

Data structures and algorithms

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STACK AND QUEUE

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Stack

What it is (conceptual)

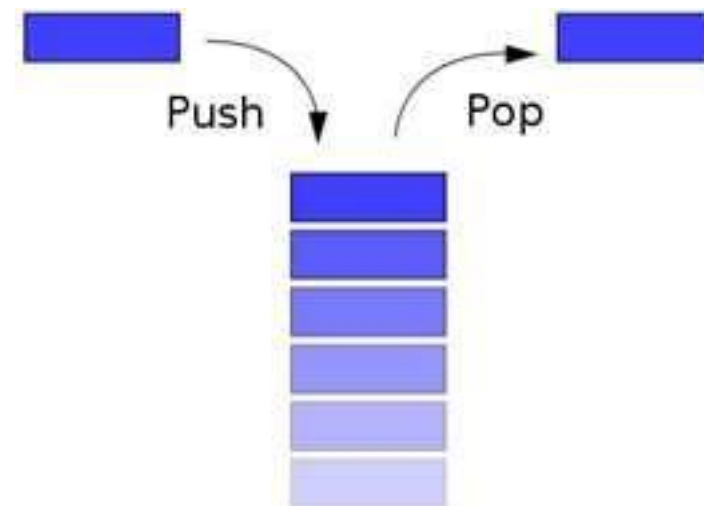
How we implement it (implementation)

Why we use it (applications)

Stack ADT

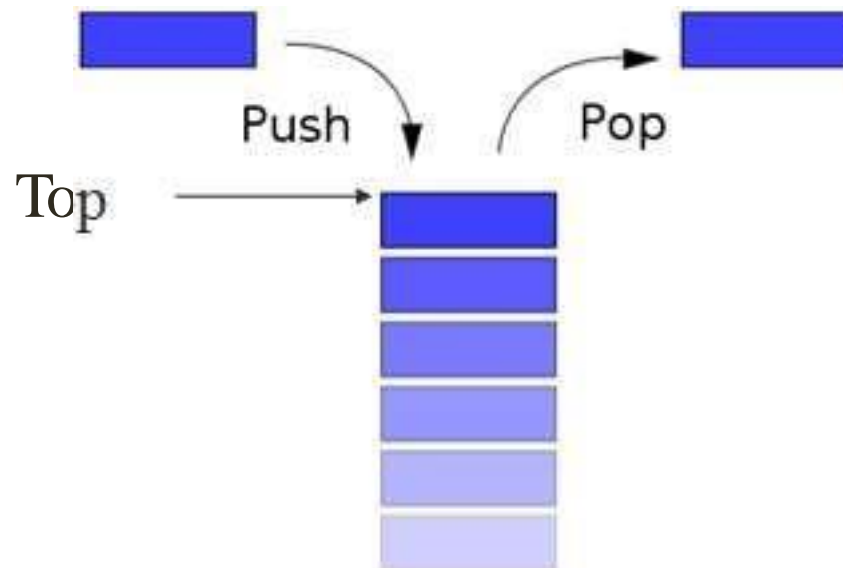
Definition:

- Stack is a linear sequence (**list**) for which all insertions and deletions (and usually all accesses) are made at **one end of the list**.
(**LIFO: Last-in-first-out**)
- Also called:
 - Last-in-first-out (LIFO) list
 - Pushdown list.



Stack ADT

- The position that insertions and deletions can be performed at the end of the list, called the **Top**.
- Data:
 - Primitive data type or other (object)
- The 2 basic operations:
 - **push (insert)**
 - **pop (delete)**



Stack ADT

Stack operations:

- Create an empty stack.
- Determine whether a stack is empty.
- Determine whether a stack is full.
- Add a new item into the stack (**Push**).
- Take out the most recently added (**Pop**).
- Retrieve the item most recently added (**Peak**)

Stack ADT

Stack

+isEmpty(): boolean

+isFull(): boolean

+push(ItemType d): void

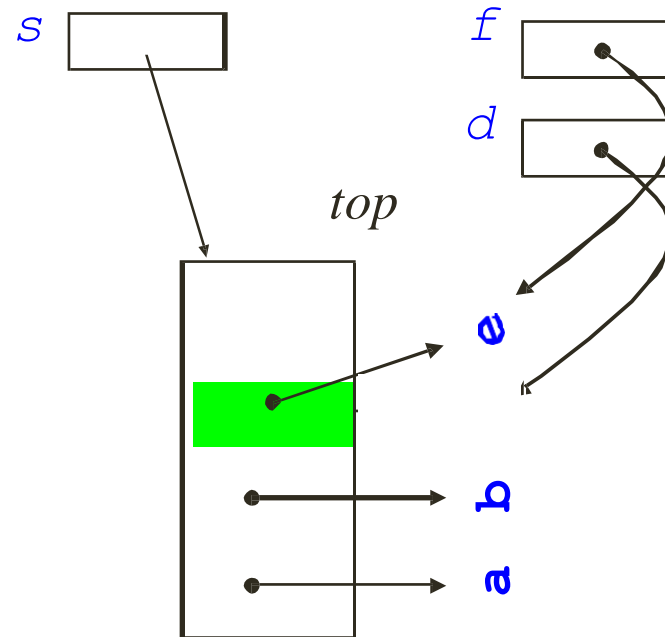
+pop(): ItemType

+peak(): ItemType

Stack ADT: Example

→ Stack s = new Stack();
→ s.push(a);
→ s.push(b);
→ s.push(c);
→ d = s.pop();

→ s.push(e);
→ f=s.peak();



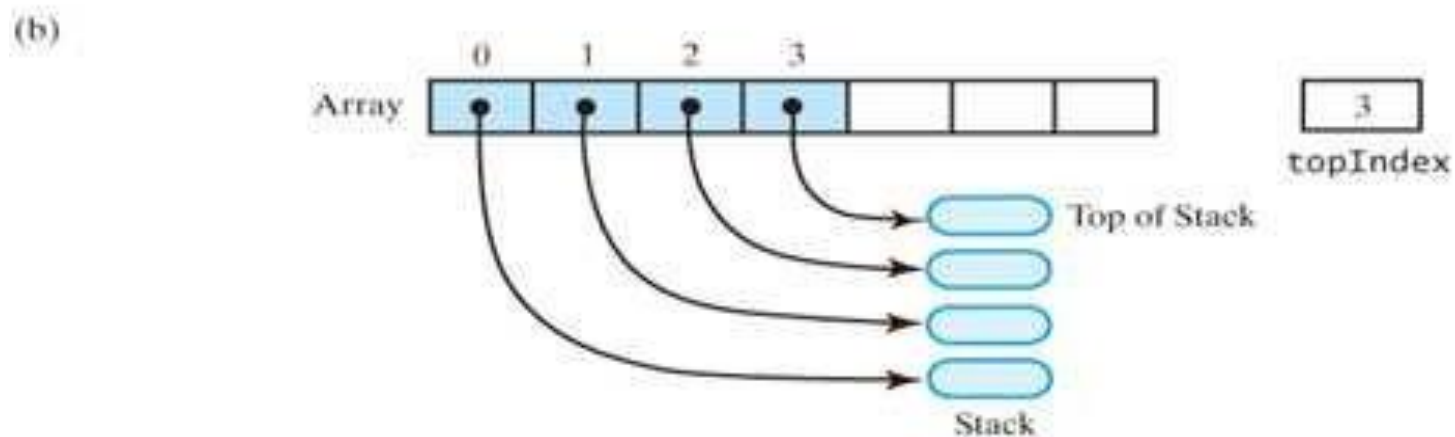
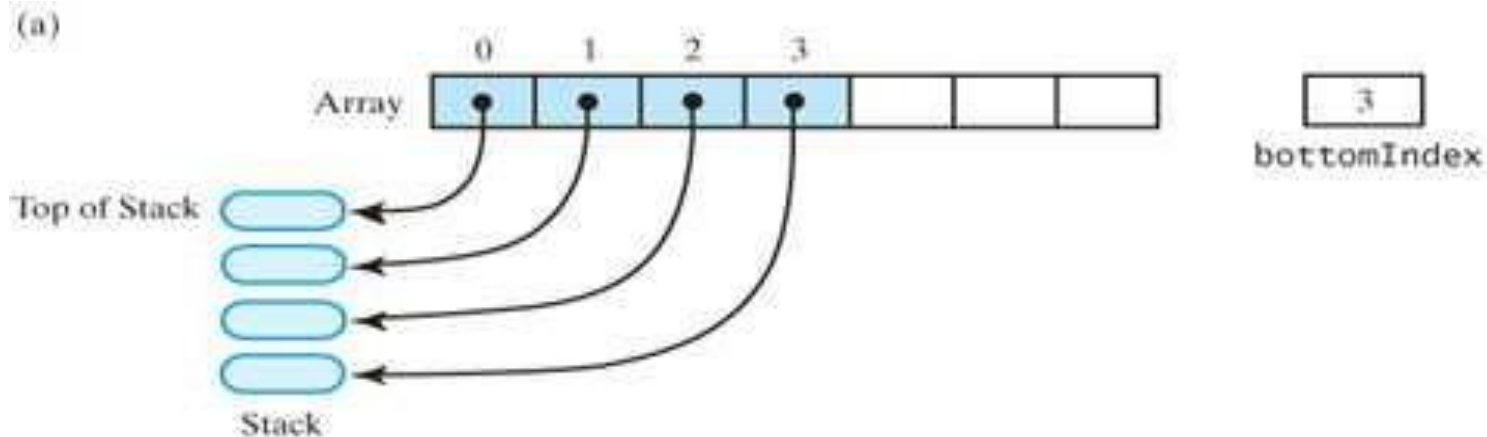
Stack Implementation

- Array-based implementation
- List-based implementation



Array-based stack [1]

- **Array-based:**
 - An array is used for storing stack items



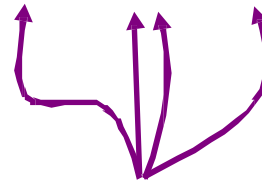
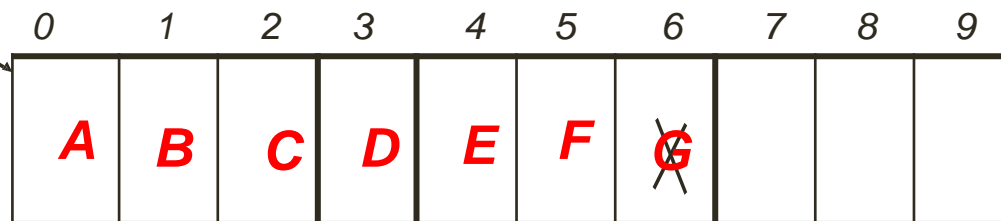
Array-based stack [2]

- **Array-based:**
 - An array is used for storing stack items
 - The array's **first element should represent the bottom of the stack**
 - The **last occupied location in the array represents the stack's top**
- This avoids shifting of elements of the array when we push or pop items from stack

Array-based stack [3]

- **Array-based:**

array



Top

Array-based stack [4]

- **isEmpty(): boolean**
- **isFull(): boolean**
- **Push(item): void**

Array-based stack [4]

- **isEmpty(): boolean**

- If top equals -1

```
if (top == -1)
    return true;
else
    return false;
```

- **isFull(): boolean**

- If top equals maxSize-1

```
if (top == maxSize-1)
    return true;
else
    return false;
```

- **Push(item): void**

- if stack is not full
 - Increase top
 - Add item to stack

```
if (!isFull())
{
    top++;
    s[top]=item;
}
```

Array-based stack [5]

- **Pop(): ItemType**
- **Peak(): ItemType**

Array-based stack [5]

- **Pop(): ItemType**

- If stack is not empty
 - Take out and return item at the top position
 - Decrease top

```
if (!isEmpty())
{
    tmp=s[top];
    top--;
    return tmp;
}
else
    return null;
```

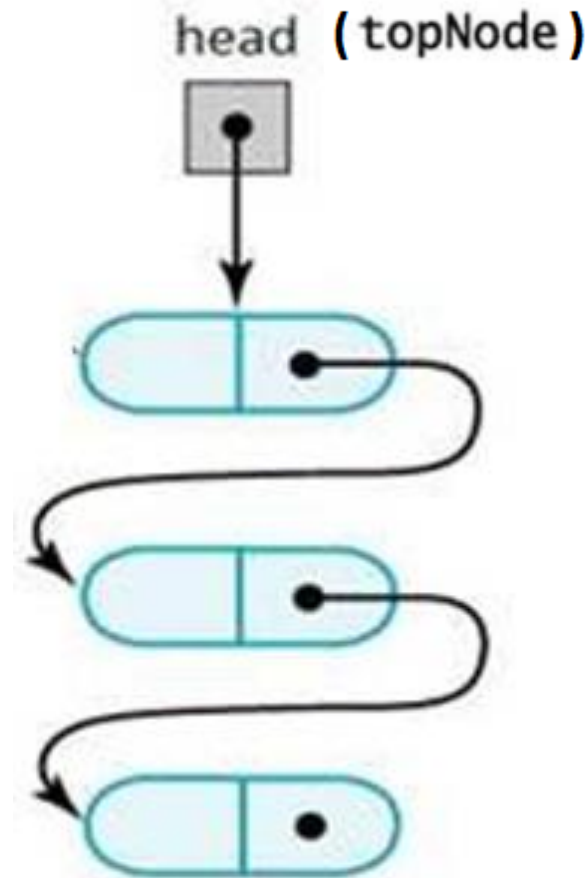
- **Peak(): ItemType**

- If stack is not empty
 - Return item at the top position

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    return s[top];
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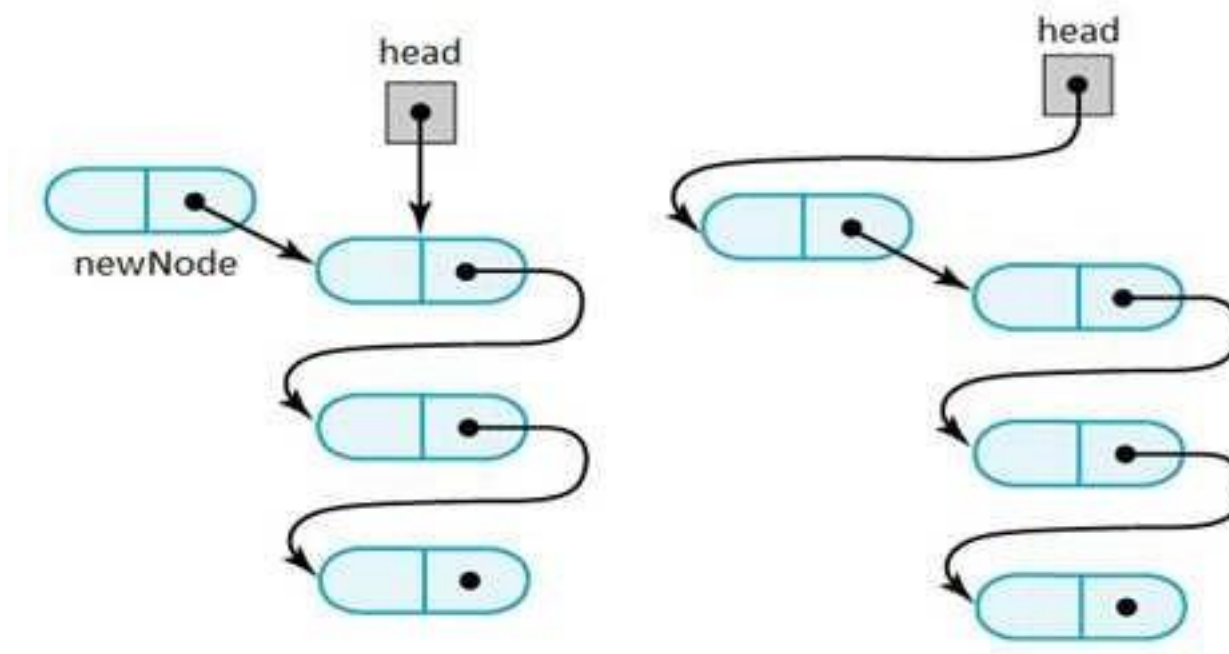

List-based stack[1]

- Using a SL List to implement a stack with each node reference one item in stack



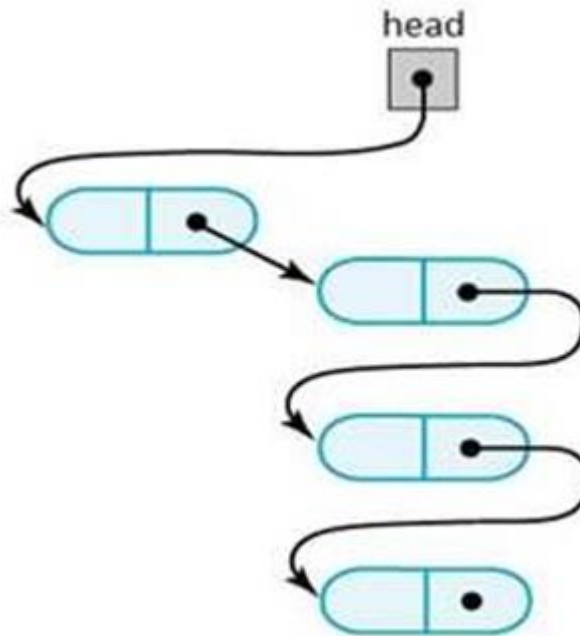
List-based stack[2]

- **The first node should reference the stack's top:**
 - With the head reference, we can add a new node.



List-based stack[3]

- **The first node should reference the stack's top:**
 - With the head reference, we can remove a node.



List-based stack[4]

SLStack

top: SLNode

+ isEmpty(): boolean
+ push(SLNode node): void
+ pop(): SLNode
+ peak(): SLNode

SLNode

data: DataType
next: SLNode

+setNext(SLNode: node): void
+getNext(): SLNode
+getData(): DataType
+setData(DataType: data):void

List-based stack[5]

- **isEmpty(): boolean**
- **Push(SLNode newNode): void**

List-based stack[5]

- **isEmpty(): boolean**
 - If top equals null
- **Push(SLNode newNode): void**
 - Link newNode to the stack
 - Update head reference

```
if (top == null)
    return true;
else
    return false;
```

```
newNode.setNext(top) ;
top=newNode;
```

List-based stack[6]

- **Pop(): ItemType**
- **Peak(): ItemType**

List-based stack[6]

- **Pop(): ItemType**
- **Peak(): ItemType**

```
if (!isEmpty())
{
    SLNode topNode=top;
    top=top.getNext();
    return topNode;
}
else
    return null;
```

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Queue

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How we implement it (implementation)

Why we use it (applications)

Queue ADT

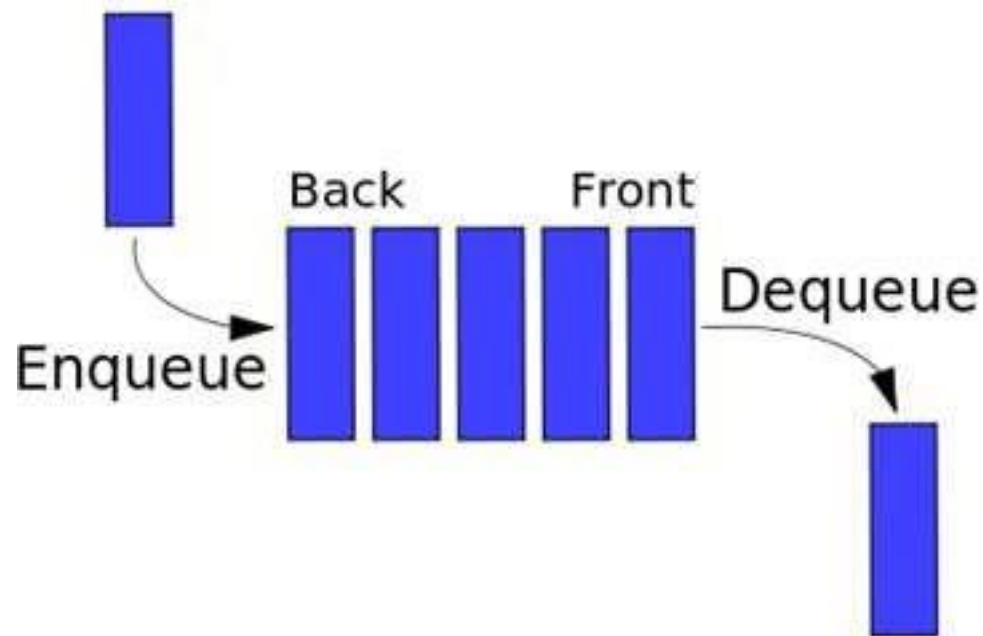
Definitions:

- A **FIFO Queue**: is a **linear list** for which all insertions are made at one end of the list (**rear**). All deletions (or all accesses) are made at the other end (**front**).

Queue ADT

- **FIFO Queue**

- Front: dequeue() or remove() operation
- Rear (or Back): enqueue() or insert() operation



Queue ADT

- **Operations on Queue**
 - Create an empty queue
 - Determine whether a queue is empty
 - Determine whether a queue is full
 - Add a new item to the queue (**enqueue**)
 - Remove the item that was added earliest (**dequeue**)
 - Retrieve the item that was added earliest

Queue ADT

Queue

+isEmpty(): boolean
+isFull(): boolean
+enqueue(ItemType d): void
+dequeue(): ItemType
+retrieve(): ItemType

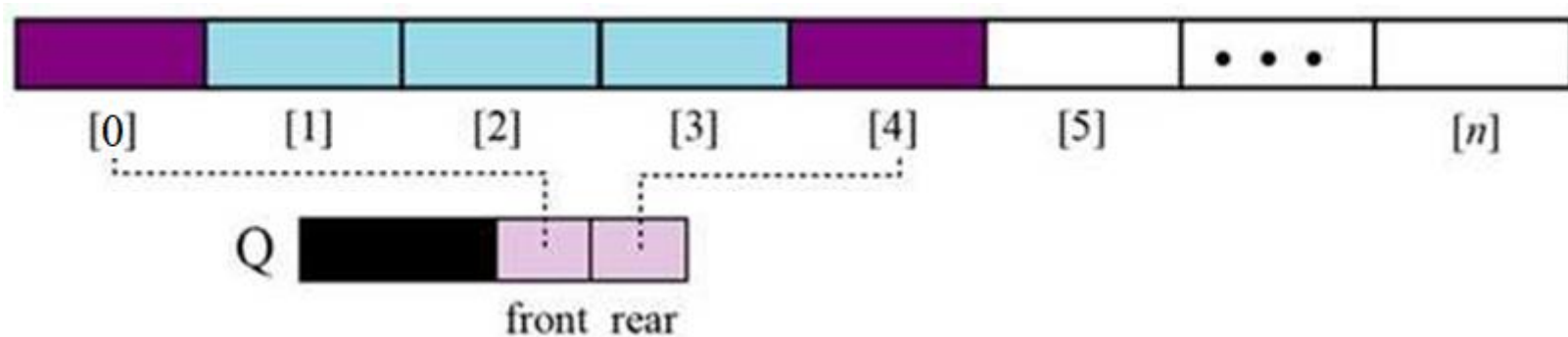
Queue implementation

- Array-based implementation
- List-based implementation



Array-based Queue [1]

- An array of the size maxSize is used to implement the queue:
 - Two indexing front and rear must be maintained

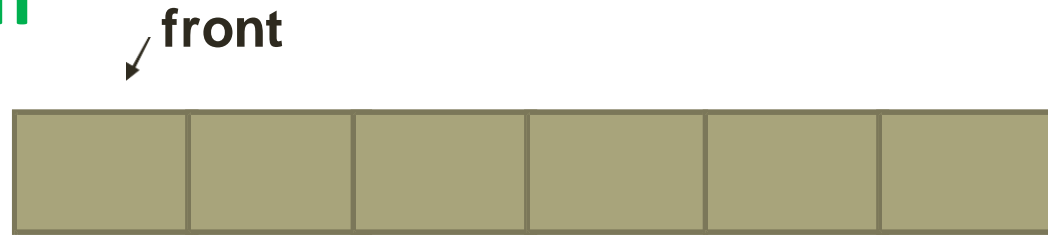


- When a new item is inserted at the rear, the rear index moves upward.
- Similarly, when an item is deleted from the queue the front index moves upward.

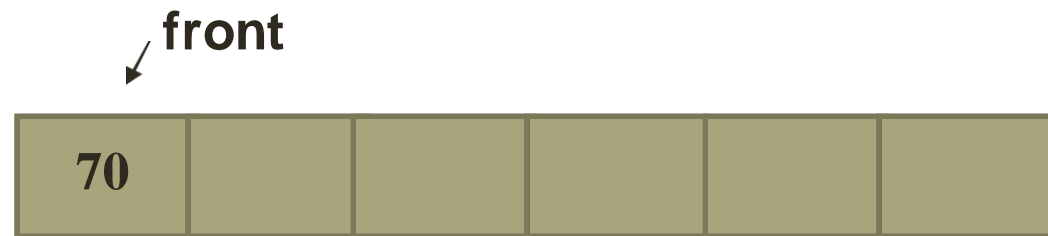
Array-based Queue [2]

- **Queue operation**

- Create an empty queue



- enqueue(70)



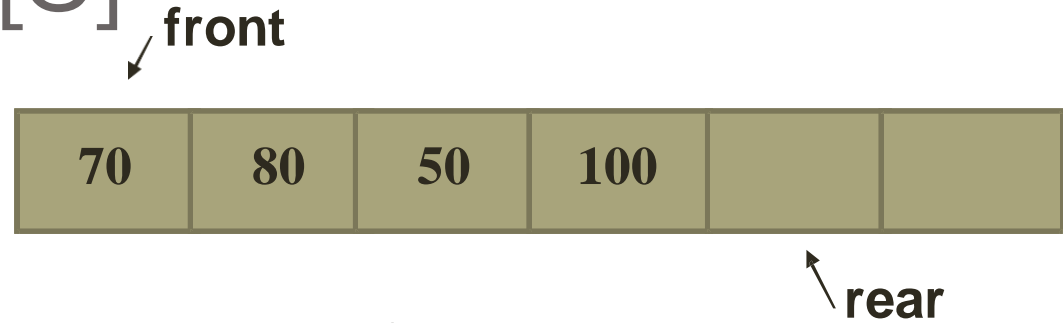
- enqueue(80)

- enqueue(50)

- enqueue(100)



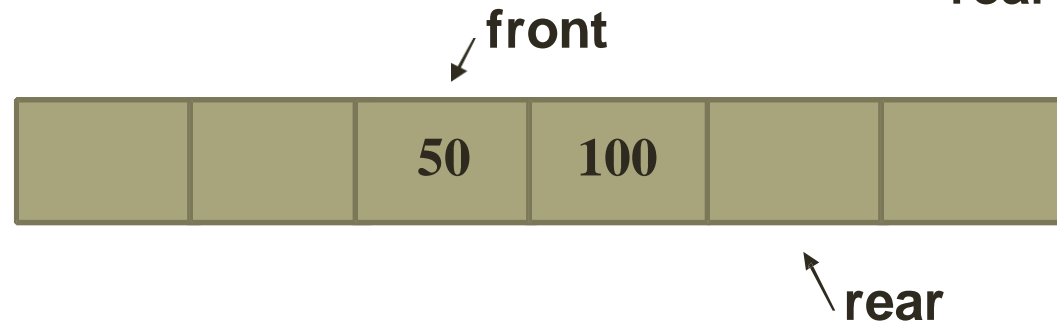
Array-based Queue [3]



- **Queue operation**

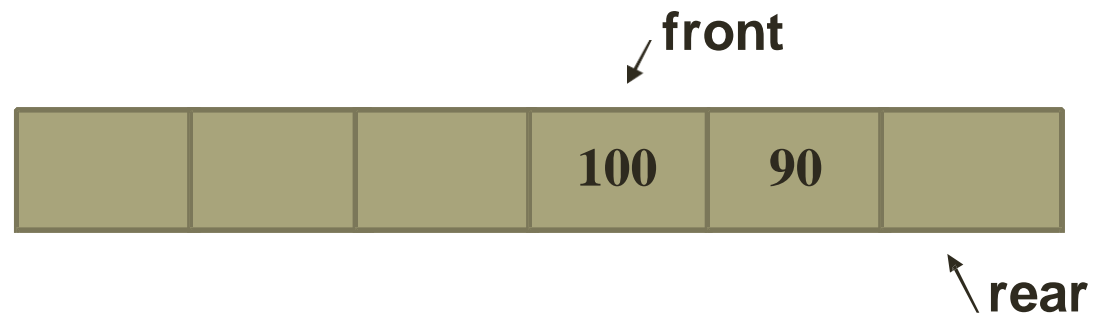
- `x=dequeue()`

- `y=dequeue()`



- `enqueue(90)`

- `z=dequeue()`

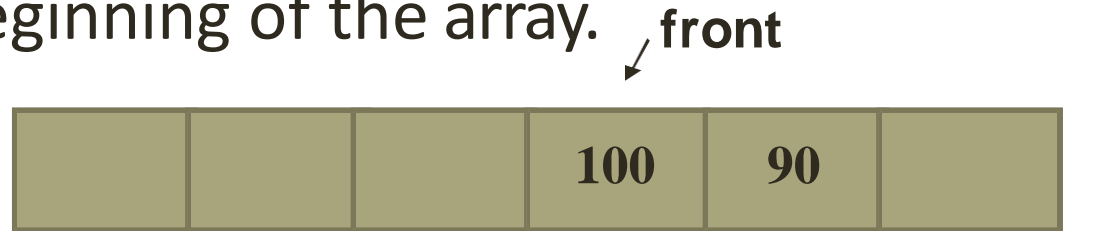


- After a few enqueue and dequeue operations the **rear might reach the end of the queue** and no more items can be inserted although there is space in the queue.

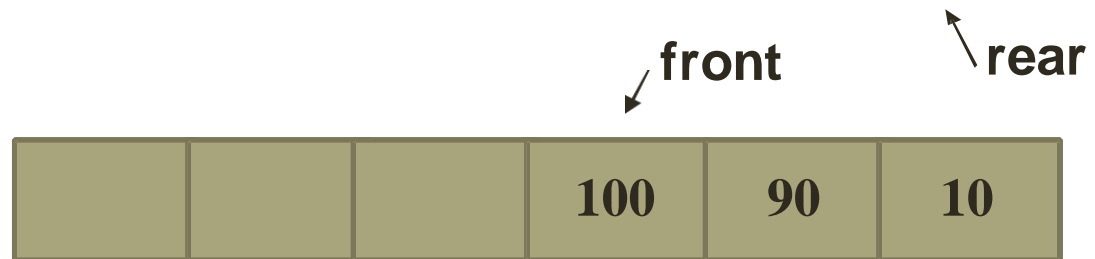
Array-based Queue [4]

- **Circular queue**

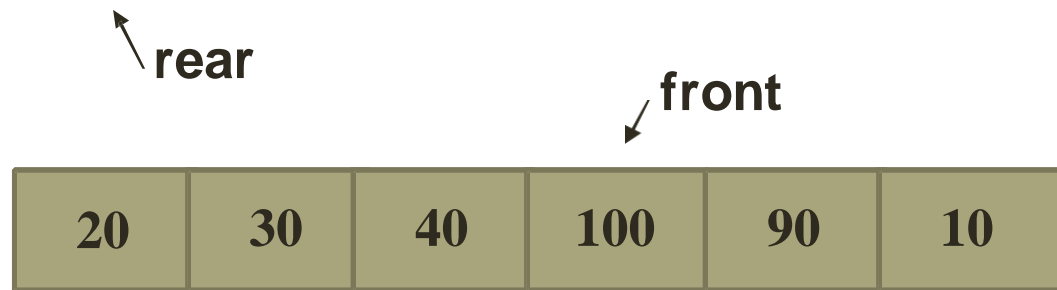
- Allow both the front and the rear index **wrap around** to the beginning of the array.



- enqueue(10)



- enqueue(20)



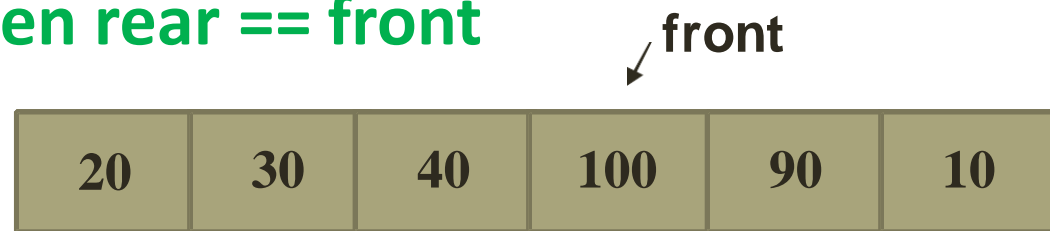
- enqueue(30)

- enqueue(40)

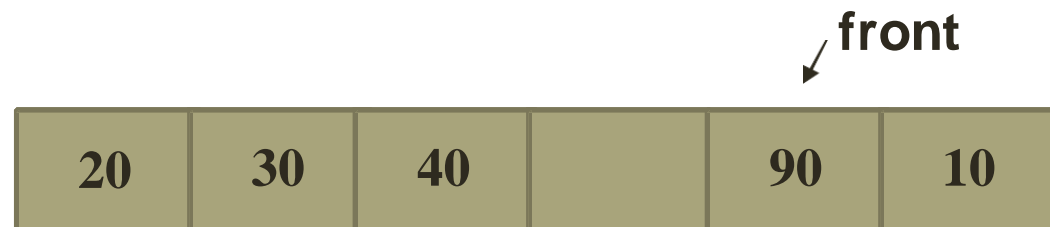
Array-based Queue [5]

- **Circular queue**

- **Queue is full when $\text{rear} == \text{front}$**



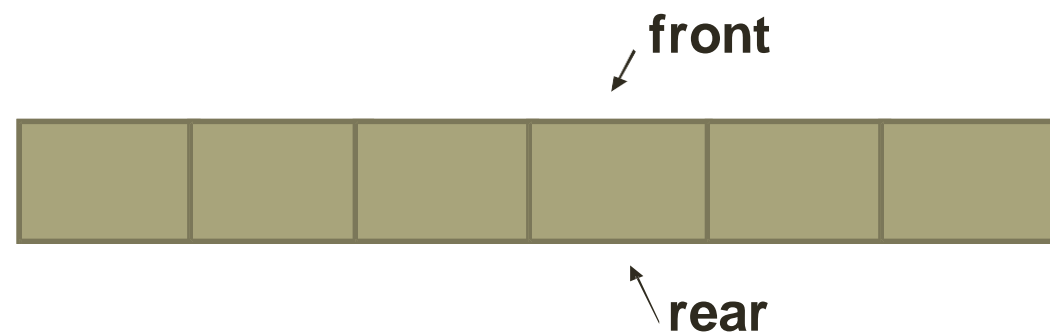
- `x1=dequeue()`



- `x2=dequeue()`

- ...

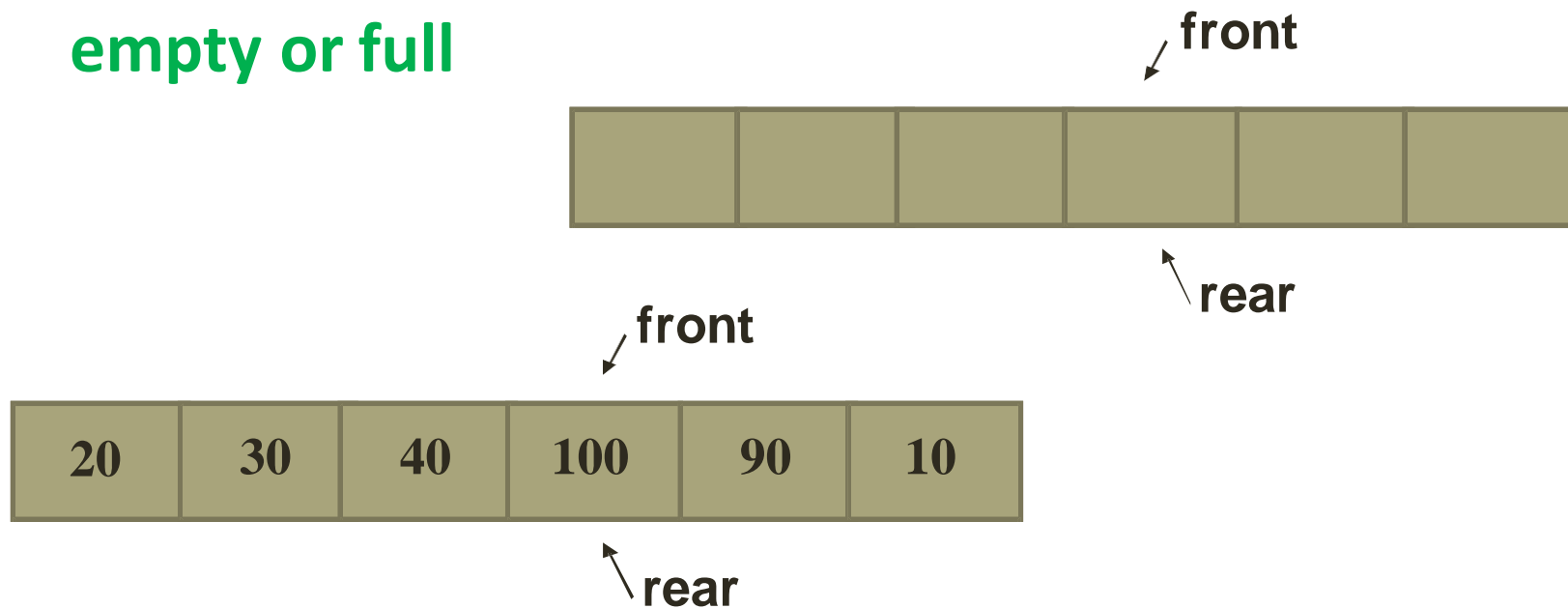
- `x6=dequeue()`



Array-based Queue [6]

- **Circular queue**

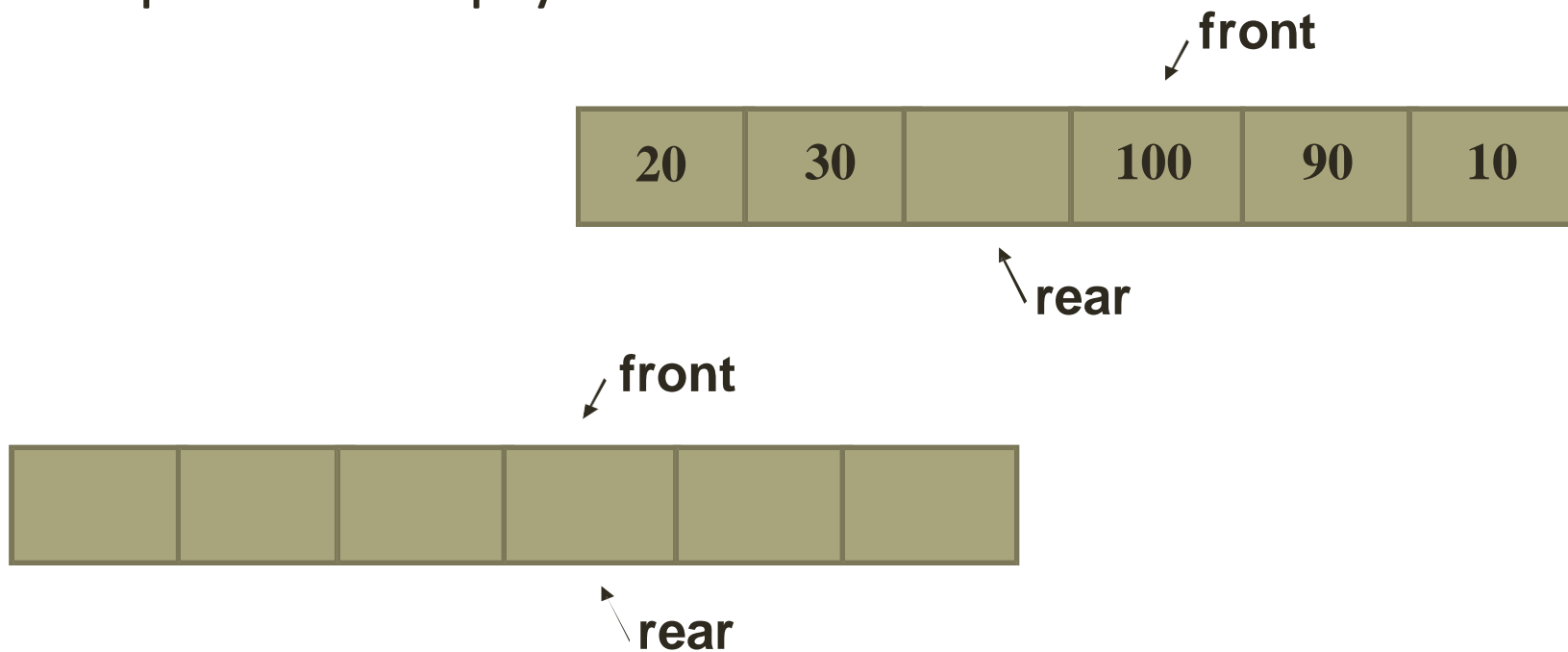
- **When $\text{rear} = \text{front}$, the queue can be either empty or full**



- Thus, we cannot distinguish between empty and full.

Array-based Queue [7]

- Circular queue
 - We may avoid this situation by **maintaining one empty position**, so that front will never equal to rear unless the queue is empty



Array-based Queue [8]

- **isEmpty()**

- front equals to rear

```
if (front == rear)
    return true;
else
    return false;
```

- **isFull()**

- Front equals $(rear+1) \% maxSize$

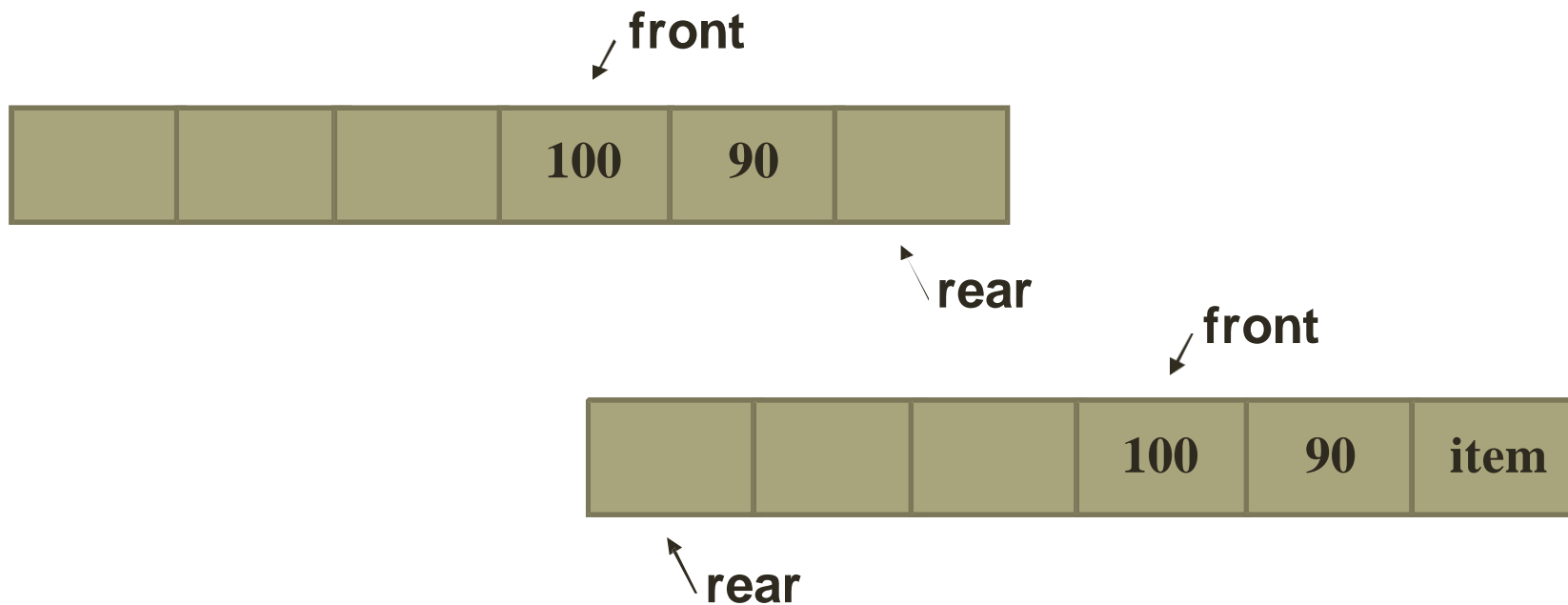
```
if (front == (rear+1) % maxSize)
    return true;
else
    return false;
```


Array-based Queue [9]

- **enqueue(item)**

- add item at rear position
- update new rear

```
if (!isFull())  
{  
    q[rear]=item;  
    rear=(rear+1) % maxSize;  
}
```

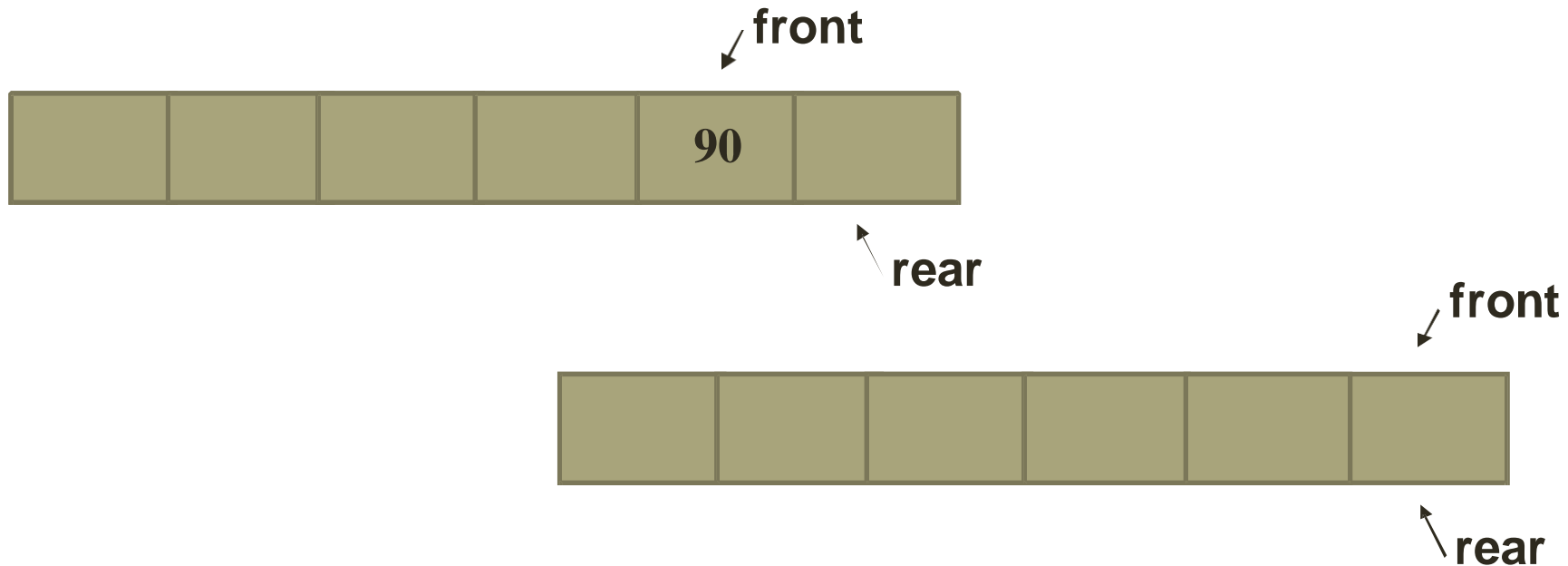


Array-based Queue [10]

- **dequeue()**

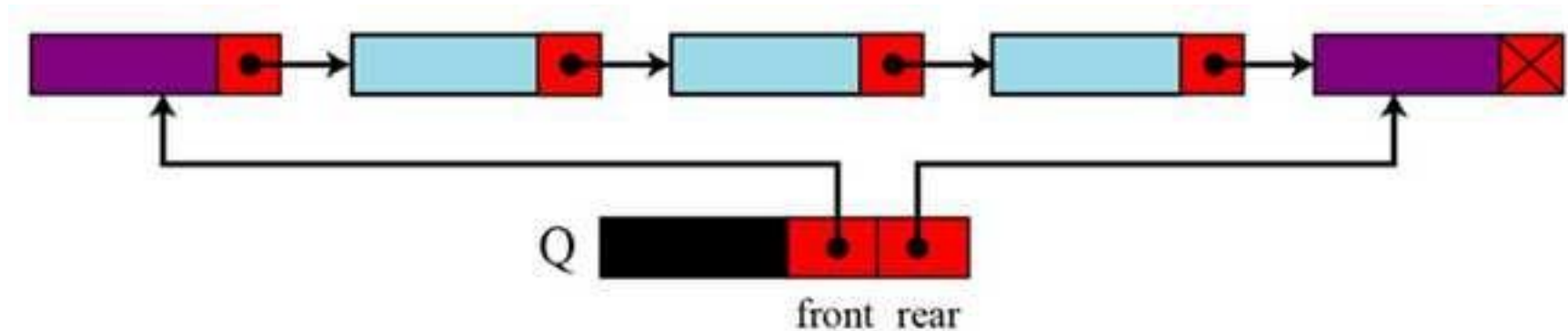
- return item at front position
- update new front

```
if (!isEmpty())  
{  
    pos=front;  
    front=(front+1) % maxSize;  
    return q[pos];  
}
```



List-based Queue [1]

- A linked list is used to implement the queue:



- front is the head of the list
- rear is the tail of the list
- Doesn't have isFull() operation

List-based Queue [2]

- **ADT**

SLQueue

front: SLNode
rear: SLNode

+ isEmpty(): boolean
+ enqueue(SLNode node): void
+ dequeue(): SLNode
+ retrieve(): SLNode

SLNode

data: DataType
next: SLNode

+setNext(SLNode: node): void
+getNext(): SLNode
+getData(): DataType
+setData(DataType: data):void

List-based Queue [3]

- **Create an empty queue**
 - Set front = rear = null
- **isEmpty()**
 - If the queue is empty, then **front==rear==null**
- **enqueue(newNode)**
 - Considering two case:
 - If queue is empty
 - front=rear=newNode
 - If queue is not empty
 - Add newNode to the last position of the list
 - Update rear reference

List-based Queue [4]

- **enqueue(newNode)**

```
newNode.setNext(null);  
if (isEmpty())  
{  
    front=rear=newNode;  
}  
else  
{  
    rear.setNext(newNode);  
    rear=newNode;  
}
```

List-based Queue [5]

- dequeue()
 - Considering two cases:
 - If the queue has one item
 - front=rear=null
 - If the queue has more than one item
 - Get item at front and return
 - Update front reference

```
if (!isEmpty())
{
    SLNode tmp;
    if (front==rear)
    {
        tmp=front;
        front=rear=null;
    }
    else
    {
        tmp=front;
        front=front.getNext();
    }
    return tmp;
}
else
    return null;
```

Tutorial & next topic

- **Preparing for the tutorial:**
 - Practice with examples and exercises in Tutorial 7
- **Preparing for next topic:**
 - Read textbook chapter 3 (3.6 & 3.7) Stack and Queue.