



Queue Basics

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Data Structure: Queue 1

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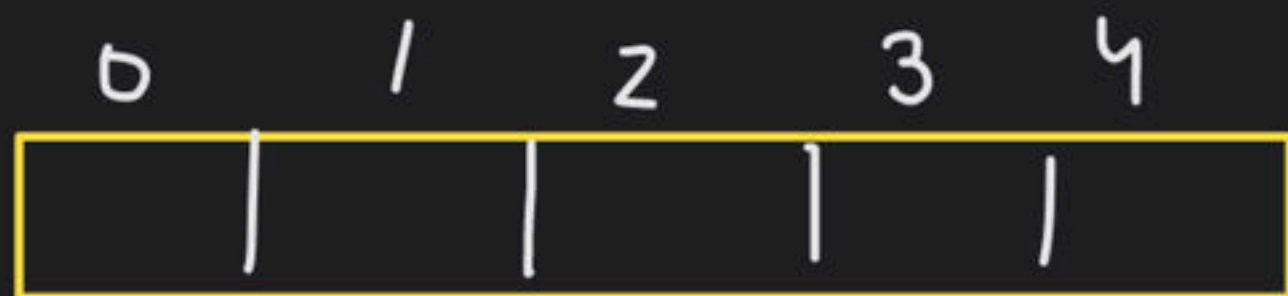
Queue / FIFO List

it is a linear D.S., in which insertion is done from one end (rear end) and deletion is done from other end (front end).



Insertion in queue \Rightarrow Enqueue

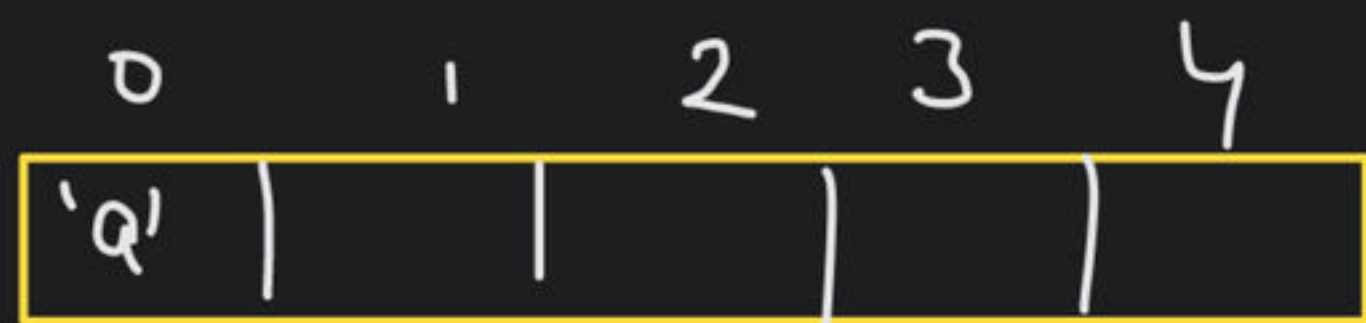
Deletⁿ _____ \Rightarrow Dequeue



$$F = R = -1$$

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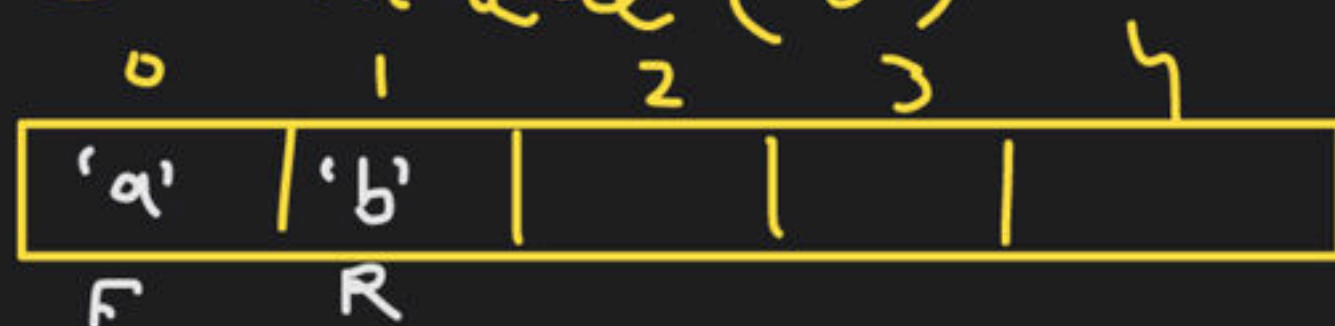
Enqueue('a')



$$F = 0$$

$$R = 0$$

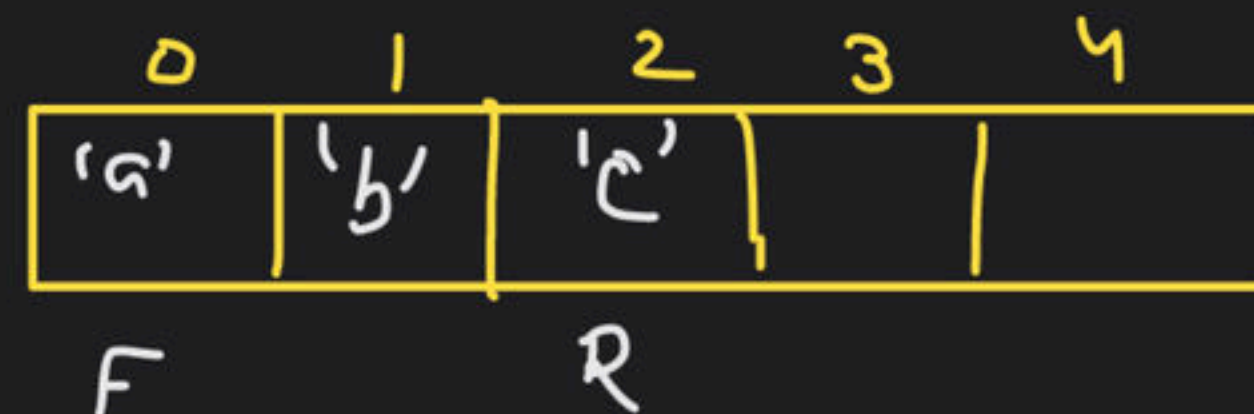
② Enqueue('b')



$$F = 0$$

$$R = 1$$

③ Enqueue('c')

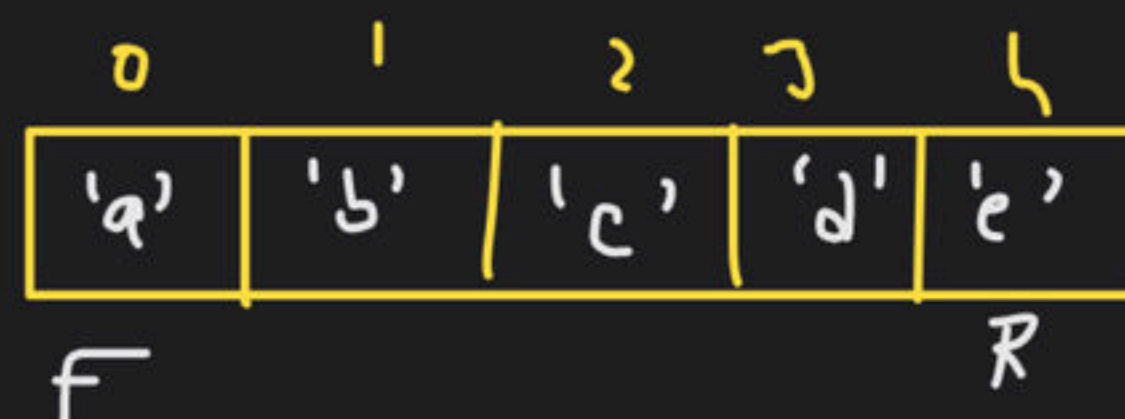


$$F = 0$$

$$R = 2$$

④ Enqueue('d')

⑤ Enqueue('e')



$$F = 0$$

$$R = 4$$

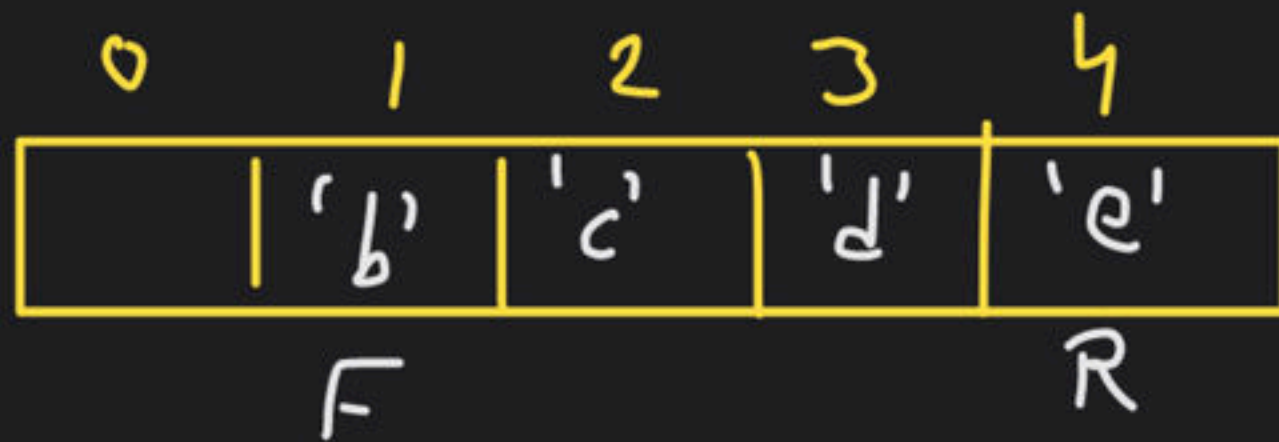
⑥ Enqueue ('g')

⇓

overflow

conditⁿ \Rightarrow if $(F == 0 \text{ and } R == N - 1)$

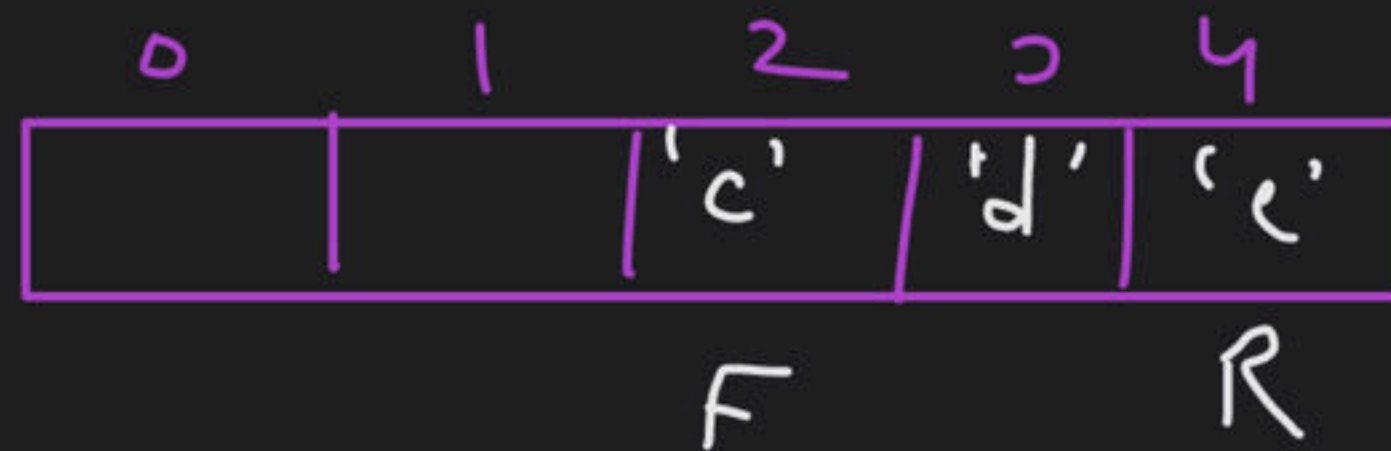
⑦ Dequeue()



$F = 1$

$R = 4$

⑧ Dequeue() :-



$F = 2$

$R = 4$

③ Enqueue('h') :-

Linear Queue

Insertion can
be done on next
index of 'Rear' linearly

⇓
Overflow

(Not better space utilization
in linear queue)

Circular Queue

0	1	2	3	4
h		c	d	e
R		F		

$F = 2$

$R = 0$



⑩ Enqueue ('j') :-

0	1	2	3	4
h	j	c	d	e
R		F		

$$F = 2$$

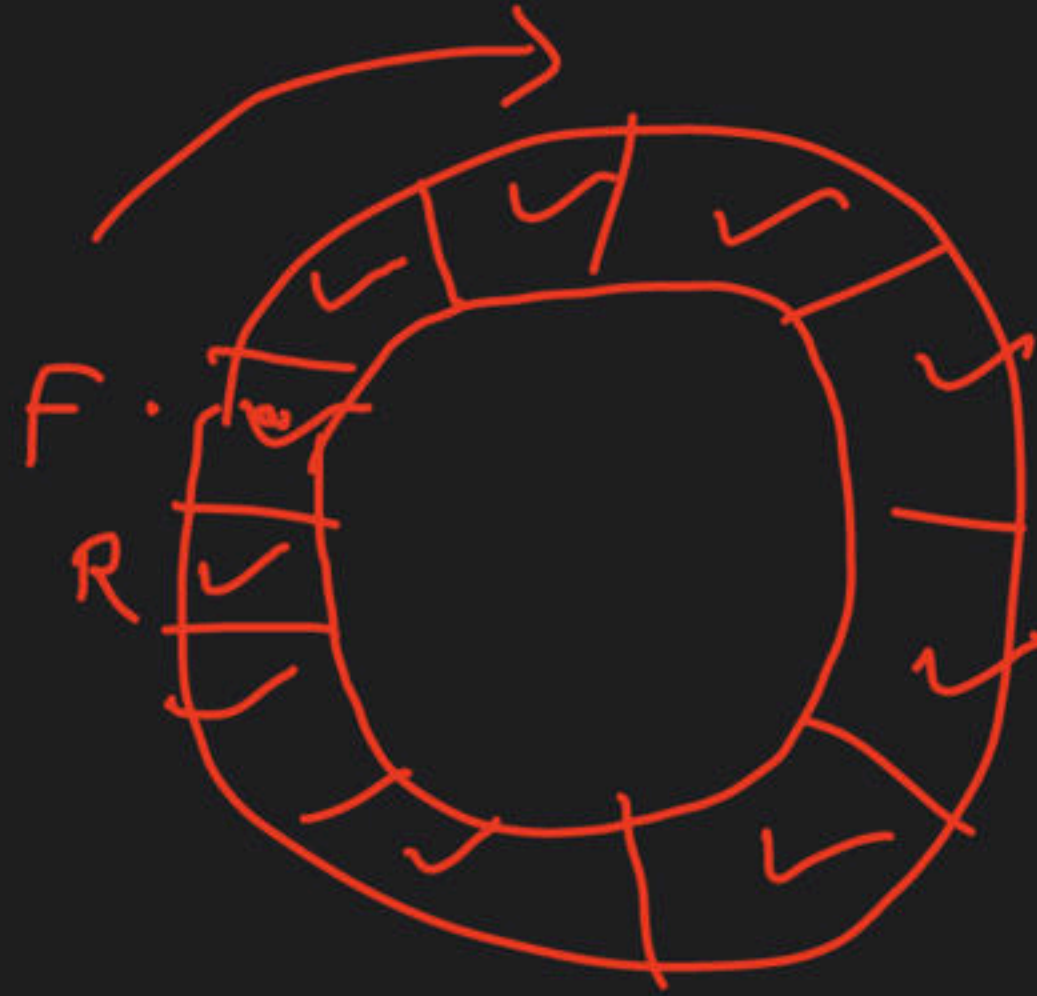
$$R = 1$$

⑪ Enqueue ('k') :-

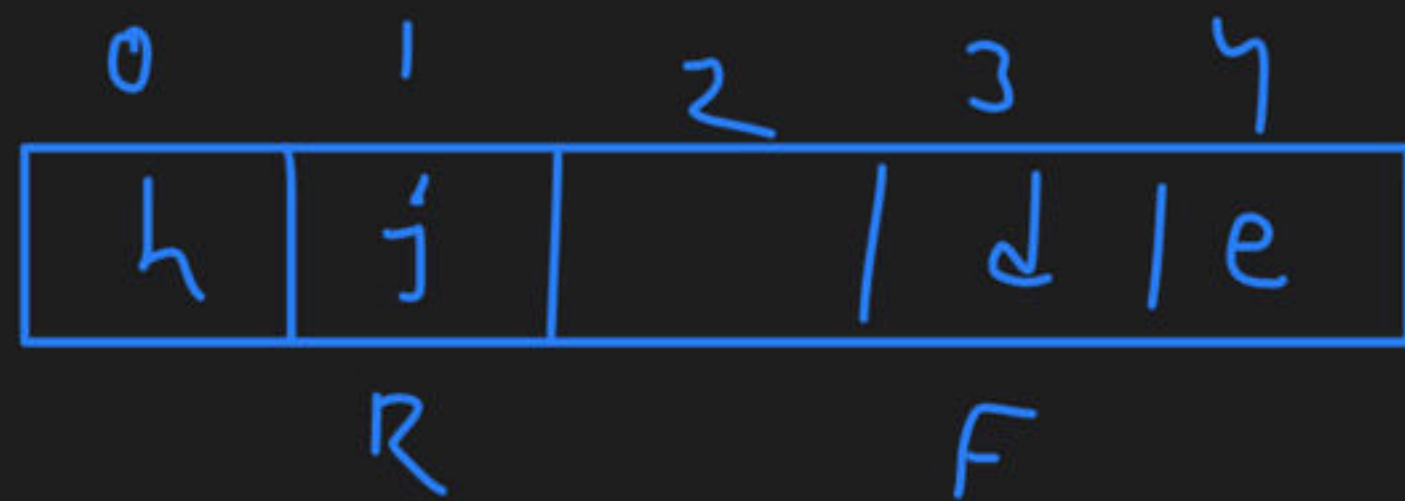


overflow

$$\text{Front} = (\text{Rear} + 1) \% n$$



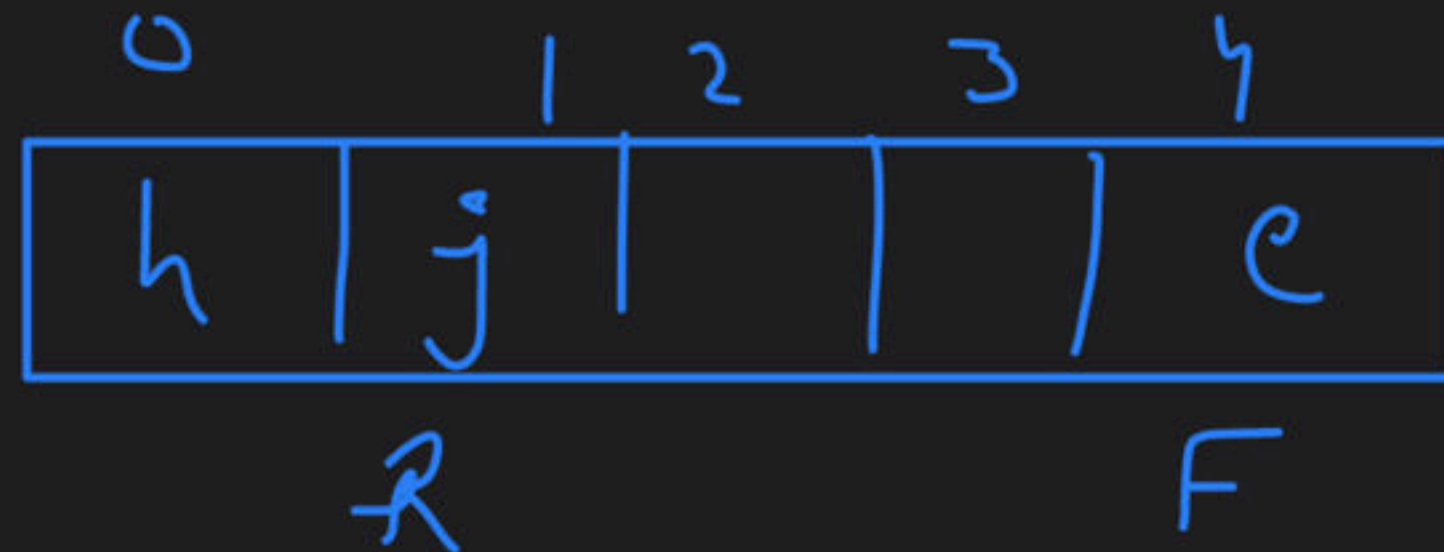
⑫ Dequeue():-



$$R = \underline{1}$$

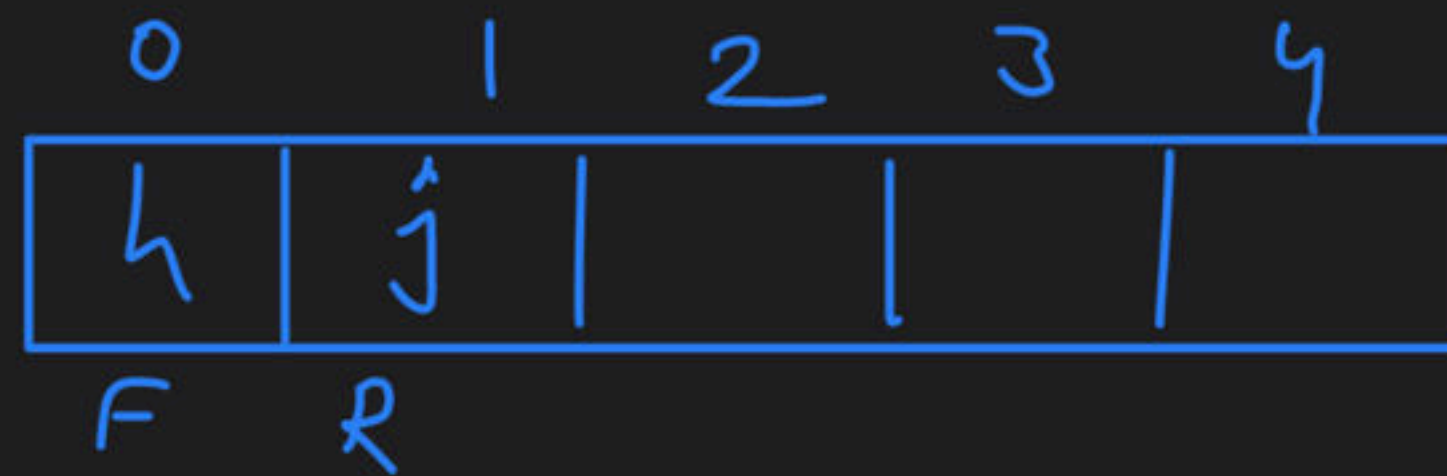
$$F = 3$$

⑬ Dequeue():-



$$F = 4, R = 1$$

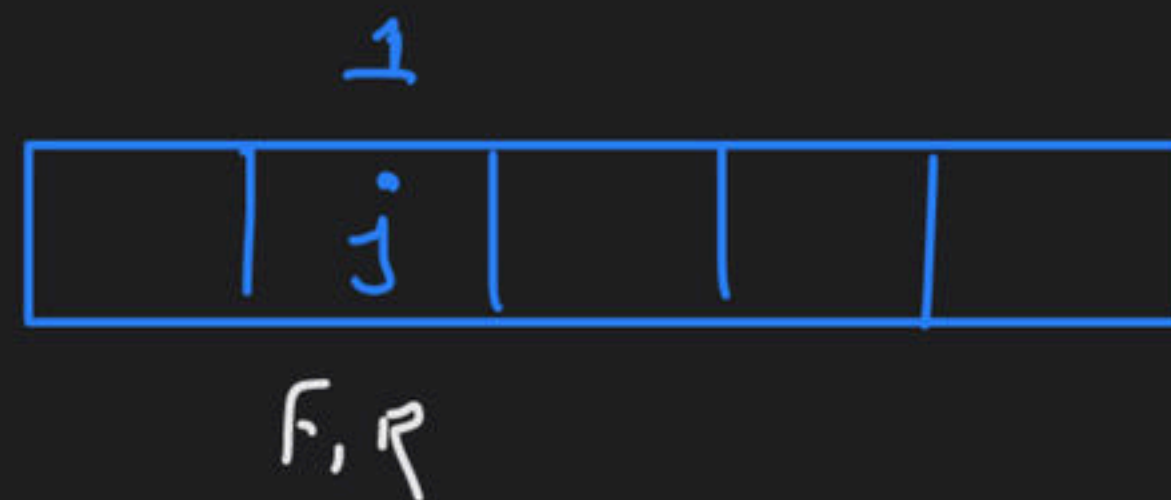
⑭ Dequeue:-



$$F = 0$$

$$R = \underline{1}$$

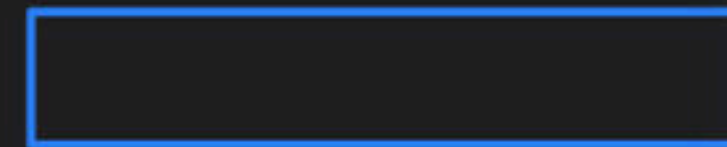
⑮ Dequeue:-



$$F = \underline{1}$$

$$R = \underline{1}$$

⑯ Dequeue:-



$$F = -1$$

$$R = -1$$

Enqueue(item, queue[], n, Front, Rear)

{

1. if ($\text{Front} == (\text{Rear} + 1) \% n$)

printf("overflow")

return

2. if ($\text{Front} == \text{Rear} == -1$)

Front = Rear = 0

else

Rear = $(\text{Rear} + 1) \% n$

3. Queue[Rear] = item

}

R.T. Complexity = $\Theta(1)$

Space $\Rightarrow \Theta(1)$

Dequeue (Queue[], front, rear, n)

{

1. if (front == rear == -1)

print underflow

return

2. item = Queue[front]

3. if (front == rear)

front = rear = -1

else

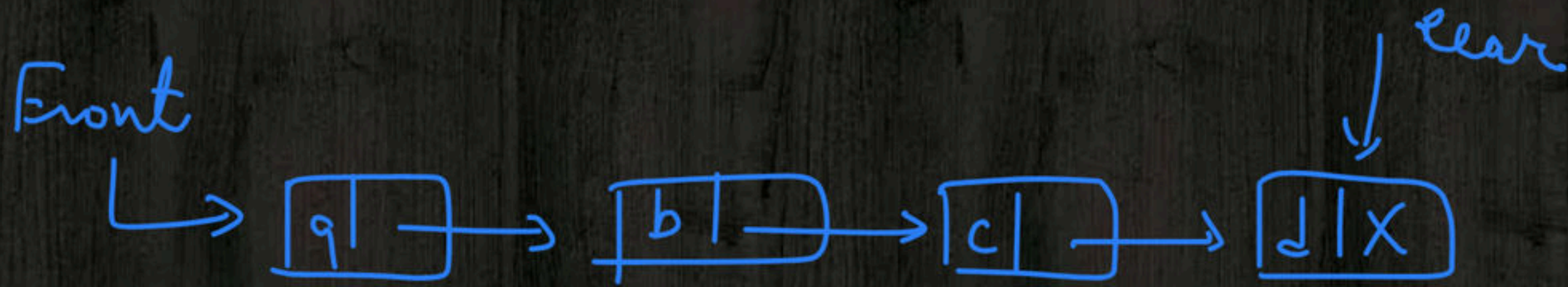
front = (front + 1) % n

}

R T. Complexity = $\theta(1)$

Space ——— = $\theta(1)$

Implementation of Queue: Using Linked List



Enqueue() \Rightarrow Insertⁿ at the end $\Rightarrow \theta(1)$

Dequeue() \Rightarrow Deleteⁿ from front $\Rightarrow \theta(1)$

Question 1

◆ What is the content of queue after following operations on an empty queue?

1. Enqueue(a)
2. Enqueue(b)
3. Dequeue()
4. Enqueue(d)
5. Enqueue(e)
6. Dequeue()

~~a~~, ~~b~~, d, e

d, e

Question 2

What is the content of queue after following operations on an empty queue?

4 insertions

2 deletions

(A) First inserted 2 elements

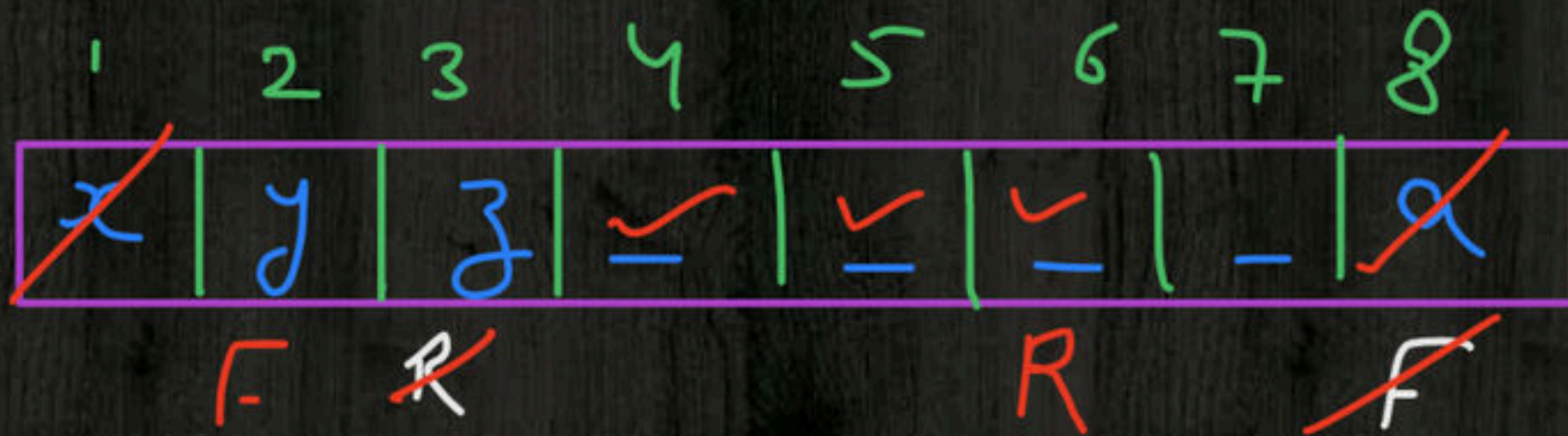
✓ (B) Last inserted 2 elements

(C) Random 2 elements

(D) None

Question 3

A circular queue is implemented using an array $A[1:8]$. The array contains values $[x, y, z, _, _, _, _, a]$. In the queue 3 enqueue and 2 dequeue operations are performed in random arbitrary order. What is the value of front and rear indexes?



$$\begin{aligned} F &= 2 \\ R &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Ans

$$F = 8$$

$$R = 3$$

Other Functions on Queue

QueueFront()

QueueRear()

IsEmptyQueue()

Question 4

Consider a linear queue Q. What would be the content of queue Q after the following code is executed?

File = 4,7,5,9,0,4,7,8,3,5,0,7,0,8,9,0,5

```
loop(till end of file)
```

```
  X= read number
```

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  if(x != 0)
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    enqueue(Q, X)
```

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  else
```

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    a = queueRear(Q)
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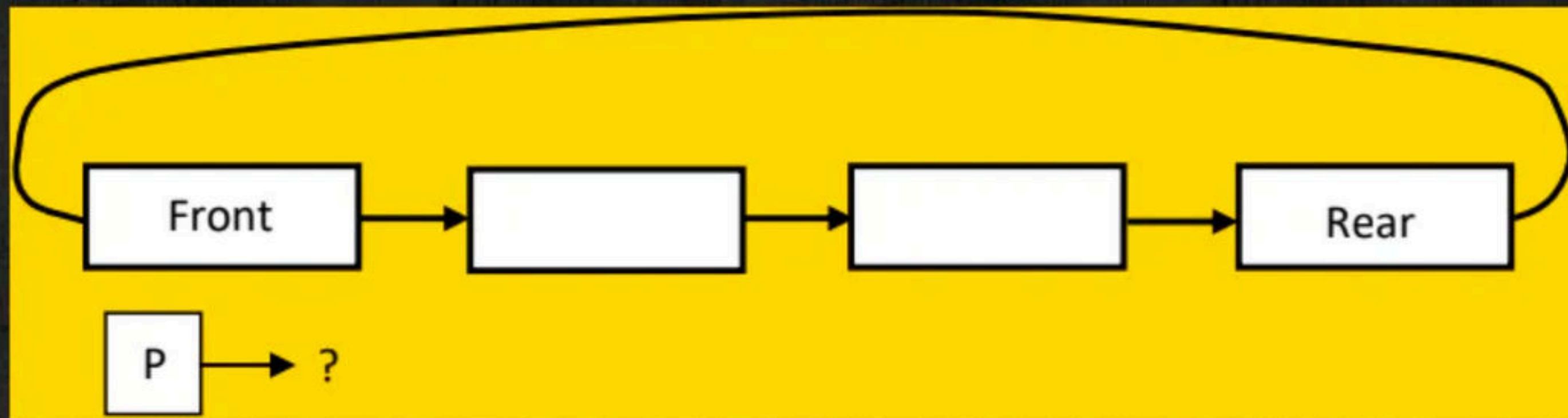
```
    enqueue(Q, a)
```

```
End Loop
```


GATE Question

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- ◆ A circularly linked list is used to represent a Queue. A single variable p is used to access the Queue. To which node should p point such that both the operations `enQueue` and `deQueue` can be performed in constant time?



- ☒ (A) Rear node
(B) Front node
(C) Not possible with a single pointer
(D) Node next to front

GATE Question

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- ◆ A queue is implemented using a non-circular singly linked-list. The queue has a head pointer and a tail pointer, as shown in the figure. Let n denote the number of nodes in the queue. Let *enqueue* be implemented by inserting a new node at the head, and *dequeue* be implemented by deletion of a node from the tail?



Which of the following is the time complexity of the most time-efficient implementation of *enqueue* and *dequeue*, respectively, for this data structure?

- (A) $\theta(1), \theta(1)$ (C) $\theta(n), \theta(1)$
✓ (B) $\theta(1), \theta(n)$ (D) $\theta(n), \theta(n)$

Double Ended Queue

Priority Queue

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