

Queues

Stacks are a last-in, first-out LIFO

Queues are a first-in, first-out FIFO

For stacks, we use push, pop to add, remove

For queues, we use enqueue, dequeue to add, remove respectively

Queue has a head and a tail

Read a word, add to position at the tail, like being at the end of the line

tail

animal
favorite
my
much
pretty
its
liger
A

"A liger its pretty much my favorite animal."

Enqueue an item at the tail position.

Dequeue an item at the head position.

Like being at the head of the line.

head

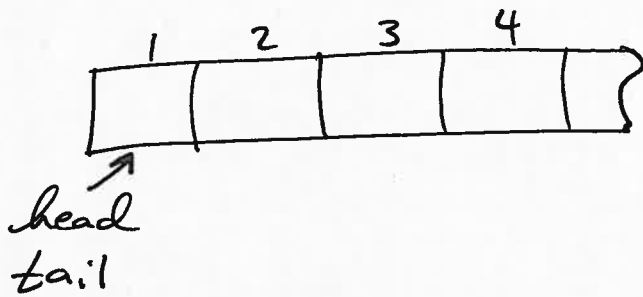
enqueue

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dequeue

Array implementation of a queue

Start with an empty queue



$$\text{head} = \text{tail} = 1$$

Add an item (Enqueue)

Enqueue(Q, x)

$Q[Q.\text{tail}] = x$

if $Q.\text{tail} == Q.\text{length}$

$Q.\text{tail} = 1$

else

$Q.\text{tail} = Q.\text{tail} + 1$

// Q is array
x is item to add

// add x to tail

Position

// end of the array, no error handling



head,
tail

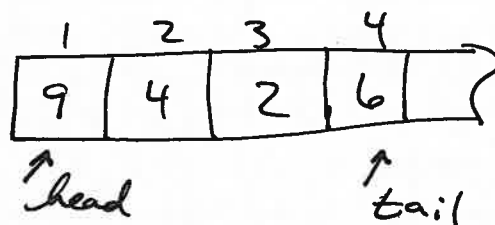
// move tail + 1, head doesn't change



head
tail

Remove an item (Dequeue)

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dequeue (Q)

$x = Q[Q.head]$

if $Q.head == Q.length$

$Q.head = 1$

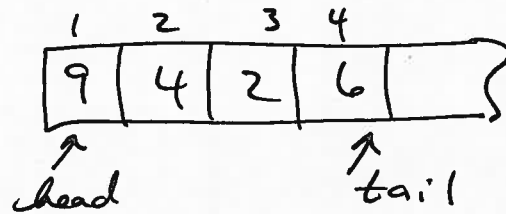
else

$Q.head = Q.head + 1$

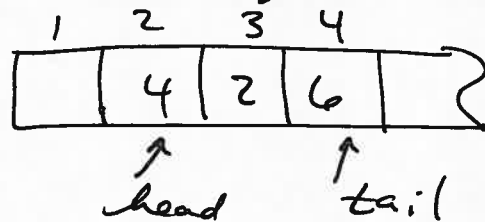
return x

// grab item at head
in array

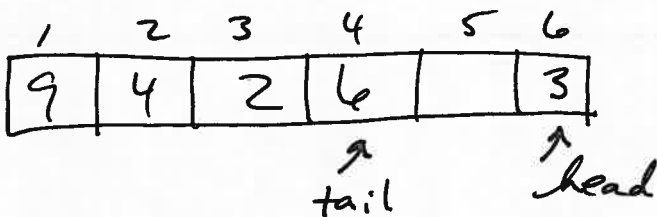
// this is a circular queue,
head and tail will
wrap around



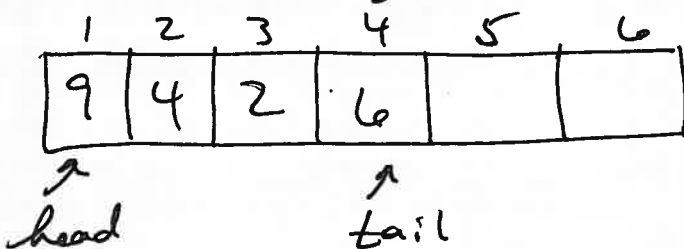
After dequeue



Wrap-around example



After dequeue



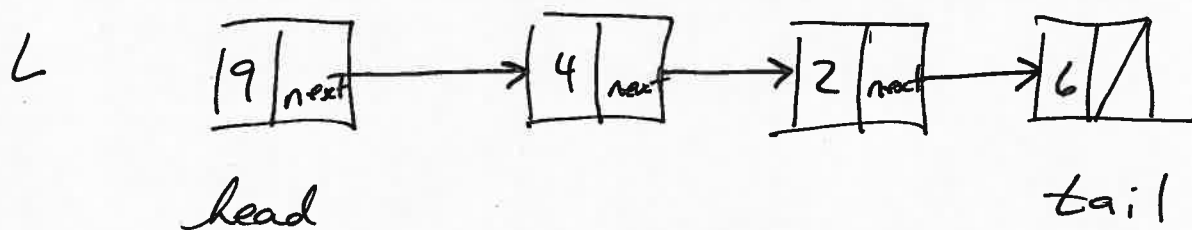
Call dequeue

head = length

set head back to
beginning with head = 1

tail unchanged

Linked list implementation of queue

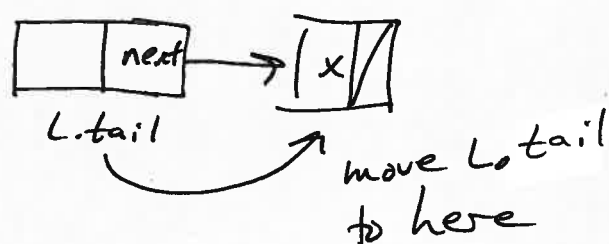


Enqueue (L, x)

L.tail.next = x

L.tail = x

// set next pointer of current tail to point to the new node



Dequeue (L)

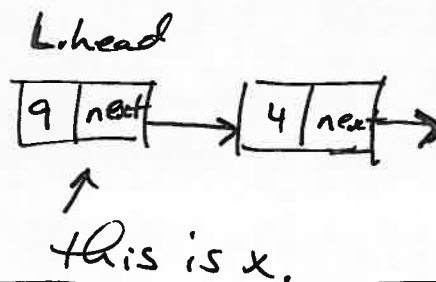
if L.head == NULL
"underflow"

else

x = L.head

L.head = L.head.next

return x



After dequeue called,

