



## Queue ADT

- ◆ **Definition:** a **queue** is a collection of objects that are inserted and removed according to the first-in-first-out (FIFO) principle.
- ◆ Objects are inserted into the **rear** of the queue.
- ◆ Objects can **ONLY** be removed from the **front** of the queue.
- ◆ Objects that have been in the queue the longest are first to be removed.

## The Queue ADT

### ◆ Examples of queues

- Lines
  - ◆ Ticket line, amusement park line, etc
- Access to shared resources (e.g., printer queue)
- Phone calls to large companies
- Waiting list for adding classes

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## The Queue ADT

### ◆ Main queue operations:

- **enqueue**: inserts an object at the end of the queue
- **dequeue**: just removes the element at the front of the queue
- **getFront**: returns the element at the front without removing it

### ◆ Auxiliary queue operations:

- **size**: returns the number of elements stored - either keep a counter or calculate
- **isEmpty**: returns a Boolean indicating whether no elements are stored

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## Naïve Array-based Queue

- ◆ Two variables keep track of the front and rear

*front* index of the front element,  
initialize to 0

*rear* index immediately *past* the rear  
element, initialize to 0

- ◆ Counter to keep track of number of items in the queue.

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## Naïve Array-based Queue

front = 4

rear = 8



What happens on the next enqueue operation?  
What are the possible solutions?

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## Circular Array-based Queue

- ◆ Best solution - use a wrapping or circular array
  - Enqueue at the beginning of the array

front = 4  
rear = 3



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## Queue Data Structure

```
class Queue
{
private:
    objectType queue[MAX_QUEUE_SIZE];
    int front;
    int rear;
    int size;

public:
    functions for queue manipulation
    constructor sets front and rear to 0
};
```

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## Queue Operations - Enqueue

```

void enqueue ( const Object &o )
    if ( front == ( rear + 1 ) % size )
        error - queue full
    else
        Q[rear] = o
        rear = ( rear + 1 ) % size

```

Diagram illustrating the enqueue operation:

Initial state: A queue of size 6. Front (f) is at index 5, and Rear (r) is at index 5. The queue is full.

Calculation:  $0 = (5 + 1) \% 6$

Diagram illustrating the enqueue operation:

Final state: A queue of size 6. Front (f) is at index 1, and Rear (r) is at index 0. The queue is full.

Calculation:  $2 = (1 + 1) \% 6$

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## Queue Operations - Dequeue

- ◆ In class exercise - Write the code for dequeue and getFront.
  - const getFront will return front object
    - ◆ *const Object & getFront ( ) const*
  - dequeue will just remove the front object
    - ◆ *void dequeue ( )*

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## Growable Array-based Queue

- ◆ In an enqueue operation, when the array is **full**, instead of making this an error condition, we can **replace** the array with a **larger** one
- ◆ The enqueue operation has amortized running time
  - $O(n)$  with the incremental strategy
  - $O(1)$  with the **doubling** strategy

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## Linked List Based Queue

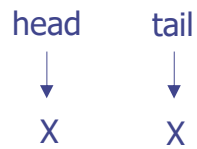
- ◆ Using a **linked list** can remove the size restrictions of an array
- ◆ Linked list with front and rear pointers
  - **front** is the same as head, **rear** is the same as tail
- ◆ Front and rear initially point to null

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## Linked List Based Queue



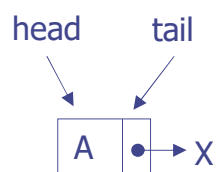
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## Linked List Based Queue

### Enqueue



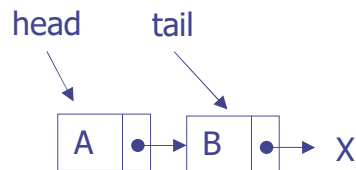
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## Linked List Based Queue

### Enqueue



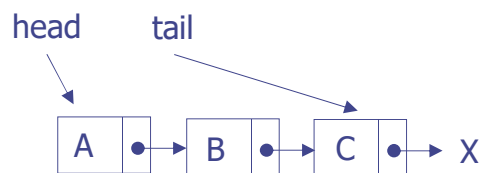
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## Linked List Based Queue

### Enqueue



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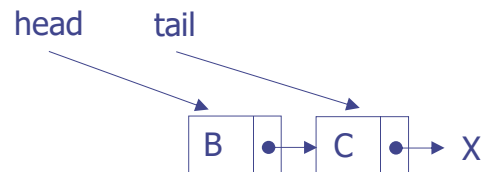
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## Linked List Based Queue

### Dequeue



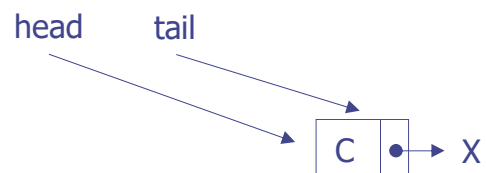
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## Linked List Based Queue

### Dequeue



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## Linked List Based Queue

```

class Queue
{
private:
    Node *front;
    Node *rear;
    int numItems;
public:
    all functions to interface with queue
};

```

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## Linked List Based Queue

```

const Object & getFront( ) const    bool isEmpty( )
{
    if( !front )                    {
        error – Queue empty        return ( !rear );
    }                               }
    else
        return front->data;
}

void enqueue( const Object &o )
{
    Node *newNode = new Node( o );
    if ( isEmpty( ) )
        front = newNode;
    else
        rear->next = newNode;
    rear = newNode;
}

```

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## Linked List Based Queue

- ◆ In class exercise - write dequeue
  - Just like removing head in a list with head and tail pointers
  - Think about memory leaks
    - ◆ Delete the node completely - don't return anything
  - Use getFront( ) if you want to use the object
  - Use dequeue( ) if you just want to remove the node

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## Linked List Based Queue

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## Queue Big Oh Runtimes

### ◆ Array based

- Enqueue
- Dequeue
- isEmpty
- getFront

### ◆ Linked list based

- Enqueue
- Dequeue
- isEmpty
- getFront