Data Structures

Stack

- A container of data elements/objects that are stored and removed according to last in first out (LIFO) principle
- Objects are inserted at the top of stack and also removed from the top, that is, can remove the most recently inserted object at a time
- Insertion: pushing; deletion: popping

Stack

- Stack is an abstract data type that supports these operations:
 - push(e): inserts the object "e" at the top of the stack
 - pop(): removes and returns the top object from stack, if the stack is empty an error occurs

Stack

- The supporting operations of the stack ADT are:
 - size() returns the number of elements in the stack
 - isEmpty() Tells us whether there are any objects in the stack or not
 - top() returns the top object of the stack, without removing the object, if the stack is empty an error occurs

- A stack can be easily implemented with an N-element array S
- The elements are stored from S[0] to S[t], "t" is the index of the topmost element in the stack



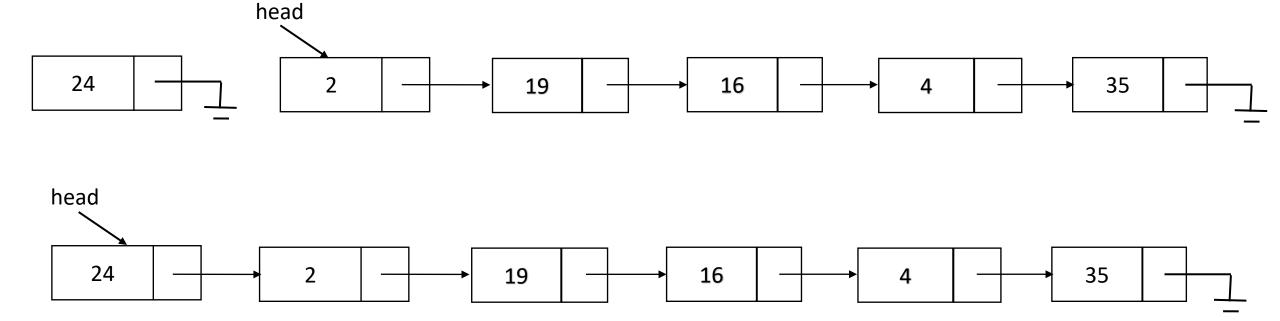
- Assume that array index starts from "0", and initialize t to "-1"
- The value of t is used to identify when the stack is empty, and the size of the stack
- An exception must be raised when the stack becomes full Algorithm push(o)

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if size() = N then
    indicate a stack-full error has occurred
t ←t+1
S[t] = o
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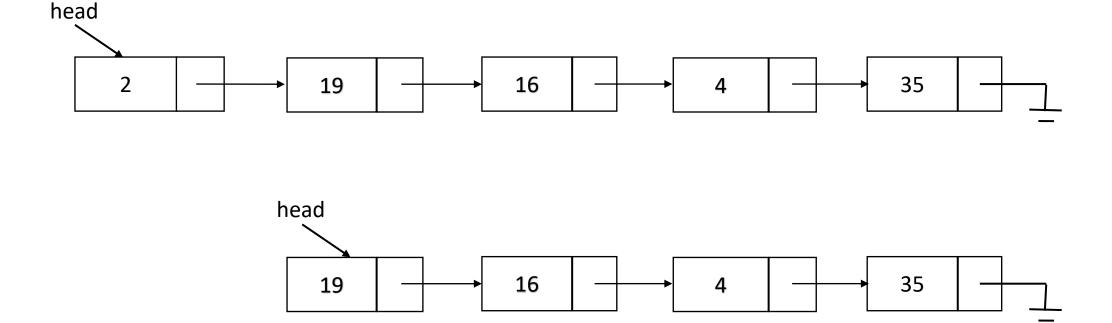
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Algorithm pop()
       if(isEmpty()) then
              indicate a stack-empty error has occurred
       e \leftarrow S[t] {e is a temporary variable}
       S[t] \leftarrow null
       t ← t-1
       return e
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Algorithm push(e)
        if size() == N then
                A\leftarrownew array of length f(N)
        for i \leftarrow 0 to N-1
                A[i] \leftarrow S[i]
        S \leftarrow A
        t ←t+1
        S[t] \leftarrow e
• tight strategy: f(N) = N+c
Growth strategy: f(N) = 2N
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- push operation
 - Create a new node (temp) with the data element to be inserted
 - Update the next line of temp to point to the node referred by "head"
 - Update the head to refer to temp



- Pop operation
 - Update head to refer to next node of top of stack
 - Update the next link of top of stack to refer to null; free the memory allocated to deleted node



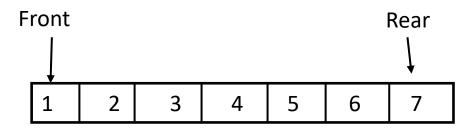
 Some of the methods implemented as a part of linked list ADT are: first(), insertAtPosition(e,p), remove(p), retrieve(p)

Array or linked list based implementation

- Must assume a fixed upper bound on the ultimate size of the stack
- Waste of memory
- Linked lists:
- Do not have size limitation
- Uses space in proportion to the number of elements in the stack

Queue

- A queue is container of data elements/objects that are inserted and removed according to the first-in-first-out (FIFO) principle
- Elements can be inserted at any point of time
- Can only remove the element which has been there for the longest
- Elements enter the queue at the "rear" and removed from the "front"



Queue: ADT

- Keeps objects in a sequence
- Access and deletion is limited to the first (front) element in the sequence
- Insertion is restricted to the end (rear) of the sequence

Fundamental methods:

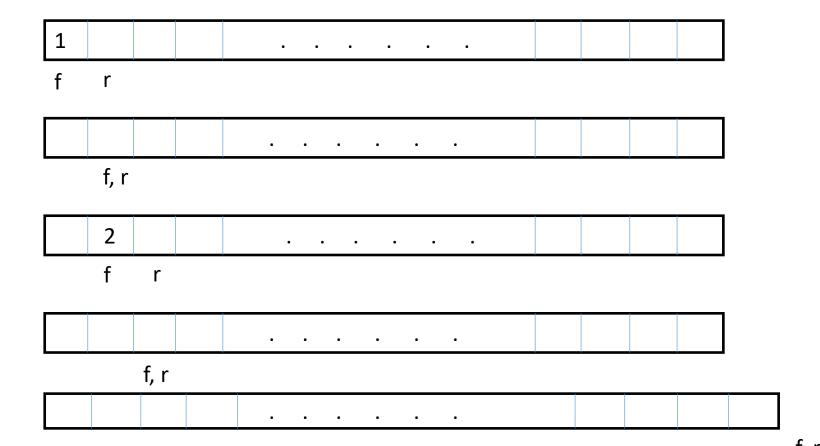
- enqueue(o)
- dequeue()

Supporting methods:

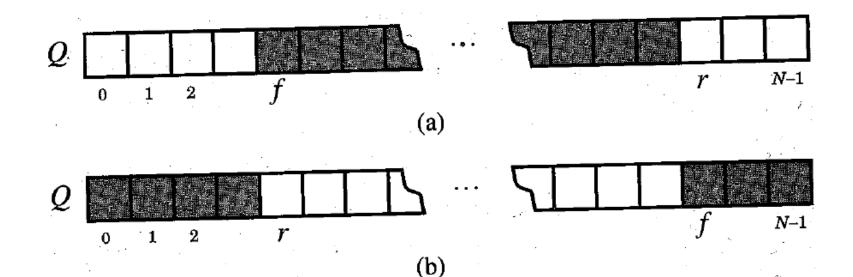
- size()
- isEmpty()
- front()

- Define an array Q of size N
- Define two variables "f" and "r" to enforce FIFO principle
 f: index to the cell of Q storing the first element of the queue
 r: index to the next available array cell of Q
- f = r = 0
- If f = r indicate that the queue is empty
- Increment f when an element is removed from the queue
- Increment r when an element is inserted into the queue

- Take an empty queue
- Insert an element and remove it; repeat this cycle for N times



- Insertion results in array-out-of-bounds error
- Not able to insert in spite of plenty empty cells
- Let "f" and "r" wrap around the queue
- View Q as a circular array
- $f = (f+1) \mod N$; $r = (r+1) \mod N$



- Consider the scenario, enqueue N elements one-by-one
- f=r
- Ambiguity in distinguishing between an empty and a full queue
- Do not let the queue to hold more than N-1 elements

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Algorithm enqueue(e)

if (size() == N-1)

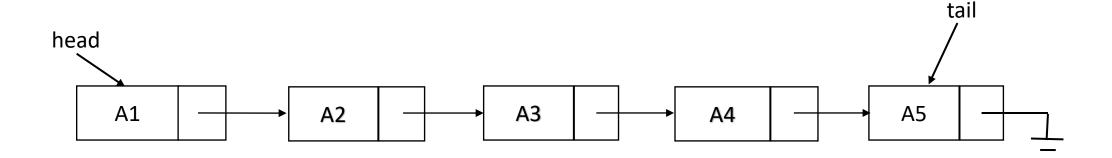
raise QueueFull exception

Q[r] = e

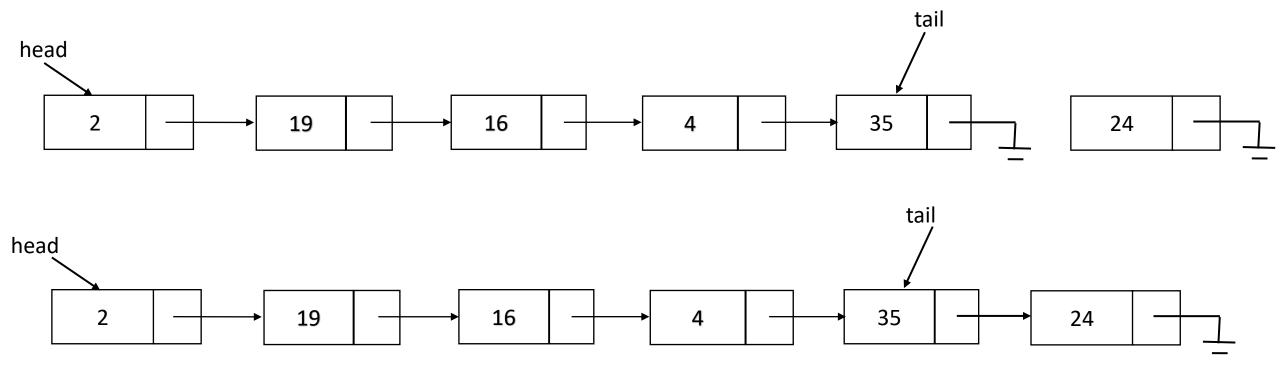
r \leftarrow (r+1) \mod N
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Algorithm dequeue()
       if isEmpty() then
              raise QueueEmpty Exception
       temp \leftarrow Q[f]
       Q[f] = null
       f \leftarrow (f+1) \mod N
       return temp
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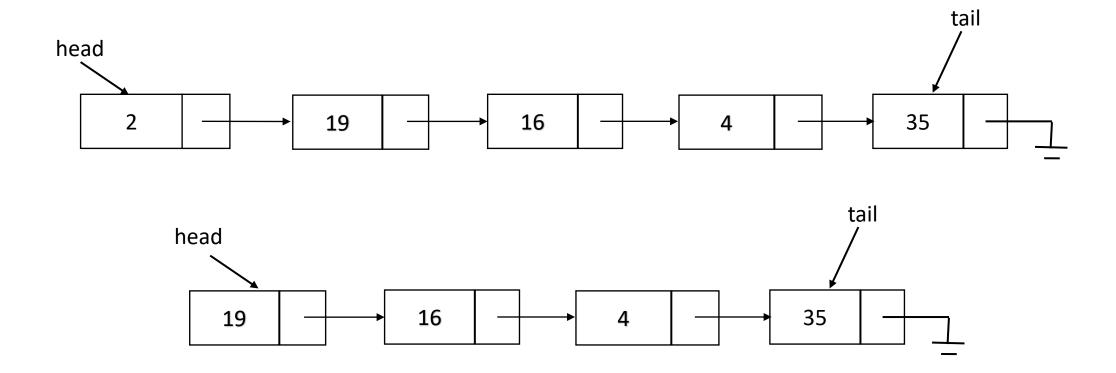
- What should be the front of the queue, head or tail
- To reduce the overhead, head should be the front of the queue



enqueue



• dequeue



Dynamic Sets

- Collection of objects whose size may change
- These collections of elements are called dynamic sets
- Lists, stacks and queues