

Design-by-Contract Activity
Explore Defensive Programming

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1) Study the design and implementation of *dequeueTwo* (below) and note:

- It is a standalone operation
- It has a contract and a non-trivial *requires* clause
- The implementation assumes the calling operation has met the *requires* clause
- By visual inspection, it is arguably correct
- *dequeueTwo* handles all possible legal configurations of an incoming queue except queues whose length is ≤ 1

```
//! updates q
//! replaces y, z
//! requires |q| > 1
//! ensures q = #q[2,|#q|) and <y> = #q[0,1) and <z> = #q[1,2)
void dequeueTwo(QueueOfInteger& q, Integer& y, Integer& z)
{
    q.dequeue(y);
    q.dequeue(z);
} // dequeueTwo
```

2) Examine various defensive versions of *dequeueTwo*

Definition: Defensive Programming – an operation that is implemented so that it checks its own precondition

2.1 Defensive Version #1

To do:

1. Utilizing the definition above, is *dequeueTwoDefensiveV1* defensive?
 2. Update *dequeueTwoDefensiveV1*'s contract based on its implementation
- Hint: You might need to utilize additional logical operators, e.g., implication, or, not, etc.

```
void dequeueTwoDefensiveV1(QueueOfInteger& q, Integer& y, Integer& z)
{
    if (q.length() > 1) {
        q.dequeue(y);
        q.dequeue(z);
    } // end if
} // dequeueTwoDefensiveV1
```

Put *dequeueTwoDefensiveV1*'s contract here:

```
//! updates
//! replaces
//! requires
//! ensures
```

To do:

List all the ways you can think of that the calling operation can determine if *dequeueTwoDefensiveV1* did anything or not?

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2.2 Defensive Version #2

To do: Update *dequeueTwoDefensiveV2*'s contract based on its implementation

```
void dequeueTwoDefensiveV2(QueueOfInteger& q, Integer& y, Integer& z, Boolean& successful)
{
    successful = (q.length() > 1);
    if (successful) {
        q.dequeue(y);
        q.dequeue(z);
    } // end if
} // dequeueTwoDefensiveV2
```

Put *dequeueTwoDefensiveV2*'s contract here:

```
///! updates
///! replaces
///! requires
///! ensures
```

To do:

List all the ways you can think of that the calling operation can determine if *dequeueTwoDefensiveV2* did anything or not?

2.3 Defensive Version #3

To do: Update *dequeueTwoDefensiveV3*'s contract based on its implementation

```
void dequeueTwoDefensiveV3(QueueOfInteger& q, Integer& y, Integer& z)
{
    if (q.length() > 1) {
        q.dequeue(y);
        q.dequeue(z);
    }
    else {
        throw EmptyQueueException();
    } // end if
} // dequeueTwoDefensiveV3
```

Put *dequeueTwoDefensiveV3*'s contract here:

```
///! updates
///! replaces
///! requires
///! ensures
```

To do:

List all the ways you can think of that the calling operation can determine if *dequeueTwoDefensiveV3* did anything or not?