

# Wait-free Queues with Polylogarithmic Step Complexity

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## Abstract

In this work, we are going to introduce a novel lock-free queue implementation. Linearizability and lock-freedom are standard requirements for designing shared data structures. All existing linearizable, lock-free queues in the literature have a common problem in their worst case called CAS Retry Problem. Our contribution is solving this problem while outperforming the previous algorithms.

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# 1 Introduction

Shared data structures have become an essential field in distributed algorithms research. We are reaching the physical limits of how many transistors we can place on a CPU core. The industry solution to provide more computational power is to increase the number of cores of the CPU. This is why distributed algorithms have become important. It is not hard to see why multiple processes cannot update sequential data structures designed for one process. For example, consider two processes trying to insert some values into a sequential linked list simultaneously. Processes  $p, q$  read the same tail node,  $p$  changes the next pointer of the tail node to its new node and after that  $q$  does the same. In this run,  $p$ 's update is overwritten. One solution is to use locks; whenever a process wants to do an update or query on a data structure, the process locks it, and others cannot use it until the lock is released. Using locks has some disadvantages; for example, one process might be slow, and holding a lock for a long time prevents other processes from progressing. Moreover, locks do not allow complete parallelism since only the one process holding the lock can make progress.

The question that may arise is, “What properties matter for a lock-free data structure?”, since executions on a shared data structure are different from sequential ones, the correctness conditions also differ. To prove a concurrent object works perfectly, we have to show it satisfies safety and progress conditions. A *safety condition* tells us that the data structure does not return wrong responses, and a *progress property* requires that operations eventually terminate.

The standard safety condition is called *linearizability*, which ensures that for any concurrent execution on a linearizable object, each operation should appear to take effect instantaneously at some moment between its invocation and response. Figure 1 is an example of an execution on a linearizable queue that is initially empty. The arrow shows time, and each rectangle shows the time between the invocation and the termination of an operation. Since `Enqueue(A)` and `Enqueue(B)` are concurrent, `Enqueue(B)` may or may not take effect before `Enqueue(A)`. The execution in Figure 2 is not linearizable since A has been enqueued before B, so it has to be dequeued first.

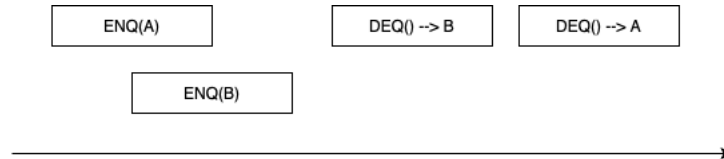


Figure 1: An example of a linearizable execution. Either `Enqueue(A)` or `Enqueue(B)` could take effect first since they are concurrent.

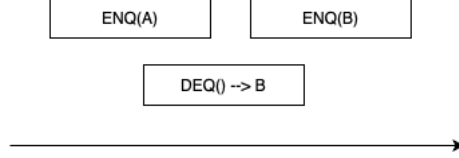


Figure 2: An example of an execution that is not linearizable. Since **Enqueue(A)** has completed before **Enqueue(B)** is invoked the **Deque()** should return A or nothing.

There are various progress properties; the strongest is wait-freedom, and the more common is lock-freedom. An algorithm is *wait-free* if each operation terminates after a finite number of its own steps. We call an algorithm *lock-free* if, after a sufficient number of steps, one operation terminates. A wait-free algorithm is also lock-free but not vice versa; in an infinite run of a lock-free algorithm there might be an operation that takes infinitely many steps but never terminates.

A queue stores a sequence of elements and supports two operations, enqueue and dequeue. **Enqueue(e)** appends element **e** to the sequence stored. **Deque()** removes and returns the first element among in the sequence. If the queue is empty it returns **null**. In section 2 we talk about previous queues and their common problems. We also talk about polylogarithmic construction of shared objects.

Jayanti [9] proved an  $\Omega(\log p)$  lower bound on the worst-case shared-access time complexity of  $p$ -process universal constructions. He also introduced [1] a construction that achieves  $O(\log^2 p)$  shared accesses. Here, we first introduce a universal construction using  $O(\log p)$  CAS operations [10]. In section 3 we introduce a polylogarithmic step wait-free universal construction. Our main ideas in of the universal construction also appear in our Queue Algorithm (??). The main short come of our universal construction is using big CAS objects. We use the universal construction as a stepping stone towards our queue algorithm, so we will not explain it in too much detail.

In section 4 we introduce a concurrent wait-free datastructure, to agree on the order of the operations invoked on some processes.

In section 5 we introduce our main work, the queue; prove its linearizability and wait-freeness.

## 2 Related Work

### 2.1 List-based Queues

In the following paragraphs, we look at previous lock-free queues. Michael and Scott [13] introduced a lock-free queue which we refer to as the MS-queue. A version of it is included in the standard Java Concurrency Package. Their idea is to store the queue elements in a singly-linked list (see Figure 3). Head points to the first node in the linked list that has not been dequeued, and Tail points to the last element in the queue. To insert a node into the linked list, they use atomic primitive operations like LL/SC or CAS. If  $p$  processes try to enqueue simultaneously, only one can succeed, and the others have to retry. This makes the amortized number of steps to be  $\Omega(p)$  per enqueue. Similarly, dequeue can take  $\Omega(p)$  steps.

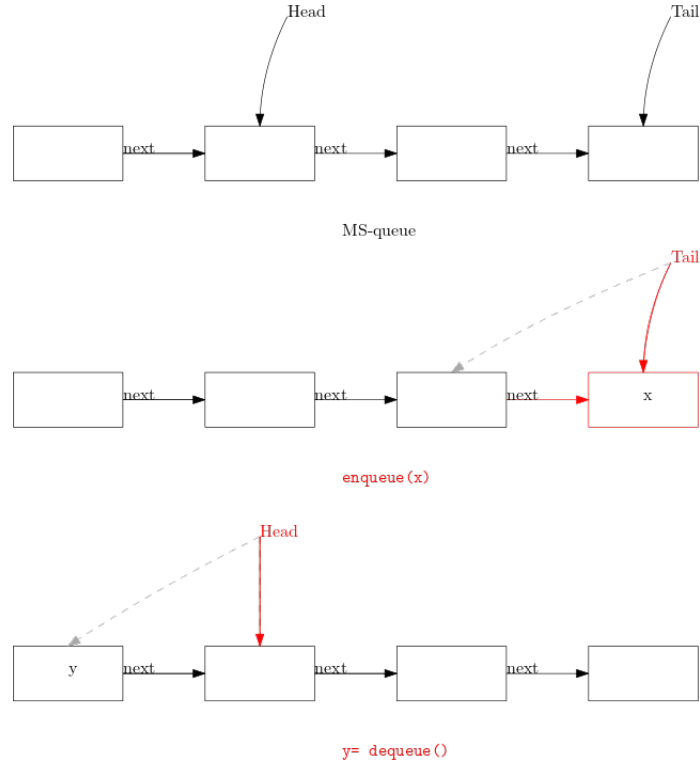


Figure 3: MS-queue structure, enqueue and dequeue operations. In the first diagram the first element has been dequeued. Red arrows show new pointers and gray dashed arrows show the old pointers.

Moir, Nussbaum, and Shalev [14] presented a more sophisticated queue by using the elimination technique. The elimination mechanism has the dual purpose of allowing operations to complete in parallel and reducing contention for the queue. An Elimination Queue consists of an MS-queue augmented with an elimination array. Elimination works by allowing opposing pairs of concurrent operations such as an enqueue and a

dequeue to exchange values when the queue is empty or when concurrent operations can be linearized to empty the queue. Their algorithm makes it possible for long-running operations to eliminate an opposing operation. The empirical evaluation showed the throughput of their work is better than the MS-queue, but the worst case is still the same; in case there are  $p$  concurrent enqueues, their algorithm is not better than MS-queue.

Hoffman, Shalev, and Shavit [8] tried to make the MS-queue more parallel by introducing the Baskets Queue. Their idea is to allow more parallelism by treating the simultaneous enqueue operations as a basket. Each basket has a time interval in which all its nodes' enqueue operations overlap. Since the operations in a basket are concurrent, we can order them in any way. Enqueues in a basket try to find their order in the basket one by one by using **CAS** operations. However, like the previous algorithms, if there are still  $p$  concurrent enqueue operations in a basket, the amortized step complexity remains  $\Omega(p)$  per operation.

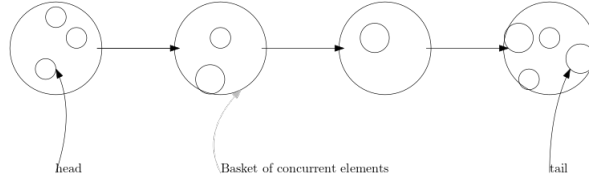


Figure 4: Baskets queue idea. There is a time that all operations in a basket were running concurrently, but only one has succeeded to do **CAS**. To order the operations in a basket, the mechanism in the algorithm for processes is to **CAS** again. The successful process will be the next one in the basket and so on.

Ladan-Mozes and Shavit [12] presented an Optimistic Approach to Lock-Free FIFO Queues. They use a doubly-linked list and do fewer **CAS** operations than MS-queue. But as before, the worst case is when there are  $p$  concurrent enqueues which have to be enqueued one by one. The amortized worst-case complexity is still  $\Omega(p)$  **CASes**.

Hendler et al. [6] proposed a new paradigm called flat combining. Their queue is linearizable but not lock-free. Their main idea is that with knowledge of all the history of operations, it might be possible to answer queries faster than doing them one by one. In our work we also maintain the whole history. They present experiments that show their algorithm performs well in some situations.

Gidenstam, Sundell, and Tsigas [4] introduced a new algorithm using a linked list of arrays. Global head and tail pointers point to arrays containing the first and last elements in the queue. Global pointers are up to date, but head and tail pointers may be behind in time. An enqueue or a dequeue searches in the head array or tail array to find the first unmarked element or last written element (see Figure 5). Their data

structure is lock-free. Still, if the head array is empty and  $p$  processes try to enqueue simultaneously, the step complexity remains  $\Omega(p)$ .

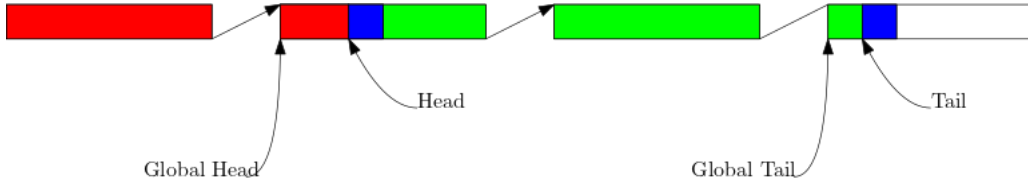


Figure 5: Global pointers point to arrays. Head and Tail elements are blue, dequeued elements are red and current elements of the queue are green.

Kogan and Petrank [11] introduced wait-free queues based on the MS-queue and use Herlihy’s helping technique to achieve wait-freedom. Their step complexity is  $\Omega(p)$  because of the helping mechanism.

In the worst-case step complexity of all the list-based queues discussed above, there is a  $p$  term that comes from the case all  $p$  processes try to do an enqueue simultaneously. Morrison and Afek call this the *CAS retry problem* [15]. It is not limited to list-based queues and array-based queues share the CAS retry problem as well [17, 16, 2]. We are focusing on seeing if we can implement a queue in sublinear steps in terms of  $p$  or not.

## 2.2 Universal Constructions

Herlihy discussed the possibility of implementing shared objects from other objects [7]. A *universal construction* is an algorithm that can implement a shared version of any given sequential object. We can implement a concurrent queue using a universal construction. Jayanti proved an  $\Omega(\log p)$  lower bound on the worst-case shared-access time complexity of  $p$ -process universal constructions [9]. He also introduced a construction that achieves  $O(\log^2 p)$  shared accesses [1]. His universal construction can be used to create any data structure, but its implementation is not practical because of using unreasonably large-sized CAS operations.

Ellen and Woelfel introduced an implementation of a Fetch&Inc object with step complexity of  $O(\log p)$  using  $O(\log n)$ -bit LL/SC objects, where  $n$  is the number of operations [3]. Their idea has similarities to Jayanti’s construction, and they represent the value of the Fetch&Inc using the history of successful operations.

## 2.3 Attiya Fourier Lower Bound

### 3 Queue Implementation

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**What is a Queue** In our model there are  $p$  processes doing **Enqueue** and **Dequeue** operations on a queue concurrently. We design a queue with  $O(\log^2 p + \log q)$  steps per operation, where  $q$  is the number of elements in the queue at the time of invocation. We avoid the  $\Omega(p)$  worst-case step complexity of existing shared queues based on linked lists or arrays, which suffer from the CAS Retry Problem.

**How we use Jayanti and why we are better** Jayanti and Petrovic introduced a wait-free polylogarithmic multi-enqueuer single-dequeuer queue [10]. We use their idea of having a tournament tree among processes to agree on the linearization of operations to design a polylogarithmic multi-enqueuer multi-dequeuer queue. Unlike their work, our algorithm does not use CAS operations with big words and does not put a limit on the number of concurrent operations.

**Introduce tree** There is a shared tree among the processes (see Figure 6) to agree on one total ordering of the operations invoked by processes. Each process has a leaf in which the operations invoked by the process are stored in order. When a process wishes to do an operation it appends the operation to its leaf and tries to propagate its new operation up to the tree's root. Each node of the tree keeps an ordering of operations propagated up to it. All processes agree on the sequence of operations in the root and this ordering is used as linearization ordering.

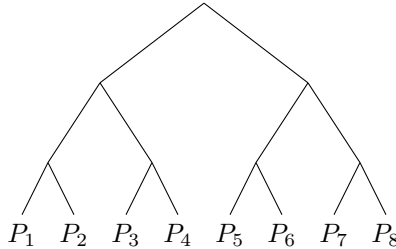


Figure 6: Each of the processes  $P_1, P_2 \dots P_p$  has a leaf and in each node there is an ordering of operations stored. Each process tries to propagate its operations up to the root, which stores a total ordering of all operations.



**Introduce Double Refresh** To do a propagate step on node  $n$  in the tree, a process observes the operations in both of  $n$ 's children that are not already in  $n$ , merges them to create an ordering and then tries to append the ordering to the sequence stored in  $n$ . We call this procedure  $n.\text{Refresh}()$ . A process doing a **Refresh** on  $n$  with successful append helps other processes doing **Refresh** on  $n$  concurrently to propagate their operations up to the parent. The key idea is that if a process invokes **Refresh** on the node  $n$  two times and fails to append the new operations to  $n$  both times, the operations that were in  $n$ 's children before the first **Refresh** are guaranteed to be in the node after the second failed **Refresh**. This is because if both of the **Refreshes** on  $n$  fail to append then there is another instance of **Refresh** in between which has gathered its new operations after the first failed **Refresh** and succeeded to do an append. This **Refresh** appends the operations that the first failed **Refresh** was trying to append.



Figure 7: Before and after of a  $n.\text{Refresh}$  with successful append. Operations propagating from the left child are numbered with  $l$  and from the right child by  $r$ .

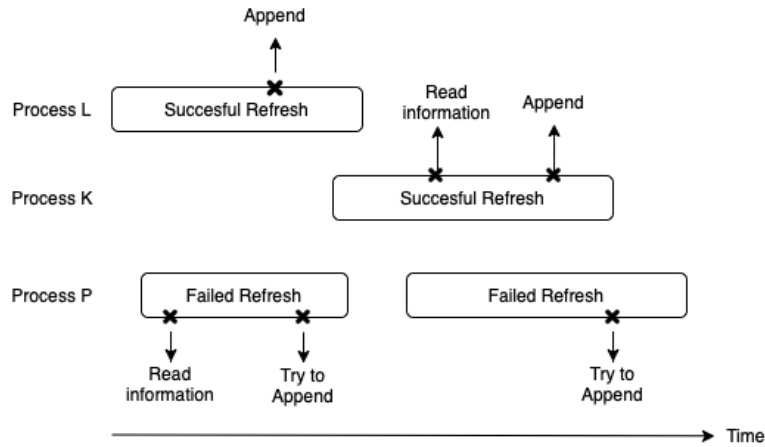


Figure 8: The second failed **Refresh** of  $P$  is assuredly concurrent with a successful **Refresh** that has read its operations after the first failed **Refresh**.

**Introduce CAS** We use CAS (Compare & Swap) instructions to implement the **Refresh**'s Try to Append mechanism in described in the previous paragraph. After a process appends its operation into its leaf it can call **Refresh** on the path up to root two times on each node. So with  $O(\log p)$  CASes per operations we can have a tree agreeing on the linearization. This cooperative solution allows us to overcome the CAS Retry Problem.

**Introduce Blocks** It is not efficient to store the sequence of operations in each node explicitly because each operation would have to be copied all the way up to the root; doing this would not be poly-logarithmic time. Instead we use implicit representation of the operations propagated together. Furthermore we do not need to maintain an ordering on operations propagated together in a node until they have reached the root. We can only keep track of set of operations in each **Refresh** and then define the linearization only in root (see Figure 9). Achieving a constant sized implicit representation of operations in a **Refresh** allows us to CAS fixed-size objects in each **Refresh**. To do that, we introduce *blocks*. A block is a piece of information about the operations in a **Refresh** step. It contains the number of operations from the left and the right child in a **Refresh** procedure (see Figure 10 for an example). A node stores an array of blocks of operations propagated up to it. A propagate step aggregates the new blocks in children into a new block and puts it in the parents' blocks. In each **Refresh** there is at most one operation from each process trying to be propagated, because one operation cannot invoke two operations concurrently which means there are less than or equal  $p$  operations in a block. Furthermore, since the operations in a **Refresh** step are concurrent we can linearize them among themselves in any order we wish, because if two operations are read in one successful **Refresh** step in a node they are going to be propagated up to the root together. Our choice is to put the operations propagated from the left child before the operations propagated from the right child. In this way if we know the number of operations from the left child and the number of operations from the right child in a block we have a complete ordering on the operations.

**Introduce Get and Index** So far, we have a shared tree that processes use to agree on the implicit ordering stored in its root. With this agreement on linearization ordering we can design a universal construction; for given object  $O$  and operation  $op$  by applying all the operations till  $op$  in the root on a sequential instance of the object and then return the response. Having this agreement by itself is not enough for an efficient queue. A process may wish to know (1) the  $i$ th propagated operation or (2) the rank of a propagated operation in the linearization. We will explain how to use (1) and (2) to construct a fast queue in the next

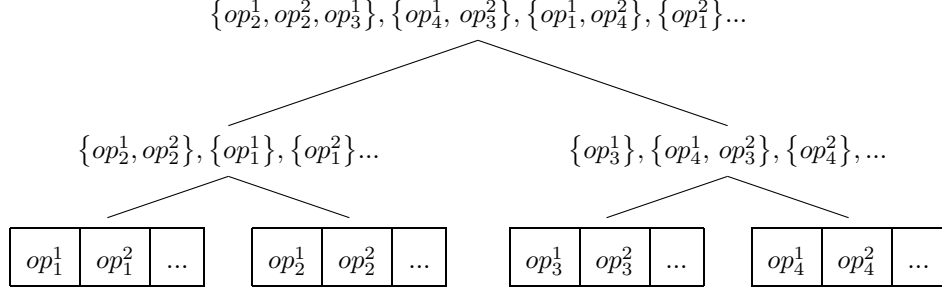


Figure 9: Leaves are for processes  $P_1$  to  $P_4$  from left to right. In each internal node one can arbitrarily linearize the sets of concurrent operations propagated together in a **Refresh** among themselves. For example  $op_4^1$  and  $op_3^2$  have propagated together in one **Propagate** step and they will be propagated up to the root together. Since their execution time window have range in common they can be linearized in any order between themselves.

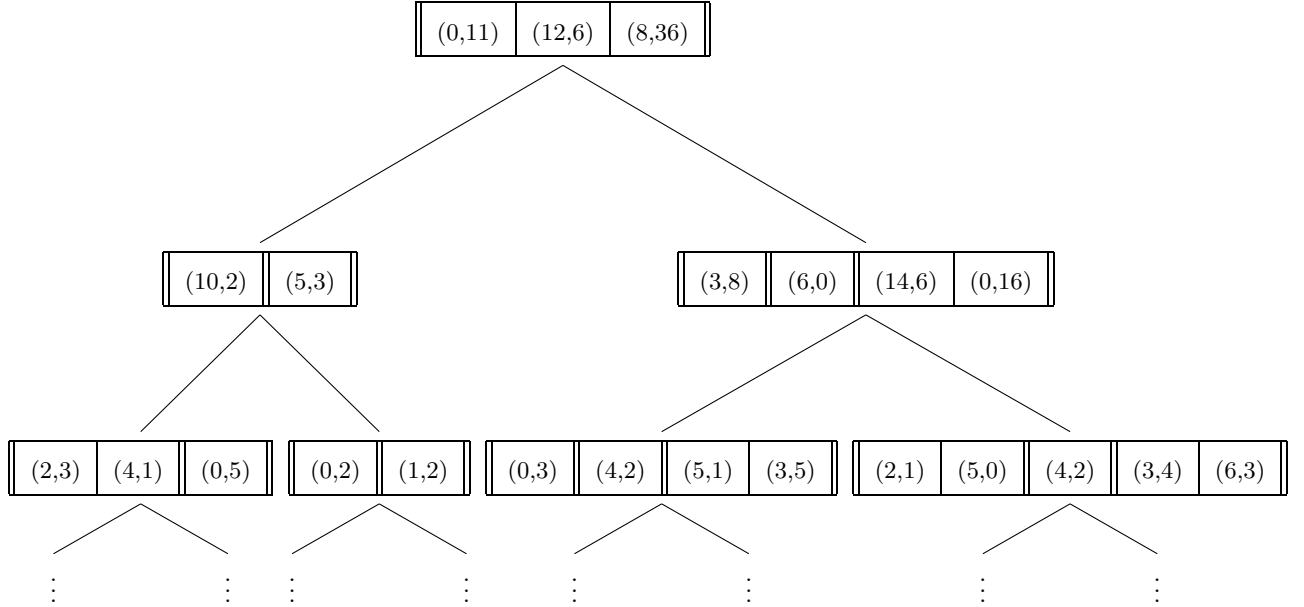


Figure 10: Showing concurrent operation sets with blocks. Blocks between two lines  $||$  are propagated together to the parent. Each block consists of a pair(left, right) indicating the number of operations from the left and the right child, respectively. For example, block (12,6) in the root contains blocks (10,2) from the left child and (6,0) from the right child. The third block in the root (8,36) is created by merging block (5,3) from the left child and (14,6) and (0,16) from the right child. Block (5,3) is superblock of blocks (0,5) and (1,2) and blocks (5,1), (3,5) and (4,2) are subblocks of (14,6).

paragraph.

**Explain pieces of a block helping to do Get and Index** After propagating an operation `op` to the root, processes can find out information about the linearization ordering using (1) and (2). To get the  $i$ th operation in the root, we find the block  $B$  containing  $i$ th operation in the root, and then recursively find the subblock of  $B$  that contains  $i$ th element. To make this recursive search faster, instead of iterating over all blocks in the node, we store the prefix sum of the number of elements in the blocks sequence to permit a binary search. We also store pointers to determine the range of subblocks of a block to make binary search faster. In each block, we store the prefix sum of operations from the left child and the right child. Moreover, for each block, we store two pointers to the last left and right subblock of it (see Figure 11). We know a block size is at most  $p$ , so binary search takes at most  $O(\log p)$  time, since the pointers of a block and its previous block reduce the search range size to  $O(p)$ . To compute the rank in the root of an operation in the leaf, we need to find the superblock of the block that operation is in. After a block is installed we set the approximate index of the superblock of the block in it.

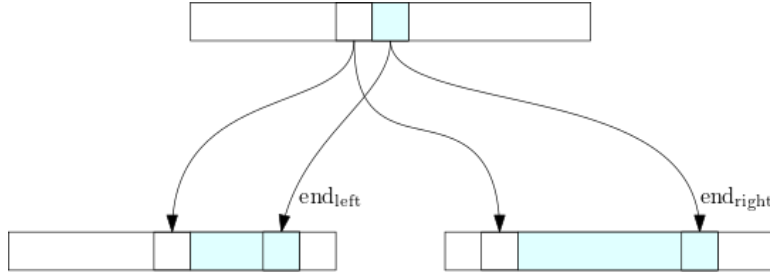


Figure 11: Each block stores the index of its last subblock in each child.

**Introduce how to create Queue using Get and Index** In an execution on a queue where no dequeue operation returns null, the  $k$ th dequeue returns the element of the  $k$ th enqueue. In general case a dequeue returns null if and only if the size of the queue after the previous operation is 0. Otherwise if the dequeue is the  $k$ th non null returning dequeue it returns the element of  $k$ th enqueue. Having the size of the queue after an operation we can compute the number of non null returning dequeues from the number of enqueues up to block  $B$  and size of the queue after  $B$ . So if we store the size of the queue after each block operations in the root we can compute the index of the enqueue which is response to a dequeue in constant time.

In our case of implementing a queue, we can make an assumption that one process only wishes to know the rank of a `Dequeue` and one tries to get an `Enqueue` with an specific rank. We know we can linearize

operations in a block in any order; here, we choose to decide to put **Enqueue** operations in a block before **Dequeue** operations. In the next example, operations in a cell are concurrent. **Dequeue()** operations return `null`, `5`, `2`, `1`, `3`, `4`, `null` respectively.

DEQ	ENQ(5), ENQ(2), ENQ(1), DEQ	ENQ(3), DEQ	ENQ(4), DEQ, DEQ, DEQ, DEQ
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Table 1: An example history of operation blocks on the queue. **Enqueues** are shown with ENQ and **Dequeues** are shown with DEQ.

Now, we claimed that by knowing the size of the queue, we can compute the rank of the resulting **Enqueue()**. We apply this approach to blocks; if we store the size of the queue after each block of operations happens, we can compute each **Dequeue's** index of result in  $O(1)$  steps.

	DEQ	ENQ(5), ENQ(2), ENQ(1), DEQ	ENQ(3), DEQ	ENQ(4), DEQ, DEQ, DEQ, DEQ
#ENQs	0	3	1	1
#DEQs	1	1	1	4
size	0	2	2	0

Table 2: Augmented history of operation blocks on the queue

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Size of the queue the  $b$ th block could be computed using these equations.

$$\text{size}[b] = \max(\text{size}[b-1] + \text{enqueues}[b] - \text{dequeues}[b], 0)$$

$$\text{non-null dequeues}[b] = \text{enqueues}[b] - \text{size}[b]$$

Given DEQ is in block  $B$ , response of DEQ is the **Enqueue** with index  $\text{non-null Dequeus}[b-1] + \text{index of DEQ in the block's Dequeus in the root}$ , if  $(\text{size}[b-1] - \text{index of DEQ in the } B\text{'s Dequeus} \geq 0)$ . Otherwise it would be `null`

### 3.1 Details of Implementation

**Node** (*Repetitive as the fields description?*) In each **node** we store pointers to its parent and children, an array of **blocks** and the index **head** of the first empty entry in **blocks**.

**Block** (*Repetitive as the fields description?*) Block  $b$  contains subblocks in the left and right children. The left subblocks of  $b$  are some consecutive blocks in the left child starting from where the block prior to  $b$  ended. In each `block` we store 4 essential stats that implicitly summarize which operations are in the block `sumenq-left`, `sumdeq-left`, `sumenq-right`, `sumdeq-right`. `endleft` and `endright` field show the last subblock of a block in left and right child. `size` in a `block` in `root` stores the size of the queue after the `block` has finished.

**Enqueue( $e$ )** An `Enqueue` operation does not return a response, so to do an `enqueue` operation in our algorithm it is sufficient to just append the `Enqueue` operation to the root, then use its position in the linearization for future `Dequeue` operations. `Enqueue( $e$ )` creates a `LeafBlock` with `element =  $e$` , sets its `sumenq` and `sumdeq` fields and then appends it to the tree.

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**Dequeue()** `Dequeue( $e$ )` creates a `LeafBlock`, sets its `sumenq` and `sumdeq` fields, appends it to the tree. Then computes the position of the appended `dequeue` operation in the root and after that finds the response of the `dequeue` calling `FindResponse`.

**FindResponse( $b, i$ )** To compute the response of the  $i$ th `dequeue` in  $b$ th block of the root Line 219 computes whether the queue is empty or not. If there are more dequeues than enqueues the queue would become empty before the requested dequeue. If the queue was not empty, Line 222 computes the position of the enqueue which is response to the dequeue. Knowing the response is the  $e$ th enqueue in the root which is before the  $b$ th block we find the block and position containing the enqueue operation using `DSearch` and after that `GetEnqueue` finds its `element`.

**Append( $blk$ )** `head` field is the index of the first empty index in `blocks` array in a `LeafBlock`. `Append( $B$ )` adds  $B$  to the end of the `blocks` in the leaf, increments `head` and then calls `Propagate` on the leaf's `parent`. When `Propagate` terminates it is guaranteed that the appended block is subblock of a block in the `root`. There are no multiple write accesses on `head` and `blocks` in a leaf because only the process that the leaf belongs to appends to it.

**n.Propagate()** `Propagate( $n$ )` uses the double refresh idea and invokes two `Refreshes` on  $n$  in Lines 302 and 303. Then invokes the `Propagate` on  $n.parent$  recursively till it reaches the root.

**n.Refresh()** *n.Refresh* goal is to create a block of *n*'s children new blocks and append it to *n.blocks*. Lines 311-316 of *n.Refresh* help to **Advance** *n*'s children. **Advance** increments the children's **head** and set the **super** field of the last block in *n*. The reason behind helping **super** field is explained later in **IndexDequeue** paragraph. After helping to **Advance** children, the value *h* from *n.head* is read at Line 310 and **new** block is created in Line 317. **new** is going to be inserted into *n.block[h]*. The reason why reading **head** and **CreateBlock** are in two lines is that maybe the **head** value changes from reading it till creating a block to be inserted to **head**. Then if **new** is empty **Refresh** returns **true** because there is no new operations to propagate and it is unnecessary to add an empty block to the tree. Later we will assume all blocks contain at least one operation. Line 320 tries to install **new**, if it was successful all is good, if not it means someone else has put a block earlier into **head** or maybe the **head** was not empty at first point. Anyway **Refresh** tries to update the **head** and **super** field of *n.blocks[h]* at Line 321.

**CreateBlock** *n.CreateBlock(h)* returns a block containing new operations of *n*'s children. The **new** block created in Line 333's fields are filled with symmetry for both left and right directions. **index<sub>last</sub>** is the index of the last subblock in the direction and **index<sub>prev</sub>** is the index of the previous block of the first direct subblock to be aggregated into **new**. With this said, *n.blocks[i']*.**end<sub>dir</sub>** stores the index of the rightmost direct subblock of direction **dir** child of *n.blocks[i - 1]*. Then **sum<sub>enq-dir</sub>** is computed with the sum of the from computing the number of enqueue operations in the **new** block and the value stored in *n.blocks[i - 1]*.**sum<sub>enq-dir</sub>**. **sum<sub>deq-dir</sub>** is also the same. Then if **new** block is going to be installed in the **root**, the **size** field is computed.

*Should I get into details of computing size and sumenq?*

**DSearch(e,end)** We can show an operation in a node in two formats, the rank of the operation among all the operations in the node or the index of the block containing the operation in the node and the rank of the operation in that block. If we know tuple of block and rank in the block of an operation (*E*) we can find this tuple in the subblock containing the operation in poly log time. To find the response of a dequeue, the information we know about the response enqueue is like the first way of showing the operation in the root (*E<sub>i</sub>(root)*). So we have to find the block in the root containing the **eth** enqueue in the root. We also know **end** which the **eth** enqueue is before or in the **root.blocks[end]**. **DSearch** uses the Doubling idea to find the range that the answer block is there (Lines 802-805) and then tries to find the response with binary search (Line 806).

**GetEnqueue(b,i)**  $n.\text{GetEnqueue}(b,i)$  returns the element of  $i$ th enqueue in  $b$ th block of  $n$ . The range of subblocks of a block can be determined with  $\text{end}_{\text{dir}}$  fields of the block and its previous block. Then the subblock can be found using binary search on  $\text{sum}_{\text{enq}}$  field.

**IndexDequeue(b,i)** Let  $i$  be the value  $R_n$ , a successful instance of **Refresh** on node  $n$  reads from  $n.\text{head}$ .  $R_n$  does a successful  $\text{CAS}(\text{null}, b)$  into  $n.\text{blocks}[i]$ . Let  $p$  be  $n.\text{parent}$ . Without loss of generality for the rest of this section assume  $n$  is the left child of  $p$ . From Lemma 27 we know there could be only one  $p.\text{Refresh}$  propagating  $b$ . Let  $R_p$  be the first successful  $p.\text{Refresh}$  that reads some value greater than  $i$  for  $\text{left.head}$  and contains  $b$  in its created block in Line 317. Let the index of the block  $R_p$  put in  $p.\text{blocks}$  be  $j$ .

Since the index of the superblock of  $b$  is not known until  $b$  is propagated,  $R_n$  cannot set the **super** field of  $b$  while creating it. One approach is to set the **super** field of  $b$  by  $R_n$  after propagating  $b$  to  $p$ . This solution would not be efficient because there might be  $p$  subblocks in the block  $R_p$  propagated needing to update the **super** field. However intuitively, once  $b$  is installed, its superblock is going to be close to  $n.\text{parent.head}$  at the time of installation. One idea is that if we know the approximate position of the superblock of  $b$  then we can search for the real superblock when we wished to know the superblock of  $b$  i.e.  $b.\text{super}$  does not have to be the exact location of the superblock of  $b$ , but we want it to be close to  $j$ . We can set  $b.\text{super}$  to  $n.\text{parent.head}$  while creating  $b$ , but the problem is that there might be many  $p.\text{Refreshes}$  that could happen after reading  $p.\text{head}$  by  $R_n$  and before propagating  $b$  to  $p$ . If we set  $b.\text{super}$  to  $p.\text{head}$  after appending  $b$  to  $n.\text{blocks}$  (Line 326),  $R_n$  might go to sleep at some time after installing  $b$  and before setting  $b.\text{super}$ . In this case the next **Refreshes** on  $n$  and  $n.\text{parent}$  help fill in the value of  $b.\text{super}$ .

Block  $b$  is appended to  $n.\text{blocks}[h]$  on Line 320. After appending  $b$ ,  $b.\text{super}$  is set on Line 326 of a call to **Advance** from  $n.\text{Refresh}$  by the same process or another process or maybe an  $n.\text{parent.Refresh}$ . We want to bound how far  $b.\text{super}$  is from the index of  $b$ 's superblock, which is created by a successful  $n.\text{parent.Refresh}$  that propagates  $b$ .



## 4 Pseudocode

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### Algorithm Tree Fields Description

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#### ◇ *Shared*

- A binary tree of Nodes with one leaf for each process. root is the root node.

#### ◇ *Local*

- *Node* leaf: process's leaf in the tree.

#### ► *Node*

- *\*Node* left, right, parent : Initialized when creating the tree.
- *Block[]* blocks : Initially blocks[0] contains an empty block with all fields equal to 0.
- *int* head= 1: #blocks in blocks. blocks[0] is a block with all integer fields equal to zero.

#### ► *Block*

- *int* super : approximate index of the superblock, read from parent.head when appending the block to the node

#### ► *RootBlock* extends *InternalBlock*

- *int* size : size of the queue after performing all operations in the prefix for this block

#### ► *InternalBlock* extends *Block*

- *int* end<sub>left</sub>, end<sub>right</sub> : indices of the last subblock of the block in the left and right child
- *int* sum<sub>enq-left</sub> : # enqueues in left.blocks[1..end<sub>left</sub>]
- *int* sum<sub>deq-left</sub> : # dequeues in left.blocks[1..end<sub>left</sub>]
- *int* sum<sub>enq-right</sub> : # enqueues in right.blocks[1..end<sub>right</sub>]
- *int* sum<sub>deq-right</sub> : # dequeues in right.blocks[1..end<sub>right</sub>]

#### ► *LeafBlock* extends *Block*

- *Object* element : Each block in a leaf represents a single operation. If the operation is enqueue(x) then element=x, otherwise element=null.
- *int* sum<sub>enq</sub>, sum<sub>deq</sub> : # enqueue, dequeue operations in the prefix for the block

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*Abbreviations used in the code and the proof of correctness.*

- $\text{blocks}[b].\text{sum}_x = \text{blocks}[b].\text{sum}_{x\text{-left}} + \text{blocks}[b].\text{sum}_{x\text{-right}}$  (for  $b \geq 0$  and  $x \in \{\text{enq}, \text{deq}\}$ )
- $\text{blocks}[b].\text{num}_x = \text{blocks}[b].\text{sum}_x - \text{blocks}[b-1].\text{sum}_x$   
(for  $b > 0$  and  $x \in \{\text{enq}, \text{deq}, \text{enq-left}, \text{enq-right}, \text{deq-left}, \text{deq-right}\}$ )

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## Algorithm Queue

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201: void Enqueue(Object e)                                ▷ Creates a block with element e and adds it to the tree.
202:     block newBlock= new(LeafBlock)
203:     newBlock.element= e
204:     newBlock.sumenq= leaf.blocks[leaf.head].sumenq+1
205:     newBlock.sumdeq= leaf.blocks[leaf.head].sumdeq
206:     leaf.Append(newBlock)
207: end Enqueue

208: Object Dequeue()                                       ▷ Creates a block with null value element, appends it to the tree and returns its response.
209:     block newBlock= new(LeafBlock)
210:     newBlock.element= null
211:     newBlock.sumenq= leaf.blocks[leaf.head].sumenq
212:     newBlock.sumdeq= leaf.blocks[leaf.head].sumdeq+1
213:     leaf.Append(newBlock)
214:     <b, i>= IndexDequeue(leaf.head, 1)
215:     output= FindResponse(b, i)
216:     return output
217: end Dequeue

218: <int, int> FindResponse(int b, int i)                   ▷ Returns the response to  $D_{root,b,i}$ .
219:     if root.blocks[b-1].size + root.blocks[b].numenq - i < 0 then           ▷ Check if the queue is empty.
220:         return null
221:     else
222:         e= i - root.blocks[b-1].size + root.blocks[b-1].sumenq             ▷  $E_e(root)$  is the response.
223:         return root.GetEnqueue(root.DSearch(e, b))
224:     end if
225: end FindResponse
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**Algorithm Root**

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$\rightsquigarrow$  Precondition:  $\text{root.blocks}[\text{end}].\text{sum}_{\text{enq}} \geq e$

801:  $\langle \text{int}, \text{int} \rangle$  DSearch( $\text{int } e, \text{int } \text{end}$ )  $\triangleright$  Returns  $\langle b, i \rangle$  such that  $E_e(\text{root}) = E_i(\text{root}, b)$ .

802:      $\text{start} = \text{end} - 1$

803:     **while**  $\text{root.blocks}[\text{start}].\text{sum}_{\text{enq}} \geq e$  **do**

804:          $\text{start} = \max(\text{start} - (\text{end} - \text{start}), 0)$

805:     **end while**

806:      $b = \text{root.BinarySearch}(\text{sum}_{\text{enq}}, e, \text{start}, \text{end})$

807:      $i = e - \text{root.blocks}[b-1].\text{sum}_{\text{enq}}$

808:     **return**  $\langle b, i \rangle$

809: **end** DSearch

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**Algorithm Leaf**

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601: *void* Append(*block blk*)  $\triangleright$  Only called by the owner of the leaf.

602:      $\text{blocks}[\text{head}] = \text{blk}$

603:      $\text{head} += 1$

604:      $\text{parent.Propagate}()$

605: **end** Append

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**Algorithm** *Node*

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301: void Propagate()
302:   if not Refresh() then
303:     Refresh()
304:   end if
305:   if this is not root then
306:     parent.Propagate()
307:   end if
308: end Propagate

309: boolean Refresh()
310:   h= head
311:   for each dir in {left, right} do
312:     hdir= dir.head
313:     if dir.blocks[hdir] != null then
314:       dir.Advance(hdir)
315:     end if
316:   end for
317:   new= CreateBlock(h)
318:   if new.num==0 then return true
319: end if
320: result= blocks[h].CAS(null, new)
321: this.Advance(h)
322: return result
323: end Refresh

324: void Advance(int h)
325:   hp= parent.head
326:   blocks[h].super.CAS(null, hp)
327:   head.CAS(h, h+1)
328: end Advance

329: int BinarySearch(field f, int i, int start, int end)
330:   return min{j: blocks[j].f ≥ i}
331: end BinarySearch

332: Block CreateBlock(int i)
333:   block new= new(block)
334:   for each dir in {left, right} do
335:     indexlast= dir.head-1
336:     indexprev= blocks[i-1].enddir
337:     new.enddir= indexlast
338:     blocklast= dir.blocks[indexlast]
339:     blockprev= dir.blocks[indexprev]
340:     new.sumenq-dir= blocks[i-1].sumenq-dir +
341:       blocklast.sumenq - blockprev.sumenq
341:     new.sumdeq-dir= blocks[i-1].sumdeq-dir +
342:       blocklast.sumdeq - blockprev.sumdeq
342:   end for
343:   if this is root then
344:     new.size = max(root.blocks[i-1].size + new.numenq
345:       - new.numdeq, 0)
345:   end if
346:   return new
347: end CreateBlock
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**Algorithm Node**

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$\rightsquigarrow$  Precondition:  $\text{blocks}[b].\text{num}_{\text{enq}} \geq i \geq 1$

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401: element GetEnqueue(int b, int i)  $\triangleright$  Returns the element of  $E_i(\text{this}, b)$ .
402:   if this is leaf then
403:     return blocks[b].element
404:   else if  $i \leq \text{blocks}[b].\text{num}_{\text{enq-left}}$  then  $\triangleright E_i(\text{this}, b)$  is in the left child of this node.
405:     subBlock= left.BinarySearch(sumenq, i+blocks[b-1].sumenq-left, blocks[b-1].endleft+1, blocks[b].endleft)
406:     return left.GetEnqueue(subBlock, i)
407:   else
408:     i= i-blocks[b].numenq-left
409:     subBlock= right.BinarySearch(sumenq, i+right.blocks[b-1].sumenq-right, blocks[b-1].endright+1, blocks[b].endright)
410:     return right.GetEnqueue(subBlock, i)
411:   end if
412: end GetEnqueue
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$\rightsquigarrow$  Precondition: bth block of the node has propagated up to the root and  $\text{blocks}[b].\text{num}_{\text{deq}} \geq i$ .

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413: <int, int> IndexDequeue(int b, int i)  $\triangleright$  Returns <x, y> if  $D_i(\text{this}, b) = D_y(\text{root}, x)$ .
414:   if this is root then
415:     return <b, i>
416:   else
417:     dir= (parent.left==n ? left: right)
418:     sb= (parent.blocks[blocks[b].super].sumdeq-dir > blocks[b].sumdeq ? blocks[b].super: blocks[b].super+1)
419:     if dir is left then
420:       i+= blocks[b-1].sumdeq-parent.blocks[sb-1].sumdeq-left
421:     else
422:       i+= blocks[b-1].sumdeq-parent.blocks[sb-1].sumdeq-right
423:       i+= parent.blocks[sb].numdeq-left
424:     end if
425:     return this.parent.IndexDequeue(sb, i)
426:   end if
427: end IndexDequeue
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## 5 Proof of Correctness

We adopt linearizability as our definition of correctness. In our case, where we create the linearization ordering in the root, we need to prove (1) the ordering is legal, i.e, for every execution on our queue if operation  $op_1$  terminates before operation  $op_2$  then  $op_1$  is linearized before operation  $op_2$  and (2) if we do operations sequentially in their the linearization order, operations get the same results as in our queue. The proof is structured like this. First, we define and prove some facts about blocks and the node's `head` field. Then, we introduce the linearization ordering formally. Next, we prove double **Refresh** on a node is enough to propagate its children's new operations up to the node, which is used to prove (1). After this, we prove some claims about the size and operations of each block, which we use to prove the correctness of `DSearch()`, `GetEnqueue()` and `IndexDequeue()`. Finally, we prove the correctness of the way we compute the response of a dequeue, which establishes (2).

### 5.1 Basic Properties

In this subsection we talk about some properties of blocks and fields of the tree nodes.

A block is an object storing some statistics, as described in Algorithm Queue. A block in a node implicitly represents a set of operations.

**Definition 1** (Ordering of a block in a node). Let  $b$  be  $n.\text{blocks}[i]$  and  $b'$  be  $n.\text{blocks}[j]$ . We call  $i$  the *index* of block  $b$ . Block  $b$  is *before* block  $b'$  in node  $n$  if and only if  $i < j$ . We define *the prefix* for block  $b$  in node  $n$  to be the blocks in  $n.\text{blocks}[0..i]$ .

Next, we show that the value of `head` in a node can only be increased. By the termination of a **Refresh**, `head` has been incremented by the process doing the **Refresh** or by another process.

**Observation 2.** *For each node  $n$ ,  $n.\text{head}$  is non-decreasing over time.*

*Proof.* The claim follows trivially from the code since `head` is only changed by incrementing in Line 327 of **Advance**. □

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $R$  be an instance of **Refresh** on a node  $n$ . After  $R$  terminates,  $n.\text{head}$  is greater than the value read in line 310 of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* If the **CAS** in Line 327 is successful then the claim holds. Otherwise  $n.\text{head}$  has changed from the value that was read in Line 310. By Observation 2 this means another process has incremented  $n.\text{head}$ . □

Now we show  $n.\text{blocks}[n.\text{head}]$  is either the last block written into node  $n$  or the first empty block in  $n$ .

**Invariant 4** (headPosition). If the value of  $n.\text{head}$  is  $h$  then  $n.\text{blocks}[i] = \text{null}$  for  $i > h$  and  $n.\text{blocks}[i] \neq \text{null}$  for  $0 \leq i < h$ .

*Proof.* Initially the invariant is true since  $n.\text{head} = 1$ ,  $n.\text{blocks}[0] \neq \text{null}$  and  $n.\text{blocks}[x] = \text{null}$  for every  $x > 0$ . The truth of the invariant may be affected by writing into  $n.\text{blocks}$  or incrementing  $n.\text{head}$ . We show that if the invariant holds before such a change then it still holds after the change.

In the algorithm,  $n.\text{blocks}$  is modified only on Line 320, which updates  $n.\text{blocks}[h]$  where  $h$  is the value read from  $n.\text{head}$  in Line 310. Since the CAS in Line 320 is successful it means  $n.\text{head}$  has not changed from  $h$  before doing the CAS: if  $n.\text{head}$  had changed before the CAS then it would be greater than  $h$  by Observation 2 and hence  $n.\text{blocks}[h] \neq \text{null}$  and by the induction hypothesis, so the CAS would fail. Writing into  $n.\text{blocks}[h]$  when  $h = n.\text{head}$  preserves the invariant, since the claim does not talk about the content of  $n.\text{blocks}[n.\text{head}]$ .

The value of  $n.\text{head}$  is modified only in Line 327 of **Advance**. If  $n.\text{head}$  is incremented to  $h + 1$  it is sufficient to show  $n.\text{blocks}[h] \neq \text{null}$ . **Advance** is called in Lines 314 and 321. For Line 314,  $n.\text{blocks}[h] \neq \text{null}$  because of the **if** condition in Line 313. For Line 321, Line 320 was finished before doing 321. Whether Line 320 is successful or not,  $n.\text{blocks}[h] \neq \text{null}$  after the  $n.\text{blocks}[h].\text{CAS}$ .  $\square$

We define the subblocks of a block recursively.

**Definition 5** (Subblock). A block is a *direct subblock* of the  $i$ th block in node  $n$  if it is in

$$n.\text{left.blocks}[n.\text{blocks}[i-1].\text{end}_{\text{left}}+1 \dots n.\text{blocks}[i].\text{end}_{\text{left}}]$$

or in

$$n.\text{right.blocks}[n.\text{blocks}[i-1].\text{end}_{\text{right}}+1 \dots n.\text{blocks}[i].\text{end}_{\text{right}}].$$

Block  $b$  is a *subblock* of block  $c$  if  $b$  is a direct subblock of  $c$  or a subblock of a direct subblock of  $c$ . We say block  $b$  is *propagated* to node  $n$  if  $b$  is in  $n.\text{blocks}$  or is a subblock of a block in  $n.\text{blocks}$ .

The next lemma is used to prove the subblocks of two blocks in a node are disjoint.

**Lemma 6.** If  $n.\text{blocks}[i] \neq \text{null}$  and  $i > 0$  then  $n.\text{blocks}[i].\text{end}_{\text{left}} \geq n.\text{blocks}[i-1].\text{end}_{\text{left}}$  and  $n.\text{blocks}[i].\text{end}_{\text{right}} \geq n.\text{blocks}[i-1].\text{end}_{\text{right}}$ .

*Proof.* Consider the block  $b$  written into  $n.\text{blocks}[i]$  by CAS at Line 320. Block  $b$  is created by the `CreateBlock( $i$ )` called at Line 317. Prior to this call to `CreateBlock( $i$ )`,  $n.\text{head} = i$  at Line 310, so  $n.\text{blocks}[i - 1]$  is already a non-null value  $b'$  by Invariant 4. Thus, the `CreateBlock( $i - 1$ )` that created  $b'$  terminated before the `CreateBlock( $i$ )` that creates  $b$  is invoked. The value written into  $b.\text{end}_{\text{left}}$  at Line 337 of `CreateBlock( $i$ )` was one less than the value read at Line 335 of `CreateBlock( $i$ )`. Similarly, the value in  $n.\text{blocks}[i - 1].\text{end}_{\text{left}}$  was one less than the value read from  $n.\text{left.head}$  during the call to `CreateBlock( $i - 1$ )`. By Observation 2,  $n.\text{left.head}$  is non-decreasing, so  $b'.\text{end}_{\text{left}} \leq b.\text{end}_{\text{left}}$ . The proof for  $\text{end}_{\text{right}}$  is similar.  $\square$

**Lemma 7.** *Subblocks of any two blocks in node  $n$  do not overlap.*

*Proof.* We are going to prove the lemma by contradiction. Consider the lowest node  $n$  in the tree that violates the claim. Then subblocks of  $n.\text{blocks}[i]$  and  $n.\text{blocks}[j]$  overlap for some  $i < j$ . Since  $n$  is the lowest node in the tree violating the claim, direct subblocks of blocks of  $n.\text{blocks}[i]$  and  $n.\text{blocks}[j]$  have to overlap. Without loss of generality assume left child subblocks of  $n.\text{blocks}[i]$  overlap with the left child subblocks of  $n.\text{blocks}[j]$ . By Lemma 6 we have  $n.\text{blocks}[i].\text{end}_{\text{left}} \leq n.\text{blocks}[j - 1].\text{end}_{\text{left}}$ , so the ranges  $[n.\text{blocks}[i - 1].\text{end}_{\text{left}} + 1 \dots n.\text{blocks}[i].\text{end}_{\text{left}}]$  and  $[n.\text{blocks}[j - 1].\text{end}_{\text{left}} + 1 \dots n.\text{blocks}[j].\text{end}_{\text{left}}]$  cannot overlap. Therefore, direct subblocks of  $n.\text{blocks}[i]$  and  $n.\text{blocks}[j]$  cannot overlap.  $\square$

**Definition 8** (Superblock). Block  $b$  is *superblock* of block  $c$  if  $c$  is a direct subblock of  $b$ .

**Corollary 9.** *Every block has at most one superblock.*

*Proof.* A block having more than one superblock contradicts Lemma 7.  $\square$

Now we can define the operations of a block using the definition of subblocks.

**Definition 10** (Operations of a block). A block  $b$  in a leaf represents an `Enqueue` if  $b.\text{element} \neq \text{null}$ . Otherwise, if  $b.\text{element} = \text{null}$ ,  $b$  represents a `Dequeue`. The set of operations of block  $b$  is the union of the operations in leaf subblocks of  $b$ . We denote the set of operations of block  $b$  by  $\text{ops}(b)$  and the union of operations of a set of blocks  $B$  by  $\text{ops}(B)$ . We also say  $b$  contains  $op$  if  $op \in \text{ops}(b)$ .

Operations are distinct `Enqueues` and `Dequeues` invoked by processes. The next lemma proves that each operation appears at most once in the blocks of a node.

**Lemma 11.** *If  $op$  is in  $n.\text{blocks}[i]$  then there is no  $j \neq i$  such that  $op$  is in  $n.\text{blocks}[j]$ .*



*Proof.* We prove this claim using Lemma 7. Assume  $op$  is in the subblocks of both  $n.blocks[i]$  and  $n.blocks[j]$ . From Corollary 7 we know that the subblocks of these blocks are different, so there are two leaf blocks containing  $op$ . Since each process puts each operation in only one block of its leaf then  $op$  cannot be in two leaf blocks. This is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Definition 12.**  $n.blocks[i]$  is *established* at time  $t$  if  $n.head > i$ . An operation is *established* in node  $n$  if it is in an established block of  $n$ .  $EST_t^n$  is the set of established operations in node  $n$  at time  $t$ .

Now we want to say the blocks of a node grow over time.

**Observation 13.** If time  $t < \text{time } t'$  ( $t$  is before  $t'$ ), then  $ops(n.blocks)$  at time  $t$  is a subset of  $ops(n.blocks)$  at time  $t'$ .

*Proof.* Blocks are only appended (not modified) with CAS to  $n.blocks[n.head]$ , so the set of blocks of a node after the CAS contains the the set of blocks before the CAS.  $\square$

**Corollary 14.** If time  $t < \text{time } t'$ , then  $EST_n^t \subseteq EST_n^{t'}$ .

*Proof.* From Observations 2, 13.  $\square$

## 5.2 Ordering Operations

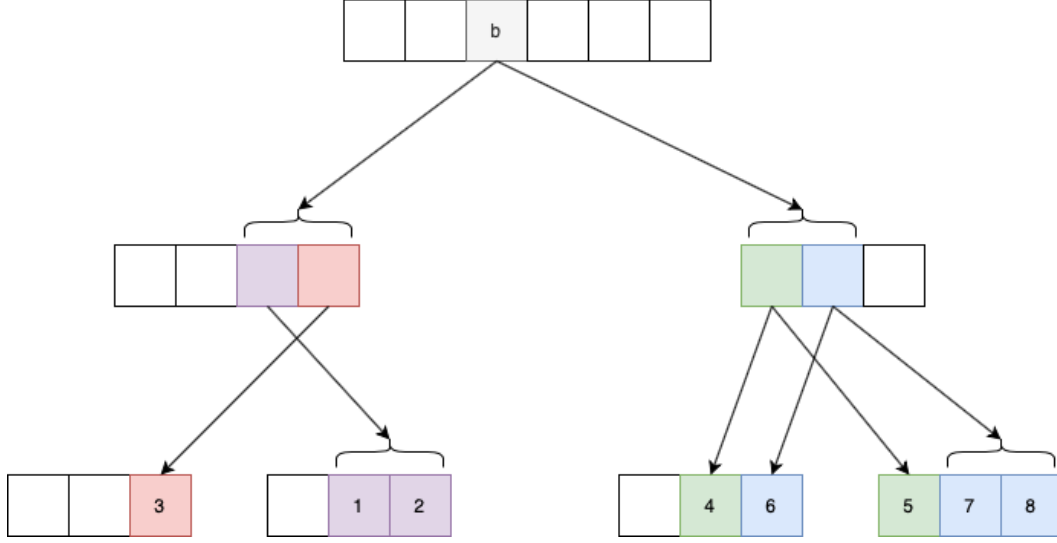


Figure 12: Order of operations in  $b$ . Operations in the leaves are ordered with numerical order shown in the drawing.

Now we define the ordering of operations stored in each node. In the non-root nodes we only need to order operations of a type among themselves. Processes are numbered from 1 to  $p$  and leaves of the tree are assigned from left to right. We will show in Lemma 28 that there is at most one operation from each process in a given block.

**Definition 15** (Ordering of operations inside the nodes).

- $E(n, b)$  is the sequence of enqueue operations in  $ops(n.blocks[b])$  defined recursively as follows.  
 $E(leaf, b)$  is the single enqueue operation in  $ops(leaf.blocks[b])$  or an empty sequence if  $leaf.blocks[b]$  represents a dequeue operation. If  $n$  is an internal node, then

$$E(n, b) = E(n.left, n.blocks[b-1].end_{left} + 1) \cdots E(n.left, n.blocks[b].end_{left}) \cdot \\ E(n.right, n.blocks[b-1].end_{right} + 1) \cdots E(n.right, n.blocks[b].end_{right}).$$

- $E_i(n, b)$  is the  $i$ th enqueue in  $E(n, b)$ .
- The order of the enqueue operations in the node  $n$  is  $E(n) = E(n, 1) \cdot E(n, 2) \cdot E(n, 3) \cdots$
- $E_i(n)$  is the  $i$ th enqueue in  $E(n)$ .

- $D(n, b)$  is the sequence of dequeue operations in  $ops(n.blocks[b])$  defined recursively as follows.  
 $D(leaf, b)$  is the single dequeue operation in  $ops(leaf.blocks[b])$  or an empty sequence if  $leaf.blocks[b]$  represents an enqueue operation. If  $n$  is an internal node, then

$$D(n, b) = D(n.left, n.blocks[b-1].end_{left} + 1) \cdots D(n.left, n.blocks[b].end_{left}) \cdot \\ D(n.right, n.blocks[b-1].end_{right} + 1) \cdots D(n.right, n.blocks[b].end_{right}).$$

- $D_i(n, b)$  is the  $i$ th enqueue in  $D(n, b)$ .
- The order of the dequeue operations in the node  $n$  is  $D(n) = D(n, 1) \cdot D(n, 2) \cdot D(n, 3) \dots$
- $D_i(n)$  is the  $i$ th dequeue in  $D(n)$ .

The linearization ordering is given by the order that operations appear in the blocks in the root.

**Definition 16** (Linearization).

$$L = E(root, 1) \cdot D(root, 1) \cdot E(root, 2) \cdot D(root, 2) \cdot E(root, 3) \cdot D(root, 3) \cdots$$

**Observation 17.** For any node  $n$  and indices  $i < j$  of blocks in  $n$ , we have

$$n.blocks[j].sum_x - n.blocks[i].sum_x = \sum_{k=i+1}^j n.blocks[k].num_x$$

where  $x$  in  $\{\text{enq}, \text{deq}, \text{enq-left}, \text{enq-right}, \text{deq-left}, \text{deq-right}\}$ .

Next claim is also true if we replace  $\text{enq}$  with  $\text{deq}$  and  $E$  with  $D$ .

**Lemma 18.** Let  $B, B'$  be  $n.blocks[b], n.blocks[b-1]$  respectively.

- (1) If  $n$  is an internal node  $B.num_{\text{enq-left}} = \left| E(n.left, B'.end_{left} + 1) \cdots E(n.left, B.end_{left}) \right|$ .
- (2) If  $n$  is an internal node  $B.num_{\text{enq-right}} = \left| E(n.right, B'.end_{right} + 1) \cdots E(n.right, B.end_{right}) \right|$ .
- (3)  $B.num_{\text{enq}} = \left| E(n, b) \right|$ .

*Proof.* We prove the claim by induction on height of node  $n$ . Base case (3) for leaves is trivial. Supposing

the claim is true for  $n$ 's children, we prove the correctness of the claim for  $n$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
B.\text{num}_{\text{enq-left}} &= B.\text{sum}_{\text{enq-left}} - B'.\text{sum}_{\text{enq-left}} && \text{Definition of num}_{\text{enq}} \\
&= B'.\text{sum}_{\text{enq-left}} + n.\text{left.blocks}[B.\text{end}_{\text{left}}].\text{sum}_{\text{enq}} \\
&\quad - n.\text{left.blocks}[B'.\text{end}_{\text{left}}].\text{sum}_{\text{enq}} - B'.\text{sum}_{\text{enq-left}} && \text{CreateBlock} \\
&= n.\text{left.blocks}[B.\text{end}_{\text{left}}].\text{sum}_{\text{enq}} - n.\text{left.blocks}[B'.\text{end}_{\text{left}}].\text{sum}_{\text{enq}} \\
&= \sum_{i=B'.\text{end}_{\text{left}}+1}^{B.\text{end}_{\text{left}}} n.\text{left.blocks}[i].\text{num}_{\text{enq}} && \text{Observation 17} \\
&= \left| E(n.\text{left}, B'.\text{end}_{\text{left}} + 1) \cdots E(n.\text{left}, B.\text{end}_{\text{left}}) \right| && \text{Induction hypothesis (3)}
\end{aligned}$$

The last line holds because of the induction hypothesis (3). (2) is similar to (1). Now we prove (3) starting from the Definition of  $E(n, b)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
E(n, b) &= E(n.\text{left}, n.\text{blocks}[b-1].\text{end}_{\text{left}} + 1) \cdots E(n.\text{left}, n.\text{blocks}[b].\text{end}_{\text{left}}) \cdot \\
&\quad E(n.\text{right}, n.\text{blocks}[b-1].\text{end}_{\text{right}} + 1) \cdots E(n.\text{right}, n.\text{blocks}[b].\text{end}_{\text{right}}).
\end{aligned}$$

By (1) and (2) we have  $\left| E(n, b) \right| = B.\text{num}_{\text{enq-left}} + B.\text{num}_{\text{enq-right}} = B.\text{num}_{\text{enq}}$ . □

Next claim is also true if we replace **enq** with **deq** and  $E$  with  $D$ .

**Corollary 19.** *Let  $B$  be  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$  and **enq** be in  $\{\text{enq}, \text{deq}\}$ .*

- (1) *If  $n$  is an internal node  $B.\text{sum}_{\text{enq-left}} = \left| E(n.\text{left}, 1) \cdots E(n.\text{left}, B.\text{end}_{\text{left}}) \right|$*
- (2) *If  $n$  is an internal node  $B.\text{sum}_{\text{enq-right}} = \left| E(n.\text{right}, 1) \cdots E(n.\text{right}, B.\text{end}_{\text{right}}) \right|$*
- (3)  *$B.\text{sum}_{\text{enq}} = \left| E(n, 1) \cdot E(n, 2) \cdots E(n, b) \right|$*

### 5.3 Propagating Operations to the Root

In this section we explain why two **Refreshes** are enough to propagate a nodes operations to its parent.

**Definition 20.** Let  $t^{op}$  be the time  $op$  is invoked,  $^{op}t$  be the time  $op$  terminates,  $t_l^{op}$  be the time immediately before running Line  $l$  of operation  $op$  and  $^{op}_l t$  be the time immediately after running Line  $l$  of operation  $op$ . We sometimes suppress  $op$  and write  $t_l$  or  $_l t$  if  $op$  is clear in the context. In the text  $v_l$  is the value of variable  $v$  immediately after line  $l$  for the process we are talking about and  $v_t$  is the value of variable  $v$  at time  $t$ .

**Definition 21** (Successful Refresh). An instance of **Refresh** is *successful* if its **CAS** in Line 320 returns **true**. If a successful instance of **Refresh** terminates, we say it is *complete*.

In the next two results we show for every successful **Refresh**, all the operations established in the children before the **Refresh** are in the parent after the **Refresh**'s successful **CAS** at Line 320.

**Lemma 22.** *If  $R$  is a successful instance of  $n$ .Refresh, then we have  $EST_{n.\text{left}}^{t^R} \cup EST_{n.\text{right}}^{t^R} \subseteq ops(n.\text{blocks}_{320})$ .*

*Proof.* We show

$$\begin{aligned} EST_{n.\text{left}}^{t^R} &= ops(n.\text{left.blocks}[0..n.\text{left.head}_{309} - 1]) \\ &\subseteq ops(n.\text{blocks}_{320}) = ops(n.\text{blocks}[0..n.\text{head}_{320}]). \end{aligned}$$

Line 320 stores a block **new** in  $n$  that has  $\text{end}_{\text{left}} = n.\text{left.head}_{335} - 1$ . Therefore, by Definition 5, after the successful **CAS** in Line 320 we know all blocks in  $n.\text{left.blocks}[1 \dots n.\text{left.head}_{335} - 1]$  are subblocks of  $n.\text{blocks}[1 \dots n.\text{head}_{310}]$ . Because of Lemma 2 we have  $n.\text{left.head}_{309} - 1 < n.\text{left.head}_{335} - 1$  and  $n.\text{head}_{310} < n.\text{head}_{320}$ . From Observation 13 the claim follows. The proof for the right child is the same.  $\square$

**Corollary 23.** *If  $R$  is a complete instance  $n$ .Refresh, then we have  $EST_{n.\text{left}}^{t^R} \cup EST_{n.\text{right}}^{t^R} \subseteq EST_n^{Rt}$ .*

*Proof.* The left hand side is the same as Lemma 22, so it is sufficient to show when  $R$  terminates the established blocks in  $n$  are a superset of  $n.\text{blocks}_{320}$ . Line 320 writes the block **new** in  $n.\text{blocks}[h]$  where  $h$  is value of  $n.\text{head}$  read at Line 310. Because of Lemma 3 we are sure that  $n.\text{head} > h$  when  $R$  terminates. So the block **new** appended to  $n$  at Line 320 is established at  $^R t$ .  $\square$

In the next lemma we show that if two consecutive instances of **Refresh** by the same process on node  $n$  fail, then the blocks established in the children of  $n$  before the first **Refresh** are guaranteed to be in  $n$  after the second **Refresh**.

**Lemma 24.** *Consider two consecutive terminating instances  $R_1, R_2$  of **Refresh** on internal node  $n$  by process  $p$ . If neither  $R_1$  nor  $R_2$  is a successful **Refresh**, then we have  $EST_{n.\text{left}}^{t^{R_1}} \cup EST_{n.\text{right}}^{t^{R_1}} \subseteq EST_n^{R_2 t}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $R_1$  read  $i$  from  $n.\text{head}$  at Line 310. By Lemma 3,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  both cannot read the same value  $i$ . By Observation 2,  $R_2$  reads a larger value of  $n.\text{head}$  than  $R_1$ .

Consider the case where  $R_1$  reads  $i$  and  $R_2$  reads  $i + 1$  from Line 310. As  $R_2$ 's CAS in Line 320 returns **false**, there is another successful instance  $R'_2$  of  $n.\text{Refresh}$  that has done a CAS successfully into  $n.\text{blocks}[i + 1]$  before  $R_2$  tries to CAS.  $R'_2$  creates its block **new** after reading the value  $i + 1$  from  $n.\text{head}$  (Line 310) and  $R_1$  reads the value  $i$  from  $n.\text{head}$ . By Observation 2 we have  $R_1 t < t_{310}^{R_1} < t_{310}^{R'_2}$  (see Figure 13). By Lemma 23 we have  $EST_{R'_2 t}^{n.\text{left}} \cup EST_{R'_2 t}^{n.\text{right}} \subseteq ops(n.\text{blocks}_{t_{320}^{R'_2}})$ . Also by Lemma 3 on  $R_2$ , the value of  $n.\text{head}$  is more than  $i + 1$  after  $R_2$  terminates, so the block appended by  $R'_2$  to  $n$  is established by the time  $R_2$  terminates. To summarize,  $R_1 t$  is before  $R'_2$ 's read of  $n.\text{head}$  ( $t_{310}^{R'_2}$ ) and  $R'_2$ 's successful CAS ( $t_{320}^{R'_2}$ ) is before  $R_2$ 's termination ( $t^{R_2}$ ), so by Observation and Lemma 3 we have  $EST_{n.\text{left}}^{t^{R_1}} \cup EST_{n.\text{right}}^{t^{R_1}} \subseteq ops(n.\text{blocks}_{t_{320}^{R'_2}}) \subseteq EST_n^{R_2 t}$ .

If  $R_2$  reads some value greater than  $i + 1$  in Line 310 it means  $n.\text{head}$  has been incremented more than two times since  $R_1 t$ . By Lemma 4, when  $n.\text{head}$  is incremented from  $i + 1$  to  $i + 2$ ,  $n.\text{blocks}[i + 1]$  is non-null. Let  $R_3$  be the **Refresh** on  $n$  that has put the block in  $n.\text{blocks}[i + 1]$ .  $R_3$  read  $n.\text{head} = i + 1$  at Line 310 and has put its block in  $n.\text{blocks}[i + 1]$  before  $R_2$ 's read of  $n.\text{head}$  at Line 310. So we have  $t^{R_1} <_{310}^{R_3} t <_{320}^{R_3} t < t_{310}^{R_2} <_2^R t$ . From Observation 13 on the operations before and after  $R_3$ 's CAS and Lemmas 22, 3 on  $R_3$  the claim holds.  $\square$

**Corollary 25.**  $EST_{n.\text{left}}^{302t} \cup EST_{n.\text{right}}^{302t} \subseteq EST_n^{t_{303}}$

*Proof.* If the first **Refresh** in line 302 returns **true** then by Lemma 23 the claim holds. If the first **Refresh** failed and the second **Refresh** succeeded the claim still holds by Lemma 23. Otherwise both failed and the claim is satisfied by Lemma 24.  $\square$

Now we show that after **Append**( $b$ ) on a leaf finishes, the operation contained in  $b$  will be established in **root**.

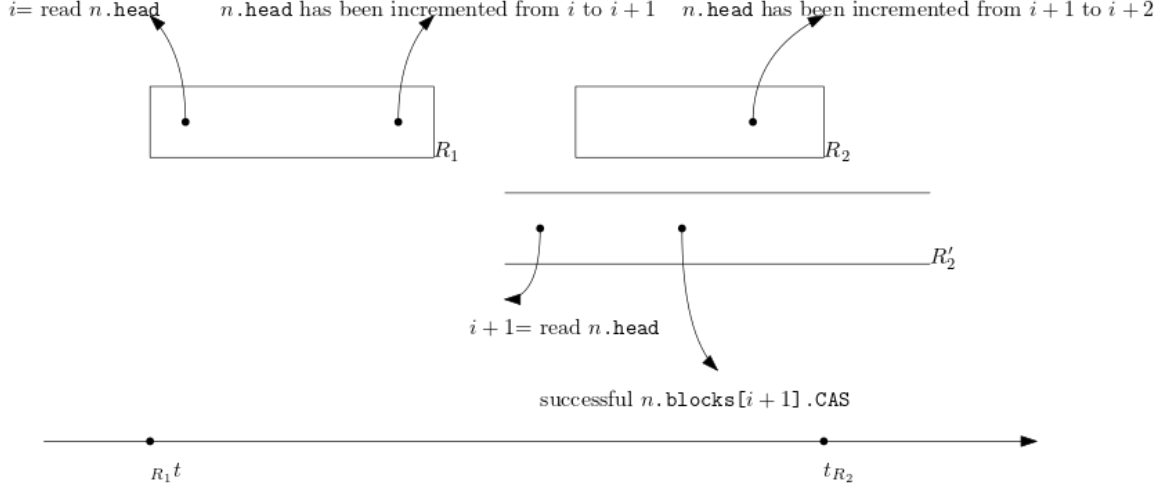


Figure 13:  $R_1t < t_{310}^{R_1} < \text{incrementing } n.\text{head} \text{ from } i \text{ to } i + 1 < t_{310}^{R'_2} < t_{320}^{R'_2} < \text{incrementing } n.\text{head} \text{ from } i + 1 \text{ to } i + 2 < t_{R_2}$

**Corollary 26.** For  $A = l.\text{Append}(b)$  we have  $\text{ops}(b) \subseteq \text{EST}_n^{t^A}$  for each node  $n$  in the path from  $l$  to root.

*Proof.*  $A$  adds  $b$  to the assigned leaf of the process, establishes it at Line 603 and then calls **Propagate** on the parent of the leaf where it appended  $b$ . For every node  $n$ ,  $n.\text{Propagate}$  appends  $b$  to  $n$ , establishes it in  $n$  by Corollary 25 and then calls  $n.\text{parent}.\text{Propagate}$  until  $n$  is root.  $\square$

**Corollary 27.** After  $l.\text{Append}(b)$  finishes,  $b$  is subblock of exactly one block in each node along the path from  $l$  to the root.

*Proof.* By the previous corollary and Lemma 27 there is exactly one block in each node containing  $b$ .  $\square$

## 5.4 Correctness of GetEnqueue

First we prove some claims about the size and operations of a block. These lemmas will be used later for the correctness and analysis of `GetEnqueue()`.

**Lemma 28.** *Each block contains at most one operation of each process, and therefore at most  $p$  operations in total.*

*Proof.* To derive a contradiction, assume there are two operations  $op_1$  and  $op_2$  of process  $p$  in block  $b$  in node  $n$ . Without loss of generality  $op_1$  is invoked earlier than  $op_2$ . Process  $p$  cannot invoke more than one operation concurrently, so  $op_1$  has to be finished before  $op_2$  begins. By Corollary 27, before  $op_2$  calls `Append`,  $op_1$  exists in every node of the tree on the path from  $p$ 's leaf to the root. Since  $b$  contains  $op_2$ , it must be created after  $op_2$  is invoked. This means there is some block  $b'$  before  $b$  in  $n$  containing  $op_1$ . The existence of  $op_1$  in  $b$  and  $b'$  contradicts Lemma 11.  $\square$

**Lemma 29.** *Each block has at most  $p$  direct subblocks.*

*Proof.* The claim follows directly from Lemma 28 and the observation that each block appended to an internal node contains at least one operation, due to the test on Line 318. We can also see the blocks in the leaves have exactly one operation in the `Enqueue` and `Dequeue` routines.  $\square$

`DSearch( $e$ ,  $end$ )` returns a pair  $\langle b, i \rangle$  such that the  $i$ th `Enqueue` in the  $b$ th block of the root is the  $e$ th `Enqueue` in the entire sequence stored in the root.

**Lemma 30** (DSearch Correctness). *If  $\text{root.blocks}[end] \neq \text{null}$  and  $1 \leq e \leq \text{root.blocks}[end].\text{sum}_{\text{enq}}$ , `DSearch( $e$ ,  $end$ )` returns  $\langle b, i \rangle$  such that  $E_i(\text{root}, b) = E_e(\text{root})$ .*

*Proof.* From Lines 340 and 341 we know the `sumenq-left` and `sumenq-right` fields of `blocks` in each node are sorted in non-decreasing order. Since `sumenq = sumenq-left + sumenq-right`, the `sumenq` values of `root.blocks[0..end]` are also non-decreasing. Furthermore, since `root.blocks[0].sumenq = 0` and `root.blocks[end].sumenq ≥  $e$` , there is a  $b$  such that `root.blocks[b].sumenq ≥  $e$`  and `root.blocks[b-1].sumenq <  $e$`  by Lemma 19. Block `root.blocks[b]` contains  $E_i(\text{root}, b)$ . Lines 802–805 doubles the search range in Line 804 and will eventually reach `start` such that `root.blocks[start].sumenq ≤  $e$  ≤ root.blocks[end].sumenq`. Then, in Line 806, the binary search finds the  $b$  such that `root.blocks[b-1].sumenq <  $e$  ≤ root.blocks[b].sumenq`. By Corollary 19, `root.blocks[b]` is the block that contains  $E_e(\text{root})$ . Finally  $i$  is computed using the definition of `sumenq` and Corollary 19.  $\square$



**Lemma 31** (GetEnqueue correctness). *If  $1 \leq i \leq n.\text{blocks}[b].\text{num}_{\text{enq}}$  then  $n.\text{GetEnqueue}(b, i)$  returns  $E_i(n, b).\text{element}$ .*

*Proof.* We are going to prove this lemma by induction on the height of node  $n$ . For the base case, suppose  $n$  is a leaf. Leaf blocks each contain exactly one operation,  $n.\text{blocks}[b].\text{sum}_{\text{enq}} \leq 1$ , which means only  $n.\text{GetEnqueue}(b, 1)$  can be called when  $n$  is a leaf. Line 403 of  $n.\text{GetEnqueue}(b, 1)$  returns the `element` of the `Enqueue` operation stored in the  $b$ th block of leaf  $n$ , as required.

For the induction step we prove if  $n.\text{child}.\text{GetEnqueue}(b', i)$  returns  $E_i(n.\text{child}, b')$  then  $n.\text{GetEnqueue}(b, i)$  returns  $E_i(n, b)$ . From Definition 15 of  $E(n, b)$ , so operations from the left subblocks come before the operations from the right subblocks in a block (see Figure 14). By Observation 18, the  $\text{num}_{\text{enq-left}}$  field in  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$  is the number of `Enqueue` operations from the blocks's subblocks in the left child of  $n$ . So the  $i$ th `Enqueue` operation in  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$  is propagated from the right child if and only if  $i$  is greater than  $n.\text{blocks}[b].\text{num}_{\text{enq-left}}$ . Line 404 decides whether the  $i$ th enqueue in the  $b$ th block of internal node  $n$  is in the left child or right child subblocks of  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$ . By Definitions 5 and 10 to find an operation in the subblocks of  $n.\text{blocks}[i]$  we need to search in the range

$$\begin{aligned} & n.\text{left}.\text{blocks}[n.\text{blocks}[i-1].\text{end}_{\text{left}}+1..n.\text{blocks}[i].\text{end}_{\text{left}}] \text{ or} \\ & n.\text{right}.\text{blocks}[n.\text{blocks}[i-1].\text{end}_{\text{right}}+1..n.\text{blocks}[i].\text{end}_{\text{right}}]. \end{aligned}$$

First we consider the case where the `Enqueue` we are looking for is in the left child. There are  $eb = n.\text{blocks}[b-1].\text{sum}_{\text{enq-left}}$  `Enqueues` in the blocks of  $n.\text{left}$  before the left subblocks of  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$ , so  $E_i(n, b)$  is  $E_{i+eb}(n.\text{left})$  which is  $E_{i'}(n.\text{left}, b')$  for some  $b'$  and  $i'$ . We can compute  $b'$  and then search for the  $i + eb$ th enqueue in  $n.\text{left}$ , where  $i'$  is  $i + eb - n.\text{left}.\text{blocks}[b'-1].\text{sum}_{\text{enq}}$ . The parameters in Line 405 are for searching  $E_{i+eb}(n.\text{left})$  in  $n.\text{left}.\text{blocks}$  in the range of left subblocks of  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$ , so this `BinarySearch` returns the index of the subblock containing  $E_i(n, b)$ .

Otherwise, the enqueue we are looking for is in the right child. Because `Enqueues` from the left subblocks are ordered before the `Enqueues` from the right subblocks, there are  $n.\text{blocks}[b].\text{num}_{\text{enq-left}}$  enqueues ahead of  $E_i(n, b)$  from the left child. So we need to search for  $i - n.\text{blocks}[b].\text{num}_{\text{enq-left}} + n.\text{blocks}[b-1].\text{sum}_{\text{enq-right}}$  in the right child (Line 409). Other parameters for the right child are chosen similarly to the left child.

So, in both cases the direct subblock containing  $E_i(n, b)$  is computed in Line 405 or 409. Finally,  $n.\text{child}.\text{GetEnqueue}(\text{subblock}, i)$  is invoked on the subblock containing  $E_i(n, b)$  and it returns  $E_i(n, b).\text{element}$

by the hypothesis of the induction. □

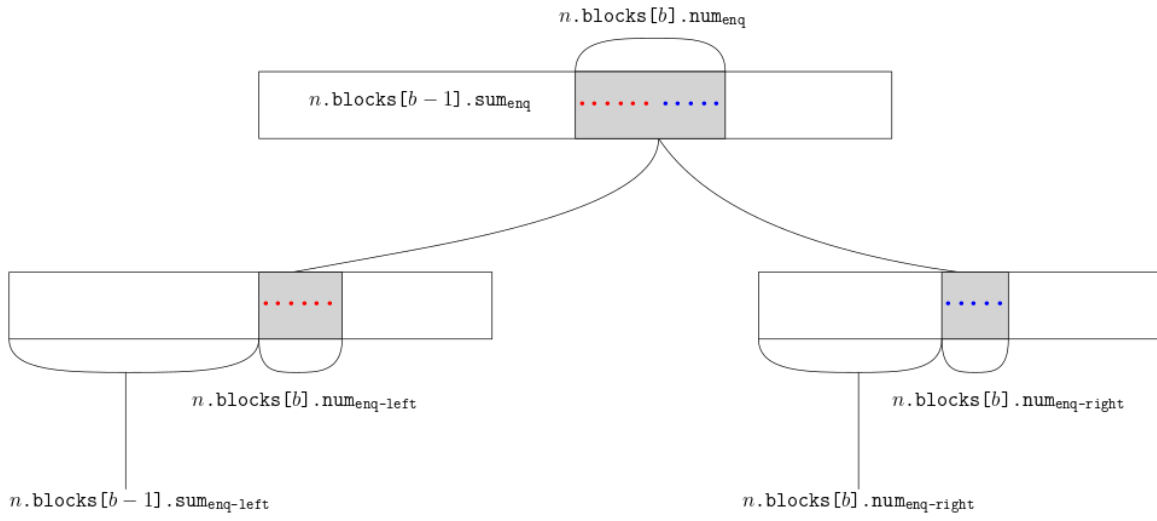


Figure 14: The number and ordering of the enqueue operations propagated from the left and the right child to  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$ . Both  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$  and its subblocks are shown in grey. **Enqueue** operations from the left subblocks (colored red), are ordered before the **Enqueue** operations from the right child (colored blue).

## 5.5 Correctness of IndexDequeue

The next few results show that the `super` field of a block is accurate within one of the actual index of the block's superblock in the parent node. Then we explain how it is used to compute the rank of a given Dequeue in the root.

**Definition 32.** If a `Refresh` instance  $R_1$  does its `CAS` at Line 320 earlier than `Refresh` instance  $R_2$  we say  $R_1$  has *happened before*  $R_2$ .

**Observation 33.** After  $n.\text{blocks}[i].\text{CAS}(\text{null}, B)$  succeeds,  $n.\text{head}$  cannot increase from  $i$  to  $i + 1$  until  $B.\text{super}$  is set.

*Proof.* From Observation 2 we know the  $n.\text{head}$  changes only by the increment on Line 327. Before an instance of `Advance` increments  $n.\text{head}$  on Line 327, Line 326 ensures that  $n.\text{blocks}[\text{head}].\text{super}$  was set at Line 326. □

**Corollary 34.** If  $n.\text{blocks}[i].\text{super}$  is `null`, then  $n.\text{head} \leq i$  and  $n.\text{blocks}[i + 1]$  is `null`.

*Proof.* By Lemma 4 and Observation 33. □

Now let us consider how the `Refreshes` that took place on the parent of node  $n$  after block  $B$  was stored in  $n$  will help to set  $B.\text{super}$  and propagate  $B$  to the parent.

**Observation 35.** If the block created by an instance  $R_p$  of  $n.\text{parent.Refresh}$  contains block  $B = n.\text{blocks}[b]$  then  $R_p$  reads a value greater than  $b$  from  $n.\text{head}$  in Line 335.

**Lemma 36.** If  $B = n.\text{blocks}[b]$  is a direct subblock of  $n.\text{parent.blocks}[sb]$  then  $B.\text{super} \leq sb$ .

*Proof.* Let  $R_p$  be the instance of  $n.\text{parent.Refresh}$  that stores  $n.\text{parent.blocks}[sb]$ . By 35 if  $R_p$  propagates  $B$  it has to read a greater value than  $b$  from  $n.\text{head}$ , which means  $n.\text{head}$  was incremented from  $b$  to  $b + 1$  in Line 327. By Observation 33  $B.\text{super}$  was already set in Line 326. The value written in  $B.\text{super}$  was read in Line 325, before the `CAS` that sets  $B.\text{super}$ . From Observation 2 we know  $n.\text{parent.head}$  is non-decreasing so  $B.\text{super} \leq sb$ , since  $n.\text{parent.head}$  is still equal to  $sb$  when  $R_p$  executes its `CAS` at Line 320 by Invariant 6. The reader may wonder when the case  $b.\text{super} = sb$  happens. This can happen when  $n.\text{parent.blocks}[B.\text{super}] = \text{null}$  when  $B.\text{super}$  is written and  $R_p$  puts its created block into  $n.\text{parent.blocks}[B.\text{super}]$  afterwards. □

**Lemma 37.** *Let  $R_n$  be a Refresh that puts  $B$  in  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$  at Line 320. Then, the block created by one of the next two successful  $n.\text{parent.Refresh}$ es according to Definition 32 contains  $B$  and  $B.\text{super}$  is set when the second successful  $n.\text{parent.Refresh}$  reaches Line 317.*

*Proof.* Let  $R_{p1}$  be the first successful  $n.\text{parent.Refresh}$  after  $R_n$  and  $R_{p2}$  be the second next successful  $n.\text{parent.Refresh}$ . To derive a contradiction assume  $B$  was not propagated to  $n.\text{parent}$  by  $R_{p1}$  nor by  $R_{p2}$ .

Since  $R_{p2}$ 's created block does not contain  $B$ , by Observation 35 the value  $R_{p2}$  reads from  $n.\text{head}$  in Line 335 is at most  $b$ . From Observation 2 the value  $R_{p2}$  reads in Line 312 is also at most  $b$ .

$R_n$  puts  $B$  into  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$  so  $R_n$  reads the value  $b$  from  $n.\text{head}$ . Since  $R_{p2}$ 's CAS into  $n.\text{parent.blocks}$  is successful there should be a Refresh instance  $R'_p$  on  $n.\text{parent}$  that increments  $n.\text{parent}$  (Line 327) after  $R_{p1}$ 's Line 320 and before  $R_{p2}$ 's Line 310. We assumed  $t_{320}^{R_n} < t_{320}^{R_{p1}} < t_{320}^{R_{p2}}$  by Definition 32. Finally, Line 312 is after Line 310 and  $R_{p2}$ 's 310 is after  $R'_p$ 's Line 327, which is after  $R_n$ 's  $n.\text{blocks.CAS}$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} R_n t_{320} <_{R_{p1}} t \\ R_{p1} t_{320} <_{R_{p'}} t <_{R_{p2}} t \\ R_{p2} t_{310} <_{R_{p2}} t \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow R_n t_{320} <_{R_{p2}} t$$

So  $R_{p2}$  reads a value greater than or equal to  $b$  for  $n.\text{head}$  by Lemma 2.

Therefore  $R_{p2}$  reads  $n.\text{head} = b$ .  $R_{p2}$  calls  $n.\text{Advance}$  at Line Line 314, which ensures  $n.\text{head}$  is incremented from  $b$ . So the value  $R_{p2}$  reads in Line 335 of **CreateBlock** is greater than  $b$  and  $R_{p2}$ 's created block contains  $B$ . This is contradiction with our hypothesis.

Furthermore, if  $B.\text{super}$  was not set earlier it is set by  $R_{p2}$  call to  $n.\text{Advance}$  invoked from Line 314. □

**Corollary 38.** *If  $B = n.\text{blocks}[b]$  is propagated to  $n.\text{parent}$ , then  $B.\text{super}$  is equal to or one less than the index of the superblock of  $B$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $R_n$  be the  $n.\text{Refresh}$  that put  $B$  in  $n.\text{blocks}$  and let  $R_{p1}$  be the first successful  $n.\text{parent.Refresh}$  after  $R_n$  and  $R_{p2}$  be the second next successful  $n.\text{parent.Refresh}$ . Before  $B$  can be propagated to  $n$ 's parent,  $n.\text{head}$  must be greater than  $b$ , so by Observation 33  $B.\text{super}$  is set. From thr previous Lemma we know that  $B$  is propagated by second next successful Refresh's CAS on  $n.\text{parent.blocks}$ . To summarize we have  $n.\text{parent.head}_{R_{p2} t_{320}} = n.\text{parent.head}_{R_{p1} t_{320}} + 1$  and by Definition 32 and Observation 2

$n.\text{parent}.\text{head}_{\frac{R_{p^1}}{320}t} \leq n.\text{parent}.\text{head}_{\frac{R_n}{320}t}$ . The value that is set in  $B.\text{super}$  is read from  $n.\text{parent}.\text{head}$  after  $\frac{R_n}{320}t$ . So  $B.\text{super}$  is equal to or one less than the index of the superblock of  $B$ .  $\square$

Now using Corollary 38 on each step of the `IndexDequeue` we prove its correctness.

**Lemma 39** (`IndexDequeue` correctness). *If  $1 \leq i \leq n.\text{blocks}[b].\text{num}_{\text{deq}}$  then  $n.\text{IndexDequeue}(b, i)$  returns  $\langle x, y \rangle$  such that  $D_i(n, b) = D_y(\text{root}, x)$ .*

*Proof.* We will prove this by induction on the distance of  $n$  from the `root`. The base case where  $n$  is `root` is trivial (see Line 415). For the non-root nodes  $n.\text{IndexDequeue}(b, i)$  computes  $sb$ , the index of the superblock of the  $b$ th block in  $n$ , in Line 418 by Corollary 38. After that, the position of  $D_i(n, b)$  in  $D(n.\text{parent}, sb)$  is computed in Lines 419–424. By Definition 15, `Dequeues` in a block are ordered based on the order of its subblocks from left to right. If  $D_i(n, b)$  was propagated from the left child, the number of dequeues in the left subblocks of  $n.\text{parent}.\text{blocks}[sb]$  before  $n.\text{blocks}[b]$  is considered in Line 420 (see Figure 15). Otherwise, if  $D_i(n, b)$  was propagated from the right child, the number of dequeues in the subblocks from the left child is considered to be ahead of the computed index (Line 421) (see Figure 16). Finally `IndexDequeue` is called on  $n.\text{parent}$  recursively and it returns the correct response by induction hypothesis.  $\square$

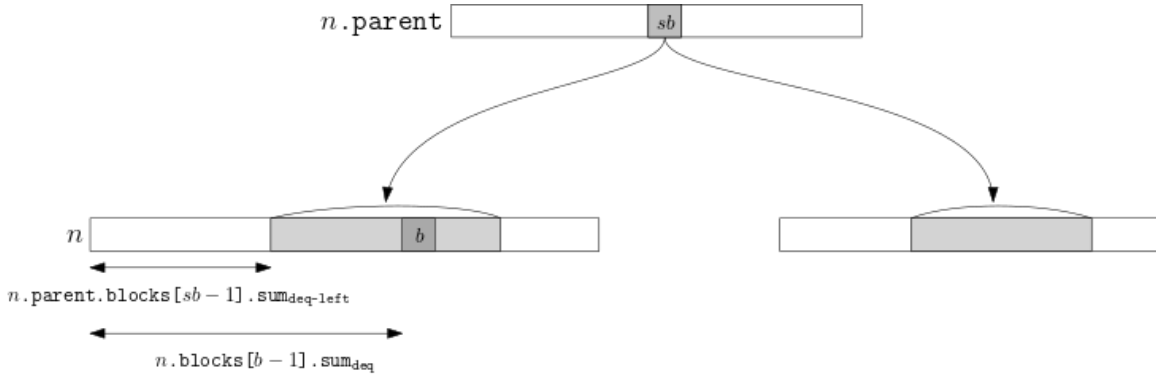


Figure 15: The number of `Dequeue` operations before  $E_i(n, b)$  shown in the case where  $n$  is a left child.

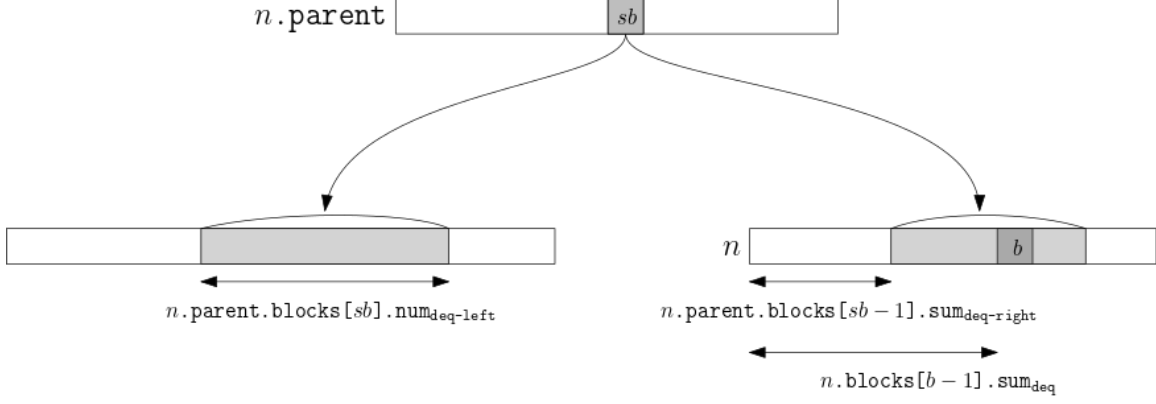


Figure 16: The number of **Dequeue** operations before  $E_i(n, b)$  shown in the case where  $n$  is a right child.

## 5.6 Linearizability

We now prove the two properties needed for linearizability.

**Lemma 40.**  *$L$  is a legal linearization ordering.*

*Proof.* We must show that, every operation that terminates is in  $L$  exactly once and if  $op_1$  terminates before  $op_2$  starts in execution then  $op_1$  is before  $op_2$  in the linearization. The first claim is directly reasoned from Lemma 27. For the latter, if  $op_1$  terminates before  $op_2$  starts,  $op_1$ .**Append** has terminated before  $op_2$ .**Append** started. From Lemma 26,  $op_1$  is in **root.blocks** before  $op_2$  starts to propagate. By definition of  $L$ ,  $op_1$  is linearized before  $op_2$ .  $\square$

Once some operations are aggregated in one block, they will get propagated up to the root together and they can be linearized in any order among themselves. We have chosen to put **Enqueues** in a block before **Edequeues** (see Definition 15).

**Definition 41.** If a **Dequeue** operation returns null it is called a *null Dequeue*, otherwise it is called *non-null Dequeue*.

Next we define the responses that **Dequeues** should return, according to the linearization.

**Definition 42.** Assume the operations in **root.blocks** are applied sequentially on an empty queue in the order of  $L$ .  $Resp(d) = e.element$  if the element of **Enqueue**  $e$  is the response to **Dequeue**  $d$ . Otherwise if  $d$  is a null dequeue then  $Resp(d) = null$ .

In the next lemma we show that the **size** field in each **root block** is computed correctly.

**Lemma 43.** `root.blocks[b].size` is the size of the queue if the operations in `root.blocks[0...b]` are applied in the order of  $L$ .

*Proof.* We prove the claim by induction on  $b$ . The base case when  $b = 0$  is trivial since the queue is initially empty and `root.blocks[0].size` = 0. We are going to show the correctness when  $b = i$  assuming correctness when  $b = i - 1$ . By Definition 15 **Enqueue** operations come before **Dequeue** operations in a block. By Lemma 18 `numenq` and `numdeq` fields in a block show the number of **Enqueue** and **Dequeue** operations in it. If there are more than `root.blocks[i - 1].size + root.blocks[i].numenq` dequeue operations in `root.blocks[i]` then the queue would become empty after `root.blocks[i]`. Otherwise the size of the queue after the  $b$ th block in the root is `root.blocks[b - 1].size + root.blocks[b].numenq - root.blocks[b].numdeq`. In both cases, this is same as the assignment on Line 344.  $\square$

The next lemma is useful to compute the number of non-null dequeues.

**Lemma 44.** If operations in the root are applied with the order of  $L$ , the number of non-null **Dequeues** in `root.blocks[0...b]` is `root.blocks[b].sumenq - root.blocks[b].size`.

*Proof.* There are `root.blocks[b].sumenq` enqueue operations in `root.blocks[0...b]`. The size of the queue after doing `root.blocks[0...b]` in order  $L$  is the number of *enqueues* in `root.blocks[0...b]` minus the number of *non-null Dequeues* in `root.blocks[0...b]`. By the correctness of the `size` field from Lemma 43 and `sumenq` field from Lemma 18, the number of *non-null Dequeues* is `root.blocks[b].sumenq - root.blocks[b].size`.  $\square$

**Corollary 45.** If operations in the root are applied with the order of  $L$ , the number of non-null dequeues in `root.blocks[b]` is `root.blocks[b].numenq - root.blocks[b].size + root.blocks[b - 1].size`.

**Lemma 46.**  $\text{Resp}(D_i(\text{root}, b))$  is null iff `root.blocks[b - 1].size + root.blocks[b].numenq - i` < 0.

*Proof.* From Corollary 45 and Lemma 18.  $\square$

**Lemma 47.** `FindResponse(b, i)` returns  $\text{Resp}(D_i(\text{root}, b))$ .

*Proof.*  $D_i(\text{root}, b)$  is  $D_{\text{root.blocks}[b-1].\text{sum}_{\text{deq}}+i}(\text{root})$  by Definition 15 and Lemma 19.  $D_i(\text{root}, b)$  returns null at Line 220 if `root.blocks[b - 1].size + root.blocks[b].numenq - i` < 0 and  $\text{Resp}(D_i(\text{root}, b)) = \text{null}$  in this case by Lemma 46. Otherwise, if  $D_i(\text{root}, b)$  is the  $i$ th non-null dequeue in  $L$  it should return the  $i$ th enqueued value. By Lemma 44 there are `root.blocks[b - 1].sumenq - root.blocks[b - 1].size` non-null

Dequeue operations in `root.blocks[0..b-1]`. The Dequeues in `root.blocks[b]` before  $D_i(\text{root}, b)$  are non-null dequeues. So  $D_i(\text{root}, b)$  is the  $e$ th non-null Dequeue where  $e = i + \text{root.blocks}[b-1].\text{sum\_deq} - \text{root.blocks}[b-1].\text{size}$  (Line 222). See Figure 17.

After computing  $e$  at Line 222, the code finds  $b, i$  such that  $E_i(\text{root}, b) = E_e(\text{root})$  using `DSearch` and then finds its `element` using `GetEnqueue` (Line 223). Correctness of `DSearch` and `GetEnqueue` routines are shown in Lemmas 30 and 31.  $\square$

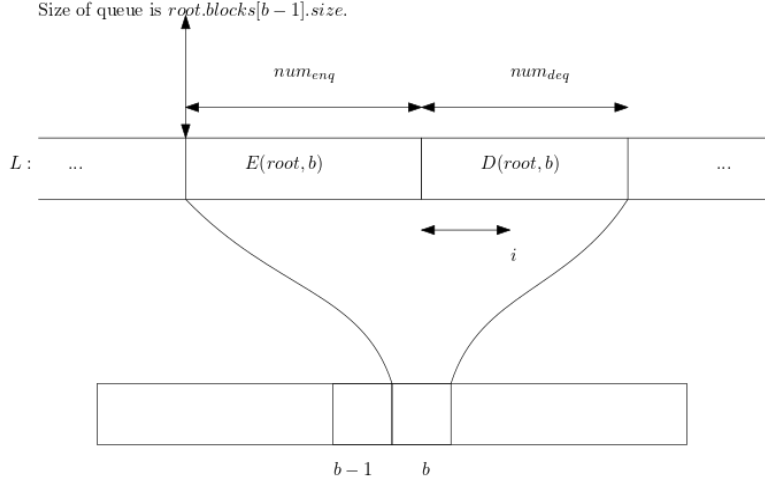


Figure 17: The position of  $D_i(\text{root}, b)$ .

**Lemma 48.** *The responses to operations in our algorithm would be the same as in the sequential execution in the order given by  $L$ .*

*Proof.* **Enqueue** operations do not return any value. By Lemma 47 response of a **Dequeue** in our algorithm is same as the response from the sequential execution of  $L$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 49 (Main).** *The queue implementation is linearizable.*

*Proof.* The theorem follows from Lemmas 40 and 48.  $\square$

**Remark** In fact our algorithm is strongly linearizable as defined in [5]. By Definition 15 the linearization ordering of operations will not change as blocks containing new operations are appended to the root.



## 6 Analysis

**Lemma 50** (Amortized time analysis). *Enqueue and Dequeue, each take  $O(\log^2 p + \log q)$  steps in amortized analysis. Where  $p$  is the number of processes and  $q$  is the size of the queue at the time of invocation of operation.*

*Proof.* **Enqueue**( $x$ ) consists of creating a **block**( $x$ ) and appending it to the tree. The first part takes constant time. To propagate  $x$  to the root the algorithm tries two **Refreshes** in each node of the path from the leaf to the root (Lines 302, 303). We can see from the code that each **Refresh** takes constant number of steps since creating a block is done in constant time and does  $O(1)$  CASes. Since the height of the tree is  $\Theta(\log p)$ , **Enqueue**( $x$ ) takes  $O(\log p)$  steps.

A **Dequeue** creates a block with null value element, appends it to the tree, computes its order among enqueue operations, and returns the response. The first two part is similar to an **Enqueue** operation. To compute the order of a **dqueue** in  $D(n)$  there are some constant steps and **IndexDequeue**() is called. **IndexDequeue** does a search with range  $p$  in each level which takes  $O(\log^2 p)$  in the tree. In the **FindResponse**() routine **DSearch**() in the root takes  $\Theta(\log(\text{root.blocks}[b].\text{size} + \text{root.blocks}[\text{end}].\text{size}))$  by Lemma 30, which is  $O(\log \text{ size of the queue when Enqueue is invoked}) + \log \text{ size of the queue when Dequeue is invoked})$ . Each search in **GetEnqueue**() takes  $O(\log p)$  since there are  $\leq p$  subblocks in a block (Lemma 29), so **GetEnqueue**() takes  $O(\log^2 p)$  steps.

If we split **DSearch** time cost between the corresponding **Enqueue**, **Dequeue**, in amortized we have **Enqueue** takes  $O(\log p + q)$  and **Dequeue** takes  $O(\log^2 p + q)$  steps.  $\square$

**Lemma 51.** *An Enqueue or Dequeue operation, does at most  $4 \log p$  CAS operations.*

*Proof.* In each height of the tree at most 2 times **Refresh** is invoked and every **Refresh** invokes at most 3 CASes, one in Line 320 and two from **Advance** in Line 327.  $\square$

**Lemma 52** (**DSearch** Analysis). *If the element enqueued by  $E_i(\text{root}, b) = E_e(\text{root})$  is the response to some Dequeue operation in  $\text{root.blocks}[\text{end}]$ , then  $\text{DSearch}(e, \text{end})$  takes  $O(\log(\text{root.blocks}[b].\text{size} + \text{root.blocks}[\text{end}].\text{size}))$  steps.*

*Proof.* First we show  $\text{end} - b - 1 \leq 2 \times \text{root.blocks}[b-1].\text{size} + \text{root.blocks}[\text{end}].\text{size}$ . Suppose there were more than  $\text{root.blocks}[b].\text{size}$  **Dequeues** in  $\text{root.blocks}[b+1 \dots \text{end}-1]$ . Then the element in the queue which is the response to the **Dequeue** would become dequeued at some point before

`root.blocks[end]`'s first Dequeue. Furthermore in the execution of queue operations in the linearization ordering, the size of the queue becomes `root.blocks[end].size` after the operations of `root.blocks[end]`. There can be at most `root.blocks[b].size` Dequeues in `root.blocks[b+1...end-1]`; otherwise all elements enqueued by `root.blocks[b]` would be dequeued before `root.blocks[end]`. The final size of the queue after `root.blocks[1...end]` is `root.blocks[end].size`. After an execution on a queue the *size* of the queue is greater than or equal to  $\#enqueues - \#dequeues$  in the execution. We know the number of dequeues in `root.blocks[b+1...end-1]` is less than `root.blocks[b].size`, therefore there cannot be more than `root.blocks[b].size + root.blocks[end].size` Enqueues in `root.blocks[b+1...end-1]`. Overall there can be at most  $2 \times \text{root.blocks}[b].\text{size} + \text{root.blocks}[end].\text{size}$  operations in `root.blocks[b+1...end]` and since from line 318 we know that `num` field of the every block in the tree is greater than 0, each block has at least one operation, there are at most  $2 \times \text{root.blocks}[b].\text{size} + \text{root.blocks}[end].\text{size}$  blocks in between `root.blocks[b]` and `root.blocks[end]`. So  $end - b - 1 \leq 2 \times \text{root.blocks}[b].\text{size} + \text{root.blocks}[end].\text{size}$ .

So the doubling search reaches `start` such that the `root.blocks[start].sumenq` is less than  $e$  in  $O(\log(\text{root.blocks}[b].\text{size} + \text{root.blocks}[end].\text{size}))$  steps. See Figure 18. After Line 805, the binary search that finds  $b$  also takes  $O(\log(\text{root.blocks}[b].\text{size} + \text{root.blocks}[end].\text{size}))$ . Next,  $i$  is computed via the definition of `sumenq` in constant time (Line 807). So the claim is proved.  $\square$

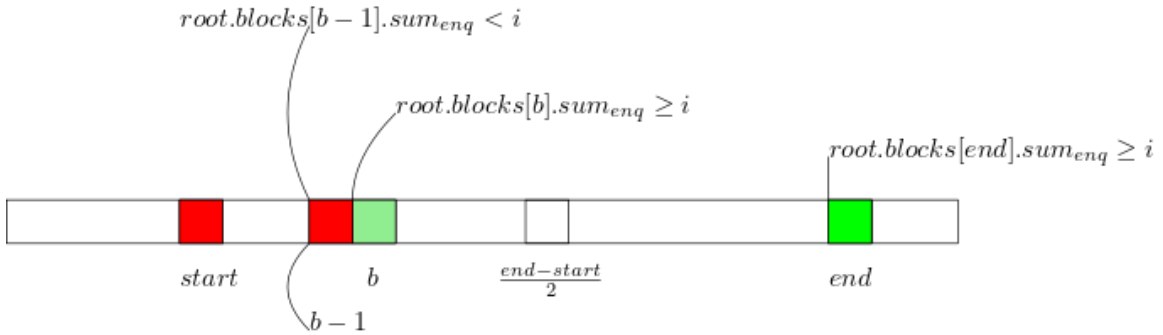


Figure 18: Distance relations between `start`,  $b$ , `end`.

## 7 Future directions

**Infinite Sized Arrays** Our queue algorithm's usage of memory has two places to improve. First, we assumed arrays in the nodes are infinite sized. Second we do not handle garbage collection, dequeued operations are still remain in the nodes. We can use list to arrays to resolve the infinite sized arrays issue. To implement an infinite shared array we can create a small array of pointers called **arr**. When a process wishes to write into **head** it checks whether **arr** $[\lfloor \log \text{head} \rfloor]$  points to an array or not. If not it creates a shared array with size  $2^i$  and tries to CAS it to the created array. After CAS terminates whether it is successful or not **arr** $[\lfloor \log \text{head} \rfloor]$  points to an array. When a process wishes to access to  $i$ th element it looks upto **arr** $[\lfloor \log i \rfloor]$   $[i - 2^{\lfloor \log i \rfloor}]$  Note that CAS Retry Problem does not happen here because if  $n$  elements are appended to the array then only  $O(p \times \log n)$  times CAS has happened. And if the size of the all shared memory is  $k$ , **arr** can be initialized to a  $\log k$  sized array.

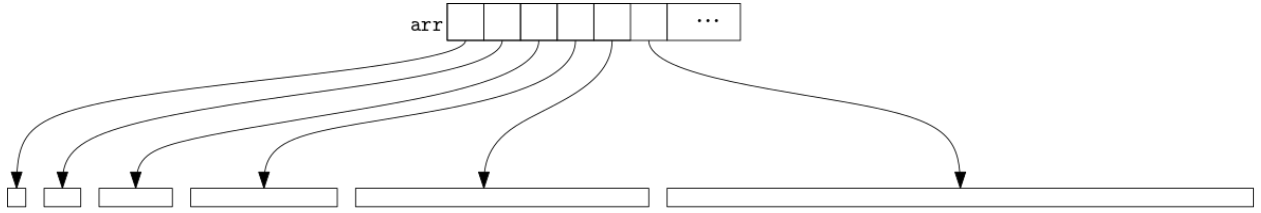


Figure 19: Infinite sized Arrays

**Garbage Collection** To garbage collect we can keep track of the index of the most recent **block** in the **root** that has been term and then split the blocks from that **block**. We can use Persistent Red Black Trees because they support split in an efficient method.

**Poly-logarithmic Wait-free Vectors** If we do not distinct between **Enqueues** and **Dequeues** and replace **DSearch** with **Binary Search** on all the **root** in our algorithm, we achieve a list with poly-logarithmic **Append**, **Get** and **Index** methods with respect to the number of **Appends** done.

**Stacks or maybe other objects that store sequences** The reason behind why our **tree** worked well to implement a queue was two things. First, we can compute the index of the **Enqueue** that is response of a **Dequeue** fast. Two, the response of the **Dequeue** is not very far from it (size of the queue). We think we can create wait-free poly-logarithmic version of other objects which their operations satisfy these two conditions.

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