

Introduction to the Stack ADT

Stack: a LIFO (last in, first out) data structure

Examples:

- plates in a cafeteria serving area
- return addresses for function calls

Stack Basics

Stack is usually implemented as a list, with additions and removals taking place at one end of the list

The active end of the list implementing the stack is the top of the stack

Stack types:

- Static fixed size, often implemented using an array
- Dynamic size varies as needed, often implemented using a linked list

Stack Operations and Functions

Operations:

- push: add a value at the top of the stack
- pop: remove a value from the top of the stack

Functions:

- isEmpty: true if the stack currently contains no elements
- isFull: true if the stack is full; only useful for static stacks

Static Stack Implementation

Uses an array of a fixed size

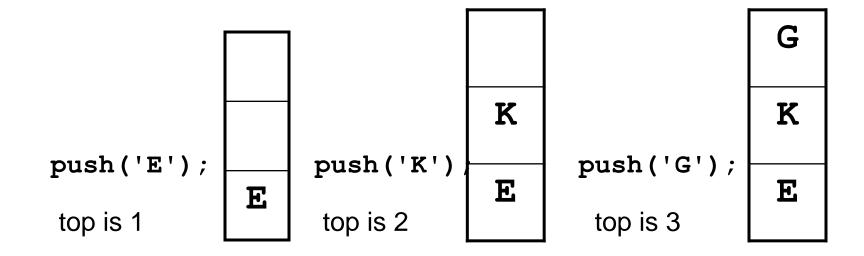
Bottom of stack is at index 0. A variable called top tracks the current top of the stack

```
const int STACK_SIZE = 3;
char s[STACK_SIZE];
int top = 0;
```

top is where the next item will be added

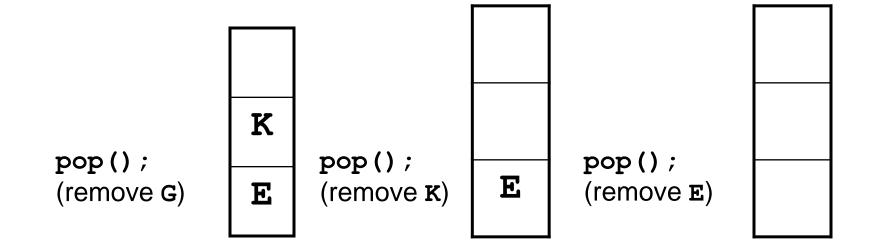
Array Implementation Example

This stack has max capacity 3, initially top = 0 and stack is empty.



Stack Operations Example

After three pops, top == 0 and the stack is empty



```
char s[STACK_SIZE];
int top=0;
To check if stack is empty:
  bool isEmpty()
  {
    if (top == 0)
        return true;
    else return false;
}
```

```
char s[STACK_SIZE];
int top=0;
To check if stack is full:
  bool isFull()
  {
    if (top == STACK_SIZE)
        return true;
    else return false;
}
```

```
To add an item to the stack
  void push(char x)
  {
    if (isFull())
        {error(); exit(1);}
        // or could throw an exception
    s[top] = x;
        top++;
    }
```

```
To remove an item from the stack
  void pop(char &x)
  {
    if (isEmpty())
        {error(); exit(1);}
        // or could throw an exception
    top--;
    x = s[top];
}
```

Class Implementation

```
class STACK
private:
    char *s;
    int capacity, top;
 public:
    void push(char x);
    void pop(char &x);
    bool isFull(); bool isEmpty();
    STACK(int stackSize);
    ~STACK()
 };
```

Exceptions from Stack Operations

Exception classes can be added to stack object definition to handle cases where an attempt is made to push onto a full stack (overflow) or to pop from an empty stack (underflow)

Program that uses **push** and **pop** operations should do so from within a **try** block.

catch block(s) should follow the **try** block, interpret what occurred, and inform the user.

Dynamic Stacks

Implemented as a linked list

Can grow and shrink as necessary

Can't ever be full as long as memory is available

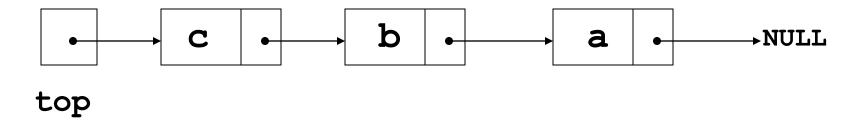
Linked List Implementation

```
Node for the linked list
  struct LNode
   char value;
   LNode *next;
   LNode (char ch, LNode *p = 0)
    { value = ch; next = p;}
Pointer to beginning of linked list, which will serve as top of stack
   LNode *top = NULL;
```

Linked List Implementation

A linked stack after three push operations:

```
push('a'); push('b'); push('c');
```



Operations on a Linked Stack

```
Check if stack is empty:
  bool isEmpty()
  {
    if (top == NULL)
      return true;
    else
      return false;
}
```

Operations on a Linked Stack

```
Add a new item to the stack

void push(char x)
{

top = new LNode(x, top);
}
```

Operations on a Linked Stack

Remove an item from the stack

```
void pop(char &x)
{
  if (isEmpty())
  { error(); exit(1);}
  x = top->value;
  LNode *oldTop = top;
  top = top->next;
  delete oldTop;
}
```

The STL stack Container

Stack template can be implemented as a **vector**, **list**, or a **deque**

Implements push, pop, and empty member functions

Implements other member functions:

- **size**: number of elements on the stack
- **top**: reference to element on top of the stack (must be used with **pop** to remove and retrieve top element)

Defining an STL-based Stack

```
Defining a stack of char, named cstack, implemented using a vector:
    stack< char, vector<char> > cstack;

Implemented using a list:
    stack< char, list<char> > cstack;

Implemented using a deque (default):
    stack< char > cstack;

Spaces are required between consecutive > > symbols to distinguish from stream extraction
```

Introduction to the Queue ADT

Queue: a FIFO (first in, first out) data structure.

Examples:

- people in line at the theatre box office
- print jobs sent to a printer

Implementation:

- static: fixed size, implemented as array
- dynamic: variable size, implemented as linked list

Queue Locations and Operations

rear: position where elements are added

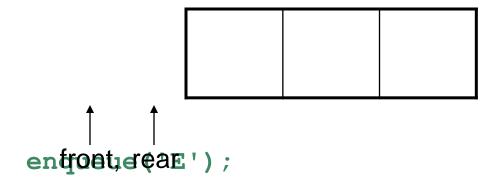
front: position from which elements are removed

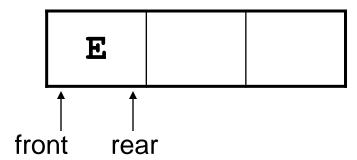
enqueue: add an element to the rear of the queue

dequeue: remove an element from the front of a queue

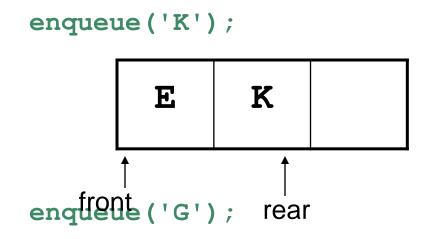
Array Implementation of Queue

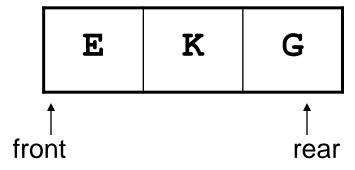
An empty queue that can hold **char** values:



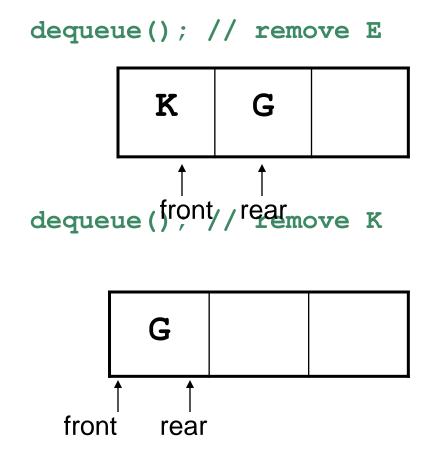


Queue Operations - Example





Queue Operations - Example



Array Implementation Issues

In the preceding example, Front never moves.

Whenever **dequeue** is called, all remaining queue entries move up one position. This takes time.

Alternate approach:

• Circular array: **front** and **rear** both move when items are added and removed. Both can 'wrap around' from the end of the array to the front if warranted.

Other conventions are possible

Array Implementation Issues

Variables needed

```
o const int QSIZE = 100;
o char q[QSIZE];
o int front = -1;
o int rear = -1;
o int number = 0; //how many in queue
```

Could make these members of a queue class, and queue operations would be member functions

isEmpty Member Function

```
Check if queue is empty
bool isEmpty()
{
   if (number > 0)
      return false;
   else
      return true;
}
```

isFull Member Function

```
Check if queue is full
  bool isFull()
  {
    if (number < QSIZE)
      return false;
    else
      return true;
}</pre>
```

```
To enqueue, we need to add an item x to the rear of the queue

Queue convention says q[rear] is already occupied. Execute

if(!isFull)

{ rear = (rear + 1) % QSIZE;

// mod operator for wrap-around

q[rear] = x;

number ++;
```

To dequeue, we need to remove an item x from the front of the queue

Queue convention says q[front] has already been removed. Execute

if (!isEmpty)

{ front = (front + 1) % QSIZE;

x = q[front];

number--;
}

enqueue moves rear to the right as it fills positions in the array

dequeue moves front to the right as it empties positions in the array

When **enqueue** gets to the end, it wraps around to the beginning to use those positions that have been emptied

When **dequeue** gets to the end, it wraps around to the beginning use those positions that have been filled

Enqueue wraps around by executing

```
rear = (rear + 1) % QSIZE;
```

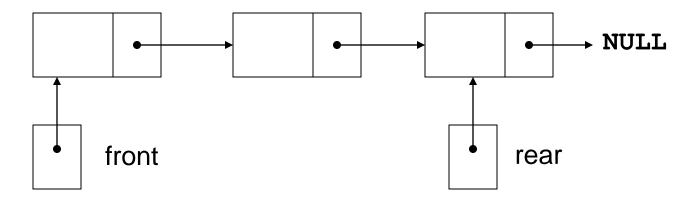
Dequeue wraps around by executing

```
front = (front + 1) % QSIZE;
```

Dynamic Queues

Like a stack, a queue can be implemented using a linked list

Allows dynamic sizing, avoids issue of wrapping indices



Dynamic Queue Implementation Data Structures

```
struct QNode
   char value;
  QNode *next;
   QNode(char ch, QNode *p = NULL);
   {value = ch; next = p;}
QNode *front = NULL;
QNode *rear = NULL;
```

isEmpty Member Function

To check if queue is empty:

```
bool isEmpty()
{
   if (front == NULL)
     return true;
   else
     return false;
}
```

enqueue Member Function

To add item at rear of queue

```
void enqueue(char x)
{
  if (isEmpty())
    { rear = new QNode(x);
     front = rear;
     return;
  }
  rear->next = new QNode(x);
  rear = rear->next;
}
```

dequeue Member Function

To remove item from front of queue

```
void dequeue(char &x)
{
   if (isEmpty())
     { error(); exit(1);
   }
   x = front->value;
   QNode *oldfront = front;
   front = front->next;
   delete oldfront;
}
```

The STL deque and queue Containers

deque: a double-ended queue. Has member functions to enqueue (push back) and dequeue (pop front)

queue: container ADT that can be used to provide a queue based on a **vector**, **list**, or **deque**. Has member functions to enqueue (**push**) and dequeue (**pop**)

Defining a Queue

```
Defining a queue of char, named cQueue, based on a deque:
    deque<char> cQueue;

Defining a queue with the default base container
    queue<char> cQueue;

Defining a queue based on a list:
    queue<char, list<char> > cQueue;

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Eliminating Recursion

Recursive solutions to problems are often elegant but inefficient

A solution that does not use recursion is more efficient for larger sizes of inputs

<u>Eliminating the recursion</u>: re-writing a recursive algorithm so that it uses other programming constructs (stacks, loops) rather than recursive calls