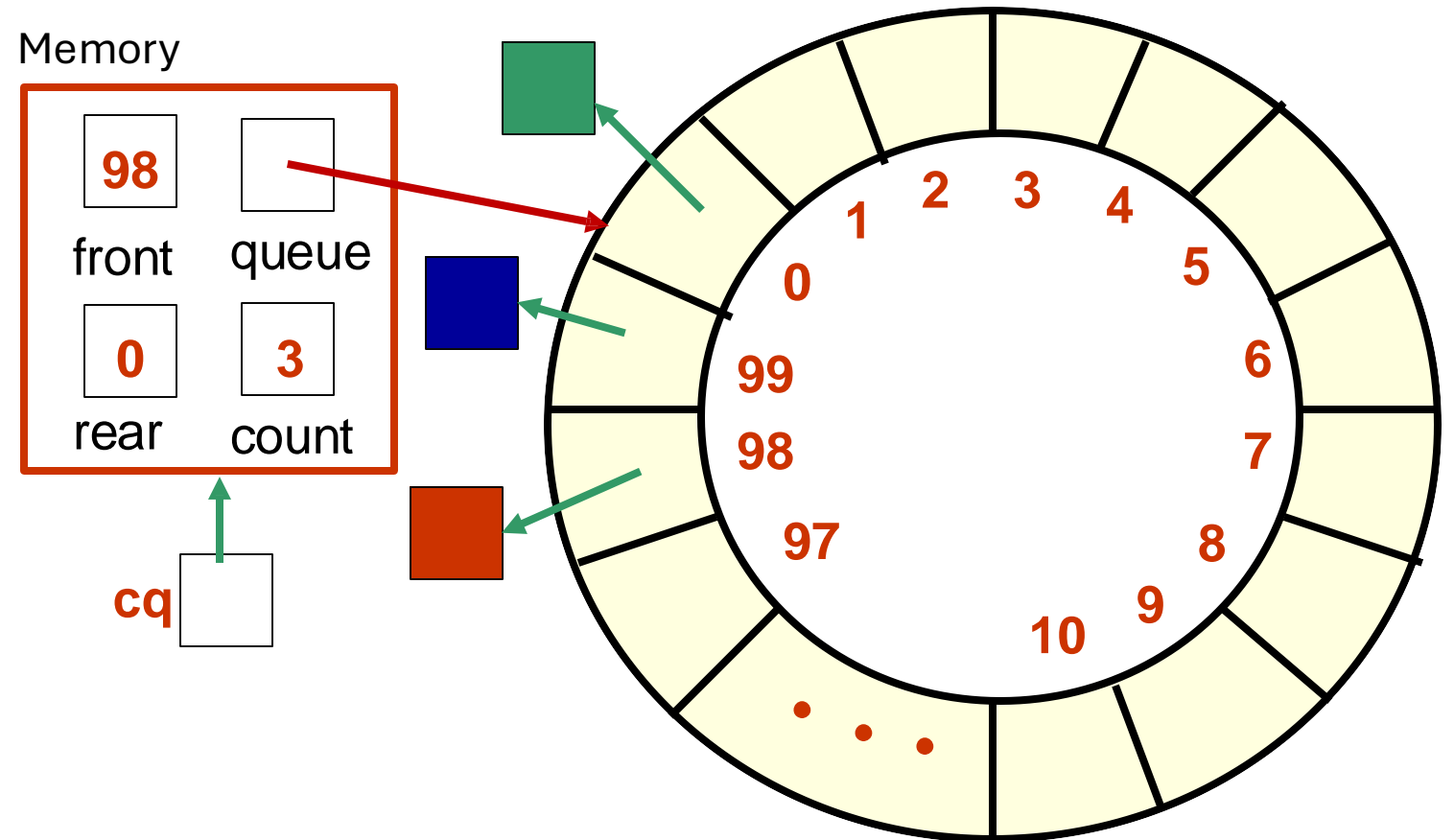


Front = Rear = 0



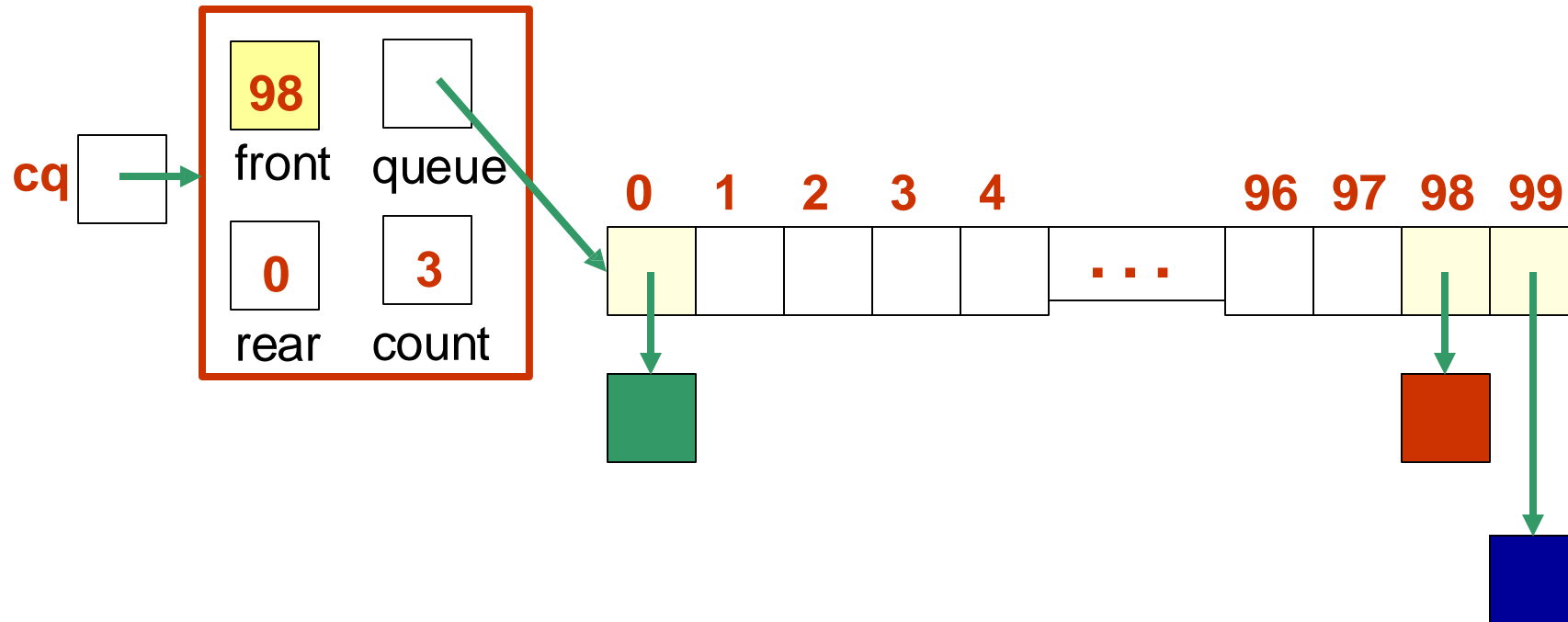
# Circular Queues Explained

- If we reach the end of the array, the next data item is stored at index 0.



# Circular Queue Drawn Linearly

Queue from the previous slide



# Implementing a Circular Queue in Java

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```
public class CircularArrayQueue<T> implements QueueADT<T> {  
    private final int DEFAULT_CAPACITY = 100;  
    private int count, front, rear;  
    private T[] queue;
```

// Constructor with default capacity

```
public CircularArrayQueue() {  
    count = 0;  
    front = 0;  
    rear = -1;  
    queue = (T[])(new Object[DEFAULT_CAPACITY]);  
}
```

Why is the rear initialized to -1?

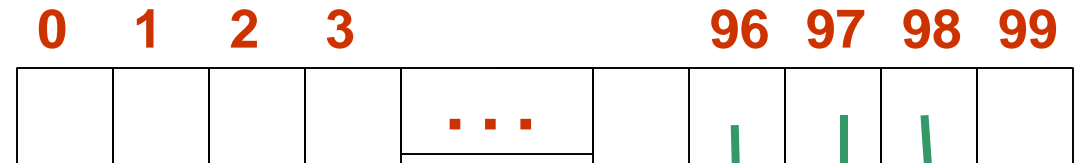
// Constructor with a specified initial capacity

```
public CircularArrayQueue(int initialCapacity) {  
    count = 0;  
    front = 0;  
    rear = -1;  
    queue = (T[])(new Object[initialCapacity]);  
}
```

# Queue as a Circular Array

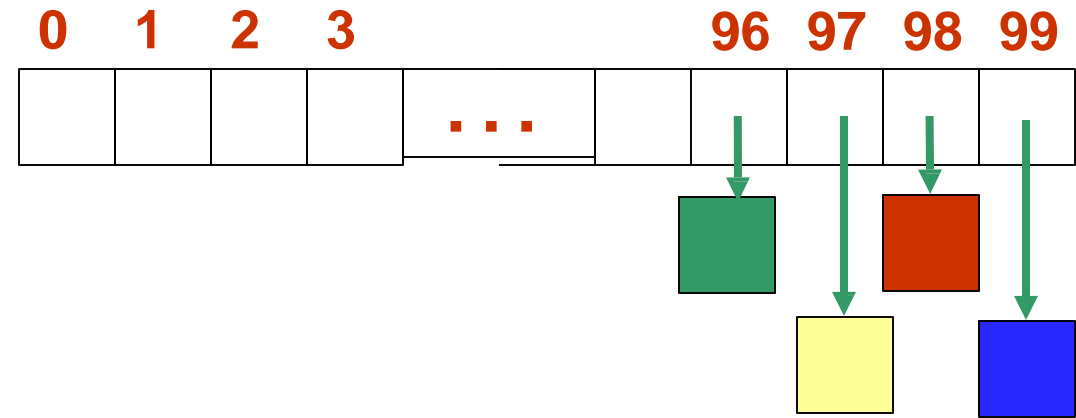
When an element is enqueued, the value of the rear is incremented, but if the rear reaches the last index of the array, it wraps around to the beginning (index 0) due to the circular array implementation.

front = 96  
rear = 98



enqueue (■)

front = 96  
rear = 99

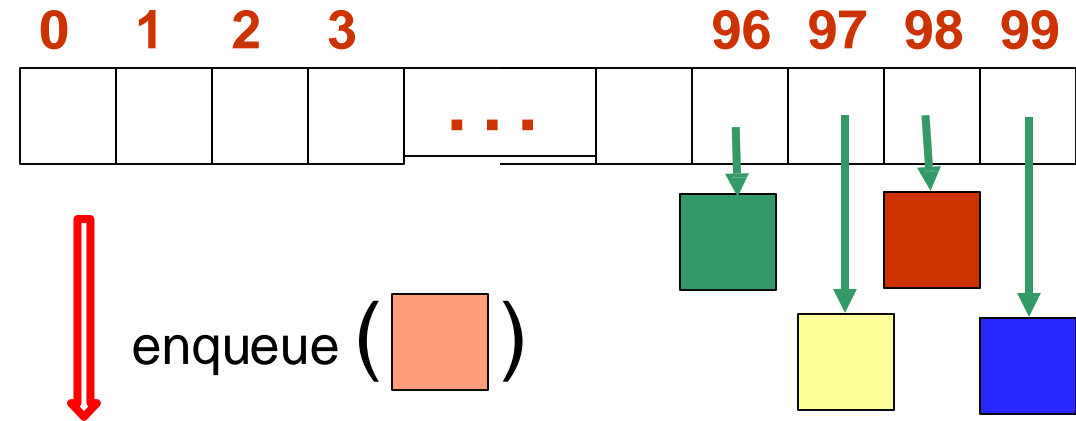




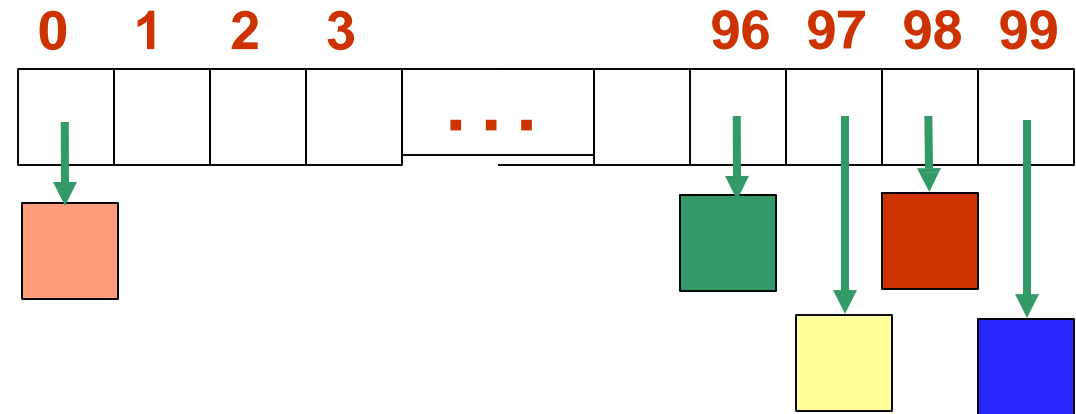
# Queue as a Circular Array

but it must consider the  
need to loop back to  
index 0:  $\text{rear} = (\text{rear} + 1)$   
 $\% \text{queue.length}$

front = 96  
rear = 99



front = 96  
rear = 0

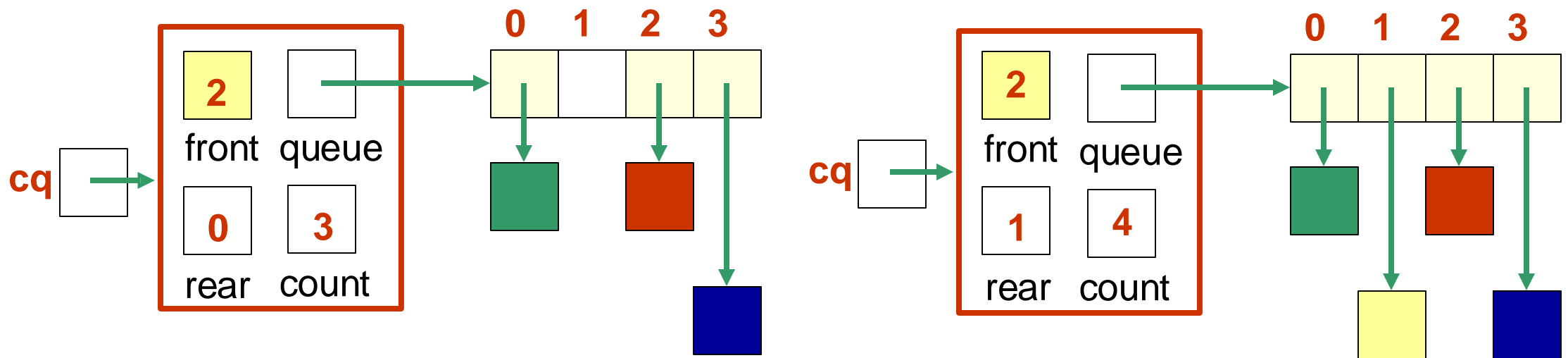


Can this array implementation also reach capacity?



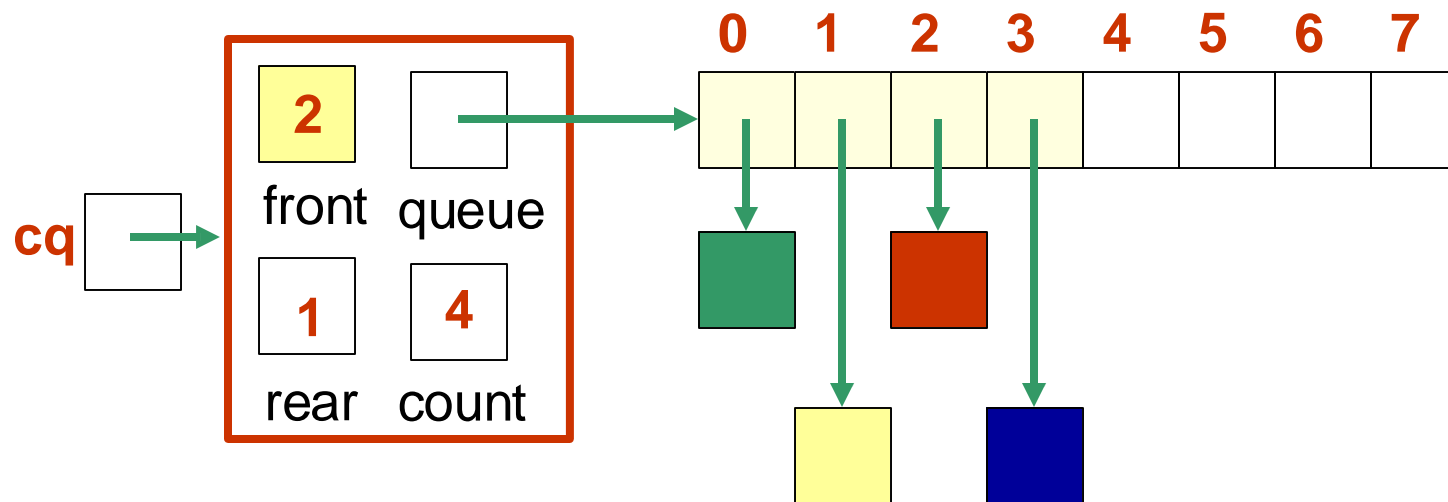
# Identifying Capacity Limits in a Circular Queue

- Suppose we try to add one more item to a queue implemented by an array of length 4



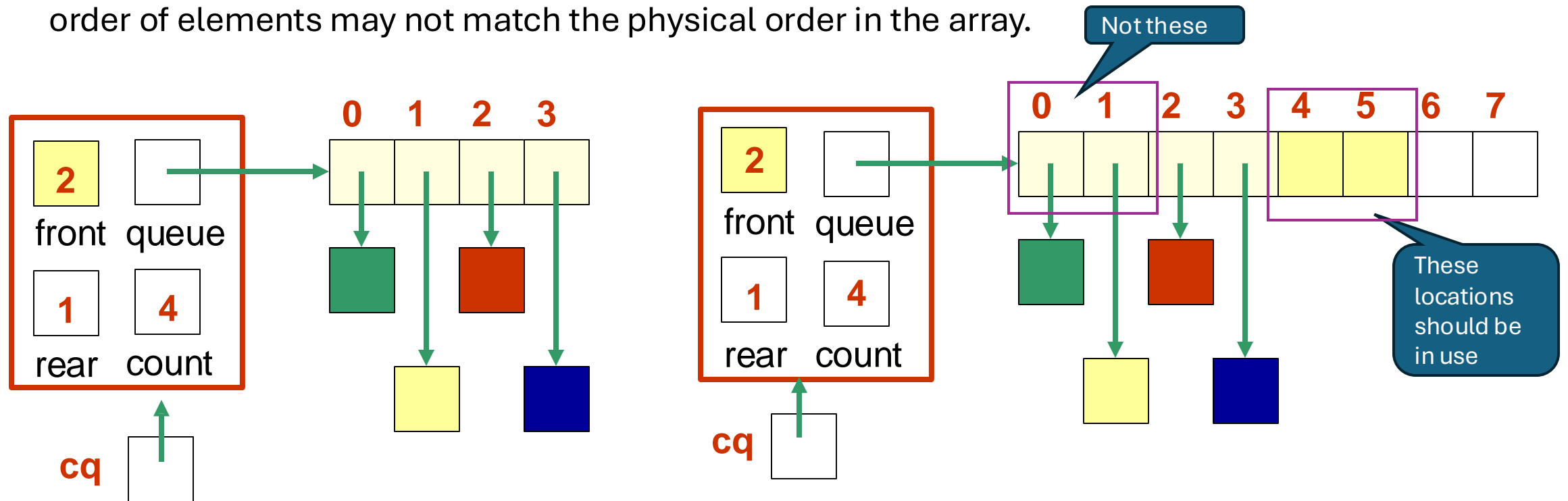
# Challenges of Resizing a Circular Queue

- We can't just double the size of the array and copy values to the same positions as before because circular properties of the queue will be lost.



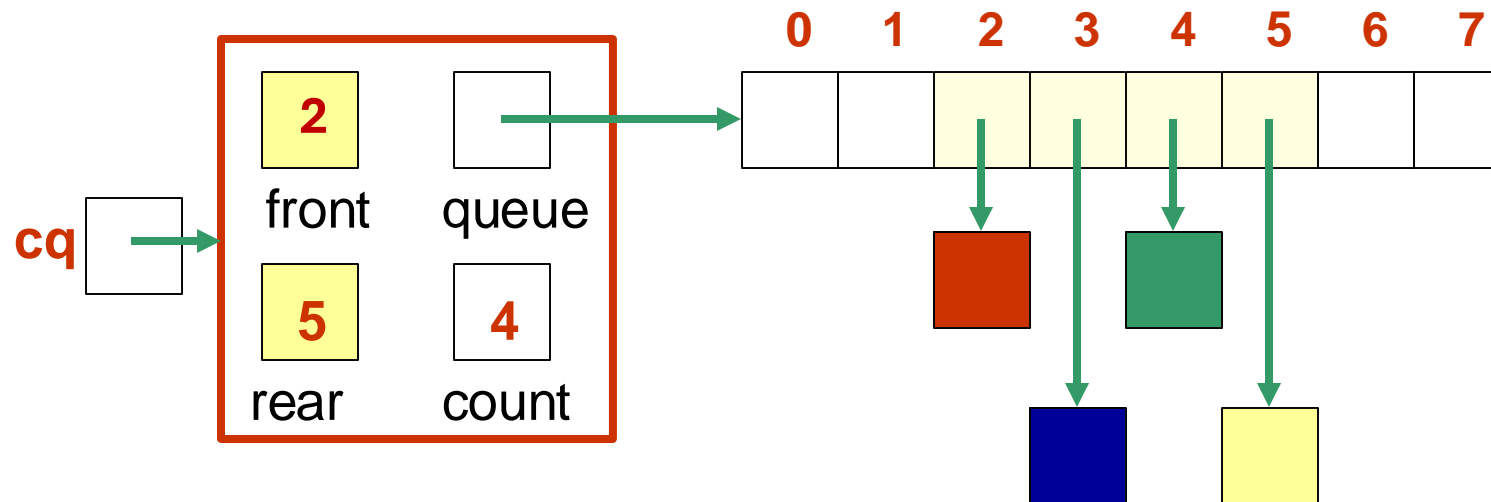
# Challenges of Resizing a Circular Queue (cont.)

- When you double the size of a regular array, you can simply copy elements from the original array to the new, larger array in the same order. However, with a circular queue, the logical order of elements may not match the physical order in the array.



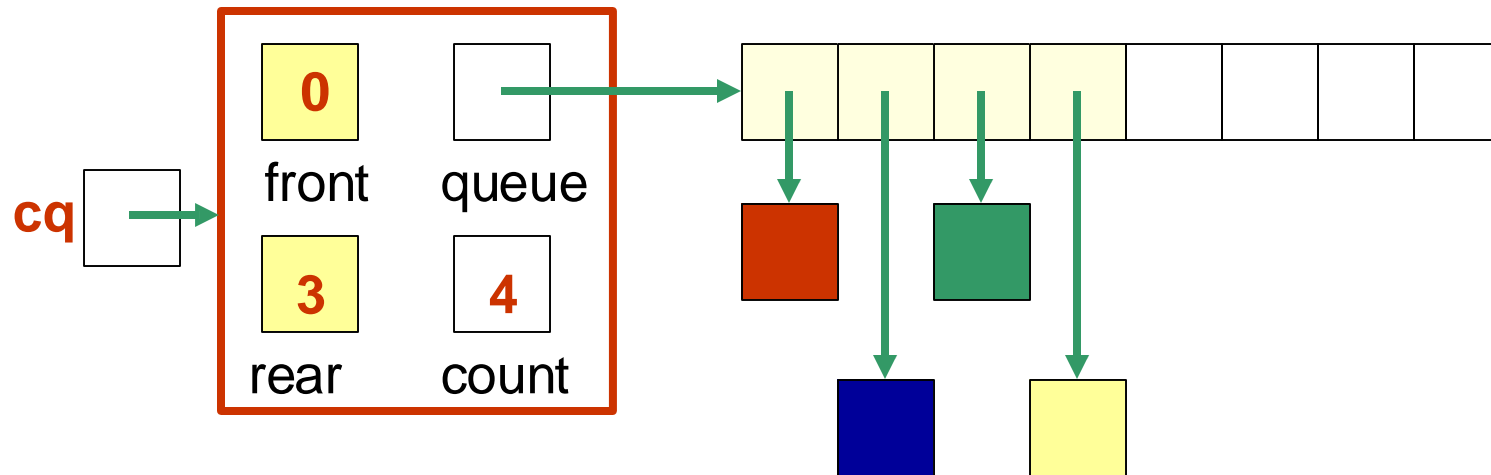
# Challenges of Resizing a Circular Queue (cont.)

- We could build the new array and copy the queue data items into contiguous locations beginning at the index front:



# Challenges of Resizing a Circular Queue (cont.)

- ... or we could copy the queue data items to the beginning of the new array



# Algorithm Enqueue

In a circular queue, adding a new item involves adjusting pointers to maintain the circular structure, allowing elements to "wrap around" if the end of the array is reached.

Algorithm enqueue(dataItem)

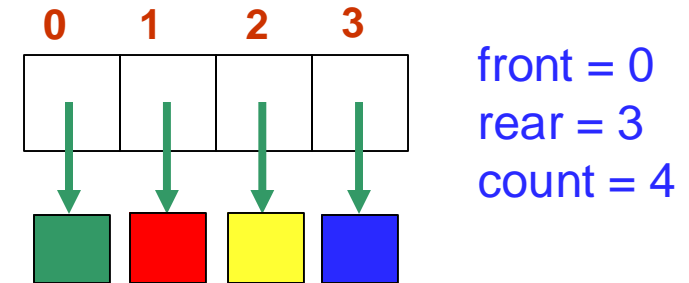
**In:** New data item to add to the queue

**Out:** Nothing, but dataItem is enqueued

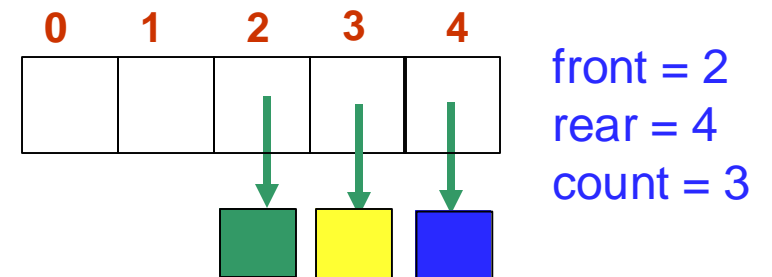
1. if count = length of array then  
expandQueue()
2. rear = (rear + 1) modulo length of array  
queue[rear] = dataItem
3. ++count

Need to consider two cases

1. The array is full



2. The array is not full





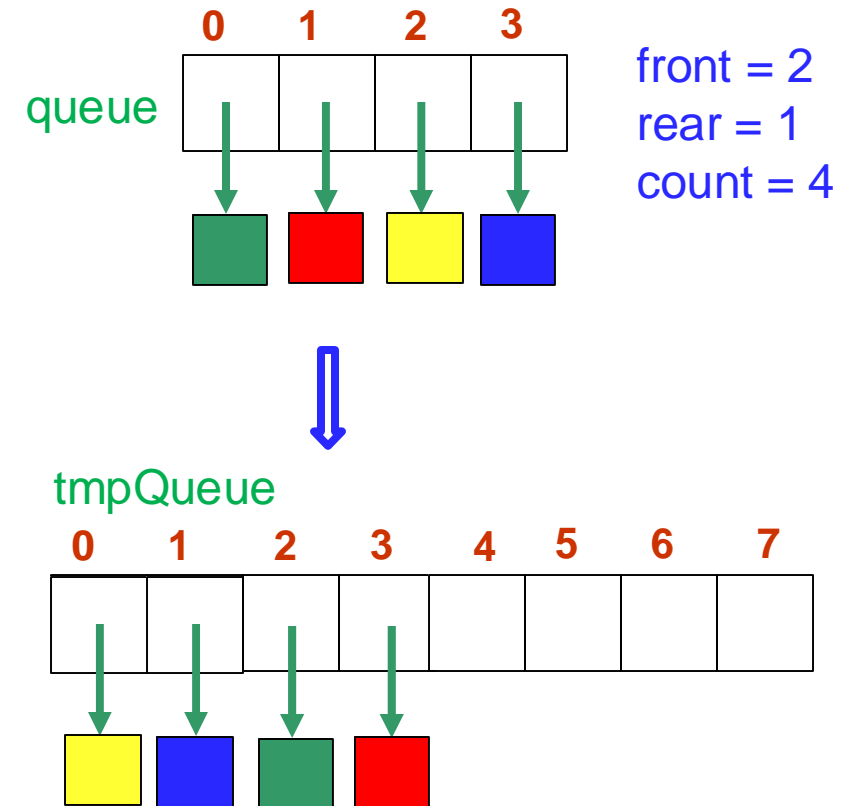
# Algorithm Enqueue

Algorithm `expandQueue()`

Input: None (operates on the internal queue array, `queue`, and related variables: `front`, `rear`, and `count`)

Output: None (but updates the queue to a larger array)

- Create a new array `tmpQueue` that is twice the size of the current queue.
  - Copy each element from `queue` to `tmpQueue` in the correct order:
    - Start from `front` in `queue`.
    - Place each element into `tmpQueue`, starting from the beginning.
  - Reset pointers: Set `front` to 0.  
Set `rear` to `count - 1`.
  - Replace `queue` with `tmpQueue`.
- Java code for `expandQueue` provided in the original course slides



# Uses of Queues in Computing

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## Printer queue



Queue of documents to print



# Uses of Queues in Computing

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## Keyboard input buffer

- A command is not processed until the user hits RETURN. The typed characters are stored in a queue.

`javac test.java`



# Uses of Queues in Computing

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GUI event queue (click on buttons, menu items)



Events are saved in a queue and processed when the computer is ready

# Question!

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In a circular array implementation of a queue, the variables front, rear, and count (the number of items in the queue) are tracked. Suppose the front is at index 0, and the rear is at the index that is one less than the **current capacity** of the array. What can be determined about the value of count?

- A) count must be zero.
- B) count must be equal to the current capacity.
- C) count could be either zero or equal to the capacity, but no other values are possible.
- D) None of the above.

# Question!

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- Consider the following code executed on a circular array-based integer queue:

```
IntQueue q = new IntQueue();  
q.insert(1);  
q.insert(2);  
q.insert(3);  
System.out.println(q.getFront());
```

- Suppose `q` is represented by a circular array with a capacity of 5. After executing the above code, what will be the state of the front, rear, and data array?

- A) front = 0, rear = 3, data = [1, 2, 3, \_, \_]
- B) front = 1, rear = 3, data = [\_, 1, 2, 3, \_]
- C) front = 0, rear = 2, data = [1, 2, \_, \_, \_]
- D) front = 1, rear = 4, data = [\_, 1, 2, 3, 4]



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