### Agenda:

- Stacks & Queues (CLRS Ch 10.1)
- Basics of Amortized Analysis (CLRS Ch 17.1)
- ► Hash-Tables (CLRS Ch 11)

### Stacks and Queues:

- Two highly used data-structures
- Supporting Insert and Remove in O(1) time
- ▶ Implementing LIFO/FIFO order
  - Stacks: Implement Last-In-First-Out order
  - Queues: Implement First-In-First-Out order

- ▶ Another highly used data-structure
- ightharpoonup Supports Insert, Remove and Find in O(1) time
- ▶ But keeps items in no particular order.

## LIFO/FIFO:

- An example:
   Insert(4), Insert(17), Insert(33), Remove(), Remove(),
   Insert(12), Remove(), insert(35), Remove(), Remove()
- Note how Remove() doesn't call a particular element it is basically "bring me the next element"
- On a Queue, the order of items as they are taken out of the queue: 4, 17, 33, 12, 35
- On a Stack, the order of items as they are taken out of the stack: 33, 17, 12, 35, 4
- On a Queue Insert and Remove are referred to as Enqueue and Dequeue
- ▶ On a Stack Insert and Remove are referred to as Push and Pop

# Implementing a Stack with an Array:

- ▶ Use an array A[1,...n] of capacity n, and a pointer top to the last cell in A where we placed an element.
- ▶ Initialize(n)
  Create an array A of size n  $capacity \leftarrow n$   $top \leftarrow 0$
- $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Push}(x) \\ \textbf{if } (top < capacity) \\ top \leftarrow top + 1 \\ A[top] \leftarrow x \end{array}$
- Pop()
  if (top > 0)  $key \leftarrow A[top]$   $top \leftarrow top 1$ return key
- ▶ Clearly, runtime of Push and Pop is O(1).

# Implementing a Stack with an Array:

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### Implementing a Queue a Doubly-Linked List

- Very easy:
  - ▶ Enqueue() insert a new list head
  - ► Dequeue() remove the list's tail

## Implementing a Queue with an Array:

- ▶ Attempt #1: Uses an array A[1,...n] of capacity n, and a pointer to the last element we put in the queue.
- ▶ What will we do upon Dequeue()?
- ightharpoonup Return A[1].
- ▶ But now we need to move all elements in A[2,...,last] to A[1,...,last-1]. This takes too much time...
- Instead, we keep a pointer to the end of the queue (where we placed the last element) and a point to the front of the queue (where we placed the first element).
  - We will pretend the array is cyclic: when we advance a pointer by 1, if its value was n then its new value is set to 1.

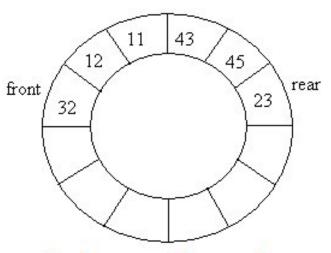
## Implementing a Queue with an Array:

▶ Uses an array A[1,...n] of capacity n and keeps track of its current size, and two pointers: front to the head of the queue, back to the tail of the queue.

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▶ Initialize(n)
   Create an array A of size n
   capacity \leftarrow n
   size \leftarrow 0
   front \leftarrow 1
   back \leftarrow 0
▶ Enqueue(x)
   if (size < capacitu)
       back \leftarrow back + 1
       if (back = n + 1)
          back = 1
       A[back] = x
       size \leftarrow size + 1
Dequeue()
   if (size > 0)
       key \leftarrow A[front]
       front \leftarrow front + 1
       if (front = n + 1)
           front = 1
       size \leftarrow size - 1
       return key
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 $\triangleright$  Clearly, runtime of Engueue and Dequeue is O(1).

# Implementing a Queue with an Array:



Circular queue with some values

### An Example for Using a Stack and a Queue:

- Print the nodes of a tree in pre-order
- ▶ procedure Pre-order(root)  $Stack_Initialize(S)$ Push(S, root)while (S isn't empty) $v \leftarrow \text{Pop}(S)$ Print(v) $if(v.rightchild \neq nil)$  then Push(S, v.rightchild) $if(v.leftchild \neq nil)$  then Push(S, v.leftchild)

## An Example for Using a Stack and a Queue:

Print the nodes of a tree by level

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▶ Procedure Level-order(root)
   Queue\_Initialize(S)
   Enqueue(S, root)
                       ** \perp =a special sign meaning "new line"
   Enqueue(S, \perp)
   while (S isn't empty)
       v \leftarrow \mathtt{Dequeue}(S)
       if (v \neq \bot) then
          Print(v)
          if(v.leftchild \neq nil) then
              Enqueue(S, v.leftchild)
          if(v.rightchild \neq nil) then
              Enqueue(S, v.rightchild)
       else
          Print New Line
          if (S \text{ isn't empty})
              Enqueue(S, \perp)
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## Must Queues, Stacks and Hash-Tables have a capacity?

- Sometimes we know a-priori a bound on how many elements will populate the Stack/Queue at any given time...
- ▶ And sometimes we don't...
- Here's one solution once we've inserted n elements and already at full-capacity:
  - 1. Create a Stack / Queue / Table of size 2×current-capacity
  - 2. Copy all elements / re-insert all n elements to the new data-structure
  - Delete original data-structure.
- ▶ Runtime =  $\Theta(n)$  (we're copying n elements / or doing n insertion operations)
- ▶ So now, Push(), Enqueue() or HashTable\_Insert() take O(n) time in the worst-case...
- ▶ Does that mean that if we do n Push() operations our overall runtime is  $O(n^2)$ ?

### **Amortized Analysis**

- ▶ Let's see an example: n = 4.
- ▶ Push(1), Push(2), Push(3), Push(4)
  - ightharpoonup ... so far, 4 operations, each one in O(1) time
- ▶ Push(5)
  - Oops... now we need to do (something proportional to) 4 steps.
  - ▶ And then push in 5 1 more extra step
- ▶ Push(6)
  - ▶ Only *O*(1)...
- ▶ Push(7), Push(8)
  - ▶ Only O(1) per each step...
- ▶ Push(9)
  - We now make (something proportional to) 8 steps...
- ▶ Push(10)
  - ▶ Only *O*(1)...
- ▶ Push(11), Push(12), Push(13), Push(14), Push(15), Push(16)
  - ▶ Only O(1) per each step.
- ▶ To insert 16 elements, we make 4+4+4+8+8=28 steps. But to insert 17 elements, we make 28+16+1=45 steps.
- ▶ To insert 32 elements, we make 44 + 16 = 60 steps. But to insert 33 elements, we make 60 + 32 + 1 = 93 steps.

### **Amortized Analysis**

- ▶ In any sequence of Push(), Pop(), before making a call for Push() that invoked n steps, we had to make at least n/2 steps where pushing/popping cost us just O(1).
- ▶ Denote the overall runtime of n Push(), Pop() operations as T(n).
- ▶ Then we just inferred that  $T(n) \leq 3n$ .
- ▶ You can prove this by induction.

Base case:  $T(1) = 1 \le 3$ .

Induction step: If the last action took us just 1 step, then

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + 1 \le 3n - 3 + 1 \le 3n.$$

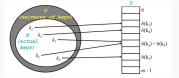
Otherwise, the last action took us n steps, which means all  $\frac{n}{2}$  actions before it took only one step. Therefore:

$$T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + \frac{n}{2} + n = \frac{3n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + n = 3n$$

- ▶ Therefore, our **amortized cost**, defined as  $\frac{T(n)}{n} = O(1)$ .
- The subject of Amortized Analysis is deep and beautiful, and I encourage you to read more at the CLRS book. (Chapter 17)

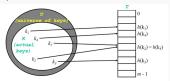
- A data structure
- ▶ Supports insert(key), find(key) and remove(key) in O(1).
- ▶ Doesn't keep the keys sorted.
- ▶ When is it useful?
- $\blacktriangleright$  When there's a large universe U of potential keys, but we use only n keys.
  - E.g., think of the warehouse of "Ramazon," a new online shopping website.
     You type in a product's serial number and it checks whether the product exists in the Ramazon's warehouse
  - ► E.g., student IDs for UofA I just want to access the record of student #4413928
  - E.g., think of your C compiler: the universe of potential names for variables and functions is huge — but your code only have a moderate amount of variables and function names.

- ▶ A data structure: insert(key), find(key) and remove(key) in O(1).
- ▶ The main idea: use a easy-to-compute Hash function that maps  $h: U \to \{1, 2..., m\}$ . (Ideally m = n, but maybe we have m = O(n).)



- Since multiple keys may be mapped to the same value  $h(key_1) = h(key_2) = v$  then T[v] stores a list / an array of elements.
- ▶ So insert(key), find(key) and remove(key) all work by
  - 1. Compute v = h(key)
  - 2. Goto T[v] (in O(1))
  - 3. Traverse the list in T[v] to add/search/remove
- ▶ Runtime: O(computing h(key)) + O(length of list in T[v])
- We use a simple h, so assume computing h(key) takes O(1)The dominating factor is the length of the longest list in T
- ▶ The ideal scenario: h is injective makes all lists be of length 1.
- ▶ Since we assume  $|U| \gg m$  we can't have an injective h.
- ▶ In fact, worst-case all n elements have the same hash-value and the table is reduced to a linked-list...

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- ▶ The ideal scenario: h is injective for our n keys.
- ▶ How to design an injective h for an unknown set of keys???
- Answer: use randomness.
- h that works well in practice:
  - $\blacktriangleright \mathsf{map}\ h(k) = (k \mod m)$
  - ▶ If distribution of keys is uniform over  $\{1, 2, ..., |U|\}$ , then distribution of h(k)s is  $\sim$ uniform on  $\{0, 1, 2, ..., m-1\}$ .
- ▶ An even better *h* that comes with provable guarantees:
  - ▶ Pick some prime p > |U|
  - ▶ Pick a uniformly at random from  $\{1,2,...,p-1\}$  and b uniformly at random from  $\{0,1,2,...,p-1\}$

# Operations Modulo Prime p

- ▶ Given any integer a we can write a in a unique way as  $a = k \times p + r$  where k is an integer and r is an integer in  $\{0, 1, 2, ..., p 1\}$ .
- ightharpoonup And so  $a \mod p = r$ .
  - ▶ For any integer a, even negatives:  $-1 = (-1) \times p + (p-1)$
- ▶ Addition Modulo p: For any integers a, b we have

$$(a+b) \mod p = ((a \mod p) + (b \mod p)) \mod p$$

- Write  $a = k \times p + r, b = l \times p + s$ .
- ▶ Then a + b = (k + l)p + (r + s). So,  $(a + b) \mod p = (r + s) \mod p$ .
- ▶ Multiplication Modulo p: For any integers a, b we have

$$(a \times b) \mod p = ((a \mod p) \times (b \mod p)) \mod p$$

- $\qquad \qquad \mathbf{Vrite} \,\, a = k \times p + r, b = l \times p + s.$
- ▶ Then  $a \times b = (kl + ks + rl)p + rs$ . Hence,  $(a \times b) \mod p = (r \times s) \mod p$ .
- Both of these properties doesn't require p to be prime. It can be any integer.
- ▶ Here's a property that is true only for prime numbers: <u>Fermat's Little Thm:</u> For any integer a that is not divisible by p we have that  $a^{p-1} \mod p = 1$ .

# Operations Modulo Prime p

- ▶ Fermat's Little Thm: For any integer a that is not divisible by p we have that  $a^{p-1} \mod p = 1$
- Corollary: any a that is not divisible by p has a multiplicative inverse:  $a^{-1} \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} a^{p-2} \mod p$

$$(a \times a^{-1}) \mod p = (a \times a^{p-2}) \mod p = a^{p-1} \mod p = 1$$

- <u>OPTIONAL</u>: The proof of Fermat's Little Thm is based on the following claim.
  - Claim: For any integer  $0 \le x \le p-1$  we have  $x^p \mod p = x$ .
- Assuming the claim is true, we prove the theorem.
   Fix any a not-divisible by p. Then
  - $a^p \mod p \stackrel{ ext{multiplication rule}}{=} (a \mod p)^p \mod p \stackrel{ ext{claim}}{=} a \mod p$

because  $(a \mod p)$  is a non-zero integer smaller than p.

► Hence:

$$0 = (a \mod p)^p - (a \mod p) = (a \mod p) \Big( (a \mod p)^{p-1} - 1 \Big) \mod p$$

and since we know  $(a \mod p) \neq 0$  then it must be the case that

$$((a \mod p)^{p-1} - 1) \mod p = 0$$

which means  $1 = (a \mod p)^{p-1} \mod p = a^{p-1} \mod p$ .

# **Operations Modulo Prime** p

- ▶ Here's a property that is true only for prime numbers: <u>Fermat's Little Thm:</u> For any integer a such that  $a \mod p \neq 0$  we have  $a^{p-1} \mod p = 1$ .
- ► OPTIONAL:
- ▶ Claim: For any integer  $0 \le x \le p-1$  we have  $x^p \mod p = x$ .
- ▶ We prove the claim inductively. Clearly, it is true for x=0 as  $0^{p-1}=0$  even without modulo operations.
- Fix  $0 \le n \le p-2$ . Assuming the claim holds for n we show it also holds for n+1.
- ▶ Note:  $(n+1)^p \mod p = \sum_{j=0}^p {p \choose j} n^j$ .
- For any  $1 \leq j \leq p-1$  we have  $\binom{p}{j} = \frac{p!}{j!(p-j)!}$ . Note that all terms in the denominator are multiplications of integers strictly smaller than p, whereas we have p in the numerator. So p divided the numerator, but not the denominator.
  - Since p is prime, and divisible only by itself, then the p term in the numerator isn't canceled by any term in the denominator. Hence  $\binom{p}{i}$  is divisible by p.
- ► This leaves us with  $(n+1)^p \mod p = (n^p \mod p) + (1^p \mod p) \stackrel{\text{IH}}{=} (n \mod p) + 1 = (n+1) \mod p$ .

- ► An h that comes with provable guarantees:
  - ▶ Pick some prime p > |U|
  - ▶ Pick a u.a.r from  $\{1,2,...,p-1\}$  and b u.a.r from  $\{0,1,..,p-1\}$
  - ▶ Map  $h(k) = ((a \cdot k + b) \mod p) \mod m$
- ▶ Claim: Given n arbitrary distinct keys  $k_1, ..., k_n$ , then for each key the expected length of its list is at most  $1 + \frac{n}{m}(1 + o(1))$ .
- Note: the keys are chosen adversarially, the expectation is over our choice of a and b.
- ▶ Proof: We will prove the following lemma:
  - ▶ <u>Main Lemma:</u> For any two distinct keys  $k \neq k'$  we have that  $\Pr_{a,b}[h(k) = h(k')] \leq \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{p}$
- ▶ Given the lemma, the proof of the claim uses linearity of expectation.
  - For any two distinct keys  $k_i \neq k_j$  let  $Y_{i,j}$  be the Bernoulli random variable indicating whether there's a collision of key  $k_i, k_j$ :  $Y_{i,j} = 1 \text{ iff } h(k_i) = h(k_j).$
  - ▶ Thus, for each i, denote  $n_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{length of the list } k_i \text{ is in} = \text{number of keys}$  in  $\{k_1, ..., k_n\}$  that have  $h(k_i) = h(k_i)$ .
  - ▶ In other words,  $n_i = \sum_j Y_{i,j} = 1 + \sum_{j \neq i} Y_{i,j}$ . Hence, for any i we have

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E}[n_i] &= \mathbf{E}\left[1 + \sum_{j \neq i} Y_{i,j}\right] = 1 + \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbf{E}[Y_{i,j}] = 1 + \sum_{j \neq i} 1 \cdot \Pr[h(k_i) = h(k_j)] \\ &\leq 1 + (n-1) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}\right) = 1 + \frac{n-1}{m} + \frac{n-1}{n} = 1 + \frac{n-1}{m} \left(1 + \frac{m}{n}\right) \quad \Box \end{split}$$

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  - lacksquare Pick a u.a.r from  $\{1,2,...,p-1\}$  and b u.a.r from  $\{0,1,..,p-1\}$
  - ▶ Map  $h(k) = ((a \cdot k + b) \mod p) \mod m$
- ▶ <u>Lemma:</u> For any two distinct keys  $k \neq k'$  we have that  $\Pr_{a,b}[h(k) = h(k')] \leq \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{p}$ .
- ▶ Proof: Denote  $w(k) = (a \cdot k + b) \mod p$ . (I.e.,  $h(k) = w(k) \mod m$ .)
- First, we note that for any  $k \neq k'$  we have  $w(k) \neq w(k')$ .
  - ▶ Suppose you are given two keys k and k' such that w(k) = w(k'), namely that  $(a \cdot k + b) \mod p = (a \cdot k' + b) \mod p$ .
  - Arithmetic manipulation (adding -b) gives that  $a \cdot (k k') \mod p = 0$ .
  - ▶ The remainder is 0, which means p divides  $a \cdot (k k')$ . We denote it as  $p \mid a \cdot (k k')$ .
  - ▶ p divides the multiplication  $p \mid a(k k')$ , but p is prime, so either  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid (k k')$ .
  - Note that  $a \neq 0$  and a < p, so  $p \nmid a$ .
  - Note also that both  $0 \le k, k' \le |U| < p$  which means -p < k k' < p.
  - So we must have  $k \overline{k'} = 0$ , hence k = k'.

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- Proof: (Cont'd) Denote  $w(k) = (a \cdot k + b) \mod p$ .
- ▶ Secondly, we argue the for any  $k \neq k'$  and any integers  $i \neq j$  which are smaller than p, we have that  $\Pr_{a,b}[w(k) = i \text{ and } w(k') = j] = \frac{1}{n!n-1}$ .
  - w(k) = i and w(k') = j mean that  $i = (a \cdot k + b) \mod p$  and  $j = (a \cdot k' + b) \mod p$ .
  - ▶ Hence,  $(i j) \mod p = (a \cdot (k k')) \mod p$ .
  - Because p is prime and  $k-k' \neq 0$ , the multiplicative inverse  $(k-k')^{-1}$  exists
  - Multiplying both sides by  $(k-k)^{-1}$  we get:  $a = a \mod p = ((i-j) \cdot (k-k')^{-1}) \mod p$

We thus denote  $x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ((i-j) \cdot (k-k')^{-1}) \mod p$  (some specific

non-zero integer). We have shown that a must take the value x. ightharpoonup And:  $b=(i-a\cdot k)\mod p=(i-x\cdot k)\mod p$ .

So b must take the value  $y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (i - x \cdot k) \mod p$ .

You can check that the inverse also holds: if a=x and b=y then w(k)=i and w(k')=j.

Conclusion:  $\Pr[w(k) = i \text{ and } w(k') = j] = \Pr[a = x \text{ and } b = y] = \frac{1}{p-1} \cdot \frac{1}{p}$ 

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- ▶ <u>Lemma:</u> For any two distinct keys  $k \neq k'$  we have that  $\Pr_{a,b}[h(k) = h(k')] \leq \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}$ .
- ▶ Proof: (Cont'd.) We now argue the following.
- ▶ For every i < m, the set  $S_i = \{0 \le x has size <math>\le 1 + \lfloor \frac{p}{m} \rfloor$ .
- ▶ Note that the set  $S_i$  holds precisely all the elements that  $=i \pmod{m}$ .
  - Partition the integers between 0 and p-1 into consecutive chunks, each of size m (except for the last one):

$$\{0,1,..,m-1\}, \{m,m+1,m+2,...,2m-1\},..., \{m \cdot \lfloor \frac{p}{m} \rfloor,...,p-1\}$$

- In each chuck exactly 1 element has remainder of i when divided by m, except for the last chunk which either have such an element or has no such elements.
- ▶ There are  $\lceil \frac{p}{m} \rceil = 1 + \lfloor \frac{p}{m} \rfloor = 1 + \lfloor \frac{p-1}{m} \rfloor$  such chunks (remember, p is prime, so not divisible by m).
- ▶ Thus,  $|S_i| \le \# \text{chunks} = 1 + \lfloor \frac{p}{m} \rfloor = 1 + \lfloor \frac{p-1}{m} \rfloor$ .

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- ▶ Proof: (Cont'd.) We can now conclude the proof of the lemma.
- ▶ For any distinct  $k \neq k'$ ,  $\Pr[h(k) = h(k')] \leq (\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n})$ , because:

$$\Pr[h(k) = h(k')] = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \Pr[h(k) = h(k') = i]$$

$$= \sum_{i} \Pr[w(k) \in S_i \text{ and } w(k') \in S_i \setminus \{w(k)\}]$$

$$= \sum_{i} \frac{|S_i|(|S_i| - 1)}{p(p - 1)} \le \sum_{i} \frac{(1 + \lfloor \frac{p}{m} \rfloor) \cdot \lfloor \frac{p}{m} \rfloor}{p(p - 1)}$$

$$= m \cdot \frac{1 + \lfloor \frac{p}{m} \rfloor}{p} \cdot \frac{\lfloor \frac{p-1}{m} \rfloor}{p-1} \le m \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{p}{m}}{p} \cdot \frac{\frac{p-1}{m}}{p-1}$$

$$= m \cdot (\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}) \cdot \frac{1}{m} = \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \quad \square$$

- The proof we gave basically shows the following.
  - We call a set of function  $\mathcal H$  a *universal hash family* if the following holds. For any two distinct keys  $k \neq k'$ , when picking h from  $\mathcal H$  u.a.r we have

$$\Pr_{h \sim \mathcal{H}}[h(k) = h(k')] = \frac{1}{m}$$

- You can check and see that we have effectively shown that
  - 1. If  $\mathcal H$  is a universal hash family, then by picking a function h from  $\mathcal H$  u.a.r the expected length of each list is at most  $1+\frac{n}{m}$  (This is the proof of the claim based on the lemma.)
  - 2. The family  $\mathcal{H}_{a,b} = \{h_{a,b}(k) = (a \cdot k + b) \mod m\}$  that has p(p-1) elements, is a universal hash family.<sup>1</sup> (This was the proof of the main lemma.)
- ▶ What we have shown is that for every key,  $E[\#collisions] \approx 1 + \frac{n}{m}$ .
- ▶ Hence,  $\max_j E[\#\text{collisions with } k_j] \approx 1 + \frac{n}{m}$ .
- But what we'd love to bound is E[max<sub>j</sub> {#collisions with k<sub>j</sub>}] (why?)
   That's much more difficult.
  - Even if h is completely random  $(\forall k, h(k))$  is distributed uniformly among the m bins) it is known that for m=n the expected size of the largest bin is about  $O(\log(n))$ .
- Read more on hash functions, universal hashing and open addressing hashing — Chapter 11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>up to the little "fudge" factor of  $\frac{1}{n}$ .